

YOU ARE NOT LOST



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SOMETIMES I FEEL THAT I AM LOST,
THAT I WILL NEVER FIND MY WAY.
SOMETIMES I FEEL THAT I HAVE LOST,
THE THINGS THAT MADE ME SPECIAL ONCE.





SOMETIMES I FEEL THAT I WILL LOSE,
THAT I WILL ALWAYS FEEL THIS WAY.
SOMETIMES I FEEL THAT I AM USED,
THAT I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO GIVE.

BUT THEN A VOICE CALLS OUT TO ME,
THE LORD SAYS, "CHILD YOU NEED TO HEAR."



THAT YOU ARE NOT NOW, OR HAVE EVER BEEN,
ANYWHERE EXCEPT WHERE I HAVE SAID."



"YOU ARE NOT LOST" THE VOICE DOES SAY,
"YOU ARE NOT LOSING, OR WILL LOSE."



THE VOICE SPEAKS STRONGLY, YET SO KIND,
AND I KNOW IT IS THE TRUTH.




HE SAYS TO ME, "DEAR CHILD I KNOW,
THAT YOU SIT IN DARK AND NEED.
BUT YOU'RE NOT BURIED, NOT AT ALL,
I'VE PLANTED YOU, JUST LIKE A SEED.





YOU WILL RISE, STAND STRONG AND TALL,
AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT I HAVE DONE.
AND THEN MY CHILD YOU'LL LAUGH AND CHEER,
FOR YOU WERE NEVER EVER LOST.



SOMETIMES I PLACE YOU IN THE NIGHT,
SOMETIMES THE WAY IS HARD TO SEE.
BUT I AM GUIDING AND WILL LIGHT,
SO HEAR MY VOICE AND FOLLOW ME.

AND WHEN IT'S HARD JUST KNOW THIS TRUTH,
THAT I HAVE NEVER LOST ONE YET.
FOR YOU ARE FAR TOO VALUABLE,
I LOVE YOU CHILD SO DO NOT FRET".



BUT NOW, THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS—
HE WHO CREATED YOU,
HE WHO FORMED YOU,
"DO NOT FEAR, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU;
I HAVE SUMMONED YOU BY NAME; YOU ARE MINE.
WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS,
I WILL BE WITH YOU;
AND WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE RIVERS,
THEY WILL NOT SWEEP OVER YOU.
WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE FIRE,
YOU WILL NOT BE BURNED;
ISAIAH 43:1–2

