

Servants' Retreat
September 1 – 2, 2024



Serve
the Lord
with
gladness

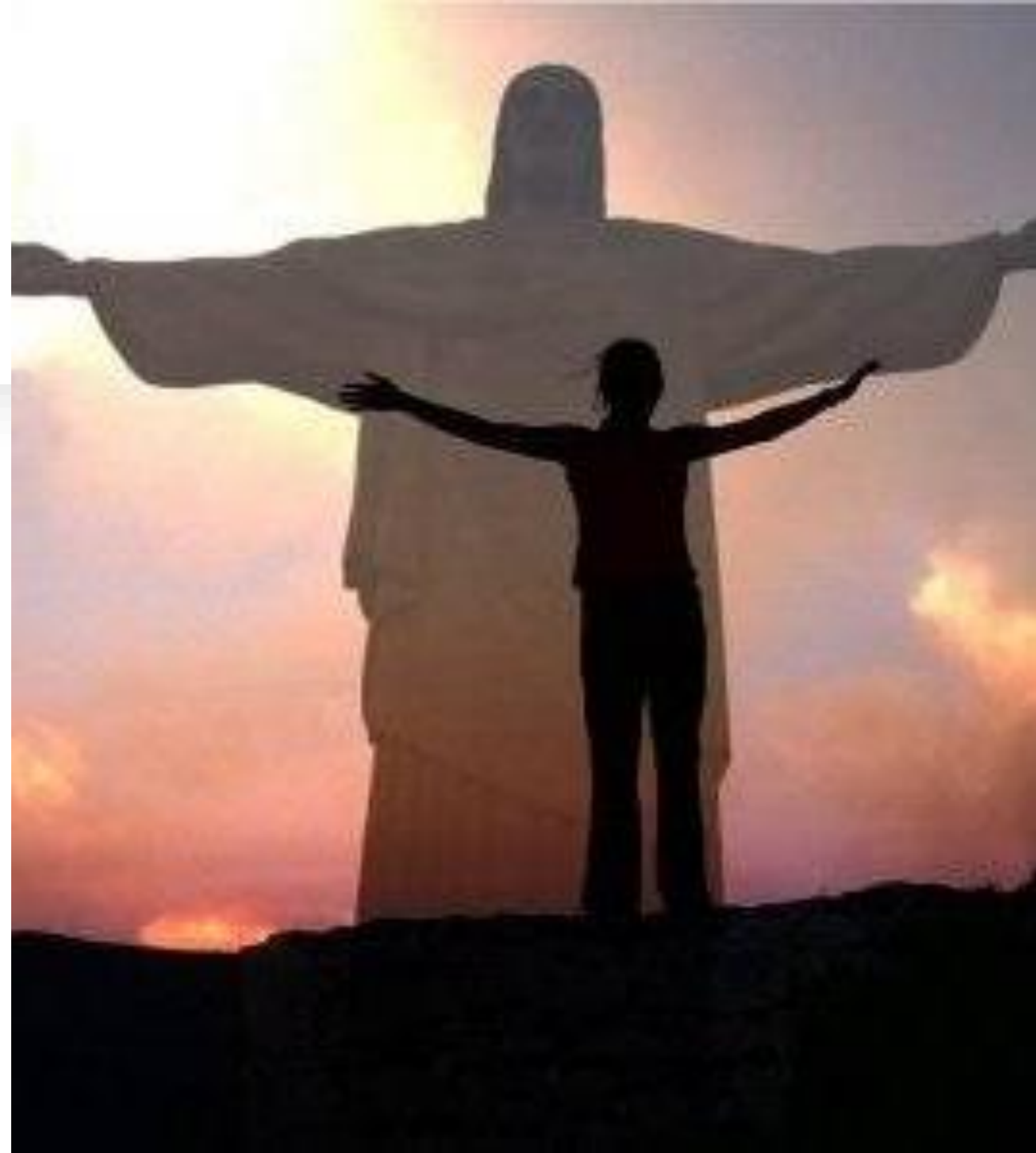
Psalm 100:2

EXPRESSIONS OF A MOTIVATED SERVICE



1. A CLEAR AND PURE GOAL ⁽¹⁾

- “He must increase, but I must decrease. He who comes from above is above all” *John 3: 30 – 31*
- “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me” *Galatians 2:20*



1. A CLEAR AND PURE GOAL (2)

- “Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables”

Acts 6: 2

- “Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.”

Philippians 4: 17



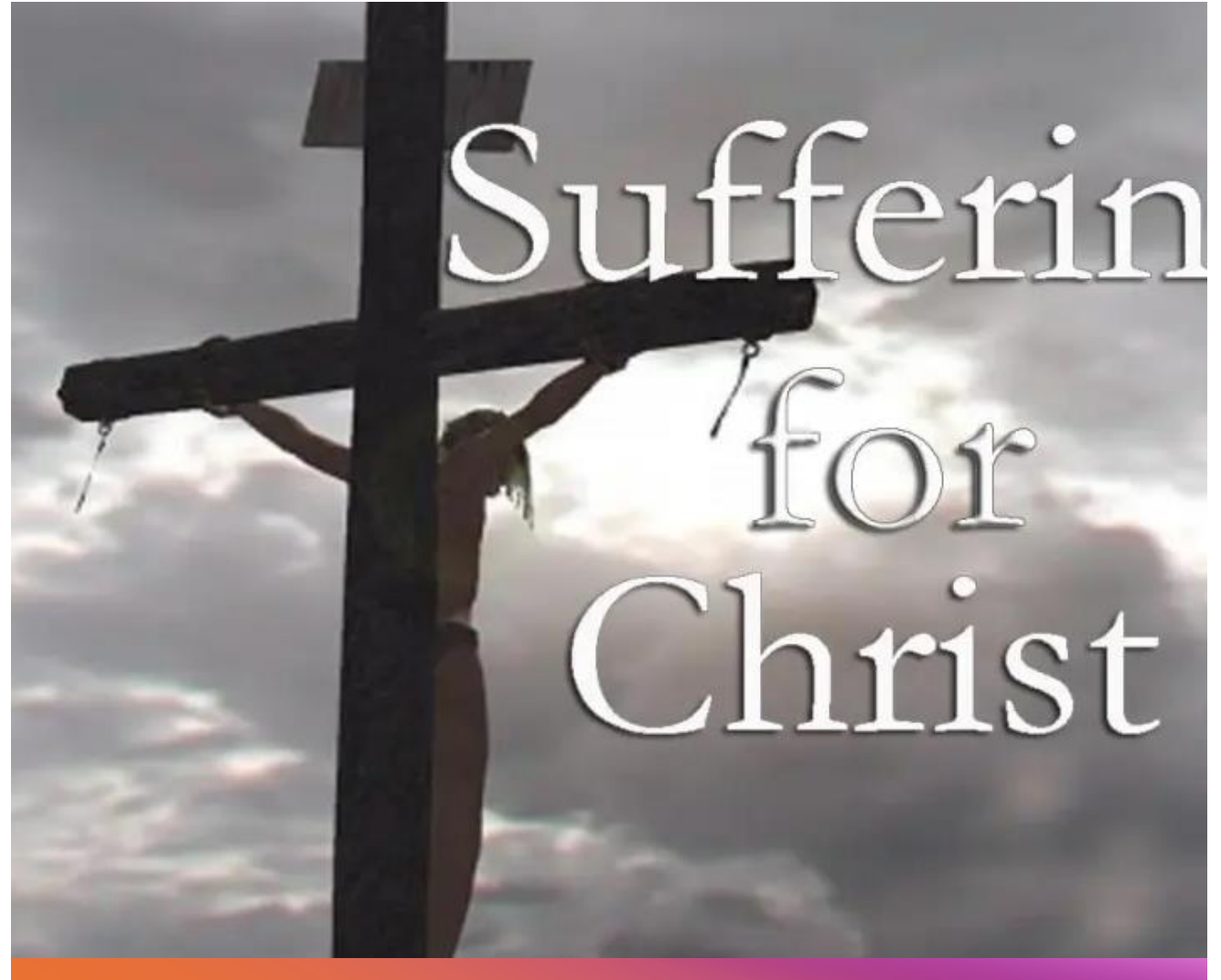
1. A CLEAR AND PURE GOAL (3)

- “My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you” *Galatians 4: 19*
- The negative example of Diotrephes
“I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.” *3 John 9*



2. ACCEPTING THE COST (1)

- “Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” *Acts 21: 13*
- “Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.” *1 Cor. 8: 13*



2. ACCEPTING THE COST (2)

- “And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.” *2 Corinthians 12: 15*
- “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ” *Philippians 3: 8*



3. LOVING THE FLOCK ⁽¹⁾

- “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.” *Philippians 4: 1*
- “Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin and have made for themselves a god of gold! Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” *Exodus 32: 31 - 32*



3. LOVING THE FLOCK (2)

- “For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is far better*. Nevertheless, to remain in the flesh *is more needful for you*. And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith”

Philippians 1: 23 - 25



3. LOVING THE FLOCK (3)



- “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh” *Romans 9: 1 - 3*

4. SERVING TO THE END ⁽¹⁾

- “But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” *2 Timothy 4: 5*
- “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.”

1 Samuel 12: 23

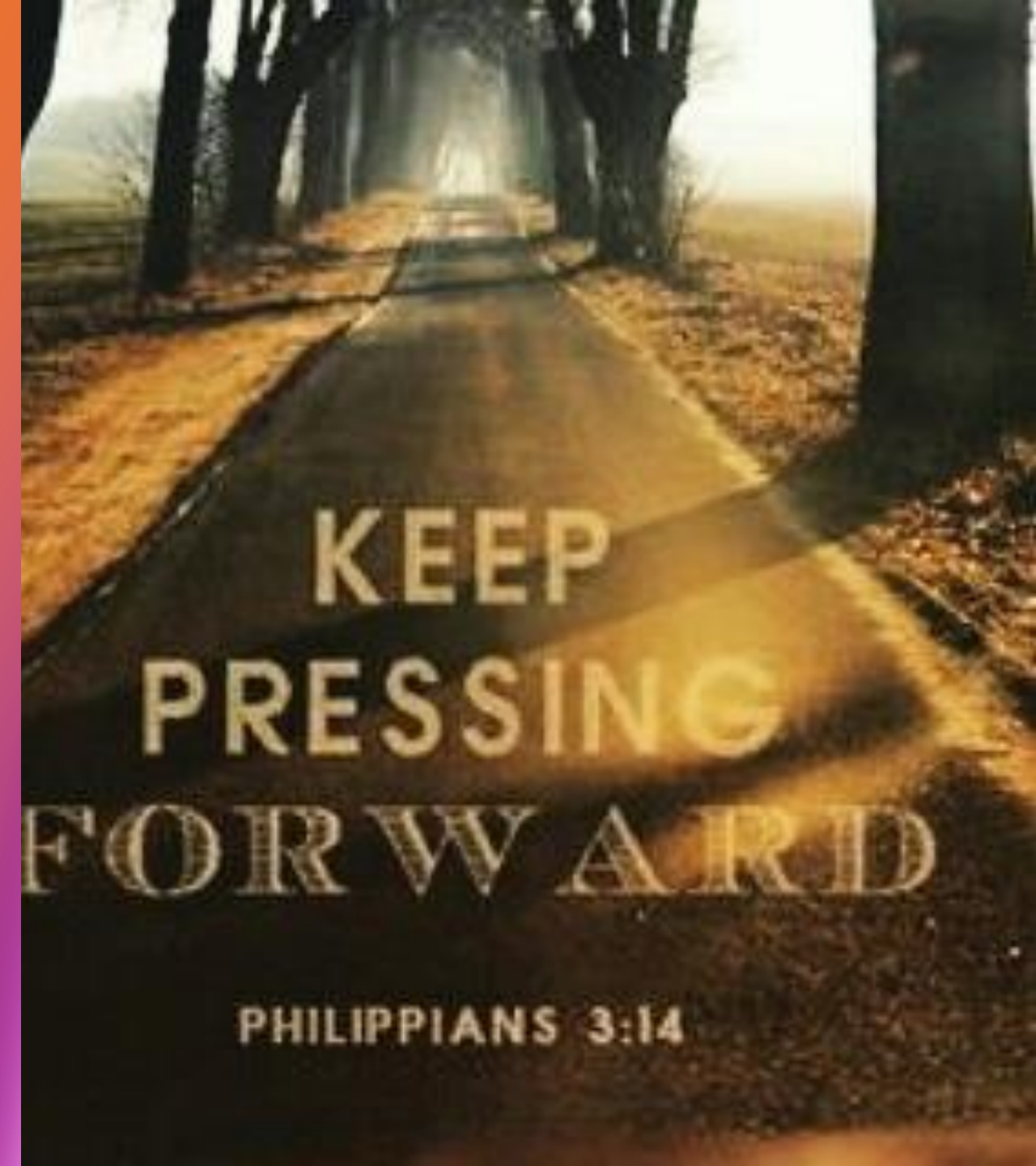


4. SERVING TO THE END (2)

- “Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, who may go out before them and go in before them, who may lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be like sheep which have no shepherd.”

Numbers 27: 16 - 17





4. SERVING TO THE END (3)

- “Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead”

Philippians 3: 12 - 13

5. SERVING WITH A POSITIVE SPIRIT ⁽¹⁾

- “Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from goodwill: The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel. What then? Only *that* in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.” *Philippians 1: 15 - 18*



5. SERVING WITH A POSITIVE SPIRIT (2)

- “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.”

Philippians 4: 4 - 5





THE IMPACT





1. A motivated servant, who serve God with gladness, is the best witness to the work of grace in human's heart.
2. A motivated servant will be always able to come with creative ideas to better the service



3. Spreading a positive energy among his/her peers.
4. Inspiring those whom he/she serves and lead them to grow spiritually.
5. Creating a momentum in the service that can go beyond his/her small circle.



6. A motivated servant is a pillar for the service in his/her church and a reason of joy to those who serve with him/her.
7. Giving a positive impression to his/her family about the privilege of serving God and His people