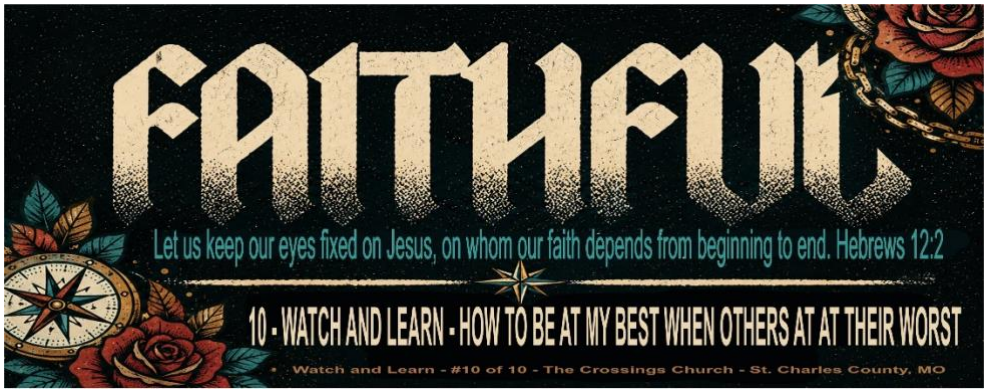

Now stay focused on Jesus, who designed and perfected our faith. He endured the cross and ignored the shame of that death because He focused on the joy that was set before Him; and now He is seated beside God on the throne, a place of honor. [3] *Consider the life of the One who endured such personal attacks and hostility from sinners so that you will not grow weary or lose heart.* **Hebrews 12:2-3** VOICE

I CAN BE AT MY BEST WHEN OTHERS ARE AT THEIR WORST, IF…

1. _____ THAN EMBRACING _____, I OFFER _____.

*Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing."* **Luke 23:34** NIV

Question- "Why should I offer forgiveness?" Because..

- **Jesus _____ it, _____ it, and _____ it.**
- **Because it's _____ to "hold a grudge"**

To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do. **Job 5:2** TEV

2. _____ MY _____ AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO _____.

A signboard was nailed to the cross above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." [39] *One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"* [40] *But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you are dying?* [41] *We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."* [42] *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."* [43] *And Jesus replied, "**I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.**"* **Luke 23:38-43** NLT

He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles… **2 Corinthians 1:4**a TEV

3. _____ TO _____ CARE OF THOSE WHO _____ CARE OF ME.

Standing near his cross were Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. [26] *When Jesus saw his mother and the follower he loved standing nearby, **he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son."*** [27] *Then he said to the follower, "Here is your mother." From that time on, the follower took her to live in his home.* **John 19:25-27** NCV

Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary…, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent from God, but many will oppose him. [35] *…And a sword will pierce your very soul."* **Luke 2:34-35** NIV

4. _____ MY _____ _____ TO GOD.

About the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. [34] *And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-which means, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me**?"* **Mark 15:33-34** NIV

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. **1 Peter 5:7** NLT *You listen to the longings of those who suffer…and you pay attention to their cries for help.* **Psalm 10:17** CEV

5. _____ _____ ENOUGH _____ _____ FOR HELP.

*Jesus knew his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "**I am thirsty**."* [29] *A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.* **John 19:28** NLT

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. **Proverbs 11:2** NIV

6. _____ THAT BAD DAYS HAVE _____ AND _____.

*When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "**It is finished**!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.* **John 19:30** NLT

Endure hardship as God's discipline and rejoice that He is treating you as His children, …what child doesn't experience discipline from a parent? [10] *…Our parents corrected us…as seemed good to them, but God only corrects us to our good so that we may share in His holiness.* **Hebrews 12:7, 10** VOICE

7. _____ _____ _____ AND _____ _____ IN GODS HANDS.

Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!" And with those words He breathed His last. **Luke 23:46** NLT

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?