

Isaiah 53:10-11 (NIV)

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. 11 After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

What is the apex of love? It's service isn't it? How can you better show love than to serve the one you love! We just celebrated mother's day; a day where we show our love for our mothers. How do we show our love? Do cards and candy and flowers make the biggest impression? No, it's how we show our love by serving our moms. We wait on them; take over their normal chores for the day. We show our moms how much we love them by serving them much like they serve us.

The greatest act of love that the world has ever seen was also an act of service. It was an act of God's will and obedience to that will. Isaiah prophesied 800 years before it actually happened that the Lord's Servant would suffer for his people, his offspring. What does John tell us, "For God so LOVED the world..." God loved the world, so he sent his Servant to save it. Jesus, God's one and only Son, served his Father and served all people by suffering under the burden of our guilt. He served us by being crushed by the weight of our sins. He served by offering his life as the guilt offering; the only payment that would be acceptable to remove the guilt of our sins forever. Jesus loved us so much that he was willing to come to this world to serve us by saving us!

We are living proof of that service. We are the offspring of his service; the wondrous result of his saving work. By his wounds we are healed! He suffered and died, yes; but he rose again to see the light of life. And he was indeed satisfied because he accomplished what he came to do. He has justified the whole world by his righteous act! He has served us like no one else!

That wondrous act of service is what motivates our service. That's what makes us love mom and dad and everyone else. That's what moves us to think of others instead of ourselves. That's what inspires us to share the precious gospel despite the rejection. Christ has served us so that we can serve others! Let's use the gifts he's given us and follow his selfless example and serve!