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...And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea,
Samaria and the ends of the earth

– Acts 1:8

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*“If you were arrested for being a **Christian**, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”*

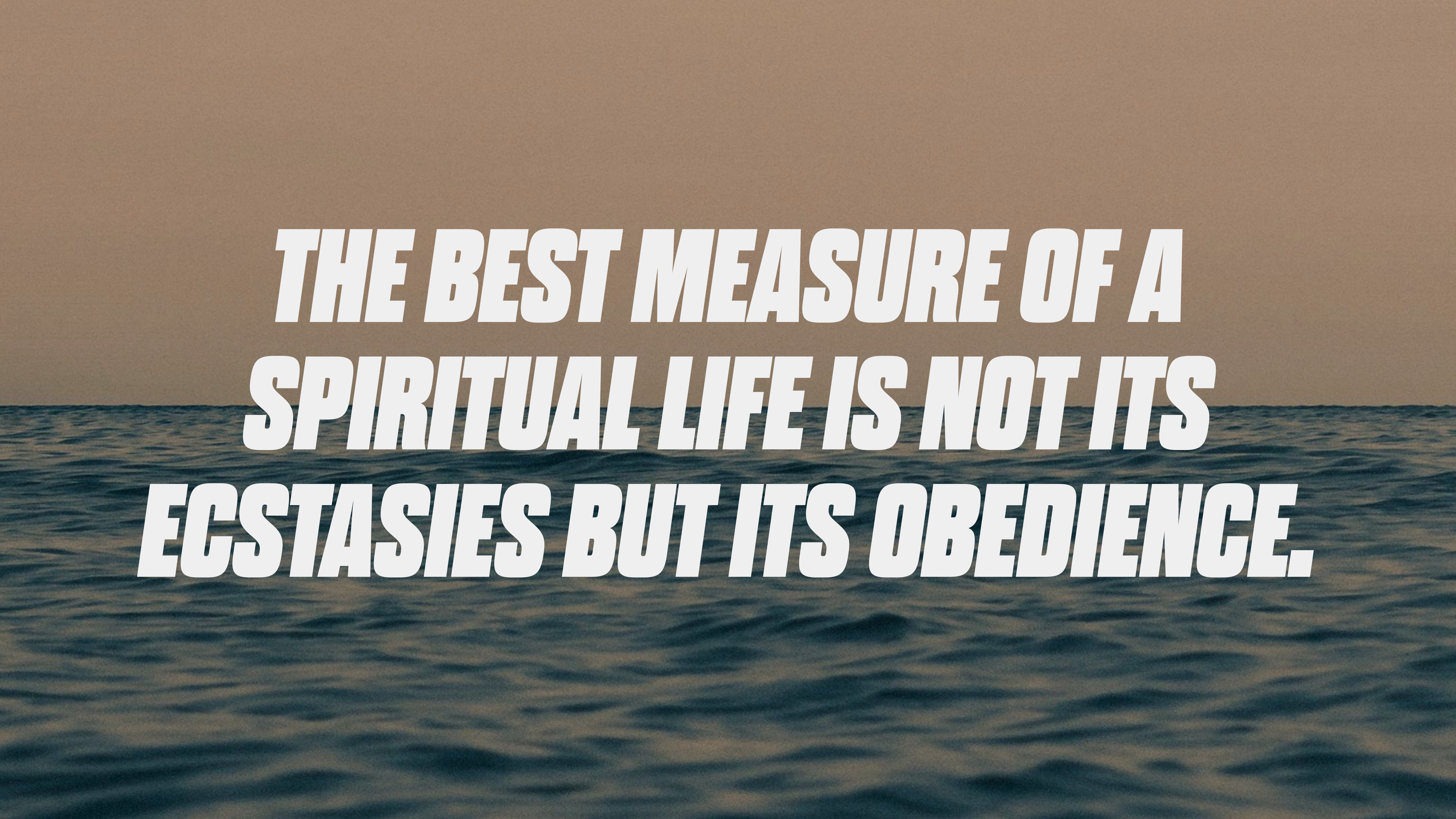
– Dr. David Otis Fuller

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“...They are all guilty of treason against Caesar, for they profess allegiance to another king, named Jesus.”

– Acts 17:7 NLT

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***THE BEST MEASURE OF A
SPIRITUAL LIFE IS NOT ITS
ECSTASIES BUT ITS OBEDIENCE.***



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Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

– Matthew 16:24

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“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”

– Matthew 16:25

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“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

– Matthew 16:26

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I come under your **Authority**, not my **Autonomy**
I come under your **Truth**, not my **Opinions**
I come under your **Power**, not my **Potential**
I come under your **Purpose**, not my **Preferences**
I come under your **Promises**, not my **Promotions**
I come under your **Calling**, not my **Comfort**
I come under your **Faithfulness**, not my **Feelings**

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I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

– Galatians 2:20

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***SELF-PRESERVATION
IS THE ENEMY OF
SPIRITUAL REALIZATION.***

***SELF-PRESERVATION WORKS FOR
YOU IN A SURVIVING SITUATION***

***BUT WORKS AGAINST YOU IN A
THRIVING SITUATION.***



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I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

– Philippians 1:20

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Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

– 1 Peter 4:12-13

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***ADVERSITY IS WHAT
MAKES LIFE INTERESTING.***

***OVERCOMING THEM IS WHAT
MAKES LIFE INSPIRING.***

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you
know that the testing of your faith produces
perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so
that you may be mature and complete, not lacking
anything.

– James 1:2-4

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Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,
because we know that suffering produces
perseverance; perseverance, character; and
character, hope.

– Romans 5:3-4

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***THE GREATER THE STRUGGLE,
THE GREATER THE GLORY.***

THOSE WHO GET THROUGH A SEASON
THOSE WHO GRIPE THROUGH A SEASON
THOSE WHO GROW THROUGH A SEASON



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PARADIGM #1
YOUR TRIAL IS NOT
GOD'S DENIAL

Healing is often a mystery. When we don't experience healing, we tend to draw the wrong conclusions about God or ourselves, and we mitigate disappointment by not believing in miracles at all.

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PARADIGM #2

DON'T WASTE YOUR DELAY

WAITING FOR

YOUR DELIVERANCE

Delays are the curing process
for the cement of our faith foundation.

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PARADIGM #3

***DON'T MISTAKE GOD'S
HIDDENNESS WITH HIS
FORBIDDENNESS***

PARADIGM #4

DON'T REPLACE HOPING

WITH COPING

There is knowing healing,
and there is knowing the Healer.

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PARADIGM #5

WHILE FAITH BRINGS ANSWERS,

ENDURING FAITH BRINGS THE

ANSWER WITH CHARACTER

God builds in the dark before he reveals in the light.

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PARADIGM #6
WHAT YOU CALL
A HARDSHIP,

HEAVEN CALLS A HARVEST

Maybe it doesn't get better, but you do.

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We confuse what feels good and what is good.

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PARADIGM #7

***YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH
PAIN IS YOUR APPOINTMENT
WITH POWER***

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But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

– 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

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We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

– 2 Corinthians 4:10-12

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Trusting is activated when our “**Believed Realm**”
is greater than our “**Perceived Reality.**”

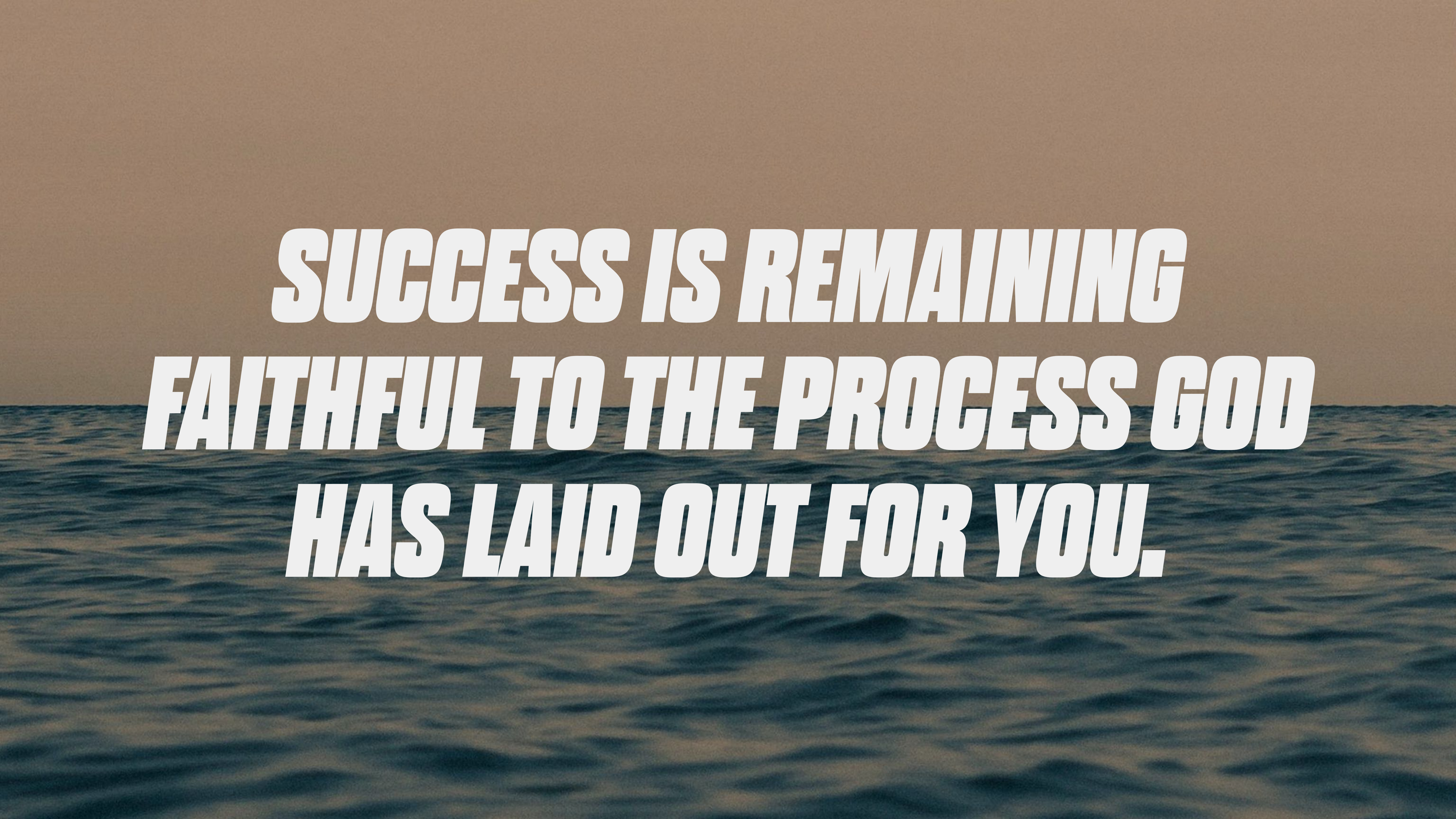
Don't let what you **perceive**
outweigh what you **believe!**

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They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.

– Acts 14:21-22

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The image features a serene sunset over a vast ocean. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from a pale yellow near the horizon to a soft, hazy blue at the top. The water below is dark blue with gentle, rhythmic waves. Overlaid on this background is a motivational quote in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines, centered horizontally. The first line reads 'SUCCESS IS REMAINING', the second line reads 'FAITHFUL TO THE PROCESS GOD', and the third line reads 'HAS LAID OUT FOR YOU.' The overall mood is peaceful and inspiring.

**SUCCESS IS REMAINING
FAITHFUL TO THE PROCESS GOD
HAS LAID OUT FOR YOU.**



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“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

— Acts 20:22-24

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

– Romans 8:12-13

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MORTIFICATION

“The need to execute your own flesh.”

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Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

– Galatians 6:8

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***BE KILLING SIN,
OR IT WILL BE KILLING YOU.***

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LIVING A LIFE OF DISTINCTION

Plant yourself in Humility (Move from Self-filled to Spirit-filled)

Plant yourself in Community (Move from Knowing to Being Known)

Plant yourself in Scripture (Move from consuming the World to Consuming the Word)

Plant yourself in Obedience (Move from no to yes)

Plant yourself in Others (Move from ignoring to inspiring)

Plant yourself in Spreading (Move from hoarding to helping)

Plant yourself in Boldness (Move from Fear to Faith)

Plant yourself in Purpose (Move from permission to power)

Plant yourself in Risking (Move from regretting to releasing)

Plant yourself in Prayer (Move from coping to hoping)

Plant yourself in Repenting (Move from rebellion to returning)

Plant yourself in Abiding (Move from restless to resting)

Plant yourself in Trust (Move from overwhelming to overcoming)

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