



**Title:** Not loving our lives III – it's only when you give it  
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**Key point:** *it's only when you give it, that you'll get it.*

**Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

## The right position will improve our condition

Why don't we give?

(1) **Lack of understanding: the kingdom of God is different.**

- You can't buy yourself in, but you can die yourself in:
- To be first, you shall be last of all and servant of all.
- *The measure of our success is not how we rule, but how we serve.*
- *True greatness is not defined by high position, but by sacrificial service.*
- **It's only when you give it, that you'll get it.** Yet you have to be positioned correctly, so you can get it.

(2) **Excuses** – we all make excuses, just like Moses did.

**The calling:** **Exodus 3:10 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> *Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh **that you may** bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.*” **Where?** To Egypt. To where the suffering is. To where there is pain. That is your place where I want you to go and give...

**The response of the called one:** **Exodus 3:11 (NKJV)** <sup>11</sup> *But Moses said to God, “**Who am I** that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”*

**Excuses.. (1) Who am I? / (2) “but suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice”... [signs] / (3) “**I am not eloquent... but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.**” [Who has made man's mouth?] / (4) “**..please send by the hand of whomever else you may send...**” [ So the anger of the lord was kindled against Moses...]**

*Don't make excuses. The right position will improve your condition...*

(3) **Fears:** walls around our hearts. **We don't want to feel pain.**

**The fervent love of God will cause us to break loose.** When we feel what God feels, if we allow His love to overwhelm our fears, then we'll break out.

**Love demands action:** Until we have felt the pain God feels, we have no idea what love is. What love does. What love demands.

**\*Get it – a divine burden**

## It grows, when it flows

**Matthew 19:29–30 (NKJV)** <sup>29</sup> *And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.* <sup>30</sup> *But many who are first will be last, and the last first.*

- God is not as sentimental as we think.

You are a hosepipe.

Be faithful with what you have... how? Give it. Share it. Make it available to others.

## A sacrifice of self

Matthew 16:24–25 (NKJV) <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

- Our lives become significant in the context of giving.
- All of truth and of significant life comes together at the cross. *That is where we need to find ourselves.* The place of sacrificial giving.
- **A sacrifice isn’t a sacrifice unless it is a sacrifice.** God calls us to sacrifice. Why? *Because that is where the supernatural meets the natural.*
- **Fasting is one of the best ways to pick up our crosses.** To lay down self.