



Pine Needles & Broken Toys

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Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will *all fall away on account of me*, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the *flock will be scattered*.”

Matthew 26:31

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, *and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby*, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

John 19:25-27

But a time is coming, and has come, *when you will be scattered*, each to his own home. *You will leave me all alone*. Yet I am *not alone*, for *my Father is with me*.

John 16:32

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but *everyone deserted me*. May it not be held against them. *But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength ...*

2 Timothy 4:16-17

If *we* confess *our* sins, he is faithful and just to forgive *us our* sins and to cleanse *us* from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a *righteous man*.”

Luke 23:47

For Christ died for sins once for all, *the righteous for the unrighteous*, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:39-43

We are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being *saved* and those who are *perishing*. To the one we are the *smell of death*; to the other, the *fragrance of life*. And who is equal to such a task?

2 Corinthians 2:15-16