

The Decision to be a Disciple is...






Every disciple is a
believer...

but not every believer
is necessarily a
disciple.

Jesus Chooses
disciples of *Quality*
over people in
Quantity.



Disciples love
Jesus more than
anyone else in
their lives.

The Second Requirement of Discipleship:

*Disciples Choose to
Carry a Cross.*



And if you do not carry
your own cross and
follow me, you cannot
be my disciple.

(Luke 14:27, NLT)

What the Cross Is...





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“For the message of
the cross is
foolishness to those
who are perishing,
but to those who are
being saved it is the
power of God.”

(1st Corinthians 1:18)



What the Cross Is...

“...only by dying
could he break the
power of the devil,
who had the power
of death.”

(Hebrews 2:14, NLT)

What the Cross Is...

The cross is that life-change
that scares you the most.



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If you're a disciple of Jesus you'll
ask him to reveal your cross...



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If you're a disciple of Jesus you'll
ask him to reveal your cross...
and then you'll pick it up.



What the Cross Does...





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“This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.”

(1st Corinthians 1:25)

What the Cross Does...

**The cross turns
weakness into power.**

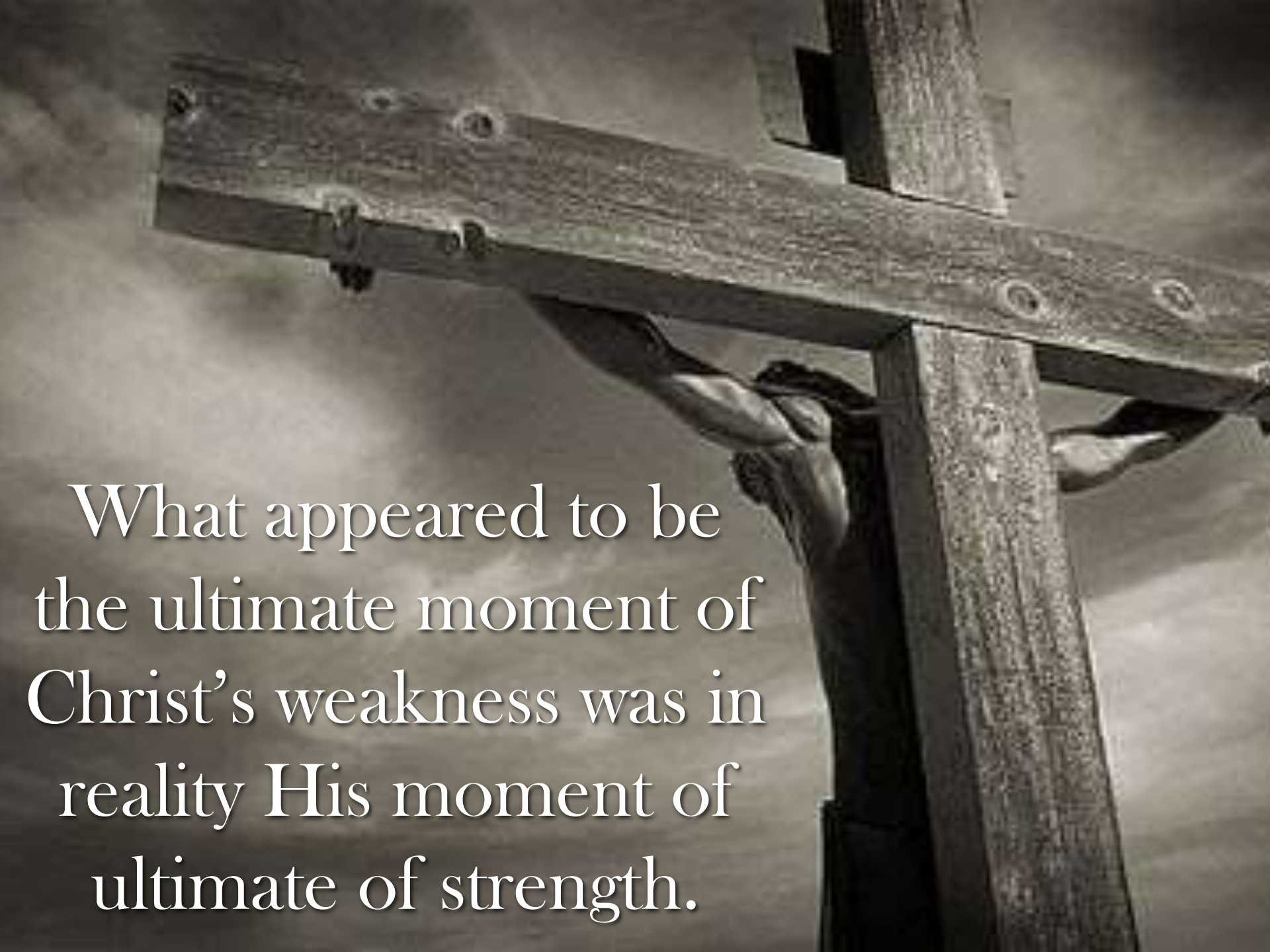




Moses asked the Lord for help, and the Lord told him to throw a piece of wood into the water. Moses did so, and the water became fit to drink.

(Exodus 15:25, CEV)





What appeared to be
the ultimate moment of
Christ's weakness was in
reality His moment of
ultimate of strength.

What God Did For the
Cross, He Can Do for *You*





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“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.”

(1st Corinthians 1:27)



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It's not that God
used the cross in
spite of its
weakness – he
chose the cross
because of its
weakness.



What God Did For the Cross,
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“Therefore I will
boast all the more
gladly about my
weaknesses, so that
Christ’s power may
rest on me.”

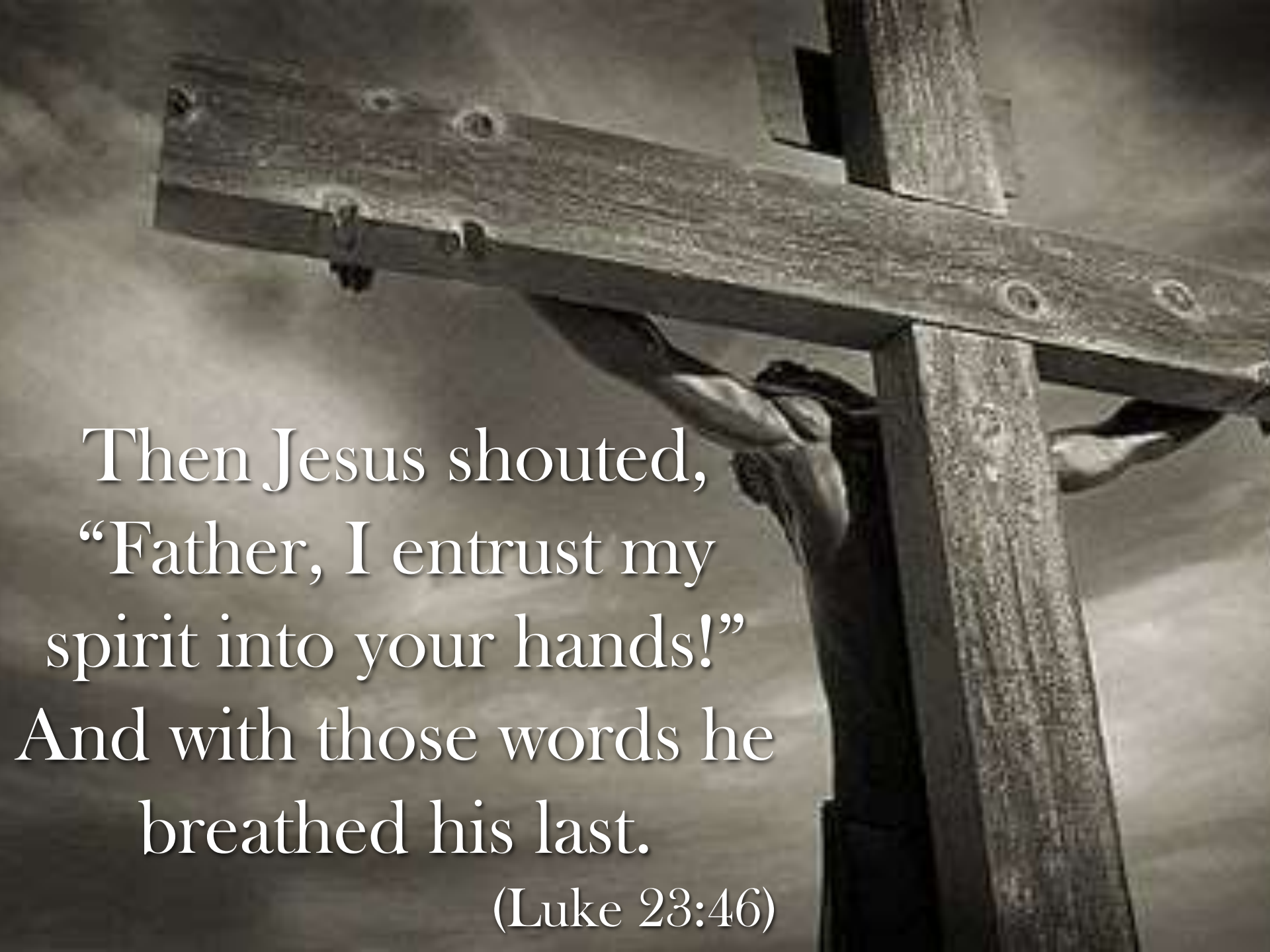
(2 Corinthians 12:9)



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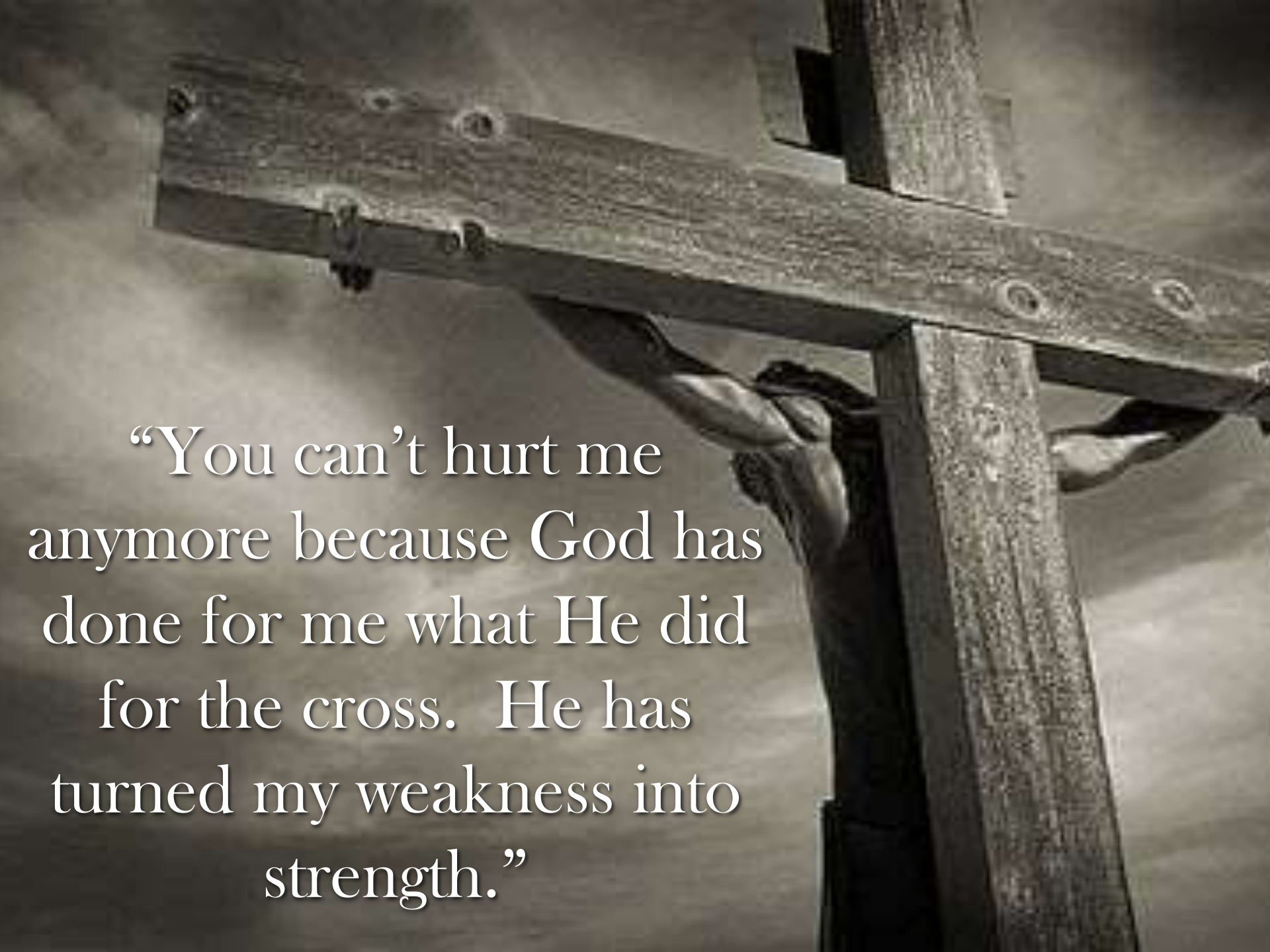
“That is why, for
Christ’s sake, I delight
in weaknesses, in
insults, in hardships, in
persecutions, in
difficulties. For when I
am weak, then I am
strong.”

(2 Corinthians 12:10)



Then Jesus shouted,
“Father, I entrust my
spirit into your hands!”
And with those words he
breathed his last.

(Luke 23:46)



“You can’t hurt me
anymore because God has
done for me what He did
for the cross. He has
turned my weakness into
strength.”

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❖ *What does God want?*

To turn your weakness into His glory.

Let's Pray

