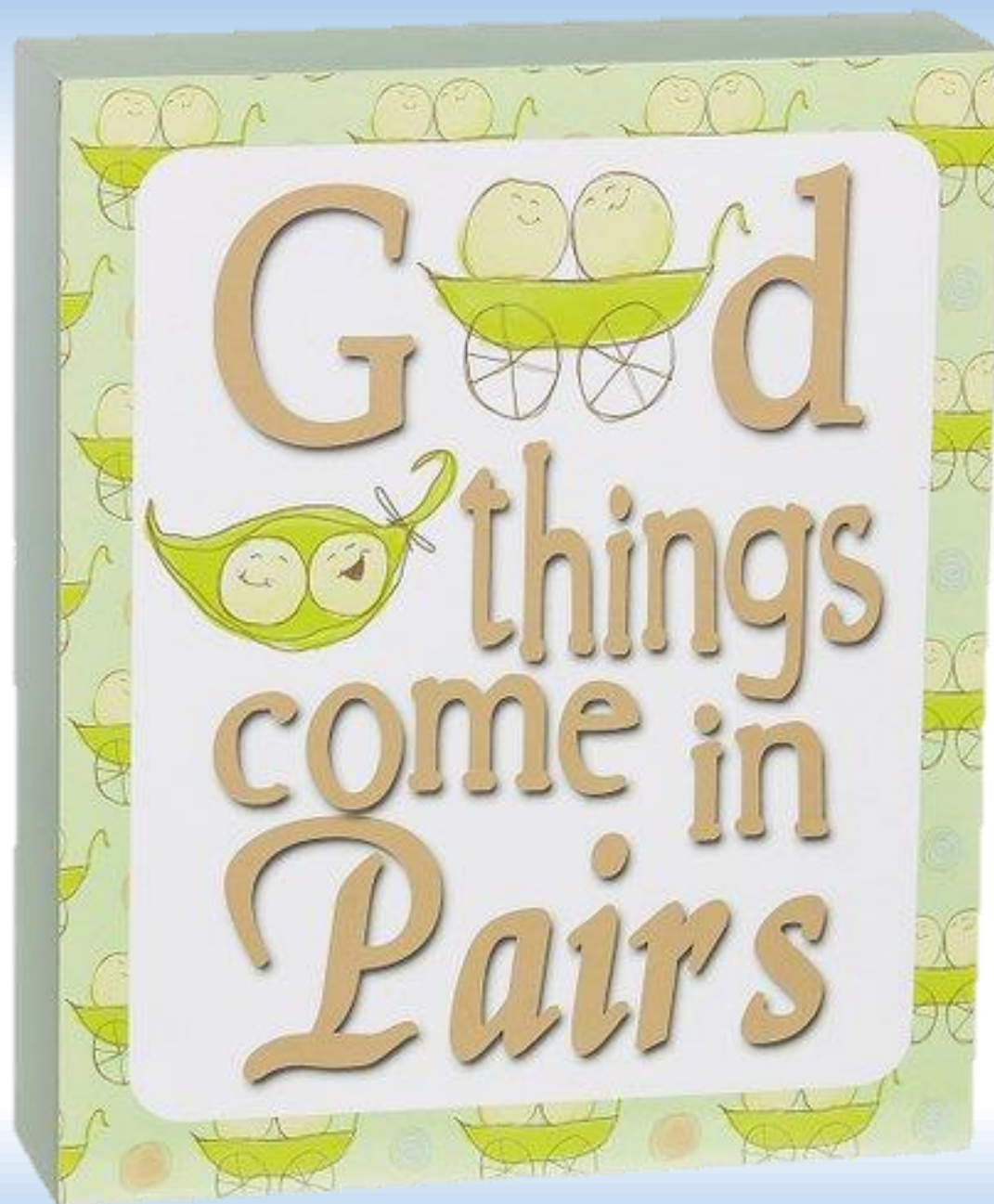


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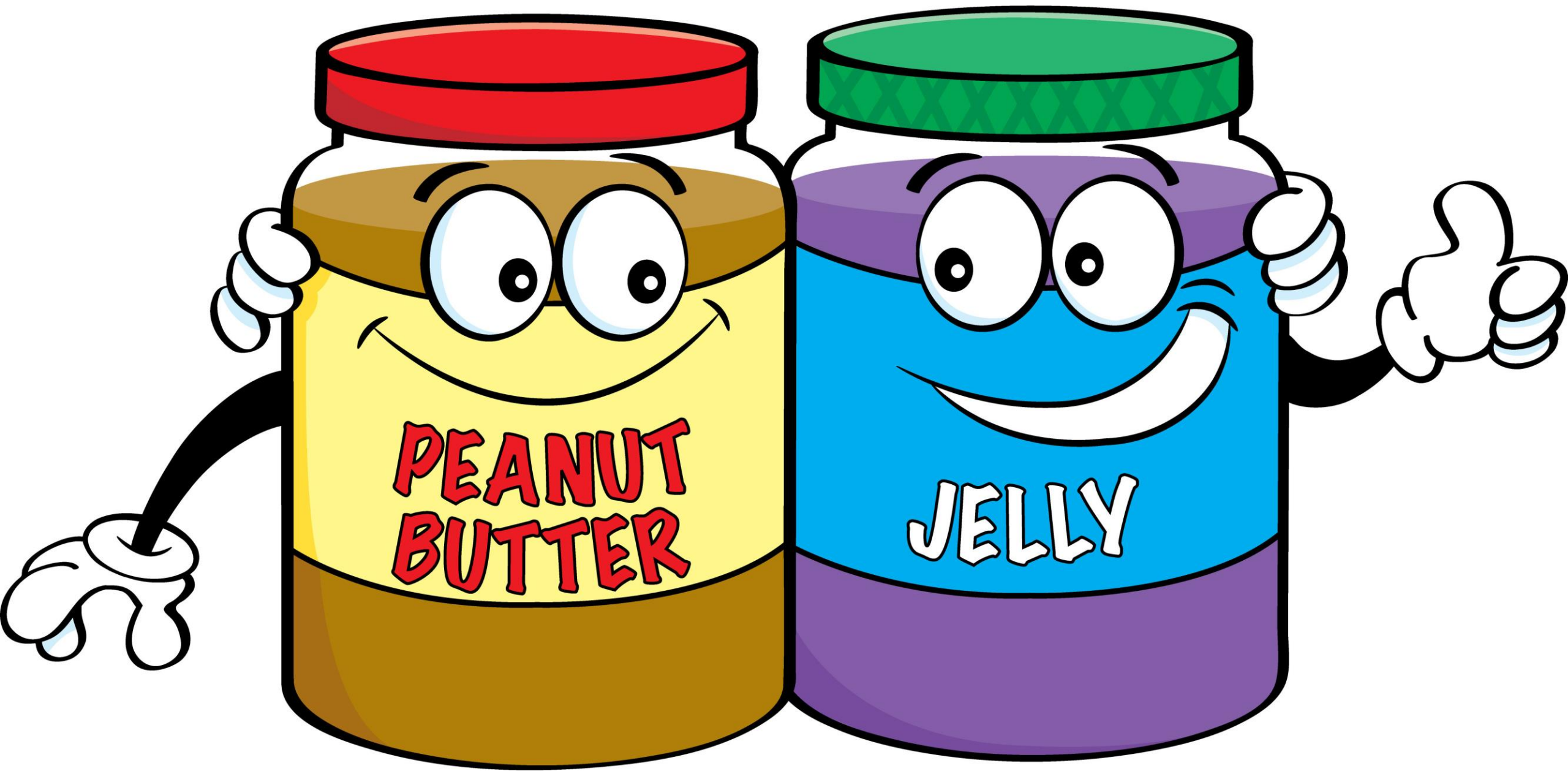


















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# Philippians

## Two Lessons One Sunday!



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## Lesson 1: Unity





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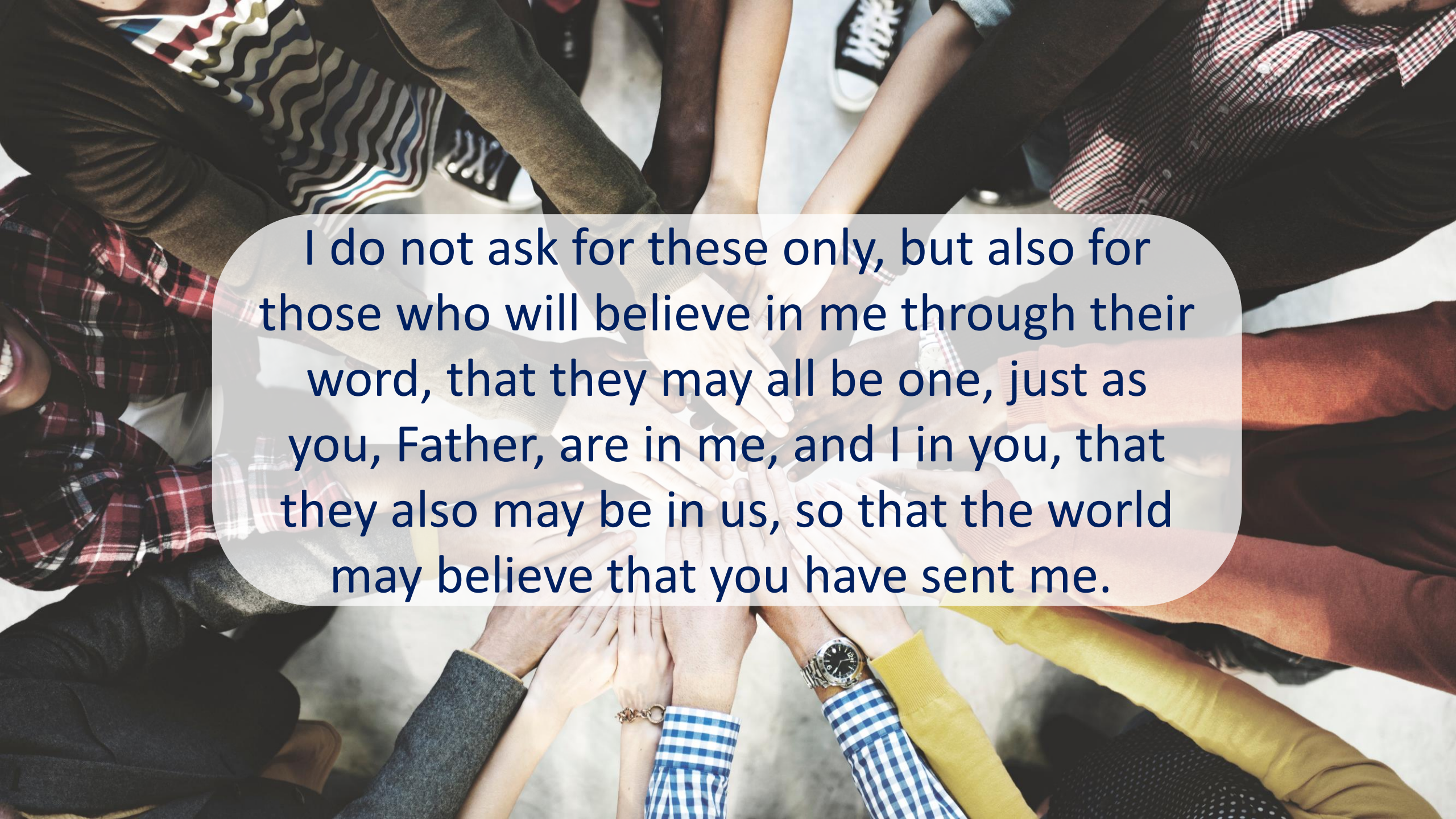
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God cares deeply about unity

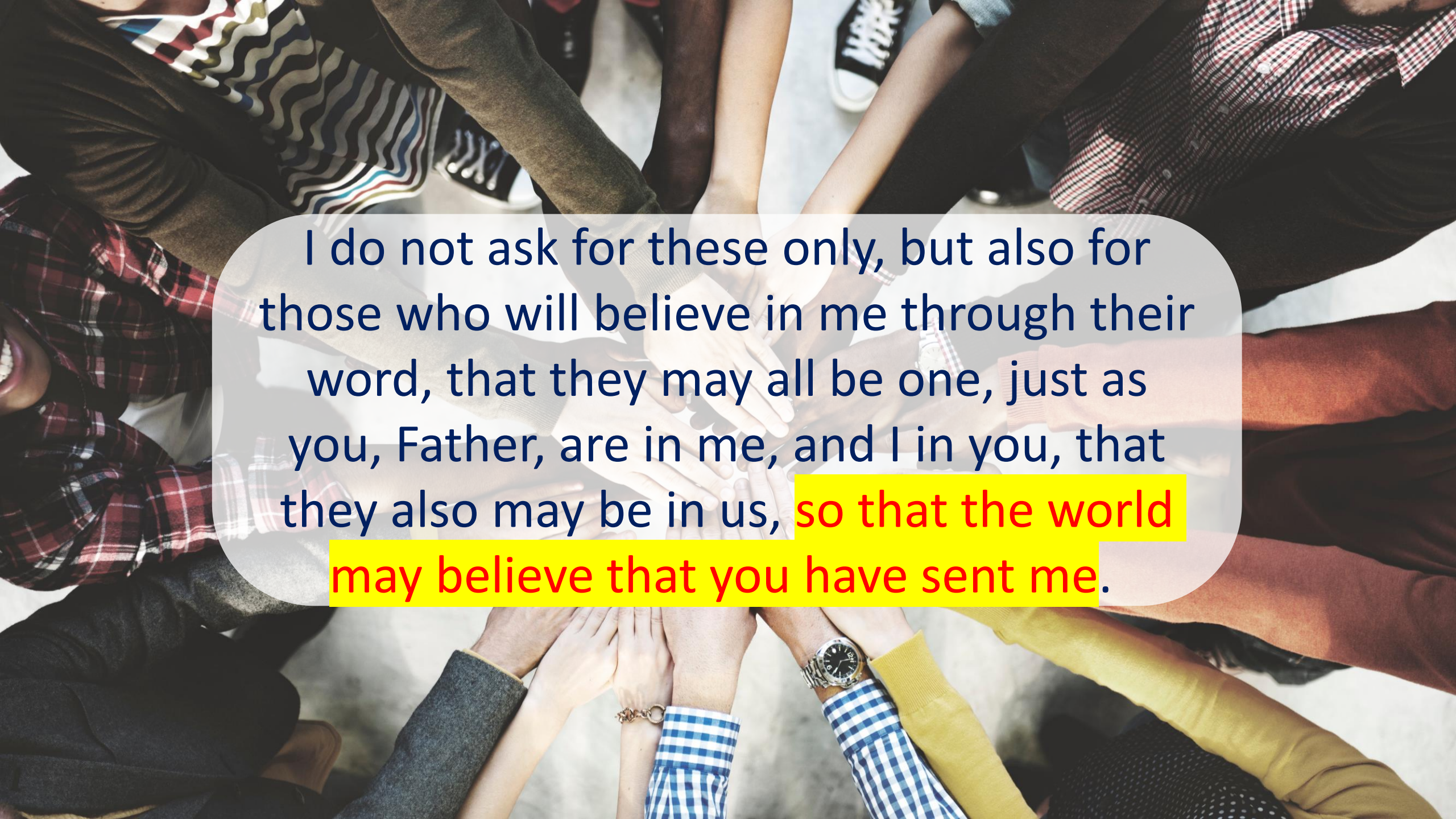




A top-down view of a group of people of various ethnicities and ages, all with their hands stacked on top of each other in a circle. The hands are of different skin tones, and the sleeves of their clothing are visible, showing a variety of patterns and colors like plaid, stripes, and solid colors. The background is a light, neutral surface.

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“Koinonia”

commonness/sharing





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ἐν κυρίῳ.



Notice the balance





## Notice the balance

Phil. 4:2 I entreat Euodia  
and I entreat Syntyche  
to agree in the Lord.

Paul's not taking sides

Paul names both

Paul uses the verb 2x

Εὐοδίαν  
παρακαλῶ

Συντύχην  
παρακαλῶ

καὶ





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This is a ministry issue





An aerial view of the ancient city of Philippi, showing a large walled acropolis with red-tiled roofs on a hillside. A long wall extends from the acropolis down the slope. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly, with mountains in the background under a cloudy sky.

# ANCIENT PHILIPPI

Names on the rocks ascending to the acropolis show the prominent roles of women in public life



Phil. 4:3 Yes, I ask you  
also, true companion,  
help these women, who  
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with me in the gospel  
together with Clement  
and the rest of my fellow  
workers, whose names  
are in the book of life.

Phil. 4:3 ναὶ ἐρωτῶ καὶ σέ,  
γνήσιε σύζυγε,  
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αἵτινες ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ  
συνήθλησάν μοι μετὰ καὶ  
Κλήμεντος καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν  
συνεργῶν μου, ὧν τὰ  
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*nai* (ναὶ) These are exclamation marks in the Greek  
for what Paul just said and what he is going to say

workers, whose names  
are in the book of life.

ὀνόματα ἐν βίβλῳ ζωῆς.



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Phil. 4:2 I entreat

παρακαλῶ

Phil. 4:3 I ask

ἐρωτῶ

More polite





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Phil. 4:3 ναὶ ἐρωτῶ καὶ σέ, **γνήσιε σύζυγε**, συλλαμβάνου αὐταῖς, αἵτινες ἐν τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ συνήθλησάν μοι μετὰ καὶ Κλήμεντος καὶ τῶν λοιπῶν συνεργῶν μου, ὧν τὰ ὀνόματα ἐν βίβλῳ ζωῆς.







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Ex. 32:32-33



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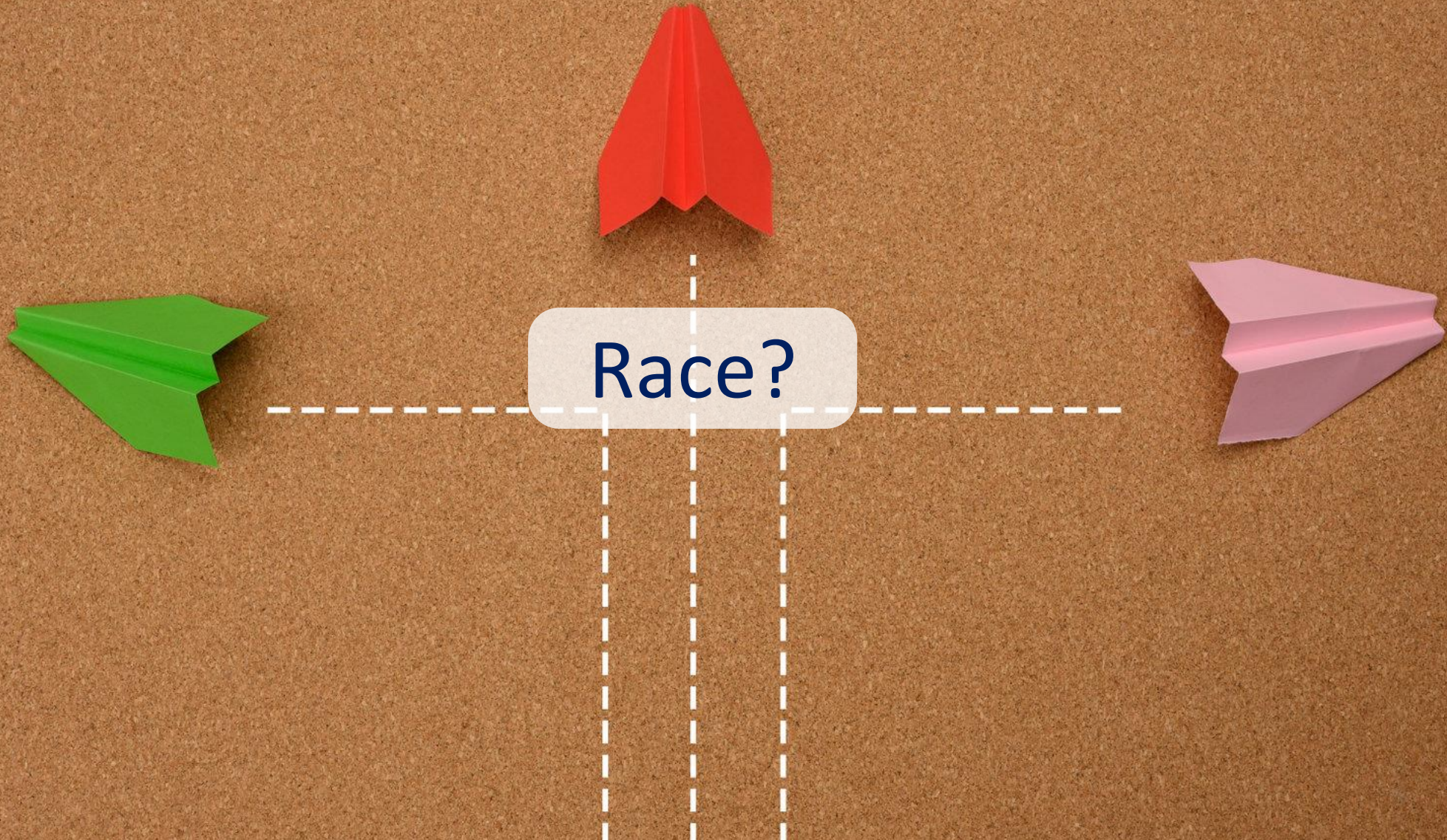
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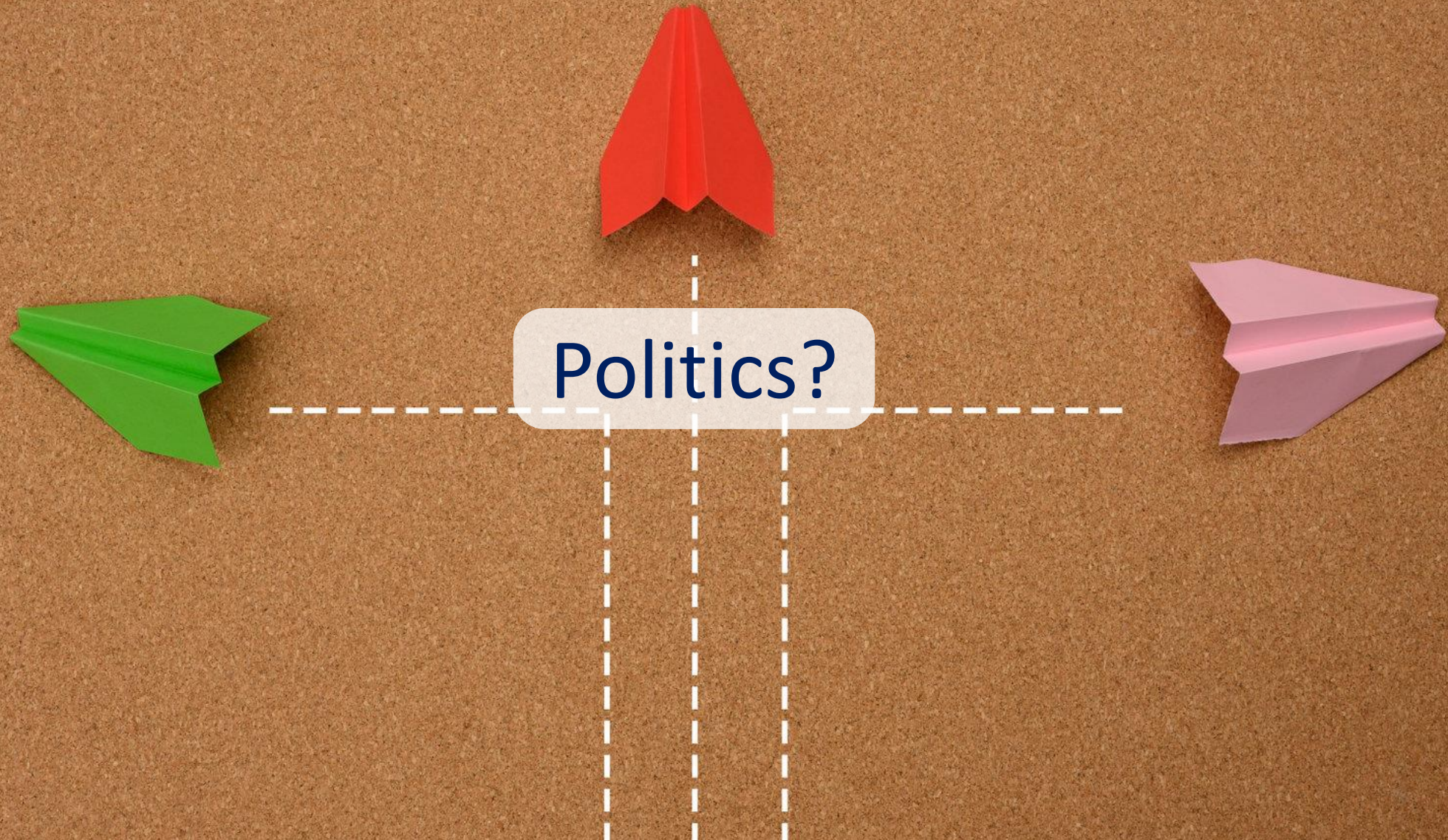


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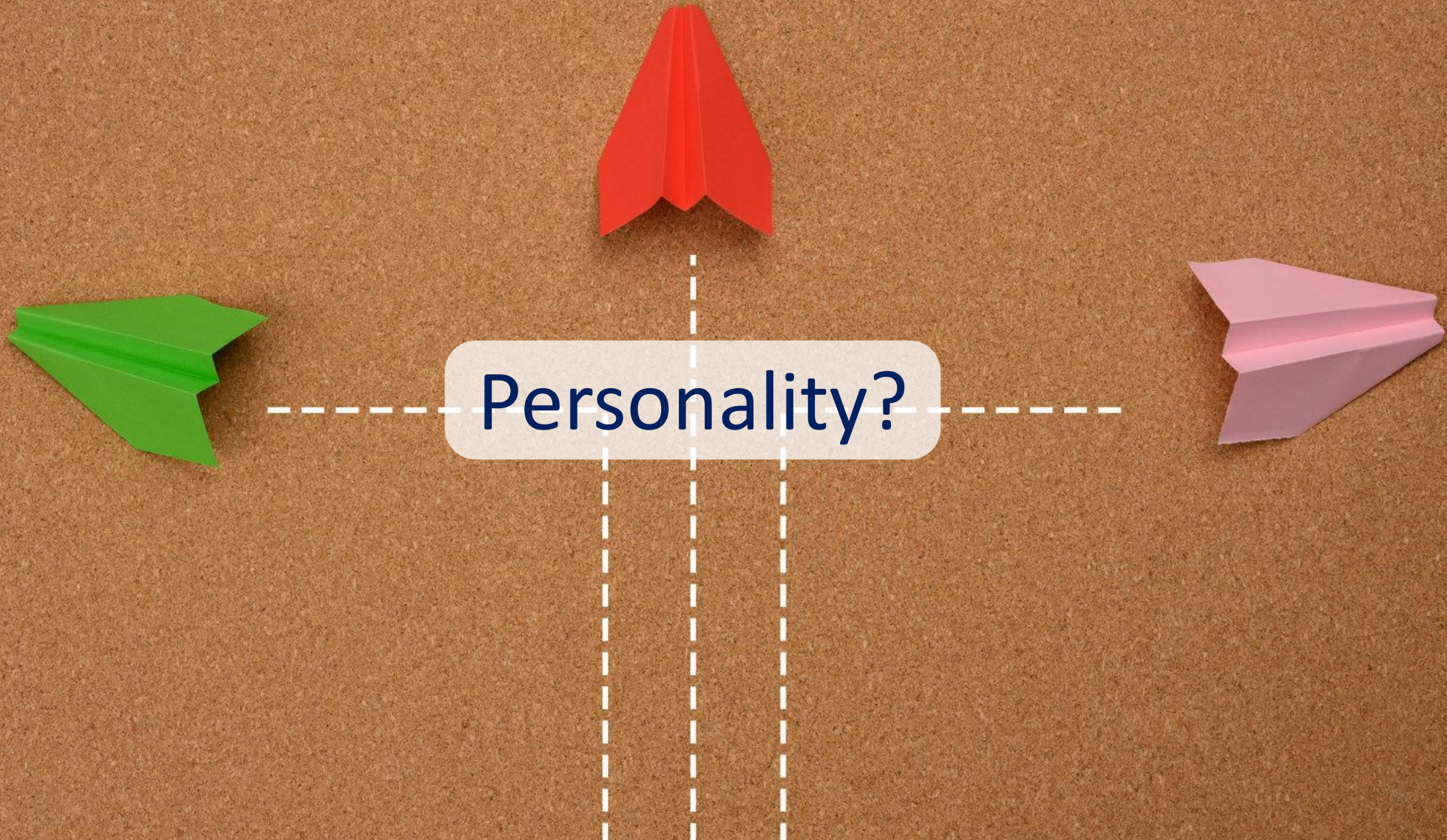


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Point to Ponder:



Let's work together at  
being together!

"I entreat;  
I ask;  
help find the same mind  
in the Lord!" (Phil. 4:2-3)



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## Lesson 2: Joy





vevo

I got the love of Jesus in my heart





Dr. Gordon Fee

“Paul, the theologian of grace is also the theologian of joy”



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Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the  
Lord always; again I will  
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Phil. 4:4 Χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ  
πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ,  
χαίρετε.



Paul wrote this in a way  
to make it memorable





Assonance (related in sound) and  
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r- sounds: **Χαί**ρ**ετε** ἐν κυρίῳ  
πάν**τοτε**· πάλιν ἐ**ρ**ῶ, **χαί**ρ**ετε**.





Assonance (related in sound) and  
**chiasm** (a memorable structure)

Χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ  
πάντοτε·  
πάντα  
ἐρῶ, χαίρετε.



Rejoice in the Lord  
always;  
again  
I will say, rejoice.





Me

“Mercy! Paul was clever!!!”



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JOY:

*kairo* (χαίρω) To be in a state of happiness and well being, rejoice, be glad

*Sorrow turns to joy with the resurrected Lord (Jn. 16:20)*



Phil. 4:4 **Rejoice** in the  
Lord always; again I will  
say, **rejoice**.

Phil. 4:4 **Χαίρετε** ἐν κυρίῳ  
πάντοτε· πάλιν ἔρῳ,  
**χαίρετε**.

*kairete* (χαίρετε) is a “present imperative”



The Philippian jailor must have amended this!





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## Points to Ponder:



Remember...

“Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I will say, rejoice”  
(Phil. 4:3)



## Points to Ponder:



Joy is the distinctive  
mark of the Christian

16x in the letter



## Points to Ponder:



Christian joy is not based on circumstances or the time of life, but it is a deep-rooted joy based on the Lord's presence now and for eternity.



A photograph of the ancient ruins of Philippi, featuring several tall, weathered stone columns standing amidst low stone walls and scattered debris. In the background, a steep, rocky hill rises under a clear blue sky. The scene is captured in bright daylight.

Philippians

Two-fer



Time for church!

