

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE CROSS?

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INTRODUCTION

- WELCOME TO FIRST WEEK OF FOUNDATIONAL TRACK.
- HAVING A STRONG FAITH IS CRUCIAL TO OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.
 - TOSSED AROUND BY DIFFERENT TEACHINGS.
 - STRONG FOUNDATION WILL MAKES US STAY ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN JESUS.
 - LIFE AND DEATH THINGS BECOME NON LIFE AND DEATH (FIND THE WORD!).
- TONIGHT, I WANT TO START OUR DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY BY BRINGING YOU ALL TO THE CROSS OF JESUS.
 - CHRISTIANITY IS OFTEN SYMBOLISED WITH "THE CROSS"
 - BUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE CROSS?
 - WHAT DOES THE DEATH OF A JEWISH BOY 2000 YEARS AGO GOT TO DO WITH MY SALVATION.
 - WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE CROSS? THAT APOSTLE PAUL SAID "WITHOUT THE CROSS OUR FAITH IS NOTHING"
 - THE CROSS IS THE CENTRAL TRUTH OF CHRISTIAN FAITH.

1. THE CROSS PAID FOR MY SINS

- **"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"- Romans 3:23**
- **THE PRICE OF SIN IS ETERNAL DEATH, THE PRICE OF ENTRY TO HEAVEN IS ABSOLUTE PERFECTION.**
 - **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23**
 - ITS NOT LIKE MOST CARTOON MOVIES THAT TOLD US ADA TIMBANGAN, GOOD WORKS VS BAD WORKS.
 - THERE IS NO AMOUNT OF GOOD WORKS IS ENOUGH TO SAVE US!
 - THERE IS NO AMOUNT OF GIVING TO THE POOR IS ENOUGH TO SAVE US!
 - BEING A GOOD BLOKE JUST WON'T CUT IT.
 - COMING TO CHURCH, SERVING GOD, GIVING TO THE OFFERING BUCKET JUST WON'T CUT IT.
 - THE PRICE OF ENTRY TO HEAVEN IS ABSOLUTE PERFECTION, AND NOT ONE OF US IS!
 - **SO HOW? WE ARE DOOMED!**
 - THROUGH OUT THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, ALL OF US HAVE TRIED TO SEEK "RELIEFS" FROM SIDE AFFECTS/THE DAMAGES THAT IS CAUSED BY SIN.
 - THE MENTAL, THE EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL DAMAGES, THE GUILT, THE SHAME THAT WE MUST CARRY BECAUSE OF SIN.
 - WE DO THIS THROUGH PHILOSOPHIES, ESCAPE THROUGH DRUGS, MAGIC, DENIALS, HOPPING FROM AND TO RELATIONSHIPS **THINKING** THAT ALL THESE CAN GIVE US RELIEFS OF THESE SIDE EFFECTS.
 - BUT WE HAVE TRIED ALL THESE TO NO AVAIL, BECAUSE THESE "SOLUTIONS" ARE JUST TRYING TO DEAL WITH SYMPTOMS OF SINS.
 - BUT NONE OF THESE 'SOLUTIONS' CAN DO WHAT ONLY THE CROSS OF JESUS CAN DO.
 - THE CROSS OF JESUS NOT ONLY DEAL WITH THE SYMPTOMS OF SIN, **BUT IT UPROOT THE ROOT CAUSE OF IT ALL**
 - **ONLY THE CROSS OF JESUS CAN BREAKS THE POWER OF SIN FROM MY LIFE ONCE AND FOR ALL.**
- **WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE CROSS?!!!!**
 - **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God 2 Corinthians 5:21**
 - New Living Translation **For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin**
 - THERE WAS A **TRADE** THAT HAPPENED AND WHAT A TRADE THAT WAS!
 - **THE CROSS OF JESUS PAID FOR MY SINS**
 - AT THE CROSS OUR SINLESS SAVIOUR JESUS HAD ALL OUR SINS PLACED UPON HIM, SO ALL GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS PLACED UPON US.
 - **THE SINLESS ONE TOOK ON THE FACE OF A SINNER SO WE SINNERS COULD TAKE ON THE FACE OF A SAINT.**
 - AND BECAUSE OF THAT:
 - WE WHO **FORMERLY HIS ENEMIES**, WE ARE NOW **AT PEACE WITH GOD**
 - WE WHO **ONCE ALIENATED/SEPARATED FROM GOD** BECAUSE OF OUR SINS, WE ARE NOW **RECONCILED TO GOD**
 - WE WHO **FORMERLY GUILTY, SINNERS, AND HEADED TO LIFE IN ETERNITY IN HELL**, BUT BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE NOW FIND OURSELVES 'WITHOUT BLEMISH AND FREE FROM ACCUSATIONS' IN GOD'S SIGHT.
 - OH CMON HOW MANY OF YOU THANKFUL FOR THE CROSS!
- **"WHY CAN'T HE JUST GIVE US PARDON, WHY DID JESUS HIMSELF HAD TO DIE ON THE CROSS?"**
 - WHAT JESUS DID ON THAT CROSS, JESUS TOOK EVERY SIN OF THE WORLD AND POURED IT ALL ON HIS PERFECT SON, JESUS CHRIST, WHO VOLUNTEERED TO DO IT. IT IS WHY HE CAME TO EARTH
 - WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU ON THE CROSS IS CALLED **"SUBSTITUTION"**
 - IF JESUS HADN'T BEEN YOUR SUBSTITUTE, THEN WE WOULD'VE HAD TO PAY FOR OUR OWN SINS.
 - JESUS DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THEM, SO HE CLIMBED ON THAT CROSS TO BE YOUR SUBSTITUTION, JESUS SATISFIED THE LAW. HE DID WHAT JUSTICE DEMAND.
 - EVERY SINS MUST BE PAID FOR!
 - IT WASN'T EASY FOR JESUS. IN FACT, IT WAS A **TORTURE**.
 - YOU KNOW YOU FEEL SO GUILTY OVER **ONE SIN** (WHEN YOU LIED TO YOUR PARENTS, WHEN YOU DID WHAT YOU WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO).
 - HOW WOULD YOU FEEL WHEN YOU HAVE TO CARRY THE GUILT OVER EVERY SIN THAT WAS DONE IN THE WORLD? EVERY SINS DONE IN SECRET, EVERY HORRIFIC ACT EVER DONE IN THE WORLD, THAT WOULD BE MENTAL, PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL TORTURE!
 - On the cross, Jesus cried out, **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46 NIV).**
 - He was not just experiencing physical agony. He was experiencing the torment of being separated from his Father.
 - A God who is holy could not stand even to look at his Son, full of the sins of the world. Can you imagine what this cost Jesus?
 - **BUT HE WAS WILLING TO GO THROUGH THAT PAIN BECAUSE HE WANTED YOU TO HAVE A WAY BACK TO THE FATHER, HE WANTED YOU TO HAVE A FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.**
 - SOMEBODY HAD TO TAKE THAT PUNISHMENT, AND JESUS TOOK THAT PUNISHMENT FOR YOU.
 - JESUS BECAME YOUR SUBSTITUTE SO THAT, WHEN GOD LOOKS AT YOU, HE DOESN'T SEE YOUR SIN, HE SEES THE RIGHTEOUS JESUS WHEN HE SEES YOU.
 - **AND BECAUSE OF THE CROSS, YOU CAN EXPERIENCE BOTH ETERNAL LIFE AND PURPOSEFUL LIFE HERE ON EARTH.**
 - **THE CROSS PAID IT ALL.**

2. THE CROSS SET ME FREE!

- **We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us.' Romans 6:6 (NCV)**
- This is great news, especially because our natural inclination is to do the wrong thing.
- **Struggling with Sin**

So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.

I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate.

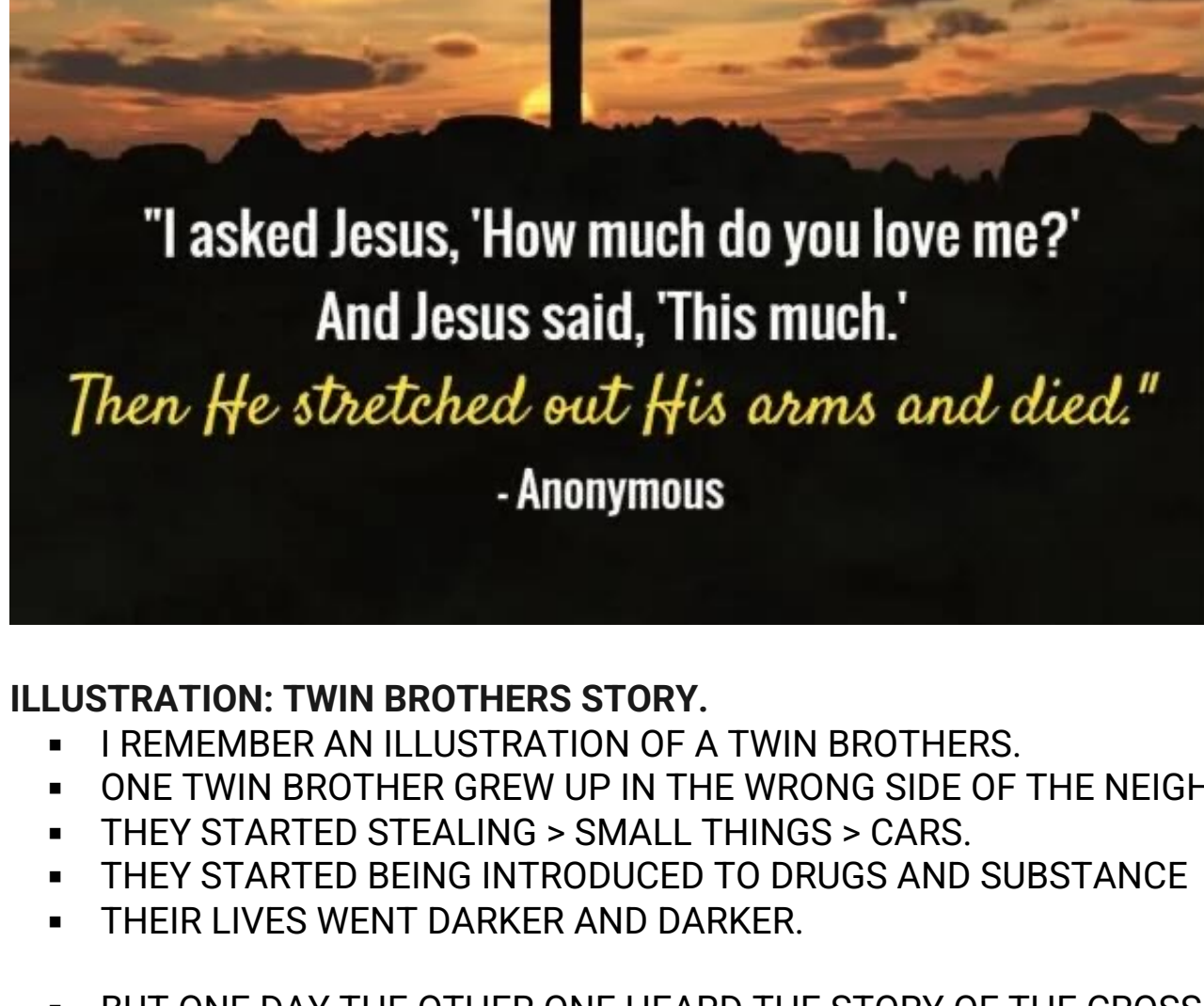
...And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

...But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 7:14-25
- **BEFORE THE CROSS, WE WERE 'A SLAVE TO SIN'.**
 - BEFORE THE CROSS, SIN WAS OUR MASTER, WE WERE THE SLAVE.
 - SLAVE DOES WHAT THE MASTER SAYS. "GO THERE" "DO THIS" "NOW!"
 - SLAVE HAS NO SAY WHAT HE WANTS TO DO. SLAVE DOES WHAT THE MASTER SAYS.
 - THAT'S WHY PAUL SAID 'I WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT I CAN'T.'
 - 'I KNOW THIS IS WRONG AND IM NOT SUPPOSED TO DO IT, BUT I CAN'T' MY SINFUL NATURE IS SO STRONG!
 - NO MATTER HOW GREAT MY WILL POWER IS, NO WILL POWER CAN OVERCOME THE POWER OF SIN THAT IS STILL DOMINATING MY LIFE!
 - OOOOH THIS IS MISERABLE, WHOOOO WILL FREE ME FROM THIS LIFE????!
- **THE ANSWER THAT YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR CAN BE FOUND IN THE CROSS!**
 - WHAT JESUS DID ON THAT CROSS FOR YOU BROKE THE GRIP OF SIN IN OUR LIVES!!!
 - IT BROKE "THE CHAIN" OF SIN IN OUR LIVE.
 - AFTER THE CROSS....
 - WHEN THE OLD MASTER SAID 'DO THIS!', YOU SAID "HANG ON, YOU ARE NO LONGER MY MASTER!"
 - WHEN THE OLD MASTER SAID 'NOOOOO!!!, SLAVE DO YOU WHAT I SAY YOU WOULD DO, YOU ARE WHAT I SAY YOU WOULD BE'
 - **YOU CAN SAY.....'LISTEN UP YOU DEVIL, THE CROSS HAS SET ME FREE!**
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 - **YOUR ADDICTION HAS NO MORE POWER OVER MY LIFE!**
 - **YOUR DEPRESSION HAS NO MORE POWER OVER MY MIND!**
 - **YOUR SICKNESS HAS NO MORE POWER OVER MY BODY!**
 - **YOU CAN TAKE ALL OF THAT AND GO TO HELL WHERE YOU CAME FROM....THE CROSS SETS US FREEEEEE!!!**
- **PASTOR, DOES THIS MEAN AFTER TONIGHT, I WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN PERFECTION? SINLESS LIFE?**
 - I WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE BIT OF TIME HERE IN THIS TOPIC, BECAUSE I GREW UP LIVING IN GUILT.
 - HOW COME AFTER MY SALVATION, I STILL FELL INTO SIN?
 - WILL I LOSE MY SALVATION?!
 - NO ONE CAN ACHIEVE PERFECTION ON THIS EARTH.
 - BUT WHILST A PERSON CANNOT ACHIEVE PERFECTION, THE CROSS GIVES US THE THIRST FOR IT!
 - THE CROSS HAS THE POWER TO CREATE IN A PERSON THE LOVE AND THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS GOOD, TRUE, PURE, RIGHT IN THE EYES OF GOD.
 - **NO AMOUNT OF LAW CAN PRODUCE THIS KIND OF HEART.**
 - NO AMOUNT OF THREATS OF PUNISHMENTS CAN EVER MAKE ME WANT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT.
 - 'ILL DO IT OUT OF FEAR!, BUT YOU CAN'T FORCE ME TO 'WANT' TO OBEY'
 - NO AMOUNT OF SELF-DISCIPLINE OR WILL POWER CAN MAKE A PERSON LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - BUT THE CROSS OF JESUS GIVES US THE DESIRE IN THE HUMAN'S HEART.
 - **HOW?**
 - THE MOMENT I LOOK BACK TO THE CROSS AND SEE JESUS' SACRIFICE FOR ME, I SEE FOR THE FIRST TIME HOW MUCH HE LOVES ME.
 - WHEN I SEE THE CROSS, I SEE A GOD WHO TOOK UPON HIMSELF ALL MY SINS, ALL MY PUNISHMENT FOR THE SIN THAT I COMMITTED, WHICH I DESERVED TO BE PUNISHED!
 - HE TOOK ALL OF THAT UPON HIMSELF.
 - THIS REVELATION AWAKENS IN ME THE DESIRE TO DO WHATS PLEASING TO HIM.
 - **For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.- Romans 7:5-6**
 - IN THE SAME WAY I CRAVED AFTER PLEASURES OF SIN, AFTER THE CROSS I HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THE WORLD THAT WIL CHANGE A PERSON'S APPEARANCE, EVEN HIS STATE OF MIND, BUT **ONLY THE CROSS OF JESUS HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE A PERSON'S HEART.**
 - BEFORE THE CROSS, I DESIRED TO DO WHAT PLEASE ME, WHAT SERVES ME, BUT AFTER SEEING THAT CROSS.....I HAVE THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT PLEASE HIM, THE GOD WHO GAVE IT ALL FOR ME.
 - YOU NO LONGER NEED TO RELY ON YOUR OWN WILL POWER
 - NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO FACE TODAY, THIS WEEK OR THIS YEAR, YOU WON'T FACE IT ALONE.
 - HE IS WITH YOU, HE IS IN YOU AND HE IS FOR YOU.
 - **"God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him" (NLT). Philippians 2:13**
 - The word "working" in Greek is the word energos, from which we get our word "energy." God is the energy driver in your life. You're not just going on willpower. You're not just going on your own power. God says he will give you the power you need, no matter what you're facing.

3. THE CROSS IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF HIS LOVE FOR ME. (WORSHIP UP)

- **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but shall have everlasting life." John 3:16**
- ON THAT CROSS, JESUS REVEALED WHAT TRUE LOVE IS.
- **THIS TRUE LOVE IS NOT THIS ROMANTIC FEELINGS.**
- TRUE LOVE IS MORE THAN JUST A FEELING, ITS MUCH MORE THAN WORDS, IT INVOLVES ACTION.
- AND JESUS SHOWED THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF HIS LOVE FOR YOU AND ME, BY SACRIFICING HIMSELF FOR YOU AND ME.
- **NAIL DID NOT HOLD GOD TO A CROSS. LOVE DID!**
- THE TRUE LOVE THAT JESUS SHOWED ON THE CROSS IS 'SACRIFICIAL LOVE'
- **There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13**
- THE CROSS TELLS US THE DEPTH OF HIS LOVE, THE LENGTH HE IS WILLING TO GO TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.
- **OTHER RELIGIONS IS "MAN'S ATTEMPT TO REACH GOD"**
- **THE CROSS IS "GOD'S ATTEMPT TO REACH MAN"**
- **"Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But GOD showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."Romans 5:8**
- **"SENDING?????" -- THERE IS NOTHING ACCIDENTAL ABOUT THE CROSS.**
- GOD PLAN IT, IT WAS ALWAYS THE PLAN.
- GOD LOVED ME, EVEN WHEN I IGNORED HIM, RIDICULED HIM AND EVEN HATED HIM, **HE WAS PLANNING MY SALVATION.**
- EVEN WHEN I WAS STILL A SINNER, HE CALLED ME HIS FRIEND
- THE BIBLE SAID **NO LONGER DO I CALL YOU SLAVES FOR THE SLAVE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING, BUT I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, FOR ALL THINGS THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER, I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU. JOHN 15:15**
- **AND MY FRIEND GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR ME.**

- **I ASKED JESUS 'HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME?' AND JESUS SAID, 'THIS MUCH' THEN HE STRETCHED OUT HIS ARMS AND DIED' (SHOW THIS PICTURE)**



- **ILLUSTRATION: TWIN BROTHERS STORY.**
 - I REMEMBER AN ILLUSTRATION OF A TWIN BROTHERS.
 - ONE TWIN BROTHER GREW UP IN THE WRONG SIDE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.
 - THEY STARTED STEALING > SMALL THINGS > CARS.
 - THEY STARTED BEING INTRODUCED TO DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE
 - THEIR LIVES WENT DARKER AND DARKER.
 - BUT ONE DAY THE OTHER ONE HEARD THE CROSS AND CONTINUED TO REPENT FROM HIS OLD LIFE AND FOLLOW JESUS, BUT THE OTHER ONE DOESNT AND CONTINUE TO FOLLOW TO THIS DARK PATH.
 - BUT ONE DAY ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER, THE OTHER BROTHER WAS INVOLVED IN A GANG FIGHT AND KILLED SOMEONE.
 - HE GOT CHASED BY THE POLICE AND HIS CLOTHES WAS DRENCHED WITH BLOOD.
 - HE RAN TILL HE REACHED HIS BROTHER'S HOUSE.
 - THE POLICE SHOUTED 'COME OUT, YOU ARE SURROUNDED, HAVE No. WHERE TO GO, ITS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU'.
 - HE WAS SAYING TO HIS BROTHER 'BROOOO, I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO YOU! OH NOOOOI SHOULDN'T HAVE WASTED MY LIFE ALL THESE YEARS!!!'
 - BUT HIS TWIN BROTHER, REACHED OUT TO HIM, LEAD HIM ON SALVATION PRAYERS. AND THEN HE TOOK HIS BROTHER'S SHIRT, THE SAME SHIRT THAT WAS DRENCHED WITH BLOOD AND WALKED OUT AND SAID 'THIS IS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU'
 - THAT STORY DESCRIBES WHAT JESUS DID ON THE CROSS FOR YOU.
 - HE DIDN'T JUST SAY I LOVE YOU.
 - BUT HE GAVE HIS LIFE ON THE CROSS AND PAID THE PRICE OF SIN FOR YOU AND ME.

CLOSING - HIS LOVE REQUIRES YOUR RESPONSE.

- **BUT HIS LOVE REQUIRES YOUR RESPONSE.**
 - **That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9**
 - NOT JUST BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, BUT JESUS DIED **FOR MY SIN.**
 - NOT JUST BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS LORD, BUT JESUS IS **THE LORD OF MY LIFE.**
 - THAT FROM TODAY ONWARDS I WILL GIVE THE LORDSHIP OF MY LIFE, YOU WILL BE THE LORD OVER THE WHOLE ASPECTS OF MY LIFE, MY RELATIONSHIPS, MY FUTURE, MY FINANCES TO YOU GOD.
 - EVERY HEAD BOW, EVERY EYES CLOSE
 - IN JUST A MOMENT, IM GOING TO GIVE YOU **AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR LIFE RIGHT WITH GOD.**
 - MAYBE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE EVER GIVEN YOUR LIFE TO JESUS.
 - MAYBE YOU'VE GIVEN YOUR LIFE TO JESUS BEFORE, BUT SOMEWHERE SOMEHOW ALONG THE JOURNEY, YOU HAVE STOPPED FOLLOWING JESUS AND YOU WANT TO REDEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS 100% AGAIN.
 - IF THAT'S YOU, I WILL LEAD YOU TO THIS SIMPLE PRAYER.
 - YOU WILL CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD AND ACCEPT HIM AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR.
 - AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.
 - **SALVATION PRAYER.**
 - DEAR JESUS, YOU KNOW ME, WHAT I HAVE DONE RIGHT / WRONG
 - I ASK YOU TO HAVE MERCY AND FORGIVE ME FOR ALL MY SINS.
 - TODAY I CONFESS WITH MY MOUTH THAT YOU ARE THE LORD OF MY LIFE.
 - TODAY I AM REDEDICATING MY LIFE TO FOLLOW YOU.
 - I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD
 - I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME
 - I REPENT FROM ALL MY SINS.
 - COME INTO MY HEART BE THE LORD AND THE SAVIOUR OF MY HEART
 - AND RIGHT NOW, I RECEIVE YOU INTO MY HEART IN JESUS NAME.
 - IF YOU PRAYED THAT PRAYER FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME
 - THE CROSS OF JESUS HAS FORGIVEN AND PAID FOR ALL OF YOUR SINS (PAST AND FUTURE).
 - YOU HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN INTO GOD'S FAMILY.
 - THE CROSS OF JESUS HAVE PAID FOR ALL YOUR SINS.
 - THE CROSS OF JESUS HAVE SET YOU FREE FROM BONDAGE OF SINS.
 - CMON PRAISE GOD FOR HIS CROSS.

DISCUSSION QUESTION

- **THE CROSS OF JESUS PAID FOR ALL SINS.**
- **THE CROSS OF JESUS SET YOU FREE.**
- **THE CROSS OF JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU.**
- **SHARE YOUR SALVATION STORY AND JOURNEY WITH YOUR GROUP.**