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THE BRIDGE OPEN BIBLE

FOCUS ON WHAT GOD SAYS

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are Af people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

2 Timothy 3:13

Evildoers and imposters will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

John 16:33

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Isaiah 41:8-13

"But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my chosen one, descended from Abraham my friend, ⁹ I have called you back from the ends of the earth, saying, 'You are my servant.' For I have chosen you and will not throw you away.

- Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
- 11 "See, all your angry enemies lie there, confused and humiliated.

 Anyone who opposes you will die and come to nothing.

12 You will look in vain for those who tried to conquer you. Those who attack you will come to nothing. 13 For I hold you by your right hand— I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.

FOCUS ON WHAT HE'S DOING

Isaiah 43:19
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland.

FOCUS ON FINDING YOUR PART

Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

- ⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
- ⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'
- "No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

- 10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.
- 11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'
- 12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'
- ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

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