

A dark, foggy road winding through a forest, with white text overlaid. The road is paved and has white lane markings. The trees are dense and dark, creating a somber atmosphere. The text is centered and reads:

UNVARNISHED TRUTH of life:
One Great Purpose

Isaiah 43:1-7

Isaiah 43:2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.”

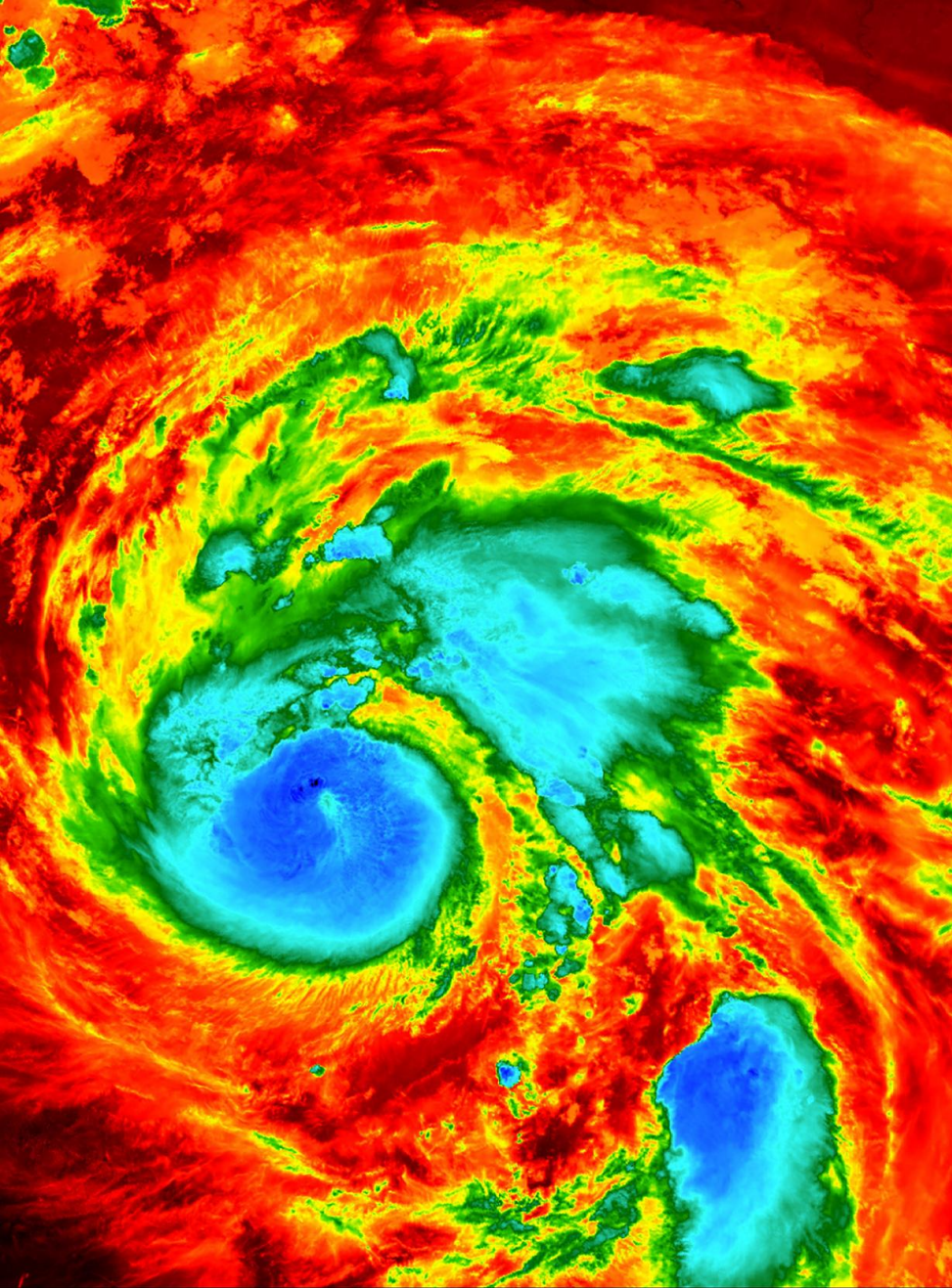
One Great Purpose

Isaiah 43:1-7

1. Overcome fear with God's presence
2. Move forward in faith
3. Know that God is at work

Overcome fear with God's presence
Isaiah 43:1

*“But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: “**Fear not**, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.”*



Overcome fear
with God's presence
Isaiah 43:1

Fear = Flight

Natural reaction

We can walk into the unknown because God accompanies us. It's only two words—*fear not*—easier to say than to practice, but easier to practice when we know that God knows us and accompanies us.

-60 -80 Top of atmosphere
brightness temperature (°C)




Move forward in faith

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- Faith required to move forward to the unknown future in God's plan.

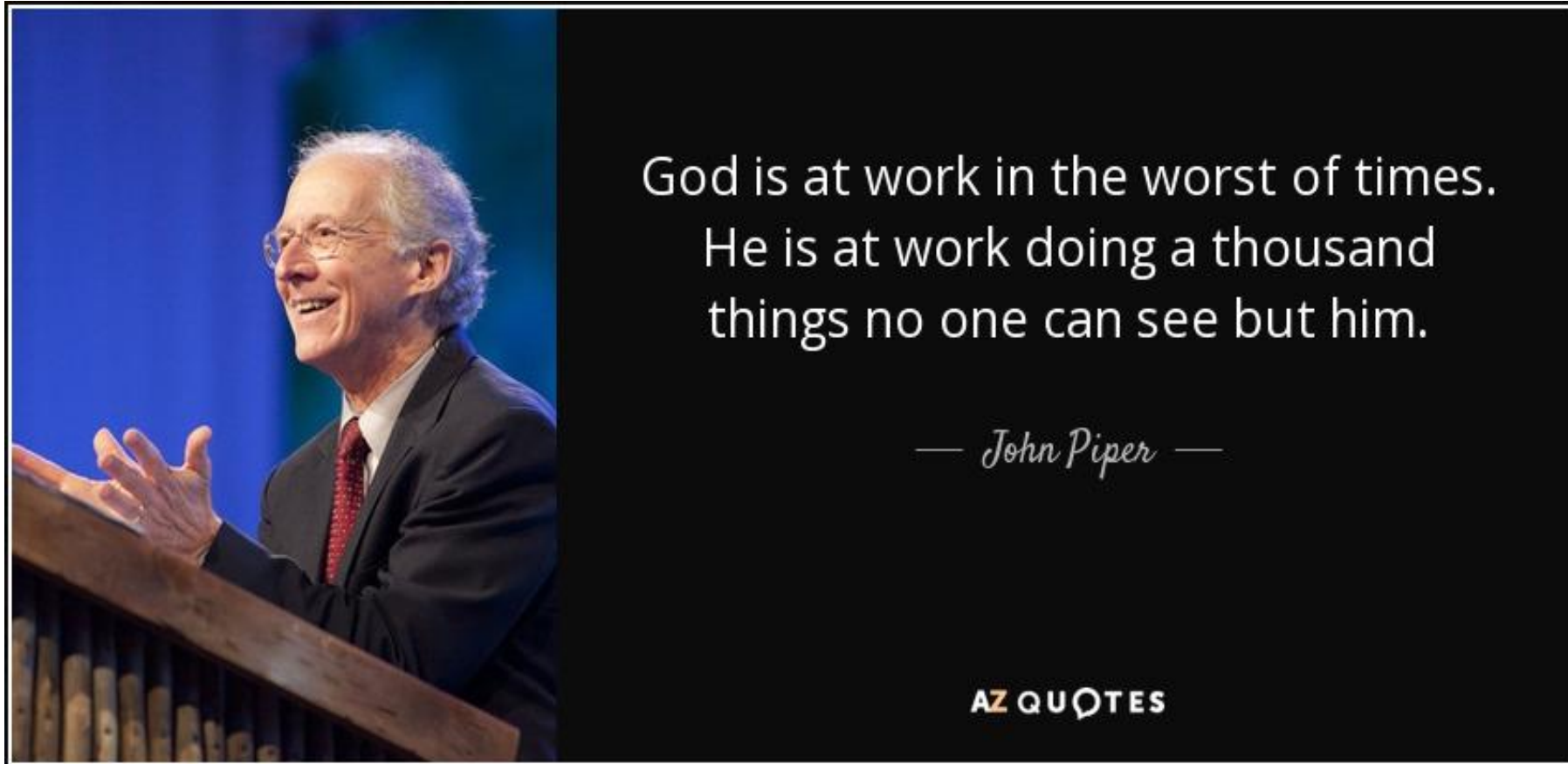
Know that God is at work

Isaiah 43:3-7

Vì ta là Giê-hô-va Đức Chúa Trời người, Đấng Thánh của Y-sơ-ra-ên, Cứu Chúa người. Ta ban Ê-díp-tô làm giá chuộc người, Ê-thi-ô-bi và Sê-ba làm của thay người. [4](#) Vì ta đã coi người là quý báu, đáng chuộc, và ta đã yêu người, nên ta sẽ ban những người thế người, và các dân tộc thay mạng sống người. [5](#) Đừng sợ, vì ta ở cùng người: ta sẽ khiến dòng dõi người đến từ phương đông, và nhóm họp người từ phương tây. [6](#) Ta sẽ bảo phương bắc rằng: Hãy buông ra! và bảo phương nam rằng: Chớ cầm lại làm chi! Hãy đem các con trai ta về từ nơi xa, đem các con gái ta về từ nơi đầu cùng đất, [7](#) tức là những kẻ xưng bằng tên ta, ta đã dựng nên họ vì vinh quang ta; ta đã tạo thành và đã làm nên họ.”

Know that God is at work

Isaiah 43:3-7



God is at work in the worst of times.
He is at work doing a thousand
things no one can see but him.

— *John Piper* —

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Prayer

Dear Jesus Christ, We pray for Your Great Purpose for us and for the church... so that we can overcome fear, move forward in faith, know You are at work on Your plan for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.