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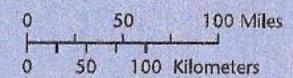
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*1. Thanksgiving in All Things*

# PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS



## PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME



***NOT A WALK IN THE PARK!***



# Paul's Momentous Vision



“During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”<sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. *(Acts 16:9-10)*



Black Sea

Philippi

Istanbul

Macedonia

Neapolis

Thessalonica

Berea

Alexandria

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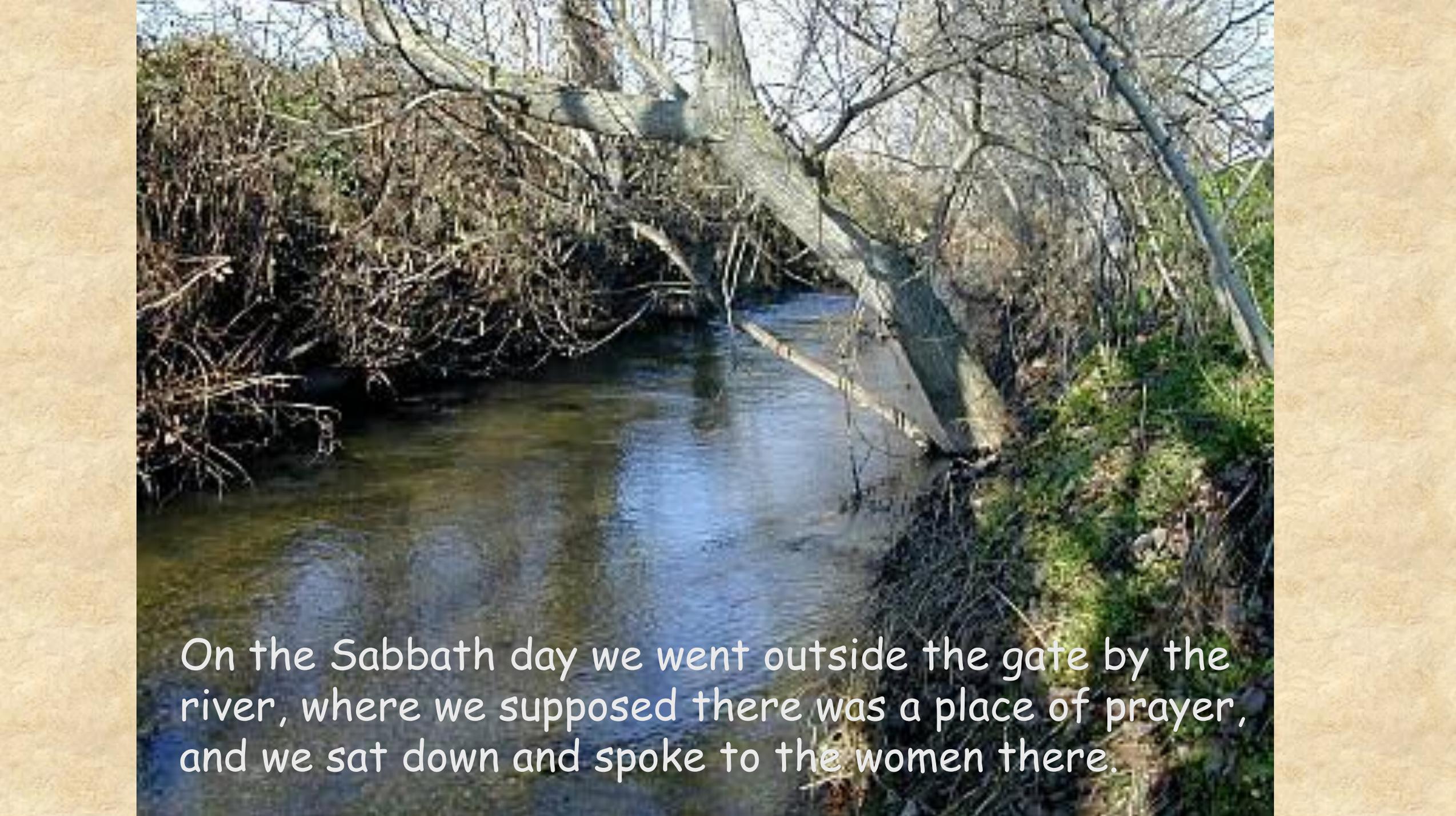
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# Philippi



A photograph of a river flowing through a wooded area. The water is dark and reflects the sky. On the right bank, a large, thick tree trunk has fallen into the water, partially submerged. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The background shows a dense thicket of trees and branches.

On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women there.

# A Woman Named Lydia



A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*(Acts 16:14-15)*



# An Earthquake in Philippi



Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.... <sup>34</sup>and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*(Acts 16:30-34)*

# Chapter 1:1-2



Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in  
Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:  
<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 1:3-6



I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup> for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

# Chapter 1:7-8

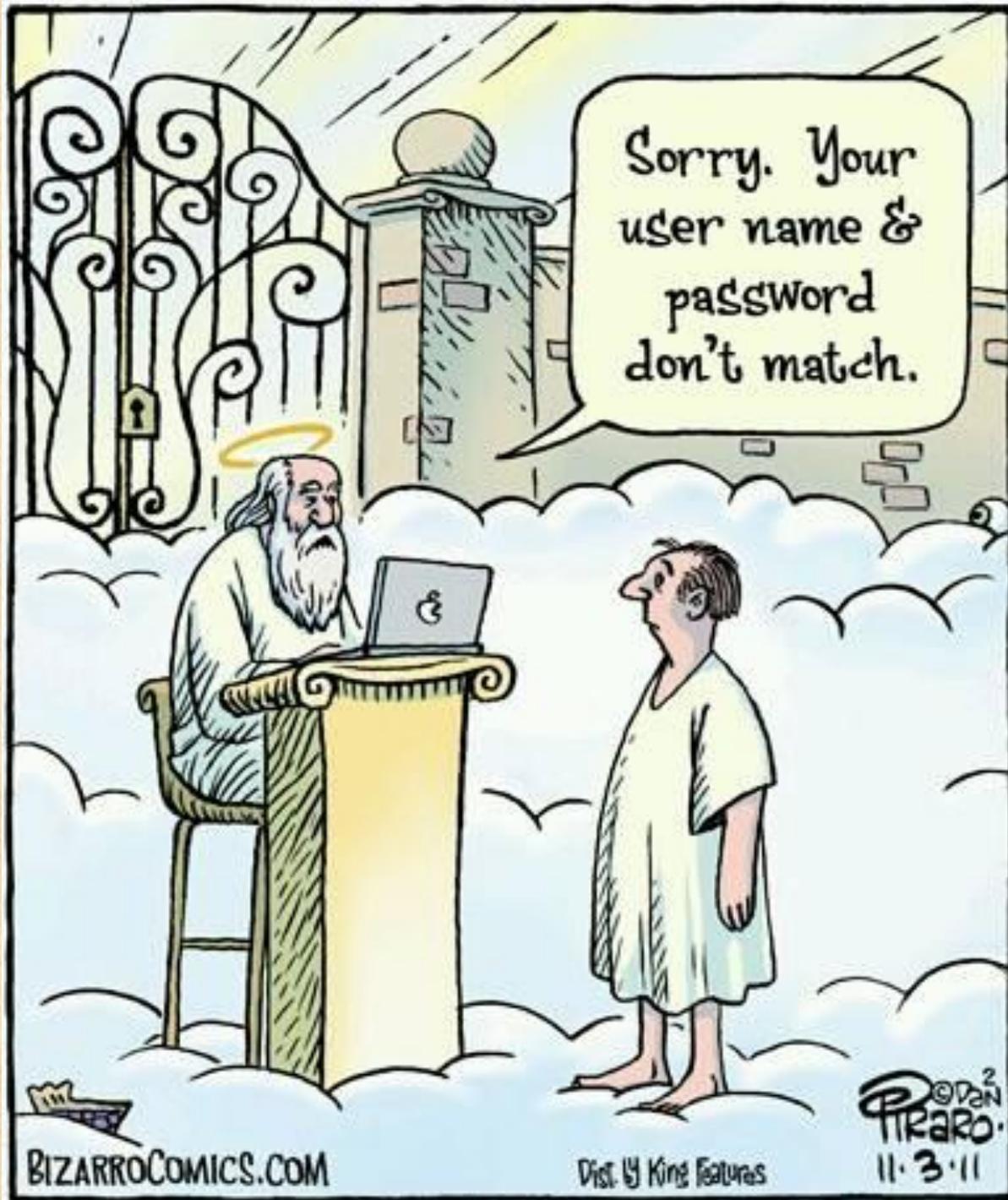


It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus.

# Chapter 1:9-11



And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.



# Chapter 1:12-14



...what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, <sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

# Chapter 1:15-18



Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup> These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup> the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, ... intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way..., and in that I rejoice.

# Chapter 1:21-24



For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.  
<sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

# Chapter 1:25-26



Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

# Chapter 1:27-28



Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are **standing firm in one spirit**, striving side by side **with one mind** for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> and in no way frightened by those opposing you.

*To Take Home...*



**"For Reflection...on Philippians"**