

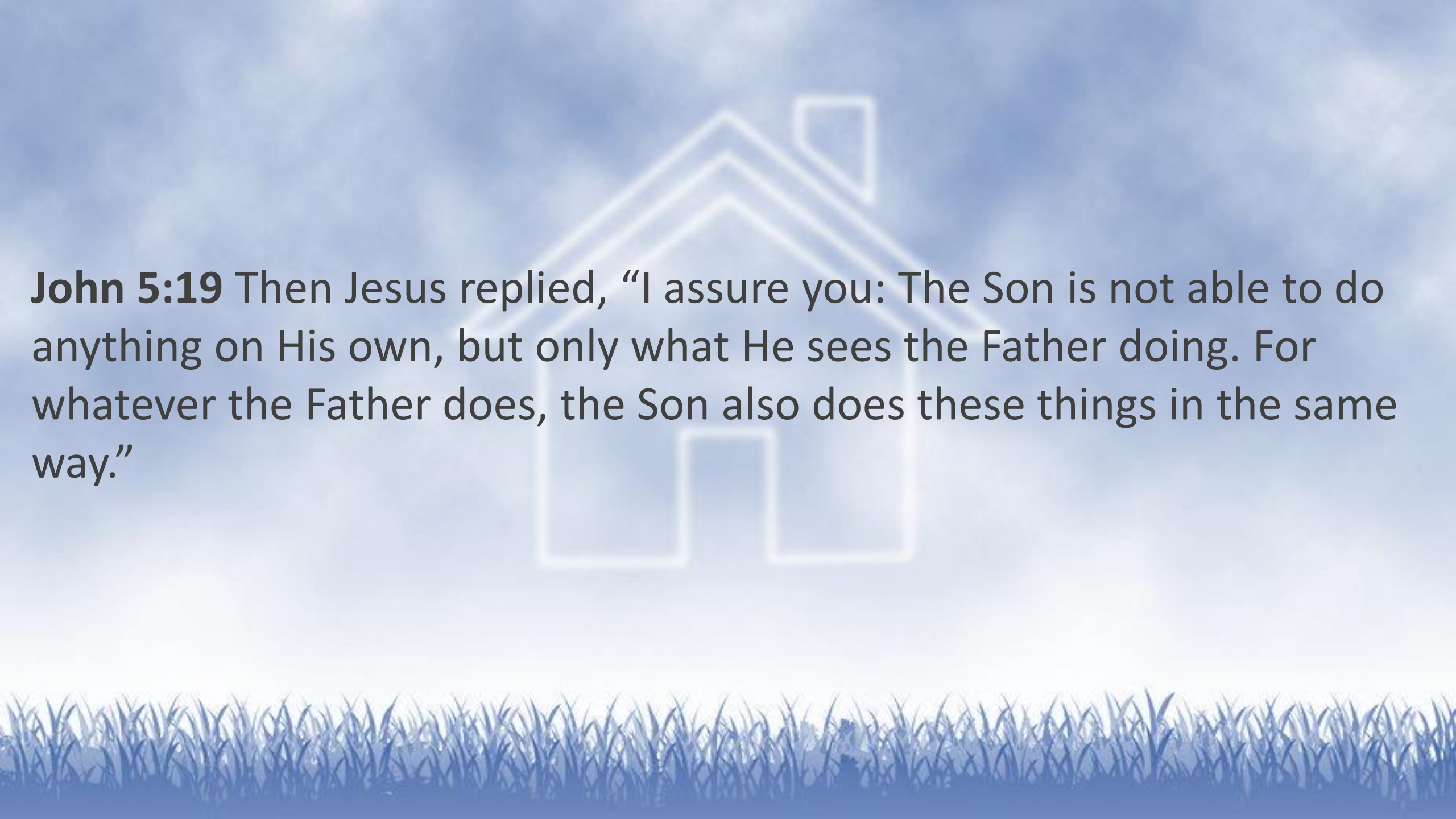
# Hospitality

PART 1



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**John 5:19** Then Jesus replied, “I assure you: The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, the Son also does these things in the same way.”







# 1. Why Church?

Our intentions do not determine our life, but our habits...

## 1.1 Revelation of Jesus and a Love for Jesus:

Grow in Christlikeness and live like Him

**Matthew 16:18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**John 14:15** “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

## 1.2 Only Church can fulfil our 5 most basic needs:

*Rick Warren: ‘Why’ Purposes of a healthy Church that fulfil us:*

**1. Worship   2. Fellowship   3. Discipleship   4. Ministry   5. Mission**

## 1.3 The Authority of the Word:

We obey the Word of God! Scripture calls us - Church family:

**Acts 2:41-46 NLT** 41 Those who believed... were baptized and added to the church... 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer...44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had... 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity



# Heart of Church | Shofar Table View:

## What we do? ENCOUNTER GOD | PRESENCE









## **2. Radical Biblical Hospitality:**

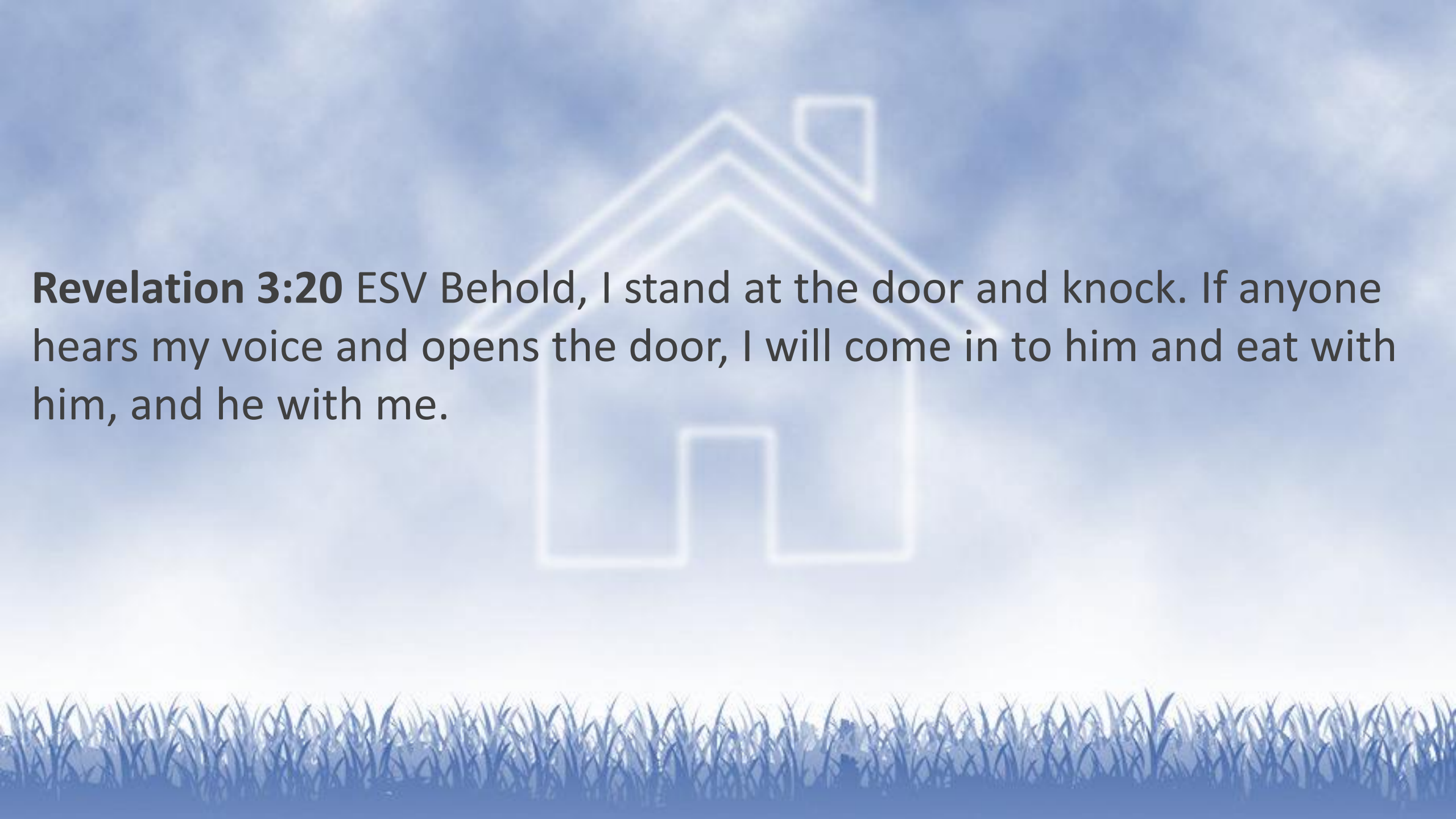
An uncompromising key to Church, life and being able to connect, grow and love, is to be a people that is hospitable.

**Letting others in and also being able to enter in and share**

### **2.1 Beginning and the End:**

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”





**Revelation 3:20** ESV Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.



## 2.2 Definition:

**Hospitality** | friendly and generous reception and *entertainment* of guests, visitors, or strangers.

*[\*Sharing Christ with...]*

friendliness, hospitableness, welcome, warm reception, helpfulness, neighbourliness, warmth, warm-heartedness, kindness, kind-heartedness, congeniality, geniality, sociability, conviviality, cordiality, amicability, amenability, generosity, liberality, bountifulness, open-handedness.

**GREEK | Philoxenos** From G5384 and G3581; **fond of guests**, that is, hospitable: - **given to (lover of, use) hospitality**.

**Philonexia** hospitableness: - **entertain strangers**, hospitality.

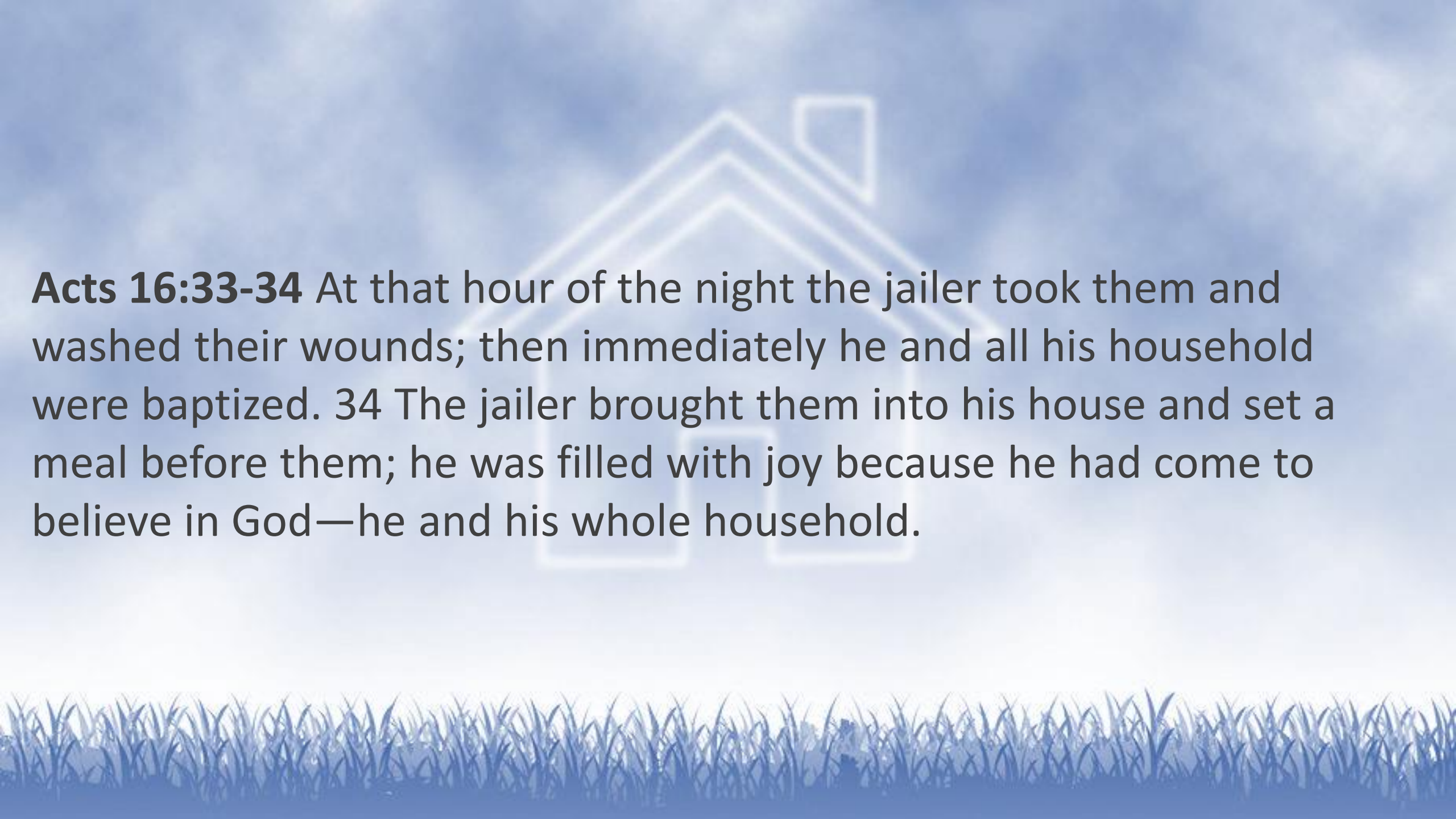


**“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling” 1 Peter 4:8-9**

## **2.3 Testimonies:**





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**Acts 16:33-34** At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.




### 3. Radical Hospitality establishes...

1. **COMMUNITY** and sense of belonging and calling [*friendship*]
2. **DISCIPLESHIP** and true life on life impartation
3. **EVANGELISM** and leads to salvations of love

We will look at this AS WELL AS THE COST and LIMITATIONS





“Artfully woven into the fabric of who we are, each of us possesses an urgency to be included, an ache to be known, and a longing to be welcomed.”

*Gloria Furman, author*



## 4. Reality check:

We live in a lonely time – mental health is skyrocketing and the moral fiber of civilization is deteriorating

→ People are more connected, but more alone

→ We need Jesus and Jesus in each other

How often do you feel lonely?



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Characteristic	Often/Always/Some of the times	Hardly ever/Never
Brazil	50%	28%
Turkey	46%	32%
India	43%	27%
Saudi Arabia	43%	37%
Italy	41%	29%
South Africa	40%	28%
Malaysia	39%	21%
South Korea	38%	28%
Chile	38%	37%
Peru	37%	35%
France	36%	39%
Argentina	35%	38%
Mexico	34%	40%



## **In Church:**

Signs of loneliness in Church communities...

**1. Isolation**

**2. Lethargy**

**3. Hyper-involvement**









*Let's Pray*

