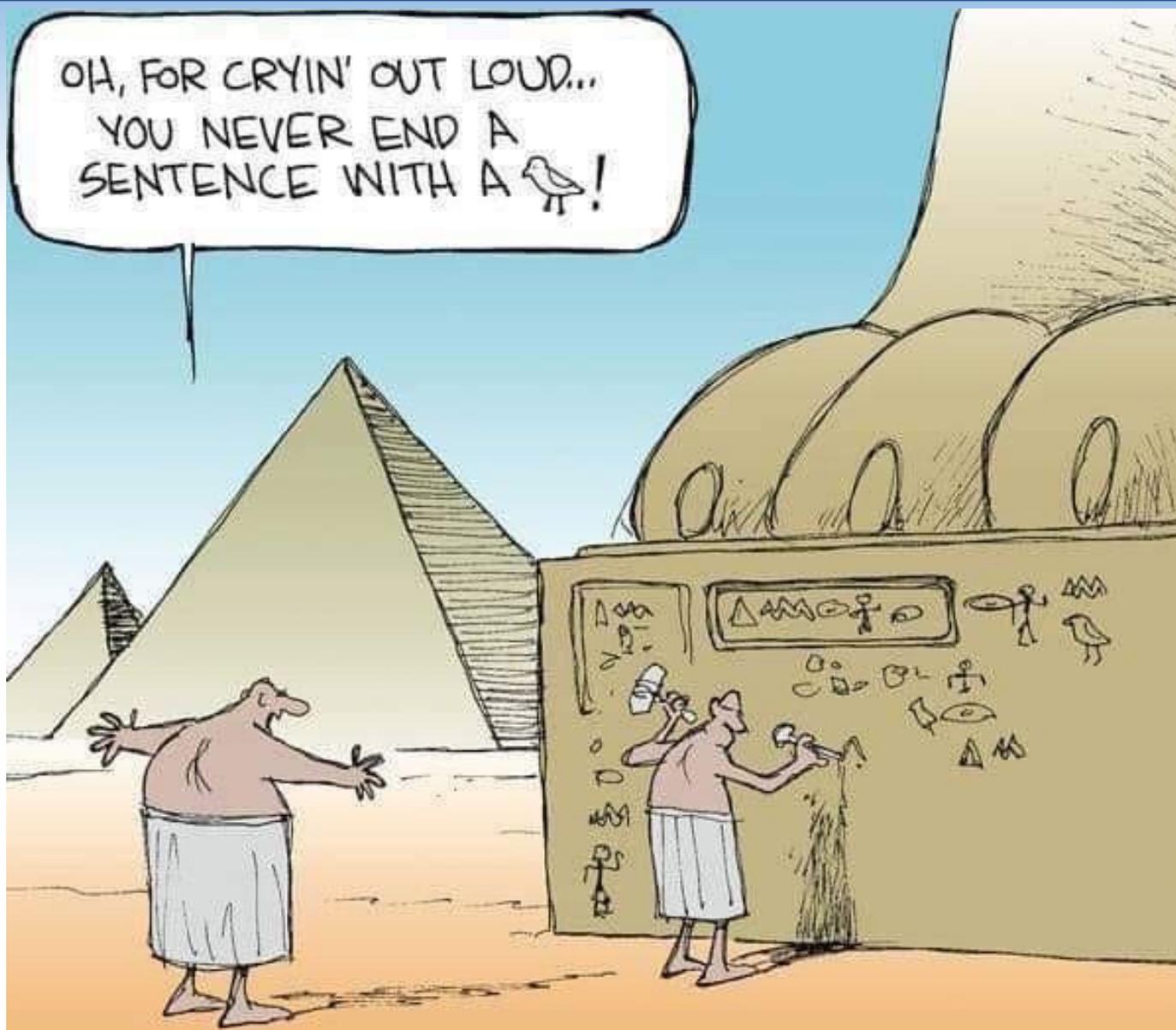


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YOU NEVER END A  
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ANCIENT GRAMMAR POLICE

# Philippians

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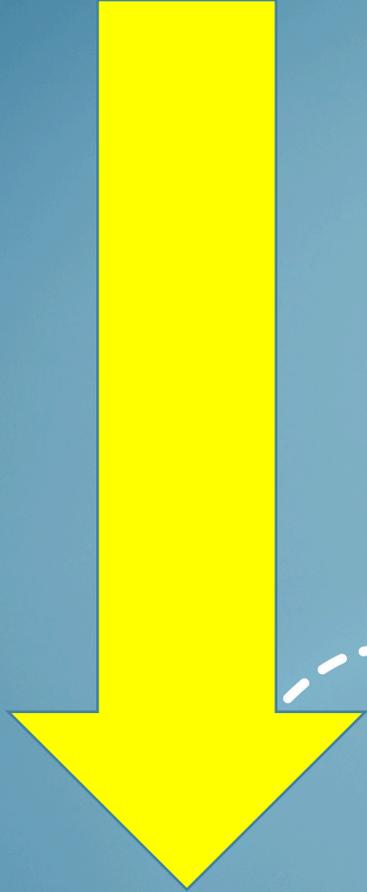
Living By the Cross



Time for  
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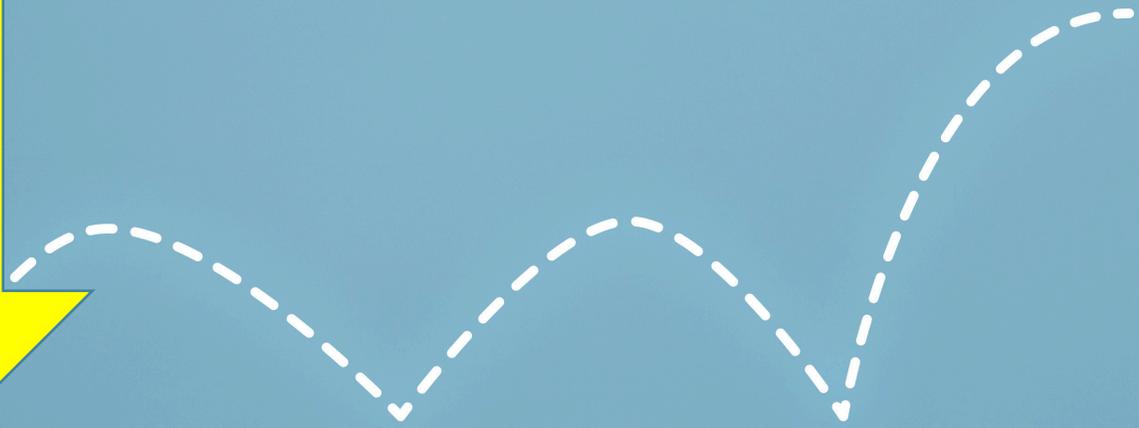
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1:28-2:4

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2:5-11



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# Writing a Theme Statement

This becomes Paul's theme statement for Phil. 1:27-2:18

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Paul saw all of life through the prism of the death of Christ

All of life

The gospel has ethical content

Paul's view

The "gospel"

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(Scratchpad)



Philippi

Philippi is a Roman “colony” – an outpost of Rome with citizen rights of Rome; Roman law; and Roman rule

Philip II  
382 336

Battle  
42

Jesus  
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Paul  
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As Philippi is a Roman “colony,” think of the church as a “Kingdom of God colony”

Citizenship has rights AND responsibilities

CITIZENSHIP

The image features a central book spine with the word 'CITIZENSHIP' written vertically in large, bold, yellow capital letters. To the left of the spine is a stack of five books with a dark wooden gavel resting on top. To the right is another stack of five books. The background is a blurred bookshelf filled with books, and the entire scene is set on a dark surface.

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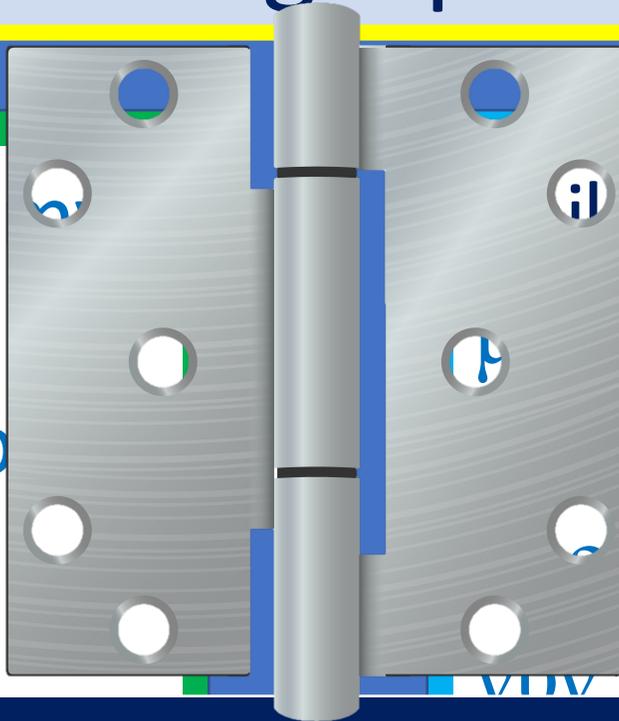
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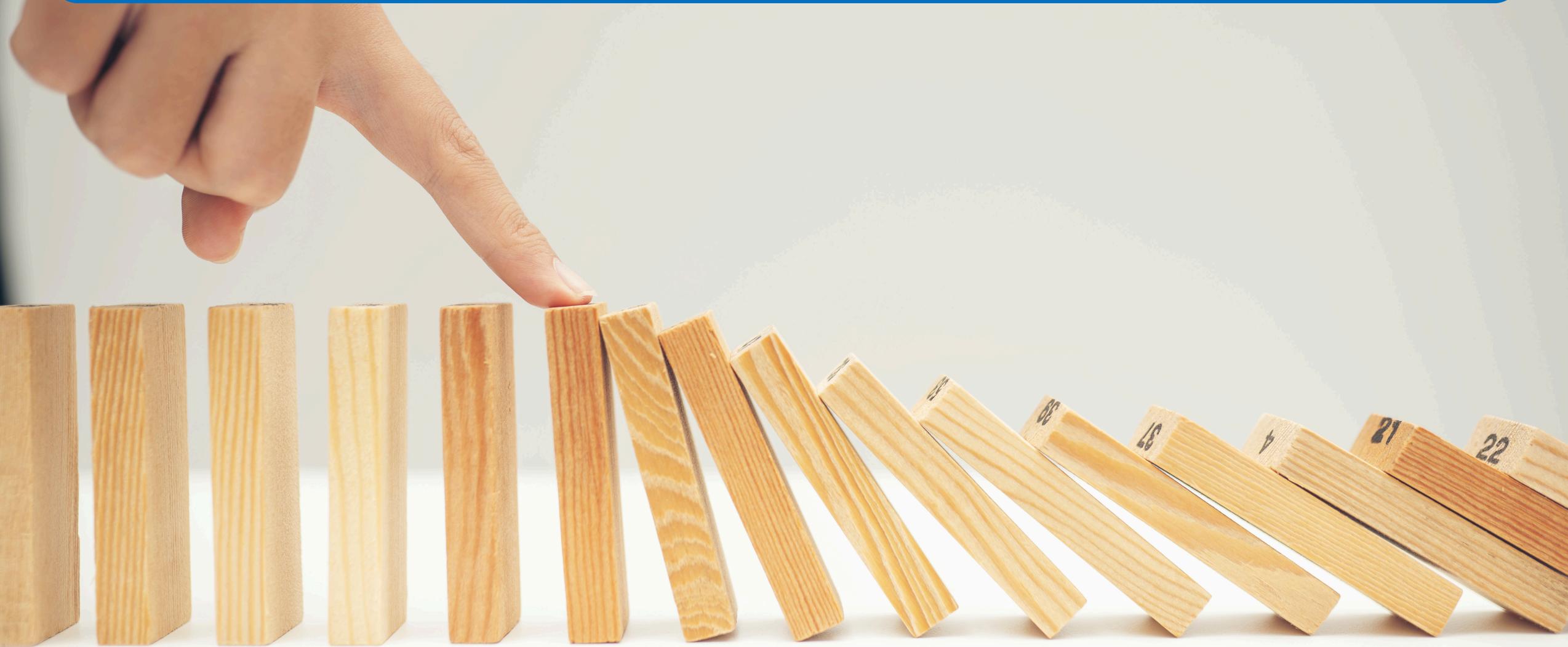
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What is so important that Paul stops his “Therefore”?



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Rom 6:16

“obeyed” *hup-akou-ō* (ὑπακούω):  
hear and come under – i.e., “follow,”  
“listen to and heed,” “regard,” “respond to”

For Paul, love is expressed in action



For Paul, *faith* is expressed in action

Rom 1:5

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The  
importance  
of context!

It was a beautiful day...





This isn't a text in how to be saved;  
it's a text on being ethical!

E t h i c s

Lanier  
paraphrase:

Stop your fussing and  
get about God's work!



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Dt. 2:25; 11:25

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A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a yellow cardigan over a grey polo shirt, sits behind a young boy. The boy is wearing a black shirt and a black watch, and is looking at a laptop screen with a wide smile. The woman is also smiling and has her right fist raised in a celebratory gesture. The background is a bright, blurred indoor setting with a window and some decorative items on a table.

Like a parent,  
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I Cor. 10:10; Ex. 16:7, 8, 9, 12

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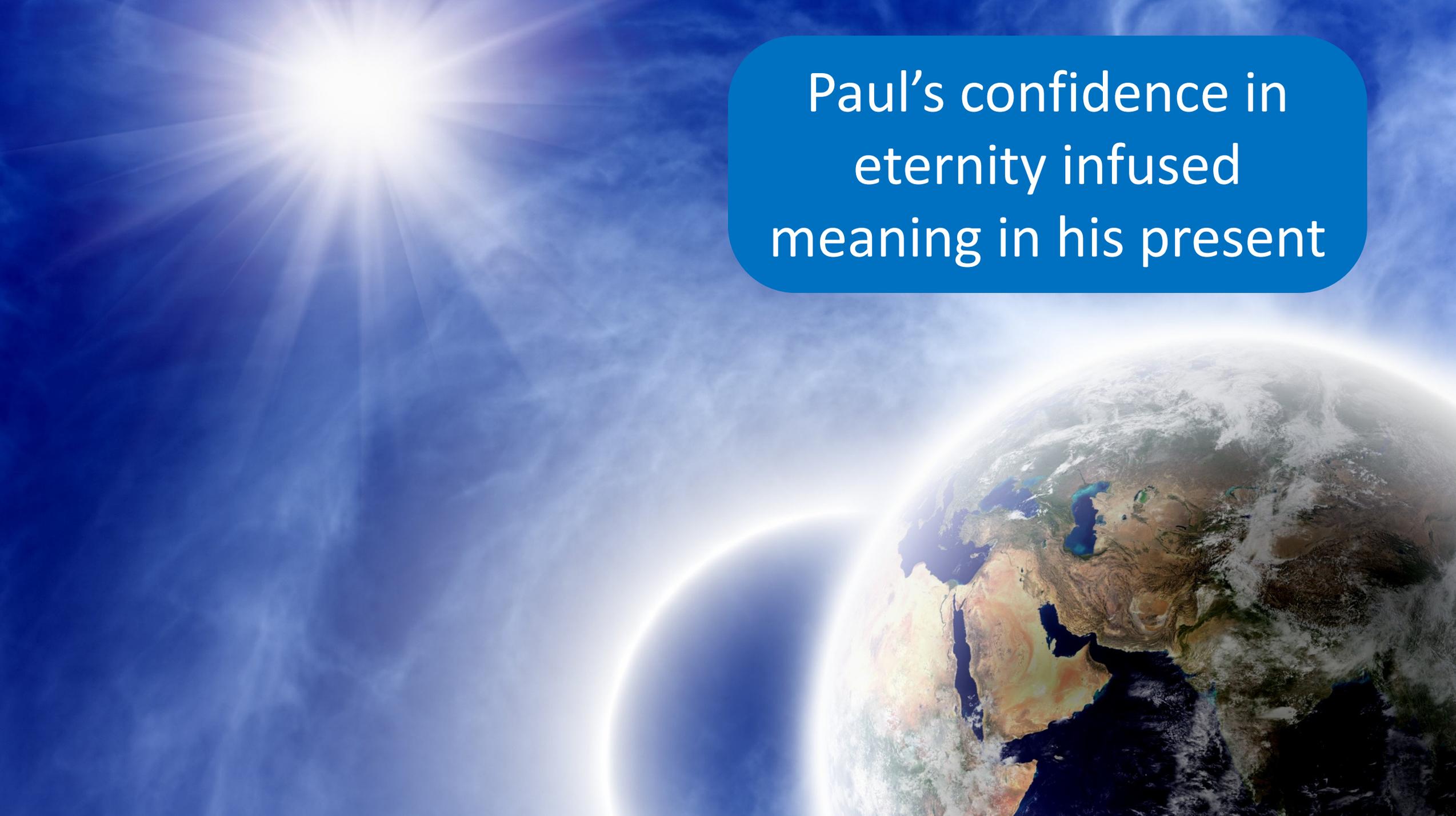
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Paul's confidence in  
eternity infused  
meaning in his present

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ”

Phil. 2:16-18 ...holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not **run** in vain or **labor** in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and ...

Phil. 2:16-18 ...λόγον ζωῆς ἐπέχοντες, εἰς καύχημα ἔμοι εἰς ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ εἰς κενὸν **ἔδραμον** οὐδὲ εἰς κενὸν **ἔκοπίασα**. Ἄλλ' εἰ καὶ σπένδομαι ἐπὶ τῇ θυσίᾳ καὶ λειτουργίᾳ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν, χαίρω καὶ ...

“Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ”

Phil. 2:16-18 ...rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Phil. 2:16-18 ...συγχαίρω πᾶσιν ὑμῖν· τὸ δὲ αὐτὸ καὶ ὑμεῖς χαίρετε καὶ συγχαίρετέ μοι.

## Points to Ponder:



Conduct your life like a citizen  
in God's kingdom!

"Only let your manner of life be worthy  
of the gospel of Christ."  
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**Shine! Don't grumble!!!**

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Time for church!

