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With Us In The Fire

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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; the flames will not set you ablaze.

ISAIAH 43:2

For days on end, smoke choked our valley, covering the landscape and hiding our majestic Bitterroot Mountains from view. At 8,000 feet, lightning had ignited a fire, making it nearly impossible for firefighters to battle the flames. Meanwhile, other fires were breaking out throughout our valley.

The smoke wasn't simply an inconvenience. Fine particles filled the air, penetrating deep into our lungs and bloodstream, bringing coughing, scratchy throats and, for some, serious respiratory distress. Even the wildlife seemed affected. Like us, they became sluggish, drowsy and unusually quiet.

We were the fortunate ones.

In Washington, wildfires destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes and structures, forcing tens of thousands of residents to evacuate. Behind every number was a family, a home, a lifetime of memories and a heart filled with uncertainty. The devastation was heartbreaking.

Maybe wildfires aren't part of your story, but you're walking through a fire of your own. Perhaps you're waiting for healing, either physically or financially, yet the answer hasn't come. Maybe you're carrying grief, fear, loneliness or uncertainty about what tomorrow will bring.

These are hard places to walk through. But they are not places we have to walk through alone.

Isaiah 43:2 gives us a powerful promise: "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; the flames will not set you ablaze."

Notice God doesn't say "if" you pass through the waters or "if" you walk through the fire. He says "when."

Pain is part of living in a broken world. The "waters" and "fire" become pictures of the seasons when life feels overwhelming—when grief feels crushing, fear feels consuming and circumstances seem far beyond our control. God never promises a life without pain. He promises His presence in the middle of it.

When we belong to Him, we are known by name and claimed as His own. We may walk through deep waters, but we don't walk alone. We may feel the heat of the flames, but the fire does not have the final word.

Psalm 46:1 reminds us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

And then comes one of Scripture's simplest instructions for chaotic seasons: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Be still.

Not because everything is fine. Not because the fire has already gone out. But because God is still God—even in the smoke, even in the waiting, even in the uncertainty.

Shane & Shane sing it beautifully: "Lord of Hosts, You're with us, with us in the fire...with us as a shelter... with us in the storm."

What a promise.

When the mountains disappear behind the smoke, He is still there. When the path ahead is hidden, He is still there. When the fire feels too hot and the waters feel too deep, He is still there. Where else would we go but with the Lord of Hosts?

Closing Prayer Father, when life feels like a raging fire, remind us we are never alone. When the smoke clouds our vision and we cannot see what lies ahead, help us trust Your presence even when we cannot see Your plan. Be our refuge when we are afraid, our strength when we are weary and our peace when everything around us feels chaotic. All this we pray in Jesus' precious name, Amen.

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