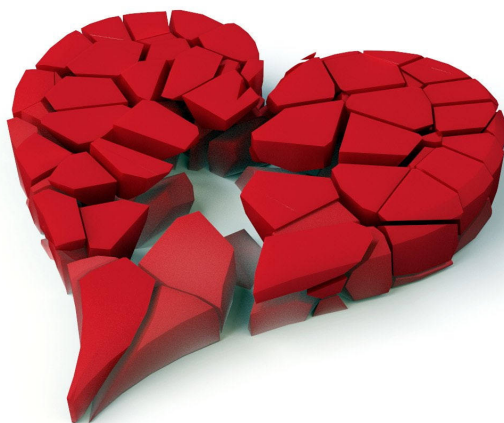


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*"When the disciples were together ... Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord" (John 20:19-20 NIV).*

They are ugly. Some are grotesque. But every scar has a story to tell.

This Easter we remember the scars in the hands, feet and side of Jesus. They are still there even though he has been raised from the dead. The scars are there because they tell the story of the pain and agony he suffered as he died on the cross. They show us in graphic detail how

much he loves us, and the price he paid to save us from our sin. Jesus has scars so that we will never forget how much he gave for our freedom. The scars of Jesus tell a story that affects each one of us.

It's not just Jesus that has scars. Just as it "pleased the Lord to bruise him," (Isaiah 53:10 KJV) so it pleased the Lord to bruise me. I have scars too. One goes around the right-hand side of my chest from my sternum almost to my backbone. Another runs from my heel to half way up the calf of my left leg, and yet another across my right hip. They are scars from life-saving operations, but they are also scars that have saved my life – both here and now and for eternal life. I even have scars on my heart from being wounded in the house of my friends. As ugly as the scars are, each one shows God's glory, the work of God in my life, and tells the story of God drawing me close to him. The scars I have tell me of the love, purpose and plans God has for me.

Thank you for the scars of Jesus and for the scars you have inflicted on each of us. As much as we dislike the pain, we are so thankful for your healing, guiding and correcting hand drawing us to you. Amen.



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Every scar has a story to tell.  
From the scars of Jesus as he  
hung on the cross, to the scars  
on our own bodies and hearts.

Not only do scars show our  
pain, but they can also show  
God's glory.

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