the cross

"if anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" mark 8:34

i know in life we all go through a lot of hurt and pain, but we need to think of Jesus Christ on the cross with all our shame

for as our Lord was hanging there, He bore our sin and doubts and the brokenness that bound our lives as His precious blood poured out

and in the blood that flowed that day is forgiveness for all our sin, for only Christ's blood is able to cleanse the deepest stain within

but oh, the pain that He went through in suffering on His own, for even the Father turned His face and He was left to die alone

we could never imagine the anguish Jesus endured upon the cross and the love expressed in His dying breath, when all we did was scoff

and nothing at all we'd ever go through could possibly compare to the horror that the cross portrays of our sin, our hurts and fears for the cross of Christ reconciled us to our Father God above and the Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in transforming love.

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oh, the power of the cross. it conquered sin and death and paved the road to eternal life with our Creator. He, only Jesus Christ, could accomplish what no ordinary man could do - freeing us all from annihilation, ruin and regret.