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I Corinthians 9: 24-27



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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 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.

-I Corinthians 9: 24-25



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Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; **I do not fight like a man beating the air.** No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

-I Corinthians 9: 26-27



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One terrible night of punching the air

Matthew 26: 36 ff.



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1. Punching the air:
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
YOU'RE OUT OF SHAPE

Matthew 26: 36-46

[Jesus said:] “The spirit is willing,
but the body is weak.”

-MT 26: 41



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How to “hit your body in the eye”

1. Deny when necessary
2. Don't overindulge
3. Maintain your freedom



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2. Punching the air:
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU
FORGET YOUR MISSION

Matthew 26: 47-56

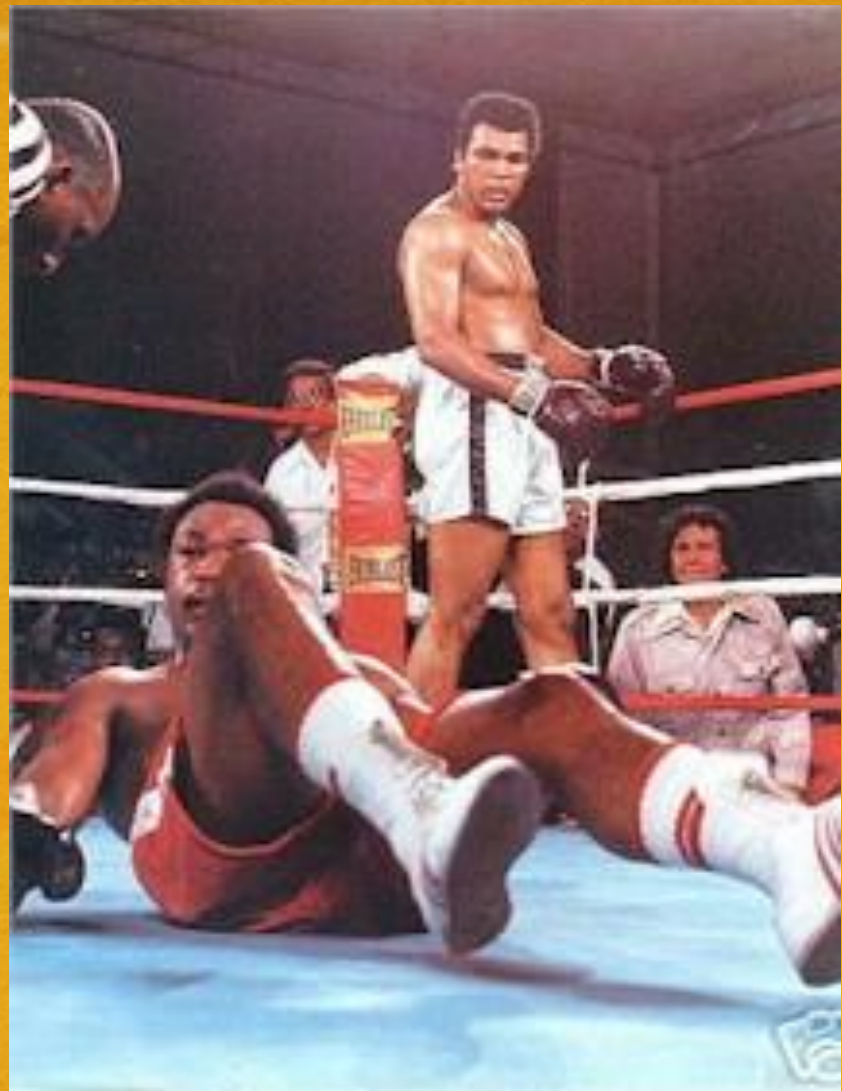
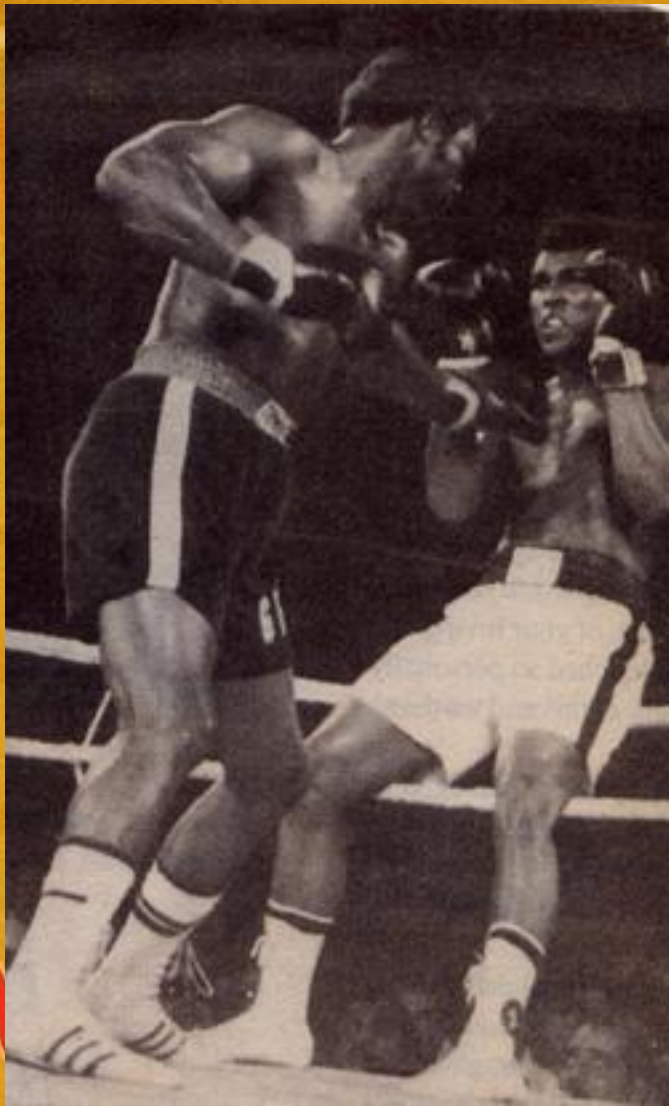
[Jesus said:] “But how then would
the Scriptures be fulfilled that say
it must happen this way?”

-MT 26: 54



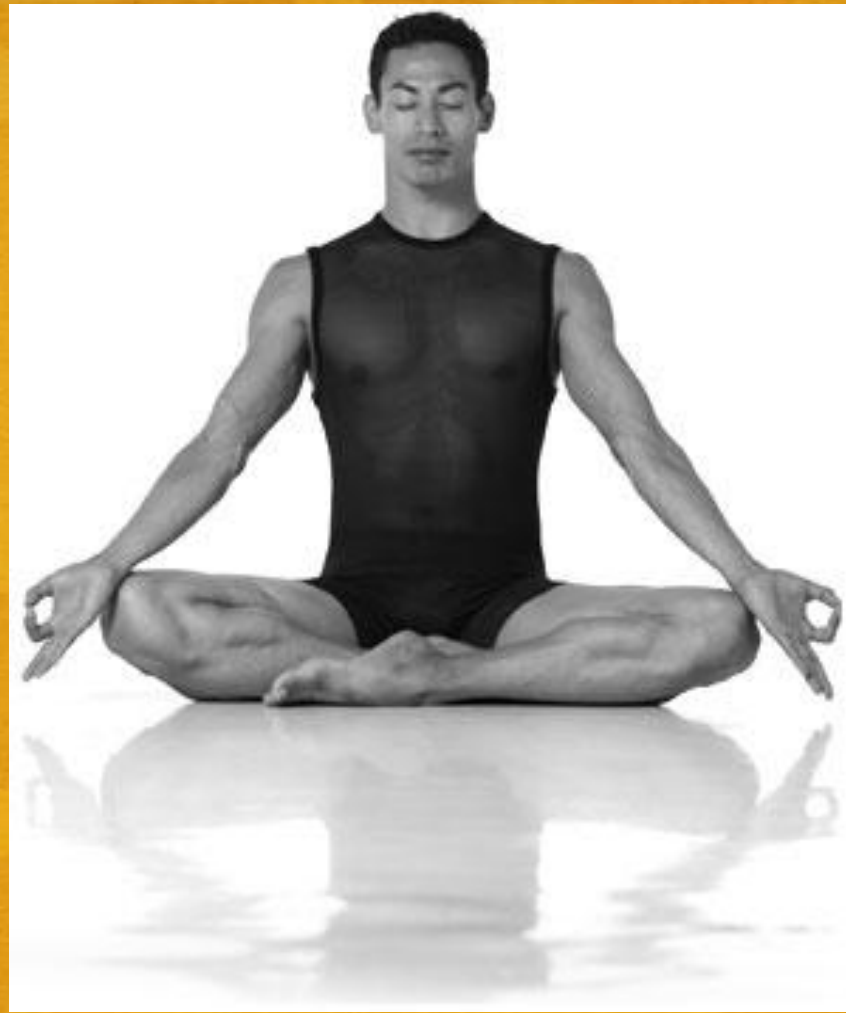
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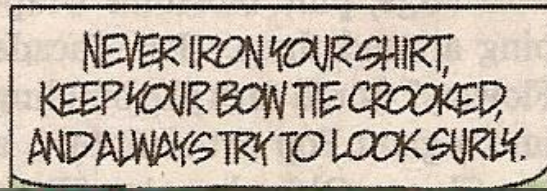
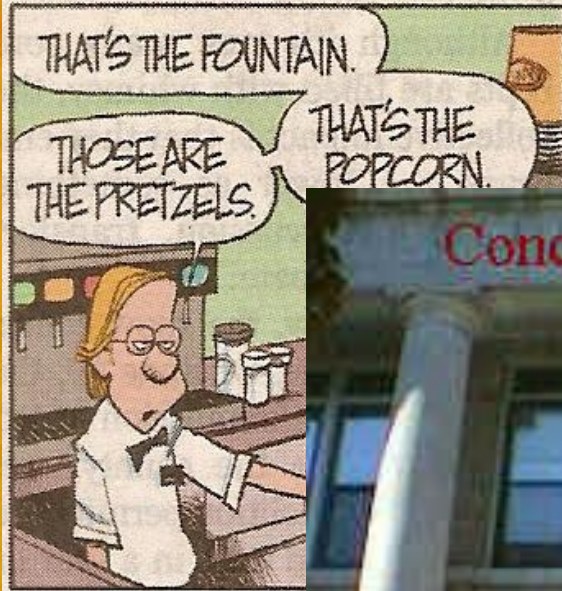
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3. Punching the air:
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU
LOSE ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE
Matthew 26: 69-75

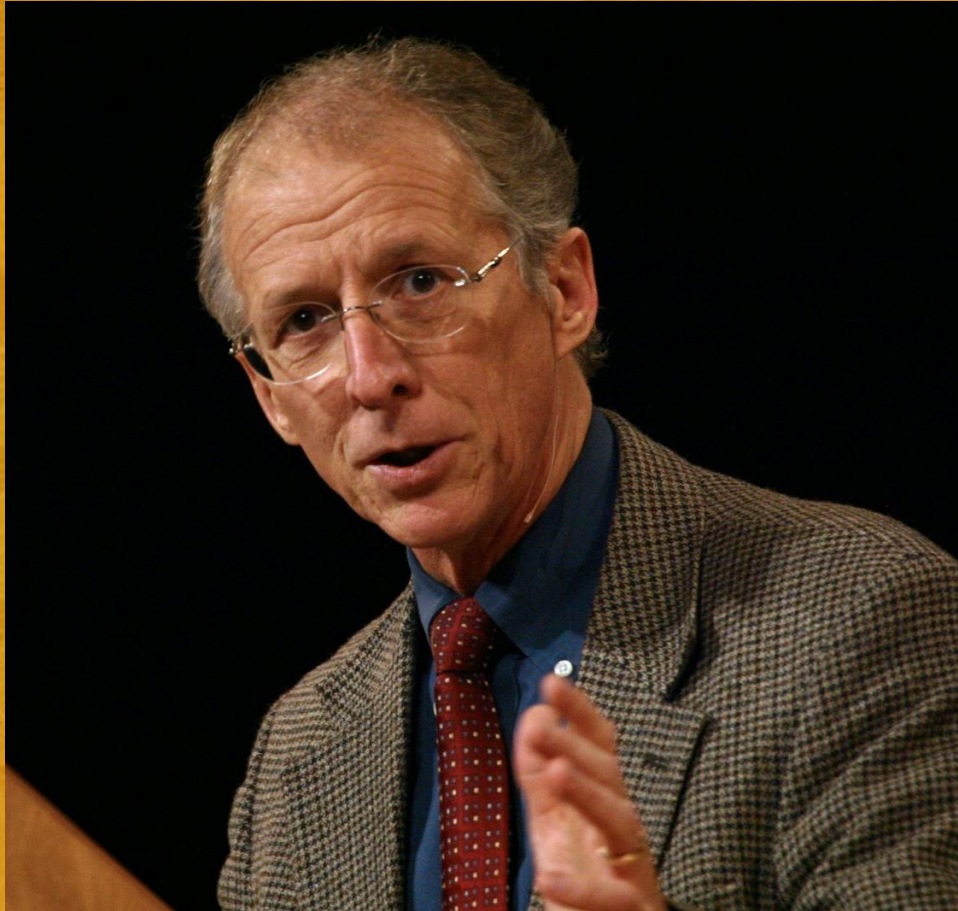
And [Peter] went outside and wept
bitterly.

-MT 26: 75



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“You will waste your cancer if you think that ‘beating’ cancer means staying alive rather than cherishing Christ.”

-John Piper, “Don’t Waste Your Cancer”



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