

## RELEASING: 24 Jan – 31 Jan

In Isaiah 43 (this month's theme Bible passage) the Lord is speaking to Israel prophetically to encourage and empower them to rise up to be all they are called to be. This week as we focus on Releasing we will look at it in three areas - Releasing confidence in the Call of God; Releasing confidence in the Character of God; Releasing confidence in the Covenant of God

Our confidence is released when we reflect on and remember what the Lord has said and done. The Lord reminded Israel that He had called them and they also belonged to Him. It is that same thing He tells every follower of Christ in 1 Peter 2:9-10.

He also states very strongly that He is dependable and has been faithful to them. His character goes unchallenged. He is holy and actually keeps His Word. Just as Israel needed to have confidence in an unchanging God. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Another powerful truth is that the Lord alone has power to forgive sins. Reminding us of the Divine exchange in 2 Corinthians 5:21. WOW! As we grow in understanding our identity in Him, we can walk in His influence which flows out of our intimacy with Him.

## KEY BIBLE VERSES

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **1 Peter 2:9-10**

For Jesus doesn't change—yesterday, today, tomorrow, he's always totally himself. **Hebrew 13: 8** (The Message)

He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness]. **2 Corinthians 5:21** (Amplified)

## Prayer Points

- Give thanks to the Lord for His calling and your identity in Christ.
- Pray for yourself and others for a supernatural release from anything that keeps you/them limited and living in the past (both the good and the bad).
- Pray and release through spiritual warfare anyone you know who is held captive by the lies of the enemy.
- According to the Word of God declare by faith the new thing you are believing God for this New Year to manifest. For yourself, your fellowship and community.

## Creative Ideas

- Pray out loud some scriptures that reveal our Identity in Christ.
- Symbolically break something as a prophetic statement of breaking the past.
- Do something that depicts a new season.
- Prayer walk your local community and pray release from darkness and bondage and release into the life of Christ.