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 Blame
   - 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 God
   - Not so Much the Massive Total as the Personal Threat 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. Buddha, Nirvana and its Chinaman.
2.

Plan I, Light from The Christian Gospel

1. Consider the Light
   - N. T. faces the fact of suffering
   - This is an impartial universe.
   - How it deals with suffering from within.
   - Not written for spectators, but by participants.
   - We see that God is involved.
   - In the whole significance of Christ, we see a suffering God.
   - Do all of life in odd in the perspective of Eternity.

2. Do There Is Help for Us - Light

   - Christian and Evangelical are asked for guidance and help in Pilgrim's Progress
   - "Do you see grays Locke gate?"
     - "No."
   - "Do you see Gander shining light?"
     - "I think I do."
   - "Keep that light in your eye and you will come to the gate."
In suffering we can see Christ

1. In Matthew 25: "I was hungry and thirsty, and naked and sick and in prison."
   - Refuge camp in France and the American "Pearly 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

2. Break Temptations and the Seven in the Garden
   - Coming out with all of life an offering to God.

2. Coming out with scars not as a real person and not with running down because we have become bitter or antagonistic.

3. We sometimes rob people of their freedom
   - Hurting protected children.
   - Free alcoholic can only rather than letting him hit bottom.
Through Suffering We Can Become Creative

1. The Darkness in the Teapot
   - Vienna Voice Teacher - Finest Voice in Europe.
   - Now if someone broke her heart she would become the greatest
   - Ibsen's play: "Who taught face to sing?"
     "God sent me sorrow."

2. Skin by The Power of the New Testament
   - ItSing good music because it is full of suffering.
   - Hebrews and Revelation.

Suffering Can Become A Stewardship

1. We can help others through the healing of our suffering.

2. Pastoral Psychology
   - Russell Ricks - Long of leg and Mental problems.
   - Anton Borin - One of the homeless of Mental illness.
Our Deepest Hope in God's Presence

(1) Christ's Death is Assurance of His
   - His 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 frightened girl.
   "If I may ride with you untill 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

Broadcast on Station KELO

Eleven O’Clock

“Are 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. Babeock 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 Invocation—"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
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

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Miss Lois Harchenko ......... 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: An Athletic Operator
- Clever, a shrewd
- Glib
- Willing to settle for the superficial and the brute.
- The Deeds
  1. The untruths from his brother.
  2. Failing his aged father.
  3. Failing his uncle steal.

In the Midst of His — Jacob's Ladder

4. God does not give up at the end of our clever deals
- Even in the wilderness he meets,
- He then chooses Jacob and his will
2. **In the Midst of the Solitude** —
   - The sense of awe and reverence.
   - Our 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.

Him Communion

- Home of all who speak of it and of its Deepest Wonder
- God can minister