



Devotion Part 4
Unprecedented Love - Good Friday
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As I sit in isolation in the shadow of Easter I can look at all the things I have had to give up over the last few months as my world seemingly shrunk around me. I ponder what I would be doing, where I would be going, people I would be meeting and things I would be sharing and yet I am alone among so many people.

Good Friday is an opportunity to stop and think about a Saviour who ended up all alone in the midst of all his friends and family. The big difference is He choose to walk that path. He was willing to do the unthinkable, allow Himself to be sacrificed on a cross – all alone. While hanging on the cross He was still mindful of others of those being crucified with Him and those watching on, He responded in unprecedented love even though He was alone Himself. At His point of death He cried out “My God, my God why have you forsaken me” (Matt 27:46).

It was through this sacrifice that He actually bought together the lost, the lonely, the hurting, the vulnerable, the rich, the poor, the healthy, the sick.... To become the family of God. His sacrifice expressed such love that still reverberates today.

This was truly an act of unprecedented love that Jesus offered the world, love that was not deserved yet was intensely needed by the world. For they had no other way to become friends of God, without The Son of God's sacrifice.

In these unprecedented times we should not forget the sacrifice of our saviour and reflect on our response. Firstly, His love offered to us need to be received by us all. Secondly, We should choose to show unprecedented love to those around us who are alone among so many people. Let us all express this love to those who so desperately need to know they are loved, accepted and forgiven by a Saviour who died for them. In our isolation let us look beyond ourselves and express the unprecedented love of Jesus to our world.

Blessings

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