

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

Part 2

NAVIGATING THROUGH LIFE

- It's not all easy and downhill
 1. Surprises
 2. Setbacks
 3. Pain - physical and people pain
- Believers do not navigate life alone (**Hebrews 4:14-15 NKJV**)
 1. We have someone who walks with us
 2. So we hold on to what we believe

JESUS DEALT WITH MORE THAN PHYSICAL PAIN

- The pain of betrayal (**John 13:10-12a NKJV**)
 1. Betrayal - to be false or disloyal to, to deliver into the hands of the enemy
 2. Jesus still washed Judas' feet and never exposed him
- The pain of abandonment (**Luke 22:60-61 NKJV**)
 1. Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle
 2. Peter separated himself from Jesus
- The pain of abuse from strangers (**Matthew 27:27-31 NKJV**)
 1. After being physically beaten badly
 2. Roman soldiers mocked and spit on Him
- The pain of rejection from those who He had been good to (**Matthew 27:22-23 NKJV**)
 1. Rejected by people He had helped, healed and blessed
 2. People who Jesus never hurt wanted Him crucified

NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH PEOPLE PAIN

- Go to the One who understands
 1. He has experienced pain and will not condemn you
 2. He invites you to come get help (**Hebrews 4:16 NKJV**)
- Commit don't quit
 1. Don't allow people pain to push you off course (**1 Peter 2:23 NKJV**)
 2. Commit your ways to Him
 3. Don't strike back at people - it will not make the pain go away
- Stay connected to the One who is bigger than the pain
 1. Pain clouds perspective
 2. There is hope beyond the pain (**Romans 15:13 NKJV**)