



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

GOD'S LOVE THROUGH THE CROSS

The Cross—it's everywhere, isn't it? Maybe it's sitting on your mantel, dangling from a necklace, or sketched in your journal. But what does the Cross mean to us?

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WELCOME

Hey, Beautiful Souls!

I'm so glad you're here to explore the wild, transformative love of Jesus with me in my mini Lenten Devotional on God's Love Through the Cross.

This isn't just a devotional—it's an invitation to pause, reflect, and get creative with the One who gave everything for us.

Through these pages, we'll dive into the Cross: a symbol of sacrifice, grace, and hope that changes everything.

Grab your journal, your favorite pens, and an open heart—let's uncover how God's love meets us right where we are and inspires us to live, create, and shine for Him.

Let's start this journey together!

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ABOUT ME

I'm Debbie, a Jesus girl with a deep love for God, finding Him in every moment. The Cross has carried me through doubt and brokenness, showing me God's love in ways I can't unsee. Now, I'm here to share that journey with you, blending scripture with creative Faith, to encourage you in your journey. Let's grow closer to Him together!



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What does the Cross mean to us? This sacred symbol holds so much—death and life, pain and promise. It's not just decor; it's the heartbeat of God's love for us. Today, let's peel back the layers of the Cross together.



Grab your favorite pen, open your heart, and let's explore how The Cross speaks to us personally, creatively, and eternally.

Let's Pray before we begin:

Father,

Thank You for drawing us here to seek You through the Cross. Your love overwhelms us, Jesus—You gave everything so we could know You. Open our hearts as we begin this journey, Lord. Quiet our worries, lift our eyes to Your sacrifice, and fill us with Your grace. Help us feel Your presence, deepen our love for You, and trust Your promises. May every word and moment bring us closer to Your heart. We're so grateful to be Yours.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

WHAT IS THE CROSS?

The Cross is a wild paradox, isn't it? Picture it: a rough wooden post and beam, once a tool of brutal execution—crucifixion at its cruelest. Yet now, it's our banner of hope. It carries death and life, hate and love, violence and peace.

It's accusation meeting forgiveness, sin crashing into purity, brokenness melting into wholeness. Everything lost, yet everything gained destruction flipped into restoration, defeat turned to victory.

What was the world's darkest punishment became our source of abundant life.

How does that hit you? For me, it's a reminder that God's love transforms even the ugliest things into beauty.

Use this space to write your response.

THE MANY MEANINGS OF THE CROSS

The Cross means so much, and it's personal to each of us. Maybe you've got it on display at home, or you wear it close to your heart. Let's break it down with some truths that light up our faith.

The Cross Means Love

Christ didn't stumble into the Cross—He chose it. For sinners. For you. For me, even on my messiest days when I've lost my way.

Romans 5:8 says it best: But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

That's not a forced act; it's love in action. Jesus loves us, flaws and all, offering His life as a gift, one we don't deserve. The Cross screams love louder than anything else.

How does that love feel to you today?

Use this space to write your response.

THE MANY MEANINGS OF THE CROSS CONT.

The Cross Is Personal

Most faiths chase after a distant god, but ours? God reached down to us. The Cross isn't just a cosmic event—it's Jesus wanting to know you.

Philippians 3:10 echoes my heart: I want to know Christ... I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death.

He died so we could be close, not just saved. Tears smudging the page, I've felt that closeness, scribbling prayers in my journal. The Cross is God saying, "You're mine." Let's lean into that intimacy.

How do you sense Him reaching for you?

Use this space to write your response.

The Cross Is Willful Humility

Jesus didn't die as some untouchable deity—He chose to do so as a human.

Philippians 2:7-8 paints it: rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! My mind is blown away every time I read those verses. **Hebrews 10:10 adds: And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

His humility made us holy. Ever tried laying down your pride? It's tough, but the Cross shows us how.

What's He asking you to surrender?

Use this space to write your response.

THE MANY MEANINGS OF THE CROSS CONT.

The Cross Is Prophetic

God's been whispering this plan since forever. From Genesis to Revelation, the Cross was coming.

Isaiah 53:4-5 hits hard: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed

Jesus took our mess—our weaknesses, our sorrows—and traded them for redemption. Pierced for sin, beaten for wholeness, whipped for healing. It's a divine swap, prophesied and fulfilled. Let's hold it close.

How does that promise speak to your broken places?

Use this space to write your response.

The Cross Is Willful Final

I love this scene from Pilgrim's Progress: Christian, burdened and weary, reaches the Cross. His load tumbles off, rolling into the sepulchre, gone forever. That's us, beautiful souls!

Revelation 5:9-10 sings it: For you were killed, and your blood has ransomed people for God...

The Cross paid it all. So why do we cling to old hurts? Jesus took them. The debt's done. Look at the Cross and breathe free.

What's slipping off your shoulders today? Let it fall.

Use this space to write your response.

HOW DOES THE CROSS SHOW LOVE?

The Cross & God's Love

God's love is wild and personal—just look at the Cross. Then look at His Word of His Love in His Promises.

Isaiah 49:16 says: **He's got your name carved on His hands.**

Matthew 10:30 **counts every hair on your head.**

Psalms 56:8 **collects your tears in a bottle.**

Jeremiah 31:3 **promises an everlasting love.**

Isaiah 43:4 **you are precious in my eyes, honored, and I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.**

I am going to pause here, and say **WOW!** I mean, if you aren't moved by any of those verses, Isaiah 43:4 should have brought you to the edge of your seat. And no matter your past, your mistakes, or what anyone's said—God loves you. I've doubted my worth, but the Cross shuts that lie down.

1 John 4:10 nails it: **This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

That's the price He paid on The Cross for us, because He LOVES US! The Cross stands against our debt—our sin against His holiness. We can't earn our way out; it's too big. But God's love didn't flinch. His holiness demanded payment, and His heart found a way—Jesus.

I'm proclaiming this to you: You're loved beyond words. Ever felt that love wash over you while you're writing a prayer in your journal? That's Him, meeting you right where you are.

How has the Cross shown you His love lately?

Use this space to write your response.

CREATIVE FAITH INSPIRATION!

Let's Get Creative!

Hey, Jesus girls, let's bring this to life! Grab your journal and sketch a cross—simple or messy, it's yours. Around it, write what it means to you: love, freedom, healing.

Or jot down Romans 5:8 and let the words sink in. Maybe add some color—red for His blood, gold for victory. This isn't just art; it's worship. The Cross inspires us to create, to reflect, to connect with Him.

How will you pour His love onto the page? Share it with me on Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, @CreativeJesusGirl, and use #CreativeJesusGirl in your post.

I'm so thankful you're here, walking through this God's Love Through the Cross devotional with me. Your time and heart mean the world, and I pray these pages draw you closer to Jesus. It's a gift to share this journey, reflecting on His sacrifice together—thank you for trusting me with it. Now, let's lift our hearts to Him.

A Prayer From My Heart

Father, thank You for the Cross—for loving us when we were lost. Jesus, Your sacrifice humbles us and Your love lifts us. Lord, Your personal, everlasting love, takes our burdens, heals our hearts, and draws us close. May we live in Your love, sharing it with others through our words, our art, our lives. Redeemer, Lamb of God, He is Worthy.

Thank You, for making us Yours.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Journaling Cards and Mini Journaling Kit

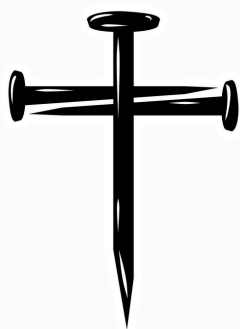
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A Little Prayer

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God's Love

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