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Familiar With Pain:
Isaiah 53

Jeremiah's Righteous Branch



Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

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 HOW

IT FEELS

Where is God When it Hurts?

- Our God is transcendent and immanent
- Ever present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1)
- He is with us, always, everywhere (Matt 28:20)
- 'God stands on the side of those who suffer'
(Yancey, p24)

Jeremiah's Righteous Branch

The Judgment of
Jeremiah was about
condemnation

The Judgment upon King
Jesus is about grace



Despised

- **The world hated Him (John 15:18)**
- **In His hometown (Luke 4:14)**

He knows how it feels

Rejected

- **By Mankind**
 - from the start, man wanted Him gone (Herod)
 - The Crowd in Jerusalem... ‘Hosanna’ / ‘Crucify Him’
- **By the best of friends**
 - ‘You will disown me three times’
- **By His Father?**
 - ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me’

He knows how it feels

Man of Suffering / Sorrows

- Emotional / Psychological Pain
- Jesus Wept (Lazarus, Jerusalem, Gethsemane)
- ‘Moved in the inward parts’ with Compassion (Mark 1:41)
- Tempted in every kind of way (Heb 4:15)
- Sweating Drops of blood (Luke 22:14)
 - Crossing over to physical symptoms

He knows how it feels

Familiar with Pain

- Physical / Literal
- The Cross

He knows how it feels



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Joy in Sufferings?

- **Sharing in Christ's sufferings is to rejoice in Christ's glory (1 Peter 4:13)**
- **He Comforts us and we comfort others with the comfort we have received (2 Cor 1:4)**
- **We grow into perseverance and hope through our suffering... (Ro 5:3-4)**

Purpose in Pain?

- Pain is a sign of life, and of love (Yancey, p22)
- 'Nothing irredeemable has happened to us or can happen to us on our way to our destiny in God's world.' Dallas Willard
- If God can take the torture of the cross and make it the redemption to all creation, then we can have faith that the pain we experience today has redemptive purpose for us and / or others

Faith for Redemption

- **The World is Good, the world is fallen, the world will be redeemed (Yancey, p27)**
- **'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**





Isaiah 53

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

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