

# Do you believe this?

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“Every cloud has a **silver lining.**”



**It Was the Worst of Days; It  
Was the Best of Days**

**What we can learn from Good Friday.**

# Good Friday

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## Worst of Days

- Jesus knew what awaited Him that day.
- Jesus was scared and ask His father for help.
- Our Savior was alone to face His innocent death.
- Jesus died an incredibly cruel death.

## Best of Days

- God's plan of salvation was fulfilled.
- Jesus showed the depth of our Father's love and His love for us.
- Our sins have been forgiven.
- Gates of heaven are open.
- We are saved!

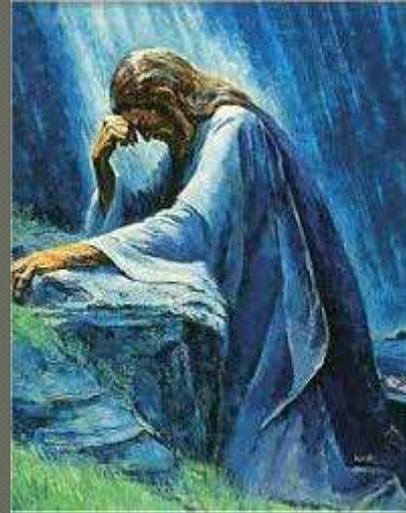
# Lesson from Good Friday

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- Let God's will be done.
- We are never given more than we can handle.
- Be ready to help.
- Kind words go a long way.
- Saying "no" can be a great act of love.

# Let God's Will be Done

- <sup>41</sup> He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22: 41-42



# Let God's Will be Done

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- Jesus knew what awaited Him.
- He knew the physical, mental and emotional pain that He was going to experience.
- Jesus also knew he was doing His Father's will.
- Trusted God would see Him through.

# Let God's Will be Done

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- God knows what we are going through.
- He hears our concerns and prayers.
- God answers our prayers according to His will.
- God may not give the answer we are hoping for or what we think is right.
- Do we trust that His response is the best for us?

# We are never given more than we can handle.

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- <sup>63</sup> The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. Luke 22: 63
- Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. Luke 23: 1
- <sup>21</sup> But they kept shouting, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Luke 23: 21
- <sup>32</sup> Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23: 32-33

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- Jesus faced the people who wanted to kill Him, the mock trial and the crucifixion alone.
- God gave Jesus the strength to get through and complete His mission.
- Do we believe that God gives us that same strength?

# Sid Ortis

- Fifteen year-old diagnosed with bone cancer.
- Battled cancer for 15 months until his death.
- Sid's courage and faith was evident in his certainty that everything would be okay regardless of his outcome: ***“either way I win,” he often said, referring to remaining here with family and friends or going on to heaven.”***



# Be Ready to Help

- <sup>26</sup> As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. Luke 23: 26



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- Simon was not expecting to carry a cross that day.
- He probably just wanted to watch.
- He witnessed and heard all that was said and done to Jesus.
- Simon ended up helping his Savior.
- Are we ready to help?
- When someone is in need, do we just want to be a spectator?
- Are we willing to help someone bear their cross?
- *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”*  
Matt 25: 40

# Kind Words Go a Long Way

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- <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”
- <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”
- <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”
- <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
- <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23: 39-43

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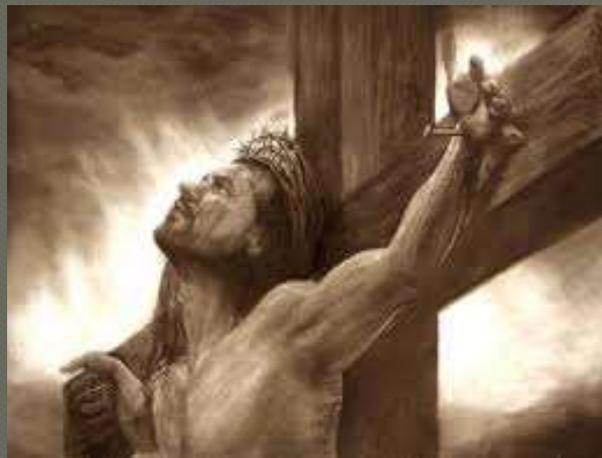
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- People who are under verbal attack want to hear some kind words.
- The only kind words Jesus heard that day were from an unlikely source.
- The thief's good words towards Jesus gave him an eternity in paradise.
- *...but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1Timothy 4: 12*
- Is there someone who needs a kind word?
- Are we willing to be the person to speak it?

# Saying “no” can be a great act of love.

- <sup>34</sup> And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

- Mark 15: 34



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- In the garden, God said “no” to Jesus’ request.
- Jesus felt abandoned by His Father.
- God’s love for Jesus never changed.
- “No” does not mean a lack of love.
- “No” can mean a great deal of care and concern.
- “No” can lead to great things.

# Most Important Lesson from Good Friday

- <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3: 16

