

Passion as Suffering

The Way of Jesus



“Tragedy awakens passion in a way that times of calm and blessing, pleasure and joy, cannot. The word passion comes from a Latin root that means “suffering.” It implies intense emotion that energizes a person to move.” – Dan Allender

passion-

**a willingness to suffer for
what you love**

John 12:22-25

²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



"Jesus said, put your hands into my wounds and you will know who I am. The wounds of Christ are His identity, they tell us who He is. Jesus did not lose them.

Rising did not remove them. He who broke the bonds of death kept His wounds. As I rise, I bare my wounds. My rising does not remove them. If you want to know who I am, put your hand in."

Nicolas Walterstorf, Lament for a Son



The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18 niv

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

“Redemption is God bringing good out of bad, leading us to wholeness, and the experience of God’s amazing power. Redemption means that out of our greatest pain, can come our most profound personal mission in life.” *Living From the Heart Jesus Gave You*, various authors

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"to repair with gold"; the art of repairing pottery with gold or silver lacquer and understanding that the piece is more beautiful for having been broken.

“With 20/20 hindsight, we can see that the most important lessons we have learned in life are the result of God’s severe mercies. They are events that were difficult or even excruciating at the time but later came to yield more good in our lives than we could have foreseen.”

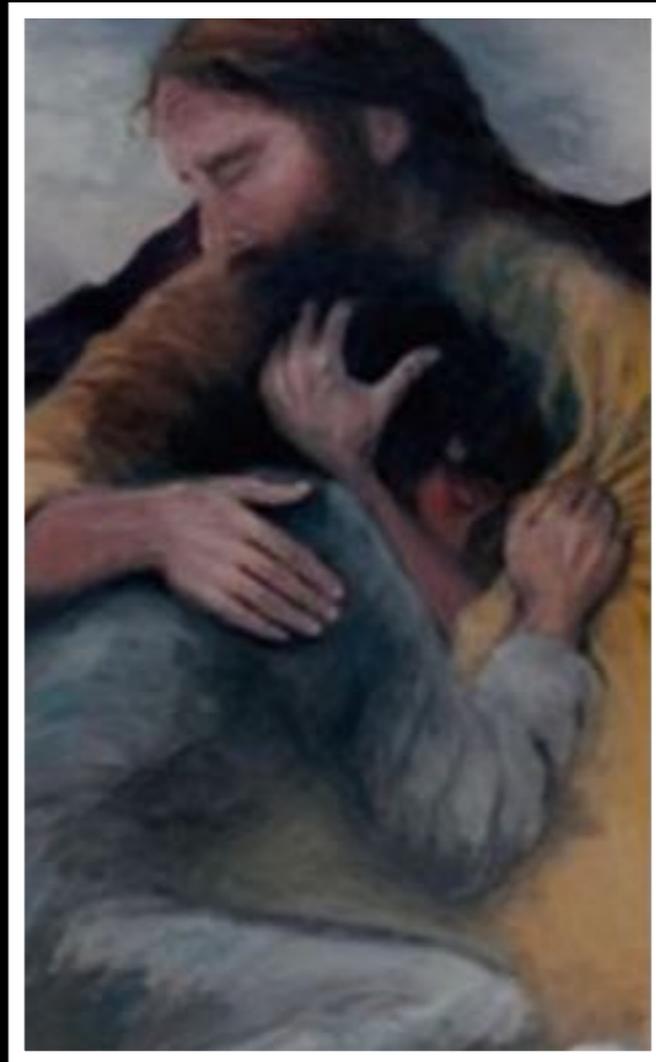
Tim Keller, *The Prodigal Prophet*

Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus in the Garden

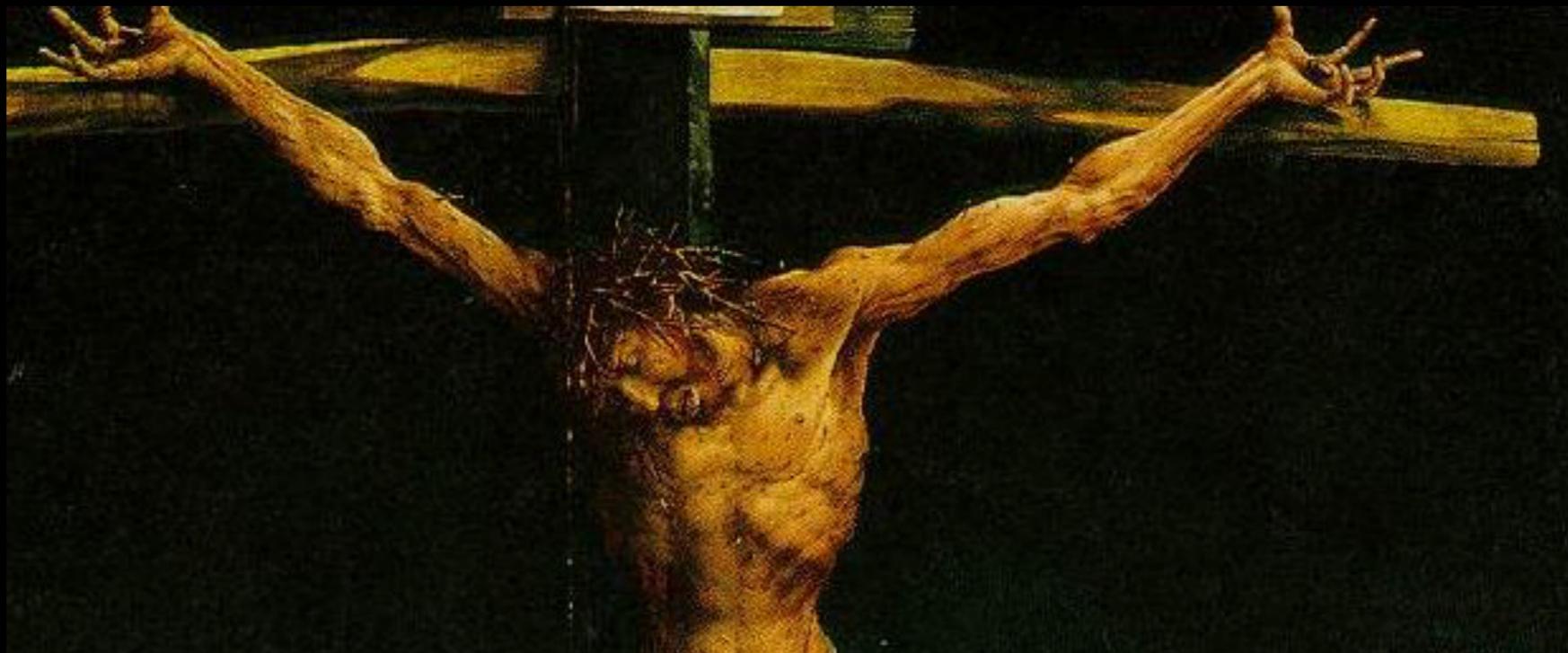


“Questions, pain, and stabbing anger can be poured out to the Intimate One and he will not be damaged; For we beat on His chest from within the circle of his arms...”



“[Jesus] so graced the ugly instrument on which he died that the cross has become the most widely exhibited and recognized symbol on earth.”

Dallas Willard



**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

Pain redeemed can be the
source of your most powerful
ministry.



