

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS

## Part 6 - The Cross

*"In the sacred stillness of this Easter morn, we are drawn to contemplate the profound mysteries of consecration and sanctification, as we reflect upon the unfathomable sacrifice of our Saviour on that poignant Good Friday, where the precious Blood of the Lamb was shed to purify and sanctify our souls."*

These are beautiful and powerful words. But do we understand what they mean? Have you ever wondered if the world understands what Christians are celebrating at Easter. Why is the cross a symbol of love?

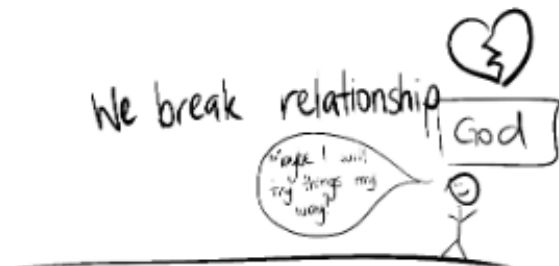
It's because of what happened on the cross. The cross is a symbol of love, freedom, and truth, all bundled up in pain, brokenness, and hurt. And it's the greatest gift we will ever receive if we choose it. Good Friday is good because of the cross.

In John 14:6 - Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". John 14:6 (NIV)

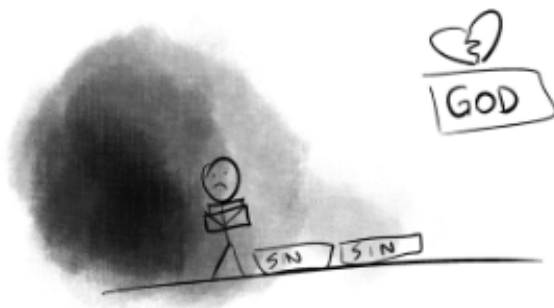
God Created us to be in a perfect relationship with Him



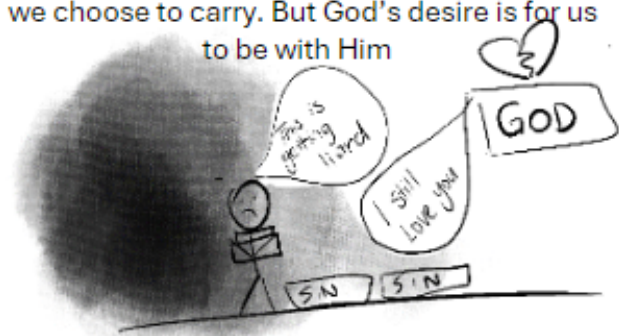
We can break that relationship by choosing to not follow God and trying to do things our way.



Our sin creates a barrier between us and God and becomes a burden that we carry



Our sin does not stop God from loving us and wanting to be with us. But it is something that we choose to carry. But God's desire is for us to be with Him



So God sent His son Jesus to remove the barrier of sin. Jesus has taken up and dealt with the things that are a barrier between us and God



Jesus has made a way, but we also have to choose to hand over our sin and follow Him. He will not let our brokenness lie to us.



And when we choose this we receive life. Jesus has given us a way back to God, where we can know His truth and receive life eternal.



## The Way

Jesus says I am the way. This is because He has made a way for us to be with God. He has already paid the price for our sin.

Through Jesus, there is nothing that can separate you from God. But we can still end up far from God, holding onto our stuff. But Jesus has made a way. We just have to choose it.

## The Truth

We choose Him by accepting the truth. Jesus knows who we are, and what we have done, and while we are looking for acceptance in every other area of life, the truth is He has already accepted us just as we are. And He says, you are not defined by these things. Jesus' truth brings us back in line with God.

## The Life

The Cross is the place where love, brokenness, freedom and pain intersect. This is where the work of the devil has been destroyed.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8b (NIV)

He has taken the place of each and every one of us. He chose to die for you. This is how He loves us. By giving up His life. The cross began the work of claiming victory over death and the devil. Jesus, the great restorer, has restored each and every one of us. He laid down His life for the Father's way. And that way made way for every woman and man to find eternal peace, eternal hope, eternal acceptance.