



Episode 14: What Can Separate Us

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

{ Romans 8:38-39 }

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I was struck today as I prayed the Stations of the Cross with some of my local parish that much of what we do in life, much of what we take on and hope to achieve are on the other side often of big challenging moments. Even the really good and rewarding stuff, be it raising a family, be it vocation or job, or be it ministry in the parish, much of it comes through the small crosses that we bear as disciples.

You can get to the point where you think 'is it worth the effort?' Then we are reminded, as we join our Lord in his journey to Calvary, that the crosses we bear are nothing in comparison to the wondrous cross He bore for us.

This is our prayer this evening as we close: Our broken hearts and broken dreams, we bring them to the cross. Our angry words and angry deeds, we bring them to the cross. The suffering in our lives, we bring them to the cross. Our selfishness and greed, our needing and our wanting, we bring them to the cross. Our doubts and our fears, our faith and our hope we bring them to the cross. For the cross is our salvation.

We begin Holy Week this coming Palm Sunday and enter into this journey to the Cross and the Passion of our Lord as we only do in this great week. We do, I pray it will be a journey that keeps our eyes not just on the cross but on the new life offered to us all on the other side of it.

Not angels nor demons
No power on earth or Heaven
Not distance nor danger
No trouble now or ever

Not hardship nor hunger
No pain or depth of sorrow
Not weakness nor failure
No broken dream or promise

Nothing can take me from Your great love
Forever this truth remains

I Belong

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I belong, I belong to You
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How are you inspired when you survey
the wondrous Cross Jesus bore for us?