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## Easter 2024

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday

*“That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them ‘Peace be with you,’ He said. As He spoke, He showed them the wounds in His hands and His side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!”*  
*John 20:19-20 (NLT)*



#### 1. FRIDAYS – Days of Fear & Pain

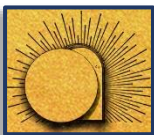
- What should I do on Fearful Fridays? Reach out to **FRIENDS** and reach out to **GOD**.

*“Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and He said, ‘Sit here while I go over there to pray.’ He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and He became **anguished** and **distressed**. He told them, ‘My soul is **crushed with grief** to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me.’”*  
*Matthew 26:36-38 (NLT)*

*“He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting Him might pass Him by. ‘Abba, Father,’ He cried out, ‘**everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not mine.**’”* *Mark 14:35-36 (NLT)*

#### The Gethsemane Prayer Pray Like Jesus Prayed

1. Remember God’s power: Nothing is too hard for You!
2. Tell Him what you want: Please take this away.
3. Yield and trust: I want Your will, not mine.



#### 2. SATURDAYS – Days of Confusion & Grief

- What should I do on Sad Saturdays? **HOLD ON** to God’s promises.

*“Then Jesus told them, ‘Before the night’s over, you’re going to **fall to pieces** because of what happens to Me.’”*  
*Matthew 26:31 (MSG)*

*“...Then all the disciples **deserted** Him and **fled**.”* *Matthew 26:56 (NIV)*

*"In a little while you won't see Me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see Me again...I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to Me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, 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 16:16, 20-22 (NLT)*

- **Jesus told the disciples what was going to happen. They just FORGOT.**

*"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ..." 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)*

*"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, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..." Isaiah 43:2-3 (NLT)*



### **3. SUNDAYS – Days of Victory & Joy**

- **How do I get to Sunny Sundays? BELIEVE and ABIDE in Jesus!**

*"...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 (NIV)*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who **abides in Me**, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away like a branch and is dried up. Such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:5-6 (TLV)*

## **Where do I start?**

### **A - Admit**

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23 (NLT)*

### **B - Believe**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)*

### **C - Commit**

*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow Me.'" Matthew 16:24 (NLT)*