

Sin | Crucified, Dead & Buried
Mark 15:1-39; 43-47

What gets me through suffering? How do I honestly deal with shame? What motivates me to serve others?

THE CURSE OF THE CROSS

Crucifixion was “The most cruel and horrifying form of punishment”

—Cicero

“Whenever we crucify the guilty, the most crowded roads are chosen, where the most people can see and be moved by this fear,”

—Quintilian (Declamations 274)

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written: Everyone who is hung on a tree is cursed.

Deuteronomy 21:23

“You are not to leave his corpse on the tree overnight but are to bury him that day, for anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse. You must not defile the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.”

Mark 15:33-34

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land[i] until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lemá[l] sabachtháni?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

WHY WE NEED THE CROSS

Galatians 3:10

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written: Everyone who does not continue doing everything written in the book of the law is cursed.

Mark 15:15

Then, willing to gratify the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. And after having Jesus flogged, he handed Him over to be crucified.

Do you know what the word means? Attachment (Atache)=To be nailed to something.

Cal knew he had to bring Aron back, had to find him and build him back the way he had been. And this had to be done even though Cal sacrificed himself. And then the idea of sacrifice took hold of him the way it does with all guilty-feeling men. A sacrifice might reach Aron and bring him back.

—John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*

When Christ is not our center, we'll likely sacrifice for the wrong things and for the wrong reasons.

“When Christ is not at the center, all of our good intentions are swallowed up by selfishness.”

— Rosaria Butterfield

FREEDOM BEGINS BY BEING RECONCILED TO THE
FATHER THROUGH FAITH IN THE SACRIFICE OF THE SON

Romans 8:32

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He did not even spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all; how will He not also with Him grant us everything? 33 Who can bring an accusation against God's elect?

THE WAY TO WALK WITH A CROSS

Mark 15:21-22

They forced a man coming in from the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus' cross. He was Simon, a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22 And they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Skull Place).

Mark 8:34-38

“If anyone wants to be My follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me and the gospel will save it. 36 For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world yet lose his life? 37 What can a man give in exchange for his life? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

Philippians 3:7-11

But everything that was a gain to me, I have considered to be a loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of Him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them filth, so that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ[b]—the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 My goal is to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead.

Walking in the way of the cross requires Believing Repentance,
Romance, Repentance, and Obedience.

"Repentance and obedience require greater intimacy with God than with our sin. How much greater? About the size of a mustard seed. Repentance requires that we draw near to Jesus, no matter what. And sometimes we all have to crawl there on our hands and knees. Repentance is an intimate affair. And for many of us, intimacy with anything is a terrifying prospect."

—Rosaria Butterfield

‘Where are you My God?’

Thank Jesus that His sacrifice for you is sufficient. Ask Jesus:
Where am I trying to be King? How are you calling me to take
up my cross and follow you?