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“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you.” (other scripture references about taking up our cross are: Matt. 16:24 & Luke 9:23)



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