One Very Bad Day!

John 18

How do we process our pain?

1. We must forgive.

Matthew 18-Where do we find the courage to forgive? We must remember all that has been forgiven.

2. We can choose to learn and grow.

What can I learn from or through my pain?

a. We can learn Humility.

1 Peter 5:5-6, God resists the proud...Peter knew this from experience. When Jesus meets us in our suffering our humility and dependence grows.

b. We can learn Gratitude.

Suffering increase gratitude. It is easy for us to take our blessing for granted. **Psalm 100:4, 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

c. We can learn Mercy

When we suffer, we are more merciful to those who suffer.

Psalm 145:8-9, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."

Ephesians 2:4-5, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ

d. We can learn to Love.

Luke 7:36-50

e. We can learn to Trust.

Before my suffering, I trust myself. In my pain I realize I need Jesus.

1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11, Hebrews 11:6