



**Lenten Reflection for Tuesday, April 5th**  
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**Isaiah 43:8 - 15**

*Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?*

*Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.*

On this lifelong journey as a Christian one of my greatest challenges has been to remember that God is sovereign. For me, when I say God is sovereign, I mean that God has the ultimate authority over all things on earth, control over all things and is forever present. Humbling (I have no authority) and scary (I'm not in control), but reassuring (God is good and works good through all things). Because I can forget God is sovereign, I often try to take control of situations and focus on results – forcing a situation to be what I believe it should be instead of discerning God's will or allowing God's work to be revealed.

Although I might do this for all the “right” reasons, my actions ultimately result in me denying God’s sovereignty and often creating anxiety and angst in my life. I’m sorry, but it is not easy to let go of some situations and sometimes for some reason it just feels better to try and control the situation and the outcome. This passage from Isaiah seems to capture a recurring theme in the Bible – God dealing with people who challenge His authority and put their trust in false gods. Thousands of years later, not much has changed. In this season of Lent, I have joined with others in the church to read 100 Days of Scripture. Reading through the parables of Luke and other scripture has reminded me that it is best to leave God in charge of everything and to remember his sovereignty even in difficult times.



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