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Today's Scripture Reading:

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TIMOTHY - PHILIPPIANS 2:19-24

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. ²³ I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, ²⁴ and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

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1 Corinthians 14:3: On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

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2. Love as a Christian

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Acts 14:21-22: When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

John 16: "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

1 Peter 4: ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.
¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

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Temptation - being enticed or allured to sin

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Testing - God entrusting you with an opportunity to make the right choice and obey him.

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