

John 19:22-27

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining.

This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

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“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another.

“Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

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THE FINAL WORDS OF CHRIST

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM"

"TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE"

"BEHOLD YOUR SON...BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER"

"WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

"I THIRST"

"IT IS FINISHED"

"INTO YOUR HANDS"

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Love demands that we draw near to the pain of others.

Love requires that we remain *present with* rather than *distance ourselves from*.

Love calls us into difficult spaces and asks us to show up.

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Who do I know is going through a painful situation?

Who do I know is hurting right now?

What would it look like to draw near and remain present
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Gal 6:10 – “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the *family of believers.*”

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1 Thess 4 – “Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of ***God’s family*** throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, ***brothers and sisters***, to do so more and more.”

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