

**Bible Study**  
**I WILL - Lesson 11**  
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**I WILL SERVE SACRIFICIALLY**

**Isaiah 53:3-6**

Sacrificial service is slowly fading away. People who volunteer their service make a sacrifice of their time as they utilize their talent. A few years ago there was a popular saying "What would Jesus do?" The answer to that question is dependent on one's perception of Jesus. If one sees Jesus as a keeper of the law then one is less likely to demonstrate compassion to others. If one sees Jesus as a loving Savior then one is more likely to demonstrate grace and mercy. Unfortunately, many people are choosing not to serve sacrificially the body of Christ which is the church.

Regardless of our perception of Jesus, we can agree that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us by giving His life so that we can be released from the penalty and the power of sins. Instead of coming to earth as a political king, Jesus offers himself as an example for serving. Before Jesus went to the cross He taught us to serve. He was crucified on a bloody cross of His own volition to take on our sins. Jesus served you and me sacrificially by dying for us. He modeled service for us in all His actions which demonstrated His love for us in life and on the cross.

Let me share with you three ways that Jesus served us sacrificially so that we could be inspired to serve sacrificially.

- I. We can Serve in spite of our Sorrow. (vs. 3)
  - A. Acquainted with grief
  - B. Acquainted with grace
- II. We can Serve in light of His Surety. (vs. 4-5)
  - A. When we are smitten and helpless
  - B. By His stripes we are healed
- III. We can Serve in sight of His Sheep. (vs. 6)
  - A. Serve when the sheep go astray
  - B. Serve when the sheep are assured