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*Dedicated to my children, who have seen the faithfulness of God
as front-seat witnesses. They believe now more than ever that God uses
His strength in the weakest of vessels.*

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*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.*

*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.*

ISAIAH 43:1-2





Deep in the forest the sound of footsteps rose above the chirping and murmuring and scritch-scratching sounds of the forest. Along with the sandaled steps came the rhythmic thump, thump, thump of a walking stick. A smile played across the wise features of a man, features partially hidden by his hooded cloak.

As the man came closer to the edge of the forest, the sun's rays penetrated the thick woodland. Stepping out into the clearing, he removed the hood of his cloak and took in the serene beauty of the valley.

Though all of this was his from ancient days, the loveliness of the valley continued to still his heart. Creation was grand.

But beneath the surface of the soft grass was another world: Nugget's world.

Nugget was an ugly chunk of ore with a terrible disposition! Day after grinding day he lived out his miserable life in the darkness under the earth, alone with his sour attitude. He grumbled and complained constantly.



The previous evening heavy rain had washed away some of the mud, grit, and darkness that were his home and had left a portion of Nugget exposed. Trying to slither deeper into the ooze, he bellyached about his hard, stony back being exposed to the warmth and sunshine.

