

The Prophecy

March 17, 2019

Isaiah 53:1-12

OPENING PRAYER:

Guide us, O God, if we're willing, and drive us if we're not, into the hard ways of sacrifice which are just and loving. Make us wide-eyed for beauty and for our neighbor's need; wide-willed for peace-making and compassion; wide-hearted for love and for the unloved. Dull the envy in us that criticizes and complains life into a thousand ugly bits. Keep us honest and tender enough to heal and tough enough to be healed. Amen.

--Dr. Paul Stuckey

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree/disagree with the sermon this week?
- For whom would you give up your life?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

While many at the time rejected Jesus because of his death. His suffering was foretold long before 33 AD. Read Isaiah 53:1-12.

- What jumps out at you in this passage?
- What is your thought of the paradox of v. 9, his death, and seeing his light in v. 11? How does this impact your life and faith?
- In Romans 10:16, Paul relates this passage to the life of a believer. Have you experienced rejection and/or suffering because of your faith? If you haven't experienced rejection, what would need to change for that to happen? What situation in your life do you see that, but you hold back in living your faith?

This week's prophecy was called the Suffering Servant. Jesus embodied this message in his entire life and preaching, not just in his death. Read his words on what it means to serve. How does each passage change your life? John 13:1-17, Matthew 20:1-16, Mark 9:33-37, Revelation 1:17-18

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

--Frances R. Havergal