## Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 27, 2016

"Scars"

For most women who have given birth, their bodies will forever bear the marks of bringing life into the world. But they are in good company. Jesus Himself, has brought forth life by His Scars. In fact, Christ's wounds are <u>Trophies</u> of <u>His Love</u>. Have you ever seen a gash on a soldier's face? He does not see it as a disfigurement but as a badge of honor in battle.

Although some scars remind us of pain or regret, other scars take on a new kind of beauty. The Scars of Christ give us life and freedom. As <u>Isaiah</u> 53:5 puts it: "by His wounds we are healed."

Christ's scars also remind us that God can redeem all wounds, no matter the cause. Whether your scars are a result of good or bad, God can take your pain and afflictions and turn them into life. After all, the Scars of Christ's body echo a greater beauty of the One who laid down His life so that we can experience forgiveness of sins, freedom from a guilty conscience, healing from all emotional and physical pain. So allow the "scars of Christ" to turn "your ashes into beauty."

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday. Pastor Sewdin