*I Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (ESV)*

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*John 14:26*

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (ESV)*

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*II Corinthians 4:7-10*

*7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

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*8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;*

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*9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;*

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*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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*II Corinthians 4:11-15*

*11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

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*12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.*

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*13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,*

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*14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.*

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*15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

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*II Corinthians 4:16-18*

*16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

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*17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

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*18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (ESV)*

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*Colossians 1:24-29*

*Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.*

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*25 I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—*

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*26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.*

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*27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

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*28 He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.*

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*29 To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me. (NIV)*

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 An-tan-a-pleroo - “to complete and/or to fill up in place of someone else”.

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Husterema - “a deficit”*.*

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*Philippians 3:7-10*

*7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.*

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*8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of 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 Christ*

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*9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-*

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*10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (ESV)*

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*II Corinthians 12:9-10*

*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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*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. (ESV)*

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