

# Catch-22

The Gospel of The Kingdom - Week 17 (6-29-22)

Catch-22 = “a dilemma or difficult circumstance from which there is no escape because of mutually conflicting or dependent conditions.”

Isaiah 43:1-

## I. Called Out By God - Vs. 1

### A. Designed for a purpose

1. When you look at something that was designed with intricate detail, you know that it has a specific purpose.

### B. Isaiah 43:10, 21, and 42:5-7

### C. God hasn't called us to be stuck, but to move forward from “glory to glory”

1. 2 Corin. 3:17-18 - The glory that reflected from Moses' face eventually faded, but the glory that we reflect should continue to get brighter and brighter because of the ever abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
2. It's all about your focus!
  - a) 2 Corin 4:17-18
3. 2 Peter 1:2-3 & 3:18
  - a) Chances are, if we are feeling stuck without a choice in a situation then we probably need to grow in our knowledge of Jesus our Lord and renew our mind to His love. - This requires us to change our focus!
  - b) Hebrews 5:11-6:2

## II. He Is Present With Us! - Vs. 2

### A. Matt. 28:20, Duet. 31:6, Joshua 1:9, Isaiah 41:10

### B. Daniel 3:25

1. They knew their God, and that He would honor their stand for staying committed to Him in spite of their consequences.
  - a) Psalm 91
2. He inhabits our praises!
  - a) Psalm 22:3 “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”

### C. Psalm 139:7-10

### D. He see's and provides - Gen. 22:14 - “...in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.”

1. Or, “...It shall be Provided.”
2. He foreknows what we will come up against - Isaiah was written before Daniel!

### E. Freedom!

1. 2 Corin. 3:17
2. John 14:16-17

## III. The God of The Impossible - Vs. 2, 16, & 17

### A. Nothing is impossible with God

1. Gen. 18:13-14

- a) Have faith in God! Dare to believe Him and His word!
- 2. Jeremiah 32:27 - "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?"
- 3. Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."
- 4. Matt. 19:26 "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."
  - a) The most inevitable Catch-22 experience that we would all have to face is death, and Christ has already defeated it!
  - b) Take note that with men it IS impossible, but God is for us and not against us!
    - (1) We need to not be looking at the things that are seen, but rather at the things that are not seen. - 2 Corin. 4:18
    - (a) We walk by faith, not by sight - 2 Corin. 5:7
- 5. Mark 9:23 - "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."
  - a) This is the bottom line! We know that God is with us and He is for us. He has already given us all things that pertain to life and godliness! But we must first believe that we have it! Mark 11:23-24
- B. Just because something has always been stuck a certain way doesn't mean we should dismiss the power of God in that situation!
- C. Isaiah 42:16 - Making things plain and clear

"Choose Your Hard." - Duet. 30:19-20