

FEBRUARY 14

“WHEN GOD REDEEMS SOMEBODY, THEY CANNOT BE UNREDEEMED.”

READ

Isaiah 43:1-2

God spends over half the book of Isaiah really letting His people have it. He reminds them of their hardheartedness, their proclivity to turn to idols, their tendency to forget His blessings. He speaks to them rather roughly, but then, as is the nature of a father, He says, “I know you did it, but I’m going to forgive it.” Then there are these words, “I have called you by your name; you are Mine.” That’s your name — “Mine.” Isn’t it amazing how, in spite of it all, through our falling short of His glory, our disobedience, our prayerlessness, and our continued worldliness, God relentlessly loves us and continues to call us “Mine”? When God redeems somebody, they cannot be unredeemed. Whatever you go through, whenever you fail Him, you’re still “Mine.” Do not mistake the silence of God for separation from Him. Do not be dismayed that the Scriptures don’t seem to speak to you, or you can’t seem to feel close to God. Don’t let that sense of separation, or the feeling of distance, trick you into feeling that God has moved. We were bought with a price and we are His.

PRAY

I am in awe of Your great love, love that took You to the cross. You paid the price I could never pay. You redeemed me. I belong to You.

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