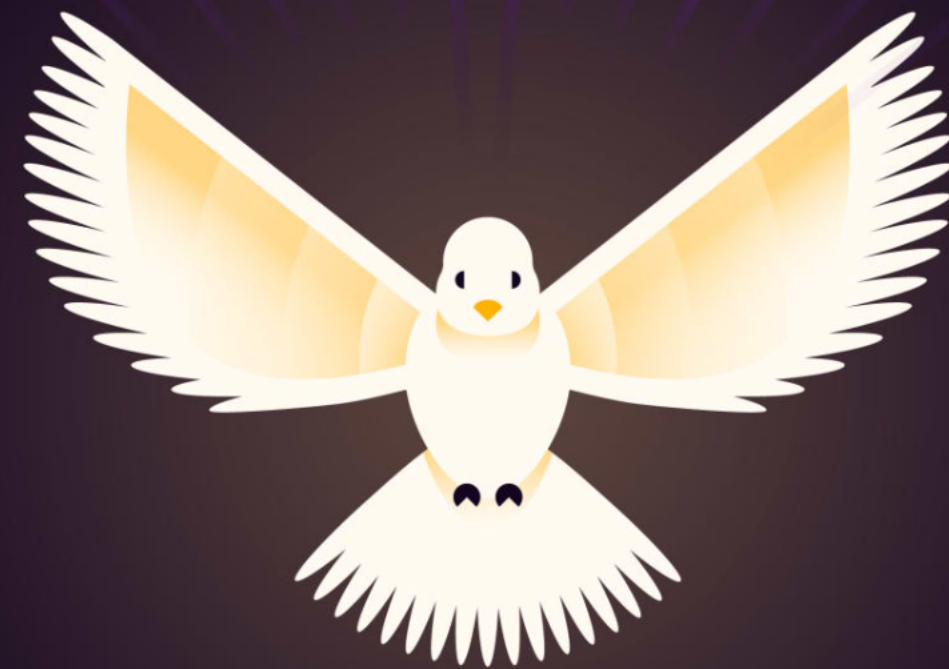




SCRIPTURE READING

# JOHN 13:31-14:6

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# Discouraged Ambition

Something you can't seem to achieve,  
but you'd rather be a failure than give up on  
the ambition.

You'd be more discouraged or ashamed to  
give up the ideal than actually falling short of it.

Or:

You love the ideal more than success.



# Irreligious betrayal



*"Love one  
another as I  
have loved  
you."*

# Faithless betrayal





The New Command:

Love one another  
**as** Jesus loved us.



# **John 13**

## **A Discouraged Ambition**

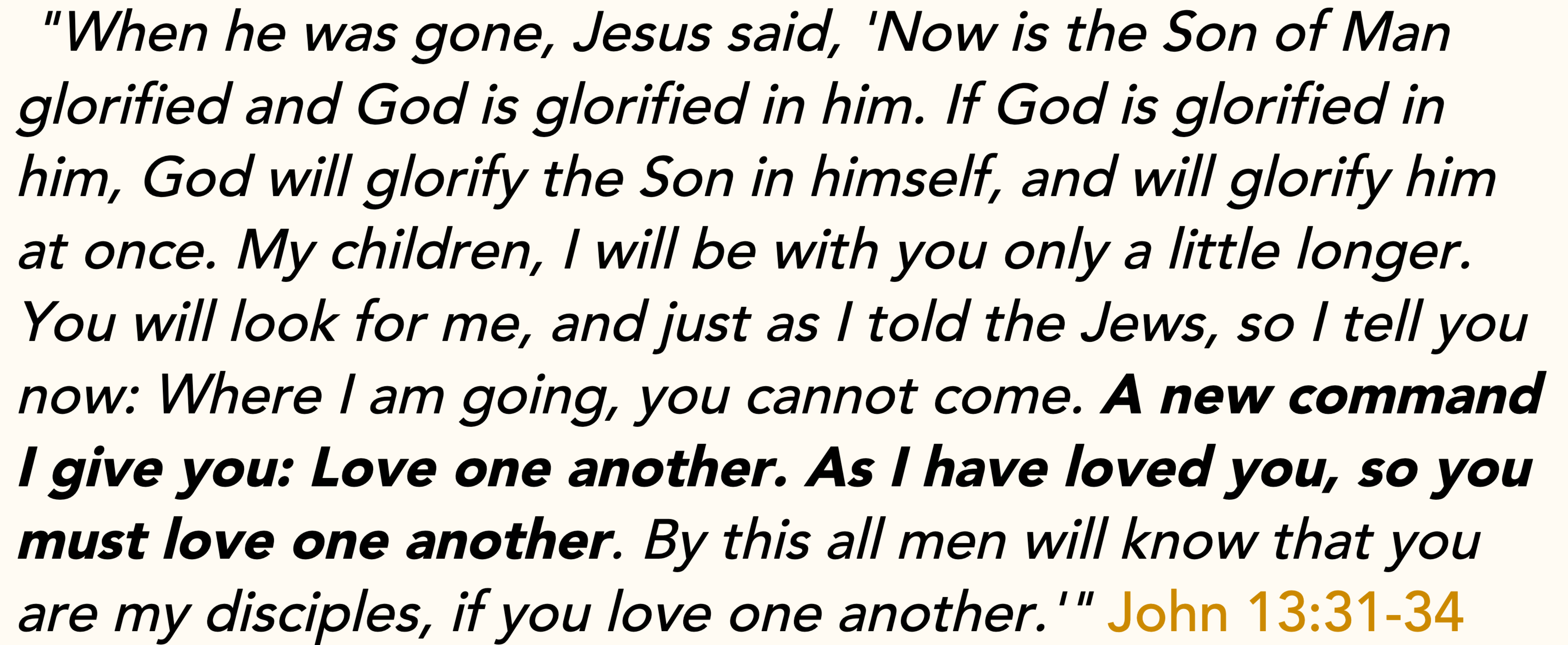
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## **A Hopeful Way**




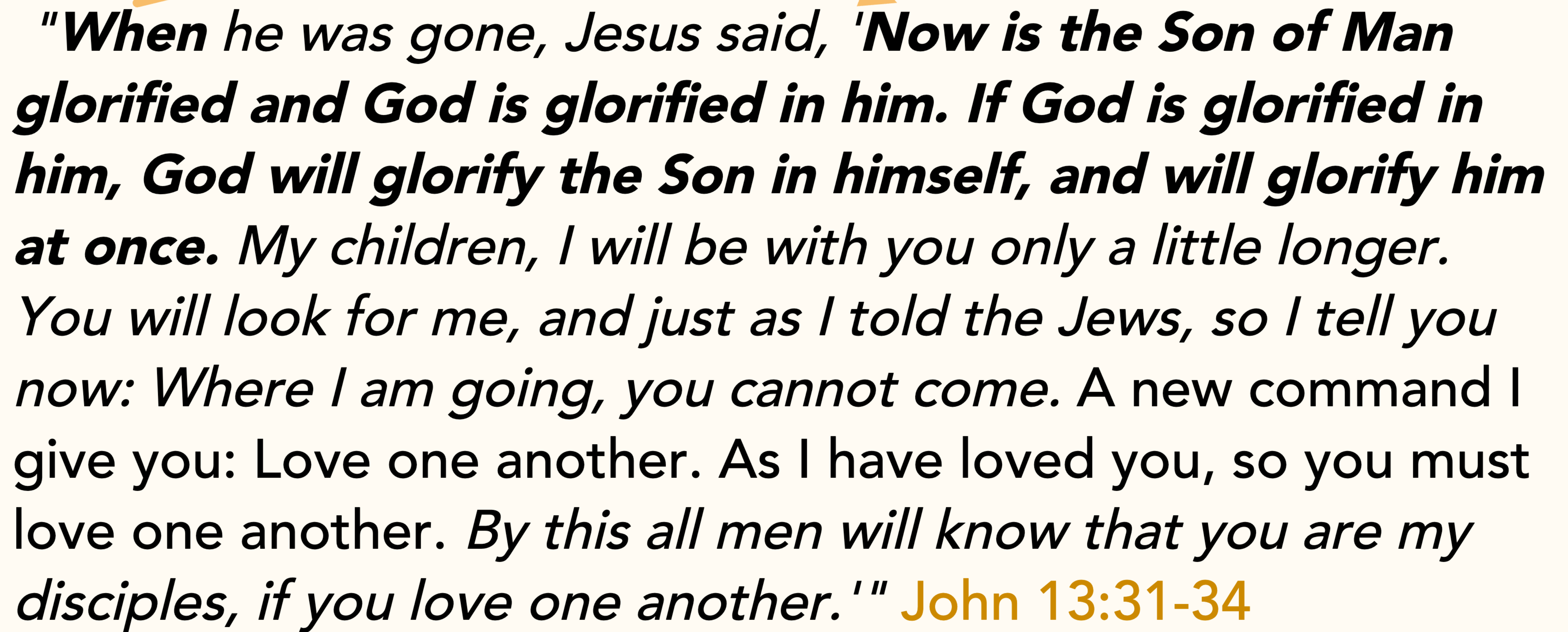
## P O I N T 1

**Loving one  
another is the  
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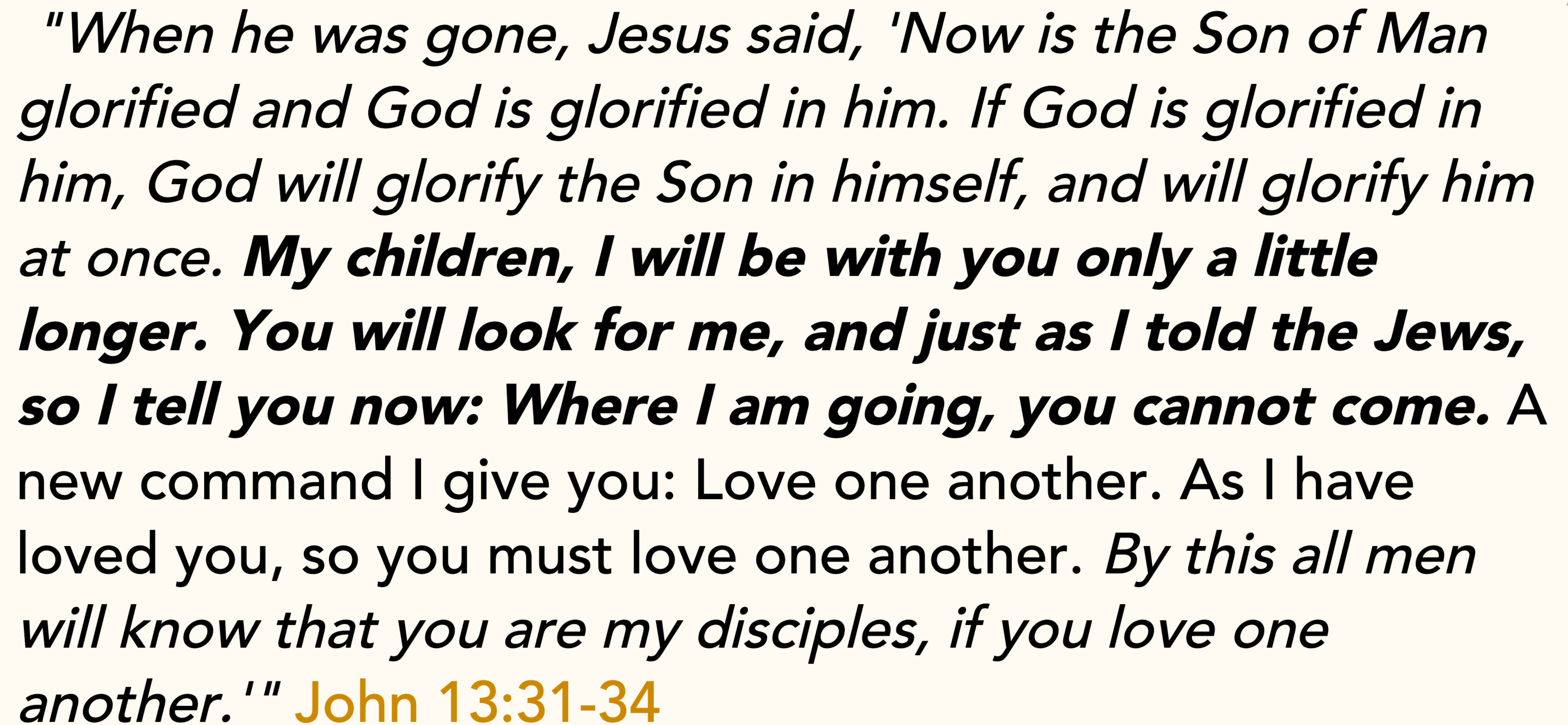


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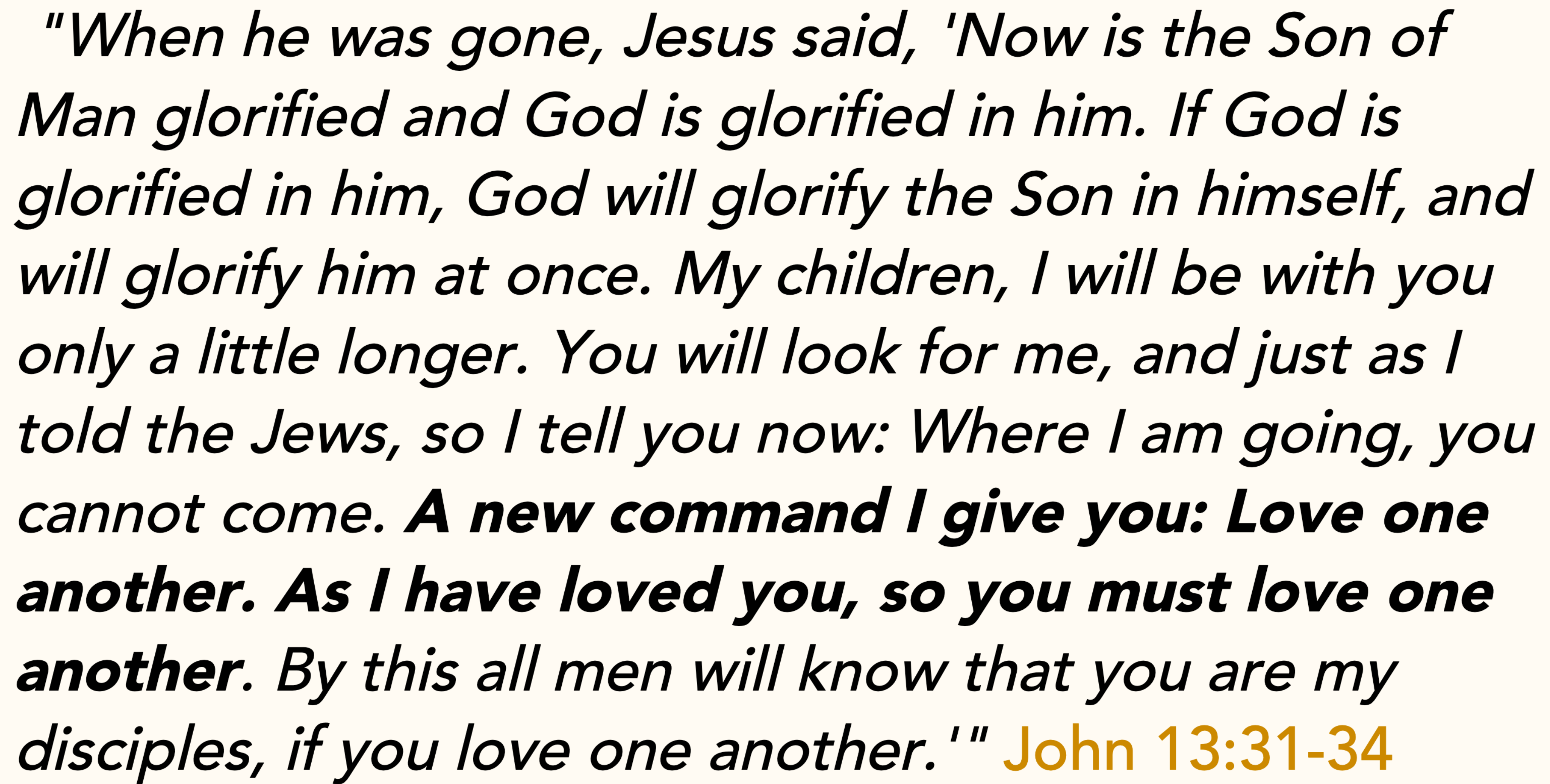


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# Spiritual Family

Examples: John 13:34, 1 John 14-16, Galatians 6:10

Spiritual family has a primacy loving and acts as family has in social relations.





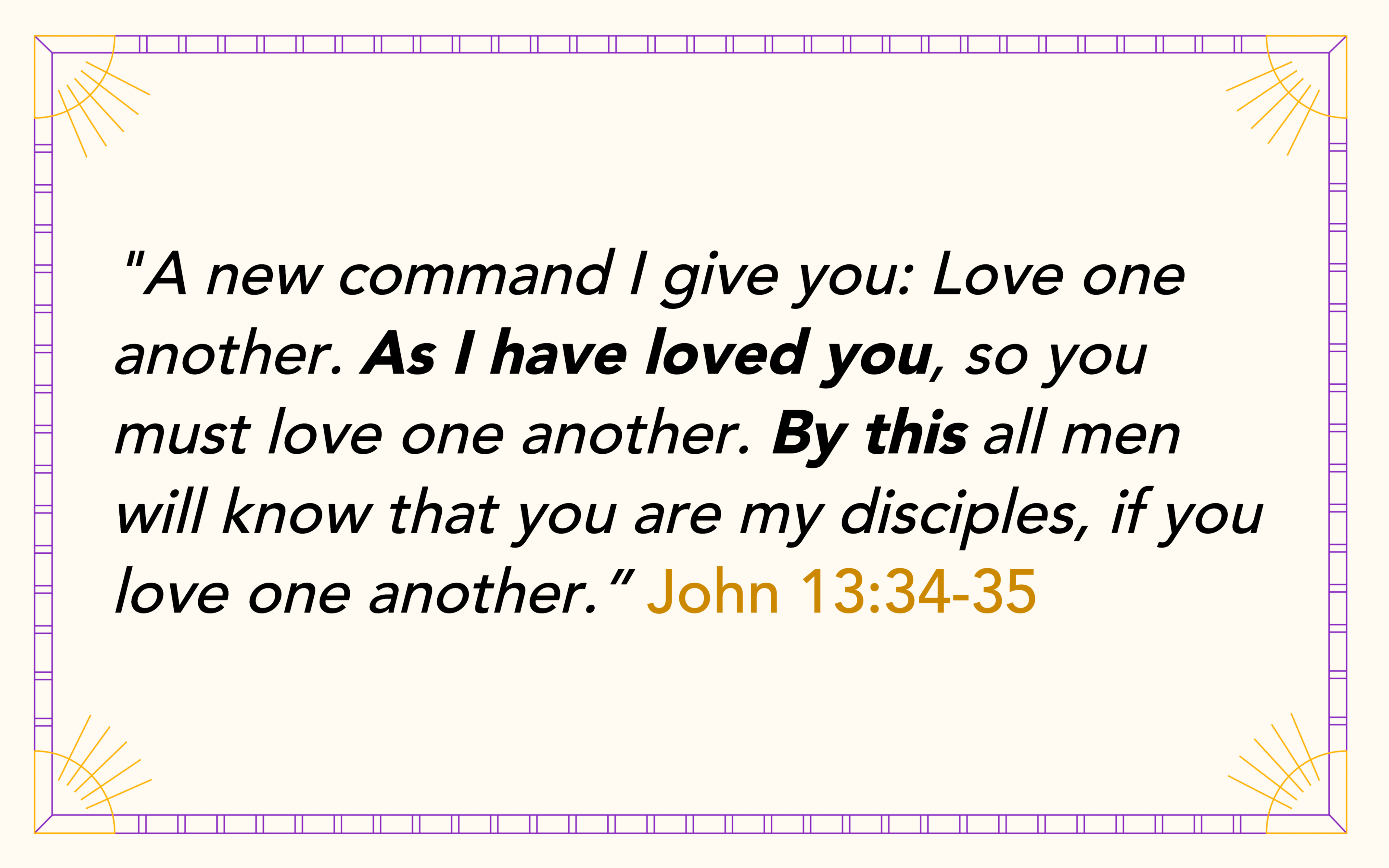
# Application:

Loving one another in the spiritual family of disciples like Jesus is the way of discipleship in Jesus' physical absence.

## P O I N T 2

Loving one another  
must be **in the**  
**character of Jesus**





*"A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"* John 13:34-35



Love must be in Jesus' image,  
not Jesus in love's image.

Jesus came to reveal authentic love;  
love did not come to reveal the  
authentic Jesus.



# Love

Love is to serve the true good of another  
in the light of the grace and truth  
supremely revealed in Jesus the Christ.

# Character of Jesus' Love:

Grace and truth

Spirit and truth

Sacrificial humility

The Father's will

Seek first his kingdom and righteousness

Do not love the world

Confrontation and encouragement (not affirmation)

A start. Read the whole Bible...



# Counterfeits of Jesus' Love:

Empathy instead of compassion  
Affirmation instead of encouragement  
Interest without sacrifice  
Loving the world, hating your neighbor  
High ideals, inconstant exercises  
Passionate desire, no time to spare  
Objects of gain, not persons of worth

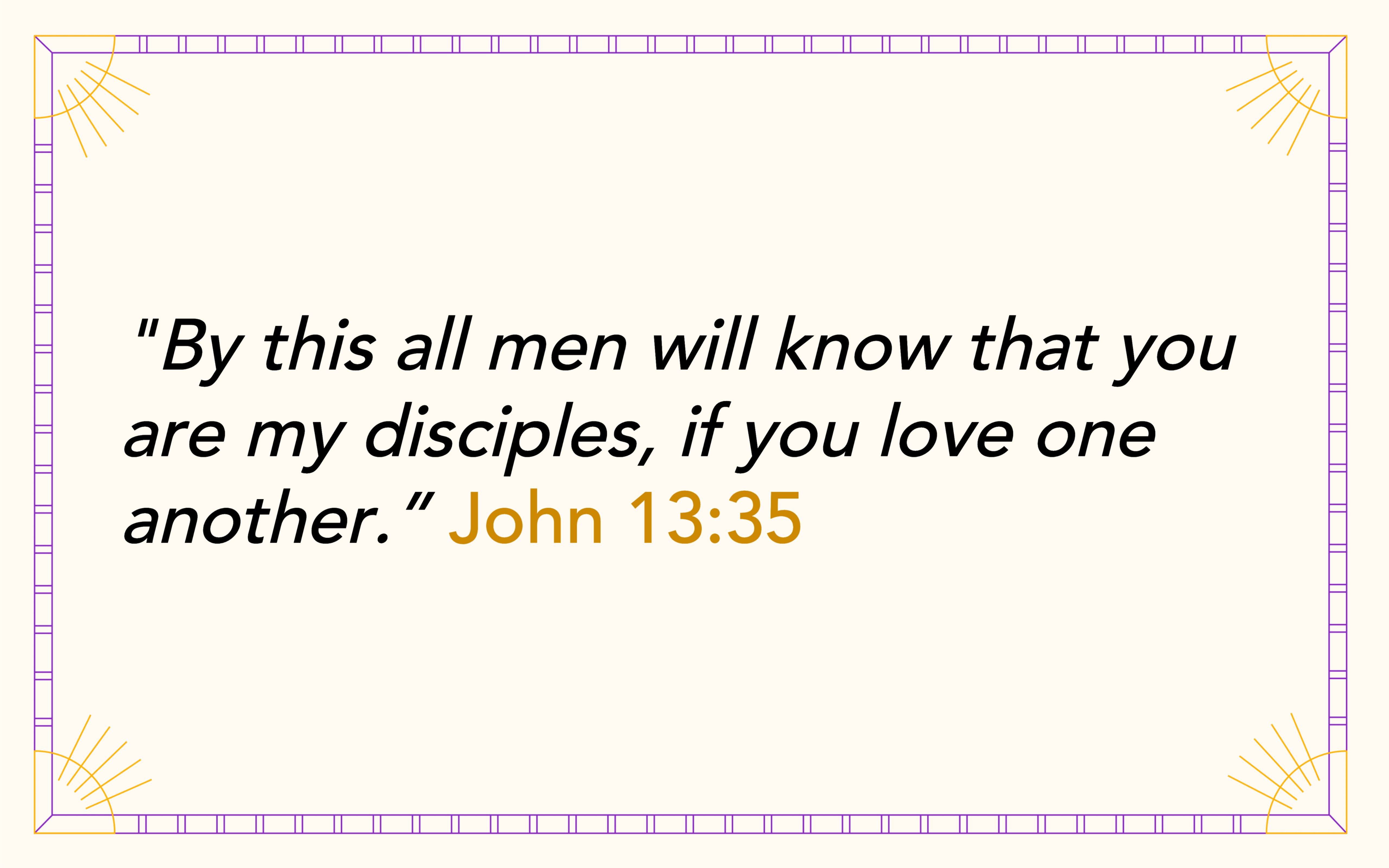
Don't expect the flesh or world to  
promote "hate" - expect it to redefine love

## POINT 3

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Loving one another is  
the **public proof** of  
discipleship





*"By this all men will know that you  
are my disciples, if you love one  
another."* John 13:35

# Love as Authentication

## Undeniable Love

Jesus' love has the power of an authenticating proof the we beleive in him.

## Deniable Love

Traditionalism, politics, moralism, legalism, insularity, self-righteousness, & self-help proves we're like everyone else.

# Uncommon love bridges:

Housing people: interns, engaged, single, in need

Adoption, fostering, sheltering (safe families)

Supporting refugees (Case de Fe)

Hosting churches in our building

Multiethnic partnerships

Financial generosity to unconnected ministries

Solidarity with attacked brothers and sisters

Walking with someone every week for 2 years

Mentoring and discipling younger believers

Sharing breastmilk with a mom in need



# Common Love Gaps:

Avoiding forgiveness and reconciliation  
Tolerating **harm** to those we should protect (vs. **hurt**)  
Accepting dividing walls of hostility  
Avoiding relational stresses  
Status and hierarchically relational interests  
Friendly without friendship  
Seeing people by their worst part (ex. politics)  
Keeping our money, time, privacy, and children "safe"

# Tactic Summary:

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Look closer to you.

Listen, they will tell you.

Make a sanctuary.

Do what no one does.

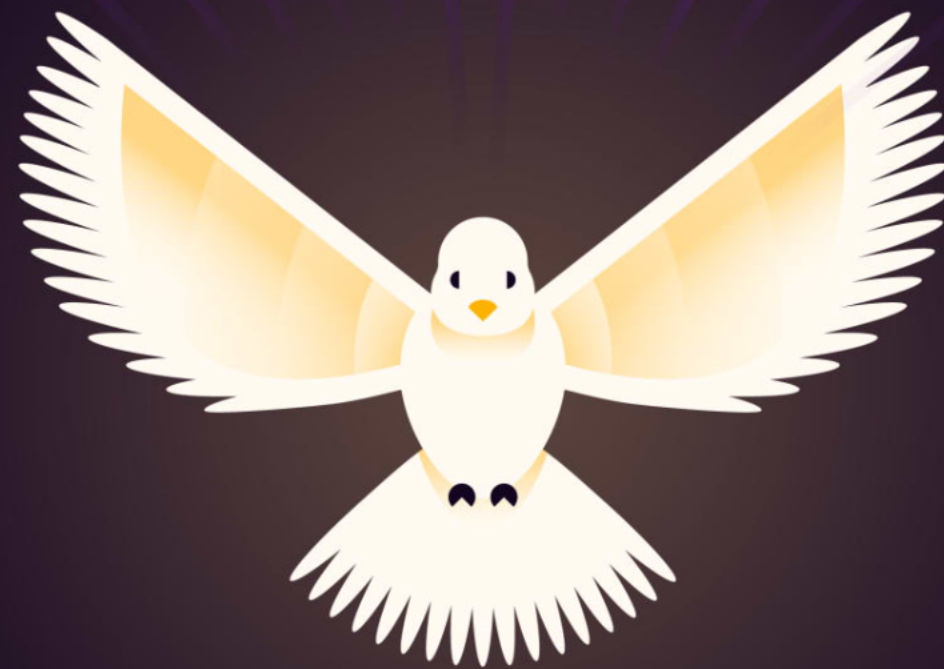
# Discouraged Ambition

Loving each other like Jesus loved us  
is something we will fail at,  
but it is better to be a failure than  
give up the ambition.

And Jesus made clear how He makes  
us able to do it.



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