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*“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.**” (Titus 3:3-5a) “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.” (Eph. 1:7-8)*

These words are so rich for us who know God’s love and forgiveness given freely in Jesus. This week I’ve been immersed in passages related to Jesus’ time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane up to His death on the cross. Today I felt drawn to also read Heb 12:2b *“Jesus...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

For the joy set before Him Jesus endured God’s wrath on the cross so we don’t have to. God’s love is great!

Sadly, the reality is so many students and faculty (as well as some of our own family, friends, and neighbors) have no idea what Good Friday and Easter are really all about. Some people have heard the right things “Jesus died for our sins,” but its meaning and impact is lost. Others don’t even know that much.

Yesterday four of us from the Leadership Development Team were visiting our staff team at Yale. Like most of our Cru movements around the region the Yale students with the help of the staff are doing an outreach this Easter to help engage their peers with the good news that Easter brings.

Let’s pray for the college students we know and those on the campuses near us. May God give us love and courage to appropriately share with those around us this Easter Season, too.

I’m grateful for your prayers for me and our staff. Here is a picture of our team at Yale.



Because of God’s great love for us,

Liz

Sang

Charmaine

Lara

Andrew

Rachel

and baby Enna