

## Fear and Hope in the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 43

*Today we continue our sermon series, "Fear Not." The Book of Isaiah has eleven "Fear Not" commands from God (ESV), eight more than the second highest book. Let's look at one passage of Isaiah from chapter 43.*

"Fear Not" in Isaiah 43:1-3

- [43:1-3] Why shouldn't I fear? A flood of reasons are given in these few verses!
  - *Hope in this, Israel: God knows you and loves you.* (relational language)
  
- [43:4-7] Another "Fear Not" in verse 5, preceded by divine love language

He's God, not a god (43:10-13)

- Knowing this difference is another reason to "Fear Not" frequently given in Isaiah

Hope (43:18-21)

- God is doing a new thing, a future thing

Advent!

### Application and Meditation Questions

1. Count all the reasons to "Fear Not!" given in Isaiah 43:1-3.
2. Choose one of these reasons to meditate upon and pray back to the Lord in faith and thankfulness.
3. Based on this reason, what does it mean for you to "Fear Not" today?