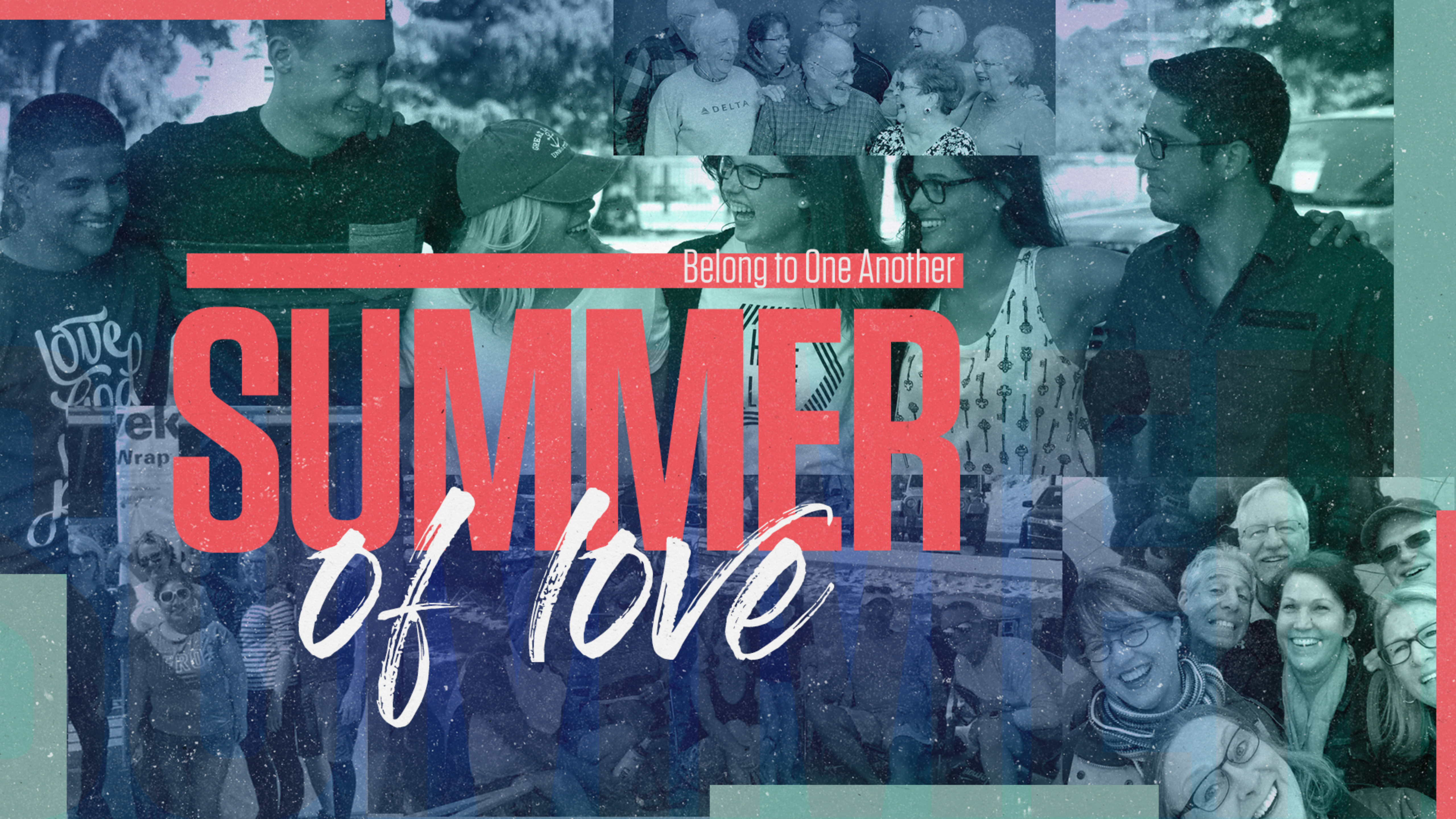


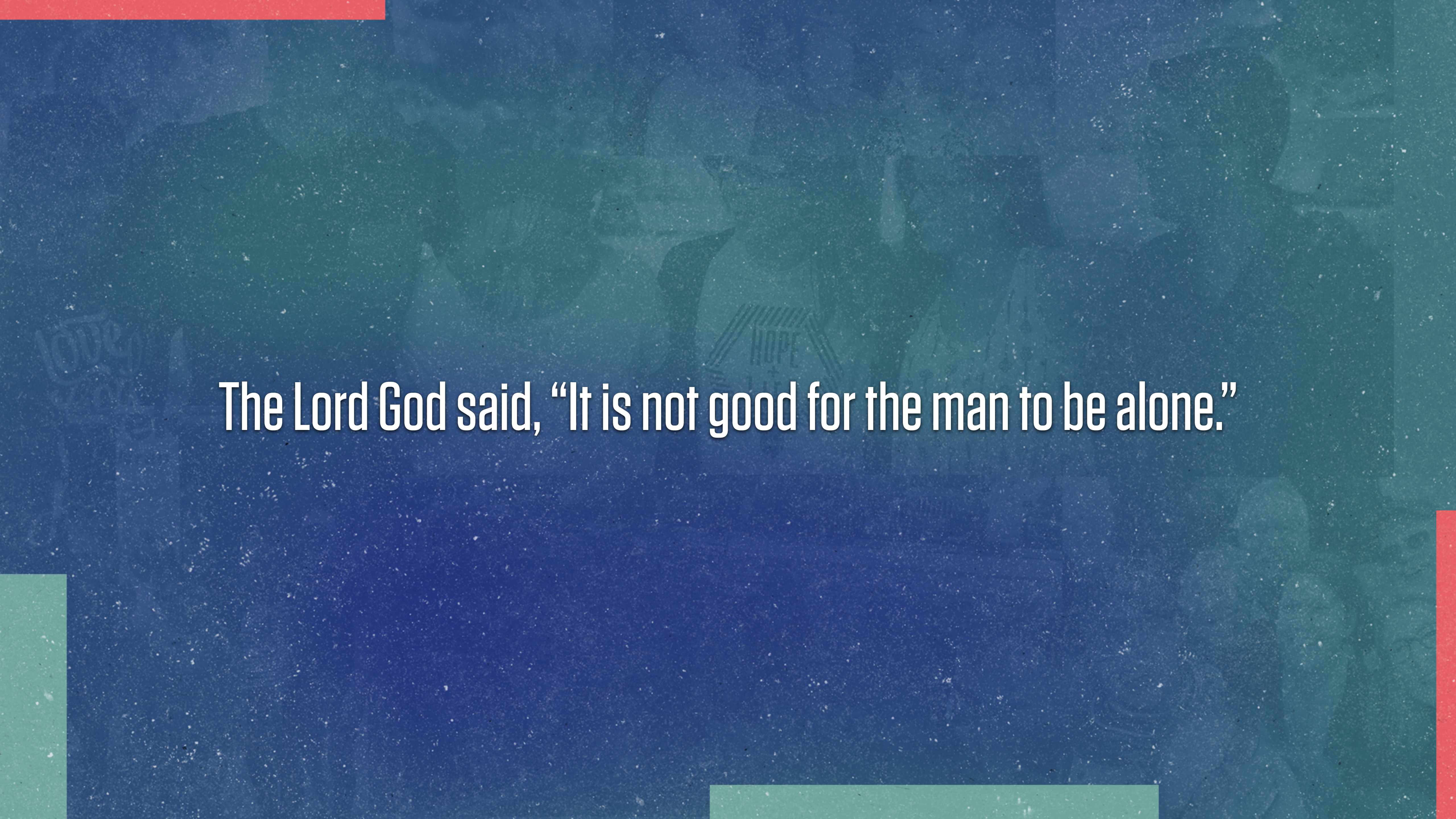


Belong to One Another

SUMMER *of love*

John 15:13-15

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are My friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

A group of people, mostly men, are gathered in a church setting. They are standing and looking towards the front. The background is dark and out of focus. In the center, a person is wearing a light-colored shirt with the word "HOPE" printed on it. The overall atmosphere is solemn and focused.

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

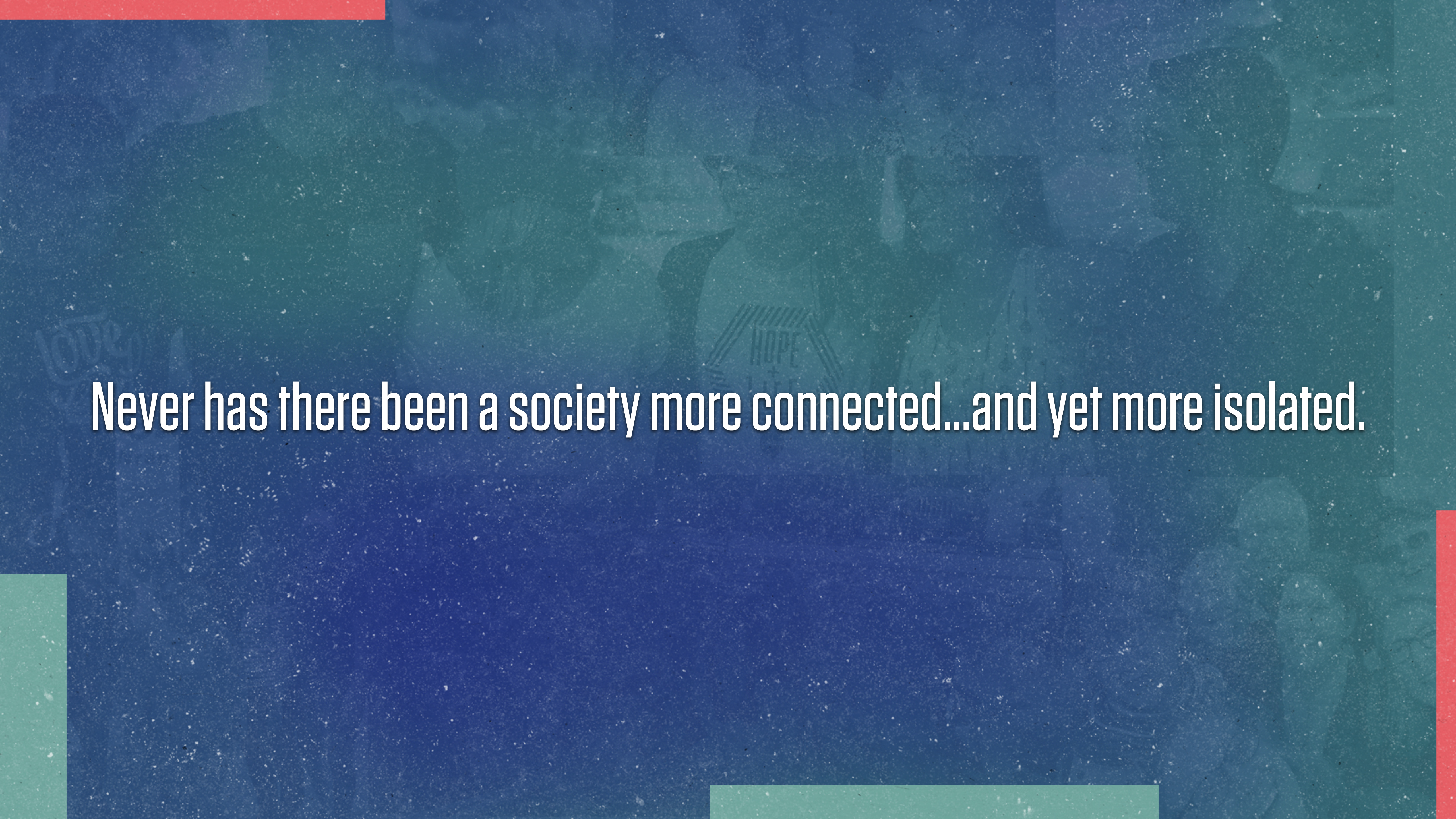
Genesis 2:18-23 (NLT)

I will make a helper who is just right for him.” So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs and

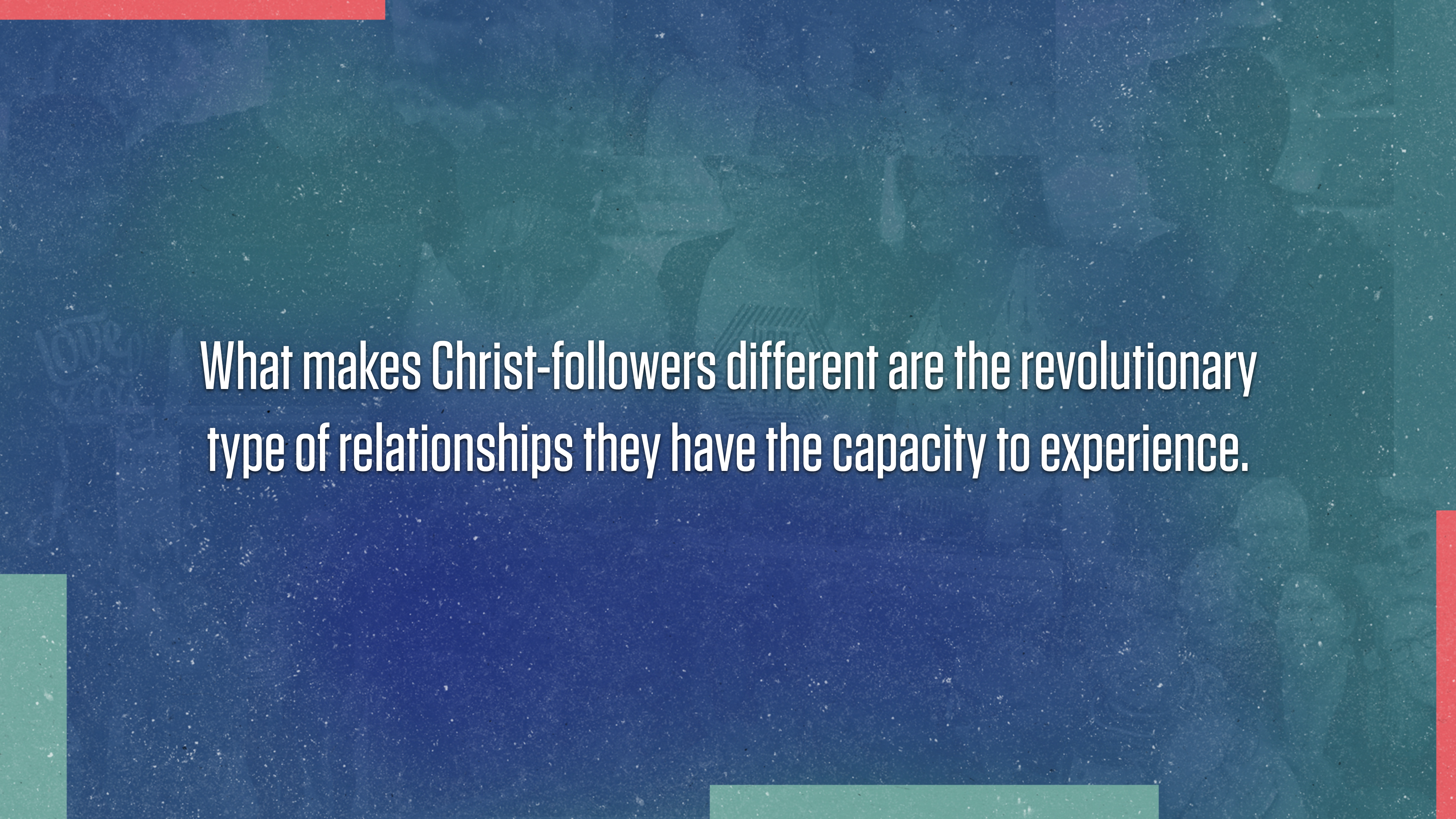
closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’”

Genesis 2:18-23 (NLT)

We were created by God to be in healthy, life-giving relationships with other people and therefore we are not all we were created to be when we are not experiencing healthy, life-giving, God-honoring relationships.

A background image showing a crowd of people, mostly seen from the back or side. In the center, a person wears a white t-shirt with the word 'HOPE' printed on it. The image is overlaid with a dark blue and green gradient. There are solid red bars at the top-left and bottom-right corners, and solid green bars at the bottom-left and bottom-right corners.

Never has there been a society more connected...and yet more isolated.

A group of people are gathered in a church setting. In the foreground, a person is seen from the chest up, wearing a white t-shirt and a necklace with a large cross. They are looking towards the right. In the background, several other people are visible, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The background is slightly blurred. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source, possibly from a window or a lamp, creating a soft glow. The text is overlaid on the image, centered horizontally and vertically.

What makes Christ-followers different are the revolutionary
type of relationships they have the capacity to experience.

Luke 9:51-56

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

Then Peter came to him and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?” “No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

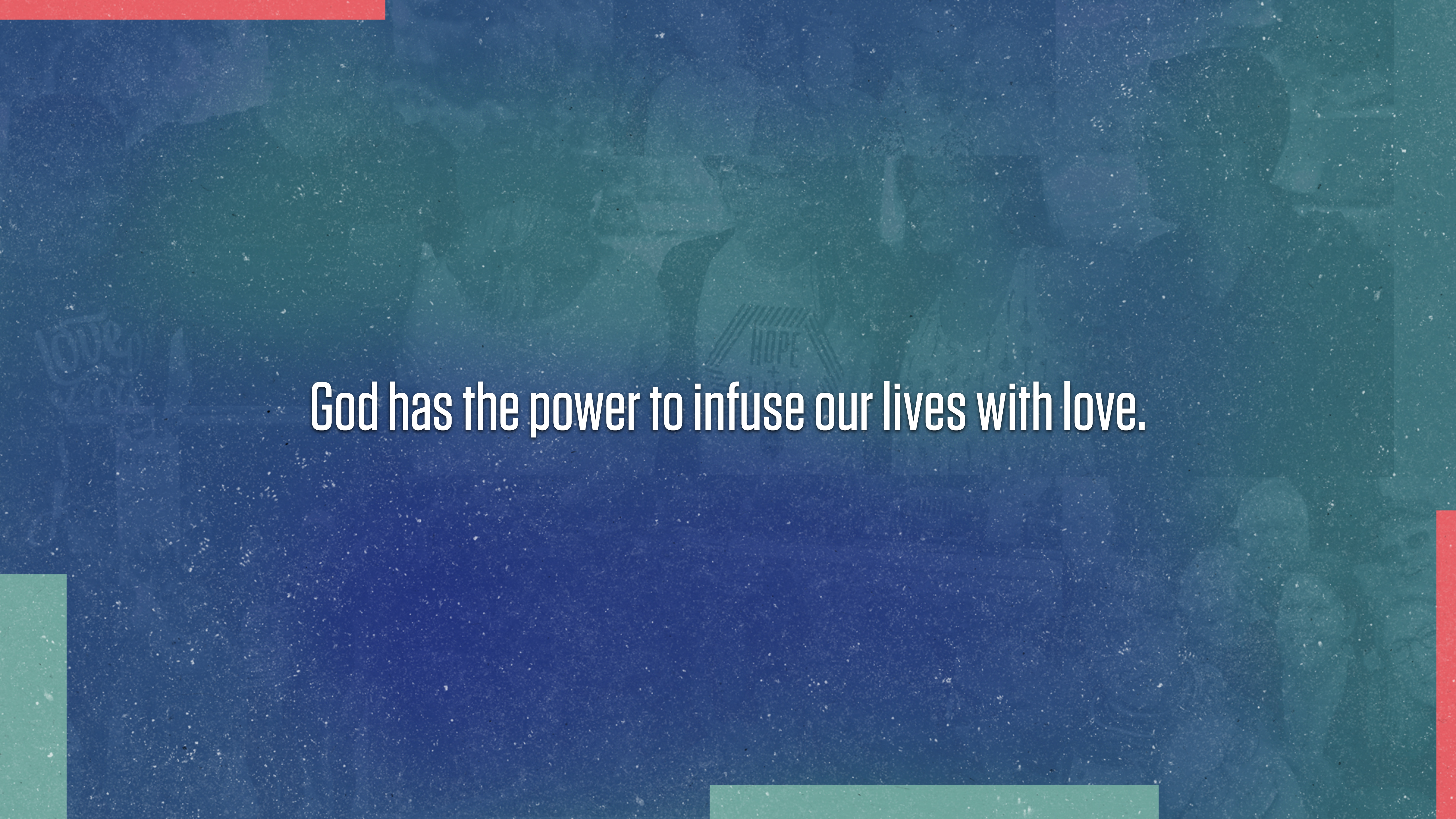
John 13:34-35 (NLT)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

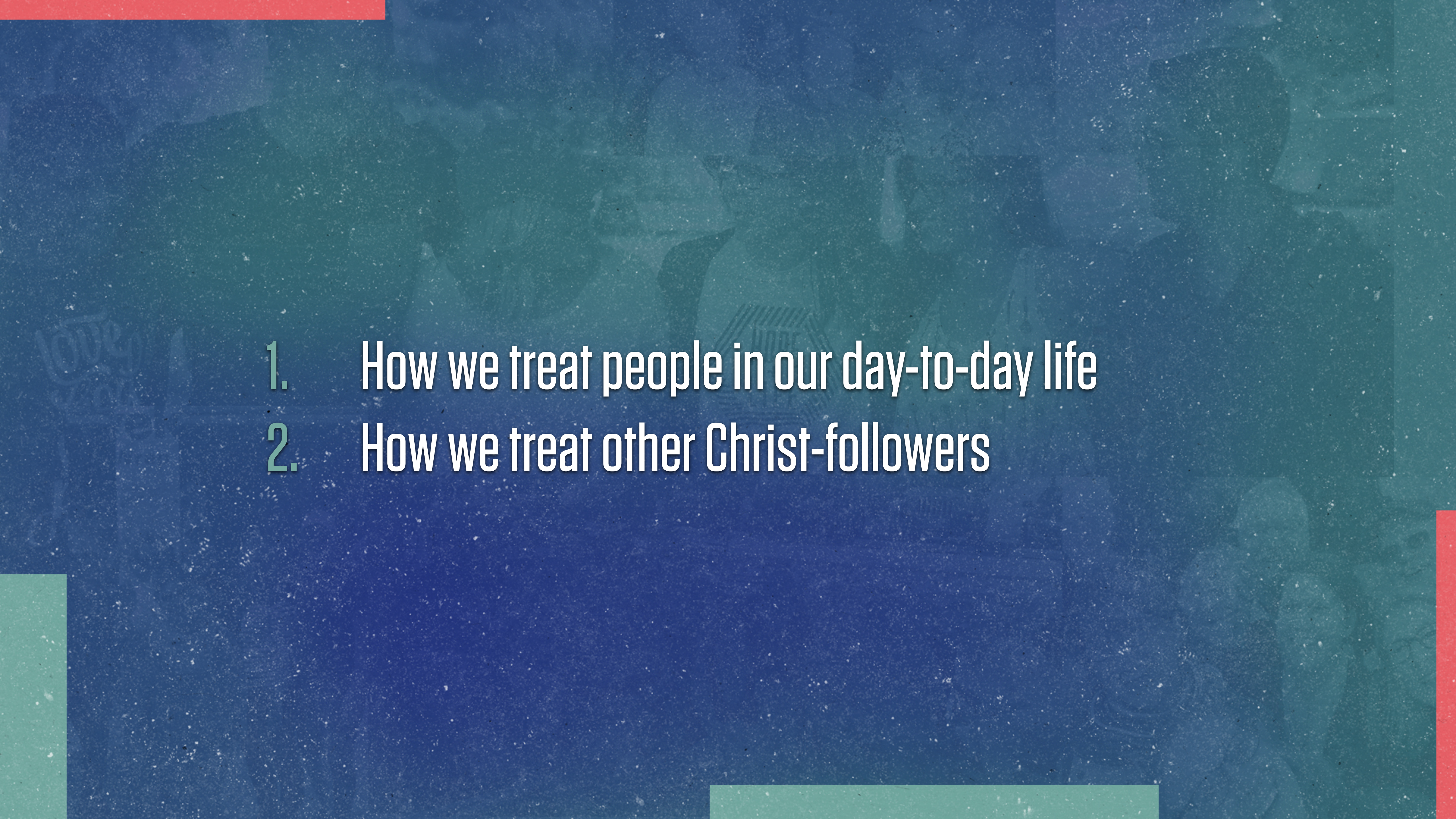
A group of people, likely a church congregation, are shown in a dimly lit setting. In the foreground, a person is holding a book, possibly a Bible, and looking towards the camera. The background shows other people, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The overall atmosphere is solemn and reflective. The text is overlaid on the image, centered in the middle.

As a Christian...your love for others is
the differentiating factor in your life!



A group of people, mostly men, are gathered in a church setting. They are standing and looking towards the front. The person in the center is wearing a white t-shirt with the word 'HOPE' printed on it. The background is a dark, textured blue-green color. There are red and green geometric shapes in the corners of the image.

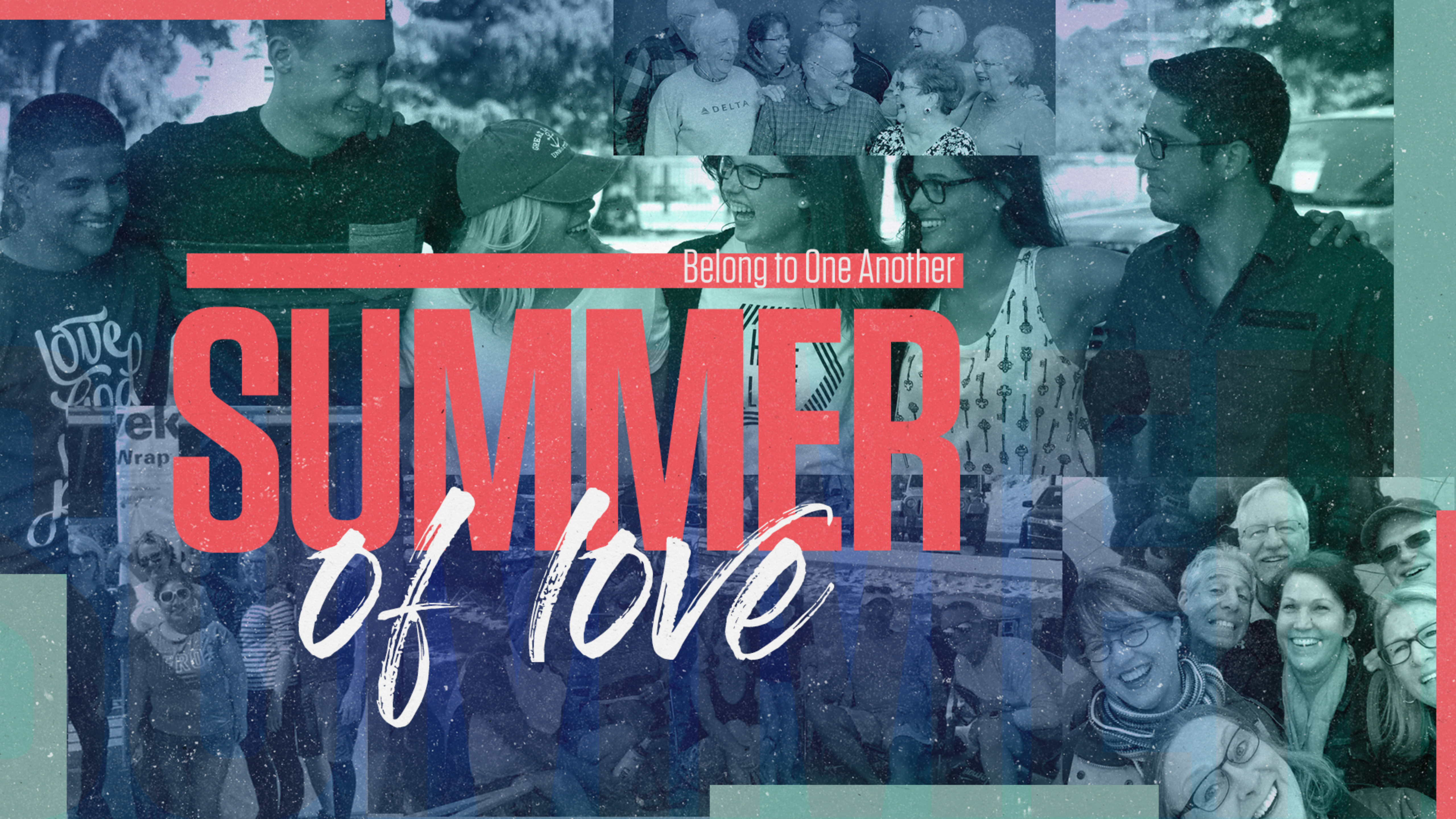
God has the power to infuse our lives with love.

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1. How we treat people in our day-to-day life
 2. How we treat other Christ-followers

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

1. Christ-followers are interdependent
2. We are to be filled with humility
3. We are to work really hard to create and maintain unity
4. We were created by God to live in the richness of community



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