



Philippians

Finding Joy...

Right Where You Are

Living Worthy of the Gospel Means . . .

²⁷ Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ,

- 1. We should have an unexplainable unity.*
- 2. We are not fearful or skittish.*
- 3. We have a different attitude toward suffering.*
- 4. Growing in humility, following Jesus' example.*

The Incarnation

¹ Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

The Incarnation

³ *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or **conceit**, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.* **Kenosis=empty + Doxa=glory**

⁴ *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

The Incarnation

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Greek: Kenosis (remember v. 3 "empty glory")

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- 1. He emptied Himself of some attribute such as His glory or knowledge of the future.*

John 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

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What does it mean that Jesus “emptied” Himself?

- 1. He emptied Himself of some attribute such as His glory or knowledge of the future.*
- 2. He didn't empty Himself of anything; He simply “emptied Himself,” He poured Himself out.*

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⁵ *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,* ⁶ *who, because he was the very form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,* ⁷ *but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a bondservant, and being born in the likeness of men.*

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*⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
He humbled Himself and became obedient
to the point of death, even the death of the
cross.*

*⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him
and given Him the name which is above
every name,*

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¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Galatians 5:17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

1 Peter 2:11 *Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.*

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Ephesians 4:7, 10

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. . . .

¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

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Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

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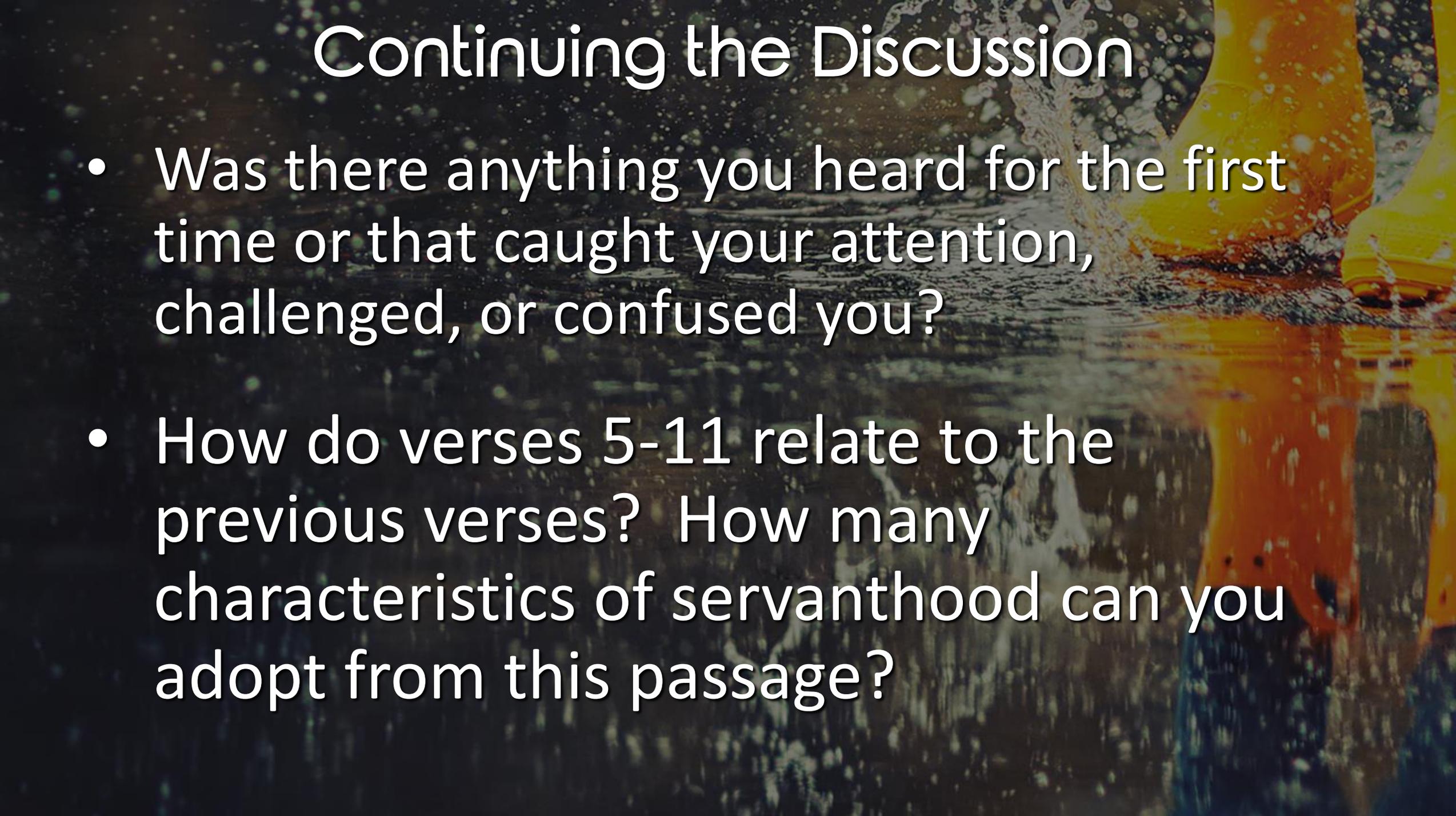
*¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--
¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

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John 6:35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Continuing the Discussion



- Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- How do verses 5-11 relate to the previous verses? How many characteristics of servanthood can you adopt from this passage?