

Think About it Thursday

Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5 NIV)

Have you ever woken up to a fairly high pain level, either in your body or in your heart or maybe in your mind? And that pain slows you down? If I wake up to that condition, something usually gives me a glimmer of light and I brighten up. That might be an inspirational saying I see on Facebook or the sound of the birds singing or the news guy doing something incredibly goofy. Most of the time I can think and pray for those suffering WAY more than myself and that brings me to the reality of my blessings. But some mornings may be a struggle. Is that ever you? On those days, I'm solely dependent on the promise of my God...I will never leave you or forsake you. Jesus suffered every aspect of pain...physical, mental, emotional, and relational. And on that cross, He bore all of my pains with Him. He is my joy even when the sun does not shine, and it is difficult to function. Admittedly, some days I don't do a great job of showing joy in the midst of pain, so I continually strive to do better. As Job said, we cannot accept the good of our God and not embrace the hard times. I will rest in the assurance that one day He will wipe every tear from my eye...on difficult days, I hope you rest on that promise as well. Peace be with you!