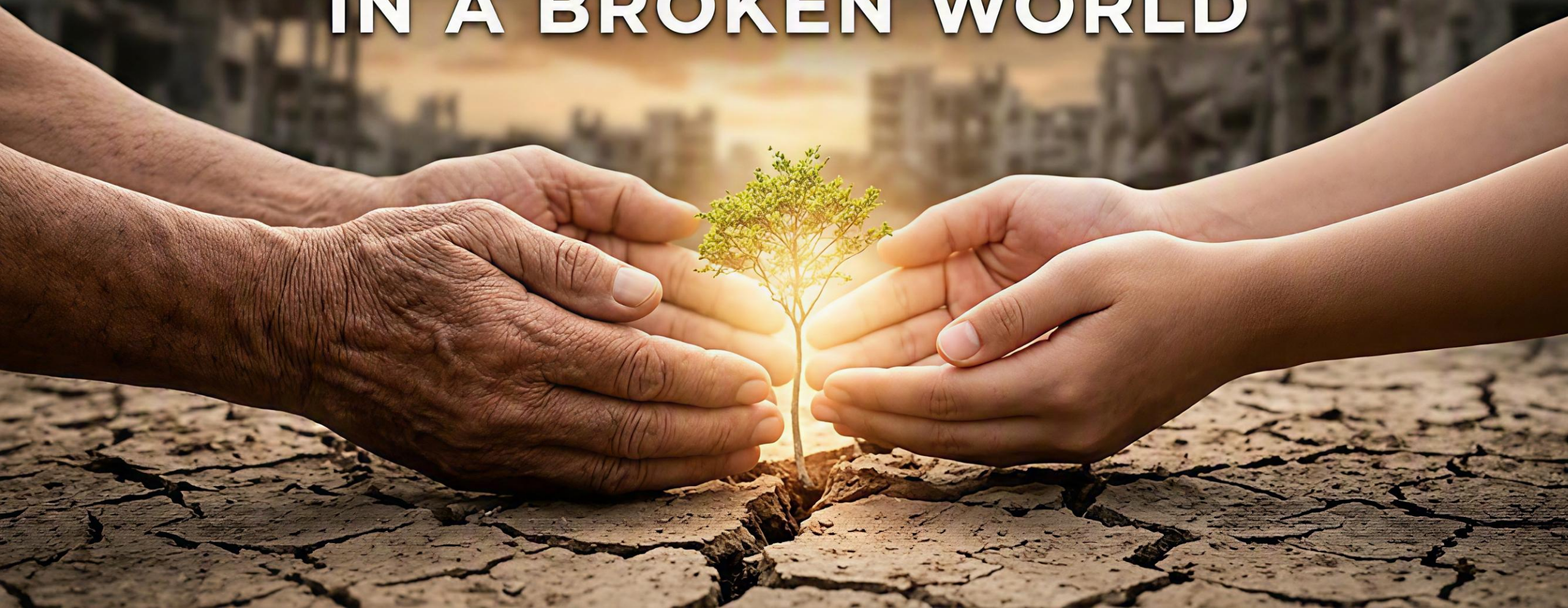


HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

IN A BROKEN WORLD





**Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.**

Romans 12:21



The apostle Paul continuously reminds us that the primary mark of a believer is not status, power, or worldly wisdom, but dynamic, active love.

By looking at:

***Philippians 2:1–4**

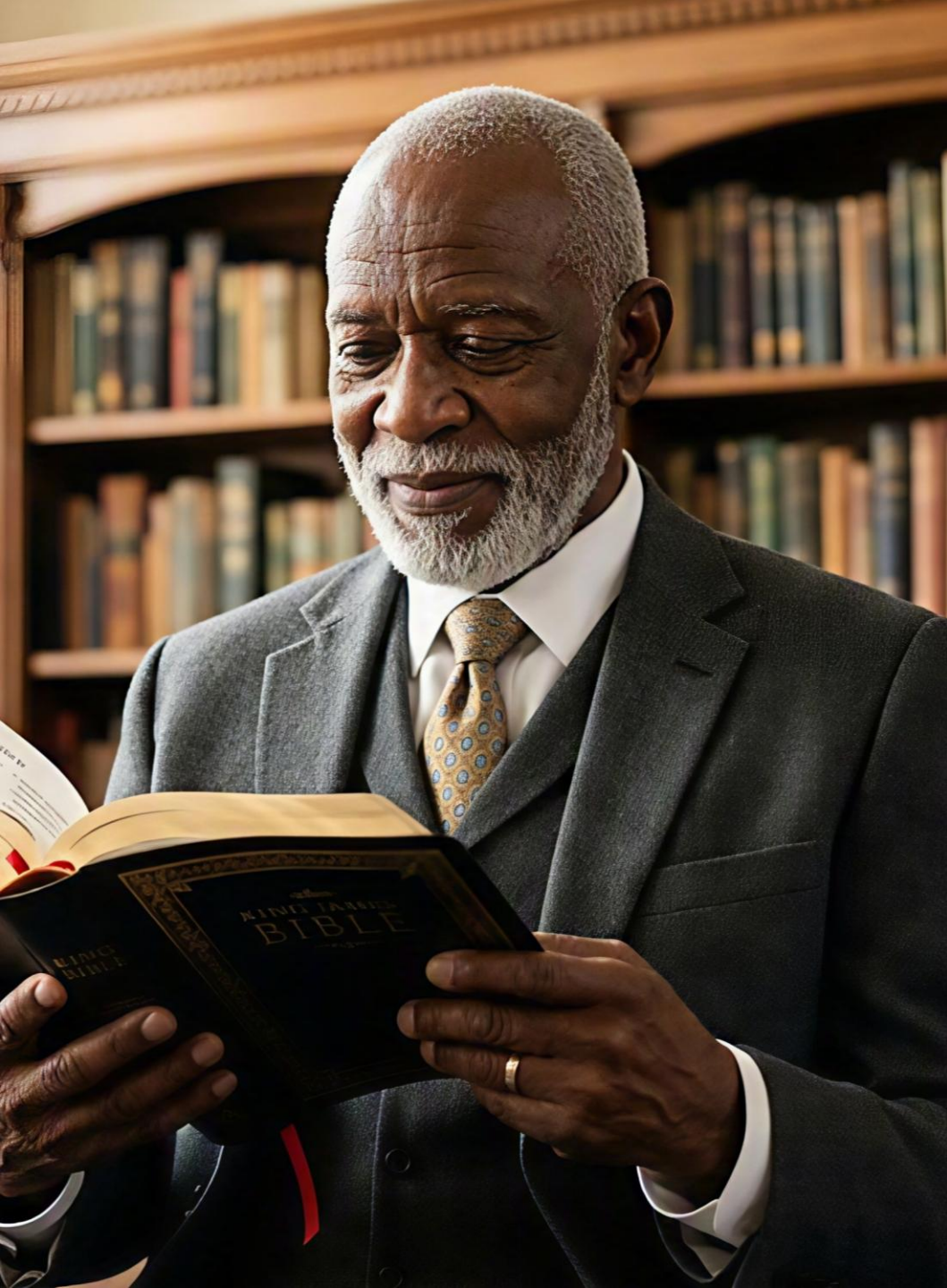
***Colossians 3:12–17**

***Romans 12:9–21**

We see a unified
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church ought to treat
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respond to the world
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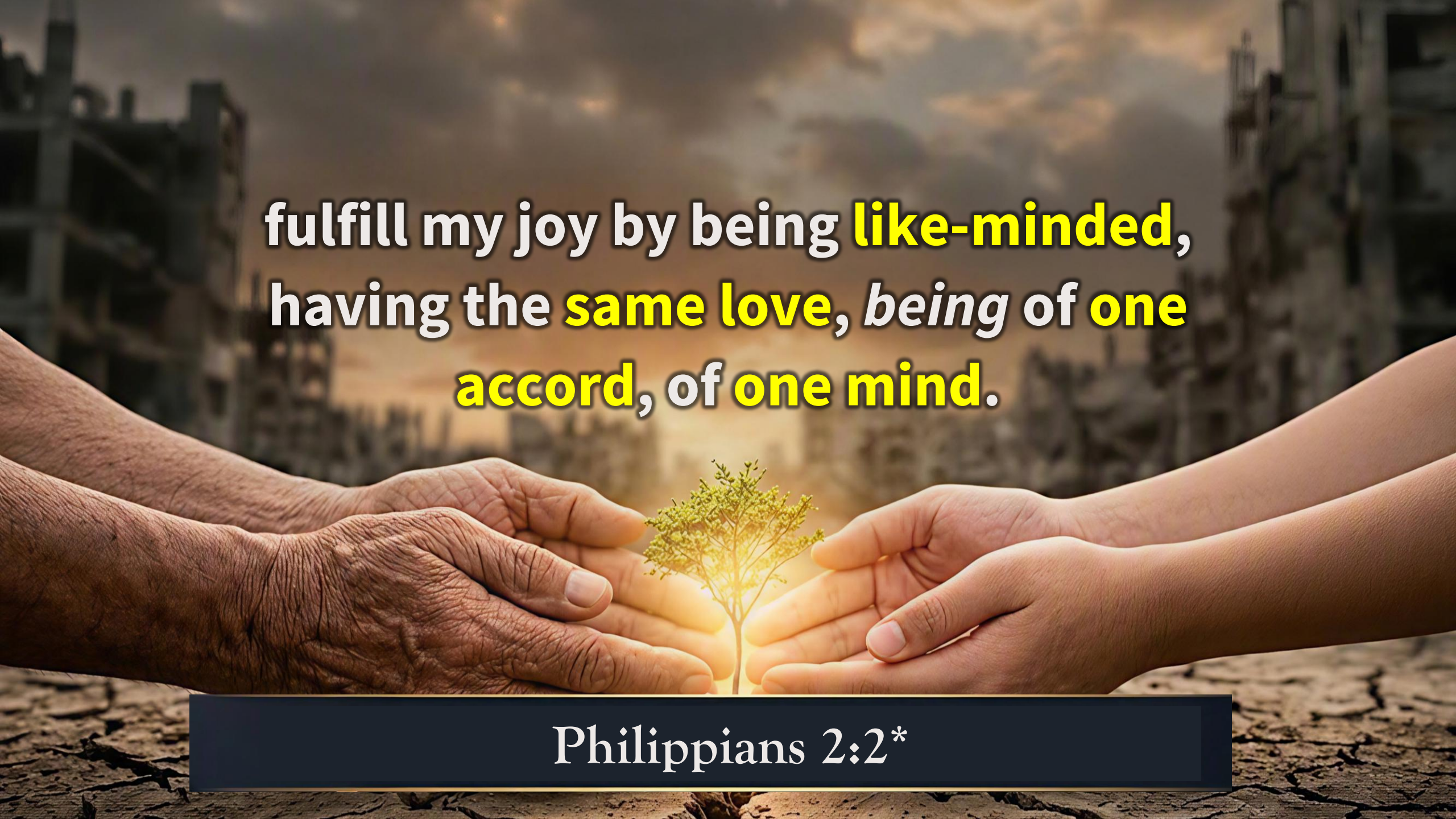
OTHERS-FIRST LIVING

Philippians 2:1-4



Therefore if *there is* any **consolation** in
Christ, if any **comfort of love**, if any
fellowship of the Spirit, if any **affection**
and mercy,

Philippians 2:1



fulfill my joy by being **like-minded**,
having the **same love**, *being of one*
accord, of **one mind**.

Philippians 2:2*



THE ROMAN COLONY OF PHILIPPI

*Philippi's citizens valued Roman pride, civic status, social dominance, and self-promotion.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Philippians 2:3



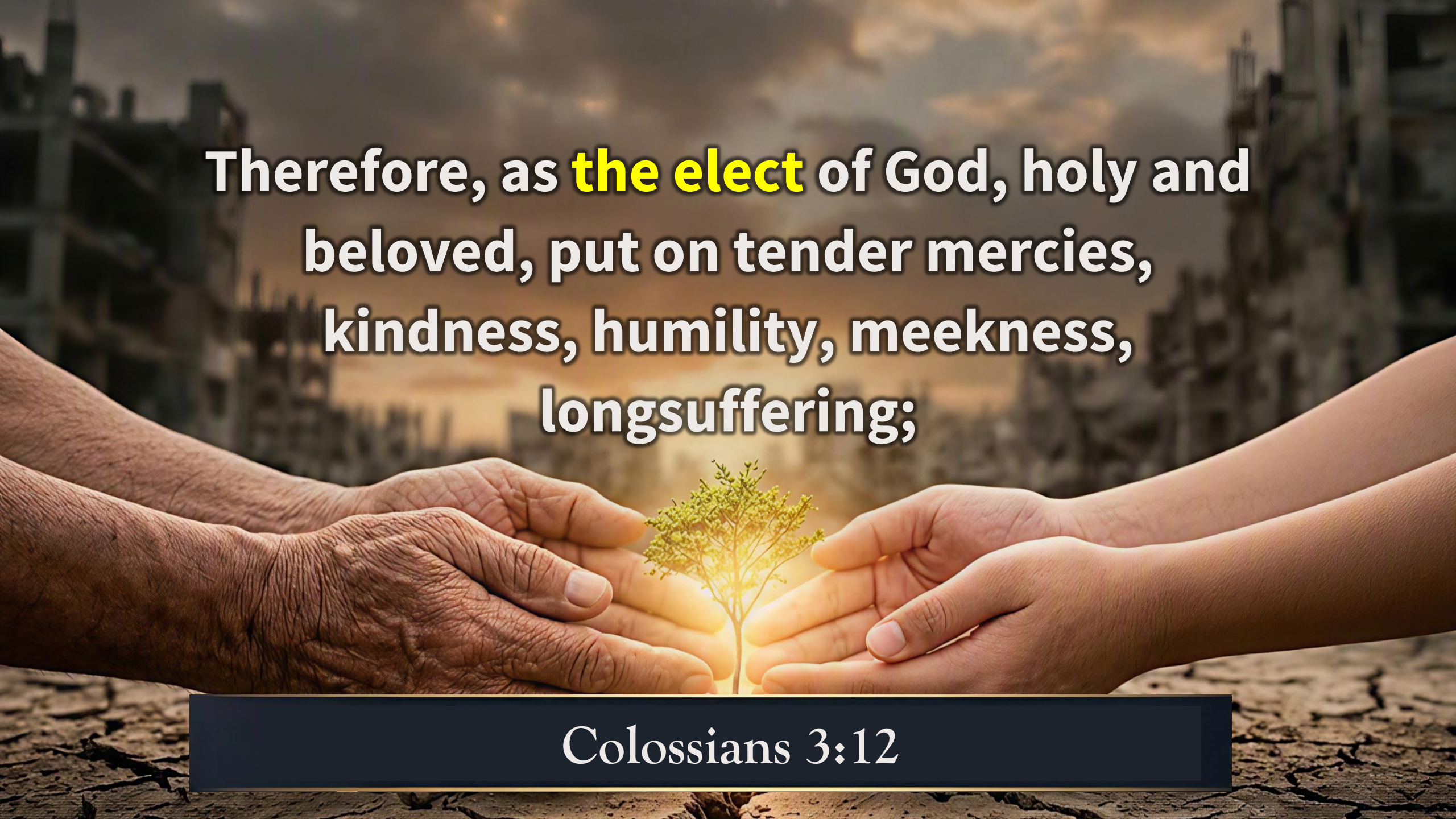
**Let each of you look out not only for his
own interests, but also for the interests
of others.**

Philippians 2:4**



THE CHARACTER OF THE BELOVED

Colossians 3:12-17



Therefore, as **the elect** of God, holy and
beloved, put on tender mercies,
kindness, humility, meekness,
longsuffering;

Colossians 3:12

**bearing with one another, and forgiving
one another, if anyone has a complaint
against another; even as Christ forgave
you, so you also *must do*.**

Colossians 3:13*

THE GOLDEN RULE

Therefore,
whatever you
want men to do
to you, do also to
them, for this is
the Law and the
Prophets.

~Mt. 7:12





**But above all these things put on love,
which is the bond of perfection.**

Colossians 3:14



And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:15*

ABRAHAM'S LOVE ENDURED

Do you love God as
much as non-
believers love their
gods?



WHEN WE
MOVE
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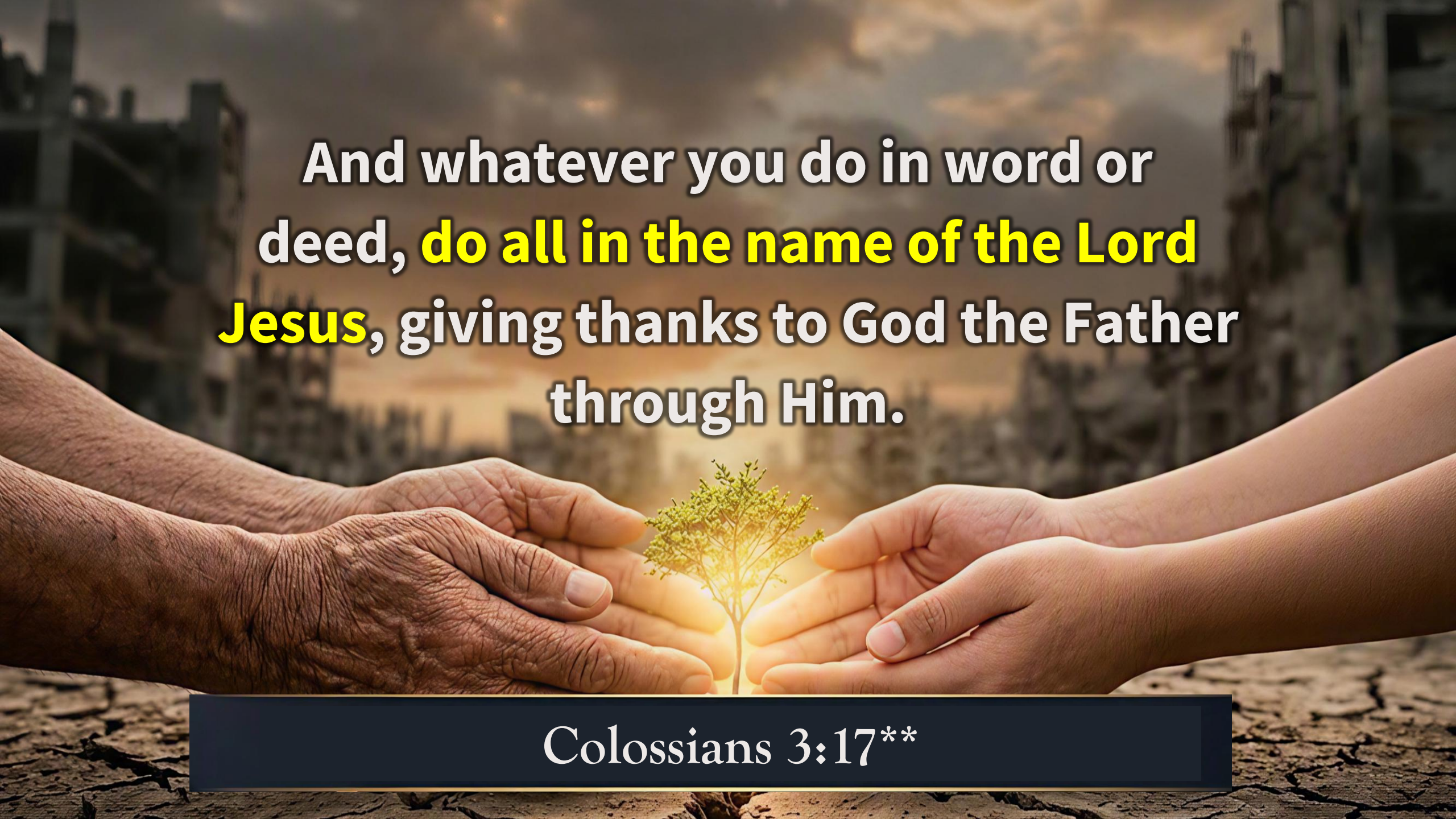
We will move
closer to each
other.



**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing
one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with grace in your
hearts to the Lord.**

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Colossians 3:16



And whatever you do in word or deed, **do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17**



THE PRACTICE OF AUTHENTIC LOVE

Behave like a Christian:

Romans 12:9-21



**Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor
what is evil. Cling to what is good.**

Romans 12:9



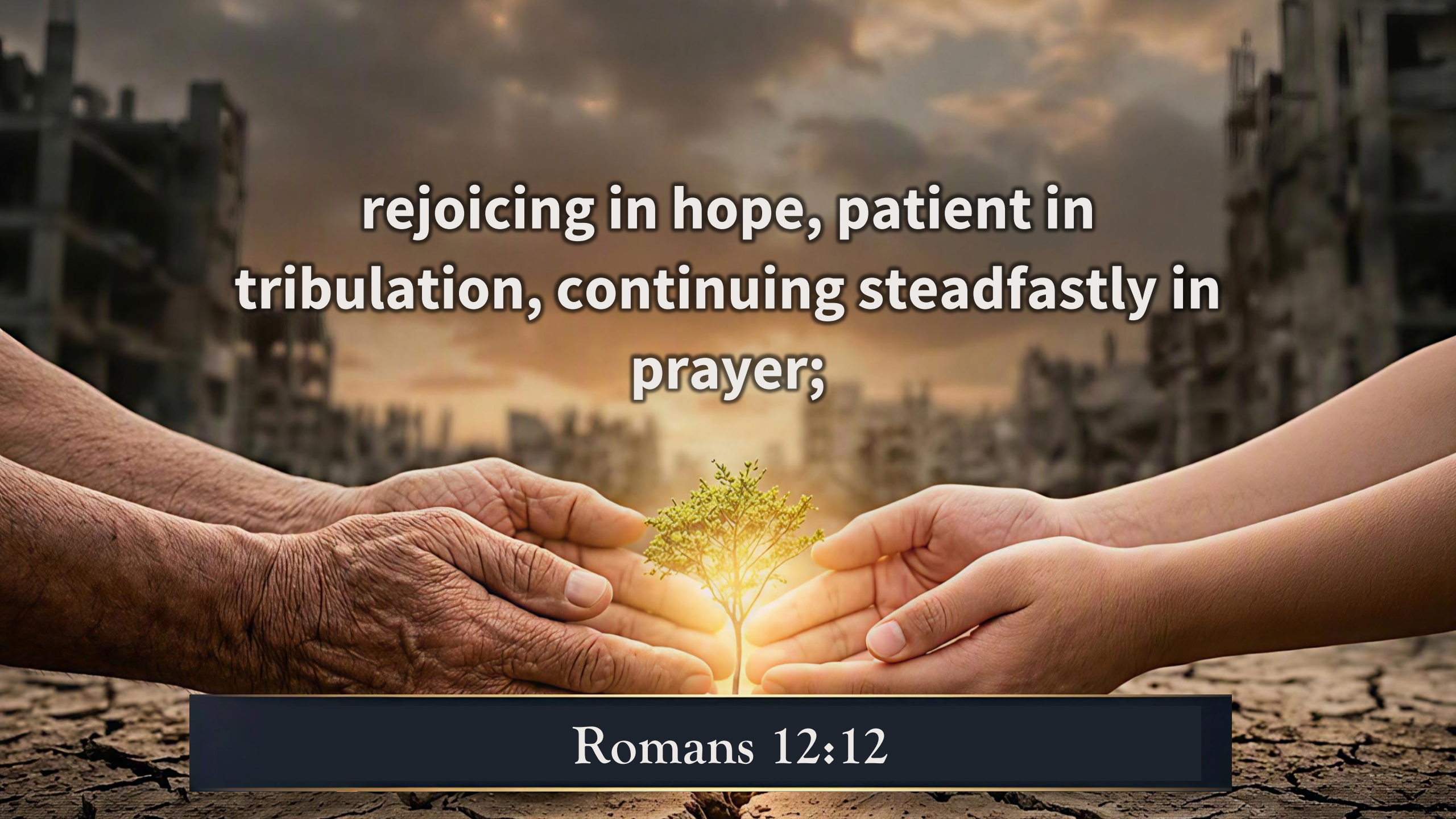
***Be kindly affectionate to one another
with brotherly love, in honor giving
preference to one another;***

Romans 12:10



**not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord;**

Romans 12:11



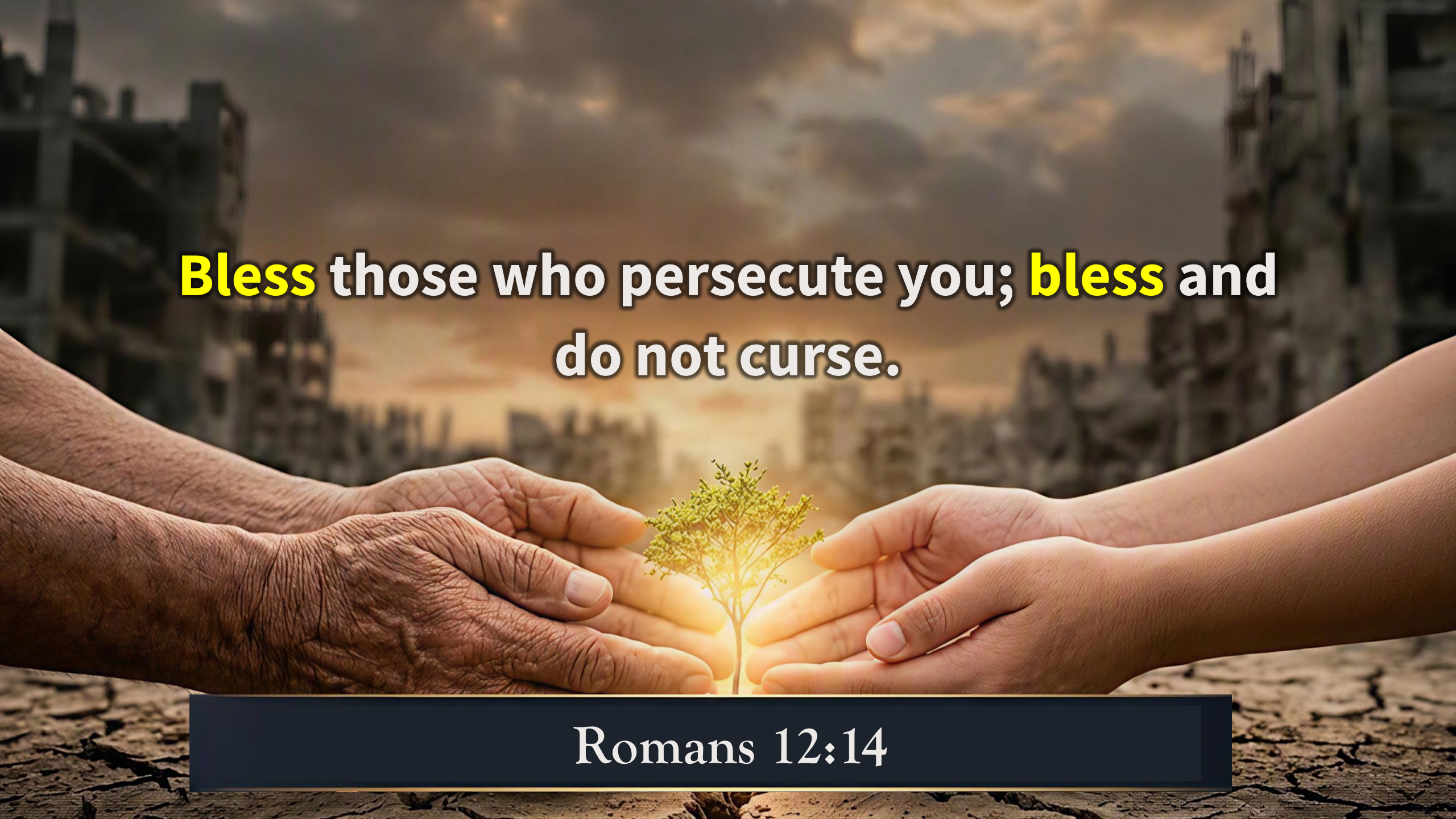
**rejoicing in hope, patient in
tribulation, continuing steadfastly in
prayer;**

Romans 12:12



**distributing to the needs of the
saints, given to hospitality.**

Romans 12:13



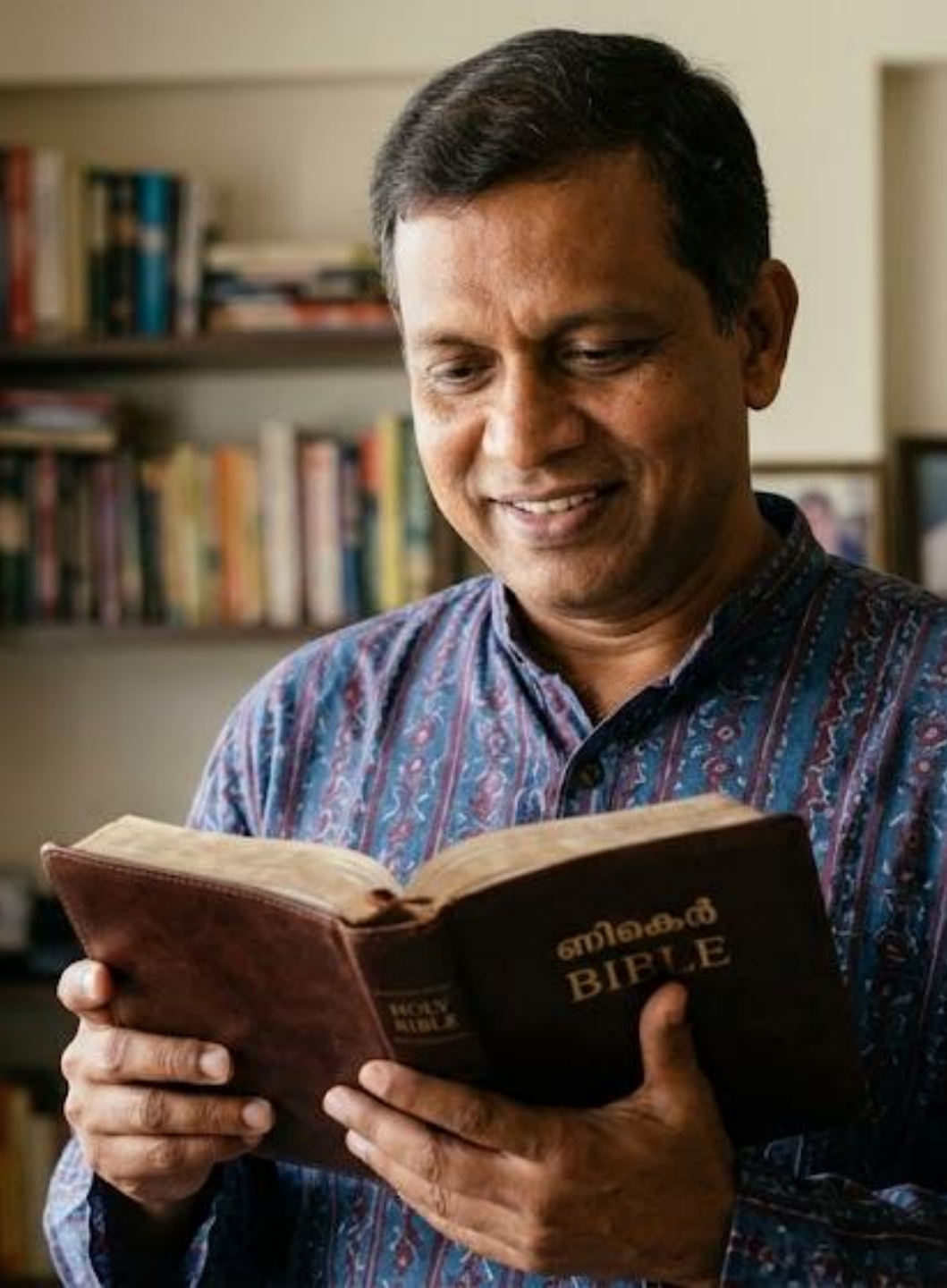
Bless those who persecute you; **bless** and do not curse.

Romans 12:14



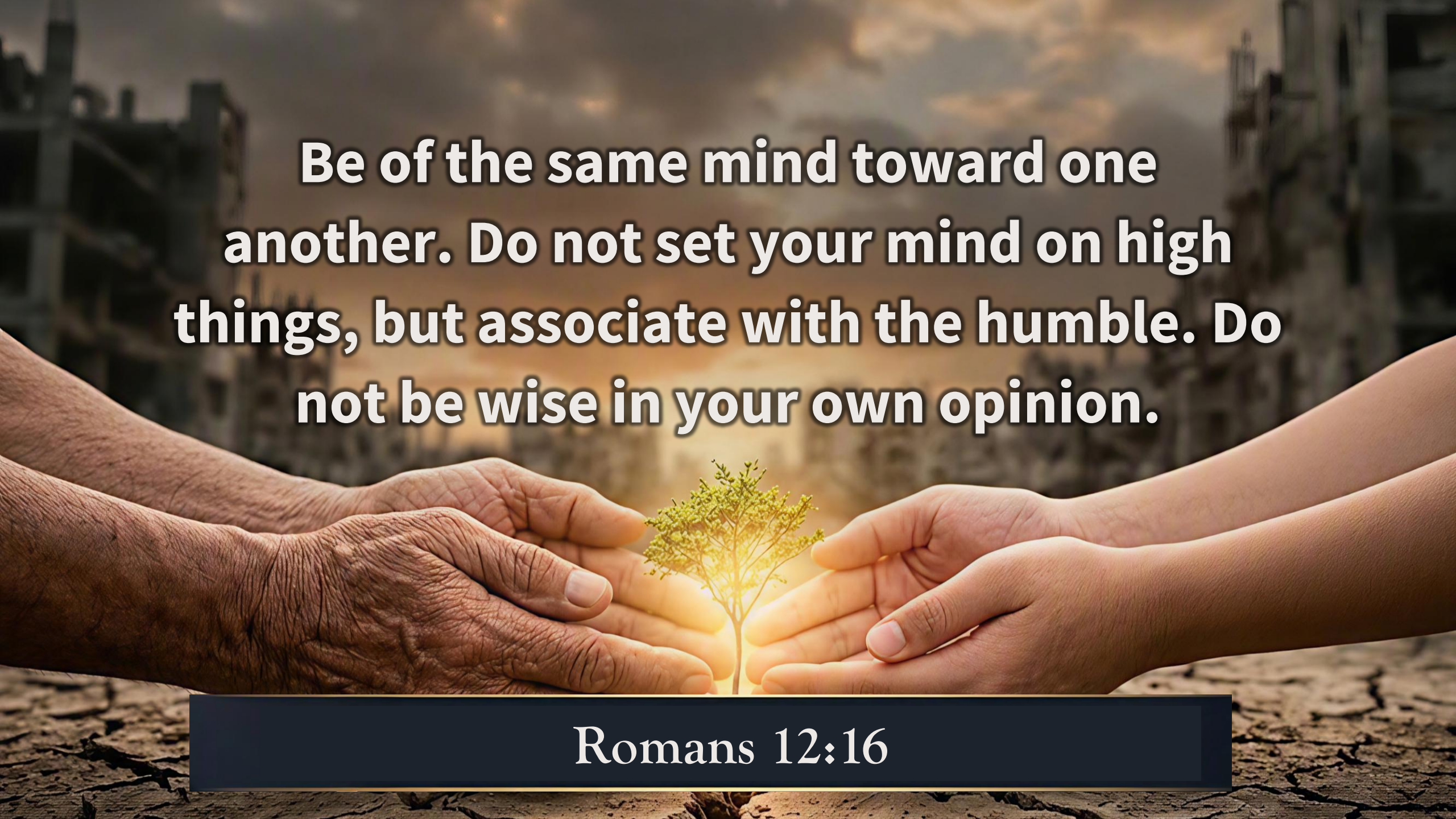
**Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep
with those who weep.**

Romans 12:15*



PEACE AND OVERCOMING EVIL

Trust in the Lord



Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Romans 12:16



**Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard
for good things in the sight of all men.**

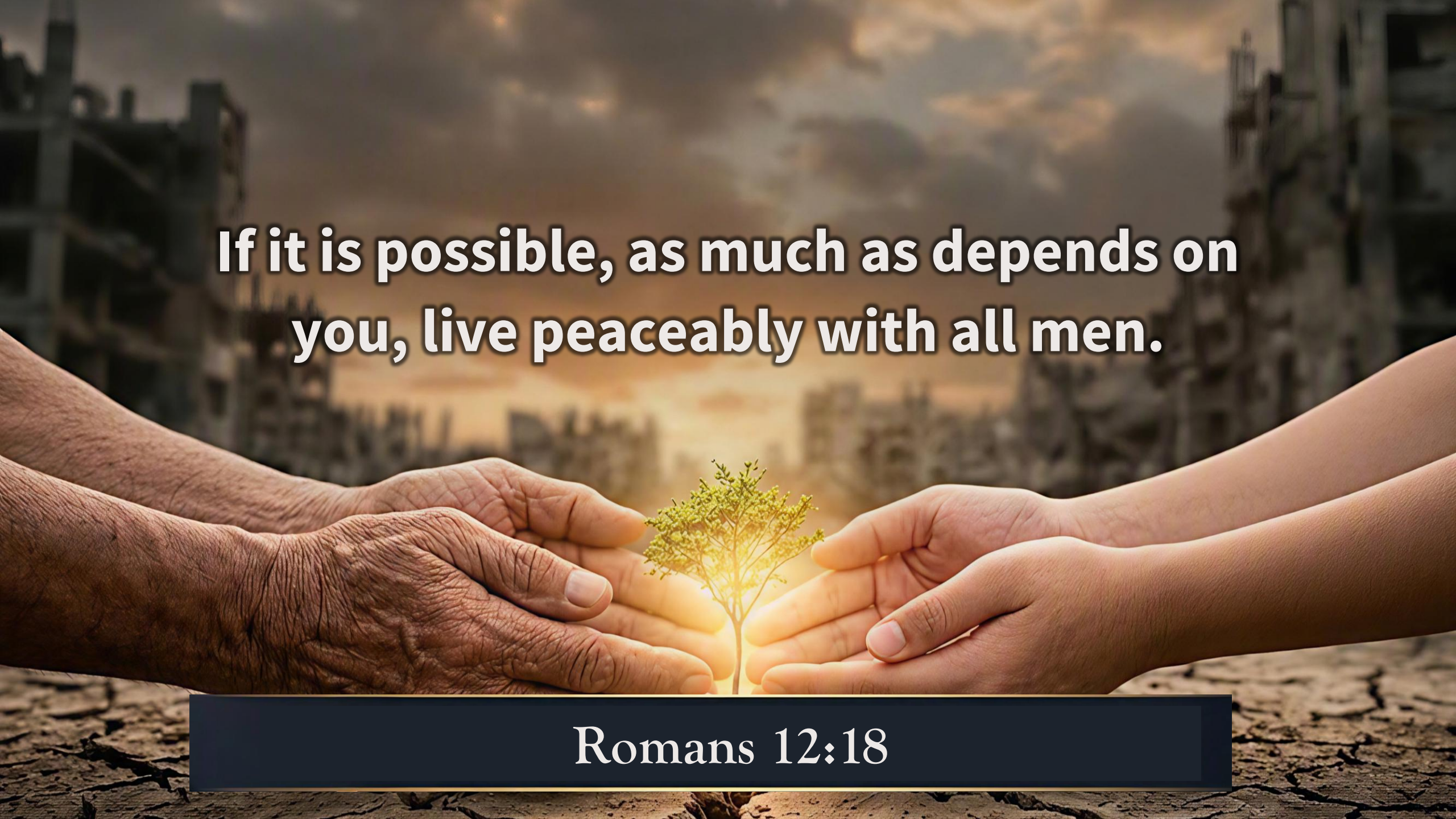
Romans 12:17*

REPAY NO EVIL FOR EVIL

Father forgive
them for they
know not what
they do.

~Lk. 23:34





**If it is possible, as much as depends on
you, live peaceably with all men.**

Romans 12:18



**Beloved, do not avenge yourselves,
but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is
written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will
repay,” says the Lord.**

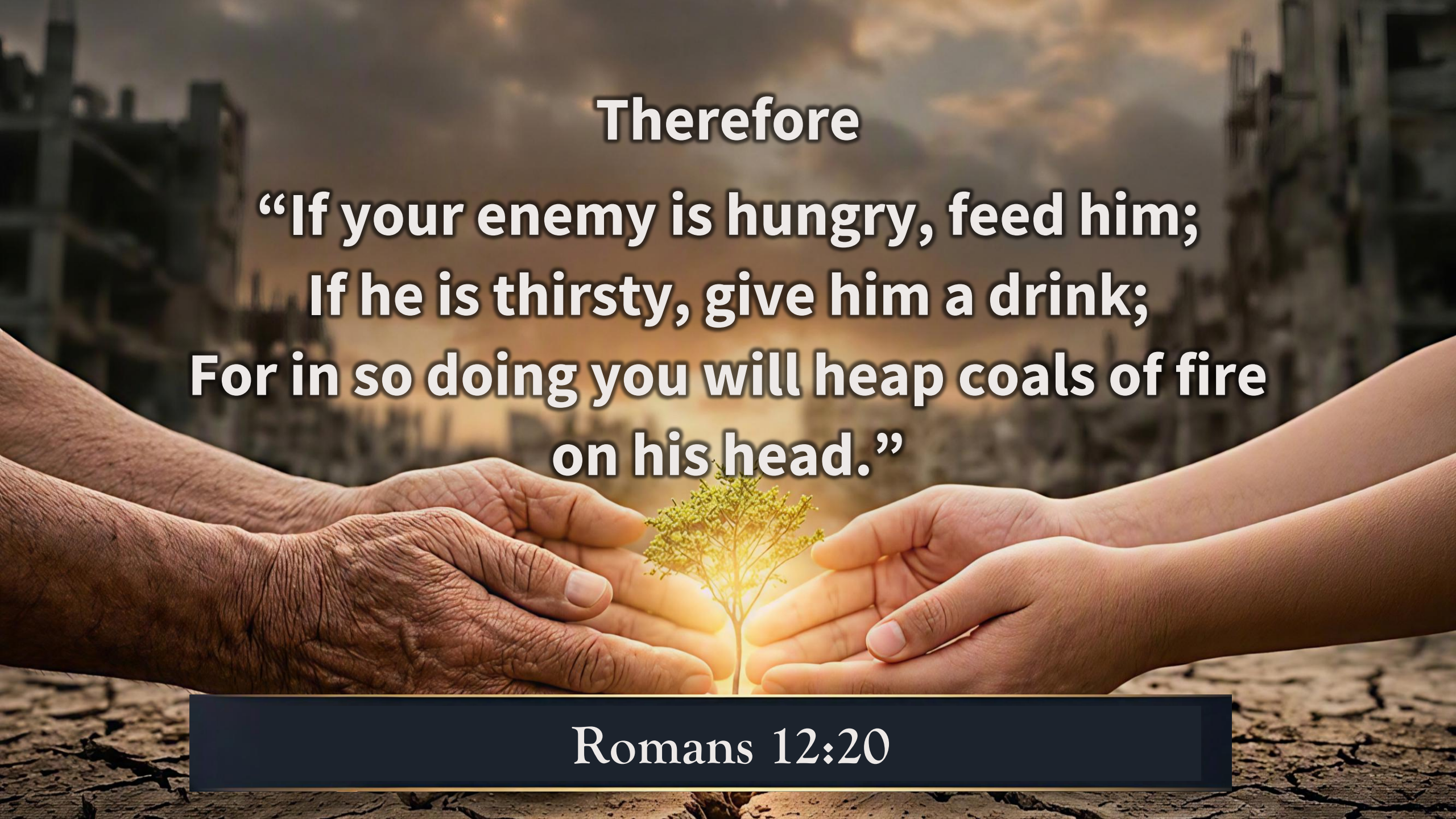
Romans 12:19*

LIVE PEACEABLY

But Jesus kept
silent.

~*Mt. 26:63*





Therefore
“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire
on his head.”

Romans 12:20

FAITH ON FIRE

The goal is not to hurt the person. The burning feeling represents the painful, internal realization of their own guilt, which can lead them to change their mind and apologize.





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SUPERNATURAL GRACE

Through Jesus Christ—who emptied Himself, clothed Himself in humanity, and overcame evil on the cross—we are empowered to live differently.

AS YOU GO FORTH THIS WEEK:

- Identify one practical way you can prefer someone else's interests above your own.
- Choose to extend forgiveness to someone, letting the peace of Christ rule your heart.
- Overcome hostility with kindness, trusting God to handle judgment while you model His grace.

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