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*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.” ~ Isaiah 43:1*

I Am Indispensable

Geometric proofs. Just thinking about them makes me shudder.

And, no, I don't dislike math. (Did you catch that double negative making a positive?) Truth is, I love math. I get more than a little giddy over multiple variables in algebraic equations. But listing the obvious about angles? Proving a given? Hear me groan.

Yet as much as I dislike admitting it, I know that sometimes repetition is exactly what's required for the truth to set in.

For example, God declares you valuable, indispensable even. But the world, the devil, and your own sinful flesh shout your imperfections. Which version is true? Let's run through the proofs:

First, you were created and planned for this time and place. Yes, the “Redeemer, who formed you in the womb” is actually the “Maker of all things, who stretches out the heavens, who spreads out the earth” (Isaiah 44:24). Our great and powerful God “knit [you] together in [your] mother's womb” according to Psalm 139:13, and Jeremiah 1:5 declares that before God “formed you in the womb [He] knew you, before you were born [He] set you apart.”

Second, through Christ's death and resurrection, you became a child of God and heir of heaven. Isaiah 43:1 announces, “I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine,” and Ephesians 2:8 proclaims, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Yes, Christ's sacrifice declares you indispensable for eternity: “See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands” (Isaiah 49:16).

You are indispensable; God tirelessly speaks the proofs again and again. As a created and redeemed child of God, your value is inherent because it resides in Him!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for creating me and for sending Jesus to redeem me. You have made me indispensable because I am loved by You. Amen.