

# Pastor Dave Rohde

**For Sunday, August 3rd**  
***"Redemption Song(s)"***

## **Isaiah 35:1-10 – NIV**

<sup>1</sup> The desert and the parched land will be glad;  
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, <sup>2</sup> it will burst into bloom;  
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,  
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;  
they will see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendor of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the feeble hands,  
steady the knees that give way;

<sup>4</sup> say to those with fearful hearts,  
"Be strong, do not fear;  
your God will come,  
he will come with vengeance;  
with divine retribution  
he will come to save you."

<sup>5</sup> Then will the eyes of the blind be opened  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

<sup>6</sup> Then will the lame leap like a deer,  
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay,  
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

<sup>8</sup> And a highway will be there;  
it will be called the Way of Holiness;  
it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;  
wicked fools will not go about on it.

<sup>9</sup> No lion will be there,  
nor any ravenous beast;  
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,

<sup>10</sup> and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,  
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

### **Romans 5:1-5 - NIV**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### **Philippians 4:4-7 - NIV**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Takeaway:** We can live with joy by singing songs that remind us that God is always healing, saving, and restoring the people God loves.

### **Questions:**

1. Share a favorite redemption story (book, movie, example from your life or in history)?
2. Isaiah 35 discusses a lot of physical healing. How does the restoration of physical health (eyes opened, lame walking) shape your understanding redemption?
3. Reflect on Romans 5:1-5. What do Paul's words here say about grace, growth, and hardship?
4. If someone asked you to describe what it looks like to experience God's peace during a difficult season, what image or metaphor might you use?
5. Our sermon takeaway mentions that God is always at work healing, saving, and restoring the people God loves. What is a hymn or song that reminds you that God is always at work in our lives?

**Sermon:** <https://podcast.wpcwestlake.org/services/mp3/sermon20250803.mp3>

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