

Its Time to Turn the Page AND SING



Turning from Isaiah 53 to Isaiah 54

- **Isaiah 53**

- He knows our PAIN
- Purpose in PAIN (His suffering = our salvation)
- Process in PAIN (choosing obedience & humility)

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Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.



**HE KNOWS our
pain**



Have You Been Despised?

- **The world hated Him (John 15:18)**
- **In His hometown (Luke 4:28)**

He knows how it feels



Have You Been Rejected?

- **By His People – ‘Hosanna’ / ‘Crucify Him’**
- **By the best of friends – ‘By the time the cock crows...’**

He knows how it feels



Have You Known Suffering / Sorrows?

- **Jesus Wept (Lazarus, Jerusalem, Gethsemane)**
- **'Moved in the inward parts' with Compassion (Mark 1:41)**
- **Tempted in every kind of way (Heb 4:15)**
- **He sweat drops of blood (Luke 22:14)**

He knows how it feels



Are You Familiar With Pain?



He knows how it feels



Purpose in PAIN:

His suffering is our

salvation



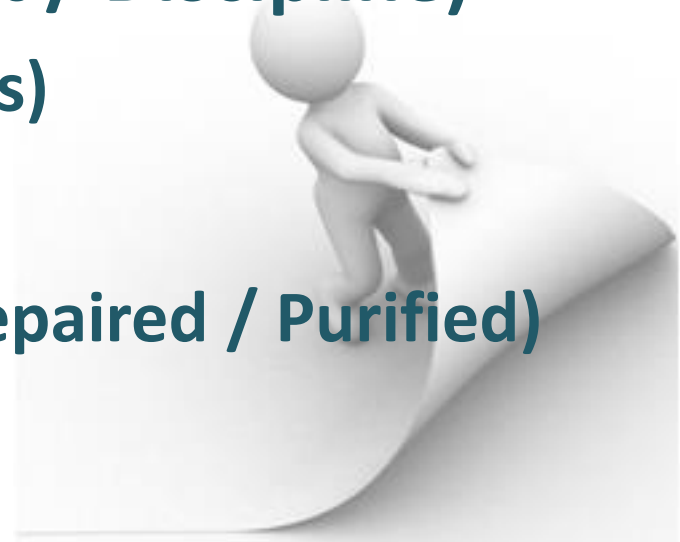
Isaiah 53:4

Surely he took up our pain and bore
our suffering...



He Was...

- **Pierced (His head, hands, feet, side)**
 - For our transgressions (rebellion)
- **Crushed (bruised, beaten down)**
 - For our iniquities (guilt)
- **His Punishment (Chastisement / Discipline)**
 - Our Peace (Shalom / Wholeness)
- **His wounds (Stripes / Blows)**
 - Our healing (Become Fresh / Repaired / Purified)

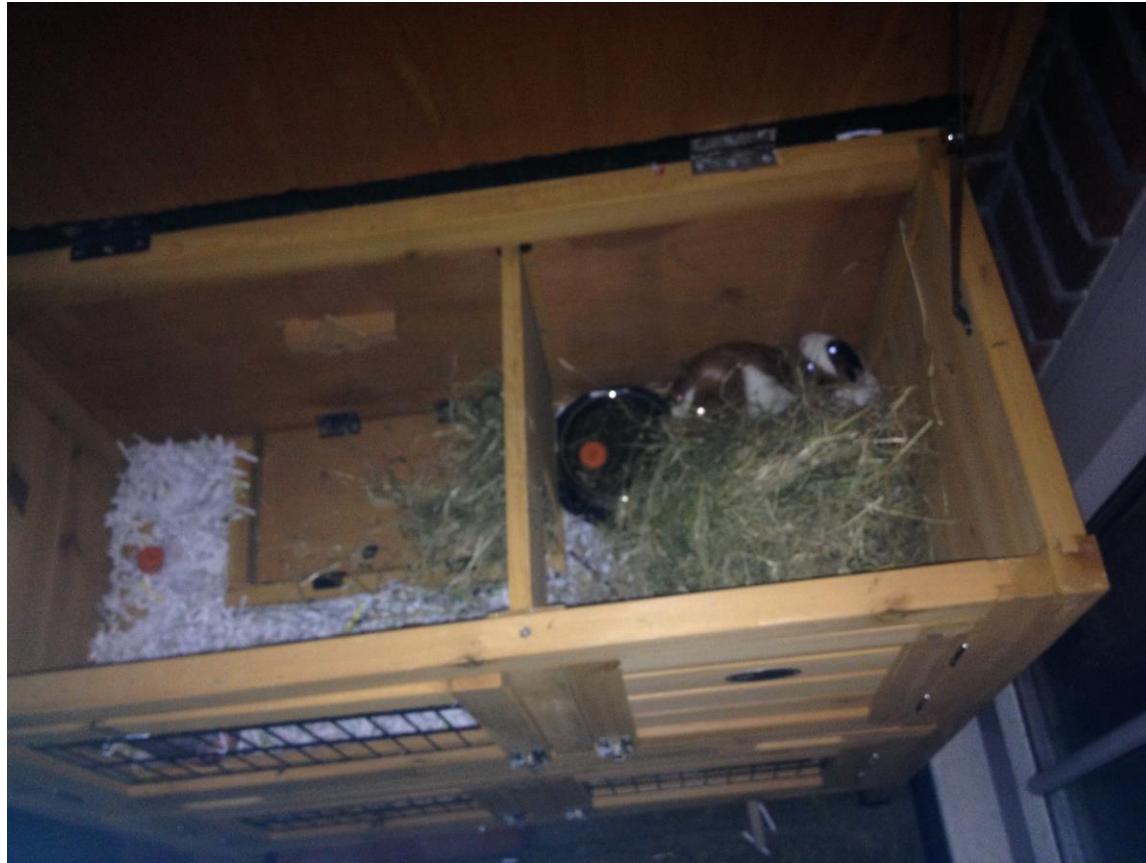




Everything
sells!

DEW
ADULT

‘We all like sheep had gone astray...’



‘And the has Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all’

**Process in PAIN:
Choosing Obedience
and Humility**



Isaiah 53

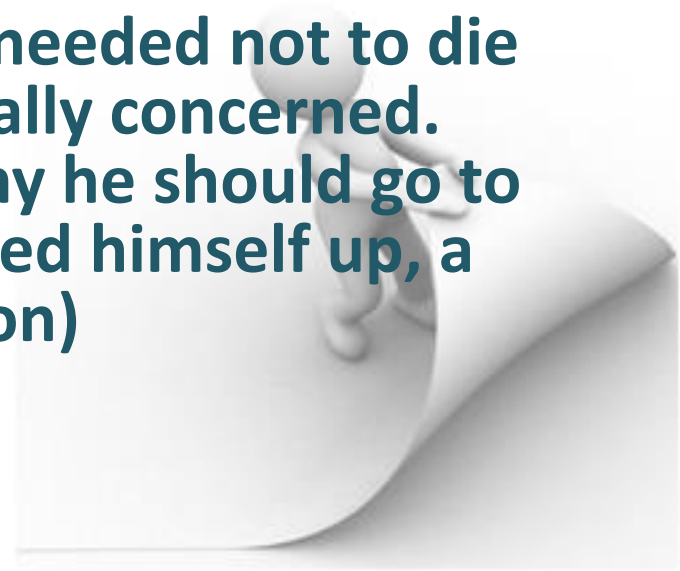
**7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.**



He **CHOSE** not to speak

- **Mark 15:2-5 – Pilate marvelled!**
- **Not a helpless lamb – a silent lamb**

"If I were to die for any one of you, what would it amount to but that I paid the debt of nature a little sooner than I must ultimately have paid it? For we must all die, sooner or later. But the Christ needed not to die at all, so far as he himself was personally concerned. There was no cause within himself why he should go to the cross to lay down his life. He yielded himself up, a willing sacrifice for our sins." (Spurgeon)



Judged Judge

- Because of His love for you the **GOOD SHEPHERD** chose to be a **SILENT LAMB**, The **JUDGE** of all subjected Himself to be **JUDGED**
- Aggressively cut off / judged - 'My God, my God'
- He took on Himself the judgement of God that we deserved - For **OUR** transgression (rebellion)



Isaiah 53

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer...



The Lord's Will?

- The **PROCESS** and **PLAN** of a perfect Father who sees the end from the beginning?
- The story doesn't stop at the suffering...



Isaiah 53:10-11

...and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand. After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied...

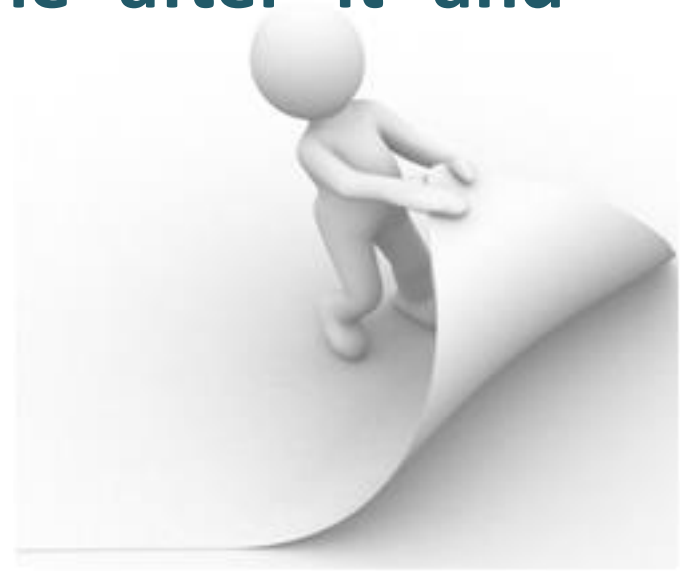


Humility to Highly Exalted

Phil. 2:7 but [He] made himself nothing... **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name



- **We must love the cross and what it means for us**
- **But we must love the resurrection and the life and exaltation that come after it and what they mean for us**



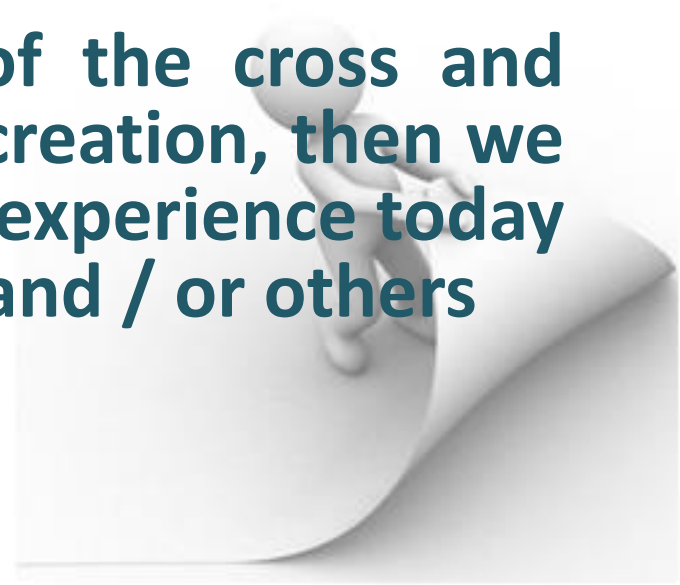
Made Perfect Through Pain

Heb 2:10 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.



Process Through Pain

- **'Nothing irredeemable has happened to us or can happen to us on our way to our destiny in God's world.' Dallas Willard**
- **In ALL things... (Ro 8:28)**
- **If God can take the torture of the cross and make it the redemption for all creation, then we can have faith that the pain we experience today has redemptive purpose for us and / or others**



- **Many of us live only in the pages of Isaiah 53**
- **Perhaps it is time for some of us this morning to...**



Turn the page and

SING!



Isaiah 54

1 **“Sing, O barren one,** who did not bear;
break forth into singing and cry aloud,
you who have not been in labour!

For the children of the desolate one will be more
than the children of her who is married,” says the
Lord.

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent...



The instruction is to **SING** and
make space before
the **miracle**

Obedience, faith and praise through your pain make room for the inheritance God wants to give you



**From the grip of His pain, death and despair,
Christ rises to receive His inheritance...**

**... if we will embrace the process and choose
humility, obedience and praise we too can rise
and receive the inheritance He has for us**



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