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Good Morning...Welcome...

**Title Slide:** He Won’t Relent

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As you know, I have really been camping since Palm Sunday about the story of Jesus and the 2 thieves on the cross. It is something that has been really racing through my heart to ponder **the “qualifications” of salvation.**

- Who can be saved?
- How can you be saved?
- When are you saved?

The answer to the question has really rested for me on this little obscurely placed phrase of scripture found in

**1 Tim. 2:1-6** (NLT) Instructions about Worship

1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. 6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.

I love the fact that a small picture of God’s character comes out in **Vss. 3 & 4.** 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

With that being said, I want to give you the 3 FOR SURES of our Gods character...

1) **He Won’t Relent for those that are not living for Him!**

**Luke 23:32-43** – Thieves on the Cross...<sup>32</sup> Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”** And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. <sup>35</sup> The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. <sup>37</sup> They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> A sign was fastened to the cross above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by

saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" 40 But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? 41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." 43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

- The Last Ministry He did on the cross!
- To the "unlovables" of the culture!
- Salvation to His very last breath!

## 2) He won't relent for those that know Him and love Him!

**Matt. 28:18-20** – The Great Commission... 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- The Last Ministry He did to His disciples!
- To the "unloveables" of the culture!
- Salvation to His very last breath!

## 3) He won't relent on us until we love each other!

**John 13:31-35** - By your Love for one another...31 As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, "The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory, and God will be glorified because of him. 32 And since God receives glory because of the Son, he will soon give glory to the Son. 33 Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

- The Only Sign of our Salvation!
- To the "unloveables" of OUR culture!
- Salvation to our very last breath!

## **Romans 8:31 - 39** Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? 33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day;

**we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.**

**38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**