

Foreshadow Series

5-Day Devotional

The Suffering Servant

Day 1 A Savior We Didn't Expect

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-3

Isaiah describes a Savior who doesn't look like what anyone expected. No beauty, no status, no outward reason to follow Him. Instead, He is rejected, overlooked, and despised. This challenges how we often think about power and leadership. We tend to look for strength, influence, and presence, but Jesus came in humility. The people missed Him because He didn't fit their expectations. The same can be true for us. Sometimes we overlook what God is doing because it doesn't look the way we thought it would. Jesus didn't come to impress people, He came to save them.

- How does this description of Jesus challenge your expectations of Him?
- Where might you be overlooking what God is doing because it doesn't fit your expectations?
- What would it look like to trust God even when He doesn't work the way you expected?

Prayer: God, help me see You clearly and not miss what You are doing in my life. Amen.

Day 2 He Took Our Place

Scripture: Isaiah 53:4-6

These verses are at the center of the gospel. Jesus didn't suffer for His own sin, He suffered for ours. He took our pain, carried our sin, and paid the price we couldn't pay. This is what makes the gospel so powerful. It's not about what we've done to earn anything. It's about what Jesus has already done. Our tendency is to make faith about our effort, but Isaiah reminds us that our peace came through His punishment. Our healing came through His wounds. The gospel is not about us trying harder, it's about trusting what He has already finished.

- What stands out to you most about what Jesus has done in this passage?
- Why is it important to remember that salvation is about what He did, not what we do?
- Where are you tempted to rely on your own effort instead of trusting Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for taking my place. Help me live in the freedom You've given me. Amen.

Day 3 Silent Strength

Scripture: Isaiah 53:7-8; Luke 23:33-34

The servant is led to suffering and doesn't fight back. He doesn't defend Himself or try to escape. He remains silent. This is not weakness, it is strength under control. When Jesus was on the cross, He could have stopped

everything, but He chose not to. Instead, He responded with forgiveness. “Father, forgive them.” That kind of response is not natural, it’s divine. It shows us the depth of His love and the purpose behind His sacrifice. He endured it all willingly, not because He had to, but because He chose to.

- What stands out to you about how Jesus responded to suffering?
- Why is it so difficult for us to respond with humility and forgiveness when we are hurt?
- What would it look like for you to reflect this kind of response in your life this week?

Prayer: Jesus, teach me to respond with humility and grace like You. Amen.

Day 4 Love That Chose the Cross

Scripture: Isaiah 53:10-11; Romans 5:6-8

Isaiah tells us that this suffering was not random, it was part of God’s plan. Jesus willingly gave His life as an offering for sin. And what’s even more powerful is that He was satisfied. He saw the outcome, the redemption, the restoration, and it was worth it to Him. Romans reminds us that this happened while we were still sinners. Jesus didn’t wait for us to get our lives together. He stepped in at our worst and made a way for us to be made right with God. This is love at its deepest level. Not earned, not deserved, just given.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus chose the cross willingly?
- How does it change your perspective to know He did this while you were still a sinner?
- What is one way you can respond to that kind of love in your life this week?

Prayer: God, thank You for loving me at my worst. Help me live in response to that love. Amen.

Day 5 From Death to Life

Scripture: Isaiah 53:11-12; John 20:14-16

The story doesn’t end with suffering. Isaiah points to life beyond it. The servant would see the light of life and bring justification to many. This is where the story of Easter comes in. The cross was not the end. Jesus rose again. Death was defeated. What looked like loss became victory. The resurrection confirms everything Isaiah pointed to. Jesus didn’t just die for our sin, He overcame it. Because of Him, we have new life, new identity, and new hope. The story that began with suffering ends in victory.

- Why is the resurrection so important to the gospel message?
- How does knowing Jesus is alive change the way you live your life?
- What is one area of your life where you need to live in that victory this week?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the victory You have won. Help me live in the new life You’ve given me. Amen.

