

A Living Sacrifice

Daily Offering
Yourself to Jesus





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Romans 12:1 ESV “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

Paul begged us to offer our body in worship, for he had already done that!

Romans 1:1 “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.”

doulos—a slave; one who surrenders himself to another’s will, to the point of ignoring his own interests.

What drives a man to share Jesus with everyone?

“Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren.”

2 Corinthians 11:23-26

What drives a man to keep serving in his suffering?

“I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches. Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern? If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.”

2 Corinthians 11:27-30

But there is only one perfect Servant...

Isaiah 42:1-3 “Behold my Servant, whom I uphold, my Chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice.”

And that Servant suffered more than any other!

Isaiah 53:3-4 “He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces—he was despised, and we held him in low esteem. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.”

So what can we do.... but worship Him?

Isaiah 53:5-6 “But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

And when YOU are really hurting, your worship is a true sacrifice, for you can see no reason to give it!

Job 13:15 “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.”

Psalms 62:8 “Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”

Psalms 22:21-22 “Save me from the lion’s mouth; from the horns of the wild oxen You answer me. I will tell of Your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise You.”

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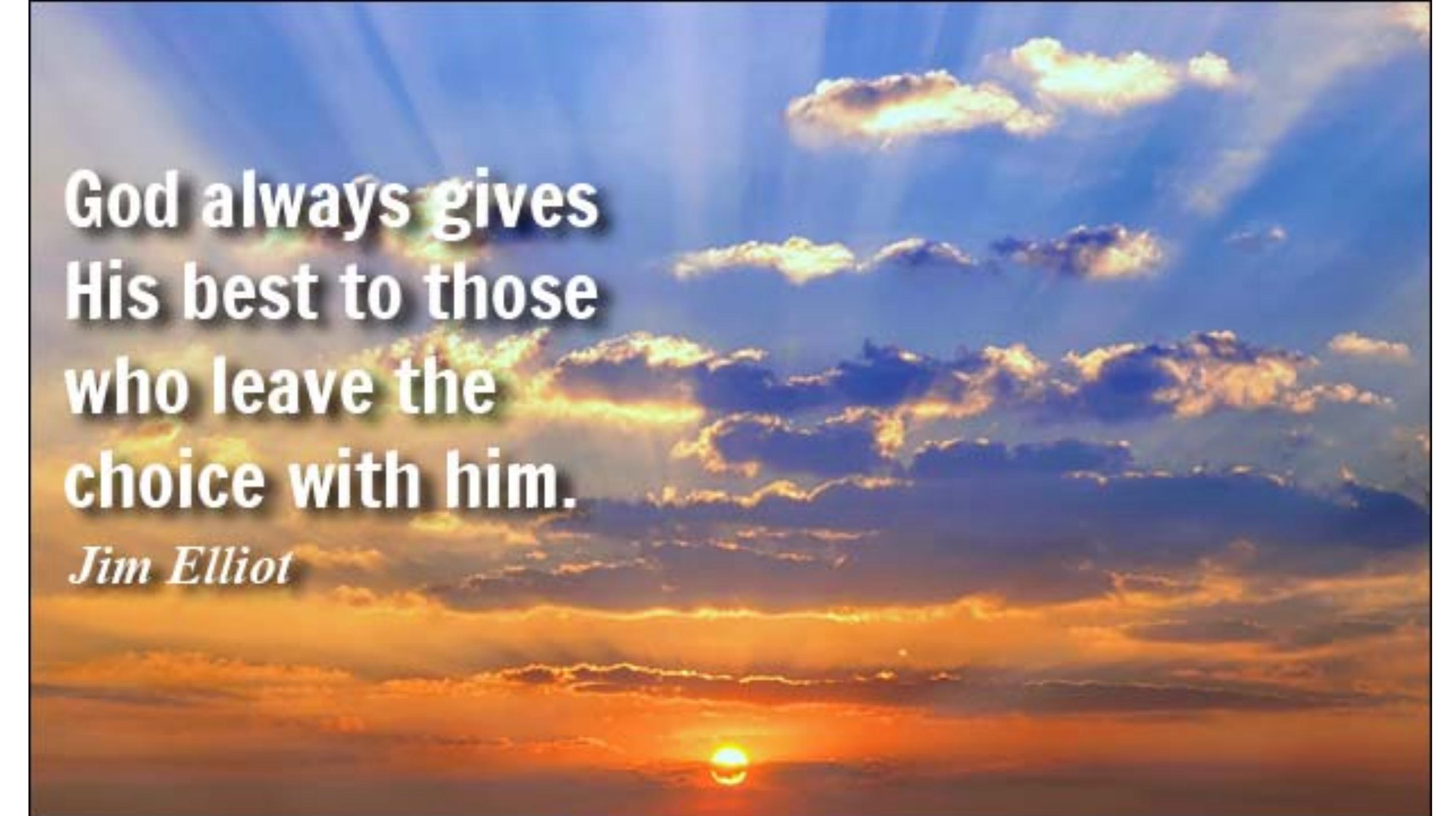
Are you willing to suffer
for Him?

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A Living Sacrifice!

Your deep joy will last
forever!

Our Father repays us
many times more for
everything we sacrifice



**God always gives
His best to those
who leave the
choice with him.**

Jim Elliot