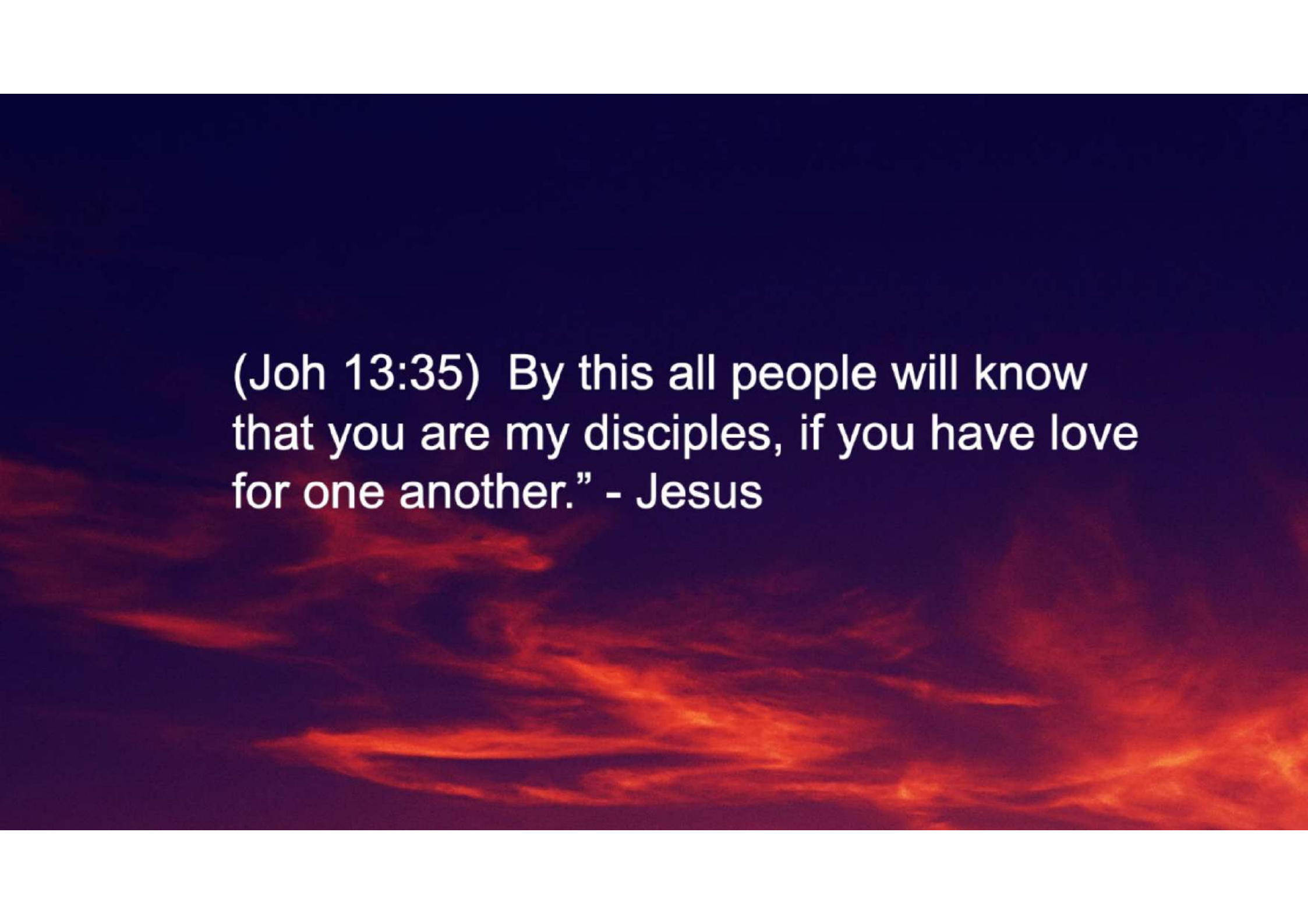




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(Joh 13:35) By this all people will know
that you are my disciples, if you have love
for one another.” - Jesus



Jesus might be praying this right now

(Joh 17:20) “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

(Joh 17:21) that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.



Jesus might be praying this right now

(Joh 17:22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

(Joh 17:23) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.



Jesus is the builder of the Church

(Mat 16:18) And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my church, and
the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Love expressed in mutual care

(Act 2:45) And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

(Act 2:46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,
(Act 2:47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Believers also experience relational challenges

(Mat 18:15) “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

(Mat 18:21) 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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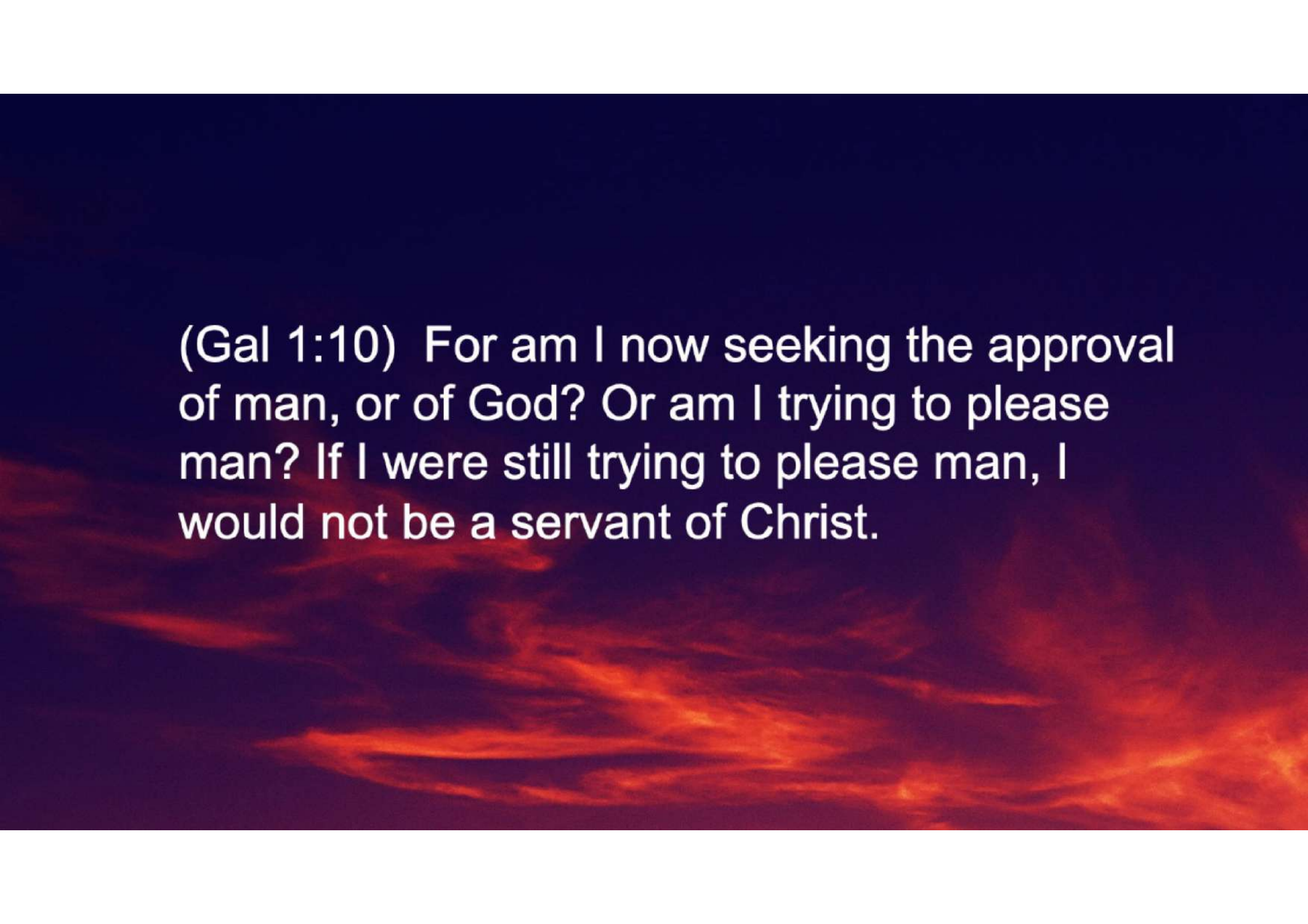
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(Mar 12:28) ..“Which commandment is the most important of all?”

(Mar 12:29) Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

(Mar 12:30) And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

(Mar 12:31) The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

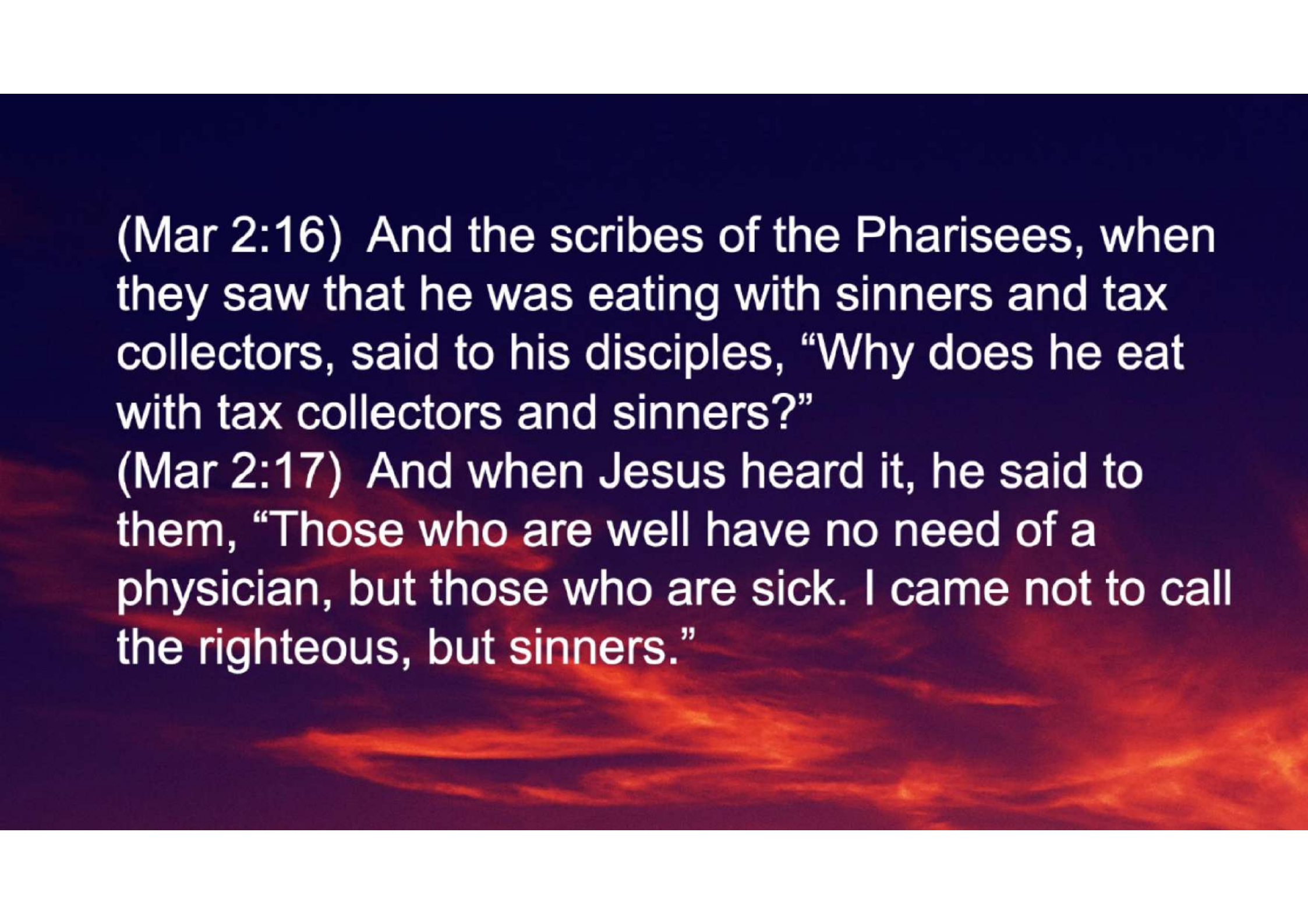


(Gal 1:10) For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.



In Healthy Communities;

1) God is 1st.



(Mar 2:16) And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

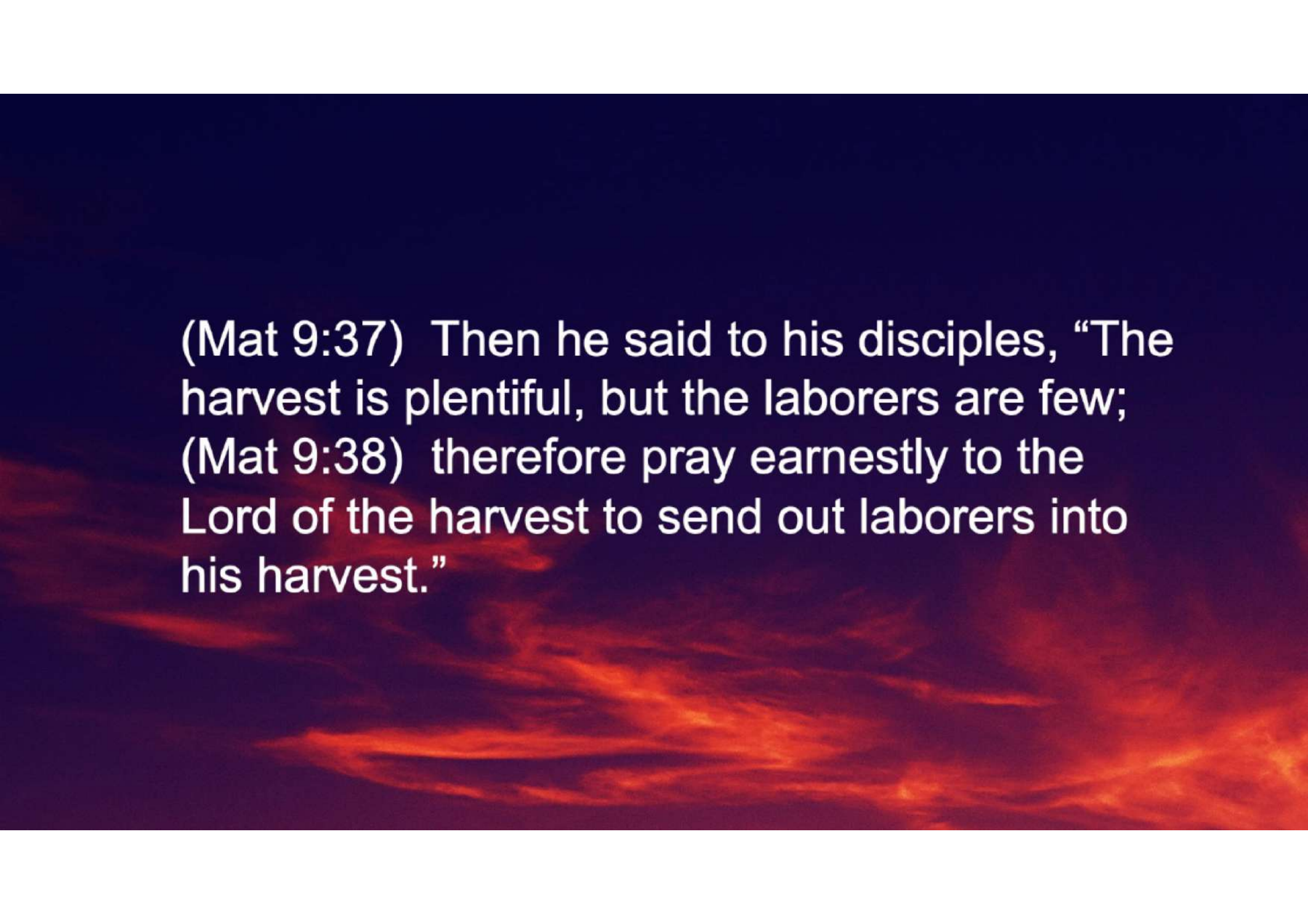
(Mar 2:17) And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

(Rom 5:8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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2) Sinners turn to Jesus because they are loved by other sinners who turned to Jesus

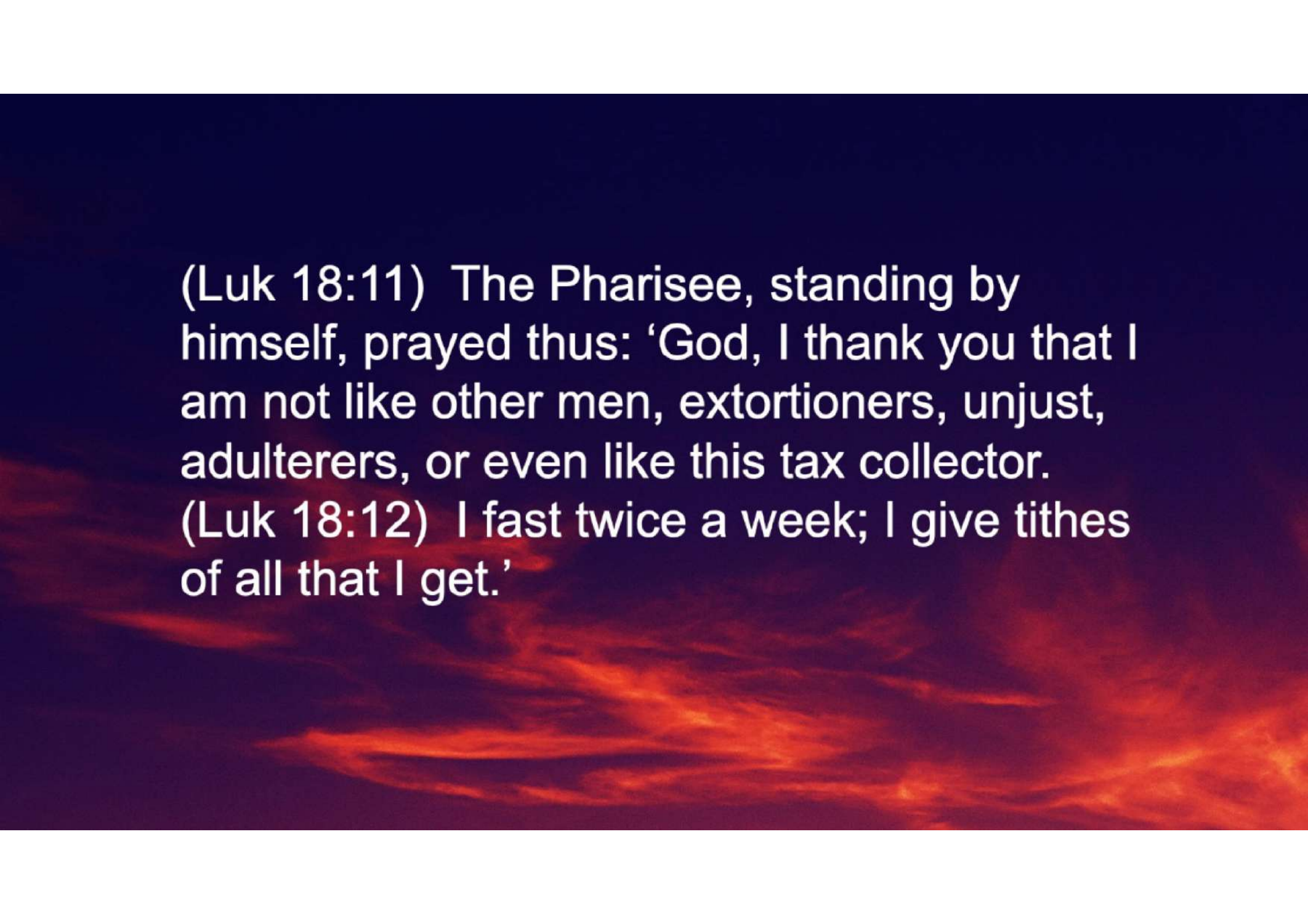




(Mat 9:37) Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; (Mat 9:38) therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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3) Everyone aims to reach one person (create the capacity)



(Luk 18:11) The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.
(Luk 18:12) I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

(Luk 18:13) But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

(Luk 18:14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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4) Journeying with “Sinful/Broken” people is important. This means you are also welcome.

Apostle Paul on unity in the Community

(Eph 4:1) I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the
calling to which you have been called,

(Eph 4:2) with all humility and gentleness,
with patience, bearing with one another in
love,

(Eph 4:3) eager to maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.

(Mat 18:15) “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

(Col 3:12) Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

(Col 3:13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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