

**Words From the Cross:
Forsaken**

Matthew 27:45-49

. . . *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*
Matthew 27:46

❖ **The cry of atonement**

(1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

- The essence of sin (2 Chronicles 29:6; Jeremiah 2:27; Deuteronomy 31:16)
- The effect of sin (Isaiah 59:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:6, 8-9; Deuteronomy 31:17)

❖ **The cry of faith**

- in God's Word (Matthew 4:4)
- in answered prayer (Psalm 22:24; Hebrews 5:7)
- in the purpose of God (Hebrews 5:8-9)

❖ **The promise of God's presence** (Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5; Psalm 9:10; Hebrews 13:5)

Questions for life: When you face crushing circumstances that cause you to cry out, "Why?"

- Do you in faith turn to the promises of God?
- Do you in faith seek comfort in the presence of God?
- Do you in faith surrender to the purposes of God?

Next Week: *Thirst* John 19:28-29