

## Blood, Sweat, and Tears—His Pain, Your Gain

# The Gain of a Confident Faith

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<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?” <sup>55</sup>At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. (Matthew 26: 47-56, NIV)

Prophecy: 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of a prophet (spokesman for God)

2) A \_\_\_\_\_ of what is to come in the future.  
(modern day definition)

There are \_\_\_\_\_ of prophecies about Jesus in the Bible.

<sup>9</sup>Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me. (Psalm 41:9, NIV)

Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. (Zechariah 13:7, NIV)

We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. (Acts 14:22, NIV)

**1. A confident faith admits that \_\_\_\_\_ times are unavoidable.**

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Friend, do what you came for.” Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. (verse 50)

<sup>18</sup>We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life! (Matthew 20:18-19a, NIV)

**2. A confident faith looks to the past for \_\_\_\_\_ and to the future for \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>55</sup>At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. (verse 55)

<sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6, NIV)

“On the third day he will be raised to life!” (Matthew 20:19b, NIV)

**3. A confident faith is focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

<sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? (verse 53)

**4. A confident faith is based on God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to us and not on our \_\_\_\_\_ to him.**

### My next steps in the “Cross-Walk”:

- Pick one main point and focus on it this week
- Meditate on and memorize Isaiah 53:4-6
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