

# JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

## STATION 6: "Peace: The Gift of Jesus"

The cluster of windows in front of you has two images that claim our attention...a cross with lilies, a cross perched on a rock in the midst of a raging sea. Each of these is an invitation to peace in the midst of a troubled world.

In the Gospel of Luke, chapter 12, Jesus said, "I tell you, don't worry about everyday life-- whether you have enough food to eat or clothes to wear. Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing. Yet Solomon in all his splendor was not dressed as beautifully as they."

On several occasions in the Gospels, the followers of Jesus find themselves in the midst of terrifying storms. On one occasion, Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. In another instance, Jesus calms the storm with a command. The disciples are amazed, saying "Who is this man, that even the winds and waves obey him!?"

He is the Son of God. He is the Rock!

God loves to provide for you, and He always will provide for you. Even if he doesn't calm the storm, He will be the rock on which you can find shelter and strength in the midst of the wind and waves.

When we are troubled by lack of resources or answers or direction...when hearts are troubled with shame or fear, God says clearly to us. "Don't worry. Stop being anxious and just trust me."

Take a moment and think about the things that cause you to worry. Perhaps you're in the midst of a stormy circumstance in life and something that feels especially out of control!

Take one of the small papers and a pen from the table in front of the window. Ask God to reveal the worries and troubles that are most threatening to your peace right now, and write down those worries as they come to mind.

Now, turn the list into a prayer. Surrender your worries and storms specifically to God's care. As an act of surrender, fold your paper and place it into the box on the table. Ask God to help you trust Him to provide and be with you in the storms of this moment. When you are ready, move to station number 7.