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Eliminate Sin

- Context shows that commendable suffering demands innocence
- Jesus was totally innocent (**Heb. 4:15**)
 - **1 Peter 3:14-18**
 - **1 Peter 4:12-18**
 - **Matthew 5:10-12**
- Impossible if focus is on self-gratification
- Any recipe for being “more Christ-like” that does not involve eliminating sin is false!

Eliminate Guile or Deception

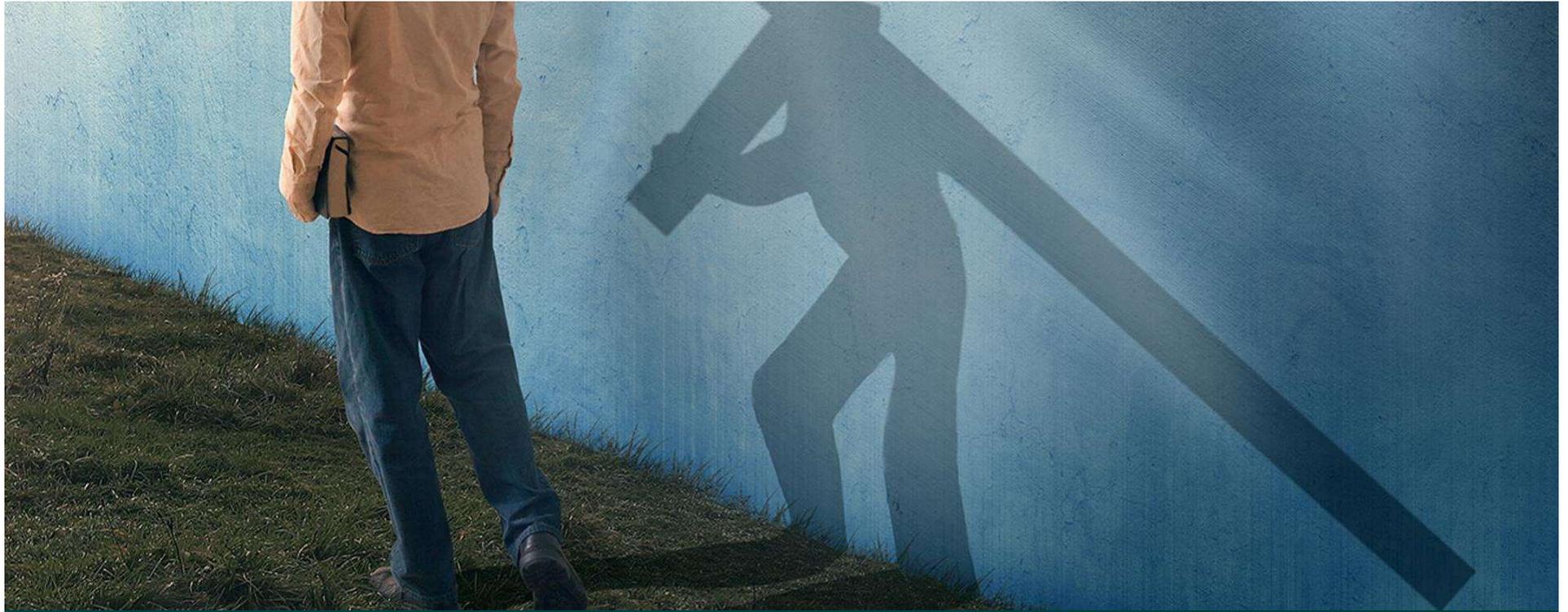
- Jesus did not try to deceive others by leaving a false impression contrary to truth
- He did not try to escape suffering by dishonest means
- Truth spoken even in face of suffering
 - **Daniel 6:1-10**
 - **2 Timothy 4:1-5**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:2**

Eliminate Retaliation

- *“When He suffered, he did not threaten”*
- Do not retaliate and strike back, nor use tactics of carnal intimidation
 - **1 Peter 3:8-9**
 - **Romans 12:17-21**
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:15**
- Impossible to do if focus is on self-exaltation
- Must concentrate on need for cause to grow

Commit Self to the Righteous Judge

- **Commit** – to give over to power of another; it carries a connotation of full surrender
- Note the example of Christ facing death
 - **Matthew 26:37-44**
 - **Luke 23:46**
- Same needed for us as Christians
 - **1 Peter 4:19**
 - **2 Timothy 1:12** (“know” = Gk. *oida* = Full faith)
- ***Must be committed, not just involved***



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