

THE VICTOR'S
CROWN

Hebrews 2:9

But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.



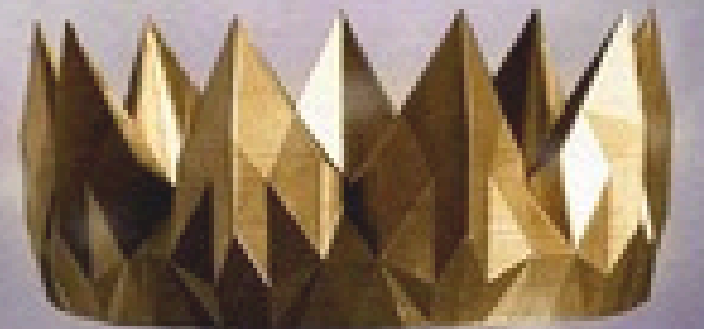
2 Timothy 1:9-10

[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



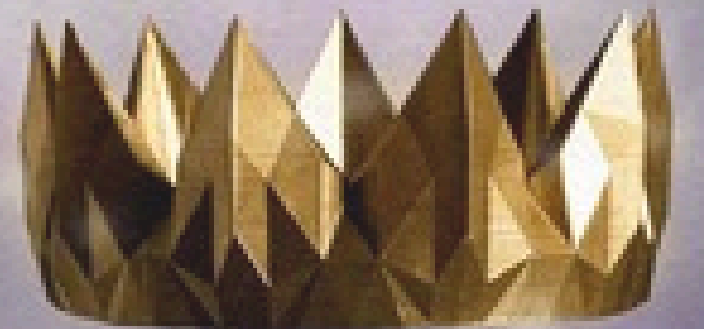
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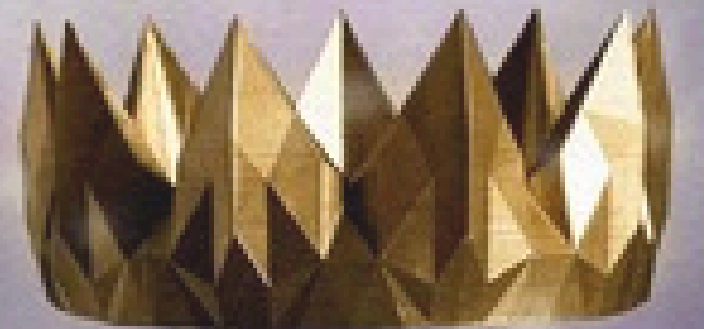
Romans 6:9

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.



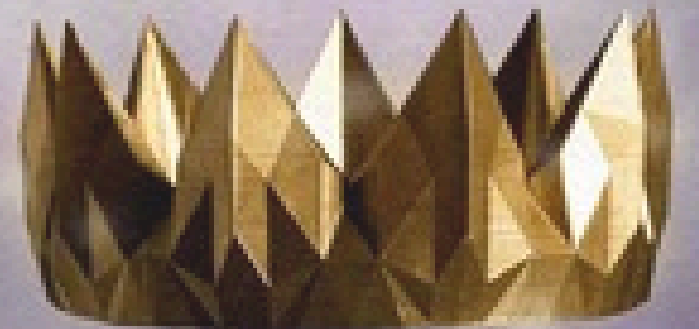
1 Corinthians 15:26

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



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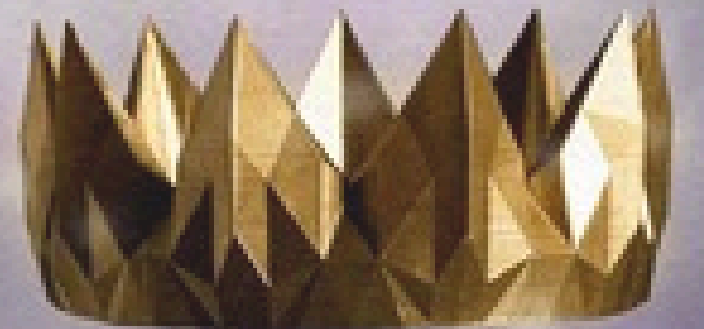
Hebrews 2:14-15

..He too shared in [our] humanity so that by His death He might break the power of Him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.



Job 14:14a

If someone dies, will they live again?

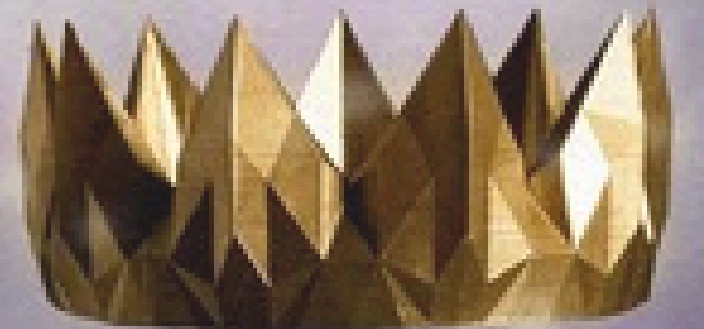


Philippians 1:23

...to depart and be with Christ is far better.

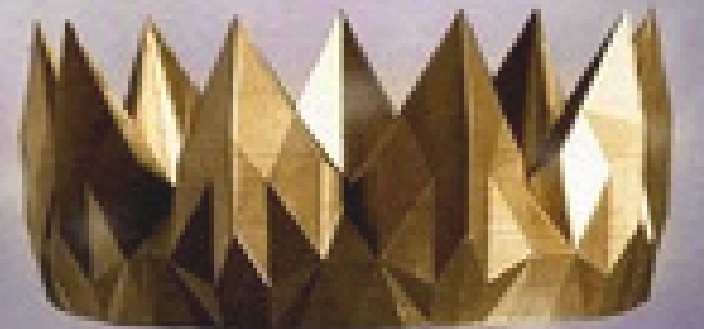


Jesus didn't erase death from existence
—**He redefined it.**



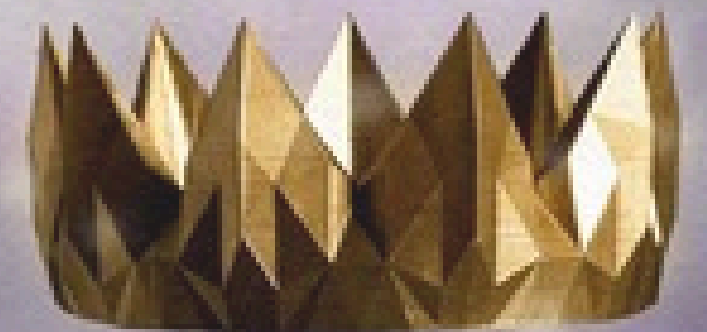
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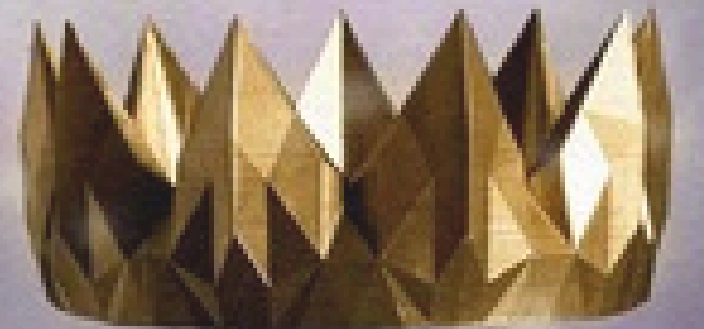
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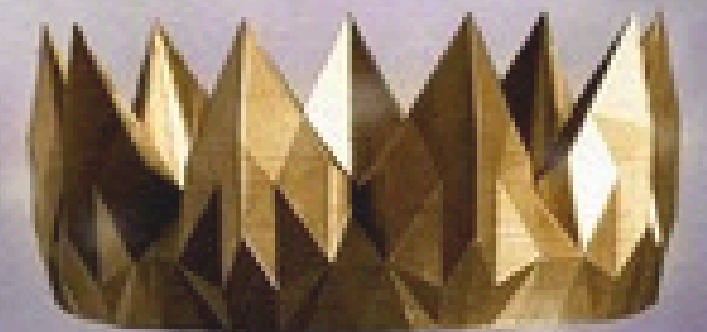
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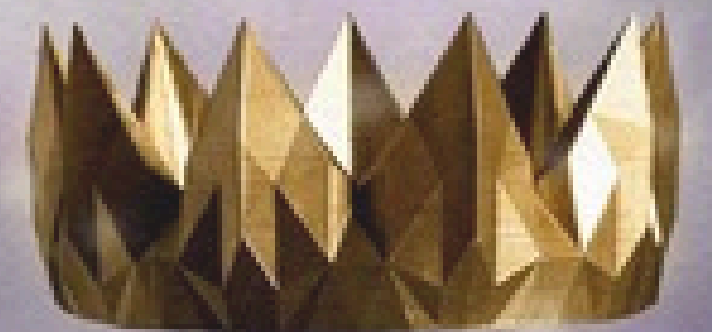
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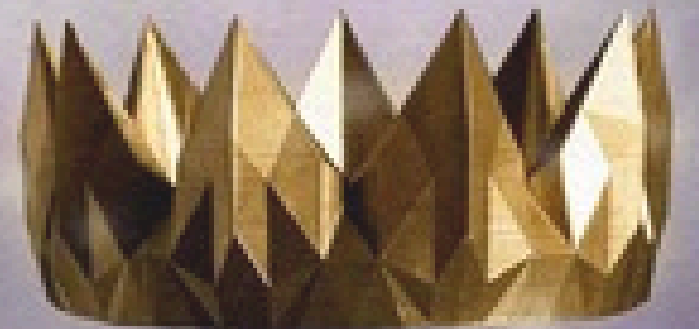
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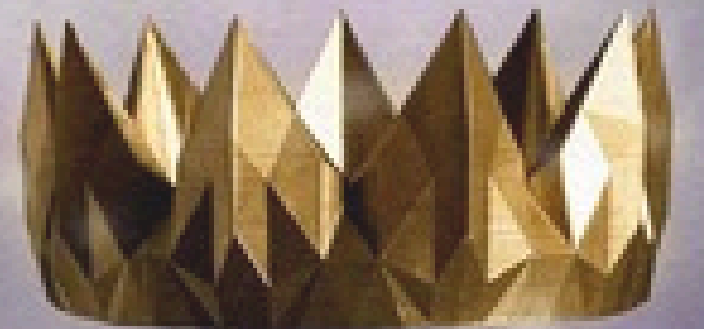
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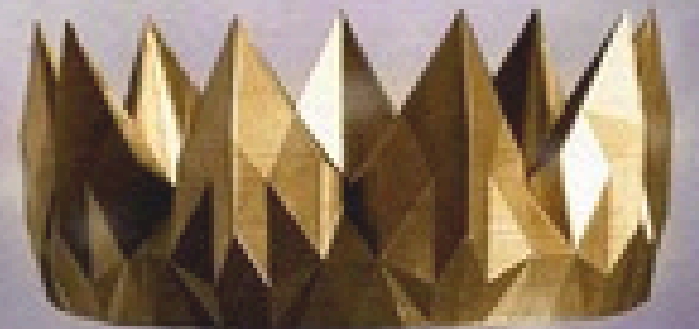
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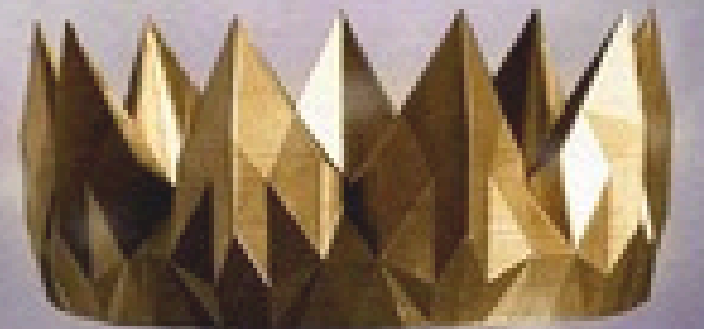
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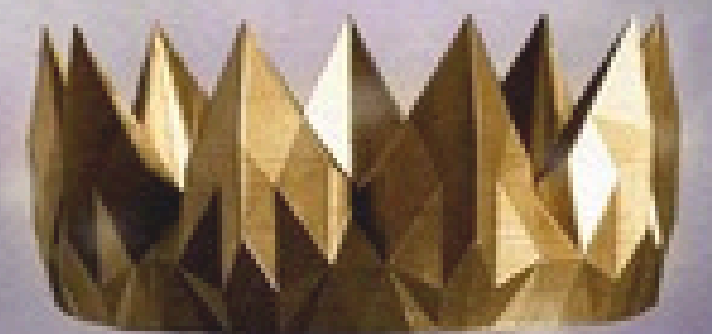


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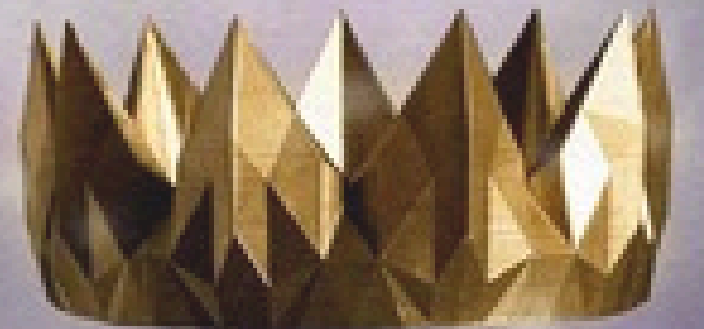
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It tells us that the secret to ruling the world is not through the love of power, but through the power of love.

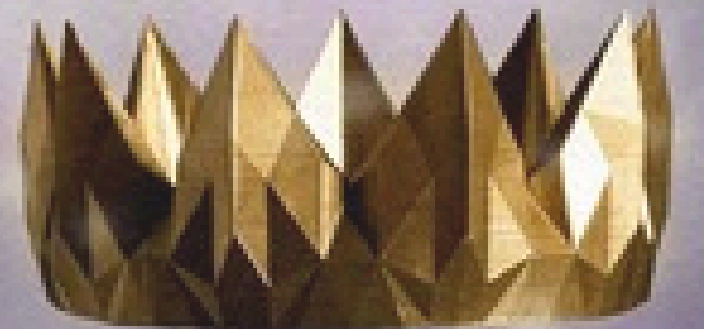


The revelation of the Victor's crown
is **the end of fear.**



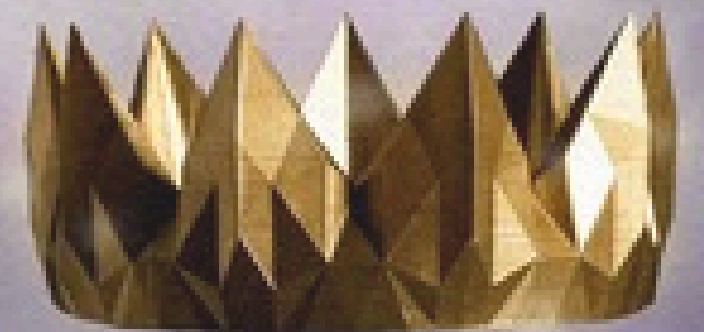
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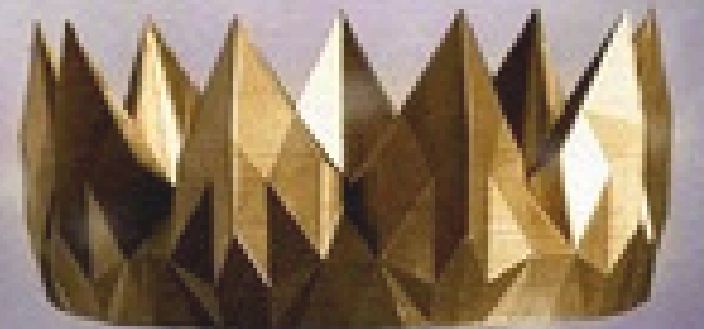
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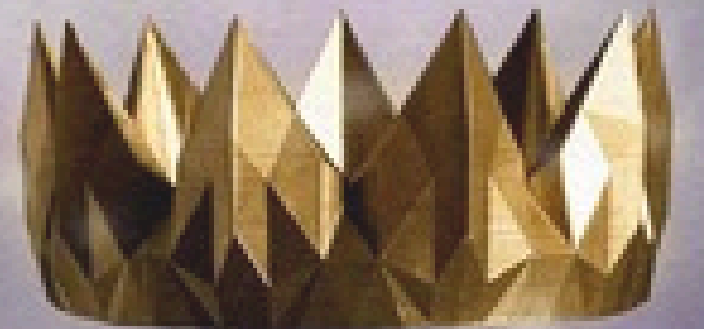
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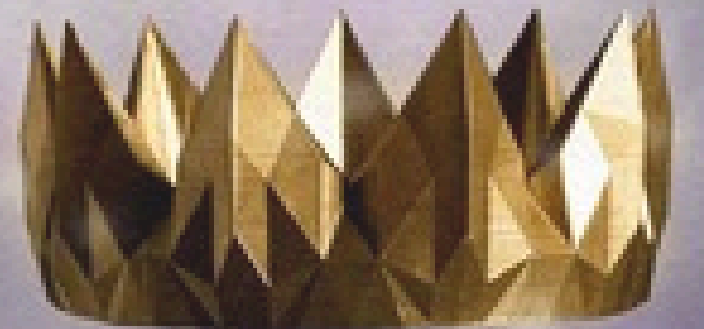
We are a people who can be **generous**
because we aren't afraid of losing.

We can be **peaceful** because we
aren't afraid of dying.

We can be **radical** in our love because we
know that the King of the universe is our
brother, and He has already won.

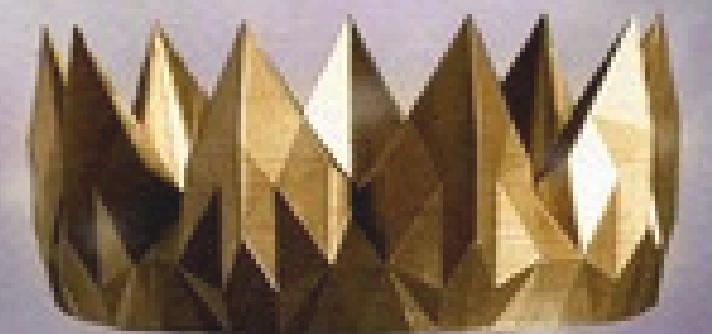


Which King will you serve?



Today, the invitation is simple:
Bow and accept the King into your life.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

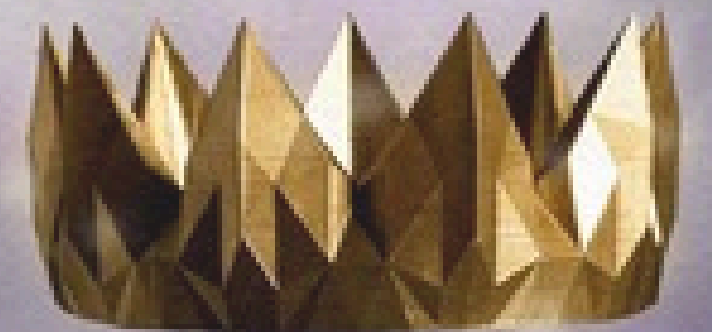


Dear God,

I believe Jesus Christ is your Son. I confess I have sinned, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died to take away my sins and that you raised Him to life. I want to trust Jesus as my Saviour and follow Him as Lord from this day forward.

Guide my life and help me to do Your Will.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

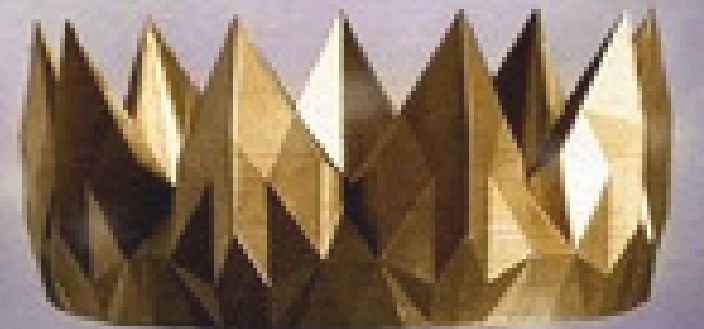


Jesus is crowned with the Victor's crown and we are invited to run our race to receive a crown. Because He has won and defeated death, we too can win, if we run our race.



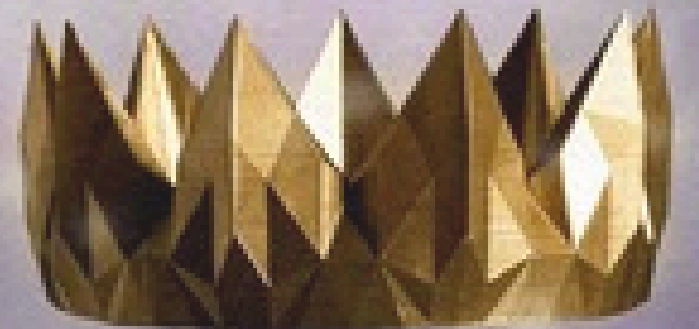
1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run... everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.



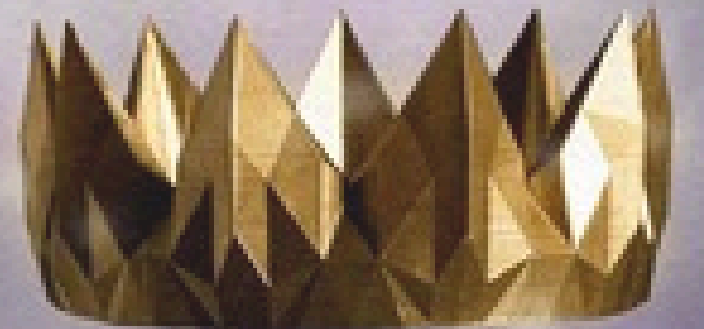
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2 Timothy 2:5

Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown **except by competing according to the rules.**



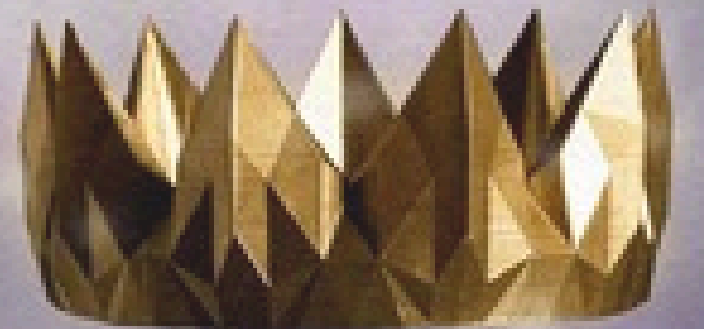
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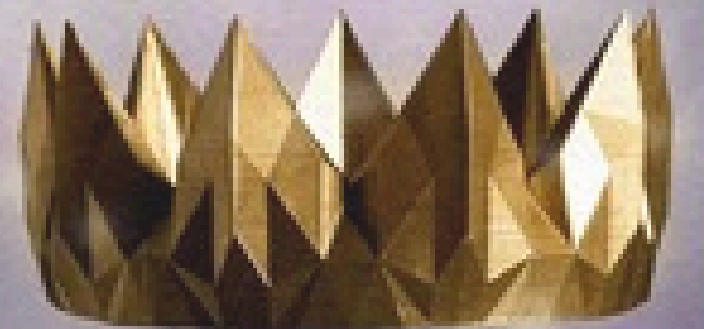
Philippians 3:14

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



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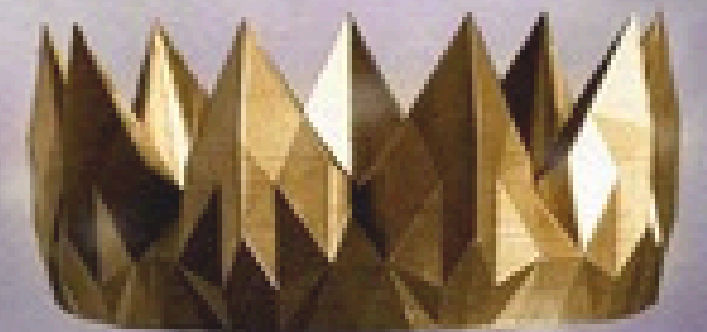
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Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **looking unto Jesus**, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



How do we finish the race when our “hamstring” pulls? When the pain of life becomes too much?



Victor's Crown Lyrics

*You are always fighting for us,
Heaven's angels all around.*

*My delight is found in knowing
That You wear the Victor's crown.
You're my help and my defender,
You're my Saviour and my friend.*

By Your grace I live and breathe to worship You.

