

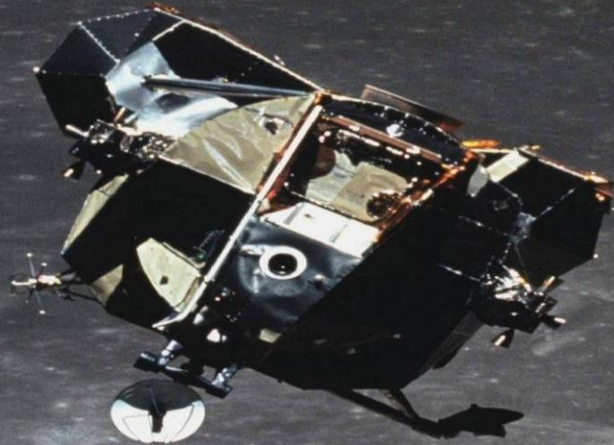
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SUMMER 2021

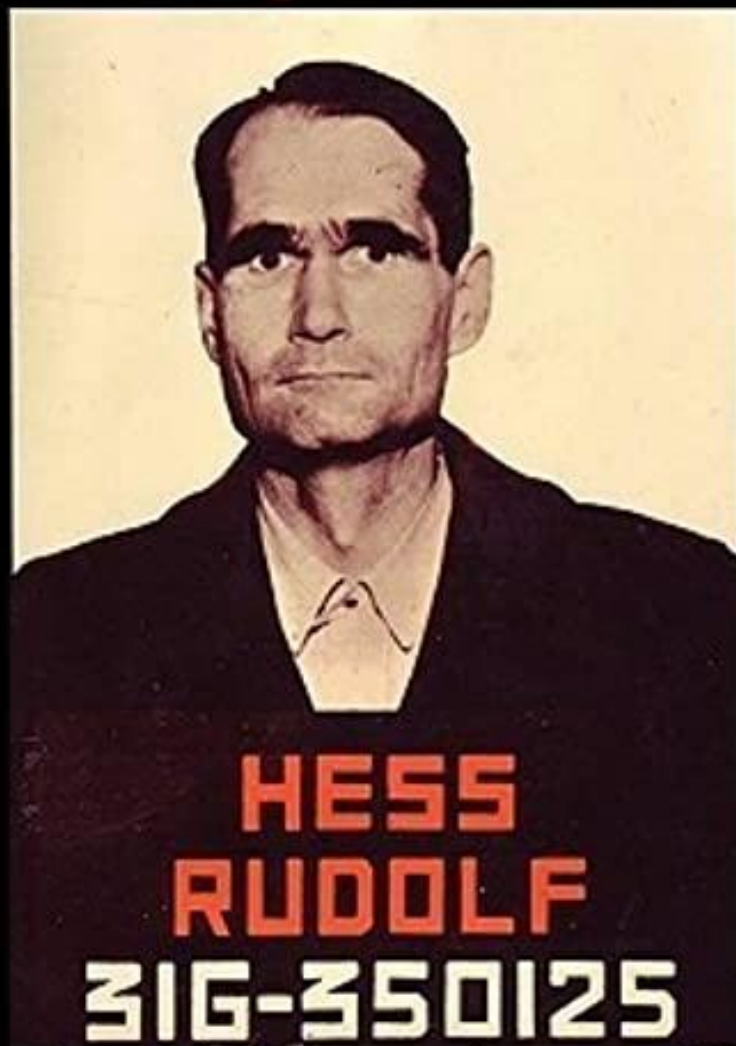


“I don’t mean to deny a feeling of solitude. It is there, reinforced by the fact that radio contact with the Earth abruptly cuts off at the instant I disappear behind the moon. I am alone now, truly alone, and absolutely isolated from any known life. I am it. If a count were taken, the score would be three billion plus two over on the other side of the moon, and one plus God knows what on this side.”
(Michael Collins’ statement on July 15, 2009, on nasa.gov)



THE LONELIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Eugene Bird



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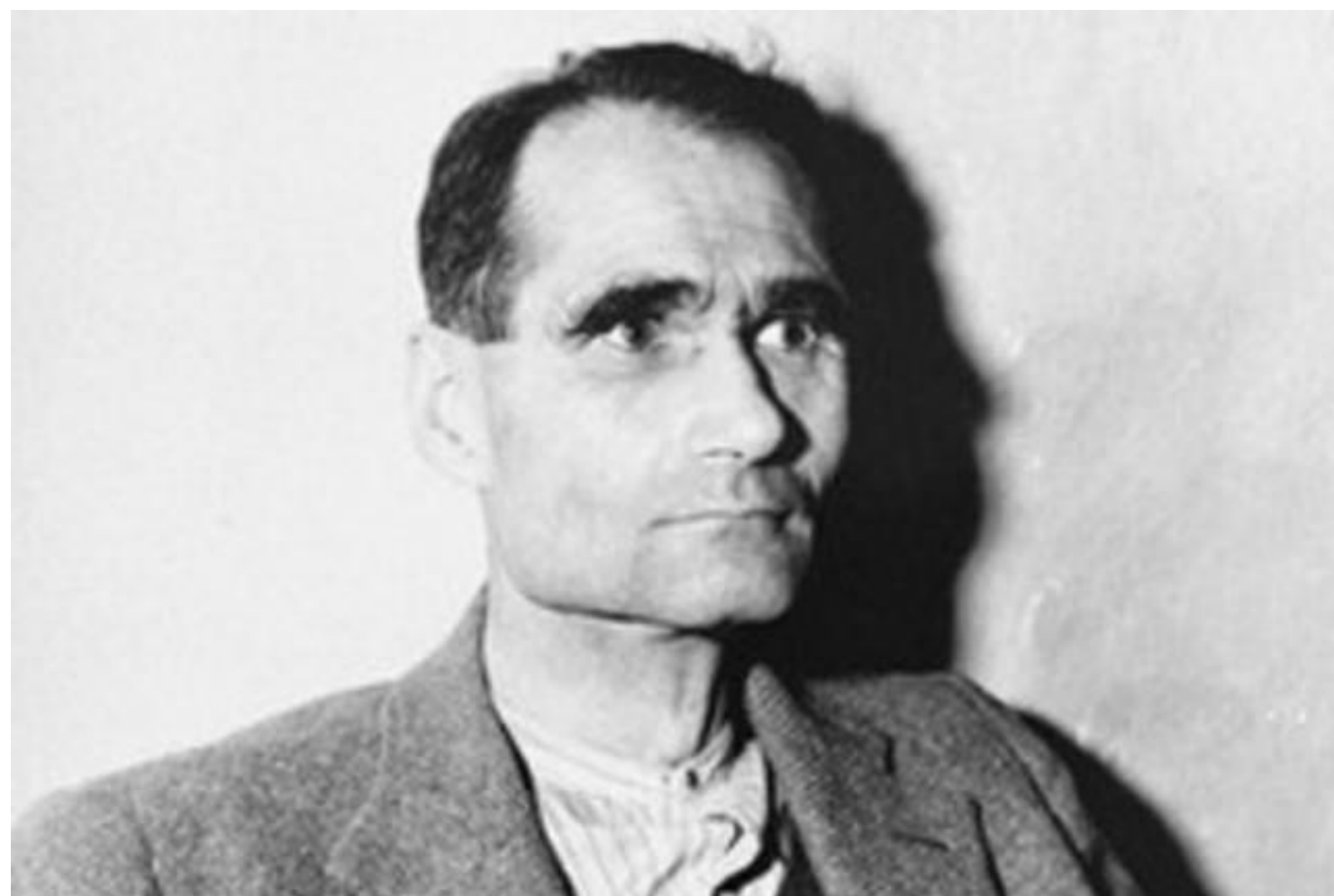


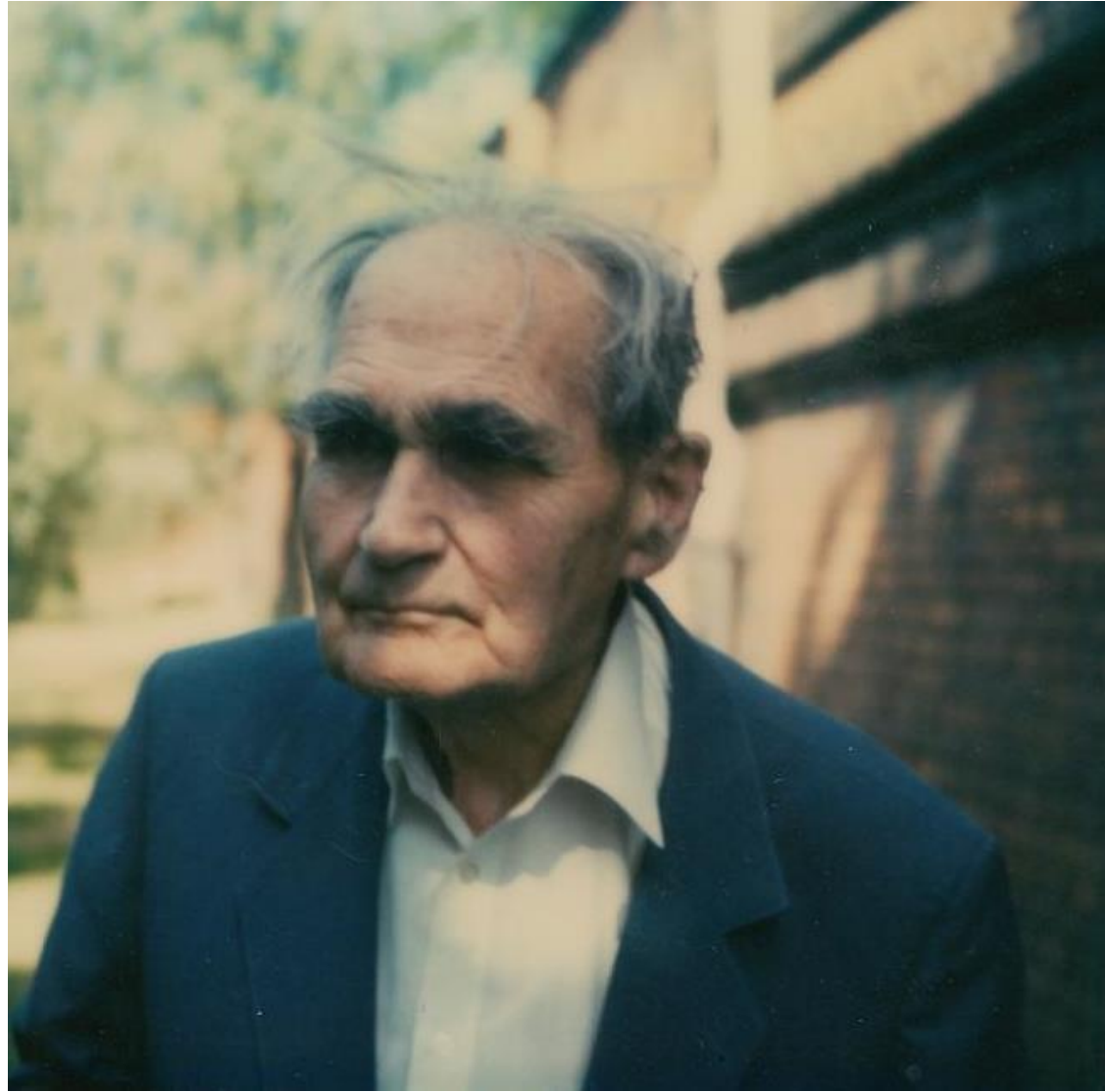














LAUGHING HISTORICALLY



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Psalm 126 (ESV): “When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **2** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, ‘The LORD has done great things for them.’ **3** The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad. **4** Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb! **5** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! **6** He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

John 5:1 (ESV): “After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Jeremiah 7:30-31 (ESV): “For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares the LORD. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. **31** And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY



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Claude Jouvancy
aged 7

*“It was a baptism
of fire”*

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

“Our hometown was bombed on June 13 – we spent more than half an hour lying under the bed. We’d got used to seeing refugees from Belgium and the north of France fleeing the Germans, and we could see that it would soon be our turn. By the following evening we’d got ready to leave. Our bikes were loaded: a few clothes, a blanket for each of us and gas masks too. My mum rolled up a teddy bear for me, in the blanket attached to my handlebars. As we stepped out onto the street that last time, she turned around, looked up and said: ‘Goodbye, poor house.’...”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

“...Our town was in flames when we left it, but we didn’t know where to go. There were quite a few times when we missed the bombings by a whisker. But one time we were really exposed to them. Thank God we weren’t hurt, but it was a baptism of fire. A bomb landed about 20 metres from us – I could see the planes that were bombing us. My dad dove onto me and I was almost crushed beneath his weight. We were in a ditch, with ants and nettles. My face was very itchy when I got up. It was very difficult to see people dying....”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

“...Animals too, mowed down by machine gun fire. I remember the smell of corpses. The horses’ dead bodies would swell up in the heat of a June day – they were huge. We tried to avoid all dead bodies, those of animals and humans. I remember seeing a car turned upside down, with a woman’s feet sticking out. We didn’t stop because it was clear that they had been killed. There were also soldiers who dropped dead while they were in the middle of shooting. In total, we were on the road for 10 days. We’d travelled 60 kilometres, no more than that....”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

“...It ended when we were arrested in the middle of the night. The Germans told us we couldn’t travel any further. The next day, we went back home – such as it was, part of a string of burning villages. The house had been shaken by the bombing, but it was still standing. It had been looted, but we were poor at that time anyway. [My hometown] was one of the worst-hit places in France at that time. There was destruction everywhere.”

(Claude Jouvancy, as quoted by France24 on webdoc.france24.com)

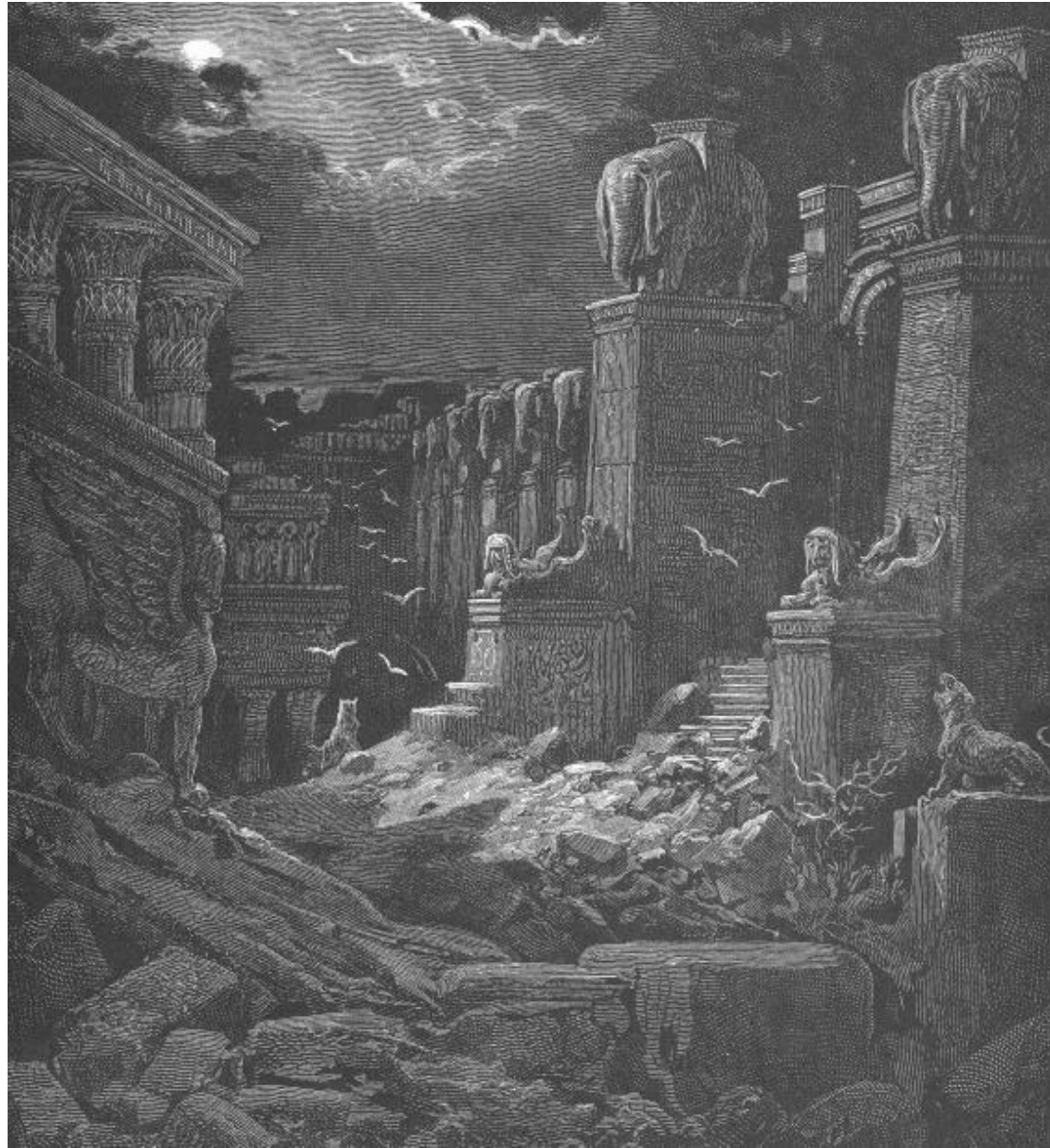
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Jeremiah 29:10-14 (ESV): “For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. **11** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. **12** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. **13** You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.”

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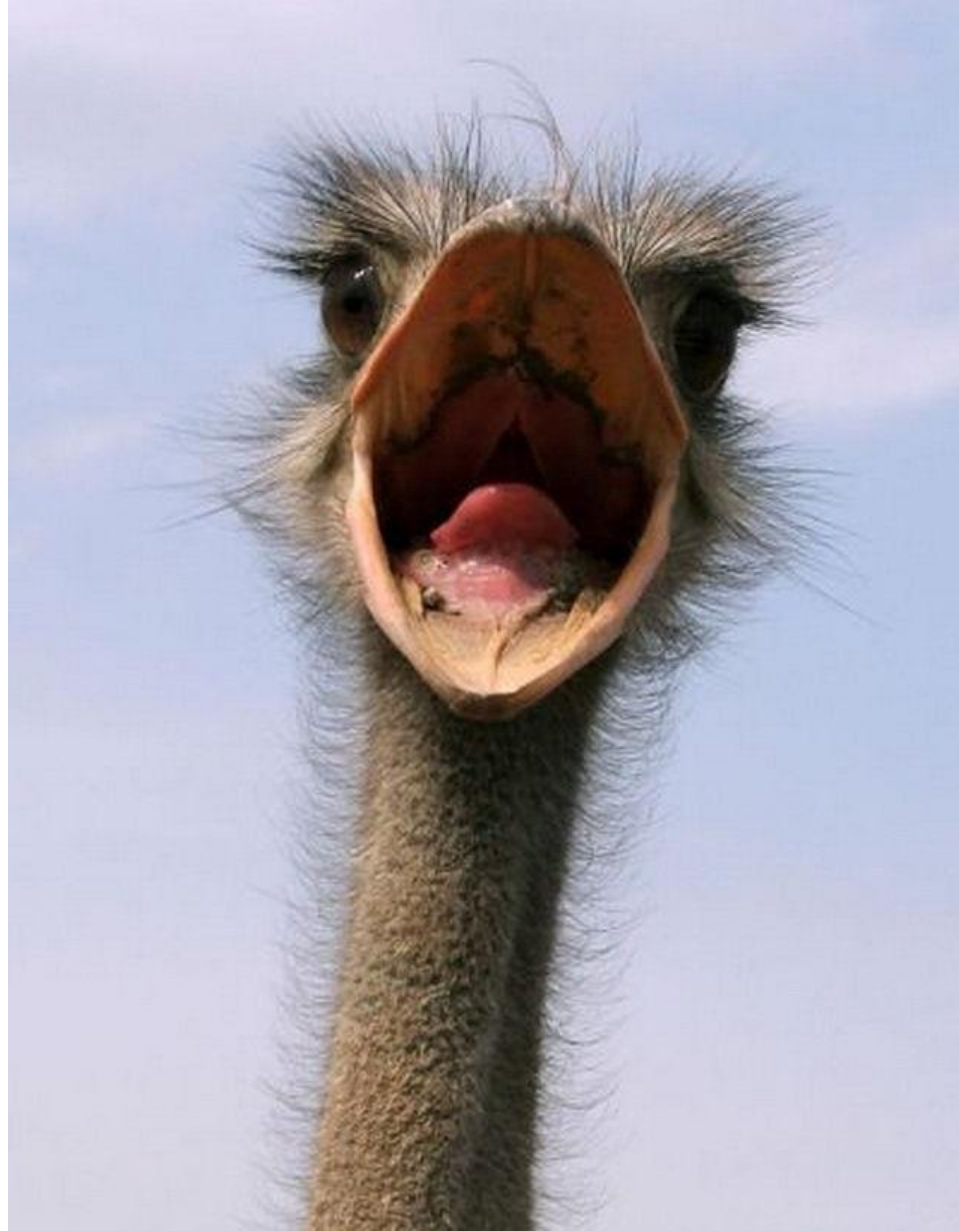
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“Many would have put to death on the spot by the sword for laughing at him (for it was laughter that took hold of us rather than distress), if I had not myself taken some laurel leaves from my garland and chewed on them, and persuaded the others sitting near me to do the same – so that, by continually moving our mouths, we might hide the fact that we were laughing.”

(From Lucius Cassius Dio's Roman History, book 72, paragraph 21)

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Psalm 37:12-13 (ESV): “The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, **13** but the Lord laughs at the wicked.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Psalm 52:6-7 (NIV): “The righteous will see and fear; they will laugh at you, saying,
7 ‘Here now is the man who did not make God his stronghold but trusted in his great wealth and grew strong by destroying others!’”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Luke 6:21 (ESV): “Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

John 3:16 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Romans 4:5 (ESV): “And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV): “So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up **13** until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV): “God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY



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MAIN POINT

IT'S ALL ABOUT “WE.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

John 17:20-23 (NIV): “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** 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. **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – **23** I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity.”

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY



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APPLICATION

PULL YOURSELVES TOGETHER.

LAUGHING HISTORICALLY

Philippians 2:2 (ESV): “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”

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NEXT WEEK: PSALM 131
