

Seeing Redemption

February 25 Read: Colossians 1:15-20 Beckie Lapointe

I'm a Mom, a proud Mom. I love my kids a lot; sometimes overwhelmed by my love for them. Letting my kids go is a challenge for me, because I want to protect them from anything hurtful and negative. I want to make sure they enter adulthood with as few scars as possible. I don't think I'm out of the ordinary in this way. The "Mother Bear" mentality is alive and well in most Moms.

I've only seen "The Passion of the Christ" once. Once was good for me. I remember so clearly watching Mary as she observed what was happening to her beloved Son. She realized there was nothing she could do to stop it. She couldn't march into the middle of those crowds of people and make them stop or they would get a time out. She stood by and watched her Son beaten, spat upon, betrayed and eventually killed by those who He came to love and save. I can't imagine the gut wrenching grief that she must have felt; out of control and helpless.

But, that's not how she was portrayed. Although she probably had moments where she felt all those things, my sense is that she had an unshakeable faith that she was part of something much bigger than her own emotions. I think she knew that even though her Son was suffering tremendously, God the Father could take care of Him much better than she could, and she was able to let him go. It's like she could see through the pain to the redemption.

Prayer: Jesus, I pray that I would learn to see through the heartaches and unfortunate pain of living in a fallen world to see what you are up to. Your ways are bigger and better than my ways. I pray that I would yield today to your plans for my family, and give me the faith to know that you can look after my family better than I can. AMEN.
