

Devotional Thoughts :: The "High Calling" of fellowship in Christ's sufferings

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1. My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace,
nor even blessing, but Himself, my God;
Tis His to lead me there, not mine, but His
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road
2. So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her
there;
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard
Till God hath full fulfilled my deepest
prayer.
3. No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
No matter though the cost be oft-times great,
He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark,
The way that leads to Him must be straight
4. One thing I know, I cannot say Him nay;
One thing I do, I press towards my Lord;
My God my glory here, from day to day,
And in the glory there my great Reward.

(Frederick Brook)

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
(Phil.3:7-14)