Sacrifice

Lent and Easter

What does sacrifice mean? *Discuss the examples on this slide and the next.*

sacrifice *verb* (give up)
to give up something that is valuable to you in order to help another person:
- Many women sacrifice interesting careers for their families.
- She's had to sacrifice a lot for that relationship.
- He's the world's best tennis player but he's sacrificed everything else in his life for it.
- He has sacrificed his personal life for the sake of celebrity.
- Many women sacrifice their own ambitions to put their family first.
- It's the only bit of free time I get in the week and I'm not prepared to sacrifice it.

Sacrifice noun (giving up)
the act of giving up something that is valuable to you in order to help someone else:
- We had to make sacrifices in order to pay for our children's education.
- They cared for their disabled son for 27 years, at great personal sacrifice.

Sacrifice *noun* (killing)
the act of killing an animal or person and offering them to a god or gods, or the animal, etc. that is offered:
- The people offered a lamb on the altar as a sacrifice for their sins.

You might have cringed at that final definition but many religions practice animal sacrifice.

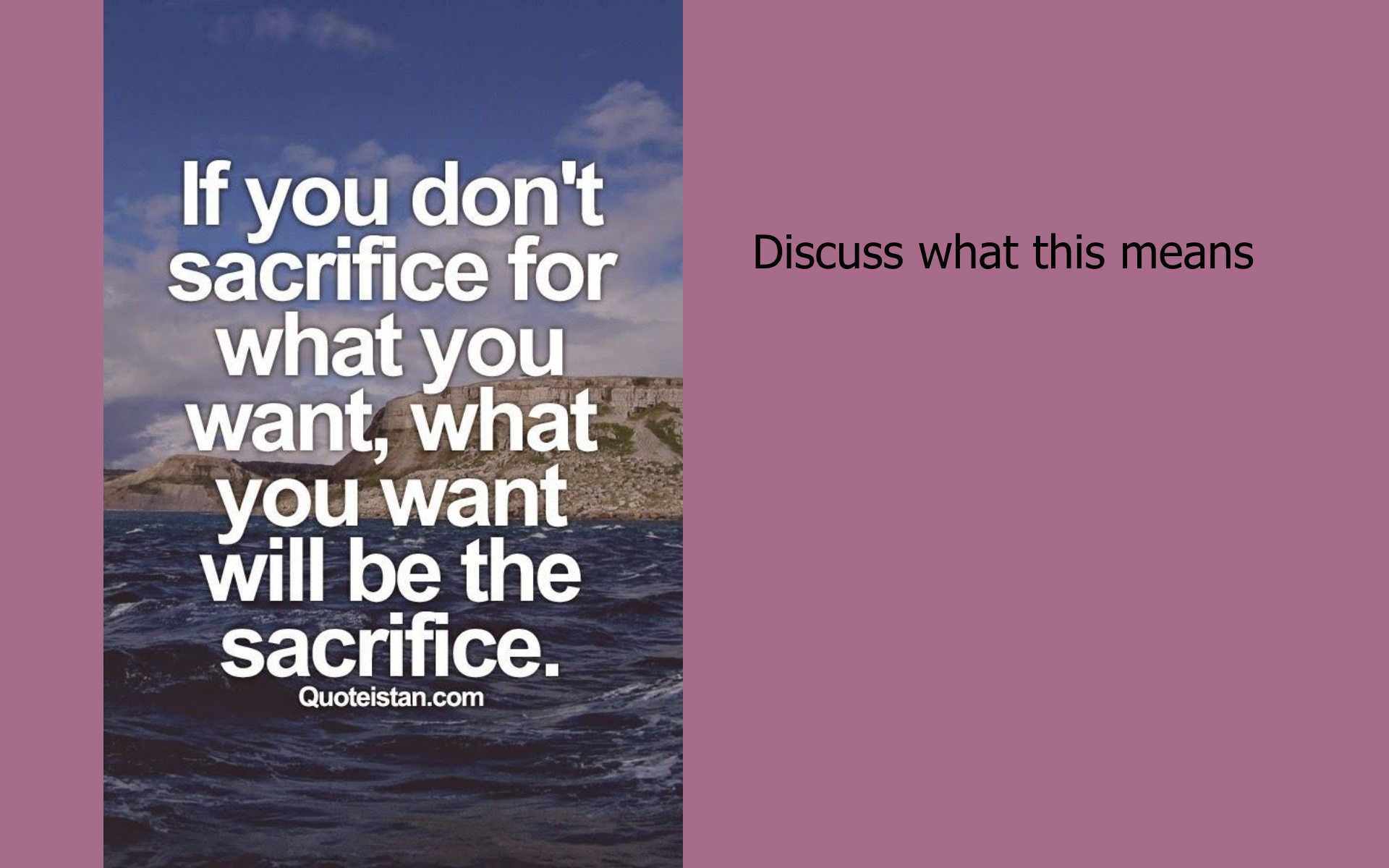We read of animals being sacrificed in the Old Testament as a means of getting right with God

Christians believe that Jesus came as the ultimate sacrifice which doesn't need to be Repeated as animal sacrifices were.

During Lent many Christians give up something, chocolate, wine, social media, etc. as they prepare for Easter and think about Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. Muslims fast during Ramadan, more of that in the next Thought.

Do you think giving up would help them?

Is it something everyone should try at times? What benefits are there?

If you don't sacrifice for what you want, what you want will be the sacrifice.

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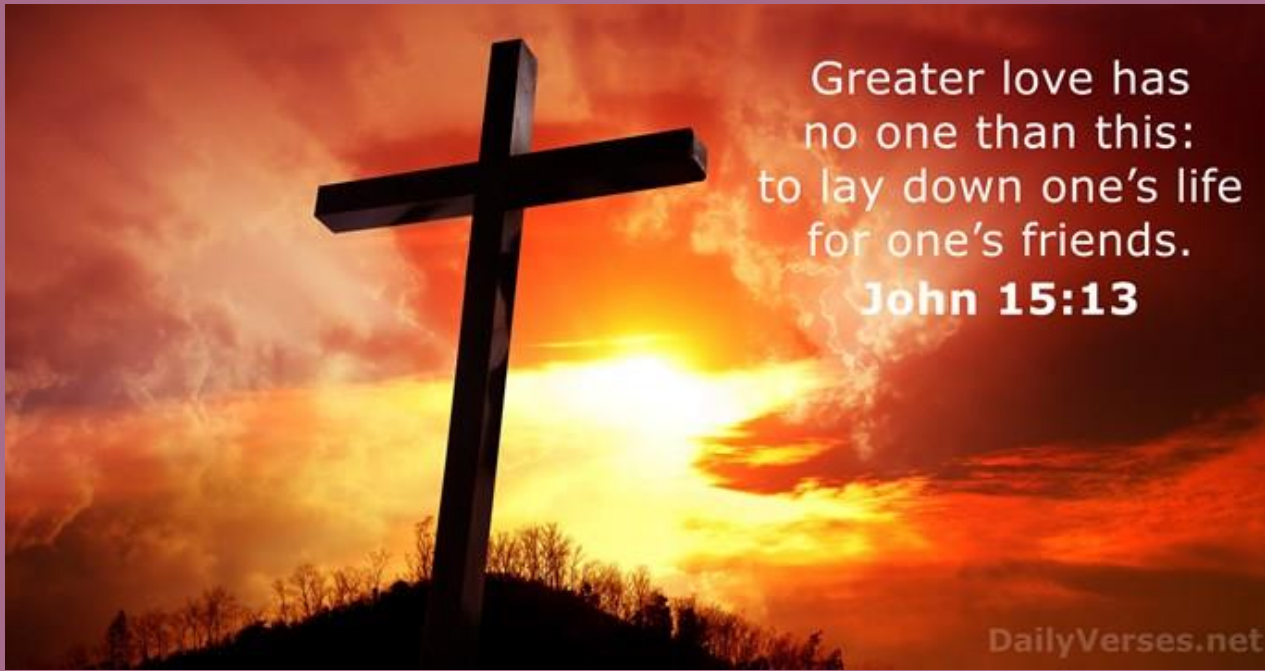Discuss what this means

How much would you sacrifice for a friend?

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Is this true?

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13
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People have sacrificed their life for others, especially in times of war.

Do you know of some who have?

Christians believe Jesus gave his life for many people, he died so that those who recognise him as God's son would not be punished by God

What happened at the first Easter?

Christians believe that on Good Friday, the Romans and some of the religious leaders put Jesus to death on a cross. This was a common way of executing criminals in those days. The religious leaders were angry that he had claimed to be the Son of God. The Romans were worried that he could cause the people to rise up against their occupying rule in Israel.

Many Muslims do not agree that Jesus died on the cross. They believe that God would not let a prophet die so shamefully. Christians do not believe that it is shameful but rather that it is the greatest act of love, because on the cross Jesus took the judgment deserved by sinful human beings and brought forgiveness and a fresh start.

What do you think? Why? If people of different religions disagree on something like this, is it possible to disagree while still respecting and loving one another? How?
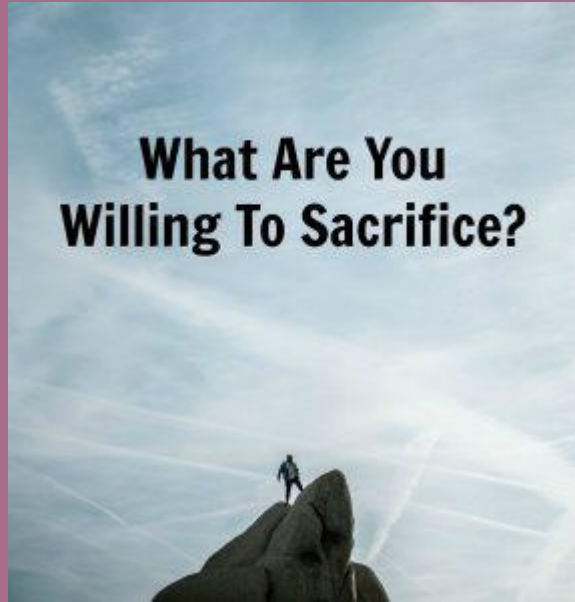
An Easter Prayer or Reflection

"For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

To Jesus, who gave the Utmost Sacrifice of all sacrifices,
Being only concerned with my well-being,
You chose to sacrifice Yourself,
Setting aside all your own personal glories.

Your action has drawn me closer to You.
Teach me to model your sacrifice in smaller things,
To sacrifice in order to help others,
And to help me to endure the abstinence that creates.   Amen.

Sixth Form Corner

Debate how much you should sacrifice for a career.

When is it too much?

What would you sacrifice for another person?

In what circumstances?

Nothing great was ever accomplished without making sacrifices.

Do you think this is true? Why or wjhy not?