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Philippians 3:1-11 (ESV)

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God

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and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a

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Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But
whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the
sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as
loss because of the surpassing worth of

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knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in

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Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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“Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life’s problems fall into place of their own accord.”

Jl Packer

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May we have the same experience?

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³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh...¹⁰ that I may know him...

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**The on-going journey of knowing
God more and being confirmed to
his image is the road of suffering.**

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Philippians 3:10-11 (NLT)

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death,¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

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**Know Jesus: power of resurrection,
fellowship of sufferings**

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Ephesians 2:1-6 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh,

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carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with

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Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

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Philippians 1:29-30 (ESV)

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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2 Cor 1:8-9 (ESV)

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

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2 Cor 1:8-9 (ESV)

⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

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“Be you sure of this, that the less you value your own righteousness, the more will you seek after true holiness; the less you think of your own beauty, the more ardently will you long to become like the Lord Jesus. Those who dream of being saved by their own good works are usually those who have no good works worth

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mentioning; while those who sincerely lay
aside all hope of salvation by their own merits,
are fruitful in every virtue to the praise of God.”

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2 Cor 4:7-10 (ESV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck

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2 Cor 4:7-10 (ESV)

down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

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2 Cor 12:8-10 (ESV)

Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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2 Cor 12:8-10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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“If I lose any or all the things this world can offer, I will not lose my joy or my treasure or my life, because Christ is all.” –John Piper

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**11 that by any means possible I may
attain the resurrection from the dead.**

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“The cemeteries are crowded, precious dust is closely heaped together; but as surely as Jesus rose from the tomb of Joseph, all those who are in him shall rise also. Though bodies may be consumed in the fire, or ground to powder, or sucked up by plants, and fed upon by animals, or made to pass through ten thousand

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changeable processes, yet difficulties there are none where there is a God. He that gave us bodies when we had none, can restore those bodies when they are pulverized and scattered to the four winds. We sorrow not as those that are without hope. We know where the souls of the godly ones are: they are “forever with the

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Lord.” We know where their bodies will be when the clarion blast shall wake the dead, and the sepulcher shall give up its spoils. Sweet is the consolation which comes to us from the empty tomb of Jesus. “God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.” Charles Spurgeon

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