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## Deliverance

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“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Matthew 6:13 ESV

### **Deliverance**

I don't know what you might need deliverance from today, but if you're anywhere close to human like me, my guess is that you are able to pinpoint at least one area of your life you are desperate for deliverance.

Maybe you're desperate for deliverance for the cloud of depression or the suffocation of anxiety that controls your life?

Maybe you're desperate for the strongholds of addiction to be broken as you experience God's deliverance?

Maybe you're pleading for deliverance from calorie counting and constantly struggling with your body image?

Maybe past trauma has a choking grip on you and you're crying out for deliverance and freedom today in the name of Jesus Christ?

Maybe you're praying for God to deliver your family in the midst of whatever crippling situation you're all up against?

Maybe you're seeking to be delivered from sin and assured of your salvation?

The beautiful thing about God's deliverance is that we don't have to guess if He's going to offer it to us or not. His Word assures us:

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.” Isaiah 43:1-4 ESV

This passage tells us multiple things:

1. God calls you His own son or daughter, and because He claims you, no one else can have claim on you - especially not the enemy.
2. God promises to be with you. He may not remove the trial or obstacle that stands before you, but He will fight for you, remove the roadblocks and reveal His mighty strength as He walks alongside you, never leaving you alone.
3. God loves you. You are precious to Him. Nothing you could ever do could cause Him to love you any less, and there's nothing you could ever do to make Him love you any more - He loves you and there's nothing that will ever change this fact.

As you make the Main Thing, the main thing this week, may these truths sink deep down into your soul, deliver you and give you great confidence and hope for the eternity we get to spend with the One who loves us without fail!

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Anna Bennett