²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

-Matthew 16:24-25 ESV



experience, for they can lead to the source of lasting joy."

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17Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

18Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

—Philippians 2:17-18 ESV

Il appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and

perfect. —Romans 12:1-2 ESV

Joy Comes Through Sacrifice,
Not Indulgence

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"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."
—Corrie Ten Boom

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¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

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²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.
²³I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

—Philippians 2:19-24 ESV



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²¹For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

—Philippians 2:21-22 ESV

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For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

—Philippians 1:21 ESV

For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

—Philippians 2:21 ESV

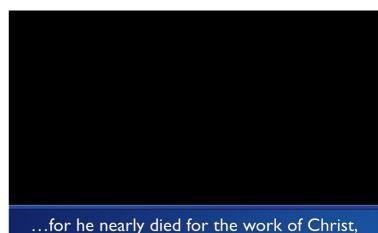
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²⁹So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, ³⁰for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.
 —Philippians 2:29-30 ESV

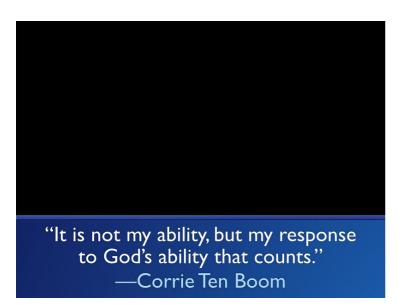
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...for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.—Philippians 2:30 ESV

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l³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, l⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." —John 4:13-14 ESV

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