



"My soul is overwhelmed to the point of death... 'Abba, Father,' he said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me...'"

Love is making the choice to do what is necessary for the best interest of another person or people.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”

(Mark 8:34-35)

My cross is my choice to sacrificially substitute myself in the place of someone else.

Love will cost you your life--to no longer simply live it in the way you want to, that you prefer to, that you expect to!





“After watching these 2 boys work together emotions got the best of me...[It was] the most impacting experience I’ve ever had. I don’t talk to God as regularly as I should but I prayed for the boys that night.”

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45)

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

(John 15:13)

Every step along his journey to the cross, it was Jesus' life to lay down, not any man's to take.

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time."

(1 Timothy 2:5-6)

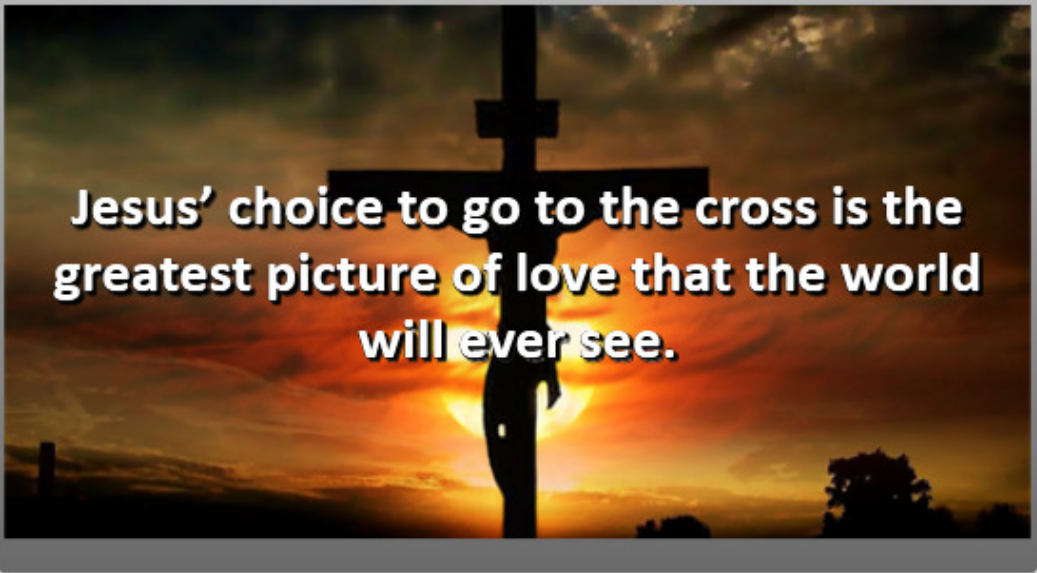
"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

(Hebrews 12:2)

"We sacrificed Christ to our greed, our envy, our pleasures, our hatred and our ambitions. We were, all of us, standing there. We may try to wash away our responsibility, but the blood is still there, on our hands."

We have to see the cross as something we have done. Otherwise, we can no longer claim a share of his grace."

(Dr. Andreas Lambrianides)

A silhouette of a cross is centered against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The sun is partially obscured by the cross's horizontal beam. The background shows some dark silhouettes of trees and a fence line.

Jesus' choice to go to the cross is the greatest picture of love that the world will ever see.