



## Give Up On 2018

## Matthew 16:24-25

### **Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, → History  
and take up his cross, → Hard Work  
and follow Me. → Heritage

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

### Sacrifice as central theme in Christianity:

1 lamb	-	1 <u>Person</u>
1 lamb	-	1 <u>Family</u>
1 lamb	-	1 <u>Nation</u>
1 lamb	-	<u>All humanity</u>

### **John 12:24 NKJV**

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Reflecting on 2017, what have been the key challenges and victories in the past year?
2. In your reflections of 2017, what has been more dominant the “apple”/fruit/result moments or the “seed”/sacrifice/offering moments? (John 12:24)
3. What does Hebrews 12:2 teach us about “price” and “prize”? What is worth the “price” life, as you are His “Prize”?
4. How can you offer up your History, Hard Work and Heritage to God this next year?

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## Memory Verse

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