

# Let Us Encourage One Another

Hebrews 3:12-13







“

**John, you know I love you,  
but...you are deceiving  
yourself on this point.**

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**How do you  
know if you are  
deceiving  
yourself**







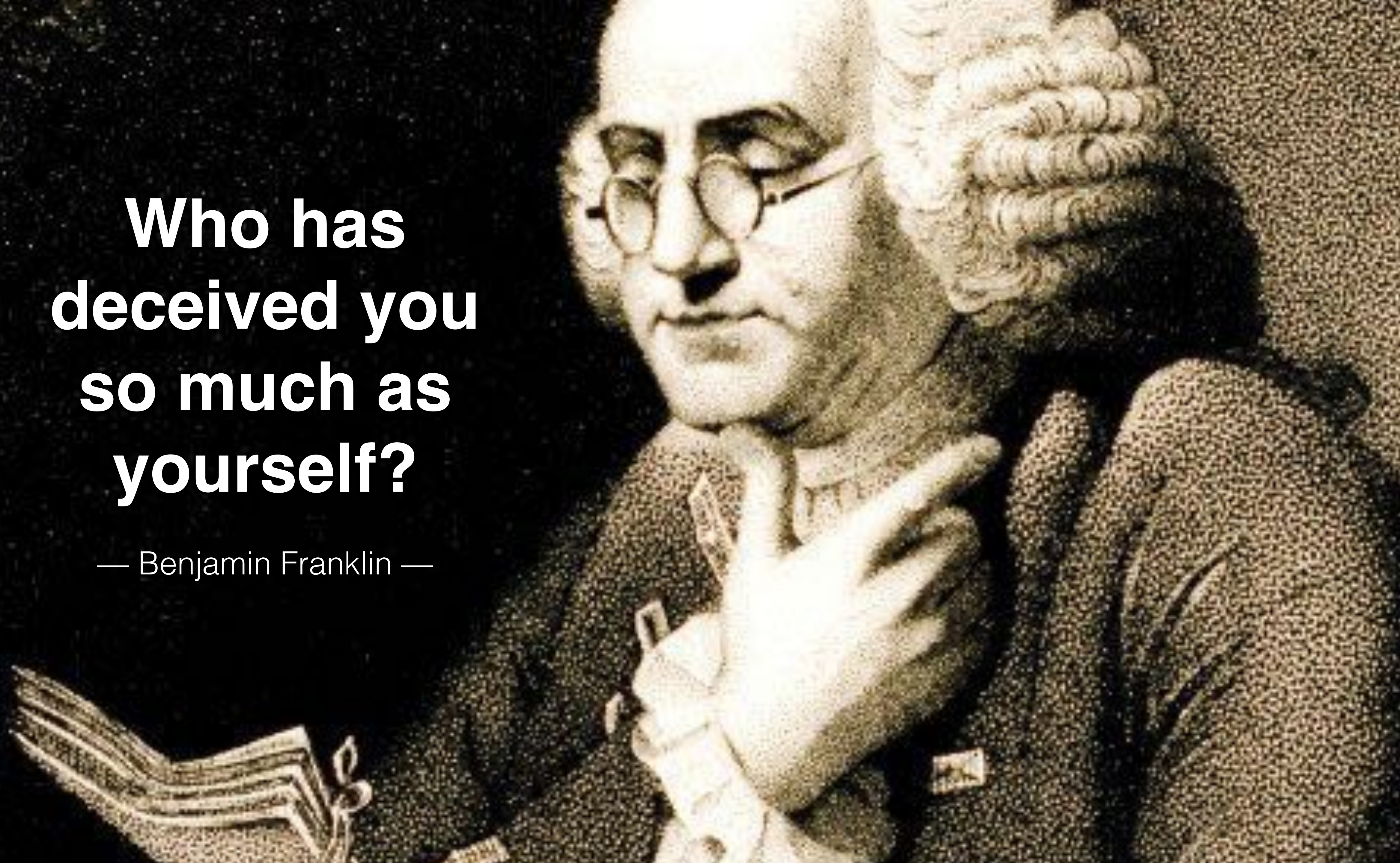
**You can fool  
yourself, you know.  
You'd think it's  
impossible, but it  
turns out it's the  
easiest thing of all.**

— Jodi Picoult, Author —



**Who has  
deceived you  
so much as  
yourself?**

— Benjamin Franklin —







**The lies we tell  
other people are  
nothing to the lies  
we tell ourselves.**

— Derek Landy, Author —



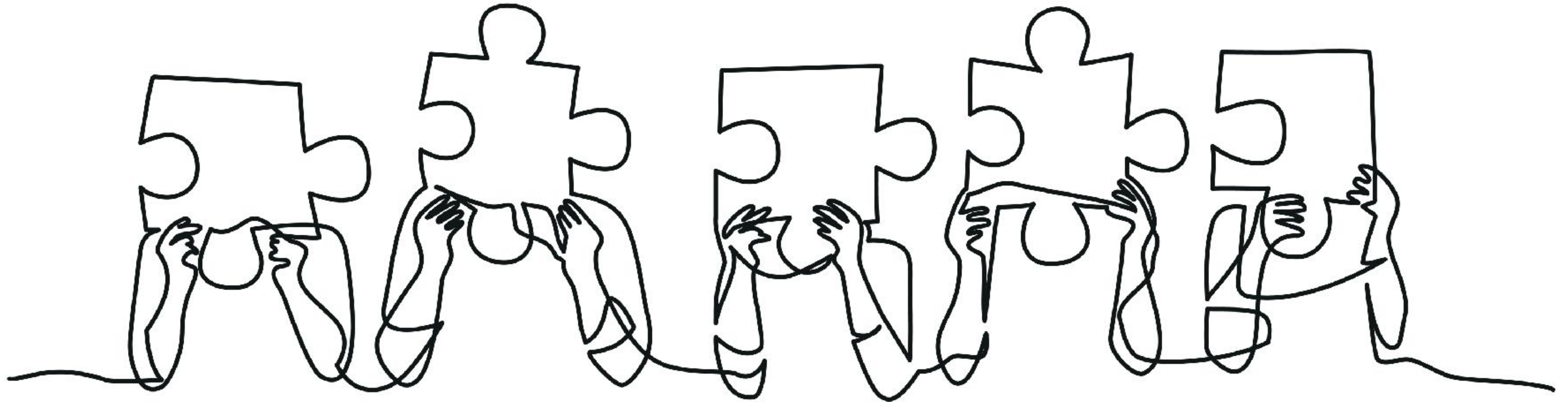
# ONE ANOTHER-ING

**Putting Into Practice Jesus' New Way of Being Human Together**

\_\_\_\_ New Series at Mercy Hill Church \_\_\_\_



# Putting Into Practice Jesus' New Way of Being Human Together



Love One Another  
Welcome One Another  
Show Hospitality to One Another  
Serve One Another

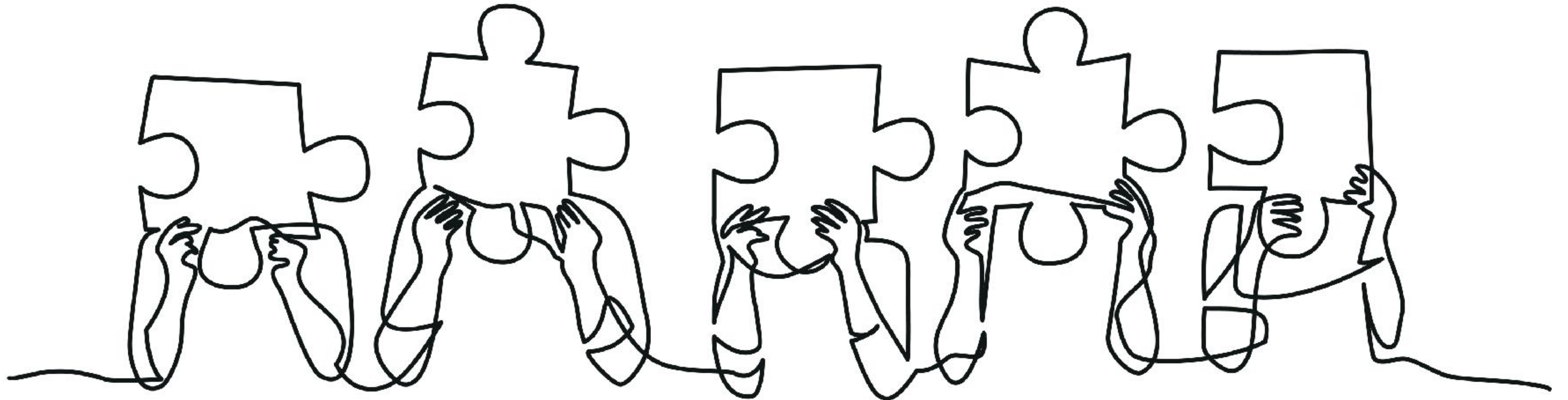
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**Christianity is Inherently  
a Relational Spirituality**





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Hebrews 3:11-12

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**12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**



**The Book of Hebrews was written to a group of primarily Jewish believers in Jesus who are feeling the pressure—outright persecution—to turn away from following Jesus. This document is a call to perseverance in the face of ongoing difficulties, temptations, and trials.**





A person wearing a red robe is shown from the side, holding a large, thick book open. The scene is set against a warm, golden sunset background. The person's hand is visible at the bottom, holding the book. The text is overlaid on the upper part of the image.

**Therefore we must pay much  
closer attention to what we have  
heard, lest we drift away from it.**

— Hebrews 2:1 —



## Hebrews 3:11-12

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12 **Take care,** brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

**“to watch out for, to be aware of, to see to something”**



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12 **Take care, brothers,** lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.



**“brothers and sisters”**

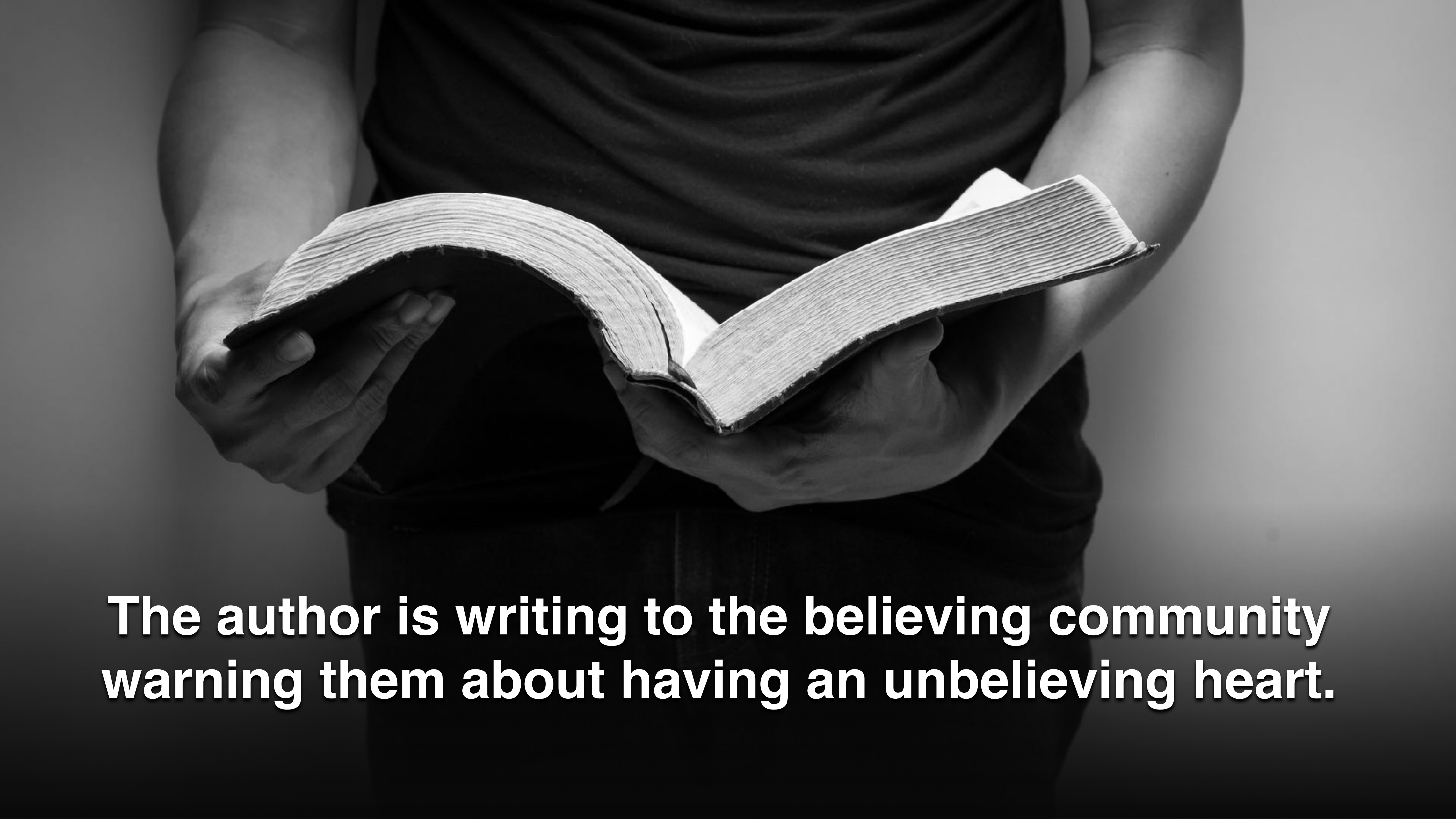


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**12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.**





**The author is writing to the believing community warning them about having an unbelieving heart.**



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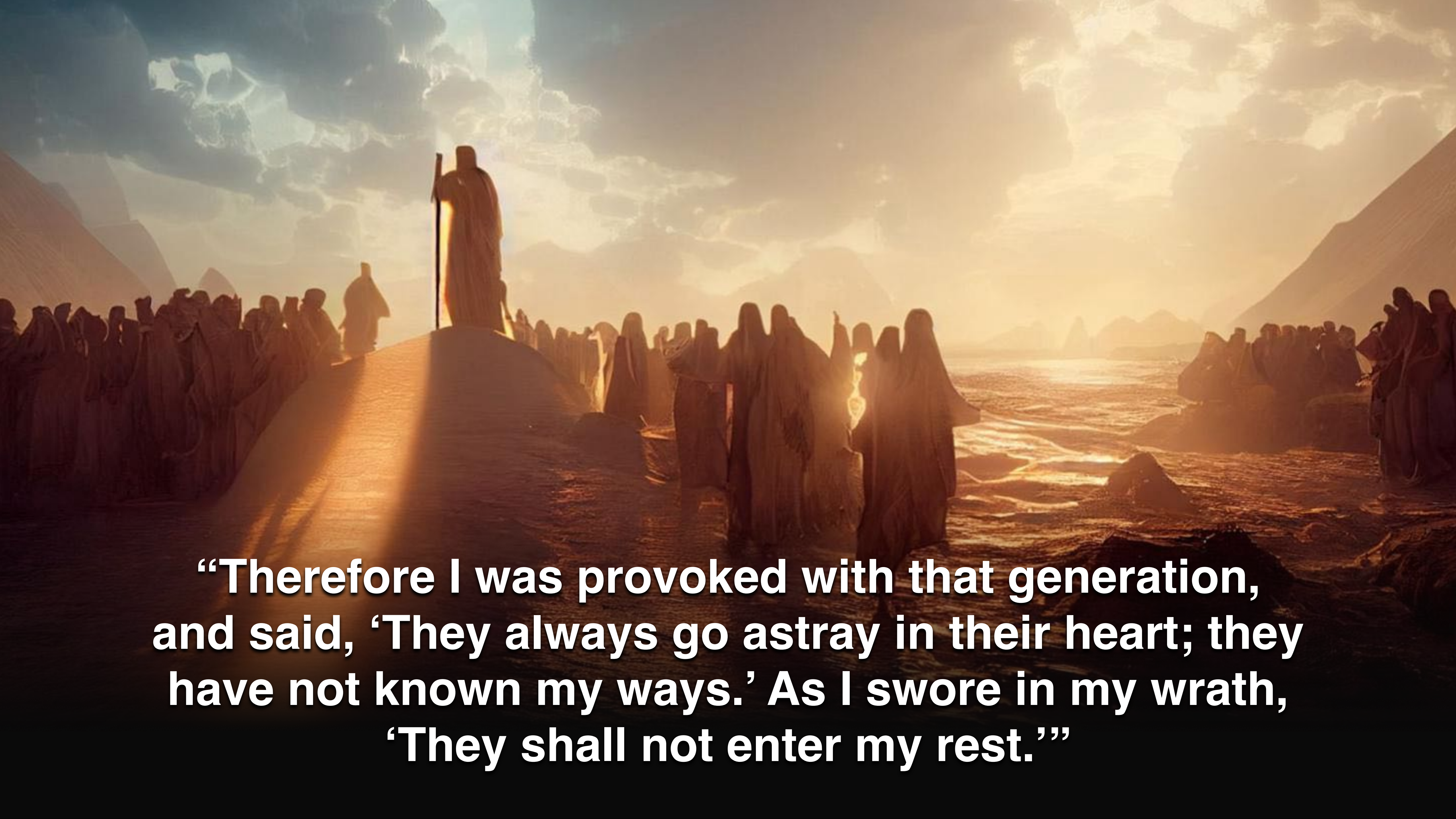
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**Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years.**





**“Therefore I was provoked with that generation,  
and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart; they  
have not known my ways.’ As I swore in my wrath,  
‘They shall not enter my rest.’”**



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**APOSTASY**



**Apostasy is the act  
of falling away  
from the living God.**



**Don't we believe in  
'eternal security?'  
You know, 'once  
saved always saved?'**





# The Perseverance of the Saints

Those who are truly saved by  
God's grace will persevere  
to the end.





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13 But **exhort** one another every day as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



**Exhort = parakalew**

**“to come alongside someone to encourage them, to urge, to console, to cheer up, to invite or to summon”**





# Nebraska Teen Runner Helps Competitor Finish Race After He Collapsed, Giving Up His Own Qualifying Hopes

— Jay Slagle - [preprunningnerd.com](http://preprunningnerd.com) - Oct 21, 2021 —



**I have sent him [i.e.,  
Tychicus]...that he  
may encourage  
your hearts.**

— The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:22 —





**Encourage one another  
and build one another up,  
just as you are doing.**

— The Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 —





**And we urge you...,  
encourage the faint-  
hearted, help the weak,  
be patient with them all.**

— The Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:14 —





Hebrews 3:11-12

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13 But **exhort one another** every day as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be **hardened** by **the deceitfulness of sin.**





**The heart is deceitful  
above all things, and  
desperately sick. Who  
can understand it?**

— Jeremiah 17:9 —



**I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.**



— The Apostle Paul in Romans 7:15ff —



**For I know that good  
itself does not dwell in  
me, that is, in my sinful  
nature. For I have the  
desire to do what is good,  
but I cannot carry it out.  
For I do not do the good  
I want to do, but the evil  
I do not want to do—this  
I keep on doing.**



— The Apostle Paul in Romans 7:15ff —



**Now if I do what I do not  
want to do, it is no longer  
I who do it, but it is sin  
living in me that does it.  
So I find this law at work:  
Although I want to do  
good, evil is right there  
with me.**



— The Apostle Paul in Romans 7:15ff —



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13 But exhort one another every day as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

But encourage one another day after day,  
as long as it is still called “Today”....

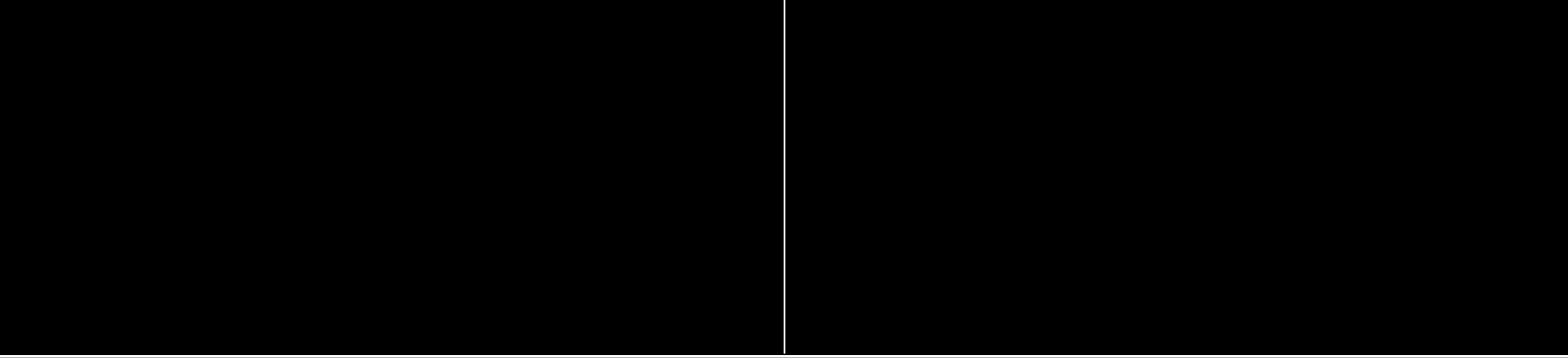
— The New American Standard Bible —



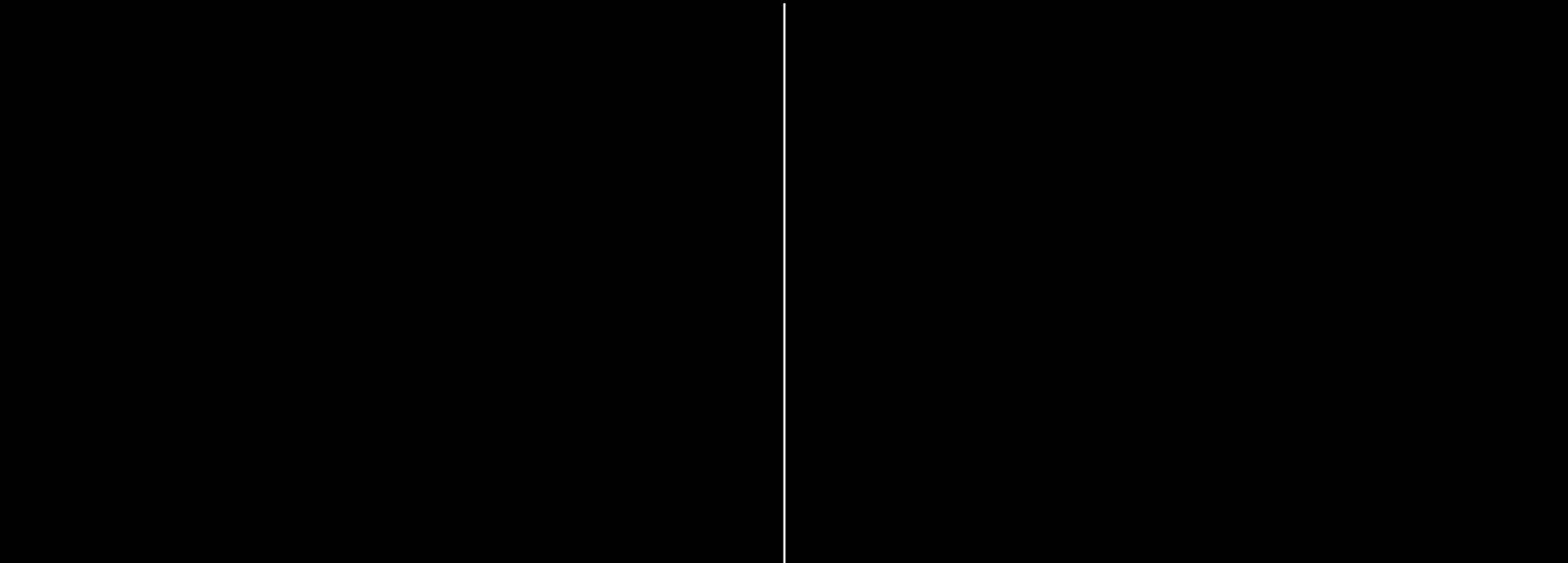


**The Scriptures Envision Us Being a  
Part of a Community of Faith Where We Are  
Regularly—Even Daily—Encouraged  
to Pursue Christ Together No Matter What**





**We are Meant to Thrive in a Community  
in which We Encourage One Another  
to Become All that We Are Meant to be  
as We Follow Jesus Together**





**What if you were  
to develop a  
healthy suspicion  
of yourself?**







— Paul David Tripp —  
Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

**We would all like to  
think that no one  
knows our hearts  
better than we do. We  
would like to believe  
that others may be self-  
deceived, but we are  
not. It's simply not true.**





— Paul David Tripp —  
Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

**Since sin is in its  
essence deceptive, as  
long as sin lives in our  
hearts, we will tend to  
be blind to the true  
condition of our hearts.**





— Paul David Tripp —  
Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

**But more must be said.  
Not only will we be  
blind to our hearts, but  
we will be blind to our  
blindness, thinking  
we see when  
we really don't.**



**The seeds of every known sin  
lay dormant in our hearts.**

— Robert Murray McCheyne (1813-1843) —







**Prone to wander  
Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave  
the God I love**

“Come Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”  
by Robert Robertson



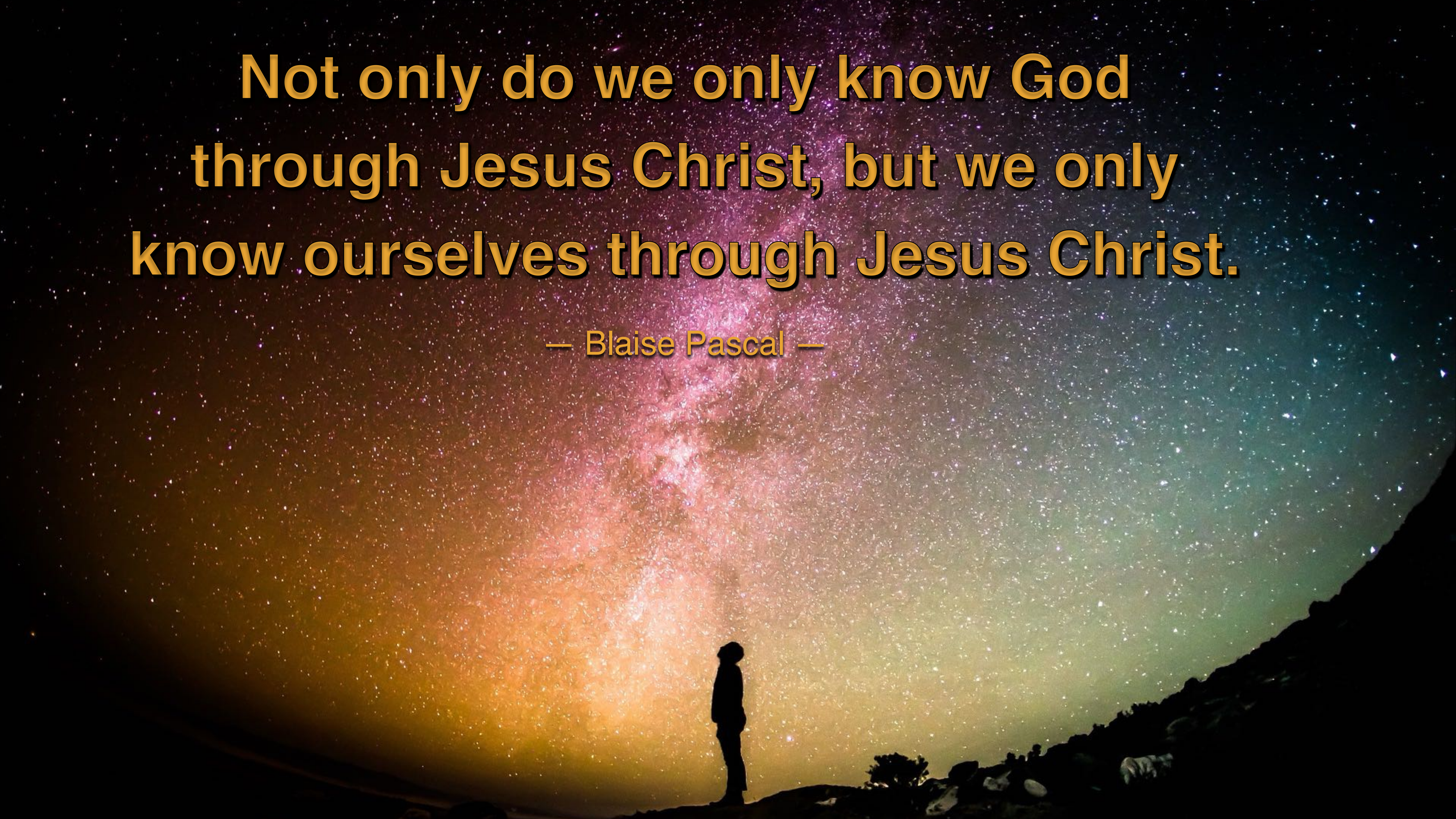


**Let Us Live Closely To Jesus  
And To Jesus' People**




**Not only do we only know God  
through Jesus Christ, but we only  
know ourselves through Jesus Christ.**

— Blaise Pascal —



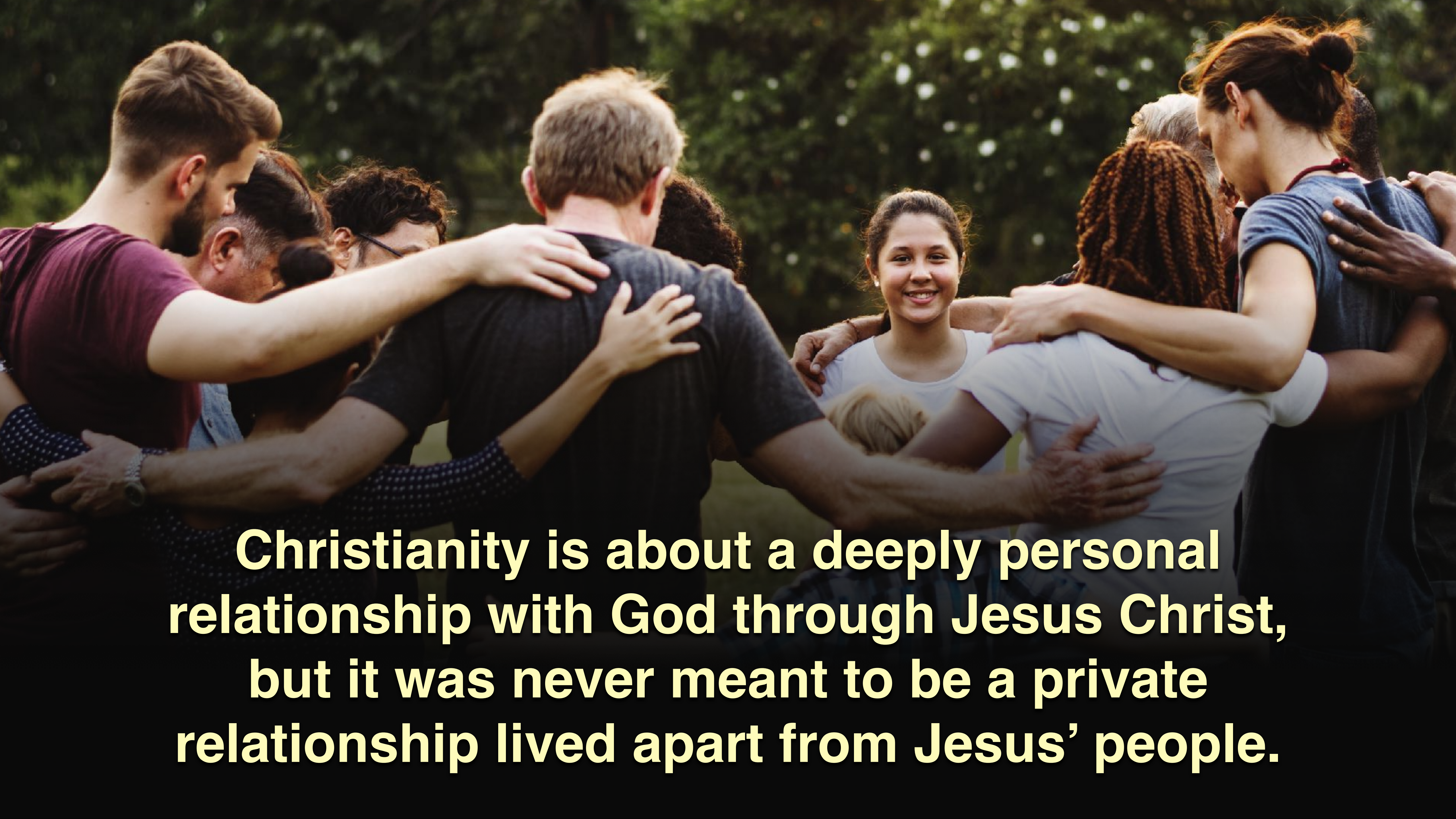




**...the Son of God...  
loved me, and gave  
Himself for me.**

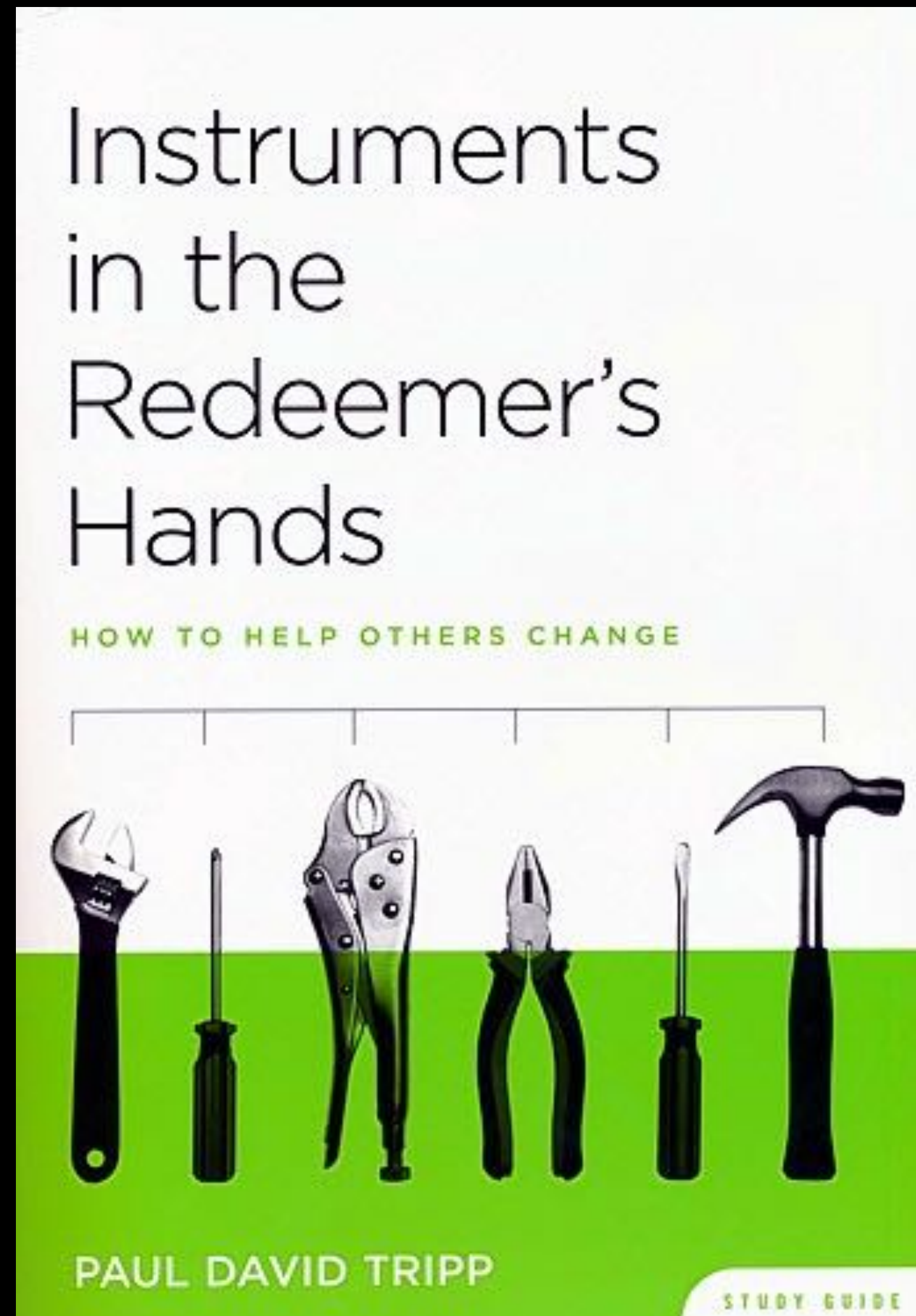
The Apostle Paul  
— Galatians 2:20 —





**Christianity is about a deeply personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, but it was never meant to be a private relationship lived apart from Jesus' people.**





**The Hebrews passage clearly teaches that personal insight is a product of community. I need you in order to really see and know myself. Otherwise, I will listen to my own arguments, believe my own lies, and buy into my own delusions.**



# Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands

HOW TO HELP OTHERS CHANGE



PAUL DAVID TRIPP

STUDY GUIDE

**My self-perception is as accurate as a carnival mirror. If I am going to see myself clearly, I need you to hold the mirror of God's Word in front of me.**





**Let's Pursue A Relational Spirituality**





We spend too much  
precious time and  
energy managing  
perception and  
creating carefully  
edited versions of  
ourselves to show  
to the world.

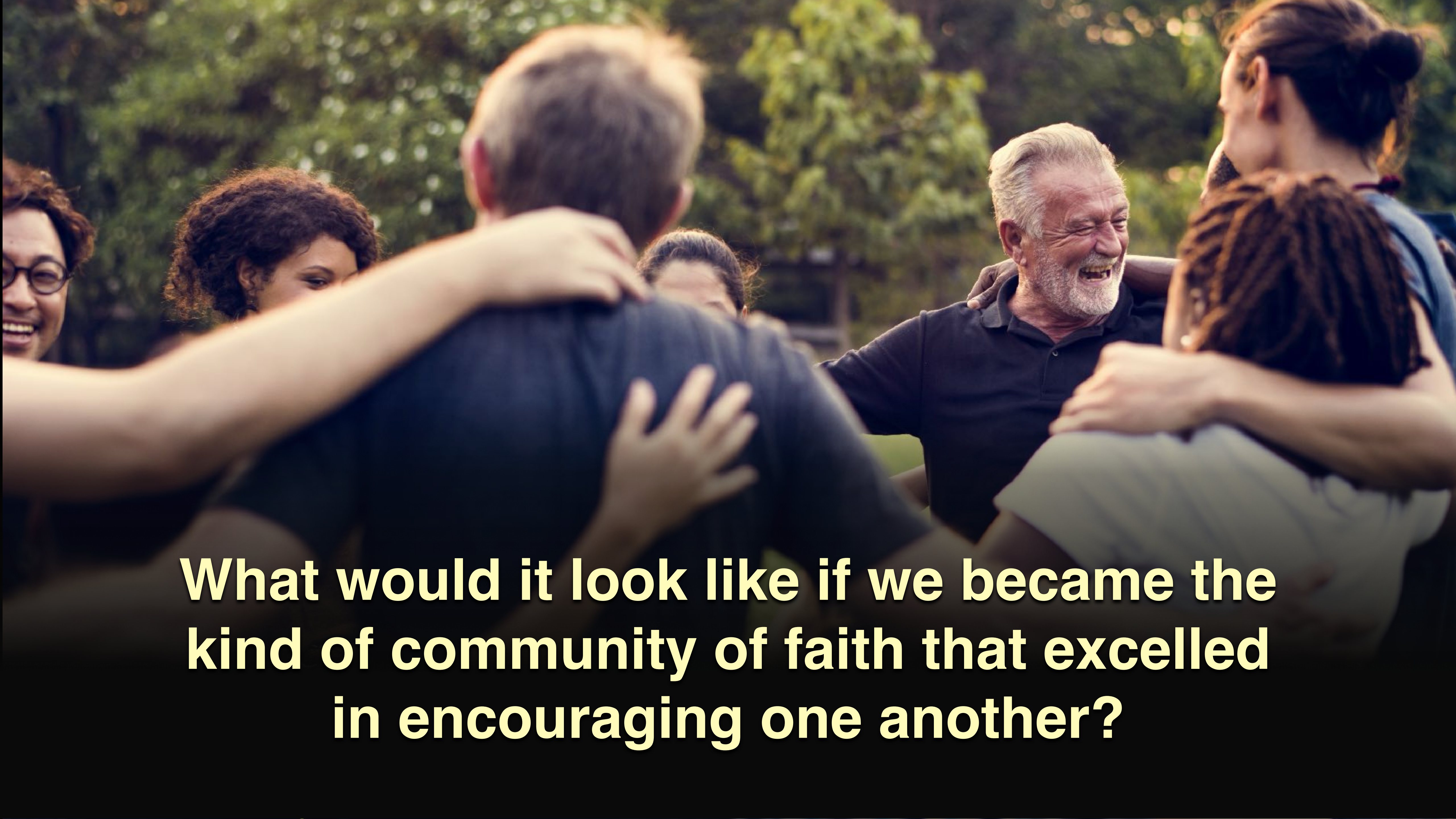
— Brené Brown —



# THE CREAM CHEESE STORY







**What would it look like if we became the kind of community of faith that excelled in encouraging one another?**



**Encourage one another  
and build one another up,  
just as you are doing.**

— The Apostle Paul —  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

