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of faith, 10 that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching

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forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect [mature (**ESV**)], have this attitude...

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(Marks of Maturity)

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- Some level of Dissatisfaction

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2 Cor 11:24-28

...Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren ... 28 Apart from that, there is my daily concern for all the churches.

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Phil. 1:12-14

...my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, 14 and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

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Phil 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling; 13 for it is **God who is at work in you**, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

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Phil. 2:15

...prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, **among whom you appear as lights in the world...**”

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- Singleness of Purpose

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1 Cor 9:24-25

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

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Luke 10:40-42

But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

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Psalm 27:4

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD...

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Matt 13:44-46

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.”

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

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Phil 1:21

For to me, **to live is Christ**, and to die is gain.

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 - Sins (regrets)

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1 Cor 15:9-10

For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but **I labored even more than all of them**, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

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Phil 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

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Col. 3:1-2

...keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth.

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2 Tim 4:6-8

...the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, **I have finished the course**, I have kept the faith; 8 Henceforth, there is laid up for me **a crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; **and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

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