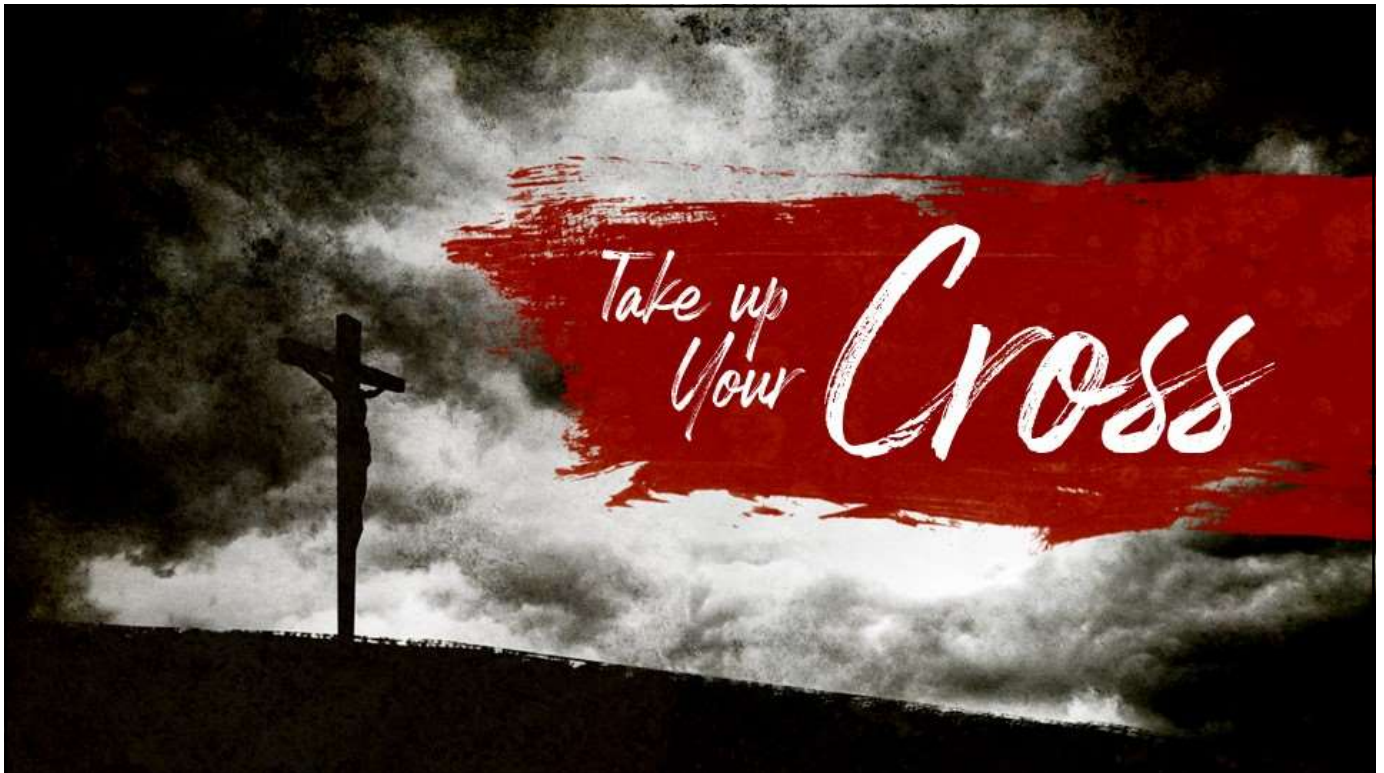


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**Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV)** <sup>21</sup>And He strictly warned and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup>saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be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

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**Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV)** <sup>23</sup>Then 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. <sup>24</sup>For 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)** <sup>25</sup>For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup>For 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)** <sup>27</sup>But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.” <sup>28</sup>Now 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)** <sup>33</sup>Then 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. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud.

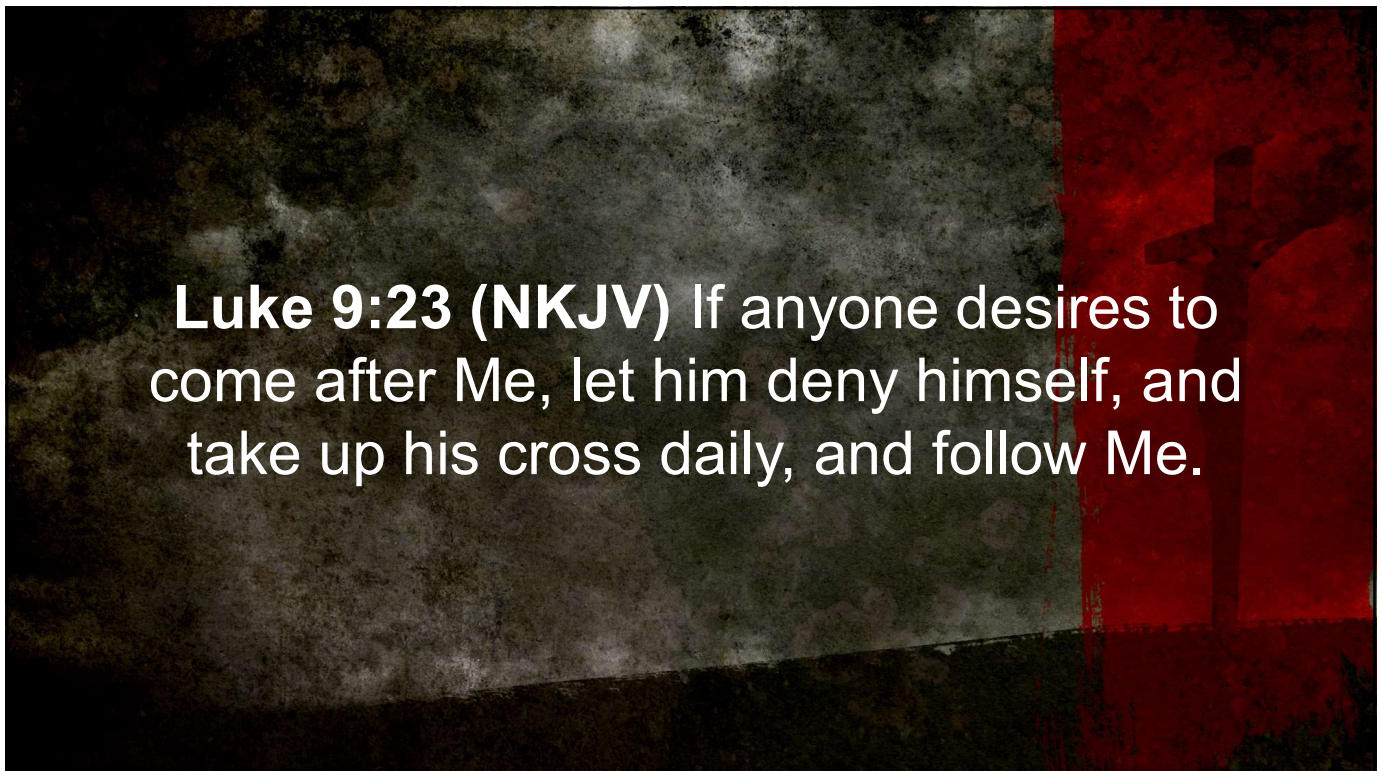
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**Luke 9:21-36 (NKJV)** <sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!” <sup>36</sup>When the voice had ceased Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet and told no one in those days any of the things they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

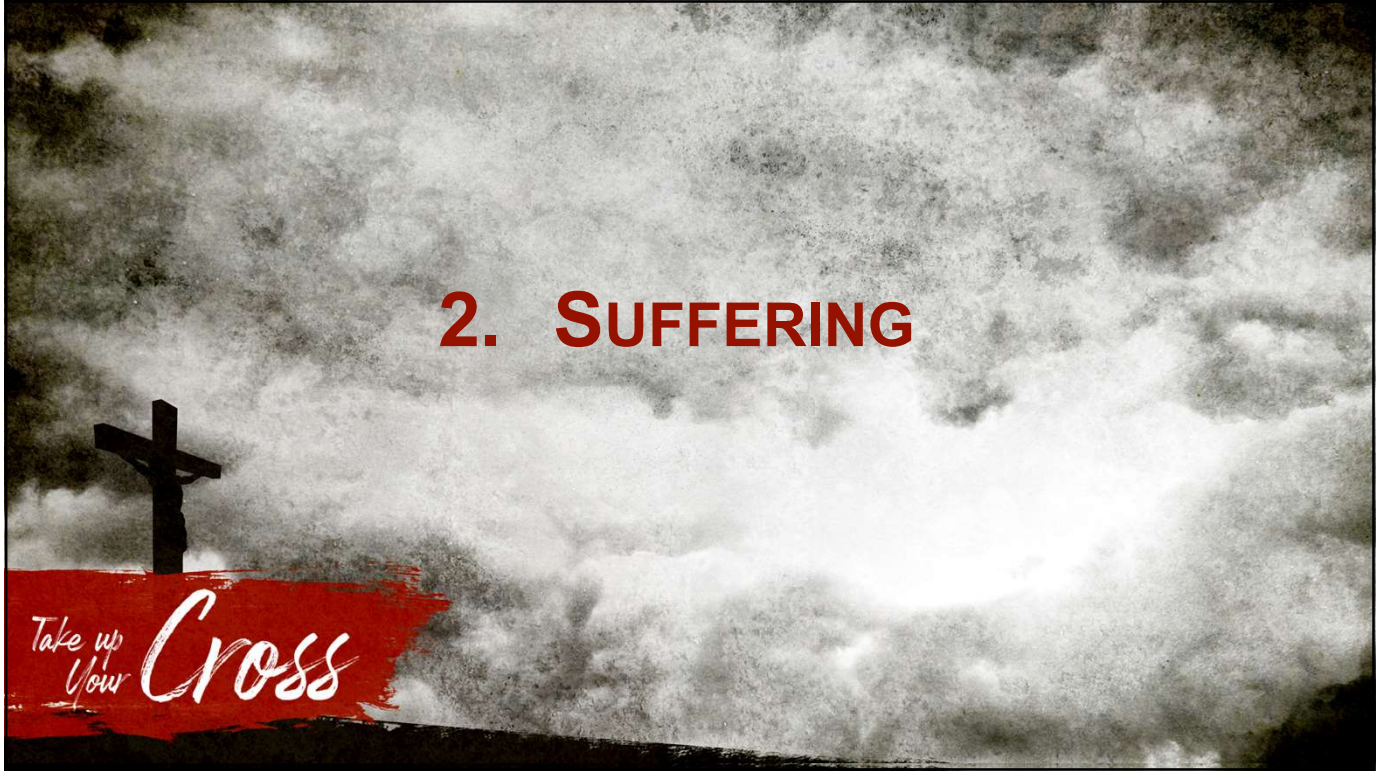
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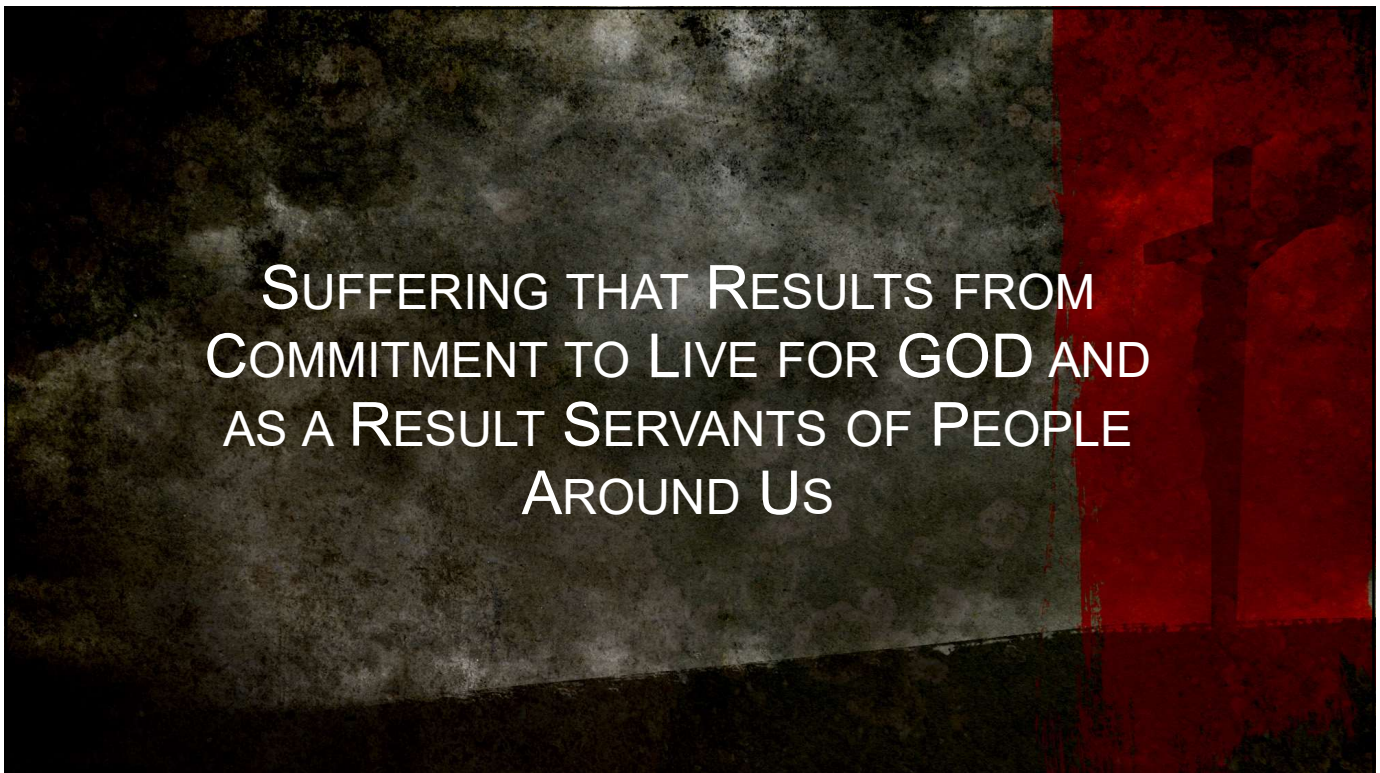
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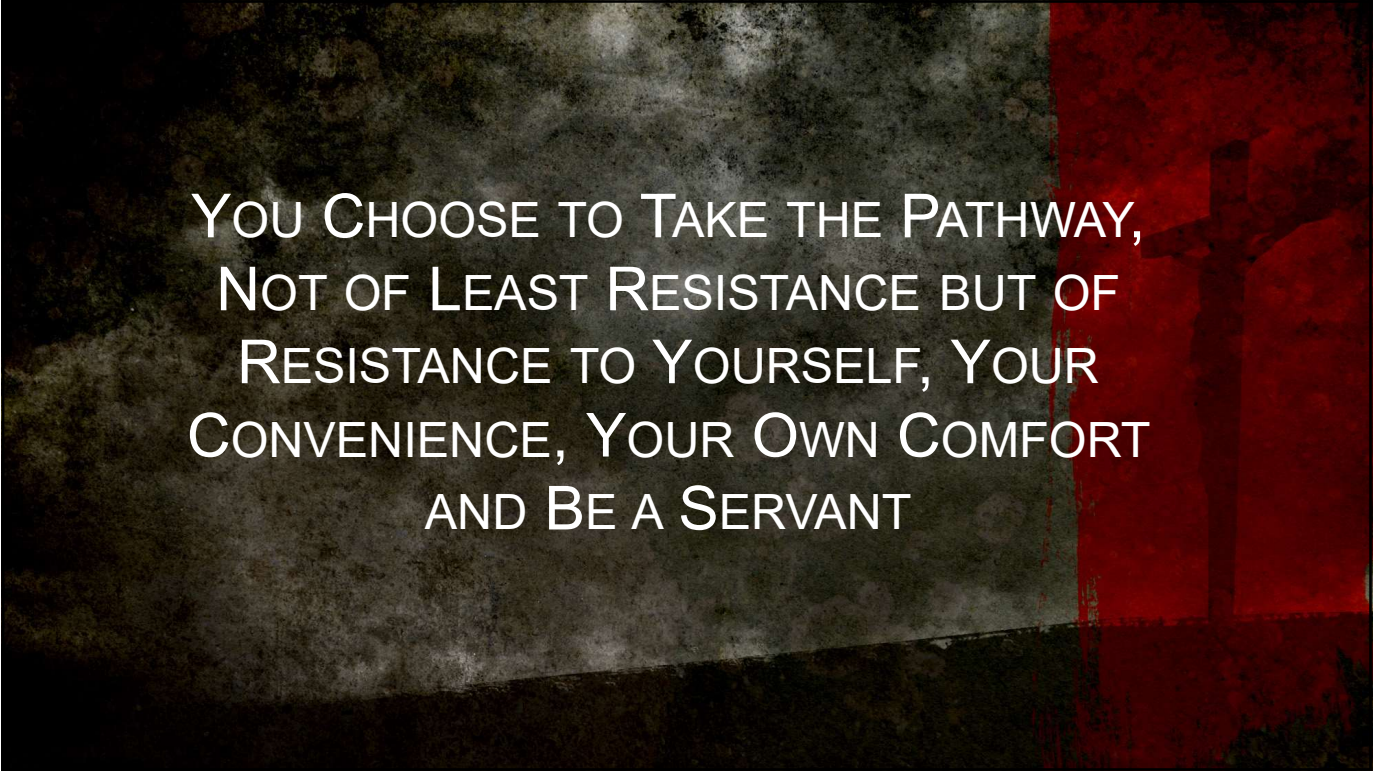
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YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE THE PATHWAY,  
NOT OF LEAST RESISTANCE BUT OF  
RESISTANCE TO YOURSELF, YOUR  
CONVENIENCE, YOUR OWN COMFORT  
AND BE A SERVANT

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### 3. Understanding the Cross

Take up  
Your *Cross*

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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

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**Luke 9:28 (KJV)** And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings.

**Luke 9:22 (KJV)** “...the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.”

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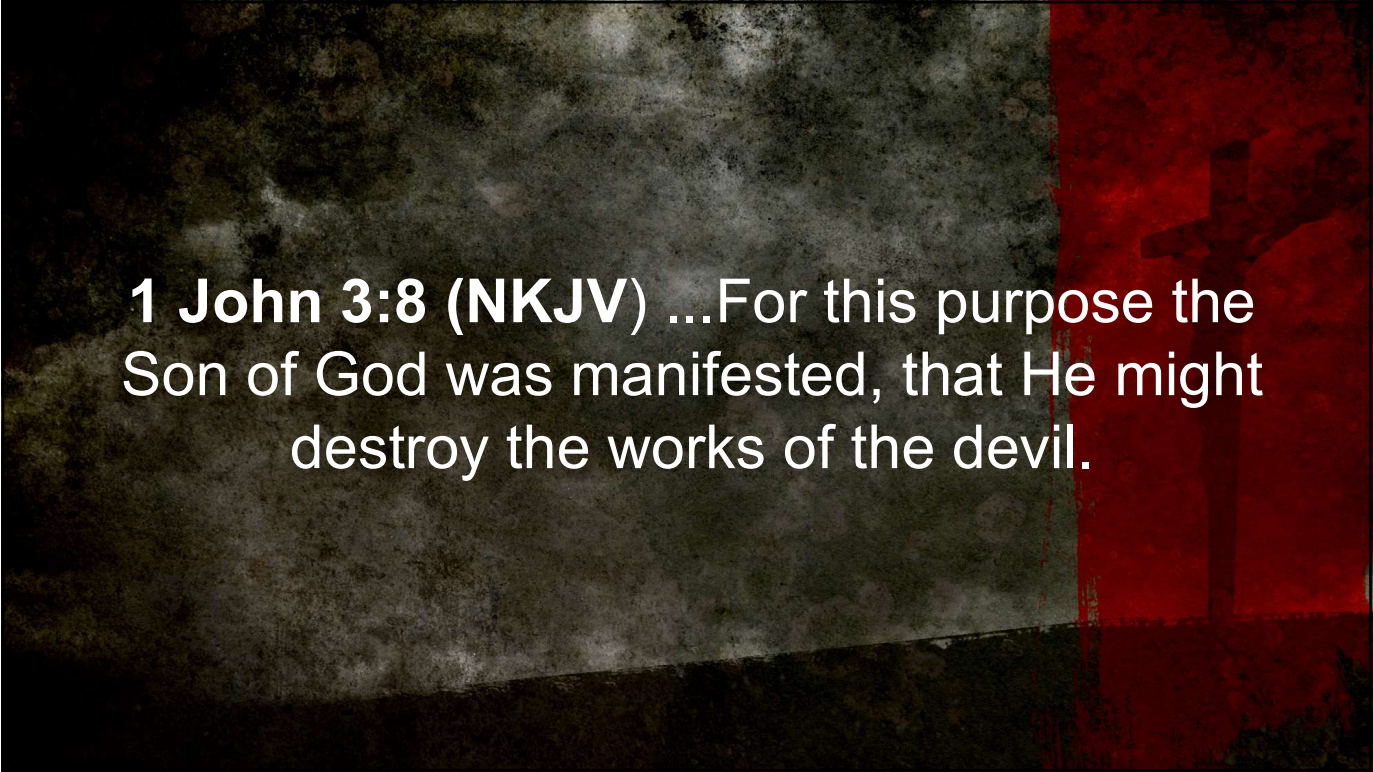




**Mark 10:45 (NKJV)** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

**Luke 19:10 (NKJV)** “for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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**1 John 3:8 (NKJV)** ...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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