



"Woman, Here Is Your Son"

Seven lessons from the cross

Take care of the people who depend on you. In addition to losing her son, Mary was also losing His protective "covering" in a society where women were often treated as second-class citizens after the family males died. So as well as coping with her grief as a mother, Mary may have been wondering what the future held for her. Jesus recognized that. In the midst of the chaos, when He saw her and "the disciple he loved standing near...He said to his mother, "Woman, here is our son.' Then to the disciple, 'Here is your mother,'" When the other disciples fled in fear, John followed Jesus all the way to Calvary. Then he went even further. The Bible tells us (and history confirms it) that once Jesus committed Mary to his care, John fulfilled that charge, and "From that moment...accepted her as his own mother" (Jn 19:26-27 TM).

Here's what we learn from this. Never let your own suffering blind you to the needs of those who depend on you. When you're enmeshed in your own problems it's easy to assume that your loved ones automatically understand where you're coming from. Not necessarily. While it's okay to let them help, never "dump your stuff" on them, or expect them to suffer because you're suffering. The Bible says, "Do not let selfishness...be your guide...give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but...in the lives of others" (Php 2:3-4 NCV). Jesus was always more concerned with other people's needs than His own - and we should take our cue from Him. (taken from *The Word for You Today*)

Did you Know?

Staying in covenant with God includes: Being in church with other believers, tithing, being baptized and participating in Holy Communion! When we do not keep our covenant with God we weaken our faith, and deprive the church body of your gifts!

Daily Bible Reading

Thursday—Jesus Is Arrested, Disciples Desert. (Mark 14:46-52)

Friday—Jesus Declares His Is The Messiah. (Mark 14:53-65)

Saturday—Crowd Demands Barabbas' Release, Jesus' Death. (Mark 6-15)

Sunday— Jesus Has Been Raised. (Matthew 28:1-6)

Monday— Go Quickly And Tell. (Matthew 28:7-15)

Tuesday—Jesus Stood Among The Disciples. (John 20:19-23)

Wednesday—Death No Longer Has Dominion. (Romans 6:4-11)

Prayer Request

- Keep Rev. Solomon and his family in your prayers with the loss of his brother.
- Keep Christ Chapel of So. Colorado and the pastors in your prayers during a time of transition.
- Keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as well as all the aid workers.

- Keep Chris, Chuck and the family members who are currently living with them in your prayers.
- Keep our President and leaders in your prayers.
- Keep the employment and financial welfare of our congregation in your prayer.

If you have prayer request you would like to have included please hit reply & they will be included in the next devotion/prayer list.



February 28, 2010 Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 am at 27627 John R Rd Madison Heights MI 48071 (N. of 11 Mile in Farnum Plaza

February 28, 2010 Sunday Night Live

June 25-27, 2010 Expanding the Kingdom 2010! Mark your calendars! This year's Theme "Worshippers Arise...surrender to the King".

Ongoing:

Bible study at church at 7:00 pm each Wednesday, we will be continuing our study on the book of James.

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