

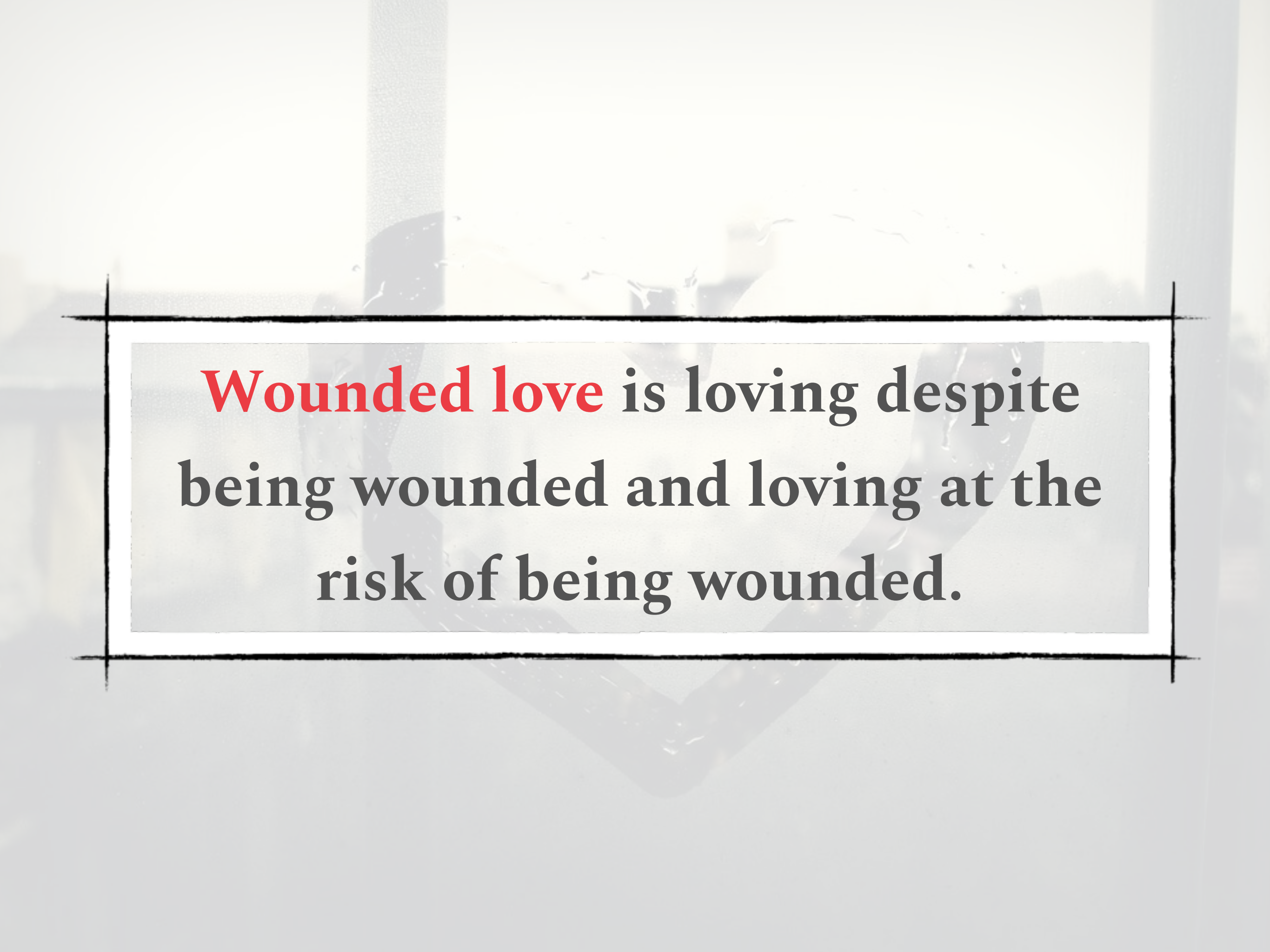


WELCOME!

Minneapolis-St. Paul Church Of Christ

A photograph of a broken heart on a window. The heart is shattered into many pieces, with some shards still attached to the window frame. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor scene. The text "Wounded Love" is overlaid on the image, with "Wounded" in white and "Love" in red.

Wounded Love



Wounded love is loving despite
being wounded and loving at the
risk of being wounded.

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your **faith**—of **greater worth than gold**, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

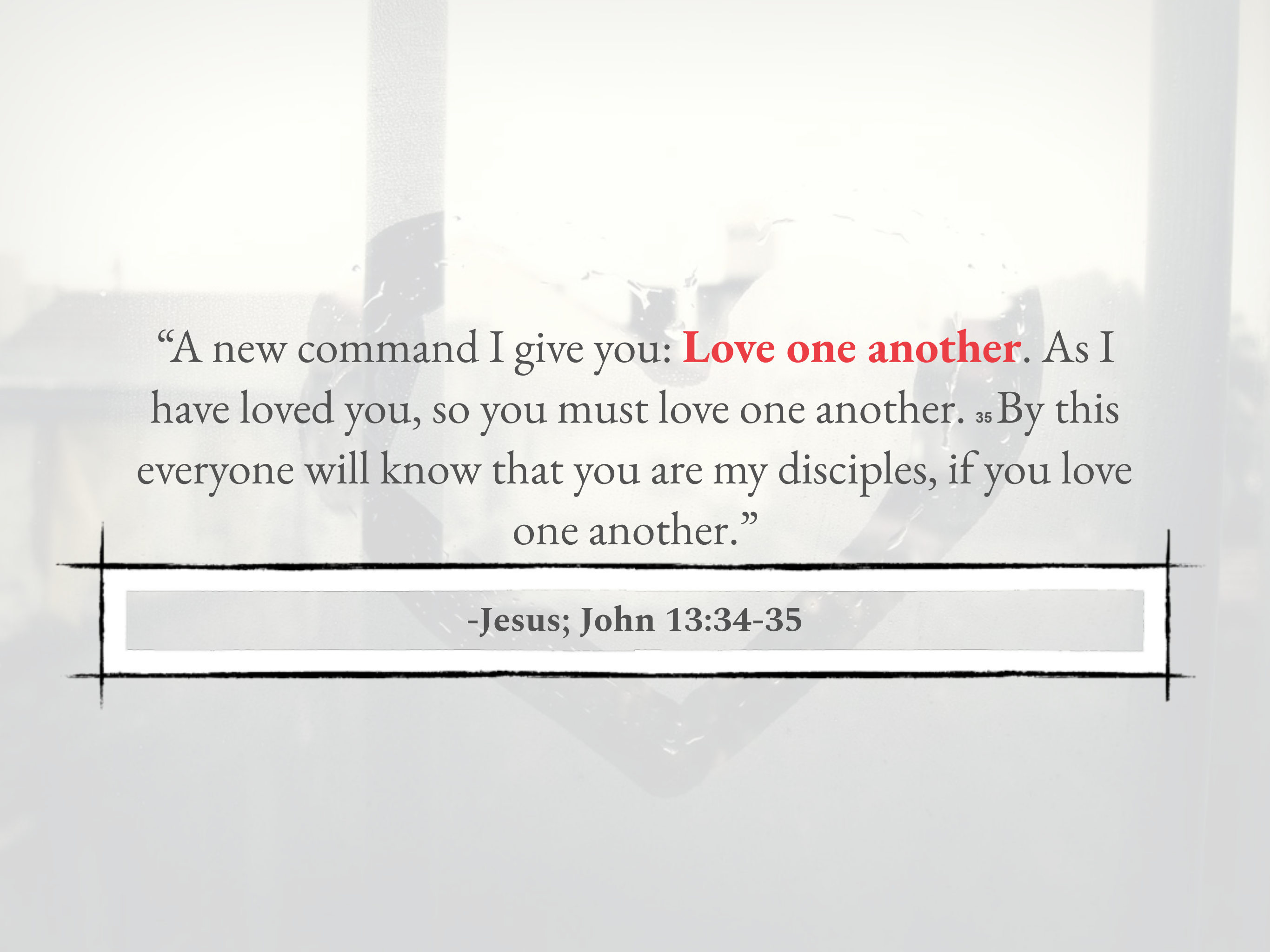
- Peter: 1 Peter 1:6-7



WOUNDED AND LOVING

A person in a white shirt is shown splashing water, with the text "JESUS EXAMPLE" overlaid. The word "JESUS" is in red, and "EXAMPLE" is in black. The background is a light, hazy scene with a person's head and shoulders visible, splashing water. The text is centered horizontally and vertically within a white rectangular area.

JESUS EXAMPLE

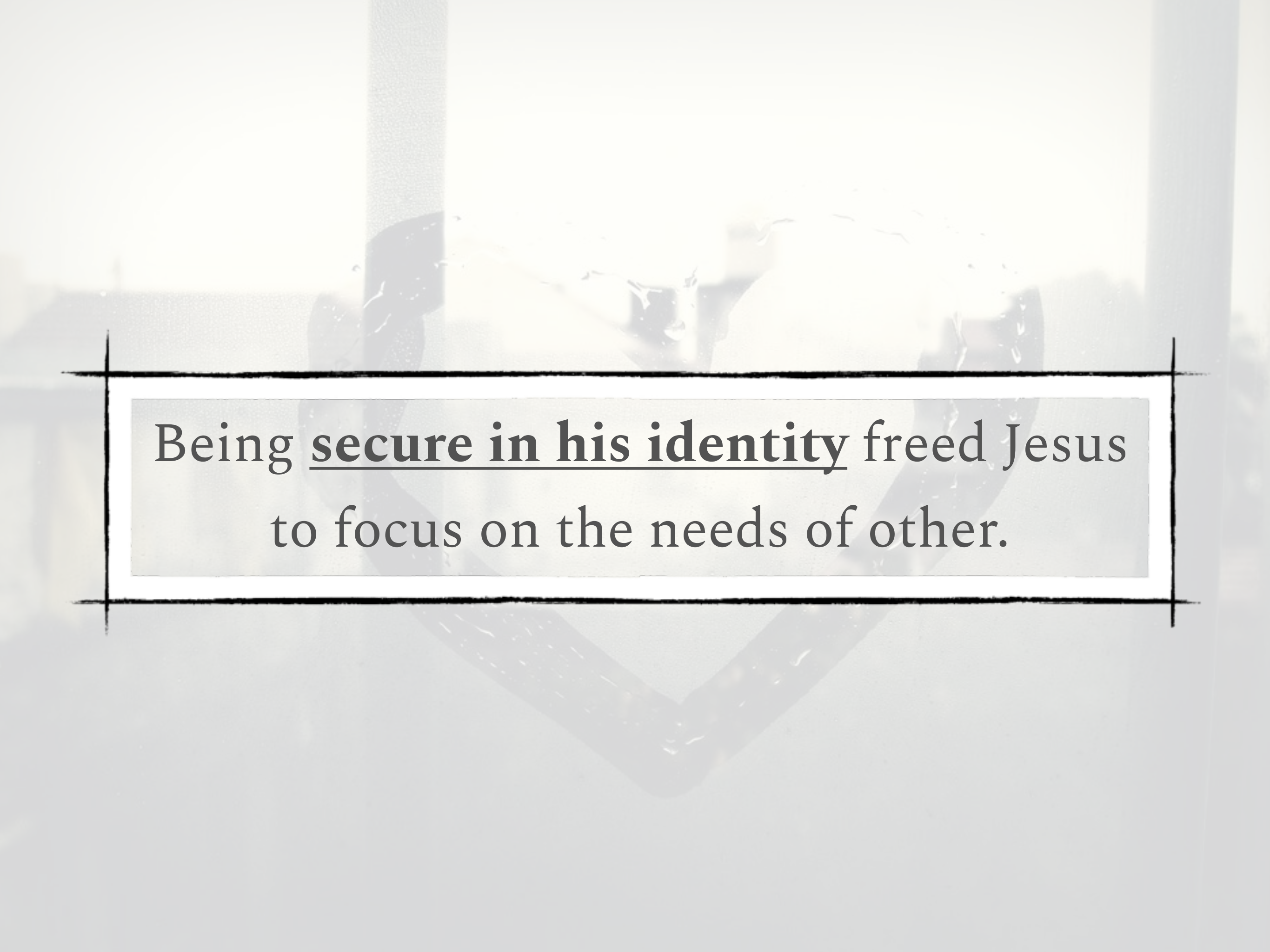


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-Jesus; John 13:34-35

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, **He loved them** ^[a] **to the end.** ² During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him, ³ *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,* ⁴ *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.”

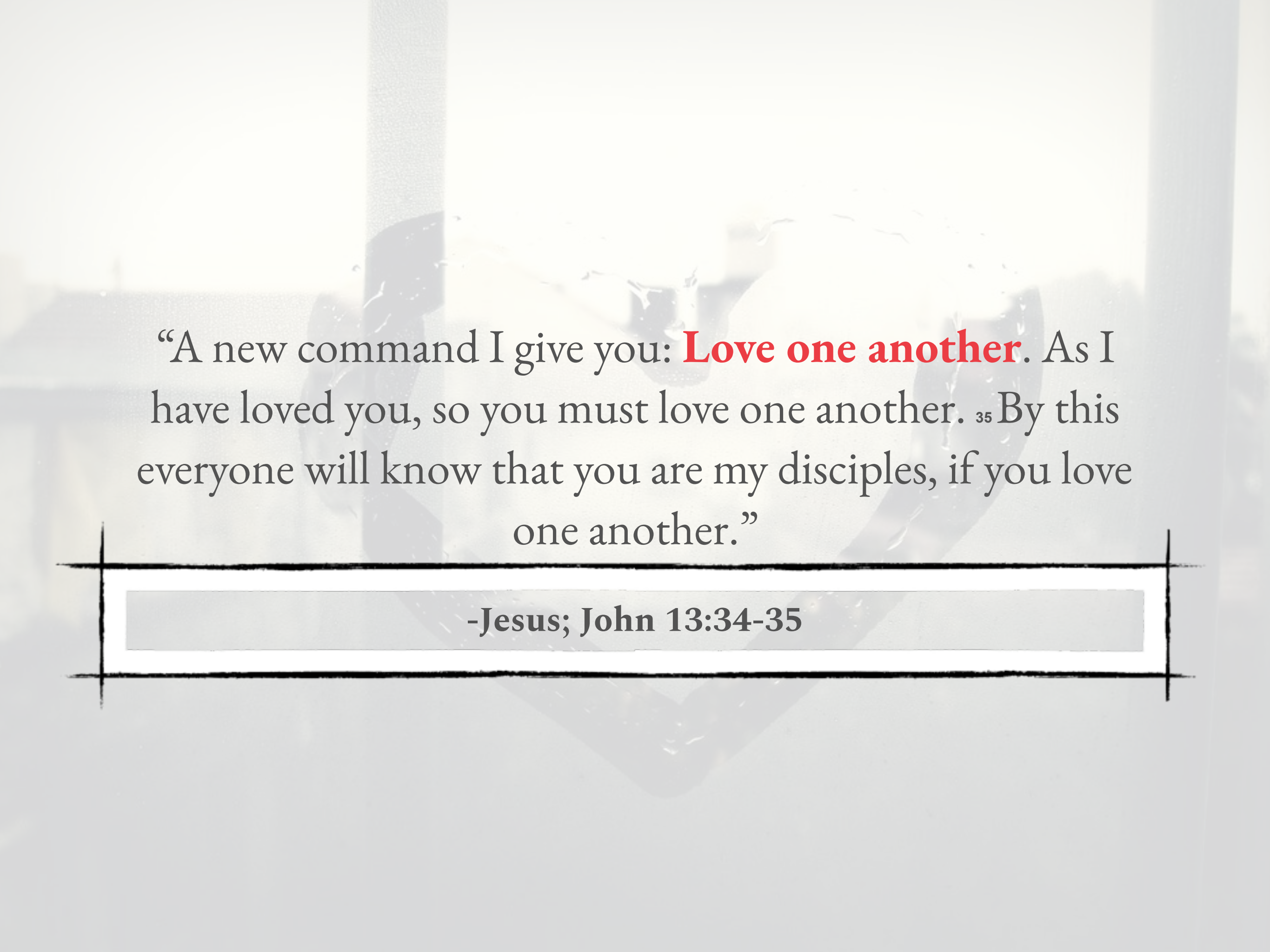
John; John 13:3-5 (NASB)



Being secure in his identity freed Jesus
to focus on the needs of other.

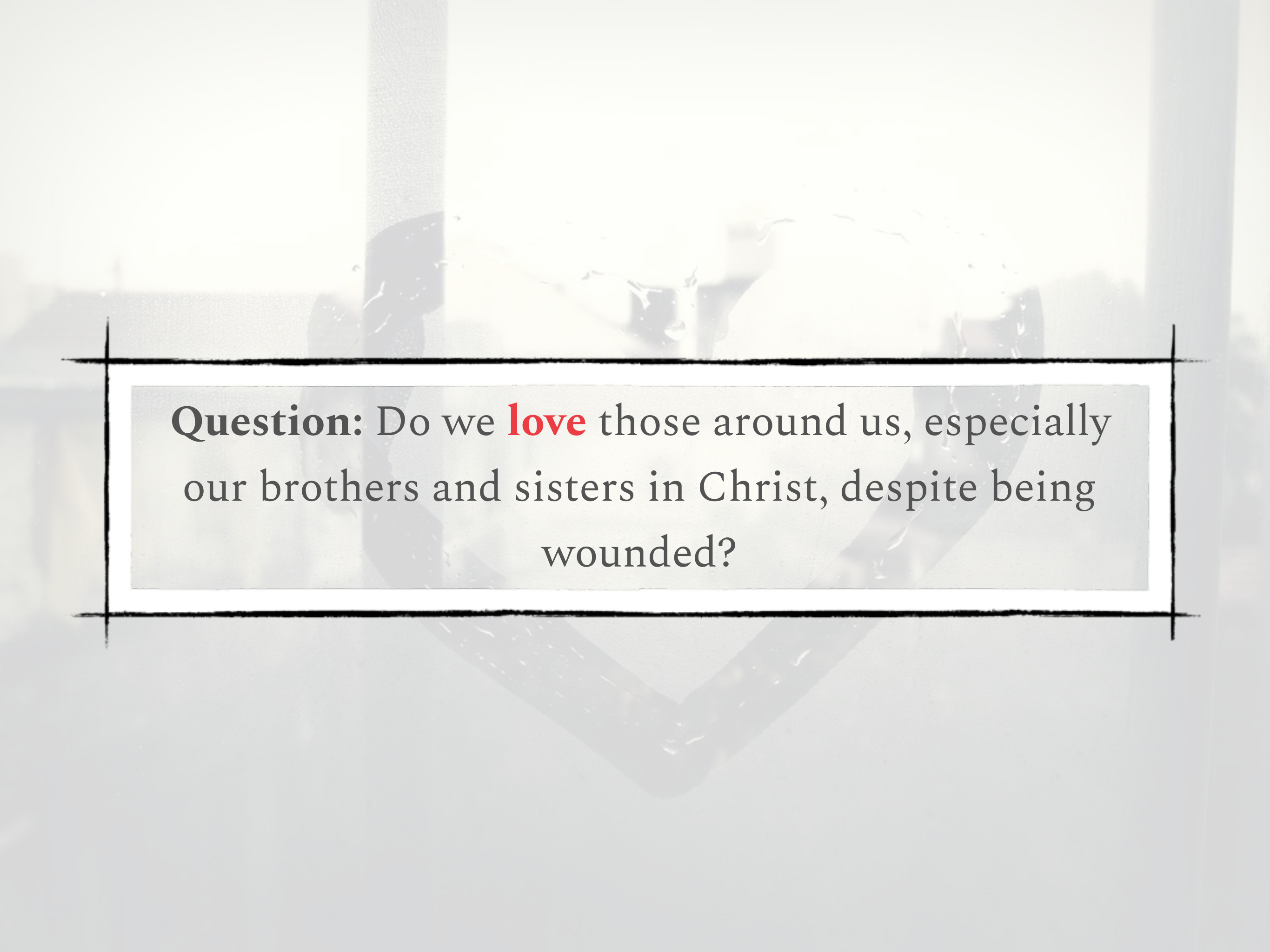
A person in a white lab coat is shown from the chest up, holding a large, glowing, heart-shaped object. The heart is made of a textured, crystalline material and emits a bright, warm light. The person's face is partially visible, looking down at the heart. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting with light-colored walls and a window. The overall mood is one of hope and scientific discovery.

OUR RESPONSE



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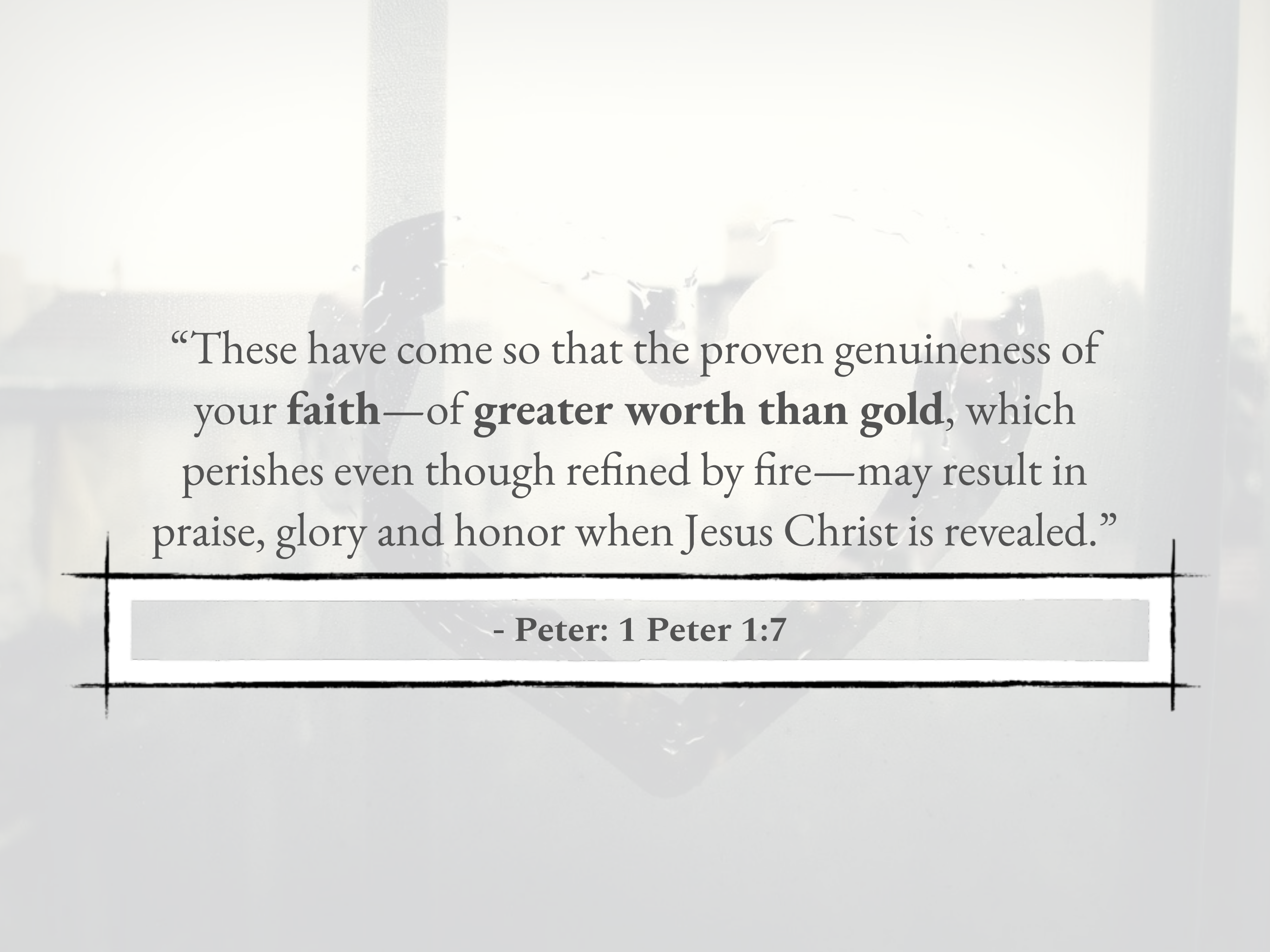
Question: Do we **love** those around us, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ, despite being wounded?



To **LOVE** is to SERVE.

A person in a white shirt is shown splashing water, with the text "WOUNDED BY LOVING" overlaid in a serif font. The word "BY" is underlined. The background is a light, hazy scene of water splashing.

WOUNDED BY LOVING

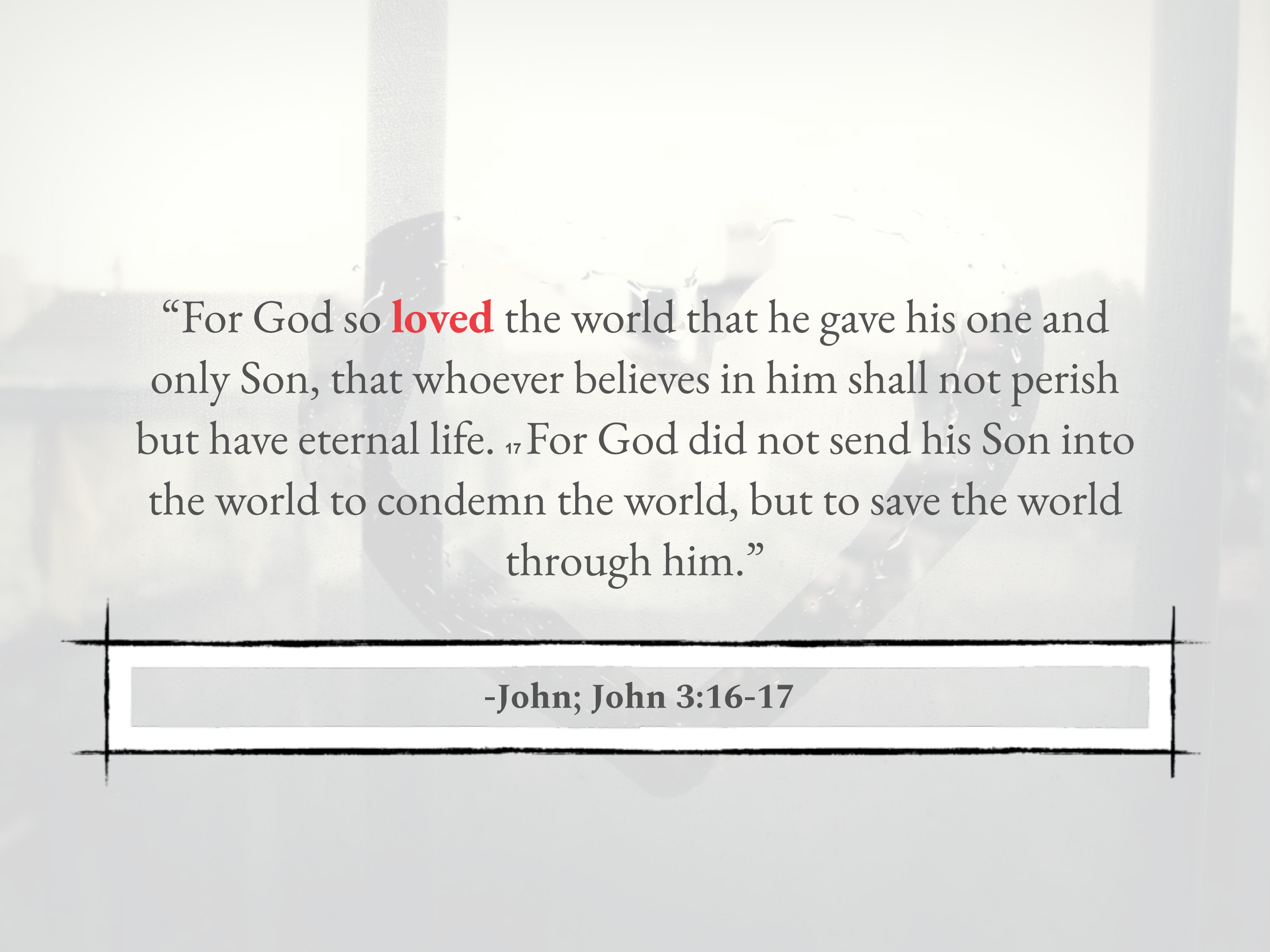


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JESUS EXAMPLE



“For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

-John; John 3:16-17

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[1] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

“He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

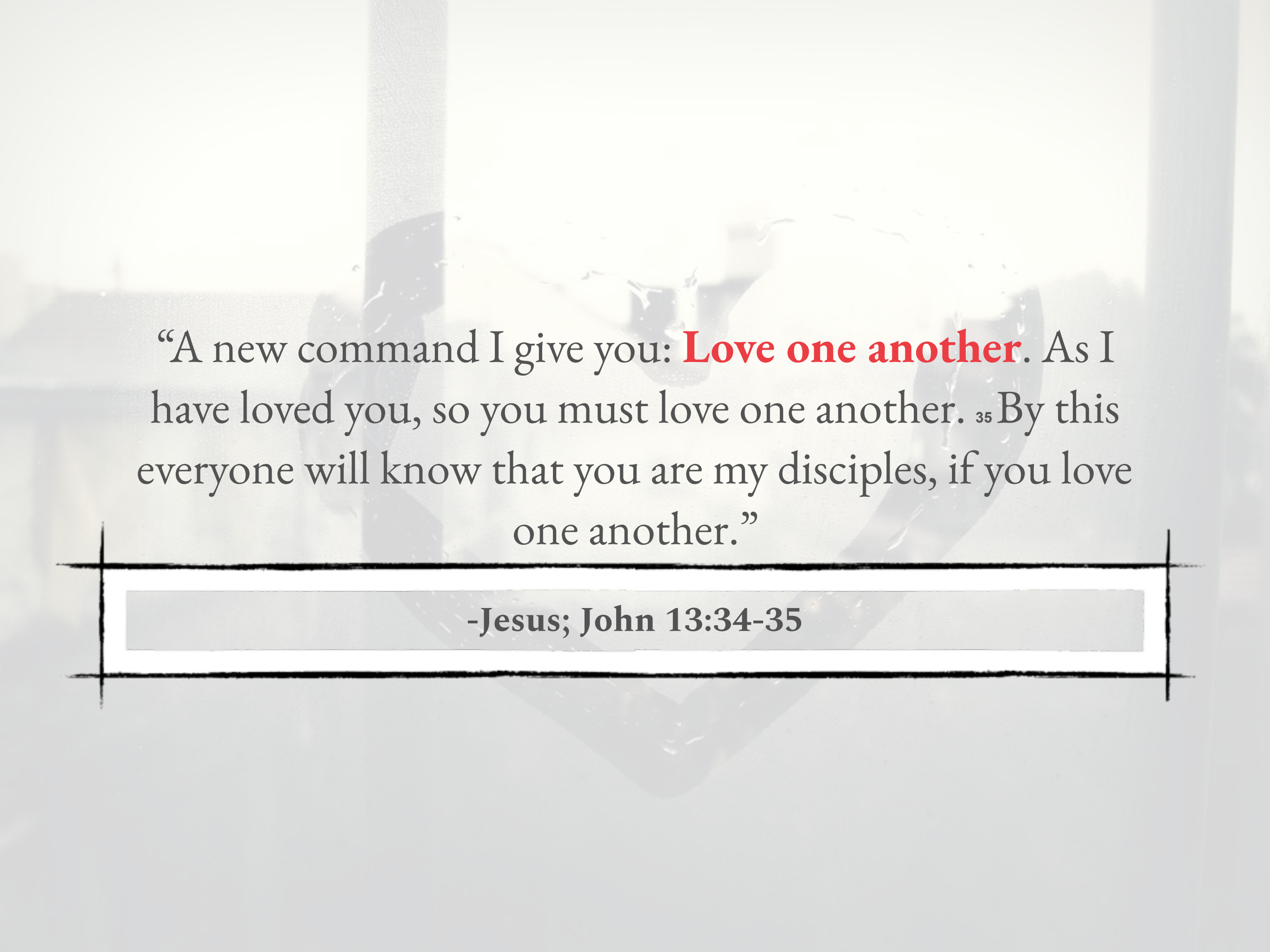
-Matthew; Matthew 26:36-39

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. *For the joy* set before him *he endured the cross*, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

- Hebrews 12:1-3

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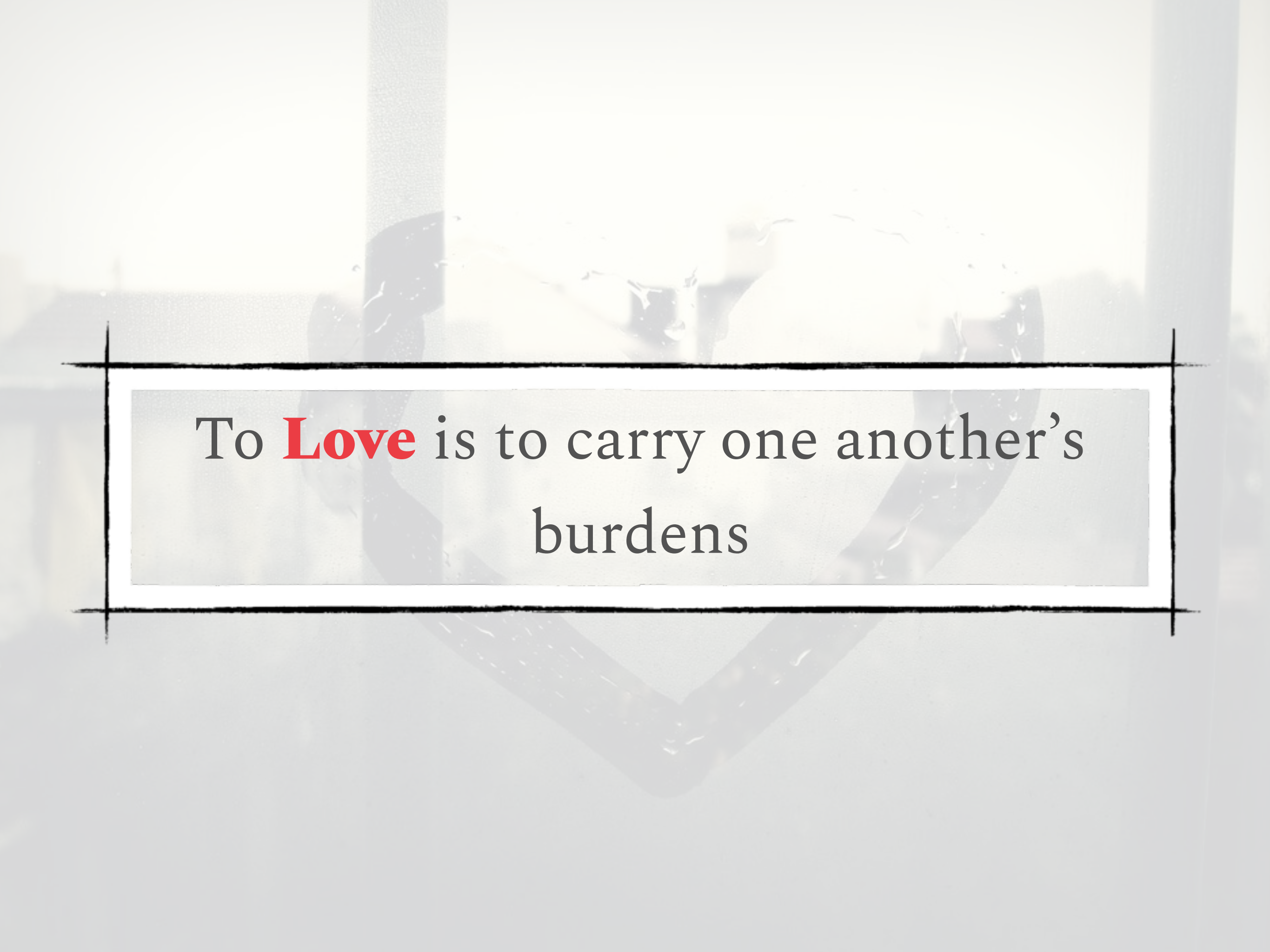
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A romantic scene of a couple kissing in a window. The image is soft and slightly blurred, with a warm, golden light. The couple is positioned in the upper half of the frame, their faces close together. The background shows a window with a view of a cityscape. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered in the lower half of the image, containing the text.

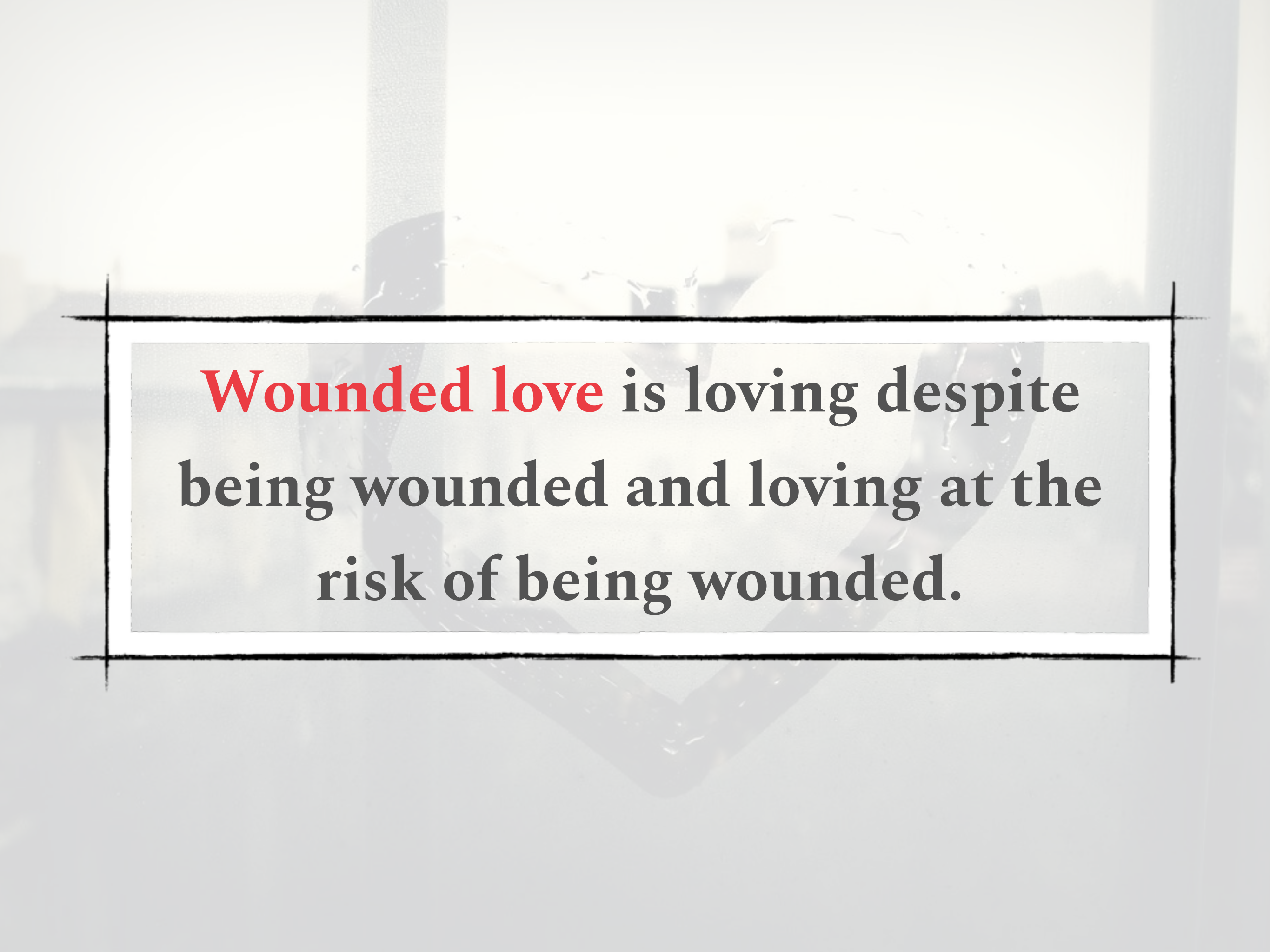
To **Love** is to get involved.

“Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

-Isaiah; Isaiah 53:4-5



To **Love** is to carry one another's
burdens



Wounded love is loving despite being wounded and loving at the risk of being wounded.

A photograph of a broken heart on a window. The heart is shattered into several pieces, with sharp edges and a jagged outline. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor scene, possibly a sunset or sunrise, with a building visible in the distance. The heart is set against a dark, textured surface, likely the window frame or a dark background. The text 'Wounded Love' is overlaid on the heart, with 'Wounded' in white and 'Love' in red. The text is in a serif font and is centered horizontally across the heart.

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