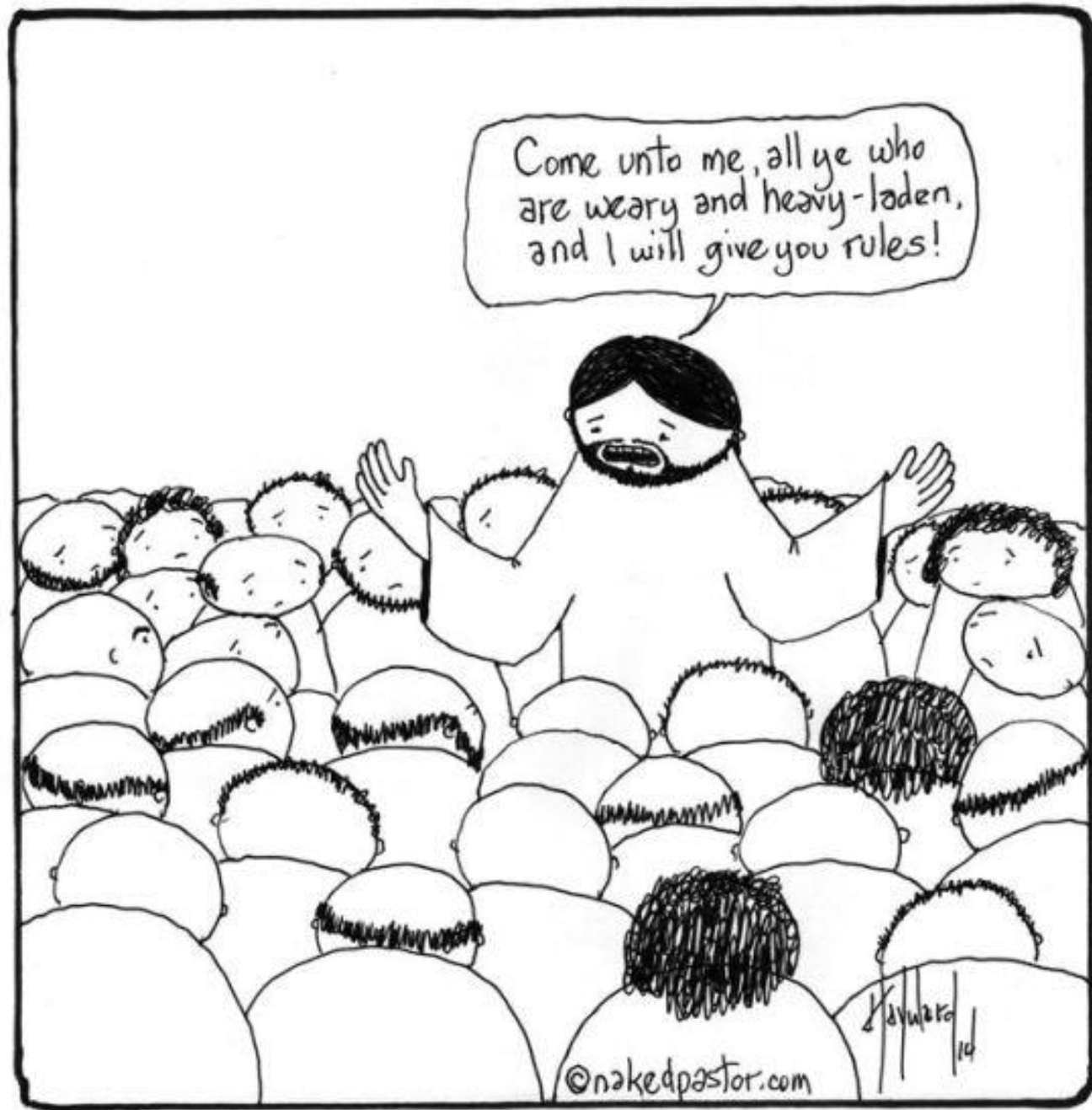


# Unlocking the Good Life

A series in Philippians

Trading Up  
Phil 3:1-11





# Focus on Jesus

*"Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith."* Phil 3:1 NLT



# His Power, not Mine

*“Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort” Phil 3:2-3 NLT*



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*"I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault." 3:5-6 NLT*



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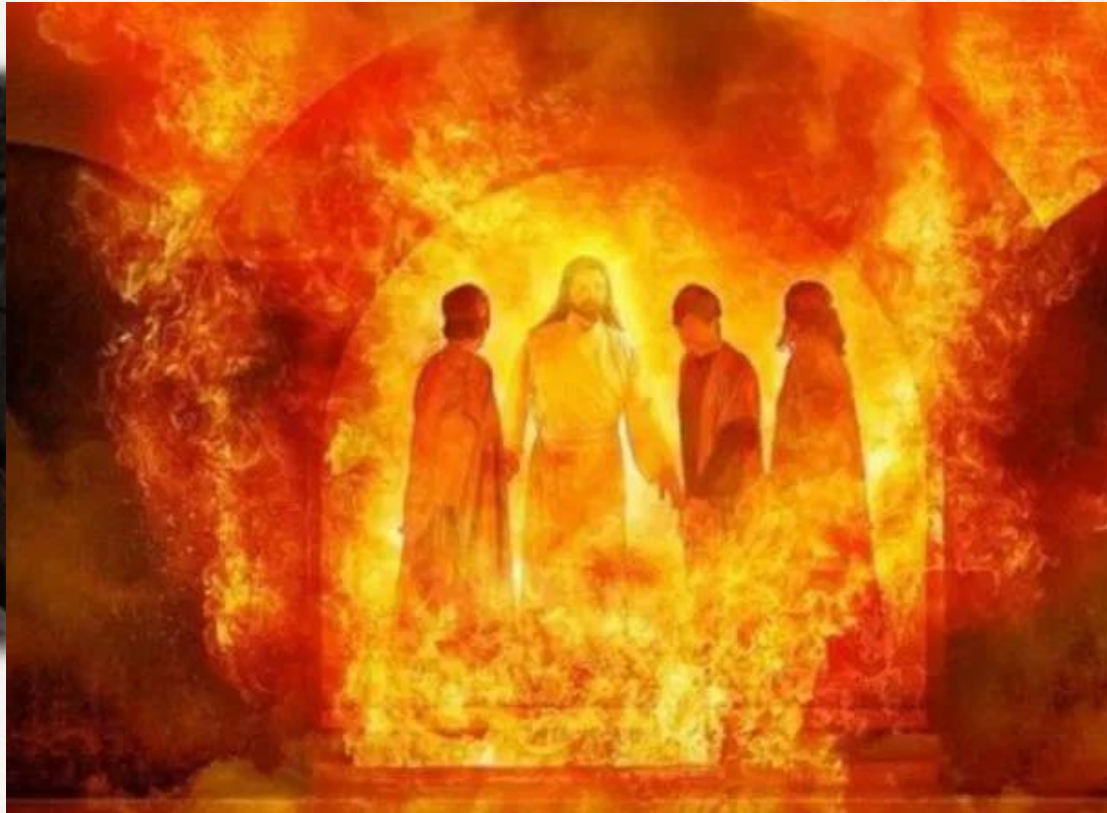
Simon of Cyrene

The father of Alexander and Rufus

Mark 15:21



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Three men thrown in fire, but four are present  
Daniel 3:24-25





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Stephen: "I see heaven open and the Son of Man"  
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