

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8 NLV*

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**FLM PRAYER STUDY #127**

**“COME AND DIE”-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER**

*Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Romans 6:4-21<sup>st</sup> Century King James Version

1. Death to Relationships – **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:11** *But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one, no not to eat. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 7:23* *Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:33* *Be not deceived; Evil company corrupts good morals. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:14* *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?*
2. Death to Success-**1<sup>st</sup> John 2:16** *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world.*
3. Death to the Love of Money- **Matthew 6:19-21** *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is there will your heart also be.*
4. Death to the Flesh-**Colossians 3:5** *So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. NLV*
5. Death to the Power of Sin-**Romans 6:11** *Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 21<sup>st</sup> Century King James Version* *So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. NLV* **Romans 7:6** *But now we have died to what used to control us. We have been set free from the law. Now we serve in the new way of the Holy Spirit. We no longer serve in the old way of the written law. NLV*

CROWNS(rewards for righteous living)

**Revelation 4:10-11** - *The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that is seated on the throne, and worship Him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

1. **The Crown of Life**-given to those who stand even in times of hardship: James 1:12 *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life.* KJV *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.* NIV. Revelation 2:8-11 *And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead and has come to life, says this: "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt of the second death.* New American Standard
2. **The Crown Imperishable**-given to those who get in the race and don't quit- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:24-27 *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one received the prize? So run that you may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body and bring it into subjections, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.* KJV *You know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize. So run to win! All those who compete in the games use self-control so they can win a crown. That crown is an earthly thing that lasts only a short time, but our crown will never be destroyed. So I do not run with a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something-not just the air. I treat my body hard and make it my slave so that I myself will not be disqualified after I have preached to others.* NCV

3. **The Crown of Rejoicing**-given to those who bear fruit that remains in the lives of others: 1<sup>ST</sup> Thessalonians 2:19-20 *For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not even you in the presence of my Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy. KJV For who is our hope, our joy, or crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when He comes? Is it not you? Indeed you are our glory and joy. NIV*
4. **The Crown of Righteousness**-given to those who keep the faith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:5-6 *But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*
5. **The Crown of Glory**, given to those who feed the sheep: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2-4 *Feed the flock that is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that faded not away. NKJ*

### **WORTHY THE LAMB**

HEAR THE CRIES OF THE SHACKLED FROM THE ONSET OF TIME  
FOR THE CHAINS OF DEFEAT THERE'S NO KEY;  
SEE THE TEARS OF THE BROKEN, THE CRIES OF THE SLAVES,  
IS THERE NO ONE WORTHY TO SET US FREE?

THEN THE CRYING IS STILLED AS THE CHORUS SINGS OUT,  
THE SHACKLED RELEASED FROM THEIR CHAINS  
AND THOUSANDS OF VOICES ARE SWELLING THE SONG,  
"WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN."

THEN ALL THE ARCHANGELS, THE SAINTS OF ALL TIME,  
HOLDING THEIR CROWNS IN THEIR HANDS;  
FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM, JOINING THE SONG.  
"WORTHY, WORTHY THE LAMB."

### **CHORUS**

WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.

WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.

BOW LOW, BEFORE HIM, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.  
BOW LOW, BEFORE HIM, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.  
PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM, WORTHY THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN.

**A MODERN EXAMPLE OF DYING TO LIVE  
WHAT BEAUTIFUL CROWNS THIS ONE WILL LAY AT JESUS'S  
FEET!**

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*AN AFRICAN PASTOR WAS OVERWHELMED BY REBELS WHO  
DEMANDED THAT HE RENOUNCE HIS FAITH. HE REFUSED. THE  
NIGHT BEFORE THEY TOOK HIS LIFE, HE WROTE THE LINES  
BELOW ON A SCRAPE OF PAPER.*

I am a part of the “Fellowship of the Unashamed.” I have the Holy Spirit power. The dye has been cast. I’ve stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals!

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don’t have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned away, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won’t give up, shut up, let up, or burn up till I’ve preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops.

And when He comes to get His own, He’ll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear.