

Wounds

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 53:1-6; John 20:19-20

He was pierced for our transgressions . . . and by his wounds we are healed. — Isaiah 53:5

There is a story behind every scar that we have. Maybe it's a reminder of knee surgery that has helped to bring a new bounce to your step. Perhaps a scar reminds you of an accident, and you're thankful for the recovery you have experienced. Some scars are emotional and psychological, reminding us of deep hurts inflicted by others.

When appropriate, we should be willing to share the stories of our scars. As we do that, we can show our gratitude, humility, and need for community. A drawback to the popularity of social media today is that people often portray their life as a bed of roses. It's easy to share news about vacations, happy family gatherings, and celebrations. But true fellowship emerges when our scars are exposed in personal communication with others.

Today we see Jesus in one of his post-resurrection visits to his disciples. And when "he showed them his hands and side," his followers were overjoyed as they recognized the Lord.

And what a story his wounds tell! He was not some comic-book superhero who easily accomplished great feats. Rather, as we see in Isaiah 53, Christ's victory came through deep personal sacrifice. We are also reminded of our sins, our transgressions. When we embrace these two realities—Jesus' wounds and our need—we find healing. Indeed, "by his wounds we are healed"!

Prayer

Lord, our scars remind us of how vulnerable we are. Thank you, Jesus, for making yourself vulnerable for our sake and for providing us healing. In your name we pray. Amen.

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