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Yes, we are called to take up our cross. But remember that the cross is also the path to resurrection and fulfillment. As one song says, “Then came the morning, night turned into day: the stone was rolled away, hope rose with the dawn! Morning has come.” “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee” (Isaiah 60:1, KJV).

He is risen. The Lord is alive, the grave is empty, Satan is destroyed. Now the disciples, who had been in utter despair, see the light. The result was more than they could have imagined! The outcome of you living an unselfish life, taking up your cross, will far outweigh any idea or hope that you can imagine!