

DAY TWO

What Jesus did for me.

PRAYER – Thanks for loving me enough to come and die in my place on the cross. I admit that I should have been the one who died because of my sins. Thanks for loving me enough to take my punishment. Help me to love you enough to live for you.
In Jesus Name, Amen.

WORD – Read Romans 5:6-8. *“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

All of us have heard stories of soldiers giving their lives for their buddies during a war. They fell on a grenade to save their group or stepped in front of a bullet so that their friend would not have to die. I am always moved to tears when I hear these stories. I have never heard a story that describes how a guy dies for the enemy. But that is exactly what Jesus Christ did for us. We were sinners and enemies of God because of our sins. He came and died to pay for those sins so that we could become friends of God and not enemies. Can you imagine dying for people who are cursing you as you die? That is what Jesus went through. The very people that He died for were shaking their fists or making fun of him. He loved them and died anyway. He died for you so that you could have a relationship with God. He took all of your sins upon himself and said “I will pay for them with my own blood.” That’s what Jesus did for you and me.

CHALLENGE – Do you have any friends that could care less about God? Do you have any friends that are totally uninterested in having a relationship with Him? Make a list of those friends and start to pray for them. Ask God to touch them and help them come to understand what Jesus did for them on the cross. Do kind things for them to show them that you really care about them.