

## The Cross I Leave

"If I suffer with Him, I shall reign with Him," are the words I see  
But primarily, it is not Jesus' suffering on the physical cross I see primarily.  
It is the cross He carried each day  
Denying His will in every way.

When He was on the cross, there were two crosses he carried.  
The physical one that He was nailed to  
The invisible one He calls me to carry too  
And as He speaks to me about denying my self in particular areas  
He says the following to me

My son, when I was on the cross, I could have chosen to come down.  
I had all the power to do so: heal my wounded hands, my wounded feet  
My wounded back, my wounded head.  
But the grace the Father had given me  
Helped me not only to suffer physically  
But also to deny My will to end the suffering.

If you are to be crucified with Me, you must deny your self.  
And when I say, "Leave it son," I see you soon begin  
To deny yourself and climb up on that cross of "denial of self" with Me  
But soon there after circumstances arises, and temptation calls you down.  
And several times you leave, no longer crucified with Me

The same thing happens again and again, and this cycle is not My will.  
But now I have shown thee, how you forsake Me  
Is this to be the end?

There is no other way for you, you must suffer slowly and die.  
Crucifixion is never a quick death, when leaving yourself to die.  
But be crucified with Me, and slowly die each day.  
Otherwise, how will you reign with Me, if you save yourself each day?

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