

Cry

How often do you cry? My guess is not very often, for crying is a sign of weakness...if ever there was a lie it would be this. Society claims and teaches that to cry is a sign of weakness, to hold it all in makes you strong. To say 'who can put trust in a cry baby, because they are weak'...is to say that you have no trust in God. The only true weakness is when we fail to cry...

"Jesus wept." John 11:35

God cries for us, every day of our lives. He feels our pain, he knows our sufferings, he not only knows the crosses we bear...He bears them too. He cries when we are joyful, when we are happy and full of life. He cries at our accomplishments and dreams. God cries for our souls when we sin and he cries when we reject him. When we choose sin and darkness over love, He cries with endless tears. God's 'Divine' Mercy is that He cries for us.

"The righteous cry out, the Lord hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions." Psalm 34:18

"Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of Joy! Psalm 126:5

**You can cry, ain't no shame in it.
Will Smith**

**"Sometimes in our life tears are the glasses to see Jesus"
Pope Francis.**

Do we cry for ourselves, when we sin, when we hurt, when we feel alone and afraid? Do we allow ourselves to cry when we experience great beauty? Do we cry for our hopes and dreams? Do we cry for our lost opportunities? Do we cry for a second chance to love? Do we cry for each other? Do we cry out against hate and injustice? Do we cry for those who suffer and are hurting? Do we cry for joy when one chooses God over darkness? Do we cry with love from the depths of our souls? God cries for us, are we willing to cry for God?

Jesus,

*Teach me to weep from my heart,
to weep with joy, even in times of hardship and sorrow.*

Give me strength to cry anywhere and everywhere.

Let all who see my tears, see only my joy.

*May they know the song I sing when I cry,
and know that God's love is in my tears.*

*When I cry may it be with compassion,
and may it come from the depths of my soul.*

May I always cry out to you, just as you cry out to me.

Amen

*"Cry the Gospel with your life."
Tom Booth*