









GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

THE JOY OF SHARED MISSION



Philippians 1:3-11



PHILIPPIANS

ΠΑΥΛΟΣ καὶ Τιμόθεος δούλοι
Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ πᾶσιν τοῖς ἁγί
ἐκιστῶ νῦν οὐρανιοὶ καὶ τοῦ ἁσᾶ
θρον, ἃ ἄραι, δικσος θανᾶτος τῇ
ἡ δανλεία αὐτῷ ἐς κλέδαι ἁγία

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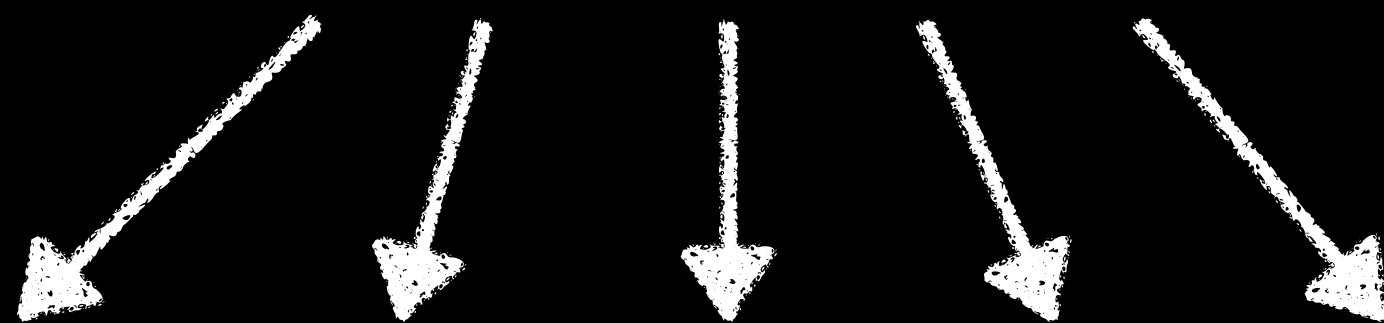
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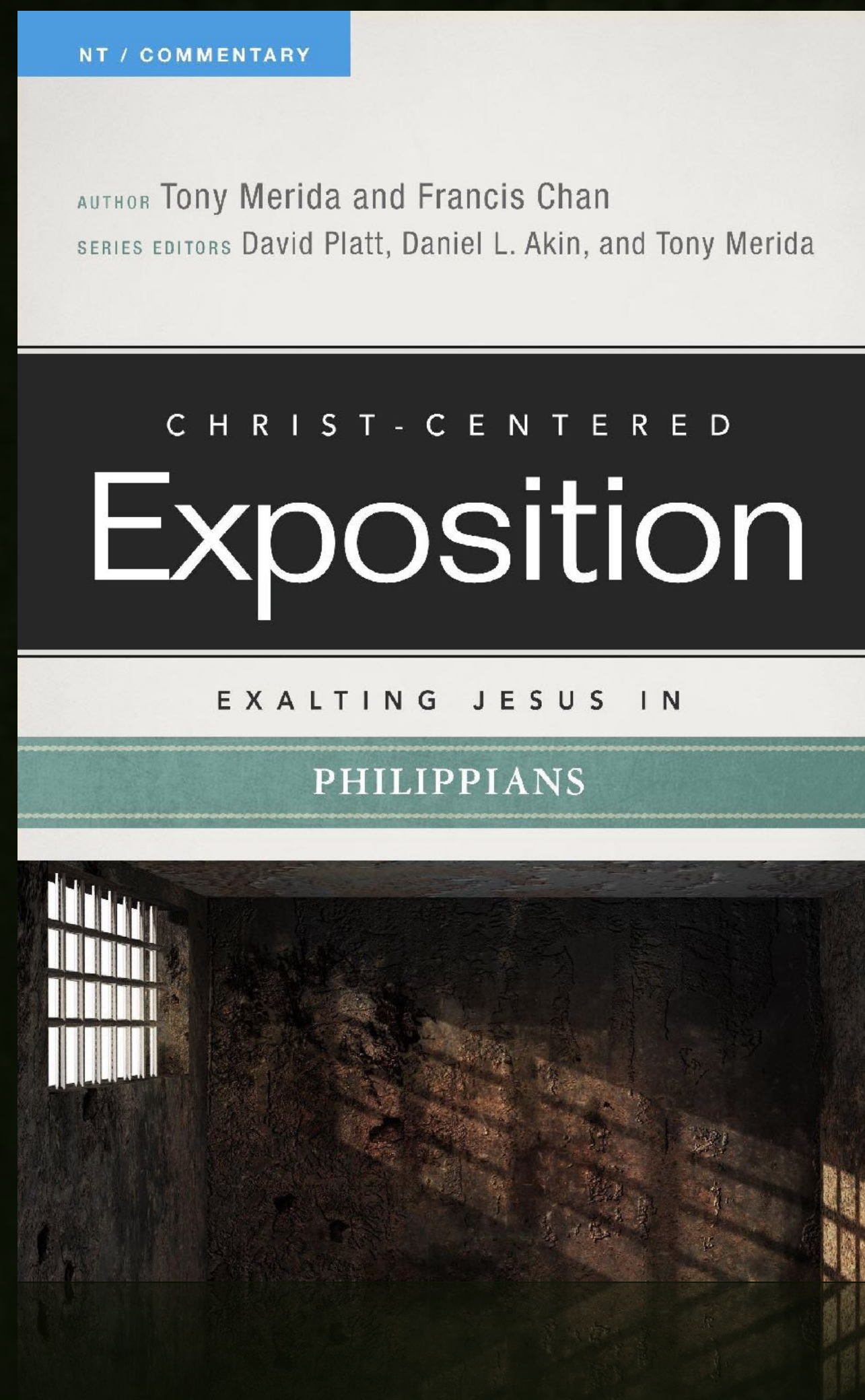
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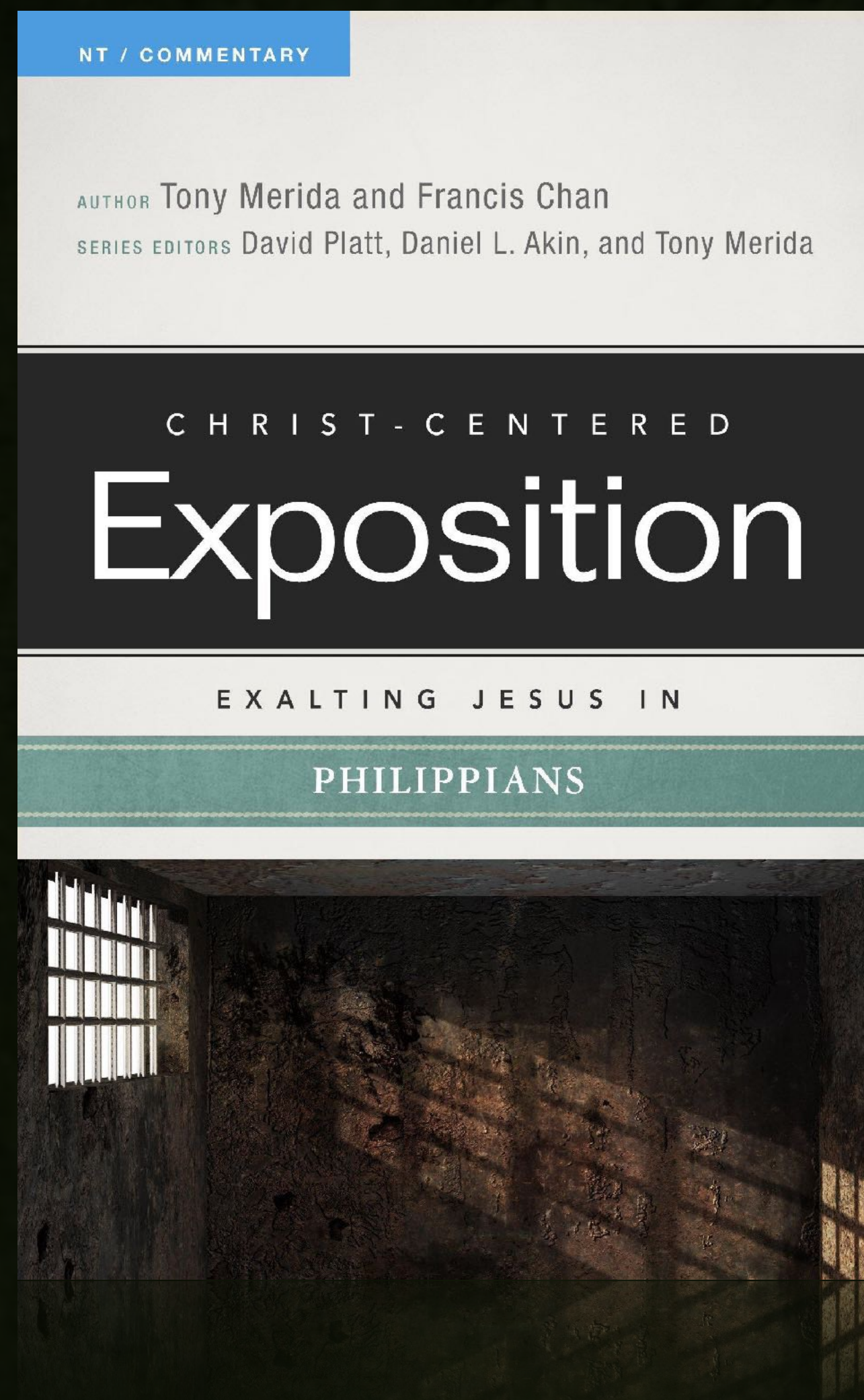
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“In his book *The Fellowship of the Ring*, J. R. R. Tolkien writes a thrilling story to illustrate this idea of gospel partnership. The fellowship is made up of radical diversity—little, resilient, pipe-smoking hobbits with big, hairy feet from the green Shire; a few warrior men; a wizard; an elf with amazing archery skills;



and an out-from-under-the-mountains dwarf with an axe. Together they share a common mission of defeating the forces of darkness and saving Middle-earth. They were willing to die for one another and for the mission.”

“Partnership in the gospel isn’t merely friendship—it’s friendship with purpose, bound by a shared mission to see Christ known and glorified.”

Rico Tice | *Honest Evangelism*, p. 72



“The joy of gospel partnership is that we’re not simply pulling together toward a temporary goal. We’re pulling together toward eternal ends, which makes even the hard days worth it.”

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Jesus

We are on mission...
Together!

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

completion

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salvation

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For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Romans 8:29–30

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

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Philippians 1:7–8



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A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**: just as I have **loved** you, you also are to **love one another**. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love for one another**.”

John 13:34–35

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9–11

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Philippians 1:9–11

love

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agape



Will-based, unconditional love



Love is something more stern
and splendid than mere
kindness... Love desires the
good of the beloved, and seeks
their best, even at cost to
oneself.

C.S Lewis | The Problem of Pain

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“I have swallowed up girls and boys, women and men, kings and emperors, cities and realms,” said the Lion. He didn’t say this as if he were boasting, nor as if he were sorry, nor as if he were angry. He just said it. “I dare not come and drink,” said Jill. “Then you will die of thirst,” said the Lion. “Oh dear!” said Jill, coming another step nearer. “I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.” “There is no other stream,” said the Lion.

Aslan | The Silver Chair, Chapter 2



A church mailbox and a sign for Mercy Hill Church. The mailbox is dark green with a curved top and a small window. The sign is a rectangular piece of aged, yellowish paper with a slightly torn edge. It is mounted on a wooden post. The background is a soft-focus image of green foliage and a bright, hazy sky.

MERCY HILL CHURCH

Joy in our koinonia

A church mailbox is visible on the left side of the image, partially obscured by the sign. The mailbox is dark green with a curved top and a small slot for mail. The sign is a rectangular piece of aged, yellowish paper with a slightly rough texture. It is mounted on a wooden post. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green foliage and a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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Unshakable Confidence

In God's work

The image shows a book cover with a parchment-like texture. On the left side, there is a green mailbox with a curved top. The background is a soft-focus image of green foliage. The title 'MERCY HILL CHURCH' is written in a large, dark red, serif font. Below the title, the subtitle 'Christ-shaped Affection' is written in a smaller, dark red, sans-serif font.

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Christ-shaped Affection

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Pray for
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