

# ROMANS 8:31



IF *God* IS FOR US  
WHO CAN BE  
*against us?*

# EMBRACING GOD'S

*grace*

SAVING *Grace*

SUSTAINING *Grace*

HEALING *Grace*

LIBERATING *Grace*

OFFERING *Grace*



# MATTHEW 10:8 NLT

*“Give as freely as you have received.”*



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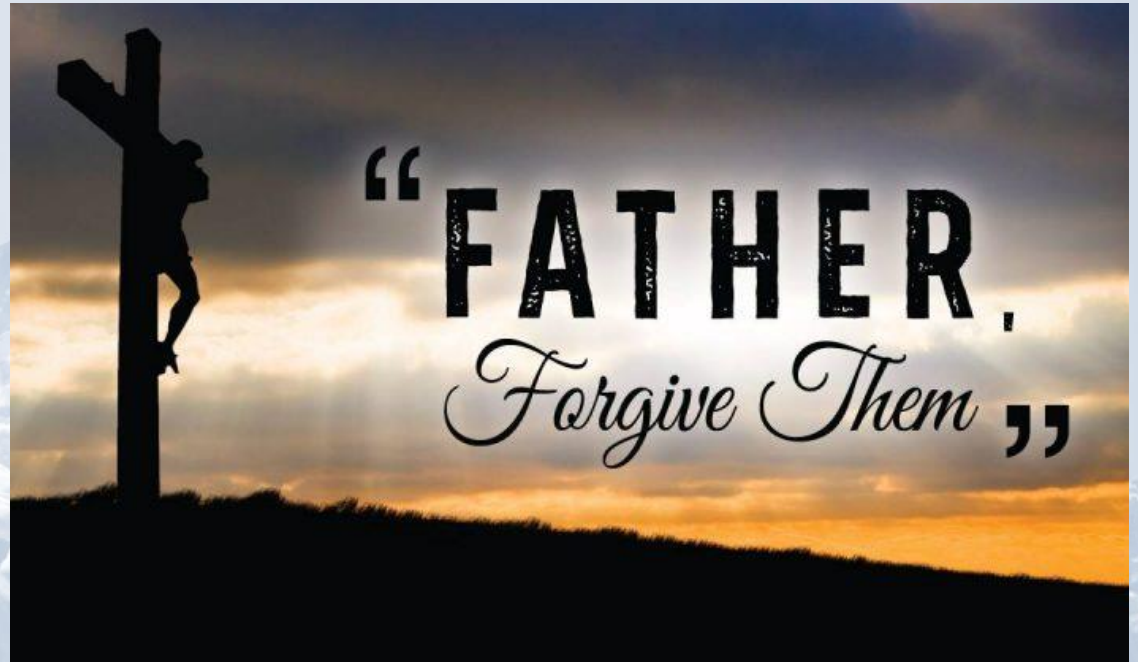
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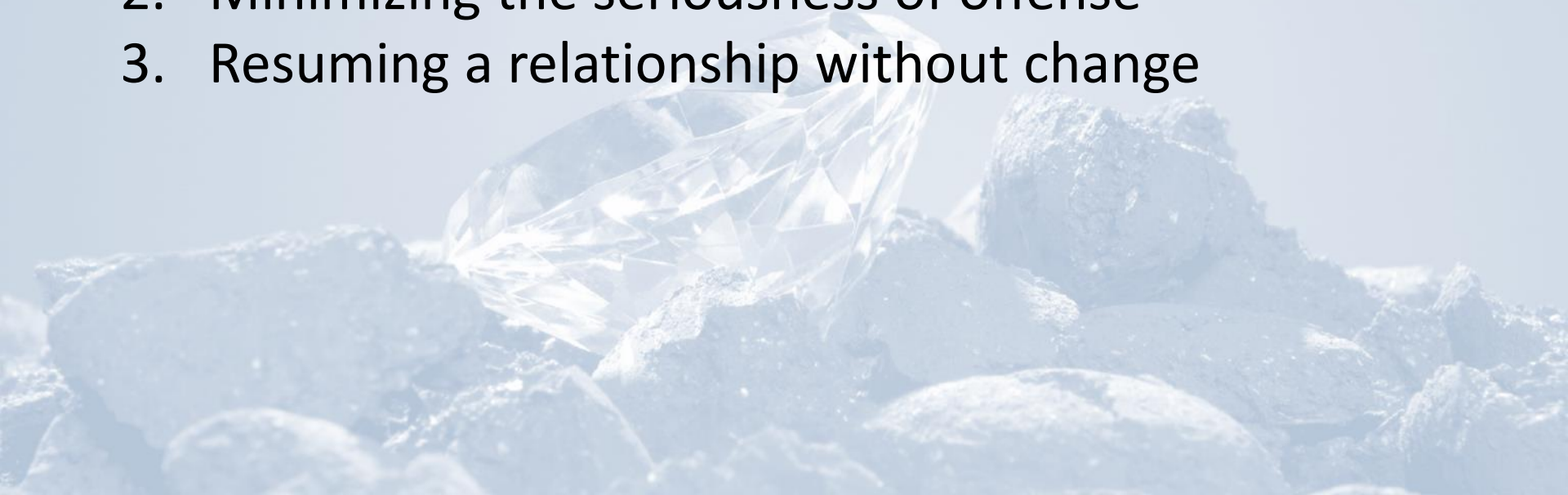
**Wrongs** → intentional → require forgiveness

**Wounds** → unintentional → require acceptance



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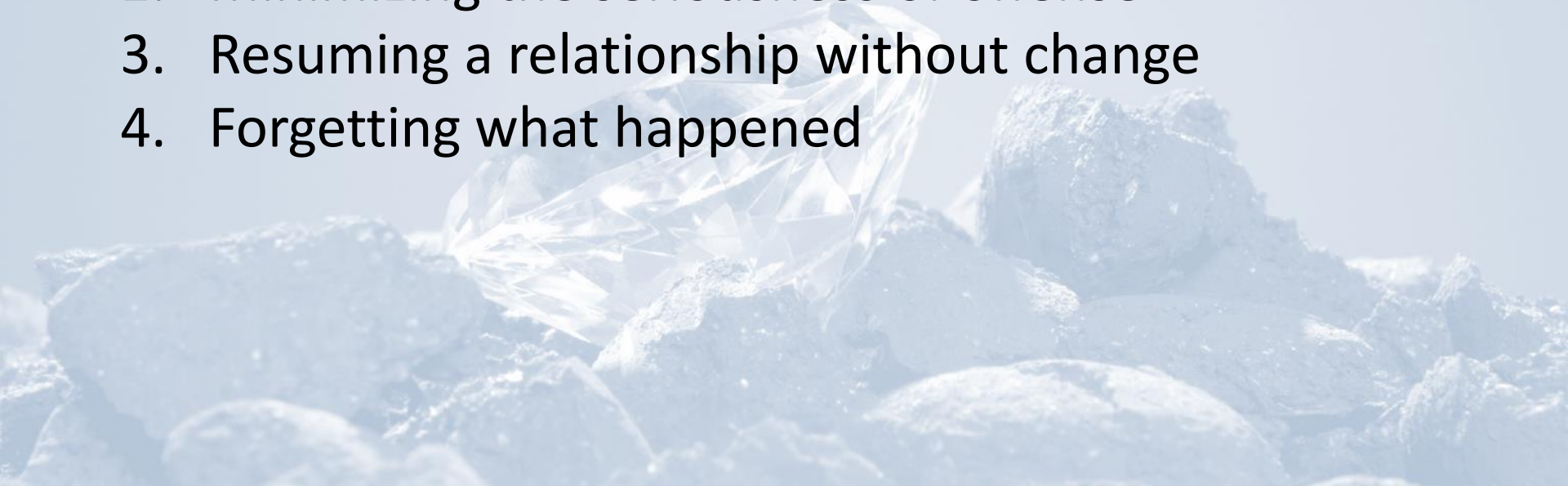
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## **Restoration starts with Forgiveness**

- Repentance
- Restitution
- Rebuilding Trust

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*"... in all things God works for the good of those who love him."* Romans 8:28 NIV

# REAL FORGIVENESS IS...

1. Remembering how much I've been forgiven

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32 NIV*

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*“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” Luke 7:47 NIV*

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## 2. Giving up my right to get even

*“Never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord.” Romans 12:19 NLT*

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## 3. Responding to evil with good

*“Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.” Luke 6:27-28 NLT*

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## 4. Repeating the process as long as necessary

*“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Matt 18:21-22 NLT

# WHY OFFER GRACE TO OTHERS?

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**You will never  
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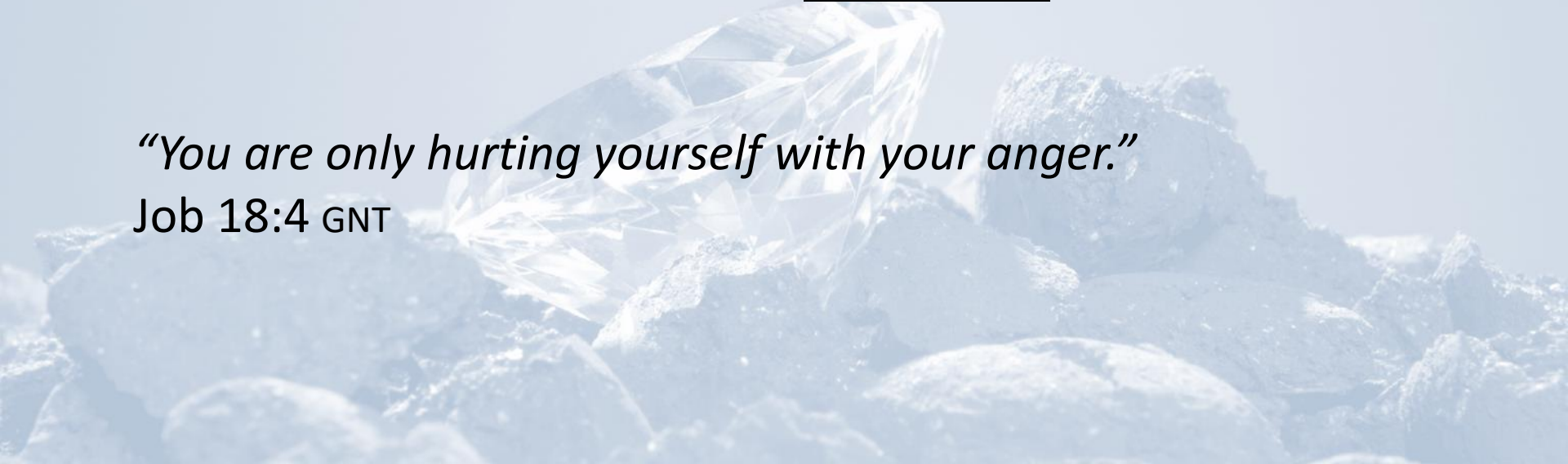
*“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”* Matt 6:14-15 NLT

# WHY OFFER GRACE TO OTHERS?

1. Because God has been gracious to me
2. Because the alternative is bitterness

*“You are only hurting yourself with your anger.”*

Job 18:4 GNT



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*“Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself, but can also poison the lives of many others.”*

Hebrews 12:15 Phillips

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