



Welcome to our
VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

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THE POWER OF
AGREEMENT

GOD'S DESIGN FOR UNITY, AUTHORITY,
AND SPIRITUAL FRUITFULNESS

Part VI

The Practice of Agreement



“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:1-3)



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“The practice of agreement is where our alignment with God becomes visible in how we treat one another. When we intentionally pursue unity, guard our words, and love consistently, agreement moves from belief to behavior and Christ is reflected through us.”

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Agreement Is Practiced Through Intentional Peacemaking

**Agreement doesn't maintain itself; it
must be practiced through our
deliberate, Spirit-led peacemaking.**

**Blessed are
the
peacemakers,
for they will
be called
sons of God.**

- Matthew 5:9 -



And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT

If it is possible,
as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18



James 4:1 – *What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?* (NLT)

James 4:1 – *Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves.* (MSG)



*“Agreement is strengthened
when we choose
reconciliation over reaction
and humility over pride.”*

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Agreement Is Practiced Through Guarded Speech

Agreement is either strengthened or weakened by how we use our words.

The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

Proverbs 18:21

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Matthew 12:34-37 NIV

Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:29

Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

~ James 3:5-6 NIV



*“Agreement is preserved
when our words reflect
grace, truth, and self-
control rather than impulse
and reaction.”*

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Agreement Is Practiced Through Mutual Submission

Agreement grows stronger when we
willingly yield our preferences for
the sake of shared purpose.

Pursue Peace and Edify One Another

Romans Chapter 14: 14-23

Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

Romans 14:19



Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2:1–2

NIV



**"Everything is permissible" – but not everything is beneficial.
"Everything is permissible" – but not everything is constructive.
Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.**

- 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 -



*“Agreement flourishes
when we choose shared
purpose over personal
preference.”*

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Agreement Is Practiced Through Patient Endurance

Agreement is not tested when everything is easy, but when we choose patience in seasons of crisis.

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.

Colossians 3:13



**A man's
wisdom
gives him
patience;
it is to
his glory
to overlook
an offense.**

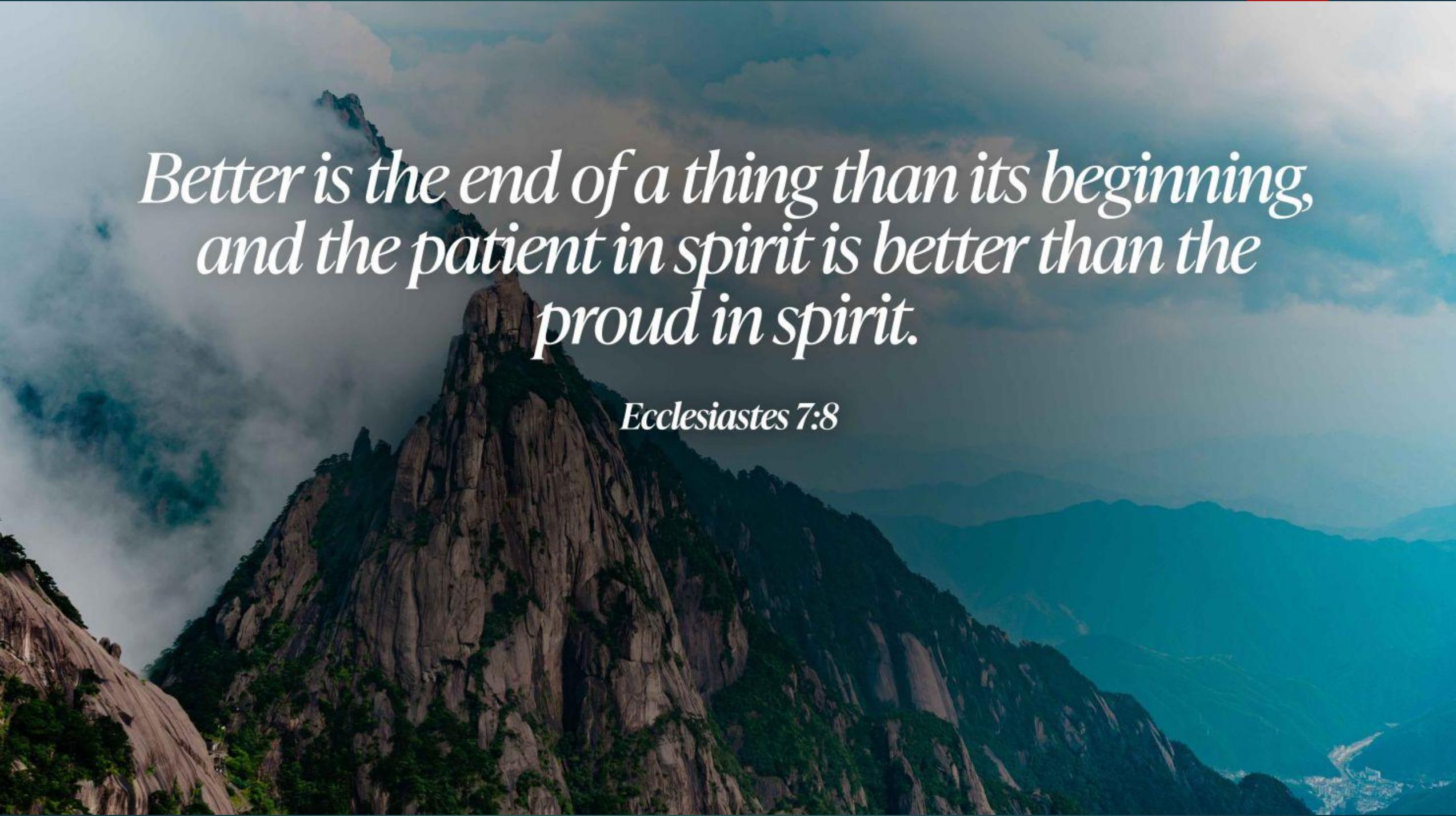
- Proverbs 19:11 -

Carry each
other's burdens,
and in this way
you will fulfill
the law of

Christ

Galatians 6:2





*Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,
and the patient in spirit is better than the
proud in spirit.*

Ecclesiastes 7:8



*“Agreement endures when
we choose patience over
pride and grace over
reaction.”*

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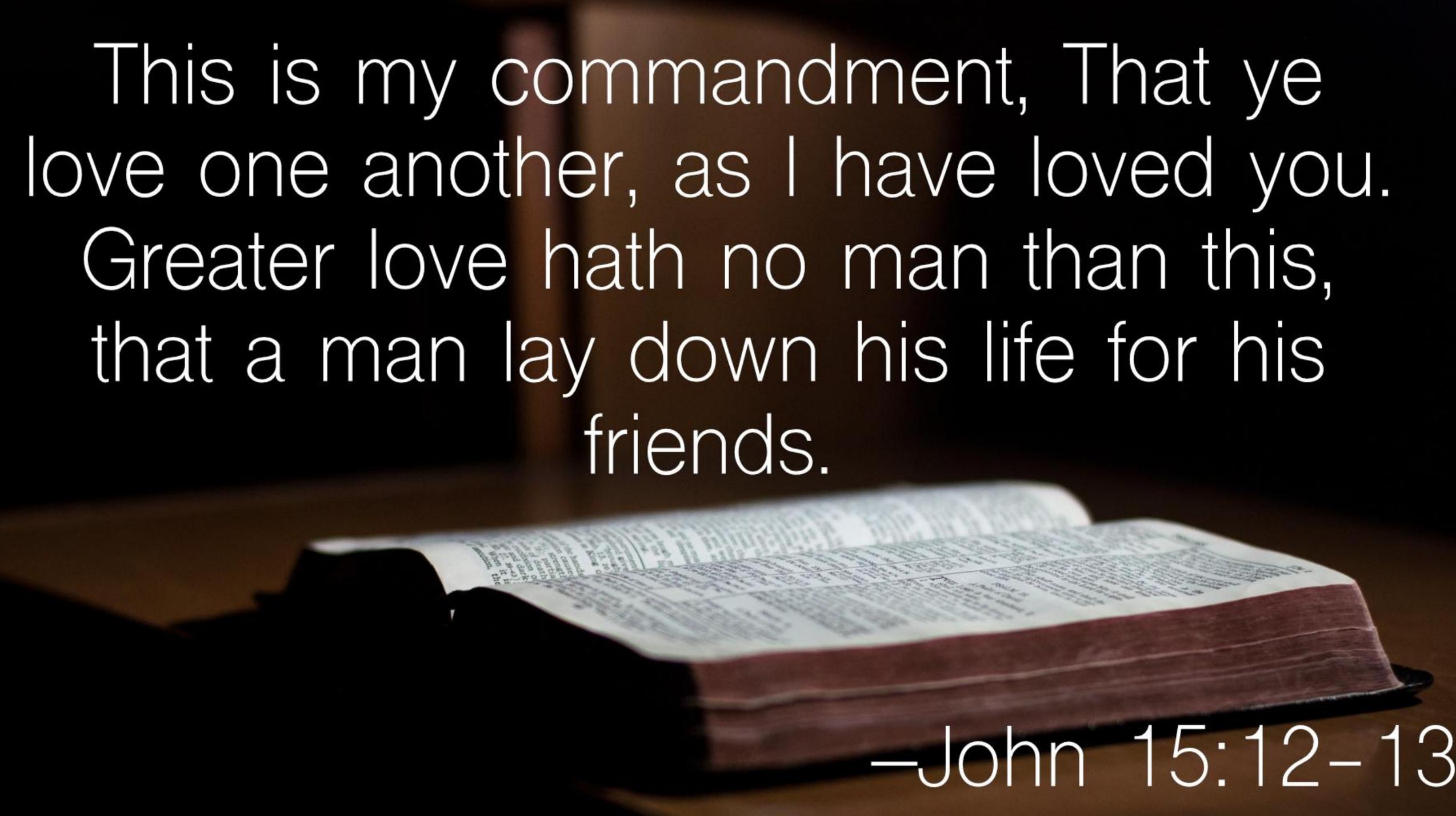
Agreement Is Practiced Through Persistent Love

**Agreement is sustained not by similarity,
but by our persistent commitment to love
one another as Christ has loved us.**

Above all, maintain the fervor of
your love for one another, because
love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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—John 15:12–13

“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)





Dear friends,
let us love one another,
for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has
been born of God
and knows God.

1 John 4:7



*“Agreement remains strong
when our love is steady,
sacrificial, and rooted in
Christ rather than
circumstance.”*

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