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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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## TIMES OF SERVICES SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM  
AM Worship 10:45 AM  
PM Worship 6:30 PM

## WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM  
(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Sermon:

# *The Love of the Cross*

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## *Suffering, Jesus Cried Loudly*

Gary Henry

*"Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'"* Matthew 27:45,46

Our concept of inner "strength" is such that we are sometimes reluctant to reveal that we are hurting. We hide our heartaches from everyone else, lest they think we are weak or that we have "the wrong attitude." And sometimes even within our own selves, we are reluctant to be honest about these things.

But if we think that strong people never experience anguish, that is a false notion of strength. Just as courage

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doesn't mean the absence of fear, strength doesn't mean the absence of pain. Strength is not inconsistent with anguish of spirit, nor does strength mean that we have to try to keep our heartaches a secret.

Jesus' example is instructive here. By any spiritual or emotional measure, Jesus was the strongest person who ever lived. Yet He was "*a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief*" - Isaiah 53:3. Jesus' strength didn't keep Him from hurting, and it didn't keep Him from EXPRESSING His hurts. We are told that He "*offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death*" (Hebrews 5:7).

When we cry out in pain, however, the difficulty is to do it with the same HUMILITY and REVERENCE that Jesus did. Agony and emptiness have a tendency to make us selfish and demanding. But those are temptations we can resist, and when we resist them, our cries of agony can be pure and sincere . . . and acceptable to God.

Anguish is simply an indication of unmet needs. When we hurt emotionally, it means that there is something we deeply need that we don't have, either because we never had it or because we had it and lost it. In heaven there will be no unmet needs, but on earth there are plenty of them. We were made for a different kind of world than the broken one that now exists, and as long as we live here, even as Christians, we will have needs that are achingly unfulfilled. As long as we cry humbly and reverently, it is not wrong to cry honestly and deeply, "*How long, O Lord, how long?*"

*"If I ever wonder about the appropriate 'spiritual' response to pain and suffering, I can note how Jesus responded to His own with fear and trembling, with loud cries and tears" - Philip Yancey*

## *Help My Unbelief* Wayne Jackson

It is an episode fraught with mystery; one about which we wish we knew more. A man brought his son, who was possessed of a demon, to the Lord's disciples. He wanted the Master's men to cast out the evil spirit, but they could not. Jesus pinpointed the problem; the disciples' faith was lacking (Mark 9:17-19; cf. Matthew 17:20). Accordingly, the lad was brought directly to the Savior Himself. As they came near, the malignant force threw the child into a convulsion, and the boy fell to the ground, foaming at the mouth.

The father subsequently informed Christ that this had been going on for a long time, and the lad had suffered much damage. The gentleman then said to Jesus: "*If you can do anything, help us.*" Note carefully that "*if*" (Mark 9:22). The Savior then said, with something of a rebuke, "*If you can!*" The meaning obviously is: "What do you mean, if I can? All things are possible to him who believes."

There are two points to be noticed here. First, the Master was saying this to the father: "The issue is not **my power**; it is **your faith!**" The man obviously had some faith in Christ or he would not have approached the Lord. On the other hand, his trust was not at the level it needed to be. He still had some doubts. Perhaps he was growing; but the fact is, he was struggling.

Second, the Lord's affirmation that "*all things are possible to him who believes*" is limited by the context. The Lord was not asserting that one can do anything he believes he can do. You may be led to believe that you can spread your arms and fly off the Golden Gate Bridge, but regardless of what you believe, you'll fall straight into the bay. Here is a point that must be understood. The supernatural works that were possible during the ministry of Jesus are not possible today, inasmuch as God himself has removed miraculous phenomena from the church.

In response to Jesus' challenge, the father cried out, with the sort of agony that only a parent could know: *"I believe; help my unbelief"* (9:24). What a strange statement. Does it not contain what appears to be a contradiction? *"I believe; help my unbelief."* Jesus did not so view the matter; rather, He immediately rebuked the unclean spirit and commanded it to leave the boy—never to enter him again (9:25).

The spiritual confusion of this father is so typical of the intellectual and emotional turmoil that can plague any of us at a given moment in our lives. No one is characterized by a "red-hot" faith around the clock.

We know there is a God who made us. The evidence is so utterly overwhelming that only a foolish person can deny it (Psalm 14:1; cf. Romans 1:20-23). Furthermore, intellectually we know that our Heavenly Father cares for us. The historical fact which demonstrates that He gave His precious Son for us is ample evidence of his boundless love. Nobody can argue that God doesn't care—in the face of the cross! *"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?"* (Romans 8:32).

Be that as it may, sometimes, when we are hurting so badly (and pain can generate confusion), our hearts may overpower our heads. By that we mean this: our agony forces clear logic to the side, and we begin to "think" with our feelings. We still believe, but we are angry. We feel neglected; we don't understand why the Lord doesn't rush to our beckon call. Sometimes we pout. We refuse to talk to Him (i.e., we don't pray). We think we will punish Him by refusing to assemble with other Christians for worship. We may even say harsh and thoughtless things to Him, almost literally shaking our fist in His face.

At times like these we need to get hold of ourselves and give ourselves a good shaking. We need to cry out, "Lord, help my unbelief!" We need to ask for His patience. We need to weep before Him. We ought to analyze our situation and attempt to determine if we have

contributed to our own problems; and if so, is there anything we can do to help remedy the circumstance. What we absolutely must not do is give in to our frustration. Once we cease struggling with our faith, and let it slide, we are headed down a slippery slope that may lead to eternal ruin. What a horrible thought to contemplate. Lord, I believe; but help me in my times of unbelief!

*Thank You!*

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to those who have helped over the past month in preparation for the meeting.

To all who prayed for the success of the meeting, who prayed for visitors, who prayed for me in my preparation and in my presentation of the lessons ... THANK YOU!

To all who helped at the fair. To those who helped prepare materials before hand. To those who put together packets to make it easier to pass out at the fair. To those who helped set up the booth at the fair. To those who gave up their time to pass out invitations, pens, DVD's. To all who were willing to step out into the thoroughway and speak to those who were passing by, to those who took pens and invitations and walked the fair passing them out ... THANK YOU!

To those who attended, who continued to invite, who gave me encouragement each night by listening attentively. To those who kept the back table clean and Chuck busy by taking the CD's to pass on to others so that the Gospel could spread beyond the doors of the building. To those who used their Facebook status' to advertise daily for the meeting ... THANK YOU

To everyone who helped in any way and to some who helped in MANY ways—  
THANK YOU!!  
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## Those Serving This Week

### Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Amos 6
<b>Reader</b>	Blake Headen
<b>Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Don Coen, Jr.
Fruit of the Vine	Matt Ferrell
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Ken Prager
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dan Marton

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

### Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Amos 7
<b>Reader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Sr.
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave harless

### Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Invitation</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts

## *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

#### **Travelling:**

- The Henderson's will be travelling Thursday to Alabama. Tim will be holding a meeting at the Elgin Hills congregation October 11-14.

#### **Recovering:**

- Cary Lancaster
- Marie Roberts
- Ann Rudolph

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- Merl Frey
- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband, as he continues to deal with cancer treatments.
- George Hutto, preacher from Alabama diagnosed with cancer
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Belinda Porter's mother, Melissa Alley
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Chris Shane
- Monty Wallace, Charissa Wallace's father

#### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

##### **Nursing Home:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

##### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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