

Let's Take a Stroll!

"He Humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross."

Philippians 2:8 (NLT)

Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter, this season always brings me back to growing up in northwest Connecticut. You see, even when I was still a "seeker", my religious background drove me (by force many years) to church on at least the major holidays.

One unique and reoccurring ritual was to walk the stations of the cross at the Lourdes in Litchfield, CT.

During Holy Week, I remember witnessing hundreds of people making a pilgrimage to the Lourdes and the Stations of the Cross. I simply went to do my time, and "take a stroll"! Not everyone was just taking a stroll! Many were emotional, contemplative, and deeply moved in a way I wasn't personally experiencing. When I encountered Christ and accepted Him as my Lord and Savior at age 20, my next stroll at the Lourdes looked and felt a little different to me.

In his devotional,

Max Lucado, referencing his book *"Six Hours, One Friday"* penned my feelings best,

"Take a stroll out to the hill, out to Calvary. Out to the cross where, with holy blood, the hand that placed you on the planet wrote the promise "God would give up his only Son before he would give up on you" ...and your crew!!

Let's take that stroll with our family this Easter weekend. It will cause you to push "pause" in the busyness of 2022 and prayerfully add needed perspective for you and me. Then spend a week relaxing and refueling for a strong finish to our 2021/2022 school year.

Blessings, Mr. C.