

LIGHT SHOW

Elementary
Week 2

Read: Isaiah 53, listen to *Far Away* by The National Parks

Isaiah was alive and wrote these words about 700 years before Jesus was born, and Isaiah 53 is just one of the very clear pictures we have of God's plan in the Old Testament. God has had this plan since the beginning. He knew exactly how long it would be before Jesus was born, he knew Judas would betray him, and ultimately, God's plan came to fruition as it always does.

God still has a plan. God knew in the beginning of time that Hitler would exist, that Covid-19 would change our lives in a quick year, and that you would be here alive and breathing in this time. We can rest easy in the political unrest, the fears, the anxiety, and the anger that comes up during these exhausting, overwhelming experiences because we know God has got it, and he has had a plan from the beginning. No politician, no virus, no choices, or person can mess up God's plan.

But how do we trust that when we so clearly see our lack of control and our own frustrations at what is happening?

By trusting God. But I must say that simple phrase is much more difficult to execute. For me it looks like counseling, constant prayer, enjoying little moments, and celebrating good things because it reminds me of where my hope is found: Jesus. It is a daily choice that sometimes I fail at making, but God catches me in grace and choosing to love points me back to him.

Where have you seen God show up with a plan when it was unexpected?

How can you continue to place your trust in God?

What is one way you can see and celebrate the ways God is at work today?