A SERIES IN

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OUR IDENTITY, CALLING, & CONDUCT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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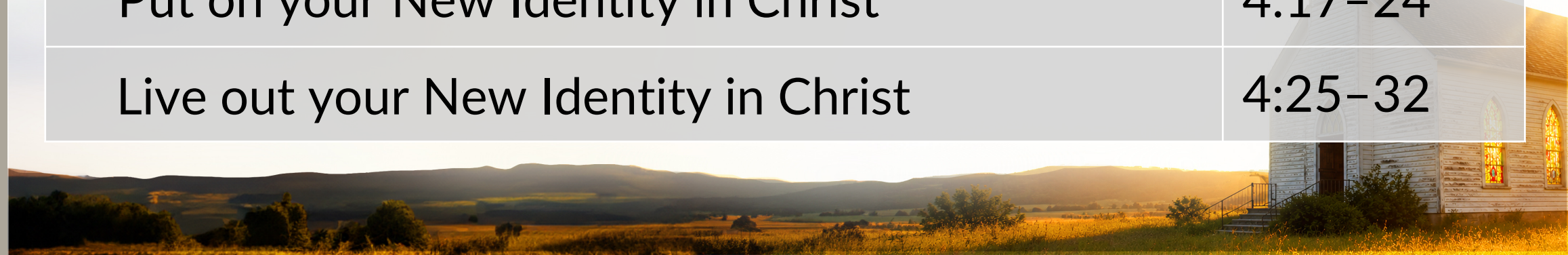
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INTRO

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I . . . urge you

to walk in a manner worthy of the calling

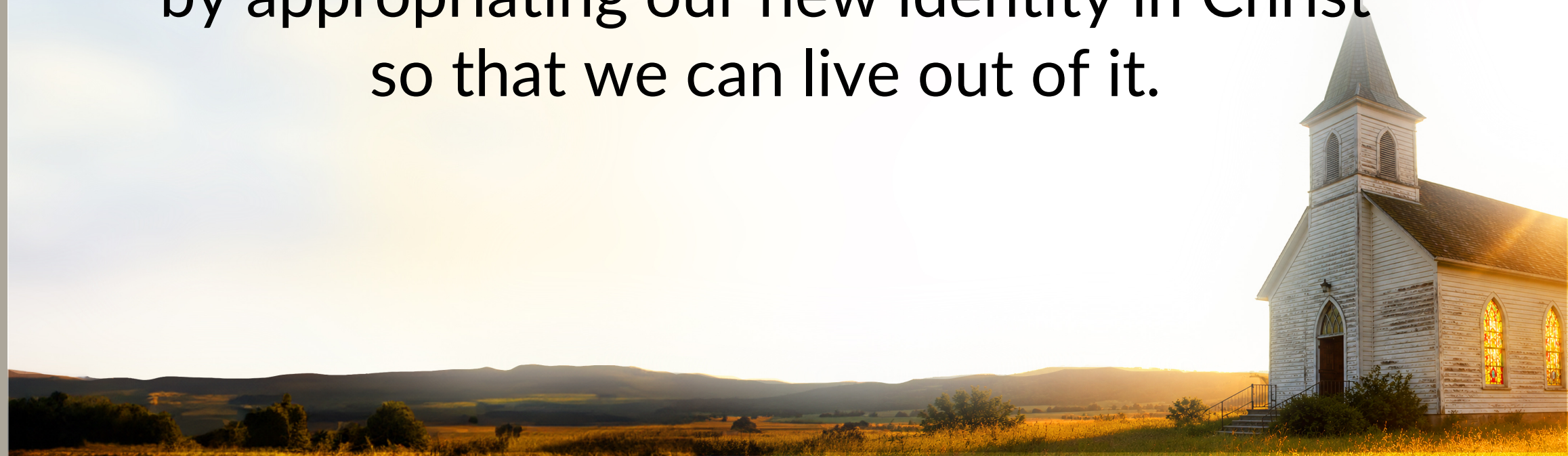
to which you have been called,



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LAST WEEK'S CONCLUSION

We are called to build up the body of Christ
together towards Christlike maturity
by appropriating our new identity in Christ
so that we can live out of it.



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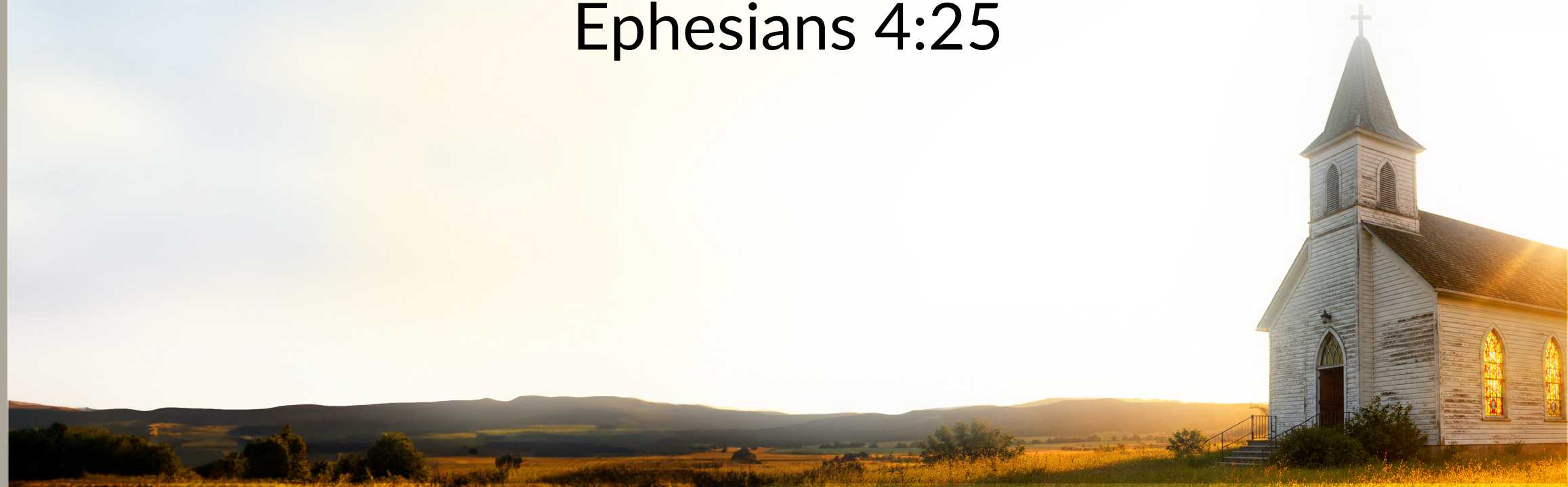
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#1 | SPEAK TRUTH

Ephesians 4:25



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SPEAK TRUTH — EPHESIANS 4:21, 24

21 if indeed you have been taught in him,
just as **the truth is in Jesus**,

24 . . . to put on **the new person**,
the one created after God's likeness
in righteousness and holiness
[which is] **from truth**.

- my translation



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SPEAK TRUTH

EPHESIANS 4:25

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood,
let each one of you **speak the truth**
with his neighbor,

for we are members one of another.



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SPEAK TRUTH — ZECHARIAH 8:16–17

16 These are the things that you shall do:

Speak the truth to one another;
render in your gates judgments that are
true and **make for peace**;



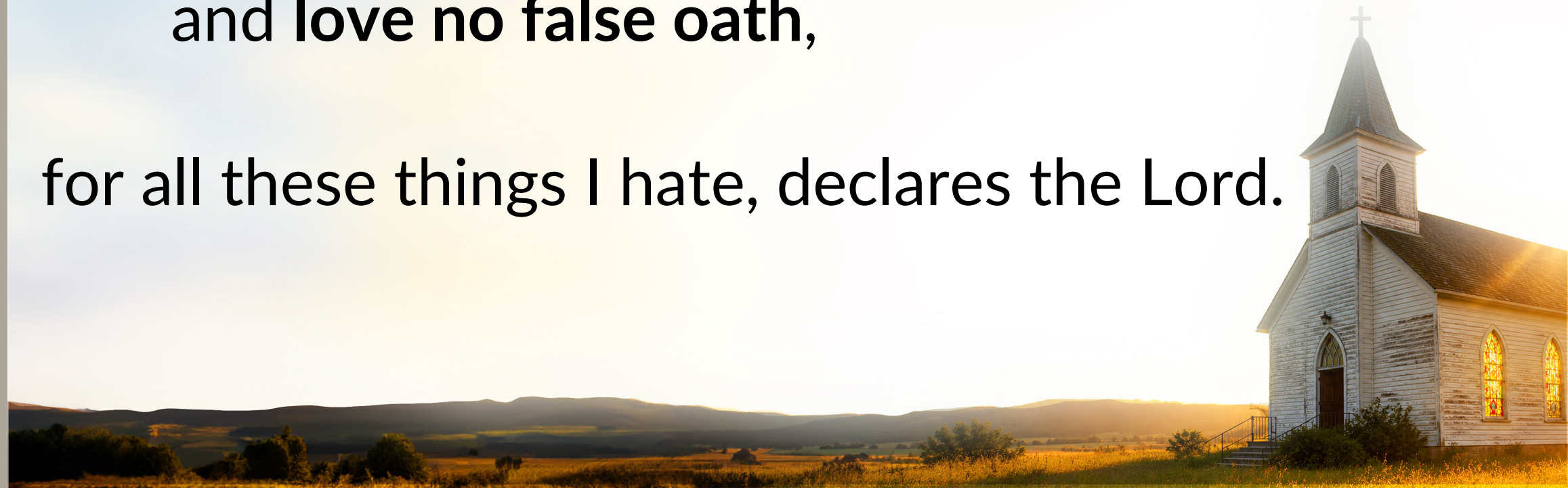
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SPEAK TRUTH — ZECHARIAH 8:16–17

17 do not devise evil in your hearts
against one another,

and **love no false oath**,

for all these things I hate, declares the Lord.



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SPEAK TRUTH

EPHESIANS 4:15–16

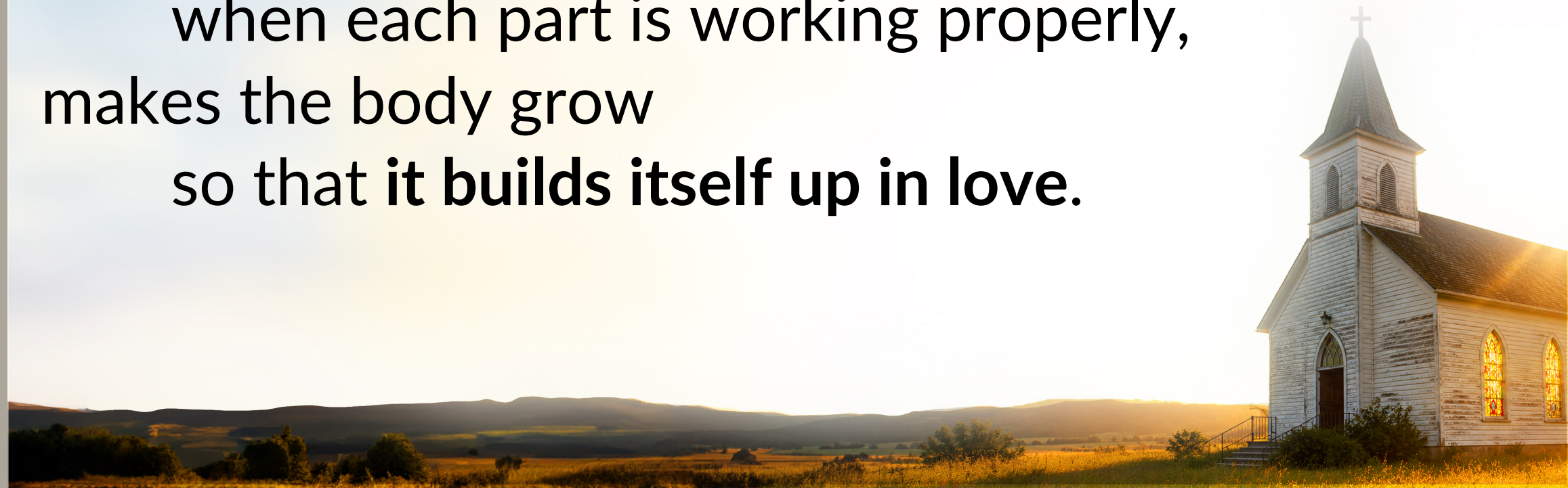
15 Rather, **speaking the truth in love**,
we are to **grow up** in every way
into him who is the head,
into Christ,



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SPEAK TRUTH — EPHESIANS 4:15–16

16 from whom the whole body,
joined and held together by every joint
with which it is equipped,
when each part is working properly,
makes the body grow
so that **it builds itself up in love**.



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SPEAK TRUTH

PROVERBS 15:1–4

1 **A soft answer turns away wrath,**
but **a harsh word stirs up anger.**

2 **The tongue** of the wise commends knowledge,
but **the mouths** of fools pour out folly.



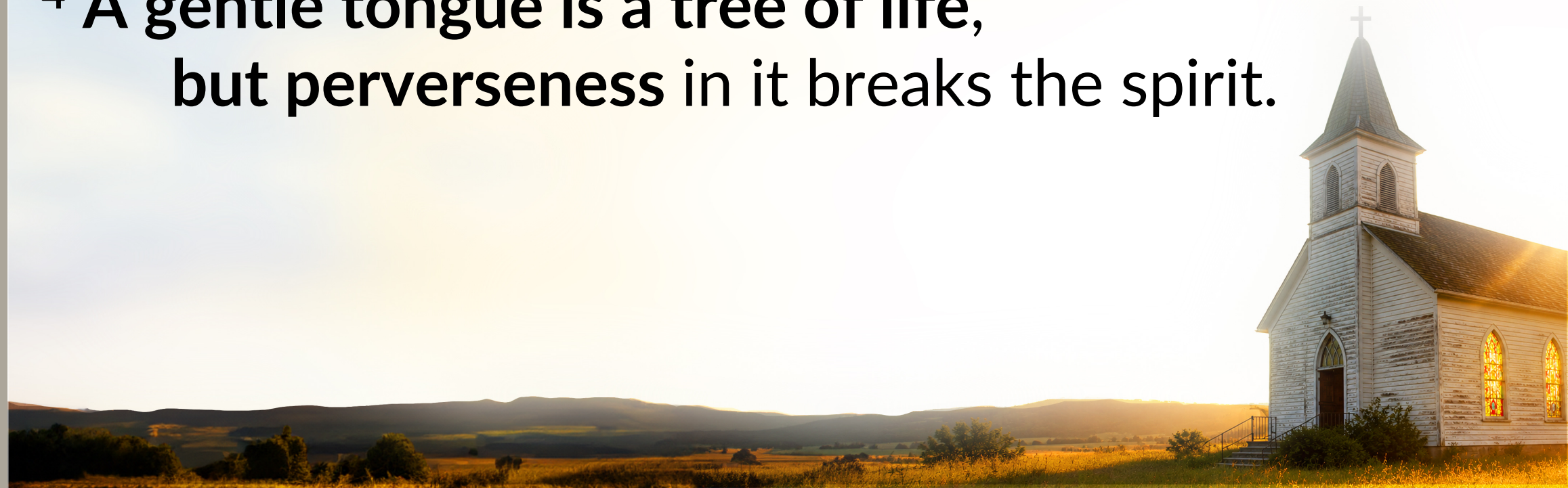
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PROVERBS 15:1–4

3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

4 **A gentle tongue is a tree of life,**
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.



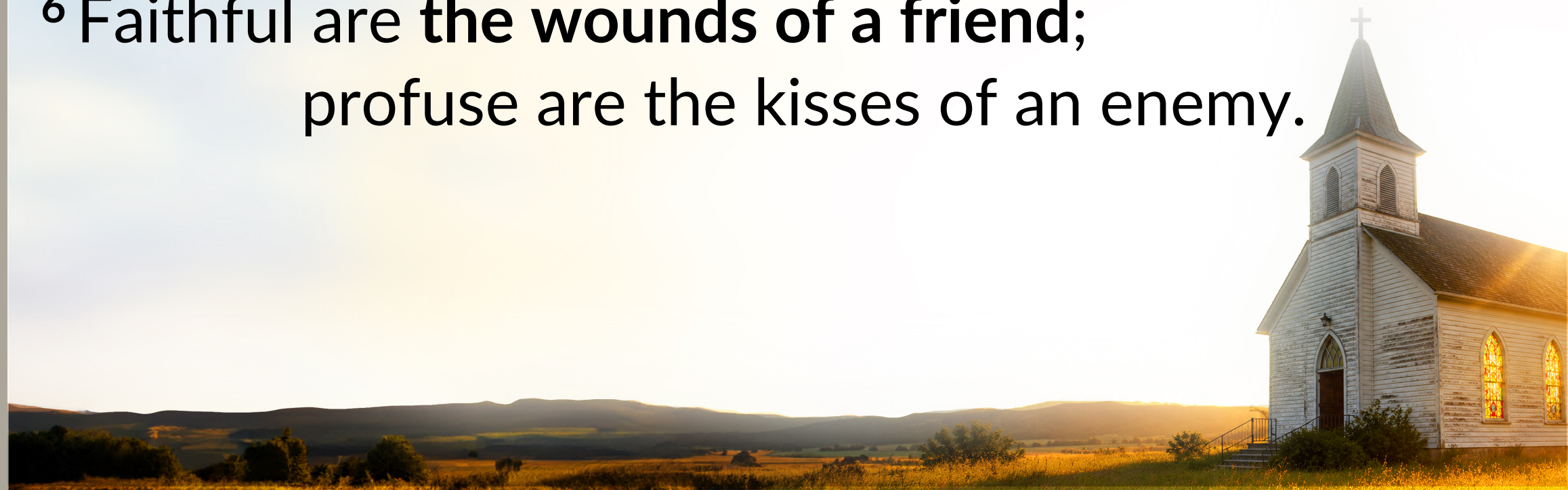
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PROVERBS 27:5–6

5 Better is **open rebuke**
than **hidden love**.

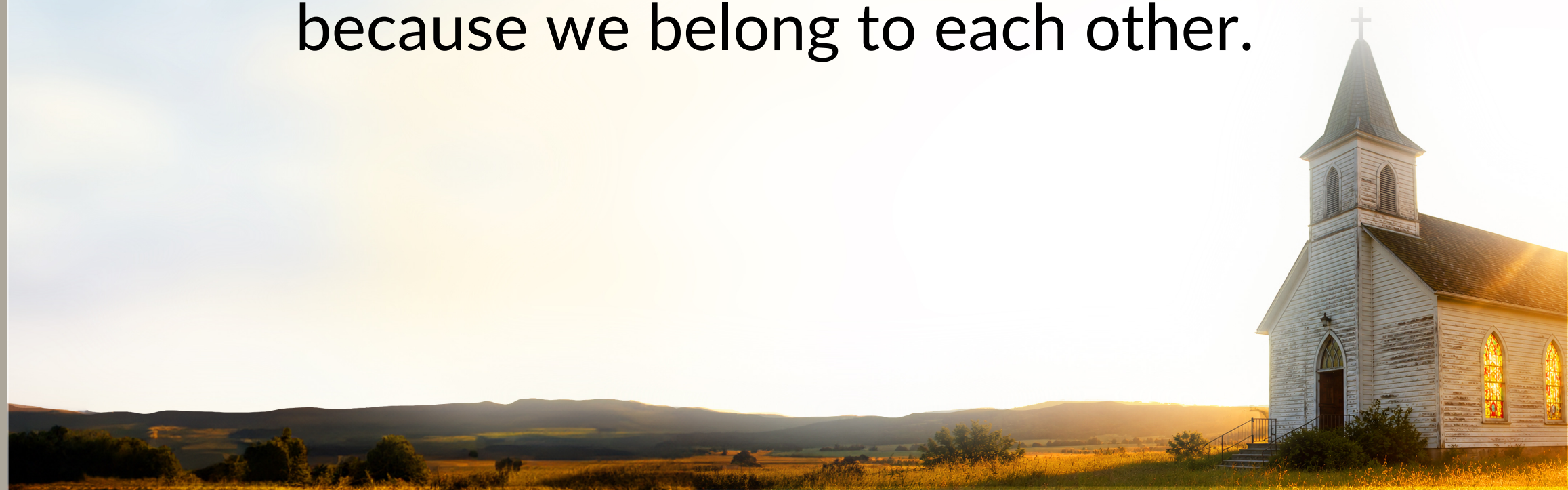
6 Faithful are **the wounds of a friend**;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.



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SPEAK TRUTH

Speak truth to one another
—even when it means risking relationships—
because we belong to each other.



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#2 | MAKE PEACE

Ephesians 4:26–27



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EPHESIANS 4:26

[26] **Be angry** and **do not sin**. . .

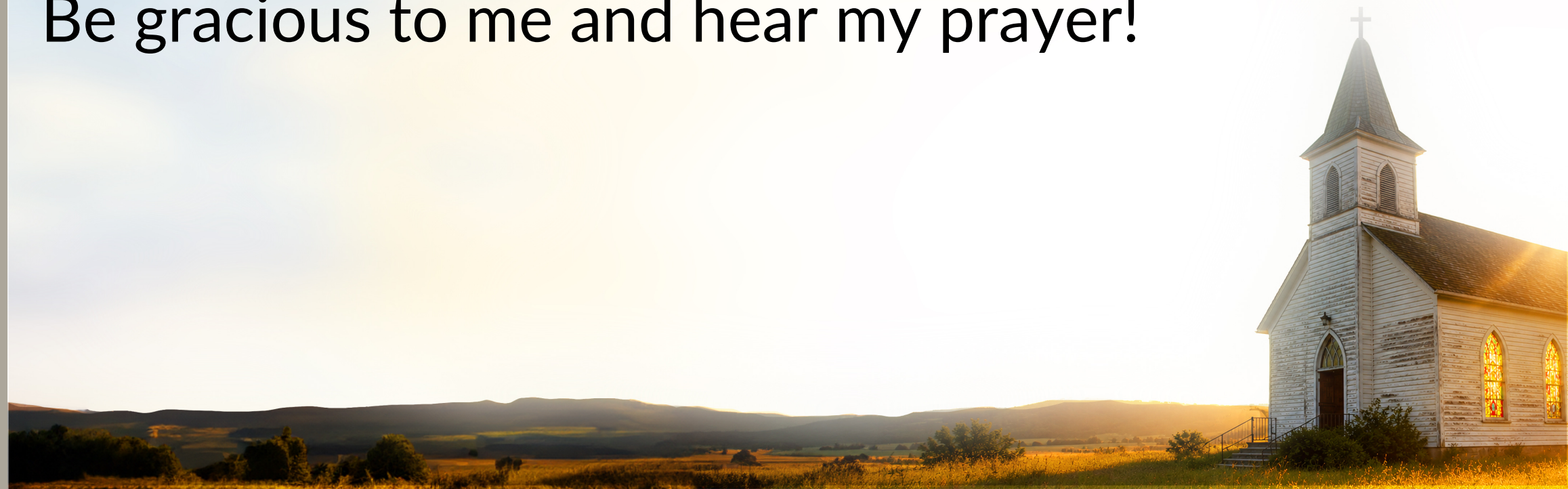


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PSALM 4:1–5

1 Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

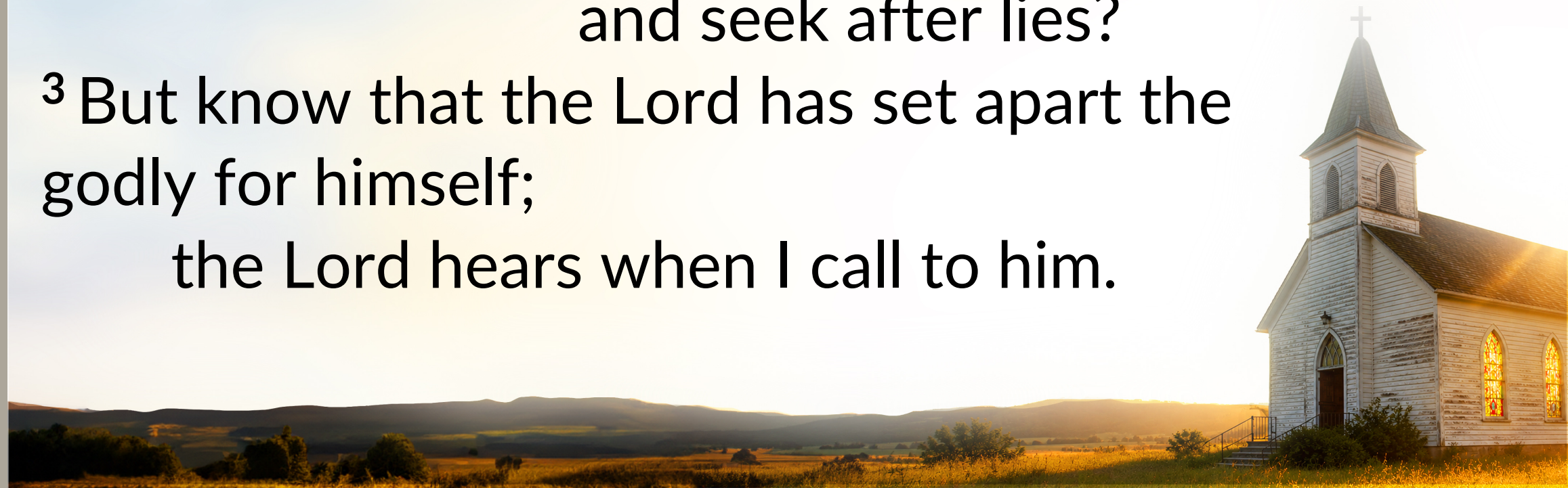


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PSALM 4:1–5

2 O men,
how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words
and seek after lies?
3 But know that the Lord has set apart the
godly for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.



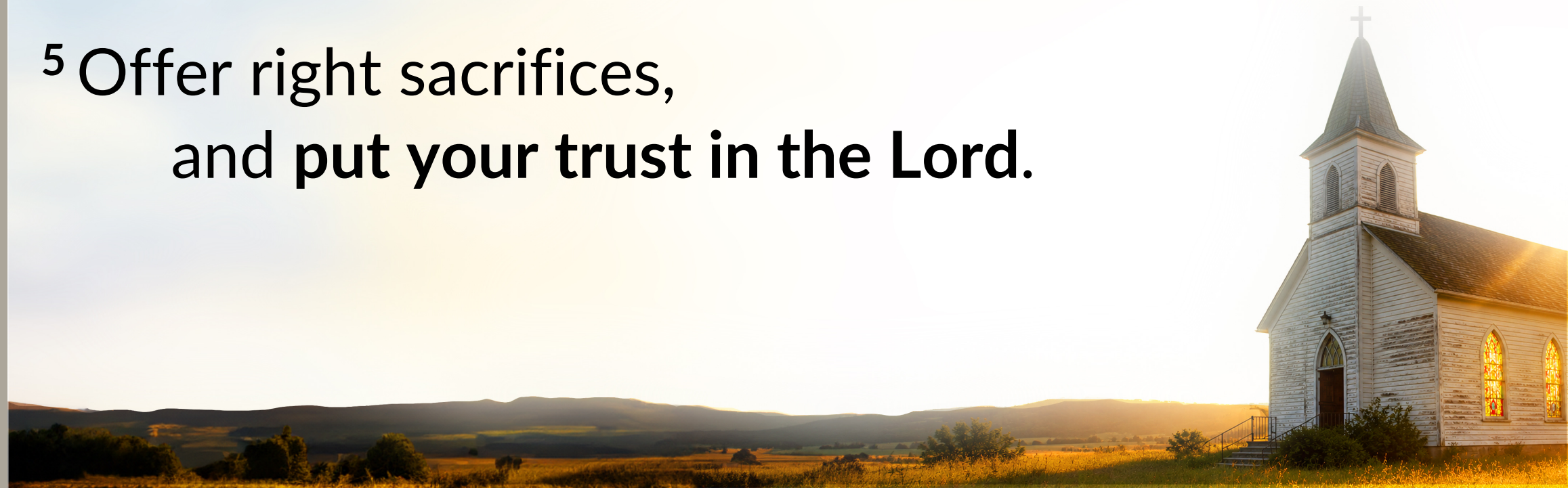
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PSALM 4:1–5

4 **Be angry, and do not sin;**
ponder in your own hearts on your beds,
and be silent.

5 Offer right sacrifices,
and **put your trust in the Lord.**



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MAKE PEACE

JAMES 1:20

20 For
the anger of Man
does not produce
the righteousness of God.



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EPHESIANS 4:26

26 Be angry and do not sin;

do not let the sun go down

on [the source of] your anger,



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PROVERBS 19:11

11 Good sense makes one **slow to anger**,
and it is his glory to **overlook an offense**.

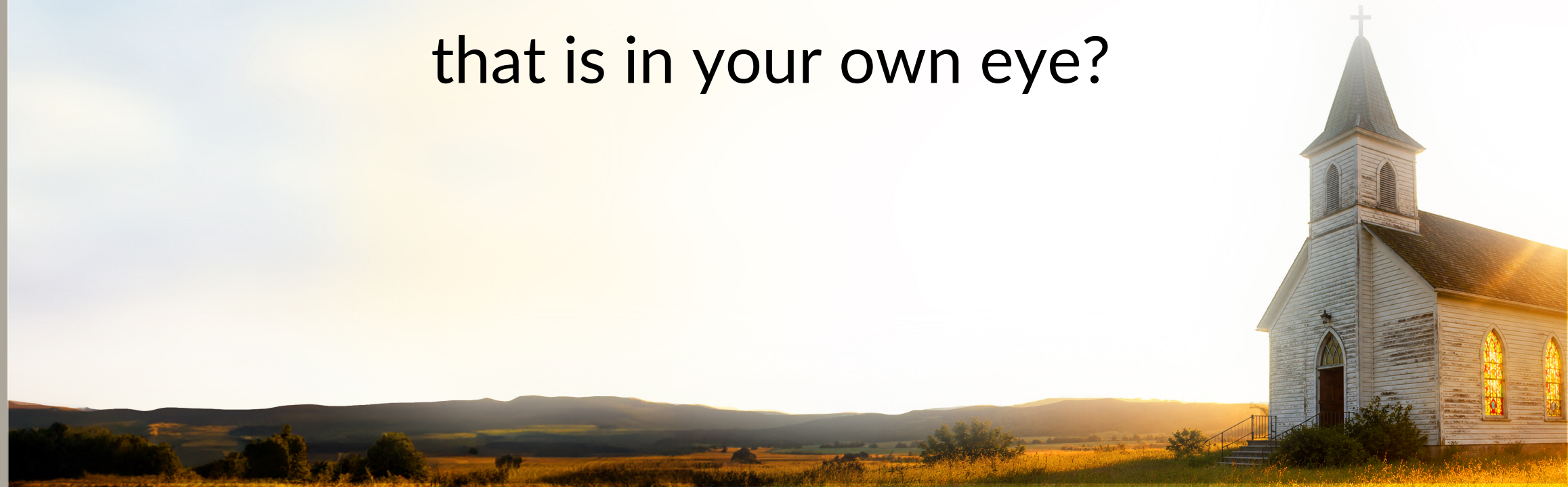


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MATTHEW 7:3–5

3 Why do you see **the speck**
that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice **the log**
that is in your own eye?



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MATTHEW 7:3–5

4 Or how can you say to your brother:

‘Let me take **the speck** out of your eye,’

when there is **the log** in your own eye?

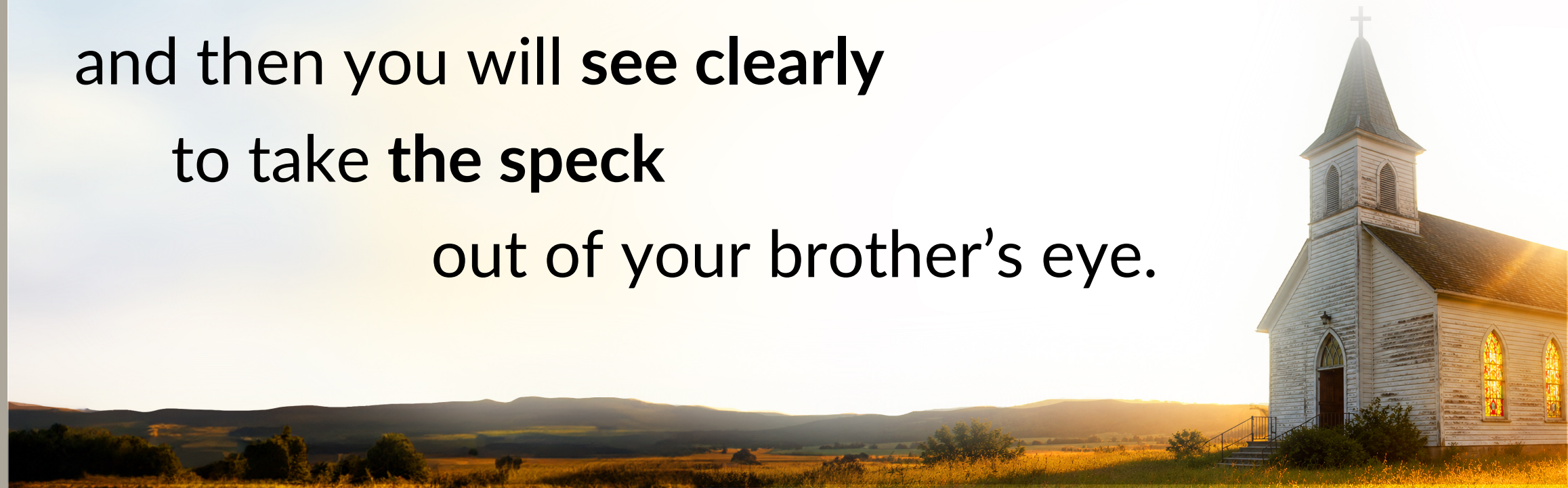


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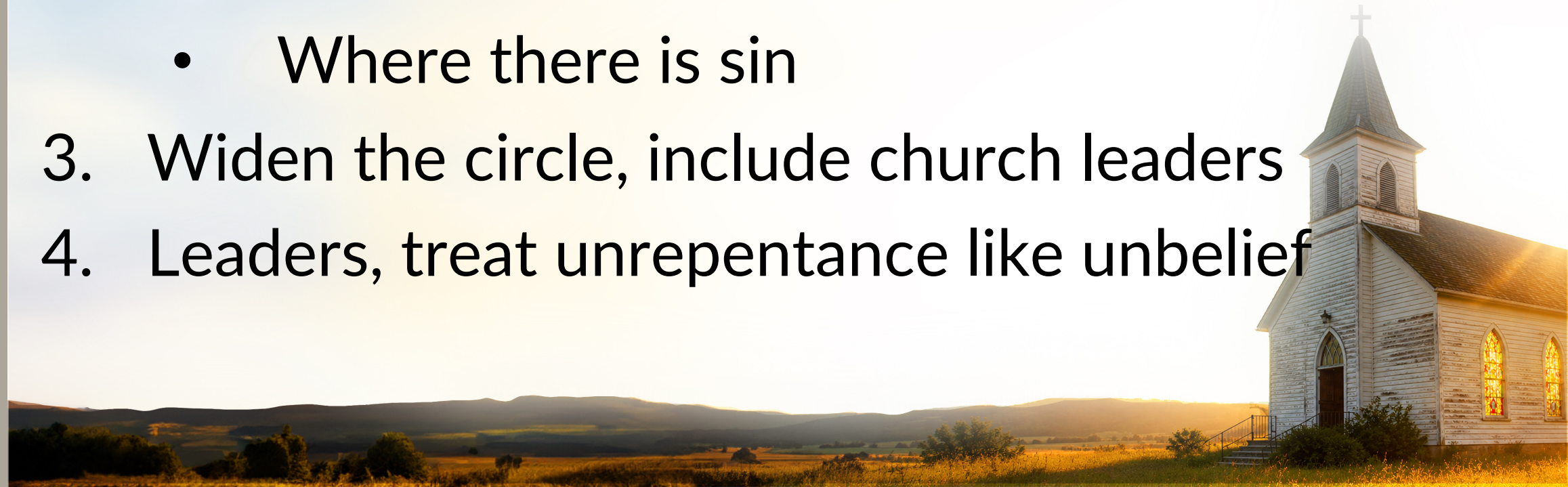
5 You hypocrite,
first take **the log**
out of your own eye,
and then you will **see clearly**
to take **the speck**
out of your brother's eye.



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MAKE PEACE — MATTHEW 18:15–20

1. Go solo
2. Go with 1–2 others to establish:
    - Whether there is sin
    - Where there is sin
3. Widen the circle, include church leaders
4. Leaders, treat unrepentance like unbelief



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EPHESIANS 4:27

27 and [**you must**] **give** no opportunity
to the devil [the Slanderer].



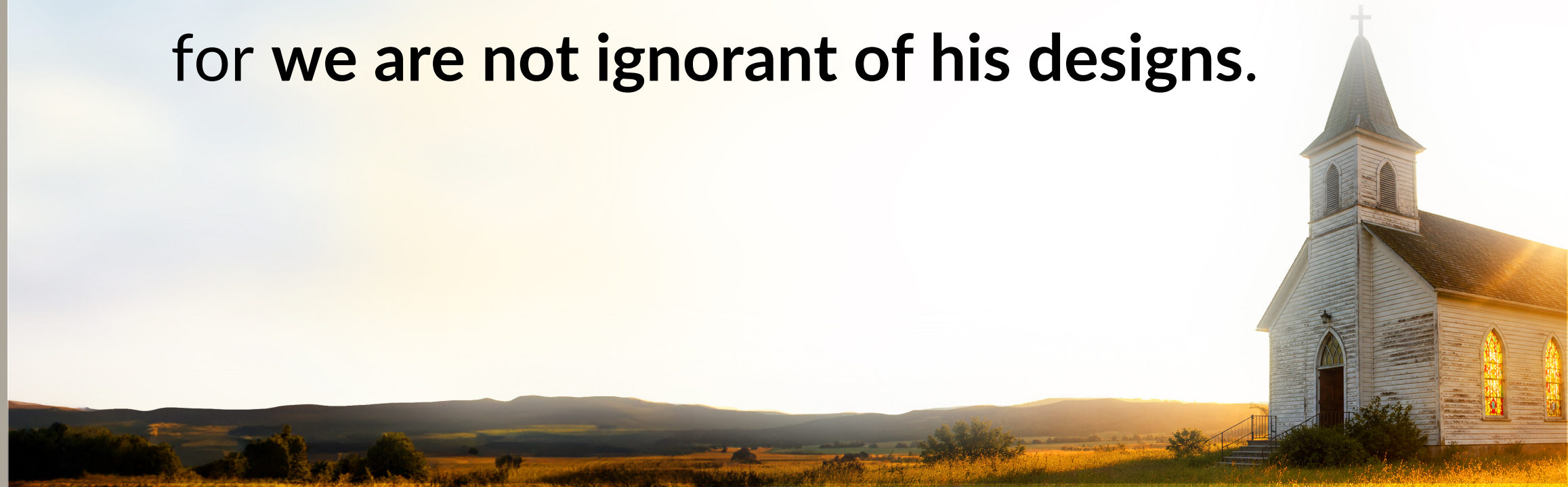
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2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

[forgive]. . .

11 so that we would not be outwitted by Satan;

for **we are not ignorant of his designs**.



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EPHESIANS 2:14–16

14 For **he himself is our peace**,
who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh
the dividing wall of hostility



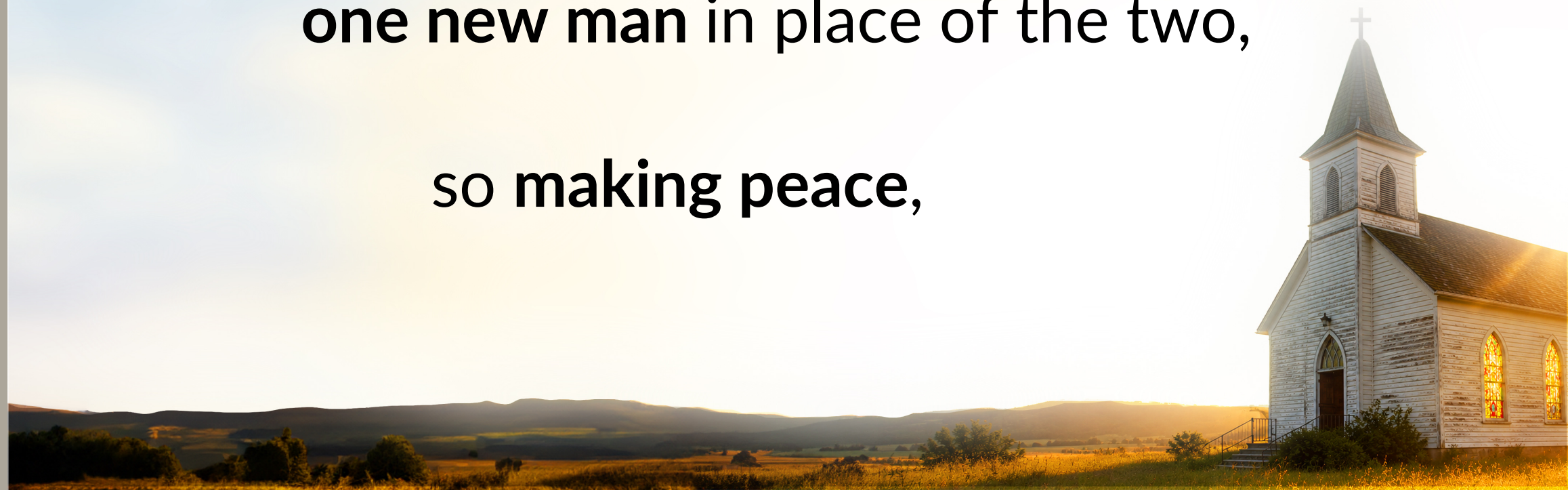
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EPHESIANS 2:14–16

15 by abolishing the law of commandments
expressed in ordinances,
that he might create in himself
one new man in place of the two,

so **making peace**,



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EPHESIANS 2:14–16

16 and might **reconcile** us both to God
in **one body** through the cross,

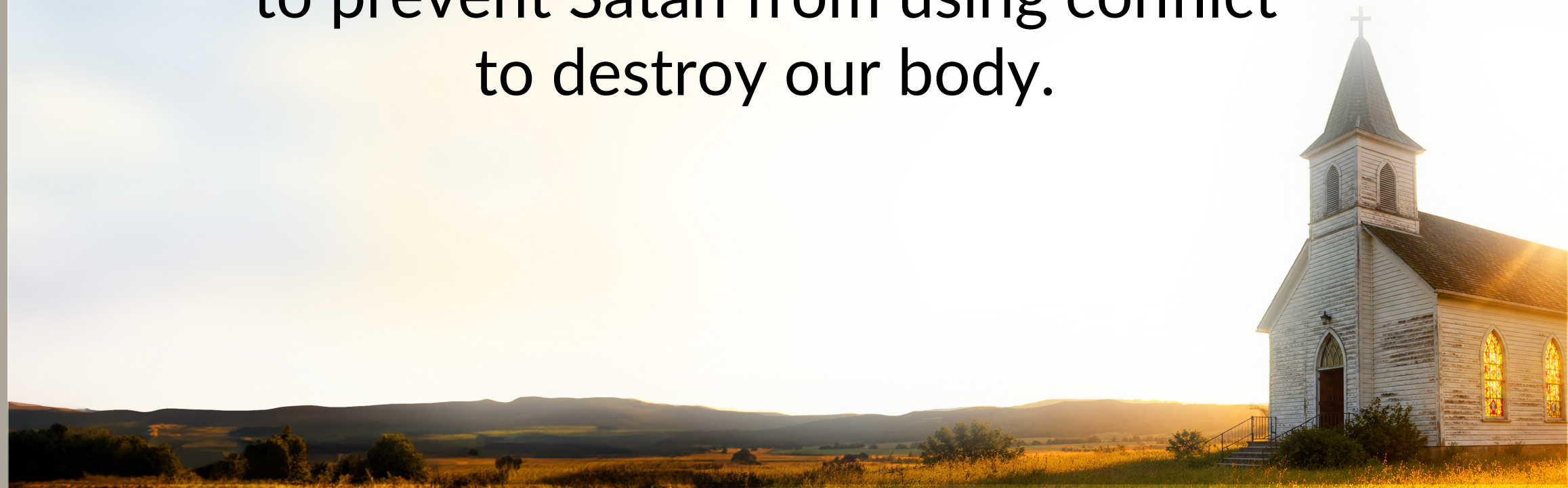
thereby **killing the hostility**.



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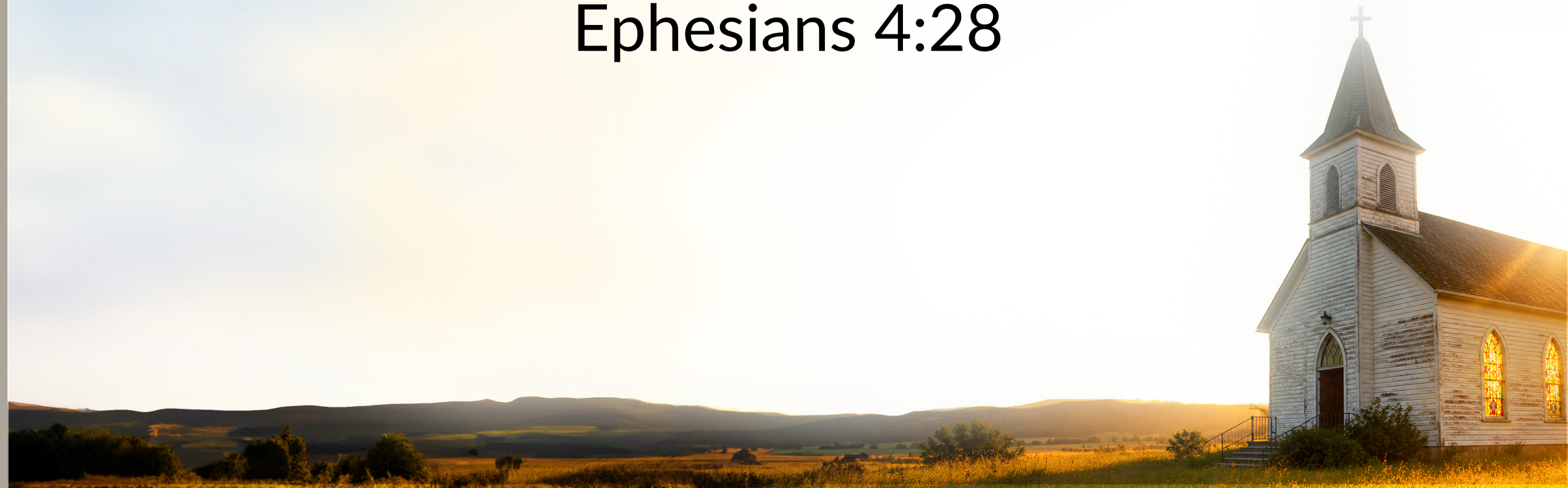
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#3 | PROVIDE NEEDS

Ephesians 4:28

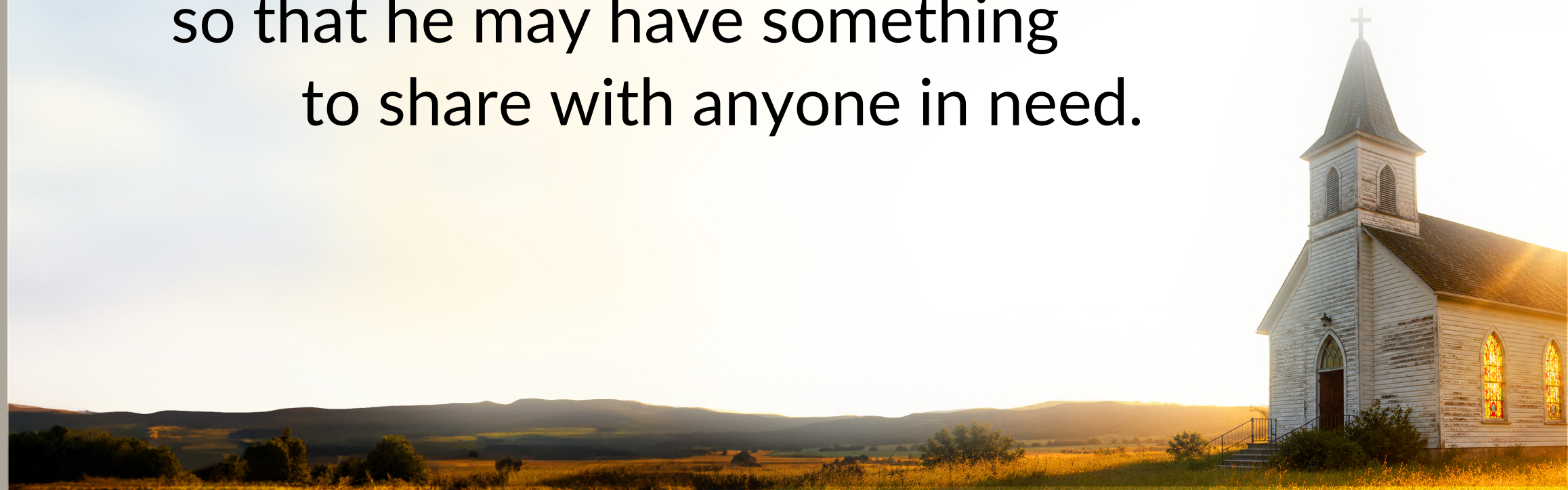


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PROVIDE NEEDS

EPHESIANS 4:28

28 Let the thief **no longer steal**,
but rather **let him labor** [**toil**],
doing honest work with his own hands,
so that he may have something
to share with anyone in need.



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PROVIDE NEEDS

Provide needs for one another
—even when it costs you something you don't want to give—
so that everyone has enough.



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#4 | BUILD MATURITY

Ephesians 4:29–30



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BUILD MATURITY

EPHESIANS 4:29

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths,
but only such as is good for building up,
as fits the occasion,
that it may give grace to those who hear.



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BUILD MATURITY

EPHESIANS 4:30

30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed
for the day of redemption.



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BUILD MATURITY

EPHESIANS 2:22

22 In him you also **are being built together**
into **a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**



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BUILD MATURITY

EPHESIANS 4:3

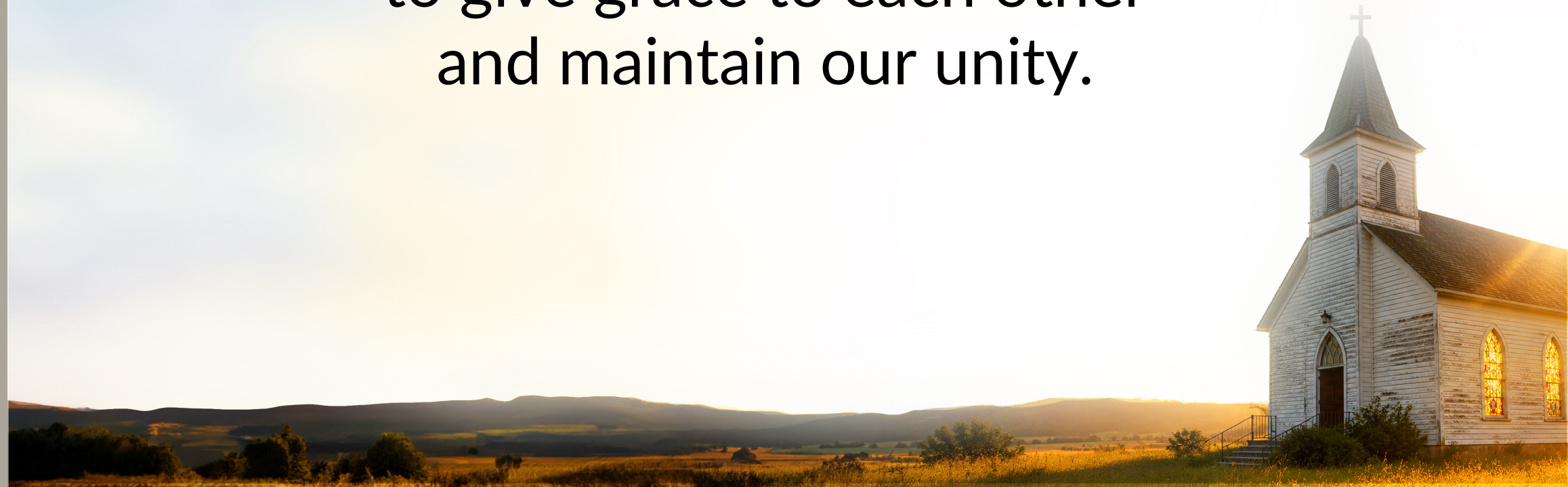
3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



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BUILD MATURITY

Build maturity in one another
—even when you feel like tearing down—
to give grace to each other
and maintain our unity.



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#5 | RELEASE DEBTS

Ephesians 4:31–32

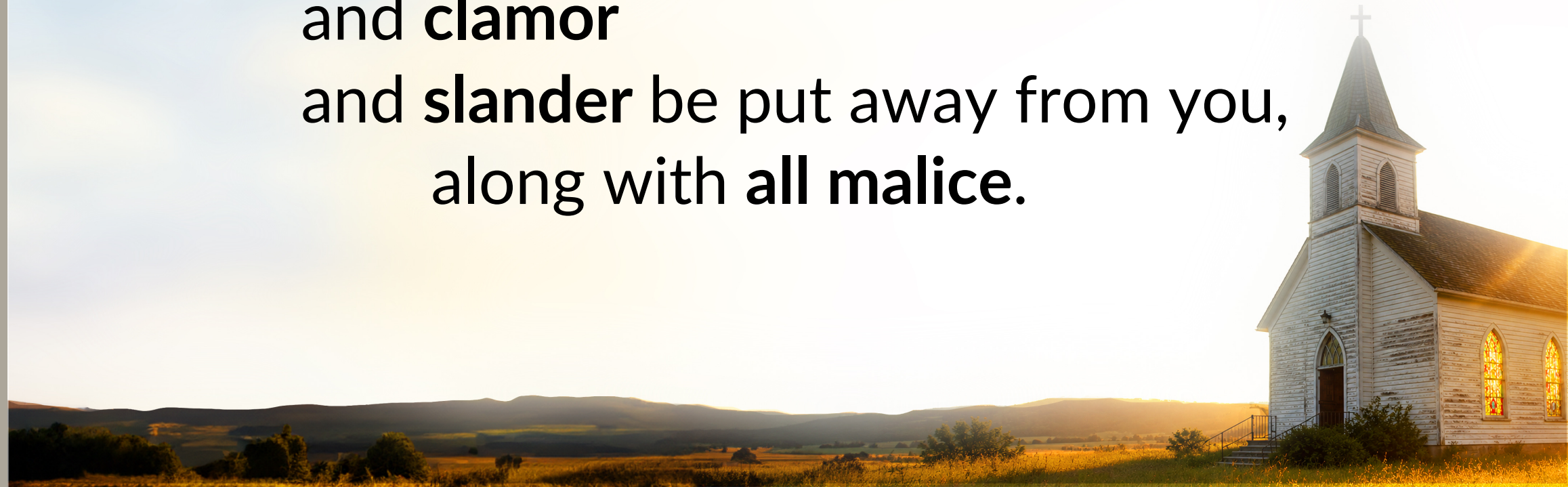


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RELEASE DEBTS

EPHESIANS 4:31

31 Let all **bitterness**
and **wrath**
and **anger**
and **clamor**
and **slander** be put away from you,
along with **all malice**.



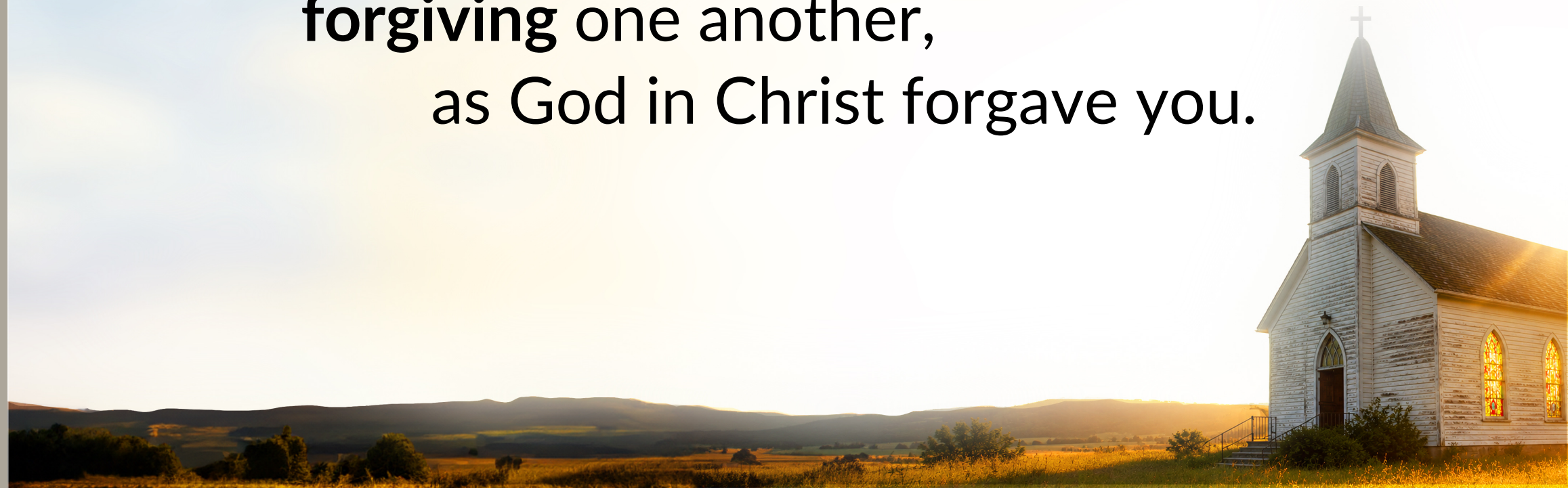
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RELEASE DEBTS

EPHESIANS 4:32

32 **Be kind** to one another,
tenderhearted,

forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.



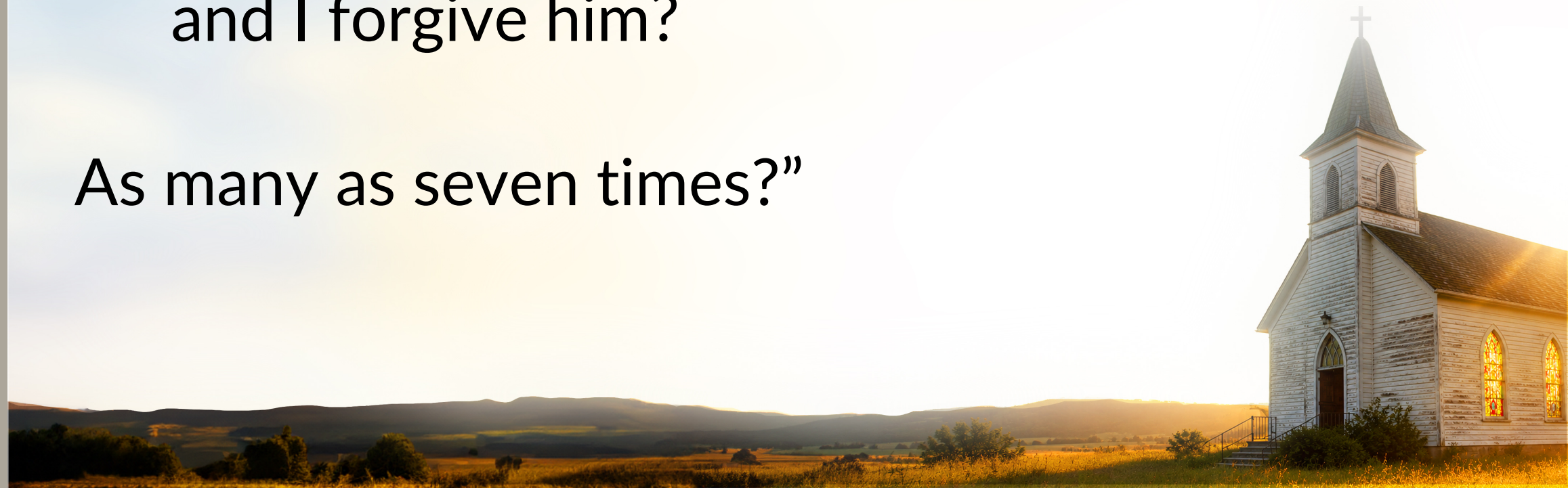
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RELEASE DEBTS

MATTHEW 18:21–22

21 Then Peter came up and said to him,
"Lord,
how often will my brother sin against me,
and I forgive him?

As many as seven times?"



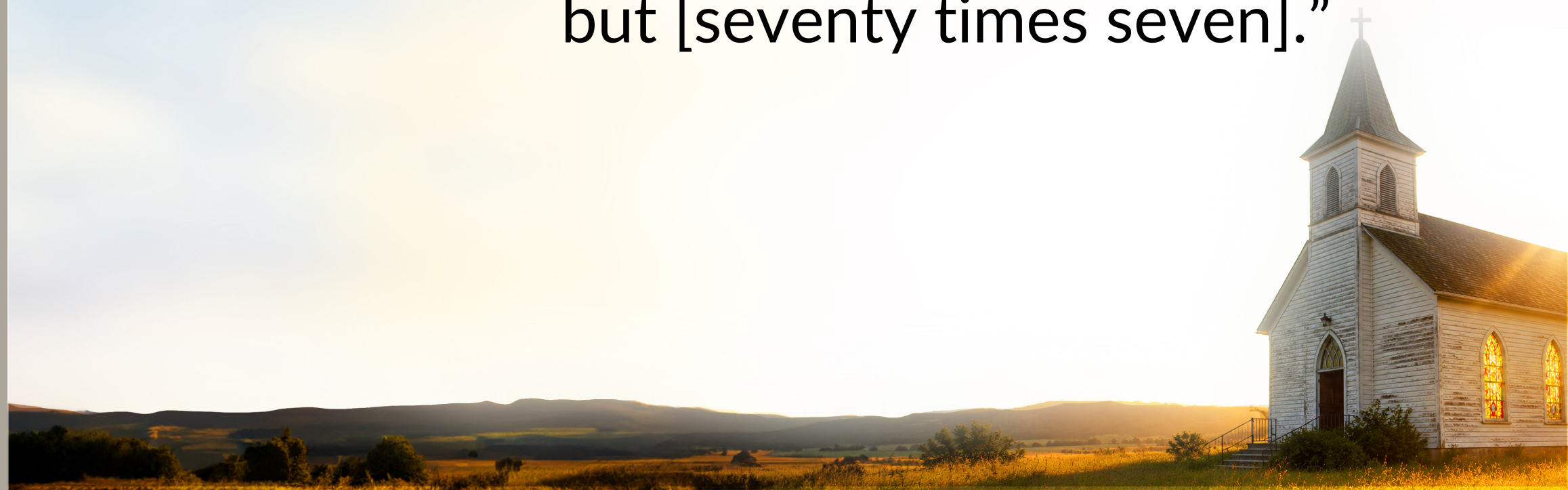
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MATTHEW 18:21–22

22 Jesus said to him,

"I do not say to you seven times,
but [seventy times seven]."

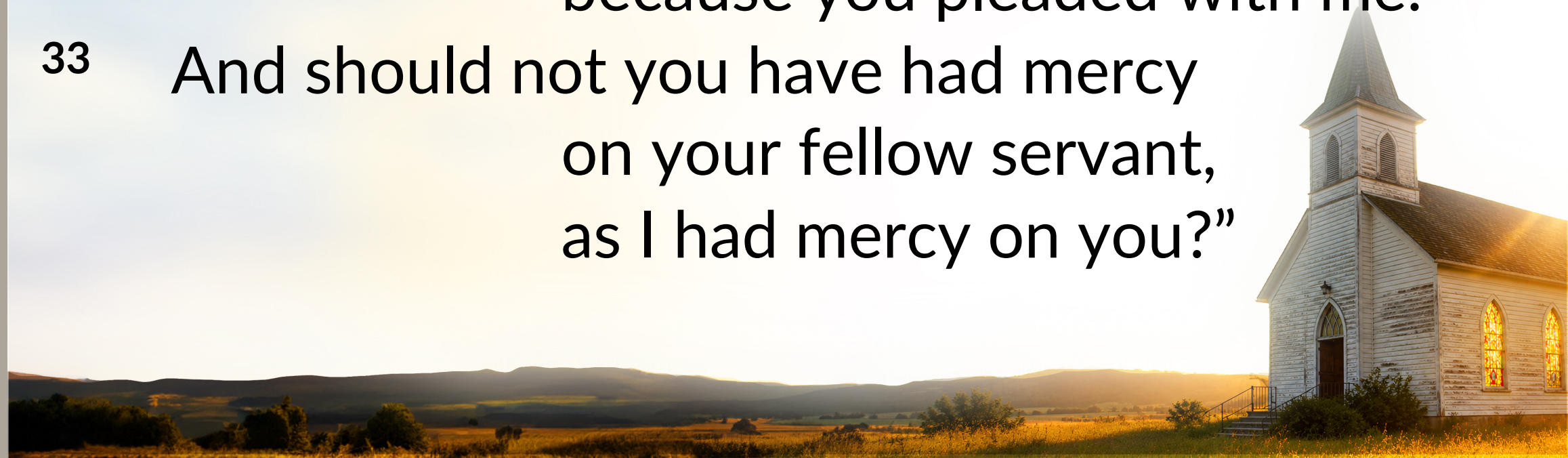


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RELEASE DEBTS

MATTHEW 18:32–33

32 Then his master summoned him and said to him,
"You wicked servant!
I forgave you all that debt
because you pleaded with me.
33 And should not you have had mercy
on your fellow servant,
as I had mercy on you?"



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RELEASE DEBTS

MATTHEW 18:34

34 And in anger
his master delivered him to the jailers,
until he should pay all his debt.

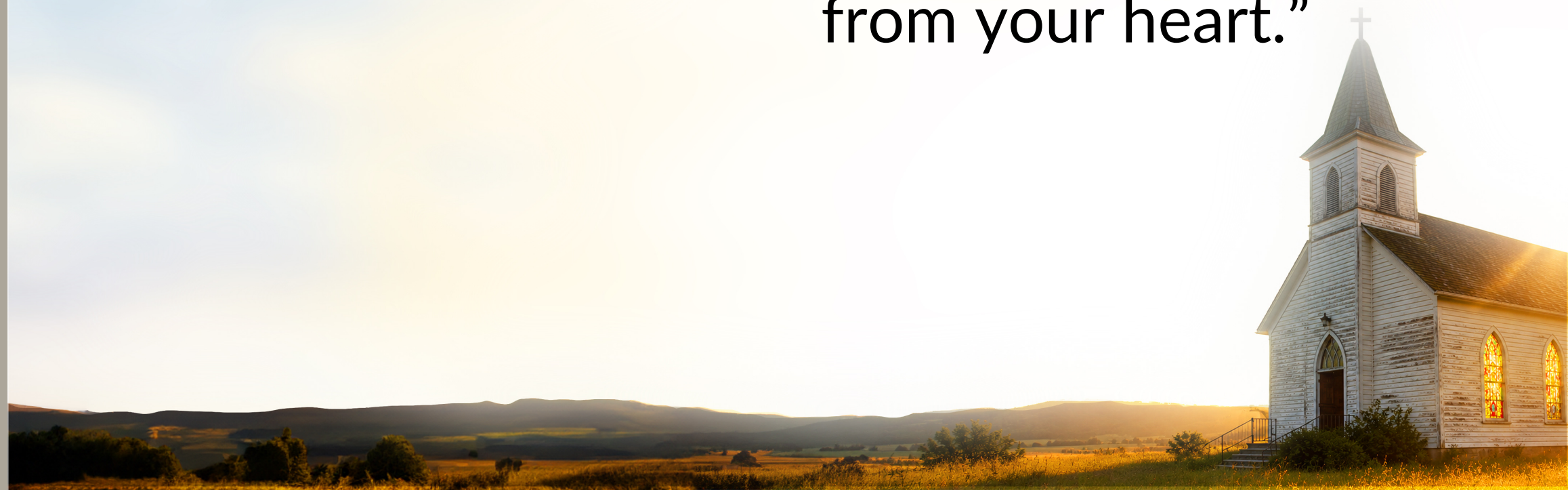


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RELEASE DEBTS

MATTHEW 18:35

35 So also
my heavenly Father will do to every one of you,
if **you do not forgive** your brother
from your heart.”



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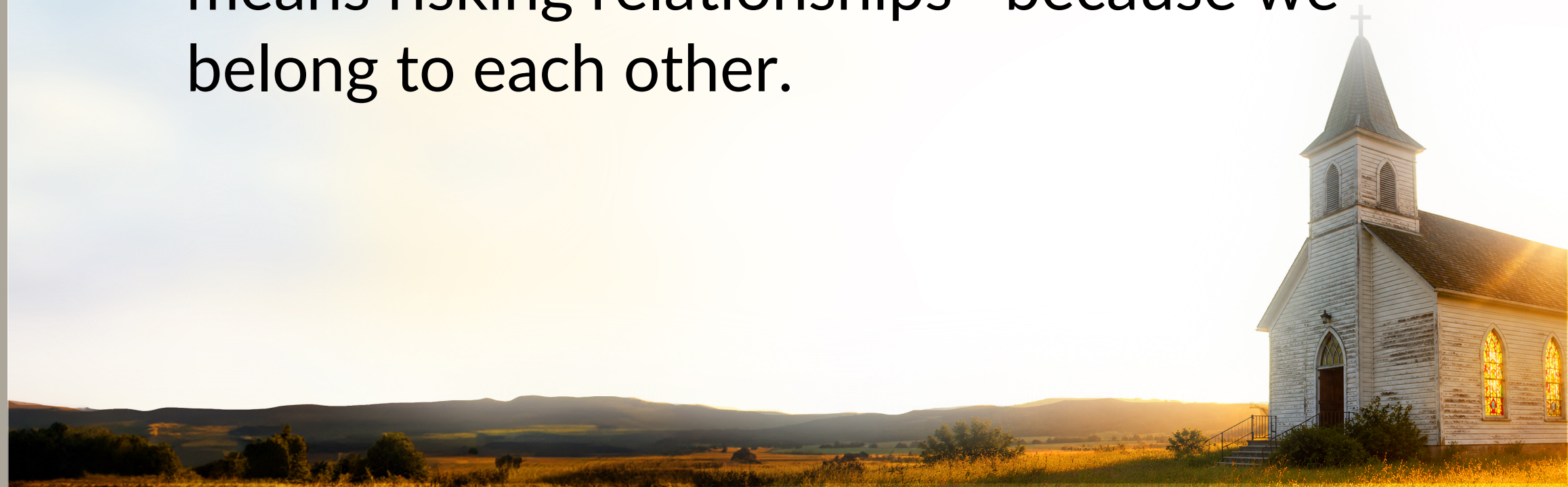
Release debts of sin owed to one another
—even when you feel like going to war—
to reflect God's kindness
in forgiving us all in Christ.



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BODY BUILDING BOOT CAMP

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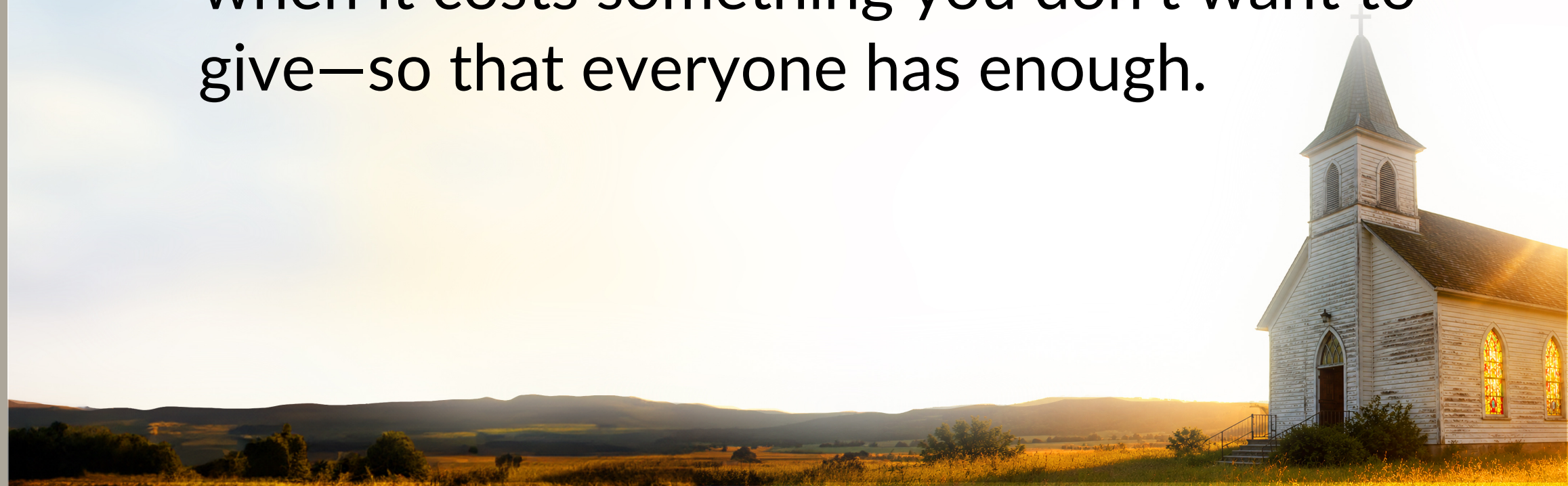
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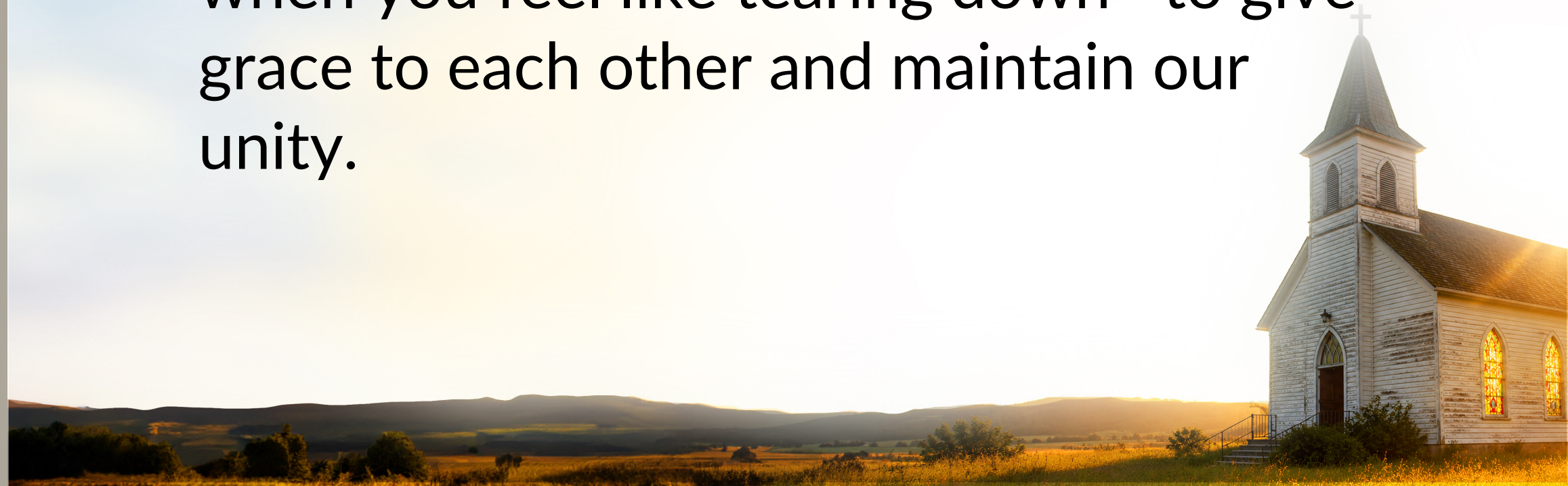
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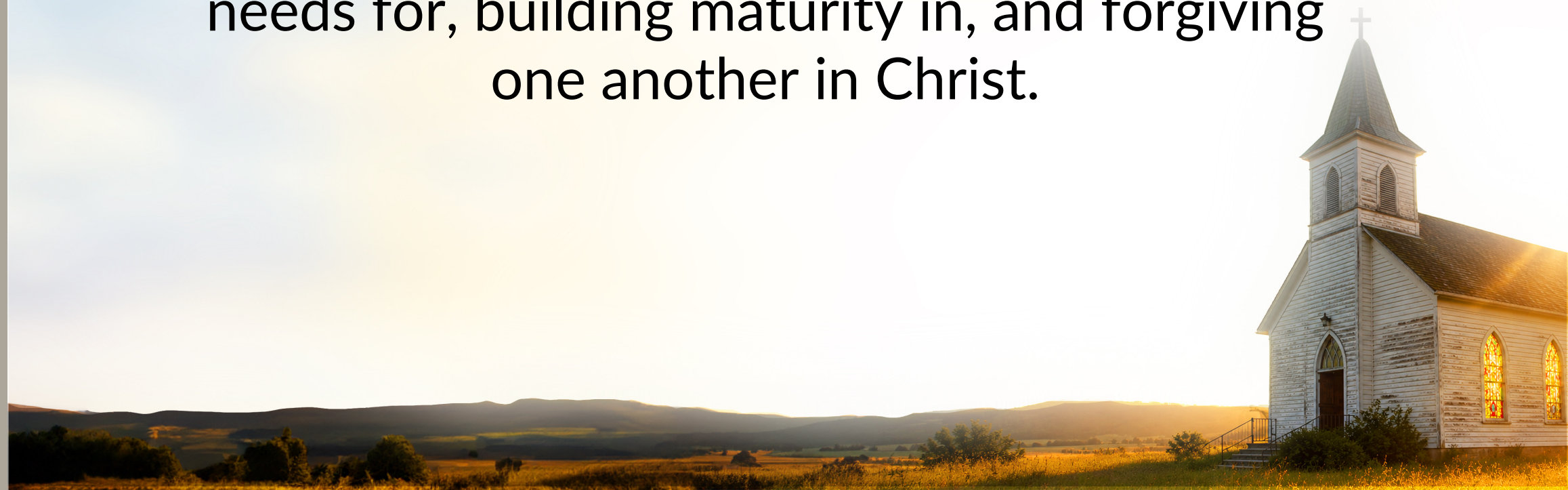
#5 | Release Debts of Sin: owed to one another—even when you feel like going to war—to reflect God's kindness in forgiving us all in Christ.



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CONCLUSION

We are called to build **our body** up together
towards Christlike maturity
by speaking truth to, making peace with, providing
needs for, building maturity in, and forgiving
one another in Christ.



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