

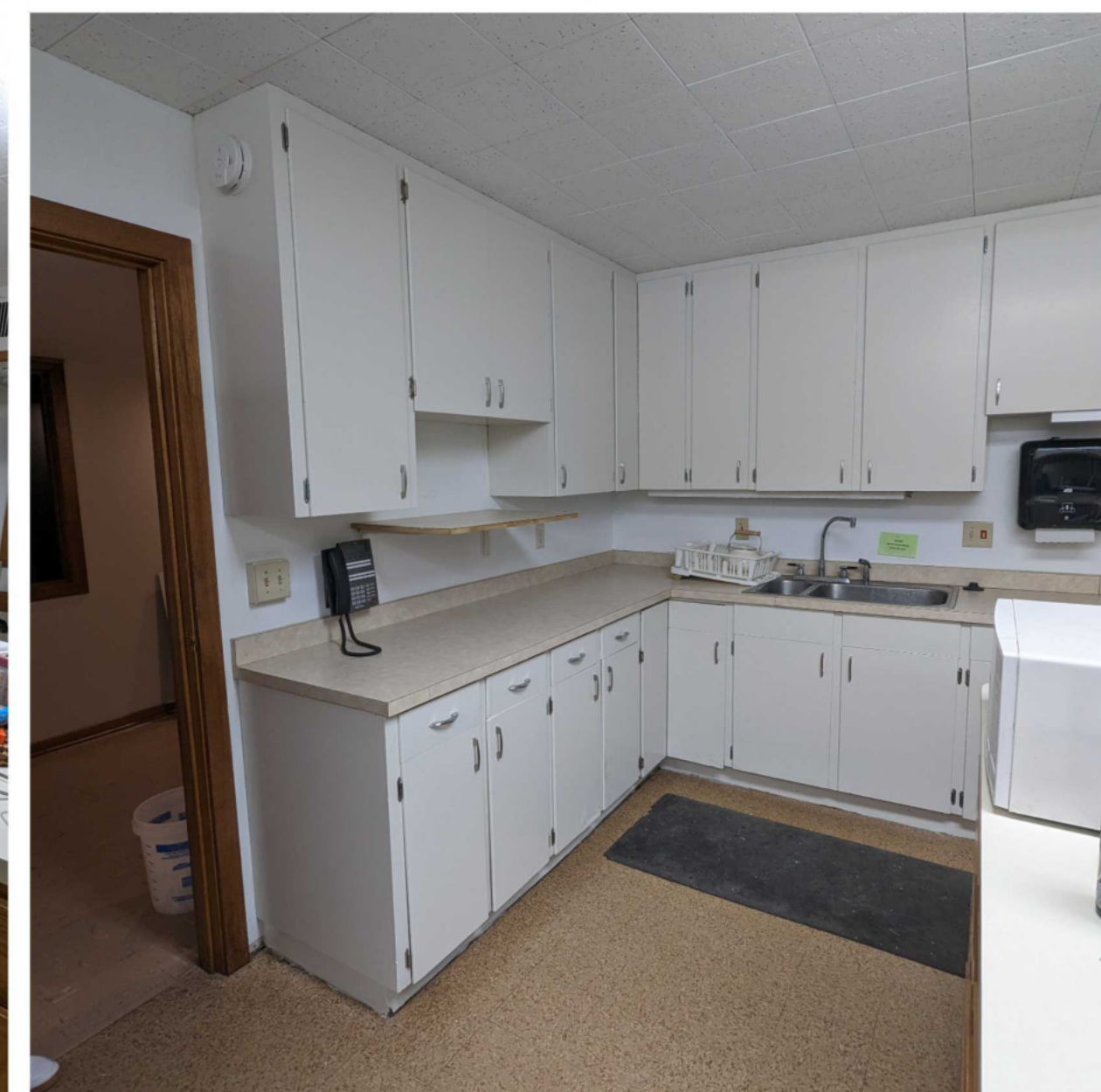
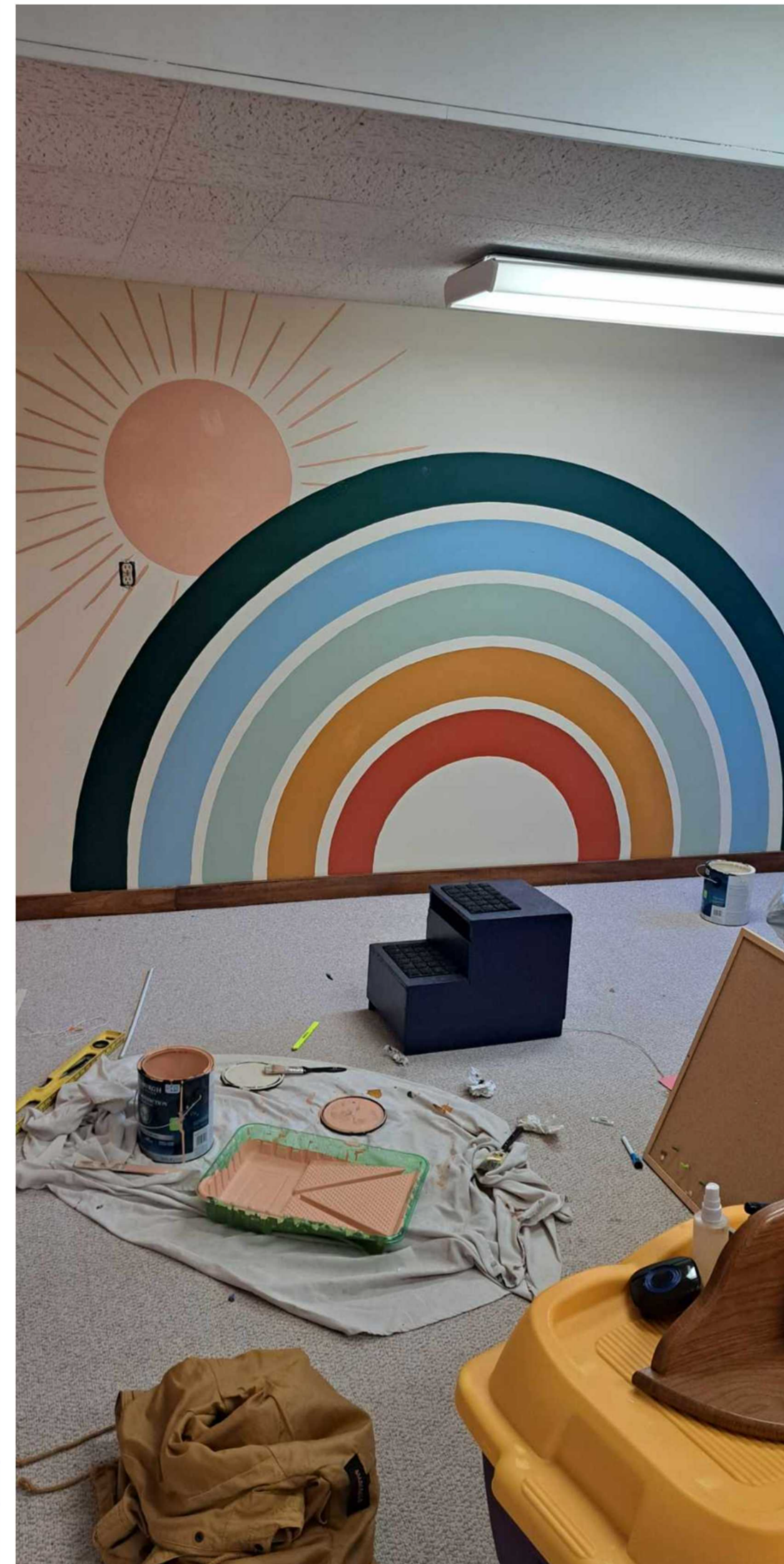
HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY



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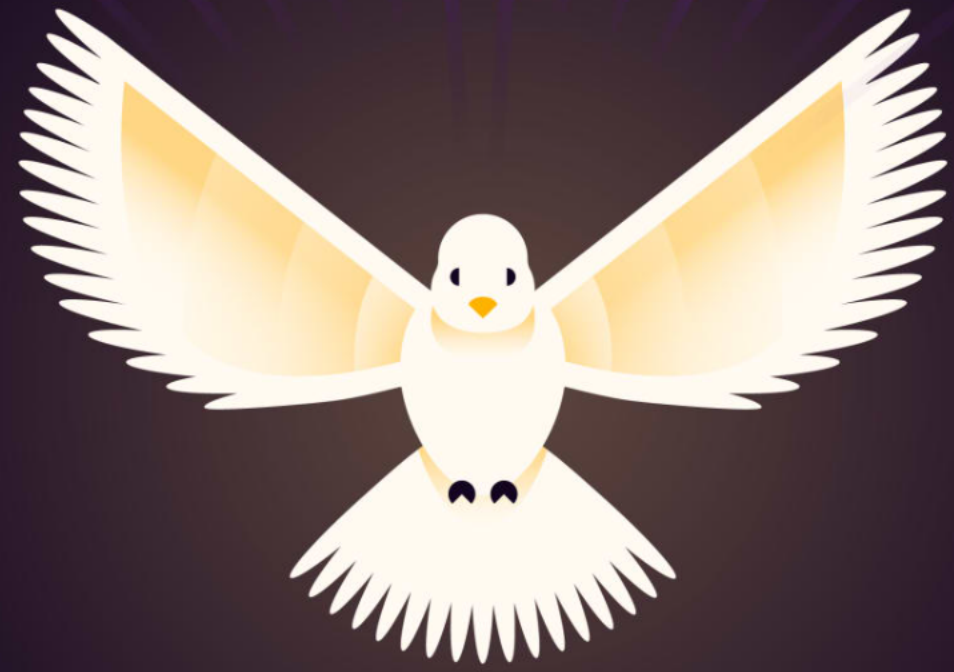




SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 15:10-25

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



— JOHN —

# Does holiness lead to happiness?



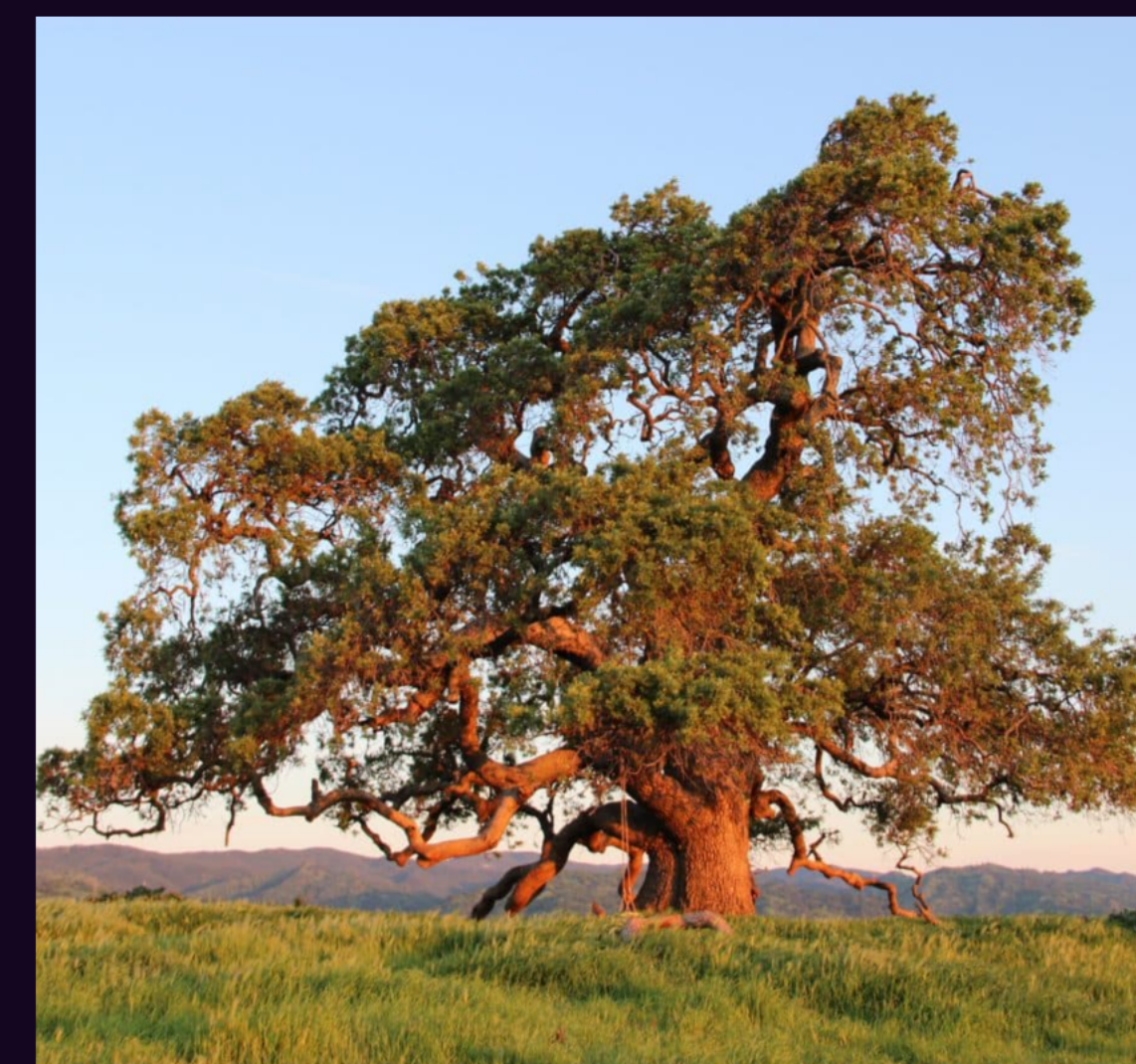




Fullness  
of  
Joy



The  
Greatest  
Love



A  
Lasting  
Legacy



Key Idea

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**Abiding in Jesus'  
love offers abiding  
promise**




He is not only after fruit for himself.

P O I N T 1

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Abiding leads to  
fullness of Joy

*"...that my joy may be in you, and that your  
joy may be full."*



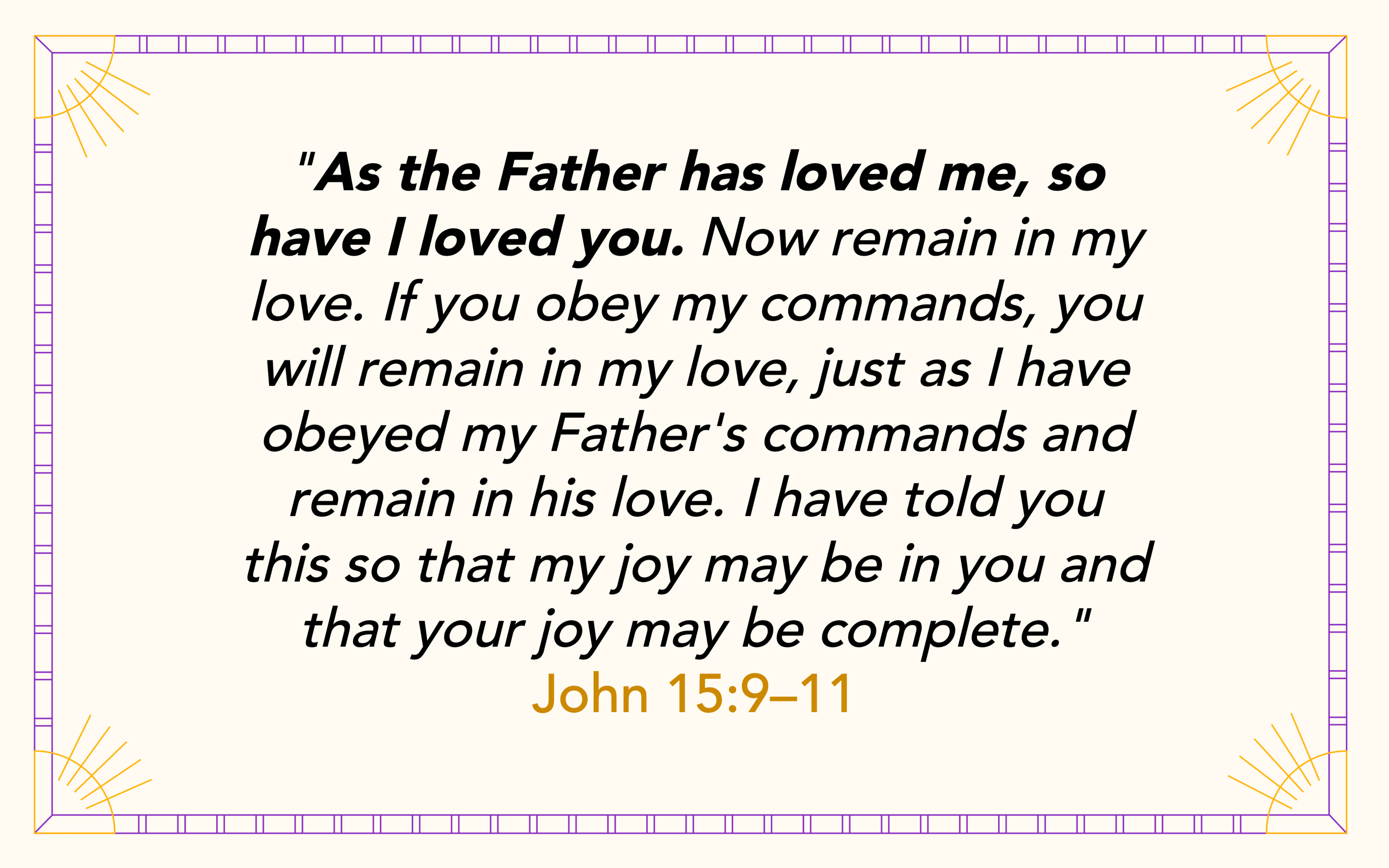
*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."*

**John 15:10–11**

# Is this Gracious?

What assurance can  
come from trying to  
"stay in" God's love?





***"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."***

**John 15:9–11**



Do what you're told  
so you can be happy!



**"Stay in love!"**

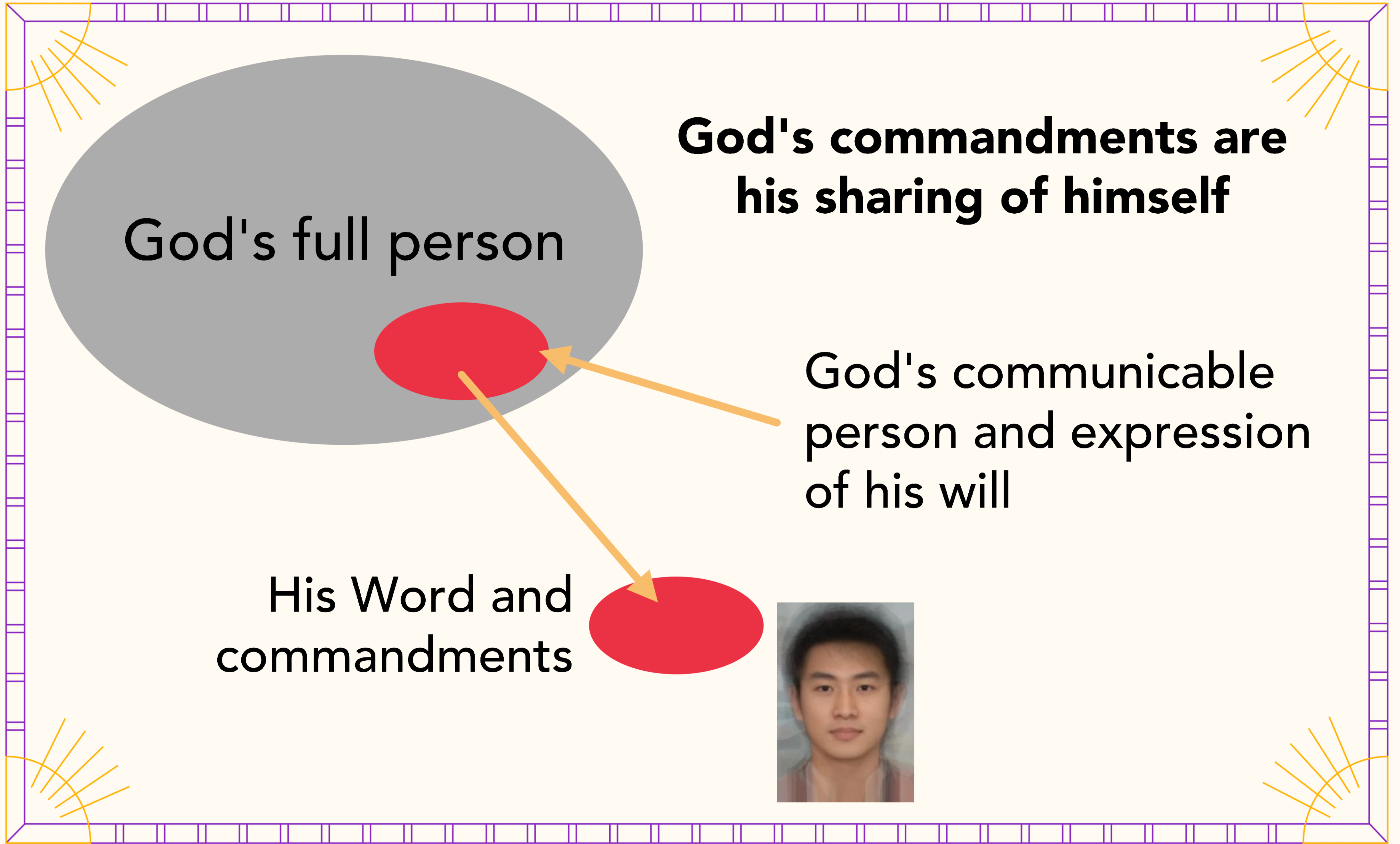


**God's commandments are his sharing of himself**

God's full person

God's communicable person and expression of his will

His Word and commandments



God's full person

God's commandments are his sharing of himself: his goodness, mission, purpose, love...

His Word and commandments

Obedience is our mutual accelerant of God's pleasures in his loving goodness

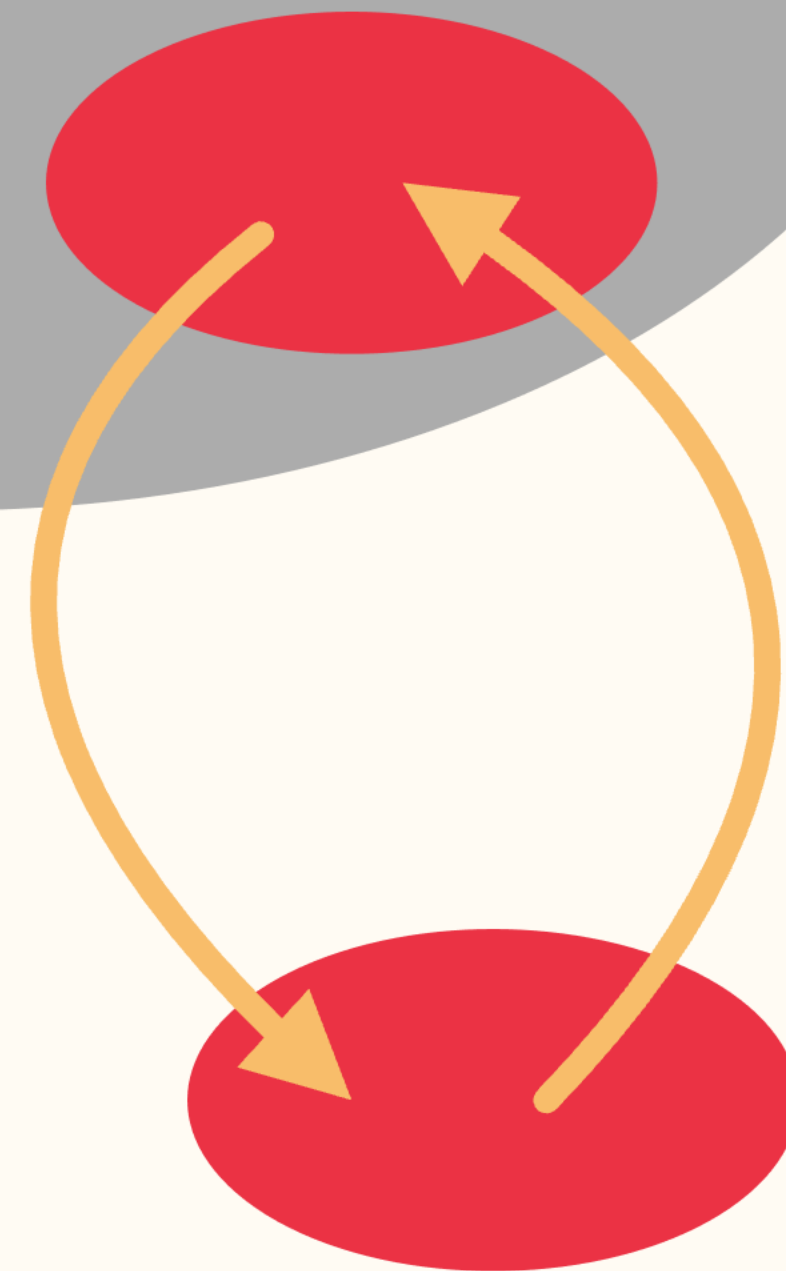


God's full person

Result: Ever increasing  
experience of God's joy  
infusing our joy

Faith becomes a joy  
accelerant

Repentance removes  
joy inhibitors

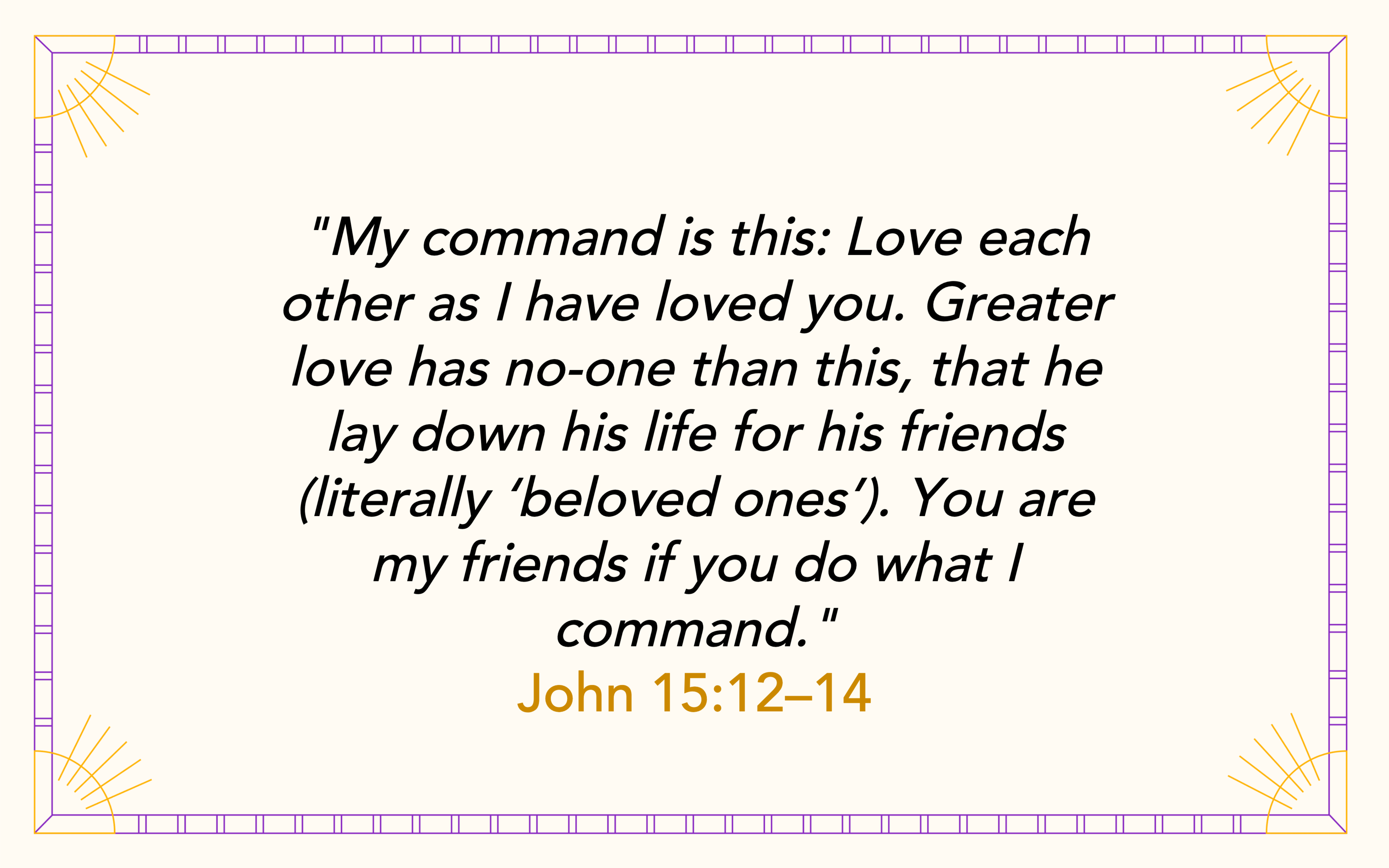


## POINT 2

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**Abiding leads to  
the greatest love**

*"Greater love has no-one than this, that  
he lay down his life for his friends..."*



*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends (literally 'beloved ones'). You are my friends if you do what I command."*

**John 15:12–14**



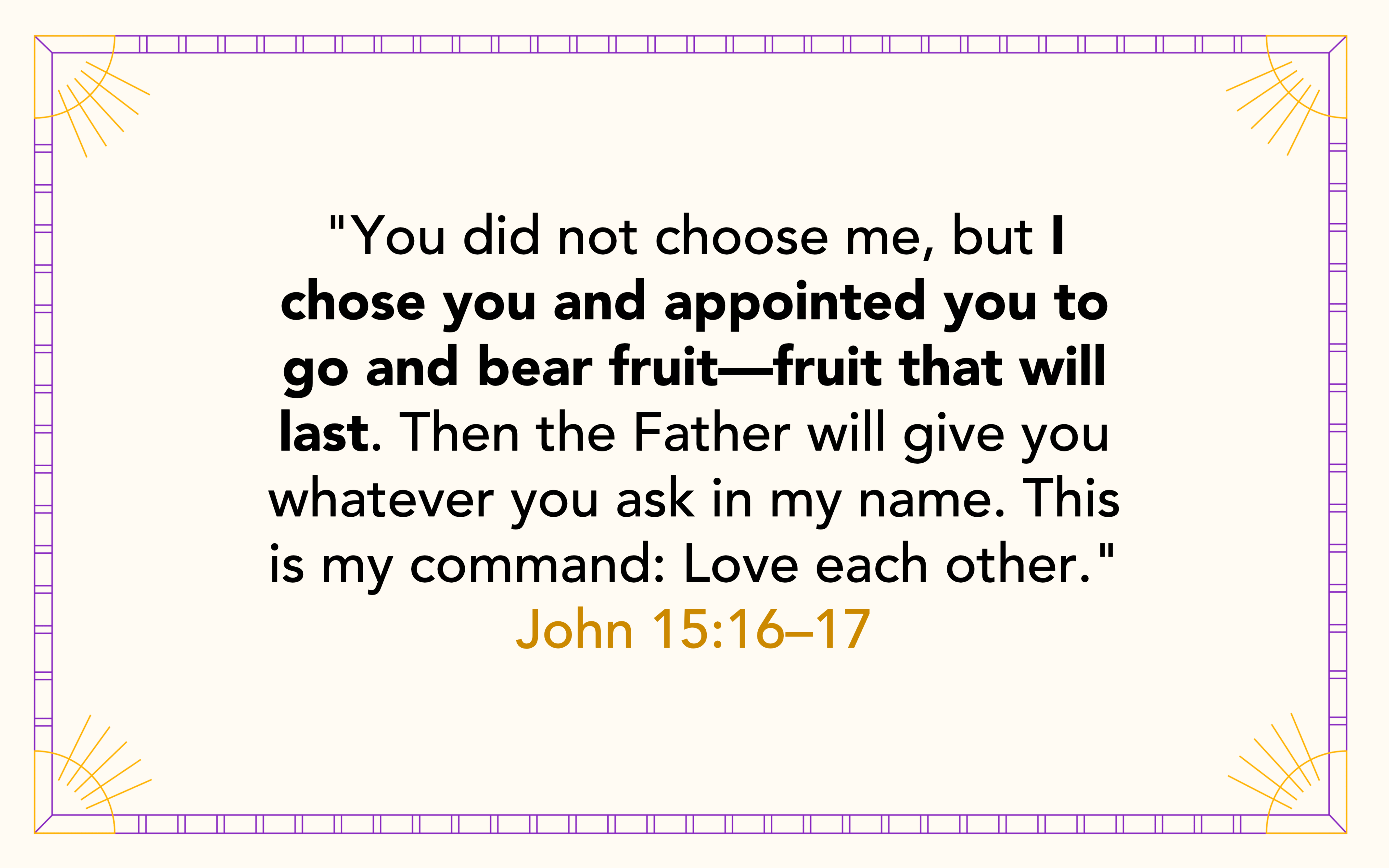
**Aim for the greatest love  
and you will find all loves,  
and all of their attending  
virtues.**

P O I N T 3

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**Abiding leads to a  
forever legacy**

*"I chose you and appointed you to go  
and bear fruit—fruit that will last."*



**"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."**

**John 15:16–17**







The spiritual fruit that comes from abiding in Jesus' love is your legacy.

It will be your only lasting legacy for good.



# So What?

What am I to take  
from this right now?



**Joy, love, and purpose  
are for right now.**

Though they last for eternity.



**God has made you  
his friend.**

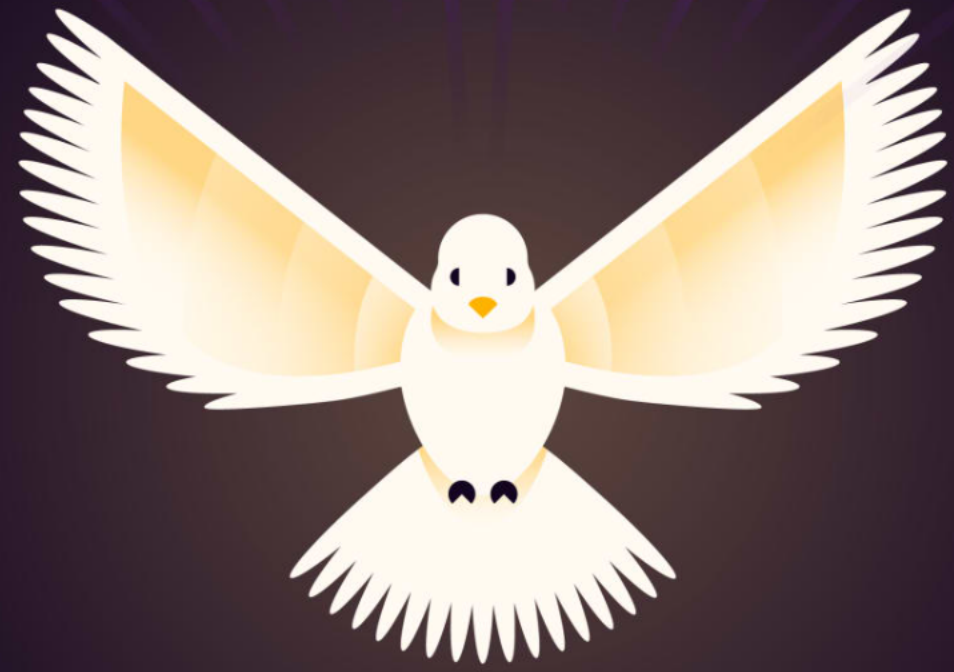
He didn't have to explain the how and why.  
Listen and USE IT.



# Abiding means abandoning

Let the inhibitors called "sin" go.

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