

**Sometimes I just hate life  
Something ain't right  
Hit the brake lights**

**- Eminem, *8 Mile***



**But in the midst of the carnage and shock and horror, what can we say? There are no words. The lovely lines of peace on earth and goodwill to all sound impossibly trite and hollow. And worse still, we are afraid to even speak the name of God, aren't we? For inside there is a horrible question that we dare not face, that we don't know what to do with. It is not just that our faith seems to lack adequate words of comfort. It is that our faith is not sure that God is not to blame.**

**- Rev. Nathan Nettleton**



**My eyes are spent with weeping; my stomach churns; my bile is poured out to the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because infants and babies faint in the streets of the city. – Jeremiah (Lamentations 2:11)**





Don't call me Naomi;  
call me Bitter. The  
Strong One has dealt  
me a bitter blow. I left  
here full of life, and  
God has brought me  
back with nothing but  
the clothes on my back.  
Why should you call me  
Naomi? God certainly  
doesn't. The Strong  
One ruined me.”  
- Naomi (Ruth 1:20-21)



**God, how long do I have to cry out for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, “Help! Murder! Police!” before you come to the rescue? Why do you force me to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day? Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights all over the place. Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke. – Habakkuk (1:2-4)**

**But please: Don't say it's not really so bad.  
Because it is. Death is awful, demonic.  
*Nicholas Wolterstorff, Lament for a Son***







**If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about? ... But now the Lord has abandoned us. – Gideon (Judges 6:13)**

You speak of  
signs and  
wonders; I need  
something  
other. I would  
believe if I was  
able, but I'm  
waiting on the  
crumbs from  
your table.  
– Bono





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