



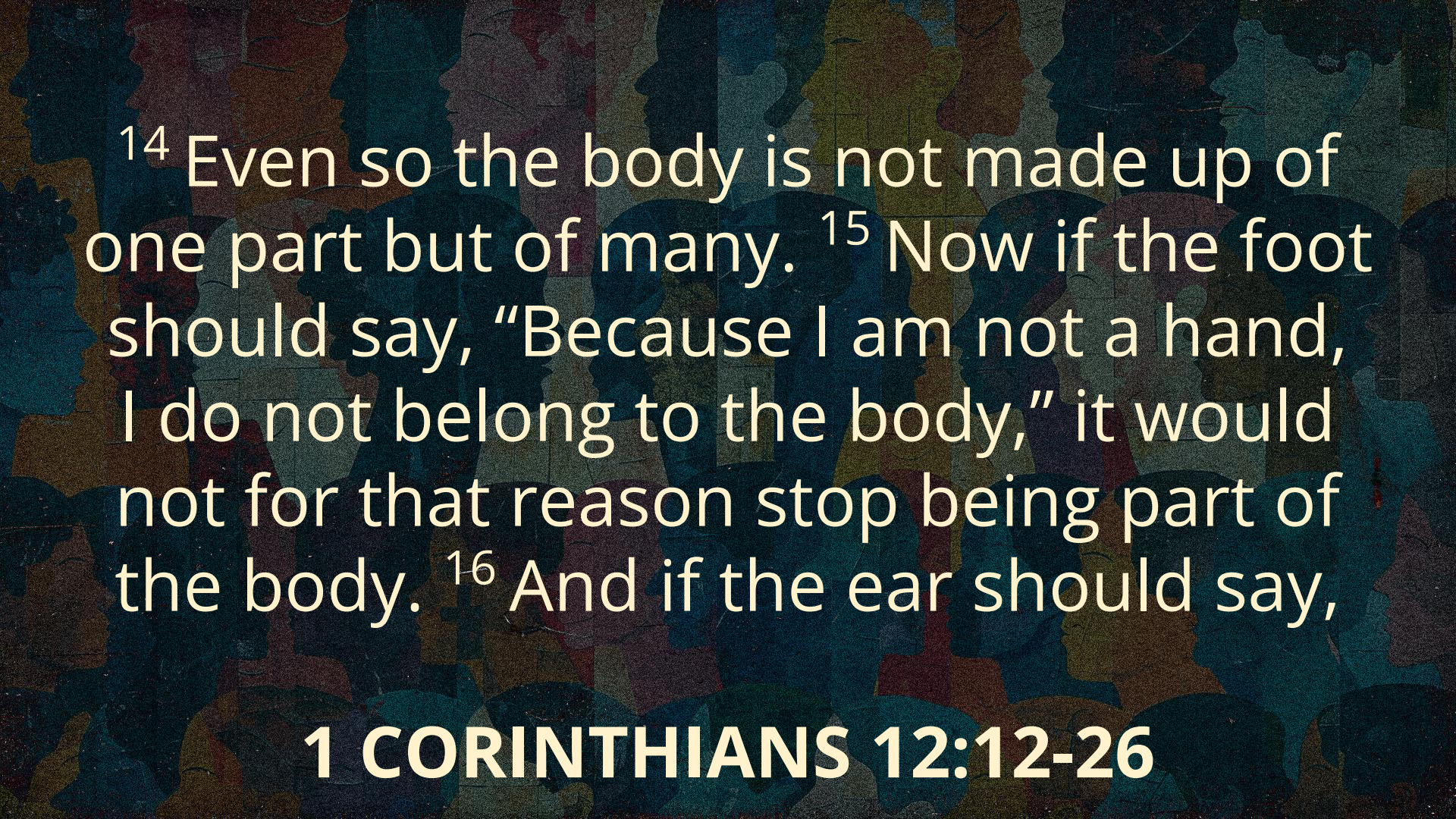
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¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26



¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say,

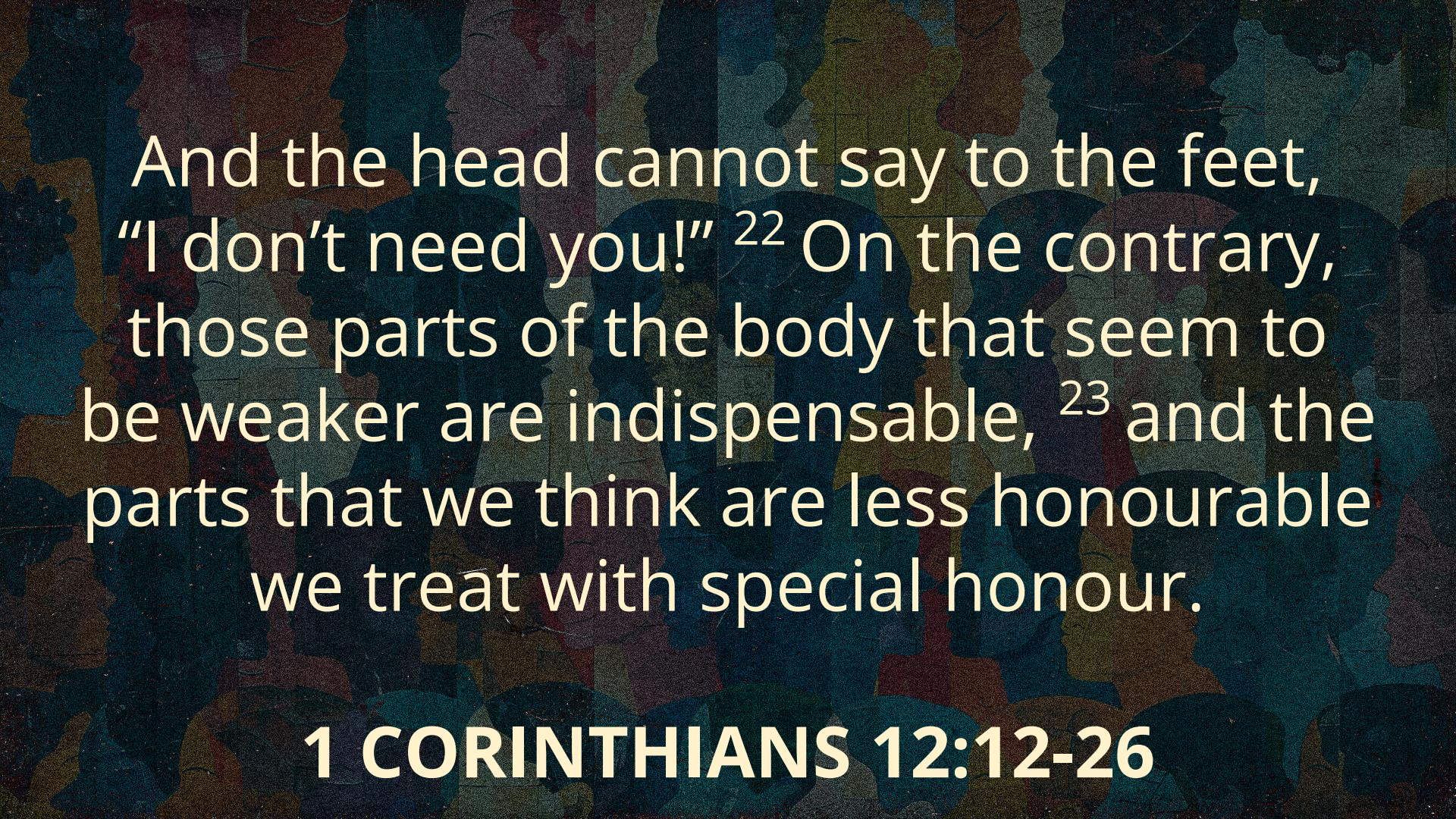
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

“Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.
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1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

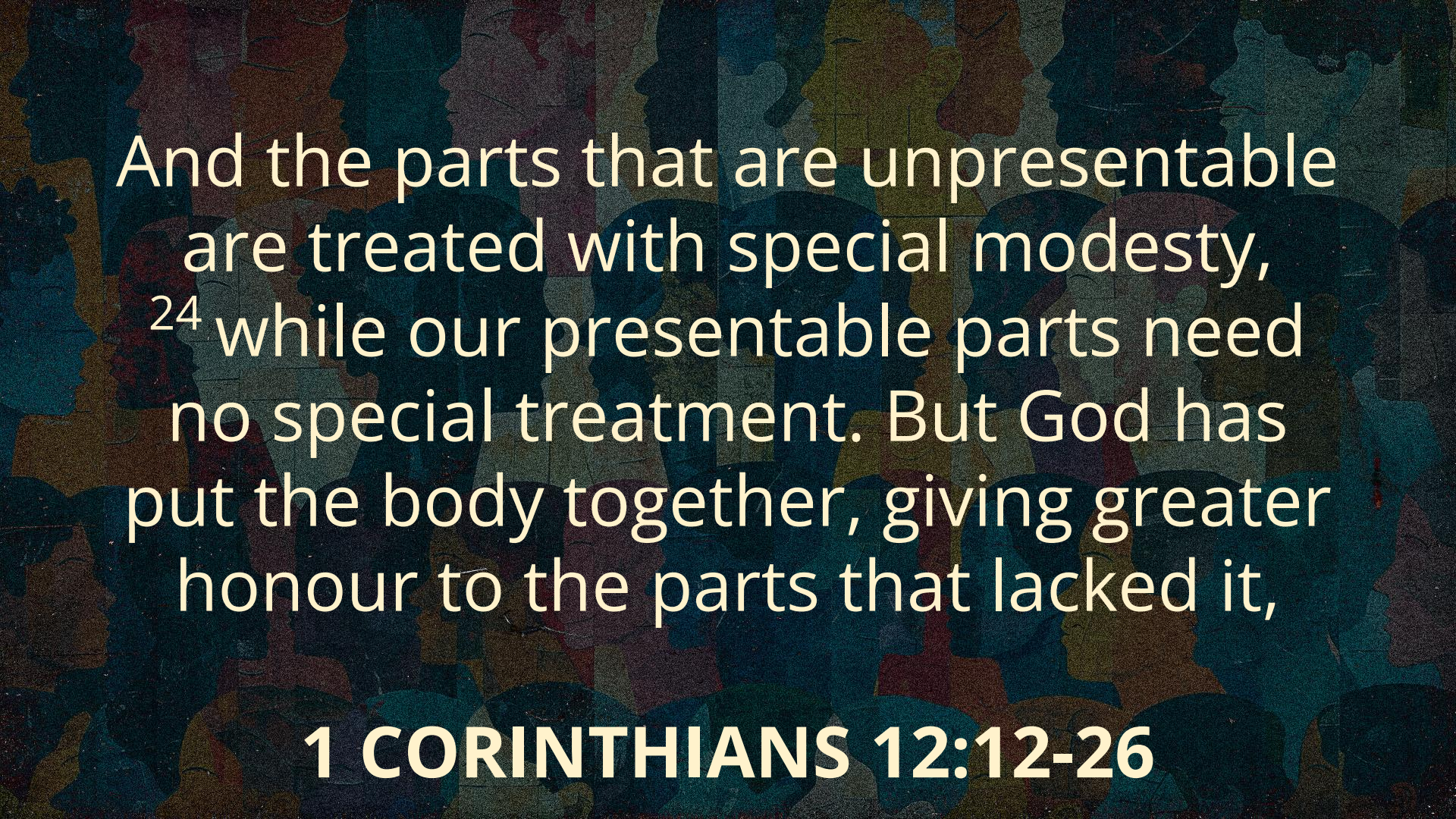
¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26



And the head cannot say to the feet,
“I don’t need you!” ²² On the contrary,
those parts of the body that seem to
be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the
parts that we think are less honourable
we treat with special honour.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26



And the parts that are unpresentable
are treated with special modesty,
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no special treatment. But God has
put the body together, giving greater
honour to the parts that lacked it,

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26

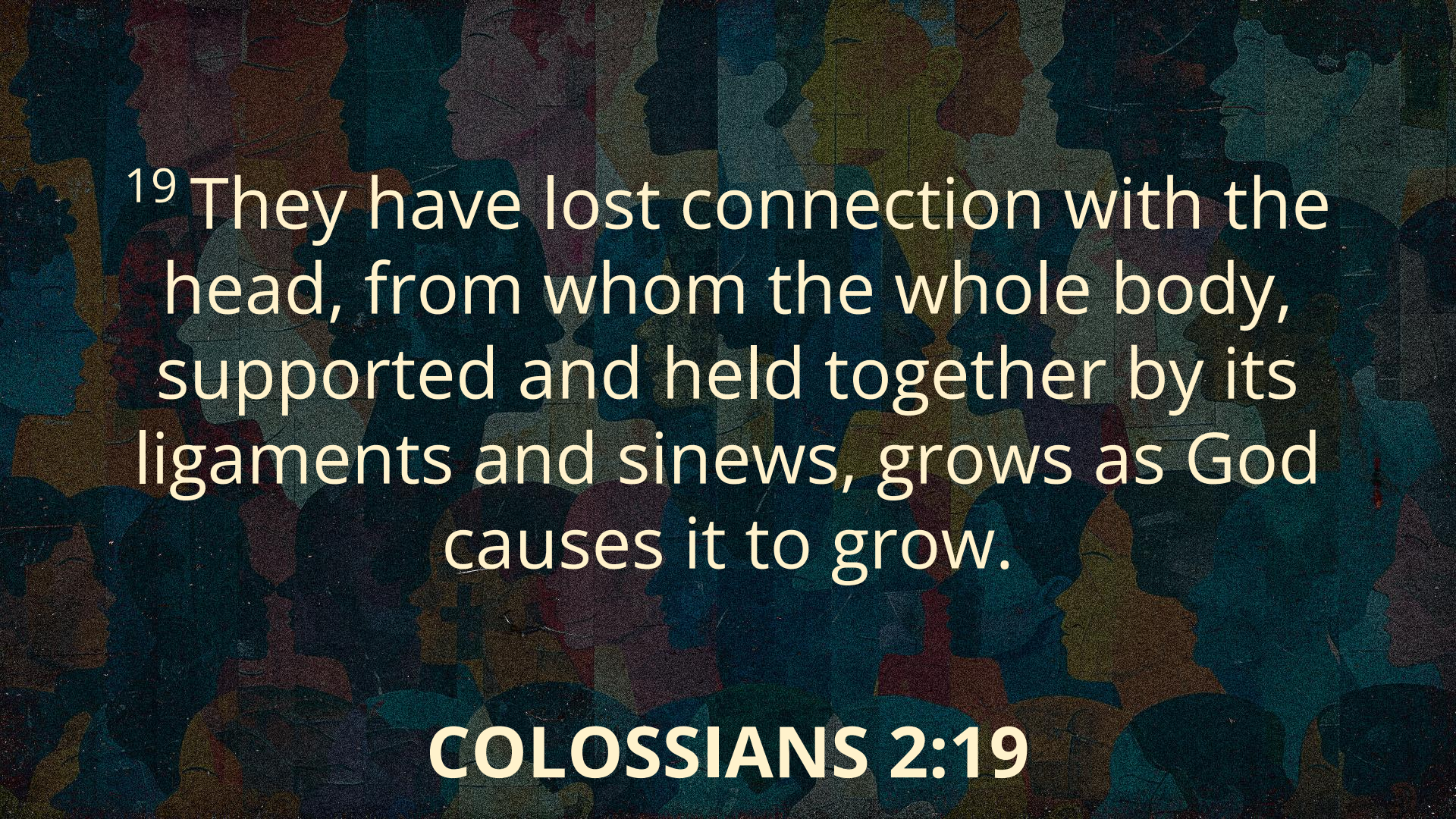
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1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-26



And [Christ] is the head of the body,
the church.

COLOSSIANS 1:18



¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

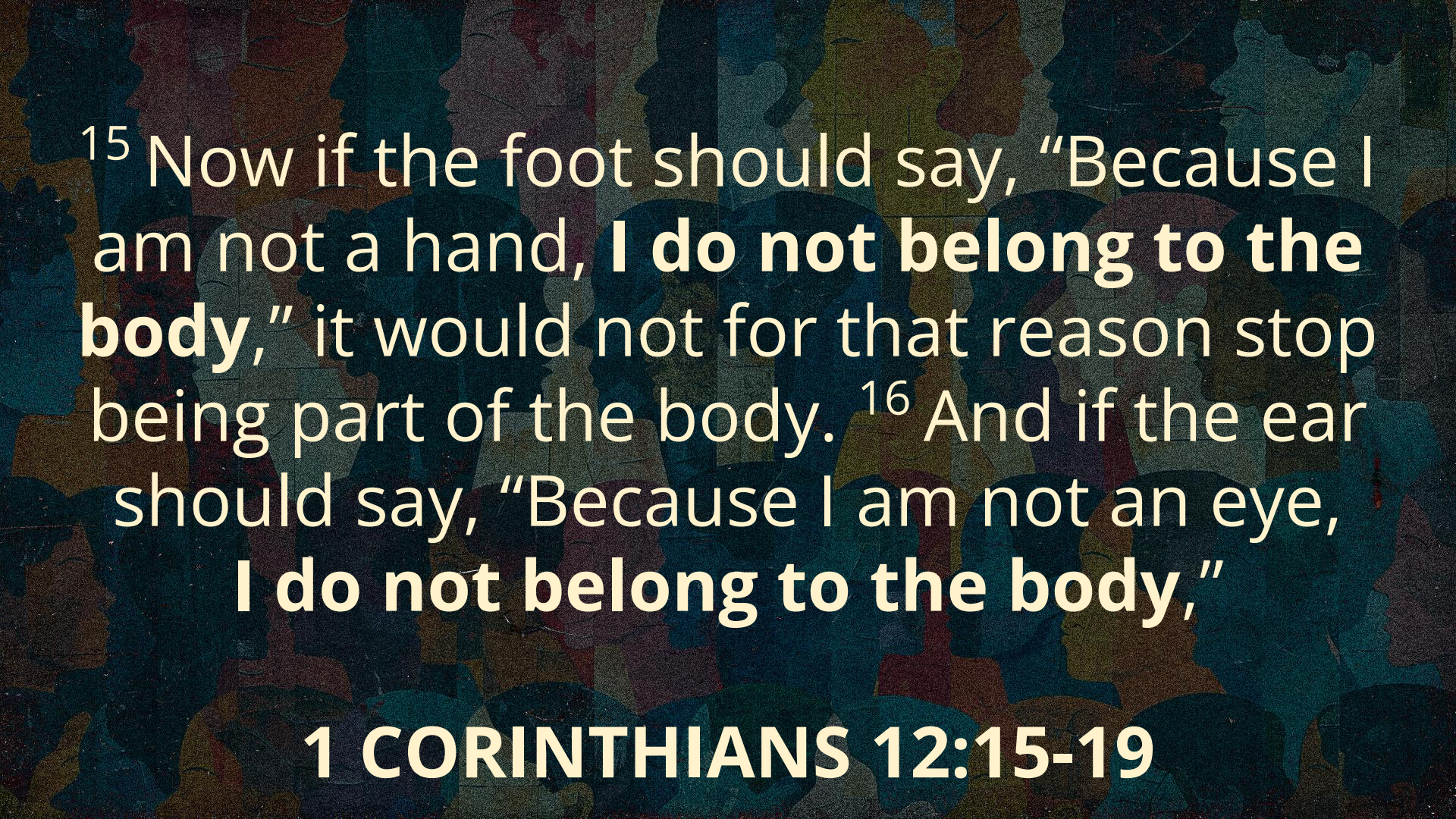
COLOSSIANS 2:19



God made the body of Christ
for communal life.

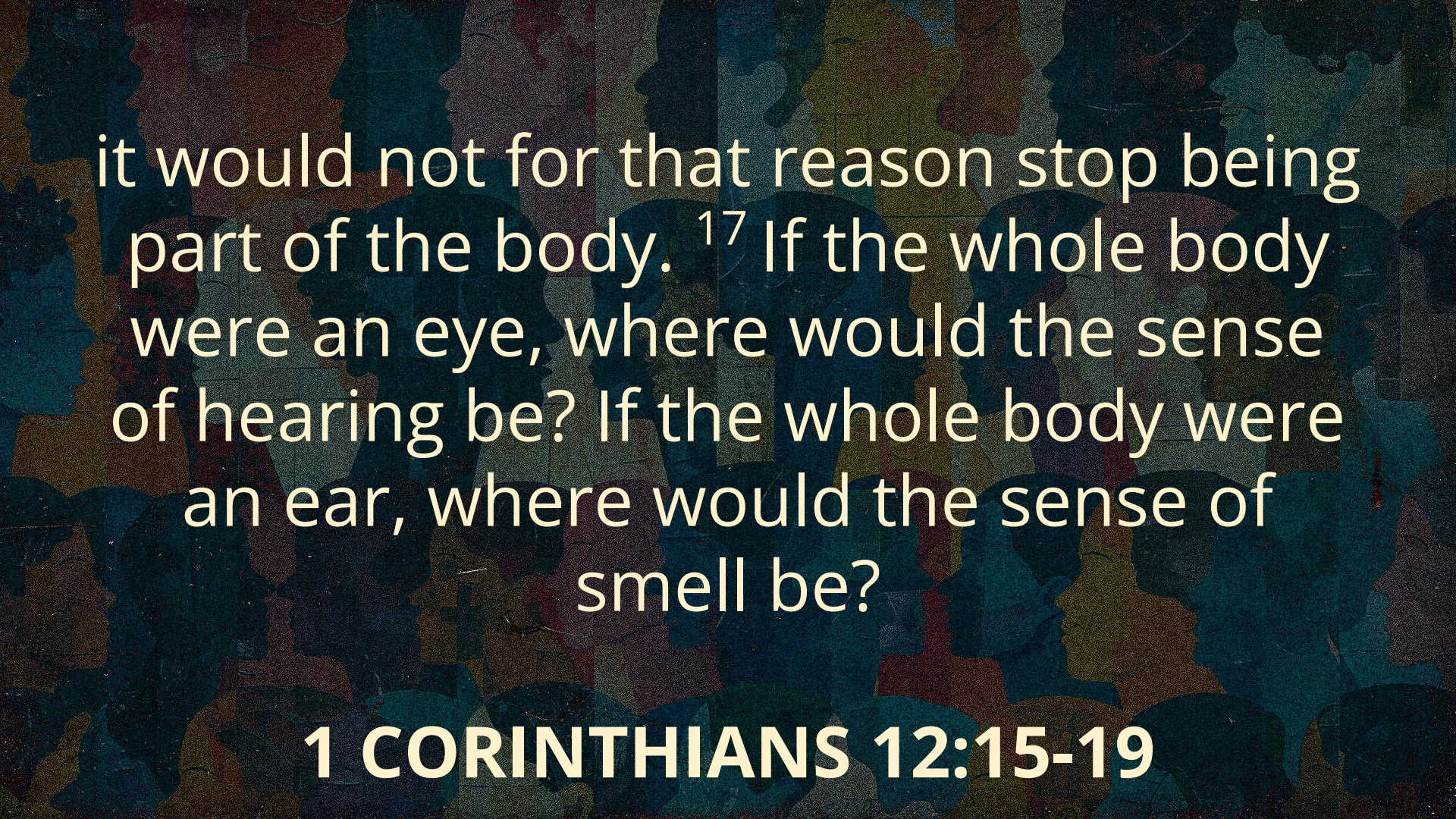


**1) YOU BELONG
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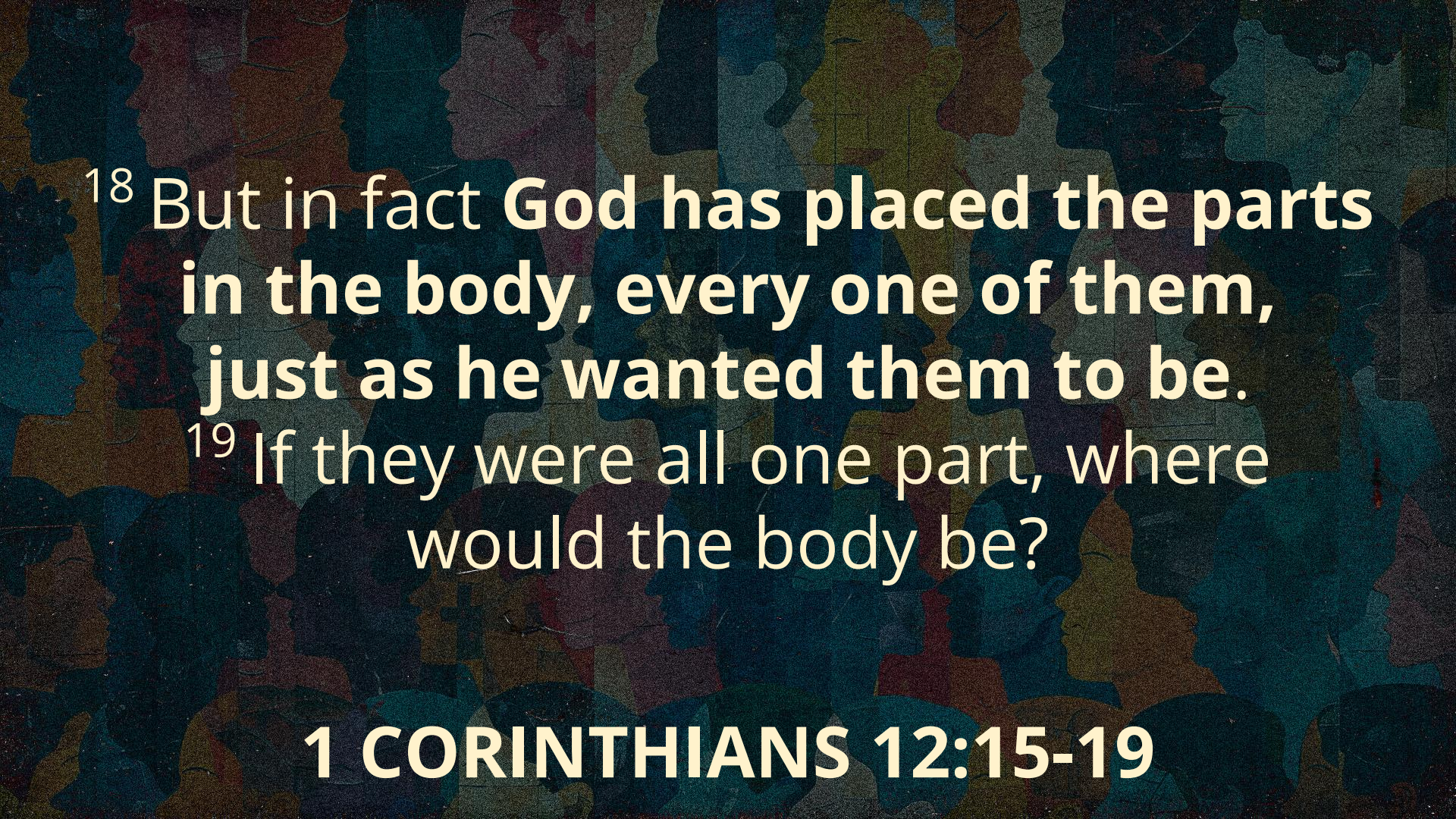
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1 CORINTHIANS 12:15-19



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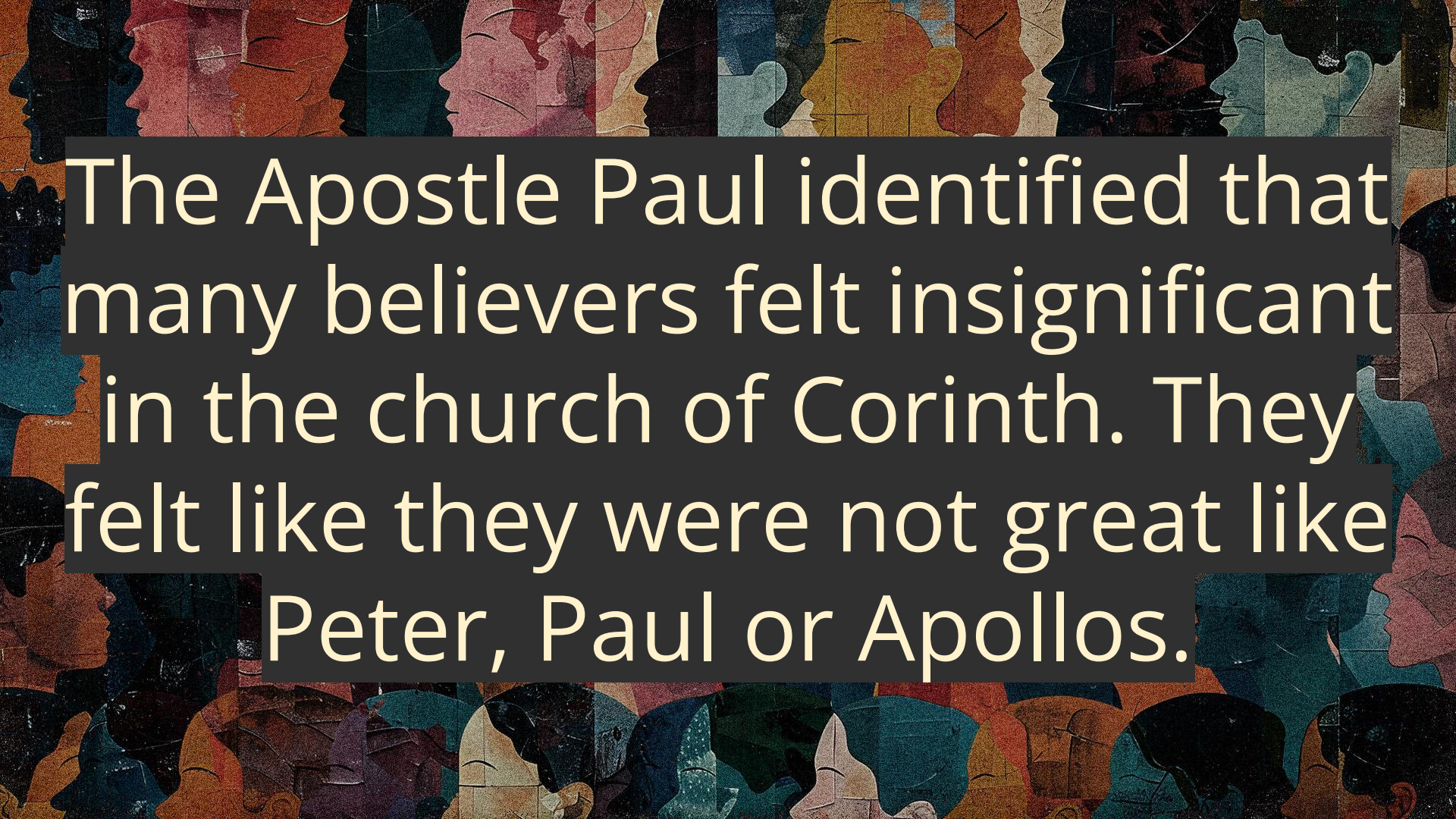
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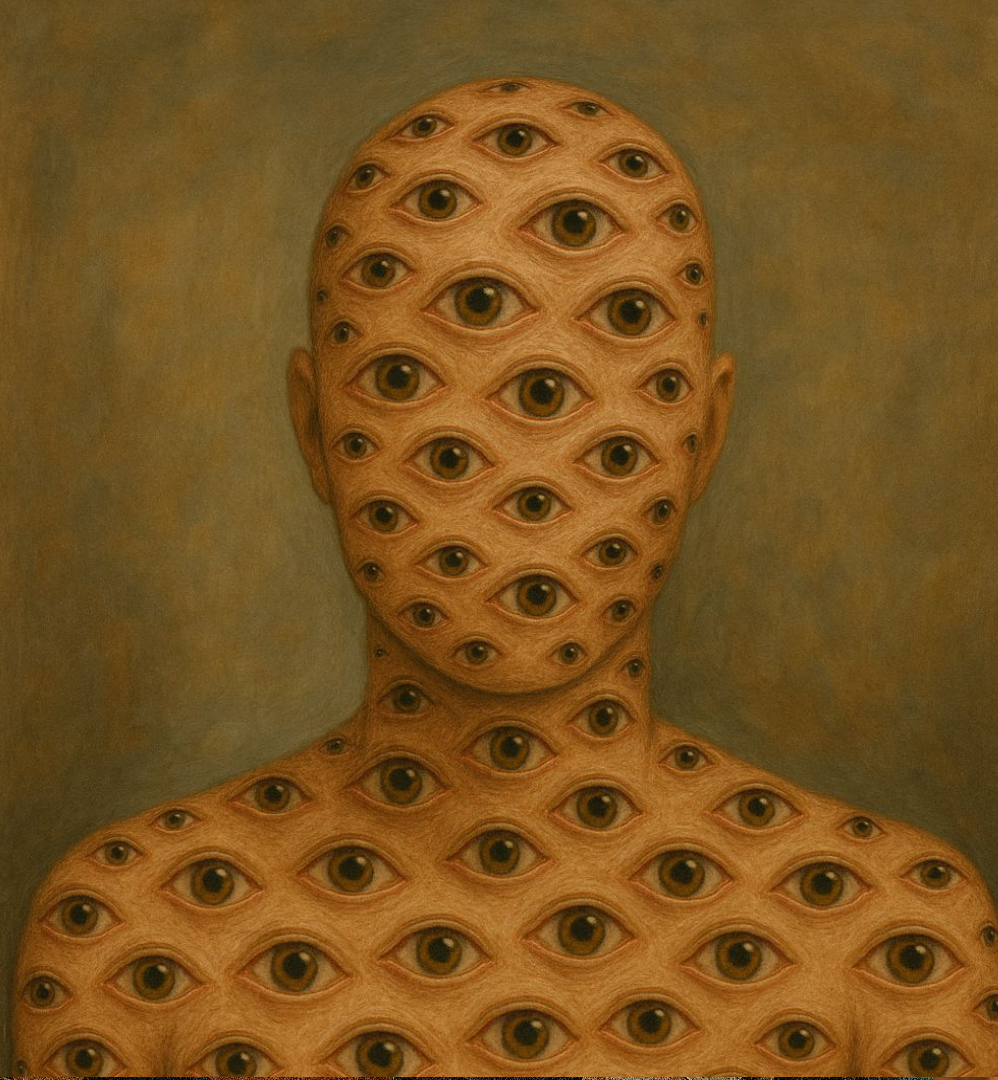
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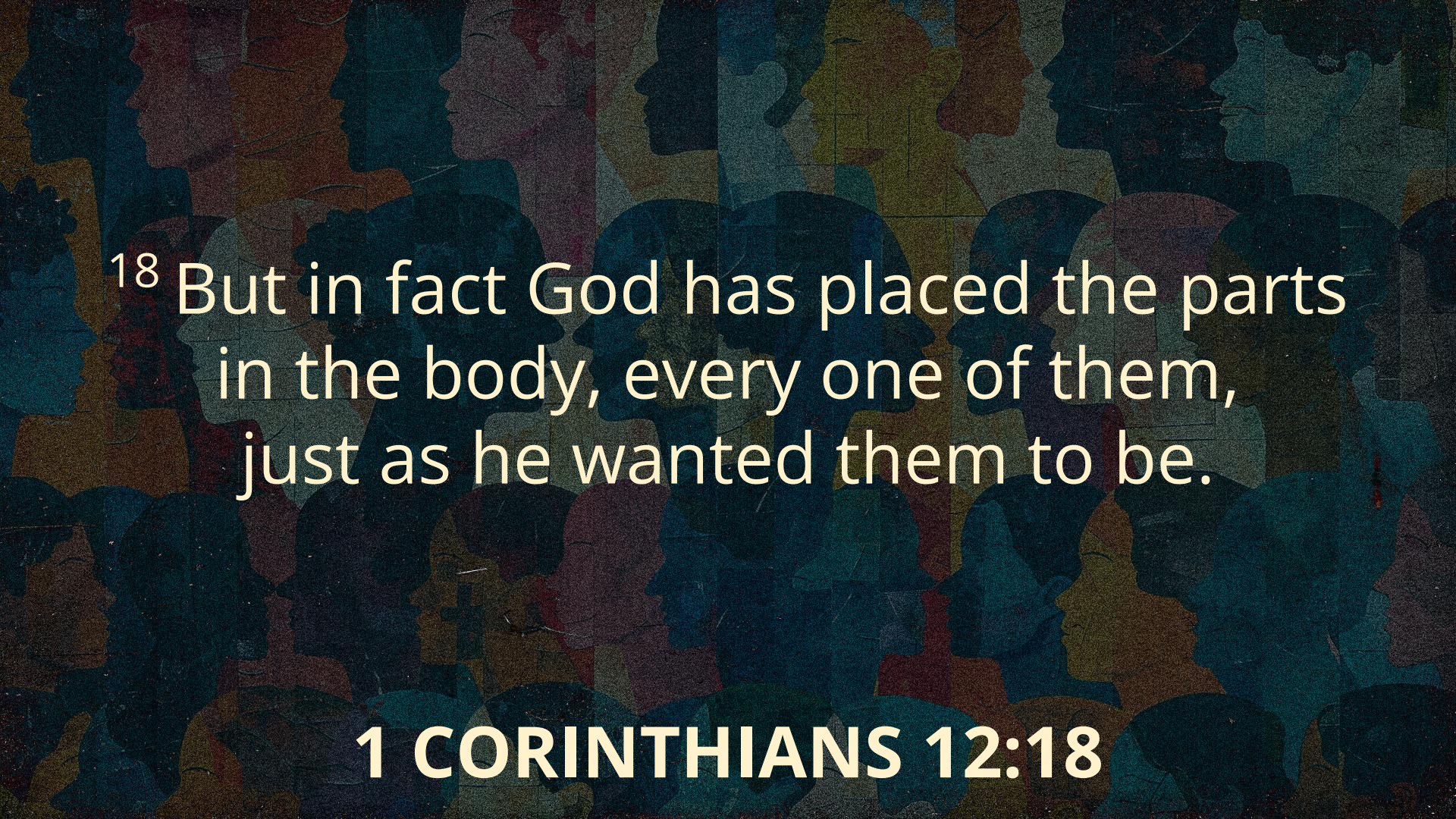
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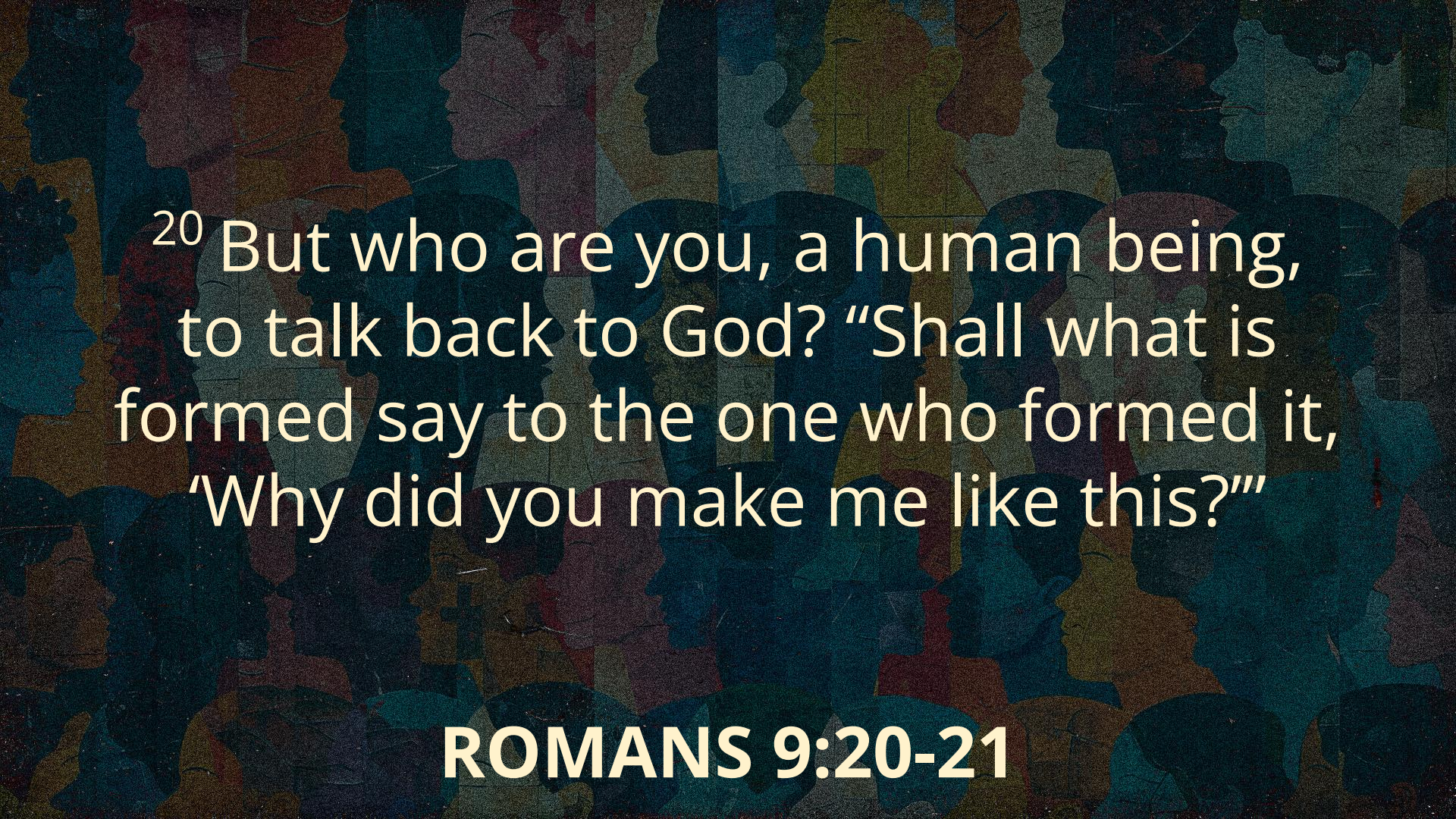
The Apostle Paul identified that many believers felt insignificant in the church of Corinth. They felt like they were not great like Peter, Paul or Apollos.





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in the body, every one of them,
just as he wanted them to be.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:18



²⁰ But who are you, a human being,
to talk back to God? “Shall what is
formed say to the one who formed it,
‘Why did you make me like this?’”

ROMANS 9:20-21

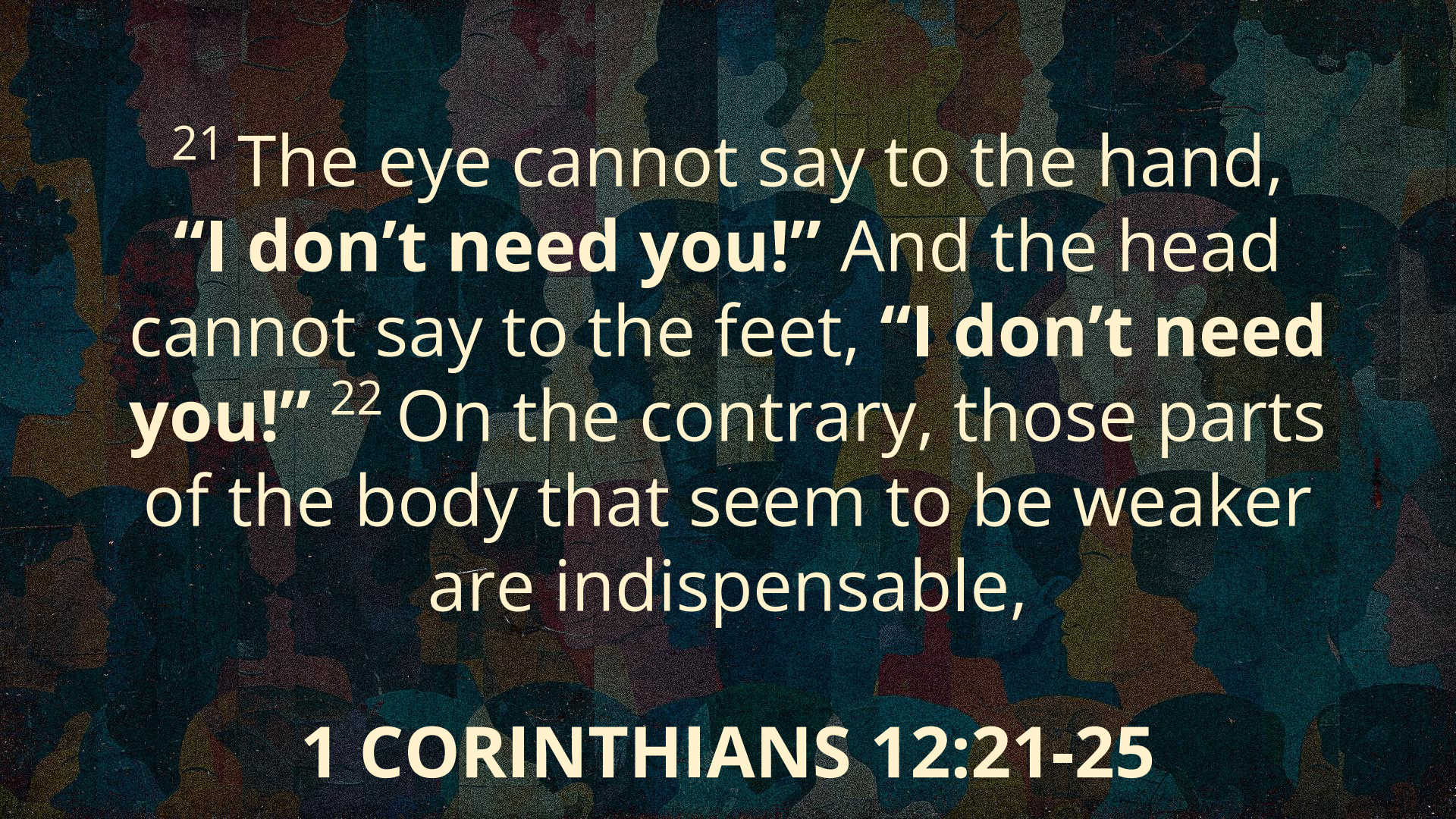


²¹ Does not the potter have the right
to make out of the same lump of clay
some pottery for special purposes
and some for common use?

ROMANS 9:20-21

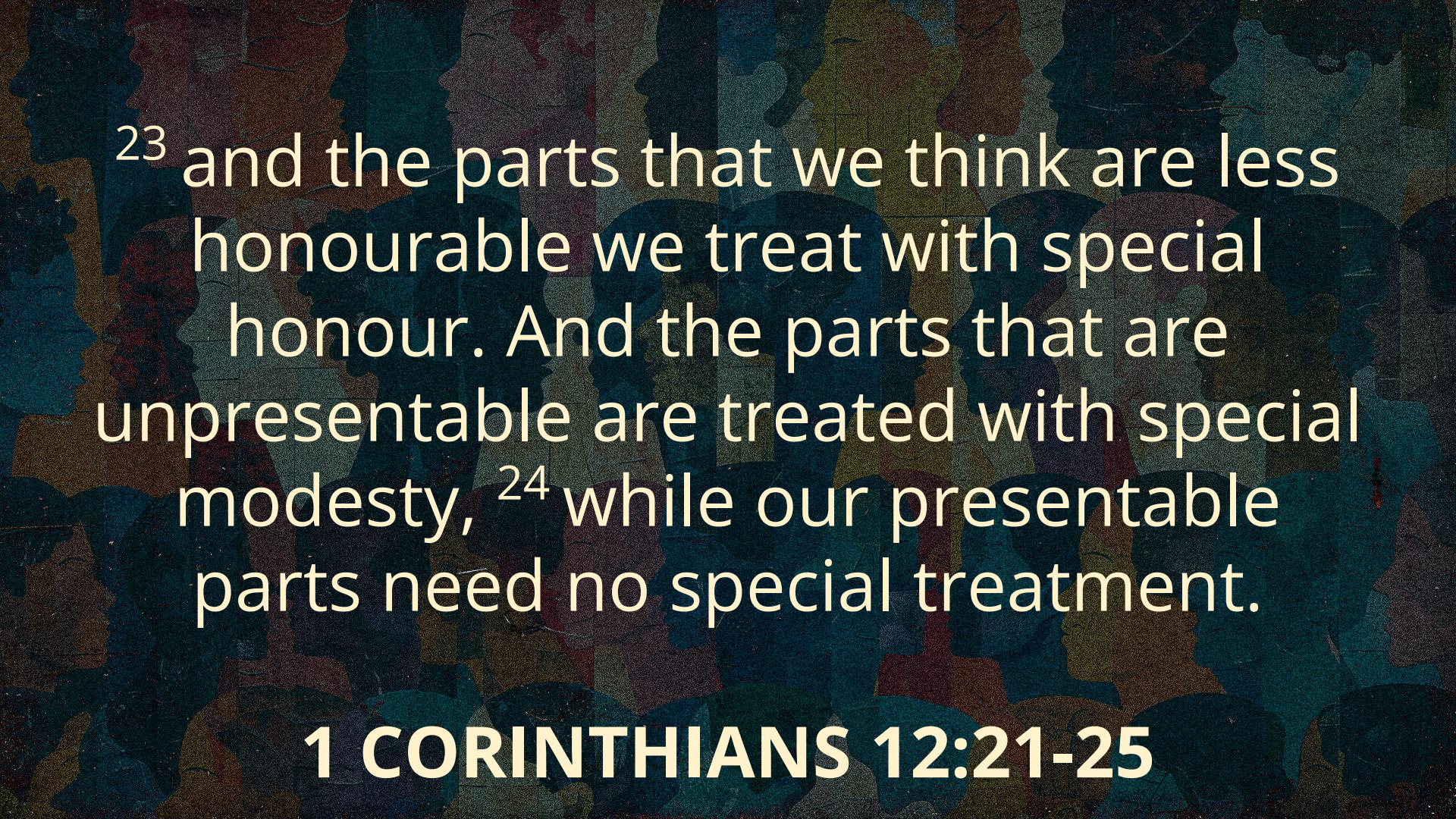


2) WE NEED YOU



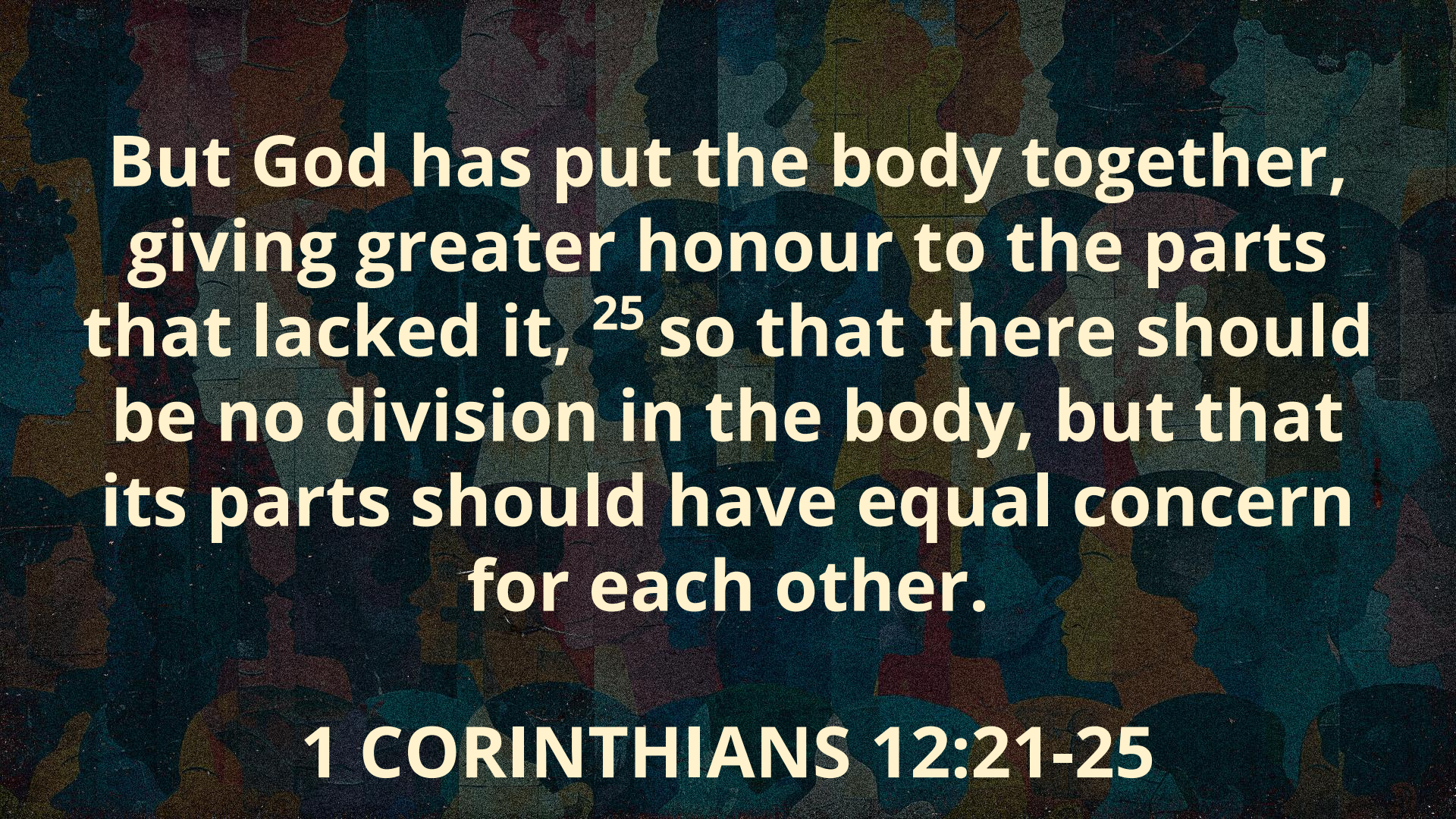
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1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-25



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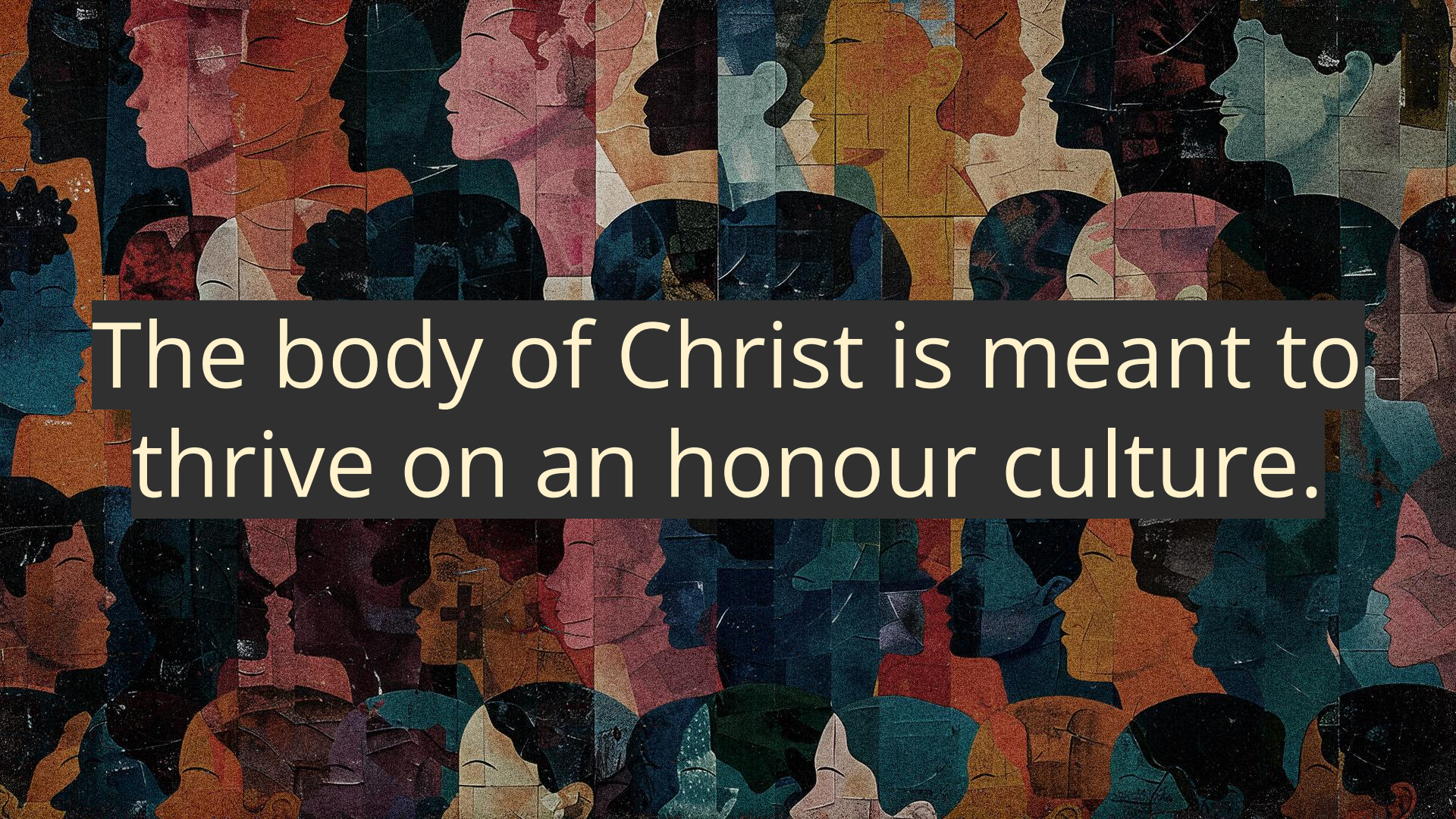
1 CORINTHIANS 12:21-25



You are indispensable!



You are honoured!



The body of Christ is meant to thrive on an honour culture.



Honour one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10



In humility value others
above yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

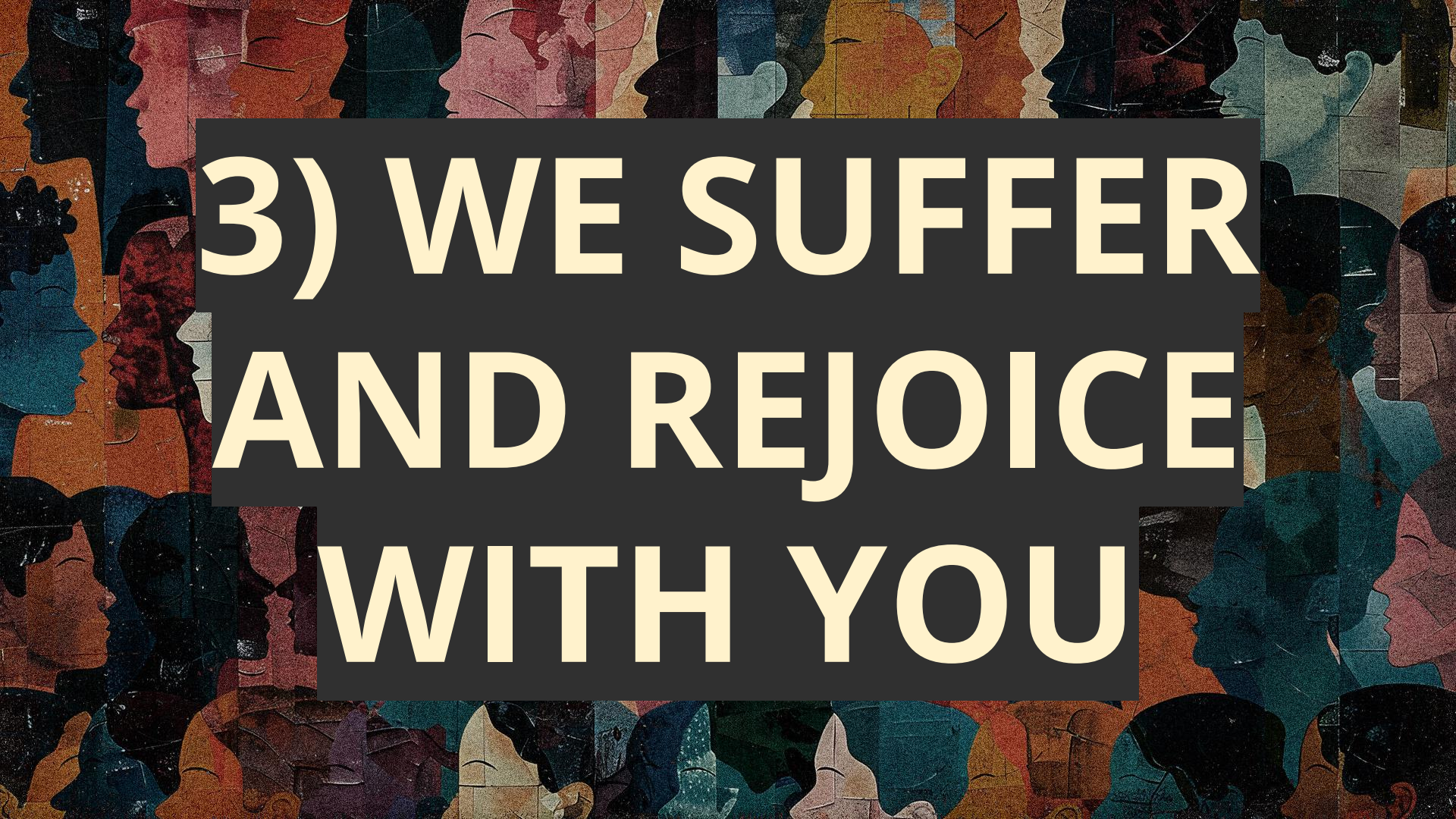


Loved human praise more than
praise from God.

JOHN 12:43



You are special!



**3) WE SUFFER
AND REJOICE
WITH YOU**



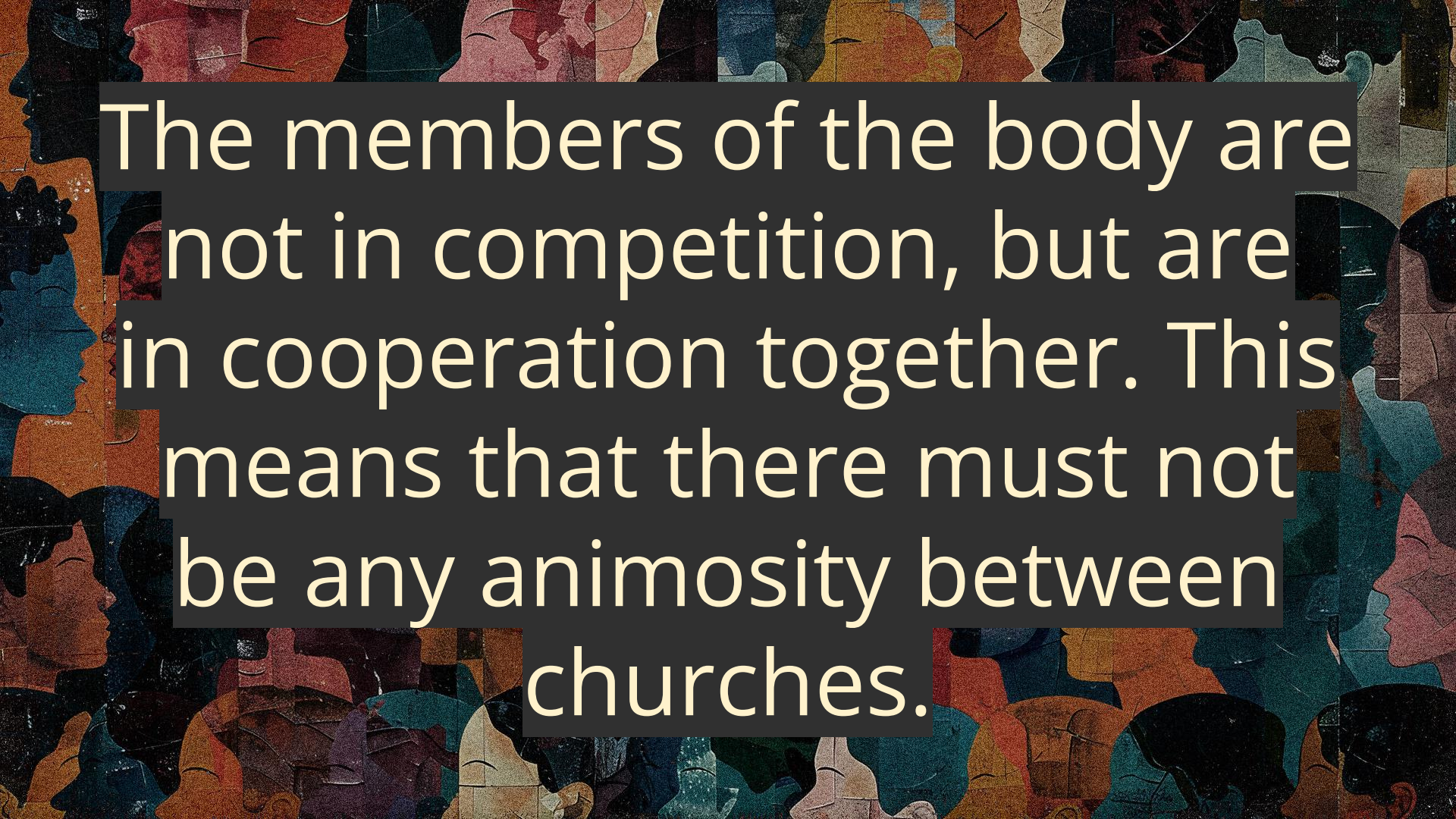
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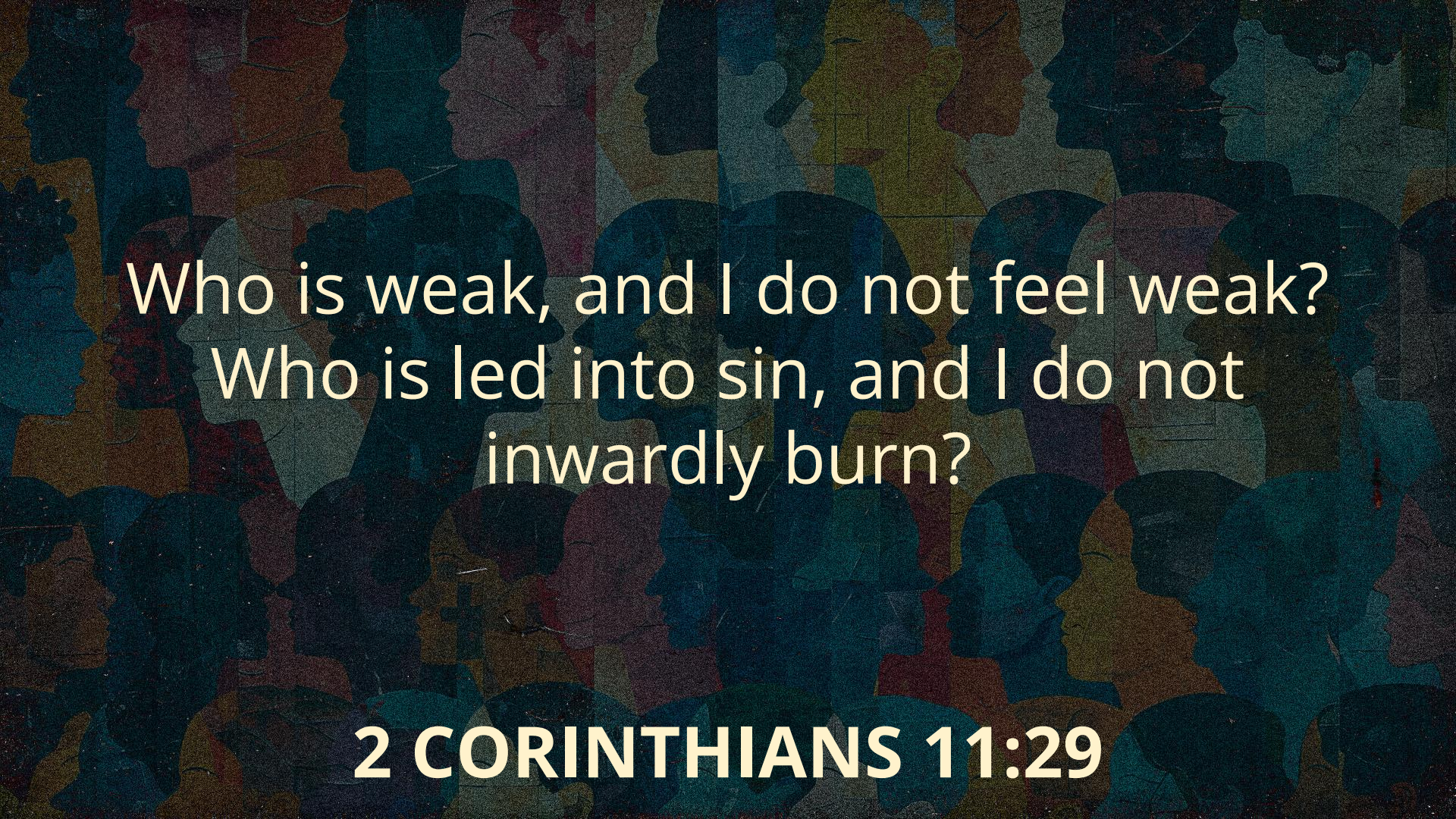


¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.

ROMANS 12:15

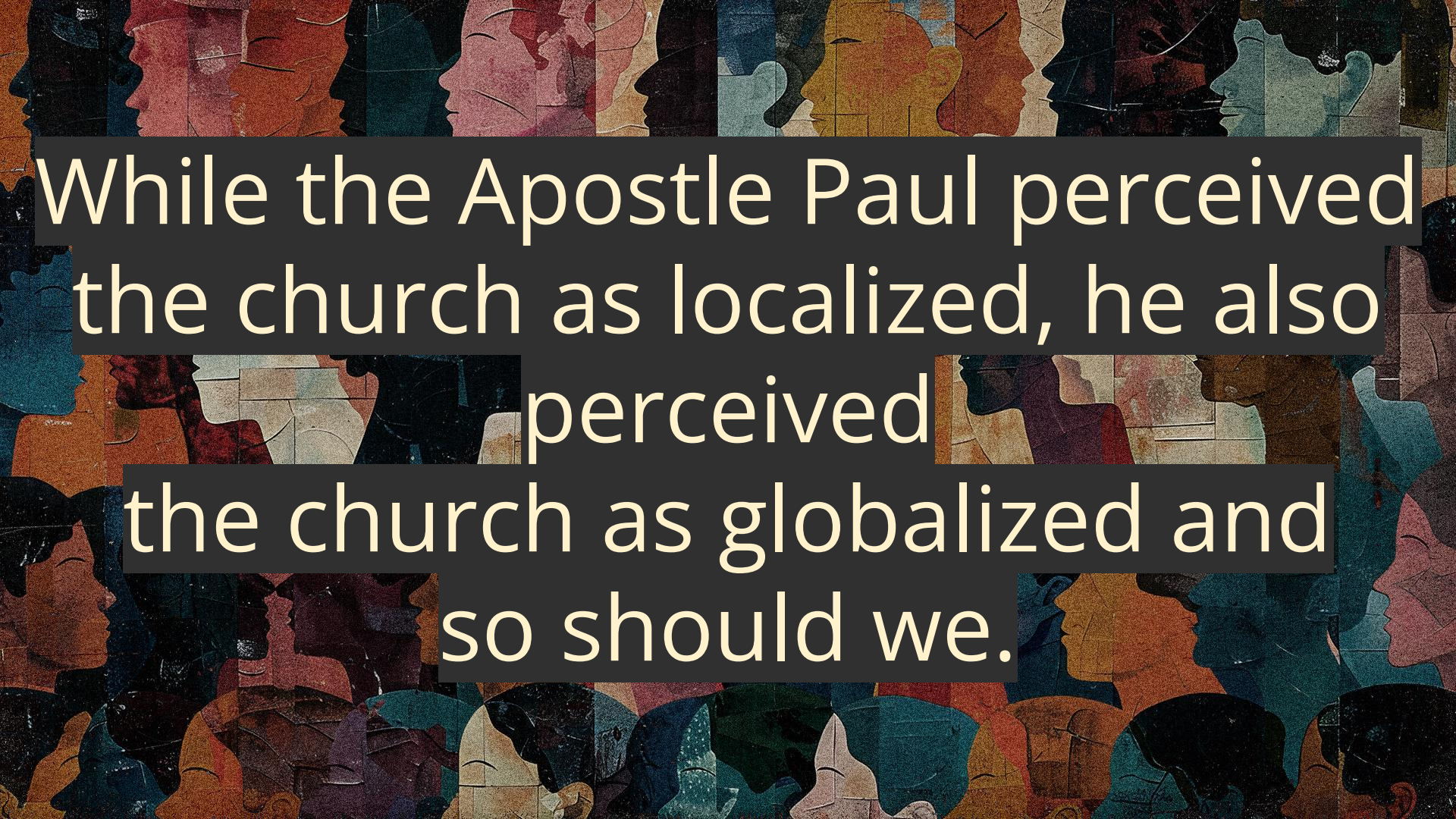


The members of the body are not in competition, but are in cooperation together. This means that there must not be any animosity between churches.

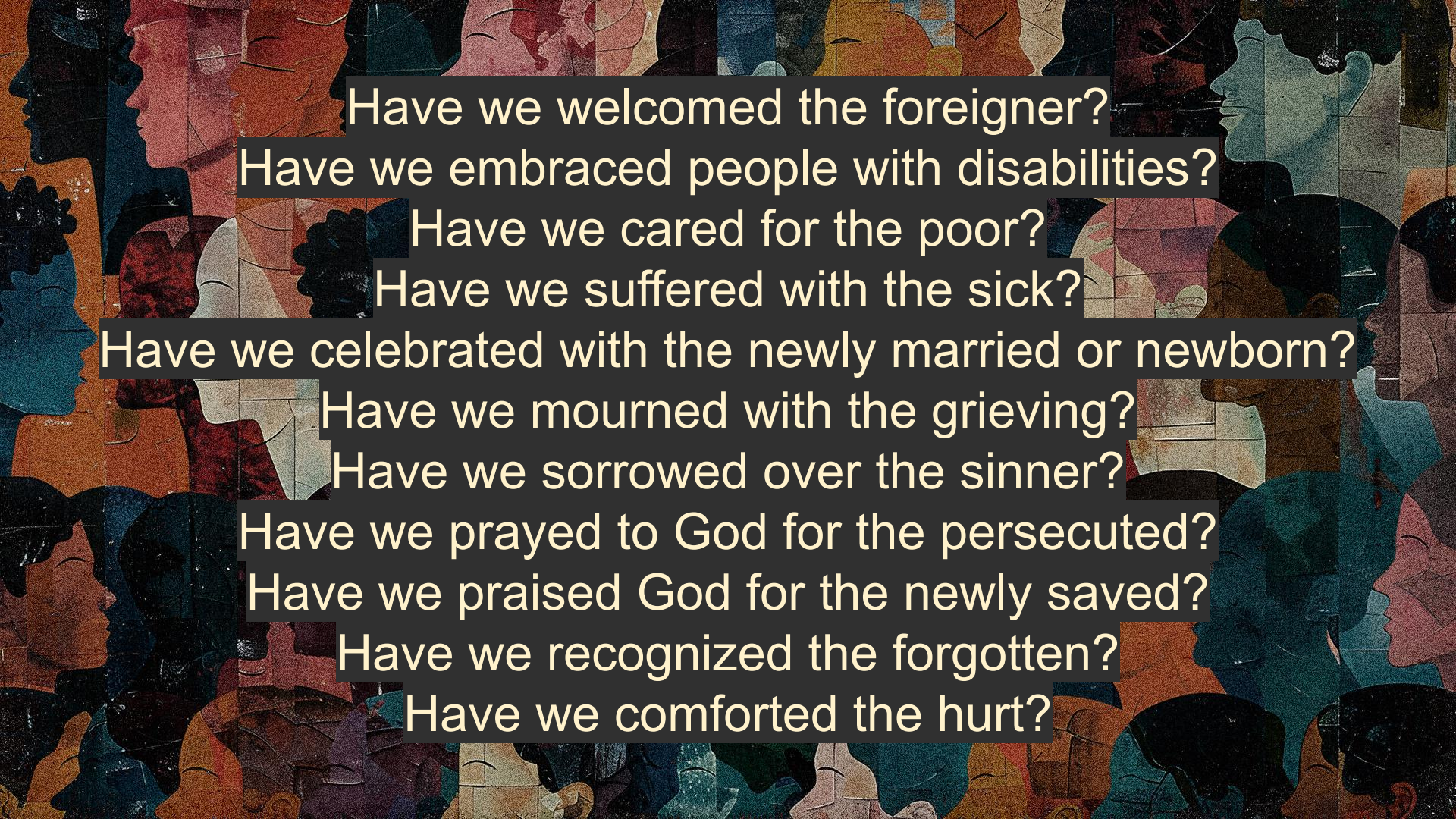


Who is weak, and I do not feel weak?
Who is led into sin, and I do not
inwardly burn?

2 CORINTHIANS 11:29



While the Apostle Paul perceived
the church as localized, he also
perceived
the church as globalized and
so should we.



Have we welcomed the foreigner?

Have we embraced people with disabilities?

Have we cared for the poor?

Have we suffered with the sick?

Have we celebrated with the newly married or newborn?

Have we mourned with the grieving?

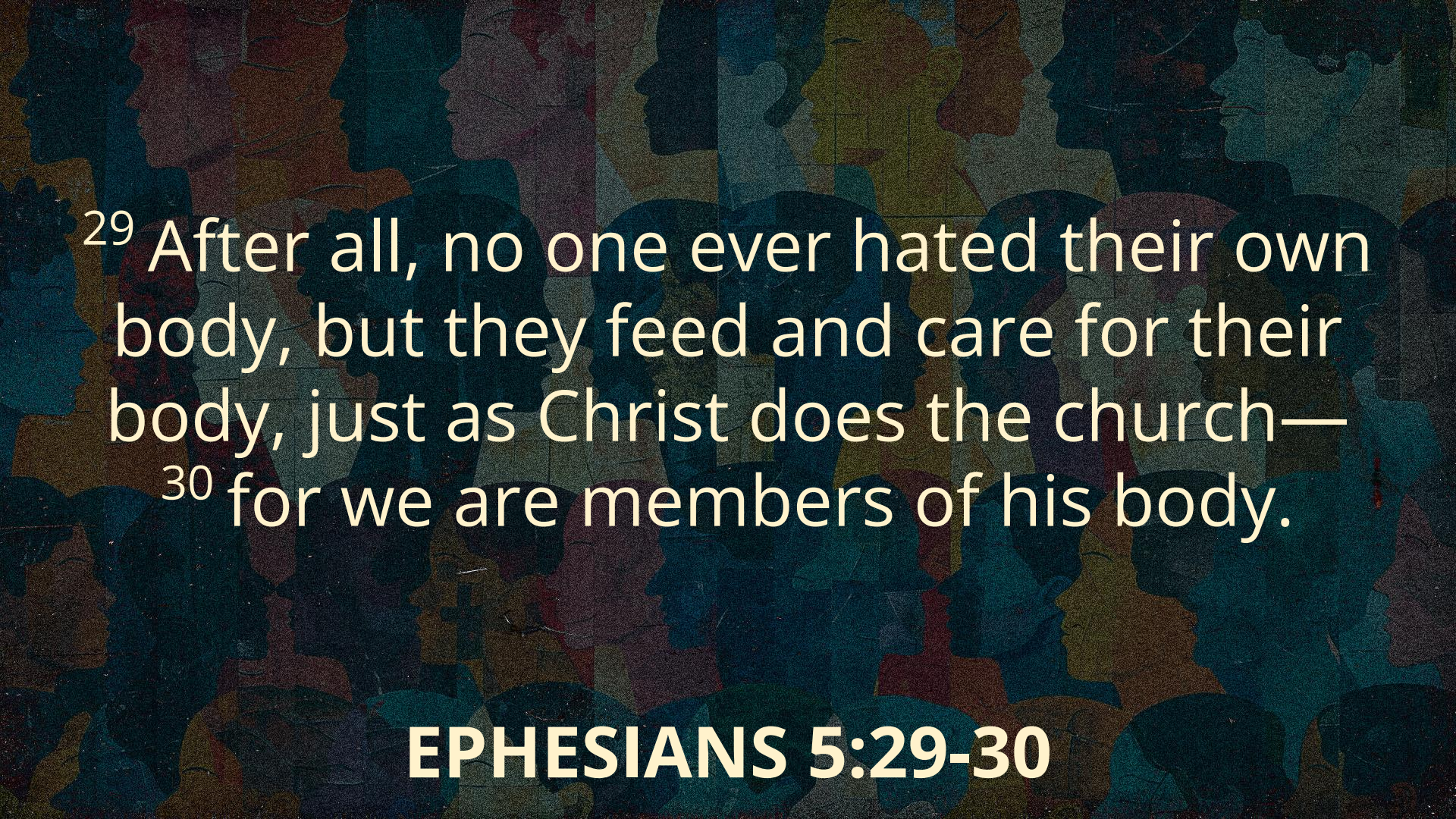
Have we sorrowed over the sinner?

Have we prayed to God for the persecuted?

Have we praised God for the newly saved?

Have we recognized the forgotten?

Have we comforted the hurt?



²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—
³⁰ for we are members of his body.

EPHESIANS 5:29-30



SERMON REVIEW:

1) YOU BELONG TO THE BODY

2) WE NEED YOU

3) WE SUFFER AND REJOICE WITH YOU



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