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“Avoiding the Snare of Comparison”

John 21:15-25

The Book of John

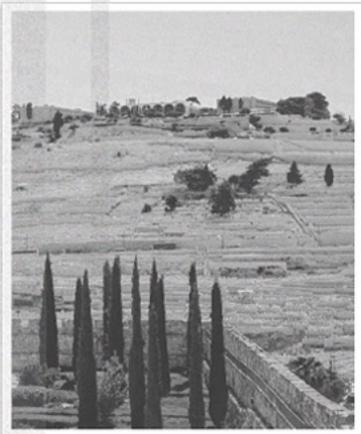
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9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.



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Matthew 26:33-35

Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.



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John 21:15-17

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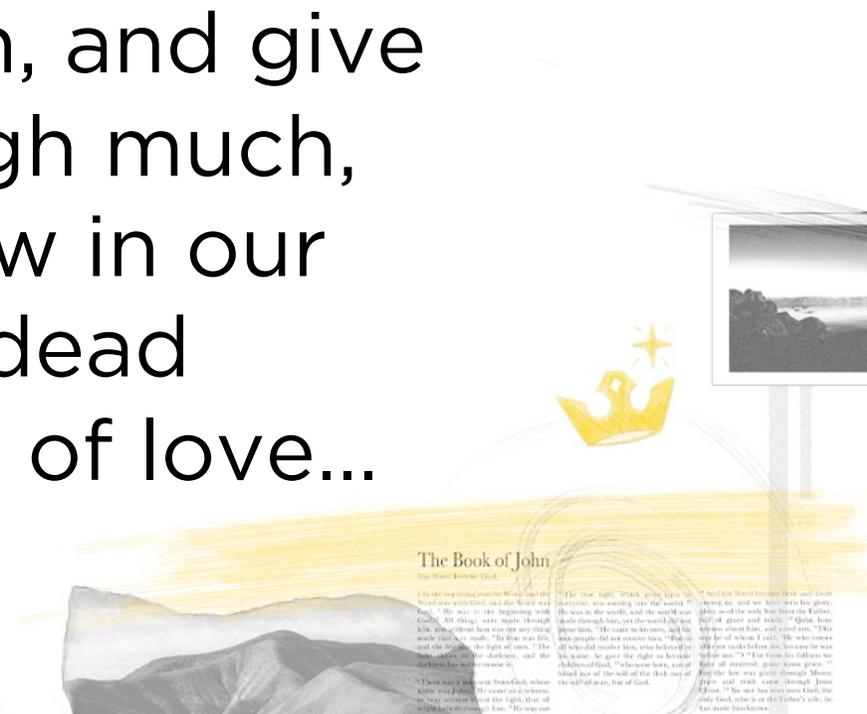




J.C. Ryle

“This question is one which He is still asking of each of those who profess to believe in him. ‘Do you love Me?’ is a very searching question.

We may know much, and do much, and talk much, and give much, and go through much, and make much show in our religion, and yet be dead before God for want of love...





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Do we love Christ?

That is the great question. Without this, there is no vitality about our Christianity. We are no better than painted wax figures: there is no life where there is no love.”

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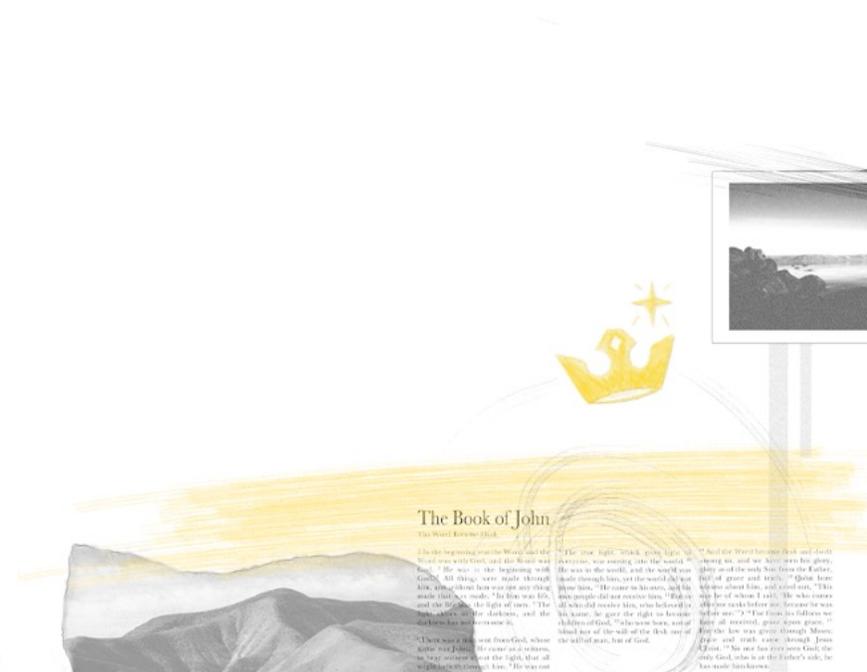
Greek words for “love”

(Peter): The first two times uses the word “philo.”

The love of close friendship. It is a brotherly, affectionate love.



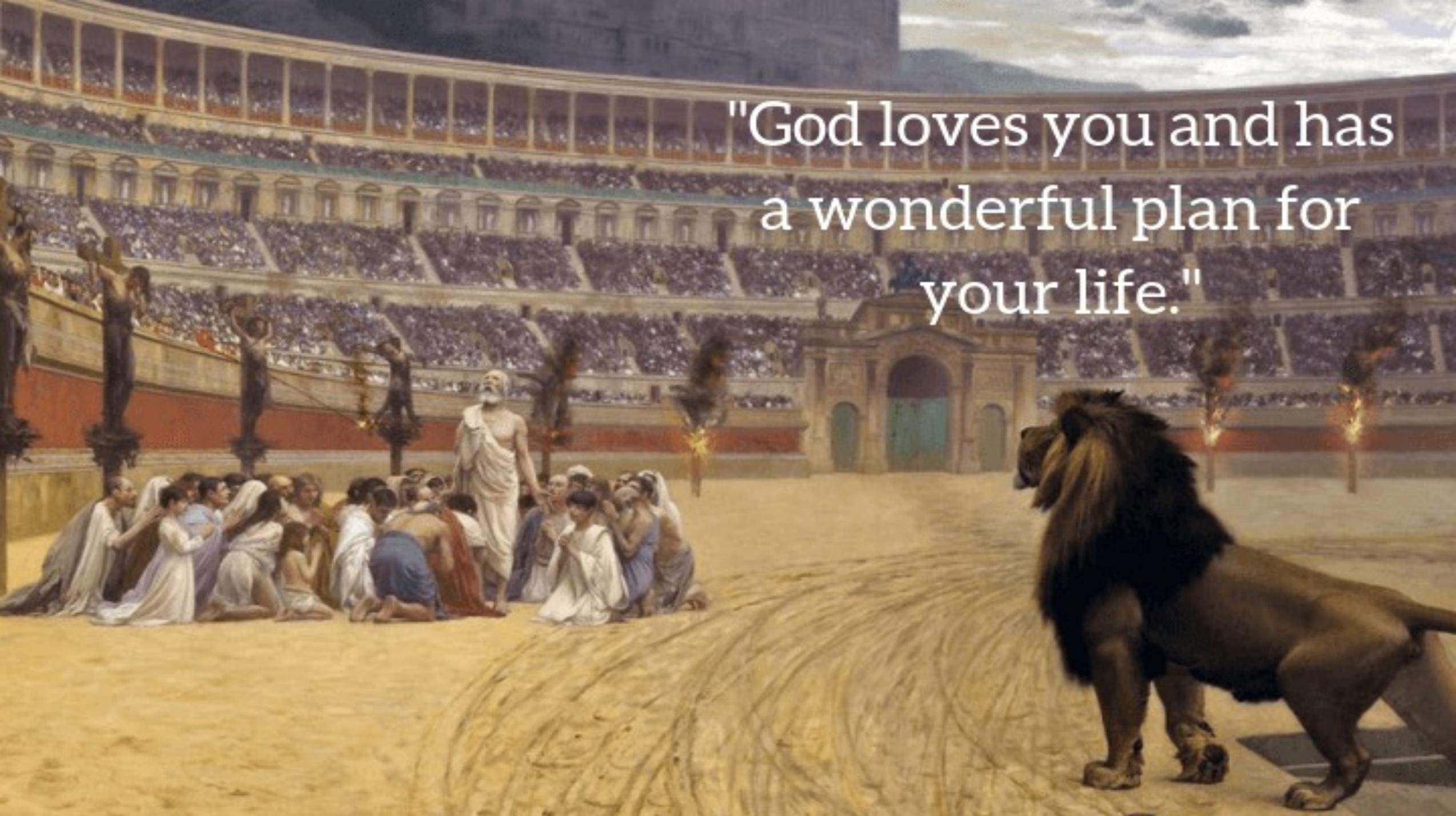
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Faint text from the Book of John, including the beginning of the Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..."

"God loves you and has
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your life."





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forever."

1 Corinthians 4:11-13

To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.



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Question:

Why should I focus on glorifying God in my lot in life, rather than focusing on my lot in life?

1 Corinthians 6:19

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.



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1 Corinthians 8:6

... for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

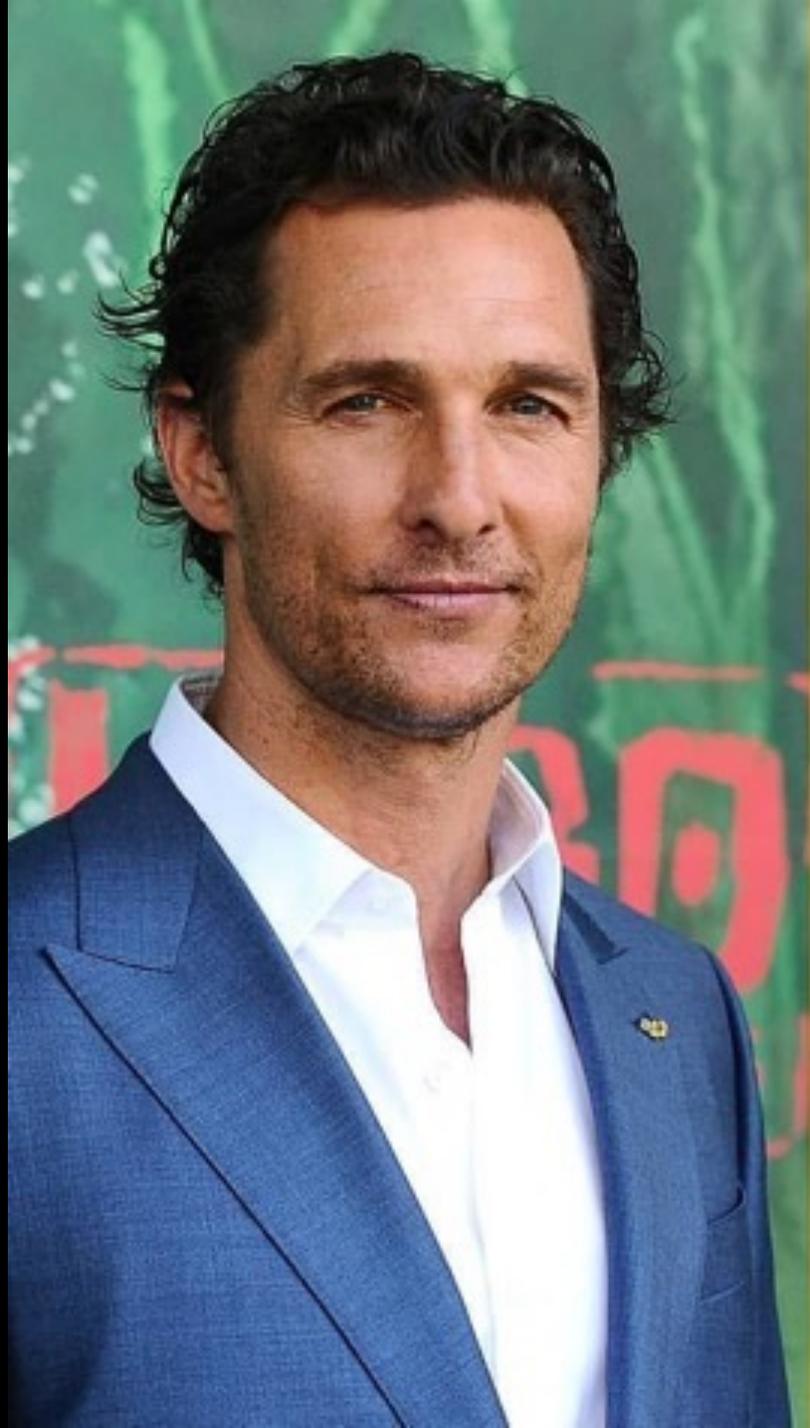


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"Now Jesus had come, after that he had been raised from the dead, to show himself to his disciples, and to write these things in the book of life, that they should believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing they may have life in Him."



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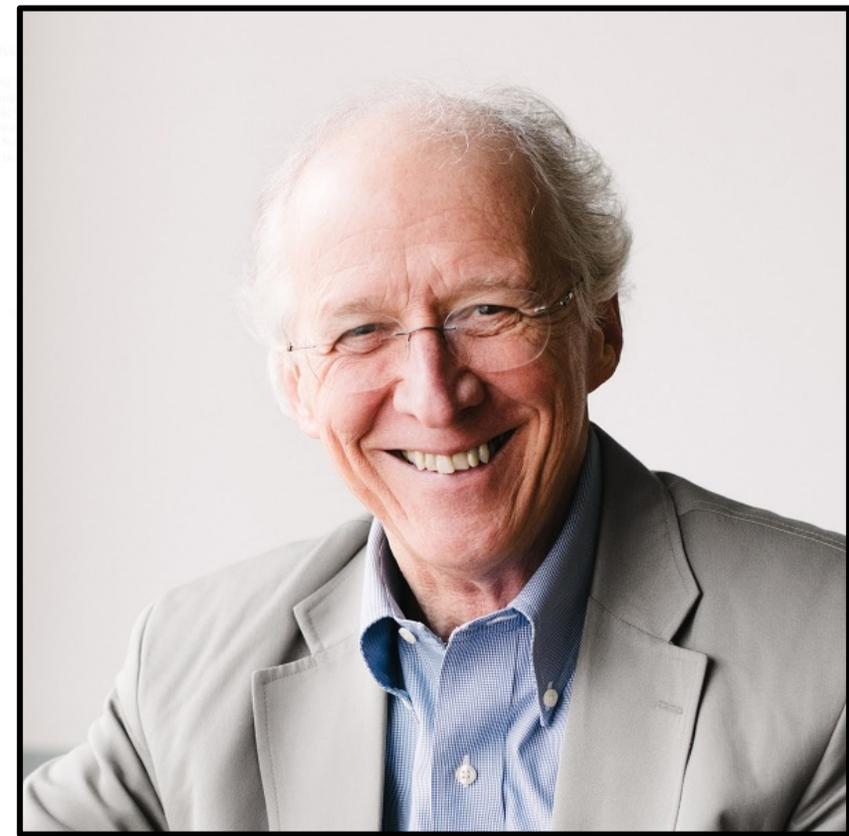
Life is not fair, it never was, it isn't now and it won't ever be. Do not fall into the trap. The entitlement trap, of feeling like you're a victim. You are not.

-Matthew McConaughey

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“Every millisecond of your pain from the fallen nature or fallen man, every millisecond of your misery, in the path of obedience, is producing a peculiar glory you will get because of that.”



John Piper



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2 Timothy 1:11-12 (NASB)

... I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.



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“I’ve Searched for Identity” by Paul Tripp

I’ve searched for identity
in my successes
but my failures get in the way.
I’ve looked for identity
in my possessions
but they age, break, and malfunction.
I’ve sought identity
in people
but everyone is flawed somehow.

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So I’ve quit looking out
and begun looking up.
In you I am loved
I am forgiven
I have eternal value
I have meaning and purpose
I have security and rest
I have understanding
I have moral direction
I have self-knowledge
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John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He was
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John 1:9-10

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John 1:14

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John 1:16

"No one has ever seen God, but
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John 1:18



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I am in you.
This bond is
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This bond is
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