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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Isaiah 41:11-20

We live in a "victimocracy." Many people "wound identify." Some use their victimhood, according to Richard Rohr in *Falling Upward*, as their ticket to sympathy and their excuse for not serving.

Who could blame the Israelites in Isaiah 41 for feeling like victims. They had been bullied into a ghetto in Babylon. Earlier they had been terrorized by Assyrian armies. And who could forget Egyptian slavery? No wonder they self-identified as victims.

When God called them to reclaim their homeland they made excuses. They feared that the nations they had to trudge through would slaughter them. But Yahweh assured them that any nation to make war on them would be put to shame. The Lord said, "Do not fear; I will help you" (vv. 12-13).

Yahweh promised that when they prayed for a sip of water he would send rivers, springs, and pools! More water than they could imagine.

The Son of God in a manger proves once again that God will do whatever it takes to let his people know that he loves them more than they can imagine.

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