

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

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Crutches

I have been reading Broken Planet by Sharon Dirckx. I was very struck by this passage. She discusses the importance of crutches.

"Several years ago my son, Ethan, was pushed off a climbing frame and injured his ankle. We ended up in hospital and found that, being unable to put weight on that ankle, he needed crutches - in fact they were crucial to his recovery. Crutches help to heal a broken bone because crutches - to state the obvious - are not broken and can be pulled in close to your body, enabling us to lean fully on them for support.

In our broken world, what if there was someone who was close enough to lean on, but who was not broken like us and therefore able to bear the full weight of this earth's fractures and rifts - biological, geological, relational, emotional? If that kind of being exists, then there is hope for mending our broken world. There is a way though despair, depression, illness, famine, national disasters and natural disasters. There is a way to walk again, even in the face of deep tragedy.

The Christian faith says this being exists. God entered human history as Jesus Christ. Jesus came close to the broken hearted. He healed diseases, calmed storms, raised the dead. He came head to head with the brokenness and evil, in nature, in biology and in people. Jesus did not walk away from hurting people, or wring his hands in resignation; he looked hurting people in the eye and did something about their suffering"

As the song says, We all need someone to lean on. Let us lean on Jesus and also support each other.

SONG: Lean on me by Bill Withers.