

Be Christlike



Philippians

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Who do you admire most?





1	Bill Gates	9.9	=
2	Barack Obama	9.7	=
3	Jackie Chan	5.5	↑ +1
4	Xi Jinping	5.5	↓ -1
5	Jack Ma	4.4	↑ +5
6	Vladimir Putin	4.1	=
7	Dalai Lama	3.9	↑ +1
8	Narendra Modi	3.9	↑ +1
9	Amitabh Bachchan	3.1	new
10	Cristiano Ronaldo	3.1	new
11	Lionel Messi	2.8	↑ +1
12	Warren Buffett	2.7	↑ +3
13	David Beckham	2.7	↓ -2
14	Elon Musk	2.4	new
15	Michael Jordan	2.3	new
16	Pope Francis	2.2	↓ -3
17	Donald Trump	2.1	↑ +1
18	Andy Lau	1.6	↓ -1
19	Recep Tayyip Erdoğan	1.3	new
20	Imran Khan	1.3	new

WORLD'S MOST ADMIRED

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1	Angelina Jolie	8.2	=
2	Michelle Obama	8.0	↑ +3
3	Oprah Winfrey	7.1	↑ +1
4	Queen Elizabeth II	6.0	↓ -2
5	Hillary Clinton	4.5	↓ -2
6	Emma Watson	3.9	↑ +7
7	Malala Yousafzai	3.8	=
8	Angela Merkel	3.3	=
9	Taylor Swift	3.0	↑ +5
10	Madonna	2.9	↑ +2
11	Aishwarya Rai	2.8	new
12	Priyanka Chopra	2.8	new
13	Deepika Padukone	2.8	new
14	Gal Gadot	1.8	new
15	Theresa May	1.7	new
16	Liu Yifei	1.3	new
17	Yang Mi	1.3	new
18	Fan Bingbing	1.3	new
19	Zhao Wei	1.0	new
20	Elizabeth Warren	0.9	new

Where is Jesus?



God Sacrificed His Only Son



God Loves You This Much

John 3:16

**"For God loved the world so much that he gave his own and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

God Raised His Only Son



**So how should we be like
Jesus?**





JESUS TOOK

NAPS

BE LIKE JESUS

MARK 4:38

Key Word

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Attitude

Philippians

Key Verse

181

**"Your attitude should be the same
as that of Christ Jesus"
(2:5).**

Philippians

Theme

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**Results of Imitating
Christ's Attitude**

Philippians

What happens when we imitate
Christ's resurrection **attitude**?





Henk Janssen

Characteristics

	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4
Gives Affection for Others	1:8			
Gives Righteousness (Saints)	1:1, 10-11		3:9	4:21
Gives Encouragement			10	
Gives Knowledge of Himself				
Gives Glory to God				
Gives Grace				4:23
Gives Comfort				
Gives Correction				4:13
Gives New Birth (Sanctification)			3:1	4:4, 10-13
Gives Christlikeness (Walks Himself in Us)				4:1, 19 4:2, 7
			3:10	
			3:7-8, 14	
		2:5		
	1:15-17	2:1-2		4:21-22
	1:20, 27	2:5	3:11, 21	
			3:10-14	

**Christ is noted
over 70 times
in 4 chapters!**

Central Theme

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Living the Christian Life

**Imitating the
Attitude of Christ**

Multipurpose

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Philippians 1



Joy 1

Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude

Philippians: Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude

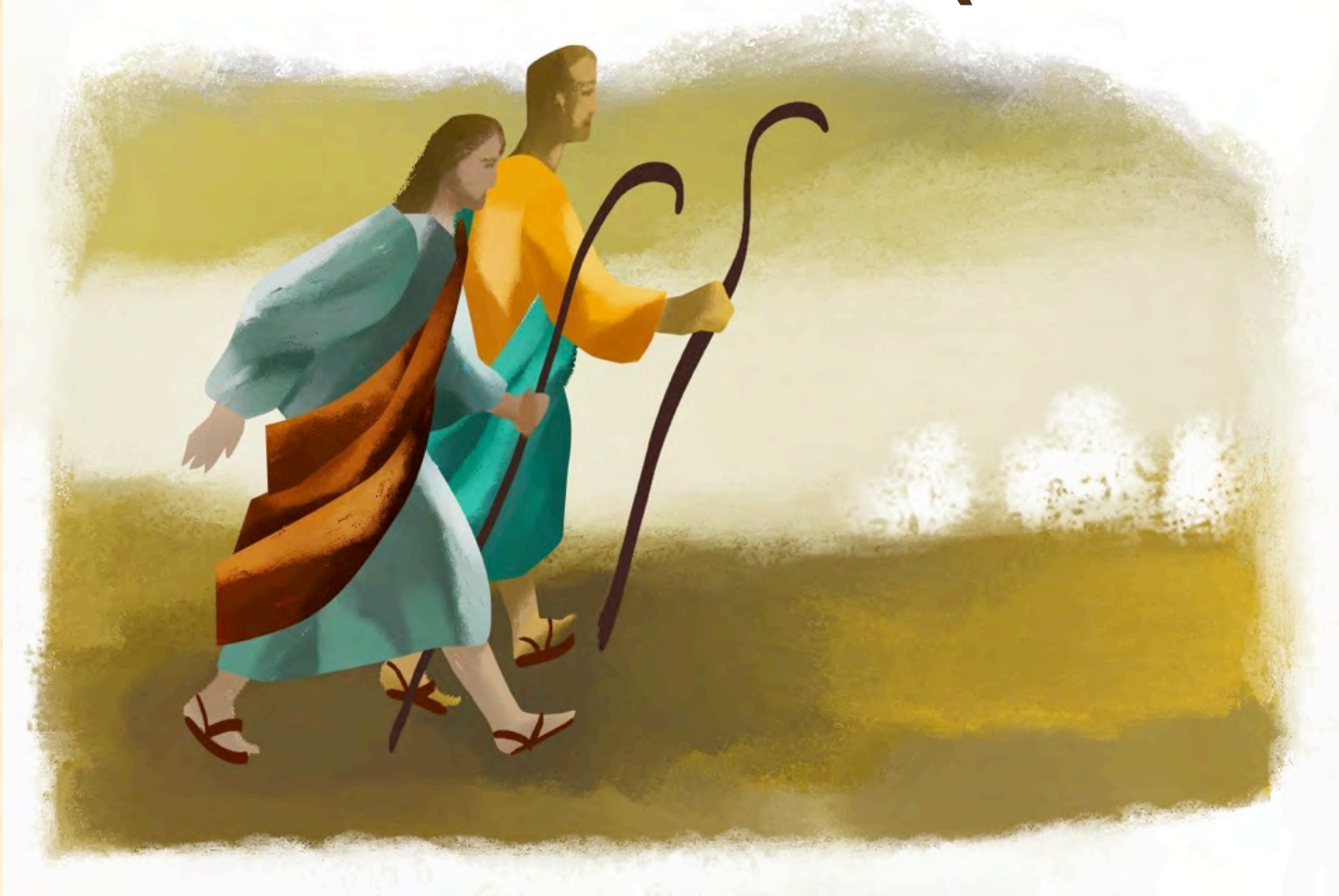
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From Rome									

17x

20x

Early Spring AD 62 (first Roman imprisonment)

Paul overcame his prison hardships because he had the attitude of Christ (1:1-11).





A. Having Christ's attitude helped Paul see himself as a **servant** of Christ (1:1-2).

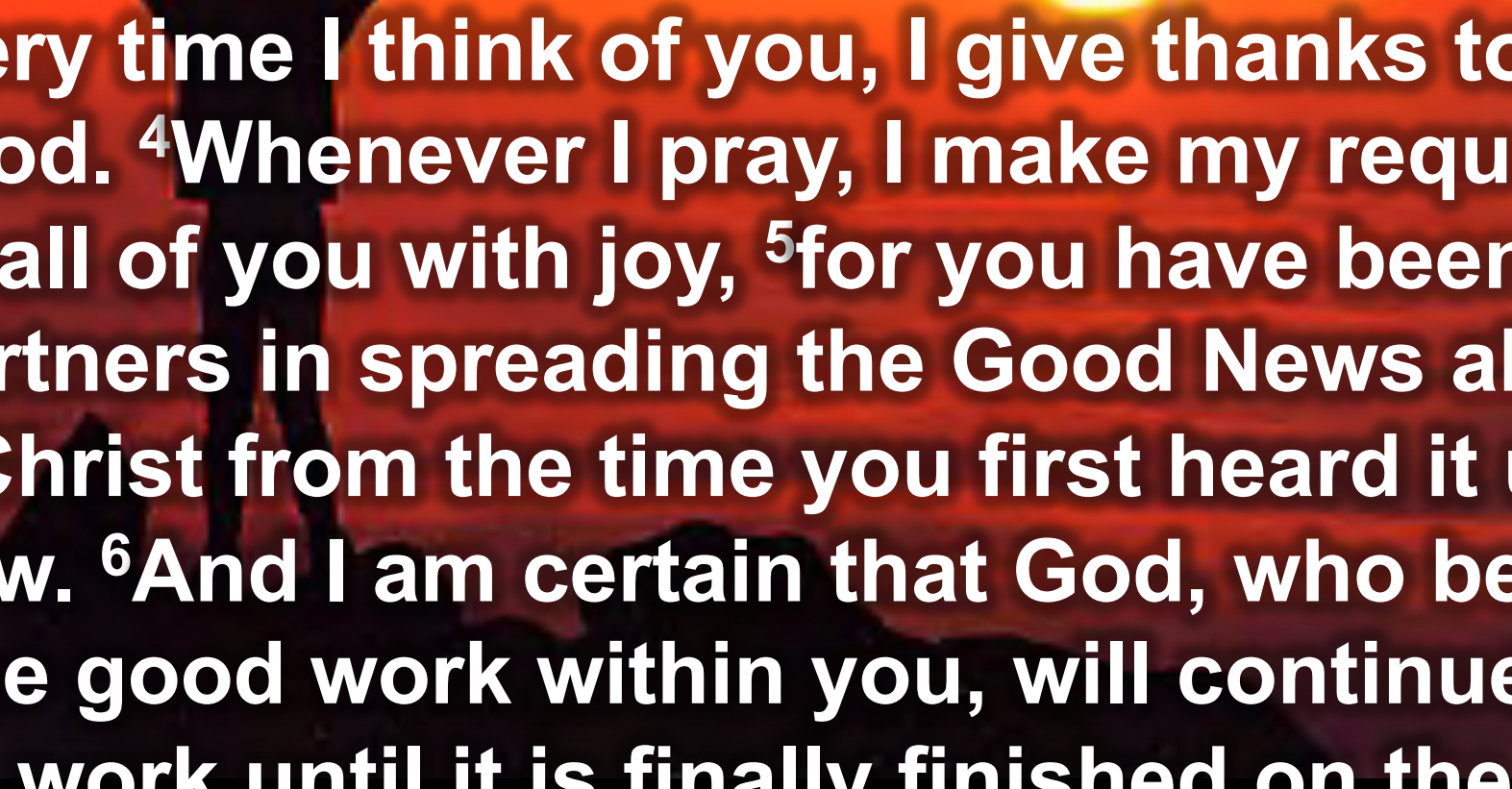
"This letter is from Paul and Timothy, **slaves** of Christ Jesus" (NLT).

**B. Having Christ's attitude helped Paul
to **give thanks** and **pray** (1:3-11).**

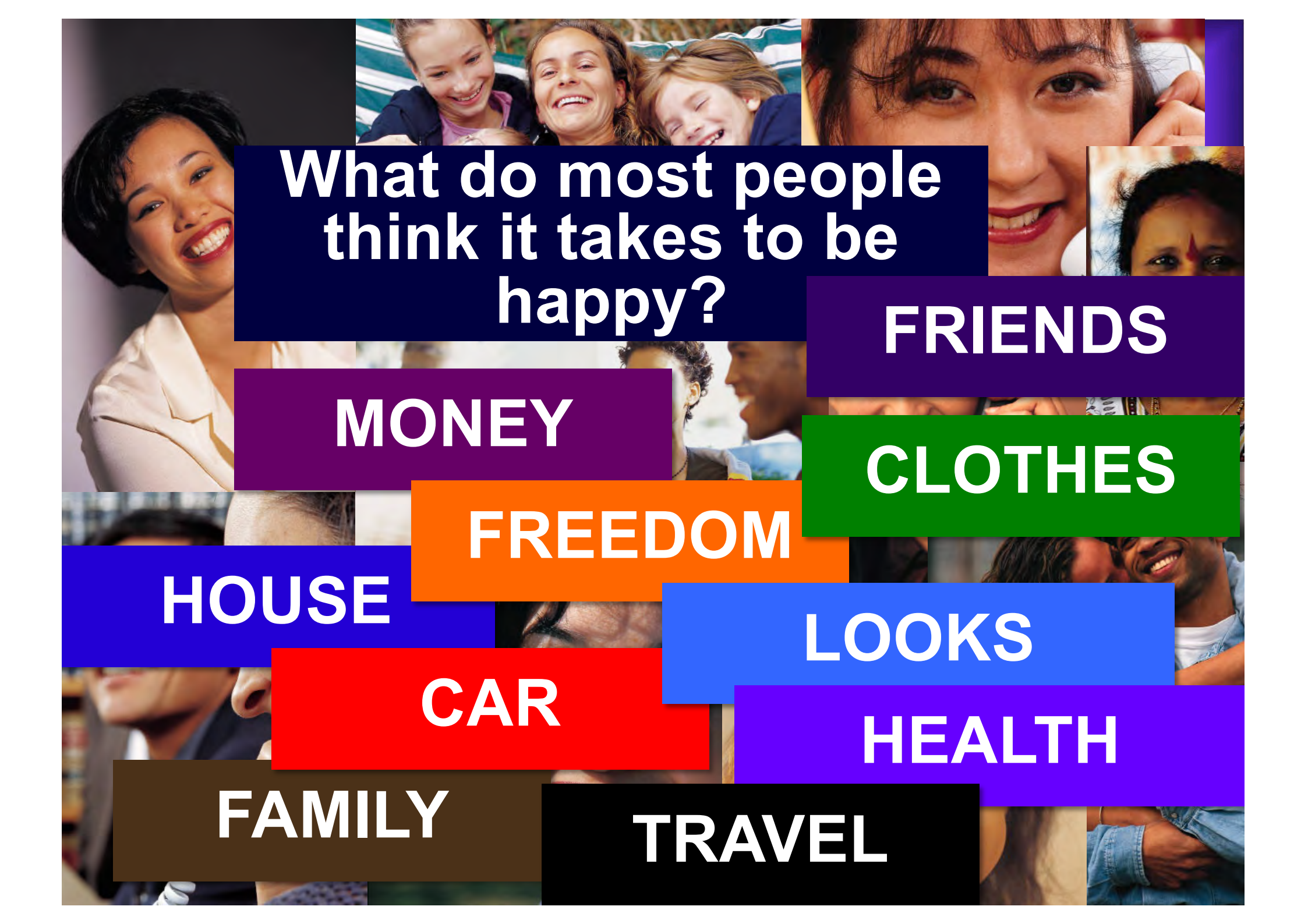
**Paul's Thanksgiving
(1:3-8)**



Paul's Thanks



³Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. ⁴Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, ⁵for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. ⁶And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns (Phil. 1:3-6 NLT)



**What do most people
think it takes to be
happy?**

FRIENDS

MONEY

CLOTHES

FREEDOM

HOUSE

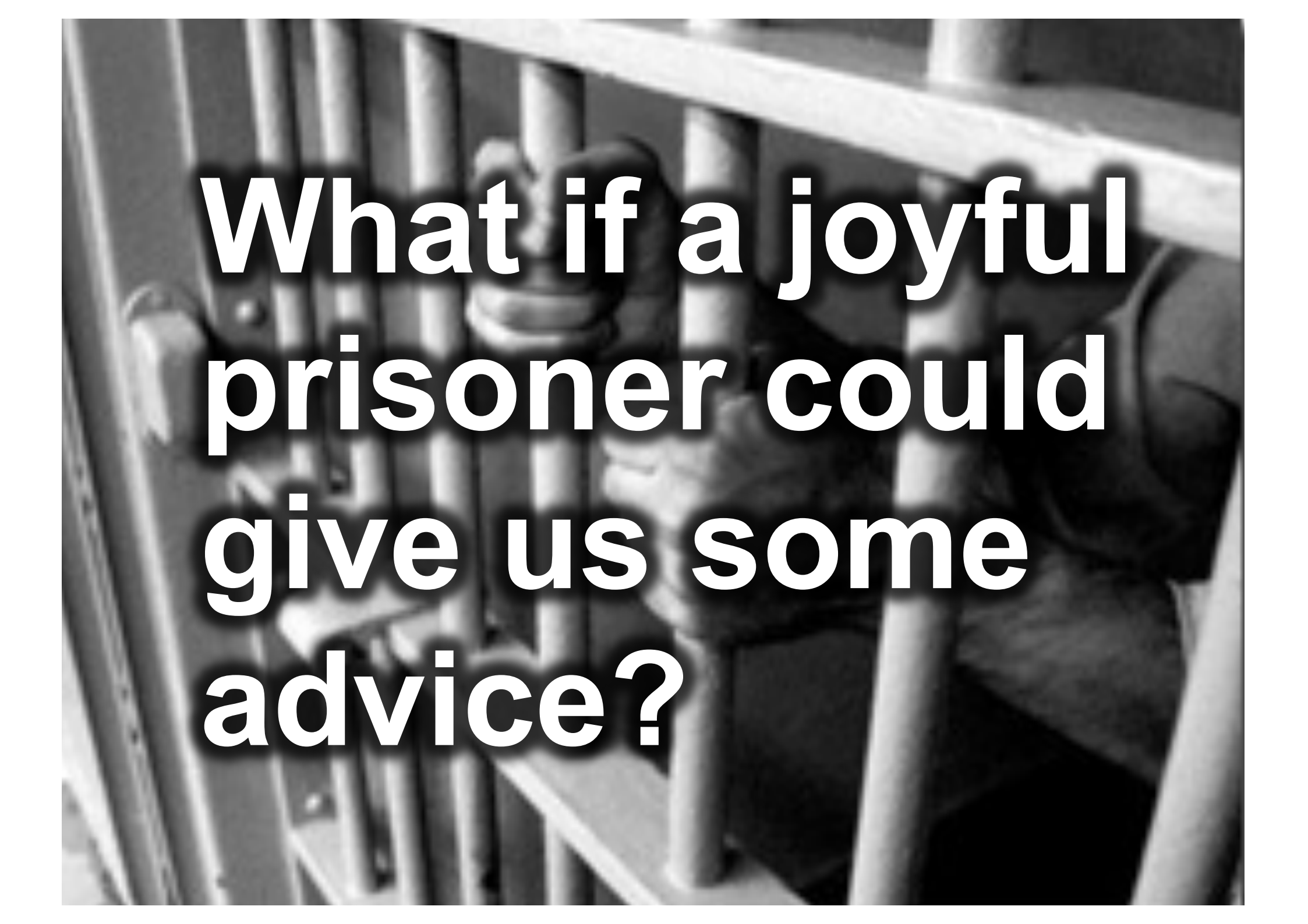
LOOKS

CAR

HEALTH

FAMILY

TRAVEL

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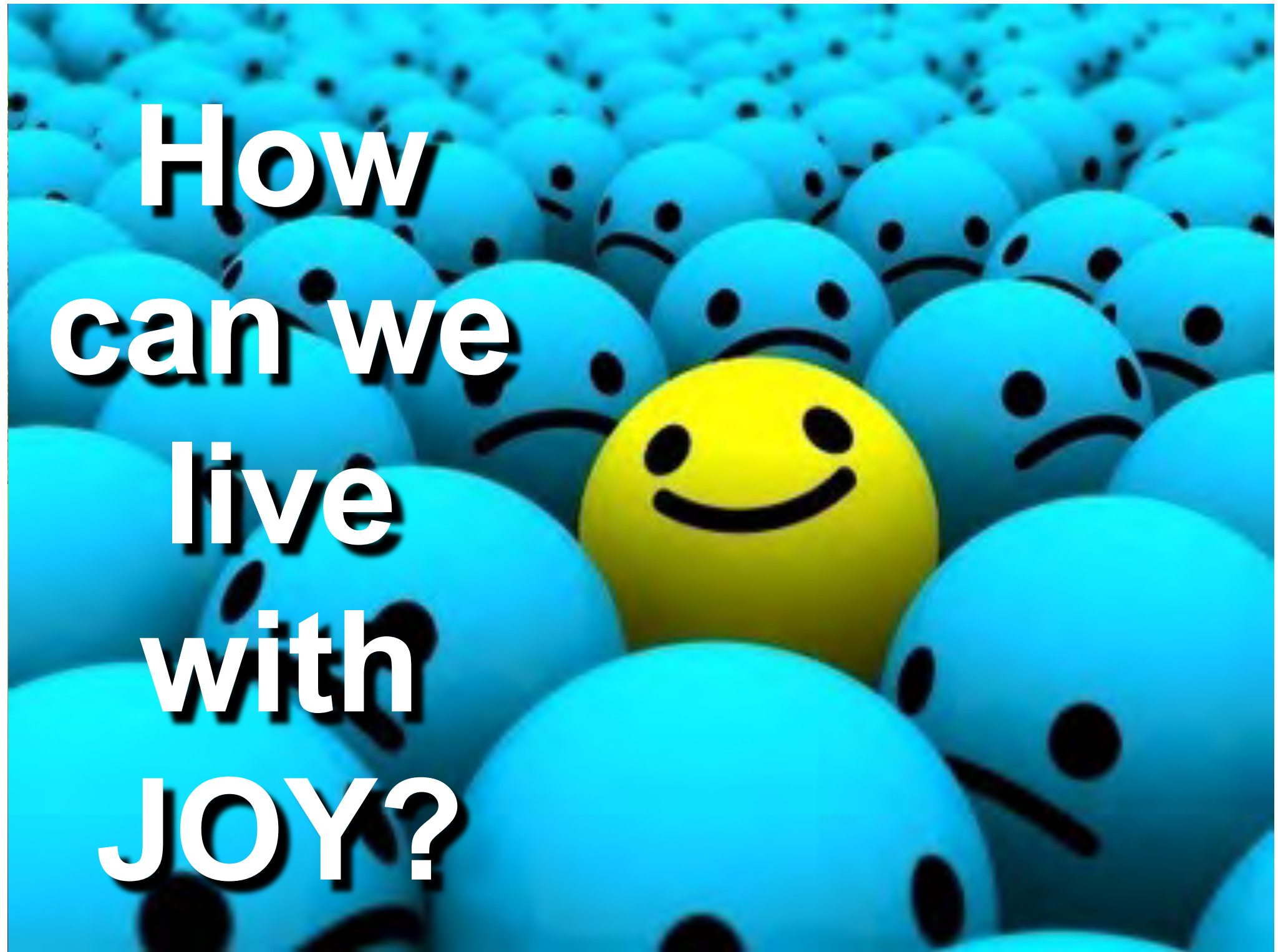
**What if a joyful
prisoner could
give us some
advice?**



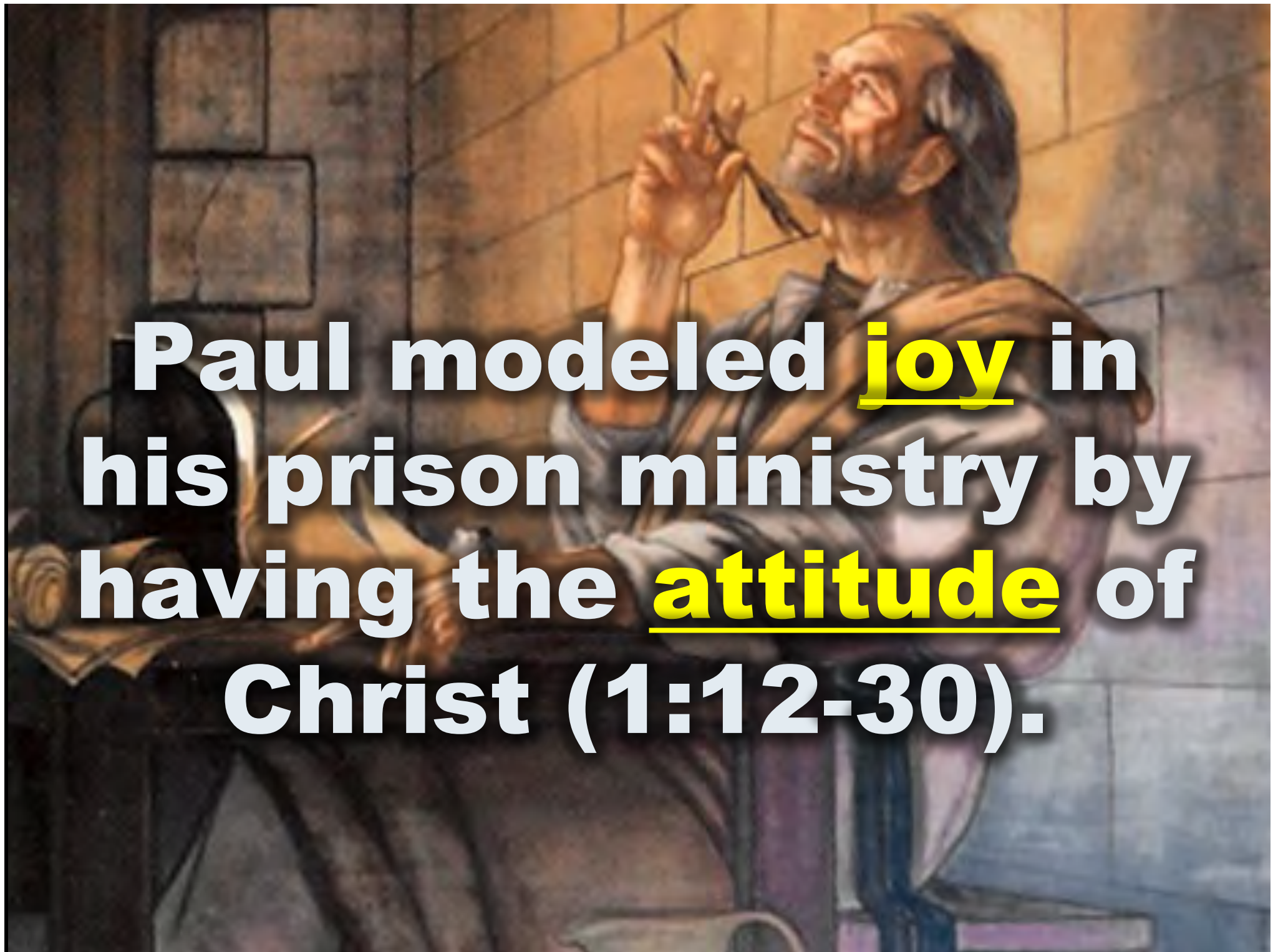
Happiness verses Joy



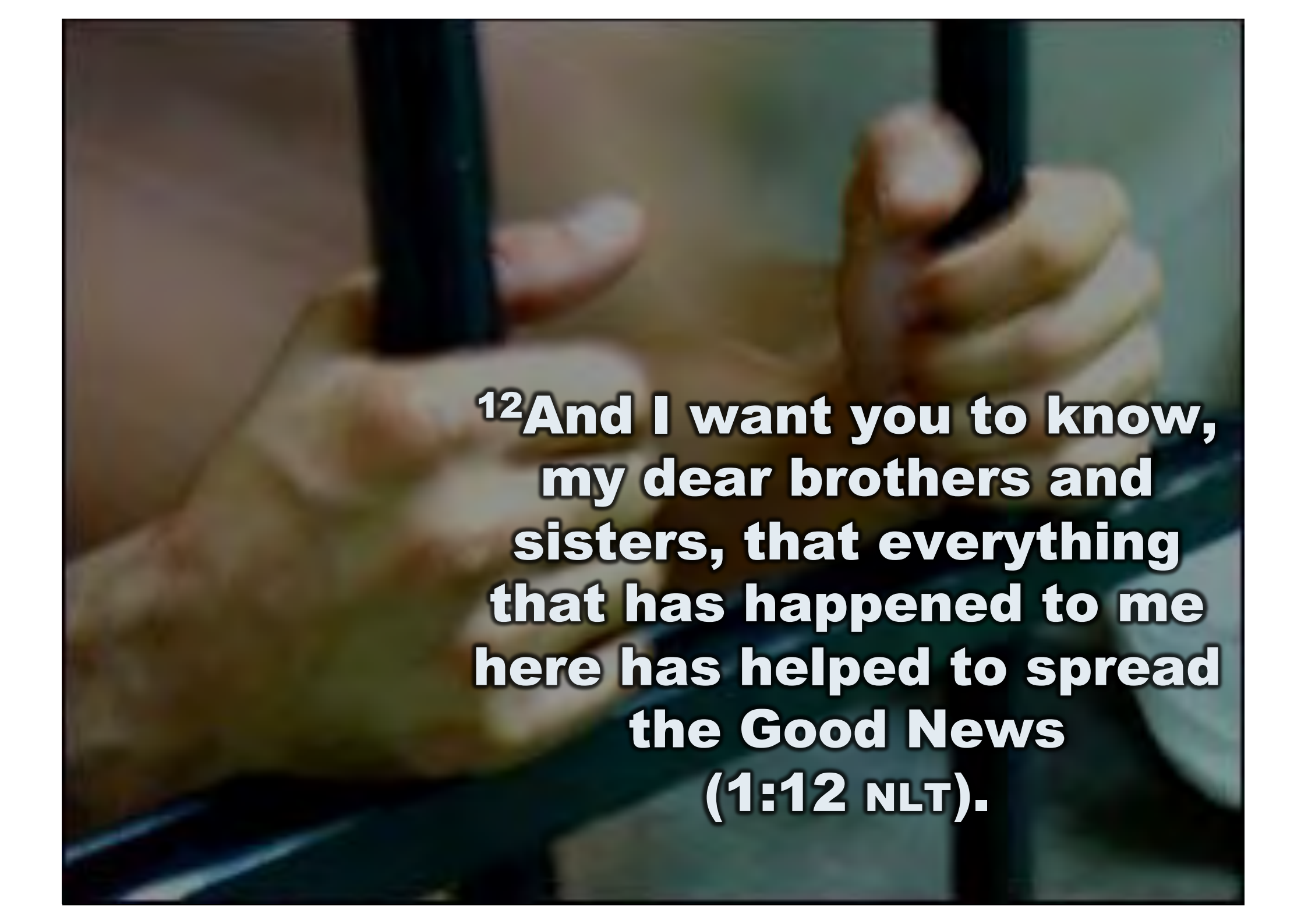
<u>Happiness</u>	
External	Internal
Dependent on circumstances	Independent of circumstances
Emotional response	Act of the will
Having what you want	Wanting what you have
Euphoria	Contentment
Effect	Cause
Result	Foundation
Inconsistent	Consistent
Temporary	Eternal



**How
can we
live
with
JOY?**



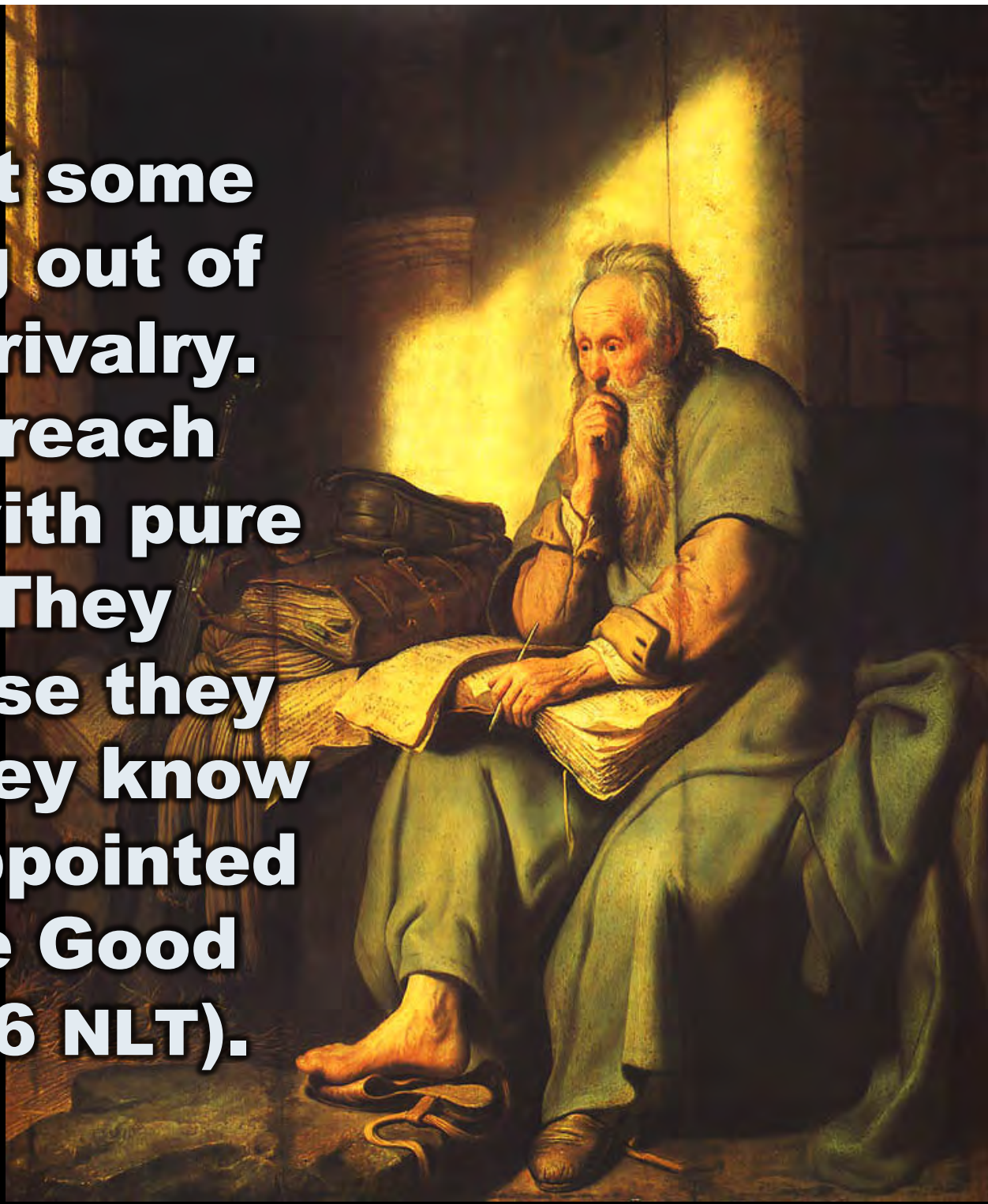
**Paul modeled joy in
his prison ministry by
having the attitude of
Christ (1:12-30).**




**¹²And I want you to know,
my dear brothers and
sisters, that everything
that has happened to me
here has helped to spread
the Good News
(1:12 NLT).**

¹³For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. ¹⁴And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God's message without fear (1:13-14 NLT).

¹⁵It's true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. ¹⁶They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News (1:15-16 NLT).



¹⁷Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. ¹⁸But that doesn't matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice (1:17-18a NLT).



**Who was
really
chained?**

Paul rejoiced that whether he was executed or released from prison didn't matter since both had their advantages (1:18b-26)!



Persecutors

"Aha! You like to share about Jesus?
I'll **imprison** you!"

"Well, then, I'll
torture you!"

"Oh yeah? Then
I'll **kill** you!"

Paul

An Imaginary Dialogue...

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"Good! This will give me more time to pray, write letters to the churches, and share Christ to each soldier guarding me."

"Thank you, for in this way I can share in the sufferings of my Master, Jesus."

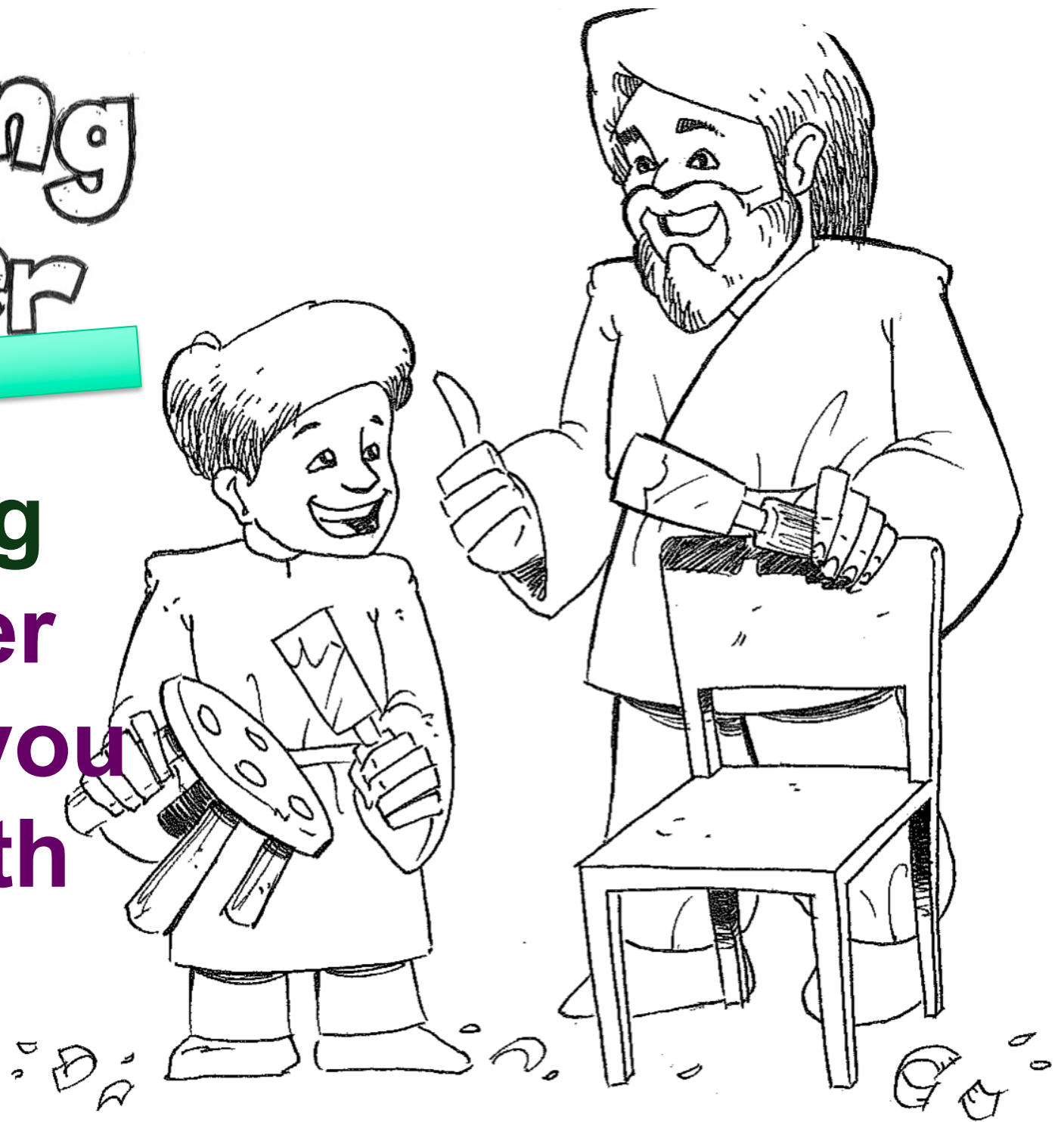
"This is the best option yet, for then you'll usher me into his presence!"

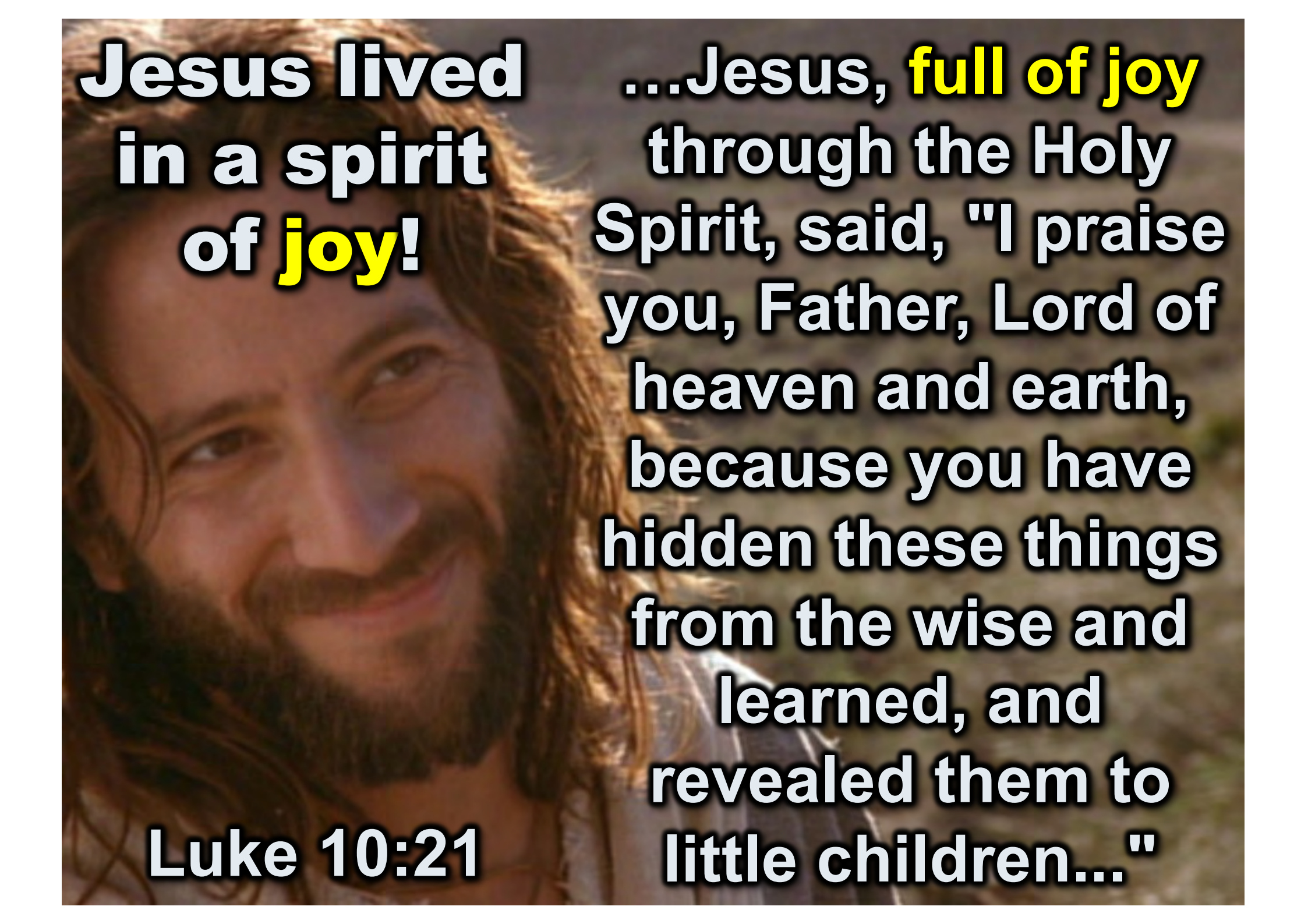
TO LIVE
IS
Philippians 1:21
CHRIST
TO LIVE
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CHRIST



Mimicking the Master

**Mimicking
the Master
enables you
to live with
joy!**

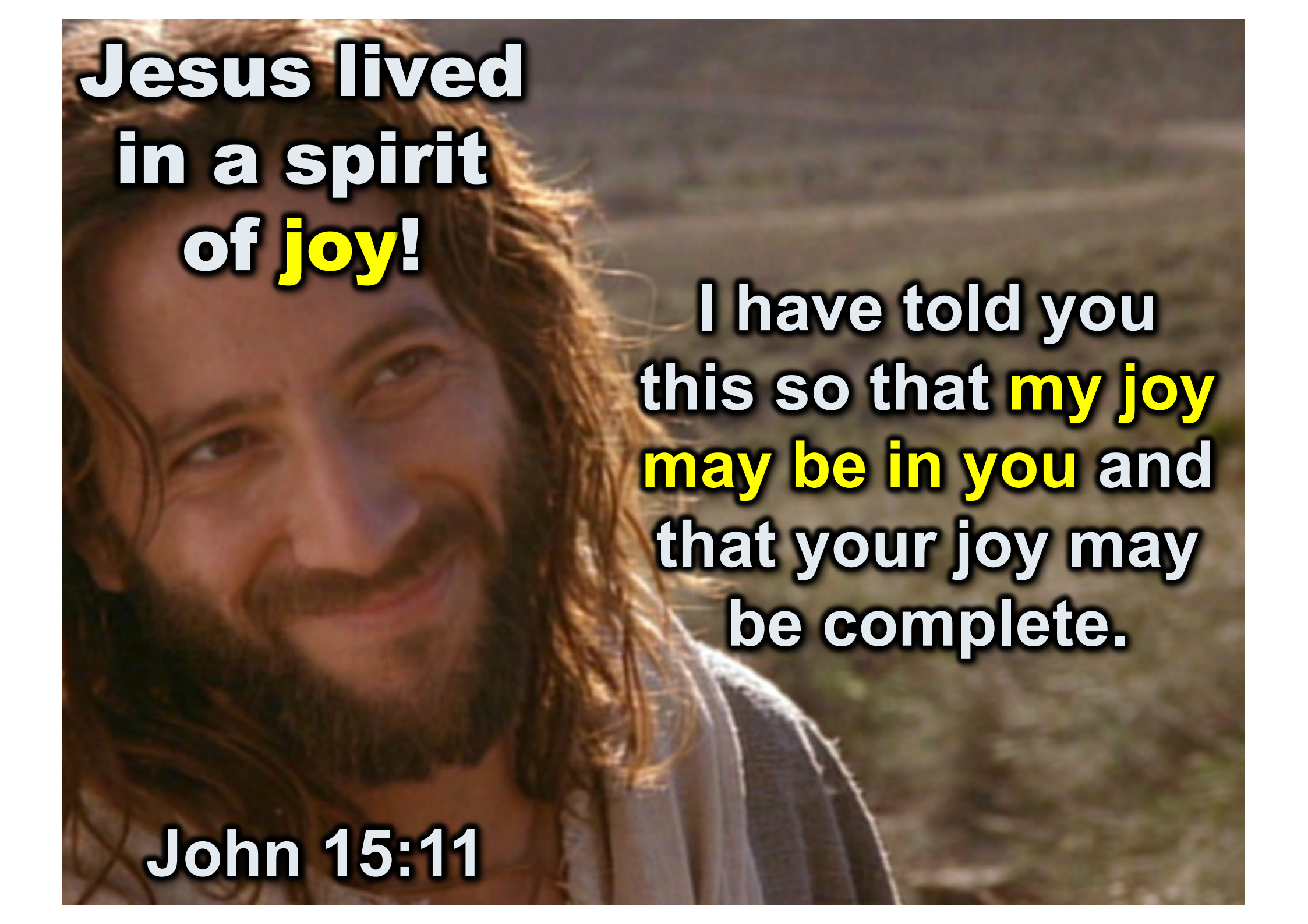




**Jesus lived
in a spirit
of joy!**

**...Jesus, full of joy
through the Holy
Spirit, said, "I praise
you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth,
because you have
hidden these things
from the wise and
learned, and
revealed them to
little children..."**

Luke 10:21



**Jesus lived
in a spirit
of joy!**

**I have told you
this so that my joy
may be in you and
that your joy may
be complete.**

John 15:11

Philippians 2

Joy
1

Humility
2

Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude



Selflessness Leads to Unity

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a supportive grip. The hands are light-skinned and appear to be of different ages or sizes. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a piece of fabric or a wall. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the hands.

Philippians 2:1-4

- 1 Therefore
if there is any encouragement in Christ,
if there is any consolation of love,
if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any affection and compassion,
- 2 make my joy complete by
being of the same **mind**,
maintaining the same love,
united in spirit,
intent on one **purpose**.
- 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind **regard** one another
as more important than yourselves;
- 4 do not merely **look out** for your own personal
interests, but also for the interests of others.

Attitude words in 2:1-4
(NASB)

The Sequence



Selflessness



Humility



Unity

What is Humility?

**Humility does not mean
you think less of yourself.**

**It means
you think of yourself less.**

—*Ken Blanchard*—



Don'ts and Do's **of Upside Down Living**

³Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,



⁴do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests,

but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

but also for the interests of others.

Main Idea of 2:5-30

We can be truly **united** only as long as we are truly **humble**



Humility

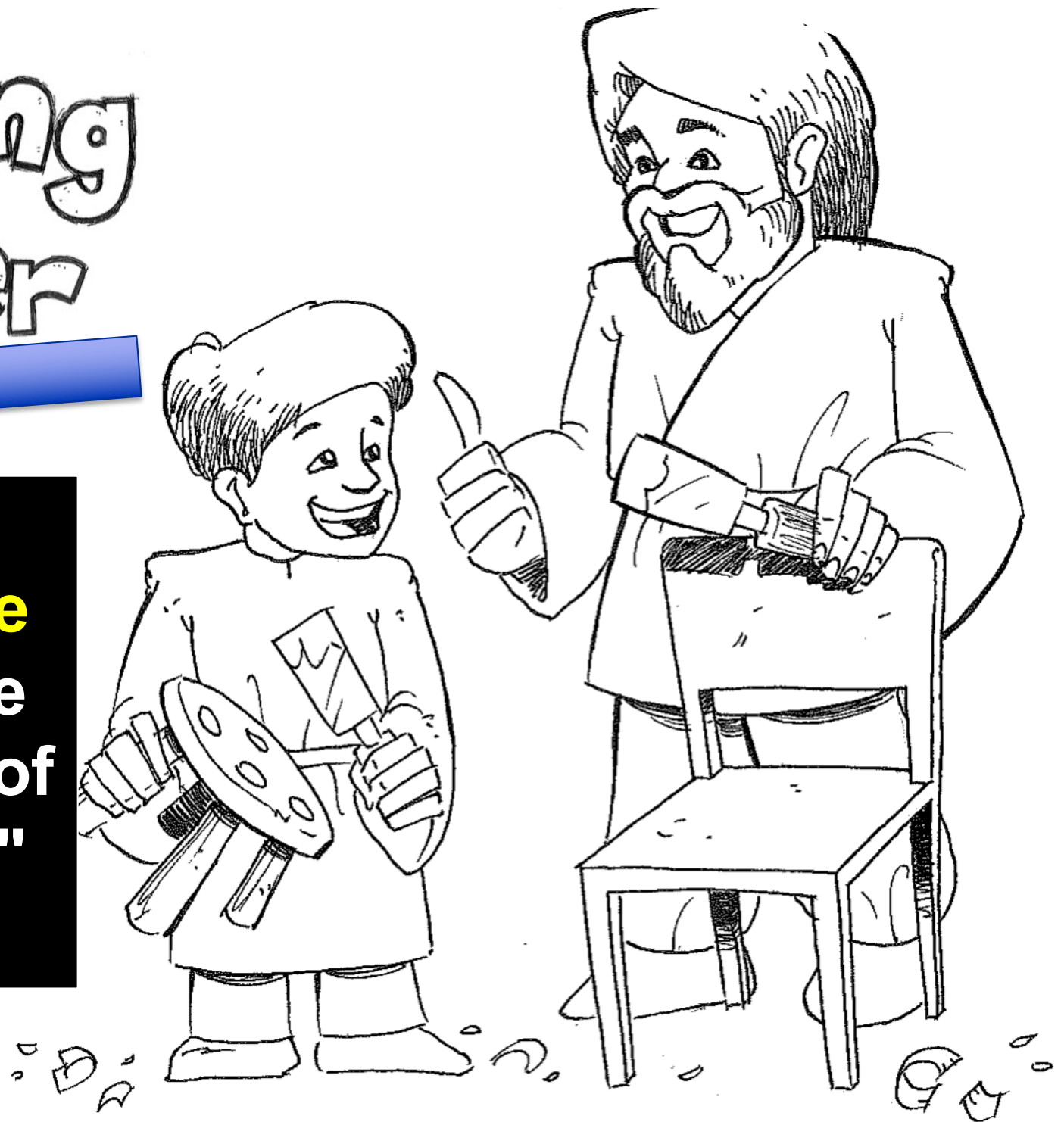
1. Christ modeled humility as our best example since he refused his rights as God (2:5-11).



Mimicking the Master

Key Verse

"Your **attitude**
should be the
same as that of
Christ Jesus"
(Phil. 2:5).



***The Kenosis
("Emptying")
Passage
Philippians 2:5-11***

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OF THE CHRIST

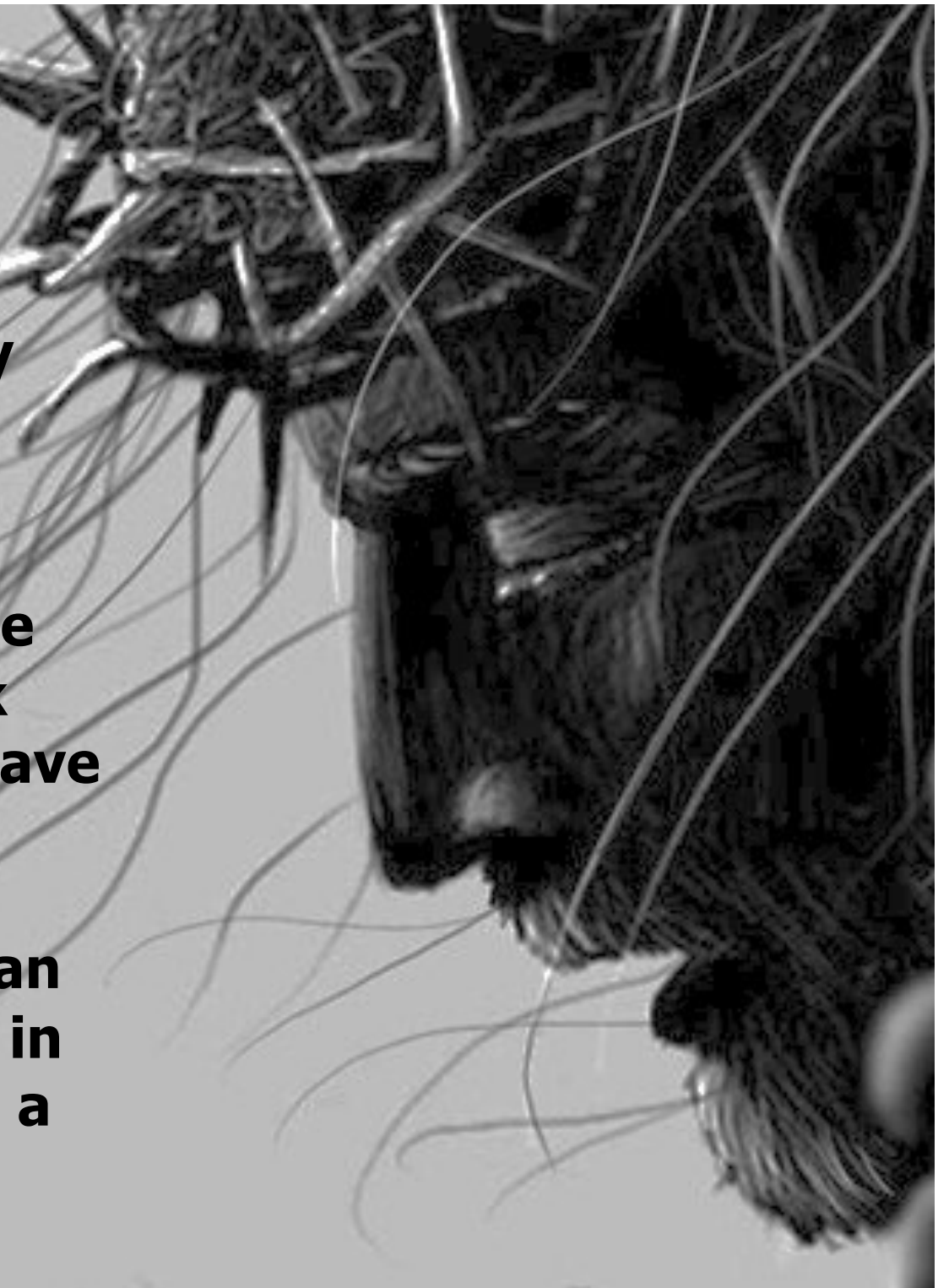
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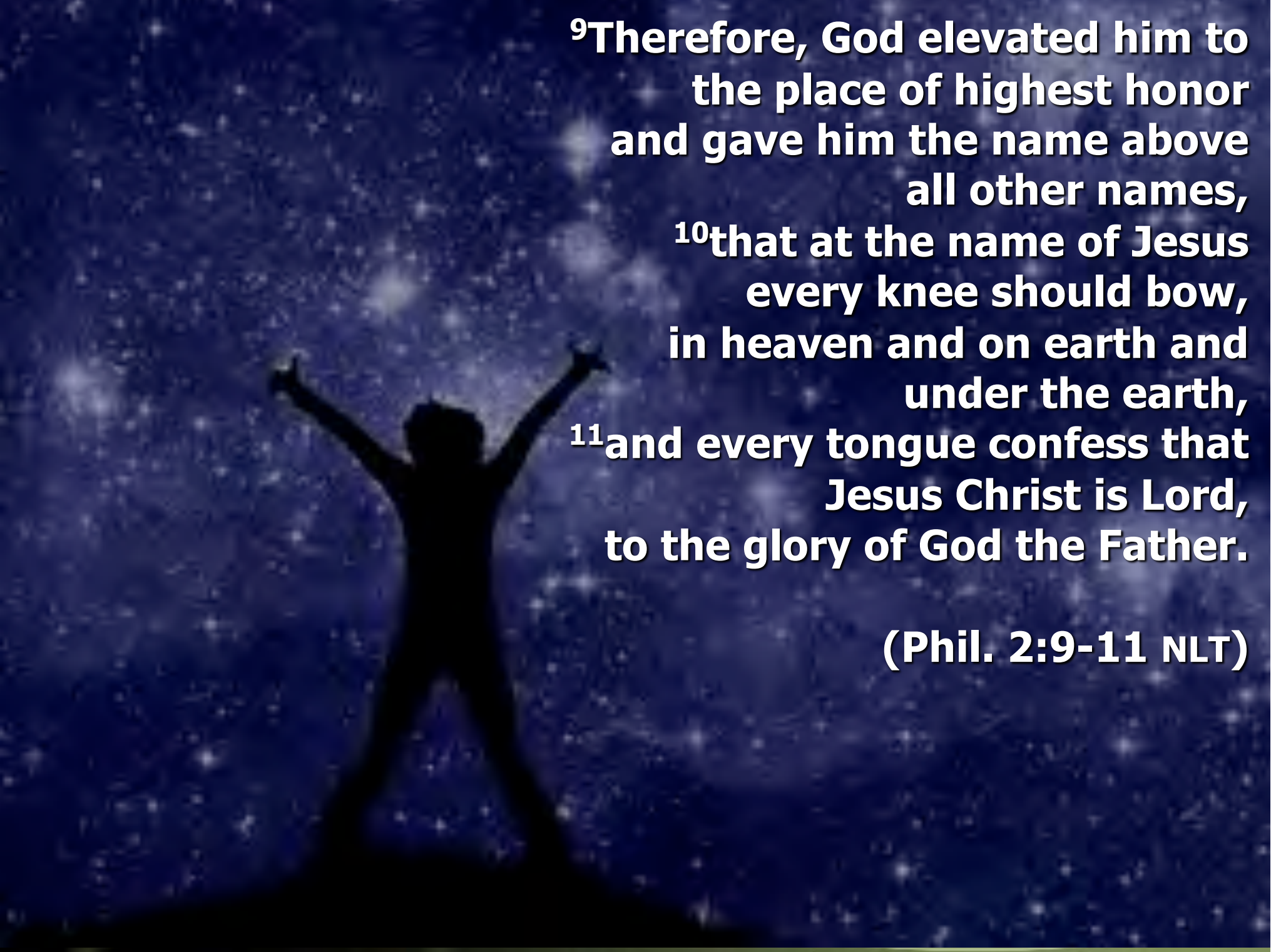
⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges [*Greek* "he emptied himself"]; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form, ⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-8 NLT).



A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a deep blue night sky filled with numerous bright stars. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, with their arms reaching towards the upper right.

**⁹Therefore, God elevated him to
the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above
all other names,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

(Phil. 2:9-11 NLT)

Philippians 2:6-11

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Glory

***Lordship will be
Acknowledged!***

Glory

Always existed as God

Decided not to hold to divine rights

Emptied Himself of these equal rights

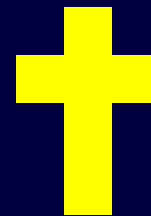
Became a slave by being born a man

Humbled himself in obedience

Died by crucifixion

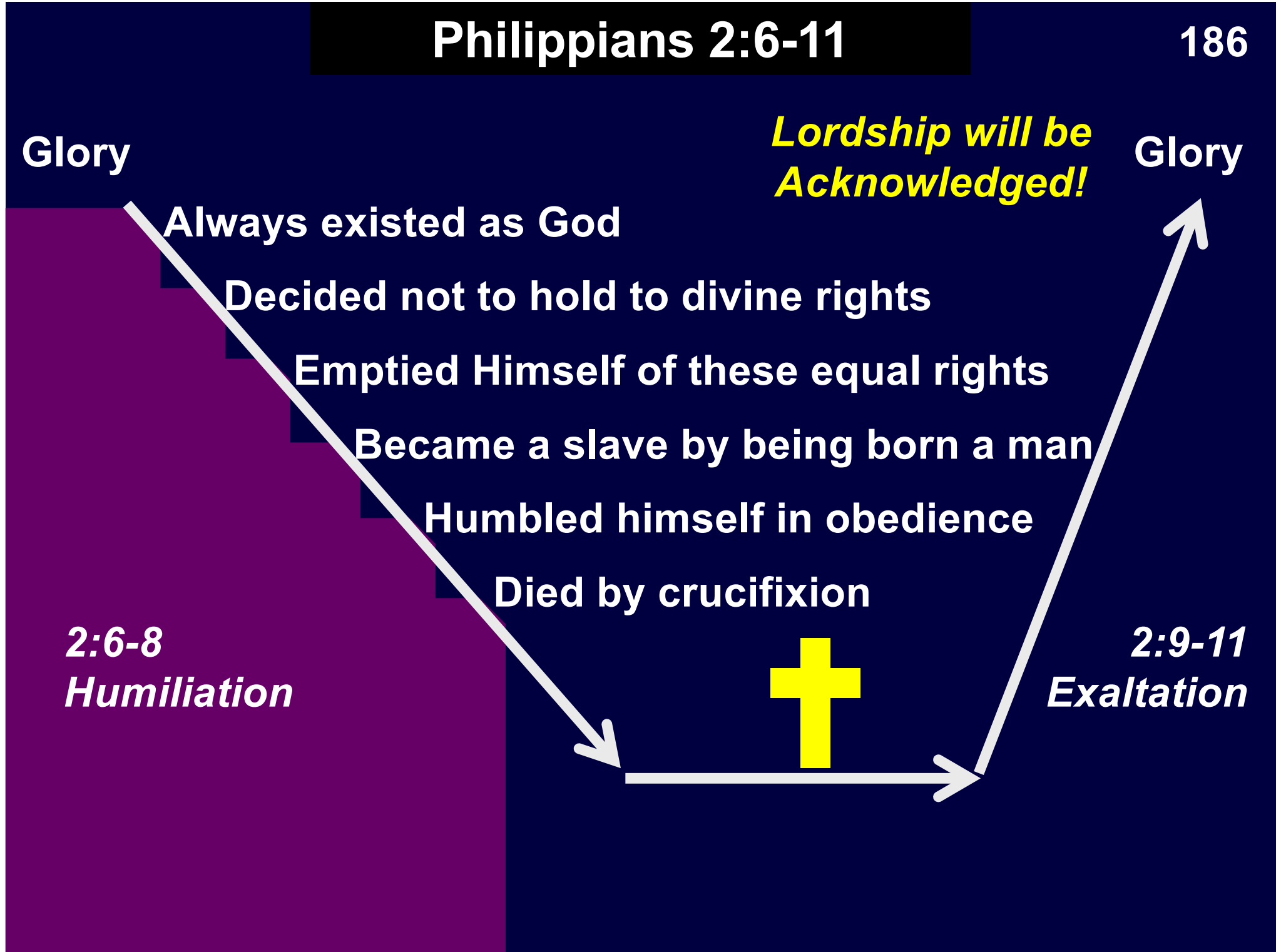
2:6-8

Humiliation



2:9-11

Exaltation



B.C./ by Johnny Hart

IT SEEMS TO ME
THAT SINCE THE "FALL"

—WITHOUT EVEN
THINKING IT ODD—



THAT MAN HAS
HAD NO TROUBLE AT ALL

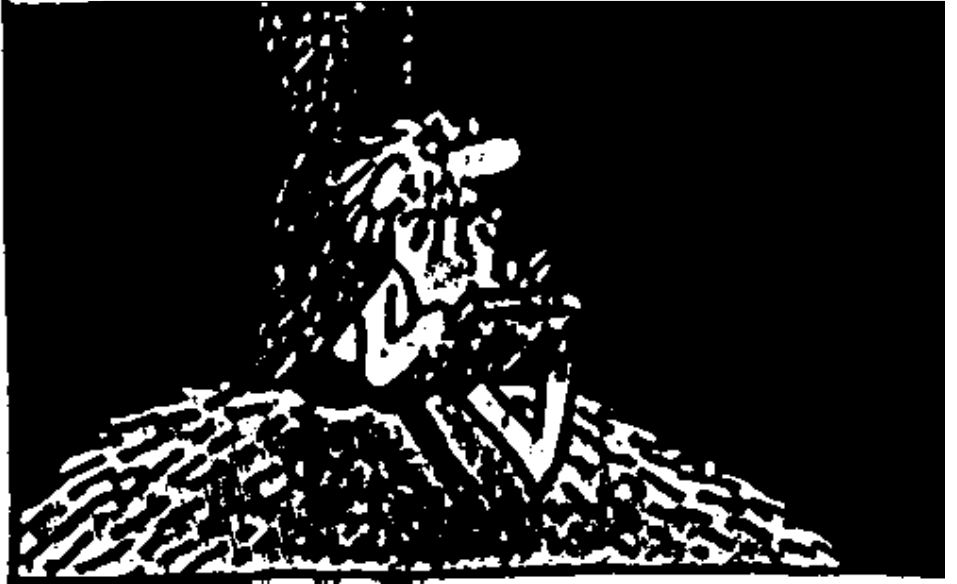
BELIEVING THAT
HE CAN BE GOD.



HOW HE WOULD DO THIS
I CANNOT CONCEIVE.



THO, HE CERTAINLY
THINKS THAT HE CAN



*—AND YET, HE CANNOT
BRING HIMSELF TO BELIEVE*

*THAT GOD
CAN BECOME...A MAN.*



Other examples of Christ-like humility



1. Paul served with humility (2:16-18)
 - Paul spent his life for the Philippians ("poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice")
2. Timothy served with humility (2:19-24)
 - Timothy showed genuine interest for their welfare, not for his own interests
3. Epaphroditus served with humility (2:25-30)
 - Epaphroditus risked his life to serve Paul



Do you show **humility** like Christ?



Philippians 3

Joy
1

Humility
2

Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude

Protection
3




Philippians: Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude

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From Rome									

Early Spring AD 62 (first Roman imprisonment)

Christ-likeness Frees Us From Legalism

A woman in a red dress is captured in mid-air, jumping or dancing joyfully. Her arms are raised, and her legs are spread wide. The background is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with warm orange and yellow hues near the horizon and darker, cloudy blue tones above. Several birds are seen in flight, scattered across the sky. The overall mood is one of freedom and liberation.

Philippians 3:1-16

Balance is Key!

**Legalism
(All Law)**

**Libertinism
(No Law)**

**Godly
Balance
(Some Law)**

**1. Paul first warned the church
against **legalists** (3:1-3).**



"Beware of the dogs" (2a).



"Beware of the dogs" (2a).



Man with shriveled man



What are legalists like?

- A. They *don't care for people* (2a).
- B. They *have evil intent* in their rules (2b).
- C. They *go way beyond the Law's intent* (2c).
- D. They *put confidence in the flesh* (3).



**2. Paul used
to put
confidence
in his
pedigree
(3:4-6).**



Christ-likeness Frees Us From License

Philippians 3:17-21

THERE ARE NO
RULES!



Pursuing Christ-likeness gives us balance

Legalism

**Excessive
Rules
3:1-3**

License

**No
Rules
3:17-21**

What's Your Extreme?

Legalism

**Expecting
too much
3:1-3**



License

**Expecting
too little
3:17-21**



Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,
and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Philippians 4

Joy

1

Humility

2


Results of Imitating Christ's Attitude

Protection

3

Peace

4



**After salvation,
how do you
have **continued**
peace with God
and man?**

Philippians 4 Peace

- **With People (1-3)**
- **With God (4-9)**
- **With All Situations (10-23)**



A. Paul pleads for peace between two arguing women (4:1-3)



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

²Now I appeal to **Euodia and **Syntychē**.
Please, because you belong to the Lord,
settle your disagreement.**



4:2-3 NLT

**³And I ask you, my true
partner, to help these
two women, for they
worked hard with me in
telling others the Good
News. They worked
along with Clement and
the rest of my co-
workers, whose names
are written in the Book
of Life.**

What's in a Name?

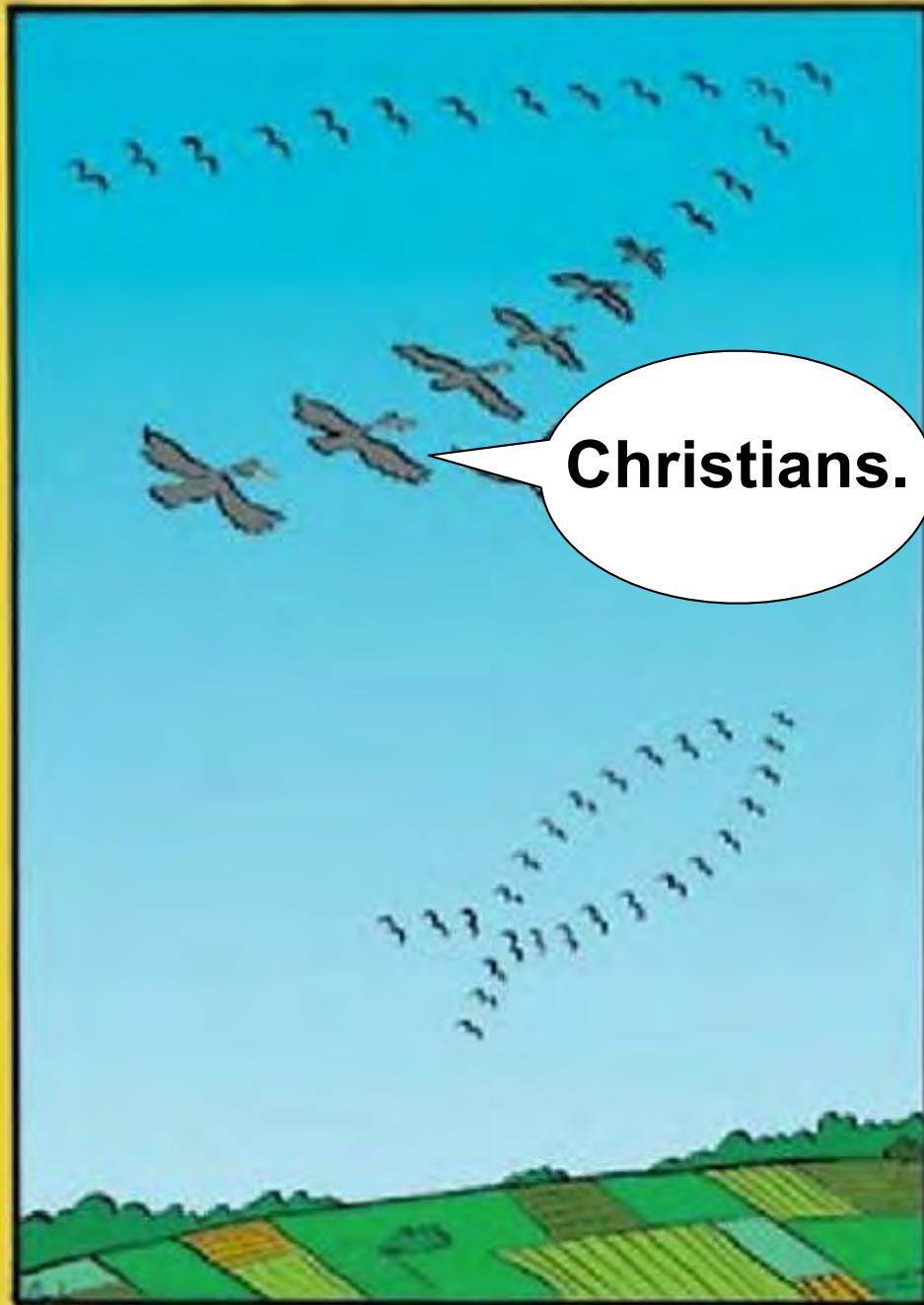
Euodia

**"prosperous
journey"**

Syntychē

**"pleasant
acquaintance"**





**B. Paul
promises
peace with
God by
following
some simple
commands
(4:4-9).**

⁴Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience **God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.**

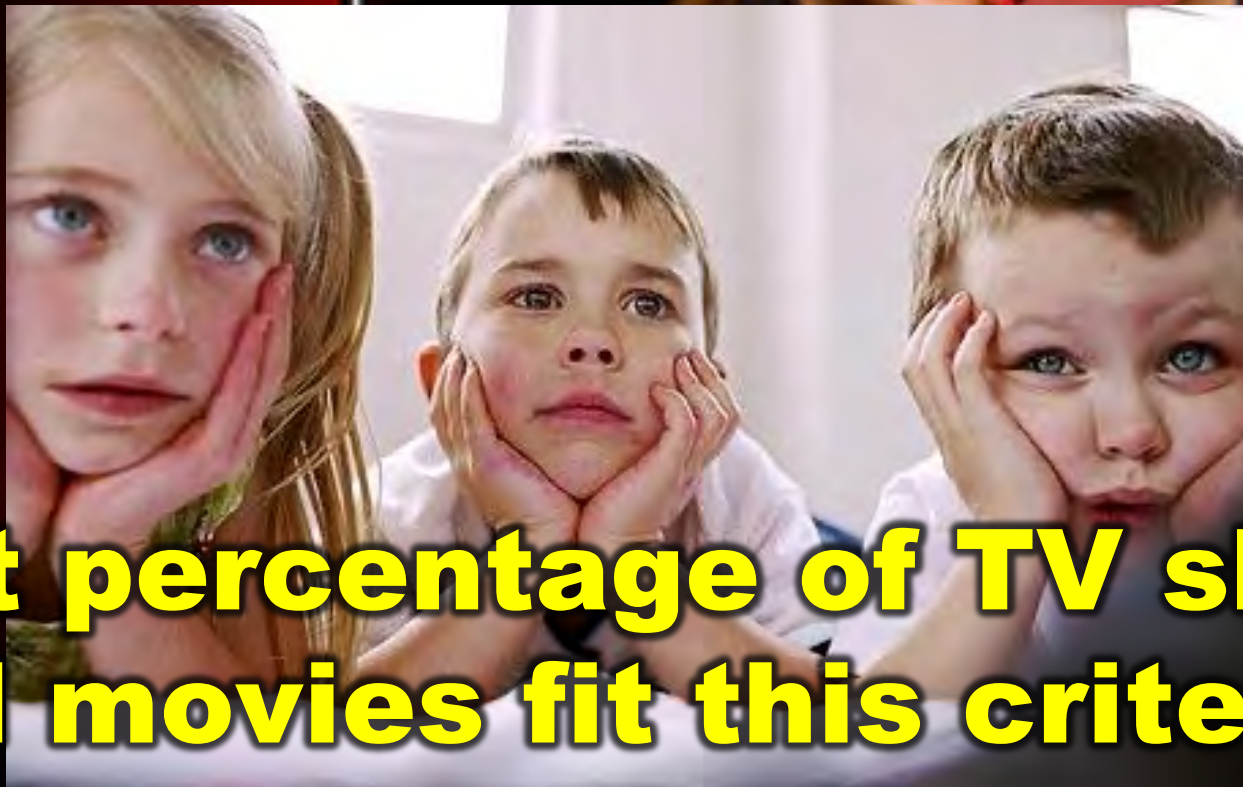
Philippians 4:4-7 NLT

⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the **God of peace will be with you.**



4:9 NLT

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is **true, and **honorable**, and **right**, and **pure**, and **lovely**, and **admirable**. Think about things that are **excellent** and **worthy of praise**.**



What percentage of TV shows and movies fit this criteria?

4 Ways to Peace

Rejoice

Be Gentle

Pray

Wholesome Thoughts

What happens when we imitate
Christ's resurrection **attitude**?



Main Idea of Philippians



Imitating Christ's
resurrection **attitude**
brings joy, humility,
protection and peace.




JESUS TOOK

NAPS

BE LIKE JESUS

MARK 4:38

A person is shown from the chest up, wearing a black short-sleeved t-shirt. A white tag with some text and a logo is visible at the neckline. The t-shirt features a large, dark grey circular graphic in the center. Inside this circle, the text "ALWAYS BE YOURSELF — UNLESS — YOU CAN BE LIKE JESUS — THEN — ALWAYS BE LIKE JESUS" is printed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The word "JESUS" is significantly larger than the other words.

**ALWAYS
BE YOURSELF
— UNLESS —
YOU CAN BE LIKE
JESUS
— THEN —
ALWAYS
BE LIKE JESUS**

Summary Statement

*Paul exhorts the Philippian believers to **imitate Christ's attitude** that they may experience joy, humility, and peace to be protected from **false teachers and disunity** in the church.*

Application

How do you need to show a more Christ-like attitude during difficulty?



Synthesis

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Results of imitating Christ's attitude

1 Joy



2 Humility



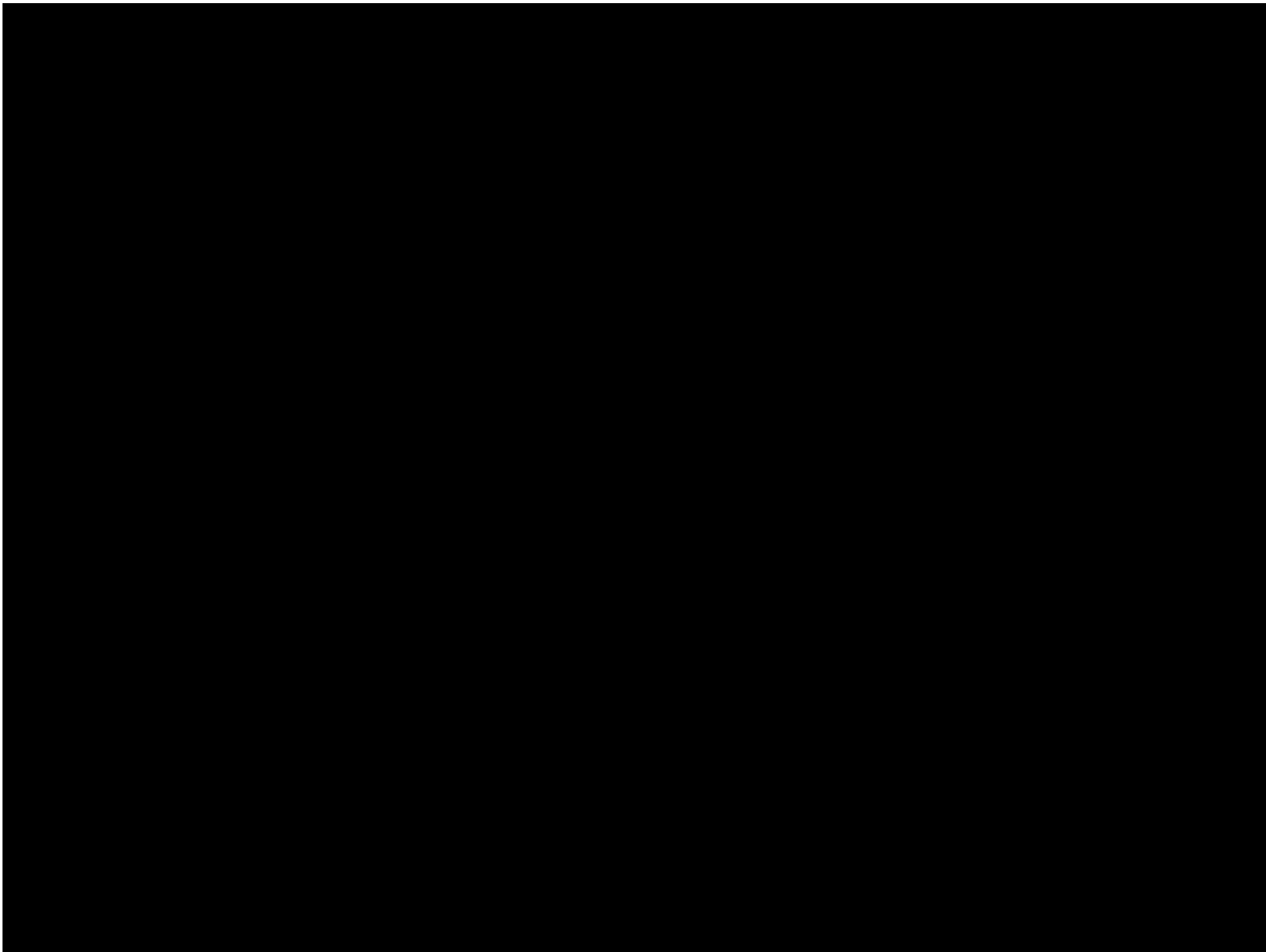
3 Protection



4 Peace

I can do
EVERYTHING
through HIM
who gives me
STRENGTH


Philippians 4:13



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