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"God always gives the best to those who leave the choice up to him." Unknown

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"An idol is anything that is so central and essential to your life, that **should you lose it**, *your life would feel hardly worth living."*

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