





# COMMUNITY: MORE THAN FRIENDSHIP

JOHN 13:34-35





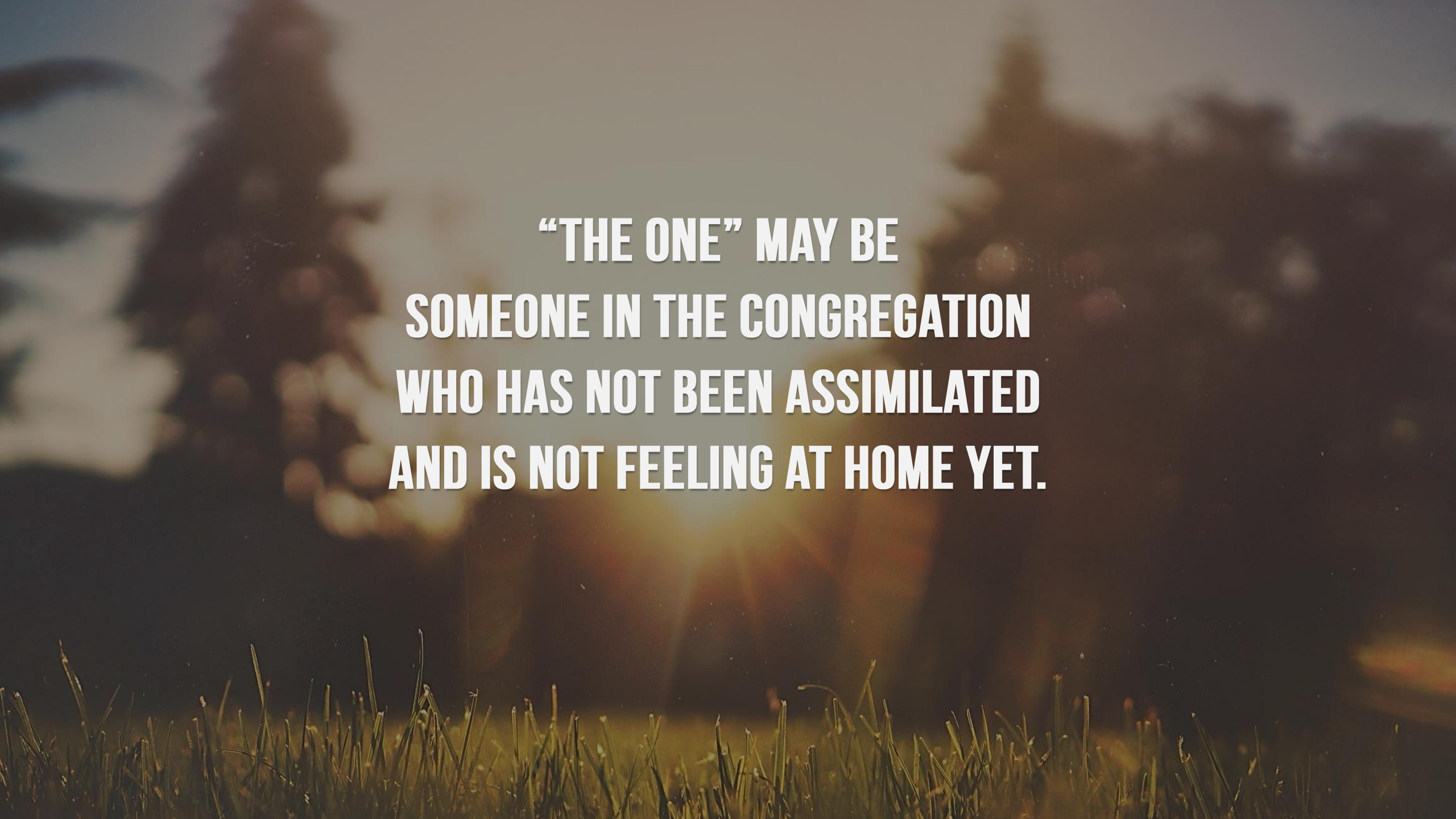
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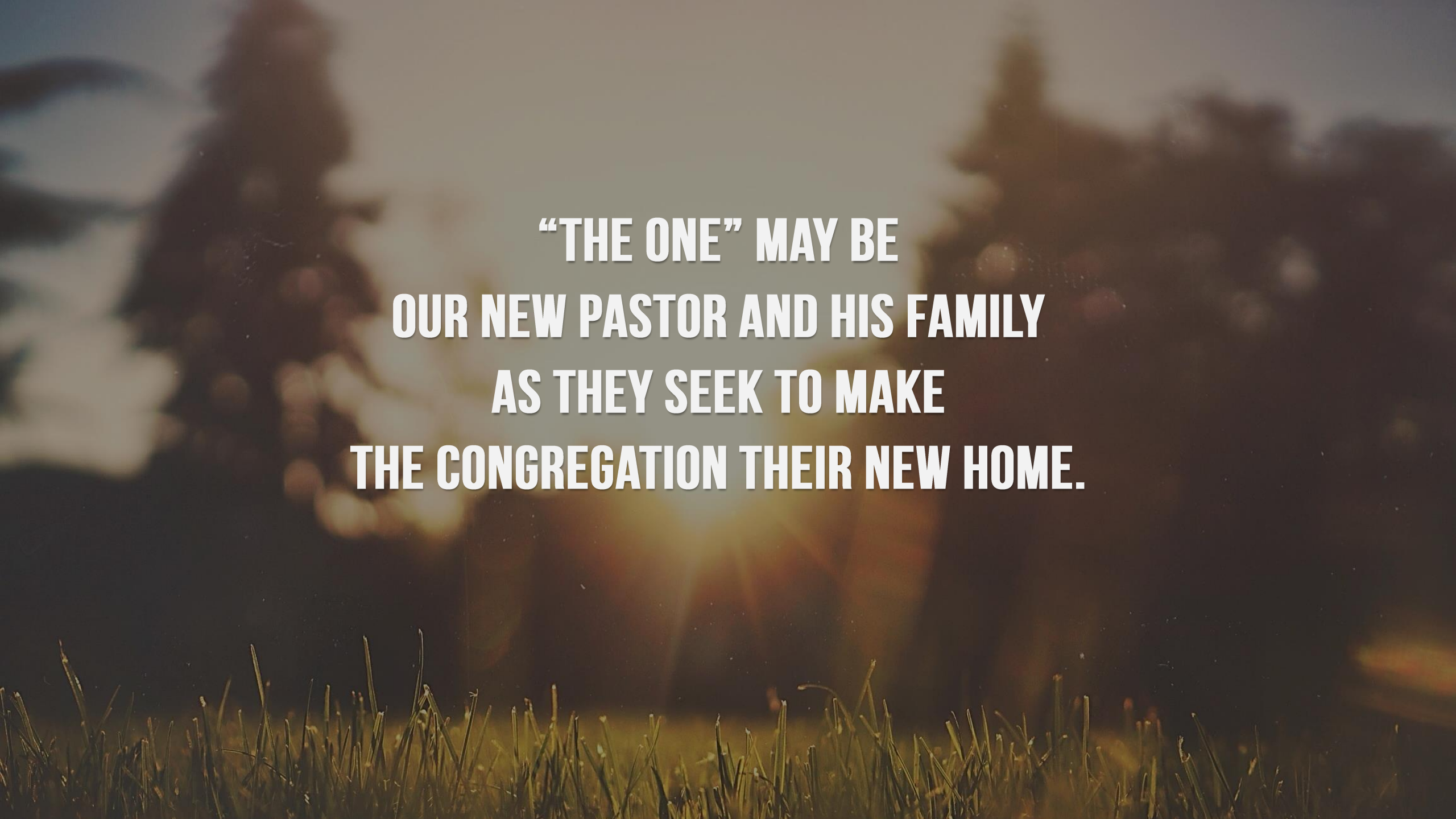
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**HOSPITALITY IS A KEY BUILDING BLOCK OF MISSION.  
WE ARE SEEKING TO LEAD THE CONGREGATION IN A  
RENEWED EMPHASIS OF CHRIST-LIKE HOSPITALITY  
BY SEEING AND LOVING "THE ONE" AMONG US.**



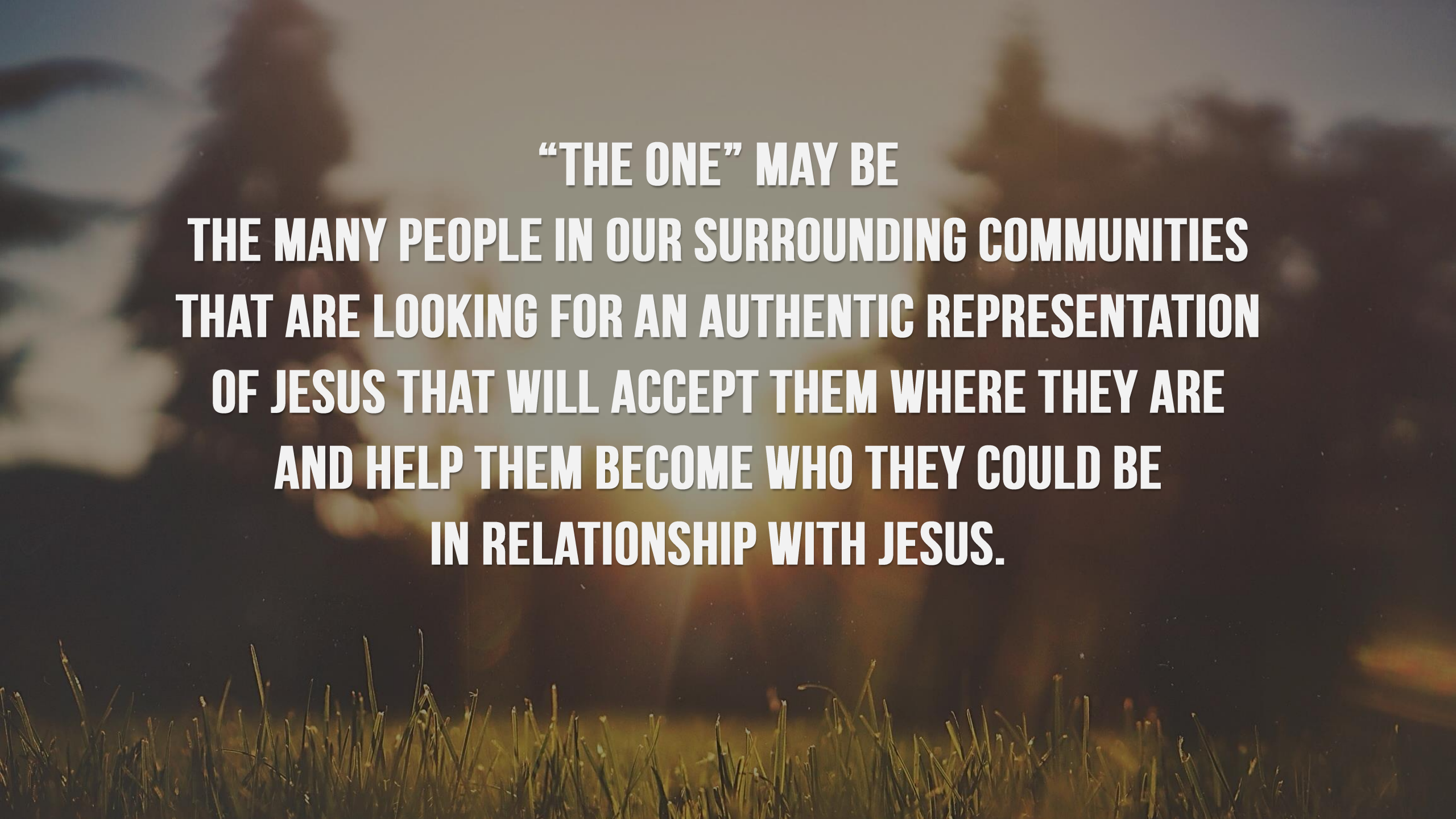


**“THE ONE” MAY BE  
SOMEONE IN THE CONGREGATION  
WHO HAS NOT BEEN ASSIMILATED  
AND IS NOT FEELING AT HOME YET.**



**“THE ONE” MAY BE  
OUR NEW PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY  
AS THEY SEEK TO MAKE  
THE CONGREGATION THEIR NEW HOME.**





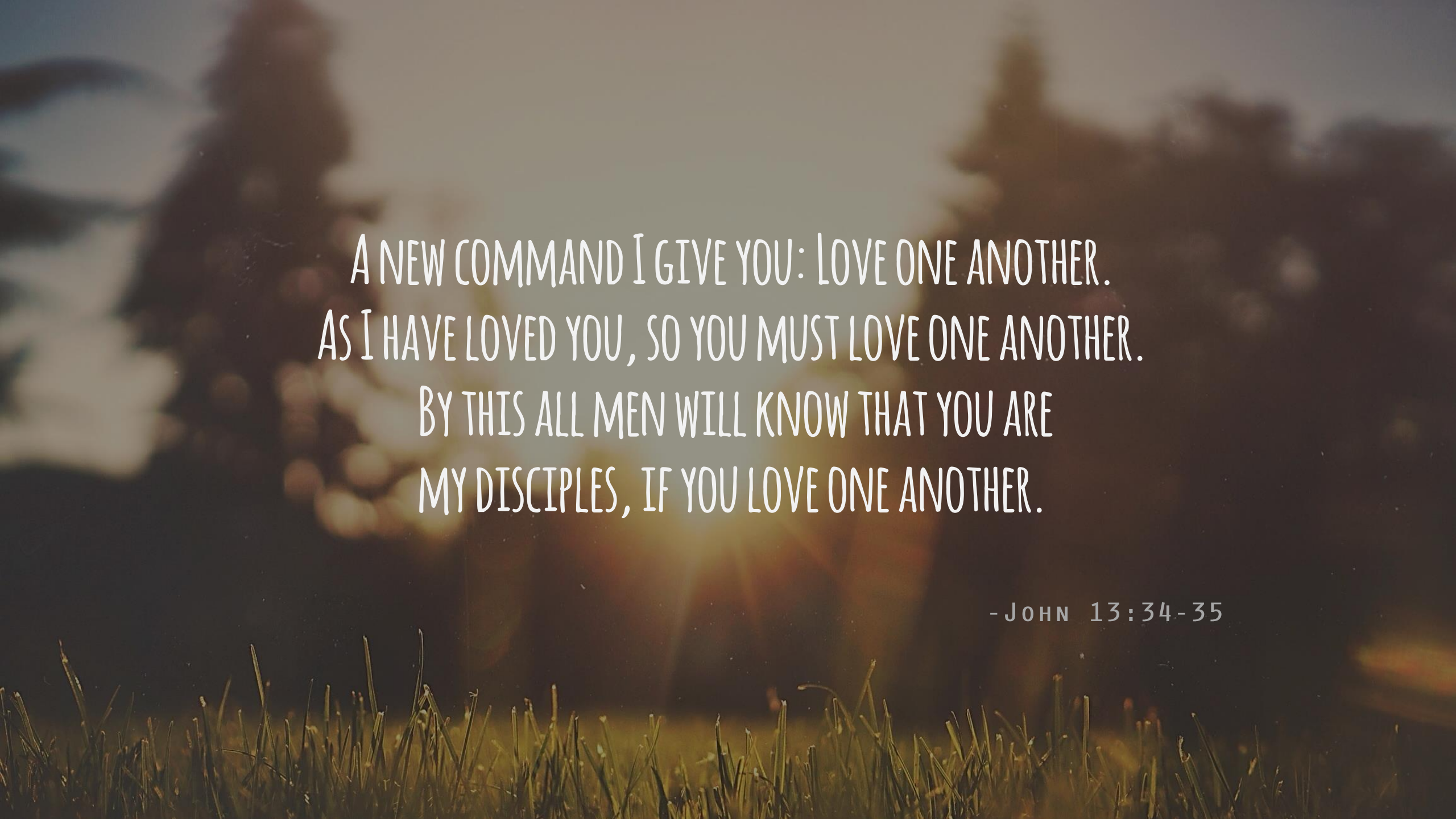
**“THE ONE” MAY BE  
THE MANY PEOPLE IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES  
THAT ARE LOOKING FOR AN AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATION  
OF JESUS THAT WILL ACCEPT THEM WHERE THEY ARE  
AND HELP THEM BECOME WHO THEY COULD BE  
IN RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.**



**WE BELIEVE FOCUSING ON “THE ONE”( JESUS )**

**INCREASES OUR FOCUS ON “THE ONE”  
( REACHING OTHERS ).**





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.

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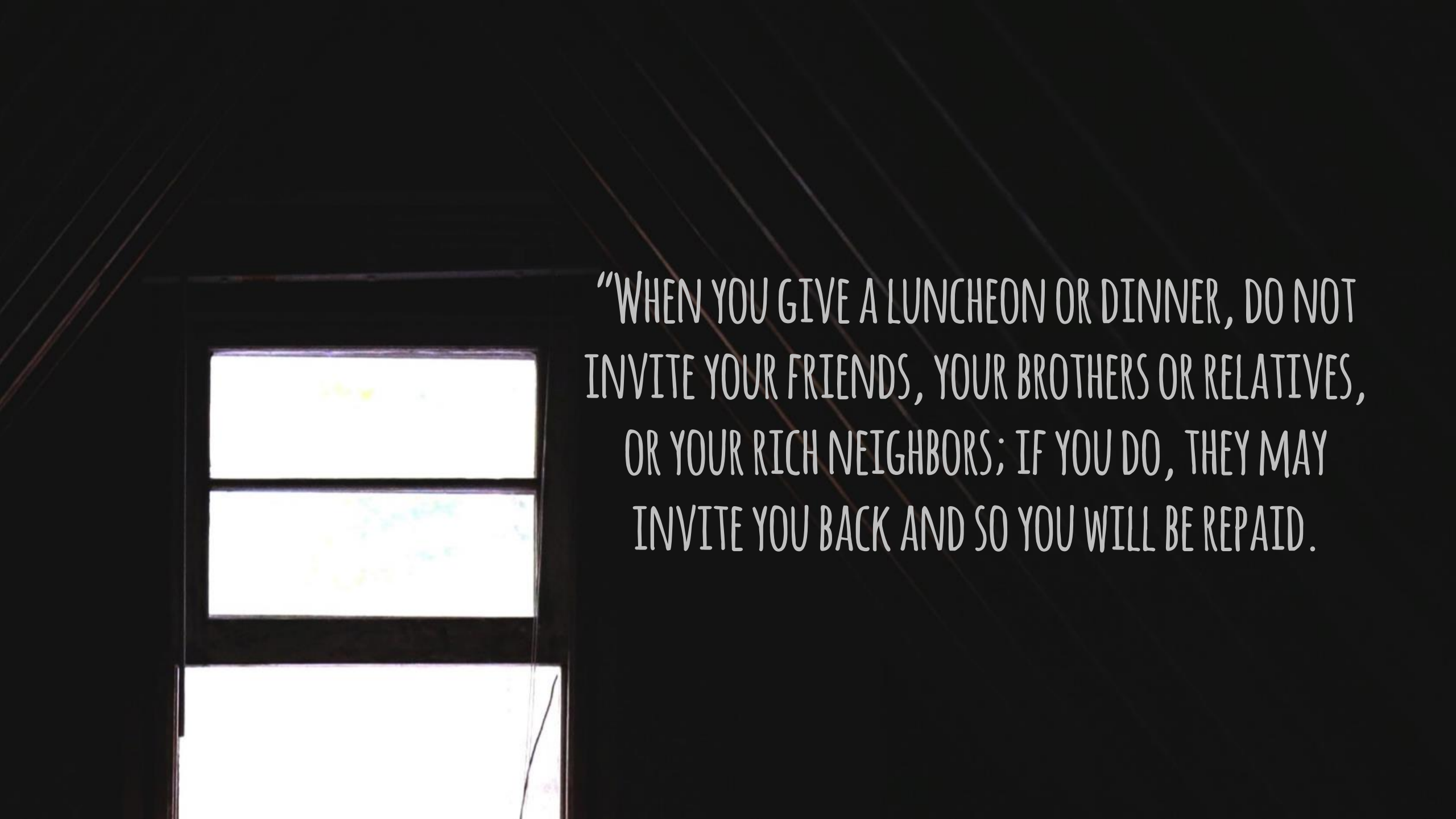
# **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY**



A photograph of a church interior, showing rows of dark wooden pews. In the background, there are three stained glass windows. The two on the left are tall and narrow, featuring yellow and orange patterns with red and blue accents. The one on the right is shorter and wider, with a central circular medallion depicting a figure, and the name 'MRS LYDIA' inscribed at the bottom. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

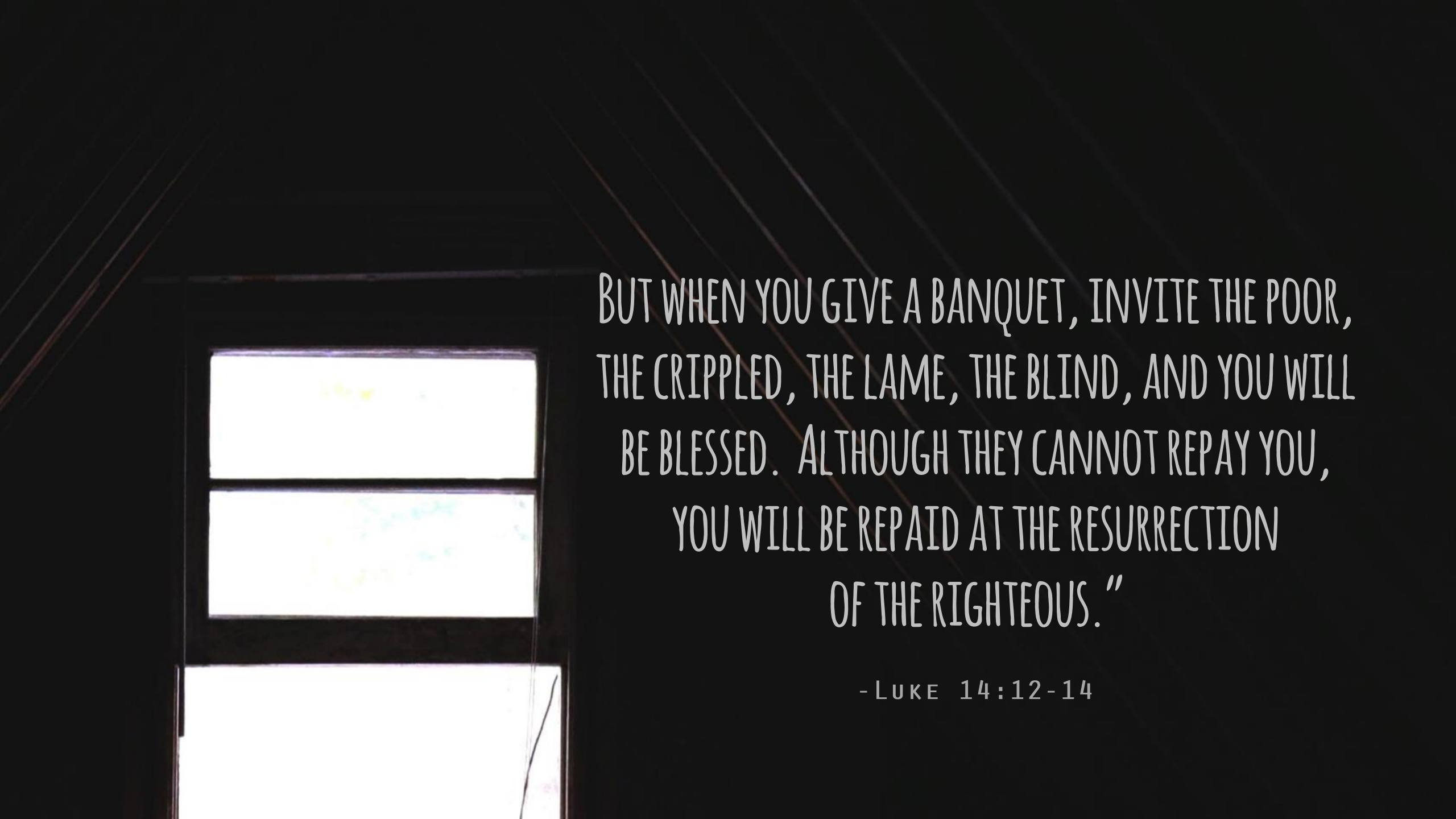
**FROM FRIENDSHIP TO  
BROTHERHOOD.**

**(PHILOS TO ADELPHOS)**



"WHEN YOU GIVE A LUNCHEON OR DINNER, DO NOT  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR BROTHERS OR RELATIVES,  
OR YOUR RICH NEIGHBORS; IF YOU DO, THEY MAY  
INVITE YOU BACK AND SO YOU WILL BE REPAID.





BUT WHEN YOU GIVE A BANQUET, INVITE THE POOR,  
THE CRIPPLED, THE LAME, THE BLIND, AND YOU WILL  
BE BLESSED. ALTHOUGH THEY CANNOT REPAY YOU,  
YOU WILL BE REPAID AT THE RESURRECTION  
OF THE RIGHTEOUS."

- LUKE 14:12-14

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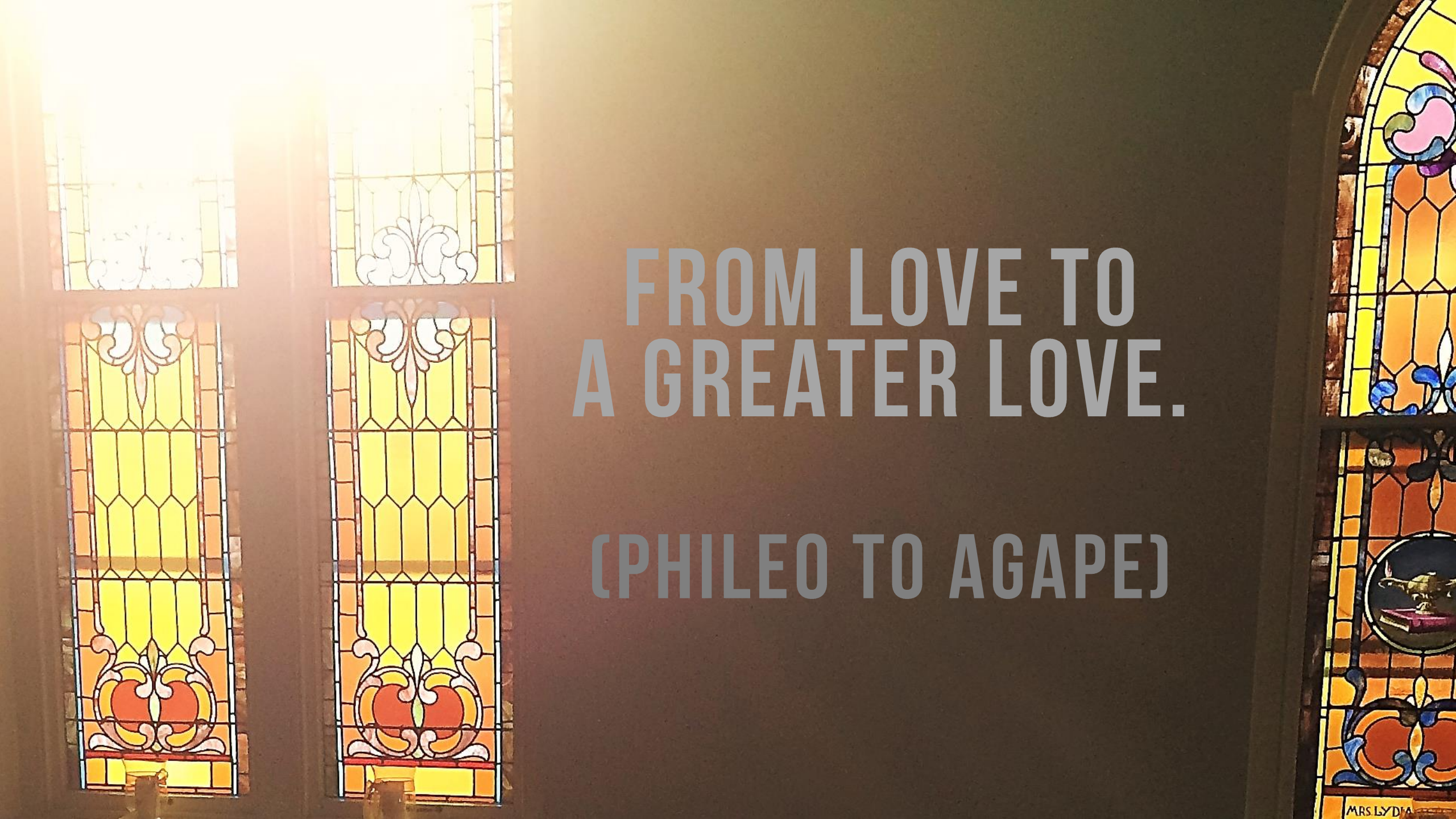


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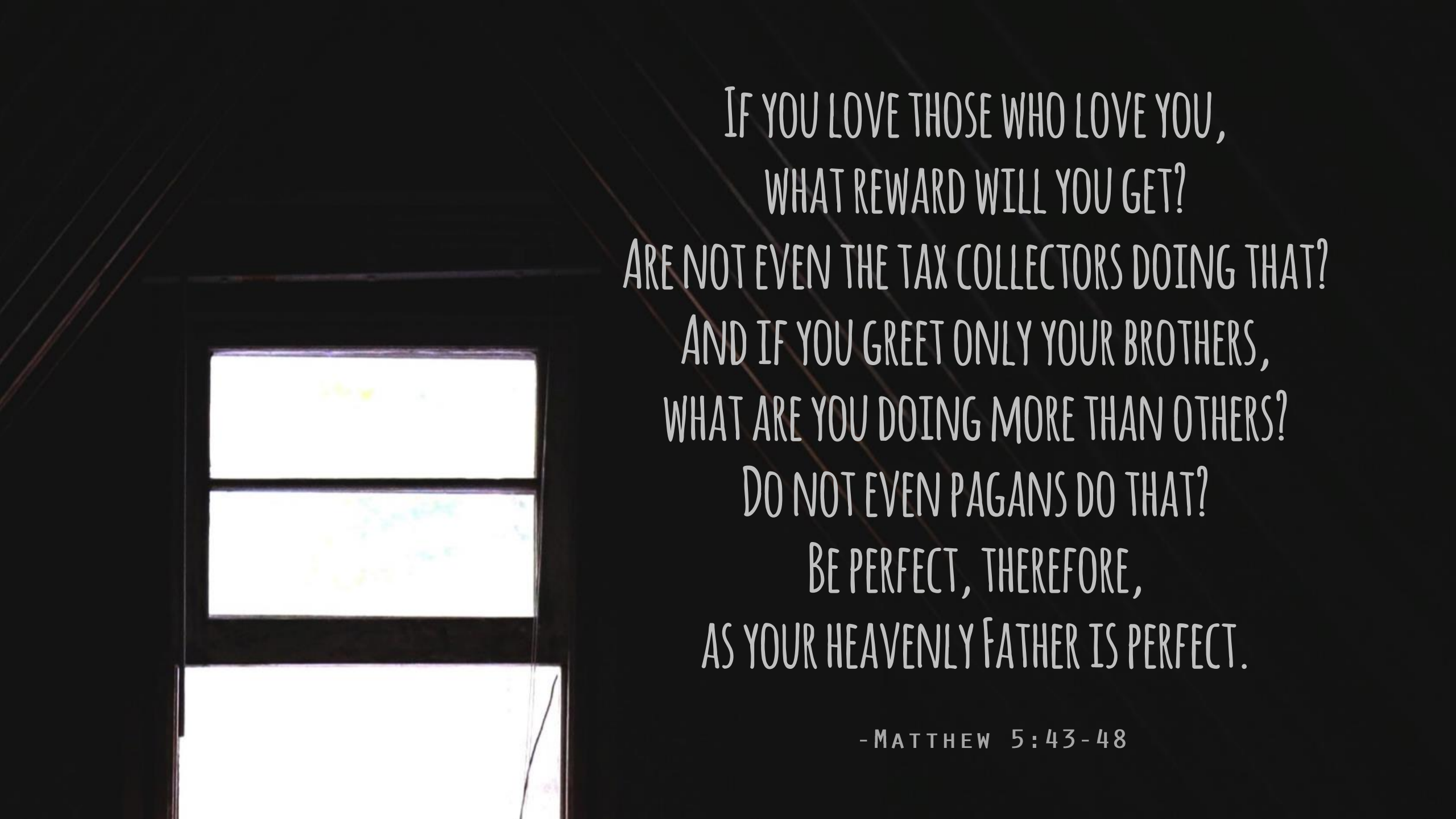
FROM LOVE TO  
A GREATER LOVE.

(PHILEO TO AGAPE)

YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID,  
'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.'  
BUT I TELL YOU: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES  
AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU,  
THAT YOU MAY BE SONS OF YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.  
HE CAUSES HIS SUN TO RISE ON THE EVIL  
AND THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN  
ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS.

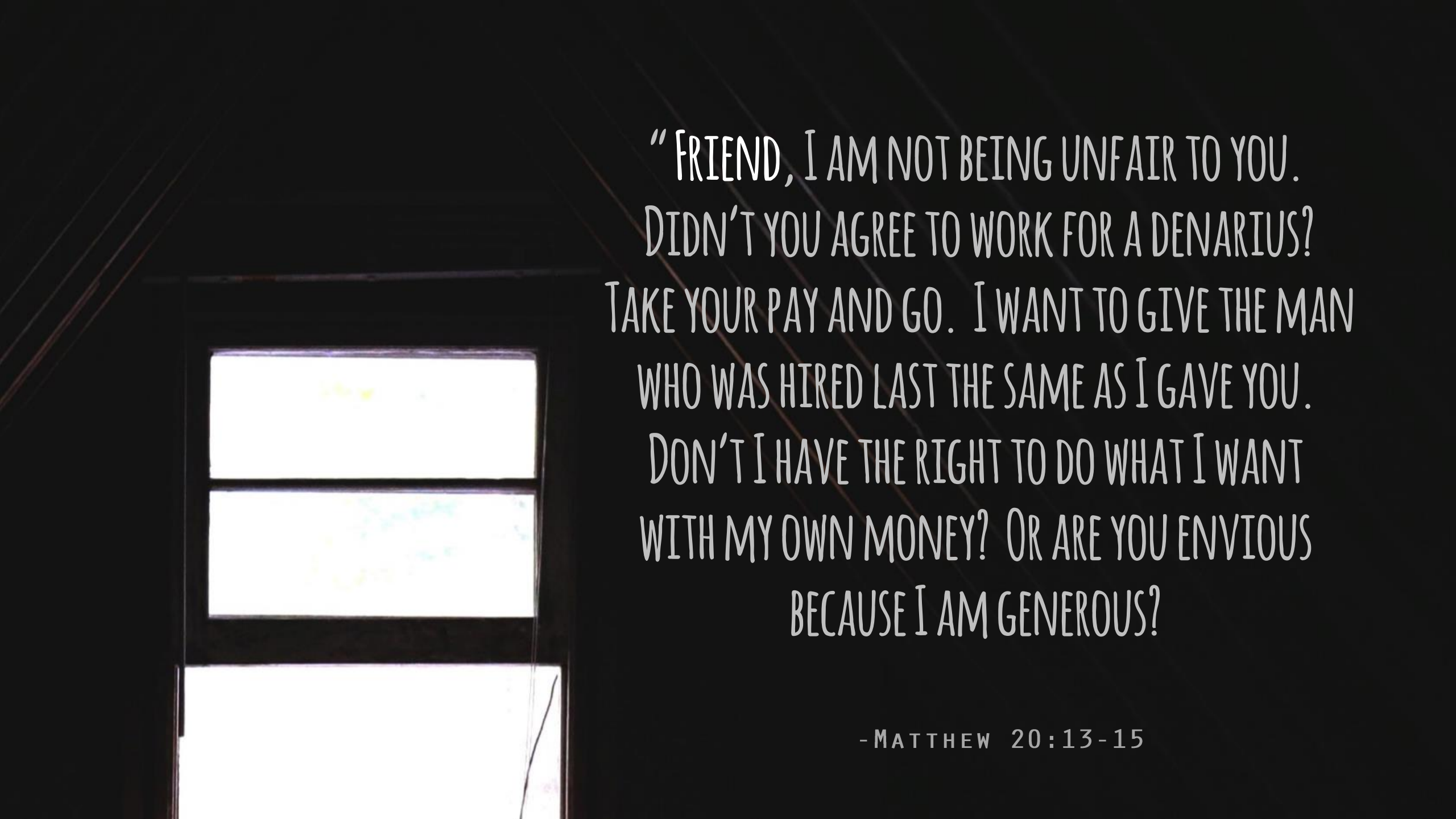






IF YOU LOVE THOSE WHO LOVE YOU,  
WHAT REWARD WILL YOU GET?  
ARE NOT EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS DOING THAT?  
AND IF YOU GREET ONLY YOUR BROTHERS,  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING MORE THAN OTHERS?  
DO NOT EVEN PAGANS DO THAT?  
BE PERFECT, THEREFORE,  
AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS PERFECT.

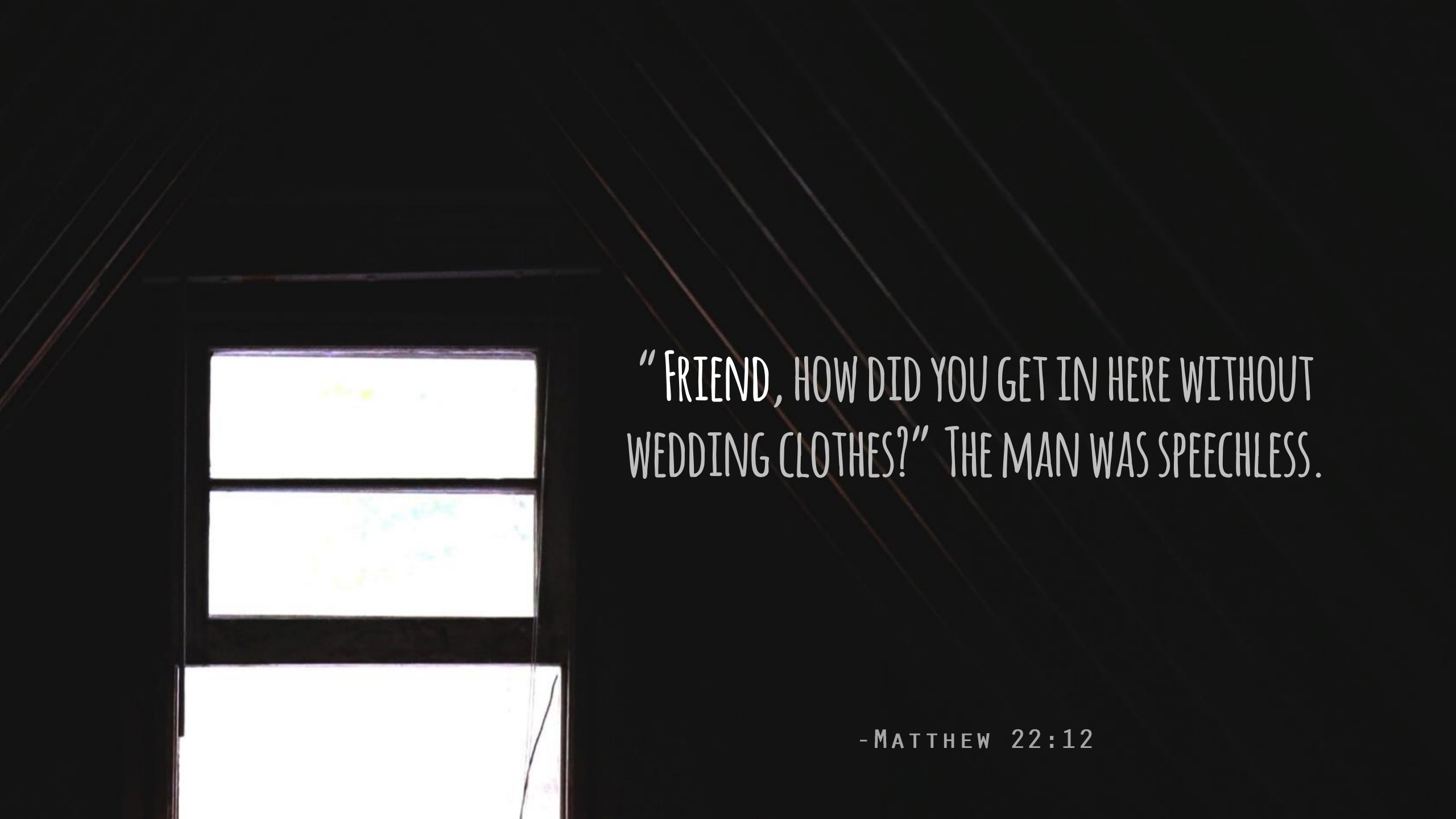
- MATTHEW 5:43-48



"FRIEND, I AM NOT BEING UNFAIR TO YOU.  
DIDN'T YOU AGREE TO WORK FOR A DENARIUS?  
TAKE YOUR PAY AND GO. I WANT TO GIVE THE MAN  
WHO WAS HIRED LAST THE SAME AS I GAVE YOU.  
DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT I WANT  
WITH MY OWN MONEY? OR ARE YOU ENVIOUS  
BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?

- MATTHEW 20:13-15



A dark, moody interior scene, likely a room at night. On the left side, there is a window with three horizontal panes. The top pane is bright white, the middle pane shows a blurred view of green trees, and the bottom pane is also bright white. The rest of the image is a dark, textured background.

"FRIEND, HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE WITHOUT WEDDING CLOTHES?" THE MAN WAS SPEECHLESS.

- MATTHEW 22:12

A dark, almost black, interior space with a window on the left side. The window is divided into three horizontal panes. The top pane is bright white. The middle pane shows a colorful, abstract pattern of green, blue, and yellow. The bottom pane is also bright white. The text "FRIEND, DO WHAT YOU CAME FOR." is written in a white, handwritten-style font on the right side of the image.

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- MATTHEW 26:50



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