

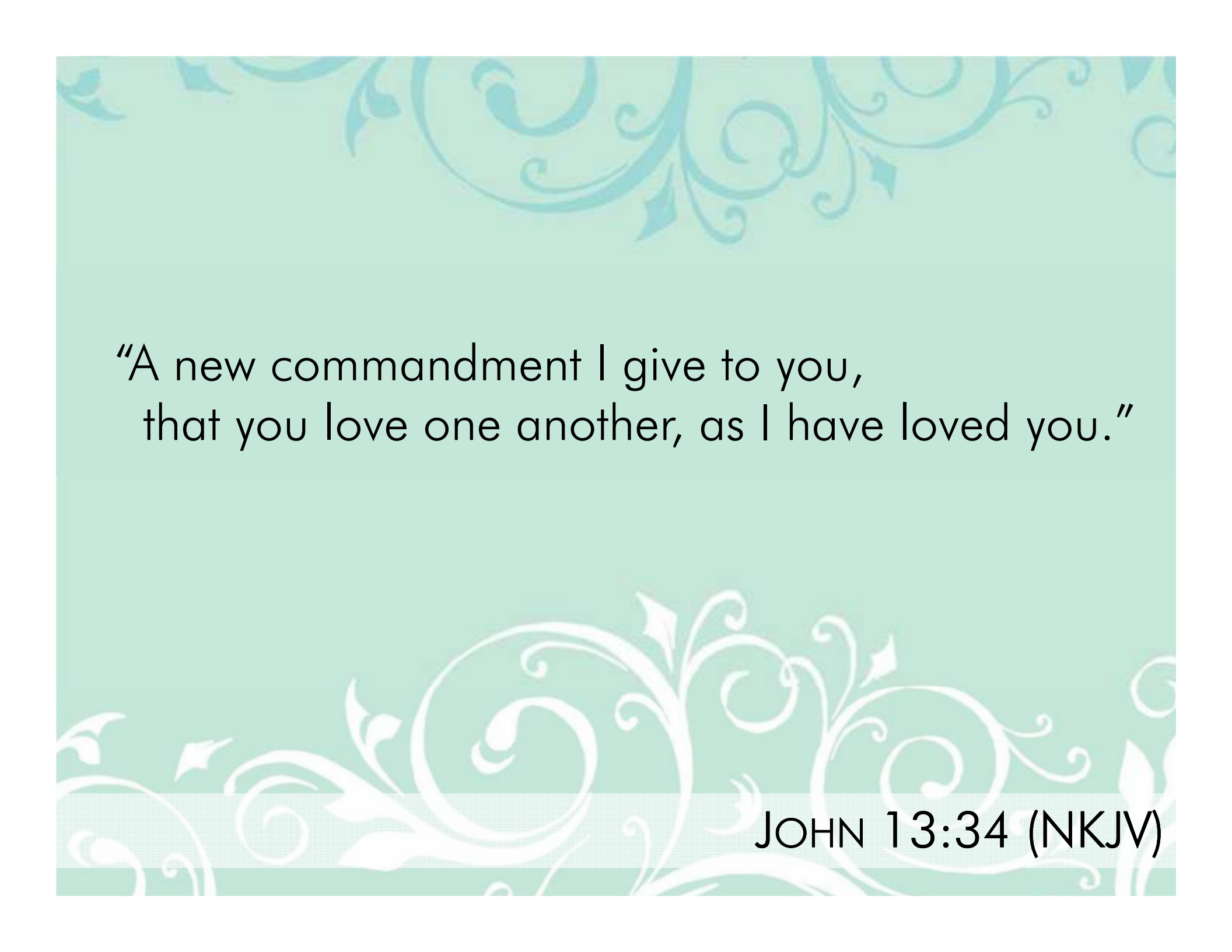


God's Love in *My World*:
Living I Corinthians 13 at Home and Beyond

Week 1 | 02.16.11



How's your love walk?

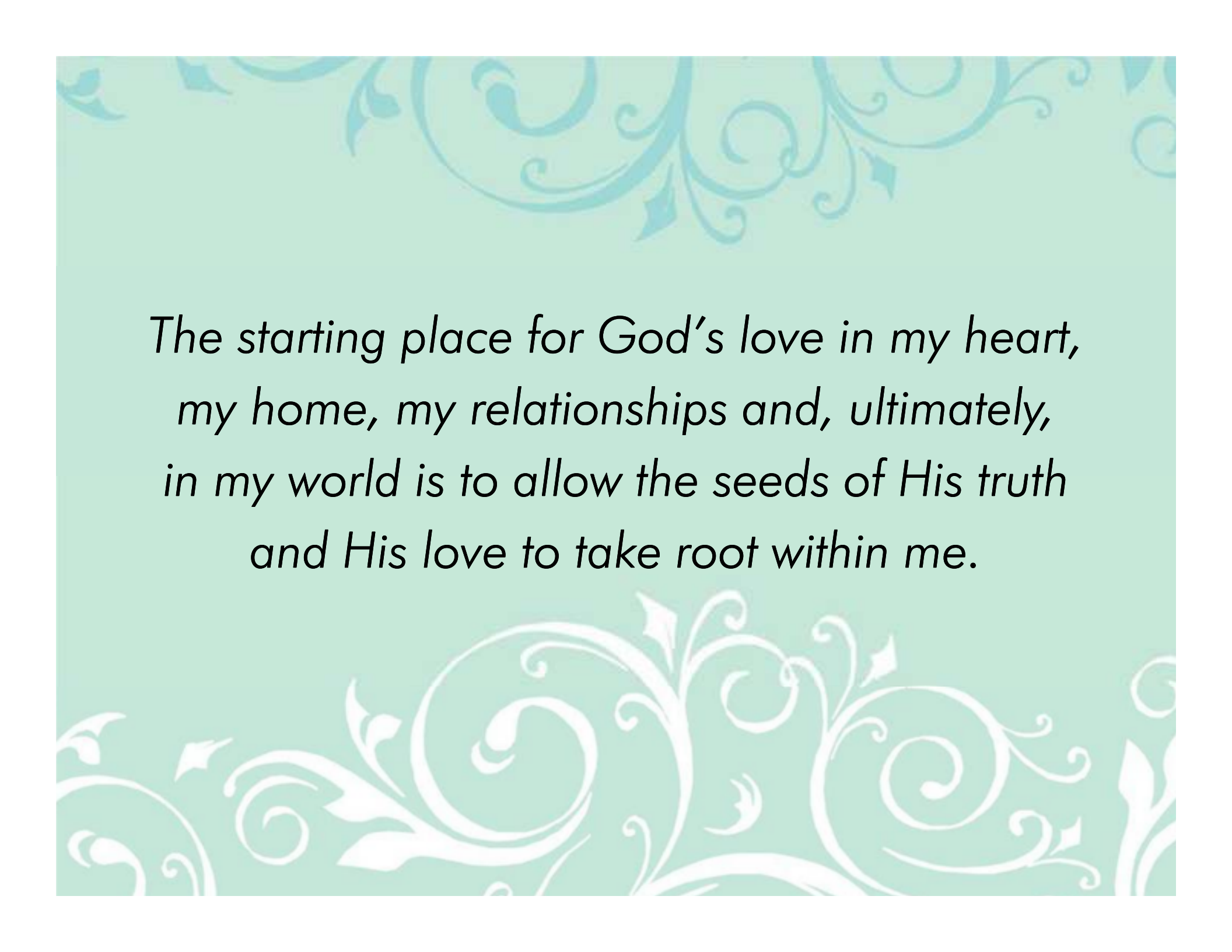


“A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another, as I have loved you.”

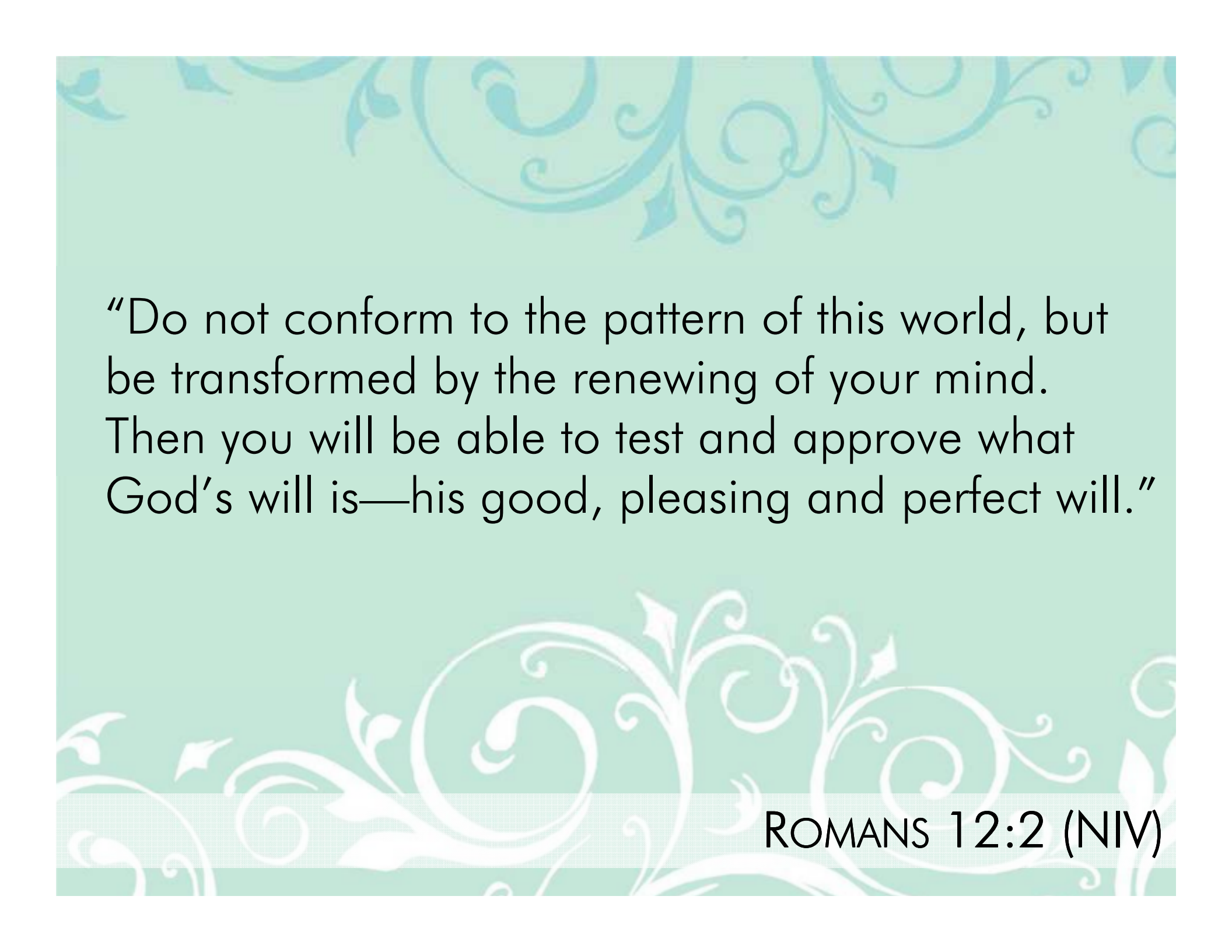
JOHN 13:34 (NKJV)



**Love is not a feeling.
Love is a decision.**

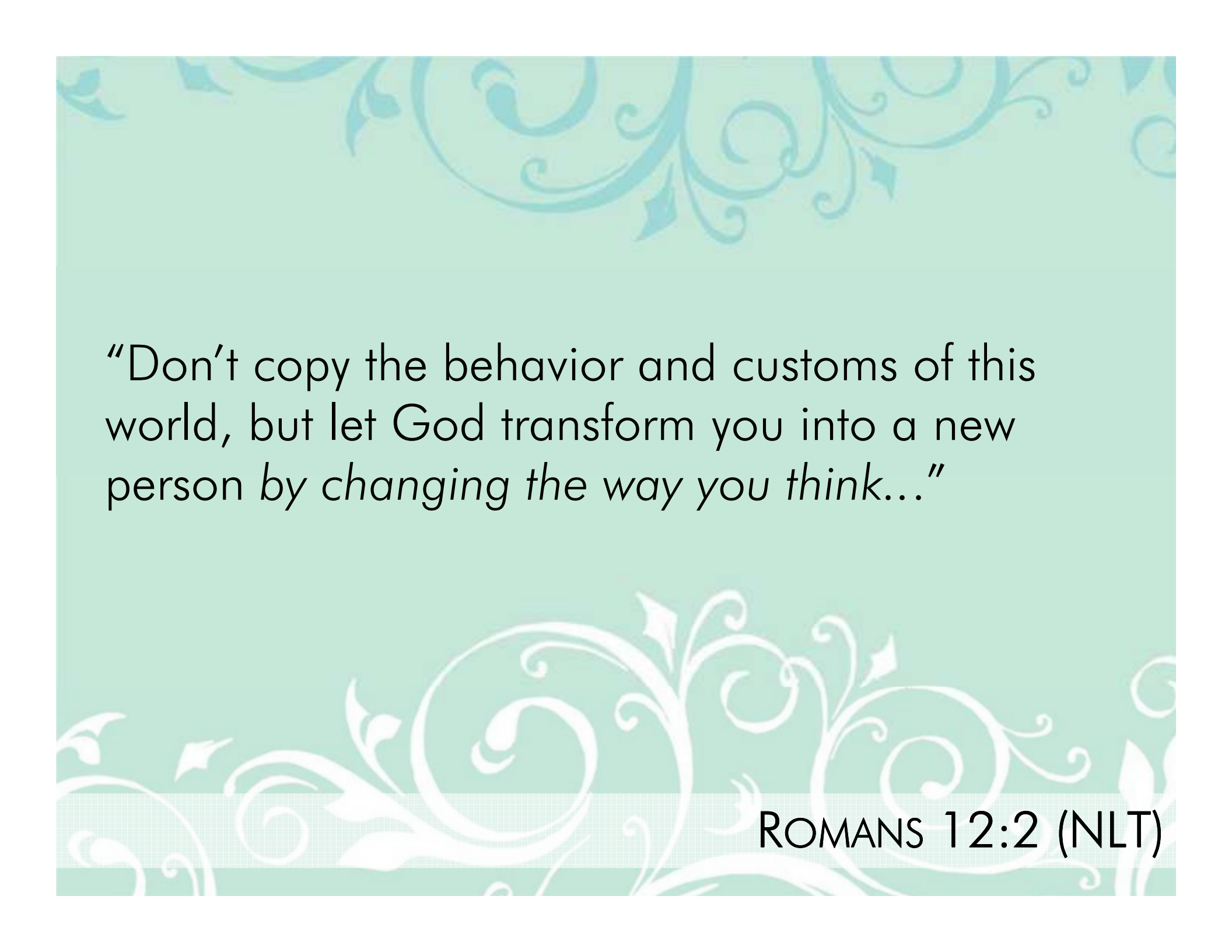
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*The starting place for God's love in my heart,
my home, my relationships and, ultimately,
in my world is to allow the seeds of His truth
and His love to take root within me.*



“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

ROMANS 12:2 (NIV)

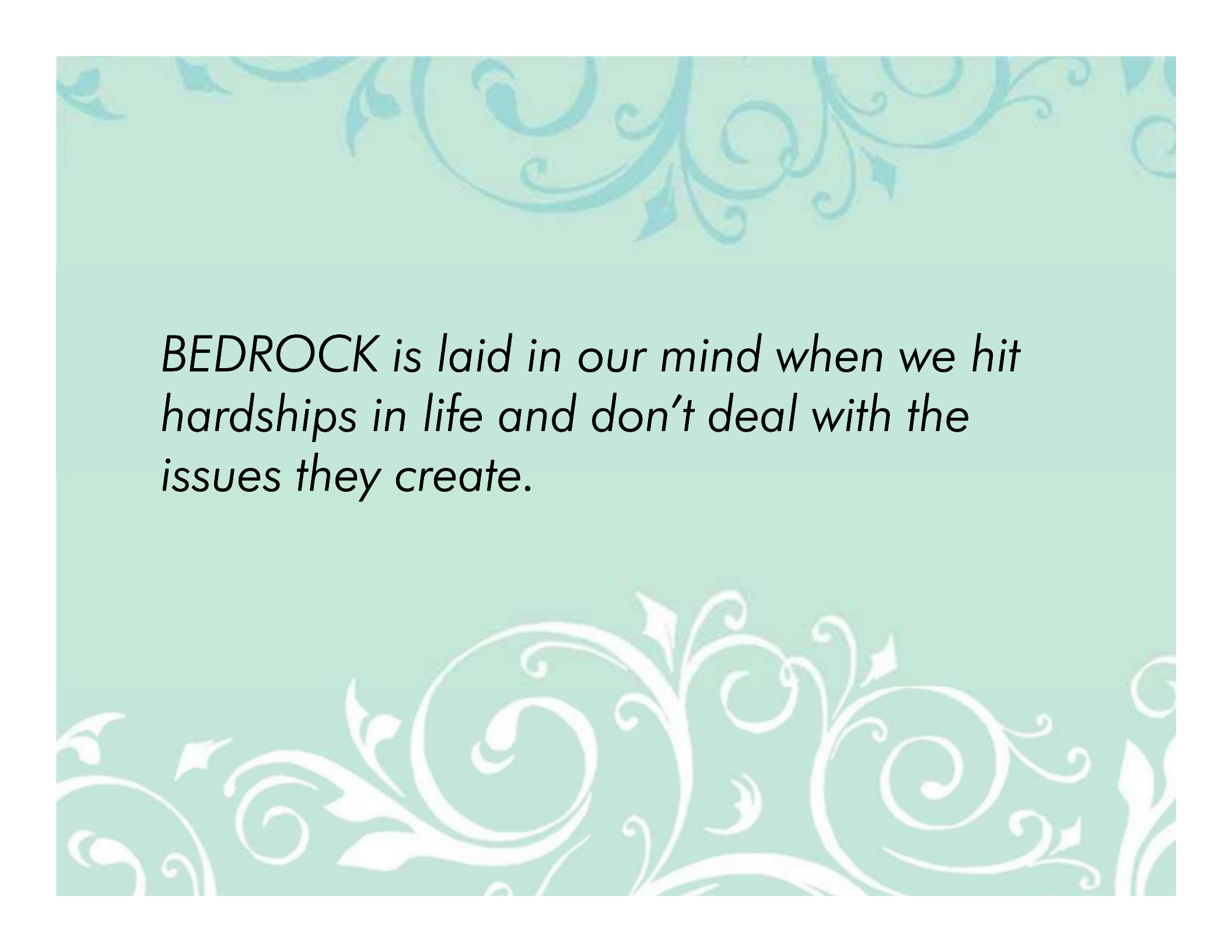


“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person *by changing the way you think...*”

ROMANS 12:2 (NLT)

**Three types of rocky soil that hinder growth
not only in nature but also in us:**

- BEDROCK
- STONY SOIL
- GRAVELLY GROUND



BEDROCK is laid in our mind when we hit hardships in life and don't deal with the issues they create.

STONY SOIL in our mind is soil that is fixed on “self” ...

- *Self-reliance*
- *Self-trust*
- *Self-absorption*
- *Self-consciousness*
- *Self-improvement*
- *Self-pity*
- *Self-esteem issues*
- *Self-reasoning*



What are the “concealed layers” beneath the surface that make the soil of your mind like GRAVELLY GROUND?

*How can we cooperate with the Holy Spirit
to till the rocky soil within us?*

1. REMAIN in Jesus.

[John 15:1-12]

The Greek word for remain is **"meno"** –
to stick close even when it's difficult

*How can we cooperate with the Holy Spirit
to till the rocky soil within us?*

2. RESPOND to others with God's supernatural love over your natural love.

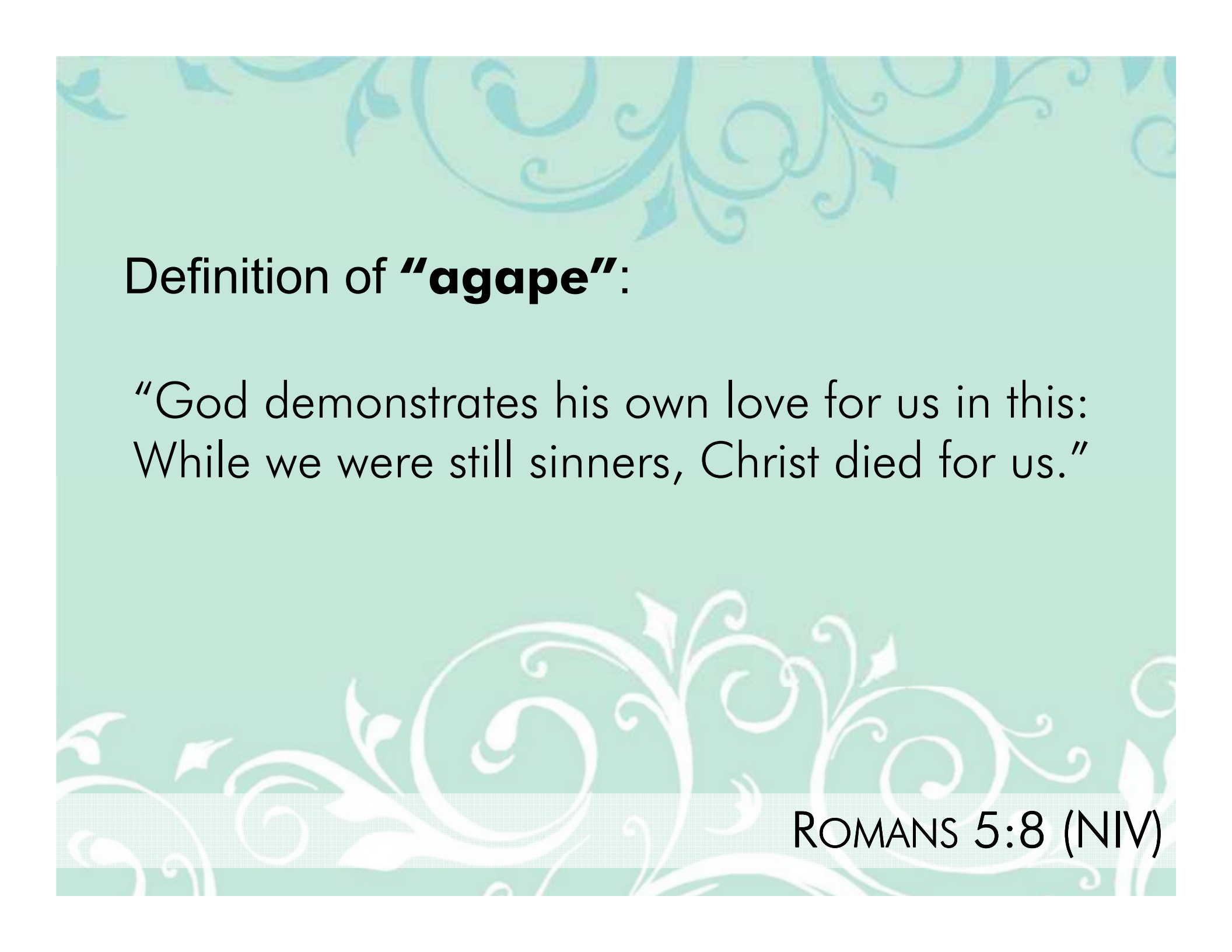
[Romans 12:10]



“charity” = giving simply for the sake of giving

The Greek word for charity is

“agape” = unconditional love



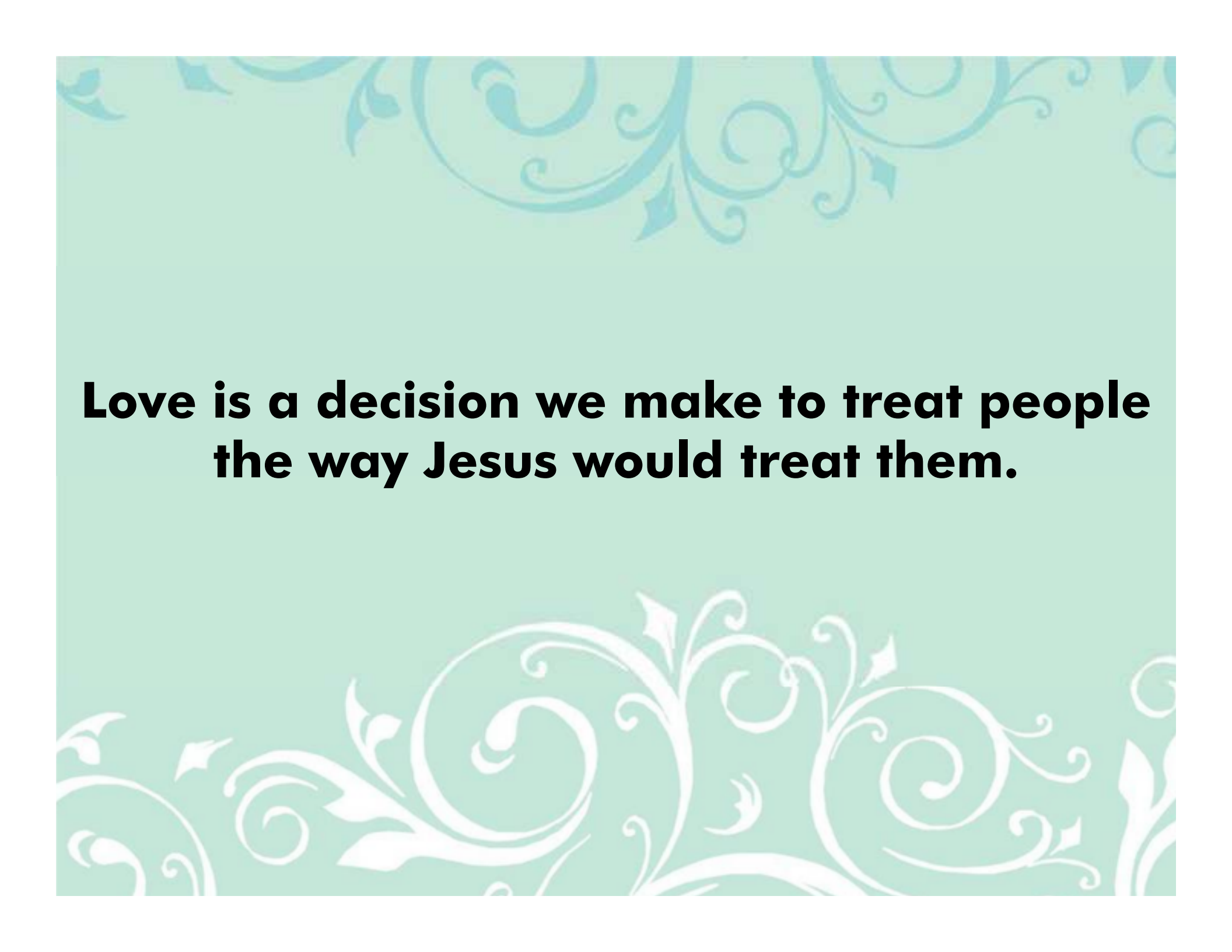
Definition of **“agape”**:

“God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 5:8 (NIV)



*God's way is to act loving in order to feel loving,
or to act loving regardless of how we feel.*

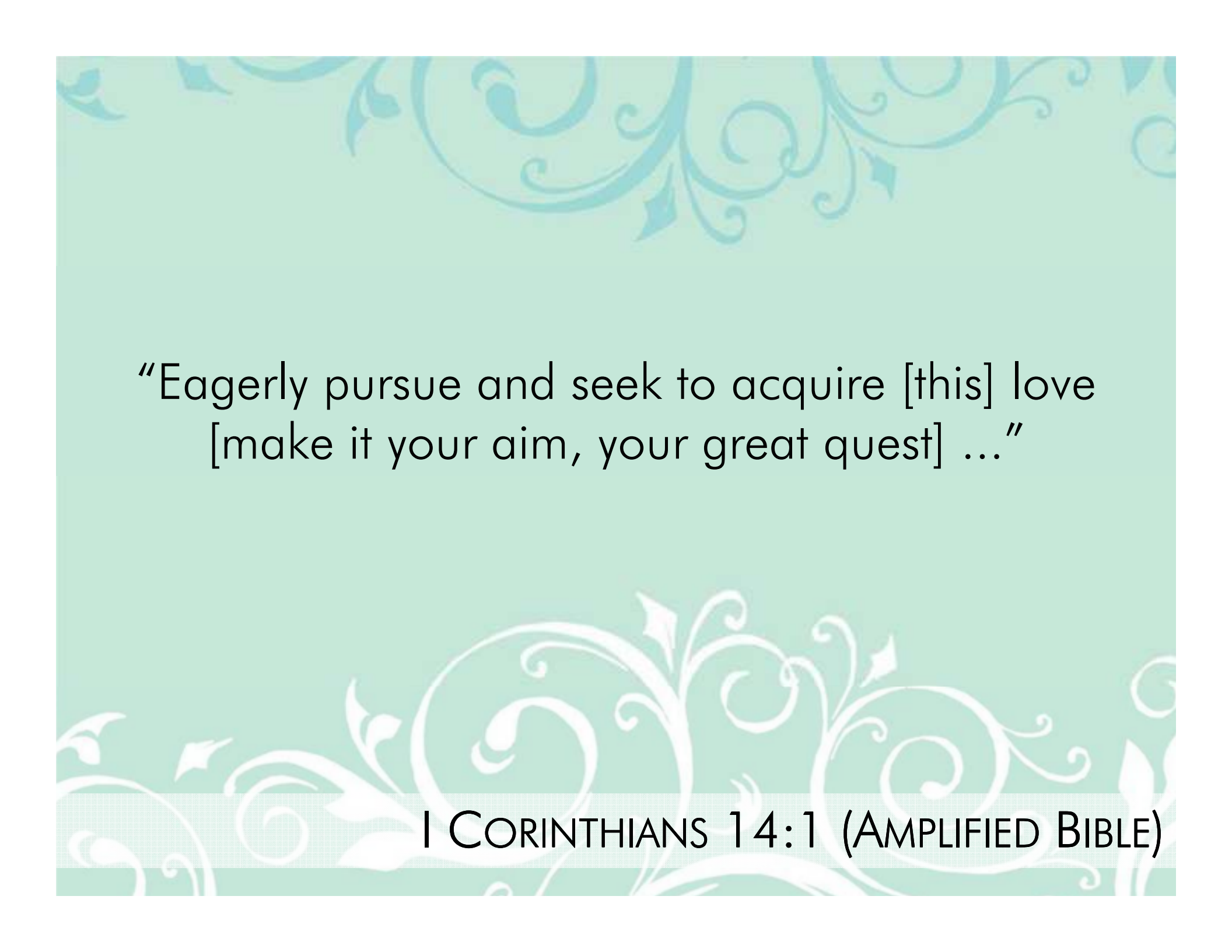


**Love is a decision we make to treat people
the way Jesus would treat them.**



I CORINTHIANS 12:31

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a



“Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love
[make it your aim, your great quest] ...”

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1 (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)



How do I “eagerly pursue” His love?

1. Let God love you.
2. Let God’s Word teach you.
3. Let someone else “show” you how.











