

## **Given up?**

### ***Overheard in the hospital***

*I've given up on God!?*

*He hasn't answered my prayer for my children*

*He lets them suffer on.*

*He doesn't send the right help for them at the right time.*

### ***Overheard in my heart***

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because I can't have what **I** want or think is right?

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because my government spends so much on arms there's not enough left for health and research - research is left precariously to charity

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because overweight bankers and tax avoiding multinationals cripple the country's economy causing massive cutbacks in medical and social care

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because an increasingly greedy and selfish culture is squeezing out compassion - people care in the glamorous moments of human crisis and forget so soon the everyday heartaches around them

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because publishing companies exploit young people with ideas of what it is to look good and create the fear of individuality whatever the cost in mental and physical suffering

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because every sphere of life - not least in advertising - has to exploit sexuality and abuse the beautiful natural gifts God has given

#### ***Given up on God?***

Because when I search my heart I have to ask 'is it me Lord?'

### ***Overheard in my prayer***

#### ***Given up on God?***

Who can never give up on me!

God, who suffers as many times over as there have been, are, or ever will be persons in his world?

God who IS Love and proves it as a true parent who suffers with every self inflicted hurt and every injustice against every creature.

#### ***Given up on God who hangs on every cross we carry?***

### ***Not given up - Challenged!***

This is no answer to the universal question 'Why?' but it is a wake-up call to us to cleanse and heal this godly world with Christ who only needs the concerted effort of human minds, hearts, hands working together with him

All the world's problems stem from this one root

- ***that we have given up on God***

***God has not given up on us!***