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Luke 23:32-43

³² And two others, two criminals, were led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they came to the place which is called Calvary, they crucified Him and the criminals there, one on *the* right, and one on *the* left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. And parting His clothing, they cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood watching. And also the rulers with them, scoffing, saying, He saved others, let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ, the chosen of God. ³⁶ And coming near, the soldiers also mocked Him, and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself. ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ And one of the hanged criminals blasphemed Him, saying, If you are Christ, save Yourself and us. ⁴⁰ But answering, the other rebuked him, saying, Do you not fear God, since *you* are in the same condemnation. ⁴¹ And we indeed justly so, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this Man has done nothing amiss. ⁴² And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

Self-righteousness: Proudly sure of one's own rightness or goodness.

Fruit:

- Pride / control
- Works / performance / striving
- Inability to receive
- Distance / walls
- judgement

II Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

I Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those being lost, but to us being saved, *it is* the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the perceiving ones." ²⁰ Where *is the* wise? Where *is the* scribe? Where *is the* lawyer of this world? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world *by* wisdom did not know God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe. ²² For the Jews ask for a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness. ²⁴ But to them, the called-out ones, both Jews and Greeks, Christ *is* the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolish thing of God is wiser than men, and the weak thing of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For you see your calling, brothers, that not many wise men according to the flesh *are called*, not many mighty, not many noble. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and God has chosen the base things of the world, and things which are despised, and things which are not, in order to bring to nothing things that are; ²⁹ so that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption; ³¹ so that, according as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in *the* Lord."

James 4:6

⁶ God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble

II Corinthians 12:9

⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" Therefore I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.