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Galatians 5:16, 23-24 (ESV)

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"Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?**" **Matthew 6:25-27**

Do not live life worrying about what _____ happen.

"So **do not worry**, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For even the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But **seek first his kingdom and his righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." **Matthew 6:31-34**

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"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, **love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!** In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven." **Matthew 5:43-45a** (CSB)

The biggest stumbling block to self control is _____

"Don't worry about anything; instead, **pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. **His peace will guard your hearts and minds** as you live in Christ Jesus." - **Philippians 4:6-7** (NLT)

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You are robbed of _____ for your life and _____



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They _____ Jesus to heal.

It's no surprise that we _____.

The real surprise is that _____ do anything to _____ God's Grace

"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and **died for us sinners**. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us **while we were still sinners**. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation." **Romans 5:6-9** (NLT)

_____ and put our _____ in Jesus.

Some of the best surprises are _____ and that's what _____ is.

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Do not live life worrying about what **might** happen.

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The biggest stumbling block to self control is **the element of surprise**.

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You are robbed of **God's intent** for your life and **left defenseless**.



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They expected Jesus to heal.

It’s no surprise that we are all sinners.

The real surprise is that WE CAN’T do anything to earn God’s Grace

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Repent and put our trust in Jesus.

Some of the best surprises are free gifts and that’s what God’s grace is.

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