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2 Corinthians 2:12-17 ESV

2 Corinthians at-a-Glance

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Roman Triumphal Procession

“The procession consisted of the entrance into the city of the Roman magistrates, the Senate, people carrying booty from the campaign, sacrificial bulls, and enemy captives (who were executed at the end of the ceremony), followed by the victorious general on a chariot leading his army.”

Duff, P. B. (1992). Processions., The Anchor Yale Bible Dictionary (Vol. 5, p. 470).

Fragrance = Sacrifice in Paul's Writing

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1 ESV

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15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

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How to Live a Life of Godly Influence

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- Accept your Commission.
- Talk about Jesus.