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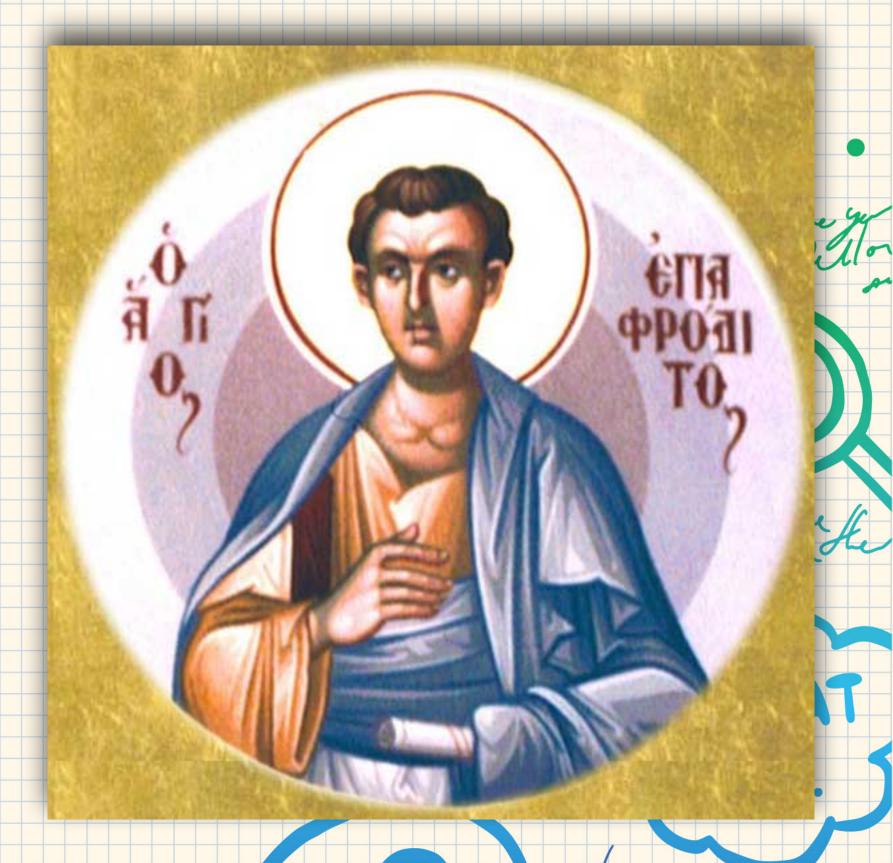
Re-imagination is the birthplace for vision and change



Reimagine

EPAPHRODITUS

Philippians 2:25-30, 4:18







Philippians 2:25-30

25 But I think it is necessary to send back to you **Epaphroditus**, my **brother**, **co-worker** and **fellow soldier**, who is also your **messenger**, whom you sent to take care of my needs.

²⁶ For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. ²⁷ Indeed he was **ill**, and **almost died**. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.



Philippians 2:25-30

²⁸ Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

²⁹ So then, **welcome** him in the Lord with great **joy**, and **honor** people like him, ³⁰ because he **almost died** for the work of Christ. He **risked** his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.



THE STORY OF EPAPHRODITUS

Philippians 2:25-30, 4:18





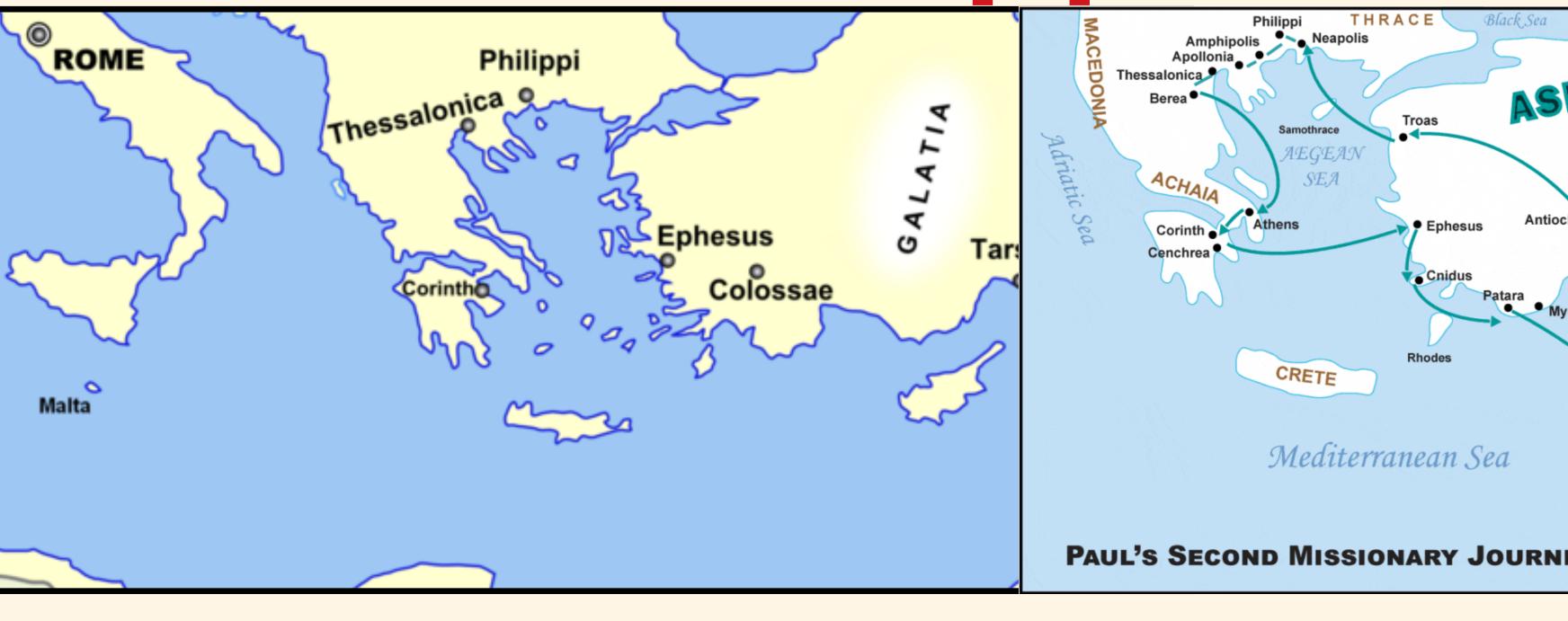


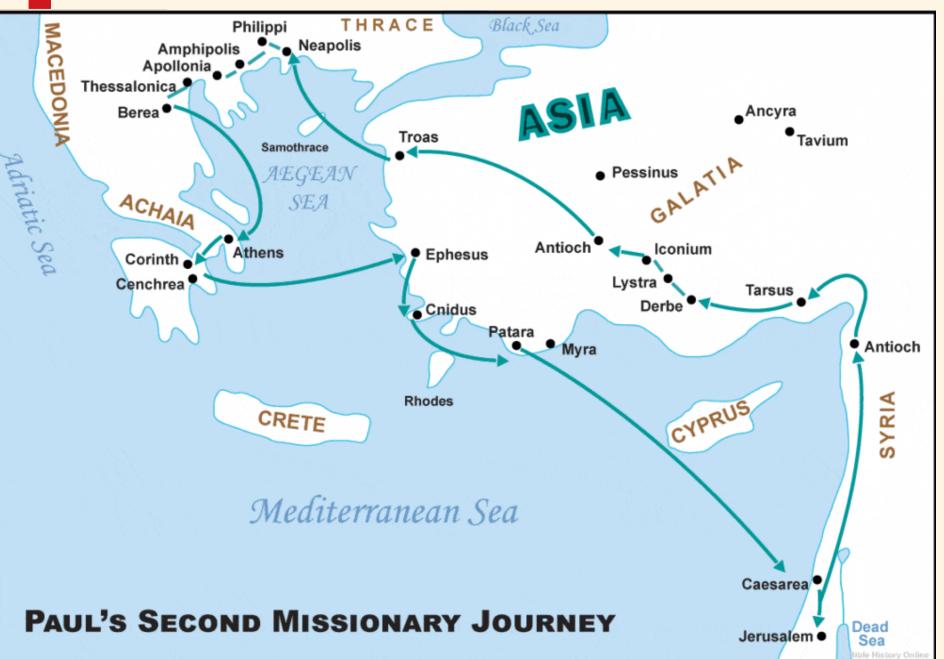
EPAPHRODITUS

FROM A MESSENGER TO BECOMING

- MY BROTHER: Share-Love
- CO-WORKER: Share-Load
- FELLOW SOLDIER: Share-Cause

Where is Philippi? Rome?









EPAPHRODITUS: 'MAY BROTHER'

#1 LOVES SELFLESSLY #2 PUTS OTHERS FIRST #3 IS TRUSTWORTHY



Philippians 2:26-27



26 For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow.

Philippians 2:4

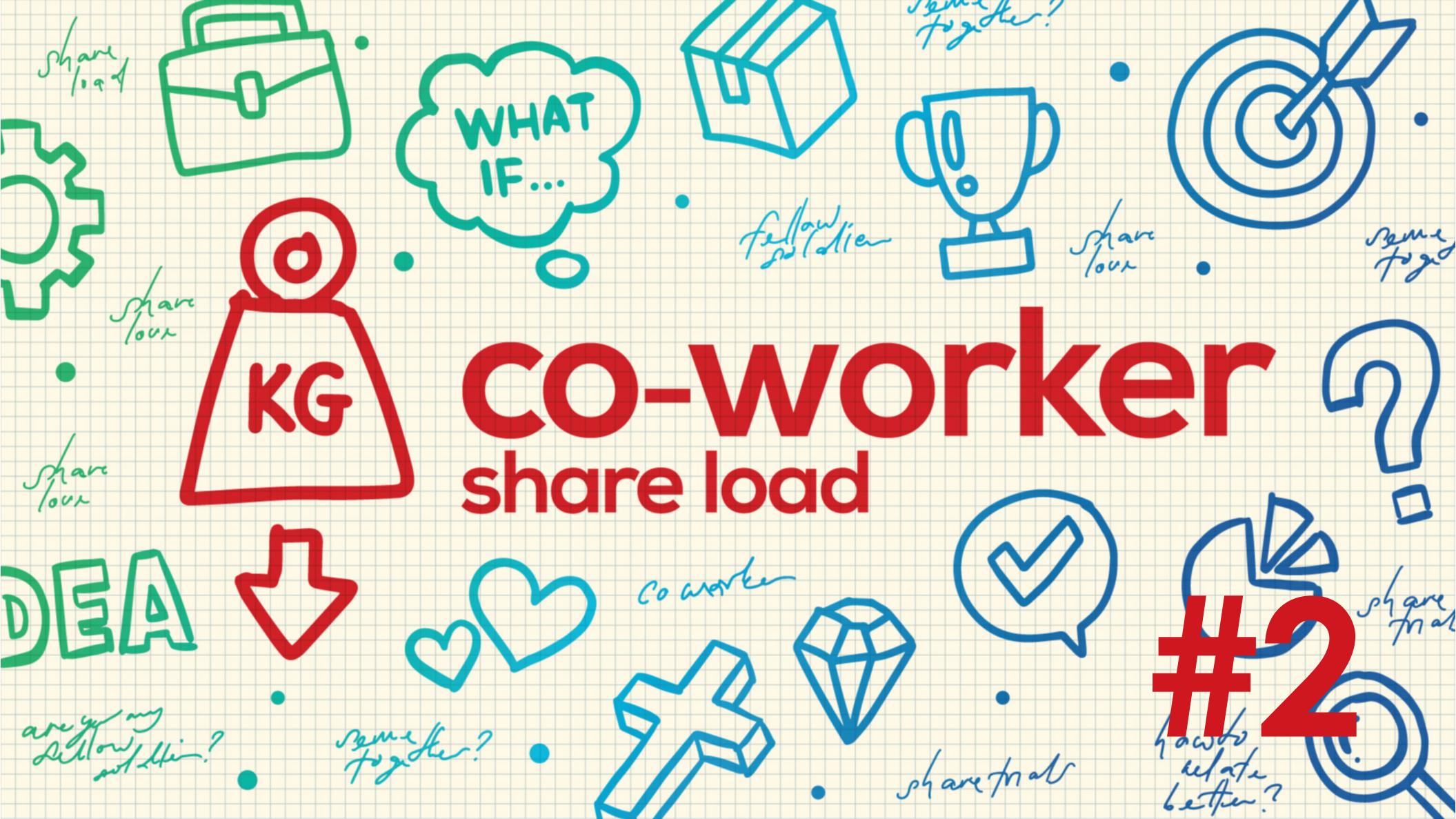
Proverbs 18:24

"Let each of you look not only to his own **interests**, but also to the **interests** of others."

"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."







EPAPHRODITUS: ''MY CO-WORKER''

A ONE WHO PRACTICES #1 SERVANTHOOD (2:7) #2 ORFDIFNCF (2:12-14)

#2 OBEDIENCE (2:12-14) #3 PERFECTION (2:15-16)



Philippians 2:29-30a

2. So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, "because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE: A "CO-WORKER"?

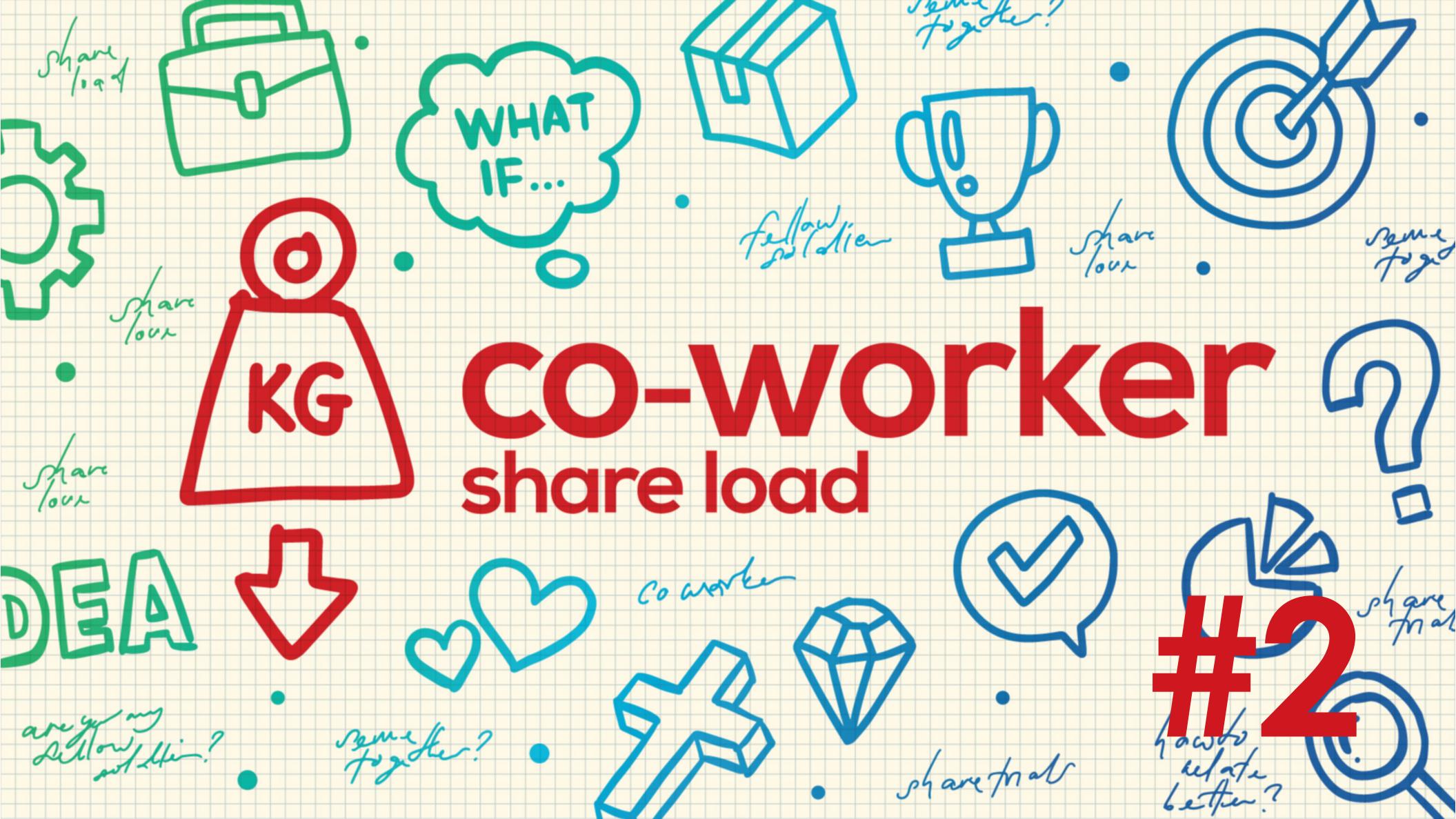
#1 SERVE TIRELESSLY #2 PASSIONATE #3 COMPASSIONATE





"The starting point of sharing load is when you feel for either the work or the worker."





share trials

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2 Timothy 2:3-4 ESV

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

ANo <u>soldier</u> gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.



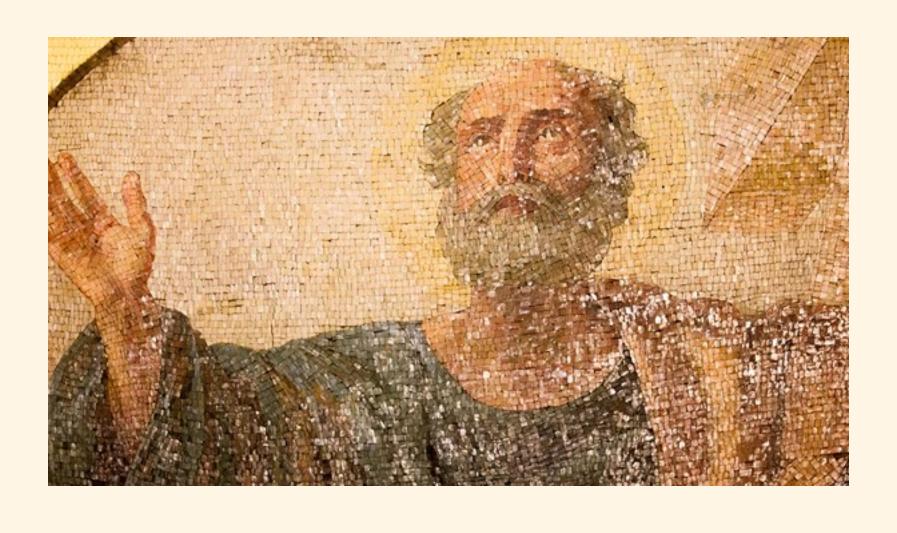


1-As soldiers we Share in Suffering : endure hardship

2 Timothy 2:3

Share in **suffering** as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

APOSTLE PAUL



Paul was kidnapped (Acts 21:27), beaten (Acts 21:30-31; 23:3), threatened (Acts 22:22; 27:42), arrested many times (Acts 21:33; 22:24, 31; 23:35; 28:16), accused in lawsuits (Acts 21:34; 22:30; 24:1-2; 25:2, 7; 28:4), interrogated (Acts 25:24-27), ridiculed (Acts 26:24), ignored (Acts 27:11), shipwrecked (Acts 27:41) and bitten by a viper (Acts 28:3)

Philippians 2:30

"because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me.





2-As soldiers we are Single-Mindedness : avoid entanglement

2 Timothy 2:4a

*No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits,...

NIV = *No one serving as a soldier gets

entangled in civilian affairs.



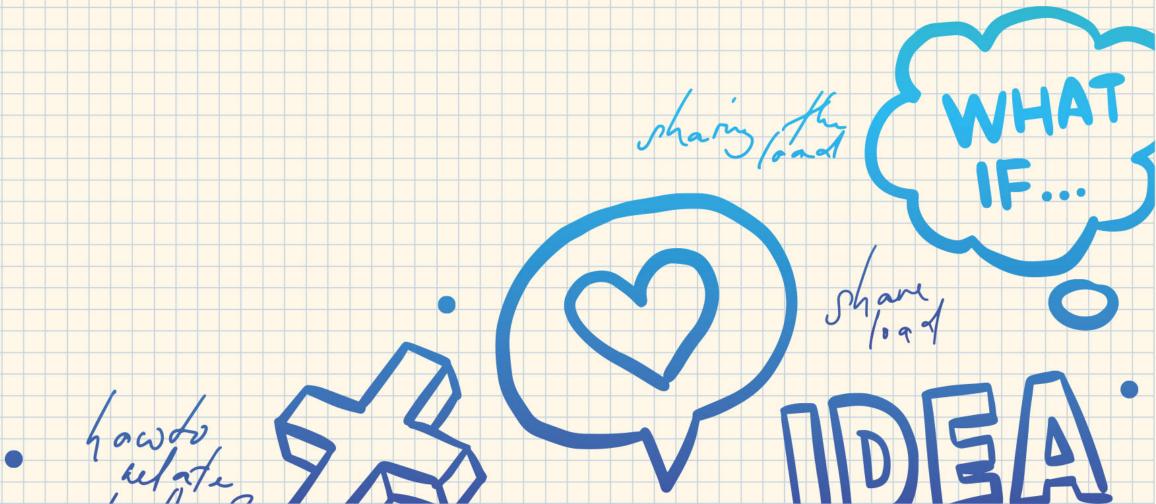
3-As soldiers we fight The Same Mission : stay focus for the cause

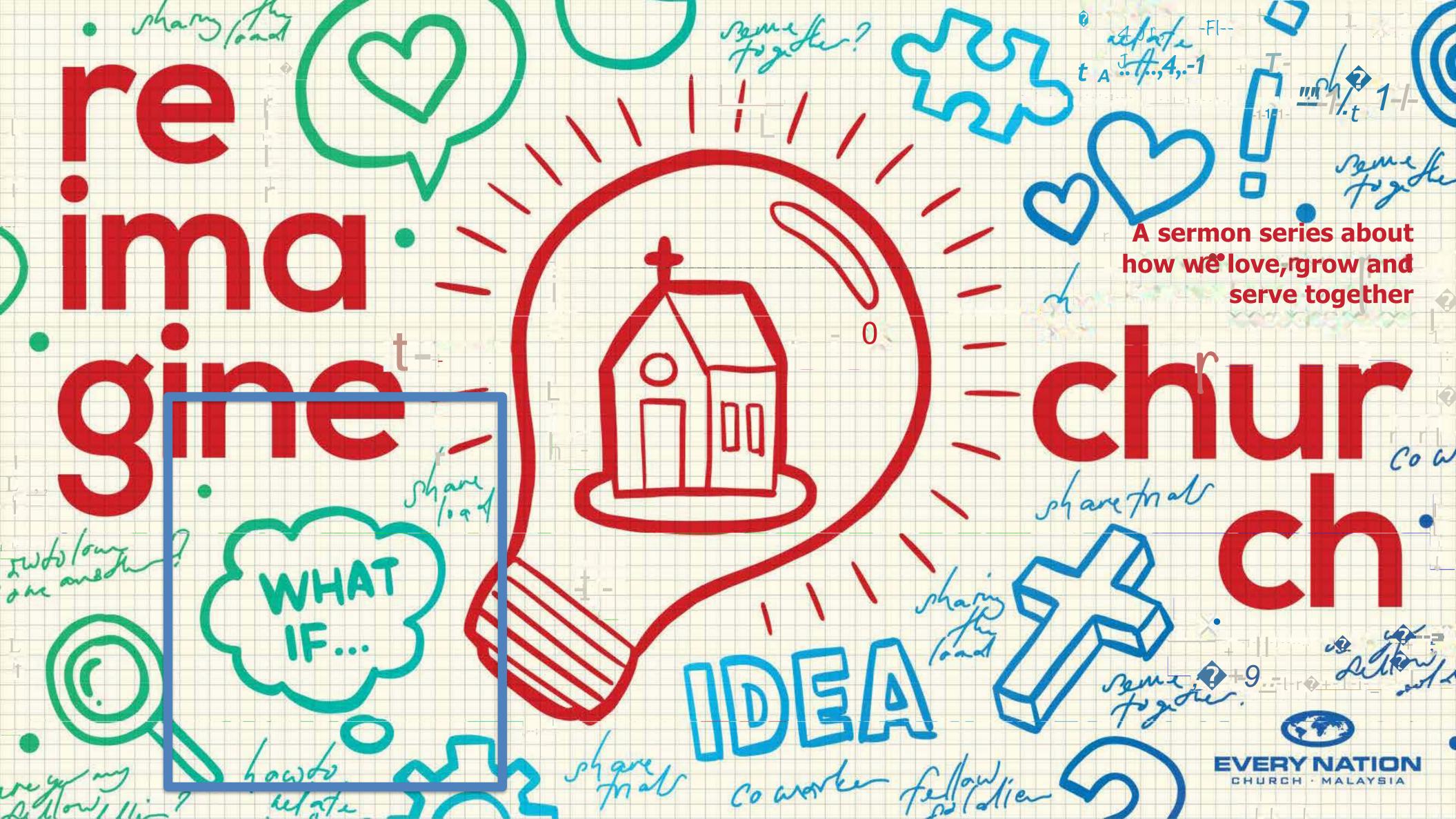
2 Timothy 2:4b

... but **rather** tries to **please** his **commanding officer**.



Honour God (5) Make Disciples







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- As soldiers we...
 - 1: endure hardship
 - 2: avoid entanglement
 - 3: stay focus on the

mission





