

GOOD FRIDAY



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LUKE 23:34 (TNIV)

Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they are doing.”**

- “Father” — Jesus shows us where to _____ when we are wronged.
- “Forgive them” — Jesus shows us how to _____ when we are wronged.
- “for they do not know what they are doing” — Jesus shows us how to _____ when we’re wronged.

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP US TO FORGIVE, AS JESUS DID.”

LUKE 23:43 (TNIV)

Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you,
today you will be with me in paradise.”

- “Jesus answered him” — Jesus didn’t allow his _____ struggle to be his sole focus. People matter.
- “today you will be with me in paradise” — Jesus **helped someone** going through the _____.
- “today you will be with me in paradise” — Jesus shared the _____ God had given **Him**.
- “today you will be with me in paradise” — Jesus _____ someone into **His journey!**

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP US TO LOOK FOR OTHER PEOPLE TO HELP, AS JESUS DID.”

JOHN 19:26-27 (TNIV)

When Jesus saw his mother there,
and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby,
he said to her, **“Woman, here is your son,”**
and to the disciple, **“Here is your mother.”**
From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

- Jesus reminds us that **our** pain should not blind us to the pain of _____.
- Jesus shows us how to put the needs of **those closest to us** before our _____.
- Jesus reveals how much he wants _____ to have **a place to belong**.

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP US HELP OTHERS FIND A PLACE TO BELONG, AS JESUS DID.”

MATTHEW 27:46 (TNIV)

About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”). [PSALM 22:1]

We see what Jesus does when he is facing his worst day imaginable...

- He _____ to God.
- He speaks **God’s** _____. (PSALM 22:14-15; 69:3, 21)
- He _____ God how he feels.
- He _____ God (He is honest about how he feels, but calls out to him as **“My God”**)!

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP US TURN TO YOU WHEN WE STRUGGLE, AS JESUS DID.”

JOHN 19 (TNIV)

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished,
and so that Scripture would be fulfilled,
Jesus said, **“I am thirsty.”** [PSALM 22:14-15; 69:3, 21]

²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

We see that when Jesus is struggling...

- He _____ his thirst. (Often we try to hide it or deny it.)
- He views his circumstances **in the light of God’s** _____.
(See PSALM 22:14-15; 69:3, 21.)

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP ME TO TELL YOU WHEN I’M STRUGGLING, AS JESUS DID.”

JOHN 19:30 (TNIV)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ***“It is finished.”***
With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

- Jesus _____ what the Father had sent him to earth to do. (Often we aren't **aware of** our calling.)
- The focus of Jesus' life was to _____ **the** _____ His Father had given him.

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, MAY WE BE FAITHFUL TO THE PURPOSE YOU GAVE US, AS JESUS WAS.”

LUKE 23:46 (TNIV)

Jesus called out with a loud voice,
“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” [PSALM 31:5]
When he had said this, he breathed his last.

- Jesus placed _____ **about himself** into the Father's hands. He knew, “God's **got** this.” (See PSALM 16:1, 8-11.)
- Jesus **trusted** his Abba Father **in** _____ — including his life, his breath, and his spirit.

SO WE PRAY: “FATHER, HELP US TRUST YOU EVERY DAY...AND TO OUR FINAL BREATH, AS JESUS DID.”

