

Journey from Heaven

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Life Change: We imitate Jesus

Philippians 2:1-11

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The ski trip that went on forever

Jesus made the longest journey ever

2:5-11

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Our own journey...

2:1-5

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**The earliest Christian texts reflect the ideal that it is mainly the parents themselves, and not nurses or other servants, who should carry out the Christian formation. Leading the children into a comprehensive life of piety is seen as significant. The parents' [sanctification] depends on taking this task seriously.**

**– Odd Magne Bakke “Upbringing of Children in the Early Church” in *Studia Theologica* Vol 60**





# JOY IN THE JOURNEY

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



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courtesy Ktravel



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**<sup>5</sup> Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,  
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**Philippians 2 CSB**

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# HOW DID BC AND AD BEGIN?

**BC - BEFORE CHRIST**

**AD- ANNO DOMINI**

2500 B.C

480 B.C

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476 A.D

1947 A.D



**CONSTRUCTION OF GIZA PYRAMIDS**



**BATTLE OF THERMOPYLAE**



**BIRTH OF JESUS**



**FALL OF THE WESTERN ROMAN EMPIRE**



**INDIAN INDEPENDENCE**

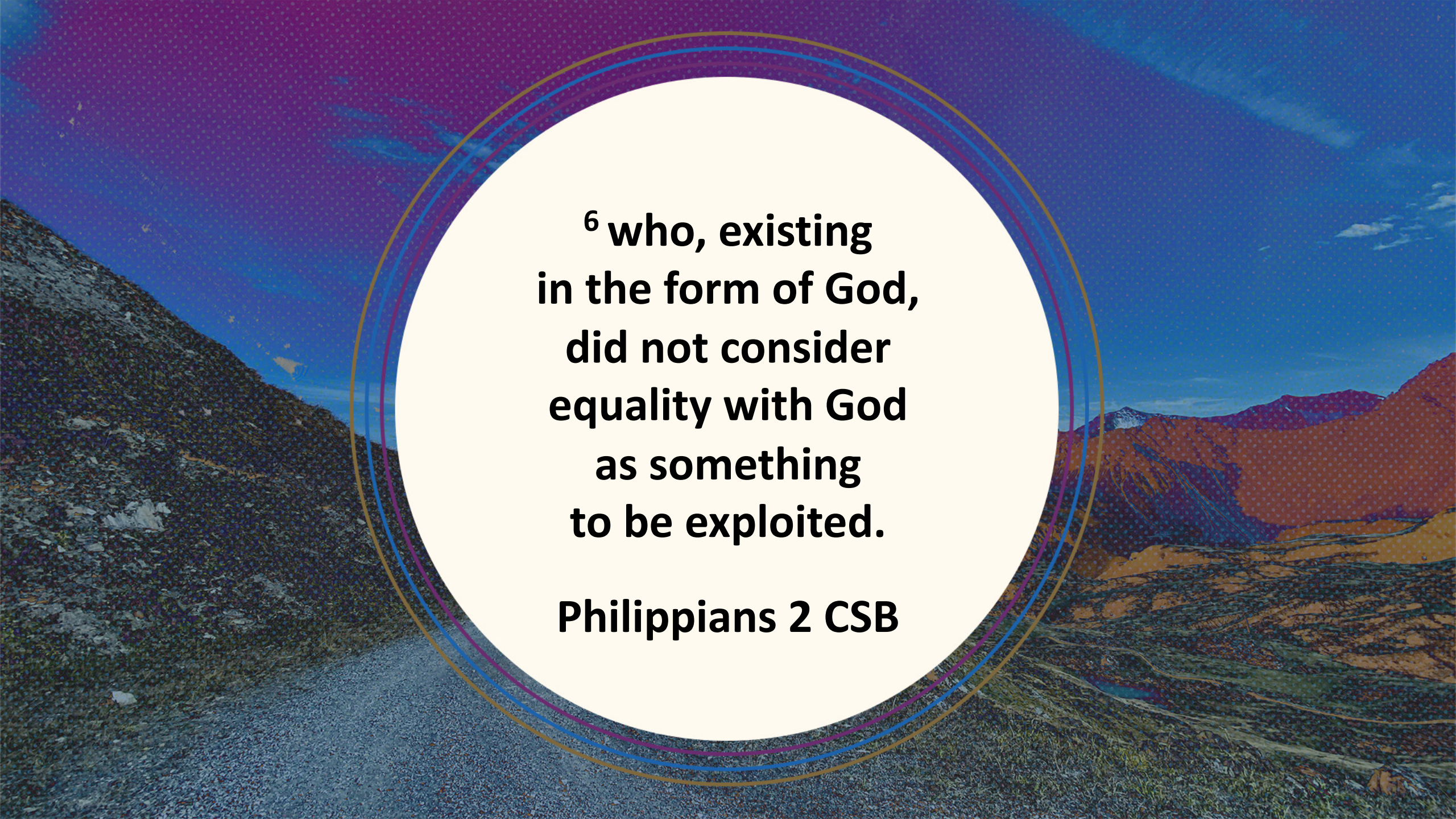


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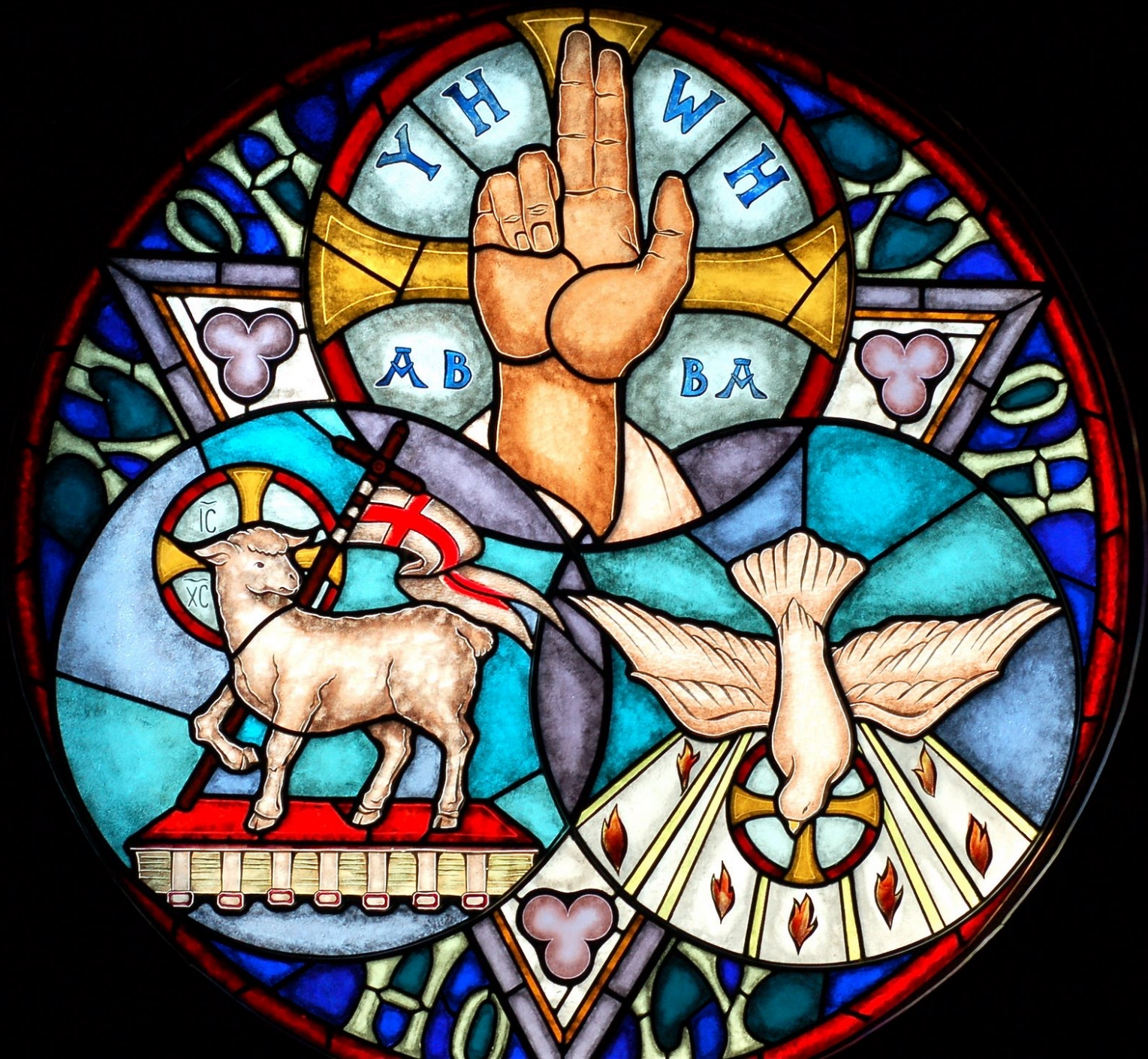






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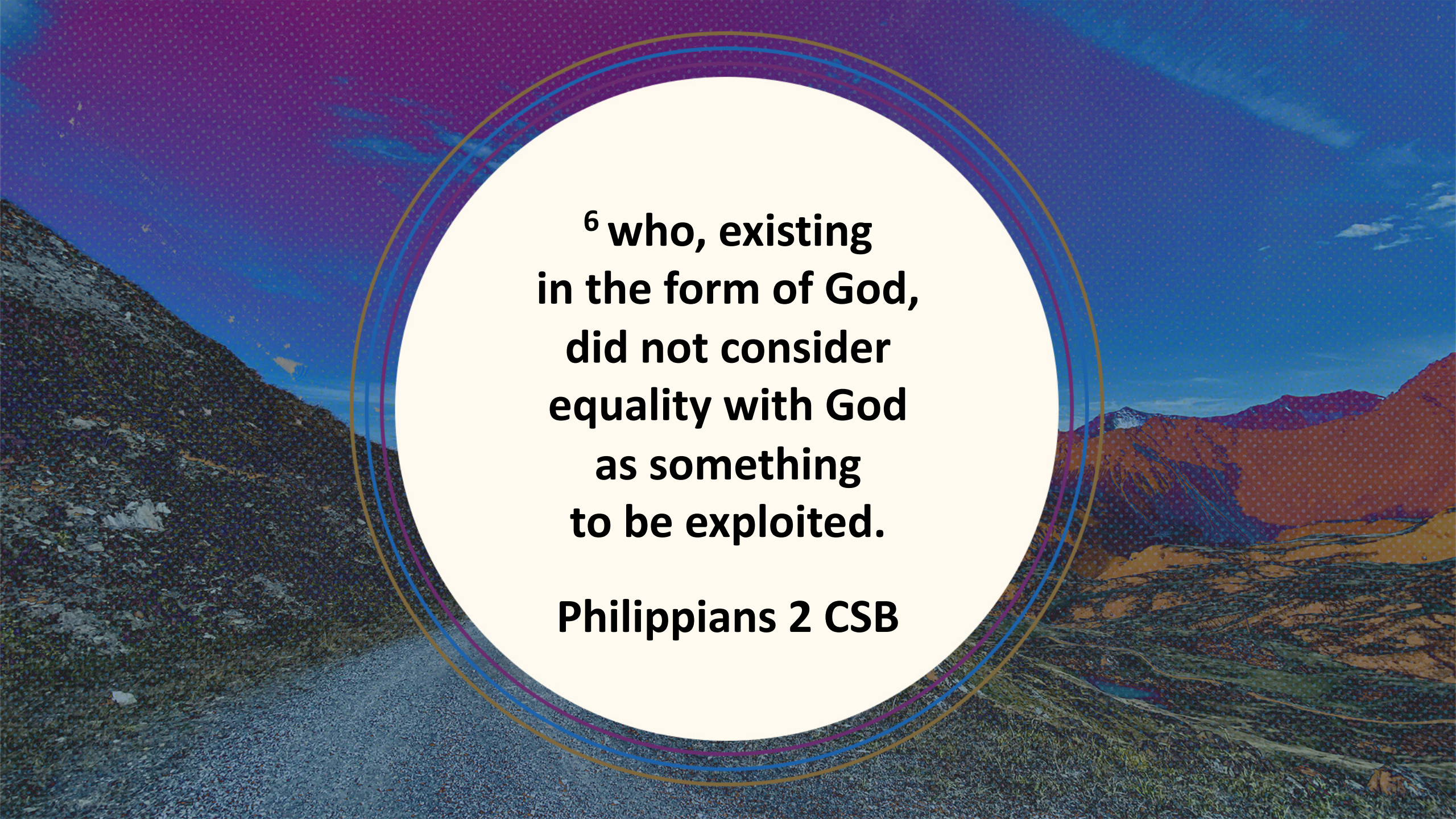
*to save lives*



**FBI HRT**



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courtesy adventforkids

**How many kings step down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?  
“How Many Kings”**

**by Jason Ronald, William Germain, Marc A. Martel**



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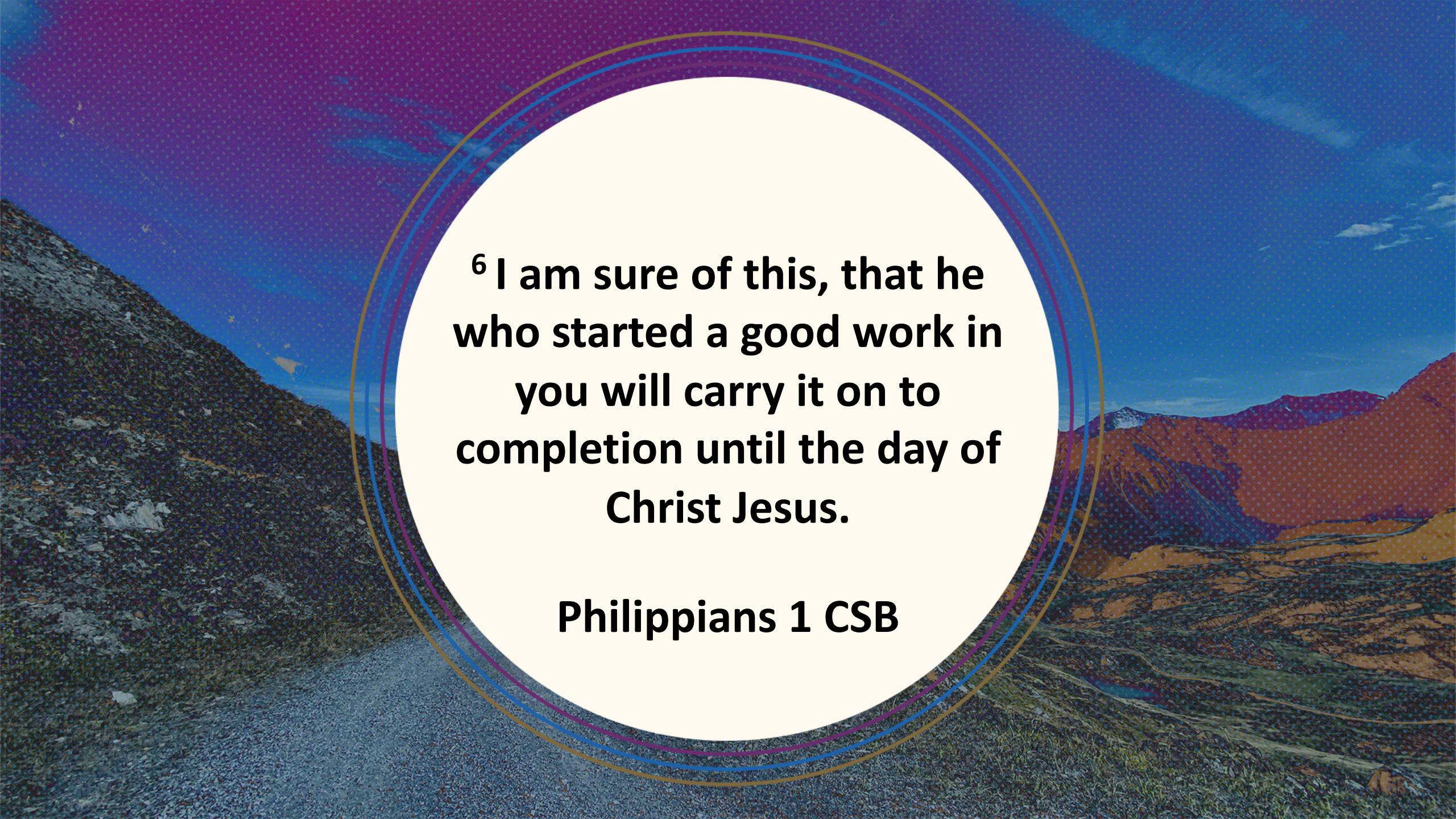
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The heavenly Christ did not selfishly exploit His divine form and mode of being...but by His own decision emptied Himself of it or laid it by, taking the form of a servant by becoming man. The subject of ἐκένωσεν [the form of keno in verse 7] is not the incarnate but the pre-existent Lord. There is a strong sense of the unity of His person. The essence remains, the mode of being changes—a genuine sacrifice.

– Albrecht Oepke, “κενόω”

**28 The crowds were astonished at his teaching, 29 because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.**

**Matthew 7 CSB**

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**<sup>6</sup> I am sure of this, that he  
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**Philippians 1 CSB**



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**Philippians 2 CSB**

**13 I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth,  
on the sea, and everything in them say,  
Blessing and honor and glory and power  
be to the one seated on the throne,  
and to the Lamb, forever and ever!**

**Revelation 5 CSB**

**10 so that at the name of Jesus  
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**Philippians 2 CSB**

**3 Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” 5 They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am *He*” ... 6 when He said to them, “I am *He*,” they drew back and fell to the ground.**

**John 18 NASB**

**God will invade...When that happens, it's the end of the world...For this time it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror in every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. It will be the time when we discover which side we have truly chosen. – C.S. Lewis**



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## **Conditional sentences in Greek (“if” in English)**

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**Philippians 2 CSB**



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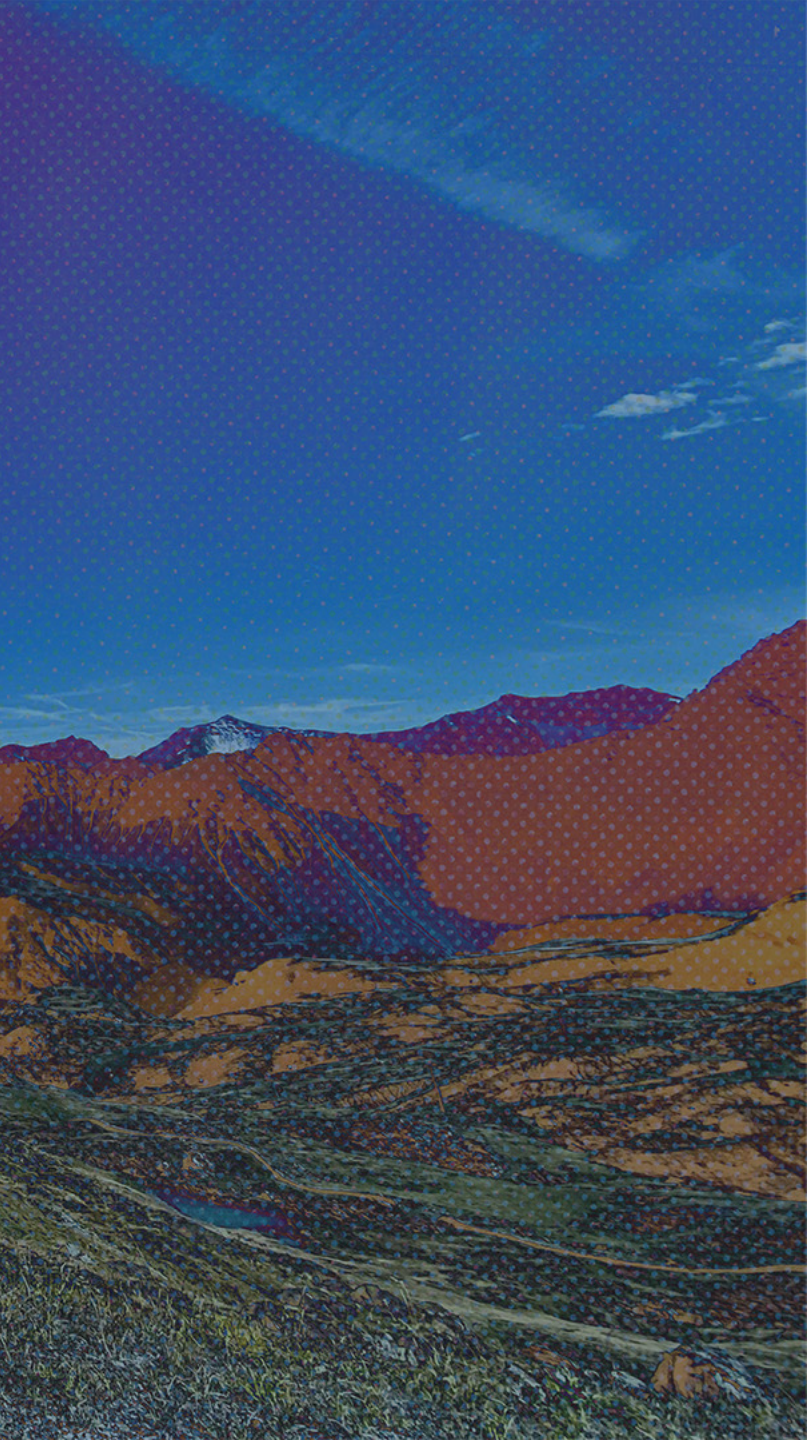
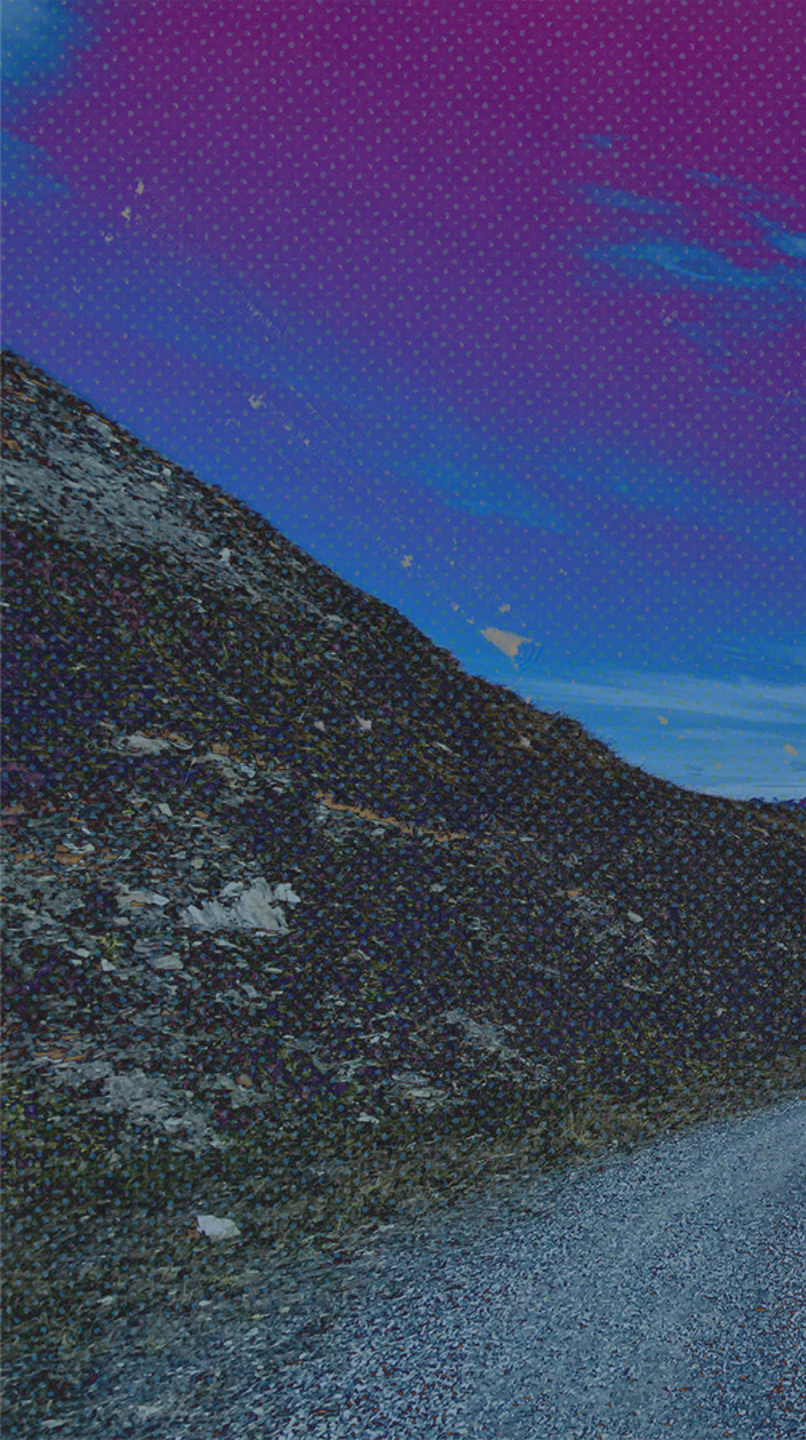
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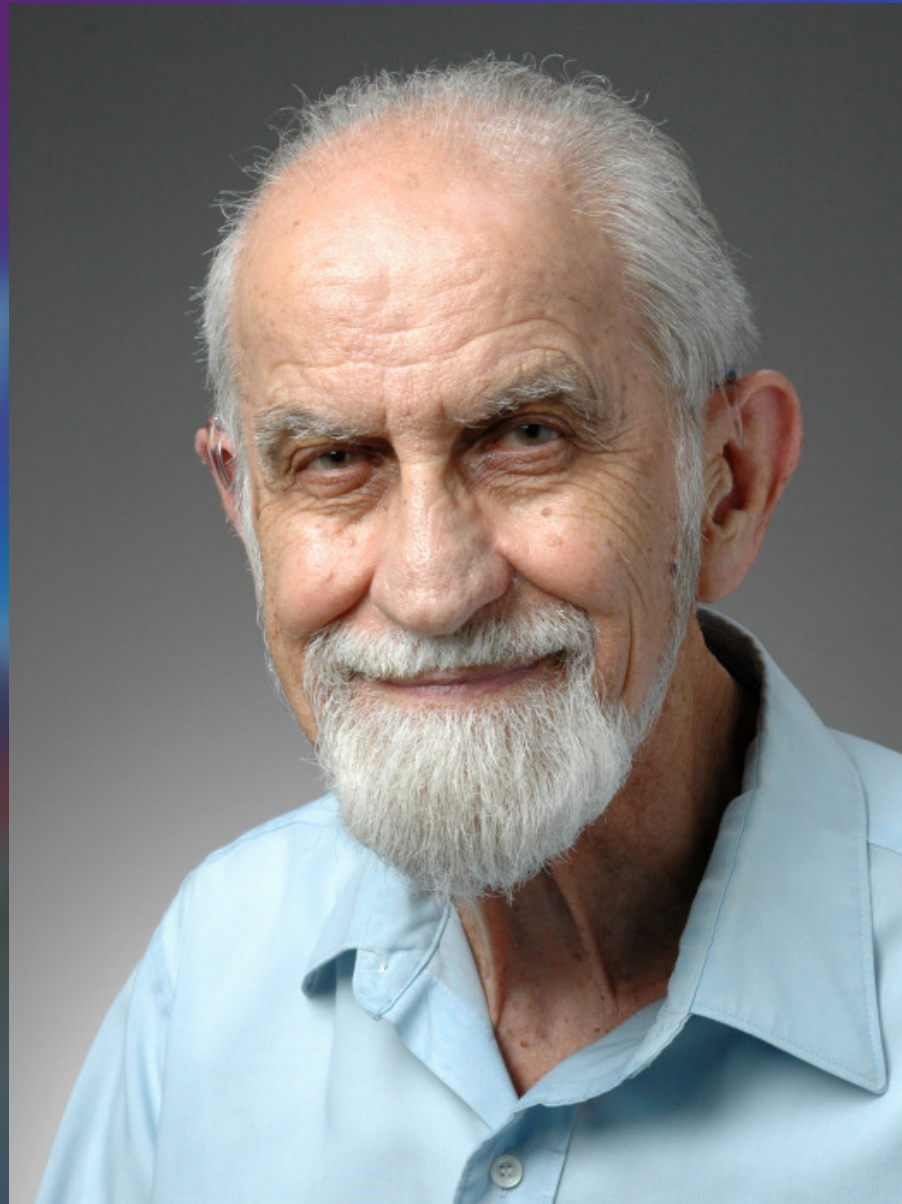
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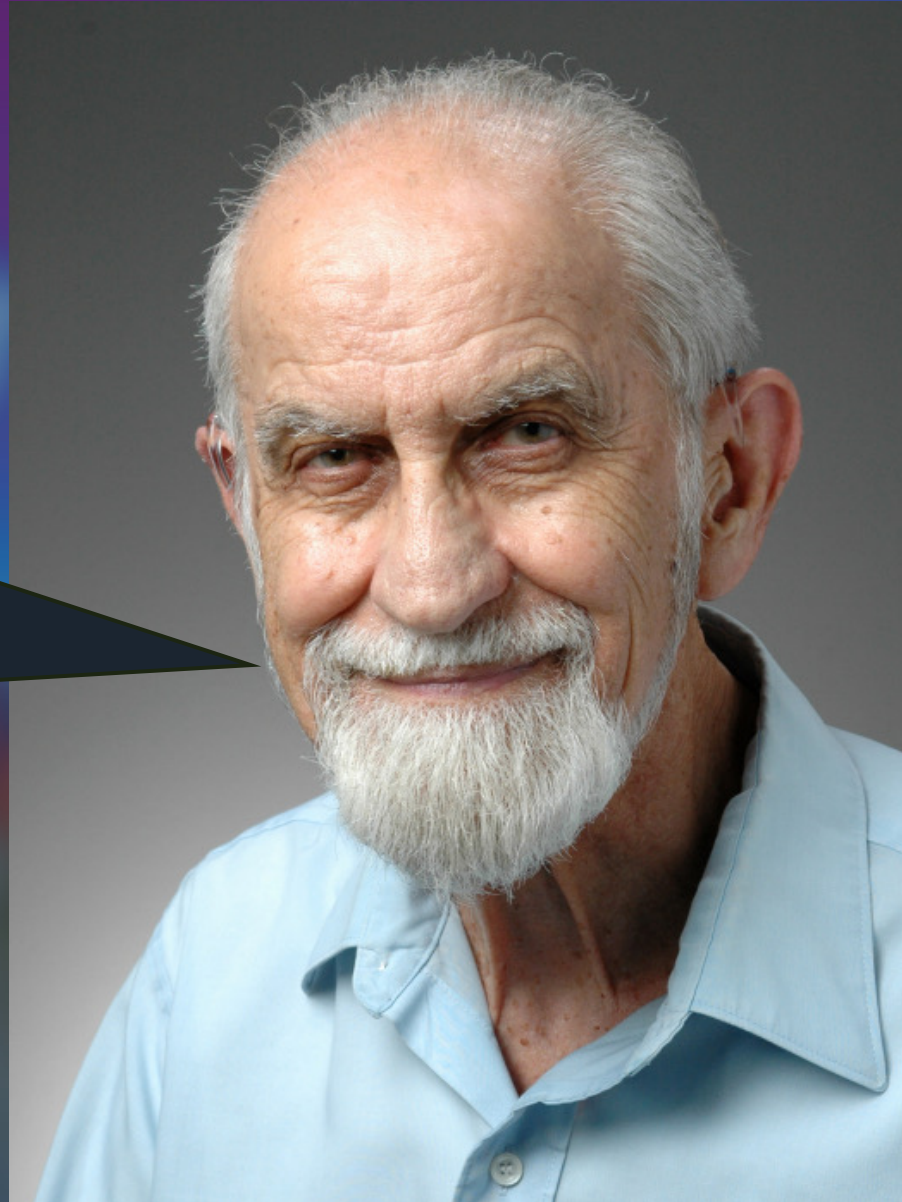
**Dr. John Reed  
only person who had  
done any modern  
research in my specialty**



courtesy pheducation



**I am fascinated by where you are going with this research. Could I be on your committee and contribute on a regular basis?**



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**Affection is the same  
thing as love  
mentioned above!**



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**That's all true. He is an utter  
wretch. But I paid for it. I paid it all,  
and because He trusts Me, this one  
is clean before the court.**



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**Philippians 2 CSB**

**2:5 Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus**

**1:27 As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.**

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# THOUGHT POLICE

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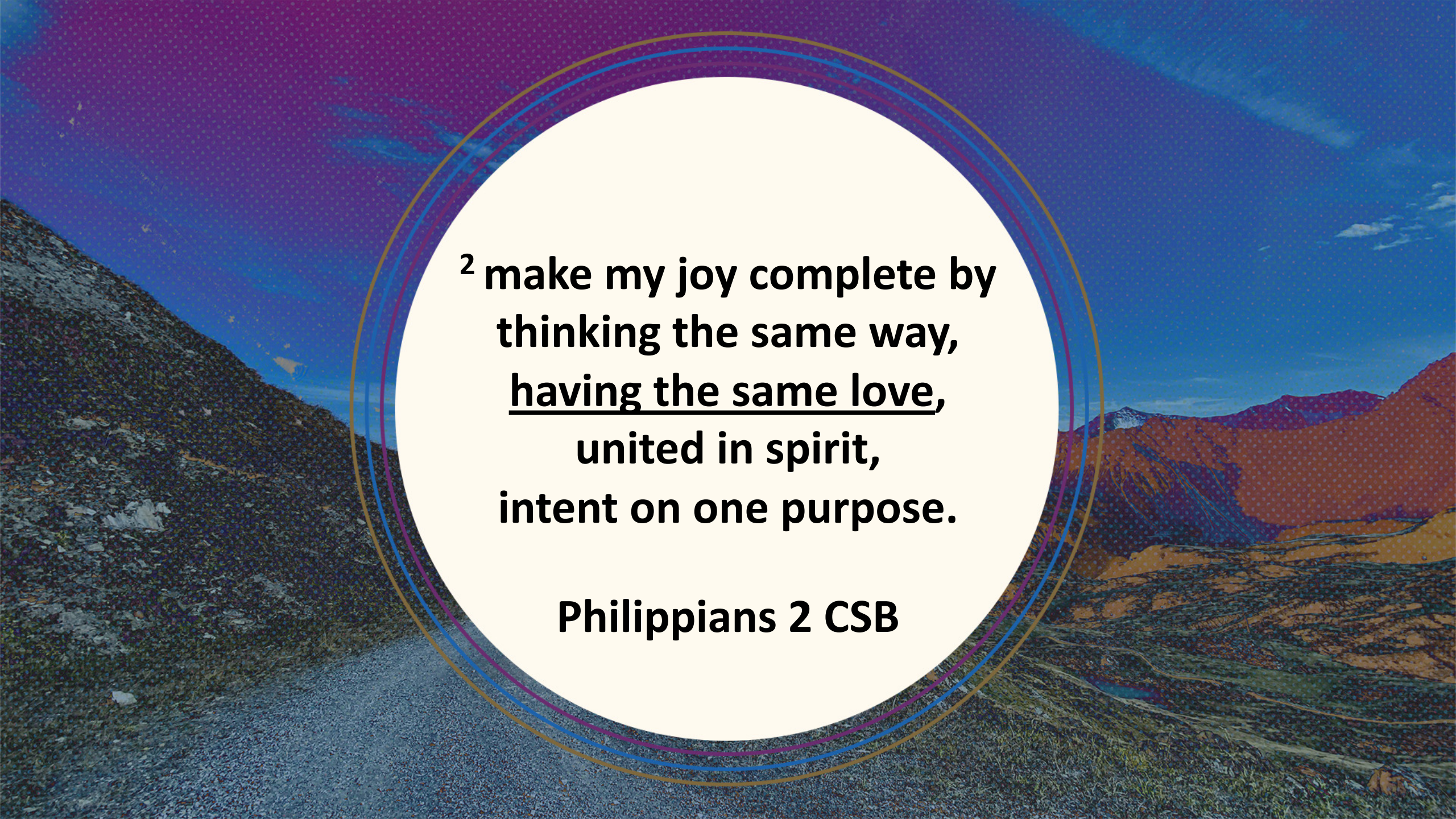


**Fire them!**




**Hold them to free speech pledges. ["In the same way."]**



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**<sup>35</sup> [God] is kind  
to the ungrateful  
and the evil.**

**<sup>36</sup> Be merciful,  
even as your Father  
is merciful.**

**Luke 6 CSB**

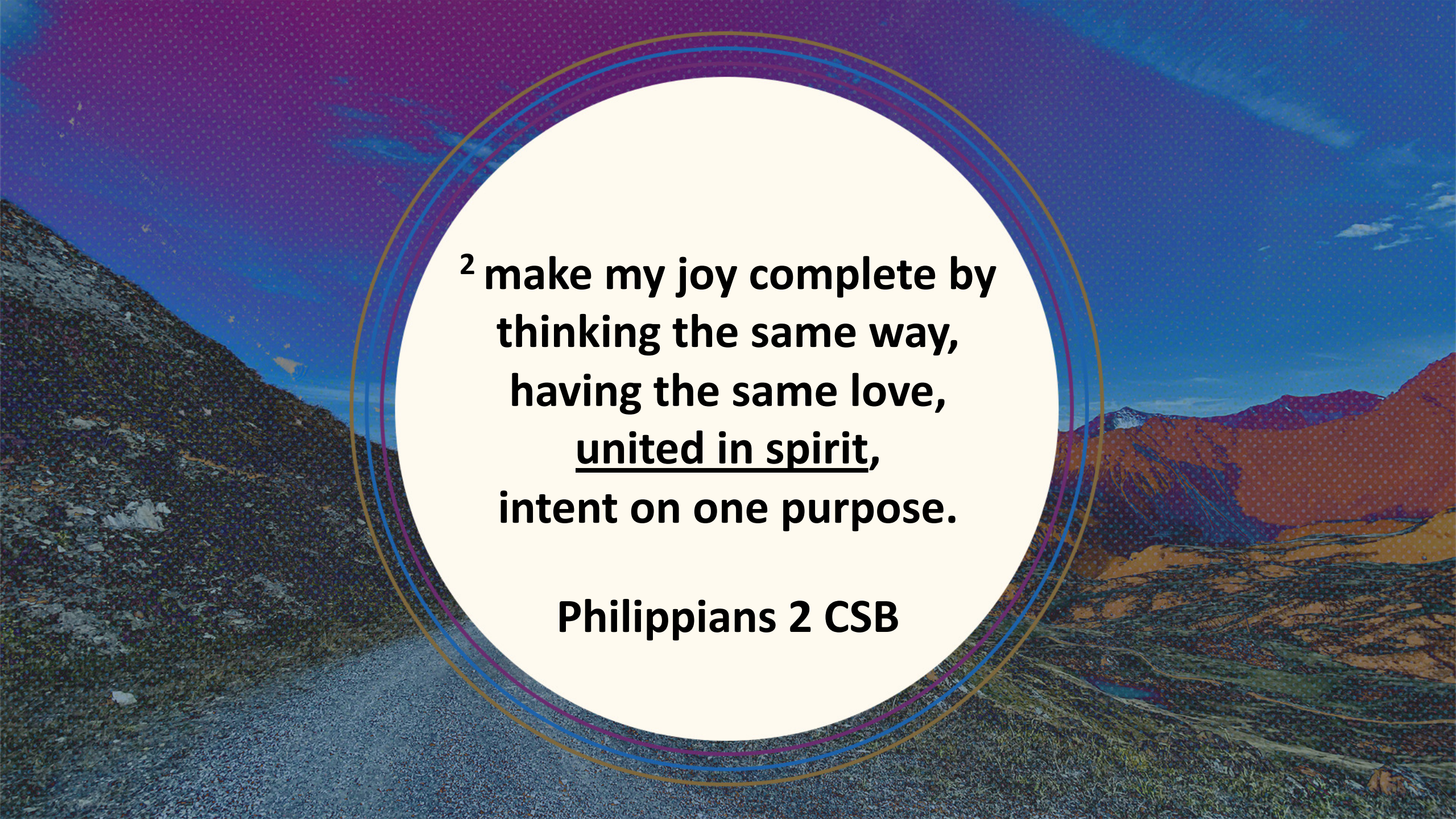
**Loving the difficult [people] is only possible if it begins with the love God has shown us. When your ability to love mercifully is flagging, consider the undeserved mercy you yourself have received through Christ and the overwhelming cost that mercy was to him. As knowledge of mercy flows into gratitude, and gratitude into love for God, remember that God has called you to love “those” people. Or to put it more simply, if you have an attitude problem, it’s because you have a gratitude problem. Having lost sight of God’s mercy, your heart is deficient in gratitude, and so your love is deficient in power.**

**– Jamie Dunlop, *Love the Ones Who Drive You Crazy***





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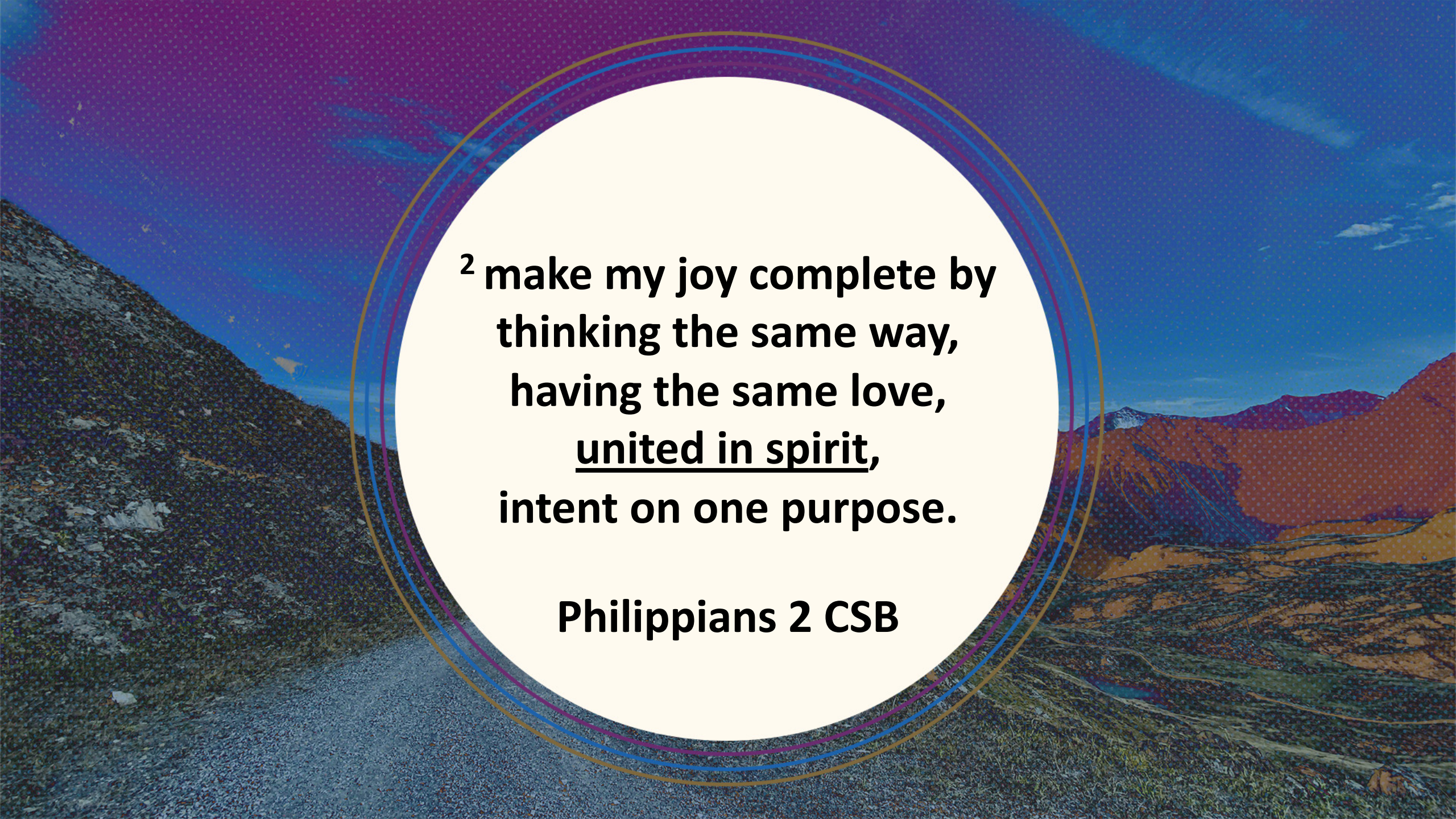
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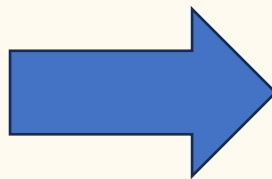
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**Leader:**

**Who are we?**

**What do we do?**

**How is that done?**

**To what purpose?**

**Congregation:**

**We are redeemed community.**

**Jesus' great commission.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**For the glory of God.**



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**Humility is key to true intelligence. – John Calvin,  
*Institutes of the Christian Religion***



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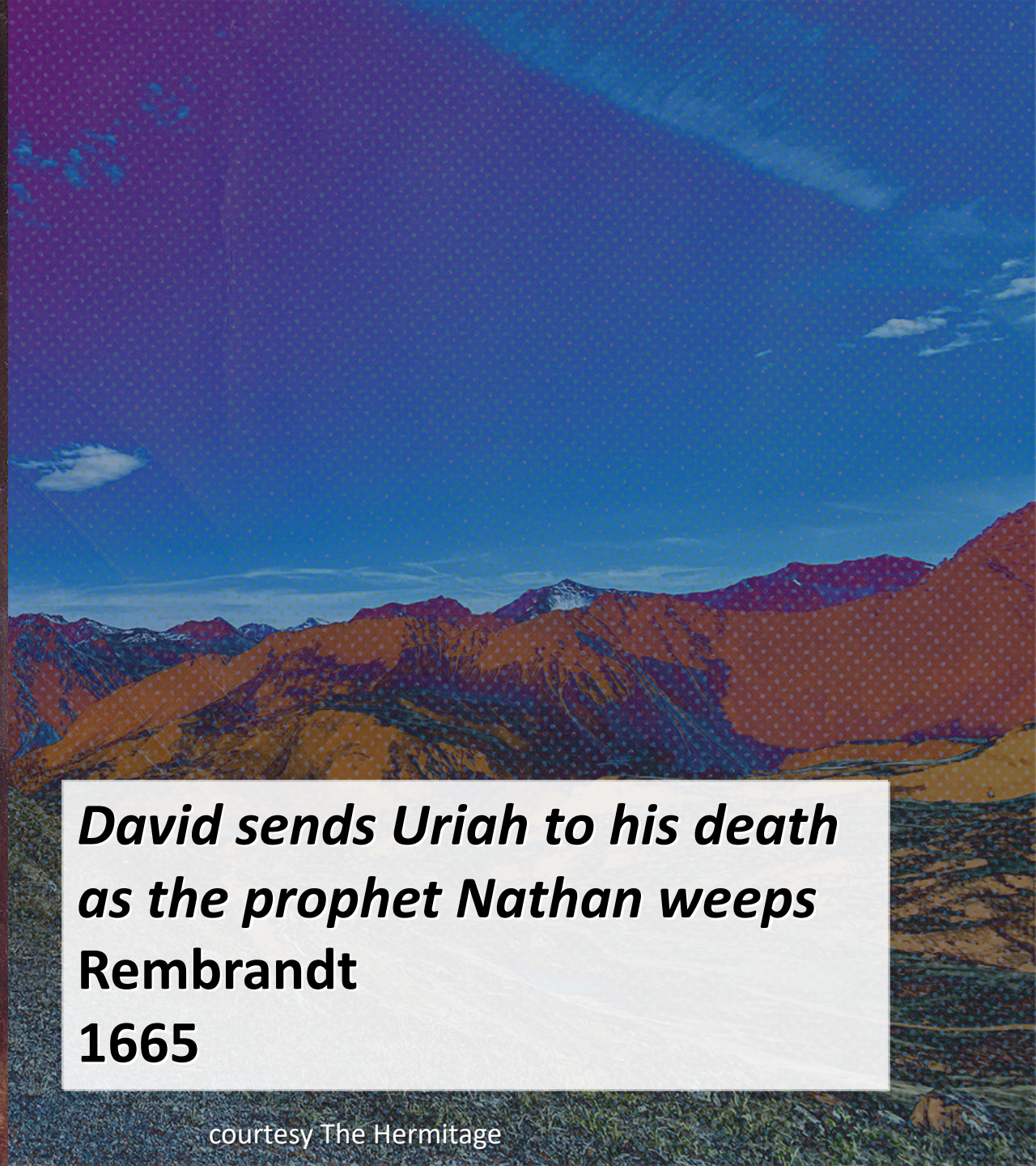
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***Herod massacres the innocents***  
**Codex Egberti, 10<sup>th</sup> c.**

courtesy Meisterwerke



***David sends Uriah to his death  
as the prophet Nathan weeps***  
**Rembrandt**  
**1665**

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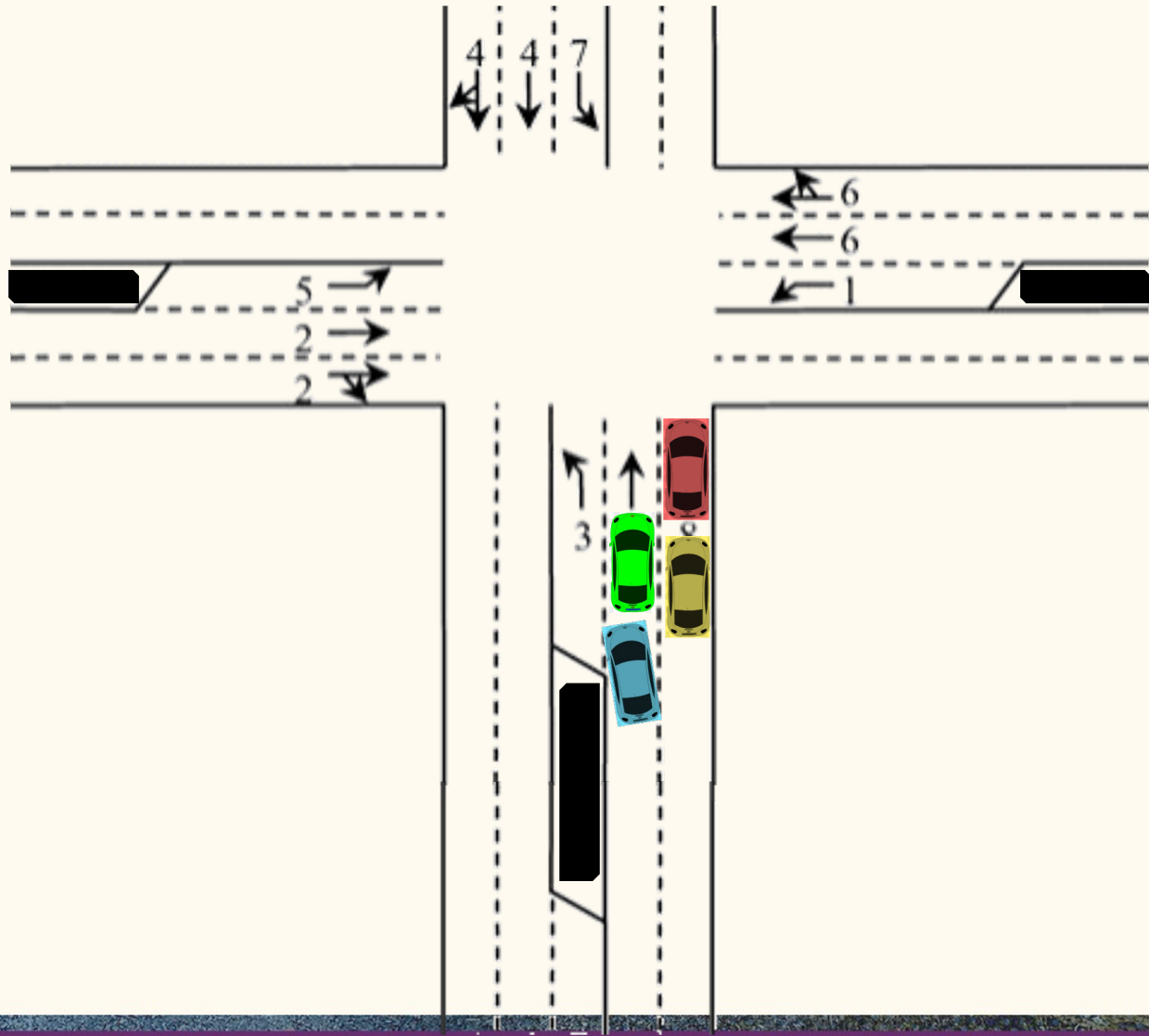


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**4 do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>NASB</sup>**

**4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>ESV</sup>**





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**SHOPPING CART RETURN**



**SPECIAL SPOT  
JUST FOR YOU!**

**Ya'll c'mon! Get in,  
we're going to  
church for Xmas Eve!**



courtesy Kelly Tolar

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