

## **Living with Loss**

### **Finding Purpose in Loss**

October 17, 2021

### **Verse of the Month**

*“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13, ESV)*

### **God’s Plan**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.  
(Jeremiah 29:11, ESV)*

How does loss help you discover God’s plan?

### **Loss is Gain**

*Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”  
(Matthew 16:24, ESV)*

What have you given up to follow Jesus?

*And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. (Mark 10:17–22, ESV)*

### **Your Passion**

*Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.  
(Philippians 3:8, ESV)*

## Reflection

1. What is one take-a-way from this message that stood out for me?
2. What is one action I can take in response to this message?
3. Who will I share my learnings with?
4. Any additional thoughts?

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