



Welcome to our Virtual Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025

Hope, Suffering, & Redemption

WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY...



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How should we as believers live, respond, and overcome during seasons of pain & divine testing



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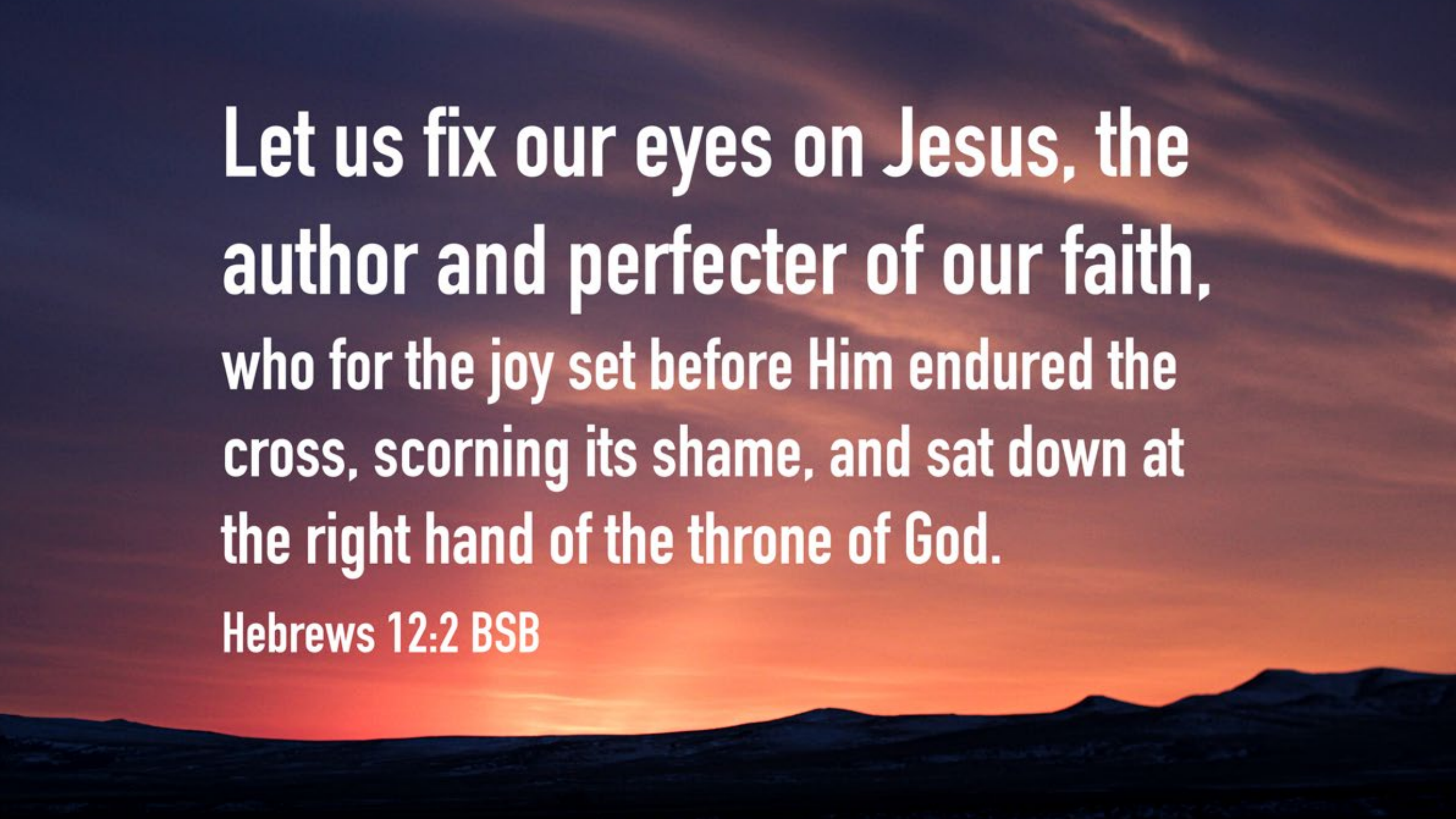


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- Week 3: Where do we find hope

**God does His
greatest work in
the darkest places.**





**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the
author and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy set before Him endured the
cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at
the right hand of the throne of God.**

Hebrews 12:2 BSB

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TONIGHT'S FOCUS

How do we find lasting hope in the midst of suffering in a way that keeps our eyes fixed on Christ and our hearts anchored in the power of the Cross?

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The Cross Shows That God Uses Suffering for Salvation

The Cross reminds us that God never wastes pain but rather transforms it into purpose.

What feels like breaking is often the birthplace of blessing, proving that even in our deepest suffering, God is still writing redemption into our story.

Isaiah 53:3-5

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.







Jesus faced:
Rejection
Betrayal
false accusation
Humiliation
Loneliness
physical agony

Not My Will, But Your Will Be Done

Luke 22:42



For I consider that the sufferings of this
present time are not worth comparing
with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

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The Cross reminds us that pain always carries purpose. What feels like breaking is really God building something greater in us. He never wastes our wounds. He works through them to bring redemption and strength. Our suffering is not a setback; it is the soil where resurrection begins to grow.

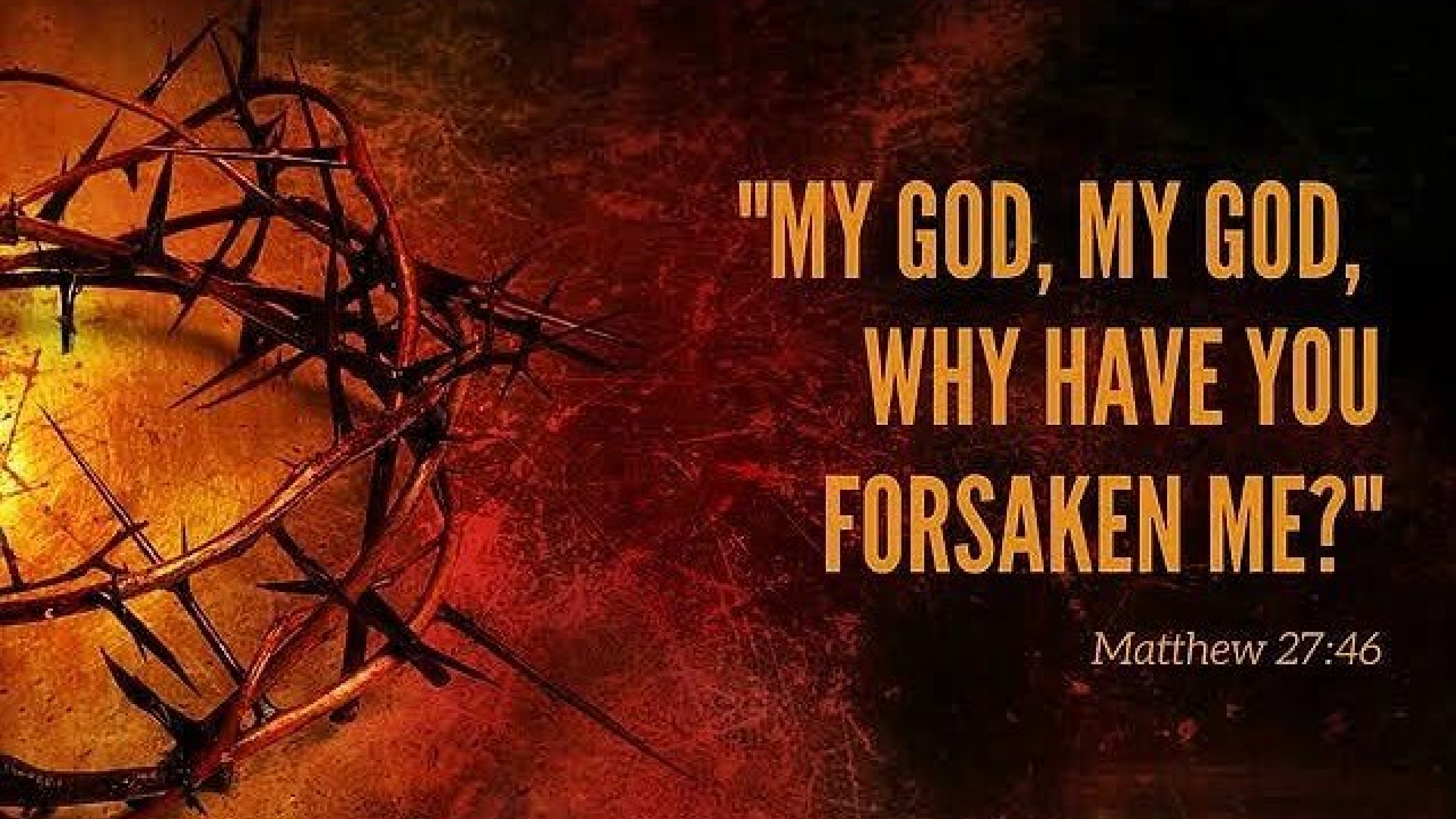
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The Cross Proves God Is Present in Our Pain

The Cross is the ultimate proof that God doesn't stand distant from our pain but rather steps into it with us. Christ's suffering reveals a Savior who understands every wound, assuring us that we are never alone, even in our darkest moments.

For we do not have a high priest who is
unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been
tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

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**"MY GOD, MY GOD,
WHY HAVE YOU
FORSAKEN ME?"**

Matthew 27:46

Before The Cross...



Luke 22:41-44 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, **take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.**" ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:17-18

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The Cross confirms that God is not absent when we are hurting. He is right there in the middle of our pain, holding us when everything else seems uncertain. We are not forgotten, not forsaken, and not walking alone. His presence is our proof, and His faithfulness is what keeps us steady through every storm.

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The Cross Turns Suffering Into Victory

The Cross shows that what looks like defeat in our lives can become God's greatest victory. Through Christ, pain becomes purpose, and every season of suffering becomes a setup for resurrection power to be revealed.



But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20



No, despite all these things,
overwhelming victory is ours
through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:37

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The Cross reminds us that what looks like defeat is already victory in the making. What was meant to destroy us is becoming our testimony. God turns every loss into a stage for His glory. The Cross assures us that our story will not end in pain. It will end in power and in the victory that Christ has already secured for us.

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The Cross Calls Us to Endure With Hope

The Cross teaches us to endure not in despair but in expectation. As we fix our eyes on Christ, we find the strength to keep walking, knowing that every trial we face is producing glory that will far outweigh the pain.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- 2 Corinthians 4:17 (KJV) -





For you have need of endurance, so
that when you have done the will of
God you may receive what is promised.

Hebrews 10:36

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Endure With Hope

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The Cross teaches us to keep moving forward with endurance and expectation. Endurance is not weakness; it is faith in motion. Waiting is not wasted when Christ is working within us. We can hold our ground, keep our faith, and lift our eyes toward Him. Resurrection is coming, and victory is already written over our lives.



QUESTIONS,
COMMENTS,
or COMMENTARY

