

**Series:** Advent 2020 – The Servant Songs of Christ

**Sermon:** Christ, the Sustainer of the Weary

**Scripture:** Isaiah 50:4-11 (ESV)

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### **Isaiah 50:4-11 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> *The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.*

<sup>5</sup> *The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.*

<sup>6</sup> *I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*

<sup>7</sup> *But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.*

<sup>8</sup> *He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.*

<sup>9</sup> *Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.*

<sup>10</sup> *Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.*

<sup>11</sup> *Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who equip yourselves with burning torches!*

*Walk by the light of your fire, and by the torches that you have kindled!*

*This you have from my hand: you shall lie down in torment.*

### **Advent is a call to spiritual awareness:**

#### **1) Awareness of our weariness. (Isaiah 50:4)**

- *The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come.* - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- *Admitting weakness is the doorway to true strength, confessing foolishness is the first step toward wisdom.* – Paul Tripp
- *Denying weakness doesn't mean you're strong, minimizing your sin doesn't make you righteous.* – Paul Tripp
- *... that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.* Is. 50:4 (ESV)
  - o *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.* Matt. 11:28-30 (NIV)

#### **2) Awareness of His obedience. (Isaiah 50:5)**

- *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking on the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* Phil. 2:5-8 (ESV)

**3) Awareness of His humiliation. (Isaiah 50:6)**

- *And some began to spit on Him and to cover His face and to strike Him, saying to Him, "Prophecy!" And the guards received Him with blows. Mark 14:65 (ESV)*
- *So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified. Mark 15:15 (ESV)*

**4) Awareness of His vindication. (Isaiah 50:7-8)**

- *Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)*

**5) Awareness of His innocence. (Isaiah 50:9)**

- *For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15 (ESV)*

**6) Awareness of our reliance. (Isaiah 50:10-11)**

- *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. John 8:12 (ESV)*

**2 key questions:**

Are you aware of your weariness?

If so, are you reliant upon the Servant who was sent to sustain the weary?