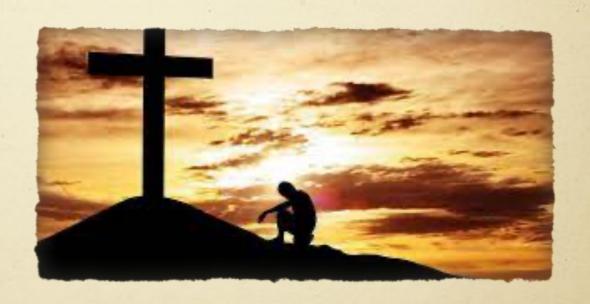
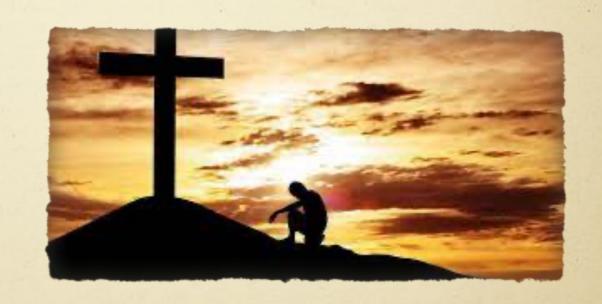
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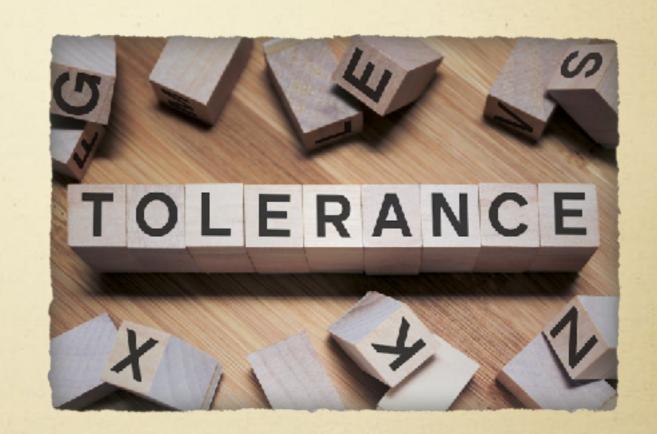
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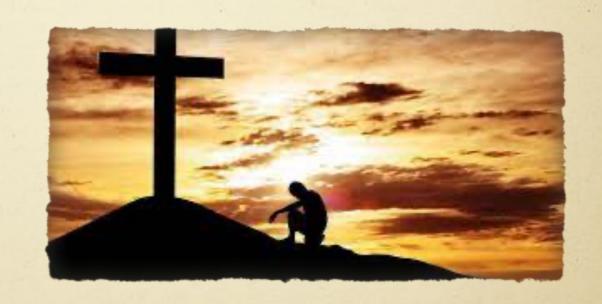
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So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

#### Examples of a JOYful Mindset

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he served with me in the gospel.

I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

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### Paul Sending Timothy...

- → Thessalonica 1 Thessalonians 3:2
- > Corinth−1 Corinthians 4:17
- > Philippi—Philippians 2:19-24
- >Ephesus—1 Timothy 1:3

## The Path to Real JOY: Lessons from Timothy and Epaphroditus

> Pray for humility

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

#### 1 Peter 5:5

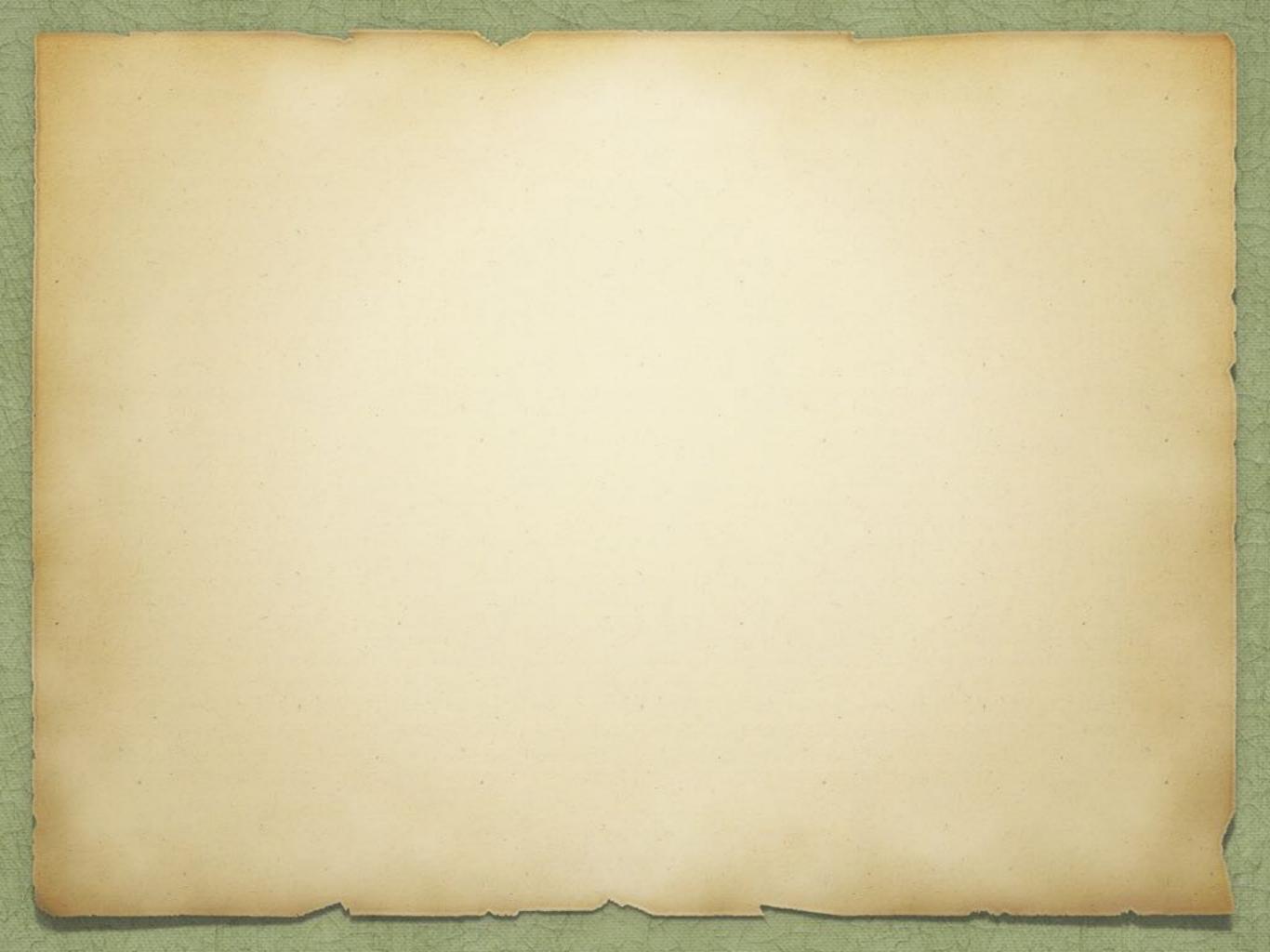
You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

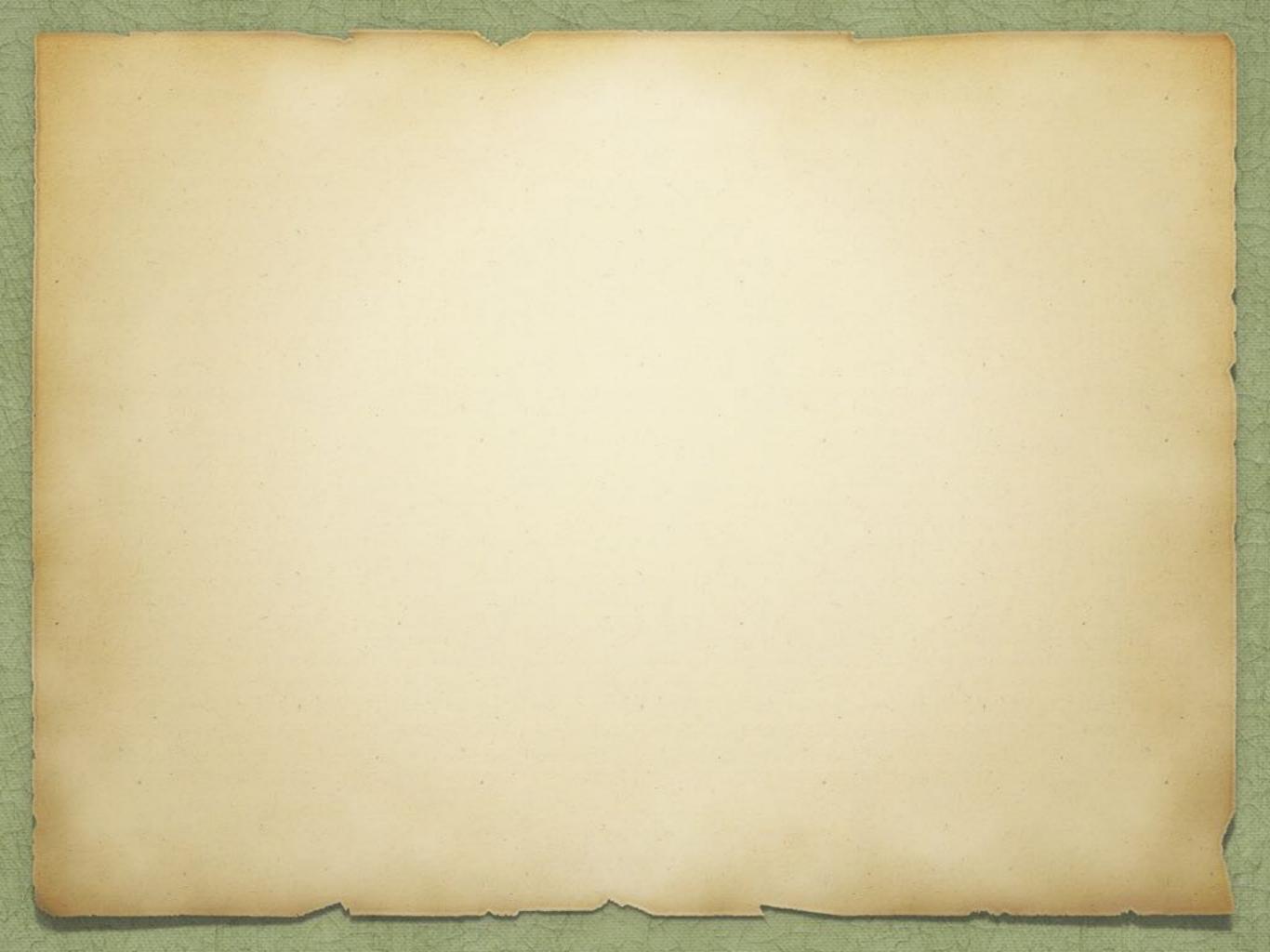
#### Reflection

Am I living a life of humility? Do I even want that lifestyle?

## The Path to Real JOY: Lessons from Timothy and Epaphroditus

- >Pray for humility
- >Unity of purpose





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## Philippians 2:20 (NASB)

For I have no one else of kindred spirit (one souled), who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

#### 1 Corinthians 4:17

For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need...

#### Winston Churchill

"When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you."



Is there anyone with whom I am united in spirit?

# The Path to Real JOY: Lessons from Timothy and Epaphroditus

- > Pray for humility
- >Unity of purpose
- > Parting with my self-interest

# Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

# Philippians 2:22

For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he was served with me in the gospel.

# Philippians 2:26

for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

#### Demas

- •Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. (Philemon 24)
- •Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. (Colossians 4:14)

## Demas

#### Demas

•For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. (2 Timothy 4:10)

> How have I acted like Demas?

# The Path to Real JOY: Lessons from Timothy and Epaphroditus

- > Pray for humility
- > Unity of purpose
- > Parting with my self-interest
- > Participate in service

# Philippians 2:22-23

But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he served with me in the gospel.

# Philippians 2:29-30

So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

## Galatians 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

> What's my service track record?

