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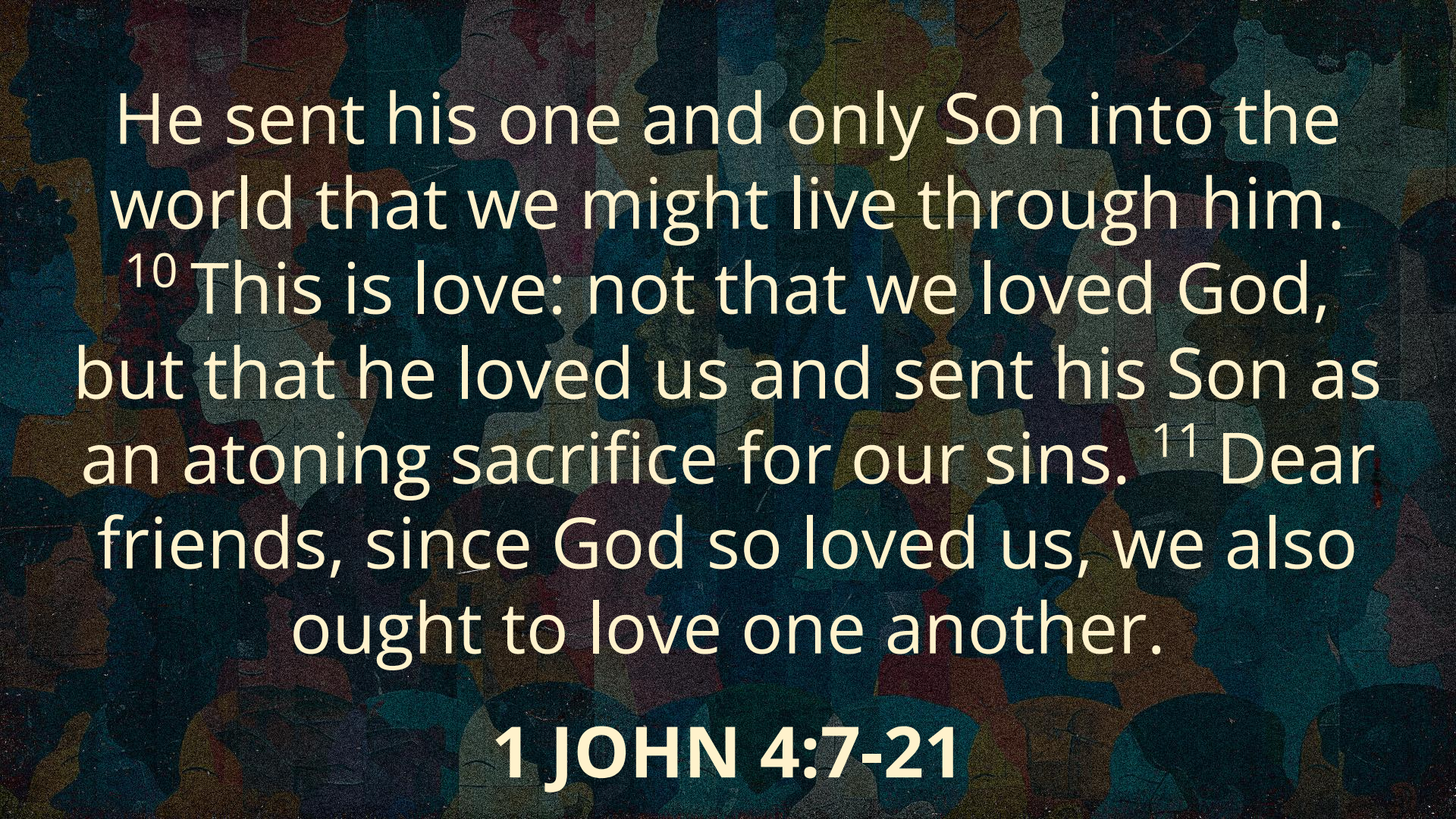


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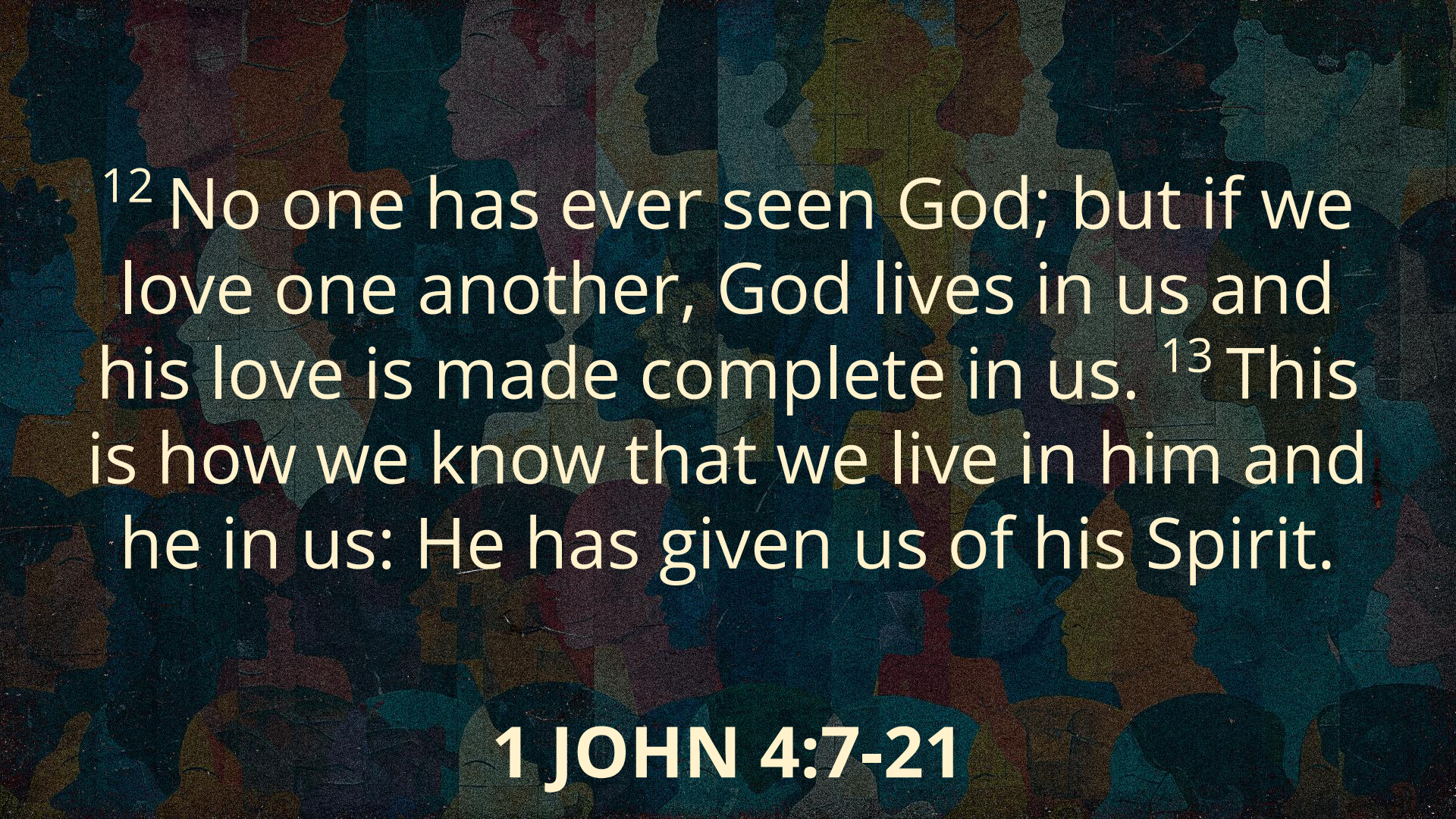
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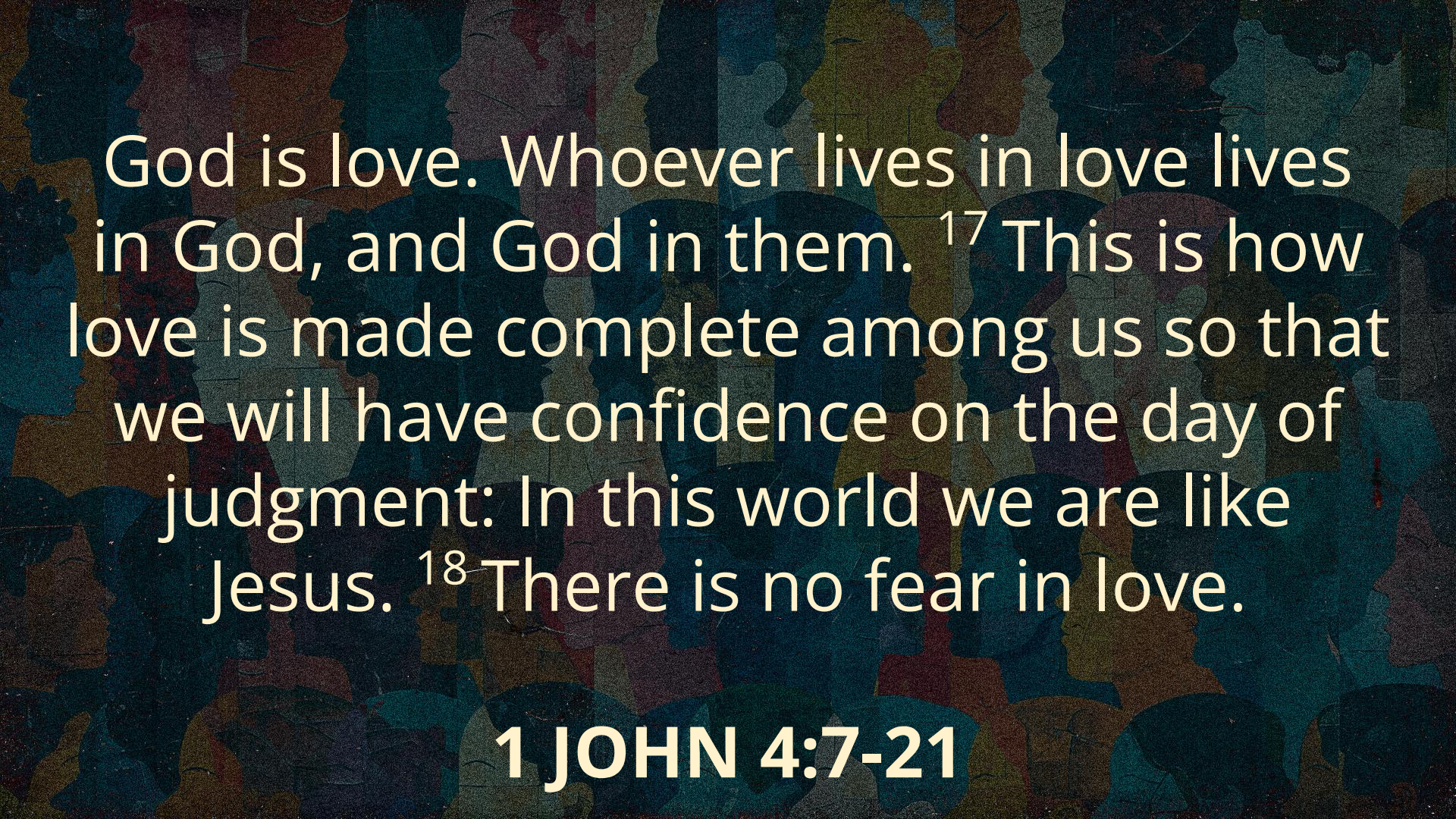


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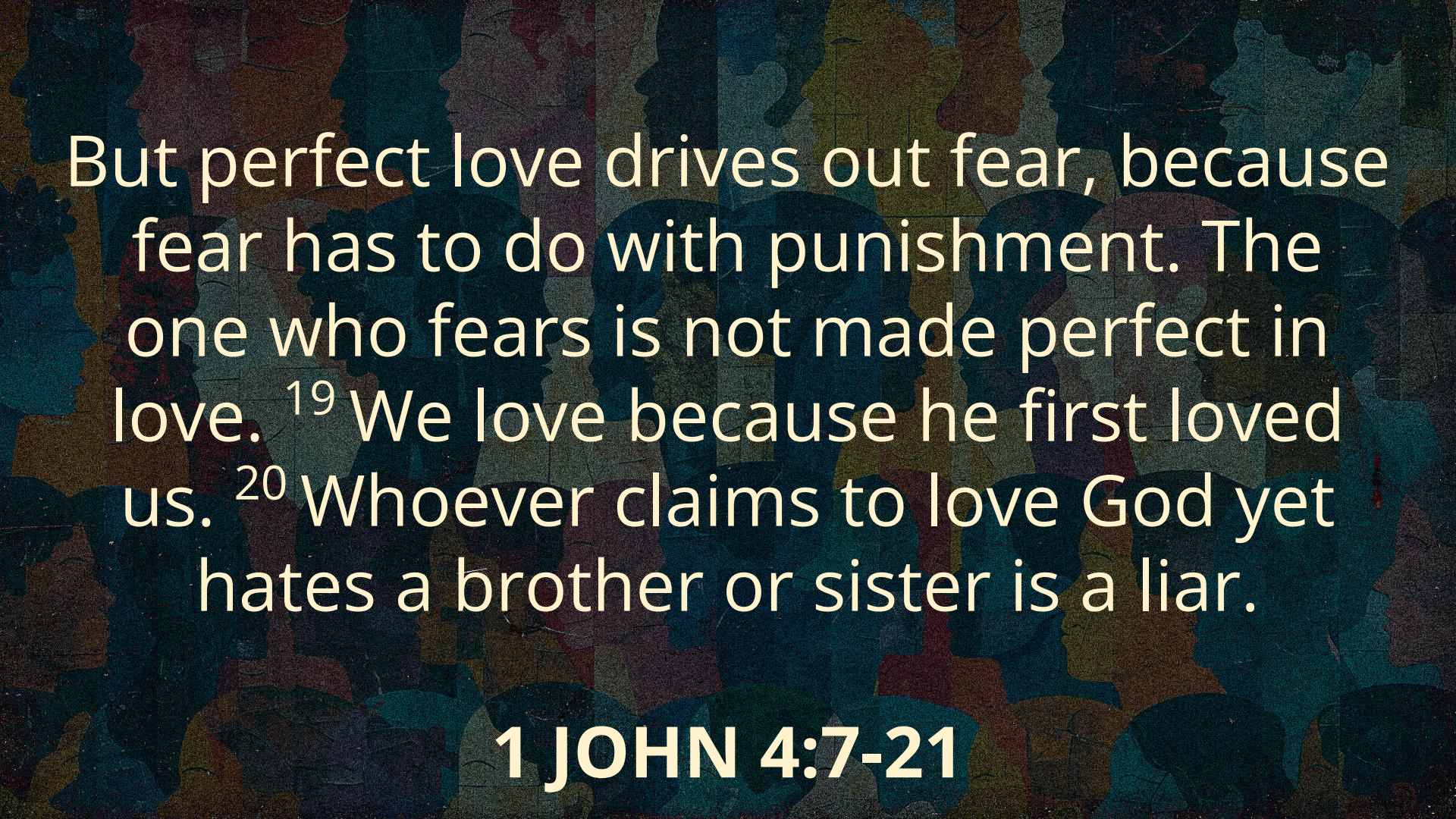
¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

1 JOHN 4:7-21



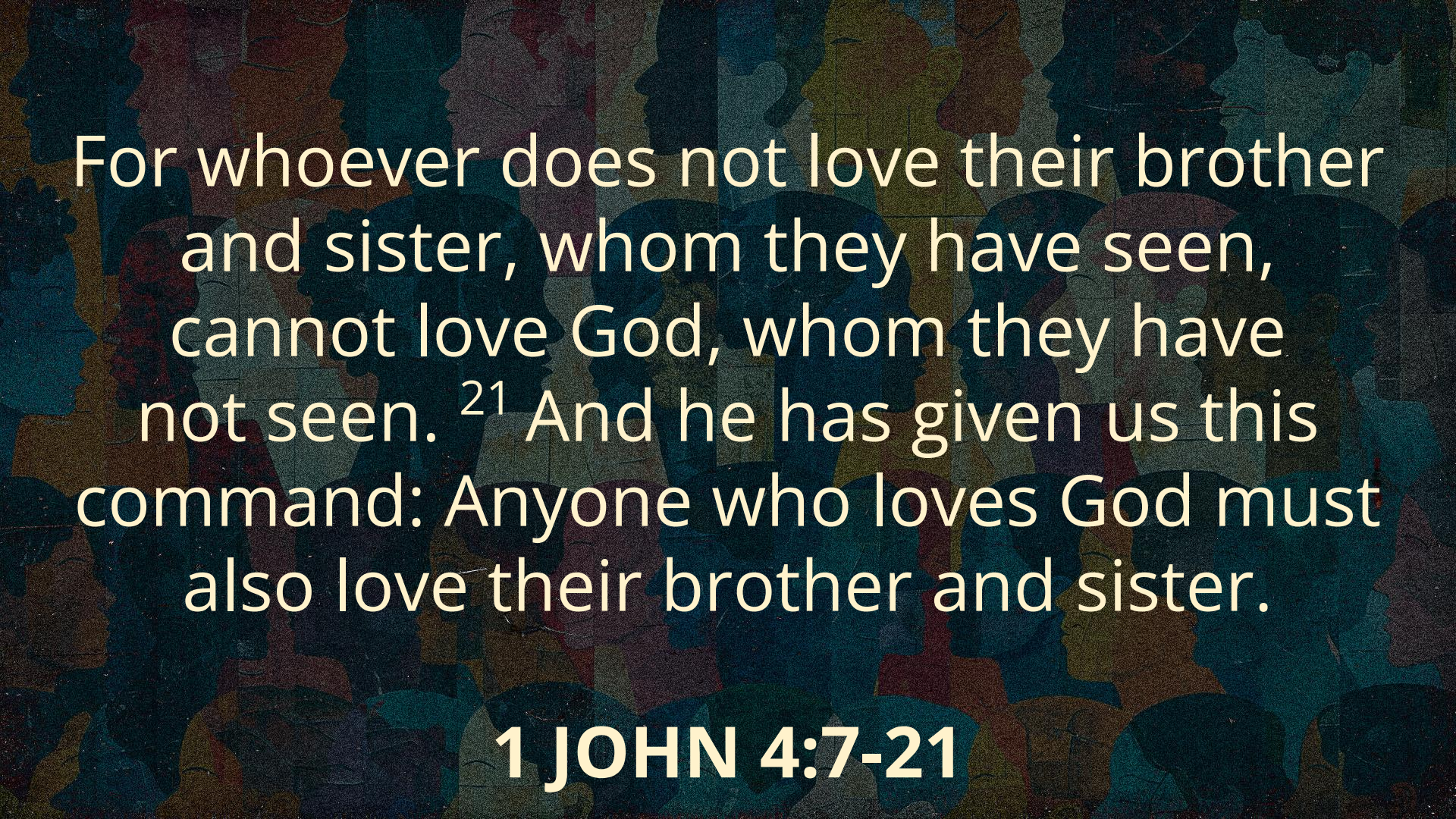
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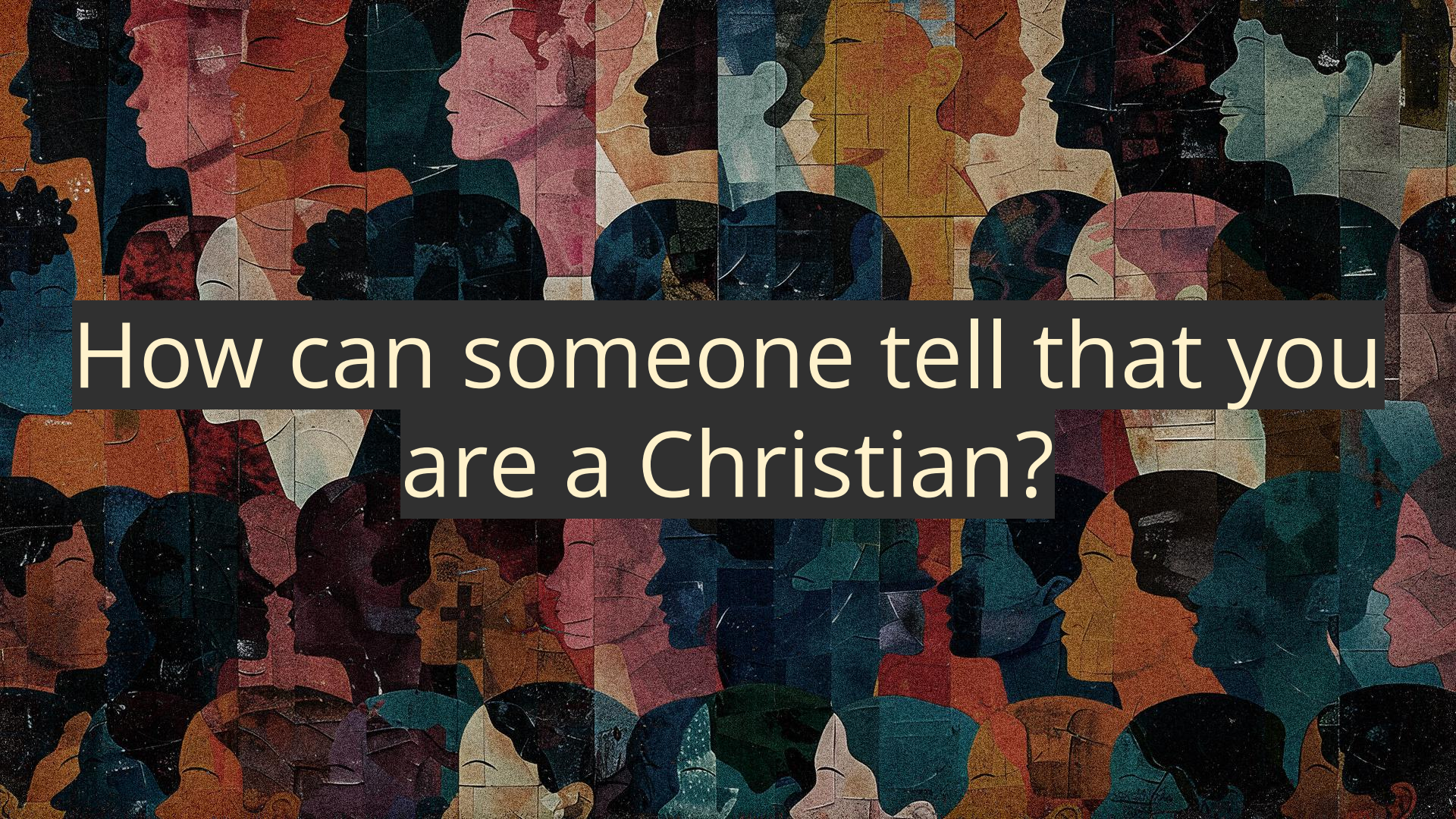
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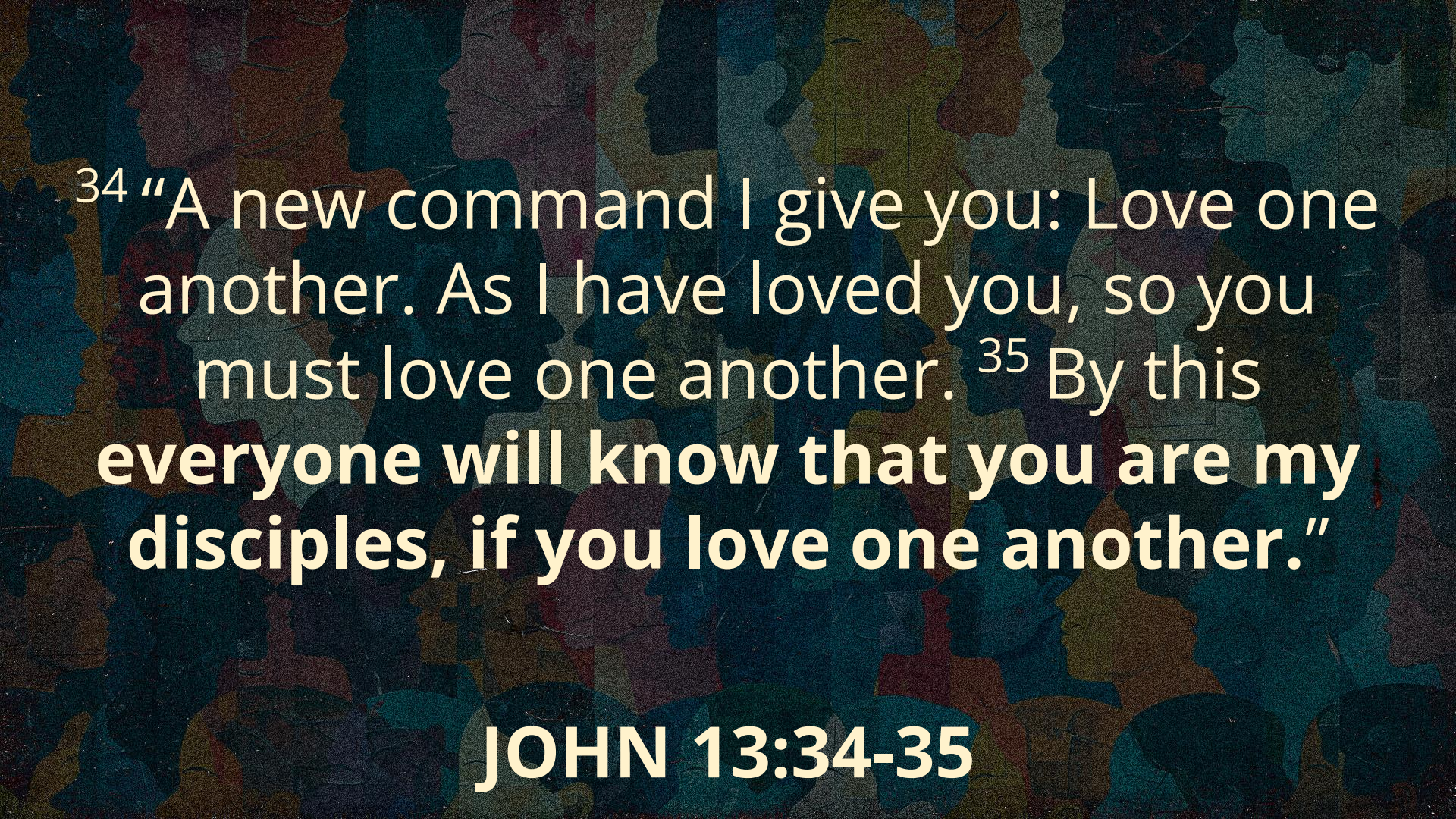


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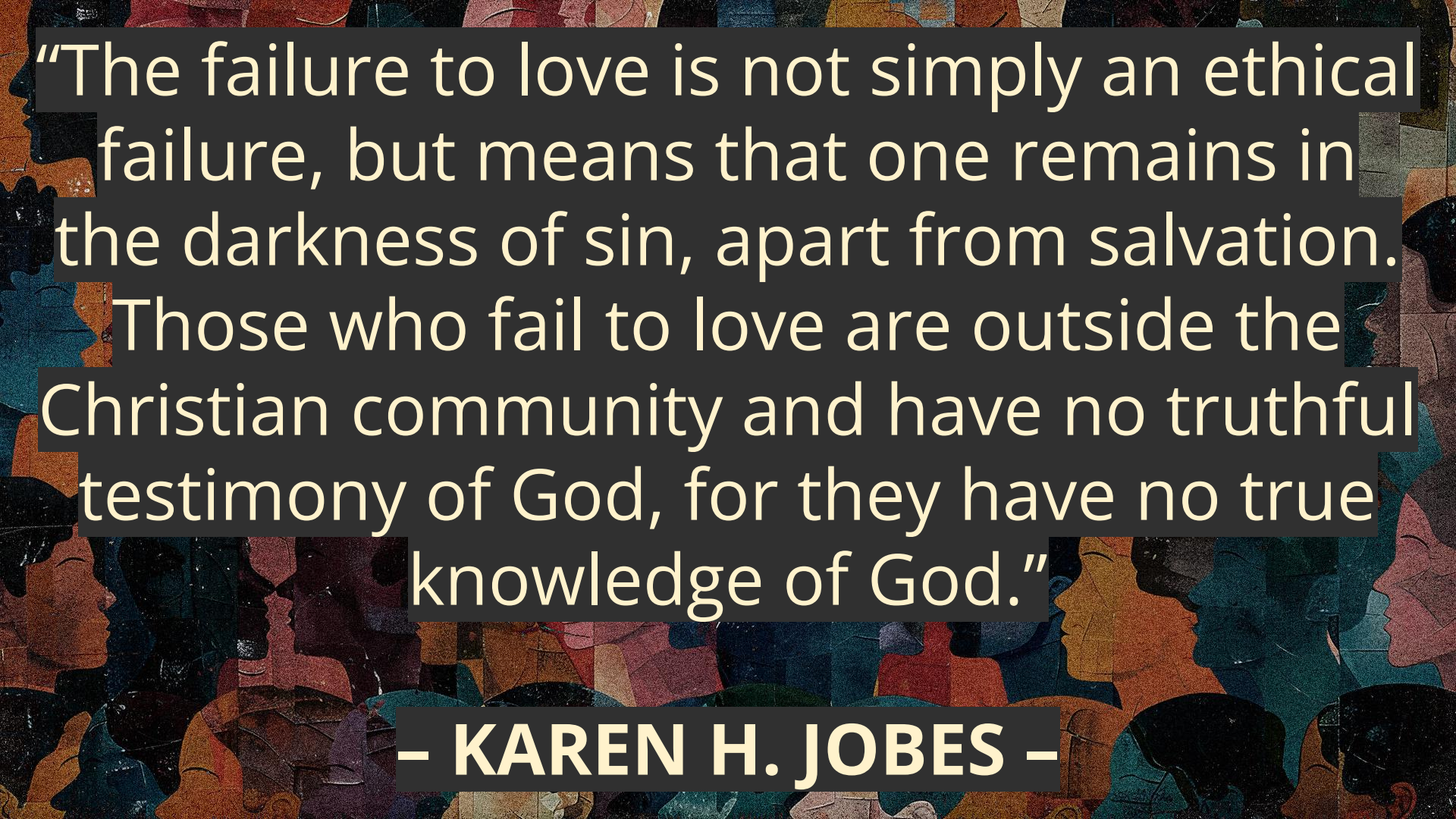
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How can someone tell that you
are a Christian?



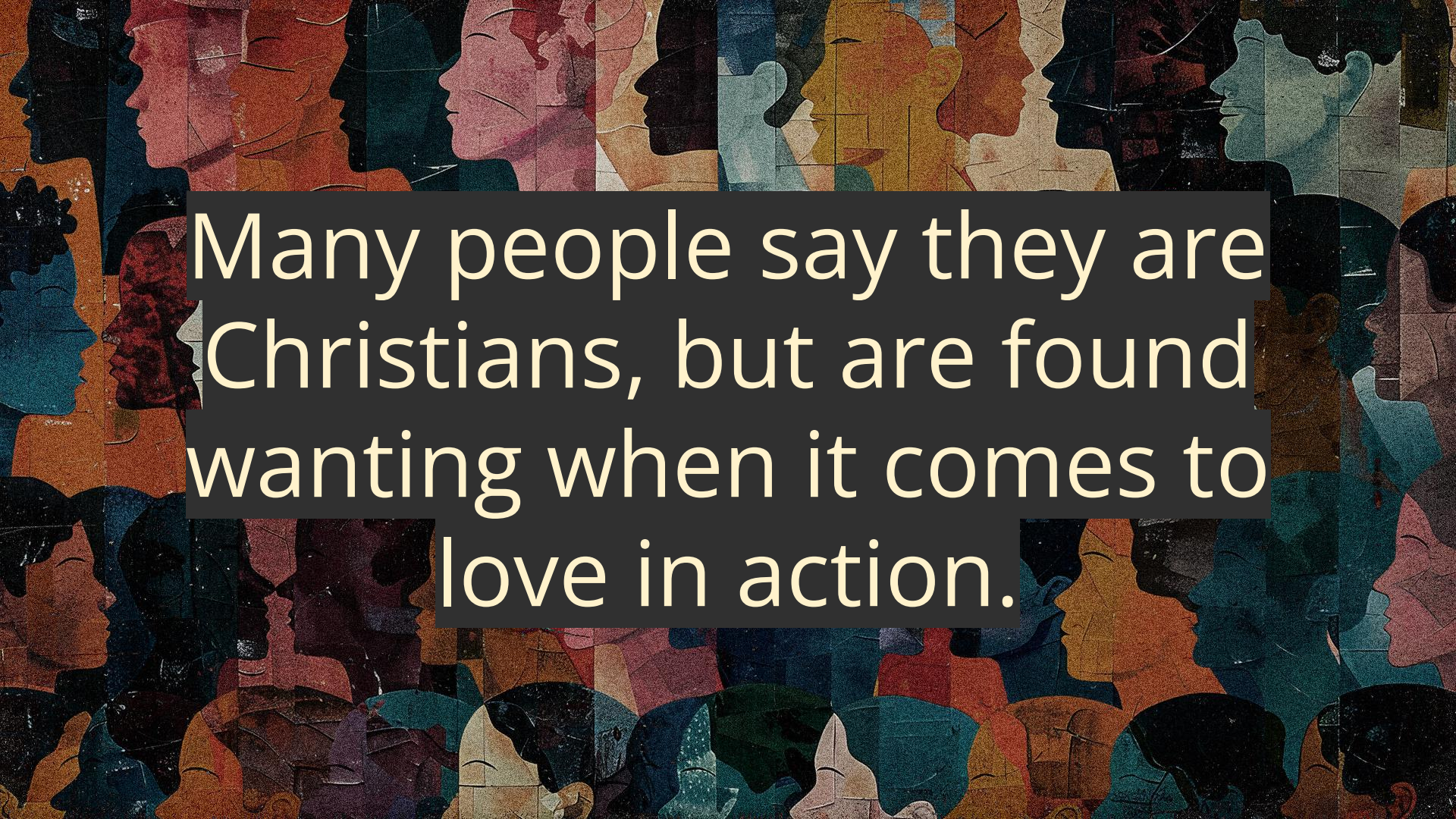
³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"

JOHN 13:34-35



“The failure to love is not simply an ethical failure, but means that one remains in the darkness of sin, apart from salvation. Those who fail to love are outside the Christian community and have no truthful testimony of God, for they have no true knowledge of God.”

– KAREN H. JOBES –



Many people say they are
Christians, but are found
wanting when it comes to
love in action.

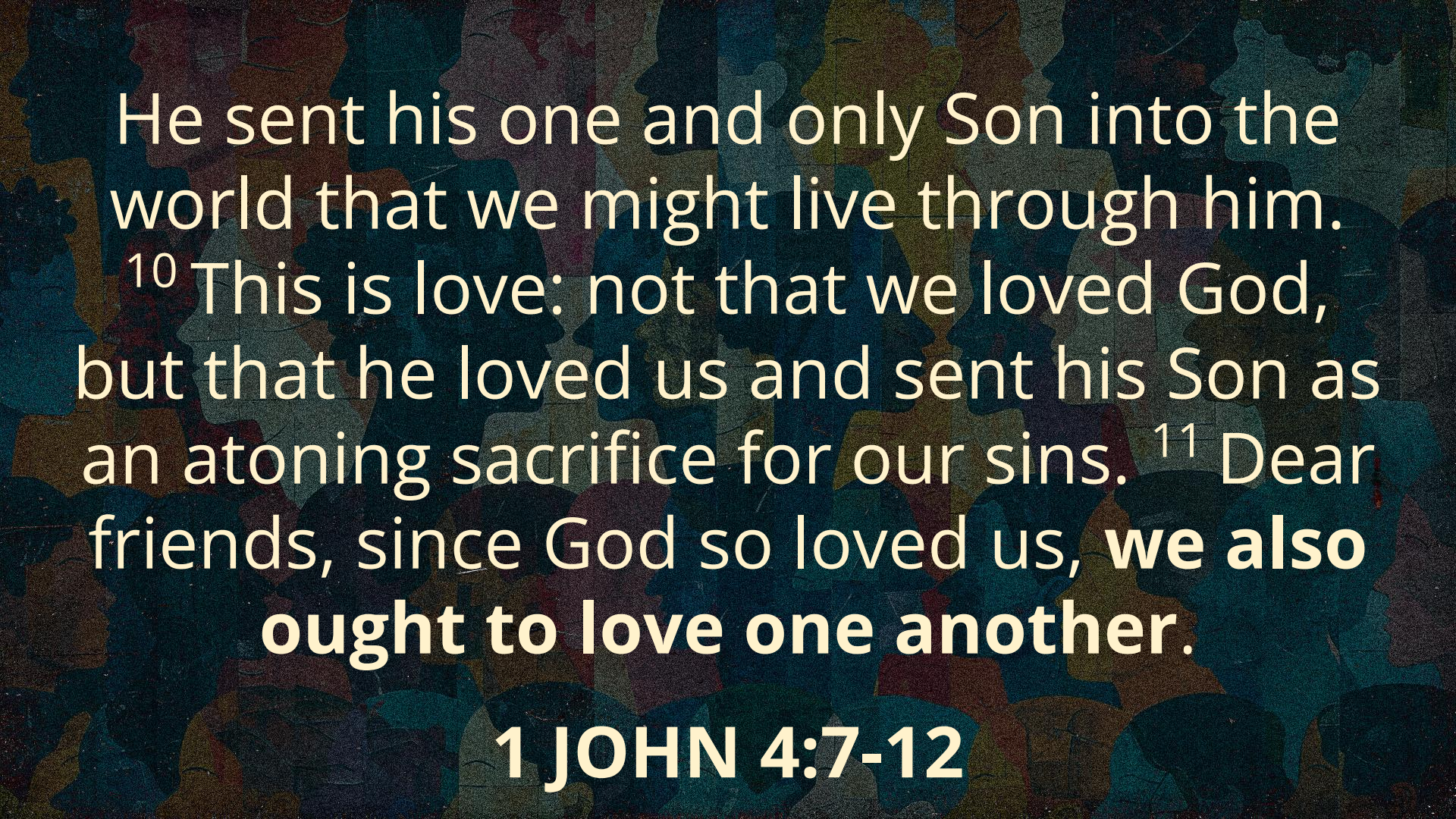


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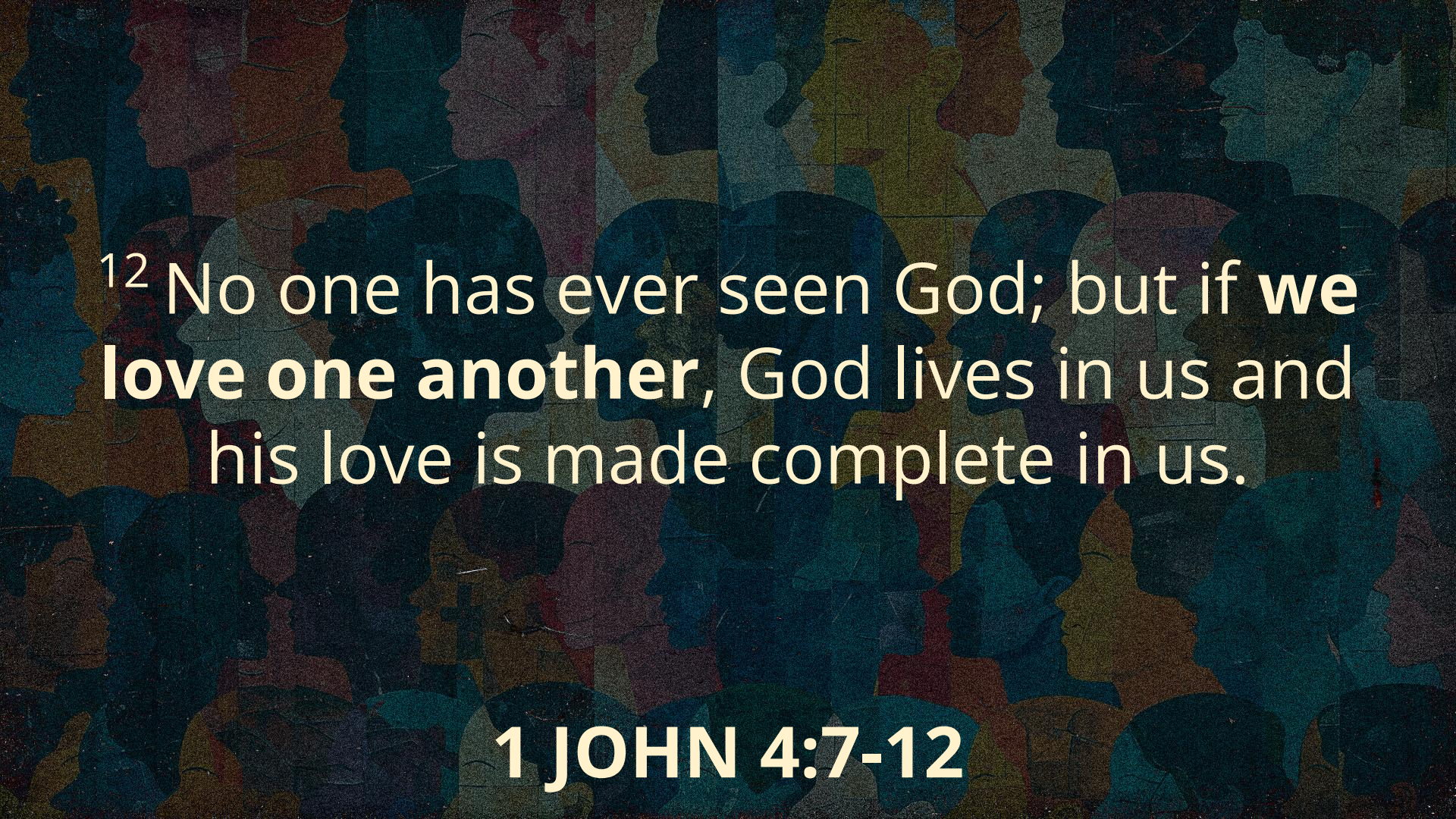
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⁴⁰ “All the Law and the Prophets hang
on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 22:40



"You are not far from the kingdom
of God."

MARK 12:34



"Do this and you will live."

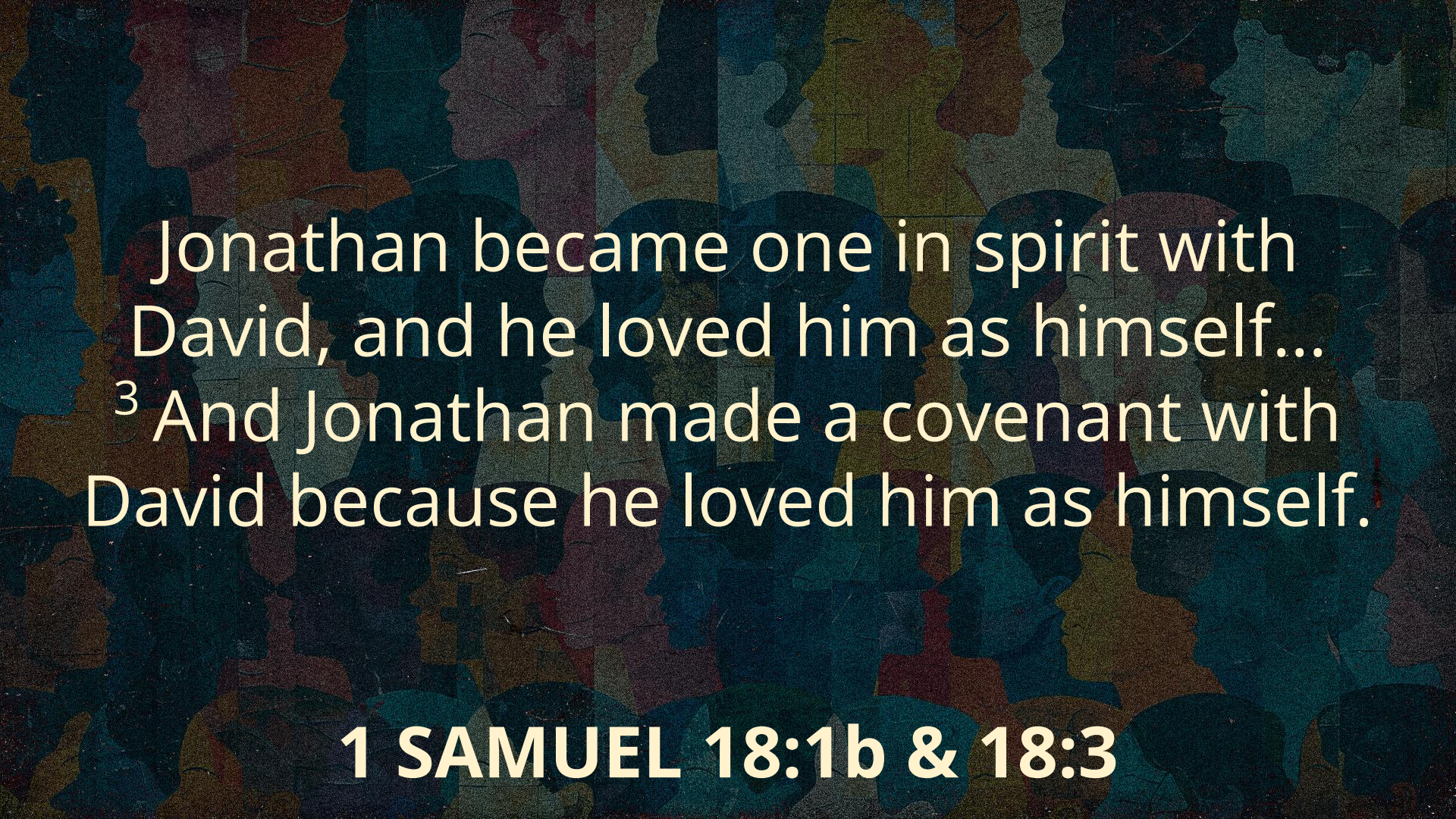
LUKE 10:28



Friendship is the mutual
exchange of love.



Who is a new friend you can
make today?

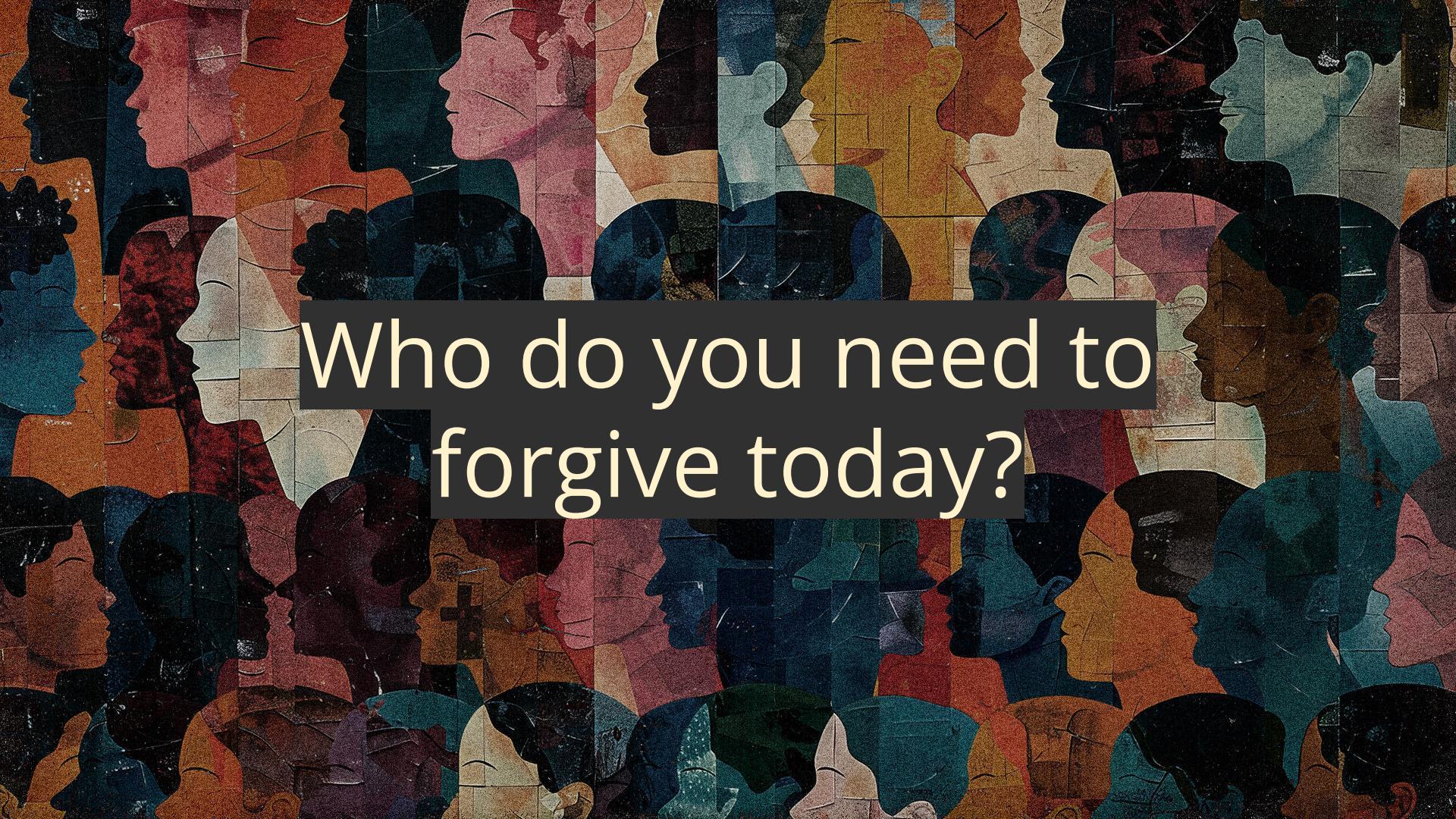


Jonathan became one in spirit with
David, and he loved him as himself...
³ And Jonathan made a covenant with
David because he loved him as himself.

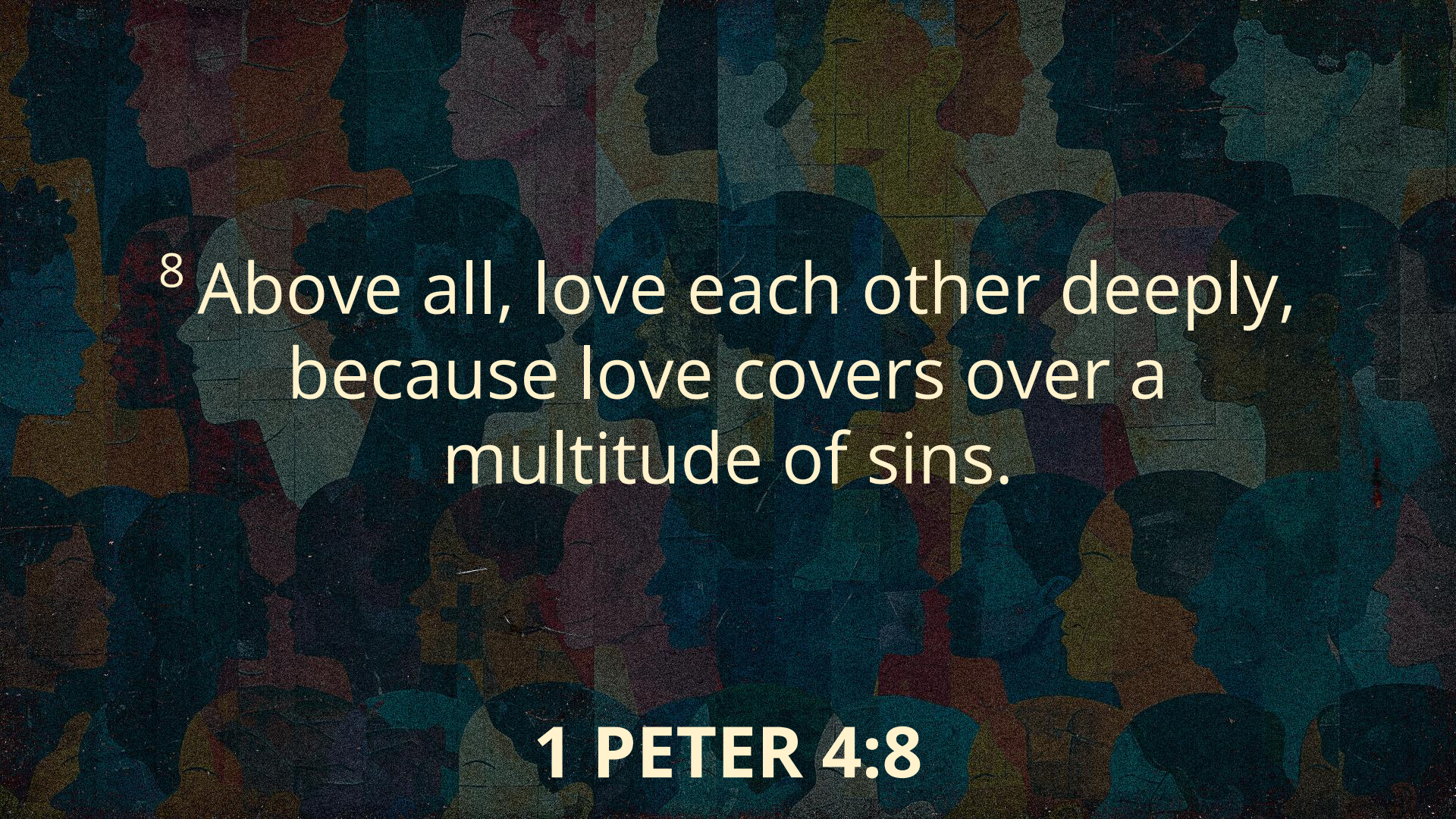
1 SAMUEL 18:1b & 18:3



Forgiveness is the greatest
demonstration of love.



Who do you need to
forgive today?



⁸ Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a
multitude of sins.

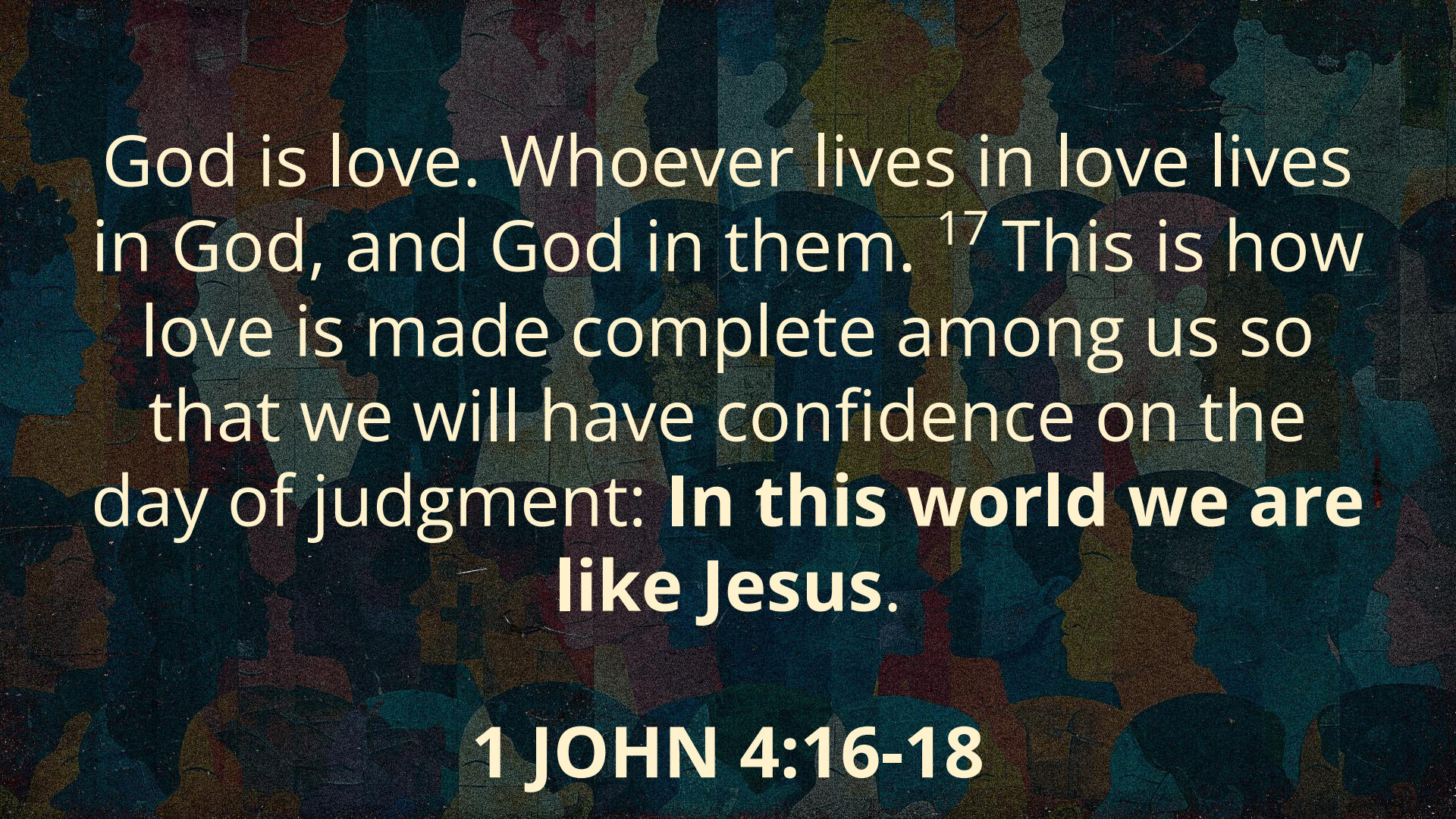
1 PETER 4:8



Christians should be the most
friendly and forgiving people
on the planet!

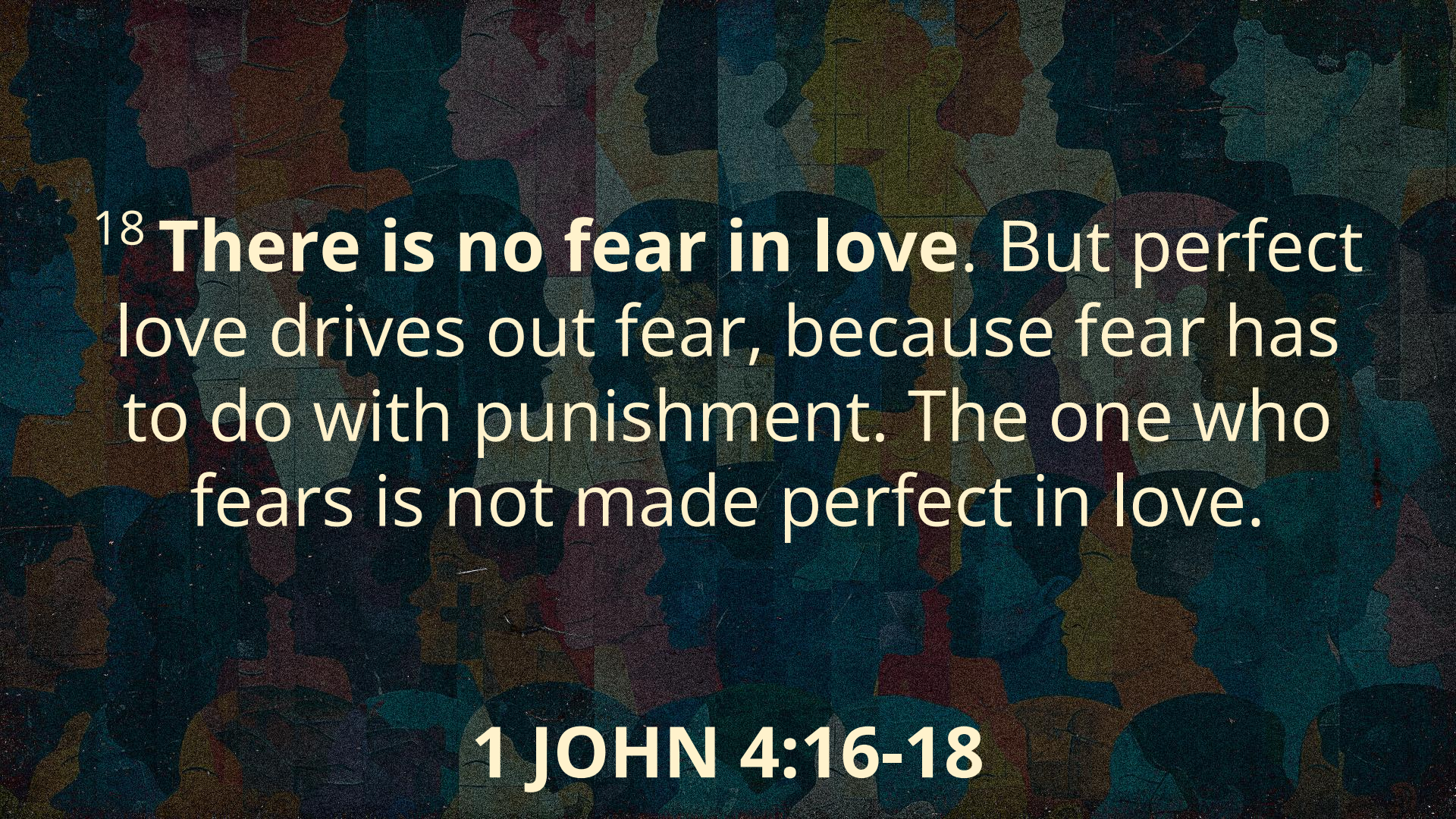


2) STANDARDS OF LOVE



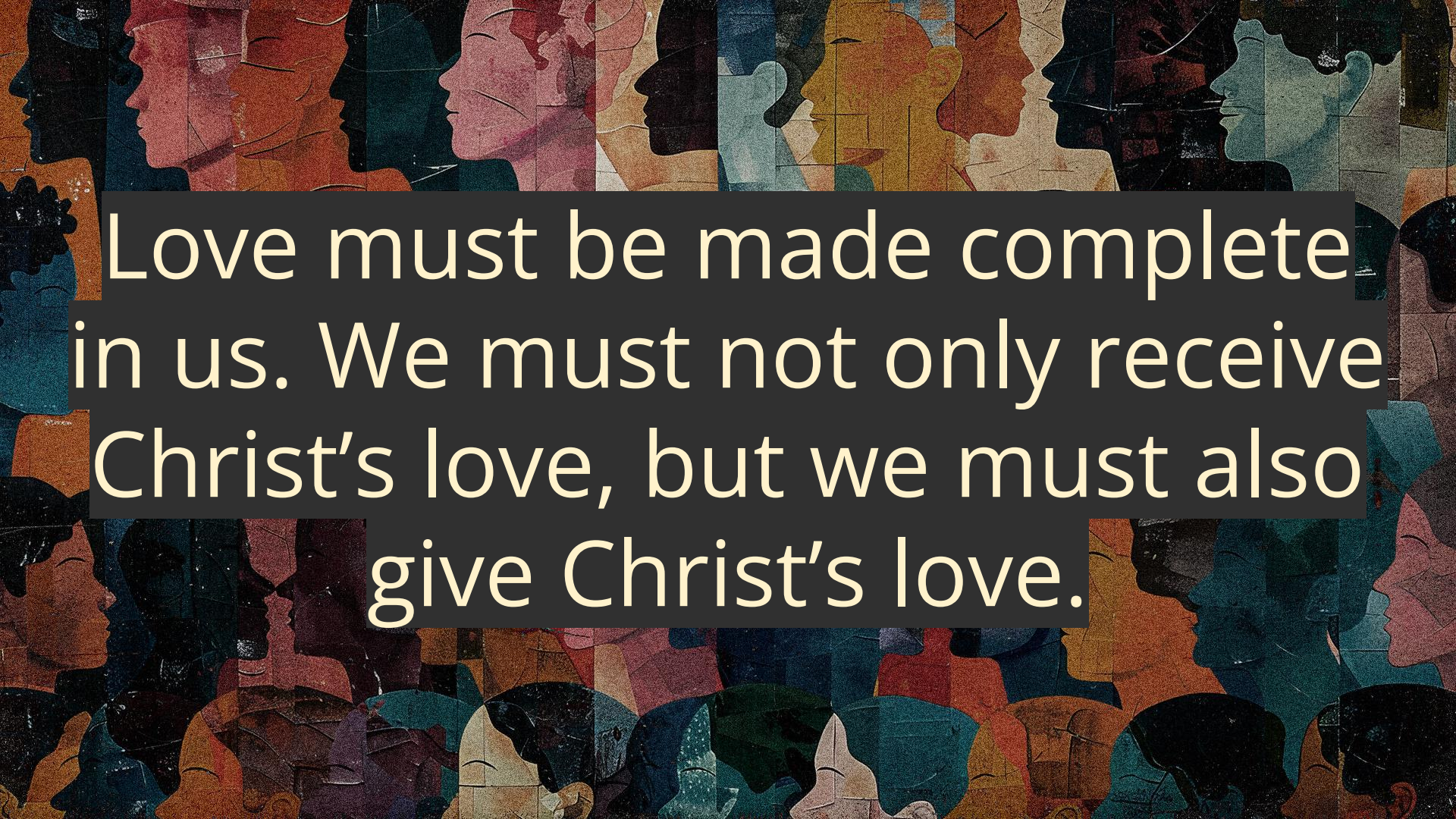
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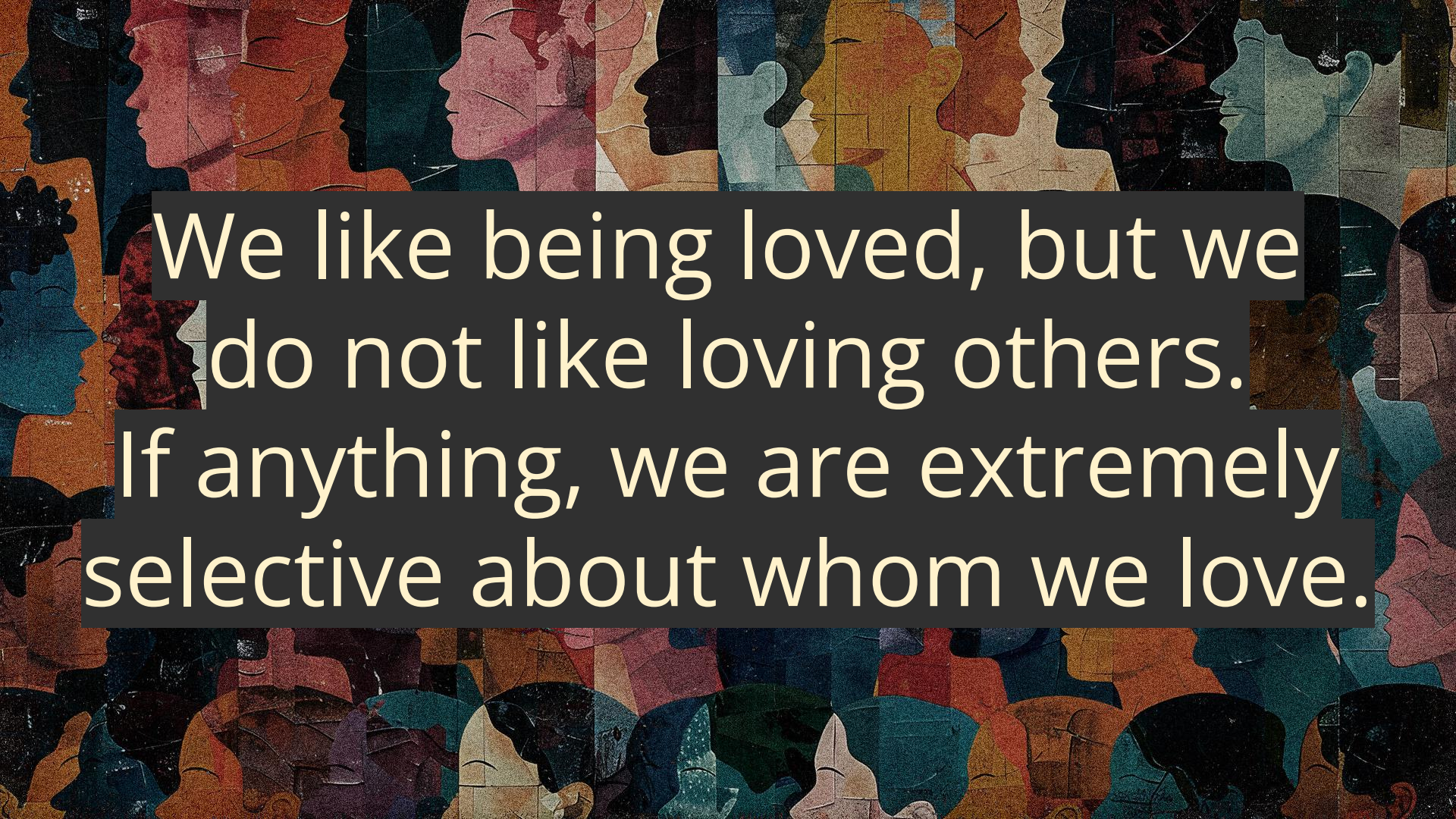


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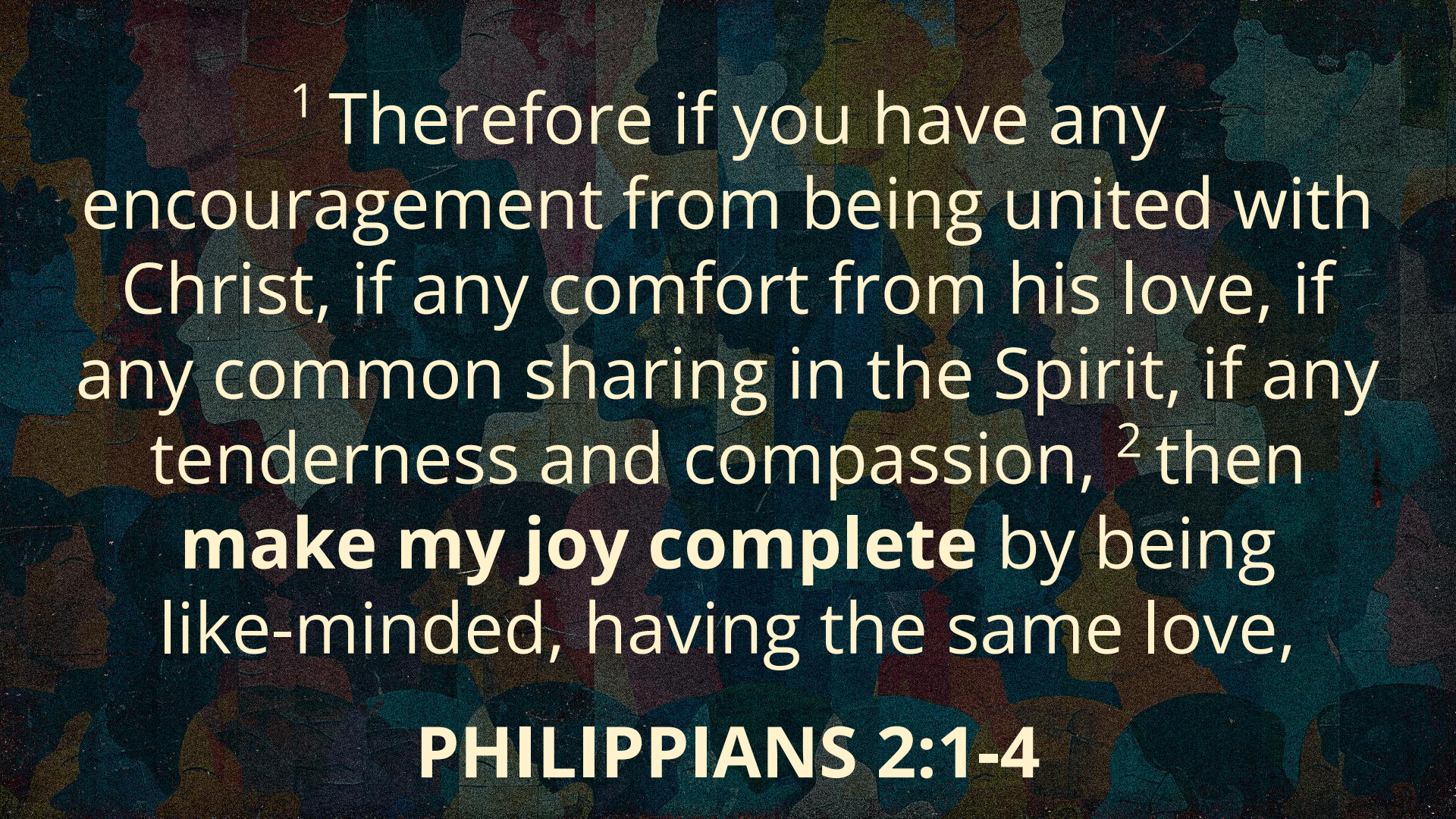
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Love must be made complete
in us. We must not only receive
Christ's love, but we must also
give Christ's love.

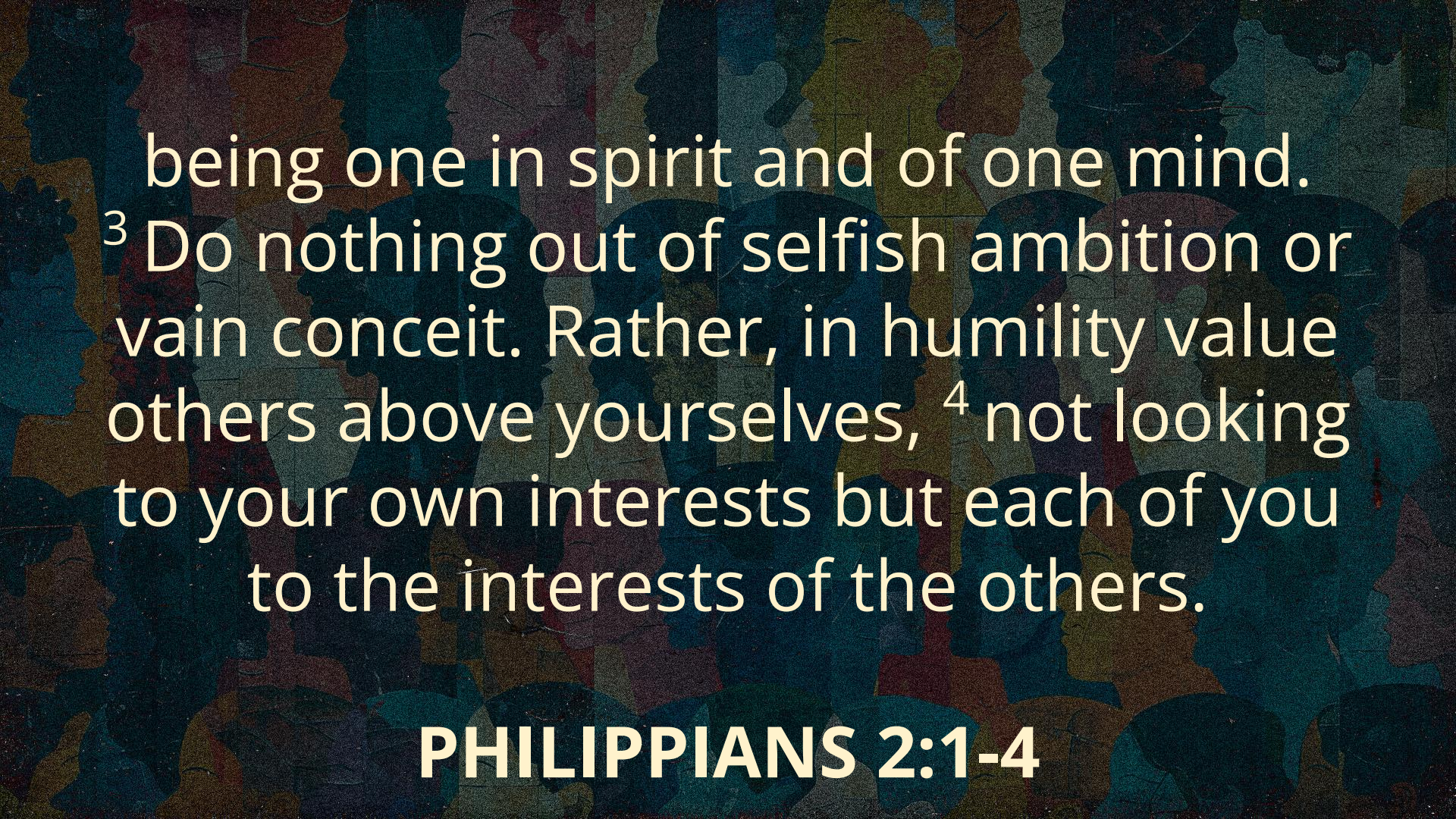


We like being loved, but we
do not like loving others.
If anything, we are extremely
selective about whom we love.



¹ 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, ² then
make my joy complete by being
like-minded, having the same love,

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4



being one in spirit and of one mind.
³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or
vain conceit. Rather, in humility value
others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking
to your own interests but each of you
to the interests of the others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4



Love gives us confidence.



²⁸ And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears **we may be confident and unashamed before him** at his coming.

1 JOHN 2:28

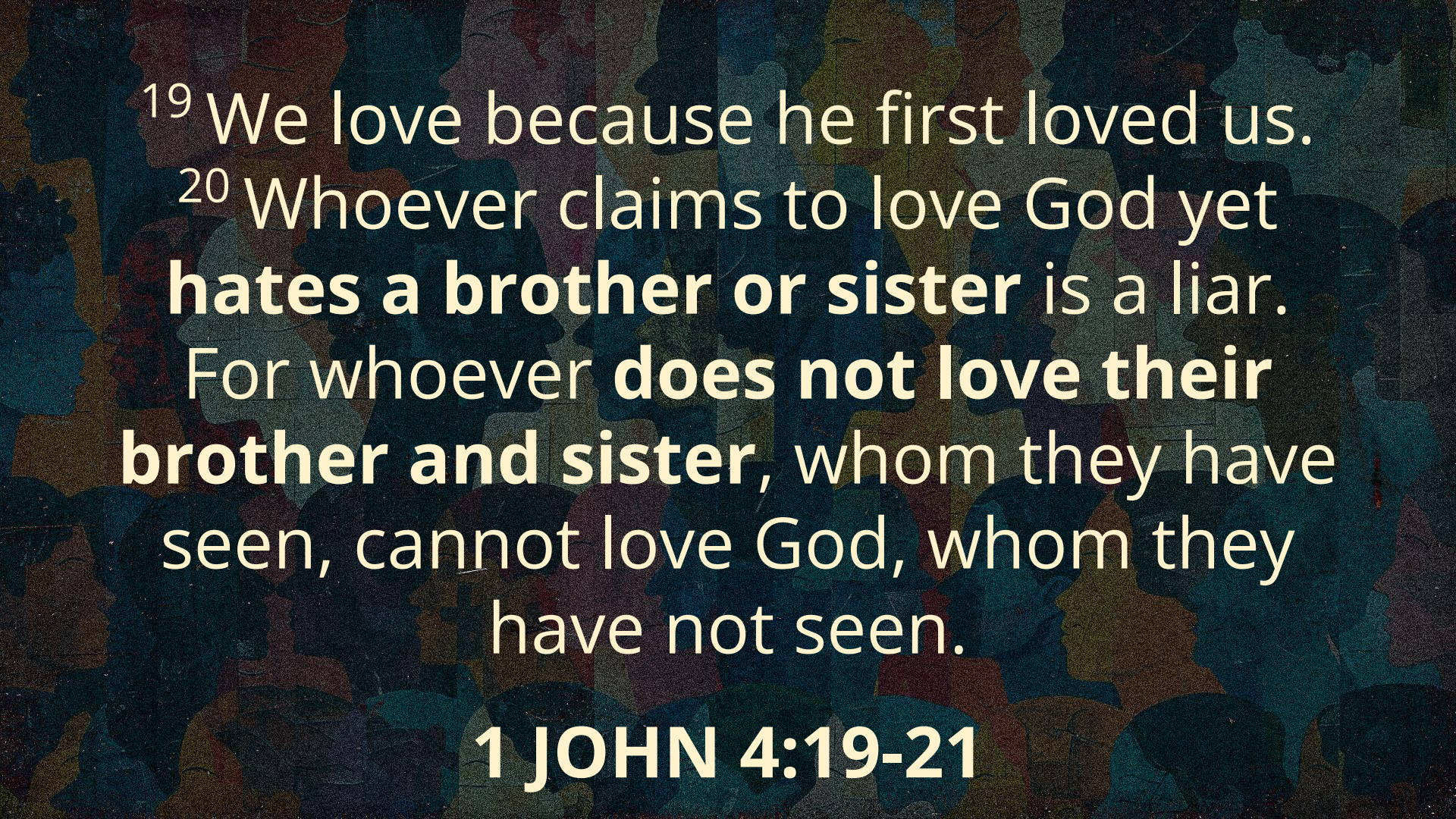


¹² May the Lord **make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else,** just as ours does for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:12



3) SIBLINGS- IN-LOVE

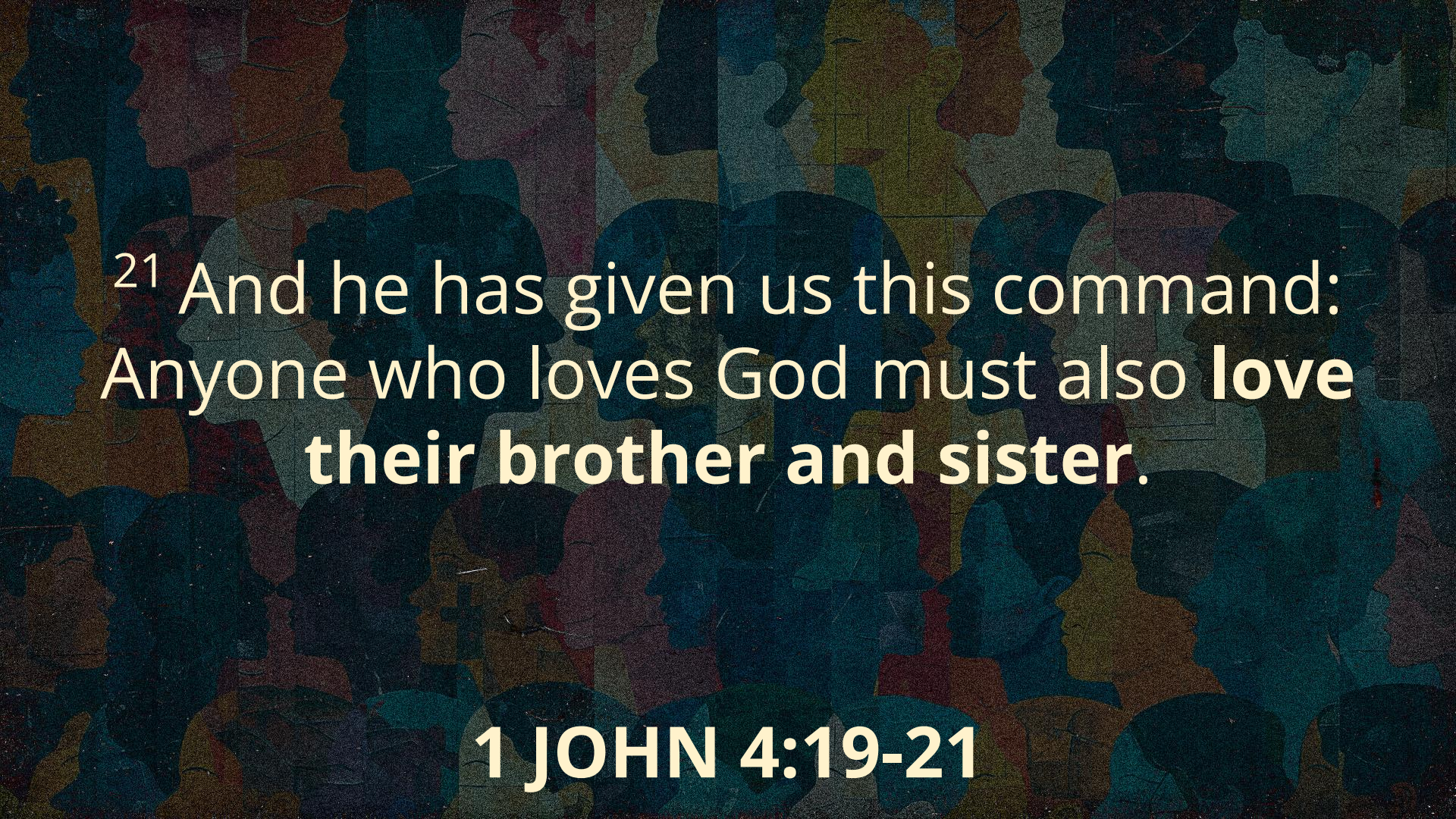


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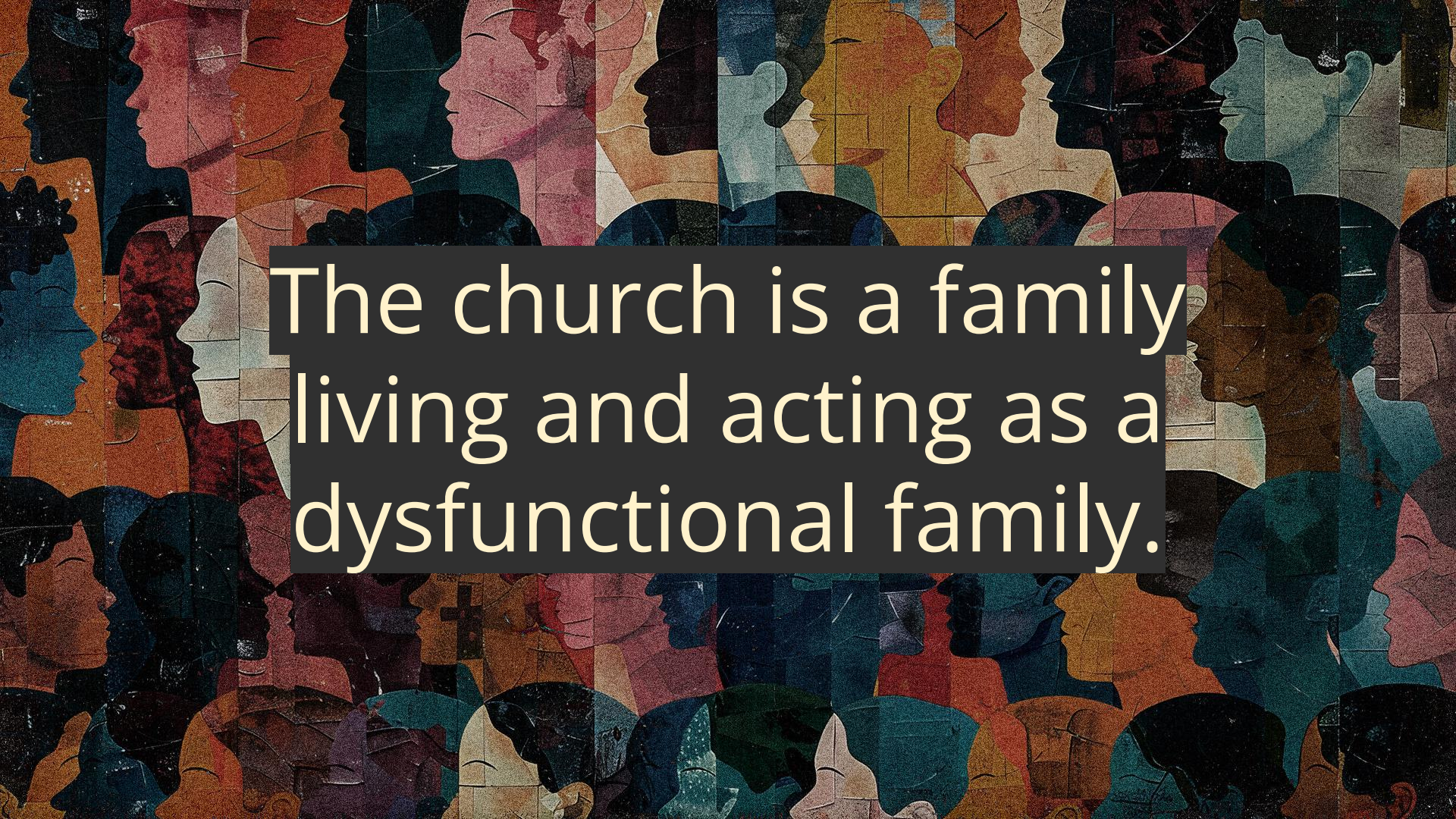
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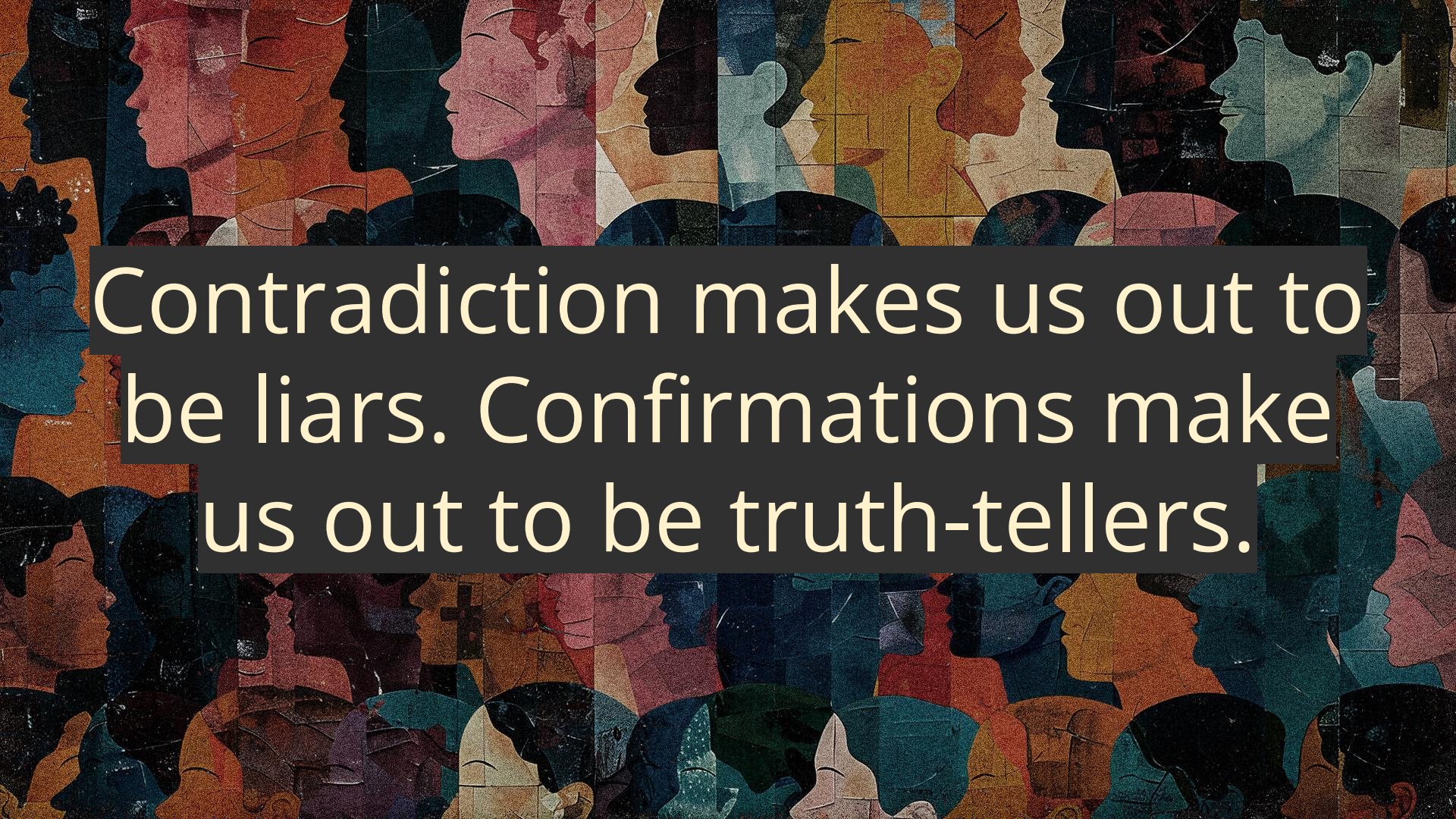


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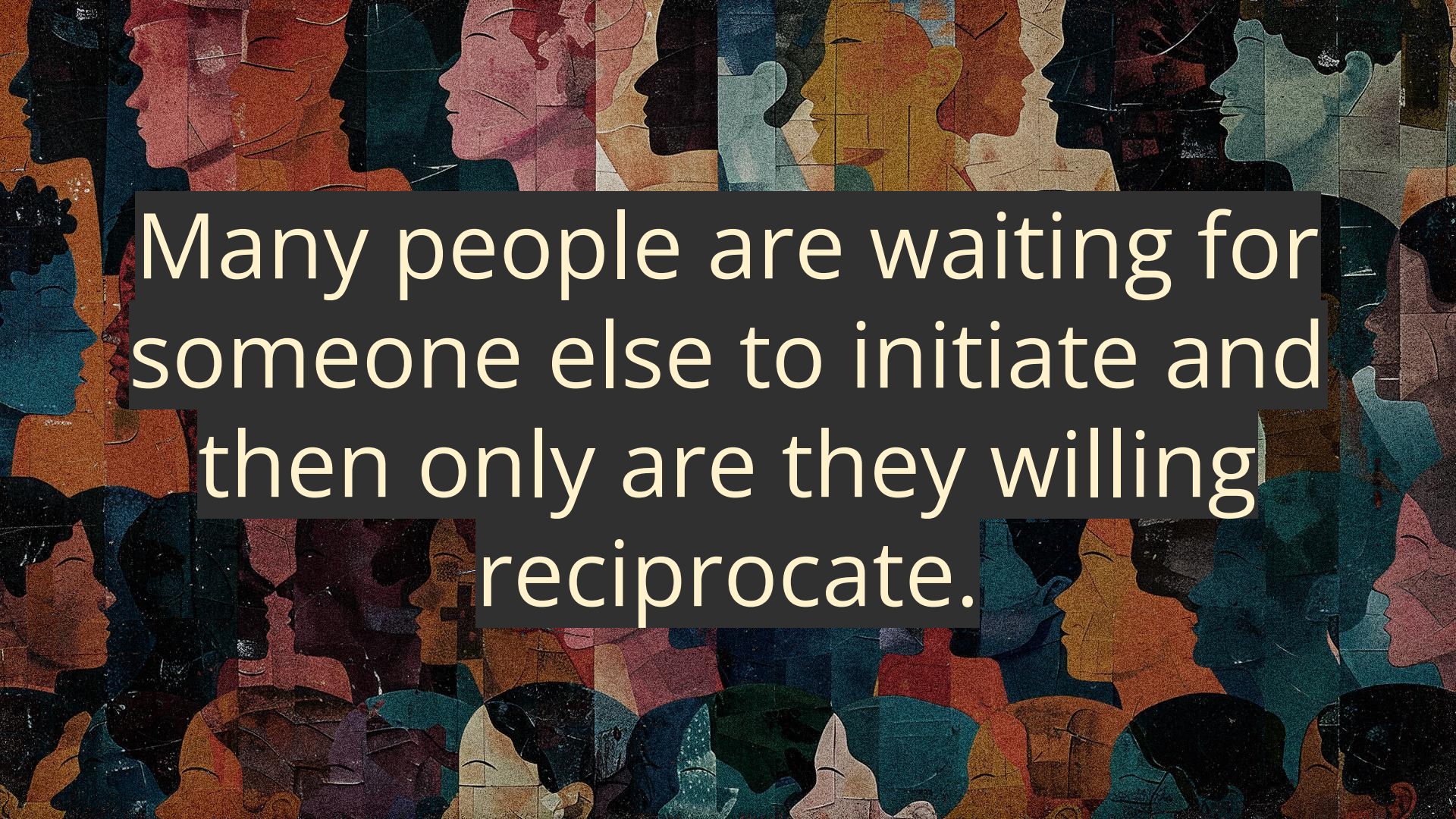
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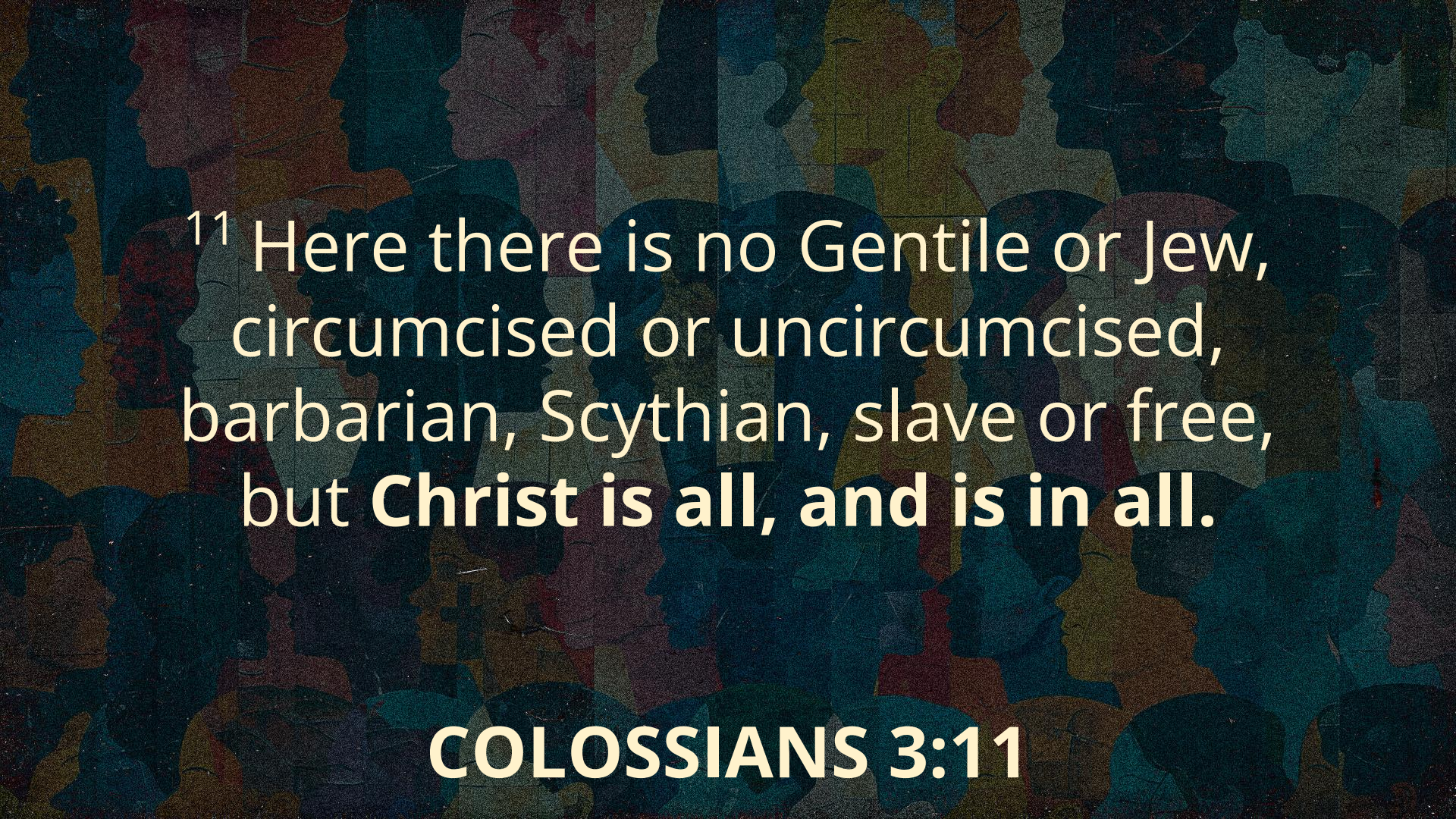
The church is a family
living and acting as a
dysfunctional family.



Contradiction makes us out to
be liars. Confirmations make
us out to be truth-tellers.



Many people are waiting for
someone else to initiate and
then only are they willing
reciprocate.

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¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew,
circumcised or uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave or free,
but **Christ is all, and is in all.**

COLOSSIANS 3:11



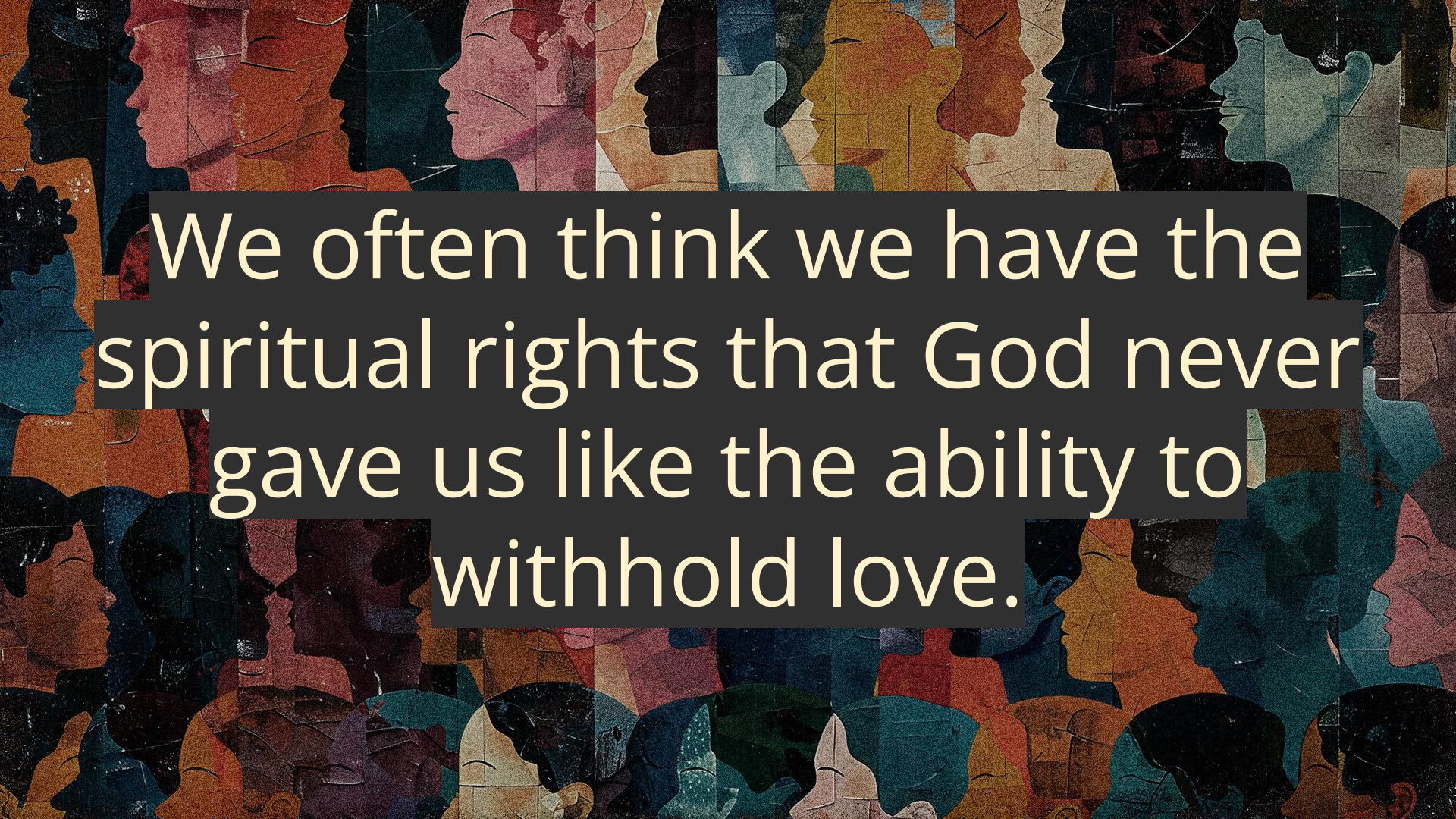
¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience.

COLOSSIANS 3:12

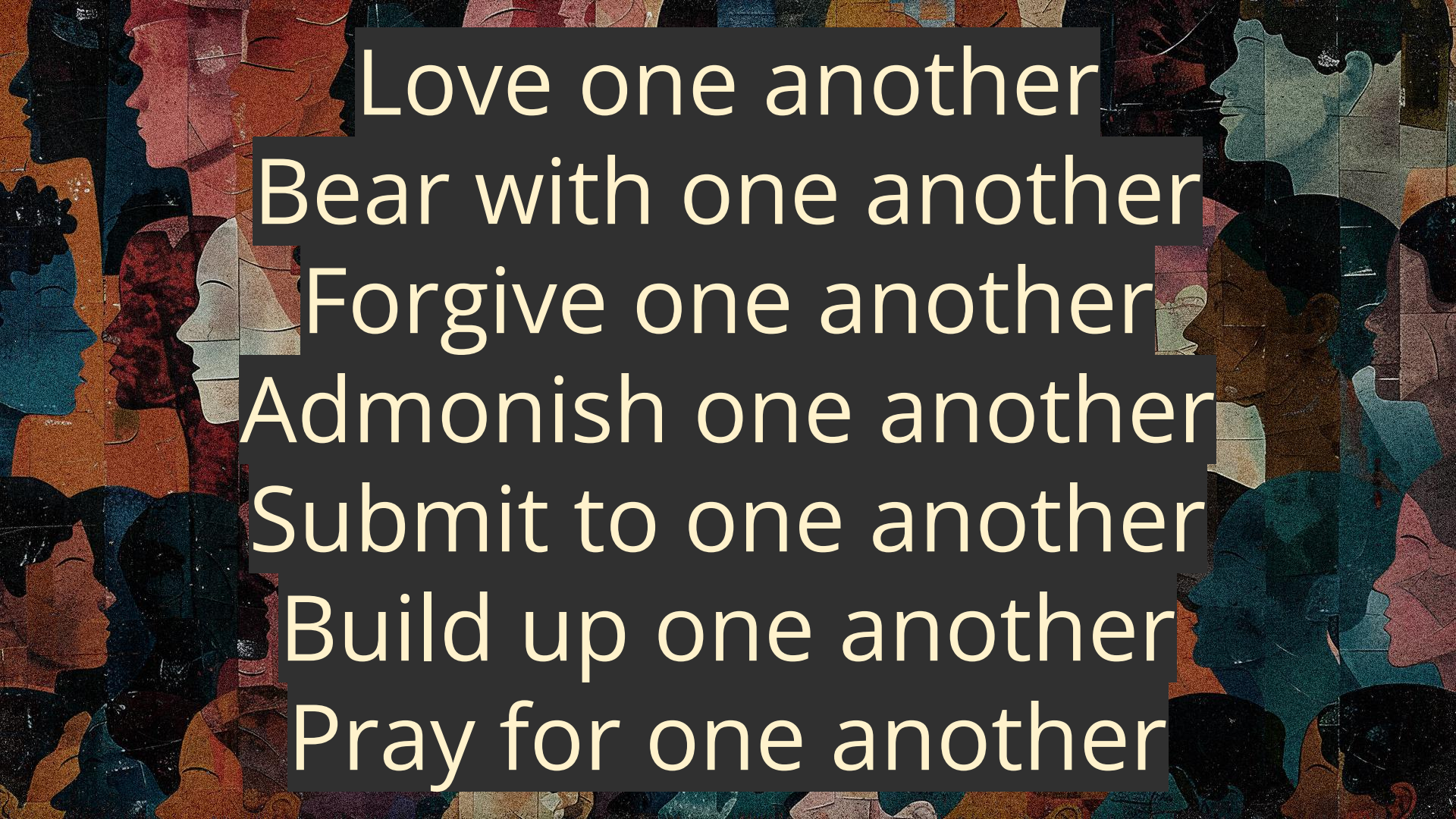


¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

COLOSSIANS 3:13



We often think we have the
spiritual rights that God never
gave us like the ability to
withhold love.



Love one another

Bear with one another

Forgive one another

Admonish one another

Submit to one another

Build up one another

Pray for one another



SERMON REVIEW:

1) STATEMENTS ABOUT LOVE

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