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“ God allowed Ezekiel's wife to die at this precise time. He used her death, which He predicted to the prophet, to communicate a message to His people. The text does not say that God put her to death as an object lesson. She could have been ill for some time before she died ”

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Constable

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And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' "
So Aaron held his peace.

Leviticus 10:3

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When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea: "Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing from the LORD."

Hosea 1:2

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Matthew 10

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38** And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. **39** He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

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“ During his years of ministry, Ezekiel had paid a price to “act out” some of his sermons, but none was as costly as this one. The life you live is the greatest sermon you can ever preach. ”

Warren Wiersbe, With The Word

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2 Serving God Is Incredibly Costly

“ Too many of us have a tendency to want to serve the Lord for the benefits. But true servants are willing to forego healing if the Lord calls them to be an example to others of how to die, to suffer financial loss if it means showing others that God alone is all they need. True servants, give God permission to use their lives in whatever way will give Him glory. ”

Jon Courson, Sermon on Ezekiel 24

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But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24

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John 6

66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

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“ God is not the author of personal tragedy, but he does often use such experiences as unique opportunities and special windows through which people will come to ‘know’ that he is the Lord. ”

Lamar Eugene Cooper, The New American Commentary

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Mark 10

29 So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's,

30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—
houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and
lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.

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2 Corinthians 4

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,
18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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