

THE 3 DAYS OF EASTER

EASTER 2019

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FRIDAY: THE DAY OF PAIN

Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested. Hebrews 2:18

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:2-4

What Do I Do In Days Of Pain?

- **Reach out to** _____

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray. ...He became anguished distressed. He told them, 'My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death.'" Matthew 26:36 NLT

- **Reach out to** _____

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Mark 14:35-36

The Gethsemane Model: 3 things to pray when in pain

Affirm God's power: I know everything is possible for you.

Express your desire: I don't want this pain, take it away.

Offer your trust: Yet I want your will in my life.

SATURDAY: THE DAY OF CONFUSION

Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me."
Matthew 26:31 NLT

"At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled."
Matthew 26:56 NLT

How Do I Get Through Days Of Confusion?

- _____ **God One Day At A Time**

You will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me... but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy.

John 16:20-23 NLT

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you! For I am the Lord, your God, your Savior!" Isaiah 43:2-3 NLT

SUNDAY: THE DAY OF JOY

How Do I Get To The Days Of Joy?

- **Rely on the resurrection** _____ **of Jesus**

"Jesus said, 'I AM the resurrection and the life! The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.' John 11:25-26

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9 NLT

* All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted