

Philippians

The key and
the secret!



Happy
Reformation
Day!



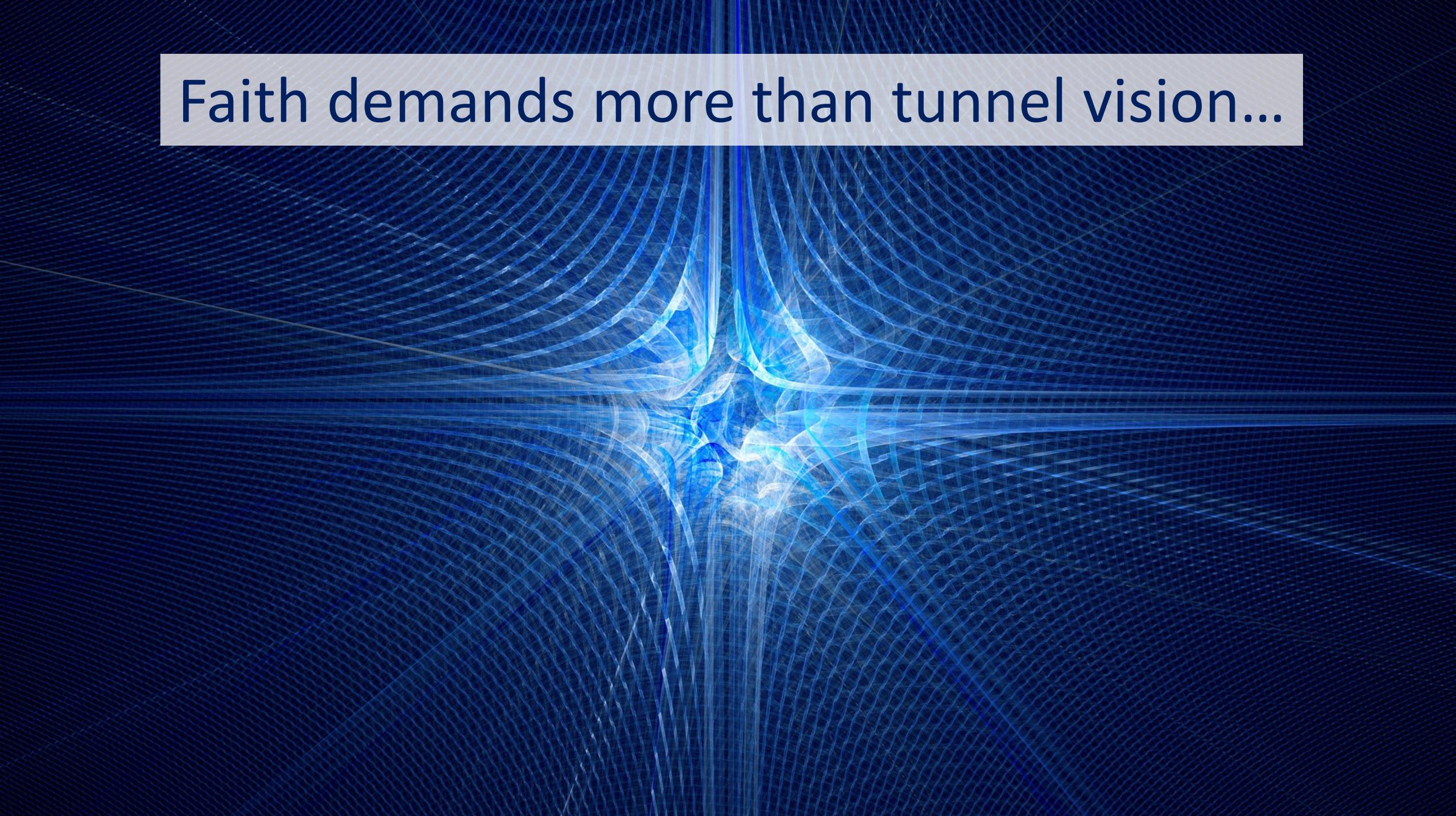


THANK YOU

The truth of tunnel vision...



Faith demands more than tunnel vision...





Practice what
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The blessing of
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Hear the echo... the echo... the echo... the echo



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This is the same precise language,
just in the past tense ...

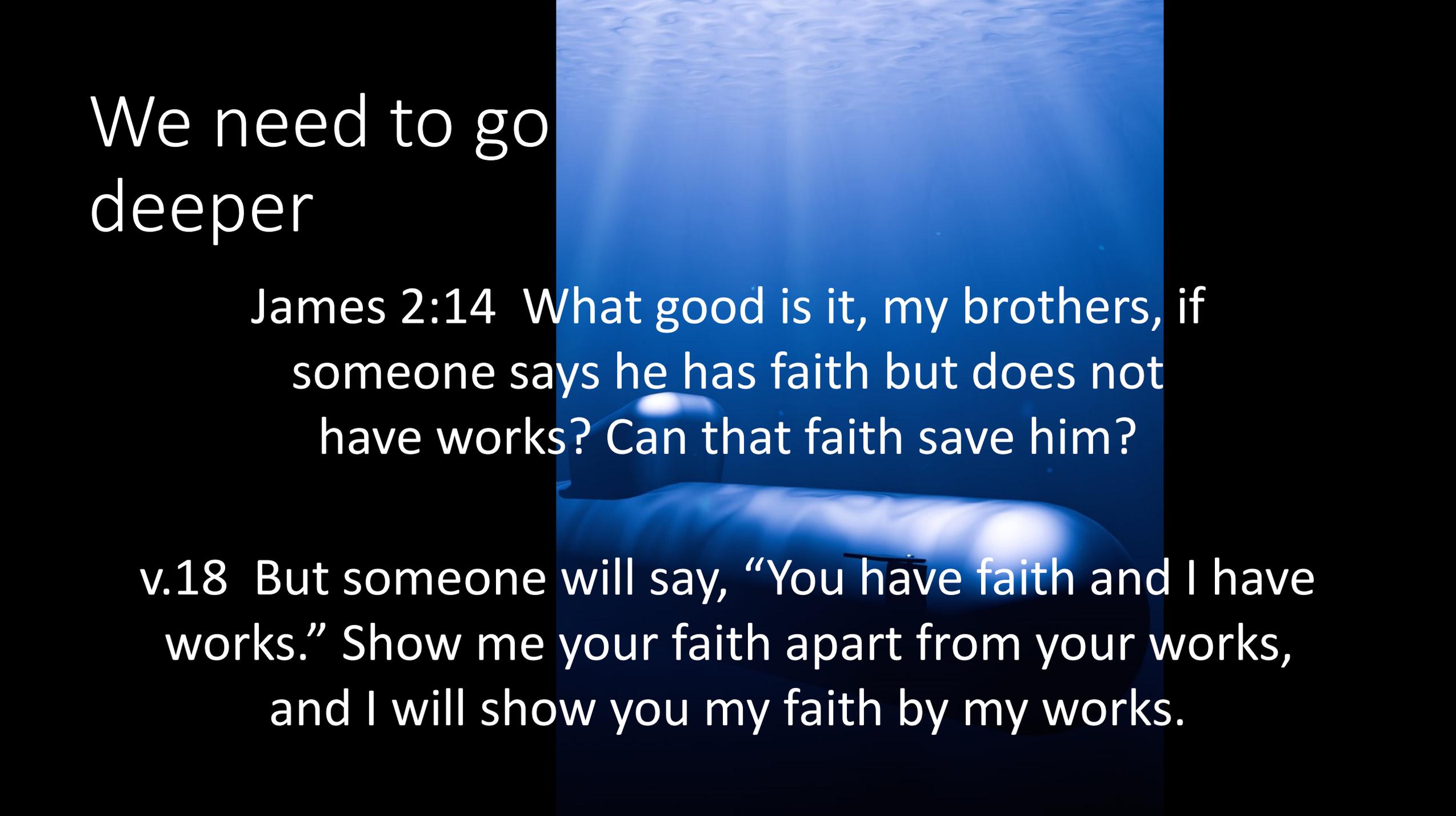
WALK

THE

TALK

PRACTICE WHAT

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An underwater scene with a blue submarine. The submarine is positioned in the lower half of the frame, moving towards the right. The water is a deep blue, and light rays are visible filtering down from the surface. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

We need to go
deeper

James 2:14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?

v.18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

I will live my faith





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When things are iffy; when things aren't what you want or need; when things are challenging, then as you choose to do godliness, you are showing your faith because you are acting only by faith

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“...*in* the Lord” means God is both the basis of one’s rejoicing and the focus of one’s rejoicing

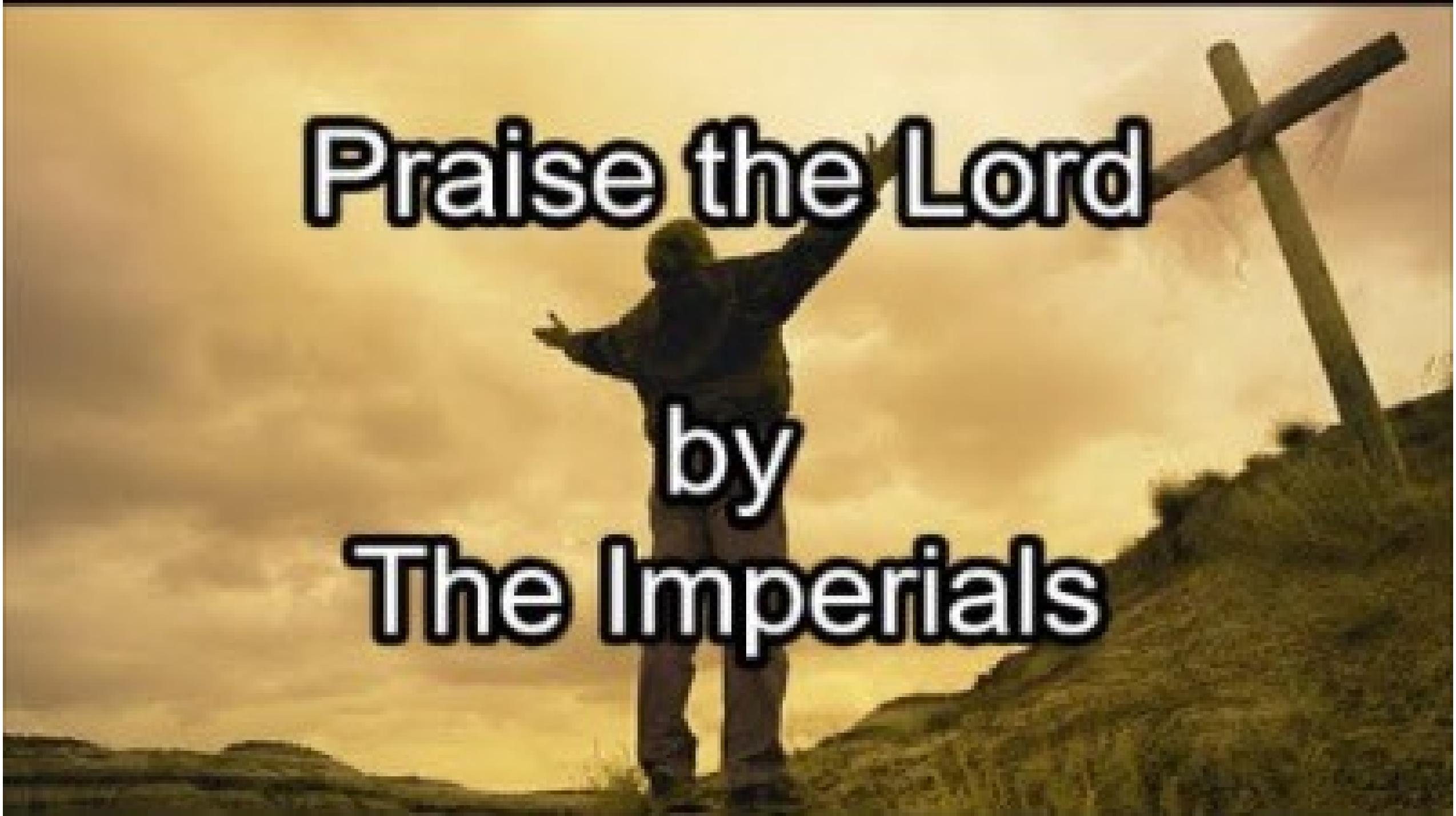
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More than a feeling, this is an activity:
joy expressed in praising and singing





Praise the Lord

by

The Imperials



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(ἤδη ποτὲ) Paul's stumbling Greek is "finally..." or "at last..." (Rom. 1:10)

This could have come off a bit passive aggressive

Back it up!
Beep beep beep...



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Paul goes “botanist” on us!

at last you “revived”
your concern for me

“revived” is anathallō
(ἀναθάλλω) the Spring
bloom or shoots

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**Don't miss the tight three-way bond:
Christ, Paul, and the Philippians**



Giving and receiving was the first mark of friendship in the Greco-Roman world



This magnified the
importance of Paul
clarifying his appreciation





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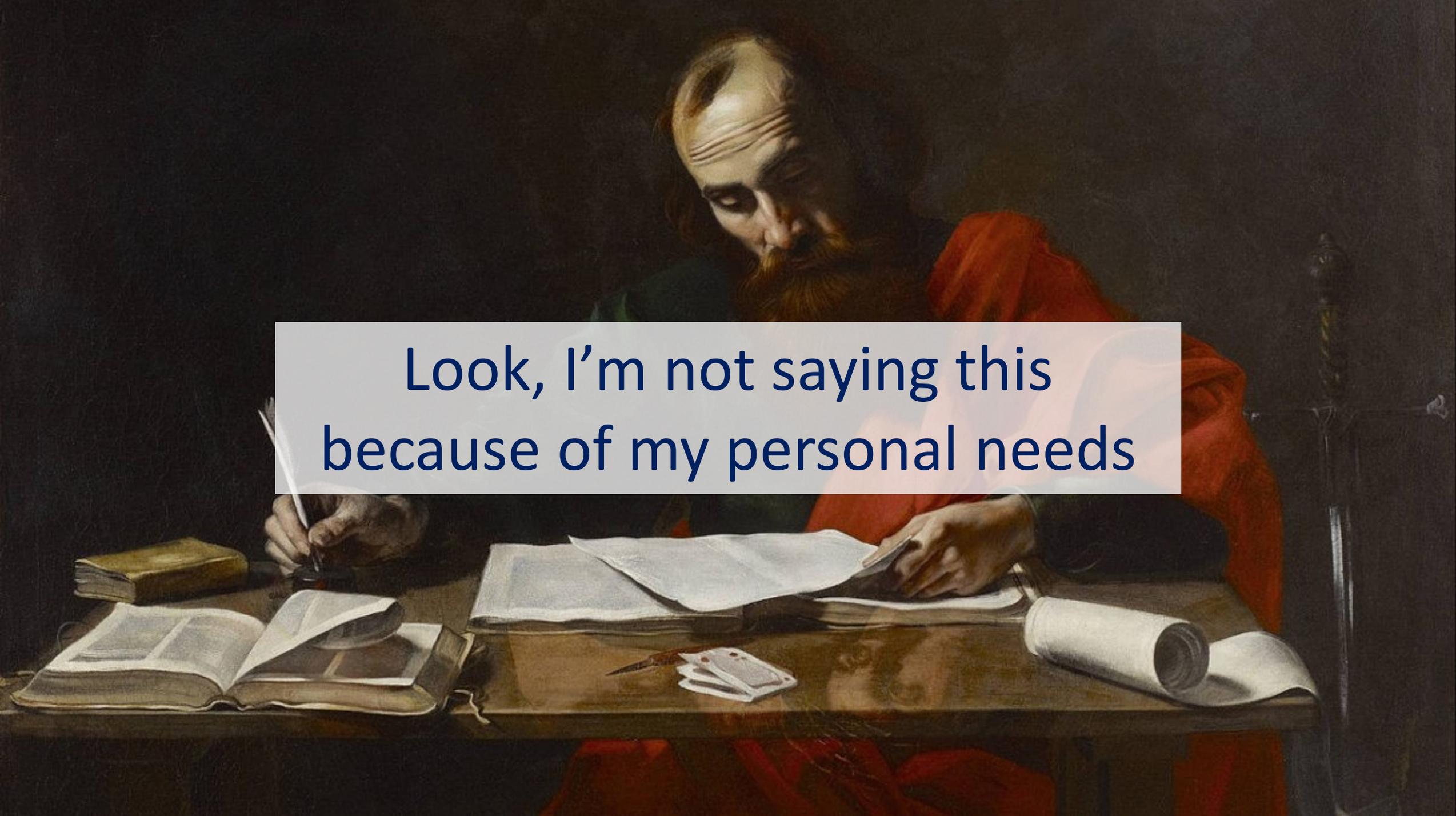
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(ὑστέρησις) “the idea of need” as
opposed to concrete need



Look, I'm not saying this
because of my personal needs

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Contentment (αὐτάρκης) was the ultimate goal of the Stoic

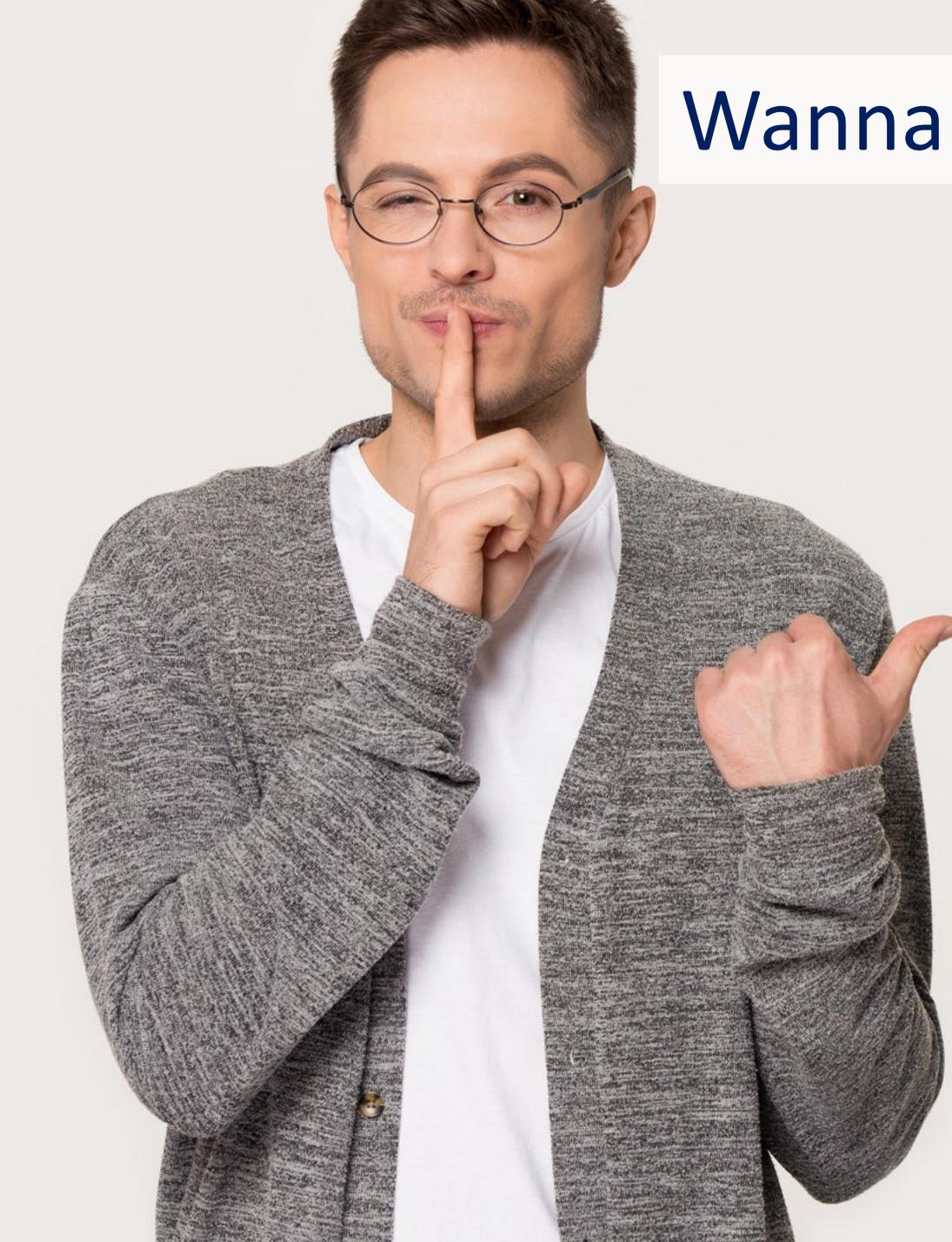
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“Secret” (μυέω) was a word for initiation into the mystery cults



Wanna know the secret?

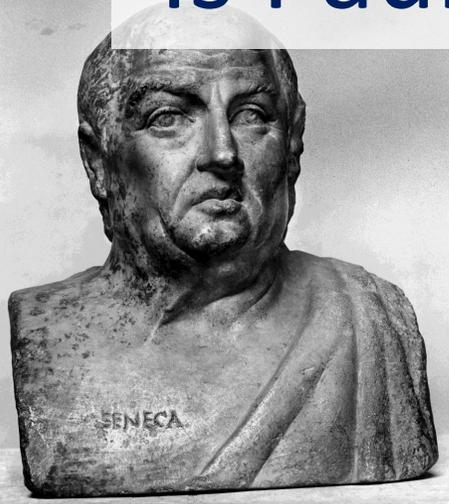
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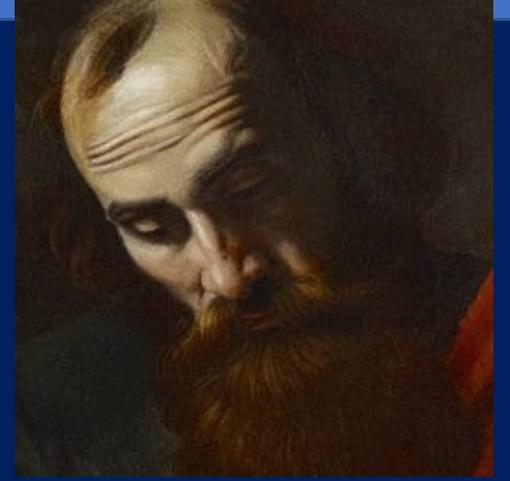
First see this in its context!!!

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No! Paul's a believer!



“The secret to being content? Living in the sufficient Christ!”
- Paul, *Philippian* 4:10ff

WALK

THROUGH

TALK

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through him who
strengthens me.”
- Phil. 4:13

“For me, to live is
Christ...”
- Phil. 1:21



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Points to Ponder:



Make faith choices!

“Rejoice in the Lord
always... I rejoiced in the
Lord greatly...”
(Phil. 4:3, 10)

Points to Ponder:



Work on relationships
in the Lord

Don't hesitate to back it
up to clear it up!

Points to Ponder:



Find the secret of a
contented life

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Time for church!



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