

# All Gifts Matter

*1 Corinthians 12:12-22*

**Does my gift matter?**

Yes, your gift makes a difference.

# BELIEVERS ARE ONE IN CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

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*What phrases does Paul use to highlight the unity of the church?*

12 For as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are **one** body—so also is **Christ**. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 So the body is not one part but many.

All tasks involve many  
parts working together.  
**The body needs unity.**



*Notice the  
word "keep"*

*We are  
already one!*

Write down some of your favorite authors on the index card.

Great authors use comparisons  
to simplify complex material.

Body



*of*

**Paul used body parts  
to resemble the gifts  
- all are important  
and needed.**

Christ



*Asclepius, the greek god of medicine*



*incubatio, sleeping in the temple*



*terra-cotta reproductions  
of body parts that had  
been healed*



*The English word “scalpel” is derived  
from “Asclepius,” the name of the  
Greek god of healing.*





# A BELIEVER'S GIFTS ARE IMPORTANT

*1 Corinthians 12:15-20*



Describe a time when an injury to a less important part of your body caused a major problem.

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15 If the foot should say, “Because I’m not a hand, I don’t belong to the body,” in spite of this it still belongs to the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I’m not an eye, I don’t belong to the body,” in spite of this it still belongs to the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But now God has **placed** each one of the parts in one body *just as He wanted*. 19 And if they were all the same part, where would the body be? 20 Now there are many parts, yet one body.



*All gifts are important.*

*Which is the great struggle for you:  
**considering yourself more important or useful**  
**or underestimating your importance?***

*How do you keep a **proper balance** between these two extremes?*

# ALL BELIEVER'S GIFTS ARE NEEDED

*1 Corinthians 12:21-22*

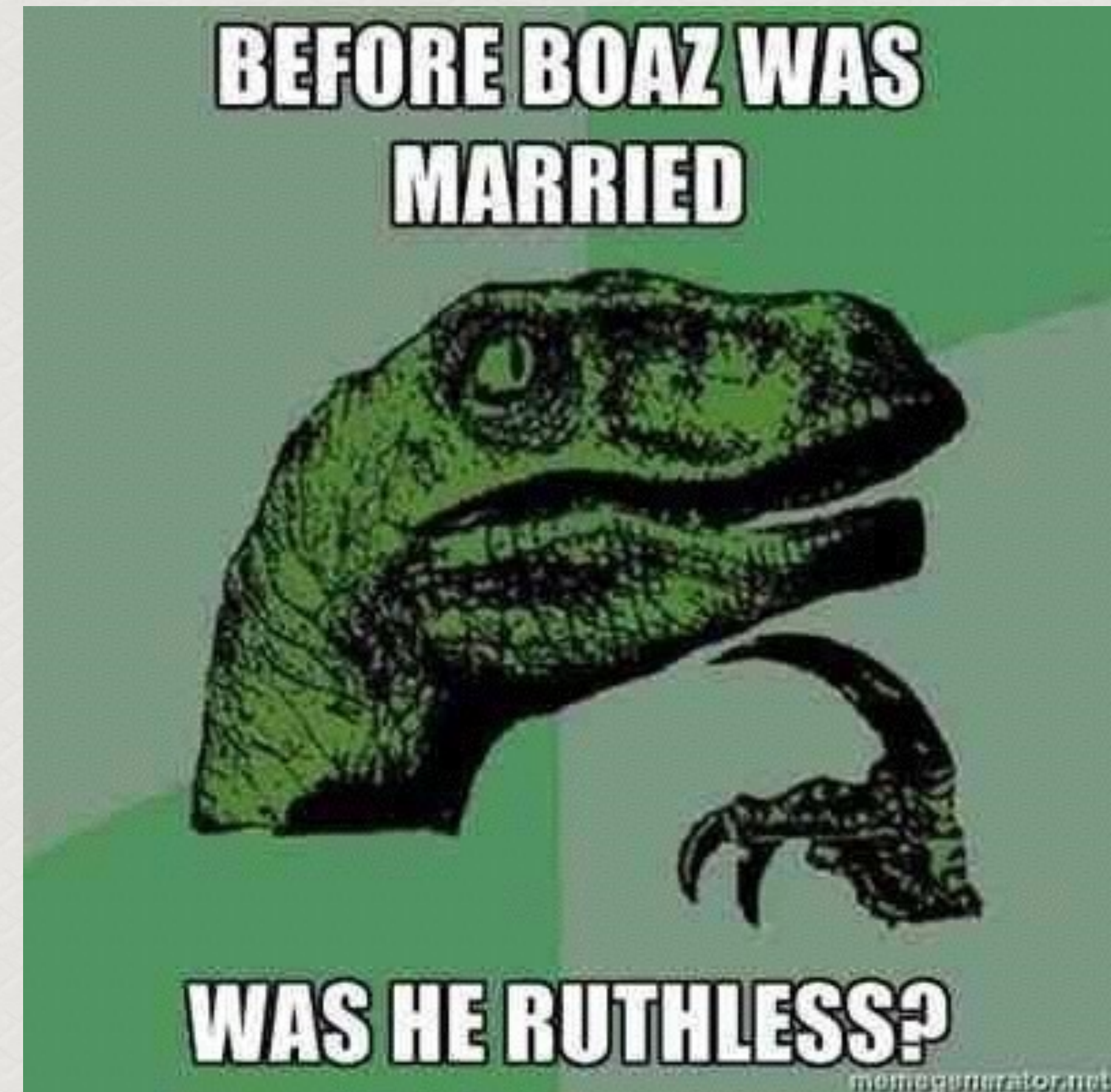
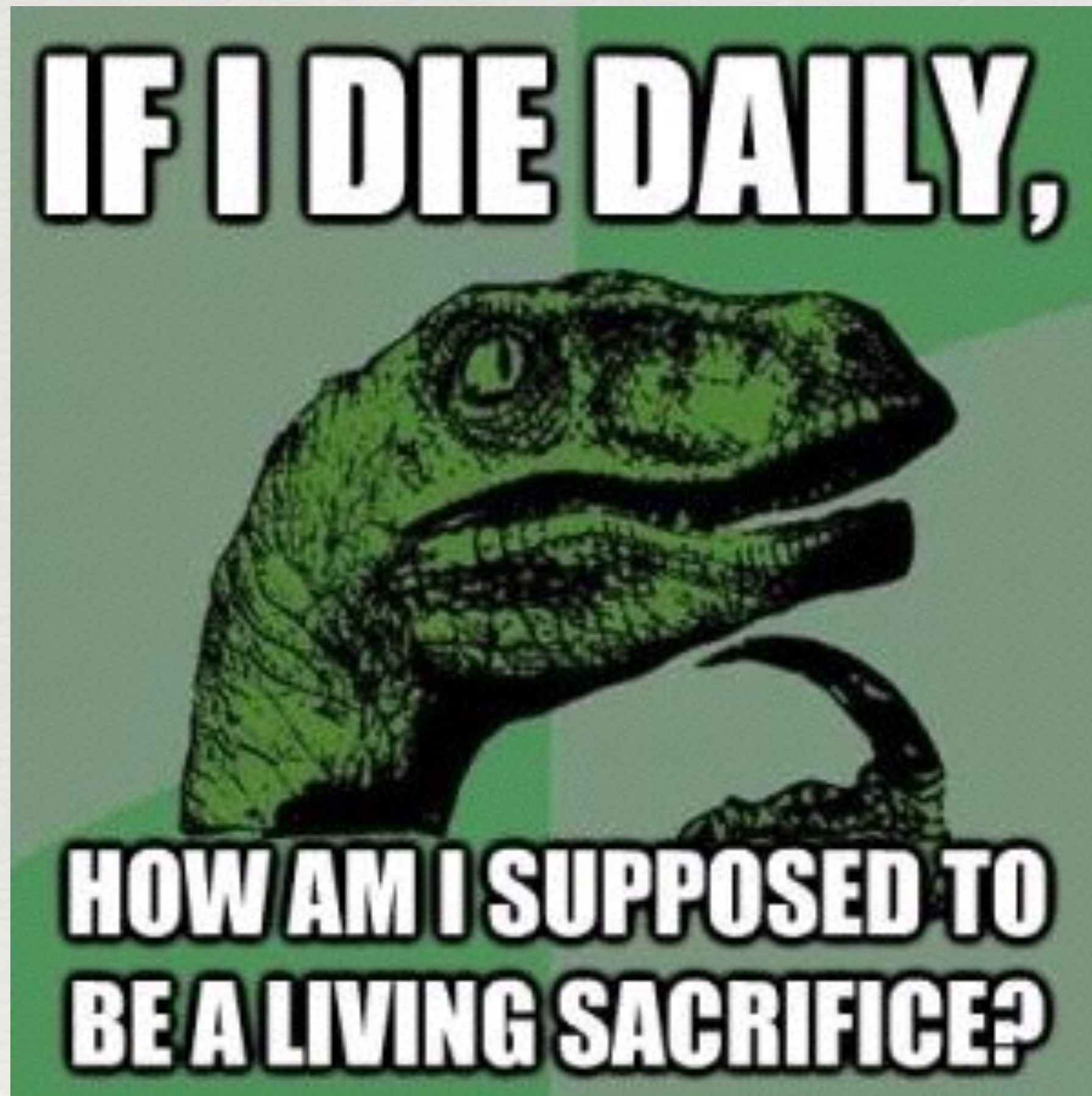
*1 Corinthians 12:21-22*

21 So the eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” Or again, the head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”  
22 But even more, those parts of the body that seem to be **weaker** are necessary.

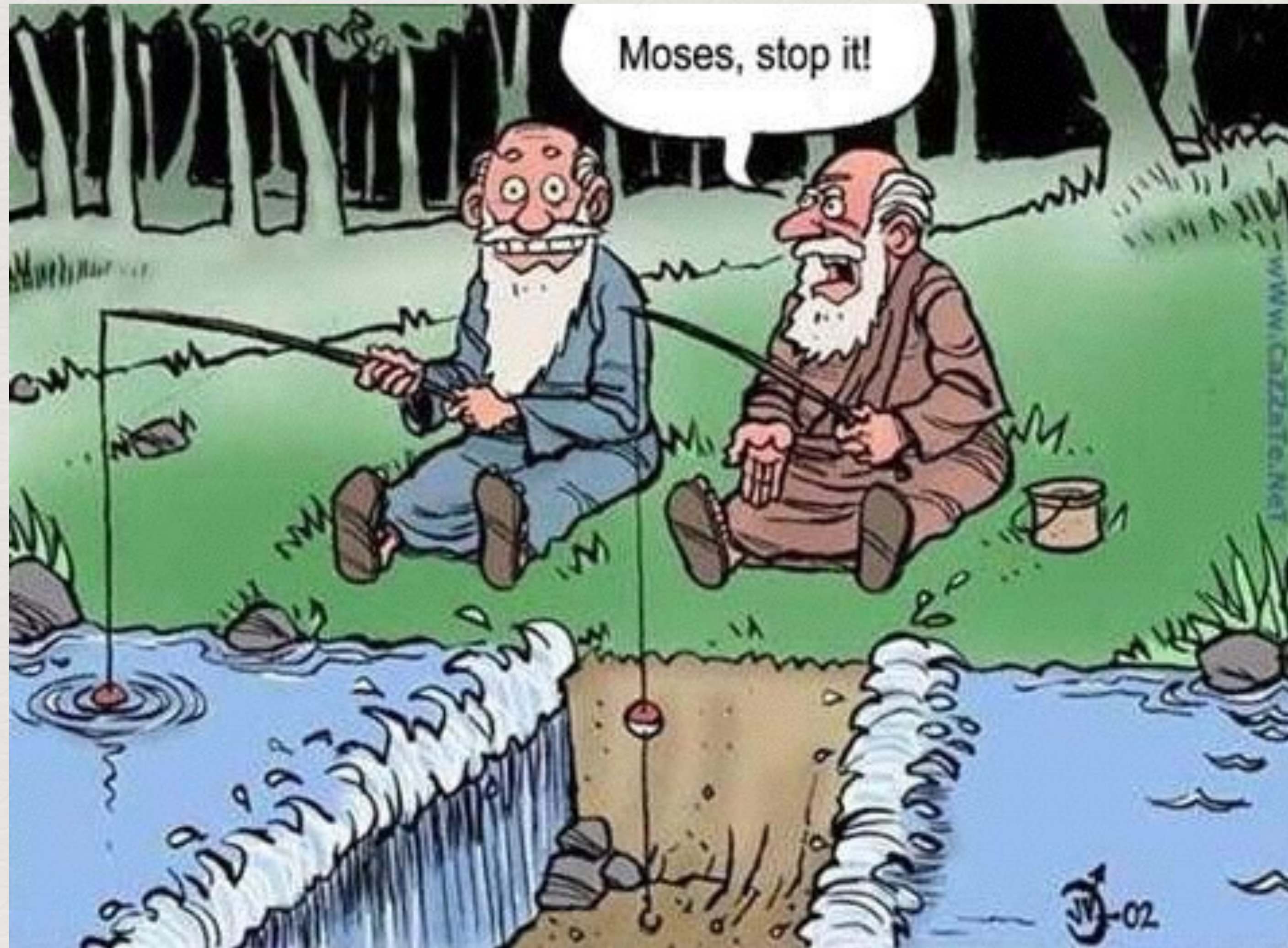


Pauls got jokes! Think back at  
vs. 15-16 and find the humor in it.

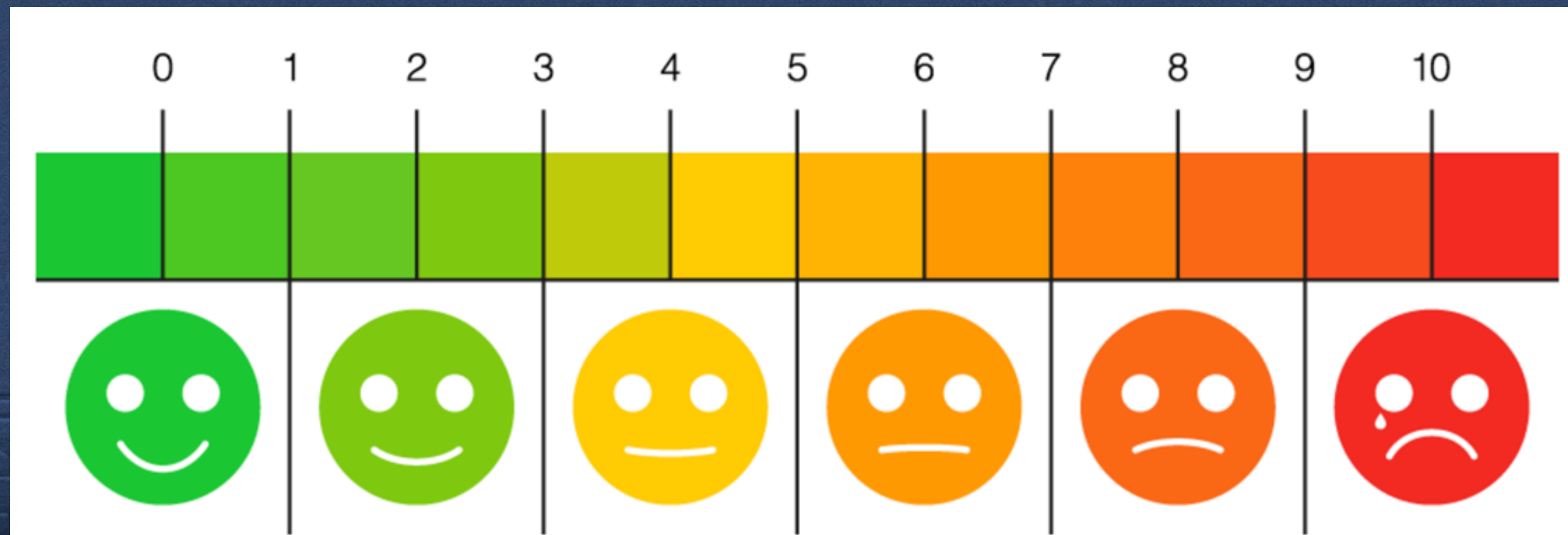
Speaking of jokes...here's some other jokes...








On a scale from 1-10, how well are you using your gift to serve God in your church and community?



# STEPS TO USE YOUR GIFTS



1: Think about your  
spiritual gifts.




2: Examine your calendar and think about ways you are using your gifts to spread the gospel.

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*Ask yourself: What hobbies or habits keep me from using my gifts more effectively?*

3: Pray and ask God to open  
a door for you to serve him  
with what he has given you.



*Closing Thought:*

It is a privilege to serve the  
One who saved us!

