

ABBA'S DELIGHT

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but he Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth. By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of My people to whom the stroke was due? His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence. Nor was there any deceit in his mouth. But the Lord was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, and He will bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, and he will divide the booty with the strong; because He poured out Himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He Himself bore the sin of many, and interceded for the transgressors. Isaiah 53.*

Jesus' Different Way

It's almost here! In just a few short days, Christians all over the world again will be celebrating the Resurrection of our Messiah and Savior Jesus. In my daily Bible readings, one of the places I happen to be in is Luke. I love his portrayal of the compassionate and caring Jesus. It is easy to see Father God's heart being expressed through His son to the Jews and Gentiles alike. His loving approach draws me in as I

read of His encounters with different individuals whom He touched physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

As His following increased in numbers throughout His three year ministry on earth, on one level it is hard to understand why He was abandoned by so many at the end of His time before the crucifixion. On another level though, when I look at the sins of my life (so far) and try to reflect on all that I have contributed to the sin of the world for which He died and rose, it doesn't seem like such a stretch that those He loved walked/ran from Him somewhere along the way. When we are faced with pain and our own failure, we often do our best to avoid dealing with it.

But Jesus shows us a different way. In His death and resurrection, of which Father generously and lovingly invites us to partake, we find new life in Jesus when we embrace our own pain and failure, instead of running away from it. As we endure His process (there's that word again) of learning how to die to self, we are changed by His Spirit, and we gradually become more perfectly conformed to Their image. The abundant life that Jesus promises in John 10:10 is only possible for us when we die to self and walk in his new life secured for us by His death and resurrection. As each of us changes individually, we will corporately become His pure and spotless bride, His church. As we mature in the process, we will effectively reach the lost, making disciples of all nations, as we reflect the resurrected life of Jesus on earth.

Responses From You

From a Pastor in OK: Blessings on you and Fran and your sons!

From a church prayer ministry leader in Louisville: Daniel, it is a good thing when God changes us. I am learning that each trial, temptation or obstacle can be a tool of the Holy Spirit to drive us into the arms of our Father. In this season of my life, I find myself crying out, "I have to have more of You, God." I am not satisfied with just enough, I want all of Him; I want to know His heart, His thoughts and to see His face. Hunger and thirst for Jesus is a blessing, so I pray that Jesus will pour out more new wine into you, and have more than your share of the Bread of Life.

From a Pastor in CA: Your newsletter this month is very well written in a spirit of hope and trust. Keep up the good work. We will be praying about increase with a view toward sharing some of that with you.

From my best friend and brother: The newsletter was extra-good this month...for the paragraph I copied and pasted below—it is AWESOME! Thanks be to God for your ministry! That paragraph reads: ***Our trust in God is daily, sometimes hour-by-hour, and even moment-by-moment. If our lives are truly committed to His plan and***

purposes for us and we are committed to giving over control to Him, then our survival as His sons and daughters depends on our choosing to entrust our souls, spouses, children, families, homes, careers, possessions, our very lives, to Him. I know He loves us with an everlasting love; His word says He will not allow us to bear anything greater than what we are able. I also know that He loves us enough that He sent His only Son to die and rise to secure our eternal life, and if He would do that, then our temporary life-inconveniences, though they sometimes feel overwhelming, are not beyond His reach or control. But we endure it all for His glory and for the sake of His kingdom.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 22, 2010, 8:00am-5:00pm. Hope 4 Families, and Exodus Member Ministry presents "Hope Gathering 2010" at Church of the Savior, Lexington, KY. Call Denise Shick at 814-598-4952 or go to www.help4families.com for more information. You will be on your own for lunch. At the seminar, you will gain a deeper understanding of Gender Identity Disorder in a Christ-centered gathering. This seminar covers the topics of Transexuality and the Roots of Homosexuality by identifying the early signs of gender confusion. This seminar is designed for strugglers, family members and friends, as well as counselors, pastors and the general public seeking further insight into these current topics. Breakout sessions and personal testimonies of healing and hope are included in the day. Cost: TBA.

The 2010 Exodus International Annual Freedom Conference will be held at Concordia University Campus in Irvine, CA from Wednesday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 26th. The final day of the Freedom Conference will be a Love Won Out conference. For more information and registration details, go to www.exodusinternational.org.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24, 25.