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Acts 24:15

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“My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is **far better**. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.” (Philippians 1:23-24)

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SANCTIFICATION

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Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, **let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

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We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

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