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UNITED WE STAND

WHAT DOES BEING UNITED IN CHRIST MEAN?

WHEN IS UNITY IN CHRIST ACHIEVED?

HOW IS UNITY IN CHRIST MAINTAINED?

WHY IS ACTUAL UNITY IN CHRIST IMPORTANT?

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UNITY IN CHRIST



BY FAITH IN CHRIST
THROUGH THE TRUTH
WITH / IN DEITY

John 17:20–23 (NKJV)

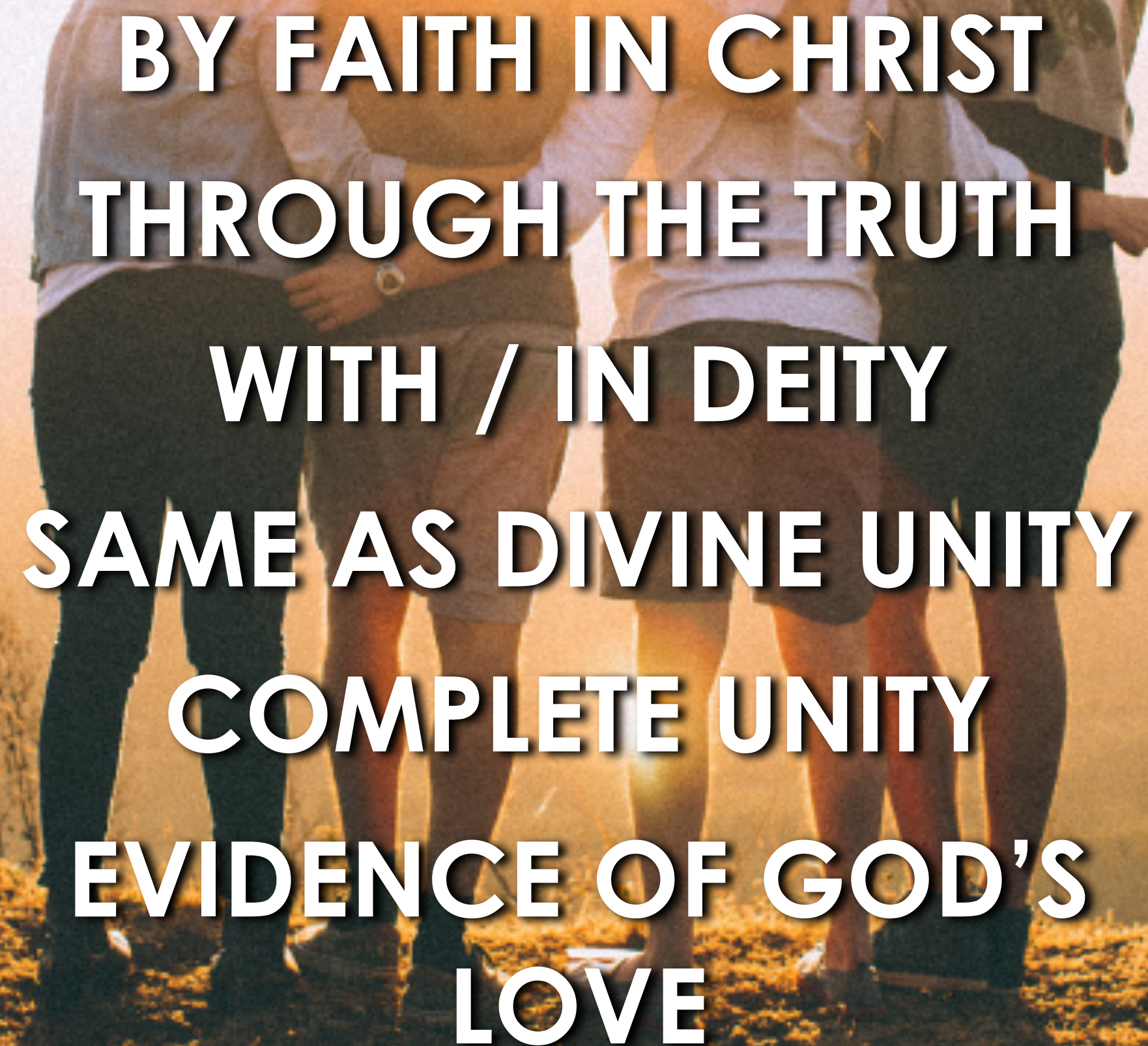
²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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John 17:20–23 (NKJV)

22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.



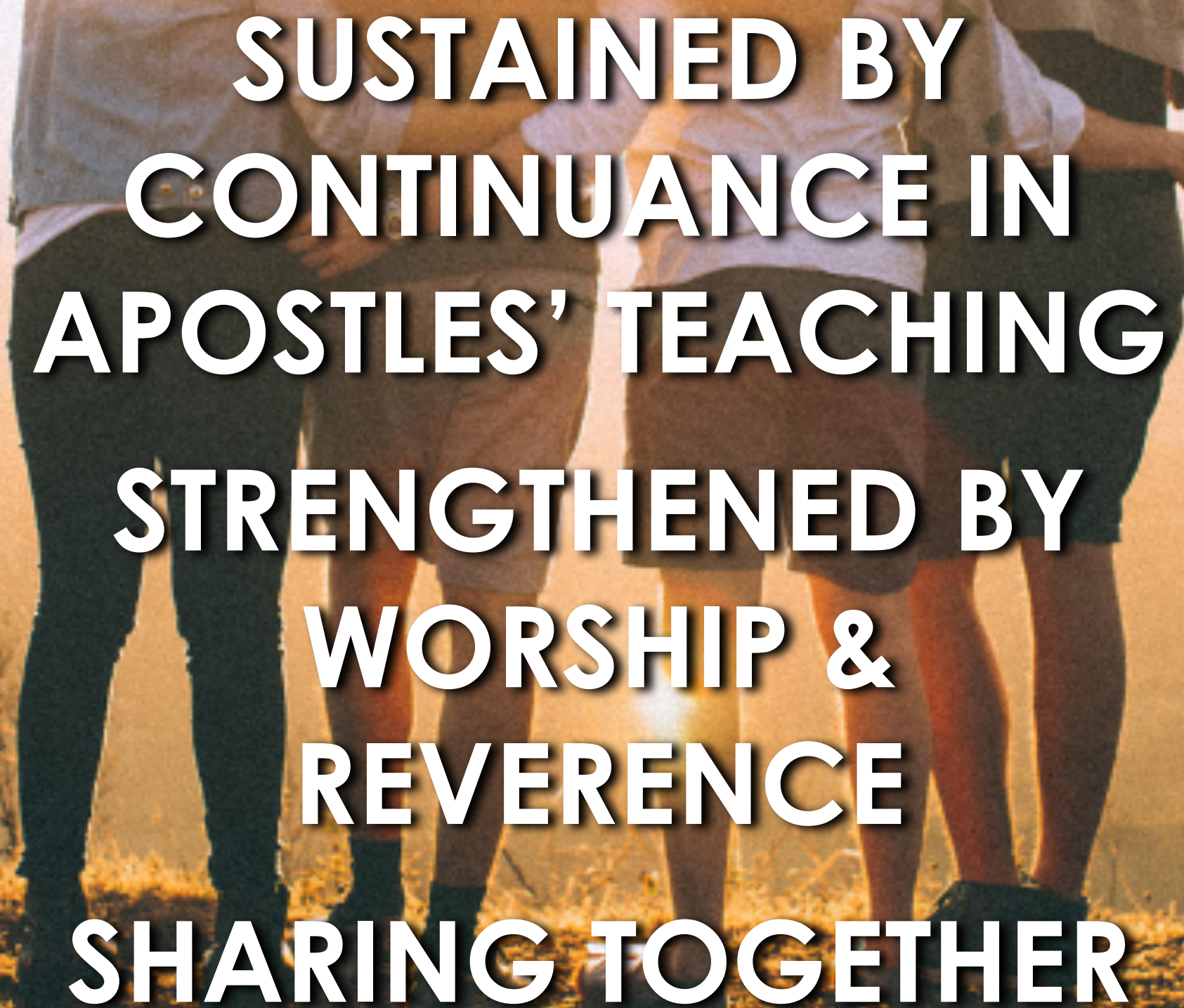
BY FAITH IN CHRIST
THROUGH THE TRUTH
WITH / IN DEITY
SAME AS DIVINE UNITY
COMPLETE UNITY
EVIDENCE OF GOD'S
LOVE

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Acts 2:42–44 (NKJV)


⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,



SUSTAINED BY
CONTINUANCE IN
APOSTLES' TEACHING
STRENGTHENED BY
WORSHIP &
REVERENCE
SHARING TOGETHER

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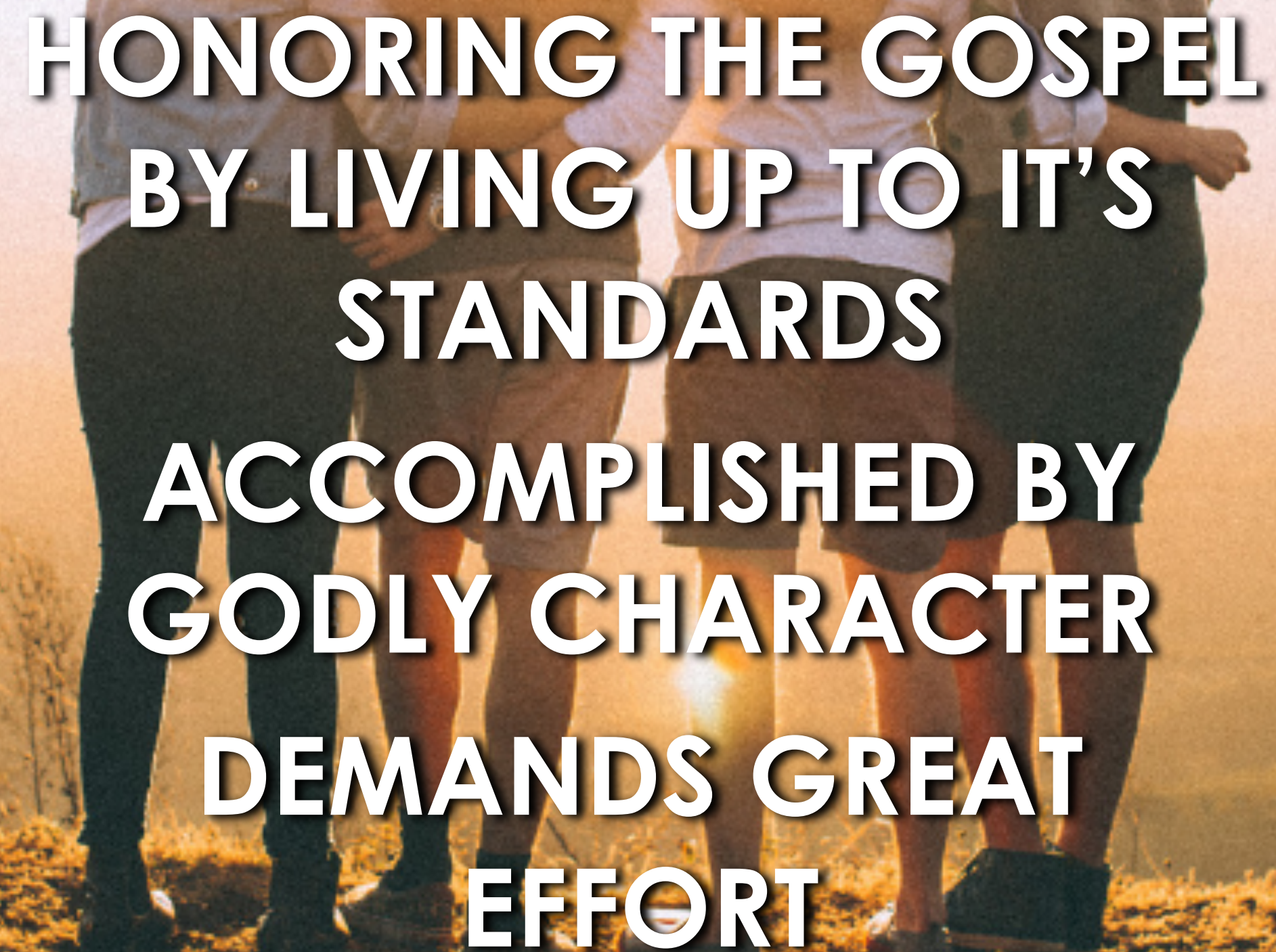
SUBMISSION TO THE
AUTHORITY OF CHRIST
TEACHING SAME THING
PRODUCING UNITY IN
THOUGHT AND
APPLICATION.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now I plead with you, brethren,
by the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that you all speak the same
thing, and *that* there be no
divisions among you, but *that* you
be perfectly joined together in the
same mind and in the same
judgment.

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**HONORING THE GOSPEL
BY LIVING UP TO IT'S
STANDARDS
ACCOMPLISHED BY
GODLY CHARACTER
DEMANDS GREAT
EFFORT**

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NKJV)

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

UNITED WE STAND

ACCOMPLISHED BY
ACCEPTING THE TRUTH

ONE CHURCH

ONE SOURCE OF TRUTH

ONE EXPECTATION

ONE MASTER

ONE STANDARD

ONE ENTRANCE

ONE SOURCE OF
EXISTENCE AND LIFE.

UNITY IN CHRIST

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NKJV)


⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.*

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Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;



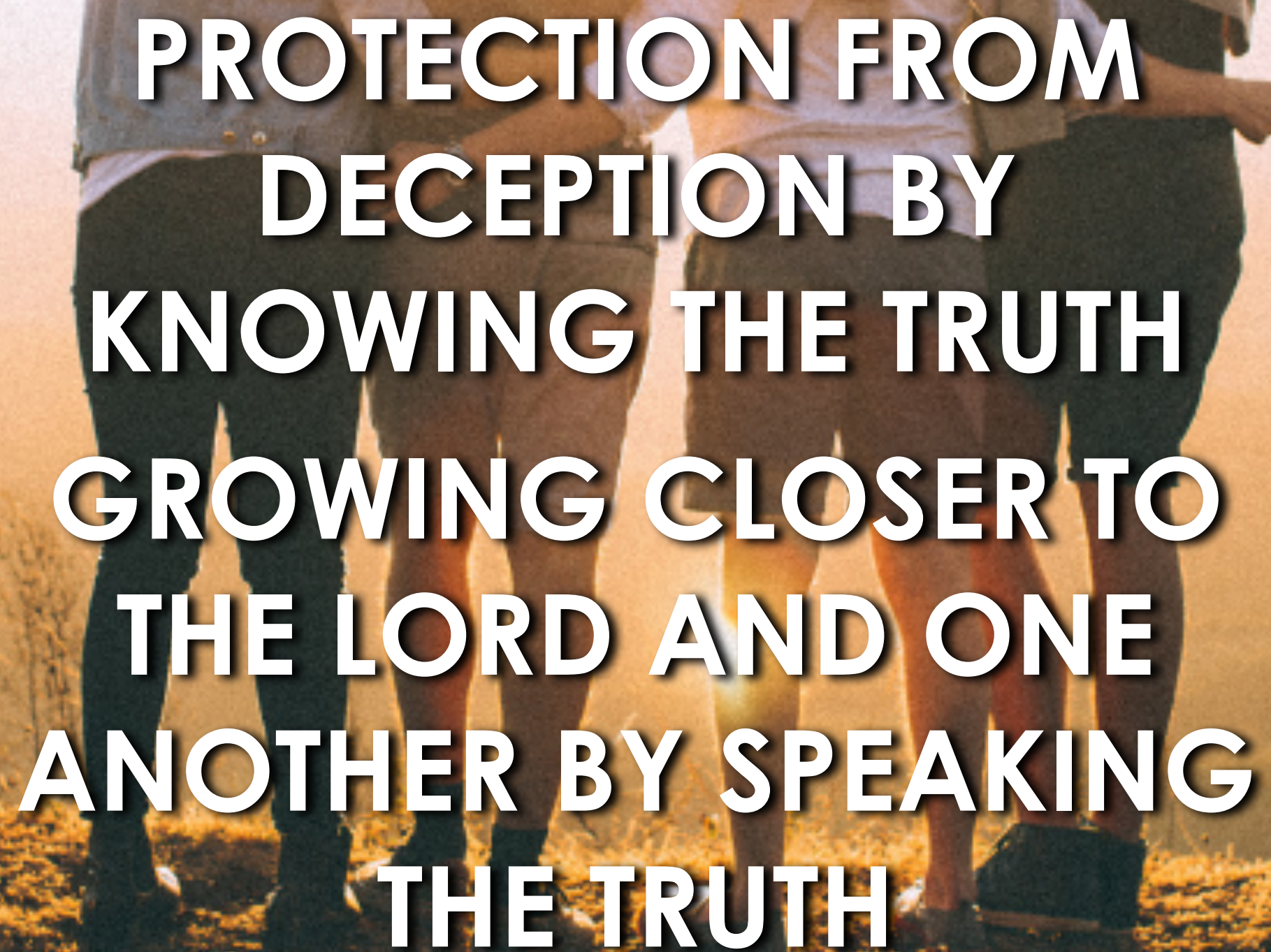
UNITED BY GROWING
IN THE TRUTH
GROWING IN FAITH &
SERVICE - UNITED
BECOMING MORE
AND MORE LIKE
CHRIST

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Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—



**PROTECTION FROM
DECEPTION BY
KNOWING THE TRUTH
GROWING CLOSER TO
THE LORD AND ONE
ANOTHER BY SPEAKING
THE TRUTH**

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ACCOMPLISHED BY
FOLLOWING THE
TRUTH

UNITY IN CHRIST
PRODUCES GROWTH
OF THE BODY.

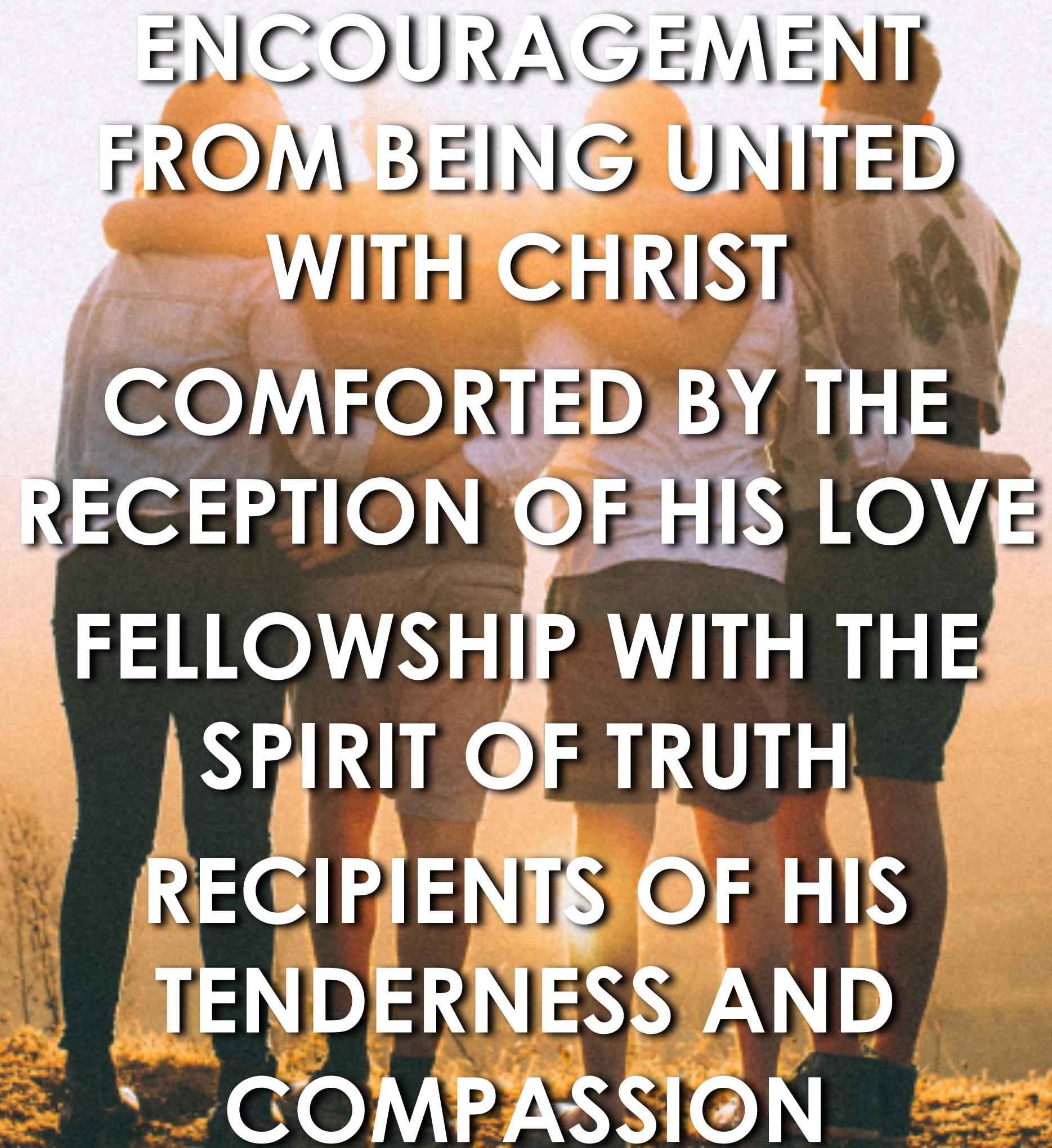
WE WILL ONLY BE AS
STRONG AS THE SUM
OF OUR PARTS
FAITHFULLY FOLLOW
JESUS!

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Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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ENCOURAGEMENT
FROM BEING UNITED
WITH CHRIST
COMFORTED BY THE
RECEPTION OF HIS LOVE
FELLOWSHIP WITH THE
SPIRIT OF TRUTH
RECIPIENTS OF HIS
TENDERNESS AND
COMPASSION

UNITY IN CHRIST

Philippians 2:1–5 (NKJV)

¹ Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

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EXALTING NEEDS OF
OTHERS ABOVE OUR
OWN DESIRES!

OUR ACTIONS &
CHOICES SHOULD BE IN
THE BEST INTEREST OF
OTHERS!

IMITATING CHRIST BY
OUR LOYALTY TO THE
FATHER BY LIVING
OBEDIENT, SACRIFICIAL
LIVES!

UNITY IN CHRIST

Philippians 2:1–5 (NKJV)

³ *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.* ⁴ *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.* ⁵ *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

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UNITY IN CHRIST

- **Respecting the conscience of others** (Rom.14:12,13, 19-23; 1 Cor. 8:8-13)
- **Being patient while we learn & grow** (Rom. 15:1-6)
- **Doing things that will lead to edification** (Rom 14:19; 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Tim 4:2)
- **Walk in love** (Rom 14:15; 1 Cor. 13)

UNITED WE STAND

DIVIDED WE FALL



Matthew 12:25–26 (NKJV)

²⁵ But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?”

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

CAUSES OF DIVISION



“Where do wars and fights
come from among you?” -

James 3:14-4:4

- 3:14 “Bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts,”
- 3:15 “Earthly, sensual, demonic - wisdom”
- 4:1 “From your desires for pleasure that war in your members?”
- 4:2 “You lust and do not have - You murder and covet and cannot obtain.”
- 4:3 “you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”
- 4:4 “Friendship with the world is enmity with God?”

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL

CAUSES OF DIVISION



- Teaching a different gospel / doctrine (Gal 1:6-9; Rom 16:17)
- Not abiding in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9,10; Rev 2:15)
- Acceptance of immoral practices (2 Cor. 5:1-7; Re 2:14)
- Greed (Jos 7; Acts 5:1-4)
- The unfaithful (Numbers 14; Heb. 3:16-18; 2 Thes 3:14,15)
- Sinful attitudes - (pride; selfishness; hatred; jealousy; worldliness; etc.) - (James 3:14-16; 4:4; 2 Cor 12:20)

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UNITY IN CHRIST

- **Unity IN CHRIST is dependent upon two primary things –**
 1. Our submission to the authority of Jesus the Christ in doctrine & practice.
 2. The application of the attitudes commanded by Jesus that we are to have toward one another.

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THERE IS GREAT POWER IN UNITY
DIVISION ULTIMATELY BRINGS FAILURE



Matthew 12:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

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We must be committed to being nothing, calling ourselves nothing, obeying nothing, and saying nothing except that which is authorized by the Word of God. (1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17)

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By developing the attitude of Christ
Eph 4:1-3; Col 3:12-15; Phil 2:1-5; Rom 14-15:6

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A photograph of four people standing on a grassy hillside at sunset. They are seen from behind, embracing each other in a line. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky.

UNITED WE STAND
IN CHRIST (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26,27)

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