<u>The Scars of Jesus:</u> <u>The Scars of Relationships</u> <u>Good Friday Service</u>

What relational scars did Jesus take?

1. The Scars of <u>Separation</u>.

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, Iema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"). (Matthew 27:46)

2. The Scars of Loneliness.

When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." (Matthew 27:47)

3. The Scars of Isolationism.

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." (Matthew 27:48-49)

4. The Scars of <u>His Side</u> heals our <u>sides</u>.

And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. (Matthew 27:50)

But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. (John 19:33-34)

How can you give your relational scars to Jesus?

News and Notes:

March 30, Easter Brunch Event at 10:00am-1:00pm. Invite your friends + family. March 31, Easter Services (with water baptism). Cantonese Service at 9:30am. English Service at 11:15am.

April 7, Vision Update (after each service).

April 7, Alpha LITE (4-week interactive lunch about the meaning of life, purpose, and faith) at 12:45-2:00pm. Sign up at <u>www.vcpc.ca</u> OR at the back table.

April 14, Worship + Ministry Night with Pastor Bill + Elaine Gibson. Doors open at 6:30pm. Main auditorium.

May 31-June 2, SAVE THE DATE. 75th Anniversary. Details to be released April 7th. Mentoring Moment on Tuesdays with Pastor Andy at 11am-noon. Blue House Board Room.

Youth Camp and Registration at <u>www.vcpc.ca</u>.