

Faith Church - EFCA

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Isaiah 50:4-11

Jesus learned he would suffer.

Jesus was a guy who studied his Bible.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, Isaiah 50:4a (ESV)

What did Jesus do with his Bible learning?

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Isaiah 50:4b (ESV)

When did Jesus do his Bible study?

Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. Isaiah 50:4 (ESV)

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God... Hebrews 2:17 (ESV)

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52 (ESV)

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. Psalm 5:3 (ESV)

But I, O Lord, cry to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you. Psalm 88:13 (ESV)

It was during his Bible study that God the Father revealed to Jesus that he would suffer.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. Isaiah 50:5–6 (ESV)

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. 1 Peter 4:19 (ESV)

How do you make it through times of suffering?

Know God will help you.

But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; Isaiah 50:7a (ESV)

Know you will not be put to shame when following God's will is hard.

...therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. Isaiah 50:7 (ESV)

Know God is near, even when he feels far.

He who vindicates me is near. Isaiah 50:8a (ESV)

**Know all that matters is what God thinks of you,
not what people think of you.**

He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Isaiah 50:8–9 (ESV)

Suffering shows what you believe about who is in control of your life.

Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Isaiah 50:10a (ESV)

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. Isaiah 50:10 (ESV)

Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches! Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled! This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment. Isaiah 50:11 (ESV)

- 1. If God's will is for you to suffer, submit to it, don't rebel and find sinful ways to escape it.**
- 2. When obedience to Christ is hard, we will never be put to shame.**
- 3. Those who choose to follow Christ will experience sufferings like Christ.**



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Suffering and Darkness