

# ISAIAH ♦ Rescued & Renewed



**“Fear Itself”**

**Isaiah 43**

**September 29, 2019**

# Spectrophobia



**Fear of  
Mirrors**

# Coulrophobia



**Fear of  
Clowns**

# Geliophobia



**Fear of  
Laughter**

# Honduras 2009



# ANXIETY GIRL!

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in a single bound!



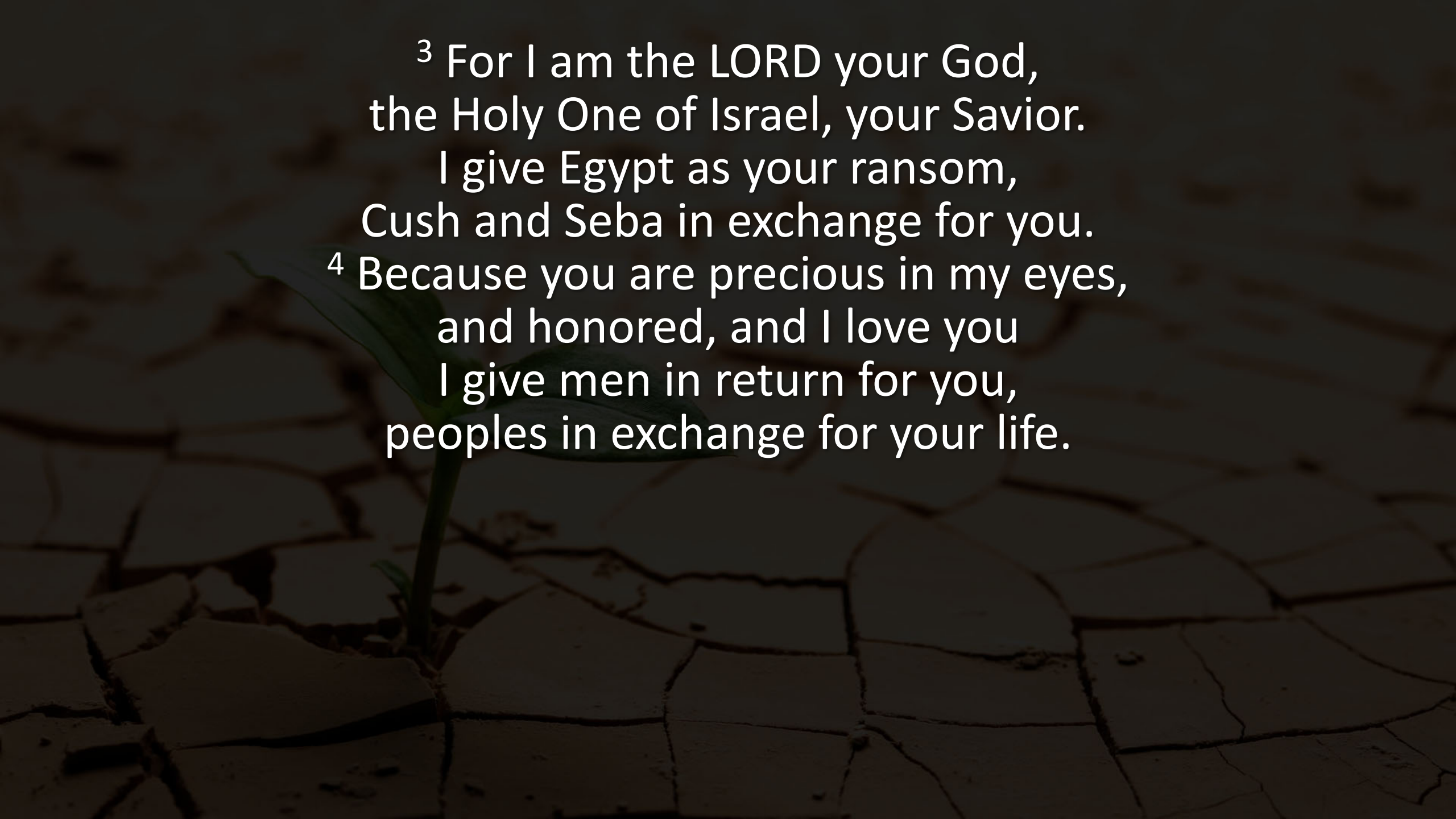
## Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

A small green plant with several leaves is growing out of a patch of cracked, dry earth. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a dry, arid environment. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you

I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.

<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

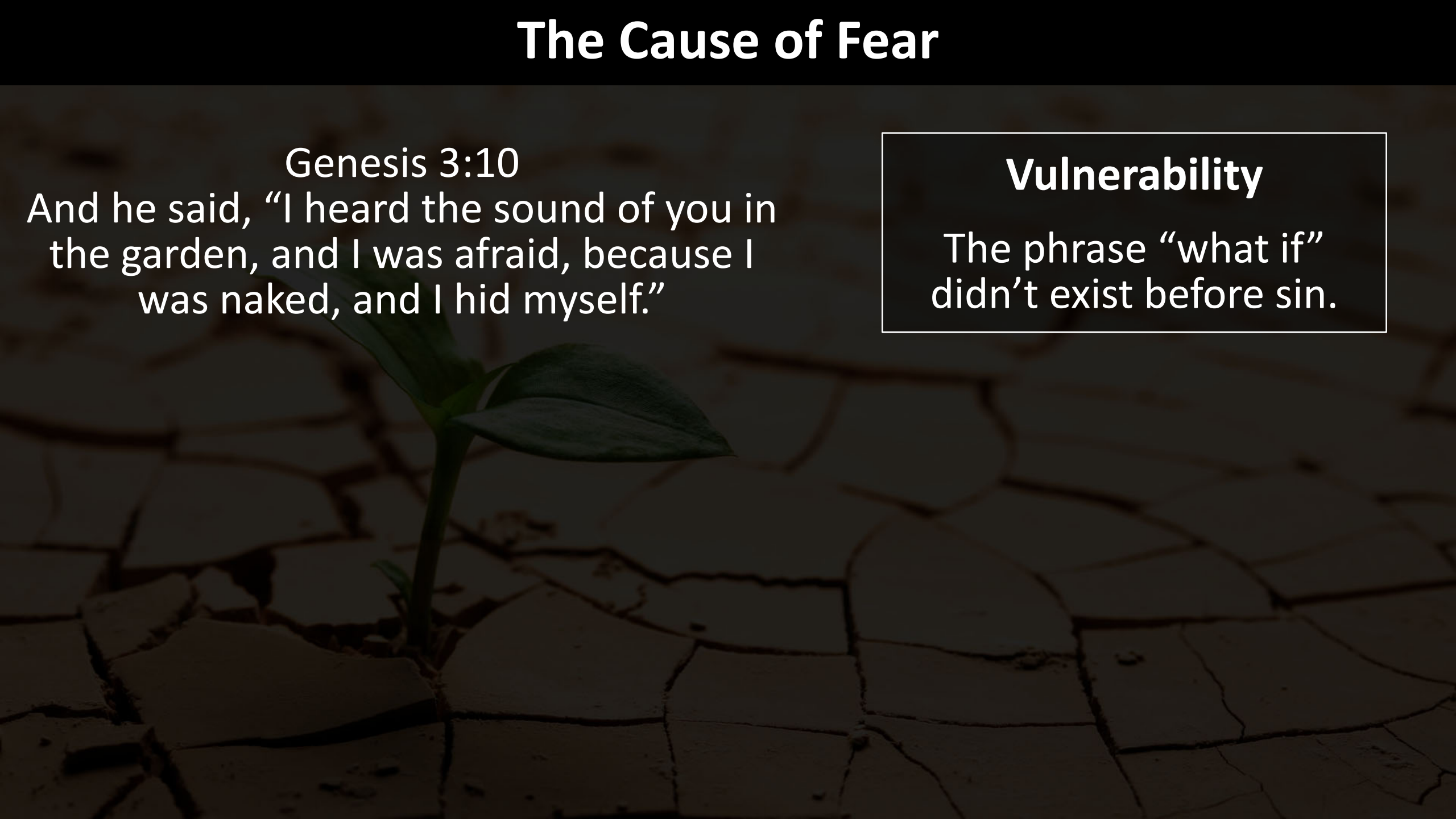
# The Cause of Fear

Genesis 3:10

And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

## Vulnerability

The phrase "what if" didn't exist before sin.





## Ruin

Waters & Rivers

Fires & Flames

*What if something  
terrible happens?*

*Physically; Financially*

## Relationships

My sons from afar and  
my daughters from  
the ends of the Earth

*What if I don't find  
(or lose) love?*

*Will my family be ok?*

## Rejection

From the East & West

Felt un-precious  
and un-loved

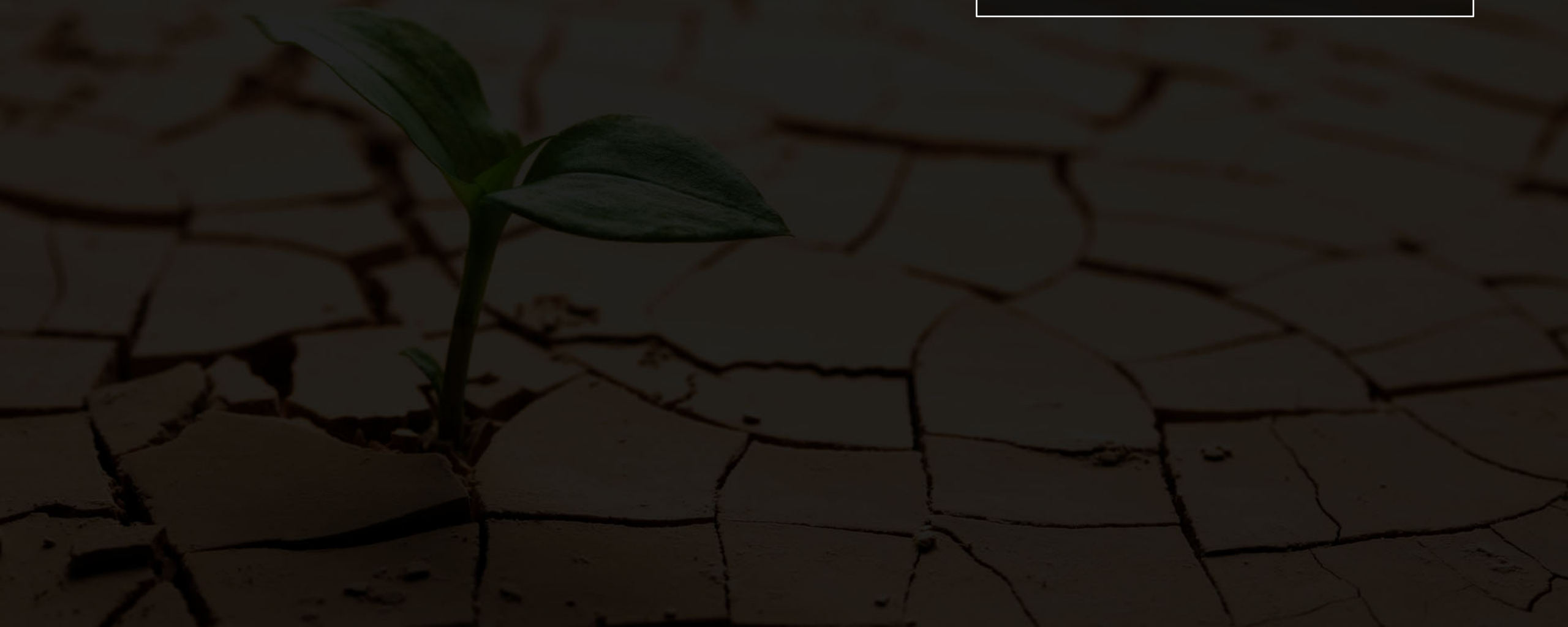
*What if people realize  
how broken I am?*

*Am I accepted?*

<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
*whom I created for my **glory**,*  
whom I formed and made.”

**Glory = Weight**

What is Truly True;  
Where Life is Found



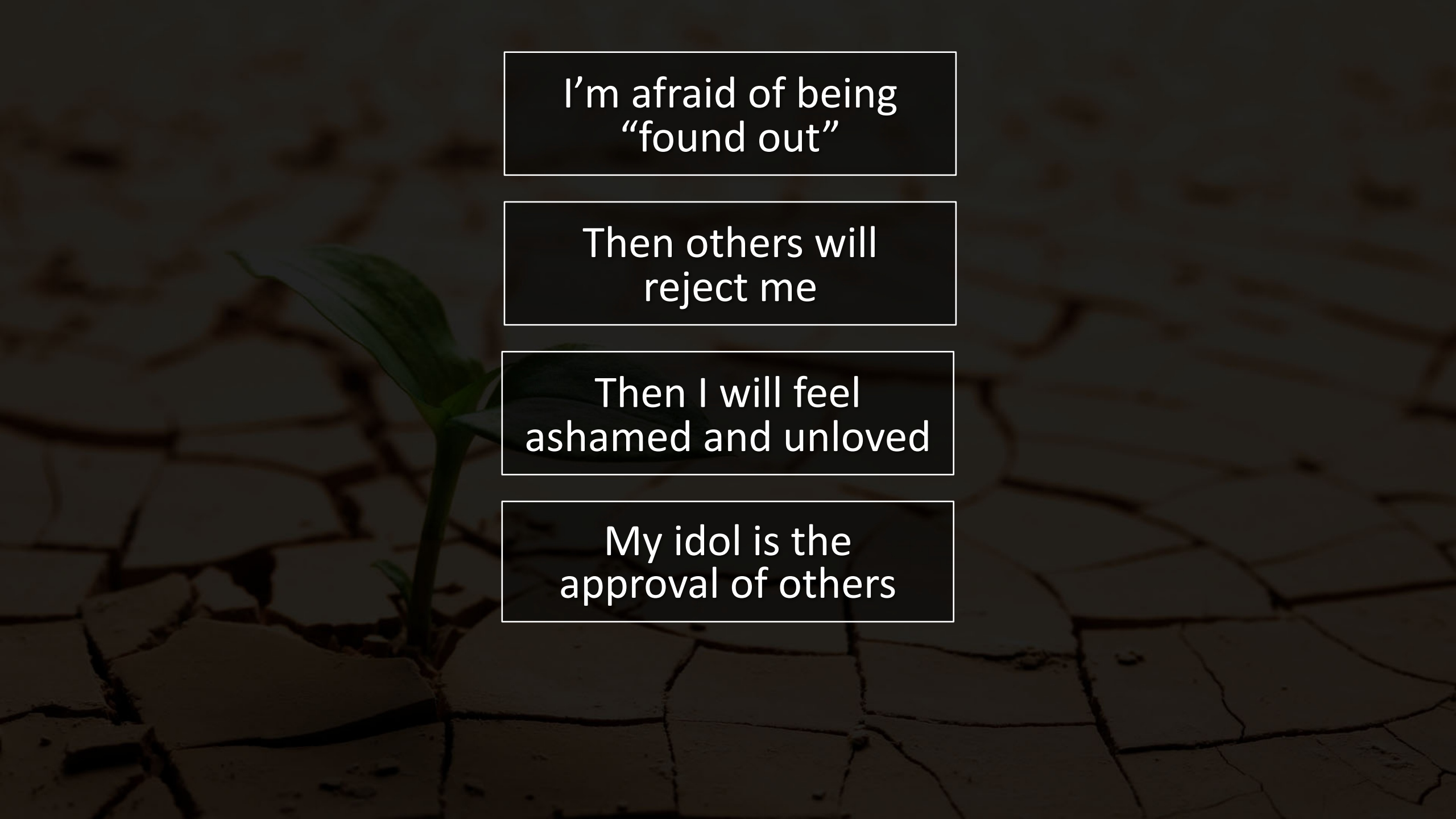
Fear, Anger and Depression are the smoke that rises up from the altars we've built to our idols. - Augustine (400<sub>AD</sub>)

If you follow the smoke you'll find the idol, the thing that your ultimate hope ("glory") is built upon.

I need \_\_\_\_\_ to be whole, satisfied, complete, happy.

Only our  
"glories"  
create  
anxiety

Jesus + \_\_\_\_\_

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I'm afraid of being  
"found out"

Then others will  
reject me

Then I will feel  
ashamed and unloved

My idol is the  
approval of others

I'm afraid of the  
medical report

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graph TD; A["I'm afraid of the medical report"] --> B["It reveals my lack of control"]; A --> C["It reveals my mortality"]; B --> D["My idol is self-sufficiency"]; C --> E["My idol is ThisLife > Afterlife"];
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Fear and Anxiety are based upon faith that:

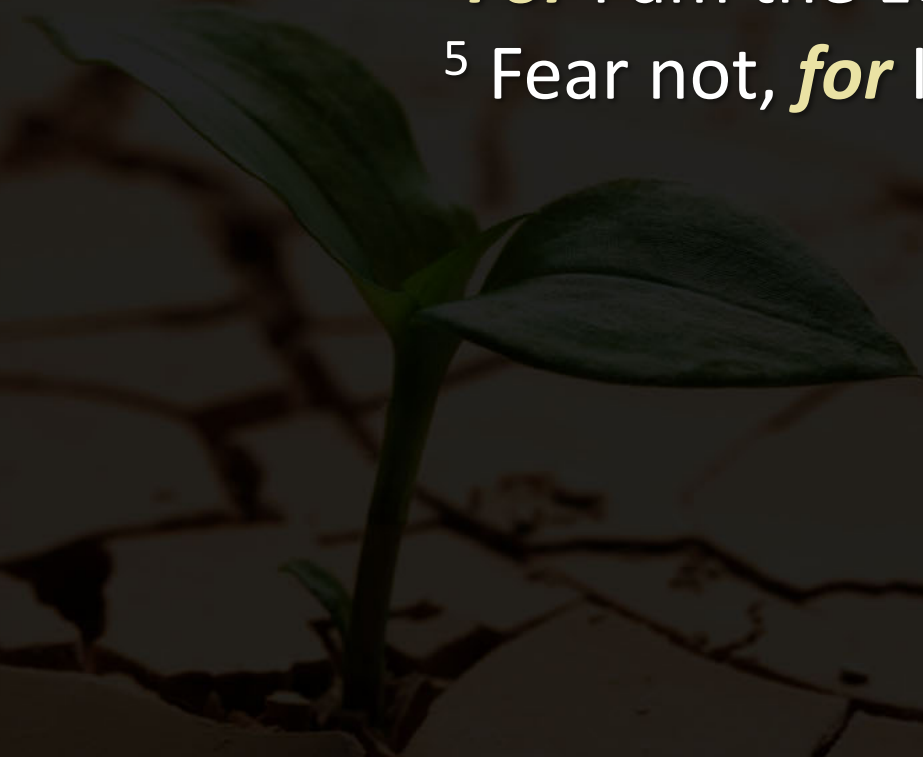
- 1) *God cannot be trusted*
- 2) *God isn't good*
- 3) *God isn't powerful*
- 4) *God isn't loving*
- 5) *God isn't all knowing*
- 6) *I know best about how life should go.*

# Hope in my Fear

<sup>1</sup> Fear not, *for* I have redeemed you;

<sup>3</sup> *For* I am the LORD your God,

<sup>5</sup> Fear not, *for* I am with you;



# Hope in my Fear

## Who God Is:

*Creator  
The LORD  
The Holy One  
Your Savior*

## What God Does:

*Redeems  
Calls Us By Name  
Is With Us*

## Who We Are:

*Precious  
Honored  
Loved  
Redeemed*

## What We Do:

*Fear Not  
Believe  
Repent*



# Perfect Love (God's) Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:18a

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Romans 8:31-32

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*He has proven his wisdom, love and power on the Cross, so we can be positive that he wants the best for us.*

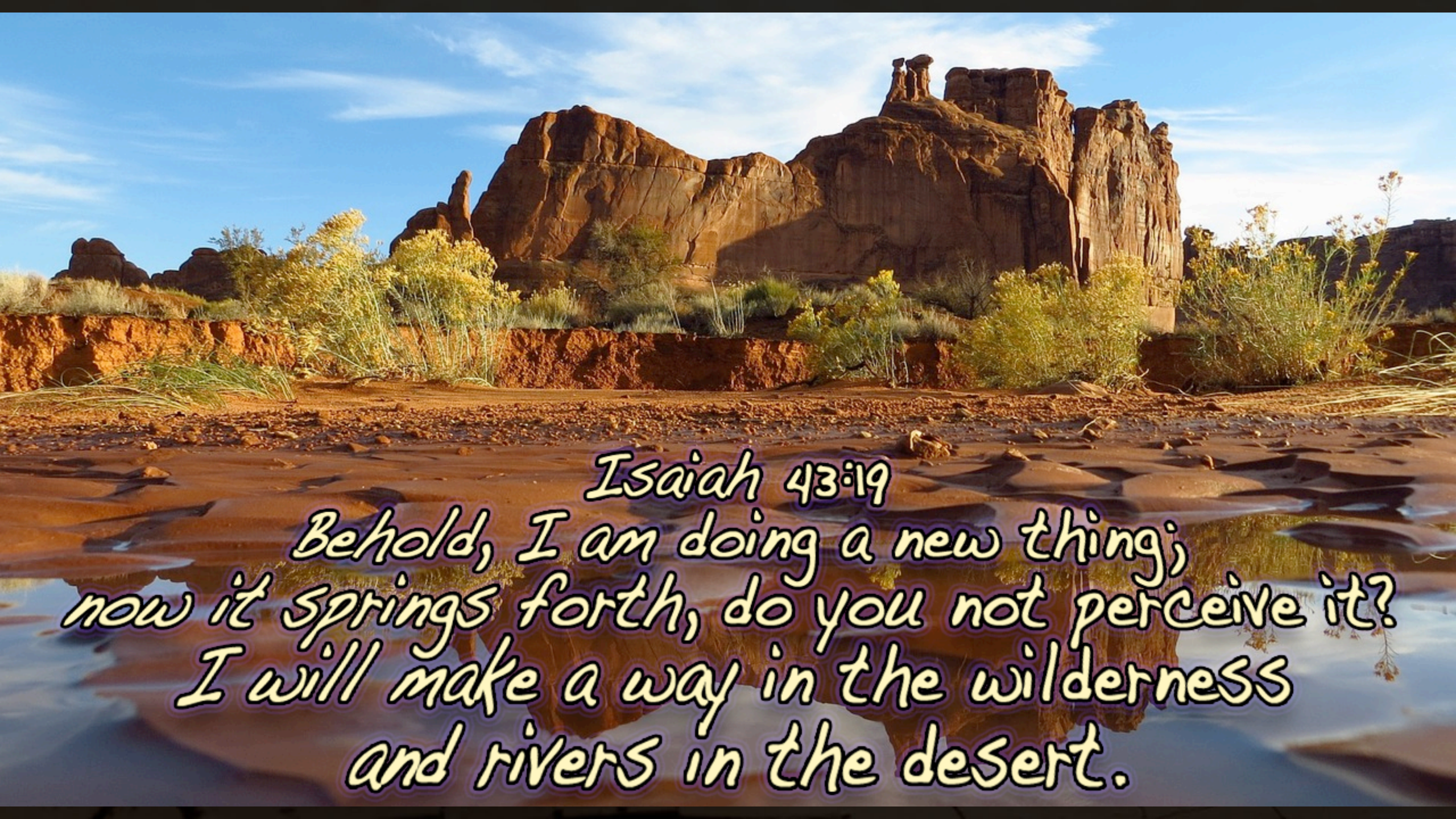
# Perfect Fear (Our's) Casts Out Fear

## Matthew 8

<sup>24</sup> And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men **MARVELED**, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Rather than fear of  
damage to my idol...

"FEAR" of God...stand in  
awe of Him rather than my  
circumstances or my idols.



*Isaiah 43:19*

*Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.*