

In the Furnace of Affliction

November 13, 2022 – Isaiah 48:9-11
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1. The Furnace

2. The Test

3. The Silver

Discussion Questions:

1. What historical circumstances does the phrase “furnace of affliction” refer to in this passage?
2. How can affliction bring out the worst in us? Can you give some examples from your own life?
3. In what ways was Jesus’ suffering similar to ours? In which way was it different?
4. How does the gospel transform the way in which Christians endure suffering?

Next Steps:

1. If you are a visitor with us, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a Connection Card and turn it at the Welcome Center. We would like to give you a gift as a thank you for joining us.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Andrew know in person or email him at andrew.bolkcom@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

November 2022 Two Year Bible Reading Plan			
Week 1 <i>Starting Nov. 7</i>	Week 2 <i>Starting Nov. 14</i>	Week 3 <i>Starting Nov. 21</i>	Week 4 <i>Starting Nov. 28</i>
Day 1: Isa. 48-50	Day 1: Isa. 59-61	Day 1: Jer. 5	Day 1: Jer. 14-15
Day 2: Isa. 51-52	Day 2: Isa. 62-64	Day 2: Jer. 6-7	Day 2: Jer. 16-17
Day 3: Isa. 53-54	Day 3: Isa. 65-66	Day 3: Jer. 8-9	Day 3: Jer. 18-19
Day 4: Isa. 55-56	Day 4: Jer. 1-2	Day 4: Jer. 10-11	Day 4: Jer. 20-21
Day 5: Isa. 57-58	Day 5: Jer. 3-4	Day 5: Jer. 12-13	Day 5: Jer. 22-23

'He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.'

-Isaiah 53:7-9 (NIV)

What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?