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Disappointment with life easily becomes disappointment with God.

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.

"Father...

"Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching,

and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him.

They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews

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But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?

This man has not drawn conclusions about God based on the way life and others have treated him.

We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.

And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:32-46

Have you confused your life circumstances with God?

God is not what you have experienced.

God can be trusted in spite of your experience.

God is not your life.

God sent Jesus to bring you life.

Life happens.

God can be trusted.

Are you willing to surrender in spite of what life has delivered and handed you?



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