

## FOUR ZERO WEEK SEVEN DEVOTIONS

DAY 44/46 THURSDAY

WEEK SEVEN: Spirituality and Security in Work and Life

WORDS FOR THE WEEK: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)

TAKE THIS PATH: From Longing to Finding

BUILD ON THIS: Daily Hiding

**FEAST ON THIS:** When Jesus was at work, under pressure, He prayed and brought out of His heart words that had been hidden in there for such times. The fourth saying from the cross is a quote from the Bible, so is the fifth and the seventh. Jesus saw this habit of hiding in hearts in His own mother who did it all the time. (Luke 2:19). Here is a tip for you. Hide David's Psalm 23 in your heart. That's not the whole tip. Here's the rest of it. See how David took his job titles of shepherd and soldier and applied them to his Lord. Now do the same and come up with your Psalm 23. Starting with your job title and then exploring what you do for others, you can now apply your job titles to the Lord. Your Psalm will now read, "The Lord is my (your job title)," and you can explore how seeing your Lord in this way will help you work today. Hide that in your heart and bring it out when you need it. Right now you can hide the Lord's prayer in your heart or a saying of the cross and bring it out when you need it. Maybe just one phrase such as, "Give me today what I need for today" is already hidden in your heart and you can bring it out right now. This is what Jesus did on the cross.

DQ: What is already hidden in your heart that you can bring out today when you need it?

MORE FOOD: See\* WTW No: 45 Psalm 23 (see the whole series on Psalm 23) See \*\*JRR PP: 198-201- PETER'S PRINCIPLE

**PRAYER:** Father, help me to find your words in my soul so that my heart becomes a storehouse for difficult times. Amen.

Symbol of the Cross: +

**Table Talk:** Why do you think squirrels hide nuts in the ground? Have you ever hidden something that you are saving for when you need it? This day is about hiding God's words in your heart -can you remember some of Gods words right now that might have helped you yesterday?

QUOTE TO NOTE: My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Jesus of Nazareth AD 33 (approx)

**FortyFact:** The Thursday of holy week is the day Jesus washed his disciples' feet. Today it is sometimes called Maundy Thursday. The Latin word 'mandatum' speaks of the new mandate to love one another, It is also connected to the Latin verb mendicare which means to beg Others theorize that the English name "Maundy Thursday" arose from "maundsor baskets" or "maundy purses" of gifts which the king or Queen of England distributed to the poor on that day.

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