



Quotes for December 6:

#1:

"I climbed into the tree and was left there alone in the bush. The hours I spent there live all before me as if it were but of yesterday. I heard the frequent discharging of muskets, and the yells of the Savages. Yet I sat there among the branches, as safe in the arms of Jesus. Never, in all my sorrows, did my Lord draw nearer to me, and speak more soothingly in my soul, than when the moonlight flickered among these chestnut leaves, and the night air played on my throbbing brow, as I told all my heart to Jesus. Alone, yet not alone! If it be to glorify my God, I will not grudge to spend many nights alone in such a tree, to feel again my Savior's spiritual presence, to enjoy His consoling fellowship. If thus thrown back upon your own soul, alone, all alone, in the midnight, in the bush, in the very embrace of death itself, have you a Friend that will not fail you then?"

John Paton

#2:

Like a piece of driftwood on the sea  
May you never be alone like me

I believed the lies you told to me  
When you whispered dear, I'll worship thee  
Now here I am all alone and blue  
All because I love no one but you

I have left my friends, I left my home  
When you promised to be mine alone  
Now you're gone our love could never be  
May you never be alone like me

In the bible, God's own words do say  
For every wrong some day you'll have to pay  
I'll pray the Lord to set me free  
May you never be alone like me

Hank Williams

#3:

"It could have been no ordinary fear which made him almost pine away, by which his bones were disjoined, and his heart poured out like water...David was not buffeted with the waves of affliction like a rock which cannot be moved, but was agitated within by sore troubles and temptations, which, through the infirmity of the flesh, he would never have been able to sustain had he not been aided by the power of the Spirit of God."

John Calvin



#4:

“David does not murmur against God as if God had dealt hardly with him; but in bewailing his condition, he says, in order the more effectually to induce God to show him mercy, that he is not accounted so much as a man....”

John Calvin

#5:

“No Christian can read this without being vividly confronted with the crucifixion. It is not only a matter of prophecy minutely fulfilled, but of the sufferer’s humility...and his vision of a world-wide ingathering of the Gentiles. (One translation) entitles it ‘The suffering servant wins the deliverance of the nations’. No incident recorded of David can begin to account for this...it is not a description of illness, but of an execution...Whatever the initial stimulus, the language of the psalm defies a naturalistic explanation; the best account is in the terms used by Peter concerning another psalm of David: ‘Being therefore a prophet...he foresaw and spoke of...the Christ’ (Acts 2:30ff).”

Derek Kidner

#6:

“The central truth about the cross is that Jesus died as the substitute for sinners before God – suffering vicariously in our place and as our representative – and that he died to suffer the wrath of God that we deserve and to pay the penalty for our sins under the divine justice of God’s law.”

Richard Phillips