

"It is work that gives flavor to life."
—Henry Aimel

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Work = Provision
Contribution
Validation
Frustration

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It's hard to
balance and
blend life
and work

Insults

INCONSIDERATE
Intimidation
INJUSTICE

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1 Peter 2:18-21

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Jobs and Justice

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At the Office...

Remember Who is in Charge!
(2:13)

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submit ... *to fall in rank
under authority.*

The ultimate authority is
not your boss; it is our God!

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²³Whatever you do, work heartily,
as for the Lord and not for men,
²⁴knowing that from the Lord you
will receive the inheritance as your
reward. You are serving the Lord
Christ. ²⁵For the wrongdoer will be
paid back for the wrong he has
done, and there is no partiality.
—Colossians 3:23-25 ESV

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At the Office...

Respect Those Who Lead
(2:18)

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“However, a harsh master might use
his power over a slave to inflict severe
punishments, withhold wages and not
pay fairly, force his slaves to live in
squalor, and have unreasonable expect-
ations. It would take God’s grace for
Christian slaves to loyally and
obediently serve such a master. Peter
encouraged loyalty and perseverance
even in the face of unjust treatment.”

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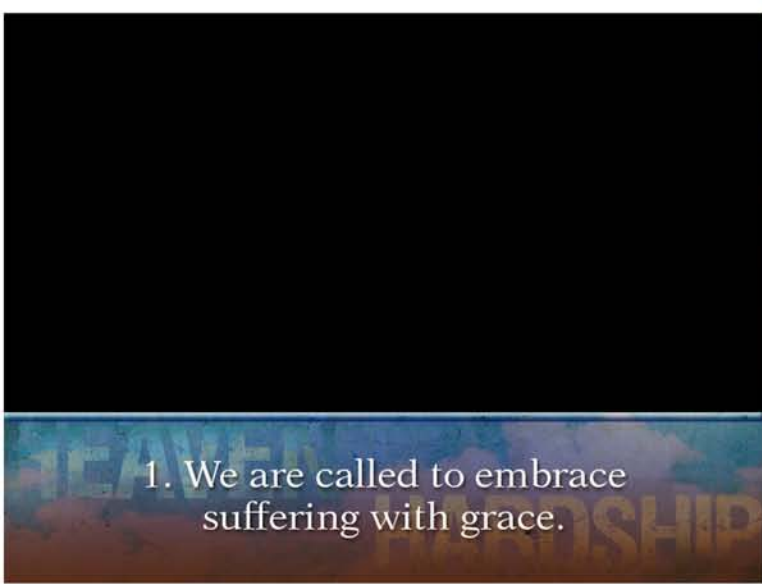
... “A servant is not greater than his
master.” If they persecuted me, they will
also persecute you. —John 15:20 ESV

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At the Office...

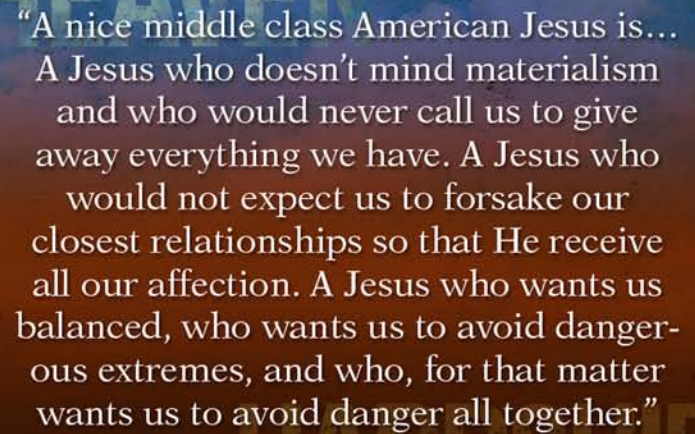
Represent the One Who Suffered
(2:19-25)

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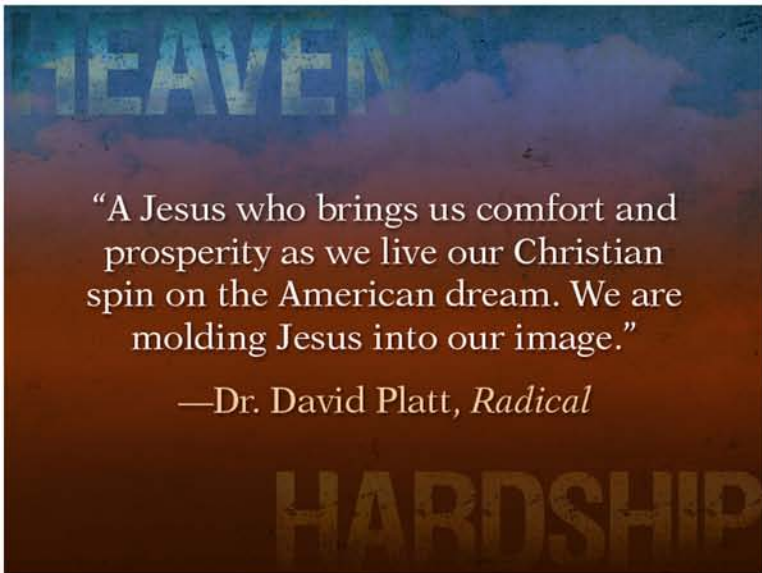
1. We are called to embrace suffering with grace.

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"A nice middle class American Jesus is... A Jesus who doesn't mind materialism and who would never call us to give away everything we have. A Jesus who would not expect us to forsake our closest relationships so that He receive all our affection. A Jesus who wants us balanced, who wants us to avoid dangerous extremes, and who, for that matter wants us to avoid danger all together."

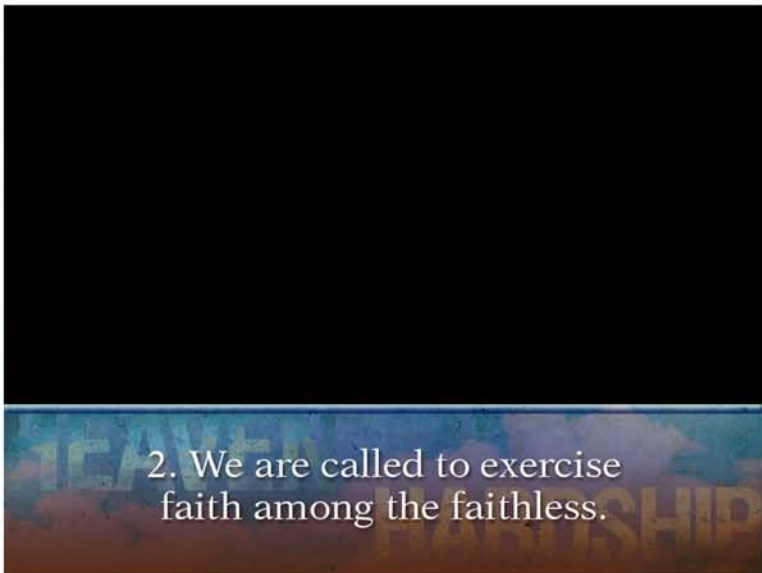
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"A Jesus who brings us comfort and prosperity as we live our Christian spin on the American dream. We are molding Jesus into our image."

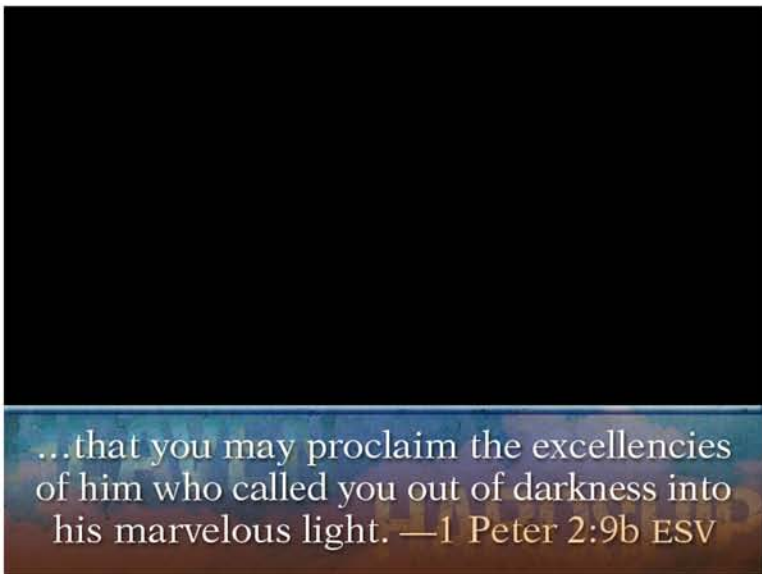
—Dr. David Platt, *Radical*

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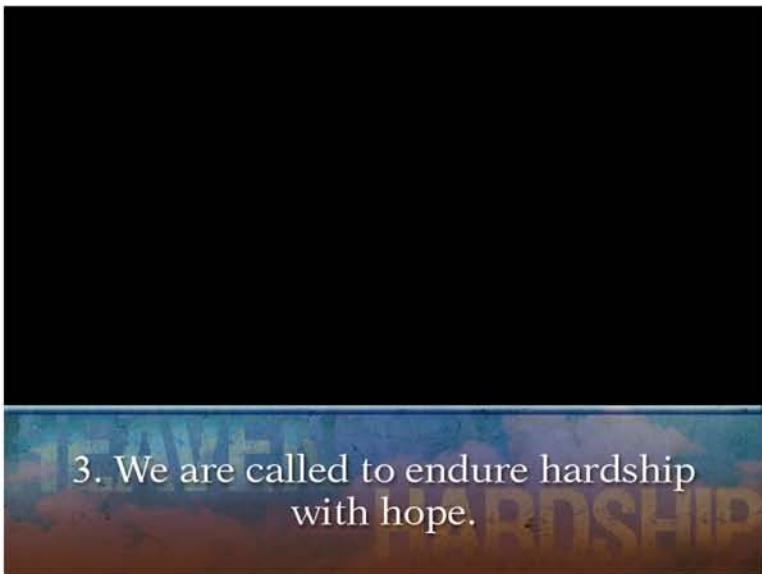
2. We are called to exercise faith among the faithless.

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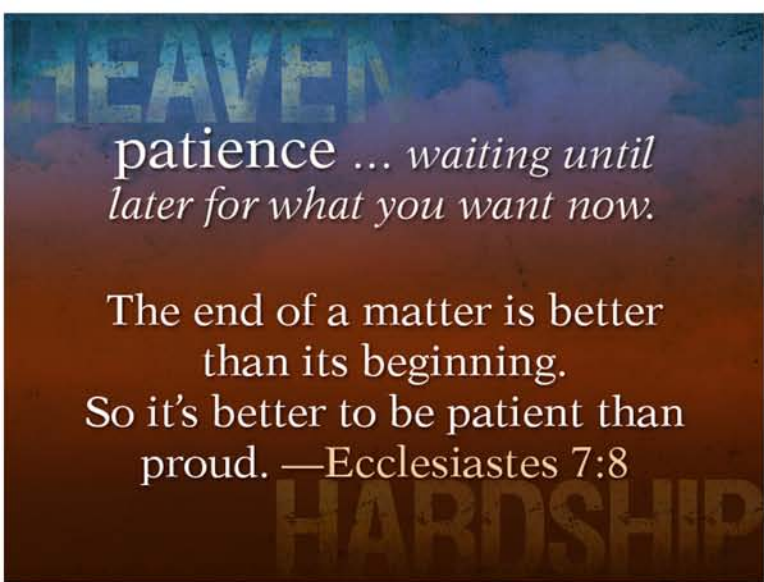
...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. —1 Peter 2:9b ESV

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3. We are called to endure hardship with hope.

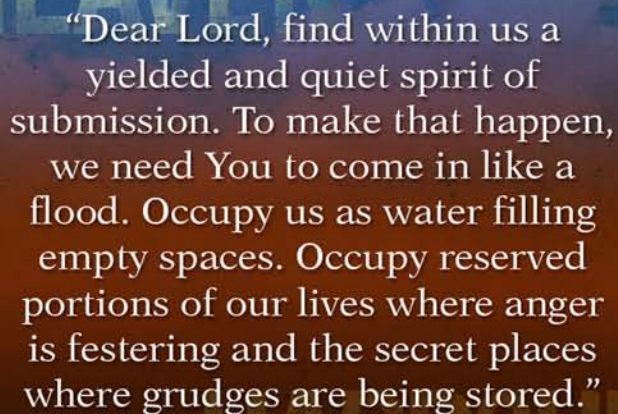
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patience ... *waiting until
later for what you want now.*

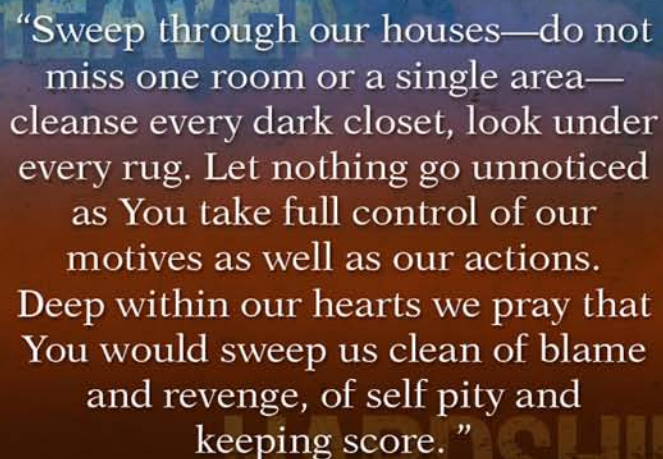
The end of a matter is better
than its beginning.
So it's better to be patient than
proud. —Ecclesiastes 7:8

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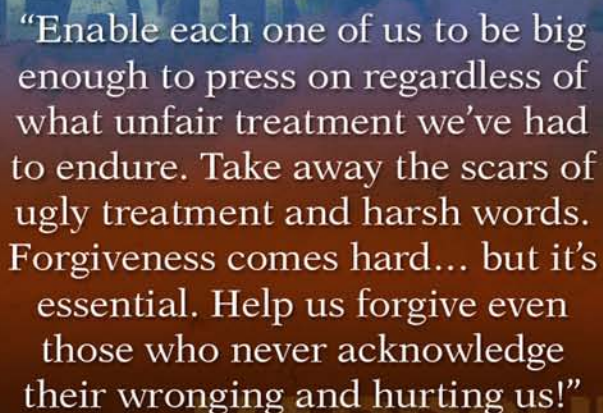
“Dear Lord, find within us a
yielded and quiet spirit of
submission. To make that happen,
we need You to come in like a
flood. Occupy us as water filling
empty spaces. Occupy reserved
portions of our lives where anger
is festering and the secret places
where grudges are being stored.”

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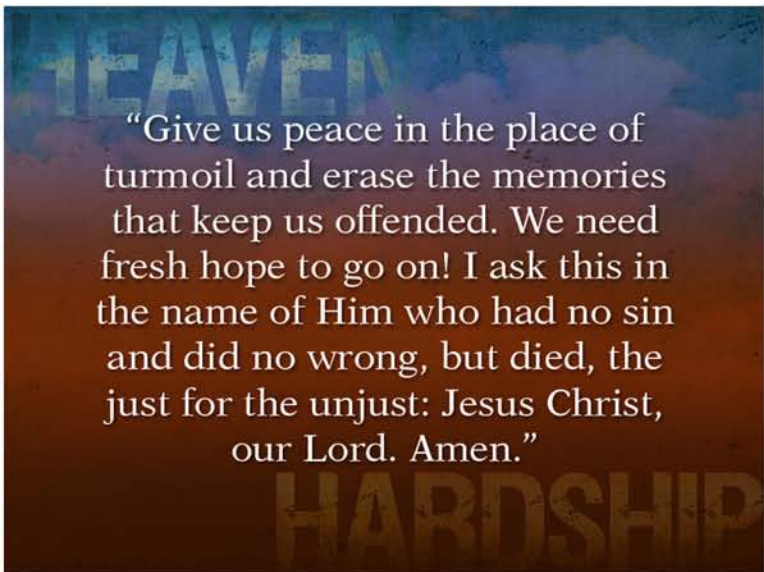
“Sweep through our houses—do not
miss one room or a single area—
cleanse every dark closet, look under
every rug. Let nothing go unnoticed
as You take full control of our
motives as well as our actions.
Deep within our hearts we pray that
You would sweep us clean of blame
and revenge, of self pity and
keeping score.”

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“Enable each one of us to be big
enough to press on regardless of
what unfair treatment we've had
to endure. Take away the scars of
ugly treatment and harsh words.
Forgiveness comes hard... but it's
essential. Help us forgive even
those who never acknowledge
their wronging and hurting us!”

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“Give us peace in the place of
turmoil and erase the memories
that keep us offended. We need
fresh hope to go on! I ask this in
the name of Him who had no sin
and did no wrong, but died, the
just for the unjust: Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.”

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