

— *Ecclesiastes* —

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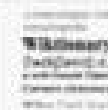
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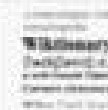
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NO MORE MR KIASI

Ecclesiastes 11



Cast your bread upon the waters,
for you will find it after many days.
Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
If the clouds are full of rain,
they empty themselves on the earth,
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
He who observes the wind will not sow,
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.

(Ecclesiastes 11:1-4 ESV)

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The Pursuit of Meaning

As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.

(Ecclesiastes 11:5 ESV)

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The Pursuit of Meaning

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“You’ll miss 100% of the shots you don’t take”

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The Pursuit of Happiness

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
So if a person lives many years, let him **rejoice** in them all;
but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many.

All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
and let your heart **cheer** you in the days of your youth.
Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But
know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment.

(Ecclesiastes 11:7-9 ESV)

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Mr Kiasi

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JOHN PIPER

Foreword by David Platt

New York Times best-selling author of Radical

RISK

IS RIGHT

Better to Lose Your Life **Than to Waste It**

Tim Challies

The best life is a risky life.

Tim Challies

Really, I am convinced there is not much worth doing that doesn't involve at least some measure of risk.

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A lifetime of always making the safest choice is an unrealistically boring and plodding life.

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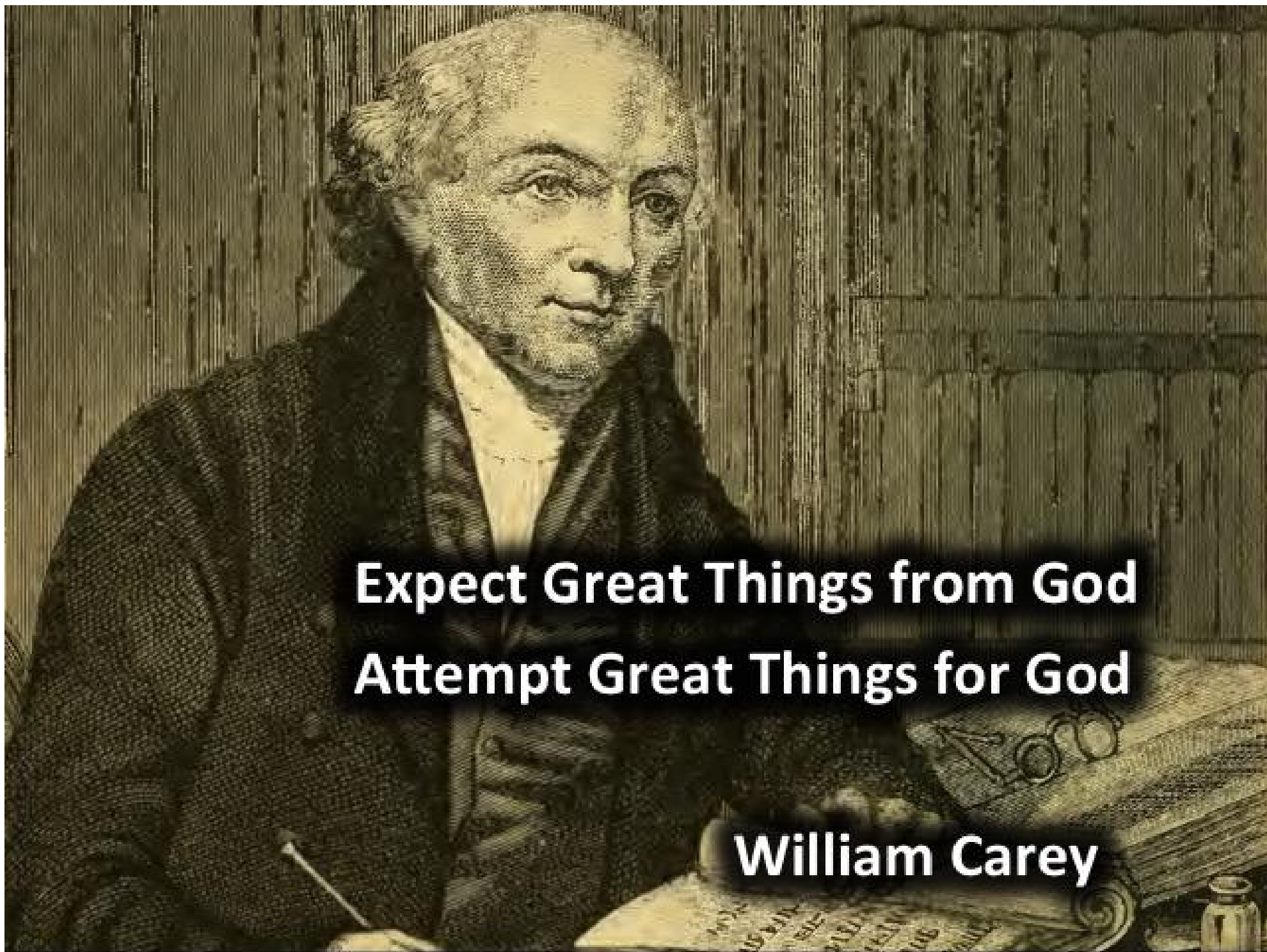
We risk when we love, we risk when we live. To love any person is to risk—it is to risk your heart, to make yourself vulnerable to another. To love God is to risk—it is to risk your very life, to make yourself willing to do whatever it is that the Lord commands.

Tim Challies

Simply to live is to risk; we do not know what the next day, or even the next moment will bring. Yet we value our safety and so often run from risk, living our lives within the most comfortable boundaries.

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The best life is a risky life.



Expect Great Things from God
Attempt Great Things for God

William Carey

EVANGELISM

Abundantly Sowing the Seed





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groups**



Ministry Opportunities

Don't just go to church. Be the church.

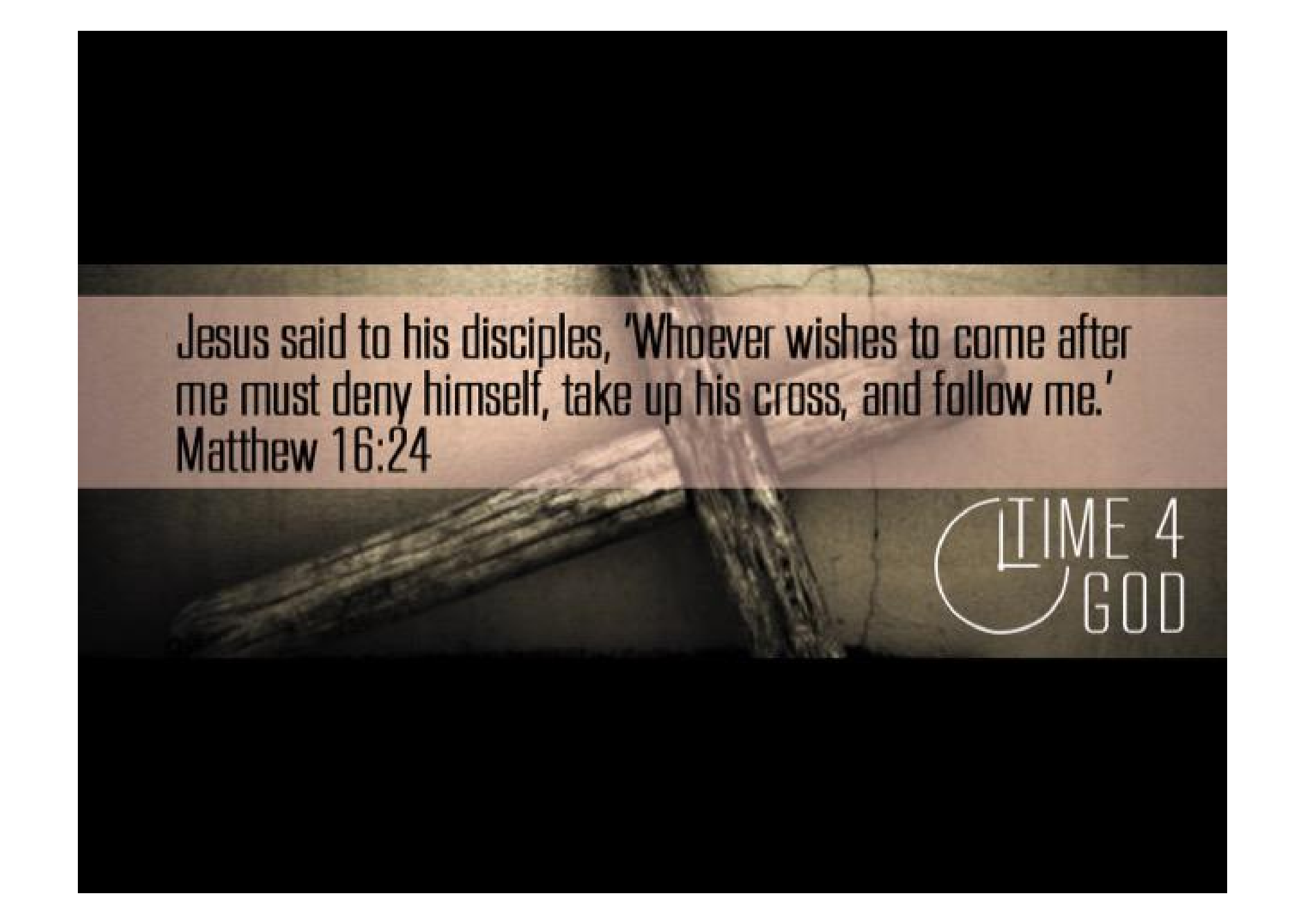
GIVING TO GOD



Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!
He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

(Psalm 126:5-6 ESV)



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Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.'
Matthew 16:24

TIME 4
GOD

For whoever would save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's
will save it.

(Mark 8:35 ESV)

— *Exhortations* —

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The Pursuit of Holiness

