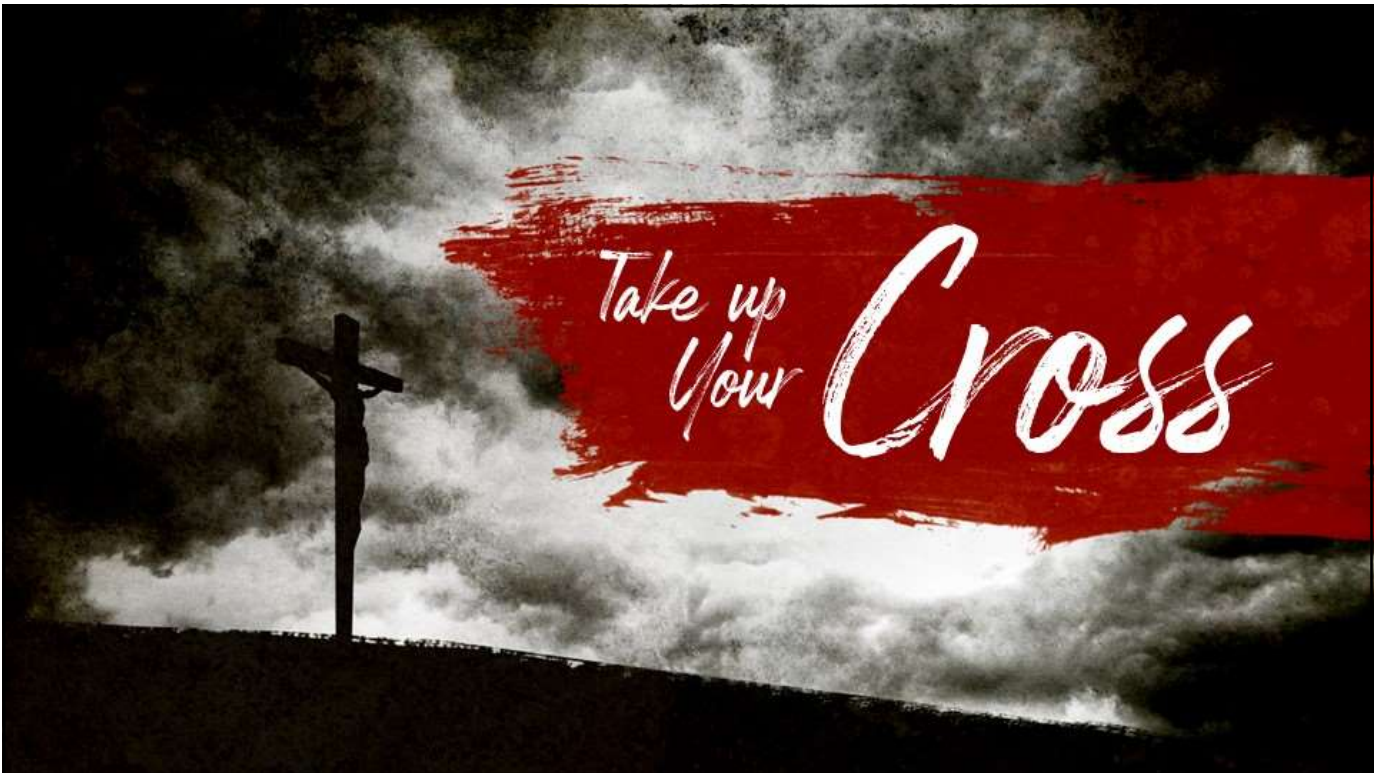




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Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ²¹And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²²saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

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Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ²³Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

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Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ²⁵For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? ²⁶For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

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Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ²⁷But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” ²⁸Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

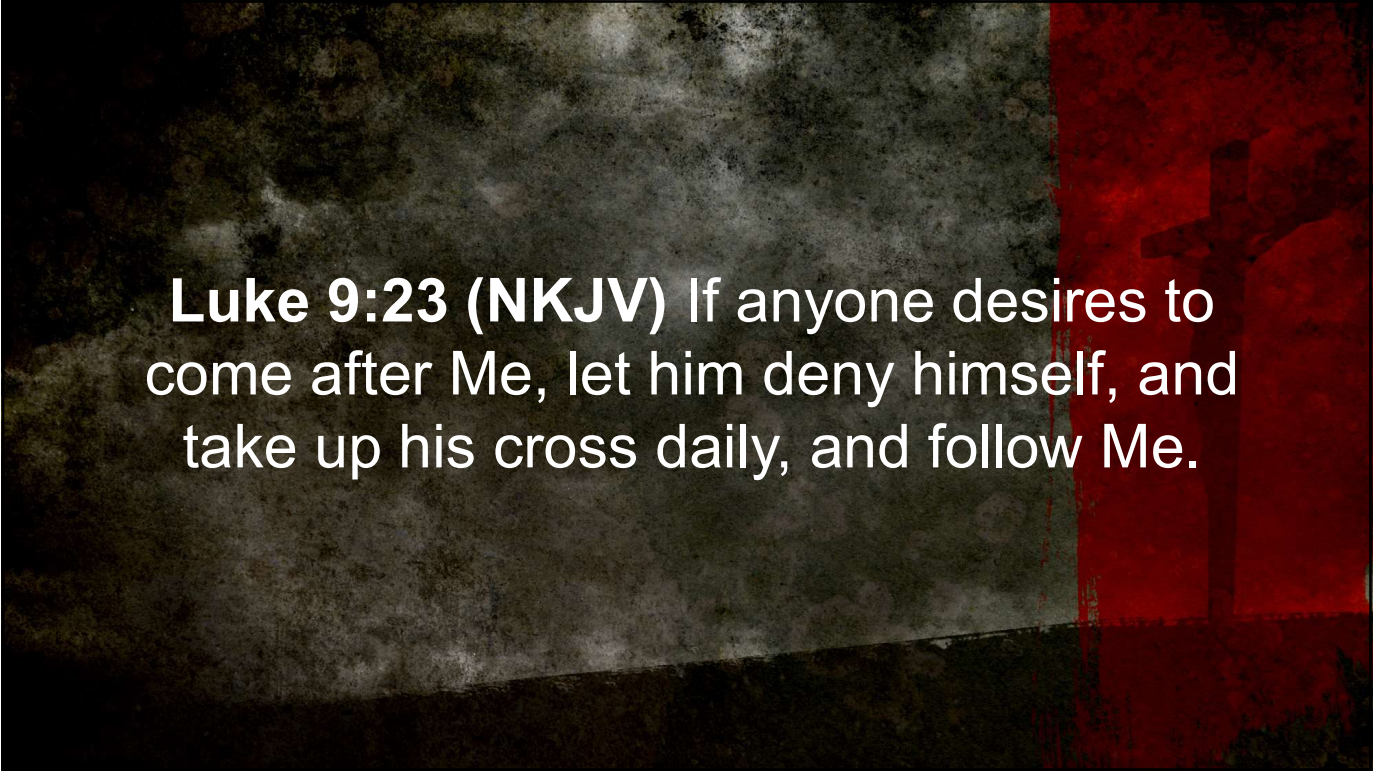
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Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ³³Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

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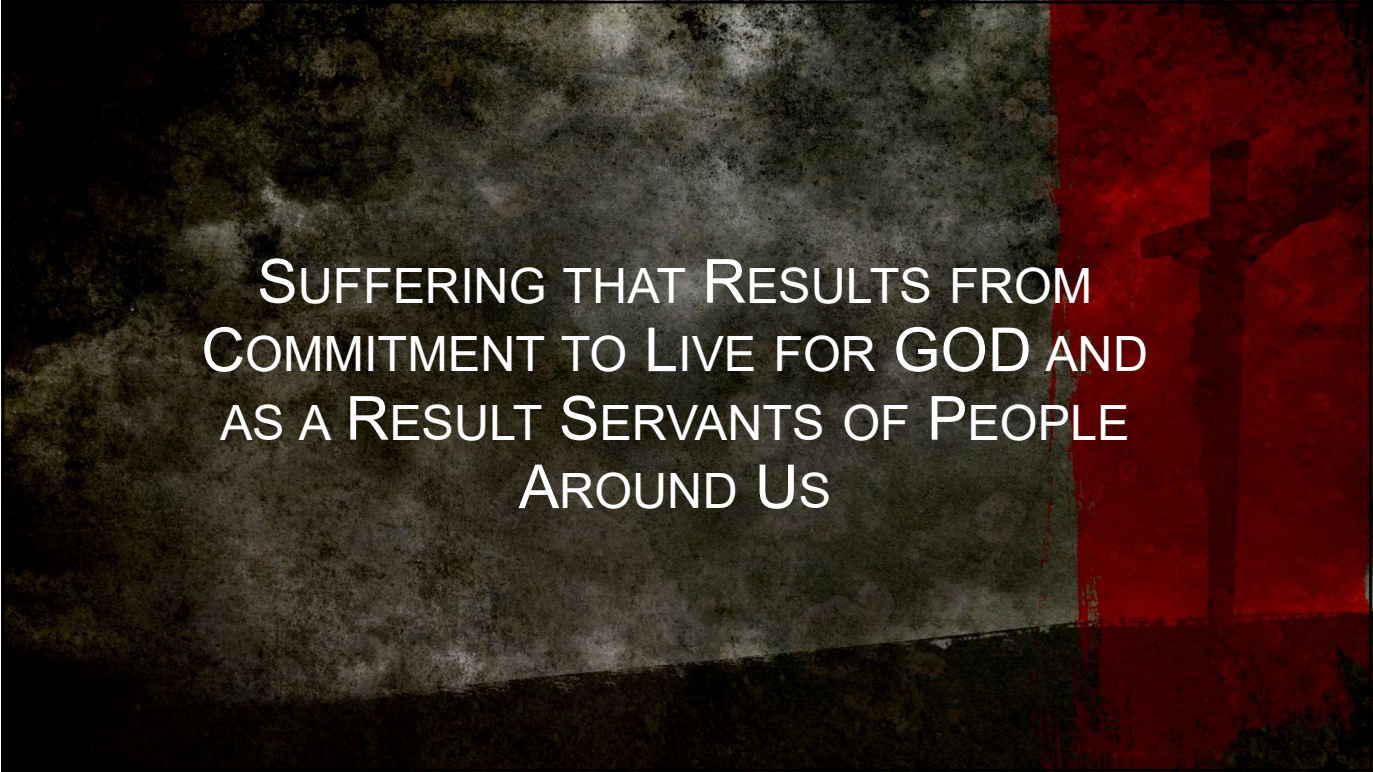
Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV) ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” ³⁶When the voice had ceased Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen.

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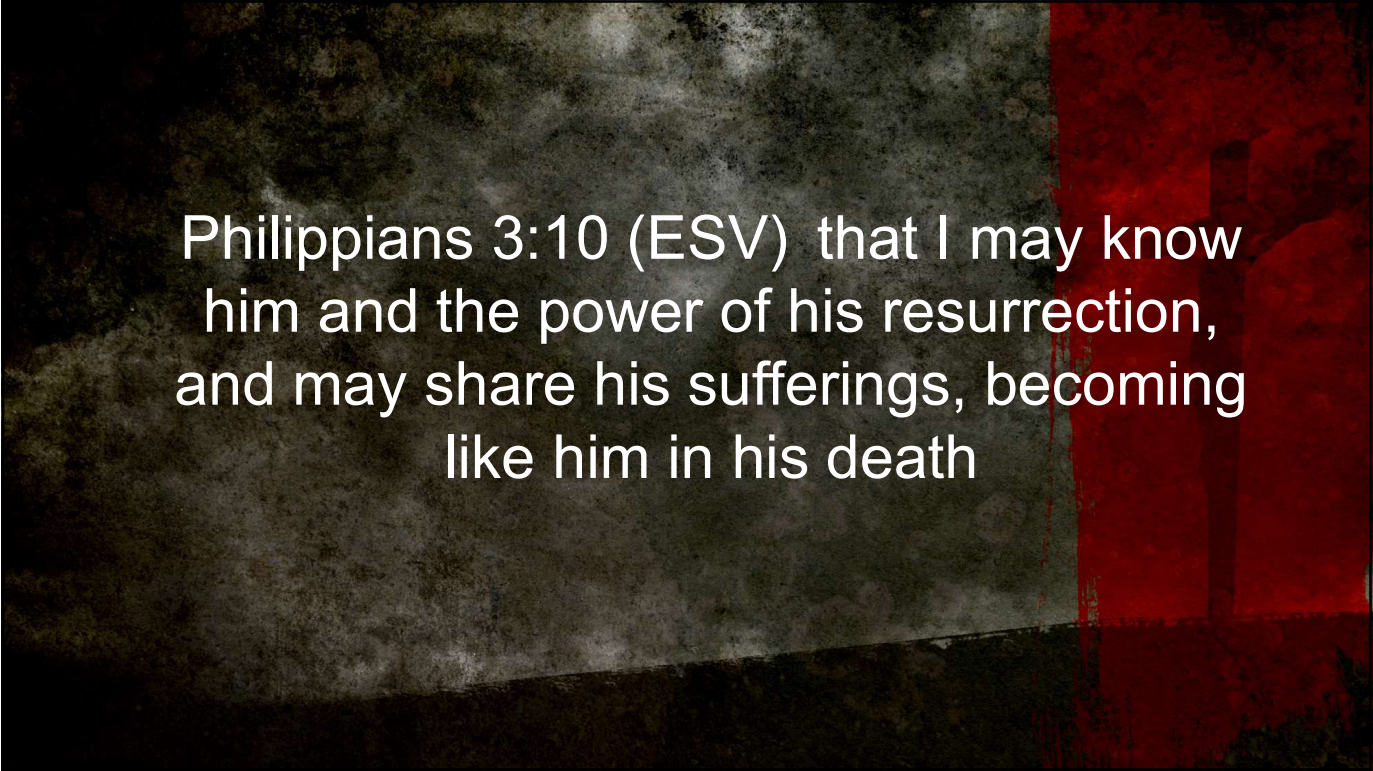
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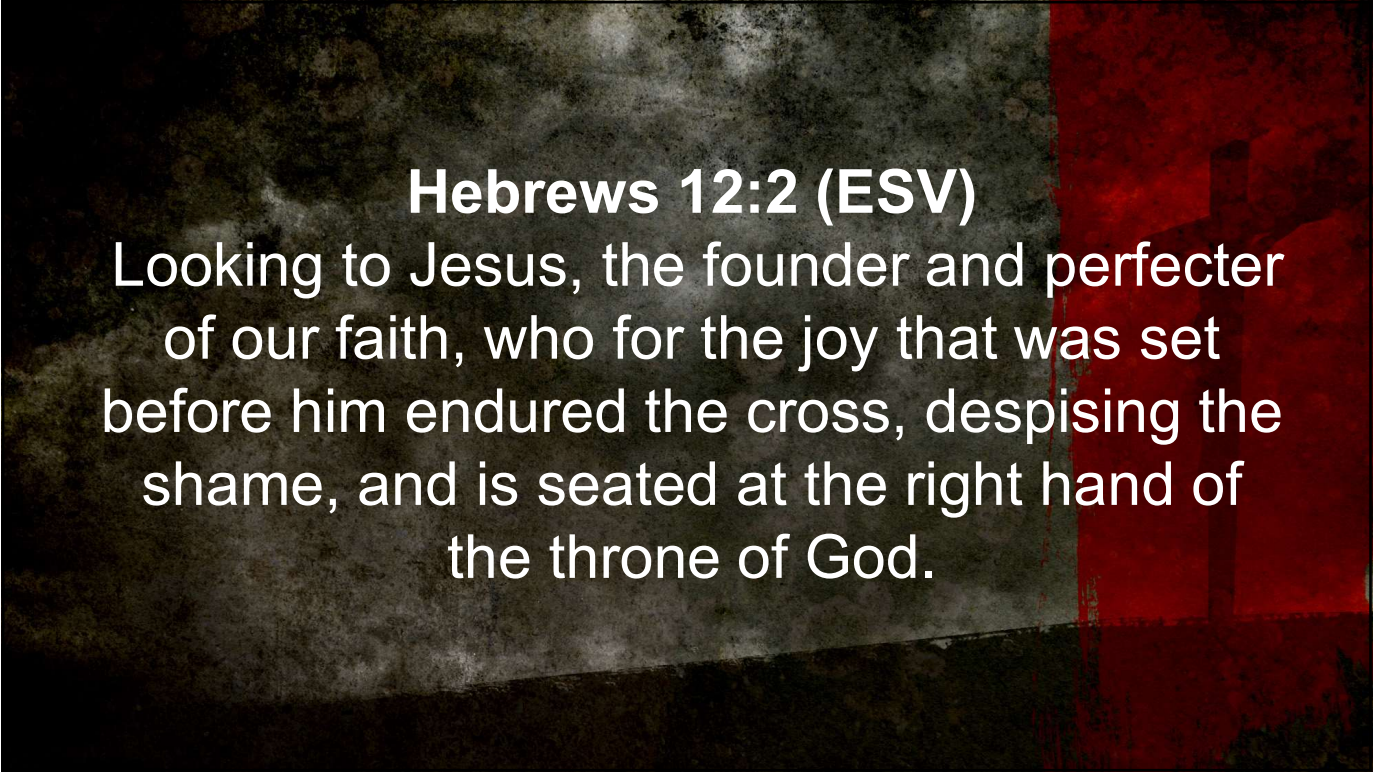
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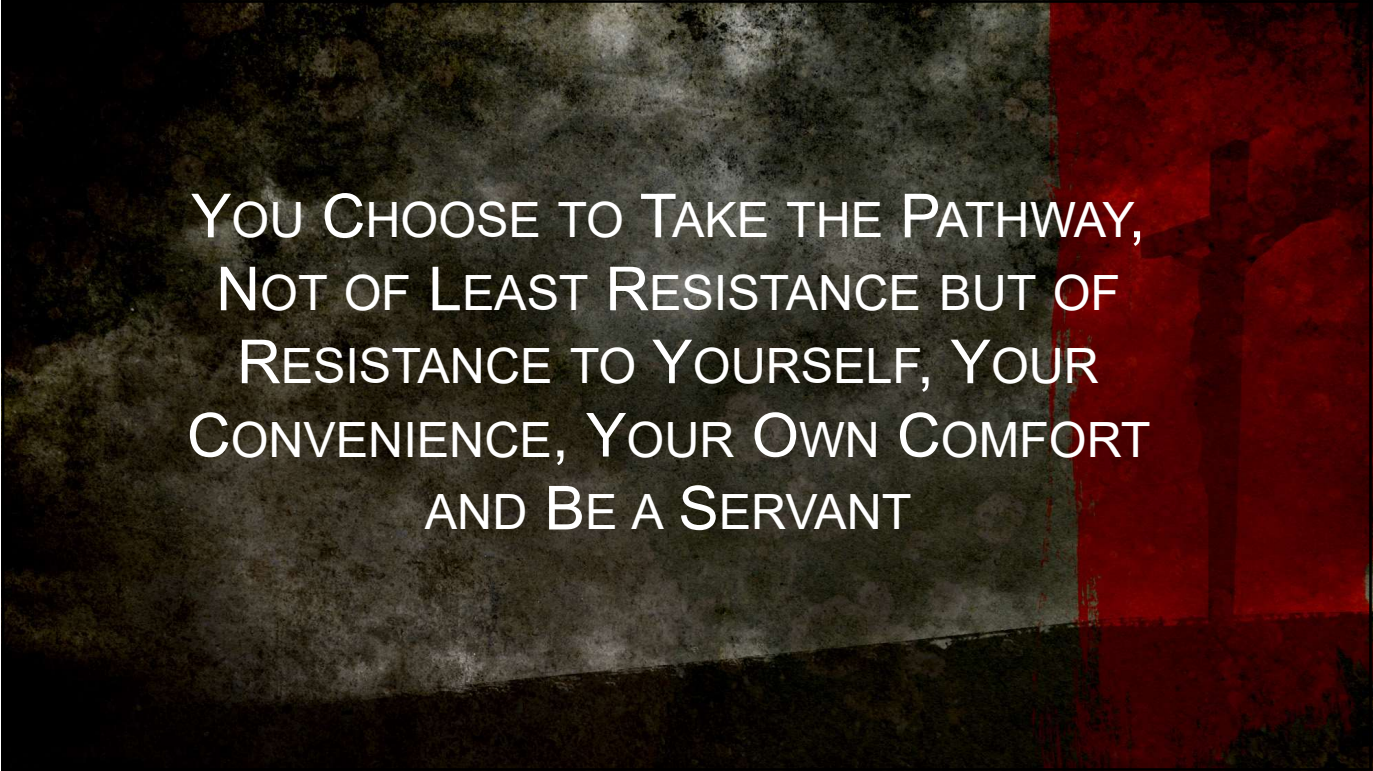
Philippians 3:10 (ESV) that I may know
him and the power of his resurrection,
and may share his sufferings, becoming
like him in his death

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Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)
Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter
of our faith, who for the joy that was set
before him endured the cross, despising the
shame, and is seated at the right hand of
the throne of God.

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YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE THE PATHWAY,
NOT OF LEAST RESISTANCE BUT OF
RESISTANCE TO YOURSELF, YOUR
CONVENIENCE, YOUR OWN COMFORT
AND BE A SERVANT

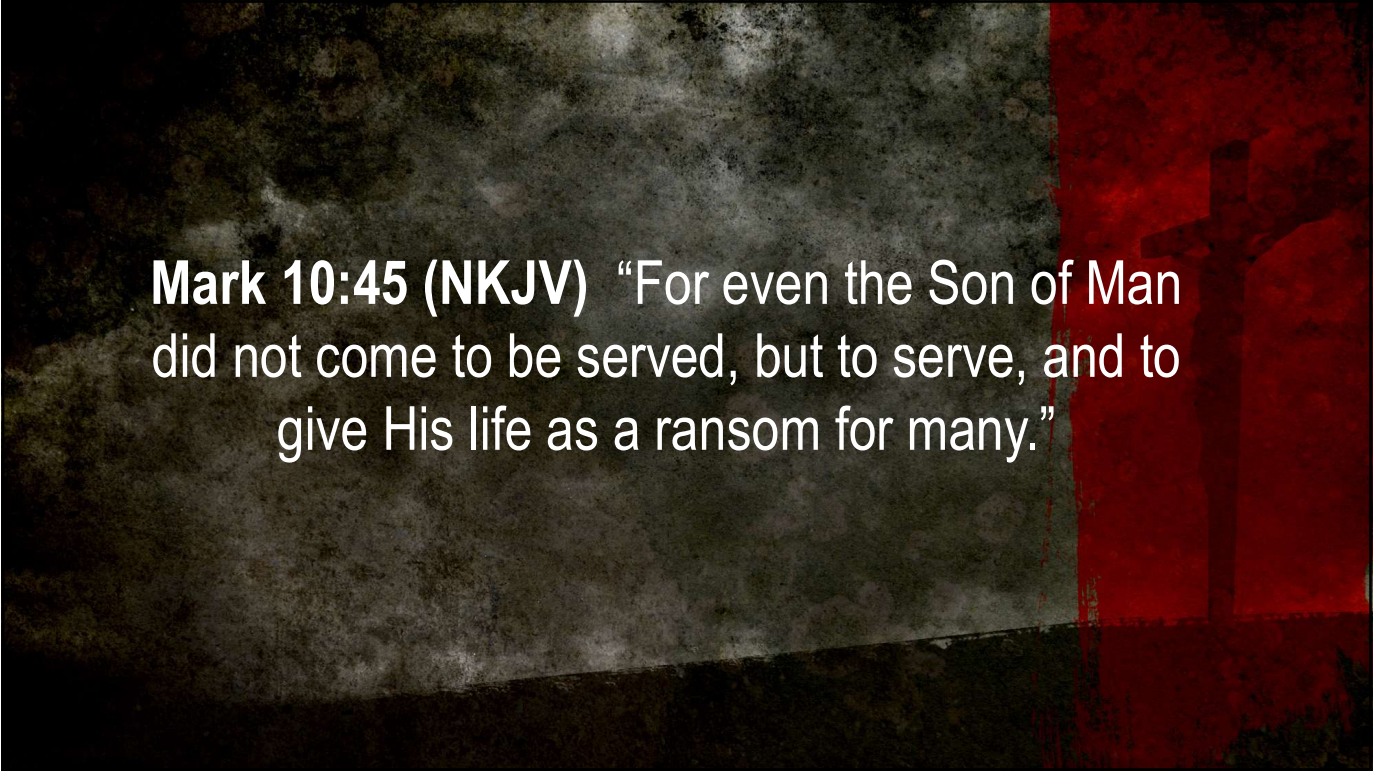
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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS THE ESSENCE OF THE CROSS

1. Living out the will of GOD for your life
2. Bearing on your shoulders the burdens and responsibilities of others who can not bear it for themselves

14



Mark 10:45 (NKJV) “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

15



Crucify the Excuses

16

Luke 9:37–42 (ESV) ³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.

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Luke 9:37–42 (ESV) ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “**O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.**” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.

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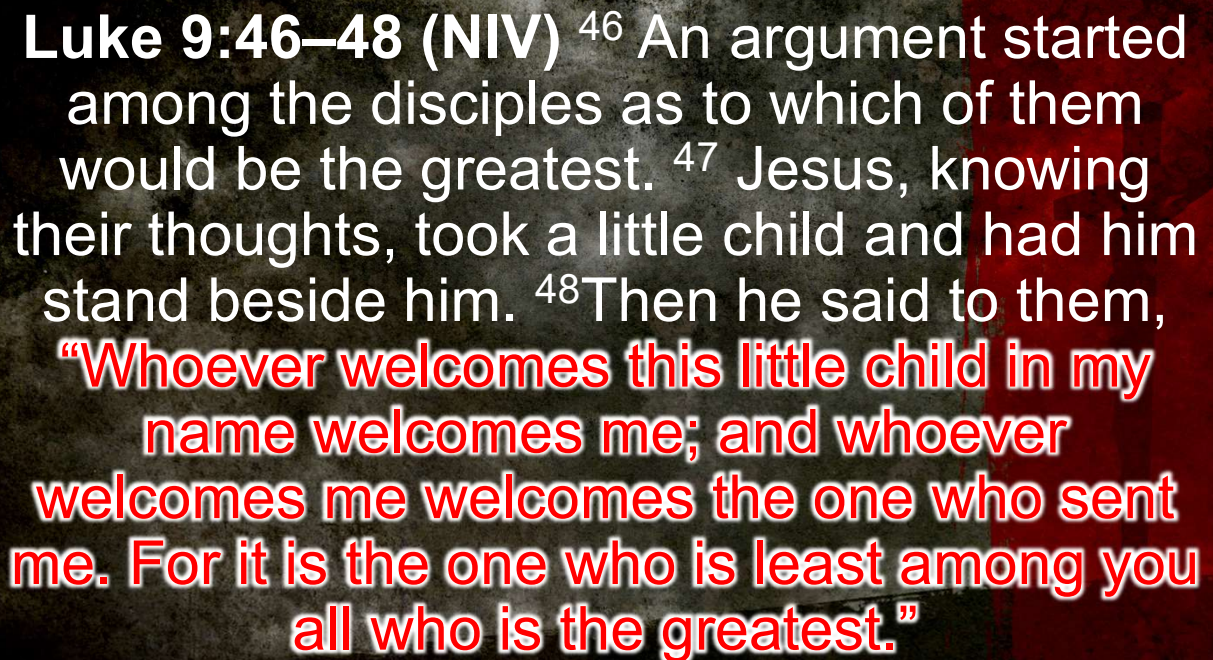


Luke 9:43-44 (NKJV)

⁴³And they were all amazed ...


⁴⁴ “Let these words sink down into your ears, for the Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men

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Luke 9:46–48 (NIV) ⁴⁶ An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. ⁴⁷ Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. ⁴⁸ Then he said to them, “Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.”

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Luke 9:51–56 (NIV) ⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ...

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Luke 9:56 (NKJV) ⁵⁶ **For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them."** ...

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Luke 9:58 (NKJV) ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, **“Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”**

23



Luke 9:59–60 (NKJV) ⁵⁹ Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”
⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, **“Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”**

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Luke 9:61–62 (NKJV) ⁶¹Still another said,
“I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go
back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶²Jesus replied, **“No one who puts a hand to
the plow and looks back is fit for service in
the kingdom of God.”**

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