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Matthew 1: 23 (NIV)

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel (which means  
“God with us”).

## John 1:1-2 (NIV)

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning.

## John 1:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am **with** you always, to the very end of the age.”

## Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

# Psalm 133

*A song of ascents. Of David.*

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.

<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the Lord bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

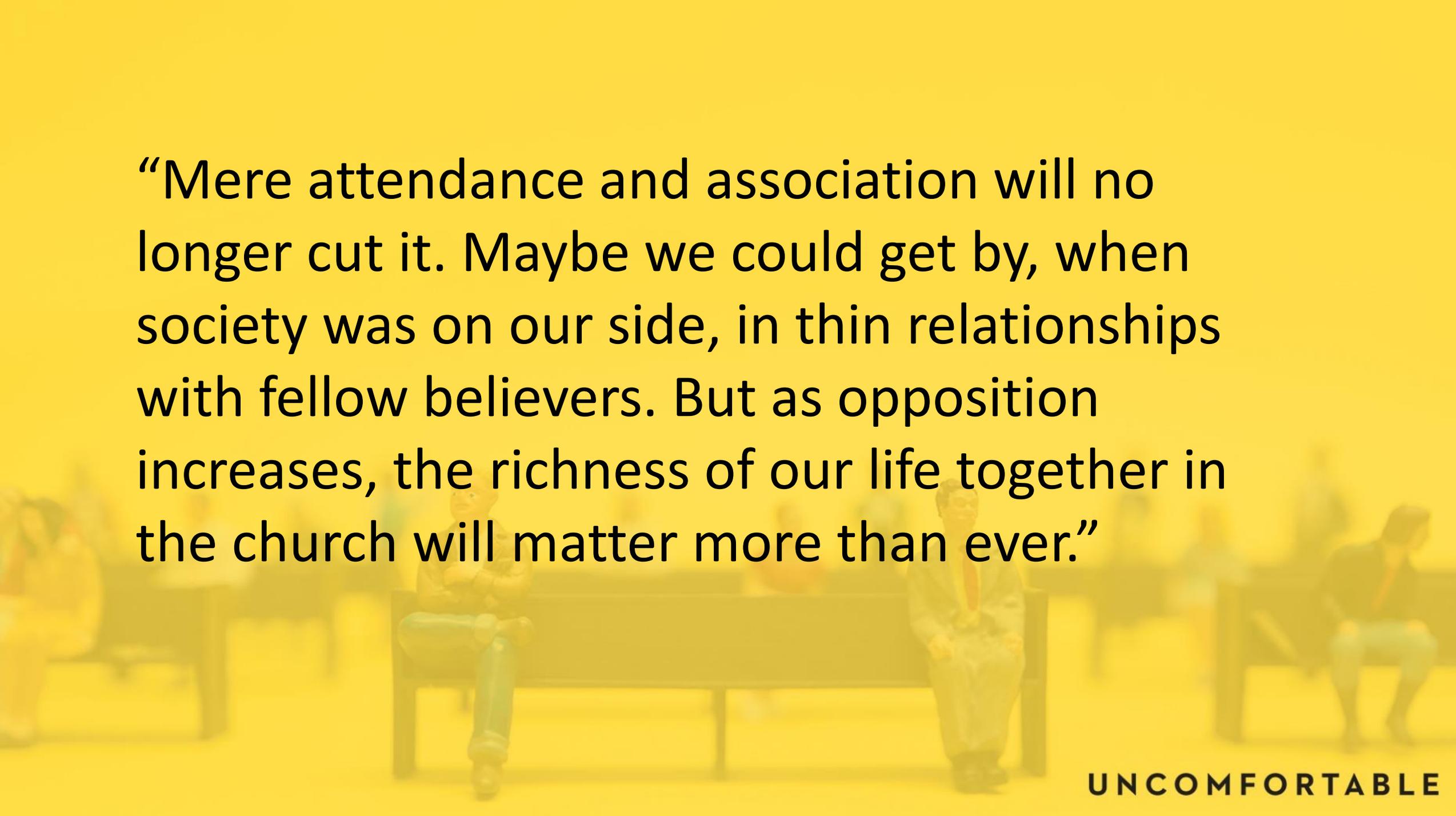


John 13:35 (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



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“Mere attendance and association will no longer cut it. Maybe we could get by, when society was on our side, in thin relationships with fellow believers. But as opposition increases, the richness of our life together in the church will matter more than ever.”

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Doing things **“for”** people or  
**“with”** people?



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**God, in becoming flesh in Jesus, has said there will never again be a “for” that is not based on a fundamental, unalterable, everlasting, and utterly unswerving “with.”**