

# *Seven Words from Jesus on the Cross*

#7 . TRUST

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#1 . FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE

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By this time it was noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the thick veil hanging in the Temple was torn apart. Then Jesus shouted, 'Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!' And with those words he breathed his last. When the captain of the Roman soldiers handling the executions saw what had happened, he praised God and said, 'Surely this man was innocent!' **Luke 23:44-47**

When I'm going through my darkest hour remember:

## **1. I have a Father in heaven who loves me!**

**Psalm 103:13** As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who honor him...

## **2. My Heavenly Father can be trusted!**

**Psalm 33:4** For the word of the Lord holds true, and everything he does is worthy of our trust.

**Psalm 116:6** The Lord protects the simple hearted.

**Exodus 14:14** The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.

**Lamentations 3:22-24** The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

**2 Timothy 2:13** If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

## **3. My Heavenly Father is doing things I can't see!**

**Job 23:9-10** When he is at work in the north, I do not see him; when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. But he knows the way that I take; and when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18** Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

## **4. My God can handle anything I give Him!**

**God's hands are ...**

***...Big enough to bless me.***

Psalm 139:5 You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

***...Scarred never to forget.***

Isaiah 49:15-16 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!"

***...Strong enough to keep me eternally secure.***

John 10:28-29 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

I think you ought to know, dear brothers, about the hard time we went through in Asia. We were really crushed and overwhelmed, and feared we would never live through it. We felt we were doomed to die and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us, for he can even raise the dead. (LB) 2 Corinthians 1:8-9