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"But what sets the elect apart is the power of God making the gospel not just a message but an experience that brings God's eternally electing love into their hearts as the blazing new center of their existence. As the non-elect hear merely an idea, even a moving idea, the elect are acted upon by a power from beyond this world."

- Ray Ortlund

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- 2. Joy in Suffering (v. 6-7)

"Joy is a pervasive sense of well-being that is infused with hope because of the goodness of God."

- Dalas Wilard

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"The primitive church thought a great deal more about the coming of Jesus Christ than about death; thought a great deal more about His coming than about Heaven."

- Alexander Madaren

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:44

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"Live as if Jesus was crucified yesterday, rose from the dead today, and is returning tomorrow."

- Martin Luther

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Do you see the evidence?