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From Bios to Zoe Part II: The Life, The Way, The Truth

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and **pride of life**—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:15-17

THE LIFE

1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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THE WAY

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.** 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth... (Phil. 2:5-10)

22 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." 23 And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.
25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? (Luke 9:22-25)

THE FAITH AS IT RELATES TO BIOS -

WHAT YOU REALLY WANT:

THE TRUTH:

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. (John 17:3-5)

“are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another” (2 Cor. 3:18)

21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. (Rom. 8:21)

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Questions:

1. Why do we tend to think of eternal life as something separate from life in Jesus?
2. Does praying according to God's will mean He will provide material blessings?
3. Why are we afraid of emptying ourselves?
4. Where in your life is there evidence of (or opportunity for) a faith-filled emptying of your bios?
5. Agree or Disagree: what we are really after with the boastful pride of life is glory.