

**Read**: An eternity of forgiveness lies in the heart of Christ, and here we see its fruit. Read <u>John 19:23-24</u> and <u>Luke 23:34</u>. Imagine this scene and hear the gentle voice of Jesus praying.

God's love is so vast and yet so practically personal. Read <u>2 Thessalonians 3:1-5</u> slowly aloud. Then read it again, absorbing each word.

**Think**: Review the passage again and ponder the word or phrase that stands out to you. What do you see of God's nature in this? What do you see about his heart for people? For you? Turn this word or phrase over and over in your mind—gently, like a fragile treasure.

**Pray**: Ask the Holy Spirit to impart God's message for you from this passage. What is he inviting you to consider? To do? To know? Open your heart and ask him to write his love deeply within you.

**Rest**: Sit quietly with what you have heard or sensed or experienced. Let all other thoughts go, except the reality of God's presence here and now, with you. Let him love you. If it helps, play worship music in the background. If your mind gets distracted, gently whisper "I receive your love" or "I love you, Lord."

What do you weep at, if you do not weep at this?

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