

Isa 61:1

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives and
release from darkness for the prisoners

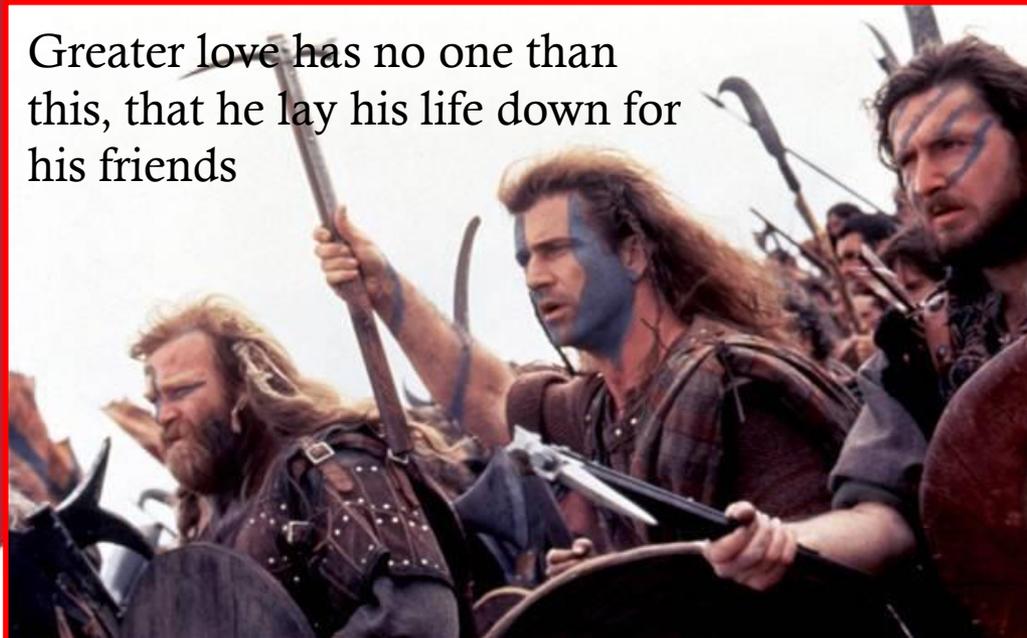
John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy; I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.

GO DEEPER WITH GOD

INSIDER

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay his life down for his friends



Chapter 10
Friend of God

Acts 9:15-16

"Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

1 Peter 3:21

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, **arm yourselves** also with the same attitude...

1 Peter 4:12-14

Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the painful trial you are suffering, **as though something strange were happening to you**. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

Suffering

Avoidable and Unavoidable

Avoidable:

1. Didn't ask:
2. Foolishness:
3. Warfare we refuse to fight:

Eph 6:11-12

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

4. Battles you aren't supposed to take on.

Avoidable and Unavoidable Suffering

Unavoidable:

1. Fallen World

1 Peter 4:12-14

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering

2. Mistaken view of sovereignty: The dignity of causation

James 1:13-14

For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

Avoidable and Unavoidable Suffering

Unavoidable:

a. Fallen world b. Sin of others c. Sin of angels

3. Your priority

Prov 4:23

**Above all else, guard your heart,
for it is the wellspring of life.**

4. When breakthrough doesn't come.

Phil 3:10

**I want to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his
sufferings...**