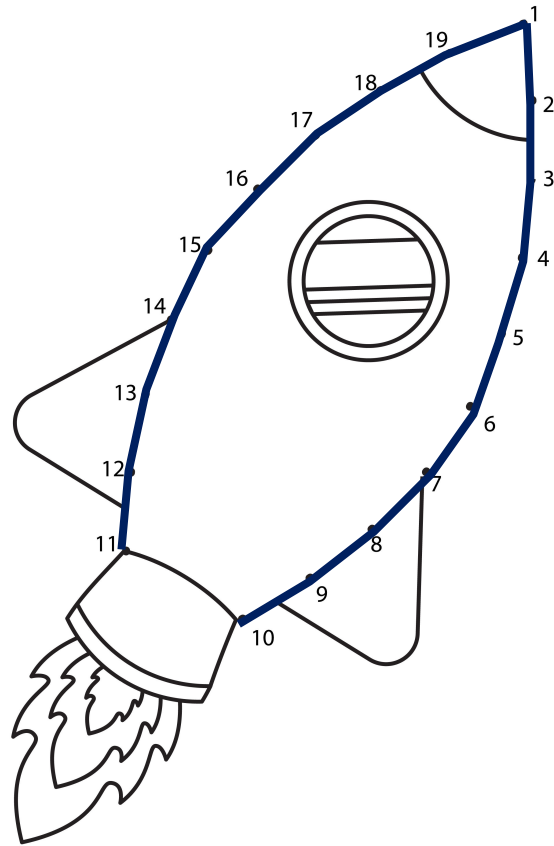


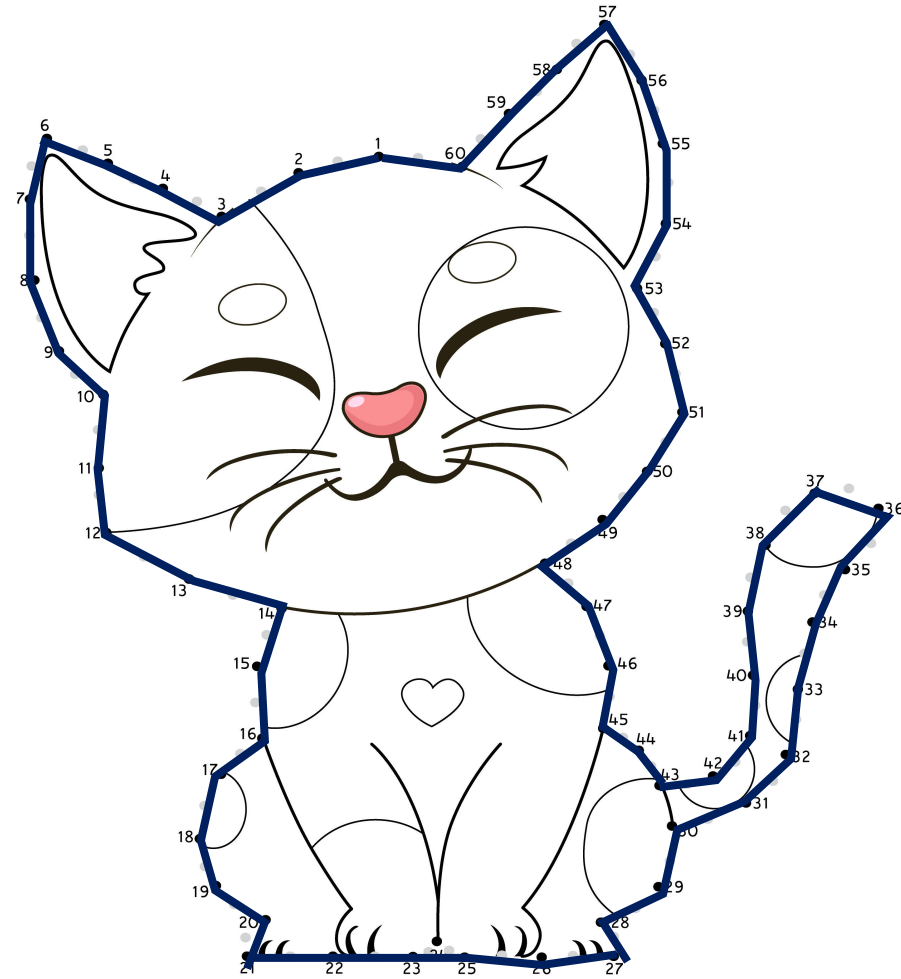
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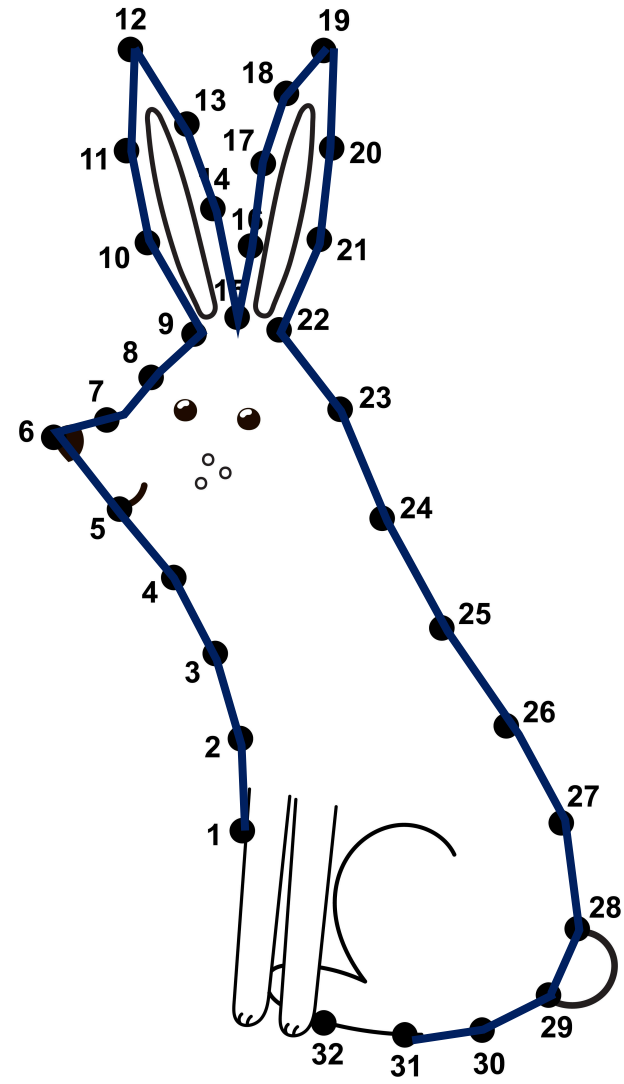
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The background image shows the archaeological site of Philippi. In the foreground, there are stone walls and a dirt path. Several tall, weathered columns stand in the middle ground. In the background, a large, rocky hill rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is a mix of natural landscape and ancient ruins.

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Paul's view

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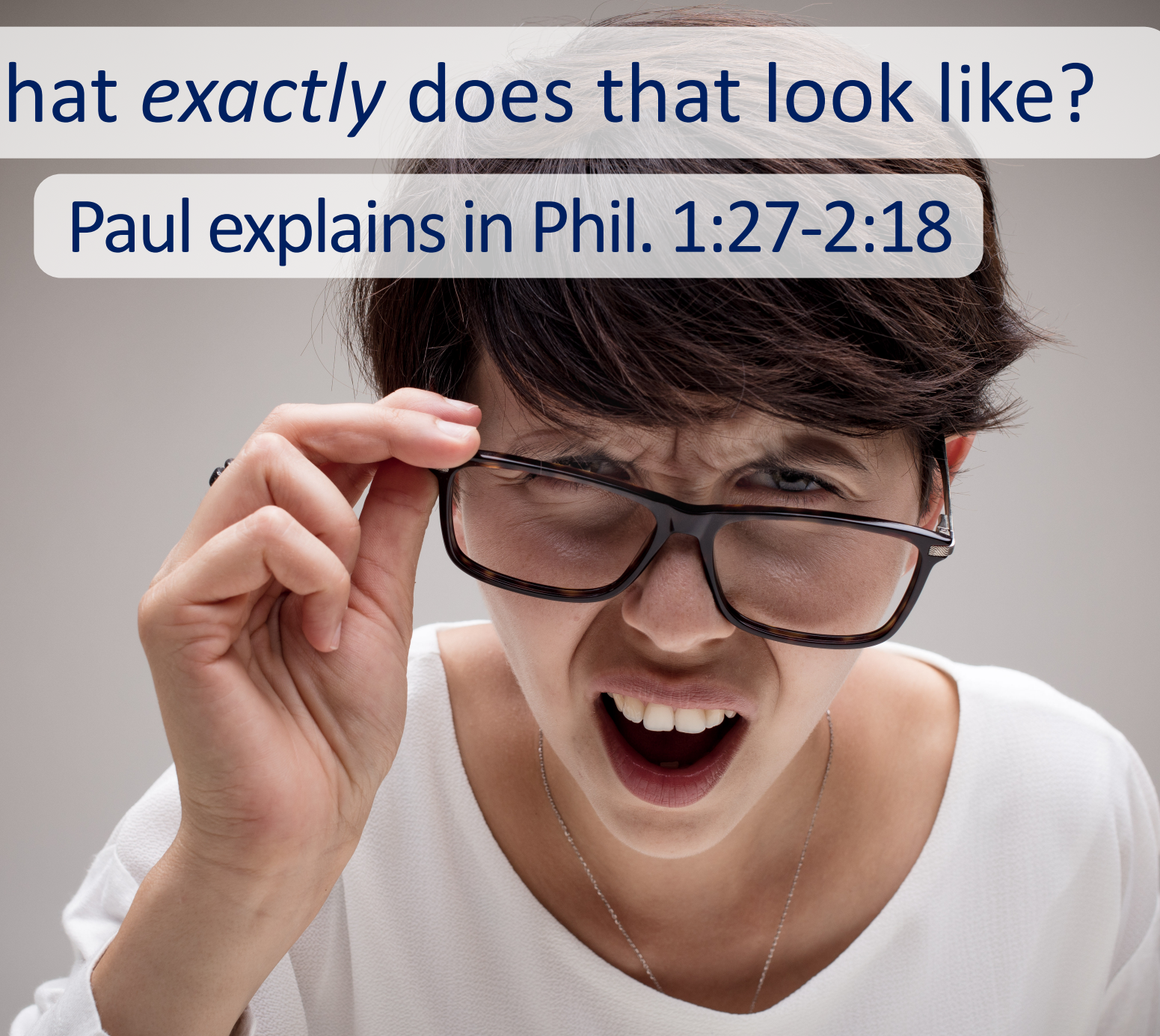


1 Cor 2:2 - “I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified”



What *exactly* does that look like?

Paul explains in Phil. 1:27-2:18



Writing a Theme Statement

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

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Axios (ἀξίως): In a manner worthy or suitable τῇ

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politeuomai (πολιτεύομαι): be a citizen/have a home
In this form (the “middle”), it means to
conduct your life like a citizen

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Battle of Philippi



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Acts 16



Philippi

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

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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 this spine is a stack of five old, thick books with worn, light-colored pages. A dark wooden gavel with a brass band is resting on top of the stack. To the right of the central spine is another stack of five similar old books. In the bottom right corner, the dark wooden base of a gavel is visible. The background consists of a blurred bookshelf filled with many books, suggesting a library or study environment.

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A top-down view of a group of people's hands stacked in a circle, symbolizing unity and teamwork. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different colored sleeves and watches. The background is a light, textured surface.

Unity and koinonia is POWERFUL

In 17:20-21 do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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sun+athle-o (συναθλέω): “with” + _____



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for a prize, fight...

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pturo (πτύρω): let yourself be intimidate, frightened



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soteria (σωτηρία): deliverance, preservation, salvation

Ps. 18:3,46

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charizomai (χαρίζομαι): give graciously
Common term in civic awards and documents honoring officials

Paul saw things differently



Paul took the long view



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Points to Ponder:



OLYMPICS Live United!

“standing firm in one spirit, with
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(Phil. 1:27)

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HORSES

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“... not frightened in anything ...”
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SUFFERING

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Time for church!

