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From the Principal's Desk - “From Forsaken Cry to Praise” — Finding Hope in Life’s Challenges

This past week, during our faculty Bible study, we reflected on Psalm 22:1–5, 19–24 and the journey from a cry of abandonment to a declaration of praise. The psalm begins with words that Jesus Himself would later speak from the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Yet, as we discovered, Psalm 22 does not end in despair. It moves toward trust, hope, and the assurance that God hears His people's cries.

What a powerful reminder for each of us, especially as we navigate the joys and challenges of everyday life.

As parents, educators, and members of a Christian community, we know that life isn't always easy. Families face unexpected health concerns, personal struggles, financial pressures, and moments of uncertainty. Sometimes, others can see the burdens we carry. Other times, they stay quietly tucked away behind a smile or a simple "I'm doing fine."

But here's the beautiful promise we find in Scripture: Our faith doesn't require us to have everything figured out or to pretend everything is okay. We have a Savior who understands suffering because He experienced it Himself. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus assures us that even in our most difficult moments, we are never alone.

Psalm 22:24 reminds us: “For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.”

As we approach Thanksgiving, a season when we naturally reflect on our blessings, I encourage us to remember those within our St. Paul's family and beyond who may be facing challenges. Let us pray for those dealing with illness or recovering from medical procedures, for families navigating difficult circumstances, and for anyone experiencing worry, grief, or uncertainty. May God grant them healing, strength, peace, and the comfort of knowing they are held securely in His loving hands.

Our school theme, Anchored in Christ, reminds us that being anchored doesn't mean life's storms will never come. Rather, it means we have a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, whose love and promises remain steadfast no matter what challenges we encounter.

And perhaps this week, we can answer someone's prayer through a kind word, a helping hand, a listening ear, or a simple reminder that they are not alone.

May we be a community that not only celebrates together in times of joy but also lifts one another up in times of difficulty. For through Christ, even our deepest cries can become expressions of hope and praise.

In Christ,

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