



“you will laugh” – Jesus

--Luke 6:21 (NRSV)

Pt. 2 How to Handle the Party Crashers

1) KEEP _____

“In this world you will have trouble.”
--John 16:33 (NIV)

*“When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.””*
--John 2:3-5 (NRSV)

“I found myself in trouble and went looking for my Lord. My life was an open wound that wouldn’t heal ... I go over the days one by one, I ponder the years gone by. I strum my lute all through the night, wondering how to get my life together.”
--Psalm 77:2-6 (The Message)

“I’ve ... been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death’s door time after time. I’ve been flogged five times with the Jews’ thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Roman rods three times, pummeled with rocks once. I’ve been shipwrecked three times, and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day. In hard traveling year in and year out, I’ve had to ford rivers, fend off robbers, struggle with friends, struggle with foes. I’ve been at risk in the city, at risk in the country, endangered by desert sun and sea storm, and betrayed by those I thought were my brothers. I’ve known drudgery and hard labor, many a long and lonely night without sleep, many a missed meal, blasted by the cold, naked to the weather.

And that’s not the half of it...”

Pastor Mike Brown

—2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (The Message)

“And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’”
--Matthew 27:46

2) TAKE _____

“I will comfort you there as a little one is comforted by its mother.”
--Isaiah 66:13 (Living Bible)

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good,”
—Genesis 50:20 (NRSV)

*“Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,”*
--Isaiah 43:4 (NRSV)

“And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.”
—1 Peter 5:4 (NRSV)

*“Leave your troubles with the LORD,
and God will defend you,”*
—Psalm 55:22 (Good News)

3) FIND _____

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”*
--Matthew 11:28 (NRSV)

*“All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **in him was life...**”*
—John 1:3-4 (NRSV)

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