UPSIDE DOWN

JOY

Setting the Stage

Do Everything without Grumbling

Parenting Challenges

I bet Paul's cell wasn't as loud as my house is at 4 am sometimes.

Mary RaeLynn McKee

She Grumbles and Complains

We’re Learning

Parenting Challenges

The duality we feel is what Paul is referring to in Philippians 2:12-18.

Recapping where we are

Paul was entering Turkey

Now in the Macedonia area in Philipi

Lydia’s Church Plant

Spiritual Billionaires.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18 CSB

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always
obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much
more in my absence—continue to work out your
salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who
works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his
good purpose.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18 CSB

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so
that you may become blameless and pure, “children of
God without fault in a warped and crooked
generation.”[c] Then you will shine among them like
stars in the sky 16 as you hold firmly to the word of
life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of
Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:12-18 CSB

17 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. 18 So
you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Poured out?

Why does Paul equate us to Jesus here?

Paul is suggesting here that even with the life that we have, in the trials and in the sorrow, we can walk as Jesus did and look after people without grumbling and anger. We are to live like Jesus and be a worship-filled people, living for others.

The Joy in Struggle

- Embrace the tension of joy and hardship in life
- Recognize that struggles can lead to deeper gratitude
- Find beauty in both challenges and joyful moments

The Upside-Down Palm Sunday Joy

As Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, the **celebration and praise** contrast with the suffering He knows lies ahead,

Palm Sunday Paradox

Crown of Splendor - Crown of Thorns

Greatness and Innocence - Barabas Goes Free

Honoring Title - Mocked by “King of the Jews”

How Would You React In a Prison Cell?

Weightless Ownership

- He spoke of how I would go on to preach and to teach people that God called me to shepherd, but he said the men that walk in and out of this place, that is who He is called to shepherd.

Can We Do This Too?

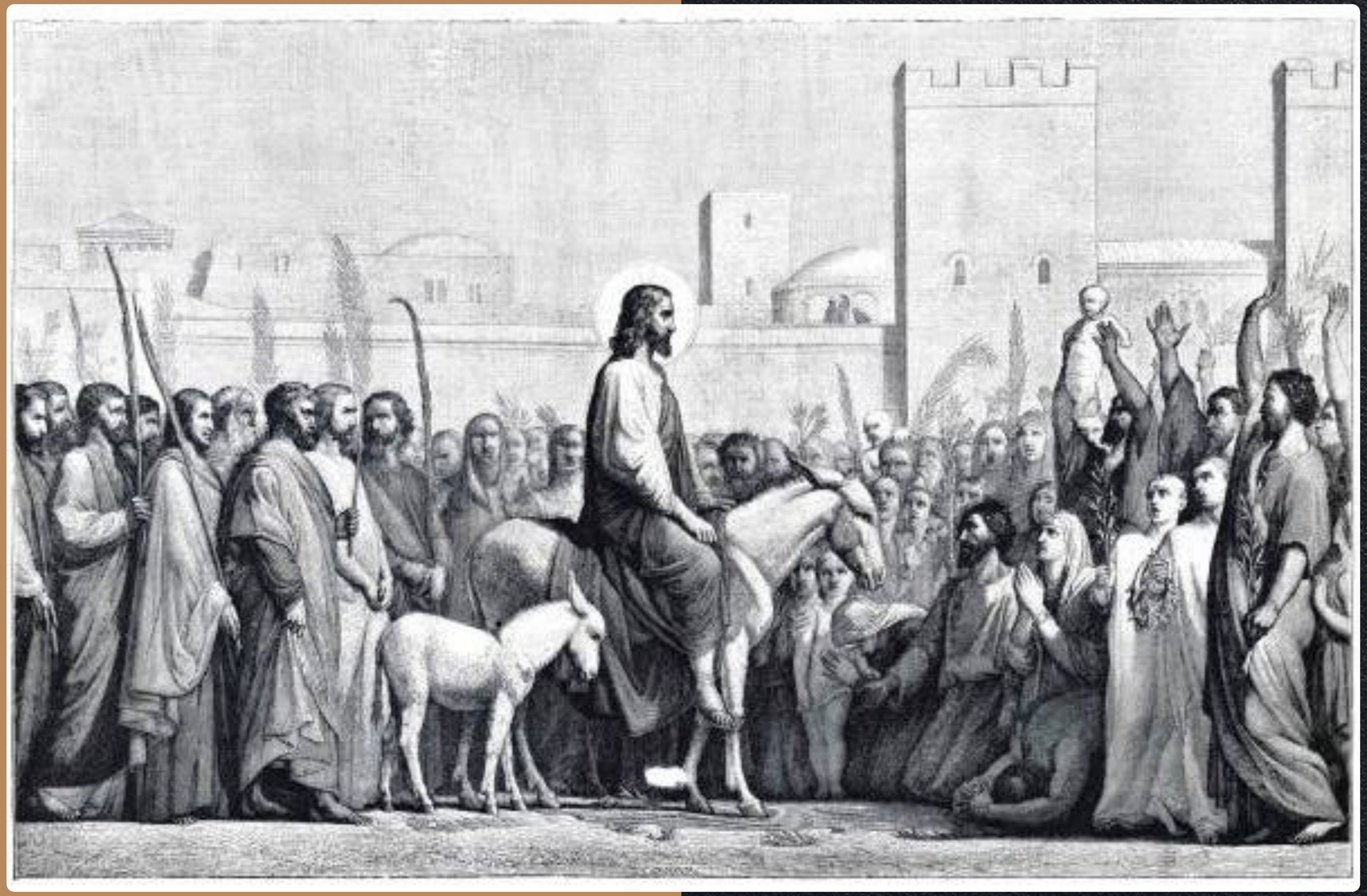
- Can we walk through our circumstances, postpartum stress, church transitions, work issues with that same character? Will our life be poured out as a drink offering like that of Christ?

Best week in history

How can we see how Jesus was the foundation of what Paul is asking?

Phillipians 1:21

21. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.



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