


Making A Fresh Start In My Family

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Fresh Start Series – Part 3

1 Chronicles 16:43


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43 Then all the people left, each for his own home, and David returned home to bless his family (NIV)

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2 Courses of Action Sought Today:

1. Make A Bad Relationship **Good**.

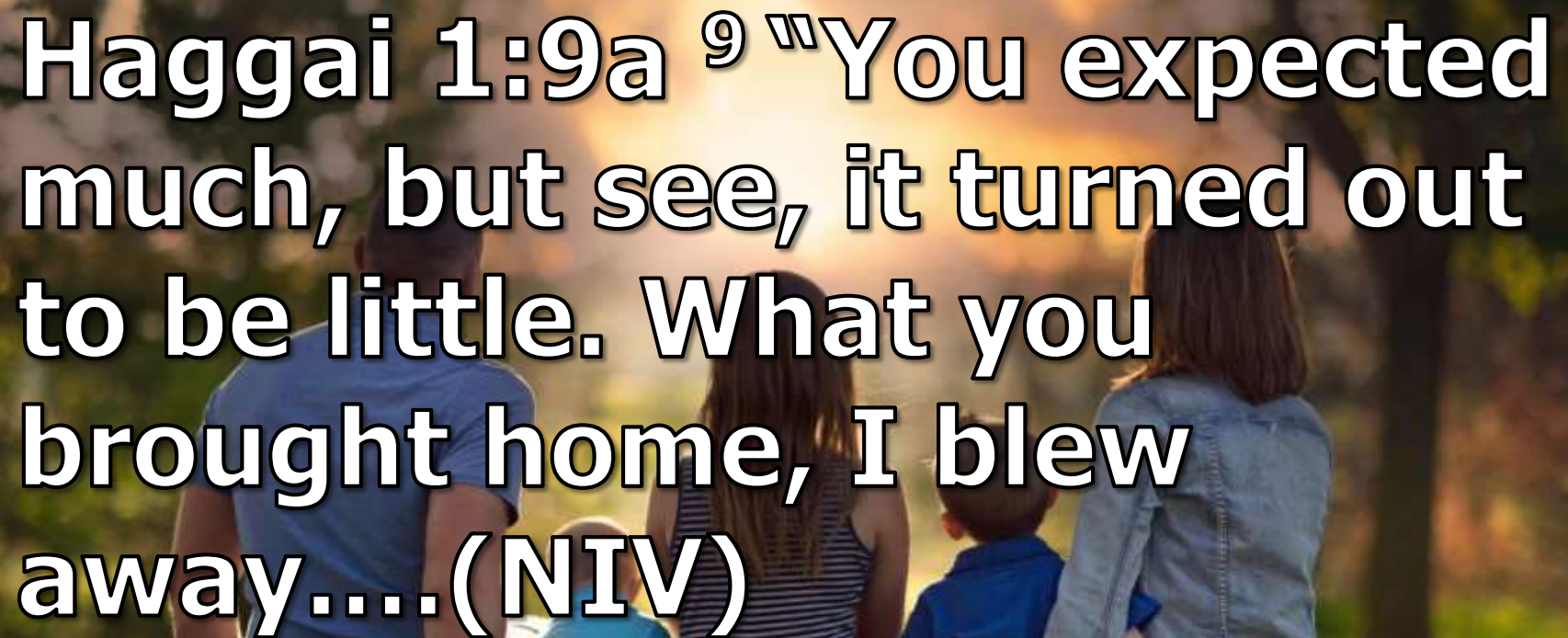
2. Make A Good Relationship **Great**.

In my family I desire to bless
(Name).



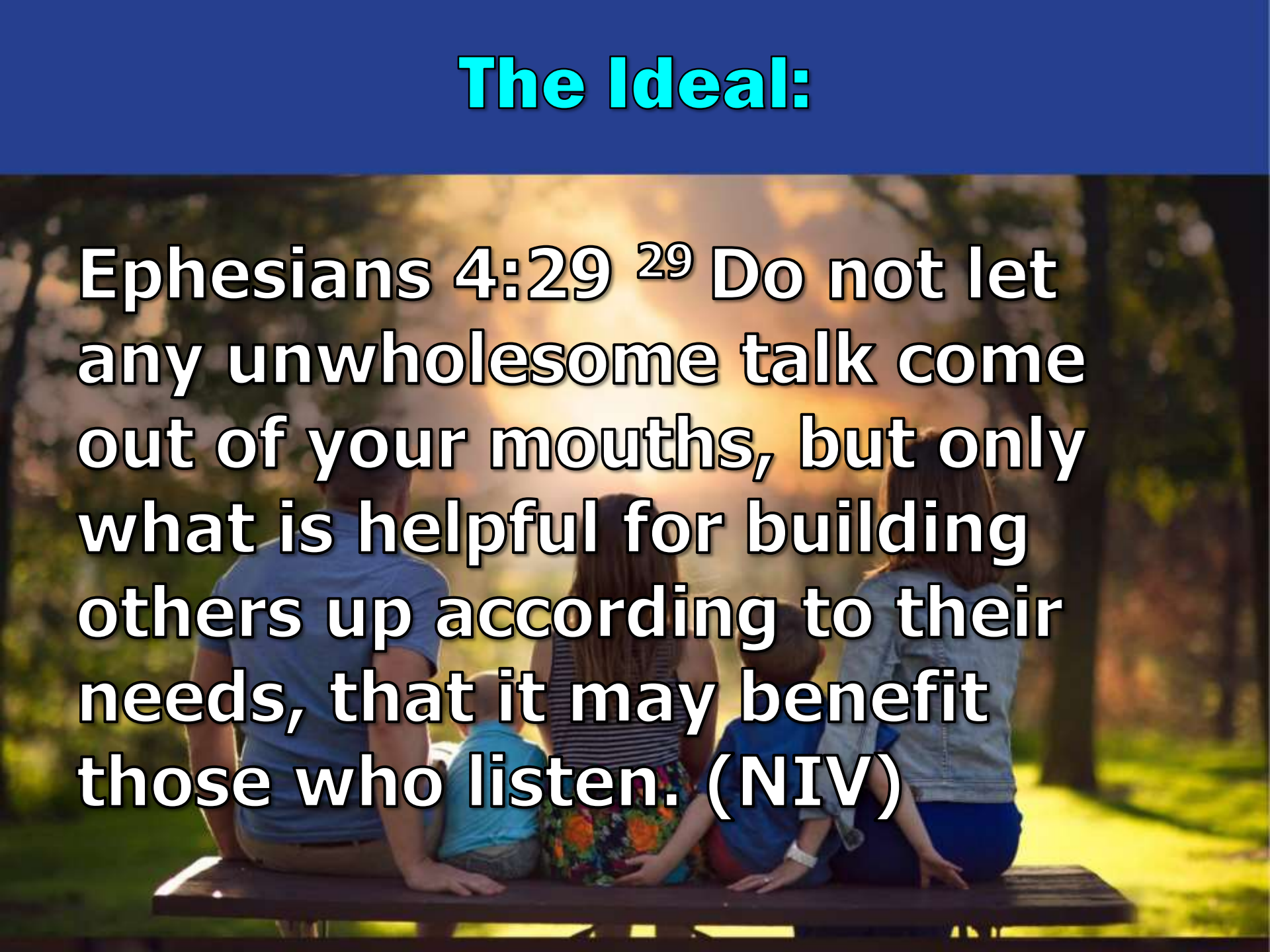
1. Realize There is An Ideal vs. Real Gap.

Haggai 1:9a ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away....(NIV)

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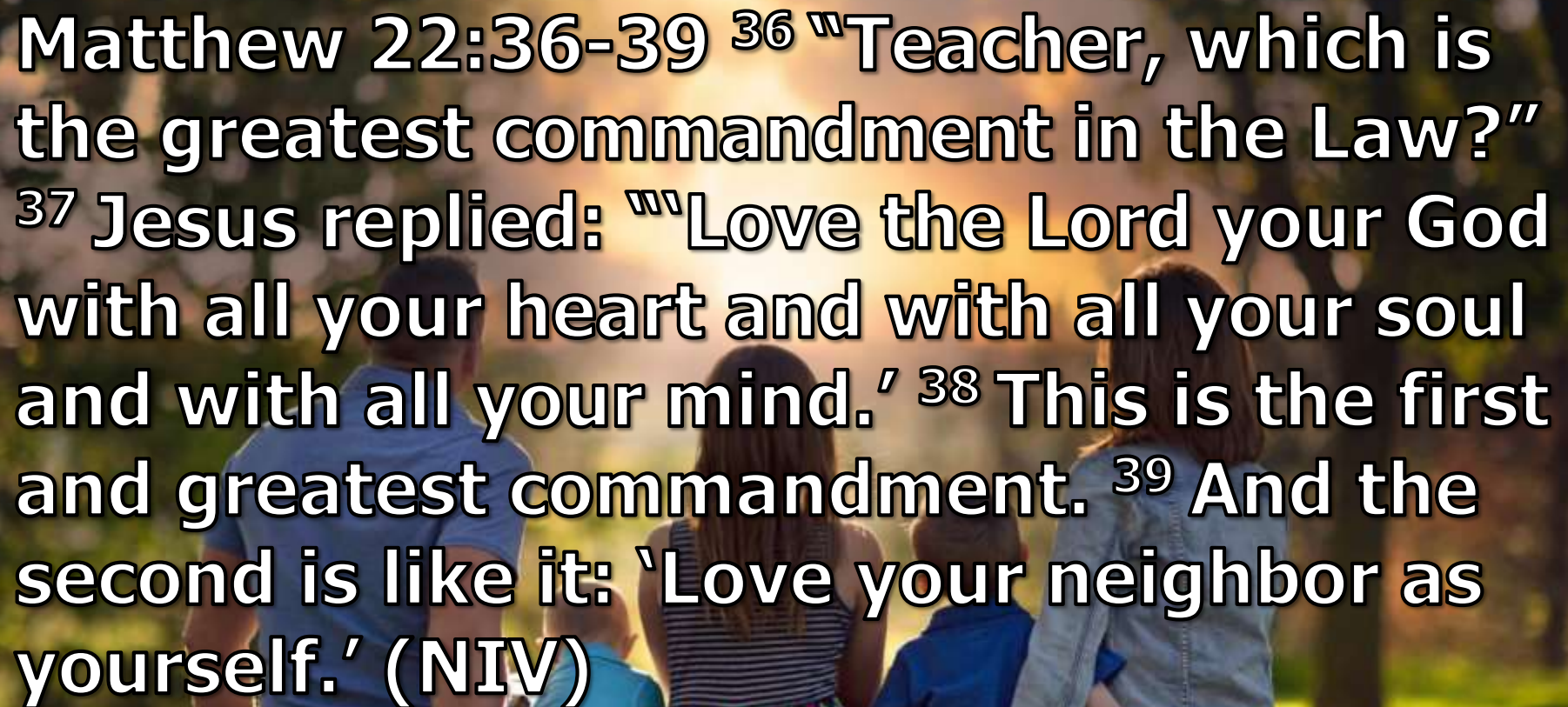
The Ideal:

Ephesians 4:29 ²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (NIV)

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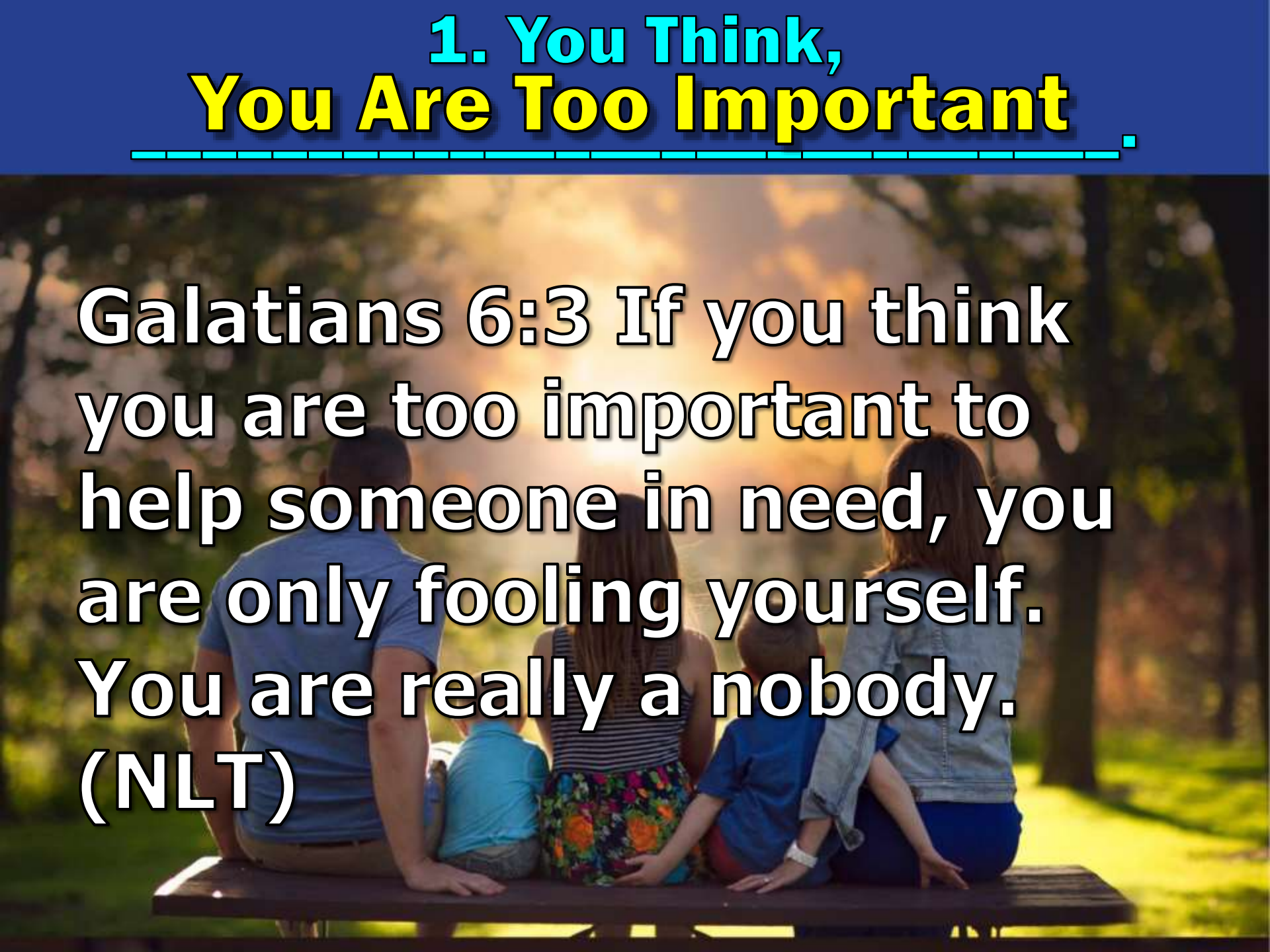
2. You Make It A Top Priority.

Matthew 22:36-39 ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (NIV)

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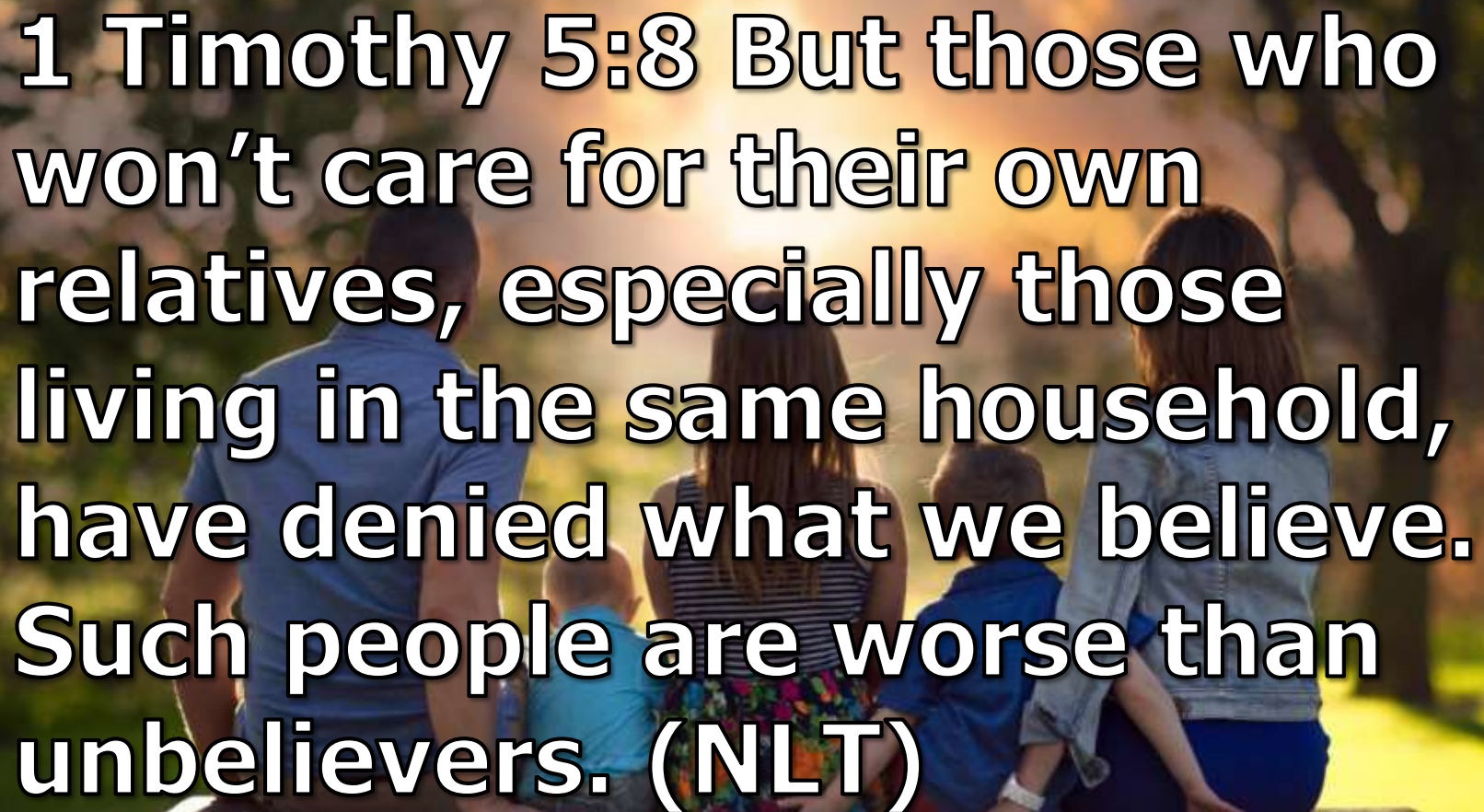
1. You Think, You Are Too Important

**Galatians 6:3 If you think
you are too important to
help someone in need, you
are only fooling yourself.
You are really a nobody.
(NLT)**

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2. You Think Something Else Is Too Important

1 Timothy 5:8 But those who won't care for their own relatives, especially those living in the same household, have denied what we believe. Such people are worse than unbelievers. (NLT)

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Things Move Up The Priority List When ...

I **Plan** Them.

I **Schedule** Them.

I **Do** Them.



3. You Build On The Little Things.



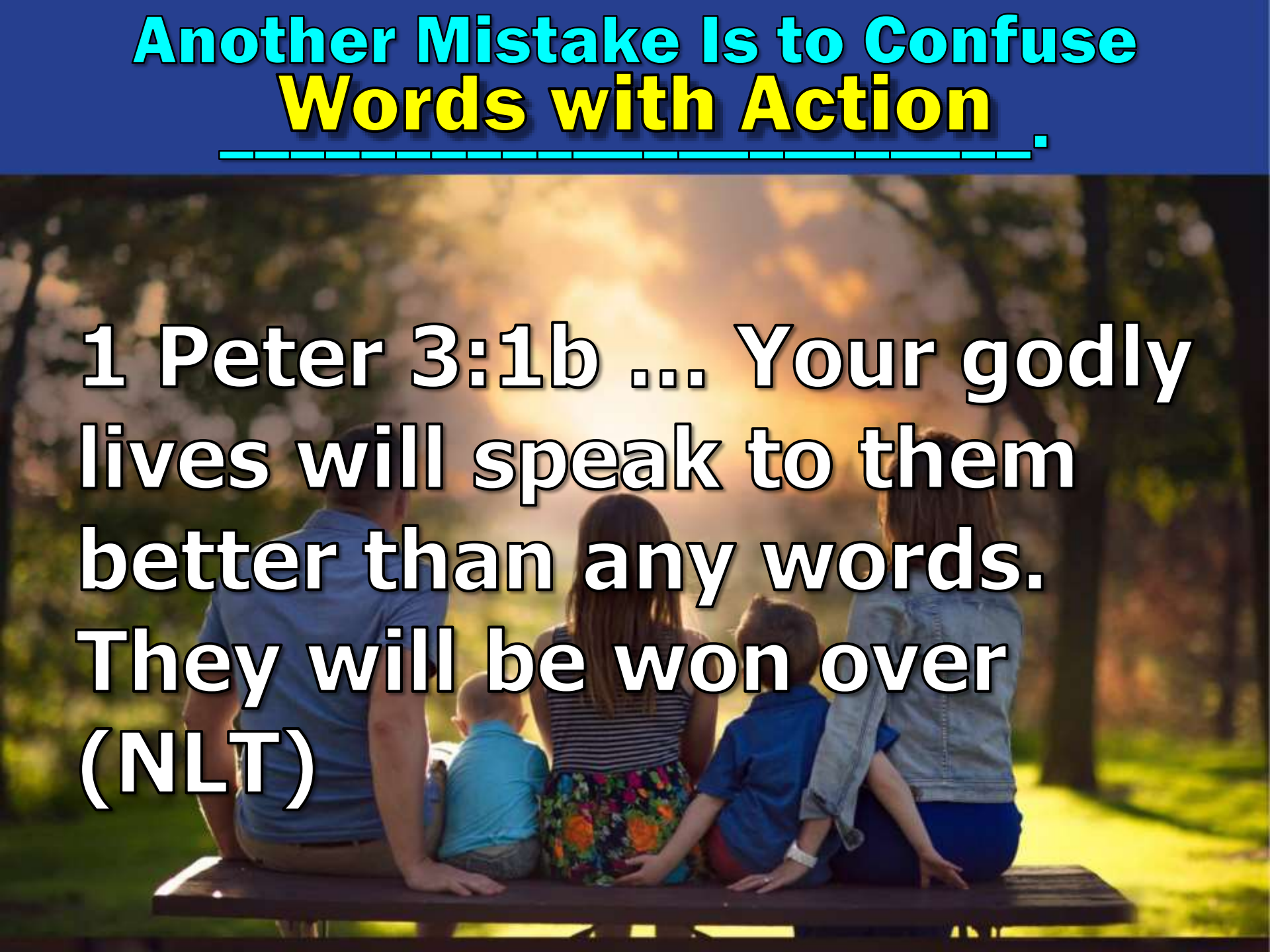
The Most Common Mistake is To Do Something Big.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. (NLT)

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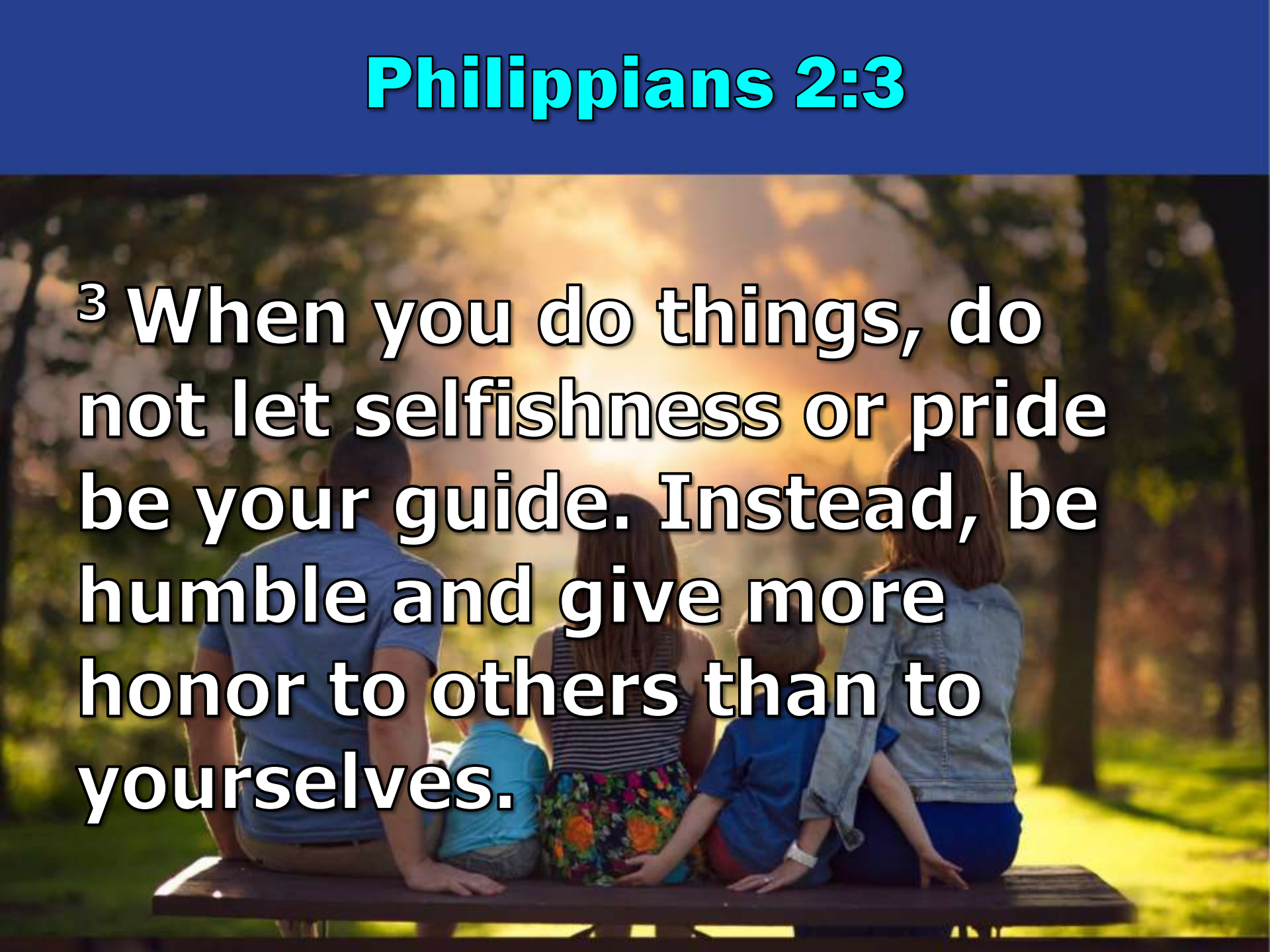
Another Mistake Is to Confuse Words with Action

**1 Peter 3:1b ... Your godly
lives will speak to them
better than any words.
They will be won over
(NLT)**

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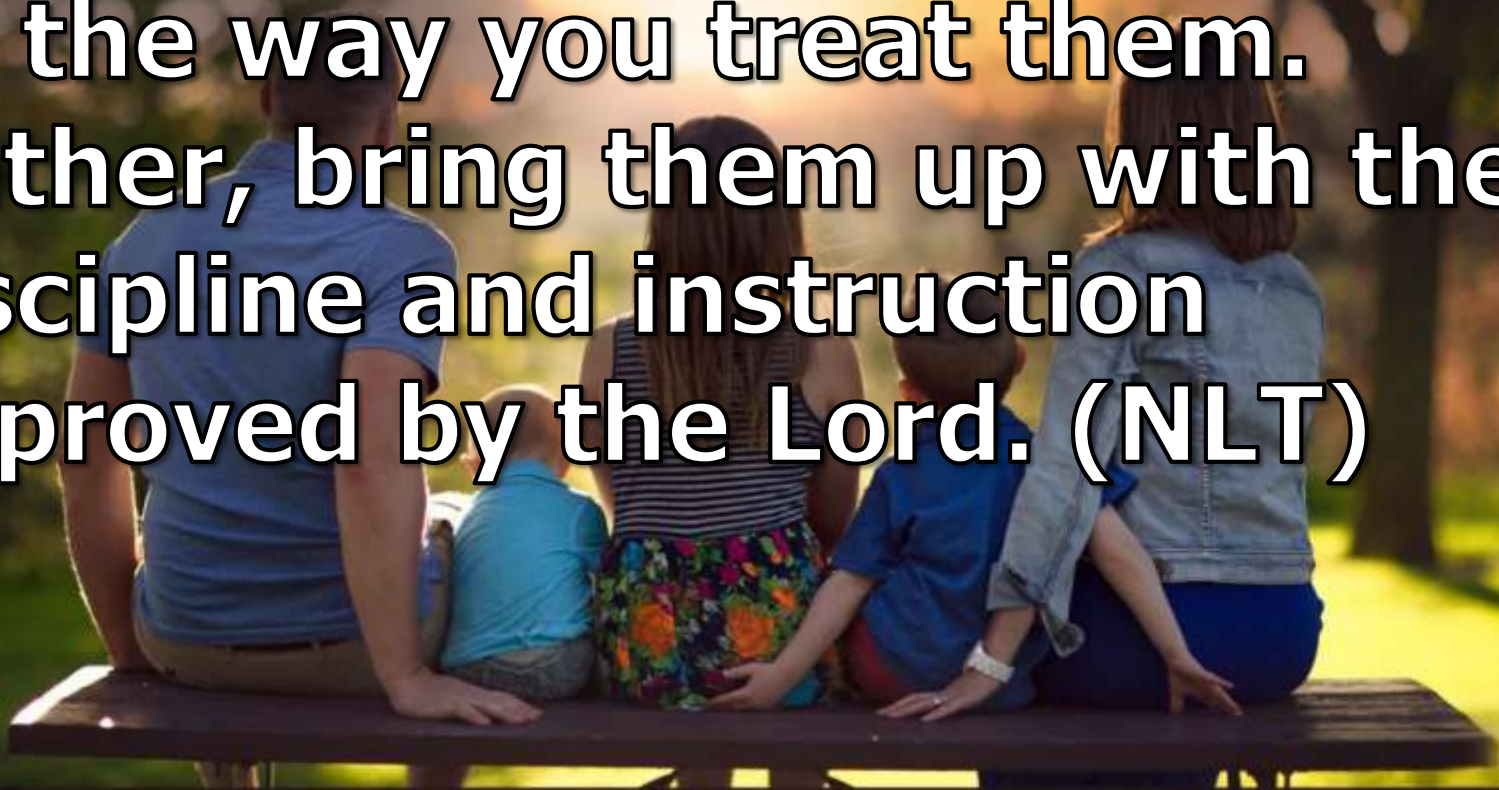
Philippians 2:3

³ When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.

A family of four is seen from behind, sitting on a dark wooden park bench. They are looking out over a lush green park towards a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that fills the sky and reflects off the grass. The family consists of a man on the left, a woman in the center, and two young children sitting between them. The man is wearing a blue t-shirt, the woman is wearing a striped tank top and a colorful floral skirt, and the children are wearing blue shirts. The background is filled with the silhouettes of trees and the soft light of the setting or rising sun.

Ephesians 6:4

**And now a word to you fathers.
Don't make your children angry
by the way you treat them.
Rather, bring them up with the
discipline and instruction
approved by the Lord. (NLT)**




4. You Never Give Up.

1 Corinthians 13:7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. (NLT)



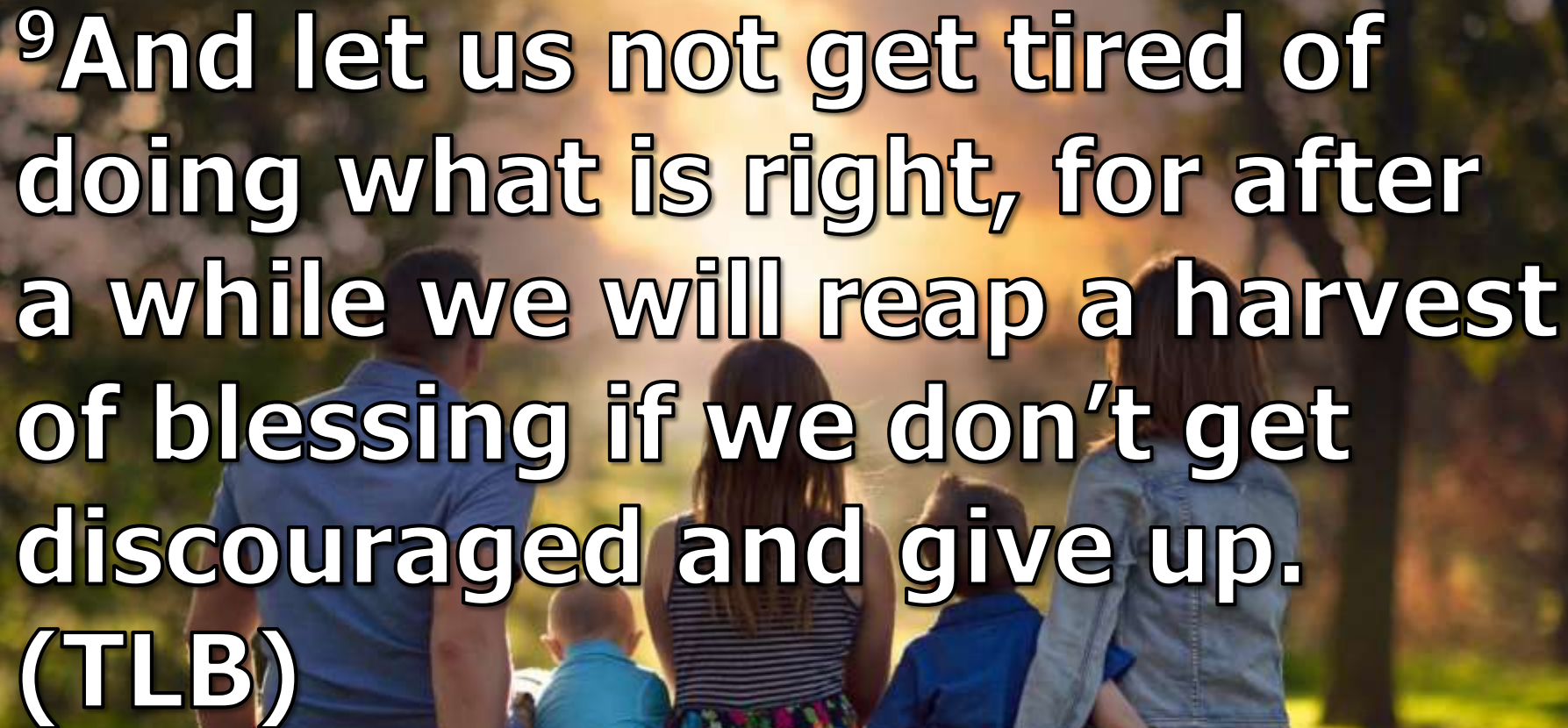
Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. (NIV)

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Galatians 6:9

⁹And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.
(TLB)

A family of five is shown from behind, sitting on a dark wooden park bench. From left to right: a man in a blue t-shirt, a young child in a light blue shirt, a woman in a striped tank top and a colorful floral skirt, another young child in a blue shirt, and a woman in a grey denim jacket over a blue top. They are all looking towards a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon and its light filtering through the silhouettes of trees in the background. The scene is peaceful and contemplative.

5. You Let God Love You.

Psalm 101:2 ²I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should. (TLB)

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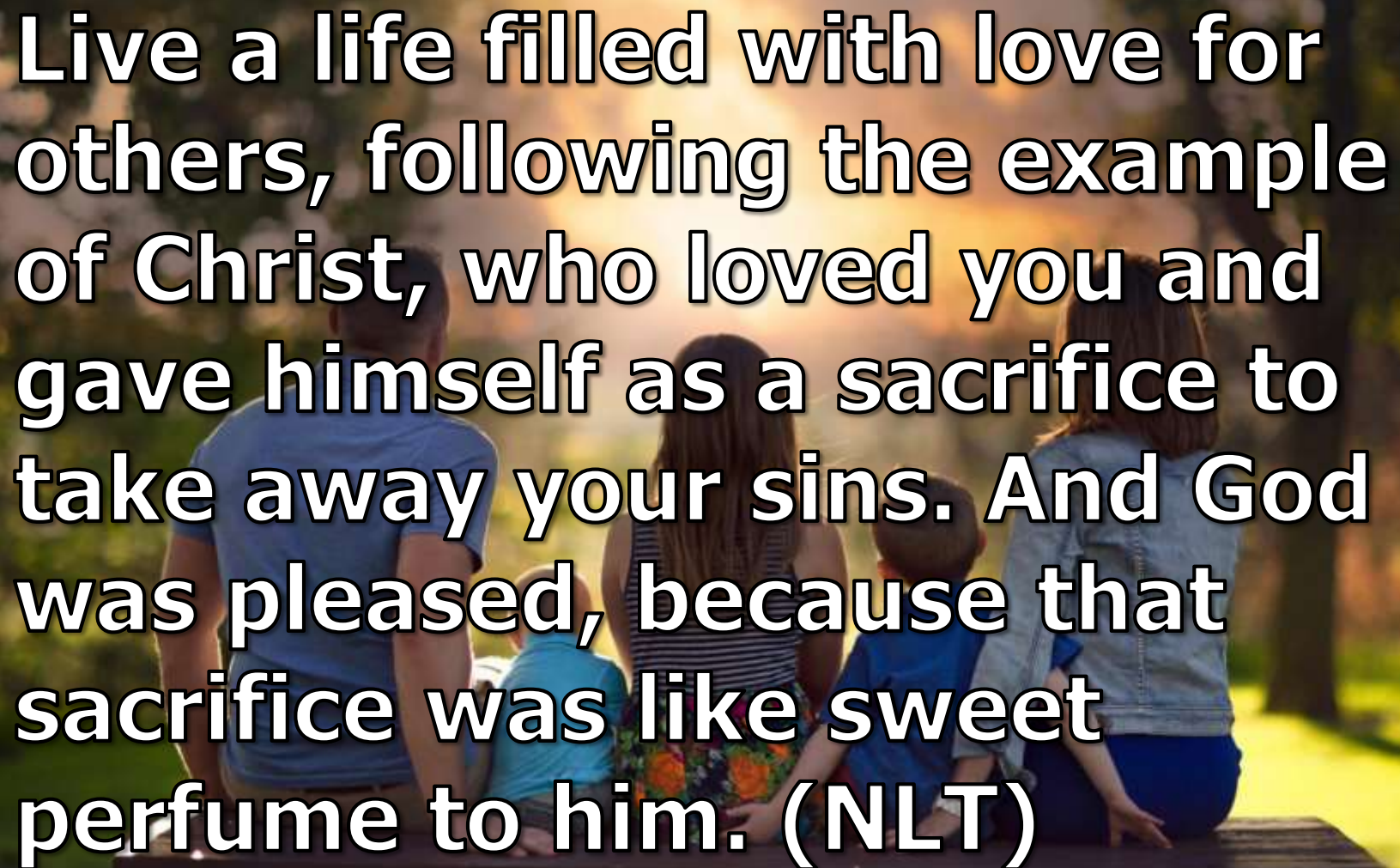
1 John 4:19

19 We love because he first loved us. (NIV)



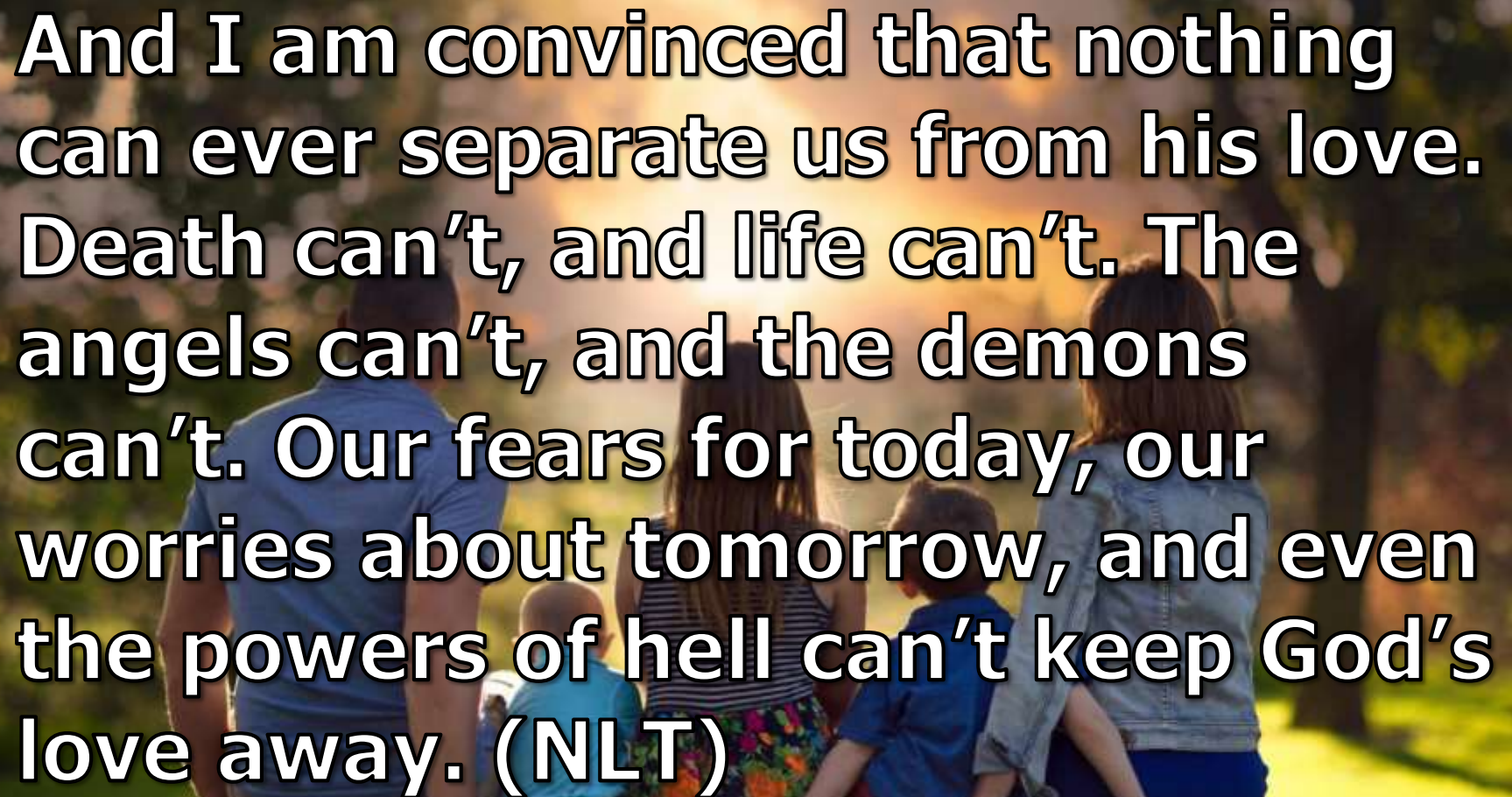
Ephesians 5:2

Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to him. (NLT)



Romans 8:38

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. (NLT)

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