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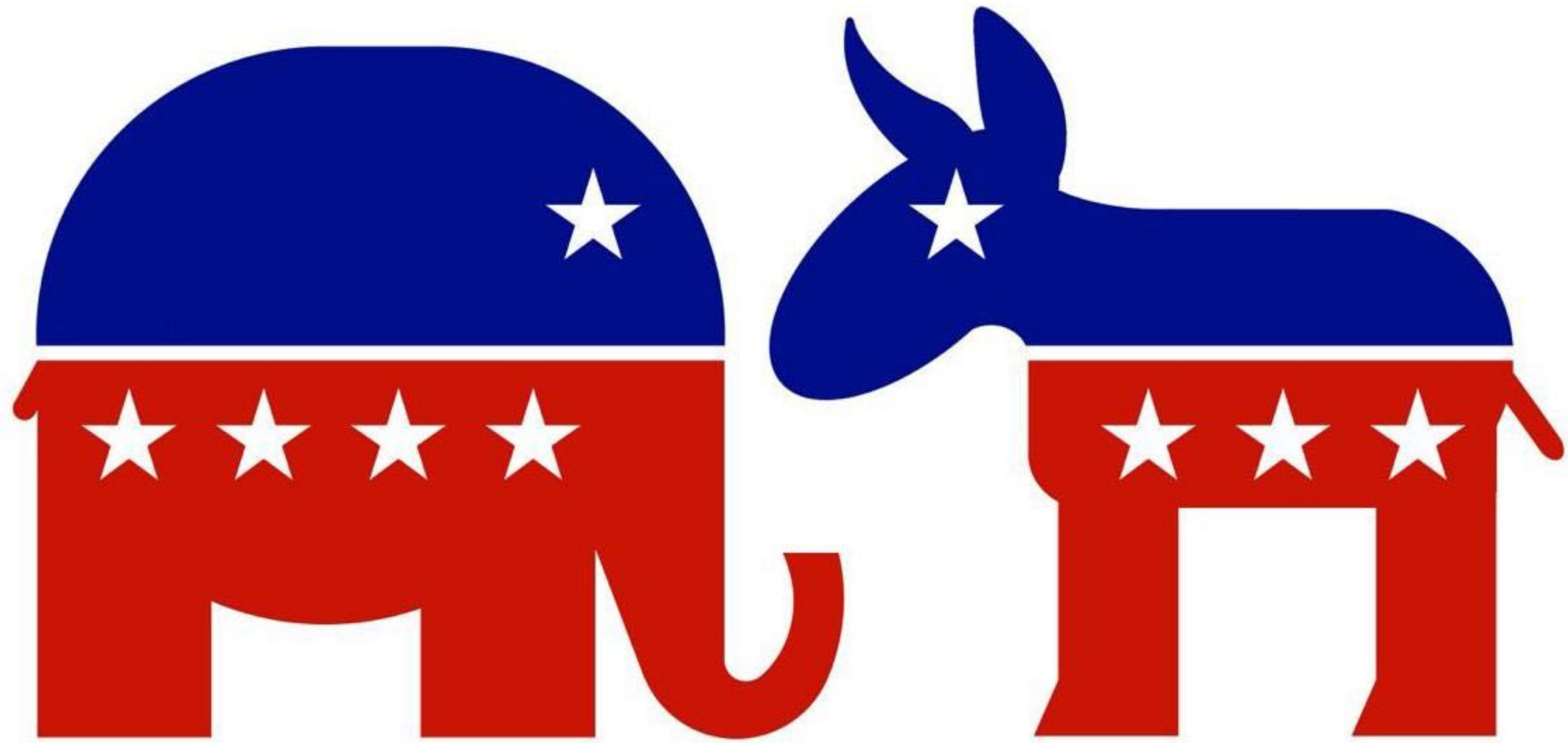
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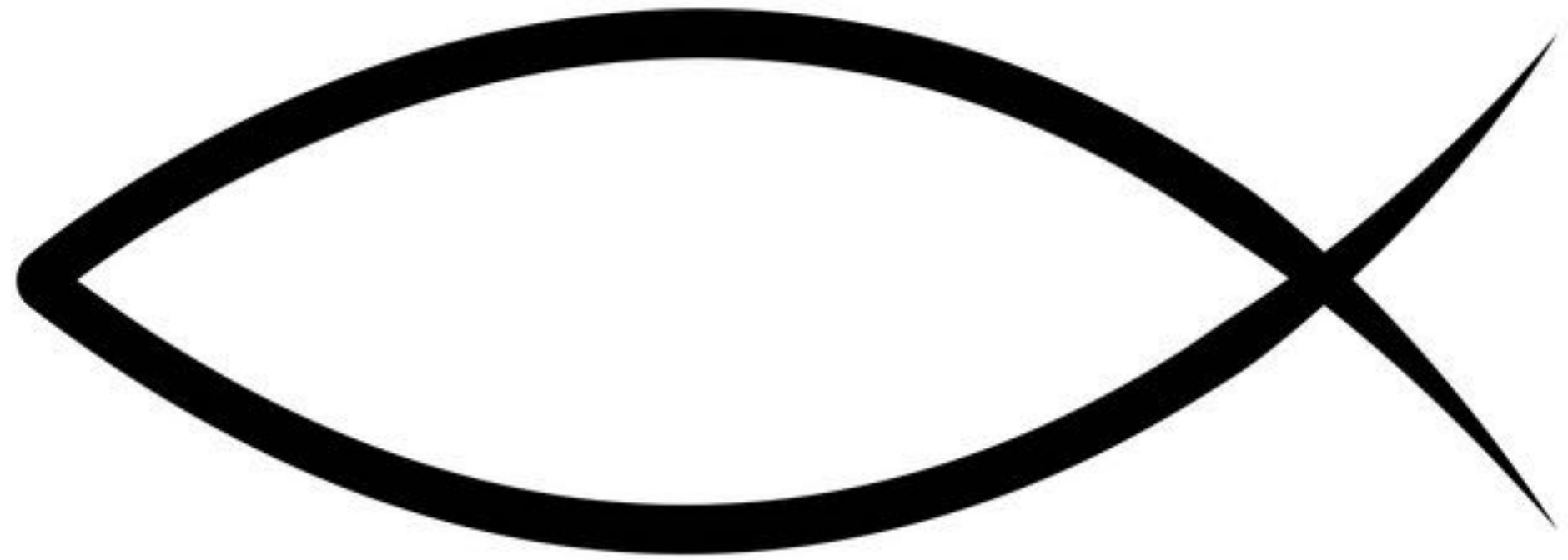
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Philippians 2:1-7

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.*

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Colossians 3:7-17

You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The bible teaches that you would thrive as a person only if you put the needs of your family and community above your own self interest. Our modern culture rejects that entirely. We are told to be “true to ourselves” to decide who we want to be and then demand that our community and family recognize and honor THAT regardless of its impact on relationships. Today we sacrifice the good of the group for the absolute “freedom” of the individual. The result is an increasing number of people who feel disconnected and lonely.

Tim Keller

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Nathan before King David

Priscilla and Aquila

Romans 16:3-4

Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus. **They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.**

Barnabas

Acts 9:26-27

When he (Paul) came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:36-37

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Onesiphorus

2 Timothy 1:16-18

May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. On the contrary, **when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me. May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.**

Epaphras

Colossians 4:12-13

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. **He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.** I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

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**And Jesus is at the right hand of your heavenly Father,
interceding, wrestling on your behalf, lifting you into God's
presence as a Daughter or Son!**

John 15:15

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. **Instead, I have called you friends,** for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 17:20-23

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. *Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*



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