

Bulletin for Sunday, April 5, 2020

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon: "In Whom do we Trust"

The Call of a Servant

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah was a man not unacquainted with suffering. In Isaiah 50:4-9, we read that he is a man who knows well how to face suffering. Yet, the suffering is no match for his faith in God.

This is a time when people are suffering; some with an illness; some with worry and concern over a loved one who is sick; some suffering the grief of those who have lost loved ones to death. There are others who are suffering the loss of jobs or the loss of income from the shutdown of commerce and opportunities to work.

All of this impacts us. It sweeps our feet from under us and lays us out in a prone position which creates feelings of great vulnerability in us.

In this position we do have two options. One is to struggle against the condition of vulnerability. Fight with all we have. Or, two, we can use this down time to pray, read scripture, meditate upon the scripture and get closer to the one who earnestly desires that we draw closer to Him.

I invite you to read Isaiah 50:4-9a. It will be the basis of my sermon for Sunday. Remember, it is poetry. Read it with your poetic mindset. Also, read it with the knowledge that it points us to Jesus who identified himself with the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 50.