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**Acts 10:38 (NKJV)** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

**1 John 3:7-8 (NKJV)** <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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**Ecclesiastes 4:1-4 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> Again, I observed all the oppression that takes place under the sun. I saw the tears of the oppressed, with no one to comfort them. The oppressors have great power, and their victims are helpless. <sup>2</sup> So I concluded that the dead are better off than the living. <sup>3</sup> But most fortunate of all are those who are not yet born. **For they have not seen all the evil that is done under the sun.** <sup>4</sup> Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

**Ecclesiastes 4:1 (MSG)** Next I turned my attention to all the outrageous violence that takes place on this planet—the tears of the victims, no one to comfort them; the iron grip of oppressors, no one to rescue the victims from them.

**Ecclesiastes 4:8-12 (NKJV)** <sup>8</sup> There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet *there is* no end to all his labors, Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. *But he never asks*, "For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?" This also *is* vanity and a grave misfortune. <sup>9</sup> Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up. <sup>11</sup> Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm *alone*? <sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Just because the path is depressing doesn't mean the destination is.

We translate "temporary" into "permanent" and base our emotions on an illusion.

**2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)** So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

**Acts 17:26-28 (NIV)** <sup>26</sup> From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and **He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.** <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> 'For in Him we live and move and have our being.' . . .

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**Psalms 1:1 (NKJV)** **Blessed** *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

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A Real Friend Is Someone Who Will Fight To Protect You; Someone who has your back; And . . . **A Real Friend Is Committed To Helping You Grow Spiritually.**

**Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)** As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

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