



PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

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TO LIVE CHRIST

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TO DIE GAIN!

**How many of us have
ever heard somebody
say, “I’m all in”?**







There are some who
will say,
“well . . . I’m 99% in.”

But 99% ain't
ALL IN!









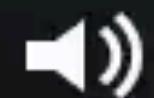




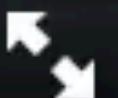
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Focused!

Disciplined!

God's Help!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

But we need to
make sure that we're
focused on the right
things!



**How can we remain
focused and disciplined
when following Jesus?**



Psalms 119:9-16

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Psalms 119:9a

How can a young man cleanse his way?

Psalms 119:9b

By taking heed according to Your word.



Psalm 119:10

With my whole heart I have sought
You; Oh, let me not wander from
Your commandments!

ALL IN!



Psalms 119:11

Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.

Psalms 119:13

With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.

TELL THE
WORLD THAT
JESUS
LIVES

Psalms 119:14&16

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Psalms 119:15

I will meditate on Your precepts, And
contemplate Your ways.



THE BOOK OF PSALMS

PSALM 1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and what-

4 ever he doeth shall prosper.

5 The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of

5 the righteous.

5 The LORD knoweth the way of the righteous, and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

1 The kingdom of Christ is not of this world: if the world came into his hands, he would not release it; for to release it would be to count him a liar, seeing he said, My kingdom is not of this world.

2 He said also to them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world.

3 I came not to judge the world, but to save the world: he that hateth me hateth my Father also.

4 He that is not with me is against me: he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

5 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

6 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

7 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

8 **PSALM 3**

1 The Security of God's Protection

A Psalm of David,

when he fled from Absalom.

LORD, how are they increased that trouble me!

2 Many are they that rise up against me!

3 Many there be which say of my soul, There is

no help for him in God. Selah.

3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me, my

glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice, out of

my trouble; he heard my cry. Selah.

5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the

Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round

about.

7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God; for thou

hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek,

bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy

blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM 4

David Prays for God to Hear Him

To the chief Musician on Neginoth,

A Psalm of David.

1 O my God, in the day when I call upon thee, thou

will hear me: for my voice is unto thee, because

thou hast enlarged me when I was in trouble; thou hast enlarged me when I was in

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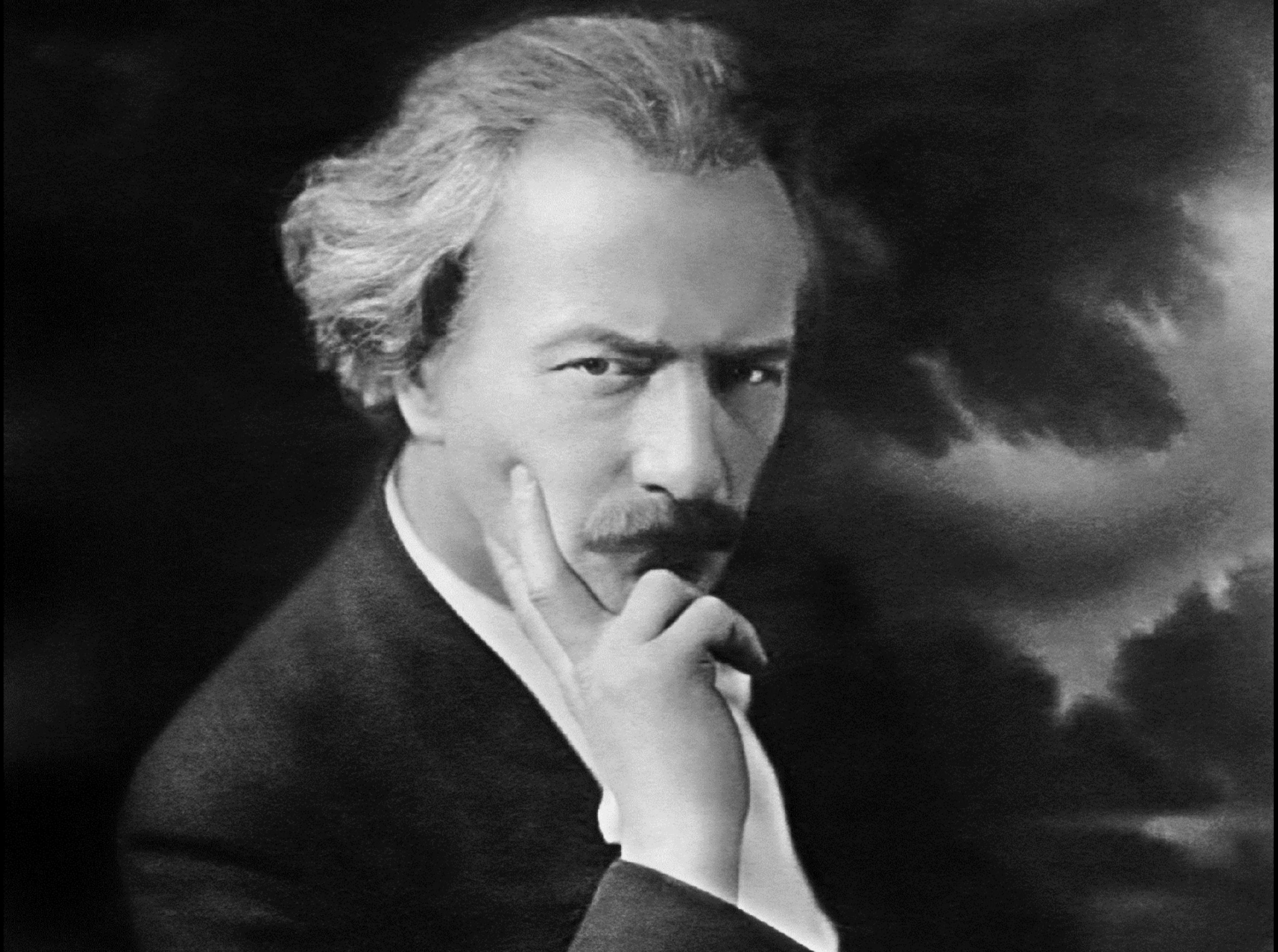
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Striving alone . . .

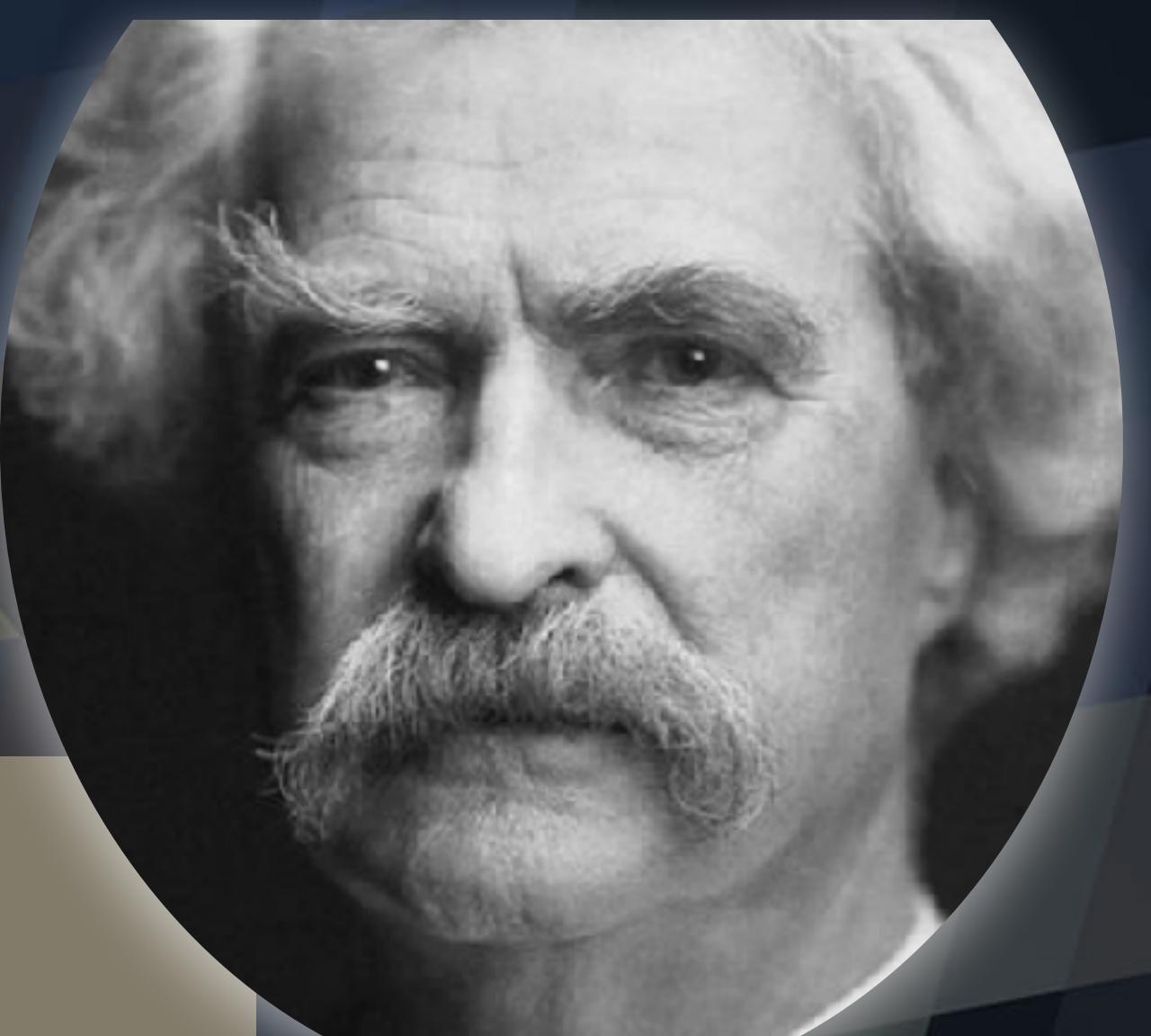
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*“It ain’t the parts of the Bible that I
can’t understand that bother me . . . It
is the parts that I do understand.”*

Mark Twain





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Philippians 1:1-2

Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.







Acts 16:9-10

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.” 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.

The initial converts were Jews or
Jewish proselytes . . .

But many more Gentiles got saved
there, so Gentiles made up the
majority of the congregation:

Acts 16:14-15

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. 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.



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Acts 16:25-34

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

Acts 16:25-34 . . . continued

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 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. 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.

Acts 16:25-34 . . . continued

But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

Acts 16:25-34 . . . continued

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. 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.



Philippians 1:13

so that it has become evident to the whole
palace guard, and to all the rest, that my
chains are in Christ;

For those that are nerds . . . Most scholars believe Paul penned three other letters from prison.

Who knows what they are?

Colossians

Ephesians

Philemon



For most people, no matter how hard they try to find “happiness”, it seems to elude them.

Usually they are unable to control their circumstances, but instead they find their circumstances controlling them!









What do we mean?

Look at what most people look for
happiness in:





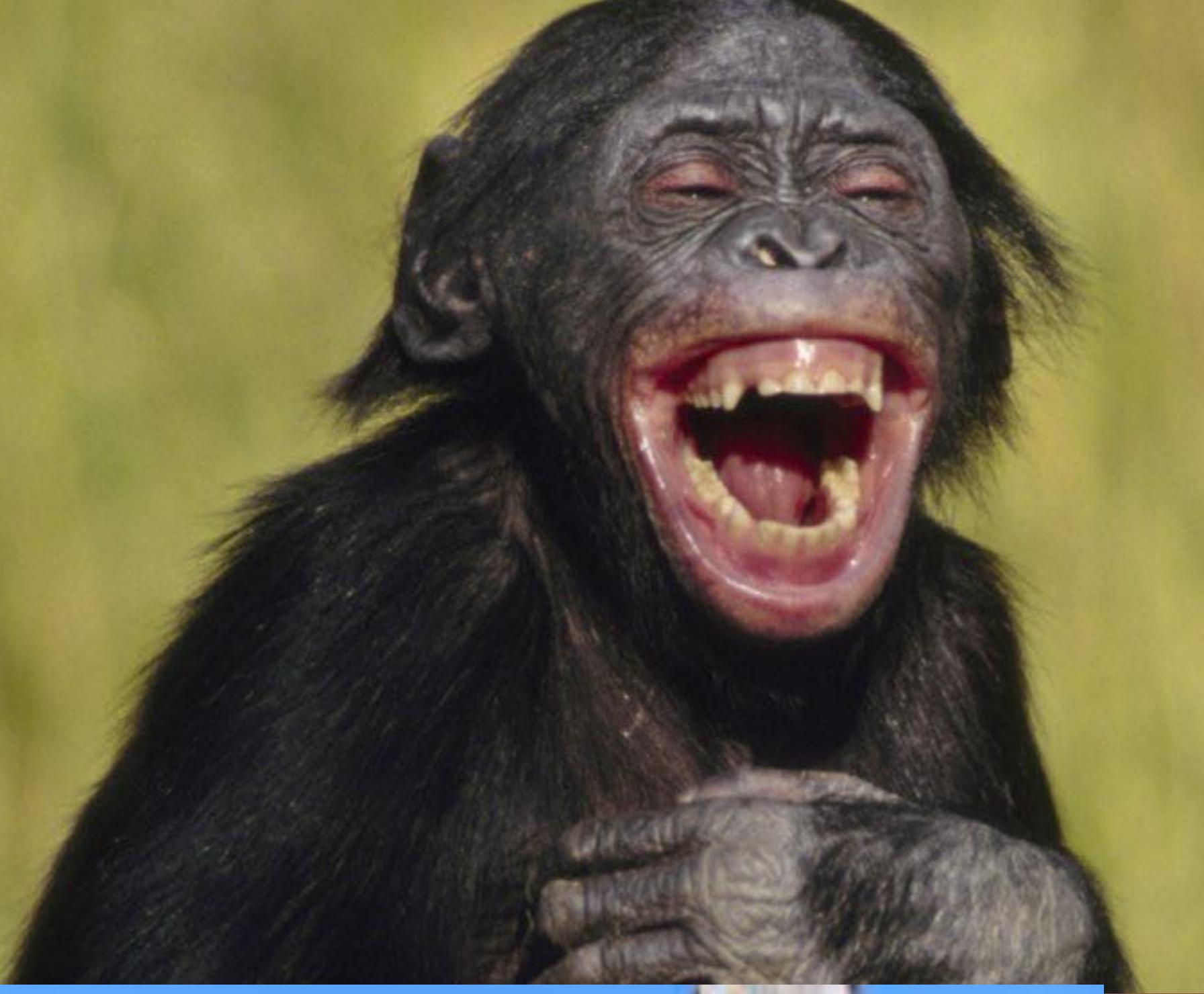




The problem is that most people
(even believers) are after happiness,
NOT JOY!!!



Biblical joy, is
“the settled conviction that
God sovereignly controls the
events of life for believers’
good and His glory, and is
available to all who obey Him.”



1 Thessalonians 5:16

Rejoice always,

JOY

Philippians 1:4

**always in every prayer of mine making request
for you all with joy,**

Philippians 1:8

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

Philippians 1:25

And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith,

Philippians 2:2

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the
same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Philippians 2:17

Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

Philippians 2:18

For the same reason you also be glad and
rejoice with me.

Philippians 2:28

Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that
when you see him again you may rejoice, and I
may be less sorrowful.

Philippians 2:29

Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem;

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For
me to write the same things to you is not
tedious, but for you it is safe.

Philippians 4:1

Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Philippians 4:4

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

Philippians 4:10

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

But the Philippian church also had its share of problems . . .

- Its members were desperately poor.
 - They were being persecuted because they believed in Jesus.
 - They were being attacked by false teachers.
 - And there was a feud between two women in the congregation that was threatening the unity of the church.

“Joy is the music that runs through this epistle, the sunshine that spreads over all of it. The whole epistle radiates joy and happiness.”

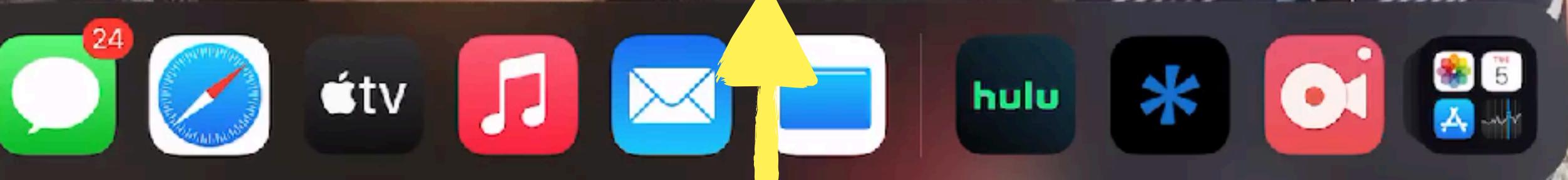
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