



Forgiveness

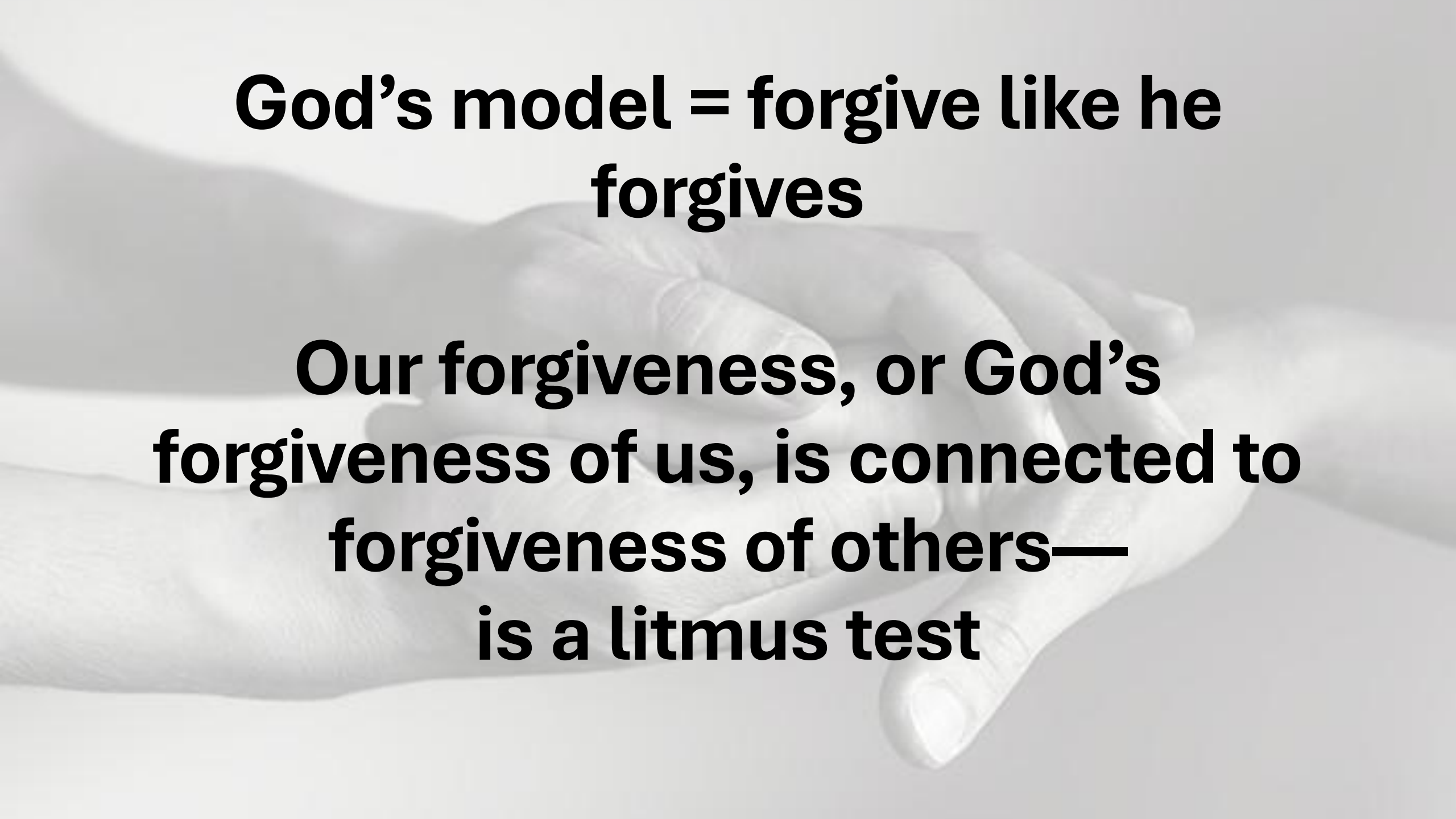
Forgive as God has forgiven you.

Colossians 3:13

And forgive us our trespasses,

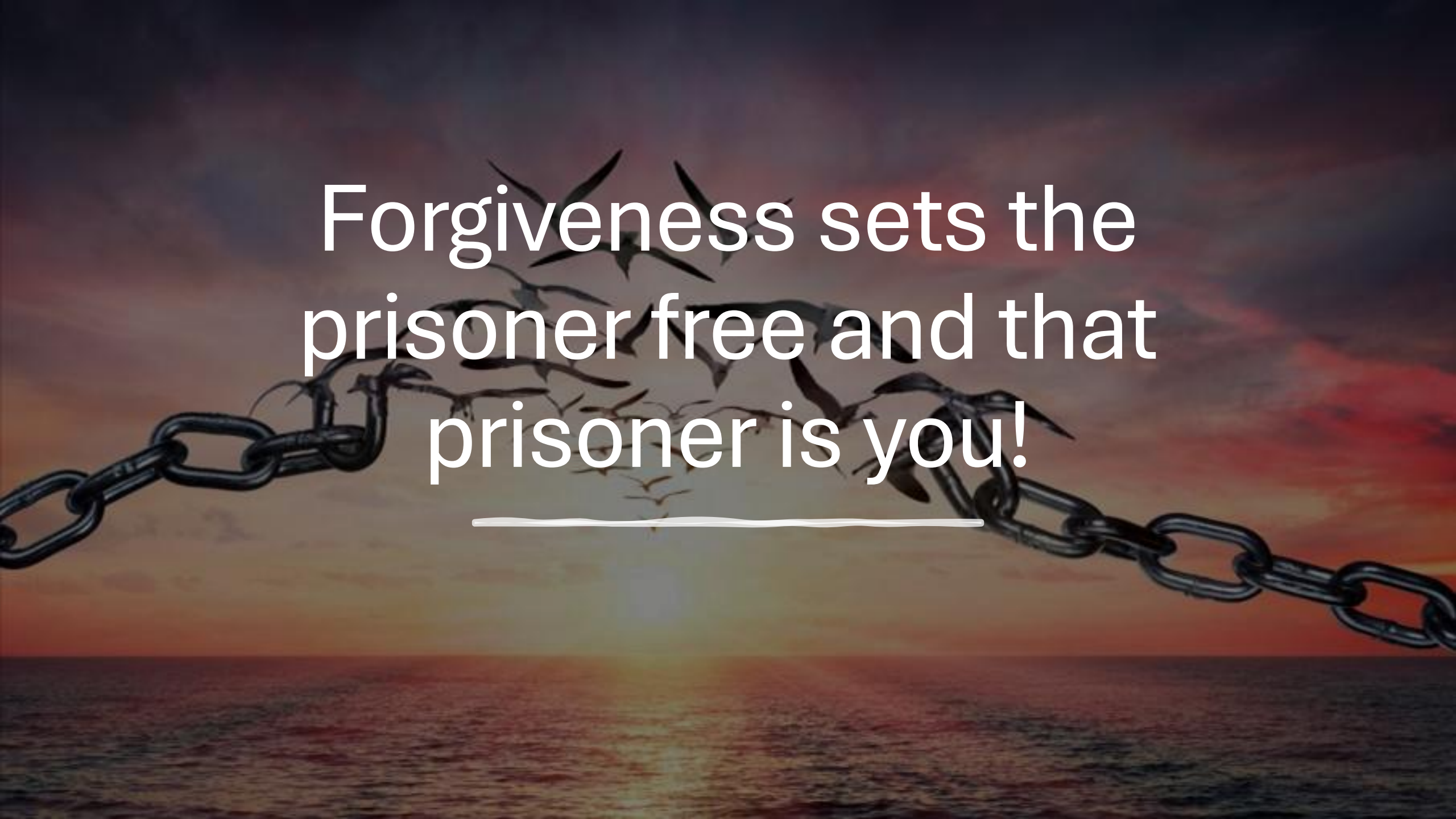
**As we forgive those who
trespass against us.**



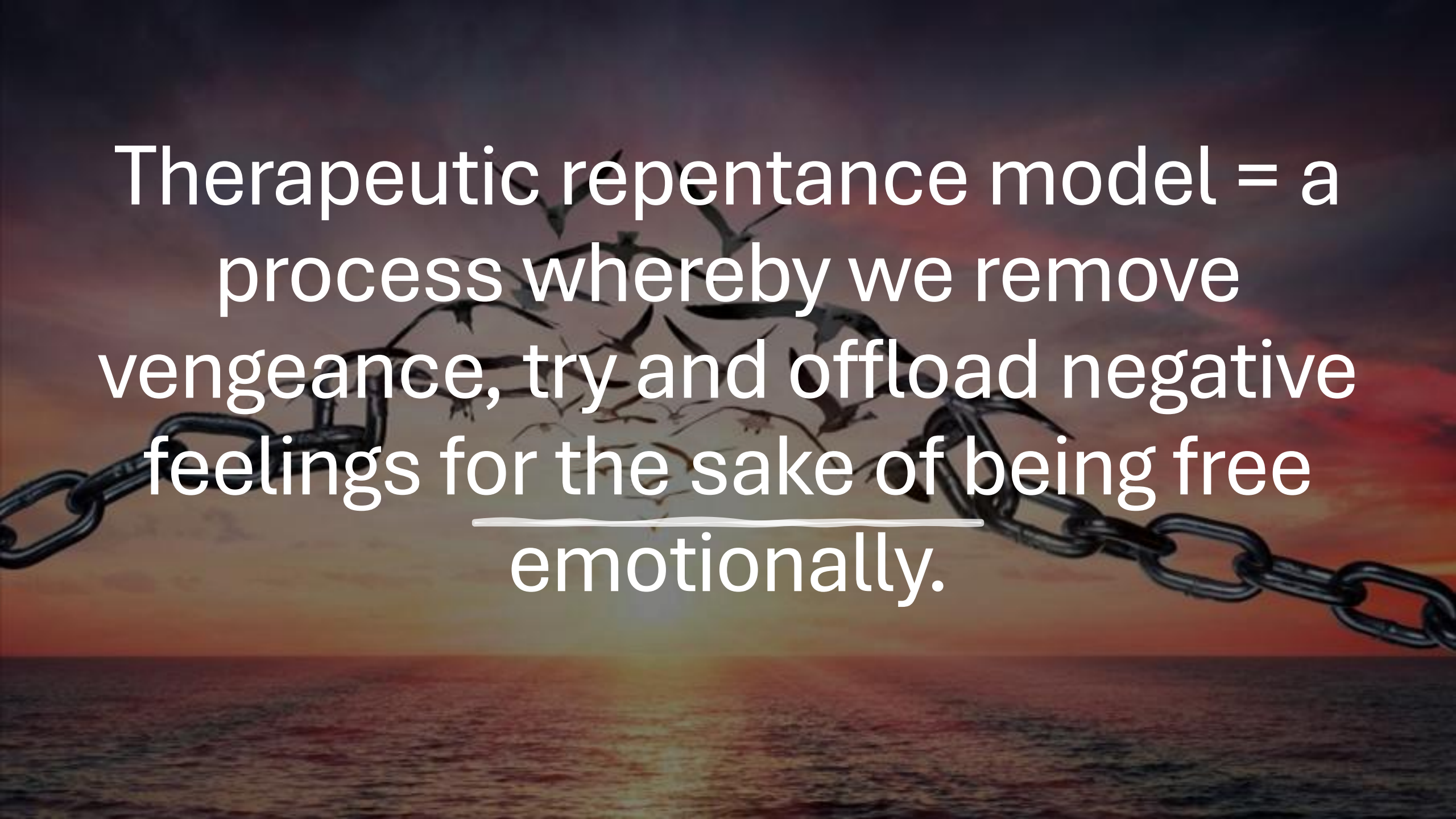


**God's model = forgive like he
forgives**

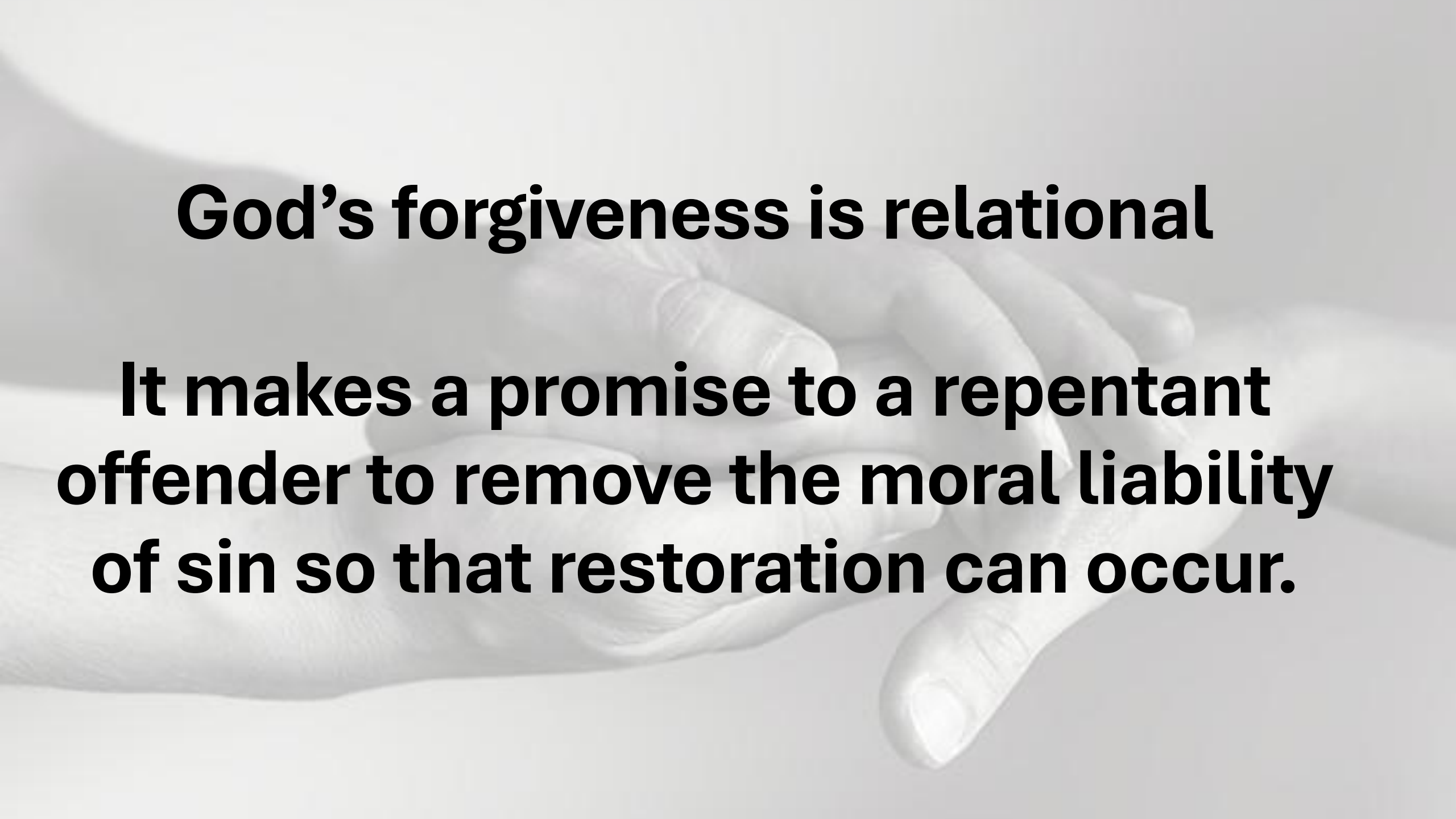
**Our forgiveness, or God's
forgiveness of us, is connected to
forgiveness of others—
is a litmus test**



Forgiveness sets the
prisoner free and that
prisoner is you!



Therapeutic repentance model = a
process whereby we remove
vengeance, try and offload negative
feelings for the sake of being free
emotionally.



God's forgiveness is relational

**It makes a promise to a repentant
offender to remove the moral liability
of sin so that restoration can occur.**

What is Biblical Forgiveness?

It promises to remove
the liability of sin so
that relationship can
happen

Genesis 45:1-3

What was the
sin his
brothers were
liable for?
Genesis 45

- Jealousy
- Sold into slavery
- Faked his death
- Lied to his father
- Destroyed his life

Joseph Forgave His Brothers

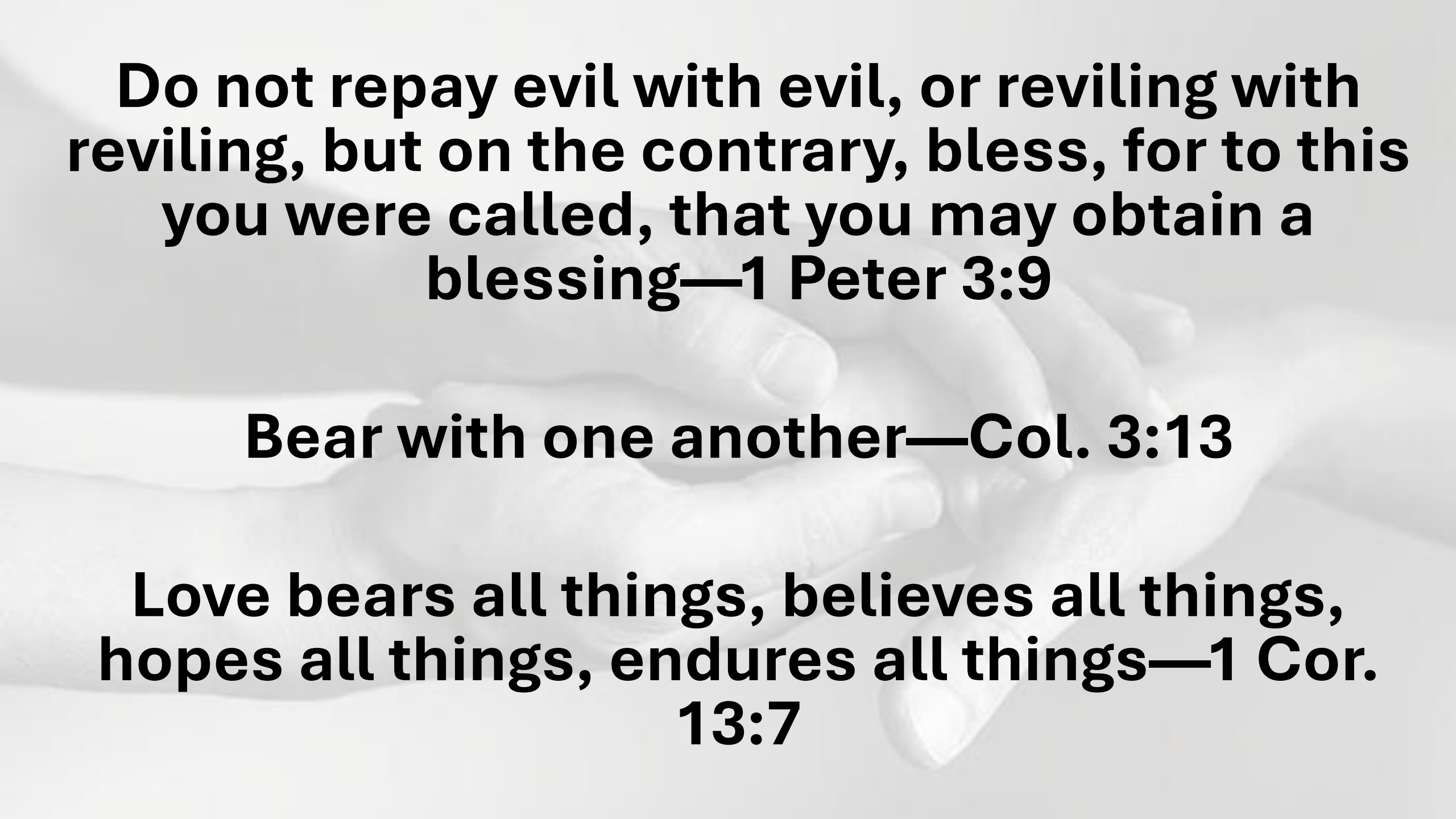


Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, “Make everyone go out from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he **wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were **dismayed** at his presence.**

How did Joseph forgive?

- He held back his own vengeance

Romans 12:19, do not avenge yourselves



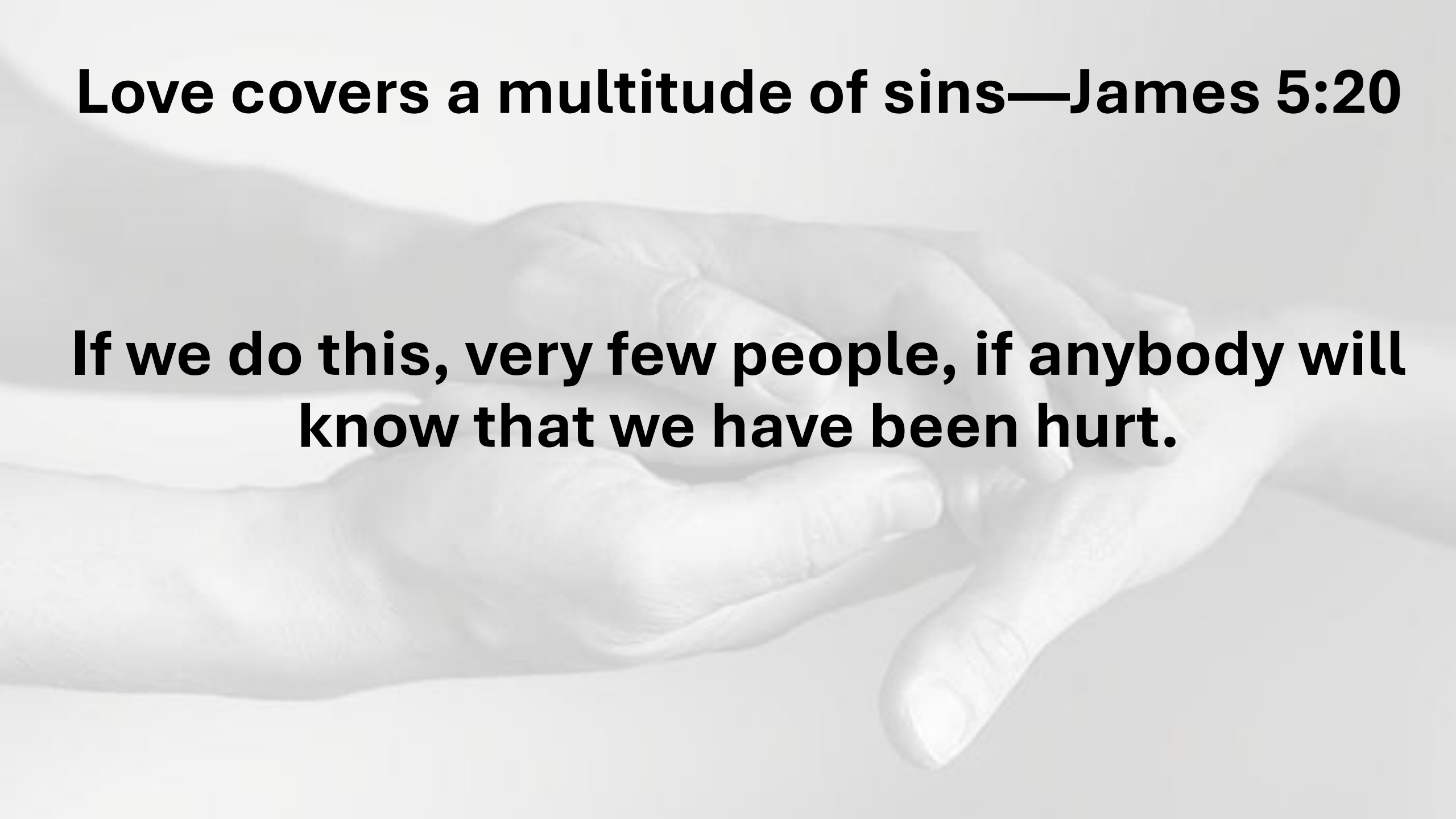
Do not repay evil with evil, or reviling with reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing—1 Peter 3:9

Bear with one another—Col. 3:13

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things—1 Cor. 13:7

Love covers a multitude of sins—James 5:20

**If we do this, very few people, if anybody will
know that we have been hurt.**



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Acts 2:38, repent and be baptized

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- He held back his own vengeance
- He thought of a way to read their hearts
- He reassured them they were not liable

Romans 8:1, no condemnation

So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life...

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers **talked** with him.

Why is forgiveness crucial?

John Piper

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Ephesians 4:32

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Luke 23:34

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Matthew 6:14-15

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Matthew 5:11-12

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- God will repay

Romans 12:19-20



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