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- remember the -Benefits

encouragement? comfort? participation? affection & sympathy?



How's your memory?



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Philippians 2:2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If you do dislike

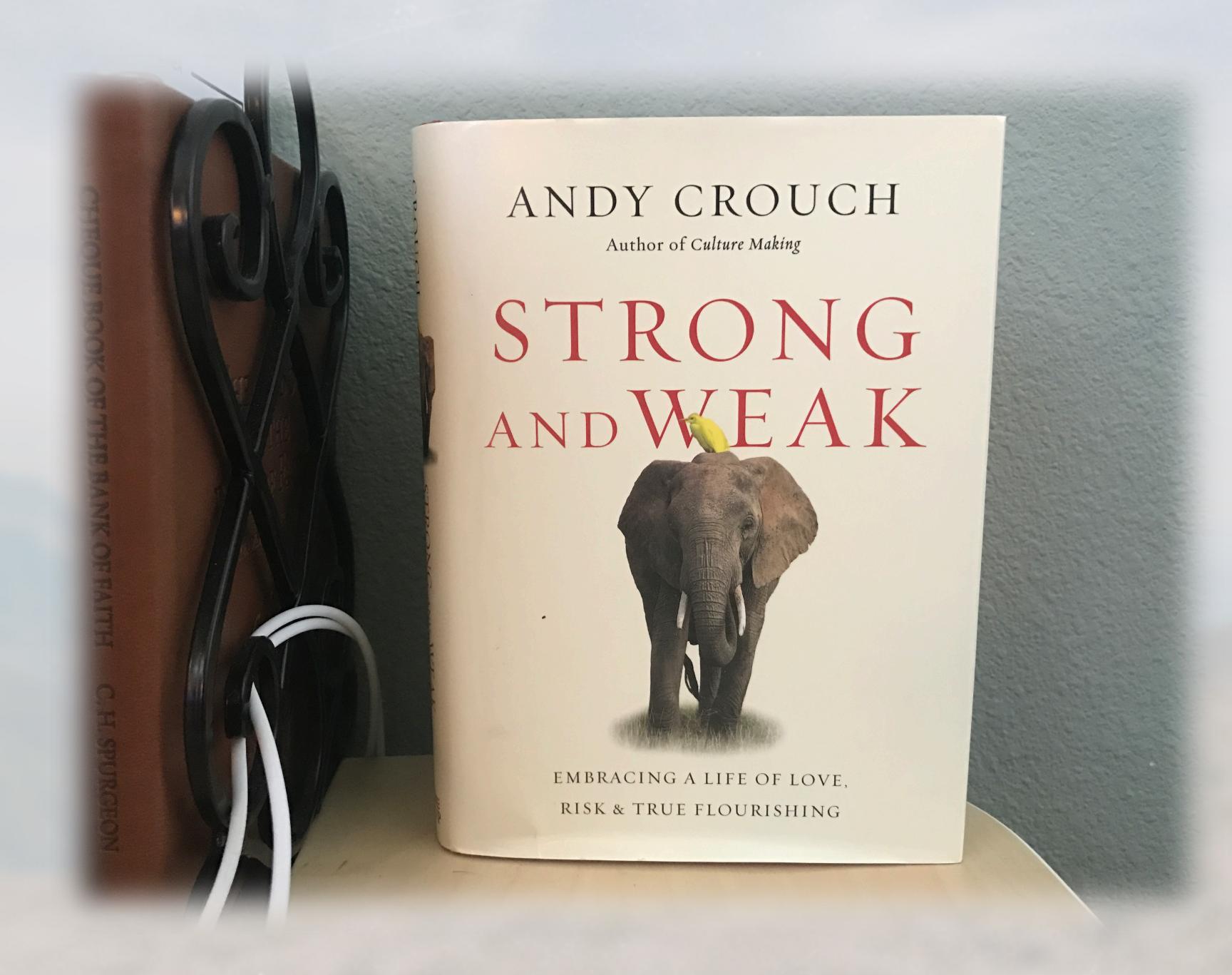
him it will be because you feel a little envious of anyone who seems to enjoy life so easily. He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.

- C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity"

Philippians 2:4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Where are you looking? What will this take?





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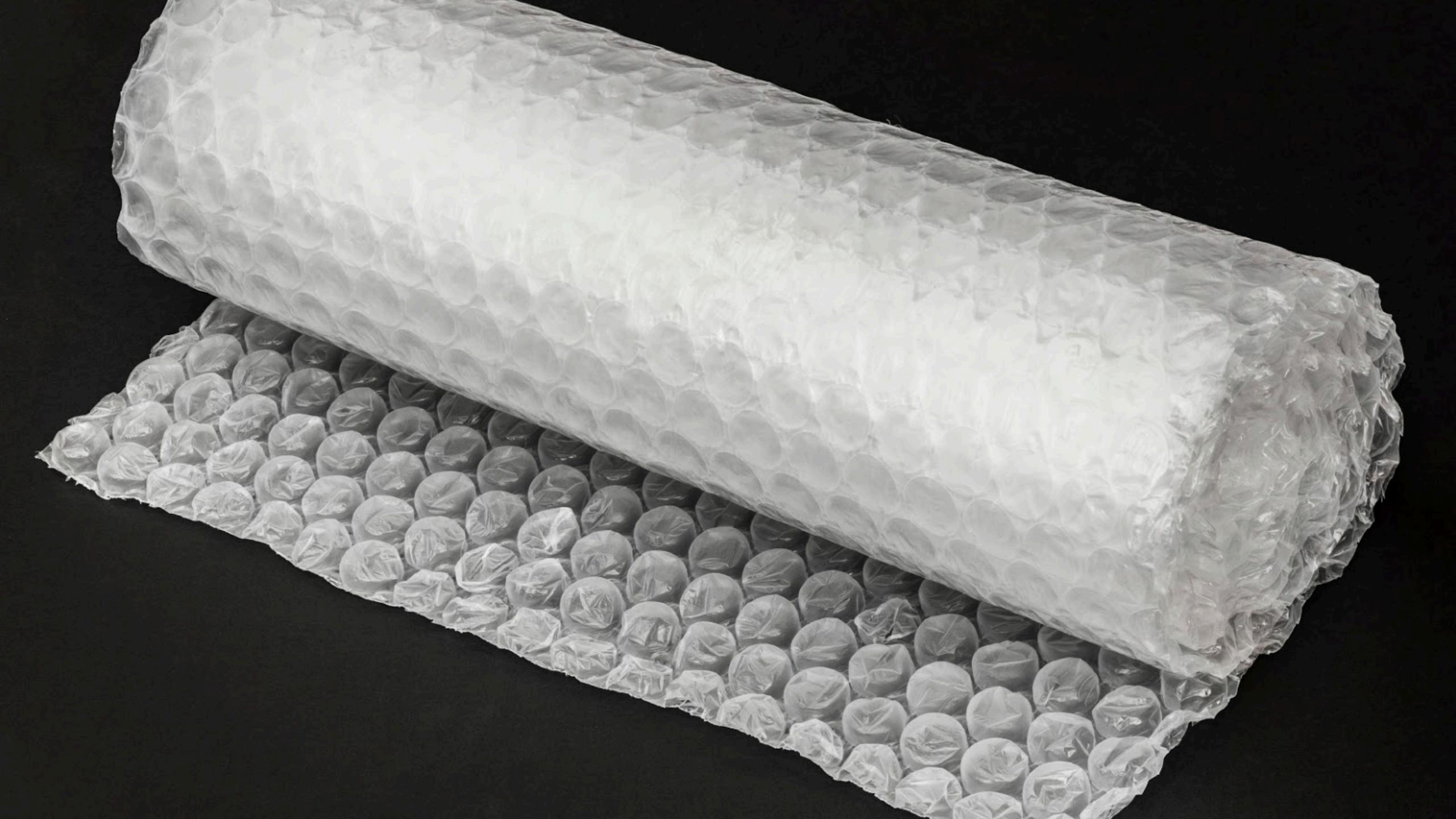
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What could truly break the power of that rebellion? If someone were to dramatically empty himself of authority, voluntarily give up the capacity for meaningful action, be handed over to the most exploitative forces in our cosmos, and go to the land of the dead, the realm of those who have lost all capacity for action - and if that same

person were to return, rescued, fully alive, indeed with far more authority than we had ever seen or imagined such a complete sacrifice, and victory, might conclusively unmask the lie that is at the heart of all exploitation.

- Andy Crouch, "Strong and Weak"

- remember your - Savion



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Are you grasping or giving?



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John 13:3-5

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Coucifixion descent to the dead



the way of Jesus... descending precedes ascending



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Soon every tongue of every rational being in all creation will confess that Jesus Messiah is Yahweh! Every believing heart will cry it at the top of its lungs in voice and song, and we, with the angels, will do it over and over for all eternity. Every unbelieving heart will confess it too, in dismal submission and despair. Even Satan will do it. His knee and his tongue will not be excluded.

Every fallen spirit will do it. Legion upon legion will do it. Caiaphas will confess that Jesus Messiah is Yahweh. Herod will do it. Pilate will do it. Nero will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Hitler will do it. Stalin will do it. Every soul from every age will confess that Jesus Messiah is Yahweh.

- Kent Hughes

Will you confess that Jesus Christ is Lord?



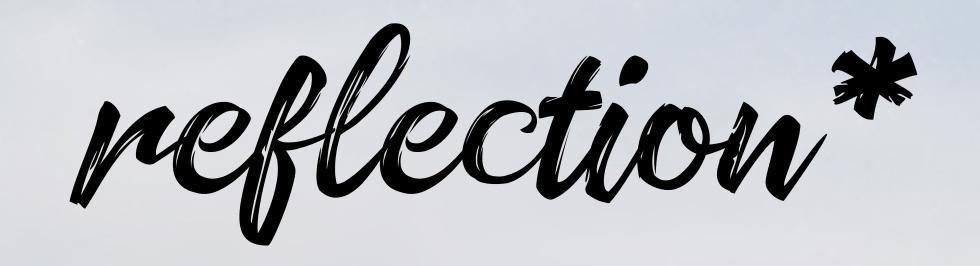
Will you descend?



We do not lack for authority. In Christ we have all the authority we need and more - "all things are yours" (1 Corinthians 3:21). But what unlocks that authority is the willingness to expose ourselves to meaningful loss - to become vulnerable, woundable in the world. For this, too, is what it means to bear the divine image - if the One

through whom all things were made spoke into being a world where he himself could be betrayed, wounded and killed. What we are missing, to become like him, is not ultimately more authority - it is more vulnerability.

- Andy Crouch, "Strong and Weak"



We invite you to take a moment in prayer to respond to God's Word.

*pick up elementary students during this time

