

Can We Make Sense Out Of Suffering?

The Fellowship Of Suffering

① Here We Are United At A Deep Level

- Physical Suffering You Would Like To Bear.
- Inner Anguish of Spirit.
 - Alone and Unwanted
 - Despair and Anxiety
 - Grief over Loss
 - Deep Sense of Failure
- The Irrational Suffering that seems like a cruel sport.
- Not so much the massive total as the personal turn of suffering.

② Stubborn Intellectual Problem

- Philosophy has never handled it adequately.
- Many become non-believers and bitter because of suffering
- Many religions have failed to come to grips with suffering. Passive Buddha or Nirvana are no answer.

There Is Light from The Christian Gospel

① Consider The Light

- N. T. faces the fact of suffering
- This is an impartial universe.
- But it deals with suffering from within.
 - Not written by spectators but by participants.
- We see that God is involved.
 - In the whole significance of Christ we see a suffering God.
- So all of life is set in the perspective of Eternity.

② So There Is Help for Us. - Light

- Christian and Evangelist are asked for guidance and help in Pilgrim's Progress.
 - "Do you see yonder locked gate?"
 - "No."
 - "Do you see yonder shining light?"
 - "I think I do"
 - "Keep that light in your eye and you will come to the gate"
- Someone reading a book.
- A child with a broken toy picked up by the parents.

In Suffering We Can See Christ

- ① In Matthew 25 - "I was hungry and thirsty, and naked and sick and in prison."
 - Refugee camp in France and the American
 - "Pearl" Gates deciding to go to Hong Kong.
- ② Conscience can be sensitized and we can enter into the struggle for God's Kingdom through suffering.

In Suffering We Can Learn Obedience

- ① Jesus: Temptations and the Prayer in the Garden
 - Coming out with all of life an offering to God.
- ② Coming Out With Scars more as a real person and not with running sores because we have become bitter or antagonistic.
- ③ We sometimes rob people of this privilege
 - Too over protected child.
 - Too alcoholic we baby rather than letting him hit bottom.

Through Suffering We Can Become Creative

① The Darkness in the Tapestry

- Vienna Voice Teacher - finest voice in Europe.
"Now if someone broke her heart she would become the greatest
- Ibsen's Blay: "Who taught me to sing?"
"God sent me sorrow."

② John 1: The Power of the New Testament

- "It sings great music because it is full of suffering."
- Hebrews and Revelation.

Suffering Can Become A Stewardship

- ① We can help others through the blessing of our suffering.

② Pastoral Psychology

- Russell Dick - Loss of leg and mental problems.
- Anton Horsten - Out of the wilderness of mental illness.

Our Deepse Hope in God's Presence

① Christ's Death is Assurance of This.

- Him is our final and only hope.

② Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens

- Both on their way to guillotine.

- In one of them two people.

- A man who had lost his soul and found it

- A forgotten girl.

"If I may ride with you with you let me hold your hand? I am not afraid, but I am little and weak and it will give me courage."

When they arrived: "I think you were sent to me by Heaven."

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

September 25, 1960

Eleven O'Clock

Broadcast on Station KELO

"The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?"

ENTERING THE TEMPLE

Organ Prelude—"The God of Abraham Praise"..... Noble

"Prelude in D flat Major"..... Bach

(Congregation in Silent Prayer)

Choral Call to Worship—"Send Out Thy Light"

Processional Hymn—"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"..... 379

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

OPENING OUR LIVES TO HIS PRESENCE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Hebrews 5

Choral Call to Prayer—"Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response—"Lord, Look With Favor On Our Petition"

Anthem—"Jesu, Friend of Sinners"..... Grieg-Dickinson

Jesu, Friend of sinners, Son of God most Holy.

Son of man most lowly, Jesu, keep us near thee.

May our dull hearts love Thee? may our blind eyes see Thee.

Jesu, keep us near Thee, blessed Jesu.

Keep our lives unspotted, keep our thoughts from evil,

Praise we God the Father, Praise the Son our Saviour

With the Holy Spirit, Triune God for ever more. Amen.

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Christian Greetings

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—"Canzone" (Sonata in E flat Major)..... Rheinberger

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE PREACHING OF THE WORD

Vocal Solo—"Come Ye Blessed"..... Scott

Harriet Martin, Soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"Can We Make Sense Out of Suffering?"

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HIM

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Jesus Saviour Pilot Me"..... 409

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Rev. Babcock at the side door and Rev. Rowe at the main door.

The broadcast of the service today over Radio Station KELO, beginning at 11:10 a.m., is sponsored by C. H. Point Realty.

EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

7:30 P.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Period of Hymn Singing

Scripture—Genesis 28: 10-22

Prayer

Special Music by Youth Choir

Greetings and Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Hymn

Offering

Communion Meditation—Pastor Fredrikson

"Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Hymn of Preparation—"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Observance of the Lord's Supper

The Breaking of Bread

Musical Meditation

The Taking of the Cup

Musical Meditation

Receiving the Deacon's Offering

Hymn of Invitation—"Breathe on Me, Breath of God".....116

Benediction—Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross"

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 2:00 p.m.—**Every Family Visitation**—Fellowship Hall

2:30 p.m.—**Diaconate Meeting** in the Church Parlor

5:00 p.m.—**Roger Williams Fellowship**

6:00 p.m.—**Keystone BYF** (Senior High)

6:00 p.m.—**Brayton Case BYF** (Junior High)

6:00 p.m.—**SYADS** meet at the home of James Wartenhorst, 1135 S. Prairie

6:00 p.m.—**Deacon's Training Class**

8:45 p.m.—**Hi Fi**

8:45 p.m.—**Afterglow**

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—**XYZ Club** meets in the Church Parlor

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—**Junior Choir Rehearsal**

6:15 p.m.—**Fellowship Supper** in Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m.—**Junior High Choir Rehearsal**

7:15 p.m.—**Primary (Angel) Choir Rehearsal**

7:15 p.m.—**Midweek Prayer Service**

8:00 p.m.—**Senior High Choir Rehearsal**

8:15 p.m.—**Board of Kingdom Extension**

THURSDAY, 7:30 p.m.—**Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal**

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers:

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor

Rev. Albert H. Babeock.....Christian

Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life

Secretaries:

Miss Winifred Jones.....Financial

Miss Margaret Clark.....Pastor's Assistant

Mrs. Clarence Anderson.....Church

Hostess.....Mrs. Hilda Bockelman

Musicians:

Dr. Lee Bright.....Director

Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist

Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth

Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children

Sextons:

Mr. Frank Weins

Mr. Warren Dolan

Mr. Lamont Reichelt

Mrs. Hilda Bockelman

On this beautiful day which God has given us it is a joy to welcome you to our service. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We hope that as you worship with us at your radios you will feel ~~that~~ you are with friends. Once again we have turned aside from ~~the~~ hectic pace of our everyday life to the quietness of this hour seeking answers to our inner restlessness. It is our hope that in this service you will hear God's voice and come to know that his resources are adequate to meet all of life's needs.

The Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Dr. Lee Bright has just sung JESU, FRIEND OF SINNERS. The offertory solo, COME YE BLESSED will be sung by Harriet Martin, soprano.

Pastor Fredrikson is speaking this morning on the topic CAN WE MAKE SENSE OUT OF SUFFERING?

If it is possible for you to do so we invite you ~~to~~ attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:30. This evening Pastor Fredrikson will be preaching on the topic CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER. The service will be climaxed this evening with the Lord's Supper.

Before we return to the Sanctuary let me say once again how good it is to have you with us. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance please feel free to call our office Ed 4-6981 so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. As we welcome you we are mindful of the fact that it is God's house to which we invite you and it is in His spirit that we seek to minister to you.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Jacob Was A Good Operator

- Clever & shrewd.
- Gift
- Willing to settle for the superficial and the better.
- The Deals

- ① The Birthrights from his Mother.
- ② Fooling his age & father.
- ③ Fooling his Uncle Esau.

In The Midst of This - Jacob's Ladder

- ④ God does not give up at the end of our slicer deals
 - Given in the wilderness he meets.
 - He has chosen Jacob and he will ^(not give up)

② In the Midst of the Solitude -

The sense of awe and reverence.

- That basic nature which could not be covered up.

③ There Is A Ladder

- It Goes Up - to God.

- It Comes Down - From God.

④ Jacob Marks This Place as Holy -

Matthew

- The House of God and the Gate to Heaven.

This Communion

- Some of us come after moral defeat & wonder
- God can minister

① Our covenant.

② Our brokenness

③ Our sense of