

**Shift: Our citizenship changes everything**  
**Philippians 3:12-4:1, 2:19-30 / June 2, 2024**  
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- **FOLLOWING JESUS IS NOT A SOLO SPOT**
- **WE ALL IMITATE SOMETHING (v.17-18)**
  - To imitate those who follow Jesus is to become like Him. This is what discipleship is all about. (1 Corinthians 11:1, 10:23-24)
    - Be with Jesus, Become like Him, Do as He did
  - Be careful imitating people that will deform us (v.19)
    - Fleshly desires
    - Boasting in wrongdoing
    - Mind set on earthy things
- **A BRIEF THOUGHT ON CONTEXT**
  - “The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for a theologian to swim in without ever touching the bottom” St. Jerome
  - **CONTEXT #1: Citizenship (v.20)**
    - Philippians were colonists...their true citizenship was Roman.
  - **CONTEXT #2: Prize (v.14)**
    - Greek Games – Winners would be called to the place where the judge sat to receive their prize.
- **PAUL’S MESSAGE: LIVE AS CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, HERE AND NOW. (v.20-4:1)**
  - **Jesus’ message: Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand (Matthew 4:17)**