

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

As Jesus carried his cross he met a group of women along the road. They were sad with the grief of his pending crucifixion. Yet he stopped to spend a moment with them, to offer them some encouragement.

Have you been abandoned by your friends? Are you in pain? Do you focus on your problems or do you still try to help others.

I sometimes act like a child. I become so absorbed in myself and what I'd like that I forget about the needs of others. I take them for granted, and ignore their needs.

Looking upon this station, helps me think more about others. Help me remembers that others have problems, too. Helps me respond to them even when I'm busy or preoccupied with my own tribulations.

While Jesus stopped to comfort the pious women of Jerusalem who wept to see him bruised and torn. His focus was still on their needs. Seek out this station when you need strength to look beyond your needs in order to help others.