

The God Who Forgets

Isaiah 43:14-25

*"...I'm comin' back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You,
It's all about you, Jesus..."*

The Heart of Worship by Matt Redman

Into the Lesson:

From our study of The Gospel of Mark spend some time revisiting a few of the occasions when Jesus was able to lead others out of the "prisons" and "darkness" they had been trapped in:

Mark 2:1-12-

Mark 3:1-5-

Mark 5:1-15-

Mark 8:22-26-

Side note: for those following the "Through the Bible" reading plan, wasn't Friday's reading from Ezekiel 19-24 (about 150 years after Isaiah) a *lighthearted romp*?

How was it possible for the Nation of Israel to get so far off the rails?

Into the Word:

As you reread Isaiah 43:14-25, focus on the concept Lane spoke of, *"...there are things that God clearly teaches us to remember - and there are things it teaches us that we need to forget..."*

How does Isaiah 1:11 further point to the fact that, *"God's people were just going through the motions of worship"*?

How does Malachi 1:6-12 seem to indicate that this was a problem that was going for nearly 300 years?

Compare Lane's quote, *"you use the freedom that God has given you just to put yourself into some other kind of bondage..."* with Paul's words in:

Galatians 5:1-12-

Colossians 2:18-23-

How does the apparent contradiction of verses 24 and 25 fit with the "But God" passage of Ephesians 2:1-5?

Into Life:

Spend some time contemplating this quote from Lane's message, *"...it's about the people who are showing up for worship..."* What needs to happen in our lives to make sure we are "not just going through the motions"?

Do we need to mention to the worship team, "you were a bit off pitch", just to keep them grounded? And wouldn't a fog machine enhance our worship experience?

How could Ephesians 6:18 enable us to begin taking our worship to the streets?

How about Philippians 2:1-4 and II Peter 1:3-7?

Isaiah 53:3-5

³He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. ⁴Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

This Week's Songs:

All My Boast Is In Jesus (Hymn #227)

He Is Making All Things Right (Hymn #729)

Undivided

Come Let Us Return to the Lord (Hymn #101)

Anchor Of Hope

