the message of suffering

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hotel room in Houston, heaval. Texas, trying desper- There is no fear of ately to reduce Cathe- dying for me. I know rine Marshall's life that my salvation is into 550 words. My secure in my relationwife, Jackie, had call- ship with Jesus. Yet I ed from our home in found that I'm not a Florida to tell me that great deal different Catherine had died. I from many others. I relayed the news to my fear the dying promagazine publisher. A cess. My dread of pain short article was need- has made me trip over ed by late afternoon God's redemptive lesfor the magazine's dead- sons found only in the line.

back in Houston. Jack- healed (and healing is ie was with me when we part of our heritage) received word that Cor- that we catapult over rie Ten Boom another the message of sufferdear friend had gone to ing? God is God of all be with the Lord. Again things. In the midst I was at the typewriter of pain, He is God. trying to march through God of the resurrection this great Christian's is Lord of the cross. life. I had been allot- The Master of Life is ted 650 words.

ing need to reduce my the empty tomb. words was an even God is with me regreater need to sort deeming the circumstan-

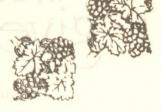
I sat alone in the through my personal up-

crucible of suffering.

A month later, I was Are we so eager to be as present in the cru-Apart from the press- cifixion as He is at

ces no matter what the situation.

Catherine kept a daily journal. In reading excerpts, a secret of living emerged from her vear of suffering before her death. At the bottom of the crucible the sufferings of the filled with pain are the remnants of love. love each other even as When all has been ex- Christ loves us. Only perienced and felt, in laying down our Catherine realized we lives and sharing in must start loving with- His love, can we find out reservation and the true purpose of the criticism and in return resurrection. allow others to love us.



This is the lesson of cross. That we might

