1 Corinthians 2:1-2 NASB And when I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come as someone superior in speaking ability or wisdom, as I proclaimed to you the testimony of God. For I determined to know nothing among you except <u>Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.</u>

In the midst of the swirl <u>Jesus is always constant</u>!

When my loss causes me to question God's goodness, the cross is my truth North!

Matthew 27:46 NLT

At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

His loss gives hope in my loss

John 11:25-26 ESV

Jesus said to her, "I am the <u>resurrection</u> and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

His loss gives purpose to my loss

Philippians 3:7-9 ESV

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that <u>I may gain Christ and be found in him</u>...

His loss gives comfort despite my loss

Psalm 34:18 NLT The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Matthew 5:4 NLT God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Hebrews 4:15 NIV

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.