Read for next week: Isaiah 57

What was a future event that motivated you to live with purpose?

Context of Isaiah 49-57 - Yahweh provides Isaiah with a second group of oracles for Israel's deliverance from sin.

Who is the Servant?

Timeless Truth: Those joined to the Lord in the present strive with hope in God's promises for the future Messianic Kingdom.

THREE PRIORITIES

1. <u>Promote</u> justice and obedience now as we prepare for Christ's future Kingdom (vv 1-2)

How are our actions demonstrating that we act justly because we trust the Lord's word?

Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3; Exodus 20:8-11;31:12-17; Colossians 2:16; Romans 14:5) —

When do you purposefully find rest for your soul because you trust Christ with your life?

2. <u>Proclaim</u> Christ's gospel now to outsiders like He will in His Kingdom (vv 3-8)

Foreigner –
Eunuch –
What will the Lord do for outsiders in His Kingdom?
Romans 3:21-26
Isaiah 14:1
3. <u>Protect</u> our church family now from destructive spiritual "shepherds" (vv 9-12)
Animals of the field -
Israel's watchmen/shepherds -
5 reasons to watch out for Doomsday sayers:
1. Contradict the words of Jesus (Matt. 24:36; Acts 1:7) 2. Misinterpret the Bible (Matthew 7:15; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-2) 3. Erode Biblical Authority (1 Peter 3:4; 2 Peter 3:16)

5. Minimize Christ's imminent return (1 Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew

4. Undermine Genuine Faith (1 Timothy 1:4)

24:43-44)