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3. Our goal: Walk _____ .

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4. Those who suffer...God still _____ .

What can it really mean to suffer for Christ?

1. Give up the pain of our suffering to _____.
2. Bravely share Christ, despite risks to our _____.
3. Set aside my _____, to serve in God's kingdom.
4. Love those who _____ or _____ love me in return.
5. Receive _____ from living an obedient life!

Answers: glory, purposes, desires, kingdom, lies, worthy, loves, Christ, ego, comfort, cannot, will not, joy.

“Finding Joy In Suffering”

Pastor Lance Brown
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Philippians 1:21-24 (NIV)

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- To Live is Christ:

1. Paul's singular aim: Bring _____ to Jesus!

Philippians 1:25-26 (NIV)

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

2. God's eternal _____ are more important than my temporary _____ .

- We should pattern our lives around _____ values.
- We must recognize the enemies' _____.

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