

ANCHORING TO THE CROSS

6 Hours One Friday, Max Lucado

My Failures are Not Fatal – Part I
My Life is Not Futile – Part II
My Death is Not Final – Part III

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John 20:10-18, p. 1686

futile – serving no _____ purpose; vain; barren of results

When do we feel life is futile?

1. **when you've lost of a** _____

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"(10-13)

2. **when you're** _____ **and** _____ **spent**

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life...He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the tree and feel asleep. I Kings 19:3-5

3. **when you're** _____

They (the angels) asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." John 20:13

4. **when you're in** _____

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the top of his head. Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.....I loathe my very life...Job 2:7-8, 10:1

5. **when you've** _____

As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not."...Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow. John 18:25-27

How do we overcome "futility"?

1. **be** _____

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb.... John 20:10

2. **Jesus will be** _____ **to you**

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

Result: The divine _____ **consumed all her feelings of futility.**

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He has said these things to her. John 20:18

...Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. John 19:30

He forgave us all our sins...He took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2:13-15

Futilis – pours out easily

But I said "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Ye what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God." Isa. 49:4

5. When you have no divine _____ for living

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. Ecclesiastes 2:11