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## DAILY DEVOTION

### JESUS' FINAL WORDS FROM THE CROSS, PART 3

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Reviewing the last words of Christ from the cross connects us with His suffering. We witness His passion and supreme sacrifice through His own words. It also challenges us in processing our own pain. We've looked at the first four of seven final statements Jesus made from the cross. The fifth statement from Calvary reveals Jesus' humanness, perhaps in a way that we can identify with the most.

John 19:28 (NKJV)

"I thirst!"

Earlier, Mark told us that Jesus turned down the offer for a drink in Mark 15:23, NLT, "They offered Him wine drugged with myrrh, but He refused it"

Why? He didn't want to dull His senses with this cocktail for pain relief. But He asked for a drink for one primary reason. It wasn't the obvious, just to satisfy His thirst, though He certainly must have been thirsty. John tells us that Jesus knew His mission was finished and so, to fulfill the Scriptures, He asked for a drink to clear His voice for what He was about to say. This fifth statement from the cross was uniquely linked to the next. And, to prepare for that moment, He needed help.

As we look at our own lives, we can learn a lesson from the Son of God. No one is so in control, so spiritual, so self-sufficient, that he can make it through the struggles of life without the help of others. If the Son of God requested help during His struggle on the cross, I am wise to remember that I will have times I need to ask for help from others as well. We are called to bear one another's burdens. In tough times, you need the help of others to enable and assist you in strengthening your faith and trust.

**It's what keeps us humble and responsive to the physical needs of others as well.**

**Personal Challenge:**

**What are the areas in your life where you have the most difficult time asking for help?**

**The writer of Hebrews encourages us in**

**Hebrews 12:3, NIV)**

**"Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart".**

**Think of a practical ways you can lift the burden of someone close to you.**

**Prayer: I received the grace to have help from destiny helpers in the time of need in the name of Jesus, Amen.**