

Romans 8:16–18

2 Corinthians 4:17–18

Heaven will surely be worth it all!

Worth **anything** we have to endure
in this life—for truth's sake, and for
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Glories of
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- When false teaching creeps into the church, and the majority is headed in the wrong direction.
- Maybe not the majority, but those with whom we are the closest, or those who have the most influence.
 - Tempted to follow the course of least resistance, to make the fewest waves, to align with the “somebodies.”
 - 2 Timothy 3:13–14.
 - Not easy to “go outside the camp, bearing His reproach” (Heb. 13:13), but...

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- When a more lucrative job offer means moving one's family to a different town, a place where there may be many spiritual red flags.
 - Think Lot regretted pitching his tent toward Sodom? (Genesis 13:12).
 - Do the repeated warnings about evil companions mean anything to us?
 - “We’ll teach our children, be a good influence on them; they should be fine anywhere we go.”

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- When the desire for more things tempts one to pour too much into one's job, or to do unethical things to obtain what one desires.
 - You cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24). Money makes a good servant, but a lousy master.
 - Can we do with less, when less is better for us spiritually?
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- When one is in the midst of a difficult marriage, and he/she is tempted to separate what God has joined together.
 - We know what Jesus said, that we can't divorce for just any reason, that the one and only reason we can divorce is fornication (Matthew 19:3-9).
 - Making the most of a terribly difficult situation can be a tremendous strain, but...
 - Maybe we're tempted because someone else is showing us a lot of attention.

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- When one's unbelieving marriage companion wants he/she to compromise.
 - 1 Peter 3:1–2.
 - The only way we can “win” them to the truth is to show them how much the truth means to us, how much the truth has transformed us.
 - Desire to please one's spouse is a good thing, but it can't take precedence over the desire to please God.

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- When an unspeakable tragedy occurs, such as the death of a young child—when the temptation now is to become bitter, to think that God has abandoned you.
 - We know bad things happen to righteous and wicked alike.
 - And we know God has forevermore proven his love for us (Romans 8:32).
 - Can we learn as Habakkuk did? (3:17–19).
 - Can we persevere through the sorrow? Heaven will...