

PHILIPPIANS

Joy

CHOOSE TO CHOOSE IT



Recap

- ❑ Joy is Jesus
- ❑ We're partnered in sharing the Gospel of Jesus
- ❑ Jesus being preached brings joy
- ❑ We have joy in what's to come because it's always Jesus

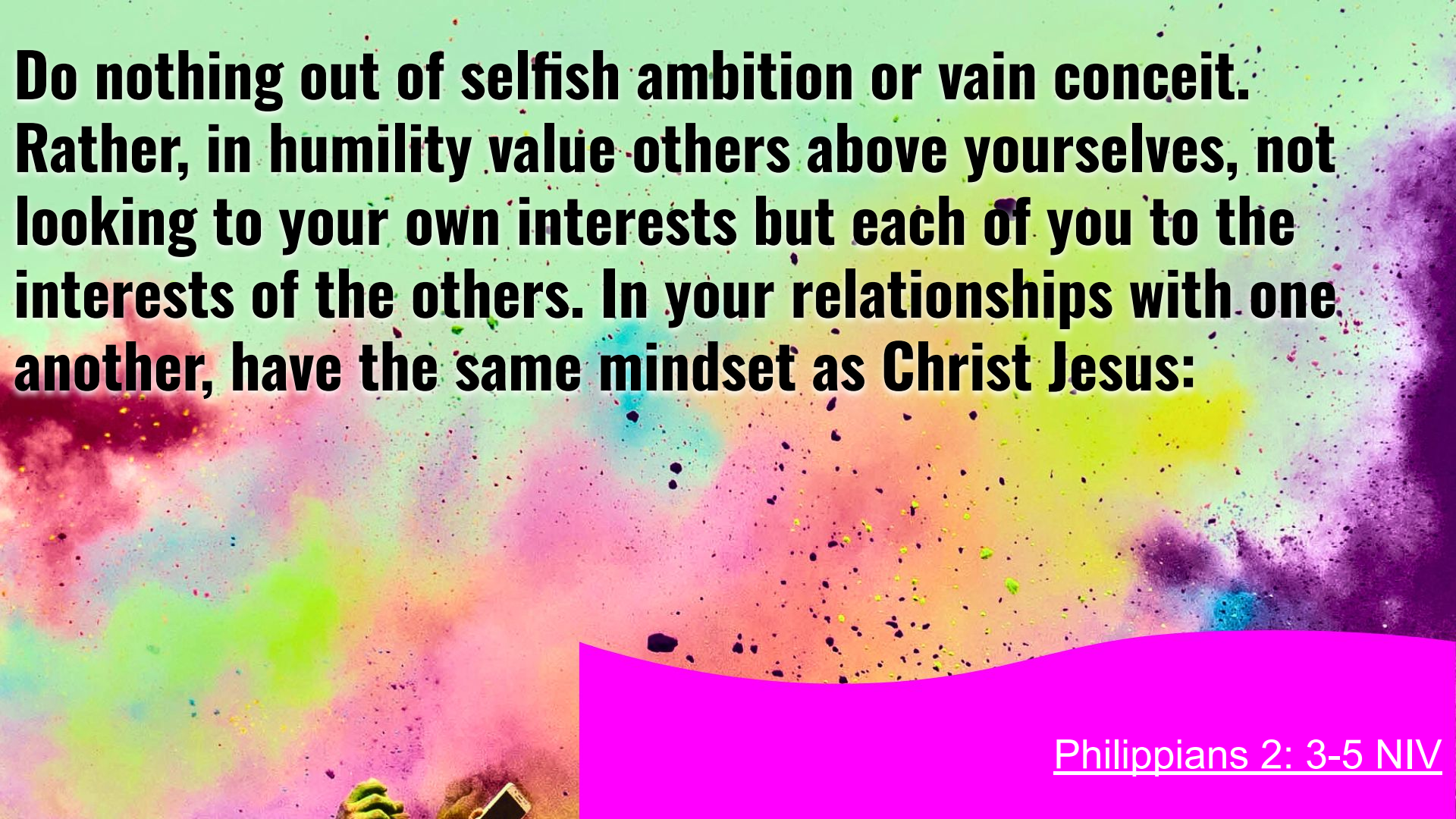
Punchline

**When you start to have an attitude,
make it an attitude of joy**



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2: 1-2 NIV

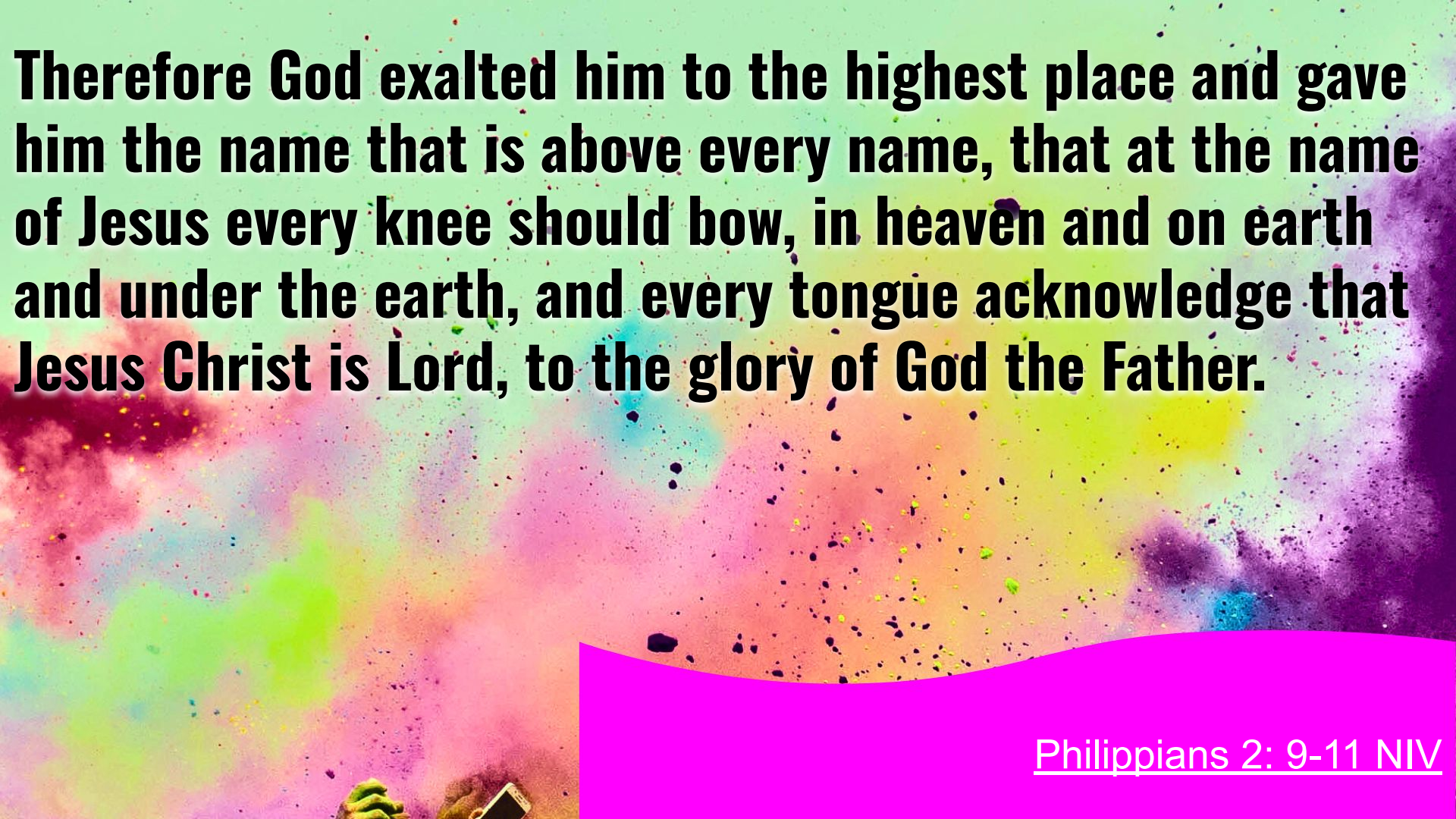


Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2: 3-5 NIV

Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!

Philippians 2: 6-8 NIV



Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2: 9-11 NIV

Joy In Humility

- ❑ Paul wants the people to be like minded
- ❑ Do nothing out of selfish ambition
- ❑ Christ is the example of humility
 - ❑ Can't duplicate His ministry but can duplicate His attitude

HUMBLE



Joy In Humility

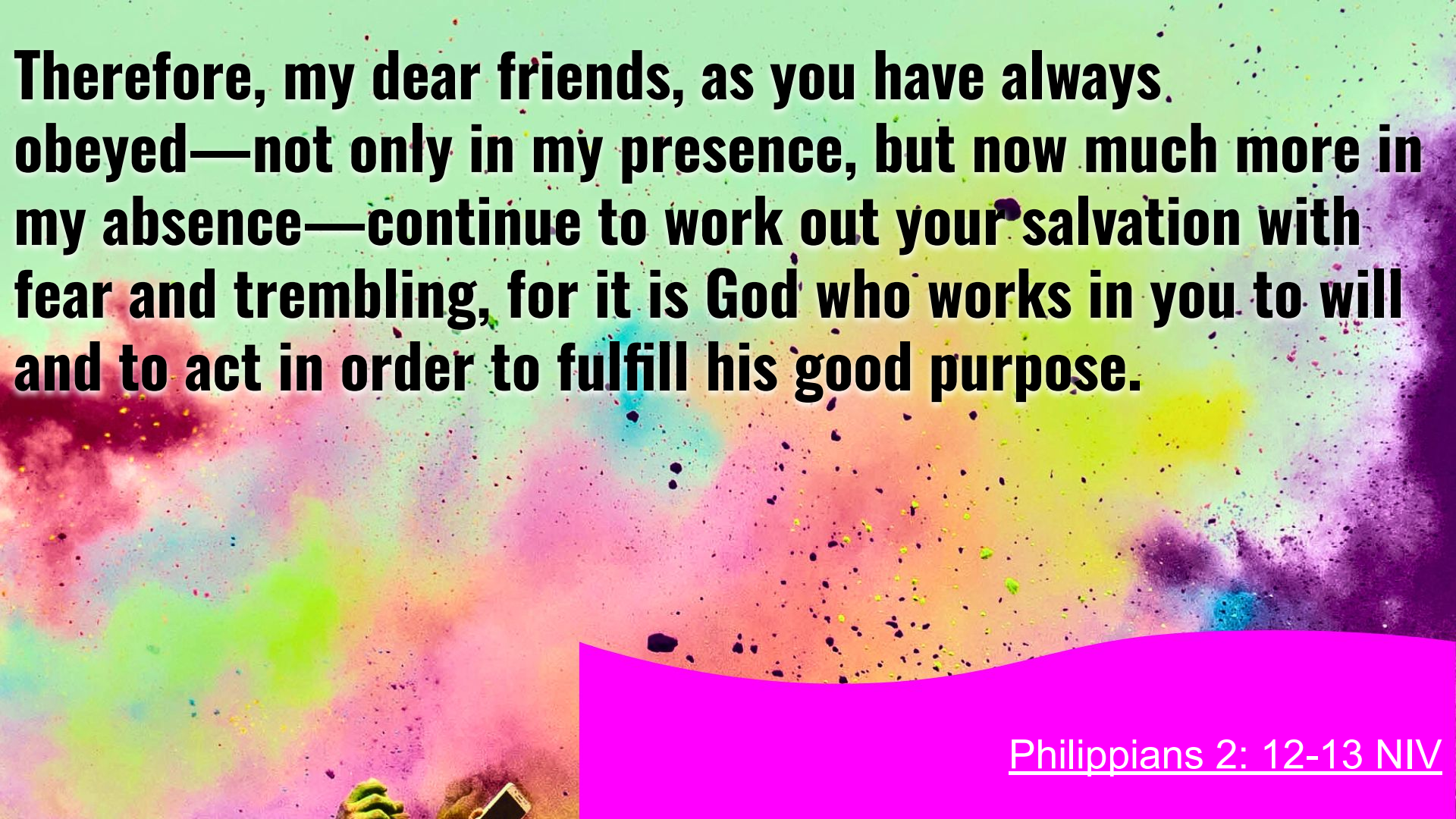
- ❑ **Humility - not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.**
- ❑ **In our uniqueness we serve God and others**

Joy In Humility

- ❑ Hearts pointing out
- ❑ Putting people ahead of ourselves
- ❑ Hearts pointing up
- ❑ Grow in mature in Christ because we aren't "there" yet :

Joy In Humility

- ❑ Look where your influences come from
- ❑ Jesus in the “influencer” and the Bible is His “platform”
- ❑ Take joy that humility is growing in Christ

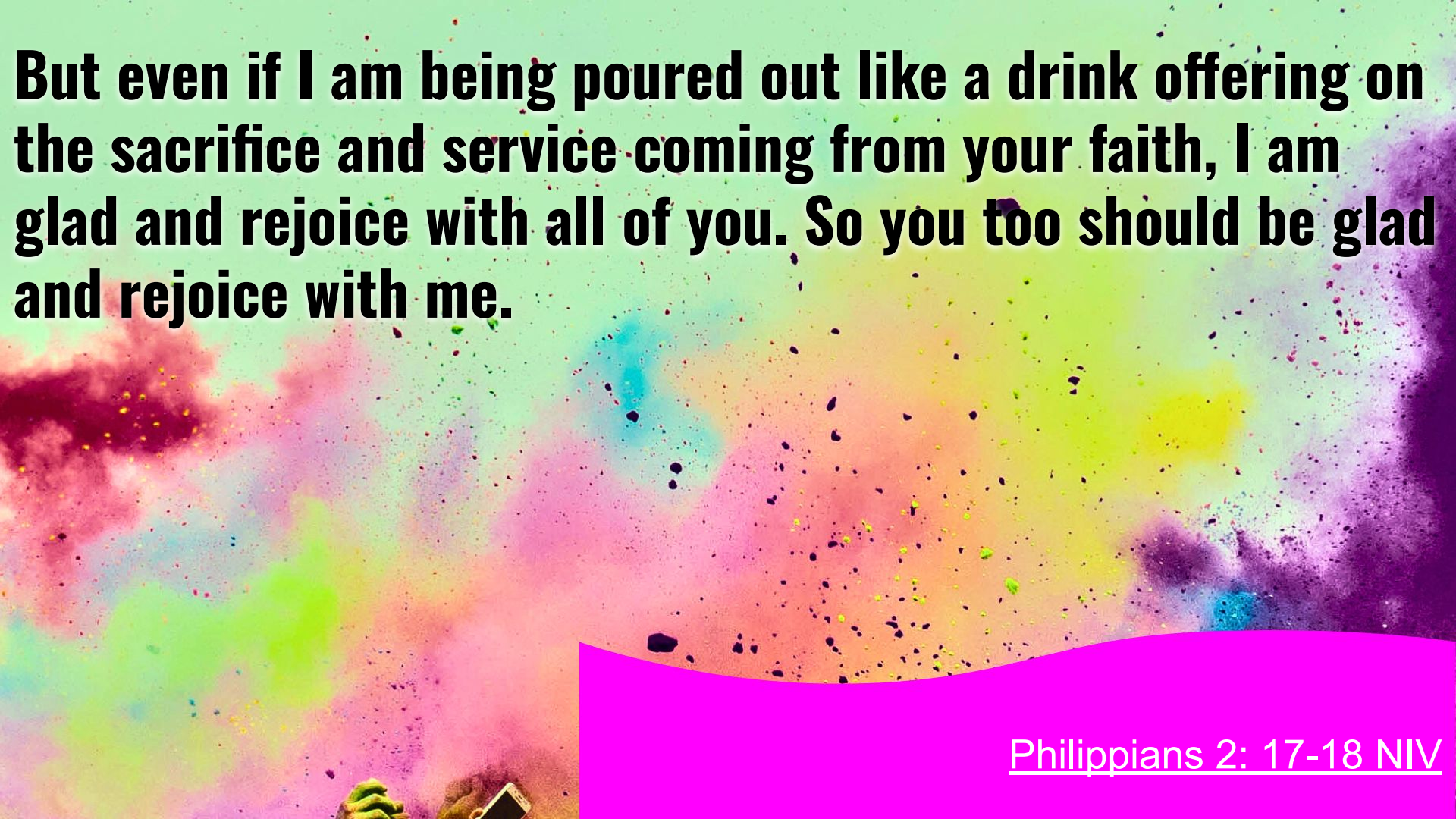


Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2: 12-13 NIV

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

Philippians 2: 14-16 NIV



But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Philippians 2: 17-18 NIV

Joy In Obedience

- ❑ “Work out” salvation
- ❑ Make salvation operational
- ❑ God could snap His fingers and make everything happen
- ❑ But He delights in the obedience of His followers

Joy In Obedience

- ❑ **Obedience without grumbling or arguing**
- ❑ **This leads to being blameless and pure followers of Jesus**
- ❑ **Stand out against the world**

Joy In Obedience

- ❑ Obey so Paul can boast!!!
- ❑ HUH??
- ❑ Not boasting out of arrogance but out of encouragement
- ❑ Boasting in the Gospel



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Joy In Obedience

- ❑ **Take the influence of Jesus and live it out**
- ❑ **When we obey, God delights in us**
- ❑ **Obey in a way that doesn't cause dissension within the church**

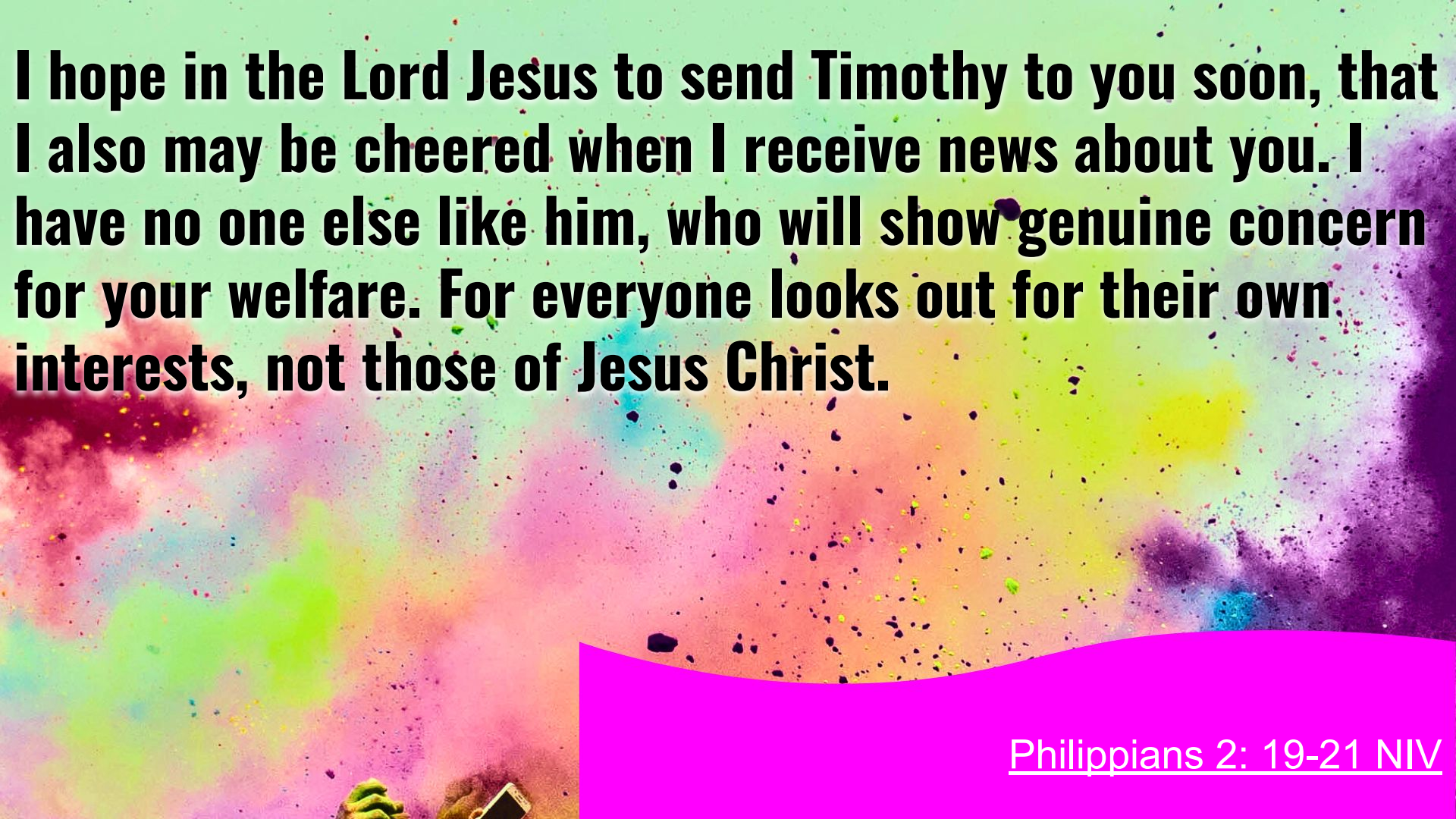
Joy In Obedience

- ❑ Purity is obedience
 - ❑ Not just about us
 - ❑ Purity in our personal lives
 - ❑ Purity in our intentions.

Joy In Obedience

- ❑ Let your light shine through that obedience
- ❑ Take joy in that type of obedience





I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2: 19-21 NIV

But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon

Philippians 2: 22-24 NIV

But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

Philippians 2: 25-27 NIV

Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me

Philippians 2: 28-30 NIV

Joy In Celebrating Others

- ❑ Timothy
 - ❑ Indispensable to Paul's ministry
 - ❑ Paul admires how he loves building others up in Christ and their faith
 - ❑ Paul celebrates him

Joy In Celebrating Others

- ❑ Epaphroditus
 - ❑ Multiple complimentary words for him
 - ❑ Important for Paul to celebrate him because he could have been seen as a failure
 - ❑ He didn't fail, didn't give up, but he strongly and faithfully served God



Congratulations

Joy In Celebrating Others

- ❑ We don't celebrate people following God well very much
- ❑ Encourage them and recognize what they've done
- ❑ Do it without envy or comparison
- ❑ Take joy that God is working in them and through them

Wrap Up

- ❑ **Have an attitude of joy**
- ❑ **Joy about being humble**
- ❑ **Joy in obedience**
- ❑ **Joy in celebrating others living out Godly lives**
- ❑ **When you have an attitude, make it an attitude of joy.**

Audio file

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Transcript

Alright, so it was a Riddle. OK, now we all maybe had a different attitude about the Riddle. Some of you are maybe annoyed by it. That's OK. Some. You're frustrated also. OK, maybe we're excited. You're like, hey, I'm going to get this Riddle right. I'm going to understand if some of your scoffing. I mean, why are we doing this? Jeff, I don't want to do this. Any of them are totally OK. All fine, but they all elicited an attitude. Attitude. We're gonna talk about attitude today. Those of us with young children, we often talk about their attitudes. We also have to watch our attitudes today. Joy is going to be an attitude. So we're going to look at joy being an attitude we are in week two of our series in the Book of Philippians called Joy. Choose to choose it. There it is. Right there. So we're in week. You quick note we will be off from Philippians next week. Mary and Kevin Kennesaw will be here. They will be taking this time to speak and share about what they're doing with Ryan Madison. So please come in here for Mary and Kevin. Kevin's going to lead worship too. It's going to be awesome. So we'll be on a break from Philippians next week. But today we will be in Philippians too looking at Joy as a major theme. So a quick recap, I guess from last week if you weren't with us or need a. Where we talked about how joy was really in Jesus, how joy is found in Jesus. We're partnered together and sharing the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus being preached no matter what the motives, that is joyful, and that in the end we take joy that Jesus is always what's to come in our future, no matter what Jesus is always there. That can't be taken from us. So we have joy. In Jesus and today, we'll look at joy. Like I said, as an add. Suit and that we're going to take an attitude of joy and humility and obedience. And in that of celebrating others, maybe not all things we think about having attitude of joy in, but we're going to look at how we can do that. So today think about this when you start to have an attitude, we're all going to have one, whether it's about this afternoon being Sunday afternoon tomorrow morning or starting the work week again Monday, there's going to be an attitude. So when you start to have an attitude, make it an attitude of joy. Make it an attitude of joy. So let's look at Philippians to see what we can learn about joy. It'll be right up here behind me. It's marked in your Bibles on the table. We're going to start with Philippians 2 versus one through 11. If you want to follow along in on a phone computer. Tablet. Ohh great. I will be in the NIV translation. So here we go Philippians 2 verses one

through 11. Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ if any comfort from his love if any common sharing in the. Hear it if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like minded. Having the same love being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, rather in humility. Value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest. But each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God did not consider equality with God, something to be used to his own advantage. Rather he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death. Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledged that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father. We will stop there. So Paul starts this section with a call to be like minded. OK, so to be like minded he's like you guys share in the spirit we're going to share in fellowship with each other. We're all kind of coming at it with this like mindedness. So he says his joy will be made complete by being like minded. So this is Paul's joy and he's like by you guys growing and maturing. Christ and living like him, Paul's like that brings me joy. Paul's goal in his ministry is his joy that's brought out by how they live together. It's not in him amassing this huge following, not in accolades, not in anything else but his joy in his followers growing together in Christ. And growing in Christ together is having the same love for God and the same love for people that God has the same view of humanity that God has. So it's also about others. And this takes humility. It takes humility, because we have to see others before themselves. That's what it looks like, right. Doing nothing out of selfish. Give up self promotion and striving for social prestige. This would have been a deep cut to the Roman culture. That the Philippians are living in. They were all about prestige. It mattered how awesome you were. It mattered about your status having it and having people think you have it. So it was a big deal that if somebody, if I'm looking at Kyle, if I think Kyle's got high status, that was a big deal in Roman culture to even just have people think that your status aside. Paul is like put that down because if we're being too prideful, might confuse God's will with our own and try to intermingle. Alright, so he's like, lay down the pride. Look at what others need. It's very possible that many of the other followers of Jesus were in financial hardship. Why? Because by following Jesus and being a Christian, they were no longer worshipping or putting, you know, Roman or Pagan gods up on a pedestal. And that would have rubbed a lot of people the wrong way. So it's possible they took business elsewhere, right? So he's like, look at everybody else. All right. He's like you still need to take care of your own family, but look at expanding your family to other believers. Make it bigger. Serve and help those around you. He says Christ is the example of this, of total humility. Christ is example of

humility. We can't duplicate the Ministry of Jesus, but we can take on his attitude. Being completely humble, Jesus came to Earth as completely God and completely human. But he didn't use his whole being holy being God to an advantage to make things better on himself, or either to give himself immortality. He took on the role of a servant in human likeness, and he even washed other people's feet for a man to wash another man's feet that seemingly had lower. Saddest than him was unheard of. Right. It would have been as humiliating and Jesus didn't care because Jesus came to serve. He served God, he listened. God, he listened to his father, even to the point of going to the cross and dying. Now the Philippians, Paul's not saying, hey, you're going to go all the way that route to where you're going to be, to go and be executed on a cross. But he's like, have that mindset. Follow God in the way he wants, serve others, and then Paul says Jesus was exalted after he did all this, and it wasn't an exaltation as like a celebration of hey, he did it. He's going to get even bigger status. The exaltation, the celebration was that it's a salvation that we can all share in now, right. So Jesus died and rose again. To save us all, and now it's shared in. So we took on this attitude of humility. Humility can be tough. I've talked about the TV show the Bear before. I'm gonna talk about it again. Takes place mostly in a restaurant. There's an episode of the. Bear and it's. Called Forks and what happens in this episode is one of the characters. His name is Ritchie. He has to go and intern at an upscale restaurant for the week and they send him there and he gets there in his first job. What they tell him his whole job. The week is just do Polish forks. So they're washed their clean. He's just gonna Polish them. And he's like, what the heck? This is beneath me. He has no joy. There's no appreciation of it. But throughout the week, he sees the whole restaurant. That works there, the chefs and everybody else. How much pride they're taking in their job, how important it is, how much they put into that, no matter how big or small their task is and how much it matters to them to make their customers and their guests feel a. And eventually later on in the in the episode, he gets to really make a guest day and have this big thing with the guest and it's awesome. So he starts to see the value and importance of putting other people 1st and he grows and learns about himself and it all comes from this incredibly humbling experience of having to Polish the forks. We need to take joy in our own version of polishing the forks. So how do we become humble? I want to share my always my favorite definition of humility. I will use this every time I've used it before, but it is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less. Let's remember that as we talk about humility. So Paul calls every to be like minded. Now it's not that all of us in this room become the same person. That's not what like minded means. We're all unique. God made us different. God made us uniquely. But being like minded isn't taking away from that. It's saying that in our uniqueness, we all in our own way can serve God and serve others. So the like mindedness is serving God and serving others. It's having our hearts being out and up so out towards others, up towards God. So hearts and minds pointing out. That's

humility, because we're putting people in front of us ahead of us. We're saying we're no better than anyone else because God, I mean, it's all uniquely and will serve. Then our hearts are pointing up. We're growing in God. We're growing in our faith. Needing to grow and mature in Christ is admitting we aren't there yet. We don't have it all figured out. We're not as mature Christians. As we maybe could be, we'll never really get there, but that's part of being. Christian is always growing, always following Jesus more. So Paul takes joy that people are humble enough to keep growing and maturing in their faith. To Paul again, it's not about the number of followers, but about how the followers are actually following Christ that's really convicting. For me. I read about this last week and I was like, man, Paul isn't about the numbers and that's hard because we got a lot of empty chairs and room. I would love to see them all full, as many of us would. I would love to see more people in here, but that's not what it's all about. What it's about is those of us that are already here following Jesus more and continually to grow in Jesus. That doesn't mean we can't want more people here. We all do. But what Paul is saying, the joy comes in all of us growing and maturing in our faith. So it's this this growth. So it's humility that we all need to realize that we need to continue to grow, and that is about heart chain. And spiritual growth and serving others. Humility is also about looking at where our influences come from, what influences us, what drives us to grow or change, or do things. We live in an influencer world, whether we like it or not. Between the news, social media, anything else. Everything influences us. Here we go. Two things just from today. Scrolling that Riddle I put up I saw on Instagram on Tuesday, I thought, hey, that'd be fun to use. The knot in my tie. Not that any of you would notice. It's different not than I usually tie. Why? A scroll on Instagram. I saw some British dude teach about different ways to tie ties. Like I want to try that one. Influences. There's nothing wrong with those, right? The food I make, I see people making different food. I want to make it. There's nothing wrong with those influences. They're not all bad. But what we really need is Jesus to be our influencer. Jesus being the influencer and the Bible to be his platform. Right. I don't know if Jesus would have been on Instagram or TikTok, or any of those. I think actually he probably have been more of a Twitter guy. I don't know that, but he is our influencer. So see, hear and learn about his influences and let that affect you. Whether it's an actual Bible like these, it's your phone. It doesn't matter. But let the Bible and the words of God in Jesus's life influence you. Be humble enough to accept that you need his influences and take it. Take joy that that humility is actually growing in Christ. So take joy and humility. Have that attitude. Let's keep going. Philippians 2, verses 12 through 8. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling for it's God who works in you, to will, and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and. To your children of God without without fault in a warped and crooked general. Then

you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. Then I would be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I'm glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too. Should be glad and rejoice with me. Stop there. All right. Paul starts by saying the Philippians need to work out their salvation. Now. This does not mean they are working to earn their salvation or working to gain their salvation. Paul is a huge salvation by grace through Faith Guy, just like we are what he's saying really. The way I heard it described is to almost make that salvation operational. So showing and demonstrating. Their new lives in Christ. So they've accepted Jesus. They're following him, showing their spiritual growth, showing their spiritual progress. That's what he's getting at, almost like you are exercising it, OK. And he's like, this is done by right living and obedience to God. God could snap his fingers and make everything he wants to happen, or calls us to do happen because he's God, but he actually wants us to obey, and he delights in us listening to him and following him. So Paul saying, be obedient to God. And do that whether Paul's there or Paul. 'S not with him. He's like, just do it, follow God and be obedient. And he levels it up. Do it all without grumbling and without arguing. Do it all without grumbling and arguing. Paul is going into Dad mode. OK, yeah, I know. I say it to my kids. The sea grumbling in the Bible, we looked at Exodus this past fall. Israelites grumbled against Moses because there wasn't enough food. Crumbling happens. Paul knows that people are prone to grumble, so he reminds them not to grumble about anything. Do all things obedience without grumbling. If you have kids or you've had to give somebody a task where it's like one thing, sometimes they'll go. OK, I'll do that one thing, but ask him to do 4 things. Right. That's how this goes. All things in obedience without grumbling. He also says do without arguing, cause arguing leads to dissension, right? It breaks up the unity. We talk about unity within the fellow believers. This is an issue, I think that Paul, seeing possibly happen with the Philippians. So he's like don't argue. He's like when we do this, we we obey, we do with our arguing we do without grumbling. When we do this, we become blameless and pure, blameless and pure. Basically faithful followers of Jesus. He's like this purity. This blamelessness will help you stand out against the world. Help you stand out? Not in a way that you're beating them over the head with saying, hey, I'm better than you or I'm more writer than you or anything like that. It's purity in the fact that they're standing against sin that destroys lives and hurts the vulnerable. They're standing against that. Being pure isn't just about the individual purity in ourselves actually can help others. That's what Paul's getting at with them. He's reminding them just by being followers of Jesus. You have a light. But obey God, live right obedience, be blameless, and let that light shine. He's like. And why? Why are you gonna do this? Do it so Paul can boast. Huh, that timeout so that Paul can boast. Yeah, it's weird. Paul's kind of tricky sometimes, but it's not a boasting out of arrogance, but to encourage in Paul's day, it was actually

socially acceptable. If somebody's up there talking to a group to be boastful, to be a little prideful, if the goal is to encourage those listening. So Paul's actually using a social convention. To help actually boast about the gospel while he's boasting about his followers and all of this comes from obedience and purity of the Philippians. That's something to rejoice in, together, right to rejoice in that obedience. We were out back this weekend. It was Tuesday and we we have some newer backyard neighbors. The house comes up around the back of ours and he's got a dog. They got his dog named Pretzel. Great dog name, right? And pretzel is fairly young, very energetic. So we met pretzel and as we're talking to the owner of the owners get, Brian is like throwing a stick, saying go get a pretzel, go do this. OK, pretzel sit, you know, pretzel, come, you know, do all these things giving the commands that we hear for dogs to help learn how to be obedient, right. And some pretzel would do some pretzel, not so much pretzels is very excited to run around outside. Totally great. But you could see some of the delight in the owner's eyes on pretzels, listening and obeying. God actually delights in our obedience. Now we are not dogs, and God is the owner. It's not where we're going, but that kind of mindset of that actually likes it and delights in us when we're obedient. When we live rightly, we live pure and blameless lives to take joy and obedience. And I feel like obedience sometimes when I hear the word takes on a negative vibe almost even though it's a good thing because it's. Like you were. Told by your parents, you have to obey what I say. Or again with the pets thing. But it's actually something to take joy in. Right. We take joy in our obedience by working out our salvation again, exercising it, living rightly. That's what we're doing. Show what it means in your life. Take that influence of Jesus we talked about in the first section. Live it out and show what it is. And we do that by obeying what God's commanded. It might be a command. To do or not do something. It might be a calling to take your life in a certain direction. Either way, when we obey God, he delights in us. He doesn't look at our obedience as him forcing us into submission and being some domineering father. He is recognizing that we want to follow him and that we're listening and he delights in that. Then we need to do it without grumbling and arguing. Do it in a way that doesn't cause dissension or break up the unity within the church. Don't complain about obeying God. Don't argue about who is following God. Better keep yourselves pure from that. Keep yourselves pure and blameless from other ungodly influences. Paul says to be pure and blameless because other people see that purity is obedience. It's not just about us, right? It affects. Other people need to be pure in our personal lives. What we're looking at thinking about seeing it affects how we see and treat other people. So it affects other people need to be pure. And our intentions are we doing the right things for the right reasons? As I was studying this when there was a commentator that had an interesting point about this and she said too often in churches today. Prayer requests and gossip are becoming synonymous because we're sharing things with other people and guiding it as a prayer request, but really just trying to talk with other

people. So, like, we gotta watch the intention, we should absolutely be praying for each other. So watch the intention. So why are we doing things? Purity in all aspects of our lives, being pure and blameless, and let others see you that way. Each of us already has a light of Jesus in us because we're followers of Jesus. But let that light shine brighter by being pure and blameless. Take joy in that type of obedience that when we obey, when we listen, when we follow God, our light shine. So take joy and obedience. Look at the last section, Philippians 2:19 through 30. I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. I have no one else like him who will show genuine concern for your welfare, for everyone looks out for their own interests, not to those of Jesus. Is Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself because as a son with his father, he has served with me in the work of the gospel. I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. I'm confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon, but I think it's necessary to send back to you. Onesiphorus, my brother, coworker and fellow soldier who's also your messenger. Whom you sent to take care of my needs, for he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. Indeed he was ill and almost died. But God had mercy on him and not on him only, but also on me to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. Therefore, I am all the more eager to send him so that when you see him again, he may be glad, and I may have less anxiety. So then welcome him in the Lord with great joy. Honor people like him because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up, to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. That's the end of the chapter all right, so Paul writes. Two individuals and what he's doing, he's really celebrating both of them for the work that they have done. First one is Timothy. Later on in the New Testament, we actually have two letters that Paul writes to Timothy, part of what's called the Pastoral epistles. Paul met him on his second missionary journey. Timothy's mother and grandmother were very, very godly women we hear about. Paul would say Timothy was indispensable to his ministry work. He shows all the characteristics of being humble and obedient that have been listed. And what Paul really loves and admires is that Timothy's devoted to evangelism, and he loves building others up and encouraging them in their faith. So Timothy, right now at the time of the letter, he's with Paul as Paul's in jail, and he's going to stay with him for a while and then eventually he's gonna make the trip to Philippi, see how it's going and go back and meet Paul wherever he is and give him an update. So Timothy is living out God's work in his life, and Paul is celebrating that. Then he goes to Onesiphorus. We mentioned him briefly last week. Paul uses a lot of complimentary rewards here for Onesiphorus, my brother, my coworker in Christ. Just to show how much he thinks of him, Onesiphorus was the Philippians church messenger, and he brought the financial gift to Paul. But then he got very ill, either on the journey or once he got to Rome where Paul was. And this news gets back to the Philippians and it distressed Onesiphorus he didn't want them to be worried about him. So Paul

decides to send him back with this letter, and it's probably earlier than the original plan. The plan was probably for Aphroditos to stay long. But this letter and this celebration from Paul is really important because it's possible that people back in Philippi would have seen Aphroditos as a failure because he was sent back earlier and Paul is putting a stop to that right away. He's like he welcomed him back. He faithfully served God. He didn't fail. He didn't give up. Did he go exactly how he planned it. No, but he humbly, strongly, and faithfully served God. And that is indeed to be celebrated, celebrated for the work. How many of you have ever received some sort of gift or something for a work anniversary like you've been at your job 1050. Yeah. OK. Right. So these kind of things happen. Some are exciting. Some aren't. Right. You finished your job for a while. I've heard about watches. Electronics. I think Stacy just got. We got glasses, right? He's like crystal glasses. I think my dad, I feel like got a catalog one time. You get to pick something out of, but I actually looked up some funny ones. Some gifts. You should give people that have been there for a while. One there was, I believe it was a sign that said I always gave 100 percent, 12% Monday, 24%, Tuesday, 35 Wednesday, 19th Thursday and 10:00 on Friday. I like that one. There was a candle that said light this when you need to set something on fire. And there was a mug that said work forecast scattered sarcasm with a strong chance of muttered. These I can't condone the profanities, but I understand where it comes from. Some people in your jobs, right? But it's a celebration. You've been at your job for X amount of time. They're celebrating you for your good work. Probably. Hopefully a company raise. But hey, we'll see what happens, right? But for a period of time. So celebrate the people that do the work. We should celebrate. People that are following God. Well, right, Paul celebrates Timothy and Aphroditos and we take joy in celebrating them. Right. We celebrate successes. We celebrate birthdays, we celebrate events and healings. That's great. Let's keep celebrating. As Christians, those are good things, but I don't know that we do much celebrating about people following God. Well, we're living out the call in their lives now. Following God isn't about a celebration. We don't do it to be celebrated, but it doesn't mean we shouldn't celebrate. Others, we do it not to give them a big head, but as an encouragement to recognize. Hey. Here's what you've done, and you're doing it well. Aphroditos might have thought he failed in his following because of his illness and needing to go home, but in reality he did phenomenal and Paul is celebrating that and you recognize it. So we should lift people up and celebrate them. The hard part is always is to watch again our own intentions and motives, not to do it out of envy. Or comparison, but really. Out of. For them. That they've celebrated God well, this takes humility from us, but we should still continue to do it. Think of others and really celebrate them. Take joy that God is working in and through them, and that they're following him well. We will have different attitudes. Right. We're all gonna have attitudes again this week. Some you might have an attitude about something right now. Later today. Tomorrow. Try to have an attitude of joy. Taking

attitude of Joyable being humble. That not everything is about us, but about putting others and God first. Serving others and taking that view of them that God has and then growing in your relationship and as a follower of Jesus, let that bring you joy. Joint obedience, not a forced obedience, but an obedience out of the fact that God loves you and saved you and delights in your obedience. It's about being pure in all aspects of our lives, our intentions, our personal lives and everything. Because when we do that, our light shines. So we want other people to see that other people to see Jesus and how we live. And then take joy in celebrating others as they live out their godly lives. Encourage them by celebrating. So whenever you think about your attitude, your feel and attitude coming on today, tomorrow, this week, make it an attitude of joy. Let's pray. Got to thank you for this chapter in this letter. God, now we can learn about how joy is an attitude, an attitude that we take on. So I pray that it's something we would remember, that we really focus on that when we feel our attitudes going in different directions. God, remember to have joy in you that we would take joy in being humble, take joy in our obedience and joy in celebrating. And God, just to remember that our joy comes in you. And that whatever is next. Whatever's happened, you're always a part of it. So I pray we would. Have that Julie your.