

Thought for the day – Tuesday 2nd August 2022

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Led to a dark path by Bear Grylls

Maggie was struck by this thought from Soul Fuel by Bear Grylls.

We all go through times when we feel as though we are in a desert. It's simply part of life, and it's nothing to hide from, if you are in the badlands just now, hold on to these truths below. I hope they help you as much as they have helped me.

God says "Don't be afraid..... You're mine. When you are in over your head, I'll be there with you It won't be a dead end." Isaiah 43. 1-2

"I am God, your personal God

I paid a high price for you

That's how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you."
Verses 3.4 The Message Bible.

You are precious and valued because He loves you. So often we fail to understand quite how valuable we are to God. We're worth the price He paid: the death of his own Son, Jesus.

In all the struggles and difficulties of life, God has a good plan for your future. He said "I am about to do something brand new.....I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands." Isaiah 43.19

Just because we cannot see or feel God close to us, it doesn't mean that He is isn't there; and it doesn't mean that His plans have failed. The hope we have in Him is much bigger than anything we currently feel simply in our emotions. To many great men and women through the ages Christ has been light to a dark path, strength to a failing body, and hope to a struggling mind.

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Can you think of a time when you have felt God to be close, or when you have felt God to be further away?