Day 2: A Heart That Weeps Before It Judges

Devotional

Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Not because He was weak. Not because He did not know what was coming. He wept because He looked at a city full of people who were lost, and His heart broke for them.

That is a challenging picture for us. It is far easier to look at people who reject God and feel frustration or even contempt. But Jesus grieved their blindness rather than celebrating their coming judgment. He loved them anyway.

This is the kind of heart the church is called to carry. Not a heart that writes people off, but a heart that aches for them. The people in your community who seem the furthest from God are not your enemies. They are the very people Jesus came for.

When you encounter someone who is difficult to love, someone whose choices frustrate you or whose beliefs oppose yours, pause before you react. Ask yourself: does my heart look more like judgment or compassion right now?

You do not have to agree with someone to love them. Jesus did not. He wept over people who would crucify Him. That kind of love is not natural. It is supernatural. And it is exactly what He is asking you to carry into your world today.

Bible Verse

"When he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.'" - Luke 19:41-42

Reflection Question

When you think about someone in your life who seems far from God, does your heart lean more toward frustration or compassion, and what might need to change?

Quote

"Jesus looks at a people that are lost. He looks at a people that the Bible says here was hidden from their eyes."

Prayer

Jesus, give me a heart that weeps before it judges. Soften me toward the people I find hardest to love, and help me see them the way You do. Amen.