



COURAGE FOR THE GOSPEL

Pastor Doug Hurt // Philippians 1:12-21

Commandery of the States -

Wexford, Aug. 24th / 1850 -

To the People of Texas &
all Americans in the world -

Follow Citizens & Countrymen -

I am besieged, by a thousand
or more of the Mexicans under
Santa Anna - I have sustained
a continual Bombardment &
Cannonade for 24 hours & have
not lost a man - The enemy
has demanded a surrender at
discretion, otherwise, the Garrison
are to be put to the sword, if
the fort is taken - I have answered
the demand with a cannon
shot, & our flag still waves
proudly from the wall - I

shall never surrender or retreat.

Then, I call on you in the
name of Liberty, of patriotism &
everything dear to the American
Character, to come to our
aid.

with all dispatch - The enemy is
receiving reinforcements daily &
with no doubt increase to three
four thousands in four or five days.
If this call is neglected, I am deter-
mined to sustain myself as long as
possible & die like a soldier
who never forgets what is due to
his own honor & that of his
Country -

Victory or Death

William Barrett Travis

St. Col. Comd't

P.S. The Lord is on our side -

When the enemy appeared in sight
we had not three bushels of corn -
we have since found in deserted
fields 80 or 90 bushels & got into
the river 20 or 30 head of oxen -

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Now I want you to know, brothers *and sisters*, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel,

Philippians 1:12

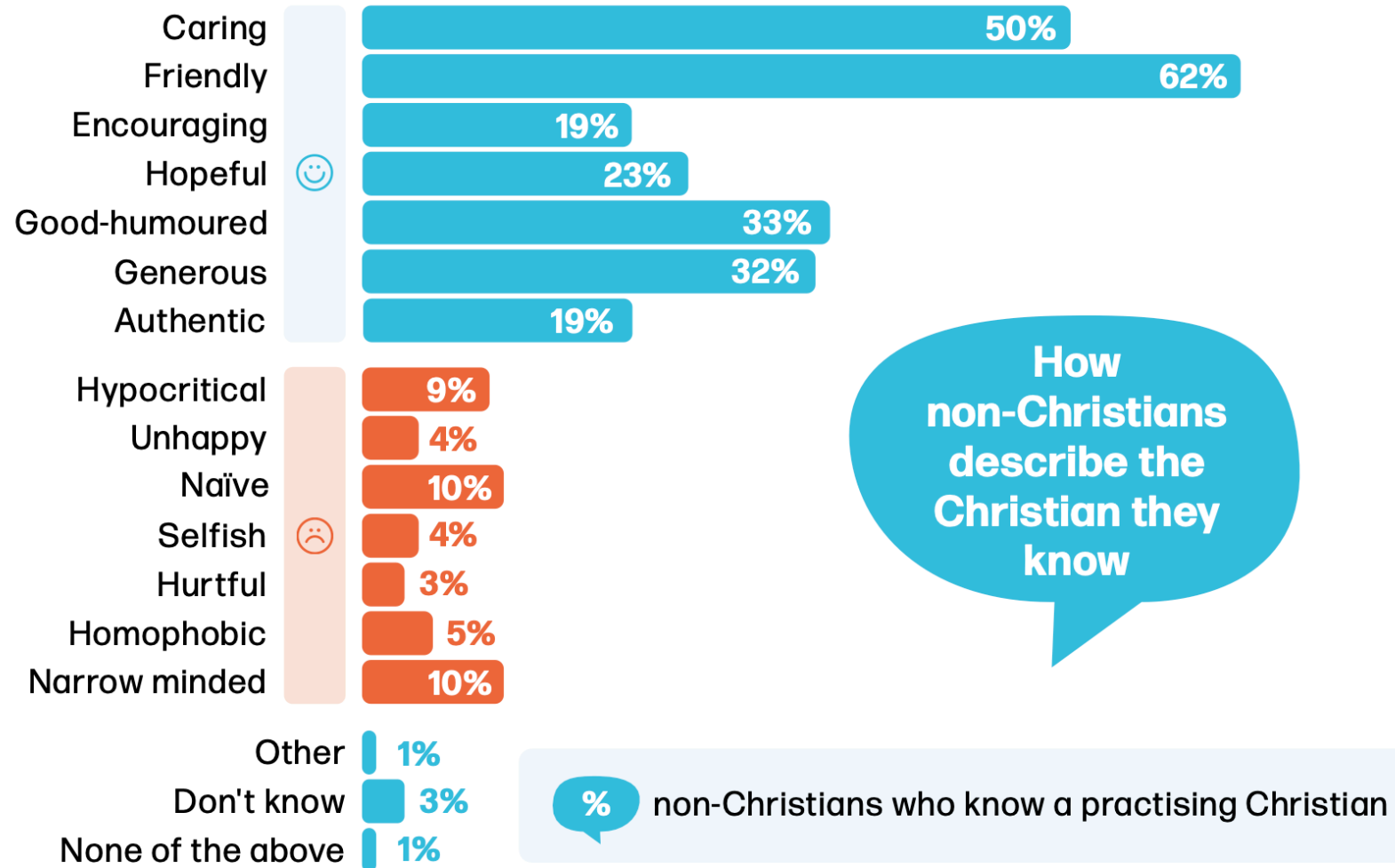
so that my imprisonment in *the cause of Christ* has become well known throughout the praetorian guard and to everyone else,

Philippians 1:13

and that most of the brothers *and sisters*, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

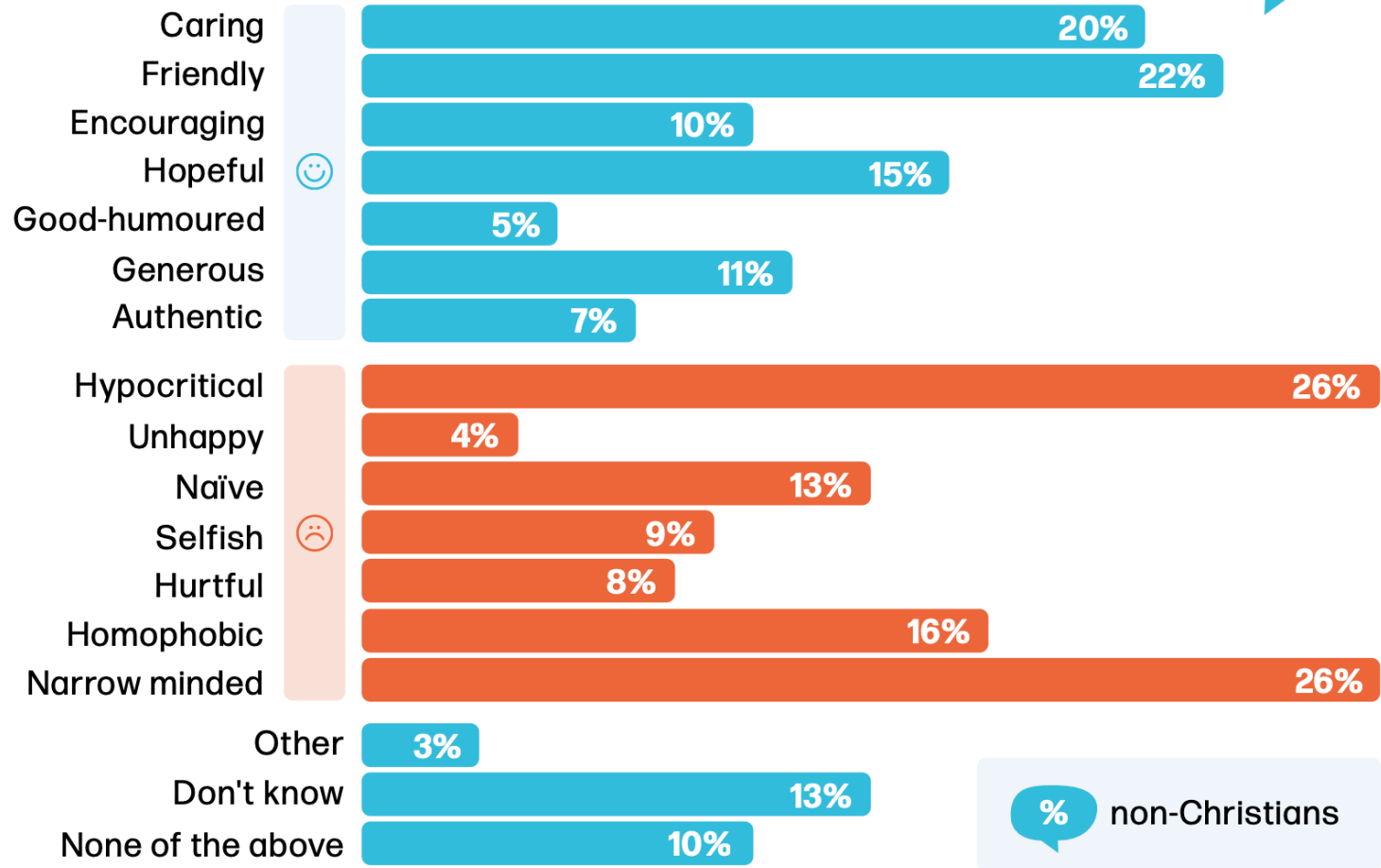
Philippians 1:14

What do they think about us?



What do people think about the church?

How non-Christians describe the Christian church



% non-Christians

Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from goodwill;

Philippians 1:15

the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking that they are causing me distress in my imprisonment.

Philippians 1:16-17

What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:18a

Do not become teachers in large numbers, my brothers,
since you know that we *who are teachers* will incur
a stricter judgment.

James 3:1

But *not only that*, I also will rejoice,

Philippians 1:8b

**for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance
through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of
Jesus Christ,**

Philippians 1:19

according to my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

Philippians 1:20

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

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- Support each other in prayer.

