

# Confession and Assurance – Losing our Life

God, you have given us a choice.

We can hold on to our comforts, possessions, independence, and power—or we can give up all the things and plans that make us feel secure, and, in losing our life, gain your promised blessing.

We confess that we waver in our faith walk with you, that we've tried to ensure our future apart from you.

We want to be Christians without the suffering and challenges of taking up our cross and following in Jesus' steps.

Forgive us. Restore us. Reinstate your covenant with us. Amen.

*(Read in unison)*

Almighty God, like Abraham of old,  
we trust you to make us strong in faith as we give you glory.

You are able to do what you have promised:

You alone give life to the dead  
and call into existence that which does not exist.

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