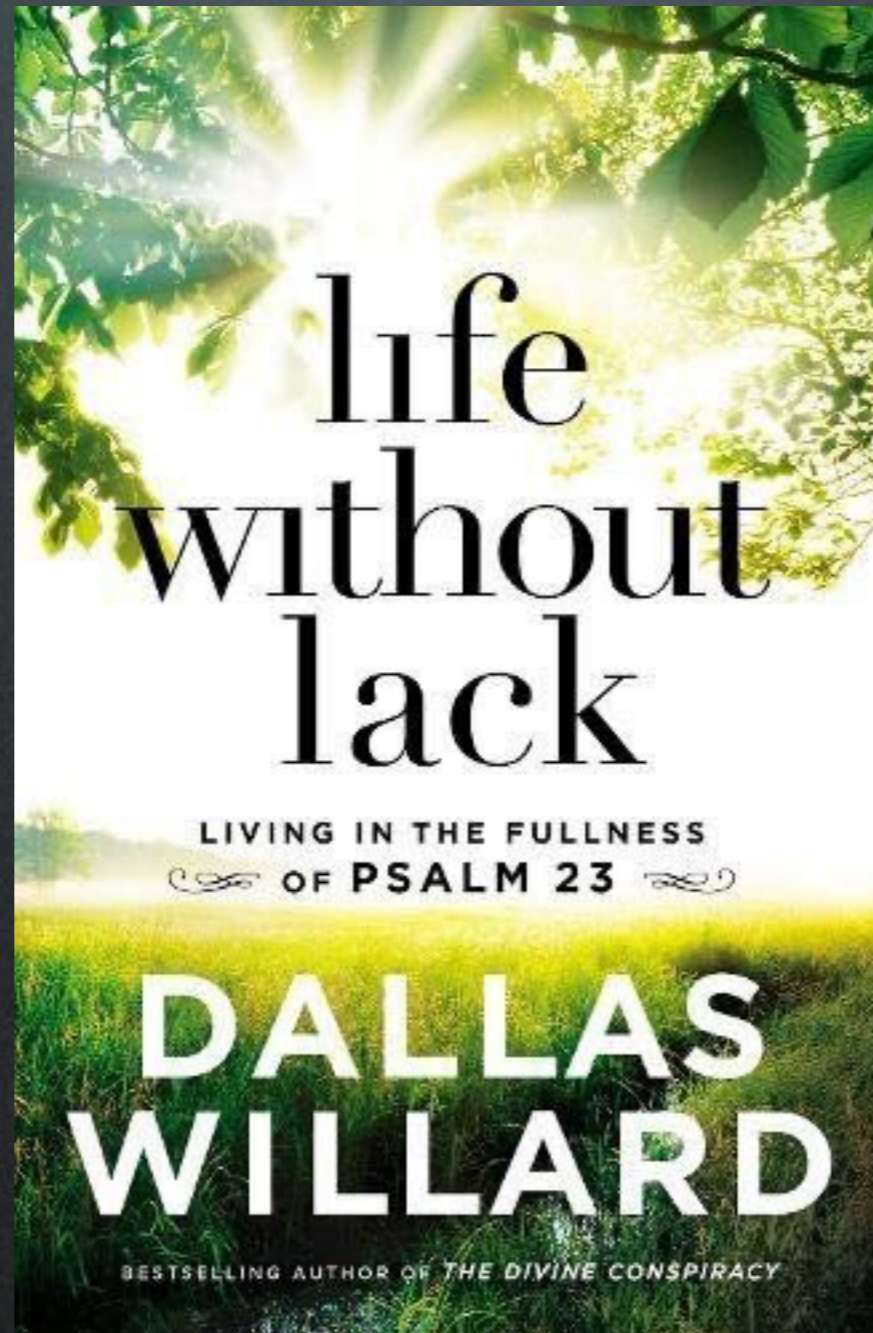


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# life without lack

Session 6 — “Trust Completed in Death to Self” - Chapter 6



## life without lack — *REVIEW*

Ch — 1 God is an immaterial, intelligent, free personal being, of perfect goodness, wisdom, and power, who made the universe and continues to sustain it, as well as to govern and direct it in His providence. (18) That is the Being upon whom a LIFE WITHOUT LACK relies. Such a life is guaranteed for those whose minds are set upon this God in faith. (19)

Ch. 2 — The key to a LIFE WITHOUT LACK, that we would have the mind of Christ — our Shepherd — who knew first hand the complete and perfect sufficiency of our magnificent God. (46)

Ch. 3 — There is nothing that makes God happier than human beings, redeemed by the grace of God, devoting their lives — the moments and hours of their days — to the good of others and of creation, to the glory of God. (66)

Ch. 4 — To succeed in walking in the way of Jesus and know the LIFE WITHOUT LACK, it is essential that we understand and believe the devil is real and at work. (74)

Ch. 5 — The LIFE WITHOUT LACK is known by those who have learned how to trust God in the moment of their need. Your faith of desperation will meet the fullness of God, and you will taste the LIFE WITHOUT LACK as you discover the depths of the faith of sufficiency. (107)

# *The Triangle of Sufficiency*

**Love**

*life  
without  
lack*

**Faith**  
*"Trust"*

**Death to Self**



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It is essential to realize we are dealing with  
“death TO self” not “death OF self”. (124)

You were not put here on Earth to get rid of yourself.  
You were put here to be a self, to to live fully as a self.  
The worth of the self — your self — is inestimable, and  
God’s intent for you is that you become a fully realized  
self as you make the grace-fueled movement from the  
old self to the new. (125)

**FLASHBACK** — The obviously well-kept secret of the  
“ordinary” is that it is [you are] made to be a receptacle  
of the divine, a place where the life of God flows. (58)

[And *The Divine Conspiracy*, p. 14 ]



## Jesus and Death to Self

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it bears much grain.” John 12:24

Not just to lose life but to give life; not morbid, joyful. (126)

“For the joy set before Him, He endured the Cross.”

Hebrews 12:2

If we miss this truth and fail to incorporate it into our own experience, we will miss the route to...

LIFE WITHOUT LACK.

The Cross, the Resurrection & His glorious present ministry in His people...

...the liberating truth of the death-to-self teaching.

(127)

## **Job's Death to His Proper ("Propriety") Self**

Job saw the grandeur and greatness of God...  
his new understanding of reality.

*"Now my eyes have seen you." Job 42:5-6*

## **Paul on Death to Self**

(128-129)

∞ *"Treasure in earthen vessels...looking not the seen but to the unseen." II Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18*

∞ *"If One died for all, then all died that those who live should no longer live for themselves." II Corinthians 5:14-15*

∞ *Flesh vs. Spirit - Galatians 5:24-25*

## Coming to Terms with My Wanter *Matt. 5:21-30 :: Anger*

Flesh — Desire — Spirit — Love

—> Flesh (def.)

*”Natural powers of the human being based in the human body”*

Capabilities...Wants...Desires

...unaided by divine assistance or guidance. (129)

—> Desire (def.)

*“The impulse to possess or experience something.”*

—> Spirit - Where choice comes in.

To consider alternatives and God prompts us to have an interest in what is better and best. It takes a broad view of the possibilities, not just “desire” and its object.

—> Love (def.) *“The will-to-good of its object.”*

Flesh vs. the Human Spirit is Desire – *what I want* – vs. the will for what is best. Desire vs. Love (131)

To live in the flesh is to live with un-crucified affections and desires. When we are living apart from God we make our desires ultimate. (130)



## **Our Willy-Nilly Wills**

John 5:39-43

Flesh - confidence in our “will power”.

The basic nature of sin is to trust oneself. (132)

An individual can have only a very small amount of faith until he has come to a very clear resolution of the place of his desires, his glory, or his power to dominate.

## **The Insatiable and Its Satisfaction** James 3:13-16

If we are going to live a life of abundance sufficiency, we must be focused and intentional in standing against these dreadful roots of the self life. Until we have done that, we will be incapable of entering by faith into the life God longs to give us. (134)

## Pure Wisdom

Wisdom from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle, yielding, merciful, impartial, unhypocritical, peaceful. James 3:17-18

These beautiful qualities are marks of persons who have learned in their heart of hearts the great freedom of death to self, and out of their peaceful lives comes everything that is right and good. (136)

## Playing by the Rules

*“Purity shocks people.”*

When we try to make rules for dying to the flesh, we are likely to miss the core problem, which is not our behavior but what is in our hearts.

(137)

Putting things in the place of God is the central issue. (138)





## **Another Day in the Life of the World... and the Un-Crucified Self**

Our desires are the roots of the self-life in all of us. And until we, in conjunction with the grace of God, have made an intentional decision not to allow our desires to be the center of our lives, we can never have the kind of faith that will lead us to the life of abundant sufficiency in God.

*“an intentional decision...willing to let loose”!*

(140)

Death to self includes our desires about any whom we love.

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*If you try to save your life, you will lose it.*



## Crucified with Christ

Luke 9:23-25

Death to self means...

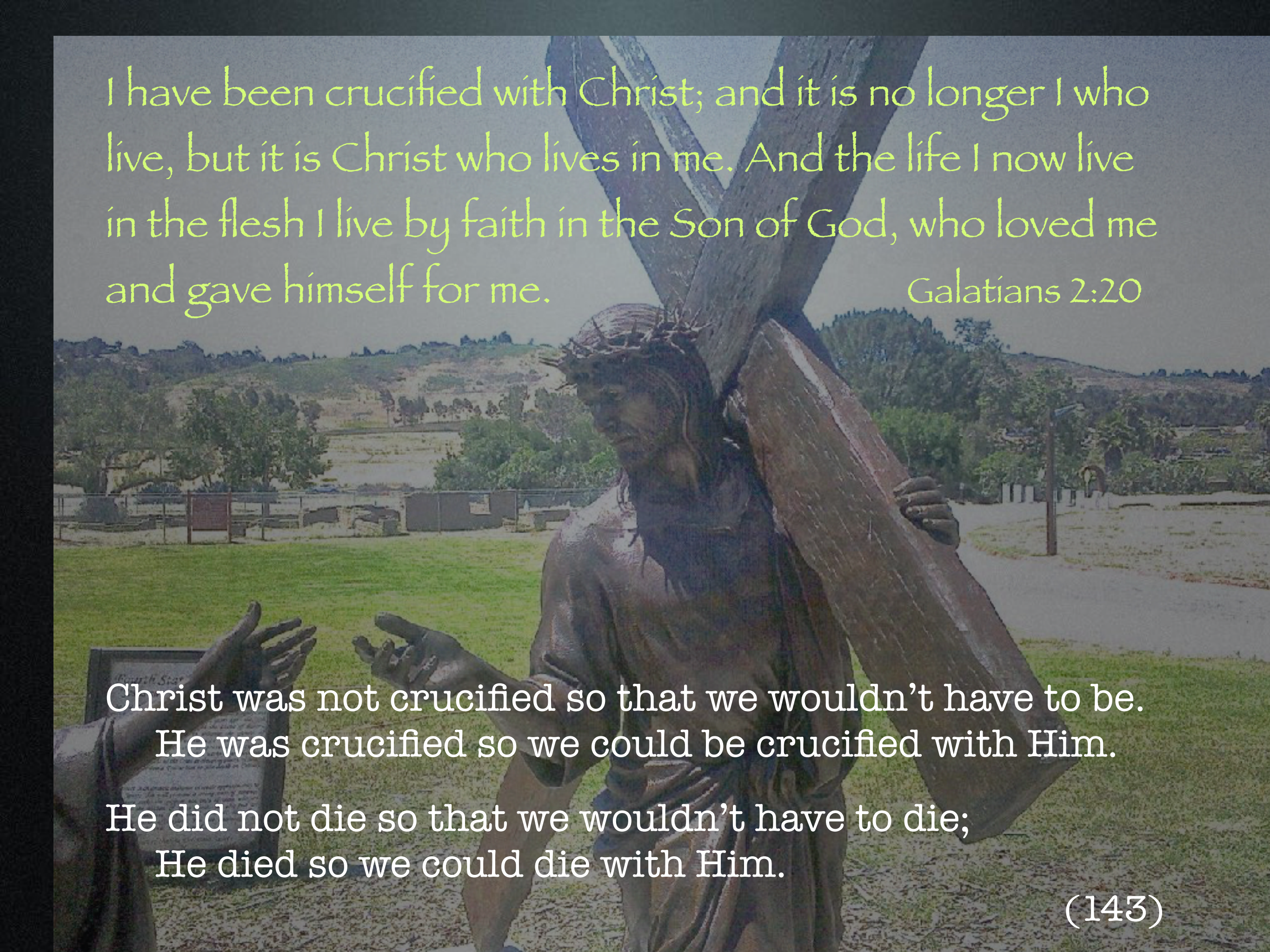
...releasing all our desires, our reputation, our glory, and having our way with other people.

Our task is to understand what death to self is and understand that we cannot live in the Shepherd Psalm – a LIFE WITHOUT LACK in the Kingdom of God – until we have accepted it, recognized it, and said,

*"Lord, give this gift to me."*

(143)





I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Christ was not crucified so that we wouldn't have to be.  
He was crucified so we could be crucified with Him.  
He did not die so that we wouldn't have to die;  
He died so we could die with Him.

(143)

“I die daily.” 1 Corinthians 15:31

**In the midst of life’s inevitabilities, WE CAN!**

—> WE CAN receive the things we do not want – or give up the things we do want – if we have decided, by the grace of God, that we can trust God to take care of us.

(145)

- Honest thoughtful prayer - Listening to Him

- Acting in trust - Praising God (146)

—> If we get ourselves out of the way, and focus our attention upon the God of our sufficiency, and WE CAN be singing songs of victory. (148)

“Give thanks to the Lord,  
for his love endures forever.” 11 Chronicles 20:21

Psalms 100; 106; 107; 117; 118; 136; Jeremiah 33:11

Anyone who is attempting to help others in the way of Christ needs to have the life they are describing.

They must die to the idea that what they want has any importance at all.

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*“It’s not a horse race.  
It’s good to be last.”*

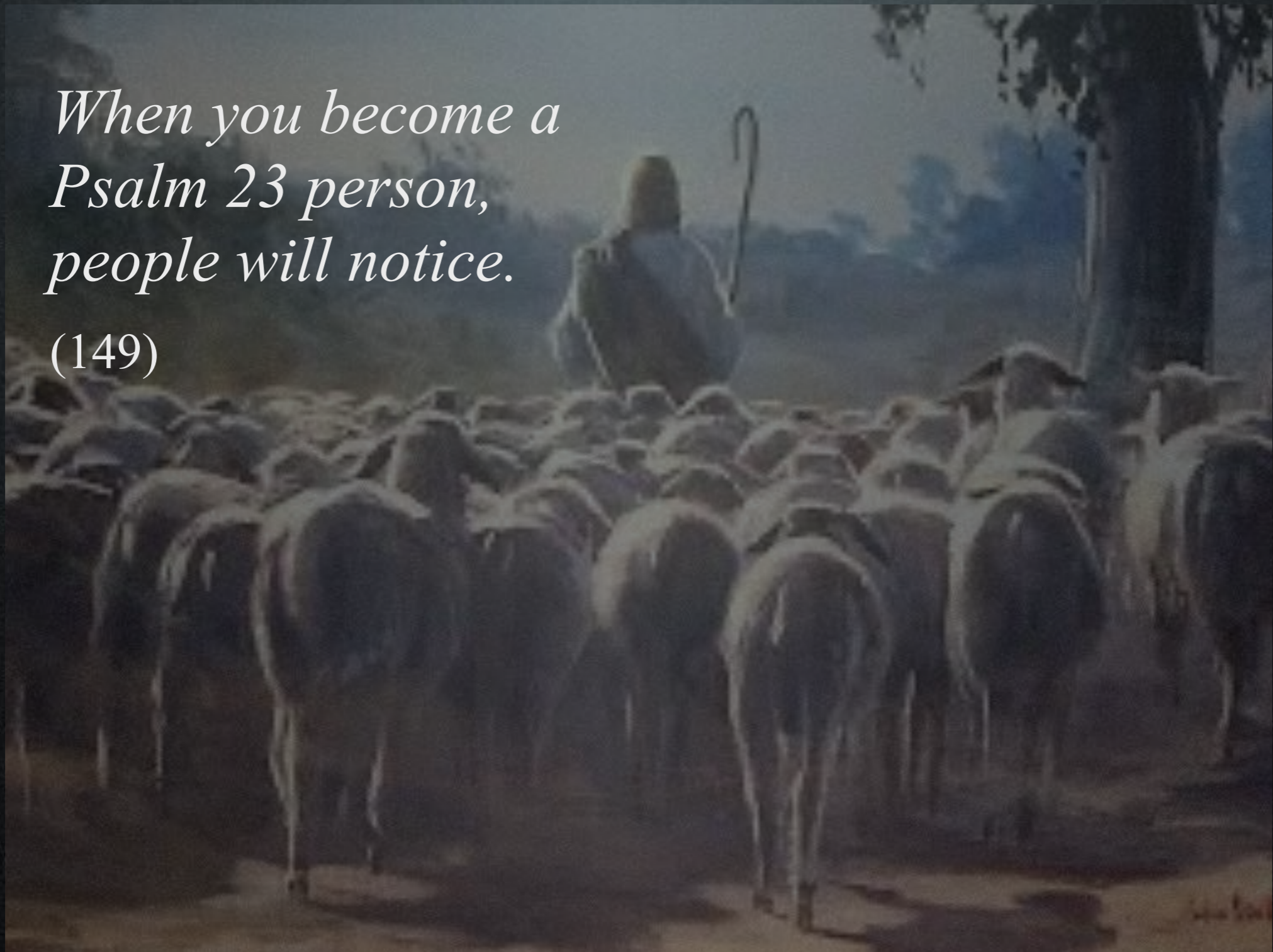
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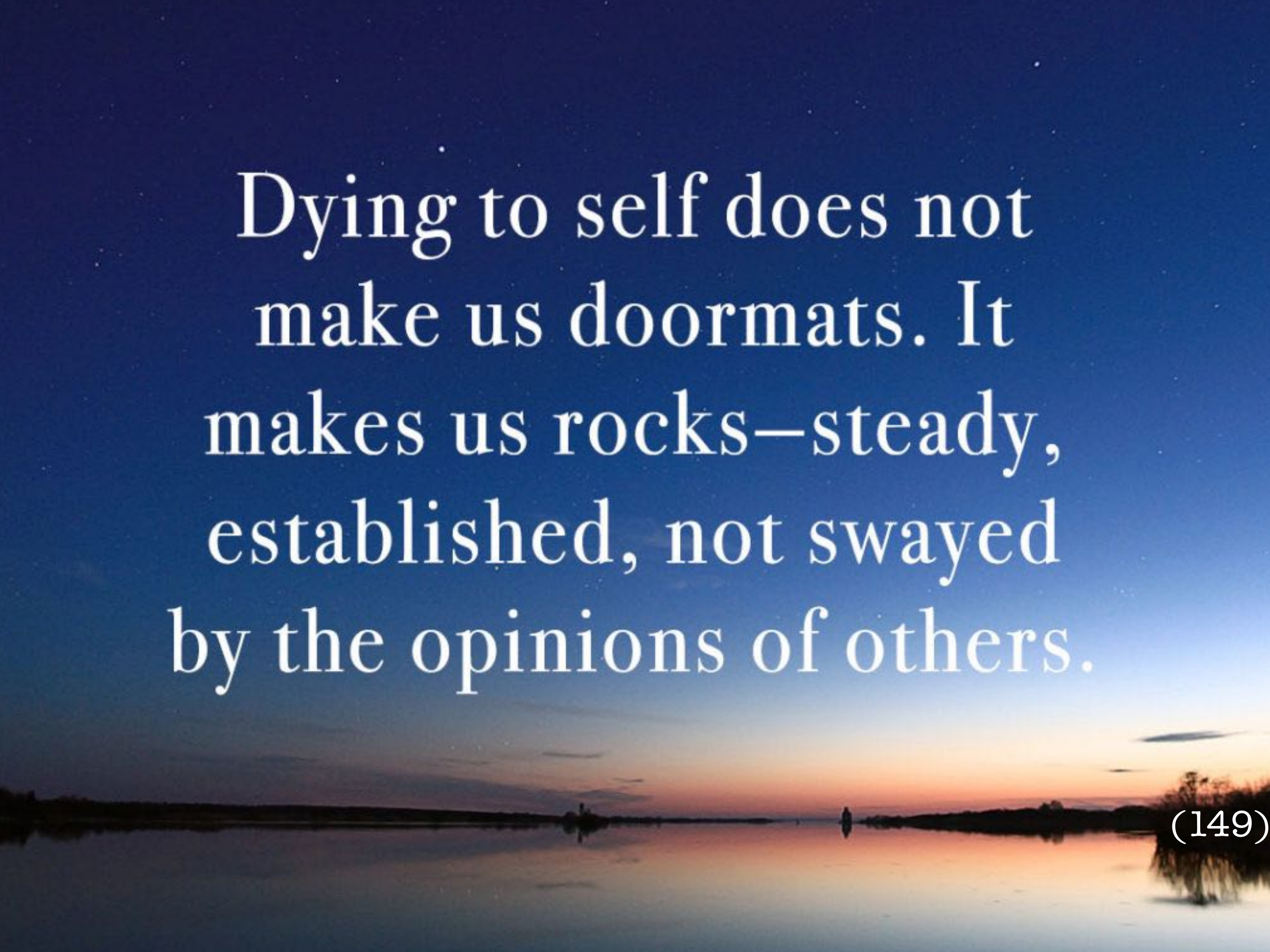




*When you become a  
Psalm 23 person,  
people will notice.*

(149)



A serene sunset over a calm body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The water is still, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the distance, a small figure of a person is visible on the water. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Dying to self does not  
make us doormats. It  
makes us rocks—steady,  
established, not swayed  
by the opinions of others.

*Jesus was no doormat;  
He was simply dead to self, fully alive to God.*

(150)

## Whatever Happened to Self-Worth?

Dying to self does not exclude having a proper sense of self-worth, including the need to feel recognize and valued.

We need to move to a higher source - God's love.

*The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.*

*Number 6:24-26*

## Following Jesus on the Path to Death to Self

Humility is the beautiful condition of people who have learned to surrender their desires, their glory, and their power. *“Lord, I give it up. It's all yours.”*

*“Humility and Death to Self”* by Andrew Murray  
Appendix B (223-227)

*Humility leads to perfect death. Death perfects humility.*

One of the main reasons we have such little faith is we have not lived thru the process of abandonment and come to the place where God can trust us with great faith.



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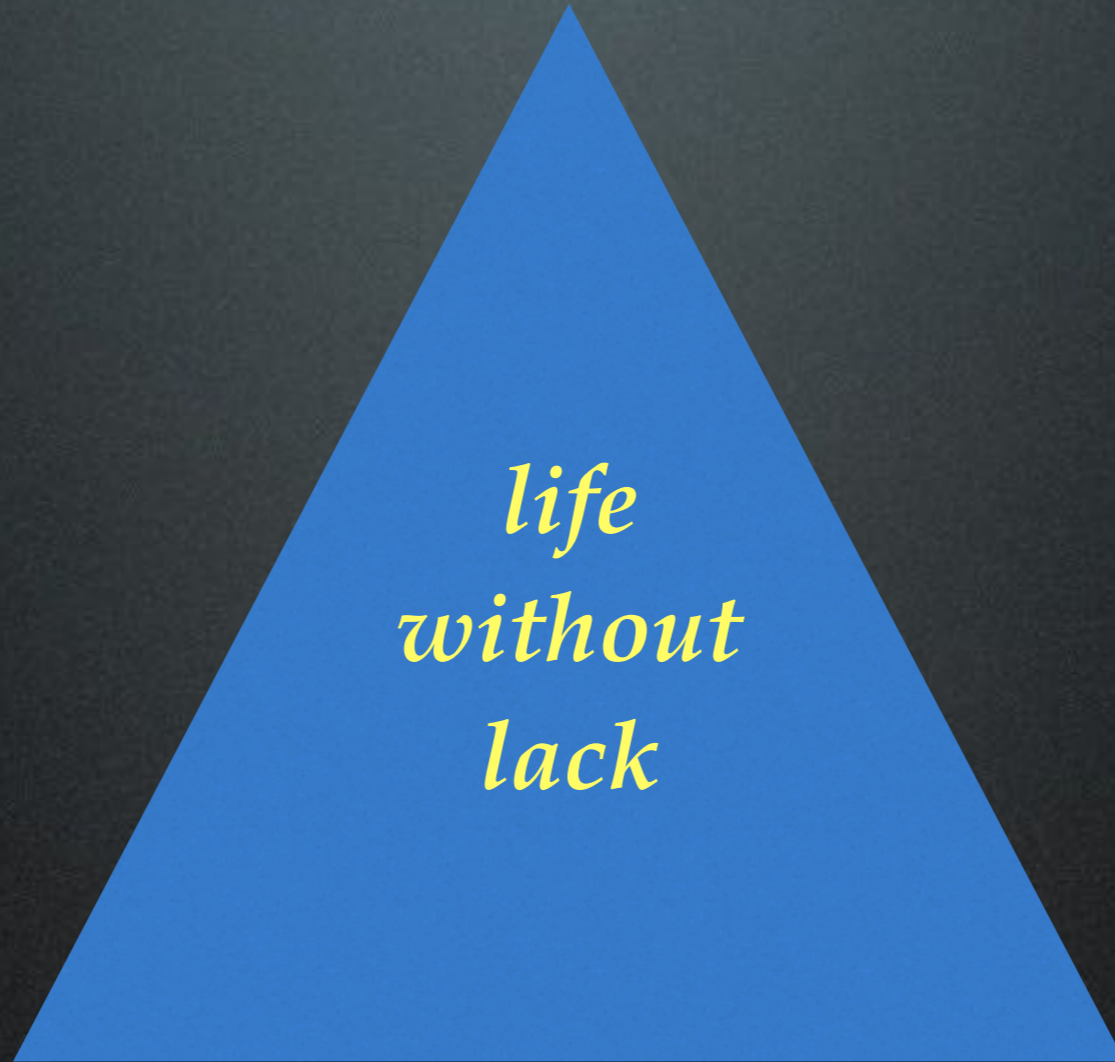
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*“Humility”*



*“A Prayer of Death to Self”*

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*“Lord, we pray that you will give us the teachings that you want us to have from this and bring us to the place of complete peace and rest where we no longer have to defend ourselves, or worry about who is going to take care of us, or strive to be recognized, or to get our way, or to make sure that things turn out right. Lord, help us to be free from these through a knowledge that you are working in our lives and that you are more than sufficient to everything that we need to see happen around us.*

*In Jesus Name, Amen.”*

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*A Prayer - "Death to Self"*

Charles de Foucauld

Father, I abandon myself into your hands.

Do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you.

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me  
and in all your creatures.

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul.

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
for I love you, Lord,

and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands  
without reserve and with boundless confidence,  
for you are my Father.

quoted in *Life Without Lack*

p. 155-156



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

80:00 + 10K

**Meditation** — Luke 9:23-25

**V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...**

**VISION** — What part of me - my “self” - is most alive, least dead, in this season of my life that I need to intentionally seek the grace of God for then power to surrender?

**INTENTION** — Where am I “hung up on honor from others, reputation, appearing well” (133) or “desires, reputation, glory, have my way” (143) that is blocking my trust in God?

**MEANS** — Am I willing and ready to pray, “*Lord, I give it up. It’s all yours!*” in the area of \_\_\_\_\_?

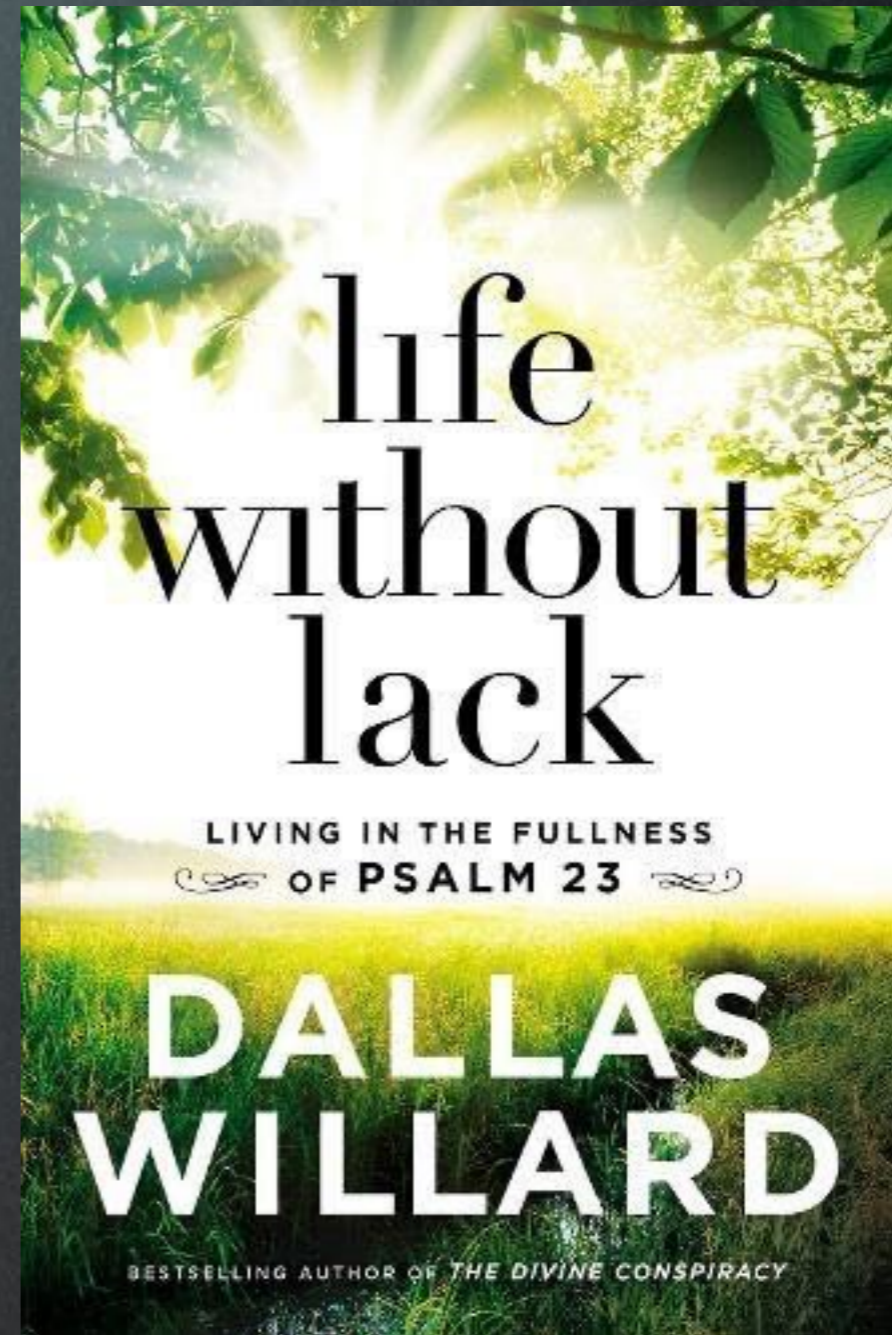


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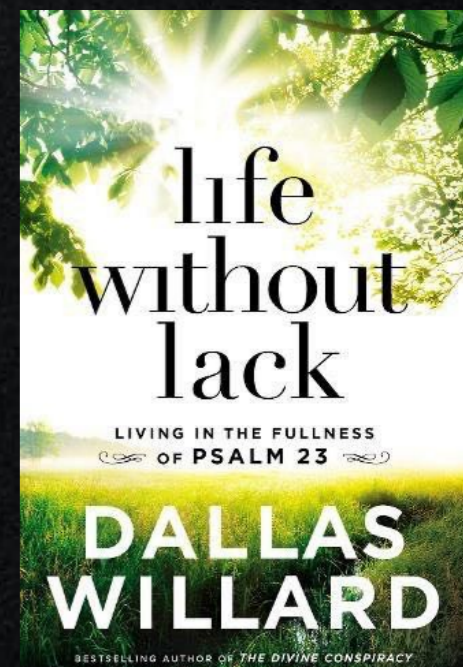
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## Next Week — Session 7

“Sufficiency Completed in Love” (pt. 1)  
Chapter 7 (p. 157-171)

Audio — “Life Without Lack” by Dallas Willard  
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May you practice dying  
to “me” in “perfect  
nothingness” in your  
next 10,000 minutes.

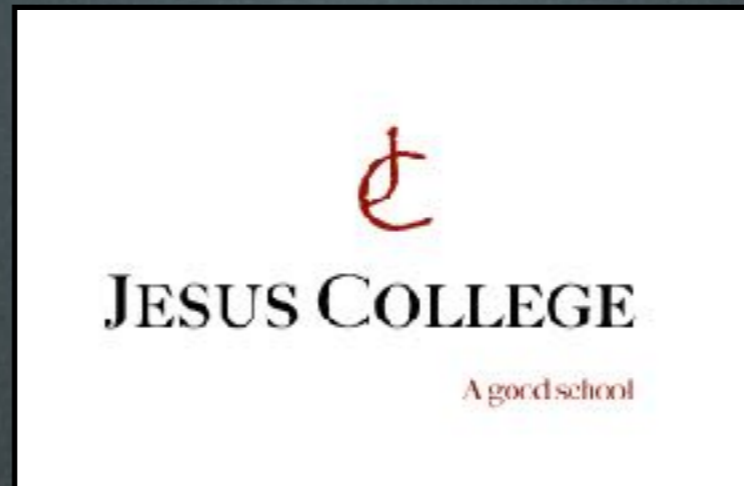
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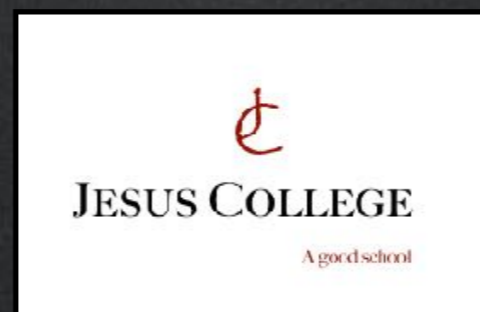
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