

...and, above all,  
the gratitude of persons whose brush with  
death has lent a more-than-personal sense of  
purpose and direction to their lives. To  
begin living in this way is to begin living a  
qualitatively new life.

As we read the Scriptures, it strikes me that  
Jesus' surrender to the earlier deaths of his life were  
his preparation for his final earthly days. In his  
Letter to the Philippians, Paul recounts what was  
apparently an early Christian hymn that marvels that

we being called to now? In what ways are we the  
grain of wheat that clings with all our might to  
maintaining our identity? These are hard questions  
that require reflection as we renew our commitment  
to Jesus who said:

If you wish to come after me, you must  
deny your very self, take up your cross  
and follow in my footsteps. If you would  
save your life, you'll lose it, but if you  
lose your life for my sake, you'll save it.  
(Mark 8:34-35)

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