


ENCOUNTERING GOD  
LESSONS  
FROM  
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PSALM 34:8







PSALM 34:8 Oh, taste and  
see that the LORD is good;  
blessed is the man who  
trusts in Him!

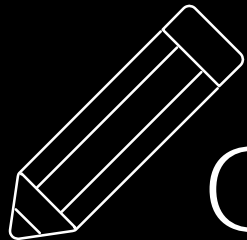
# 40.DAY 2022

**SEASON OF PRAYER:**

**1 JULY TO 9 AUGUST 2022**

**ARE YOU IN IT?**





# OUTLINE

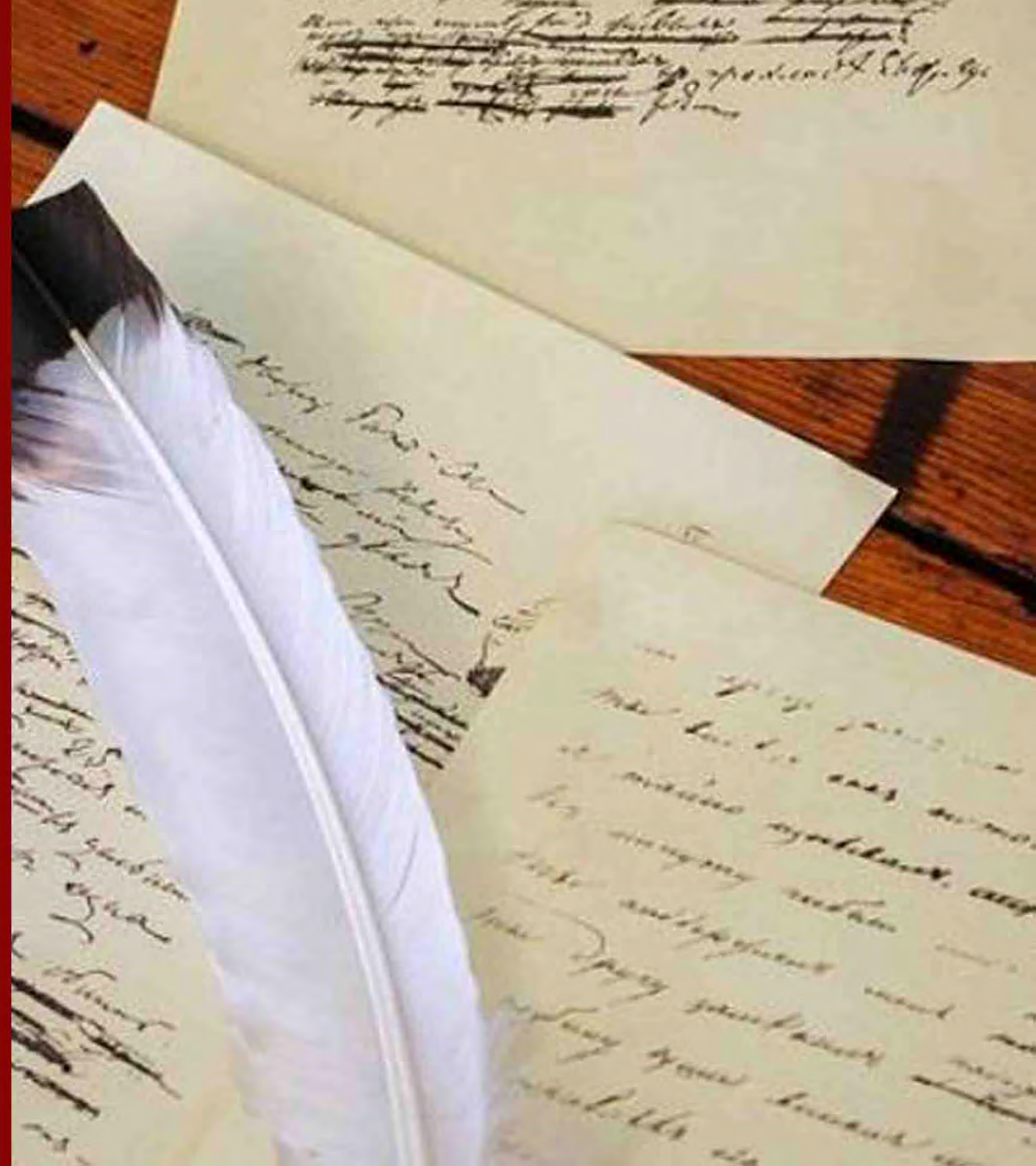
- Build the platform of Joy
- Nothing happens by chance
- Conclusion



# BUILD THE PLATFORM OF JOY

## The Epistle to the Philippians

- A Letter of **THANKSGIVING**
- A Letter to **INSPIRE** and to **ENCOURAGE**
- A Letter for **UNITY**

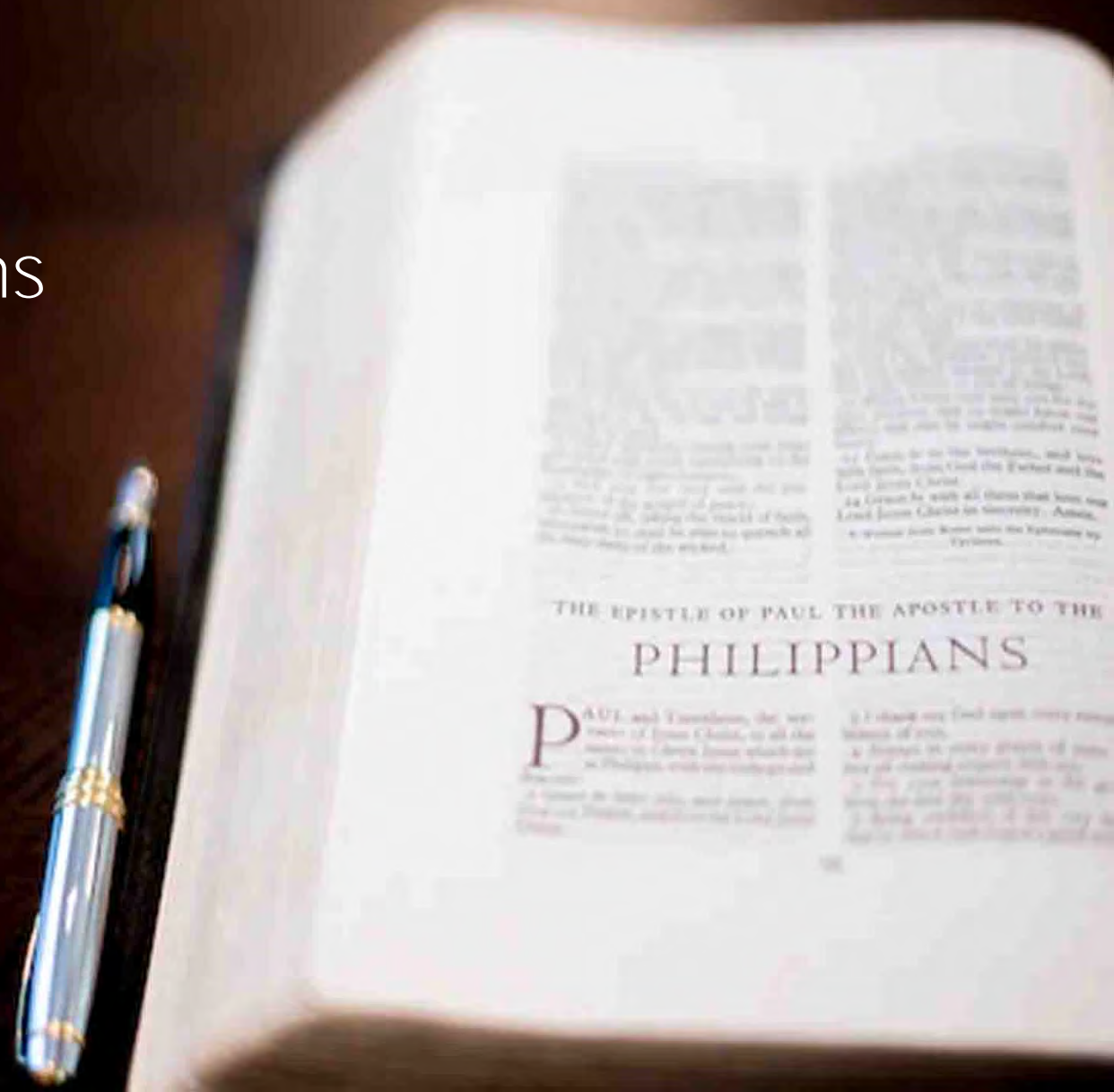




# BUILD THE PLATFORM OF JOY

## Some Key Verses in Philippians

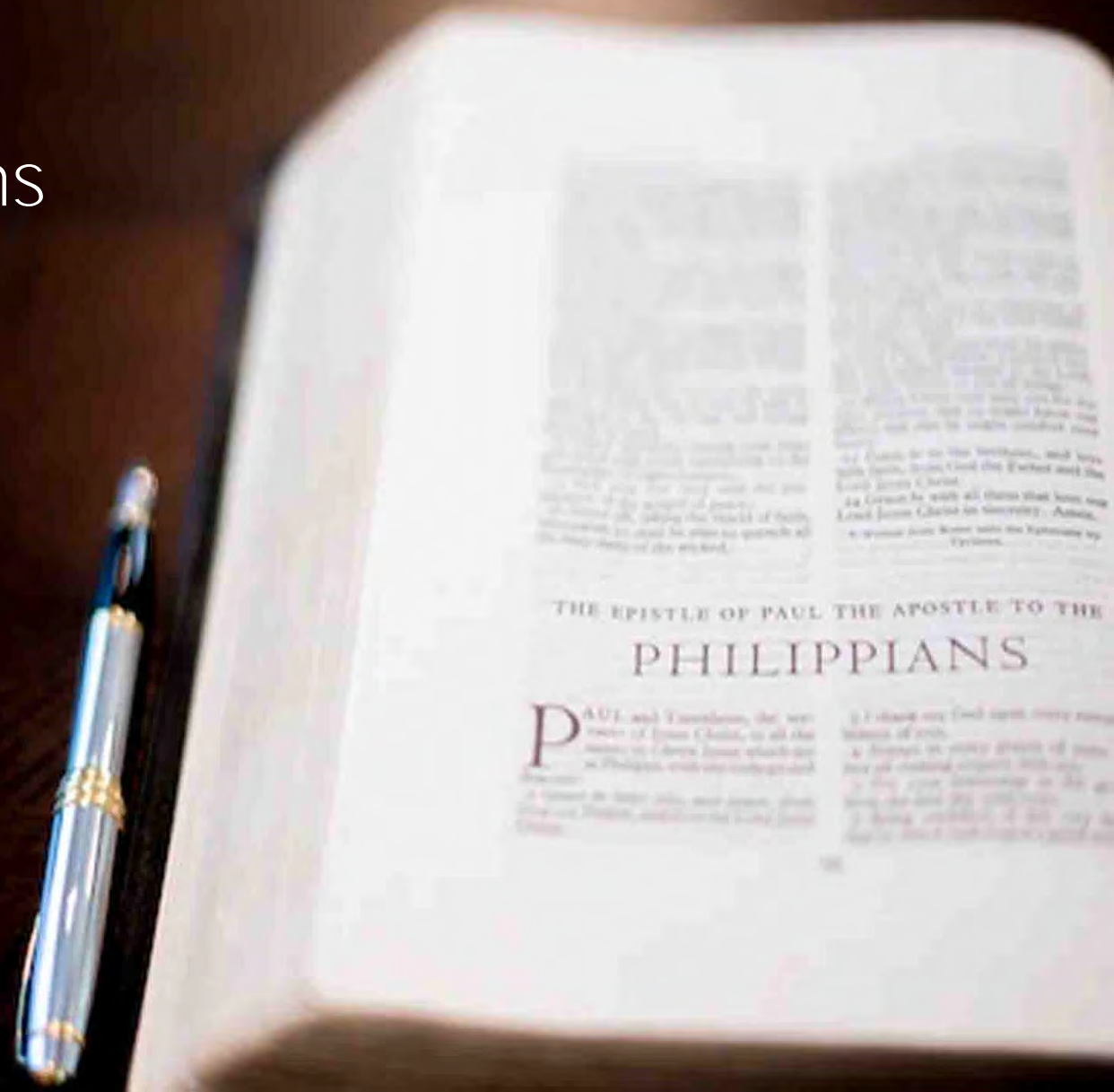
Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:27a Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ ...



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 2:3-4

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

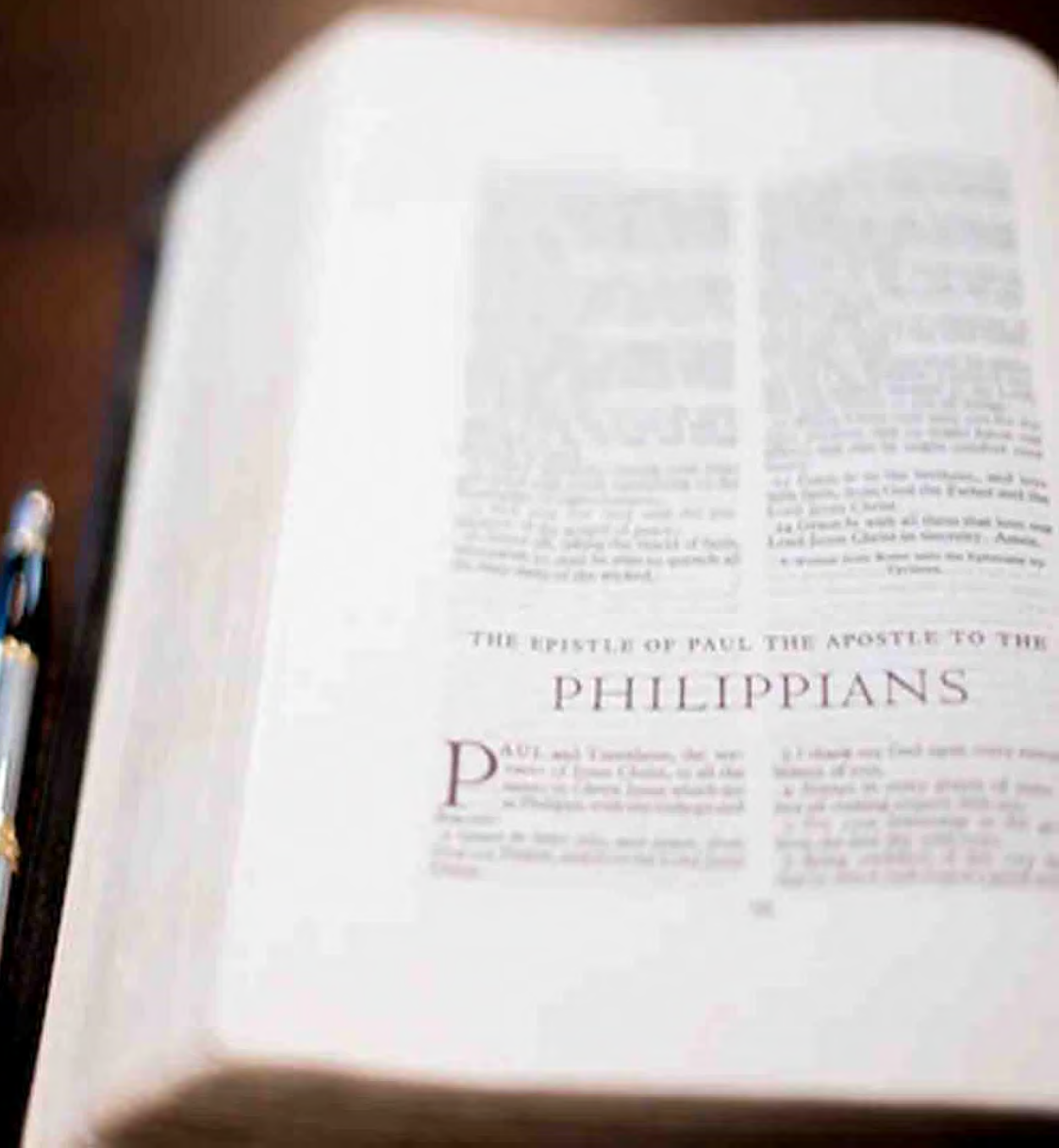




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Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

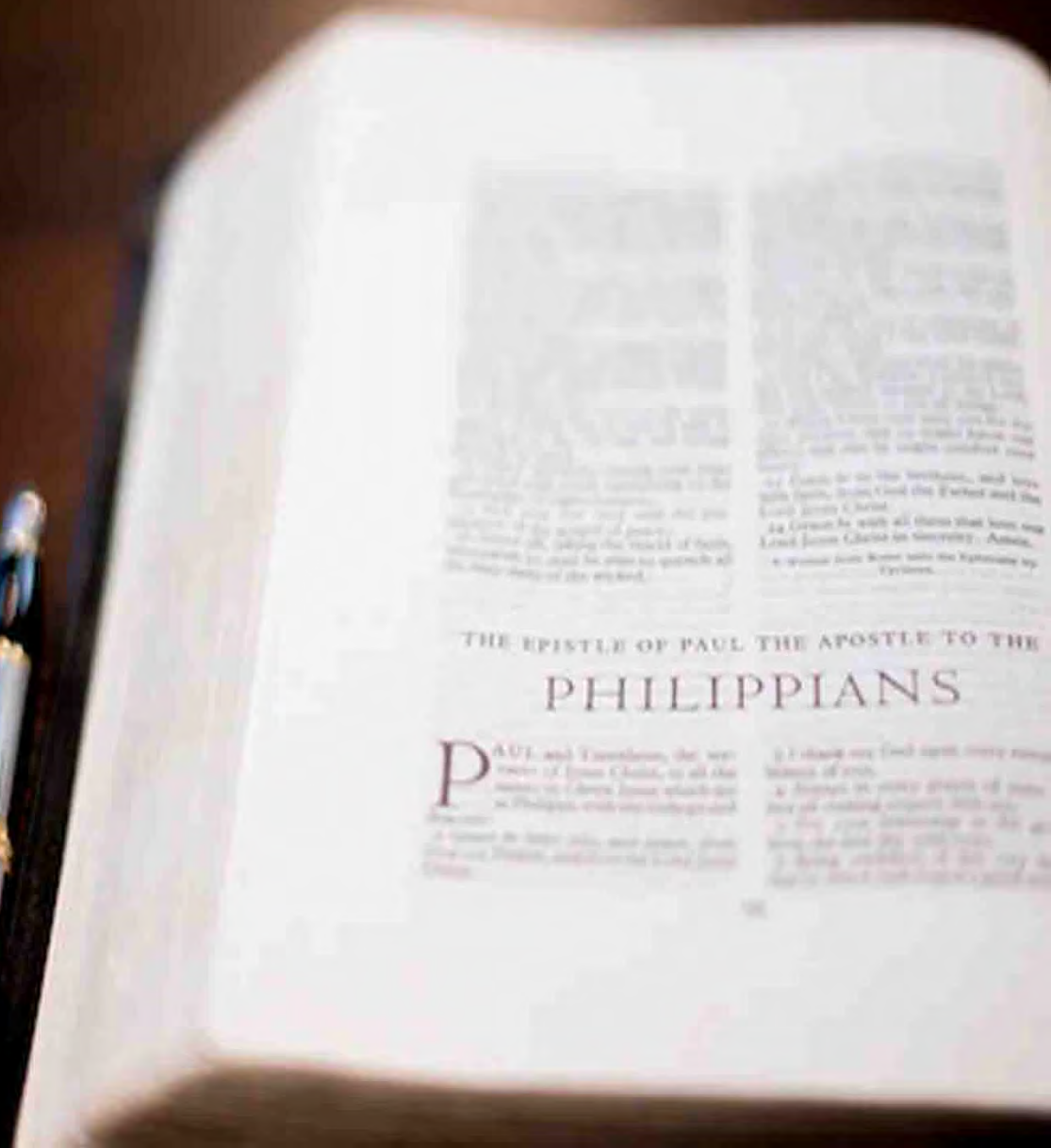
5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 2:5-11

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,





# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 2:5-11

10 that at the name of Jesus every  
knee should bow, in heaven and  
on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory  
of God the Father.



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 2:14-15 (NIV)

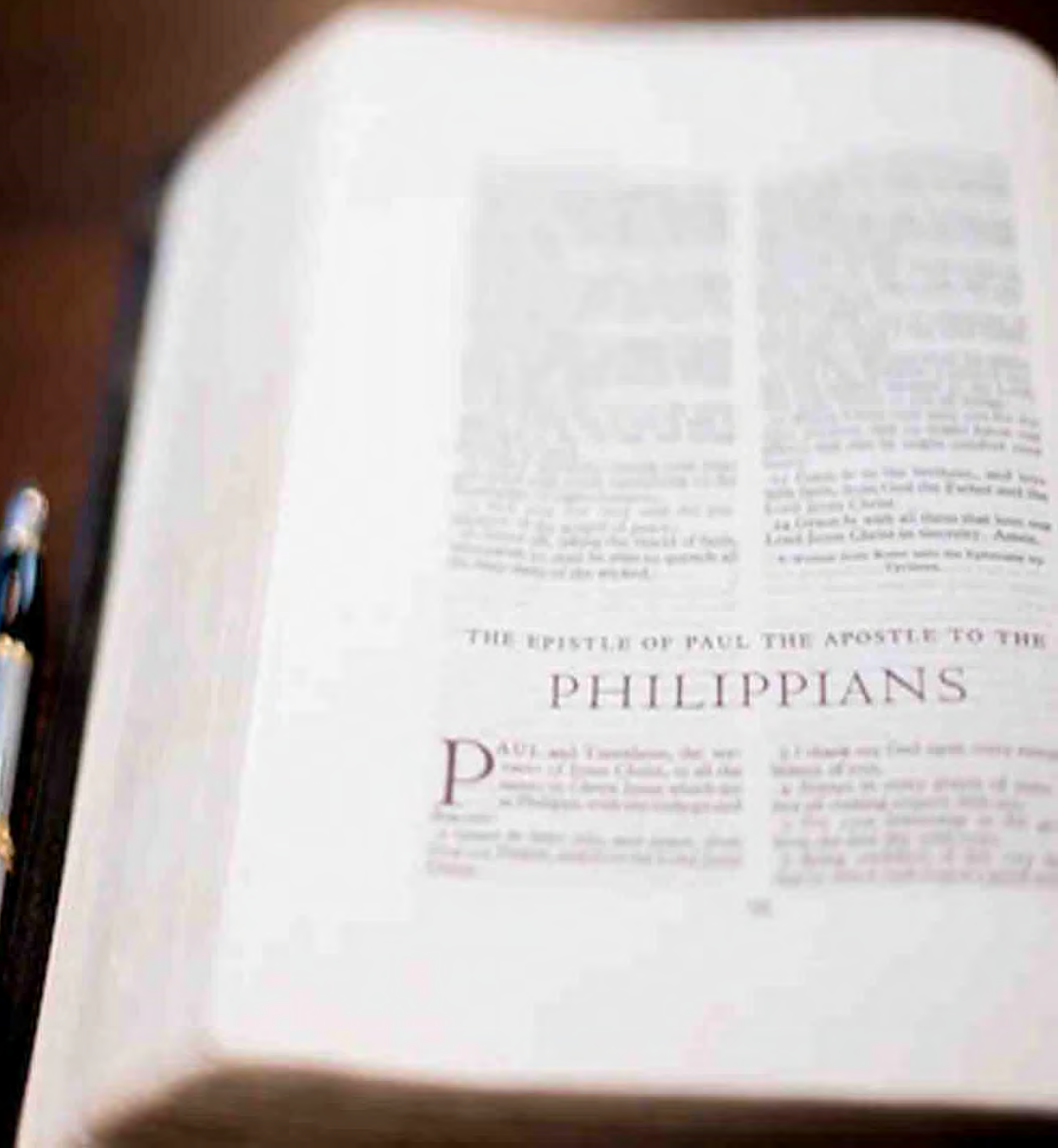
14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.





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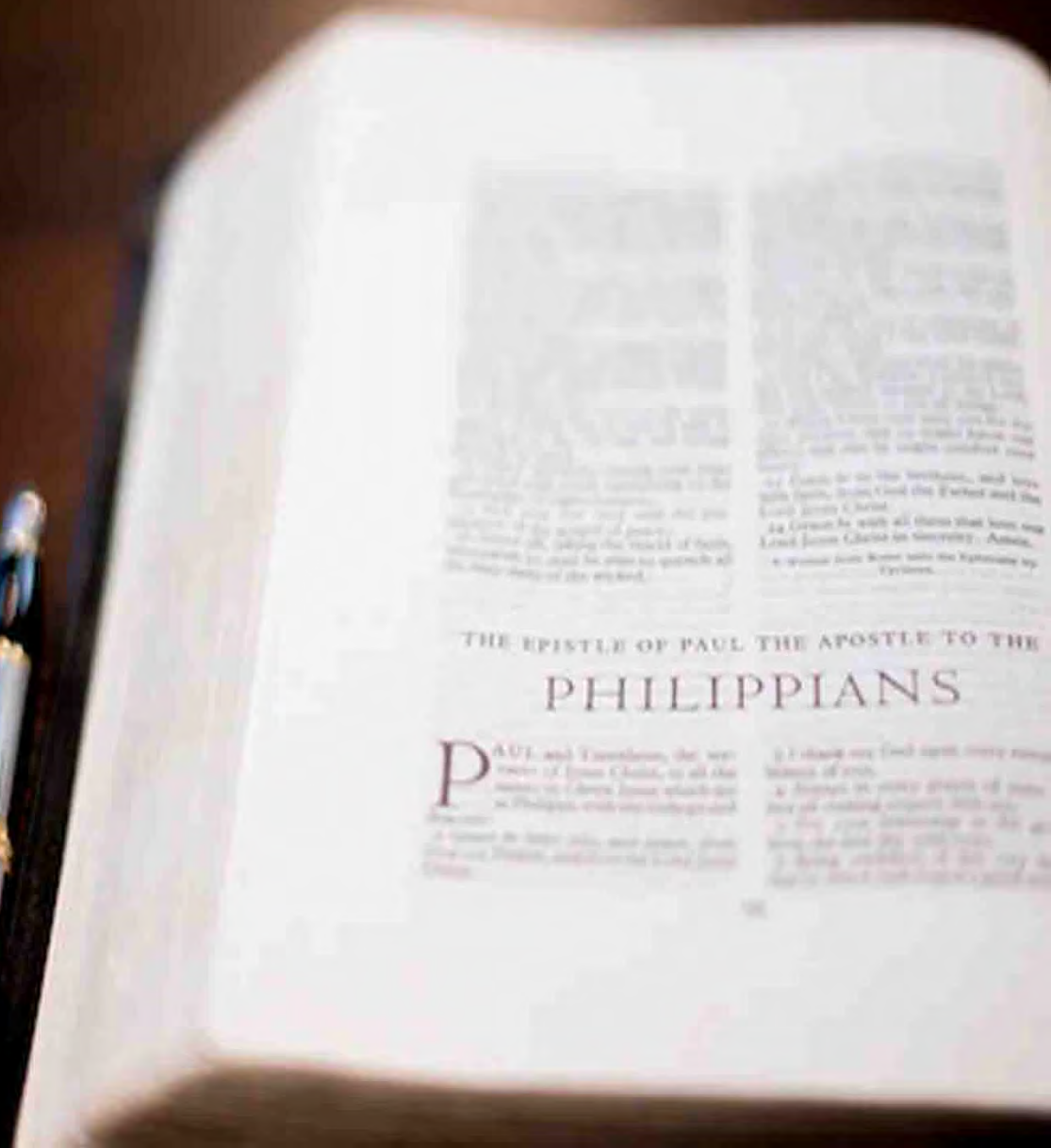
Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,  
14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.





# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord  
always. Again I will say, rejoice!



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 4:6-7

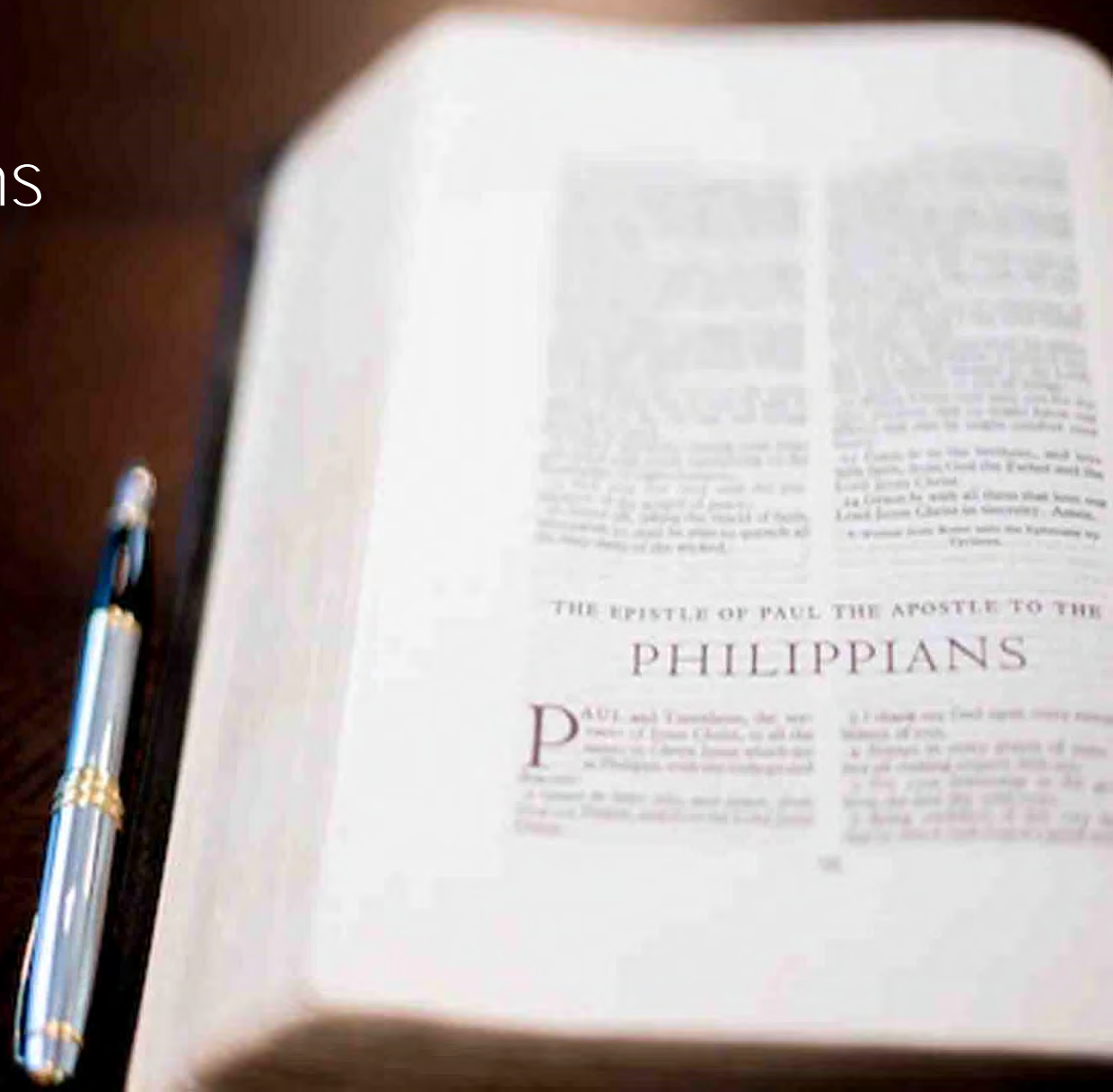
6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.





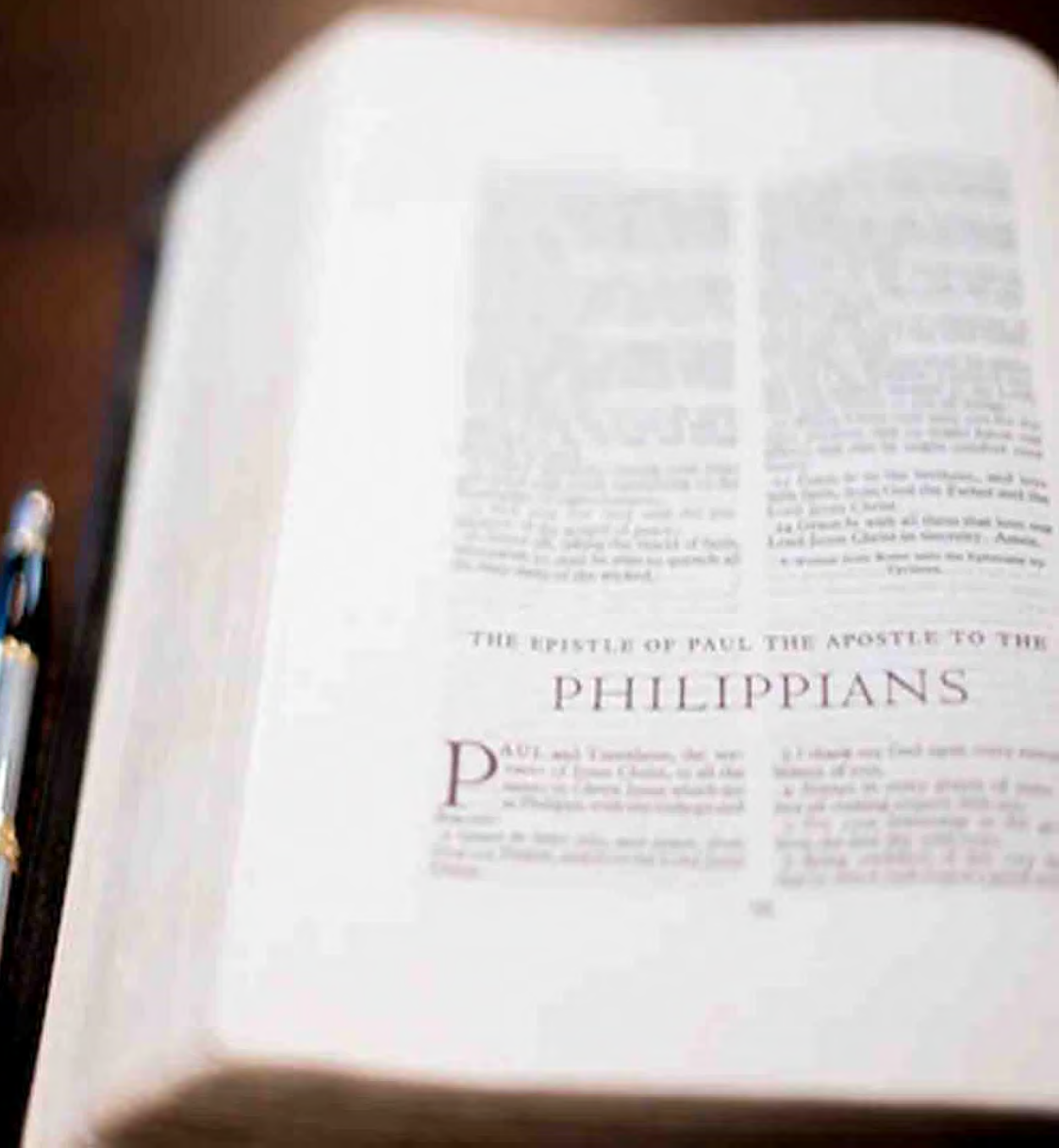
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Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren,  
whatever things are true, whatever  
things are noble, whatever things  
are just, whatever things are pure,  
whatever things are lovely,  
whatever things are of good report,  
if there is any virtue and if there is  
anything praiseworthy—meditate  
on these things.



# Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 4:12 (NIV) I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

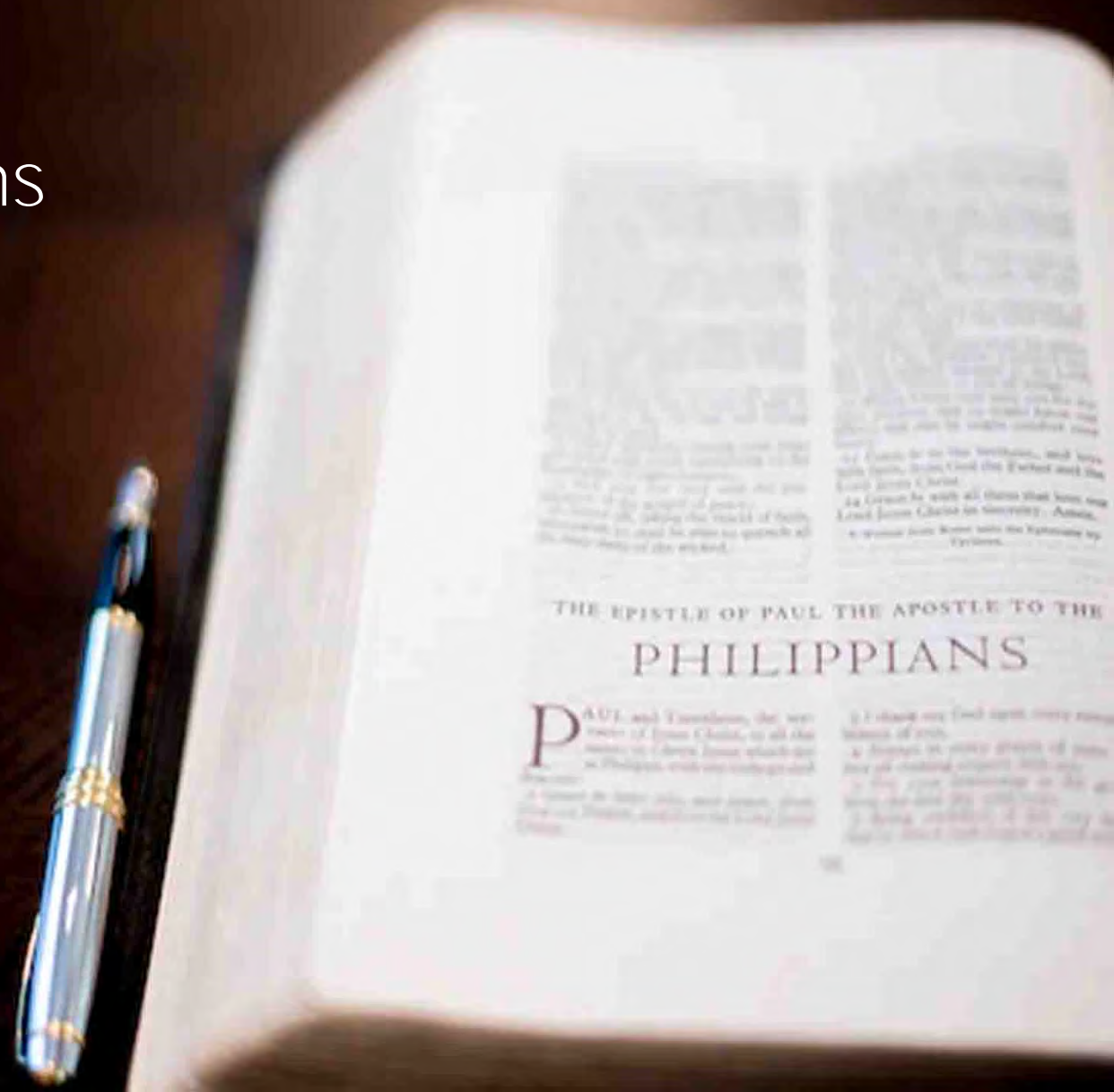




## Some Key Verses in Philippians

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



# NOTHING HAPPENS BY CHANCE

Acts 16:1-34

1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.



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4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily. 6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.



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7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."



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10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.



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13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.



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15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.”

So she persuaded us. 16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.



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Acts 16:1-34

17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.



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Acts 16:1-34

19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."



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Acts 16:1-34

22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.



# NOTHING HAPPENS BY CHANCE

Acts 16:1-34

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.



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Acts 16:1-34

27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.

28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

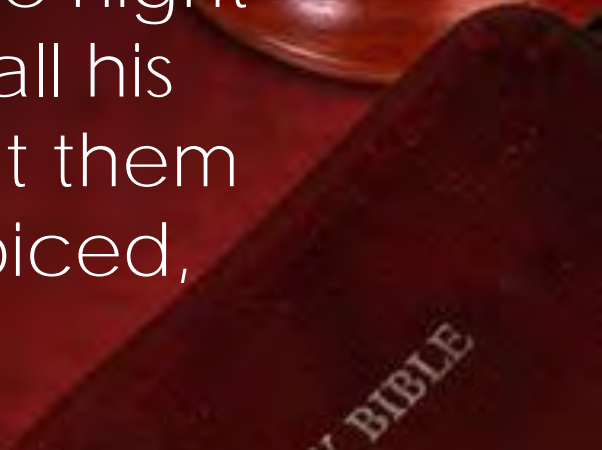


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31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

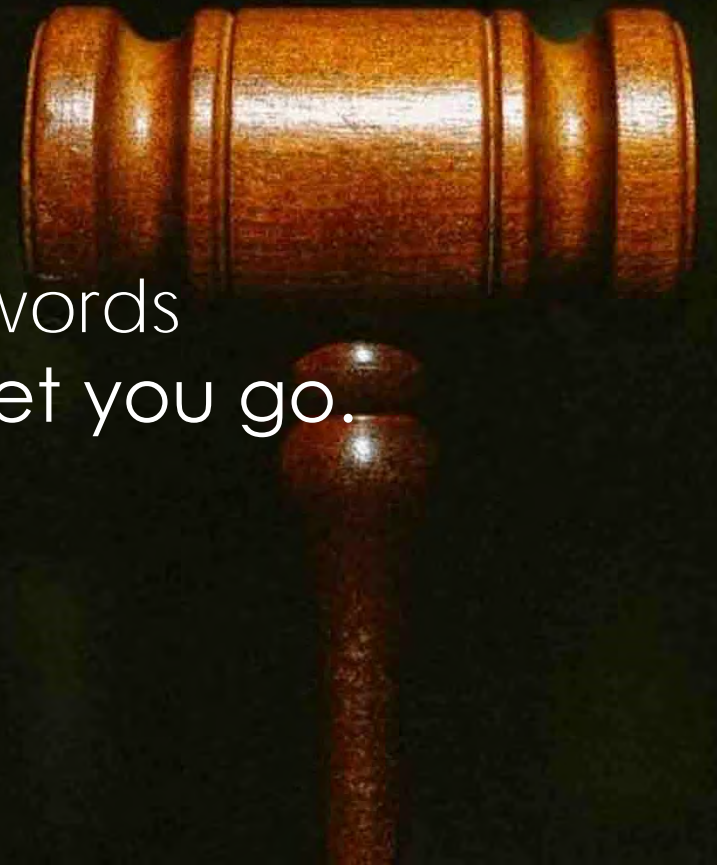


# The Aftermath

Acts 16:35-40

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, "Let those men go."

36 So the keeper of the prison reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore depart, and go in peace."





# The Aftermath

Acts 16:35-40

37 But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, and have thrown us into prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out." 38 And the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans.



# The Aftermath

Acts 16:35-40

39 Then they came and pleaded with them and brought them out, and asked them to depart from the city. 40 So they went out of the prison and entered the house of Lydia; and when they had seen the brethren, they encouraged them and departed.





# HOW BIG IS GOD

Though man may strive to go beyond the reach of space  
To crawl beyond the distant shim'ring stars  
This world's a room so small within my Master's house  
The open sky's but a portion of His yard

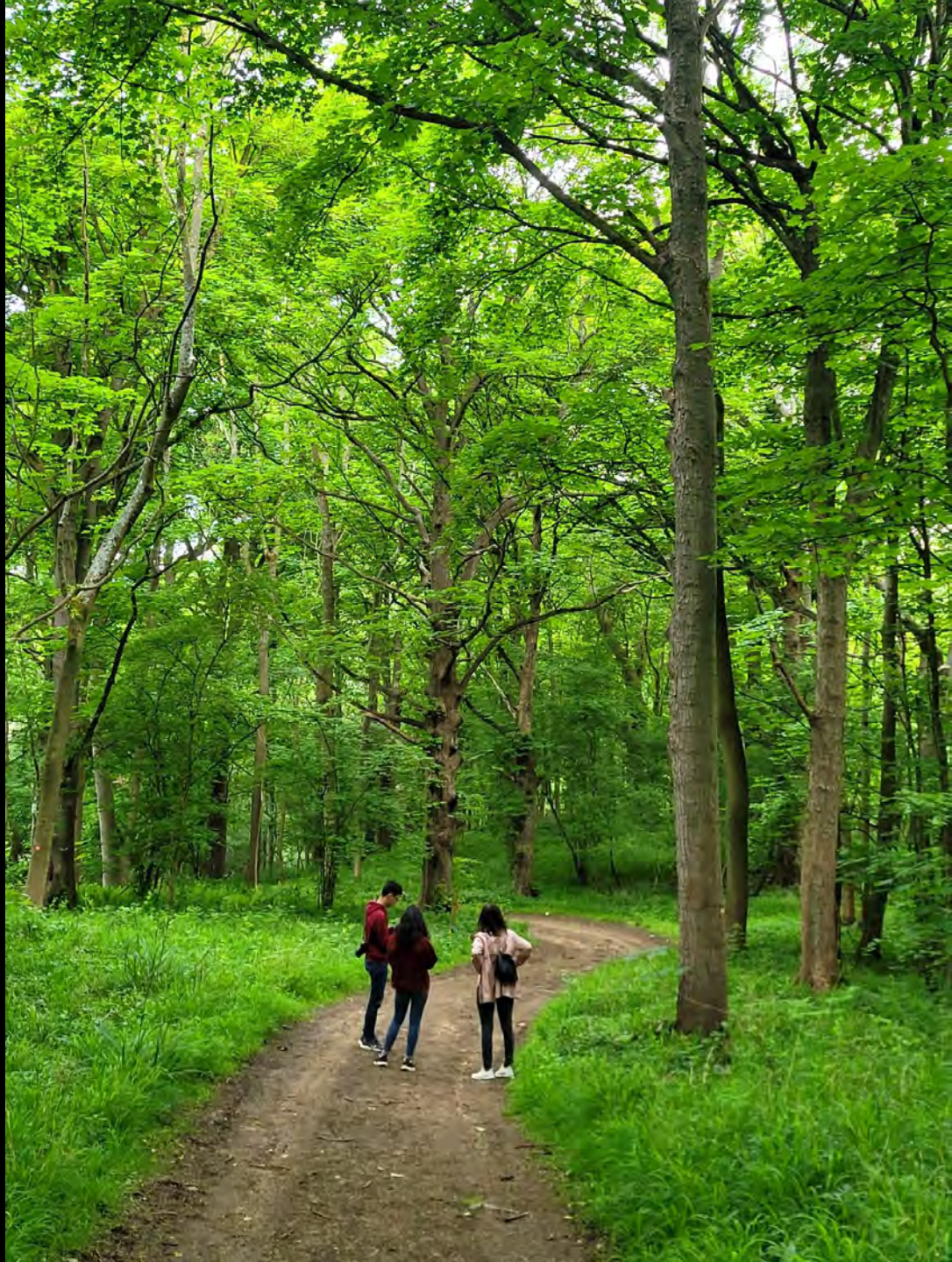
How big is God? How big and wide His vast domain  
To try and tell, these lips can only start  
He's big enough to rule His mighty universe  
Yet small enough to live within my heart





# THE JOY OF GOD IS ROOTED IN GRATITUDE

- It is NOT joy that makes us grateful.
- It is the other way round.
- It is GRATITUDE that makes us JOYFUL!







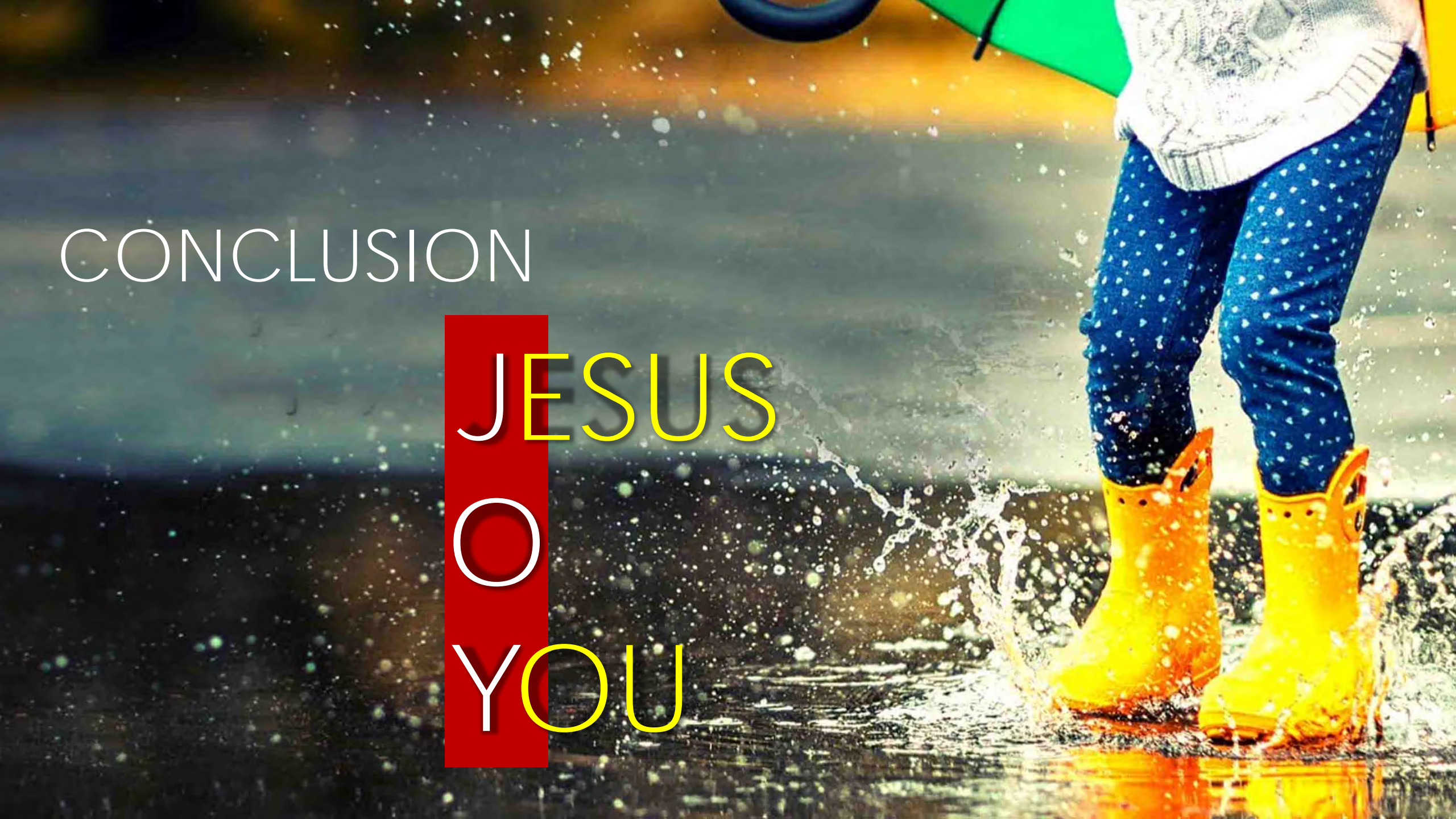


CONCLUSION

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# CONCLUSION

- HE KNOWS US
- **HE'S GOT US COVERED**

## Isaiah 43:1-2

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you,  
O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have  
called you by your name; You are Mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be  
with you; and through the rivers, they shall not  
overflow you. When you walk through the fire,  
you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame  
scorch you.





Isaiah 41:3

For I am the Lord  
your God.

