

A dark green background with a pattern of stylized, light green leaf outlines. The leaves are elongated and pointed, arranged in a flowing, organic manner across the entire frame.

SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 2:12 – 18

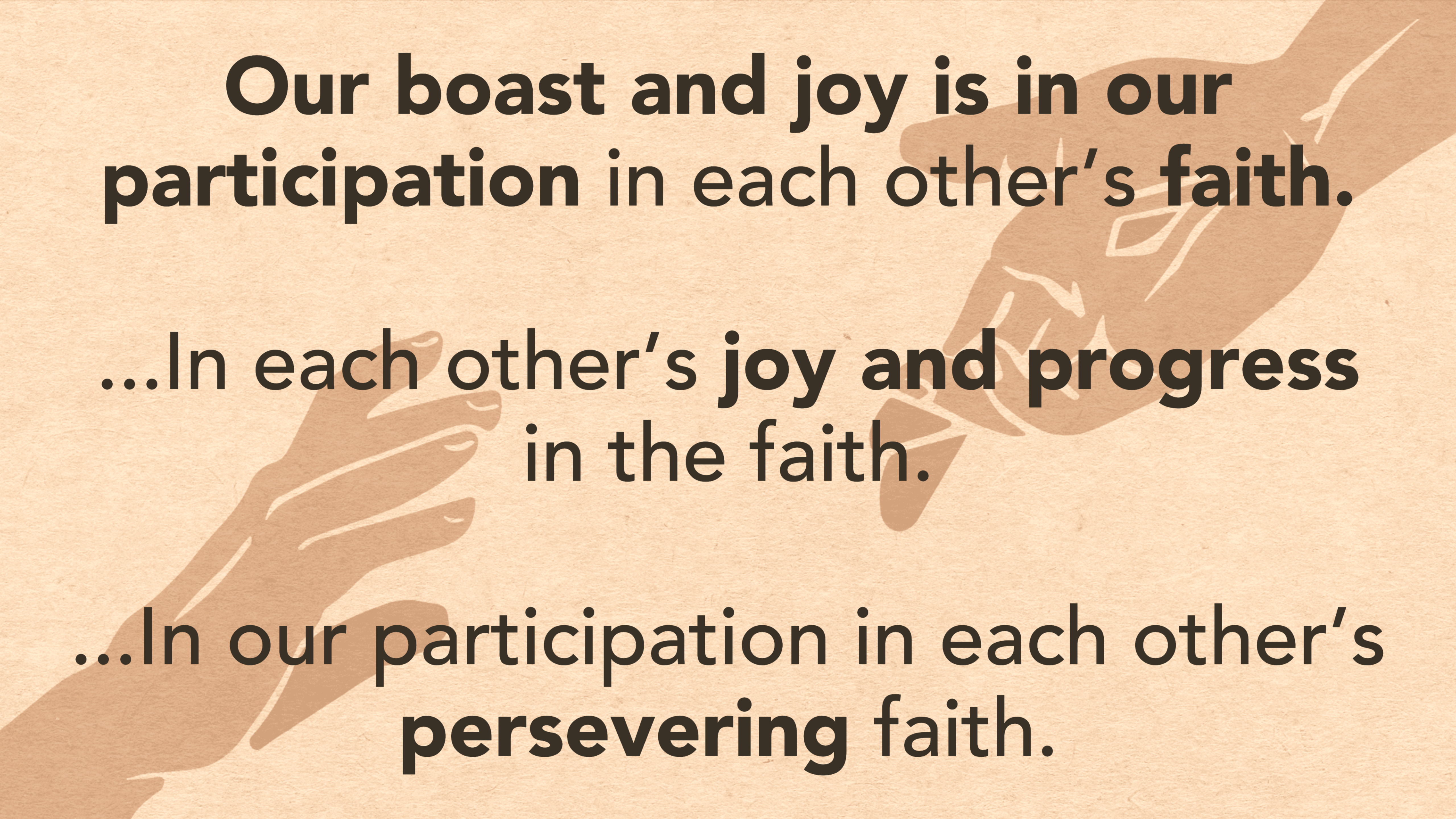


PHILIPPIANS

What is the opposite of "happy and meaningful"?

1. Miserable and meaningless
2. Hakuna Mattata: happy but meaningless
3. Strife and vanity



A stylized illustration of two hands, one from the top right and one from the bottom left, reaching towards each other in a gesture of support or unity. The hands are rendered in a light brown, textured style, matching the background. The background itself is a light beige or tan color with a subtle, organic texture.

**Our boast and joy is in our
participation in each other's faith.**

**...In each other's joy and progress
in the faith.**

**...In our participation in each other's
persevering faith.**

The image features a dark blue background with four stylized, dark blue line-art illustrations of leaves and berries in the corners. The text is centered and reads:

**1. There is a way to
boast beautifully**

Philippians 2:12 – 18

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold to the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run vainly or labor for nothing.



Isn't boasting bad!?!?!?!?

Boasting

"The act of declaring your own victory"

Evil Boasts:

Psalms 12:1 – 5

Esther 5:11

Psalms 10:1 – 3

Good Boasts:

Psalms 34:1 – 5

1 Samuel 2

Luke 1:27

**Dear haters,
I couldn't help but
notice that
'Awesome'
ends with
'ME'
and 'Ugly'
starts
with 'U'**



Boasting

What's the difference?

Evil Boasts:

Selfish ambition
Vain conceit
Impious

Good Boasts:

Worshipful
Truthful
Humble

A dark, monochromatic background featuring a large, stylized film reel. The reel's circular frame and the sprocket holes along its edge are visible, creating a sense of motion and cinematic theme.

"I did not run vainly or labor for nothing"

'Kenos'

verse 2 - "empty-glory"

verse 7 - "emptied himself" - of equality

verse 16 - "run in vain, labor in vain"

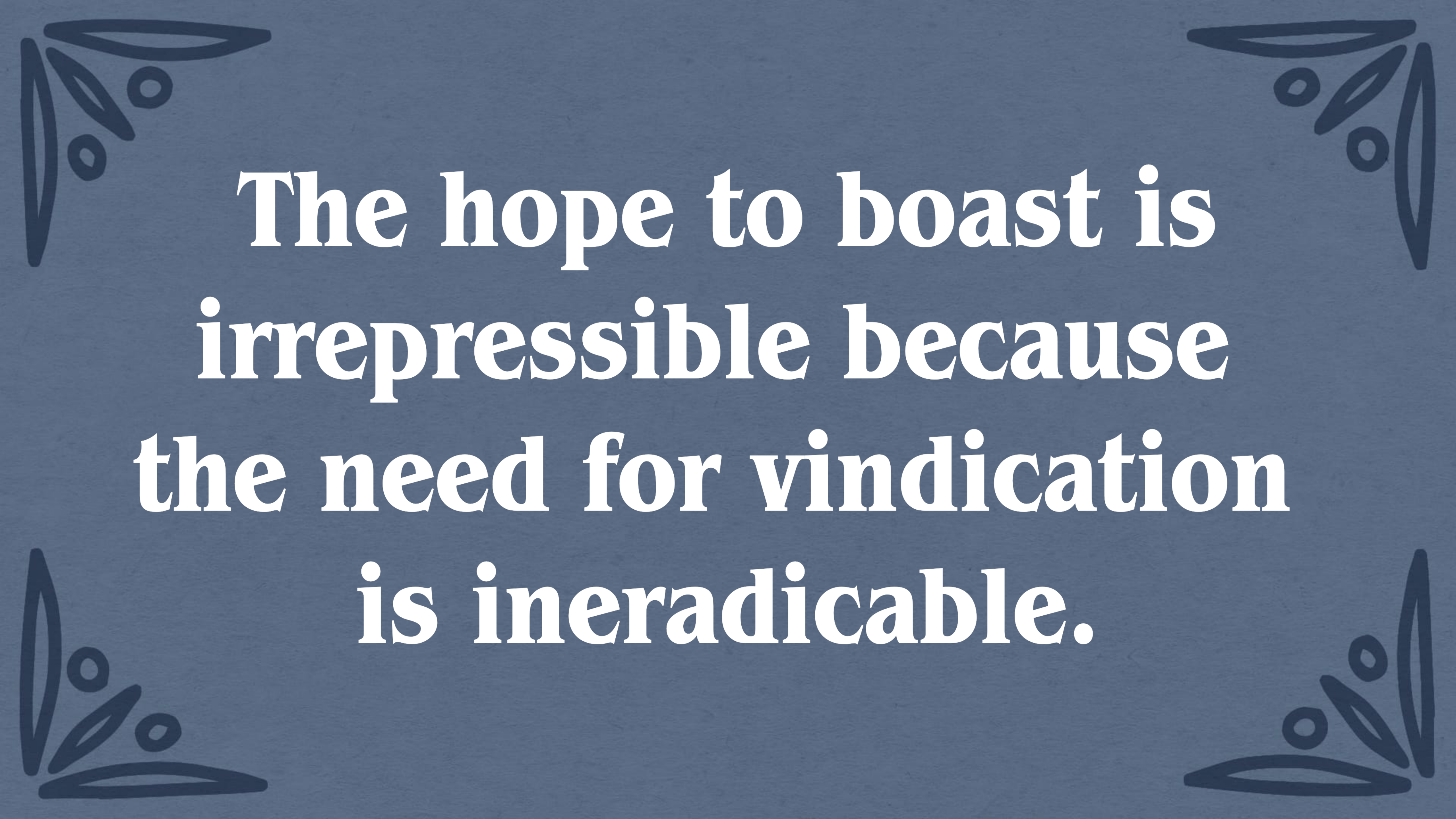
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Translation: "Do not seek **empty glory**, but **empty yourself** of entitlement and run and labor for what **won't be empty** on the day of Christ."

The image features a dark blue background with four stylized, dark blue decorative elements in the corners. Each element consists of several elongated, teardrop-shaped leaves and small circles, arranged in a fan-like pattern. The text is centered and written in a white, bold, serif font. It is arranged in four lines: "The hope to boast is", "irrepressible because", "the need for vindication", and "is ineradicable."

**The hope to boast is
irrepressible because
the need for vindication
is ineradicable.**

The image features a dark blue background with four decorative corner motifs. Each motif consists of stylized leaves and small circular berries, rendered in a lighter blue color. The motifs are positioned in the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right corners of the frame.

2 • There is a joy of
perfect equity

Philippians 2:17 – 18

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Be glad and rejoice!

1. Joy is found in this boast
2. These are expressions, not abstractions.
3. Everyone has access to this Joy



3

My boast and joy is
● in your redemption



Philippians 2:15 – 18

You shine like stars in the universe as you hold to the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

"Like a drink offering"

Worship offerings: 3 parts

1. Animal
2. Grain
3. Wine



A "Paul Reduction"

Our contribution
"cooks down"
quickly, but it
remains a part of
the sacrifice.



Result: **Divine Resignation**

"The ability to submit our circumstances to God's will while having the courage to be an offering while rejoicing."

Jesus

"Not my will but yours be done"

"I have food you don't know about."

"He made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, and was found in human likeness."



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