



Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

#### Philippians 3:17-18 (ESV)



## Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

#### Philippians 3:19 (ESV)



But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

#### Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.





We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.





## Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.





For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

#### 2 Timothy 4:6-7 (NIV)



Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for His appearing.

#### 2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)



# Stella



#### I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

#### Philemon 1:6 (NIV)



#### Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

#### Matthew 19:26 (NIV)



# Miriam









# James

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#### Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.





### What good is it if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions?





Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.





### If you know what you ought to do and don't do it, you're sinning.





Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?





But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.





Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith." He was even called the friend of God.

#### James 2:21-23 (NLT)



On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will <u>worship</u> there, and then we will come right back."





Then the angel of the Lord called again to Abraham from heaven. "This is what the Lord says: Because you have obeyed Me and have not withheld even your son, your only son, I swear by My own name that I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed Me.

Genesis 22:15-18 (NLT)