"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; **I have summoned you by name**; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1

Yesterday I went to Crystal Fish to pick up some takeout food to remember Kazuko for Mother's Day. As I walked in I noticed my dental hygienist was standing in line waiting to be seated. At that moment however, I couldn't remember her name. A moment later, I noticed that she was glancing at me and experiencing the same dilemma. She couldn't remember my name either.

While we may have a difficult time remembering names at times, especially as we grow older, one thing that we can be sure of is that God does not forget our name.

Isaiah 43:1 presents for us a powerful promise. God knows us by name and will never forget us. John 10:3 says, "The good shepherd opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. **He calls his own sheep by name** and leads them out. This verse reminds us that Jesus as the Good Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

**Thought For Today**: Feel forgotten? Take heart, God knows you by name. He will never leave you nor forsake you, he will never forget your name.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Praise God that he knows you by name and is deeply acquainted with all of your ways. Pray for George Wooding's best friend Dan Cowan who was diagnosed with Metastic Melanoma. Deo Volente.