

Daily Devotion For February 10, 2022

“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears”. Hebrews 5:7

Jesus’ life on earth was not easy, He didn’t have a home, some people wanted him to be a king, others rejected him as a heretic; one friend betrayed him; another denied him; all his followers abandoned him; and he was publicly crucified as a criminal. What’s more, as he died for our sake, he took upon himself the punishment for all our sin.

Jesus understands our suffering. Hebrews 5:7 teaches us that Jesus prayed passionately “with fervent cries and tears,” which is something many of us have done when facing difficult circumstances. We have pleaded with God to heal our disease, to save our job, to bring our children to faith, to rescue us from imminent danger, to extend a loved one’s life.

In times of need, Jesus prayed with reverence and humble submission. Mark 14:36 tells us, “Abba, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.

Thought For Today: We have so many people in our church family who are going through difficult trials. This week I visited with Kiku Kuwatani and Tom Gunter. Dr. Cary Gota faces health issues and those who are the care givers face their own trials. When I visited Tom Gunter yesterday, I gave him the book, “Trusting God When Life Hurts” by Jerry Bridges. Why do you think suffering was part of God’s Will for Jesus? When you kneel before God—with cries and tears can you echo Jesus’ prayer to the Father: “Not what I will, but what you will.”

Today’s Prayer Focus: Continue to keep those in our church family in prayer. Deo Volente.