

***“Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia. These men began to argue with Stephen...”*** – Acts 6:9

***“When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, ‘Surely He was the Son of God!’”***  
– Matthew 27:54

***“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”***  
– Romans 8:28-29

***“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future.”***  
– Ecclesiastes 7:14

***“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”*** – James 1:2-4

***“Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”*** – Matthew 10:37-38

***“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up His cross and follow Me.’”*** – Matthew 16:24

***“Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”*** – Romans 12:1

***“Then [Jesus] said to them all: ‘If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.’” – Luke 9:23***