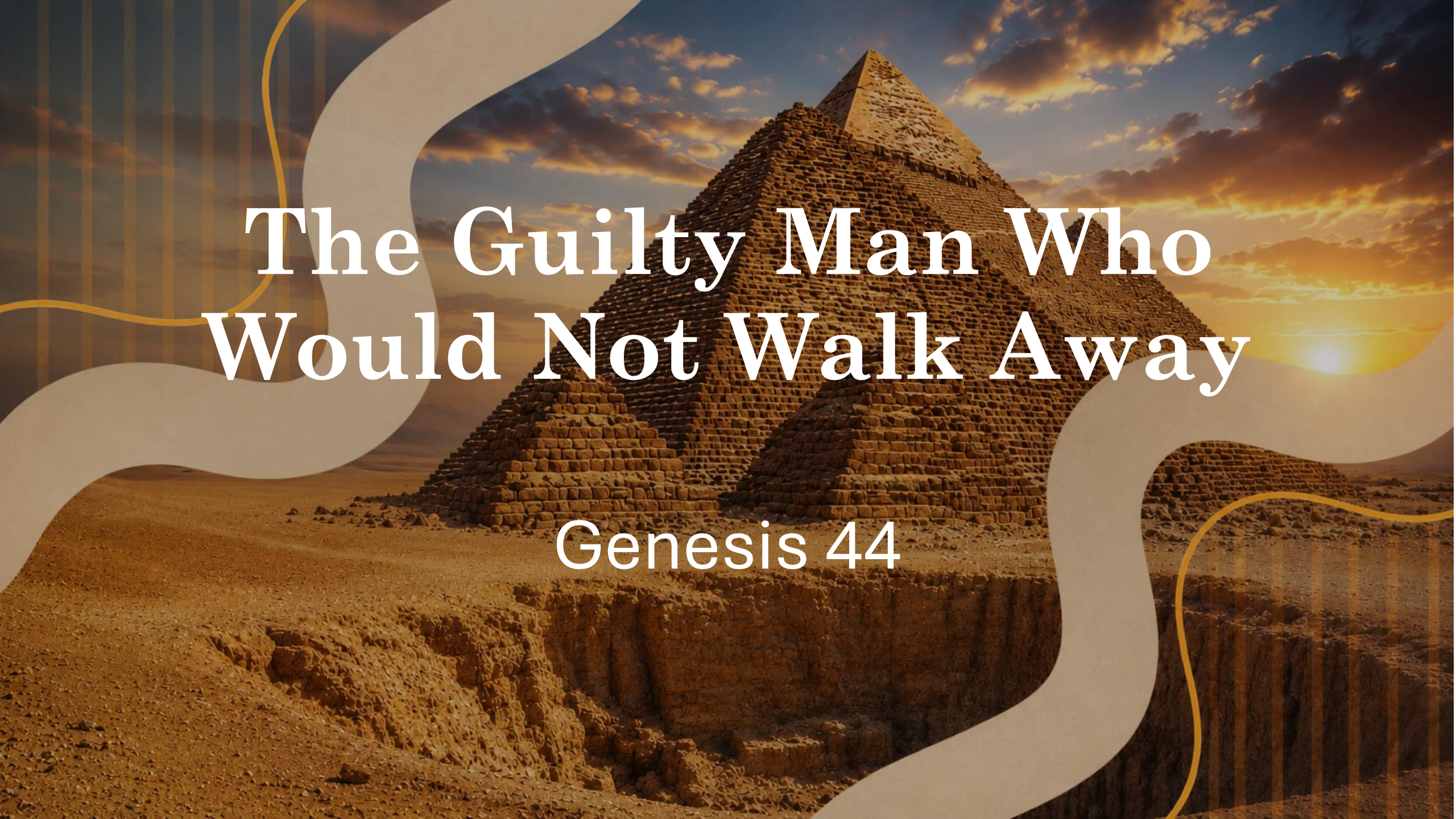


The Guilty Man Who Would Not Walk Away

Genesis 44

Joseph tests his brothers so that we would confess our sin and live in unity with Christ and one another.



1. Meeting the Test Together





Every test from the Lord is an opportunity to trust him or turn away from him.




Deuteronomy 18:10
There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer.

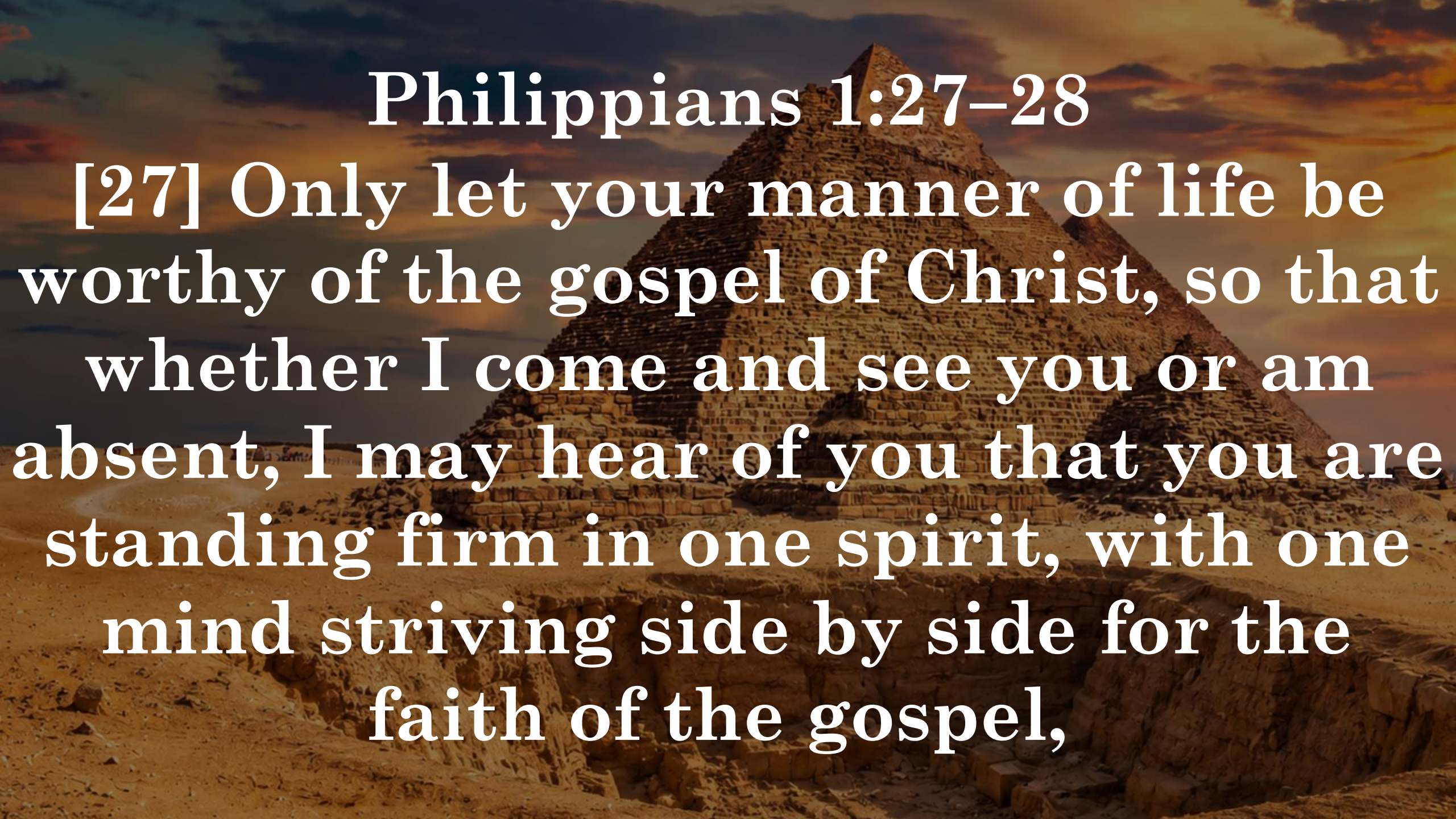
Do you trust the Lord with your family and future?





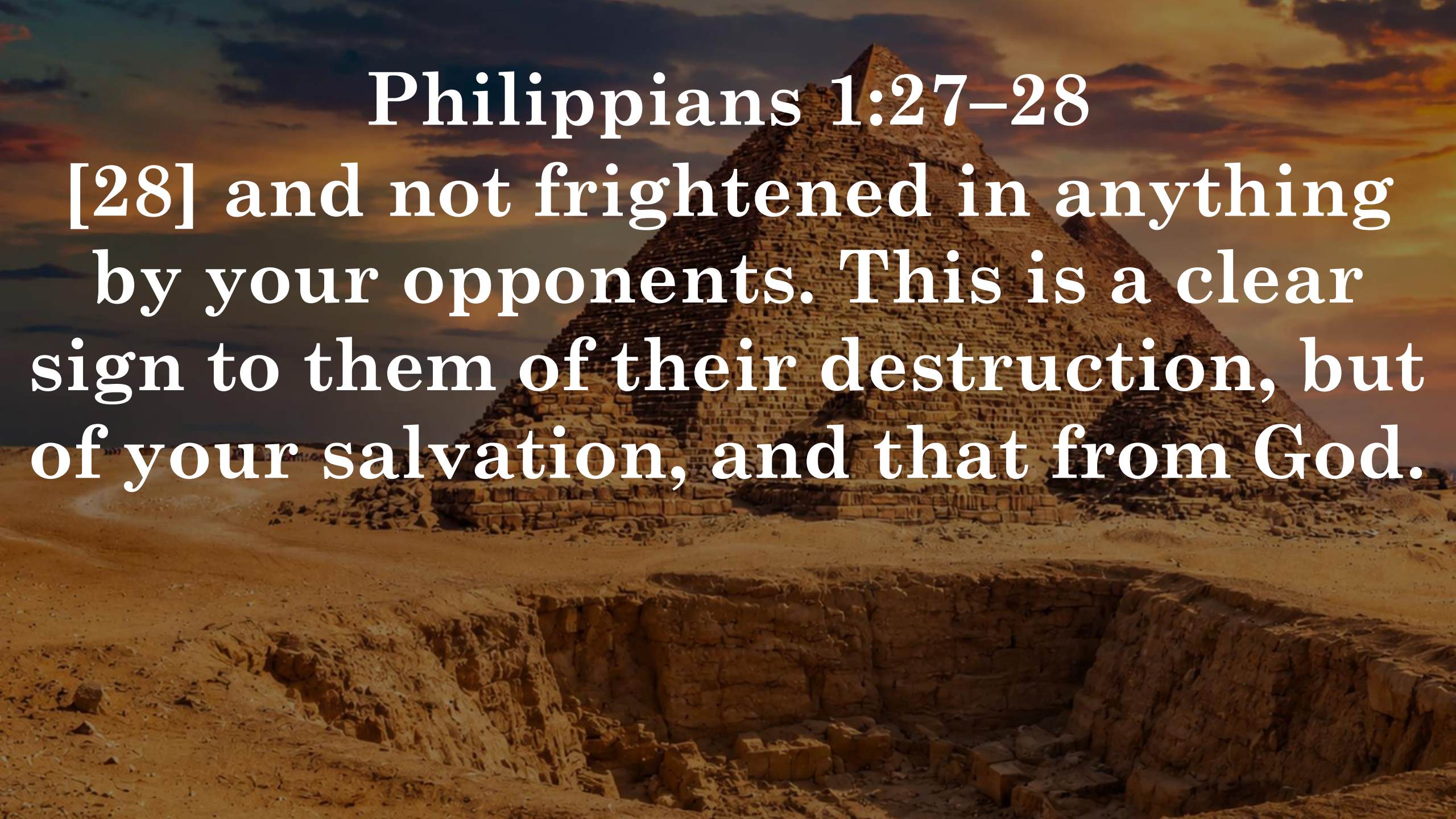
A faith family stands united rather than looking out for itself.





Philippians 1:27–28

[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,



Philippians 1:27–28

[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.

Read the end of the book. We do not lose!





Every test that comes to a believer is an opportunity to trust the Lord alon gside your brothers and sisters in Christ.



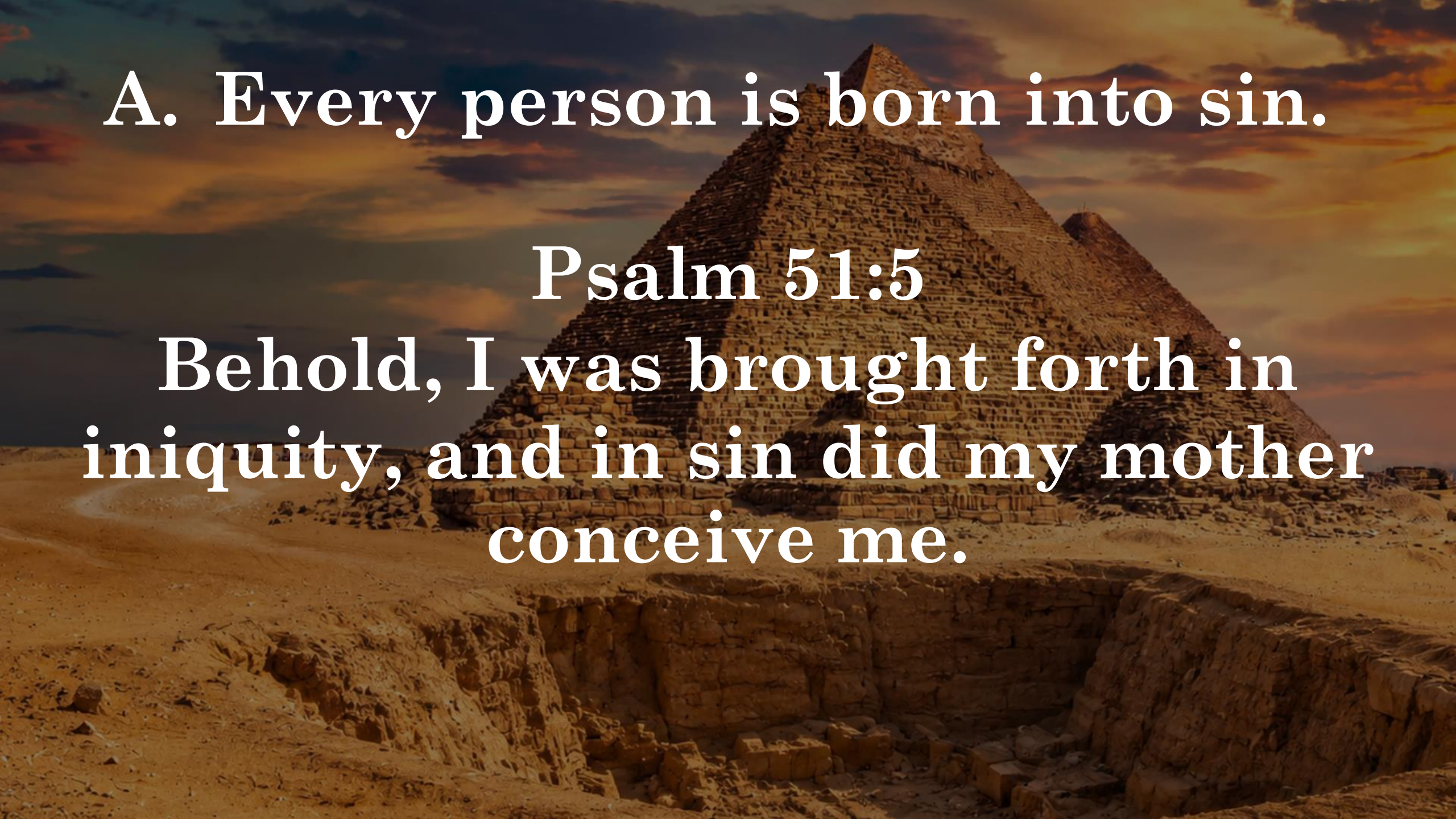
1. Meeting the Test Together

2. Facing Sin





A brief understanding of sin among believers and unbelievers:



A. Every person is born into sin.

Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

B. Sin condemns to death.

Numbers 32:23 But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C. Unbelievers love their sin.

Psalm 36:1–2

[1] Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. [2] For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

D. Christ comes to condemn sin to death.

Romans 8:3

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh.

1. Meeting the Test Together

2. Facing Sin

3. Changed Hearts Sacrifice Like Christ



Substitution: Jesus takes our place on the cross, we receive his perfect obedience.





The slave trader becomes the slave.





Walking Points:

1. Commit to stand together in our church.



Walking Points:

2. Stop hiding sin. It is time to face it.



Walking Thought:

3. Christ does not merely forgive guilty people; He transforms selfish people into those who love sacrificially.