

Word For Life Church Ministries

Prayer & Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:30 am
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THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Join us LIVE exclusively on Zoom

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He who began a good work in you...

make my joy complete

*...to know Christ and the
power of His resurrection*

I press on...

*Be anxious for nothing...let
your requests be made
known to God.*

*I can do all things
through Christ*

*And my God shall
supply all your need...*

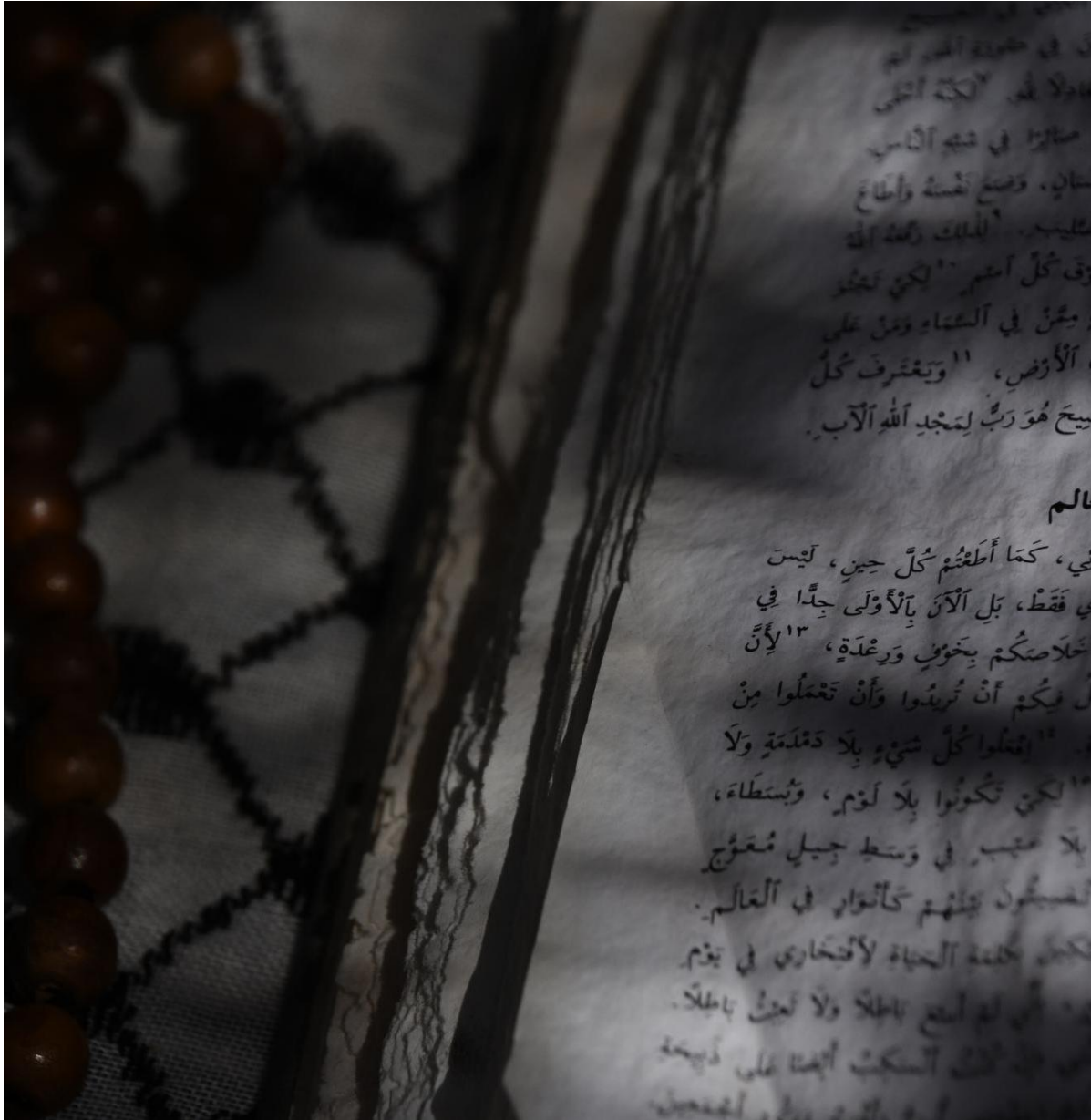


Philippians 1:1-30

The Joy of Gospel Partnership

How gratitude, joy, and hope sustain Christian partnership in the advance of the Gospel.





Agenda of the Presentation

Paul's Greeting and Thanksgiving (Philippians 1:1-11)

Paul's Imprisonment and Ministry (Philippians 1:12-18)

Living for Christ (Philippians 1:19-26)

Call to Conduct Worthy of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27-30)

**Paul's Greeting and
Thanksgiving
(Philippians 1:1-11)**

Paul's Salutation

Formal Greeting

Paul starts his letter with a formal greeting; sets a respectful tone for the message which follows.

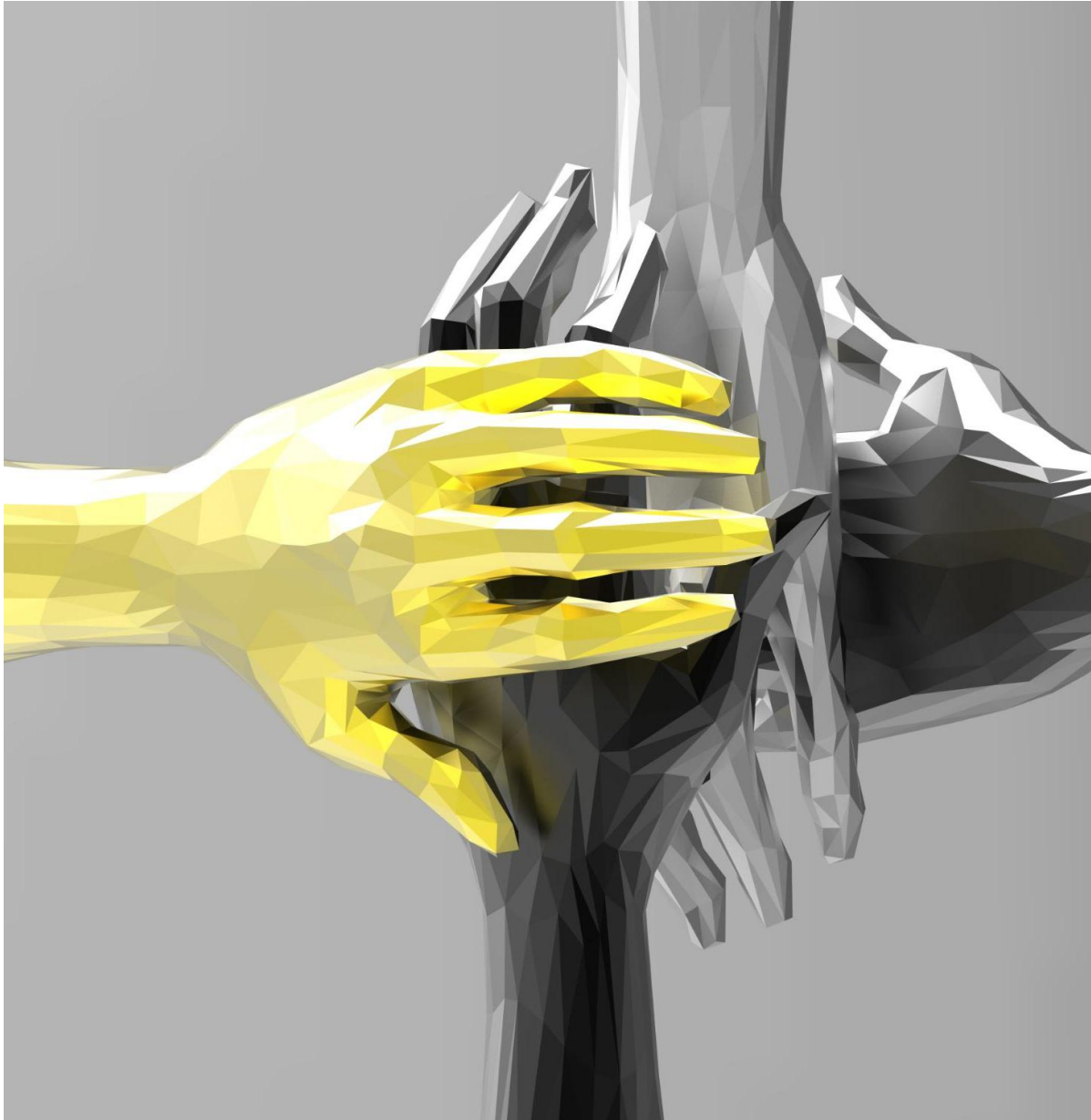
Servants of Christ

Self-identification as servants of Christ with an emphasis on commitments, dedication, and authority.

Establishing Authority

This greeting establishes Paul's authority as a leader within the early Christian community. Also establishes a collegial connection with those serving in Philippi.





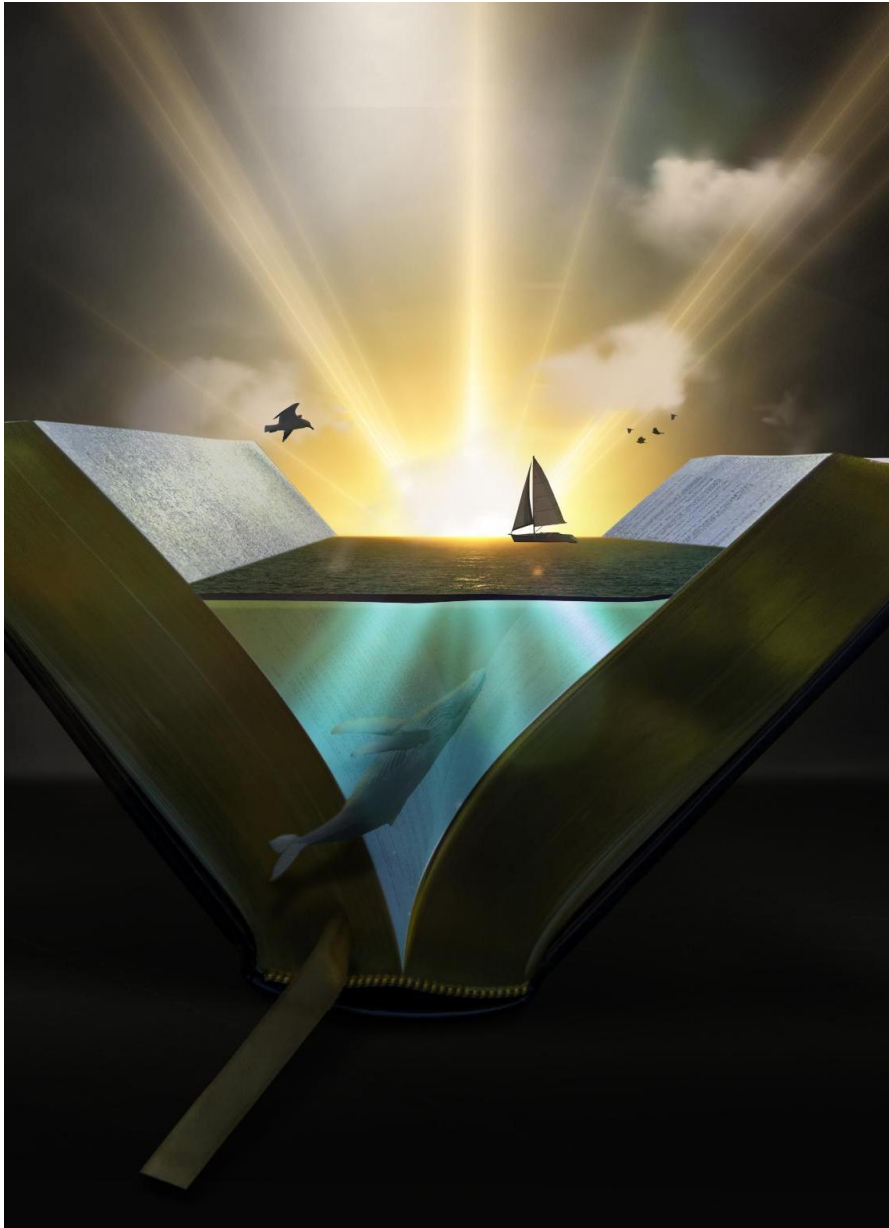
Expressions of Gratitude

Partnership in the Gospel

Paul emphasizes the importance of partnership in spreading the gospel, showcasing mutual support and faithful collaboration.

Joy in Shared Faith

Paul's thanksgiving reflects his joy in the shared faith with the Philippians, highlighting their strong spiritual bond.



Prayer for the Philippians

Spiritual Growth

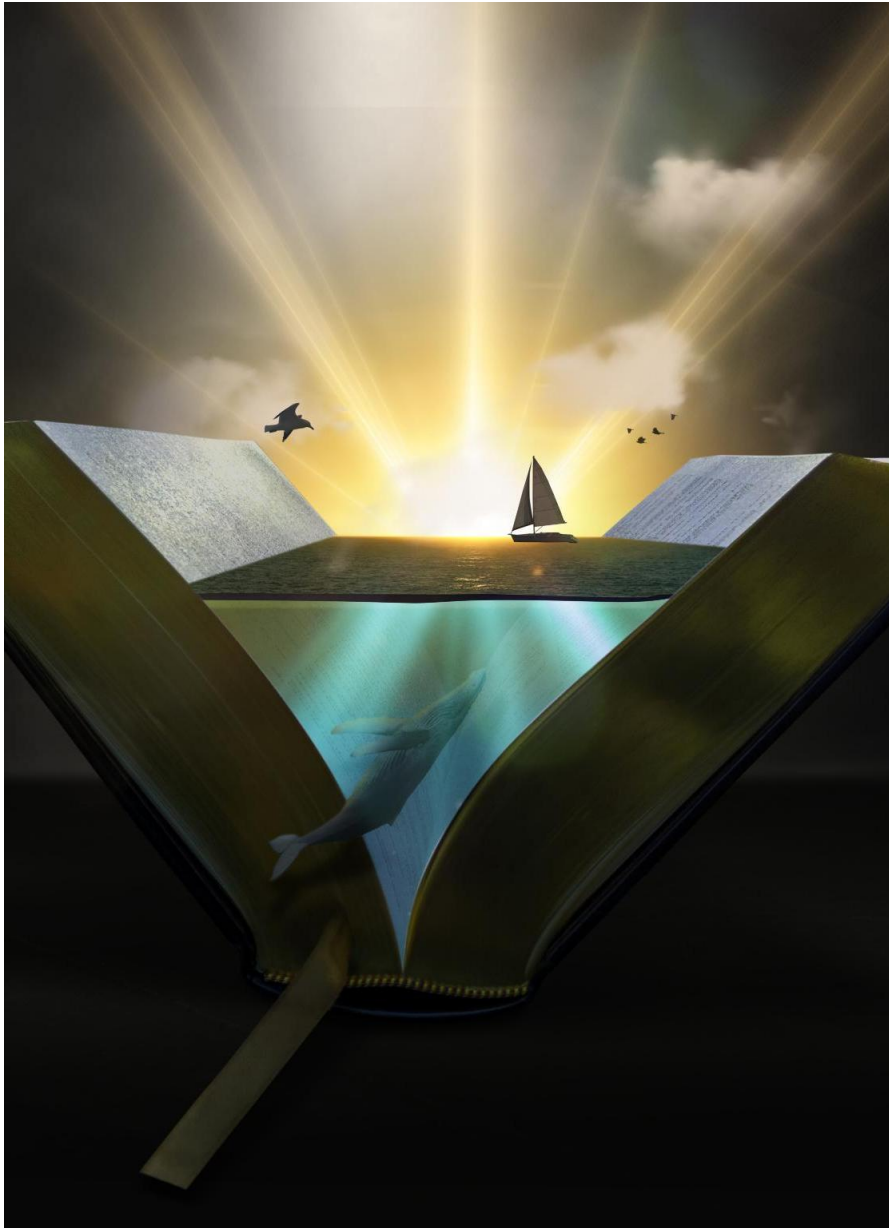
Paul's prayer highlights the importance of spiritual growth in the lives of believers, encouraging them to deepen their faith.

Importance of Love

The prayer emphasizes the fundamental aspect of love for the Christian faith, fostering unity and compassion among believers.

Knowledge and Discernment

Paul encourages the believers to grow in knowledge and discernment, enabling them to make wise choices in life.



The Day of Christ

1:6, 10; 2:16

This phrase appears three times in the first two chapters—twice in a span of five verses in chapter one alone. Why?

The Return of the Christ

héméra (Gr.): literally, a day (24-hour period);
metaphorically, a measured/controlled period of time
denoting the occurrence of a specific event (e.g., an
eschatological event)

The ‘what’ of ‘so what?’

What Paul longs for. What believers grow toward.

Paul's Imprisonment and Ministry (Philippians 1:12-18)

Advancement of the Gospel Despite Chains

Paul's Influence on Guards

Despite being in chains, Paul's faith and message reached the imperial guard, influencing many even in captivity.

God's Glory in Adversity

Paul's circumstances demonstrate how God can use challenging situations for His glory and the advancement of the Gospel.



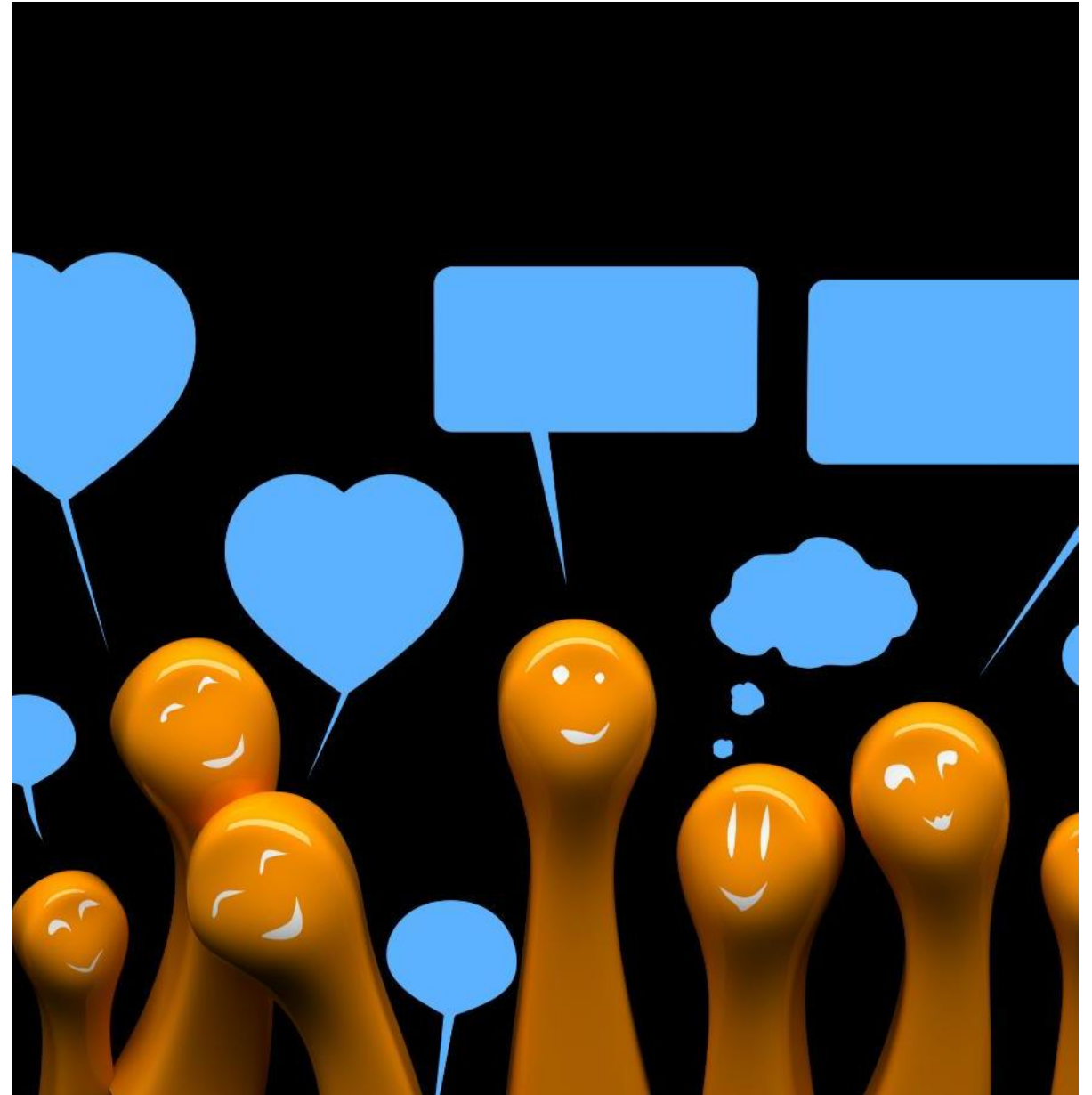
Encouragement and Boldness in Preaching

Impact of Imprisonment

Paul's imprisonment has served as a catalyst for increased boldness in his fellow believers, encouraging them to share their faith.

Faith's Ripple Effect

The boldness displayed by Paul inspires others, showing how personal faith can influence and uplift a community.





Rejoicing in the Spread of Christ's Message

Joy in Preaching

Paul finds joy in the fact that Jesus Christ is being preached, emphasizing the importance of the gospel message.

Focus on the Gospel

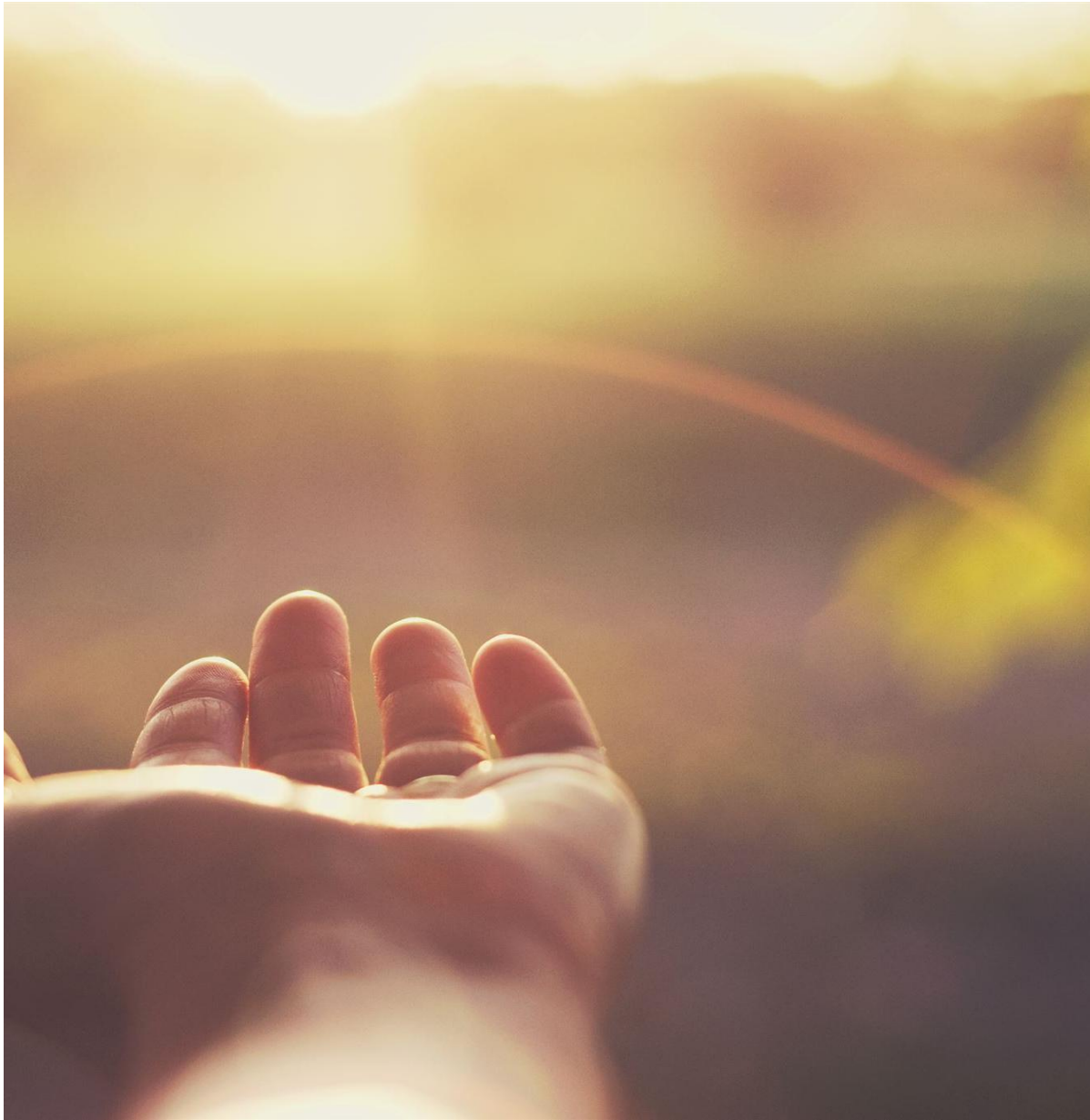
Regardless of others' motives, Paul remains focused on proclaiming the gospel.

Overcoming Challenges

Despite facing challenges, Paul remains committed to spreading Christ's message, which is his source for joy.

Living for Christ

(Philippians 1:19-26)



Hope and Expectation

Confidence in Deliverance

Paul expresses unwavering confidence that his circumstances will lead to his deliverance, highlighting his strong faith.

Faith in God's Provision

Paul emphasizes his faith in God's provision, believing that life and death will fulfill God's purpose.



Living and Dying for Christ

Serving Christ

Living for Paul means a commitment to serving Christ and embodying his teachings in daily life.

Perspective on Dying

For Paul, dying is not an end but a gain, reflecting his belief in eternal life through Christ.

Commitment to the Gospel

Paul's life illustrates a deep commitment to spreading the gospel and living out its principles.

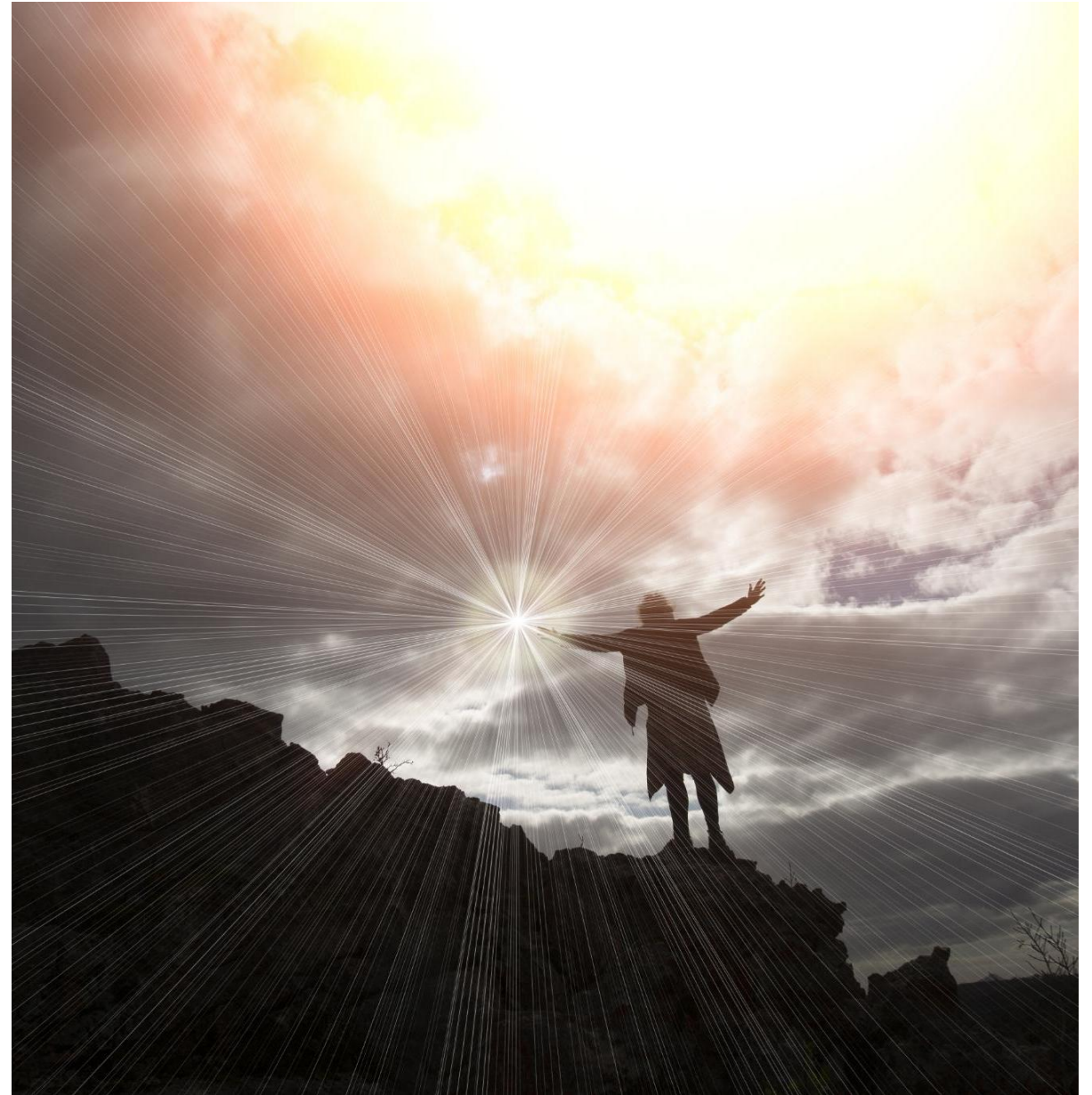
Encouragement to Remain Steadfast

Steadfast Faith

Paul emphasizes holding strong to one's faith, regardless of challenges faced in life.

Importance of Perseverance

Perseverance is essential for spiritual growth and maintaining a strong relationship with God.



**Call to Conduct
Worthy of the Gospel
(Philippians 1:27-30)**



Unity and Striving Together

Call for Unity

Paul emphasizes the importance of unity among believers, fostering a sense of togetherness in faith.

Working Together

Believers are encouraged to collaborate and support one another, strengthening their collective faith.

Facing Adversity

In times of struggle, it is crucial for believers to stand together and provide support to one another.

Standing Firm in Faith

Perseverance in Trials

Standing firm in faith requires unwavering perseverance, especially during challenging times and opposition.

Resilience Against Challenges

Resilience is essential to withstand challenges, illustrating strength and unwavering faith through adversity.





Facing Opposition and Suffering with Courage

Suffering as a Privilege

Paul emphasizes that suffering for Christ is an honor, reminding the Philippians of the strength found in faith.

Encouragement to Be Courageous

The Philippians are encouraged to confront their challenges boldly—reinforcing the idea of strength through faith.

Faith in Adversity

Note the importance of maintaining faith even during tough times—inspiring resilience and hope.

Conclusion

Insights on Believers' Life

Philippians Chapter 1 provides insights into how believers can navigate their spiritual journey with faith and purpose.

Lessons from Paul

Paul emphasizes the importance of gratitude, perseverance, and unity among believers for their daily living and for the cause of the Gospel.

Reflection of Christ

The chapter encourages believers to reflect Christ through their actions and attitudes, fostering a community of love and support.