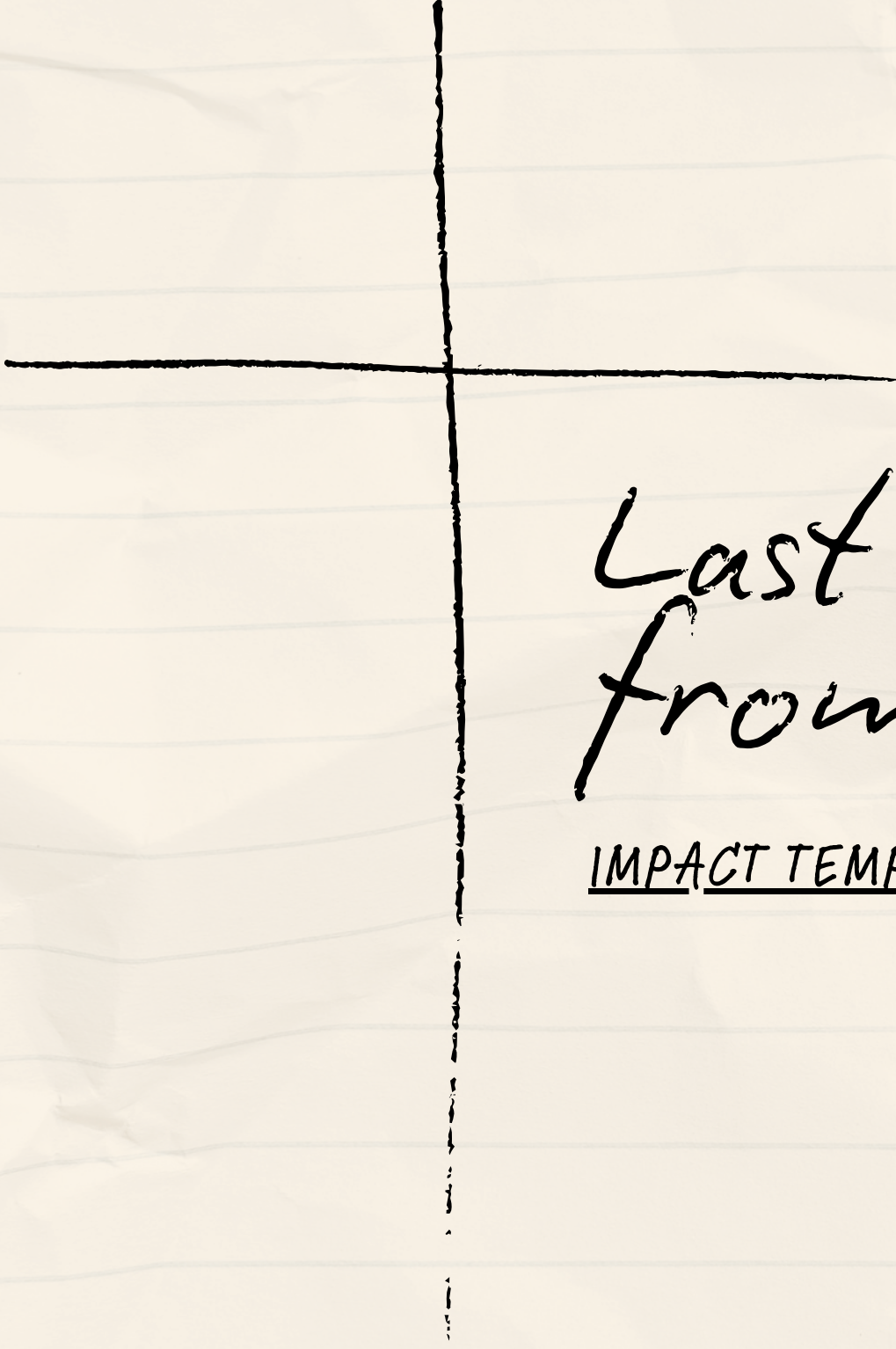


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Please use these Scriptures and reflection questions as prompts to journal and reflect how God might be inviting you closer in this season.

I believe that you are seen, known, and loved deeply by the Lord. I believe that our journey of faith is unique and personal but we need one another to fully develop and grow. I am glad you are here. - Sejana

But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.... Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."



Luke 23:23-25, 32-34a

Forgiveness

Who has hurt me?

Who have I not forgiven?

I pray ...

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



Luke 23:39-43


Salvation

Save me. Remember me.

What stands out for me?

I pray ...

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

 John 19:26-27

Relationship

Jesus entrusted those he loved
into the hands of someone else.

Teach us resilience. Root us in You.

Help me to stand together with _____?

Who are the people and the communities that I entrust to
others and to You, Jesus?
I pray ...

"A prayer for resilience
in our immigrant communities"

By Sandra Maria Van Opstal

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

📖 Matthew 27:45-46; Mark 15:33-34; Psalm 22:1

Why?

We can bring our 'why's to the cross today.

What 'why's do I have for You, God?

Jesus, I pray ...

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

... Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.


📖 John 4:10,13; John 19:28; Psalm 22:15

Thirsty

Who will hear Jesus? Who will respond?
How am I thirsty for those seeking justice?
How am I thirsty for the Lord?

I pray ...

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

 John 19:30

The End?

"Jesus' death opens the darkest of places to the reconciling love of God."


What has been finished?

What has been left for us (and specifically for me)
to carry forward?

I pray ...

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, **into your hands** I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

 Luke 23:44-49; Psalm 31:5

Re-united


In the middle of pain, and probably what looked like failure, Jesus continued to trust in God the Father.

How am I trusting in God?


Where might I need more trust and courage today?

I pray ...

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

 Luke 23:47-49; John 19:31-42

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

 Luke 23:47-49; John 19:31-42

Jesus' Burial

Final words and actions can speak volumes.

What does Jesus' final words and actions

show you about who God is and

what God wants of you today?

I pray ...

Dear Lord, I pray...

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.