

*The Adopted Life*

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## **The Master Helps Me!**

Take a moment to read Isaiah 50:4-9. Do you see all that you have been given in your humanity in Jesus, from His Father, and through the Spirit in this passage? Wowza!!! To take this passage seriously is encouraging you that IN JESUS, in our humanity (YOUR humanity!), God the Trinity MOST certainly shares with us now His creatively powerful way of living; and we can anticipate sharing in that way of living to an even larger degree in the future.

When you wonder whether or not you can add anything encouraging to a conversation, the Spirit encourages you that you most certainly can! And when you wonder if you'll ever be able to concentrate and focus on anything for long, Jesus encourages that it is possible! (v. 4)

When you doubt that you can actually hear clearly from God and get overly discouraged by your "lack of obedience", Jesus says that He shares with you His ears to hear His Father and that, in Him, you are being responsive to His Father's voice! (v. 5)

And just when you think you can't hang in there and face the embarrassment, disgrace and torture of suffering on behalf of the Gospel (the Trinity!), there He is in Jesus granting you His power not only to not be disgraced but to say "Bring it on! The Father, Son and Spirit stand with me! We will bear your scorn! Try to shame me if you will, I stand innocent and upright in the Son, Who is always with and for me! Your evil WILL be overcome!" (vv. 6-9)

REMINDER: The Lenten Season is not just a time of putting things away and being weak, but a time of taking on tremendous and powerful promises for human living in that weakness. And don't forget to notice that all of this responsiveness to the Father, in the Spirit, is given to us wholly and completely by Grace, in Jesus, the Son of God made human!

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