

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Lay Aside Your Passing Pleasures

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Matthew 13:44-46; Mark 8:31-38; Philippians 3:7-14; Hebrews 12:1-3

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$G_m$   $G_{sus}^6$   $G_m$   $G_m$   $D$   $G_m$   $G_m$   $G_m^6$   $D$   $G_m$   $F$   $B_b$   $C_m$   $C_m^7$

1. Lay a - side your pass - ing pleas - ures. Look be - yond what  
2. Raise your eyes and see the Sav - ior. Feel His love, and  
3. Glad - ly trade your crum - bling treas - ure. Gain the pearl of

$C_m^6$   $D$   $G_m$   $G_m$   $G_{sus}^6$   $G_m$   $G_m$   $D$   $G_m$   $G_m$   $G_m^6$   $D$

can - not last. Shal - low hopes are mere dis - trac - tions.  
hear His call. Fol - low Him in self - de - ni - al.  
great - est price. Life is more than pain and pleas - ure.

$G_m$   $F$   $B_b$   $C_m$   $C_m^7$   $C_m^6$   $D$   $G_m$   $E_b$   $B_b^7$   $D$   $C_m^7$

Earth - ly com - forts soon are past. See in Christ a  
Find your Fa - ther all in all. Take the cross, ac -  
Life in Him is true de - light. Find your free - dom,

$D$   $G_m$   $D^7$   $D^7$   $D^7$   $D^7$   $G_m$   $F$   $B_b$   $C_m$   $C_m^7$   $C_m^6$   $D$   $G_m$

grand hor - i - zon. Find a life more rich and vast.  
cept the suf - fring. Soon the cost will seem so small.  
find your glo - ry, Find your - self in Je - sus Christ.

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LEAD-IN: *Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it."*  
(Mark 8:34-35, NIV)

ALTERNATE LEAD-IN:

One definition of sacrifice is this:  
To turn loose of something good in order to grasp something greater.  
Here's a hymn that helps us understand sacrifice in this positive biblical sense.

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

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*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy set before him  
endured the cross, scorning its shame, and  
sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.  
Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men,  
so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*  
(Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV)

Jesus calls all His followers to sacrifice themselves  
as He sacrificed Himself.  
He laid down His life "for the joy set before him".  
He freely submitted to the cross, "scorning its shame";  
that is, He viewed the shame of the cross as insignificant,  
unworthy of consideration.

He modeled this definition of sacrifice:  
to turn loose of something good  
in order to grasp something greater.  
This is the sacrifice to which our Lord calls us.