

THE BOOK OF
PHILIPPIANS

LIVING A LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL

PHILIPPIANS 4:1 ESV

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

PHILIPPIANS 1:8 ESV

For God is my witness, how I
yearn for you all with the
affection of Christ Jesus.

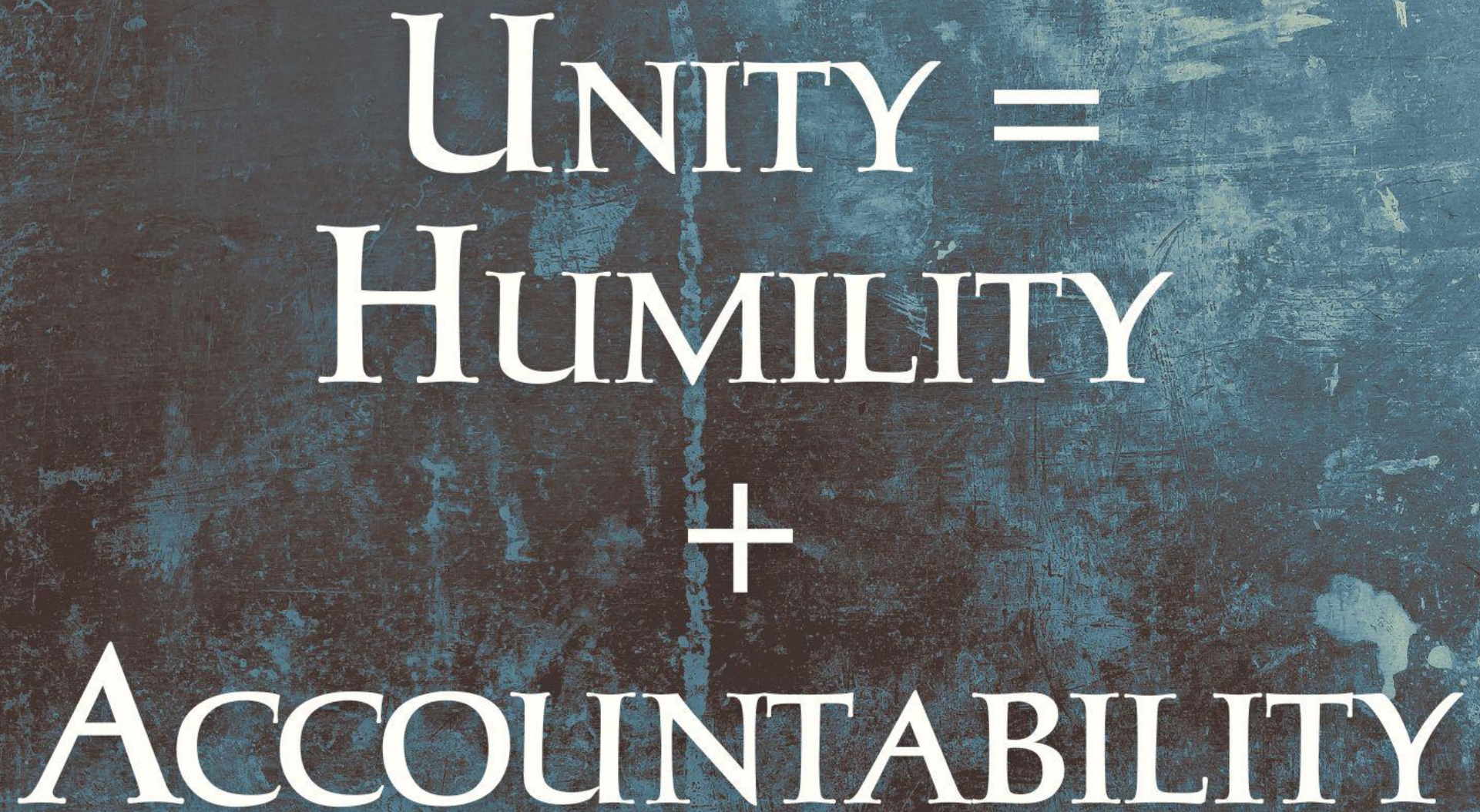
SAY IT FIRST

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-3 ESV

Make my joy complete 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.

PHILIPPIANS 4:2-3A ESV

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel...



UNITY =
HUMILITY
+
ACCOUNTABILITY

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 ESV

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REJOICING DOES NOT
COME FROM HAPPINESS

REJOICING LEADS TO JOY

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THE LORD

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THE OPPOSITE OF
ANXIETY IS
PEACE

PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9 ESV

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

7 CHRIST-LIKE QUALITIES:
TRUE, HONORABLE, JUST,
PURE, LOVELY,
COMMENDABLE,
EXCELLENT/PRAISEWORTHY

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13 ESV

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-4 ESV

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—

SEEKING GOD
LEADS TO CONTENTMENT

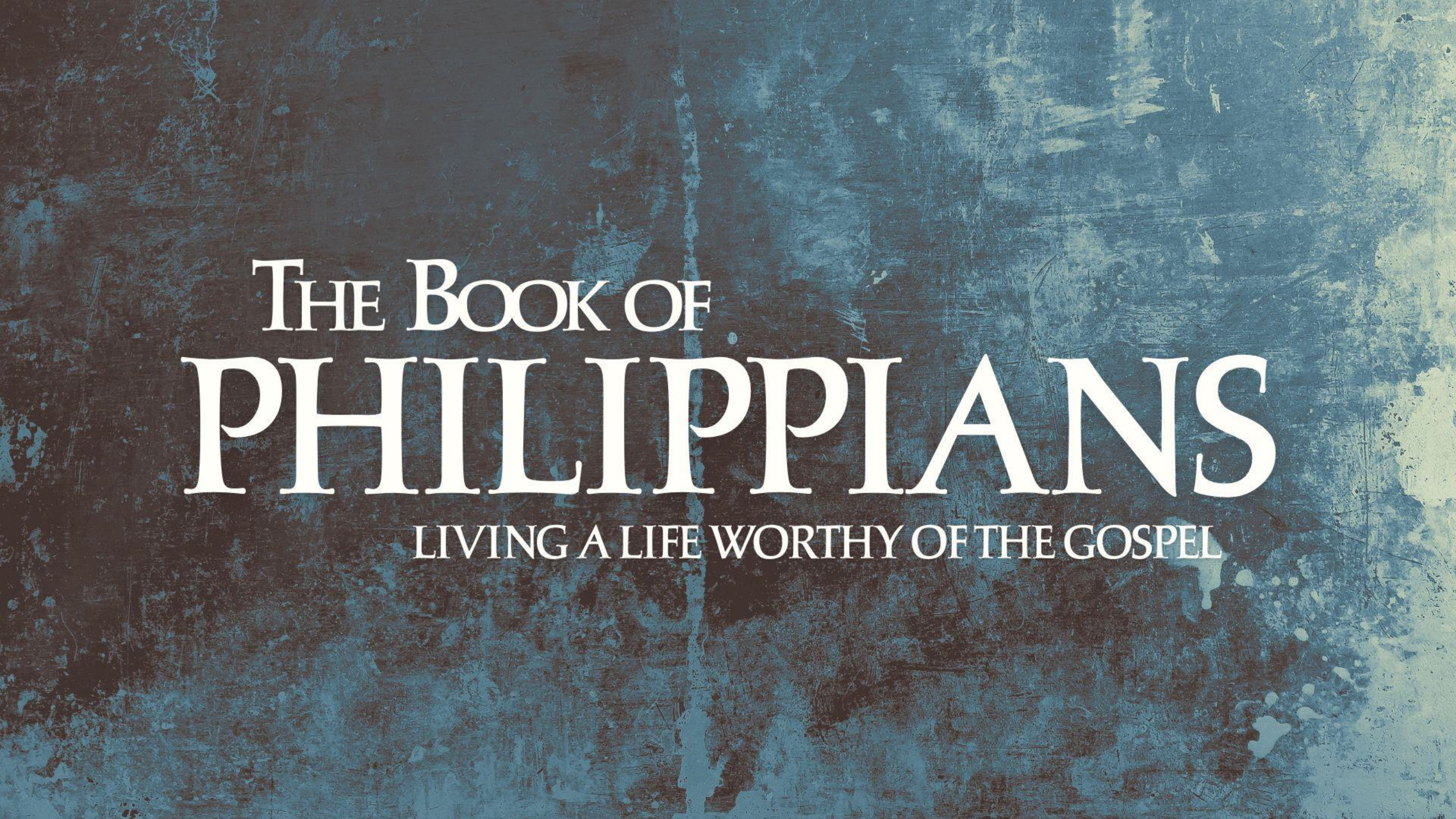
SEEKING EARTHLY THINGS
LEADS TO ANXIETY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the biggest obstacle to sharing Christ-like affection with those around you? Are they internal obstacles or external obstacles?
2. At what times do you struggle to recognize the nearness of God? How can you plan to be reminded of God's presence in those times?
3. Go around your table and have each person share one or two examples of practical things that fit the "7 Christ-like Qualities? - True, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent/praiseworthy

PRAYER PROMPT

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your presence in our lives and the joy that it brings us. We thank you for your nearness, oh God. Guide our hearts and minds to dwell on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, and excellent or praiseworthy. Lead us in peace and contentment this week for your honor and glory. Amen.



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