

Philippians

The key and
the secret!



Happy
Reformation
Day!

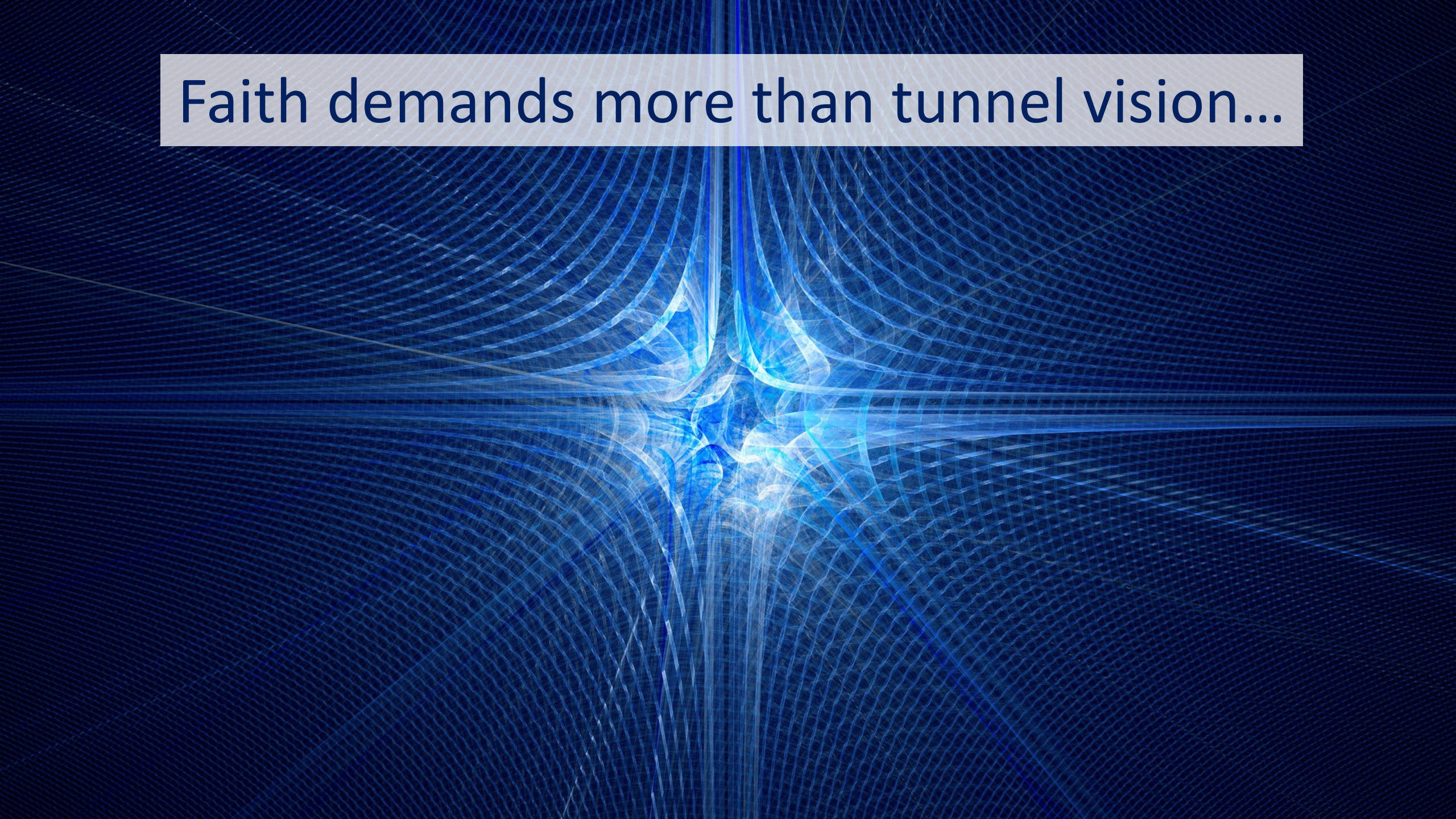




The truth of tunnel vision...



Faith demands more than tunnel vision...





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Hear the echo... the echo... the echo... the echo



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

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

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

WALK
THE
TALK

PRACTICE WHAT

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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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A vibrant spring scene featuring a dense field of bright yellow dandelions in the foreground. In the background, several trees with dark trunks and branches are covered in thick white blossoms, likely cherry blossoms, against a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is bright and cheerful, representing the 'Spring bloom' mentioned in the text.

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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A close-up, side-profile shot of a woman with long, dark brown hair. Her hair is being braided by a pair of hands, likely belonging to a hairstylist. The hands are visible on the right side of the frame, with one hand holding a section of the hair and the other weaving it into the braid. The woman's face is partially visible in profile, looking towards the left. The background is softly blurred, showing what appears to be a hair salon or a similar indoor setting with shelves and various items. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the text.

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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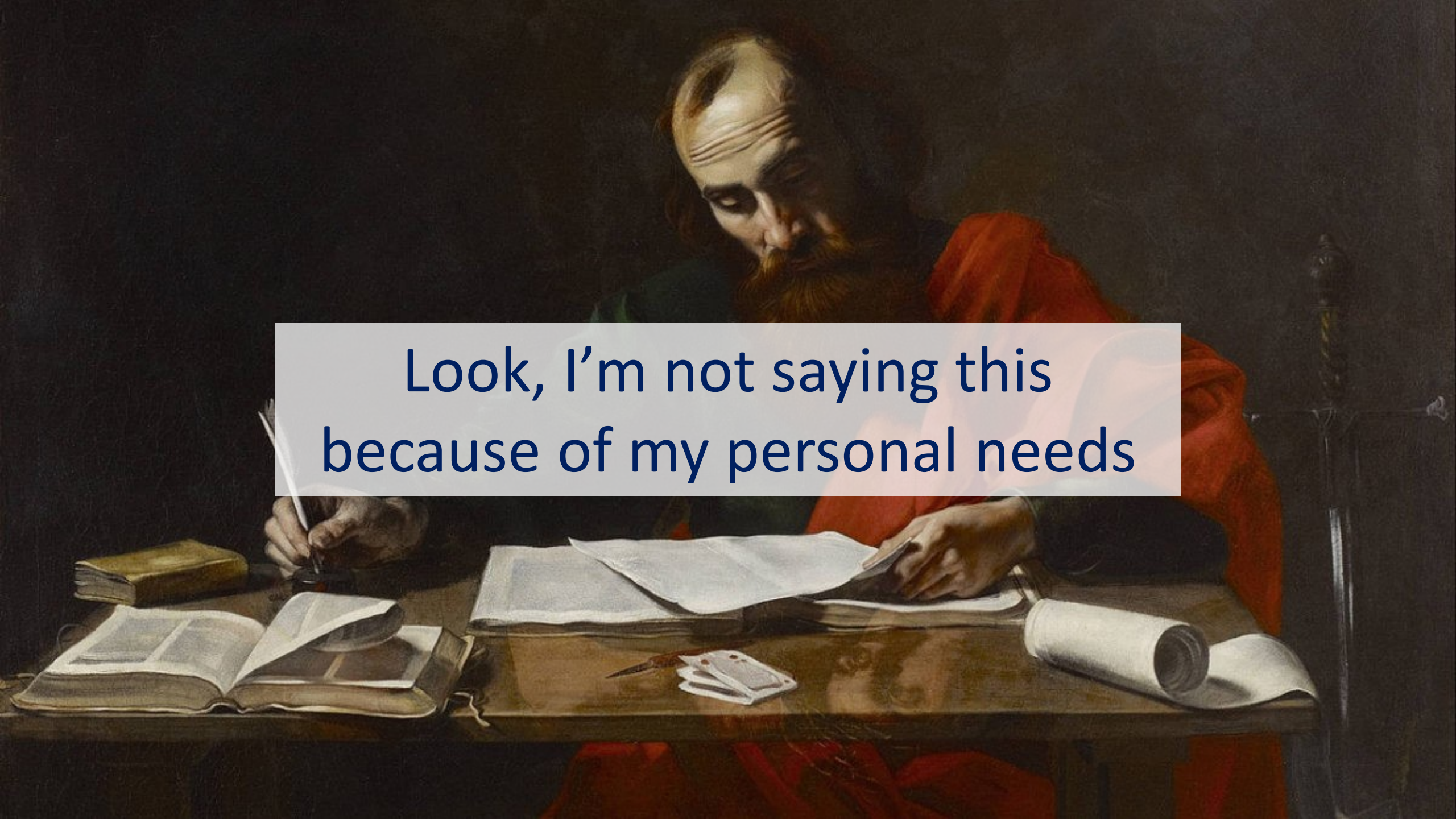
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(οὐχ ὅτι) “That is to say...”
(ὑστέρησις) “the idea of need” as
opposed to concrete need

A painting of a man with a beard and a red robe, sitting at a desk and writing. The text "Look, I'm not saying this because of my personal needs" is overlaid on the image.

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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?

I can do all things
through him who
strengthens me.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all
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Phil. 4:13 πάντα ἰσχύω ἐν
τῷ ἐνδυναμοῦντί με.

First see this in its context!!!

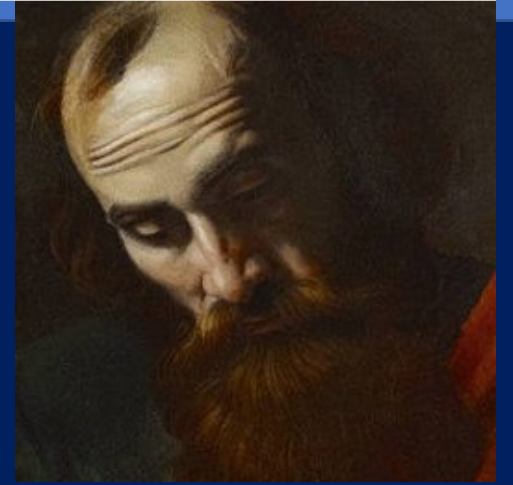
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No! Paul's a believer!



“The secret to being content? Living in the sufficient Christ!”

- Paul, *Philippian* 4:10ff

WALK

THE

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“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!

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Find the secret of a
contented life

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Time for church!



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