

7BUT WHATEVER GAIN I HAD, I COUNTED AS LOSS FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST. **INDEED, I COUNT EVERYTHING AS LOSS BECAUSE OF THE SURPASSING WORTH OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS MY LORD. FOR HIS SAKE I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS AND COUNT THEM AS RUBBISH, IN ORDER THAT I MAY GAIN CHRIST **AND BE FOUND IN HIM, NOT HAVING A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF MY OWN THAT COMES FROM THE LAW, BUT THAT WHICH COMES THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM GOD THAT DEPENDS ON FAITH. —PHILIPPIANS 3:7-9

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I. PAUL LOOKED IN HIMSELF AND FOUND FAILURE!

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OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN,
A HEBREW OF HEBREWS: AS TO THE LAW, A PHARISEE; "AS TO ZEAL,
A PERSECUTOR OF THE CHURCH; AS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS
UNDER THE LAW, BLAMELESS.—PHILIPPIANS 3:4-6

"IT'S WHAT WE ALL ARE. WE'RE ALL FAILURES.

OWN IT; IT WILL BE GOOD FOR YOU. THERE IS NOT A DAY
IN ANY OF OUR LIVES WHEN WE DON'T LAY DOWN
EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE FAILURES. MAYBE IT'S IN
AN UNKIND WORD, AN UGLY THOUGHT, OR AN UNGODLY
DESIRE. MAYBE IT'S IN A MOMENT OF SELFISH ENVY OR
UNBRIDLED GREED. MAYBE IT'S IN A MOMENT OF PRIDE,
WHEN WE HAVE TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION OR
STEAL SOME OF GOD'S GLORY. PERHAPS IT'S IN ACTS
OF GLUTTONY OR IN THE DESIRES OF LUST.

... 4THOUGH I MYSELF HAVE REASON FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH

ALSO, IF ANYONE ELSE THINKS HE HAS REASON FOR CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH, I HAVE MORE: SCIRCUMCISED ON THE EIGHTH DAY,

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MAYBE IT'S IN AN INSTANCE WHEN OUR HEARTS ARE COLD AND LACK SYMPATHY FOR THE POOR OR THE SUFFERING. MAYBE IT SHOWS ITSELF WHEN WE ARE JEALOUS OF THE BEAUTY OR POWER OF ANOTHER. PERHAPS IT'S REVEALED WHEN WE SURRENDER OUR HEARTS ONCE AGAIN TO SOME EARTHBOUND IDOL. PERHAPS IT SHOWS ITSELF WHEN WE TAKE WHAT IS NOT OURS TO TAKE OR FAIL TO GIVE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO GIVE. SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, WE ALL DO IT EVERY DAY—WE FALL SHORT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS STANDARD. WE ALL FAIL TO BE WHAT HE HAS CREATED AND CALLED US TO BE."—PAUL DAVID TRIPP

"WE STRUGGLE BECAUSE WHAT IS WRONG WITH US CANNOT BE FIXED OR FULFILLED BY US."

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2. PAUL LOOKED AT JESUS AND FOUND TREASURE! (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

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FREEDOM

... AND YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH,
AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE. —JOHN 8:32

POWER

... *AND MY SPEECH AND MY MESSAGE WERE NOT IN PLAUSIBLE WORDS OF WISDOM, BUT IN DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER, 5SO THAT YOUR FAITH MIGHT NOT REST IN THE WISDOM OF MEN BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD. —I CORINTHIANS 2:4-5

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"THERE IS A GOD-SHAPED VACUUM IN THE HEART OF EACH MAN WHICH CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY ANY CREATED THING BUT ONLY BY GOD THE CREATOR, MADE KNOWN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."—BLAISE PASCHAL

"THE WORST FORM OF HUMAN BADNESS IS HUMAN GOODNESS
WHEN IT BECOMES A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE NEW BIRTH."

—ADRIAN ROGERS

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"CHRIST REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW
BY BECOMING A CURSE FOR US—FOR IT IS WRITTEN,
"CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO IS HANGED ON A TREE"—

14SO THAT IN CHRIST JESUS THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM MIGHT COME TO THE GENTILES, SO THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE PROMISED SPIRIT THROUGH FAITH. —GALATIANS 3:13-14

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3. PAUL LOOKED TO THE CROSS AND FOUND POWER!

... ISTHAT I MAY KNOW HIM AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND MAY SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS, BECOMING LIKE HIM IN HIS DEATH,

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"THAT BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE I MAY ATTAIN
THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD.
—PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

"THE CROSS IS A CONTRADICTION OF OUR PRIDE. IT DEMANDS A SURRENDER OF OUR AGENDAS, FEELINGS, OPINIONS. WE MUST TAKE EVERYTHING TO THE CROSS.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: VIDEO CLIP OF ALISTAR BEGG

DEATH TO SELF IS THE ONLY WAY FOR THE LIFE OF CHRIST
TO BE MANIFESTED IN US AND THROUGH US."

—MICHAEL CATT

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FOR THE WORD OF THE CROSS IS FOLLY TO THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING, BUT TO US WHO ARE BEING SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD.—I CORINTHIANS 1:18

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