"The Last Words of Jesus" Pt. 3 Moving Toward Easter – Wk 3

March 29th, 2020

Pastor Jim Laxson

Imagine "Paralyzing Shock!" – paralyzed emotionally, mentally, in a fog! Mary's son! John's teacher, friend, Rabbani! Hanging on the cross... naked...dying...rejected and mocked!

Yet, in the midst of His anguish, He was mindful of Mary, His mother and John, His beloved disciple . . . in contrast, the Psalmist declares:

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
⁴ What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

Whether in the glory of Creation or the agony of redemption, He's mindful of His loved ones...

Context: Jesus is hanging on the cross! He is displayed for all to see in humiliation and mockery of the God-Man . . He nears His final moments, measured by labored breath . . .

Luke 23:27

John 19:17-22

Vs.23-25

What do we understand from these passages? 1. All Jesus' disciples had abandoned Him!
2. The had continued to & Him.
3. Even Mary, His mother, was there at the cross
 ✓ She is not ✓ She is
who were who were Tho' Mary is there, she is soon to remember Simeon's words in Luke 2:35 " a sword shall pierce through thine own soul" Vs. 26-27 4. As Jesus is hanging there, even in the midst of His suf-
fering, paying the penalty for our sin – yours, mine, the whole world's – as He gazes upon His mother and sees John the Beloved standing near, Jesus
So, What? Jesus has illustrated to ALL that even in the midst of our own struggles, we are to care for the needs of others! To care for others brings us back to our purpose - not to be selfabsorbed - but to consider others needs and importance beyond our own (Phil. 2:1-18 - READ this as Homework!!)
What part of this passage "caught your attention"?
Is God saying something to you? What is it?
How will you respond?