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WARM UP

Give an example of something you thought you could not complete, but you're so glad you were able to complete. How did you feel upon seeing the task or process through?

WORD

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. ³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

John 19:28-30 (ESV)

NOTES

1 “That the Scripture might be fulfilled”

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John 19:28 (ESV)

Jesus Christ is the embodiment and fulfilment of all of Scripture. The Bible revolves around Christ, his existence in history, and ultimately his redemptive work at the cross. In terms of the fulfilment of Scripture, Jesus makes it plain that all things were now accomplished at the cross. God’s promises made throughout the Old Testament were fulfilled through Jesus who inevitably saved the world from sin by his death.

- How should we respond, knowing that God completed the work of saving you from sin despite your shortcomings and imperfections? Have you responded this way? Why or why not?
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2 Jesus the Finisher

³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

John 19:30 (ESV)

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1,2 (NKJV)

Not only do we find God as the initiator and author of life, but in our fallibility and abuse of the purpose behind God’s intention for our lives, God still sees fit to love his children unconditionally. The joy that Jesus has as the author and finisher of our faith is because of his delight in seeing us walk again with him and trusting him in his infinite power to show himself in our lives, despite our mistakes. The faith that God gives us is a response to Jesus’ finishing the task to the glory of God.

- Do you believe that Jesus has finished the work of forgiveness in your life? Do you believe you are not only forgiven, but that he has also empowered us to forgive those who may have wronged us?
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PRAYER

- Pray for the grace to forgive those who have sinned against you.
- Praise God and thank him for his forgiveness in your life.
- Pray that by God’s grace you’ll always remember that Christ paid the price for our sin to be forgiven.