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IN ANY AND EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

a study of Philippians

Lesson 3: To Live is Christ...

In Any and Every Circumstance? A Review Of Our Previous Weeks

Confined to a place

Unable to work
in the same way

Missing friends

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 gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

In Any and Every Circumstance?

Written from prison, Philippians has been called “The Epistle of Joy”.

The word “joy” appears 5 times in the ESV.
(1:4, 1:25, 2:2, 2:29, 4:1)

The word “rejoice” appears 9 times in the ESV.
(1:18, 1:18, 2:17, 2:18, 2:28, 3:1, 4:4, 4:4, 4:10)

***What does persecution
do?***

Persecution advances the Gospel (1:12-13)

Persecution requires obedience (1:12-13)

Persecution grows the church (1:14-17)

Apostle Paul's
Second Missionary Journey
49 - 52 A.D.



Acts 16
Paul in Philippi
(AD 49)

Philippians
Paul in prison in Rome
(AD 62)

The Via Egnatia
Covers over 500 miles
Constructed 2nd Century BC
Used by Paul in 1st Century AD



Last Night



Philippians 1:18-30

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27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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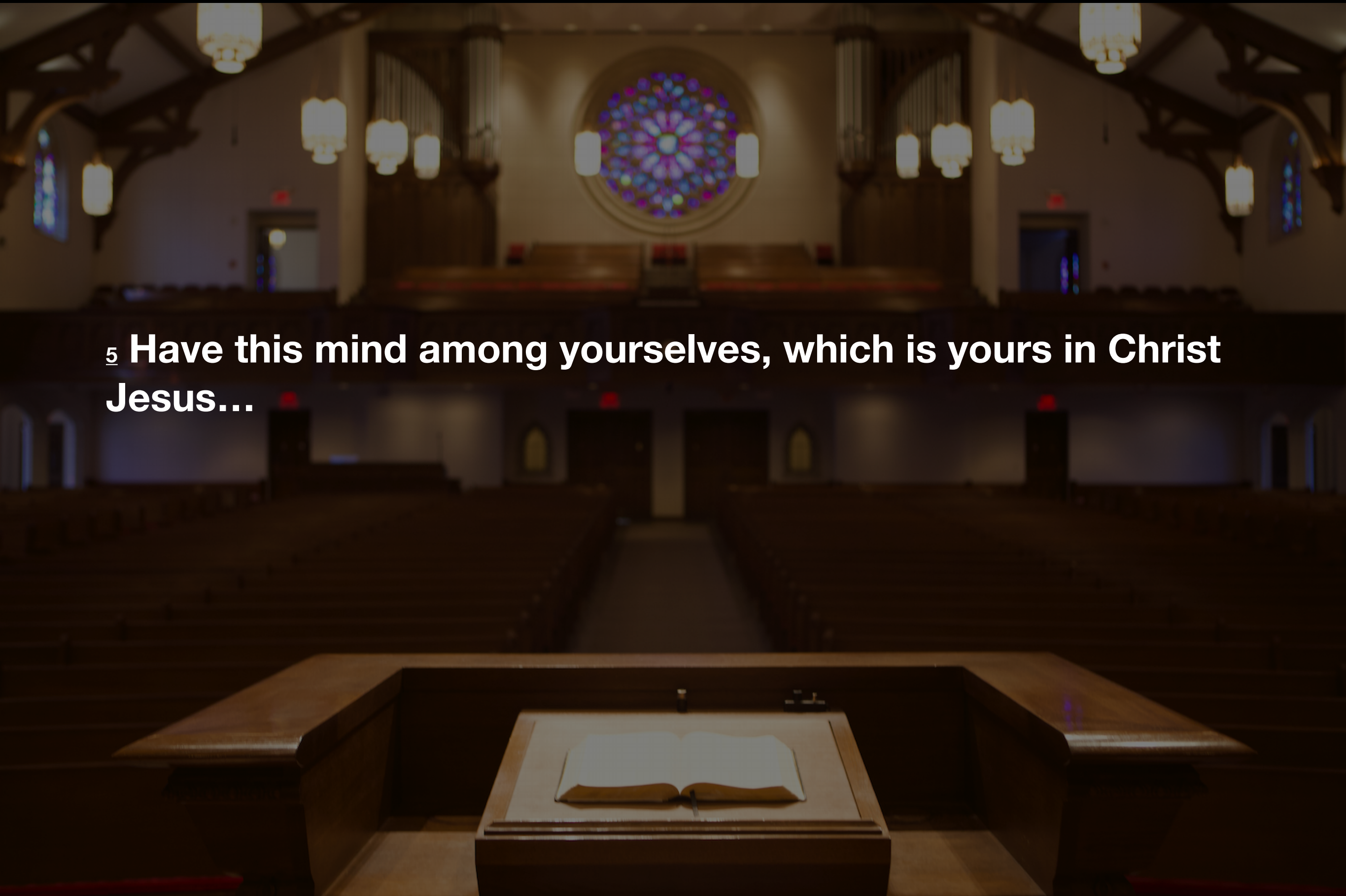
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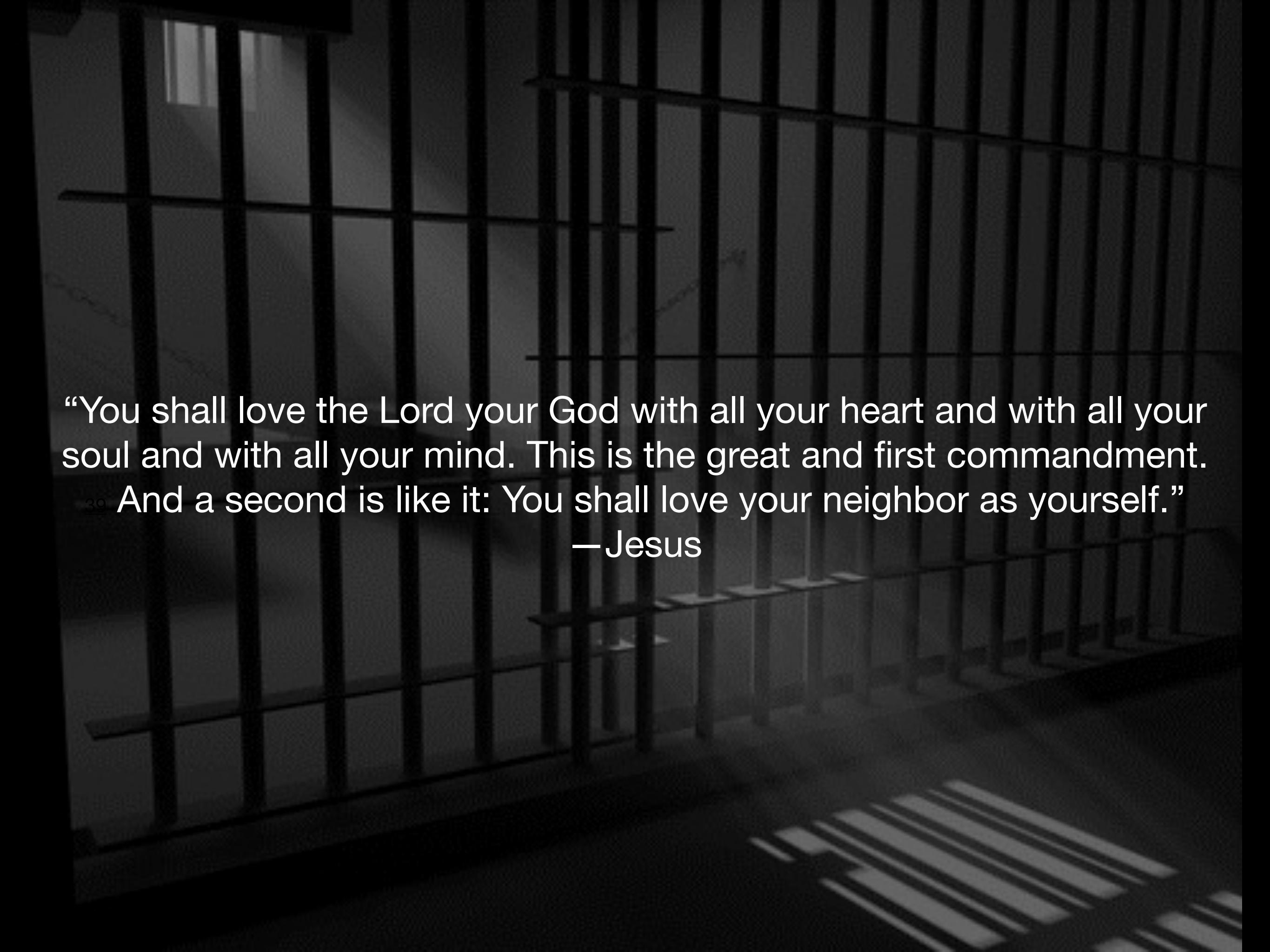
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The Mind of Christ - Philippians 2:5

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...





“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
—Jesus

- 1. What is “the snag” that prevents you from thinking about life on earth or being with Jesus after death?**
- 2. What is fruitful labor for you as a Christian today in light of the protests, Covid, and your regular life in work and relationships?**
- 3. What are the similarities and differences between people who have “nothing to lose” on earth and “everything to gain” by uniting with Jesus in death?**
- 4. How often do you think about heaven? How would meditating on heaven change your day to day life in Christ on earth?**
- 5. Consider this tweet from famous cognitive psychologist Stephen Pinker in his frustration over Christians wanting to reopen society during Covid19: “Belief in an afterlife is a malignant delusion, since it devalues actual lives and discourages action that would make them longer, safer, and happier...” Comment in light of vv. 18-30**



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