

Resurrection Author LORD
I AM Christ
bread of life
Beginning and the End
Good Shepherd SAVIOR
Messiah

SON OF
the beloved man
OUR Light
HOPE cornerstone
Teacher Life
King of the Jews

Friend TRUTH
Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
faithful and true
Alpha and witness
Omega JESUS
high priest
Friend
Holy One
master

Son of the Most High
Bright & MORNING STAR
counselor Author of
LOVE Salvation
true vine
Heir Shield & Potter
of all Buckler
ROCK
Righteousness Alpha
of Judah lamb without blemish
Living Water
Savior wonderful

in His Name



A **FOCUSED** MIND

Philippians 1:12-26

A Focused Mind is Centered on Christ



Why, God, am I in prison?

How long will this last?

I was faithfully serving you...

How is this just?

How is this fair?

Don't you love me?

God, have you abandoned me?



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“For to me, to live is Christ”

-Philippians 1:21



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"Sometimes God has to put "chains" on His people to get them to accomplish a "pioneer advance" that could never happen any other way...The secret is this: when you have the single mind, you look on your circumstances as God-given opportunities for the furtherance of the Gospel; and you rejoice at what God is going to do instead of complaining about what God did not do."

The Bible Exposition Commentary



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**“I’m not just rejoicing in this one situation,
I am committed to continuing to rejoice.”**



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19 for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.



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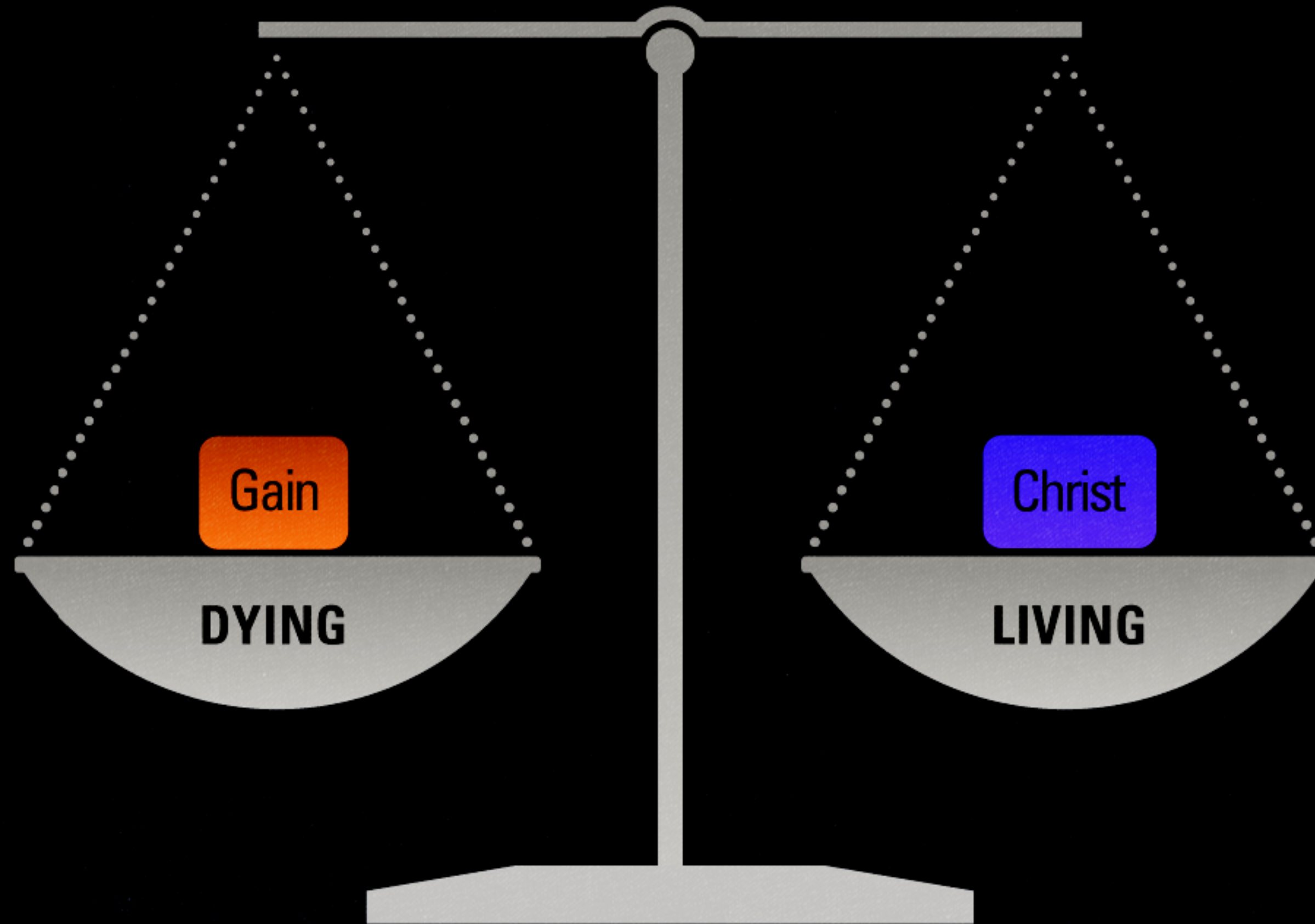
"This is one of the gospel riddles, which only the Christian can truly understand. To die is not gain if I look upon the merely visible. To die is loss; it is not gain. But death, Paul felt, would free him from all sin, and from all doubts as to his state in the present and the future...It would be gain to him, for then he would be free from all temptations both from within and from without. It would be gain to him, for then he would be delivered from all his enemies...It would be gain to him, for then he would be delivered from all suffering: there would be no more shipwrecks, no more being beaten with rods, or being stoned...And he would find, above all, his Savior, and be a partaker of His glory."

-Charles Spurgeon



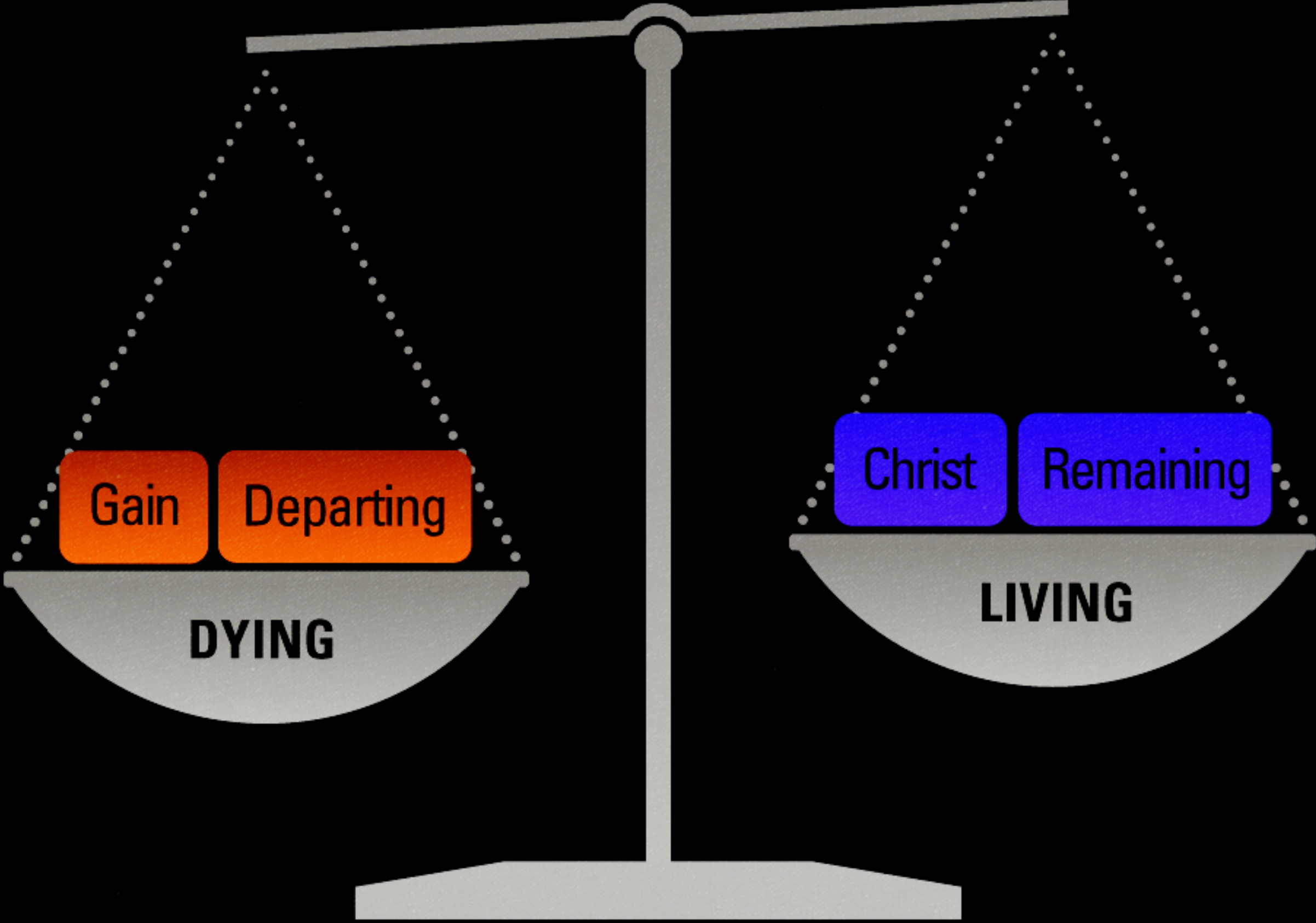
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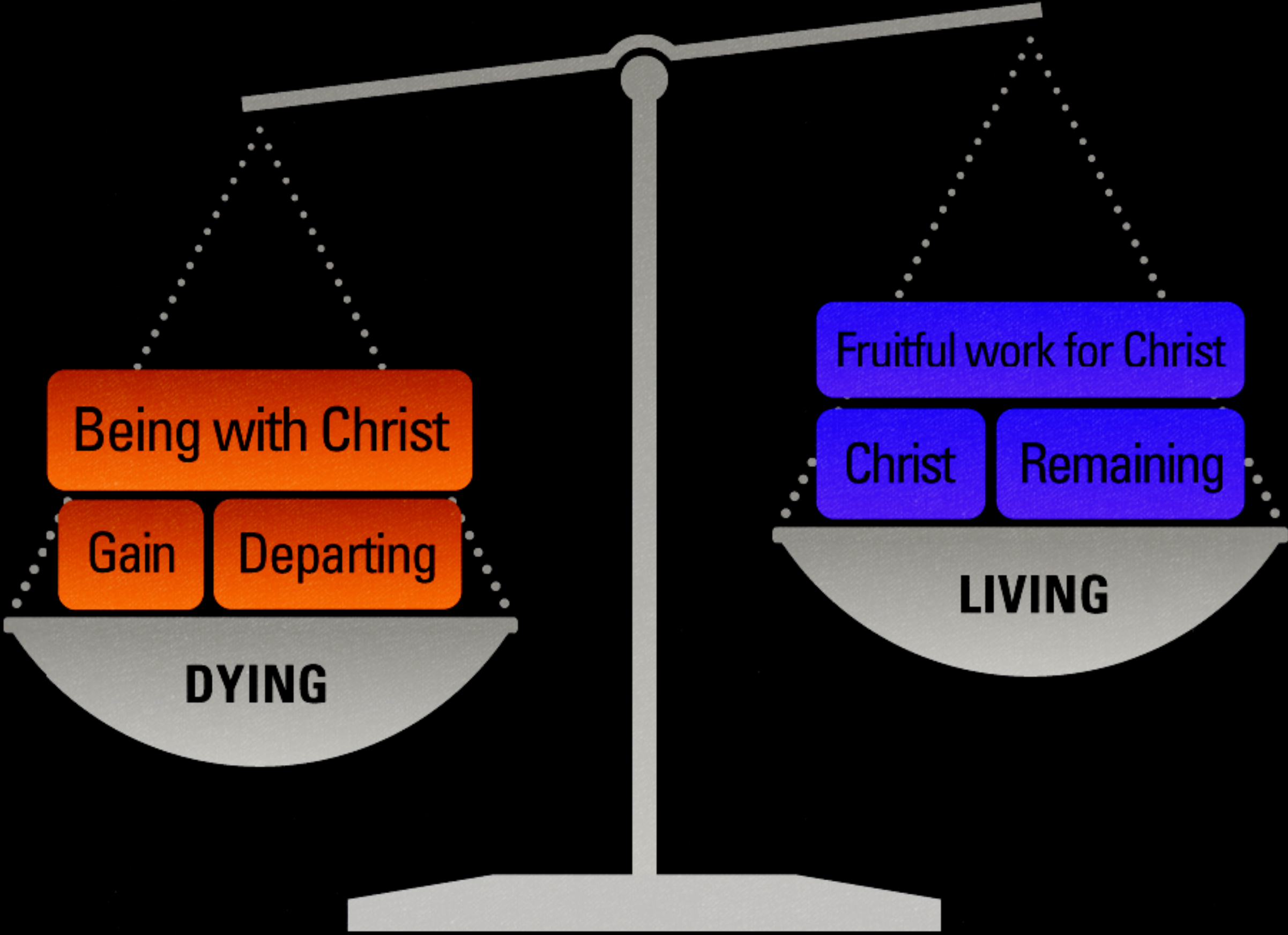
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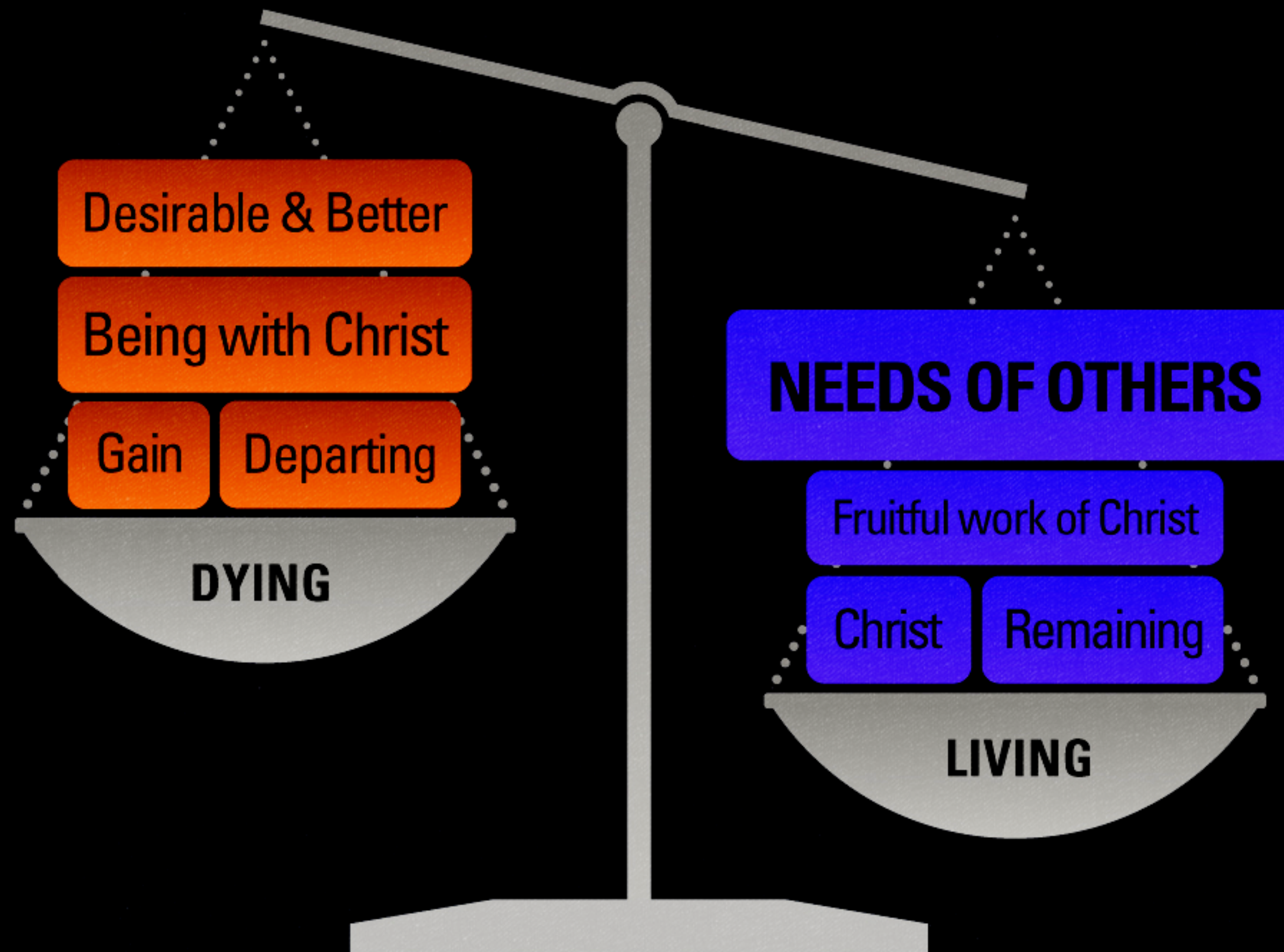
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Luke 22:42:

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."



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²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.



What are you living for?



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