

OLD RUGGED CROSS REMINDER

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LYRICS

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Album: Amazing Joy 'n' Choices
Original music and lyrics based on George Bennard's
"The Old Rugged Cross" (Public Domain, CCLI # 19722)

"Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect. That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal.... now, once for all time, [Christ] has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. -- Hebrews 9: 16-18, 26b New Living Translation

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On a Hill far away stood an old rugged cross.
the emblem of suffering and shame. I shall
think of that Cross -- what Jesus suffered for me -- when I'm
tempted to cling to sin..... and hurt Him! So I'll.....

CHORUS

cherish You, my Lord Jesus. I'll remember Your old Rugged Cross.....

2

There is no temptation that I can't stand against. Jesus
died to free me from Sin's power.
First Corinthians 10: 13, Jesus has promised to me. For His
death on that Cross set me..... FREE from Sin's power! So I'll.....

CHORUS

cherish You, my Lord Jesus. I'll remember Your old Rugged Cross.....

Song Story.

God inspired this song in 20 minutes at the sanctuary piano -- both music and lyrics. Most songs are worked through three studios: mine, *J&T Studio* nearby, and *Valley Worship & Praise Studio* over an hour away. So to be efficient, when I finish sketching out songs -- especially those written quickly in my journal like this -- I completely play through them on an old-fashioned piano before beginning the recording process. That ensures that I can read my own handwriting through sometimes blurry letters.

As I finished this song, I was surprised at how much the old hymn's alto lines wove through the new music. And then I more carefully read the words I'd written... from God: That we should *cherish not the cross itself, but Jesus*. What gorgeous words from our Creator God, in beautiful music that blends through the old hymn.