



Loved beyond pain and pride

John 8:10-11

- ¹⁰ When Jesus raised Himself up, He said to her, Woman, where are your accusers? Has no man condemned you?
- ¹¹ She answered, No one, Lord! And Jesus said, I do not condemn you either. Go on your way and from now on sin no more.

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Luke 23:33-34

- ³³ And when they came to the place which is called The Skull [Latin: Calvary; Hebrew: Golgotha], there they crucified Him, and [along with] the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.
- ³⁴ And Jesus prayed, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they divided His garments *and* distributed them by casting lots for them.

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Luke 23 39-43

- ³⁹ One of the criminals who was suspended kept up a railing at Him, saying, Are You not the Christ (the Messiah)? Rescue Yourself and us [from death]!
- ⁴⁰ But the other one reproved him, saying, Do you not even fear God, seeing you yourself are under the same sentence of condemnation *and* suffering the same penalty?

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Luke 23 44-46

- ⁴¹ And we indeed suffer it justly, receiving the due reward of our actions; but this Man has done nothing out of the way [nothing strange or eccentric or perverse or unreasonable].
- ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, *Lord*, remember me when You come in Your kingly glory!
- ⁴³ And He answered him, Truly I tell you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

What kept Jesus running the race and enduring the cross?

Sharing His heart with His Father

Luke 22: 42 & 43

- ⁴² Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done.....
- ⁴⁴ And being in an agony [of mind], He prayed [all the] more earnestly *and* intently, and His sweat became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground.

Thinking of You

Hebrews 12:2-4

- ² Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader *and* the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the **joy** [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising *and* ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Thinking of You

Hebrews 12:2-4

- ³ Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition *and* bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary *or* exhausted, losing heart *and* relaxing *and* fainting in your minds.

Thinking of You

Hebrews 12:2-4

- ⁴ You have not yet struggled *and* fought agonizingly against sin, *nor* have you yet resisted *and* withstood to the point of pouring out your [own] blood.

Jesus show us

1 Peter 2:21-25

- ²¹ For even to this were you called (it is inseparable from your vocation). For Christ also suffered for you, leaving you (His personal) example, so that you should follow in His footsteps.
- ²² He was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) ever found on His lips.

Jesus show us

1 Peter 2:21-25

²³ When He was reviled and insulted, He did not revile or offer insult in return: (when) He was abused and suffered He made no threats (of vengeance): but He trusted (Himself and everything to Him who judges fairly). ²⁴ He personally bore our sin in His (own) body on the tree (as on an altar and offered Himself on it), that we might die (cease to exist) to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Jesus show us

1 Peter 2:21-25

²⁵ For you were going astray like (so many) sheep, but now you have come back to the shepherd and Guardian (the Bishop) of your souls.

His example

God will never ask you to do something that He did not already do

John 13:34

³⁴ A new commandment I have given you, that you love one another. As I have loved you, that you also love one another.

A sacrificial type of love
Given beyond pain and pride

His example

Math 5: 43-45

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

His example

- Jesus lived a life of complete surrender to the will of the Father.
- He was obedient to the point of death
- He did not see the sin he saw the broken sinner and lead everyone that had a repentant heart willing to surrender to God to salvation.
- Jesus was more concerned with the salvation of someone than what He was feeling at that moment

We need to ask ourselves

- What happened to the passion of giving God our all?
- What happened to fighting without giving up for God and His kingdom?
- What happened to selling yourself out 100% to the Gospel of Jesus Christ not being happy with the status quo