The Cross

"There love hangs. loving the haters, dying for the sinners, caring for the uncon - erned, bleeding for the unwounded."c

"Is it not time to raise the cross in the middle of our lives? We must be careful before we answer. His cross will not co-exist with our present way of life. Once we salute it momentarily, we must serve it for the rest of our lives."

"The cross as Jeremiah saw it , is God's New Covenant. It is Yahweh's new agreement. It is God's new deal."

"God's new agreement promises that we all may now come home to Him, but we must come by the way of the cross."

"An agreement is the meeting of two minds. The agreement is not complete when God offers us life through the cross, but only when we accept it."

"It is a life-for-life agreement; We should be willing to give God all that we have, since he gave us all that He had. We must not consider how much it will cost to participate in the agreement, for he did not count the cost."

"There is no way to God that does not depend on nails, thorns, ropes, and wood."

"We have been saved not by the Ten Commandments that we could never keep, but by the Cross that keeps us....."

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