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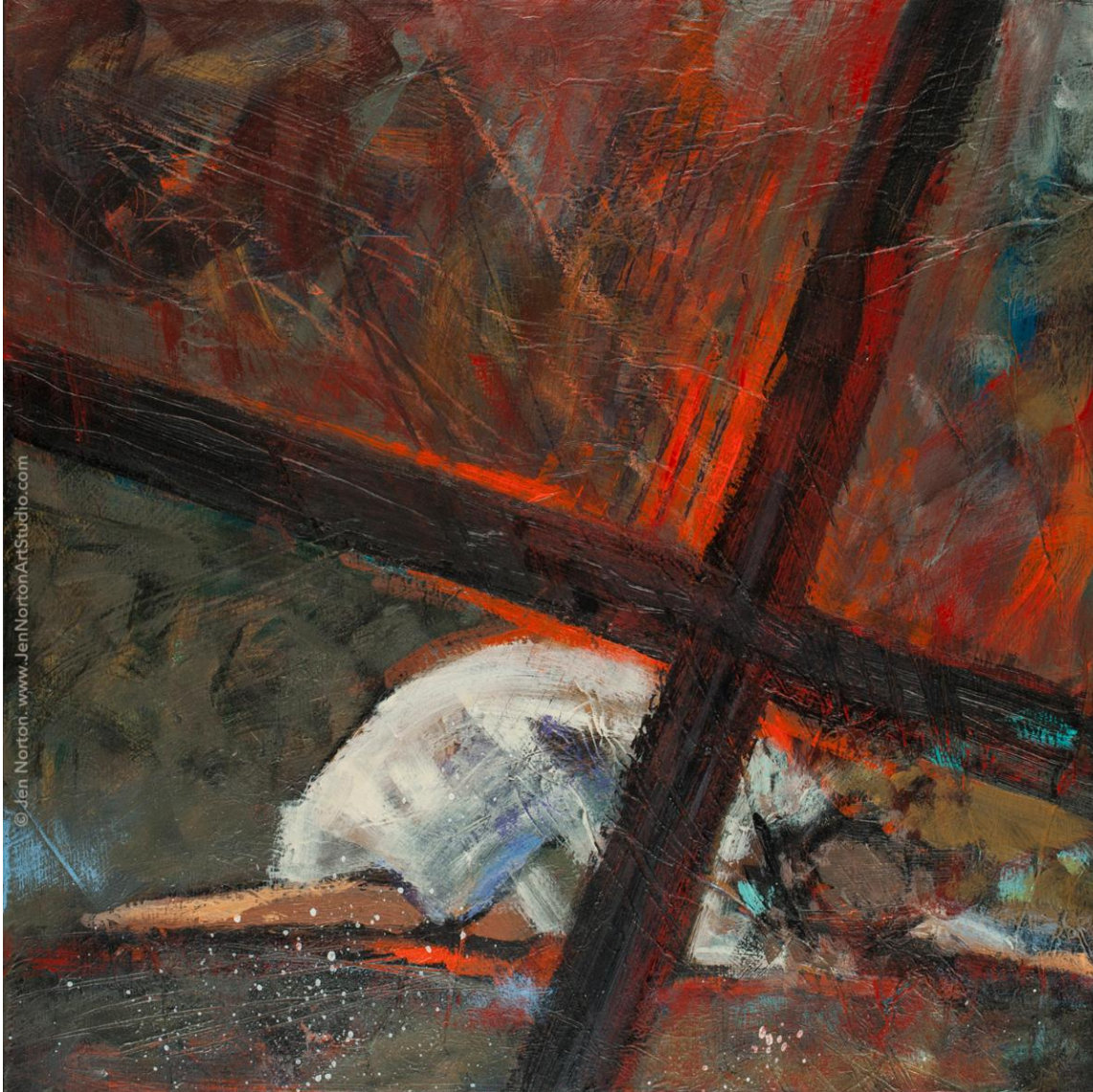
## Jesus Falls for the Second Time

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*It was certainly our sickness that he carried and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds, we are healed. Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.*

**Isaiah 53: 4-6**

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### Encouragement for the Lenten Journey:

Take the weight before you and hold it in your hands. Feel the poundage in your arms. Jesus stands alone under the weight of the cross. Jesus falls a second time on the rough stones and dirt. The weight of the cross feels oppressive. Jesus gathers his inner strength and gets back up so he can continue his journey. As you place the weight back on the ground, listen to the voice of Jesus speaking to you “take up your cross and follow me.”

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### *Prayer*

Lord, give me the grace to see there is no shame in falling because that is the way learning comes. Help me to understand that falling is not the same as failing. Teach me how to get up again with dignity and continue in your way.

Amen

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*foster children, our neighbors, served at Morningstar Children's Home.*

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