
FINAL WORDS

A Plea Honored

Luke 23:32-43

We are one of the criminals.

Guilty

Condemned

Which criminal are you?

One of the criminals responded without faith.

When we respond *without* faith,
we respond with...

...insults instead of praise.

...demands instead of submission.

The other criminal responded with faith.

When we respond *with* faith,
we respond with...

...fear.

...hope.

Jesus' answer shows us God's heart.

God desires relationship.

God will not turn any away.

God desires your greatest good.

Going Deeper

We encourage you to get into God's word this week. Below is a daily reading plan to help you read the Bible each day and learn more about today's message. This short investment of time will pay off huge dividends in your knowledge of God's Word and your relationship with God.

Below each reading is a question or two to reflect on throughout your day. If you are journaling you can write down your response and whatever else you got out of it (e.g. what the Holy Spirit is telling you).

Day 1: Romans 3:10-24

What is the state of humanity before the work of Jesus? How does this show our deep need for Jesus?

Day 2: Ephesians 2

Note the transition from what we were before Christ and what we have become because of God's love. How should this move us to live and worship?

Day 3: Proverbs 3:5-6, Job 13:15

What does it mean for you to submit to God and not demand from him? What is an area you need to let go of?

Day 4: Psalms 111:10

What does it mean to fear the Lord? Does your life demonstrate that you are living like this?

Day 5: Psalms 42:5, 11

How can we have hope in a God we fear? We are commanded to have both so how does that work out in your life?

Day 6: Psalms 34:17-18

Who does this verse say God is close to? How does this show his desire to have relationship with us?

Day 7: Romans 8:28-29

What does it mean for God to desire our greatest good? What does this verse lead us to believe that includes?