

A pair of bright yellow rubber boots is shown stepping into a dark, reflective surface, likely water. A large, energetic splash of water is captured mid-air, with many droplets visible. The boots and the splash are reflected in the dark surface below. The overall mood is one of joy and playfulness.

Philippians

Finding Joy...

Right Where You Are

Finding Joy . . . Finding Hope

“Discouragement is the anesthetic the devil uses on a person just before he reaches in and carves out his heart.”

Howard Hendricks

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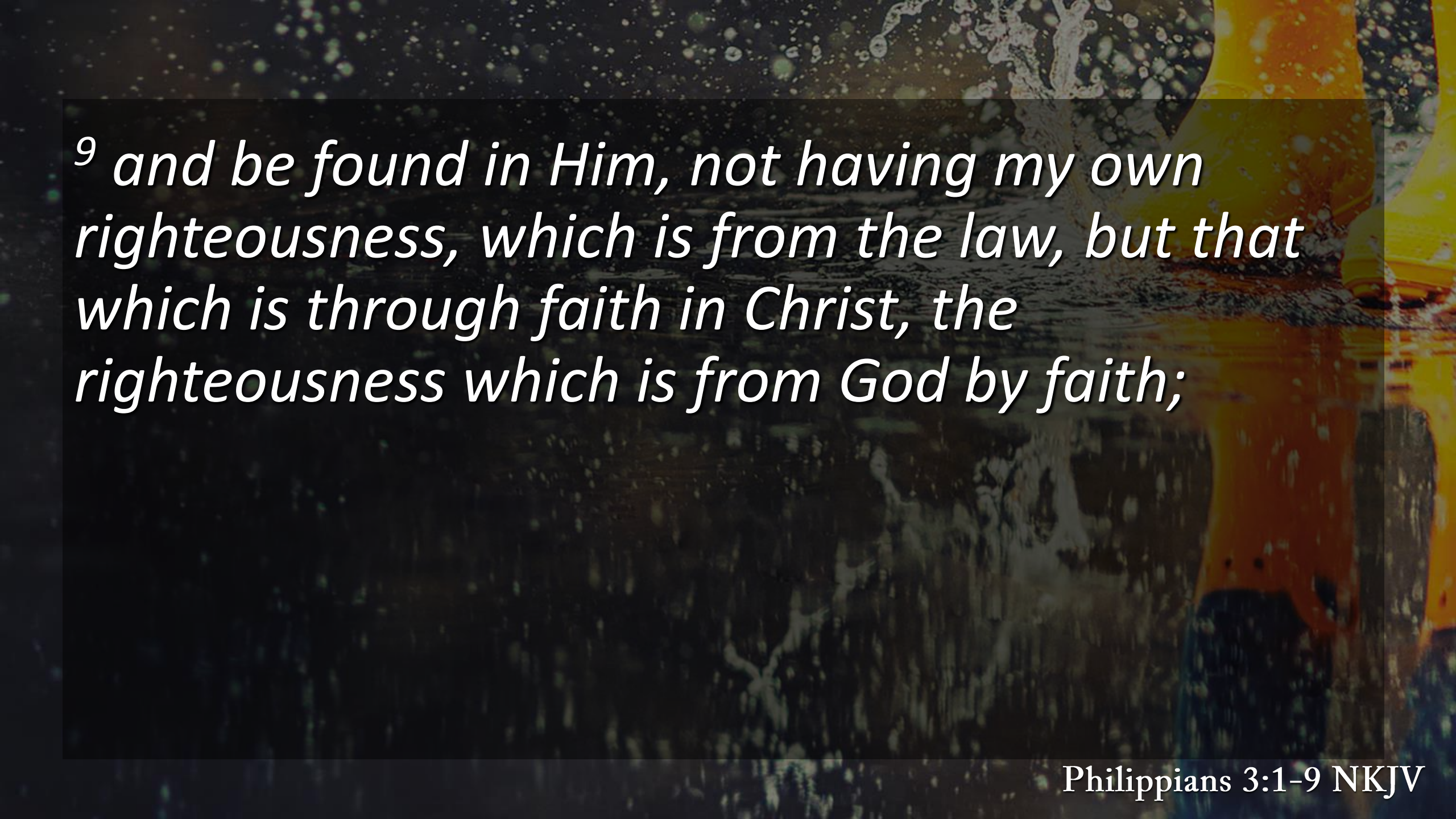
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Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;*

*⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church;
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It means: to set your emotional state in alignment with who Jesus Christ is, and what is true about your relationship with Him.

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Deuteronomy 30:6 "And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

(see also Romans 2:28-29)

Philippians 3:1-9 NKJV

Paul's Resume

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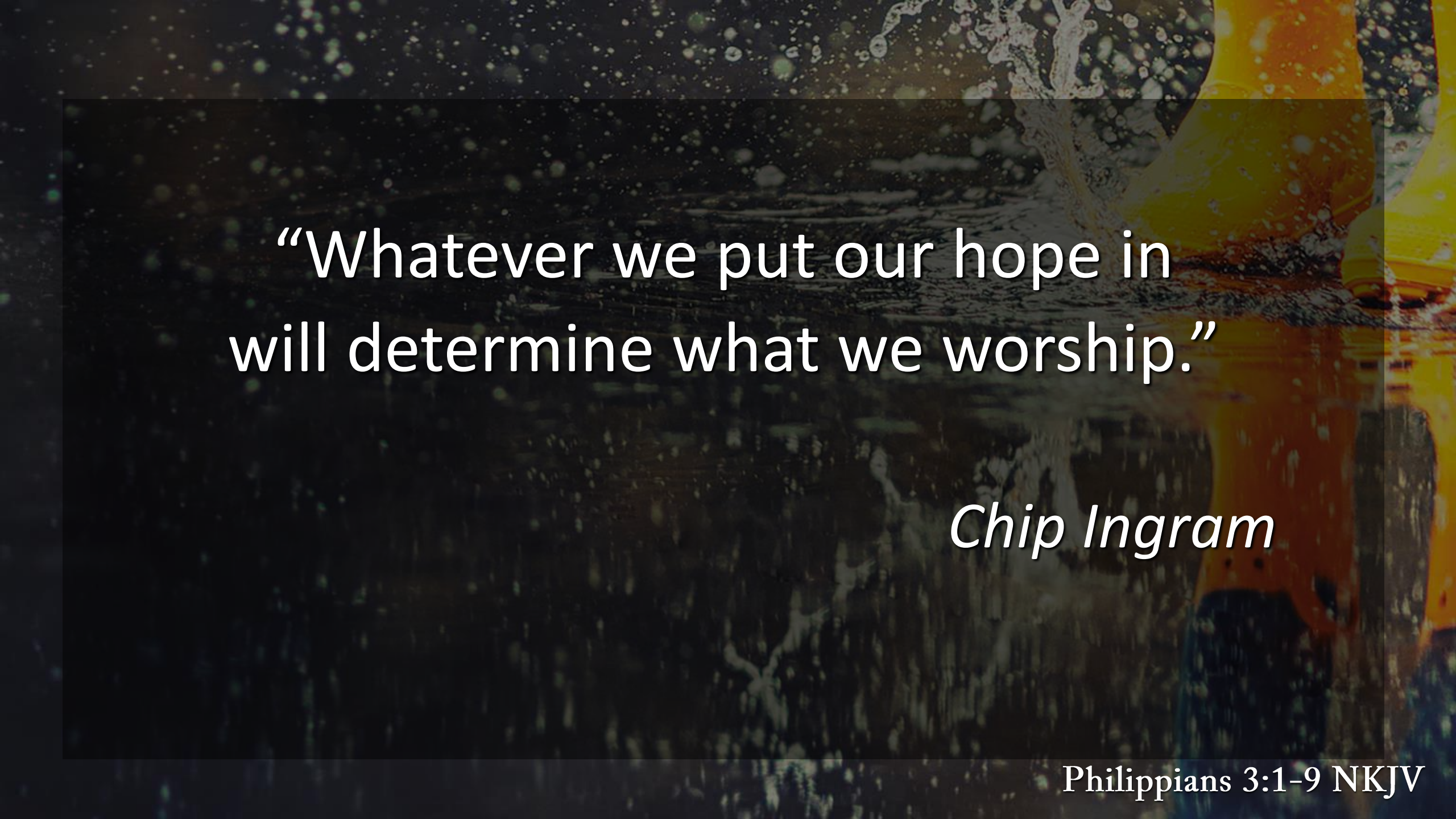
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Greek Word of the Day . . .

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Skubala: Rubbish: filth, refuse, garbage, dung, manure, excrement.



“Whatever we put our hope in
will determine what we worship.”

Chip Ingram

Philippians 3:1-9 NKJV

The Greatest Treasure

Matthew 13:44-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ "who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Why Do We Pursue Jesus Christ?

To Know Him:

“...I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord . . .”

Question: What stirs up your love for Jesus?

What robs your love for Jesus?

Continuing the Discussion

- Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
- What stirs up your love for Jesus? What robs you of your love for Jesus? What do you need to change?