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# UNBOUNDED

*Paul's Faith from Prison*



**WARRIOR'S HEART**  
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME

BAND OF  
**BROTHERS**  
MEN'S MINISTRY



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**Unbounded: Ephesians 6:1-9**

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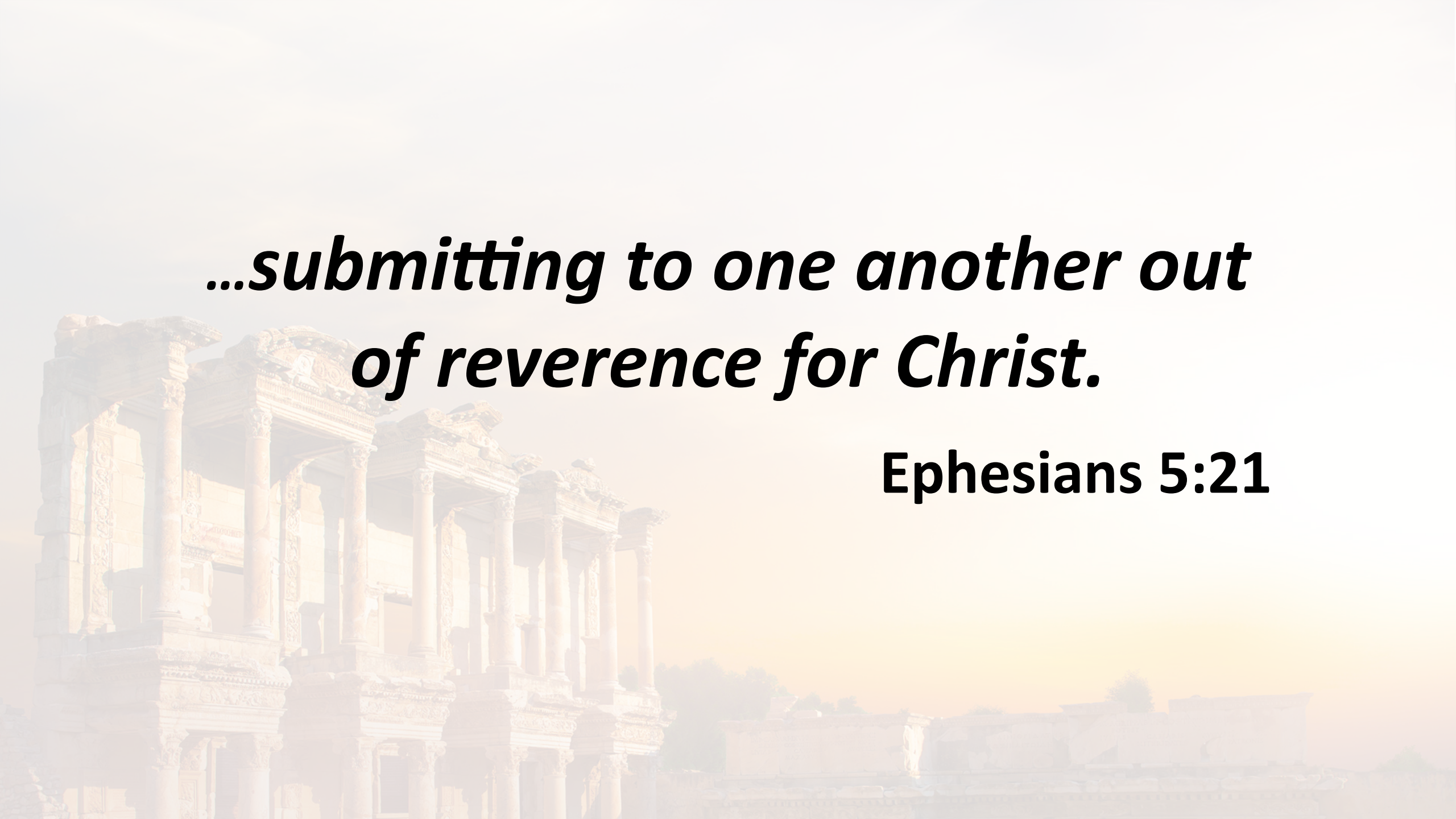
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He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

**MATTHEW 22:37-38**



***...submitting to one another out  
of reverence for Christ.***

**Ephesians 5:21**

***Submission is the Standard***



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***The Gospel Matters Everywhere  
Always!***



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# **How to Honor**

- 1. Always honor them in conversation...Respect for the office is different than respect for the person**
- 2. Express gratitude for how they raised you...write a letter**
- 3. Don't try to change them...have boundaries**
- 4. Ask them their opinion & for input on decisions...you don't have to follow it**
- 5. Keep in contact regularly...this varies depending on situations**
- 6. Seek to follow Christ in all you do...in the end that will bring honor to the entire family**

## FACTS ABOUT THE FATHERLESS

**In the United States, 23.9 million children live absent of their biological fathers. Fatherless children represent:**

63% OF TEEN SUICIDES

70% OF JUVENILES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

71% OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS

75% OF CHILDREN IN CHEMICAL ABUSE CENTERS

80% OF RAPISTS

85% OF YOUTHS IN PRISON

90% OF HOMELESS AND RUNAWAY CHILDREN

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# **Ephesians 6:4**

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# Fathers...2 Things!!!

- A Prohibition: Don't stir up anger...
- A Prescription: Training & Instruction

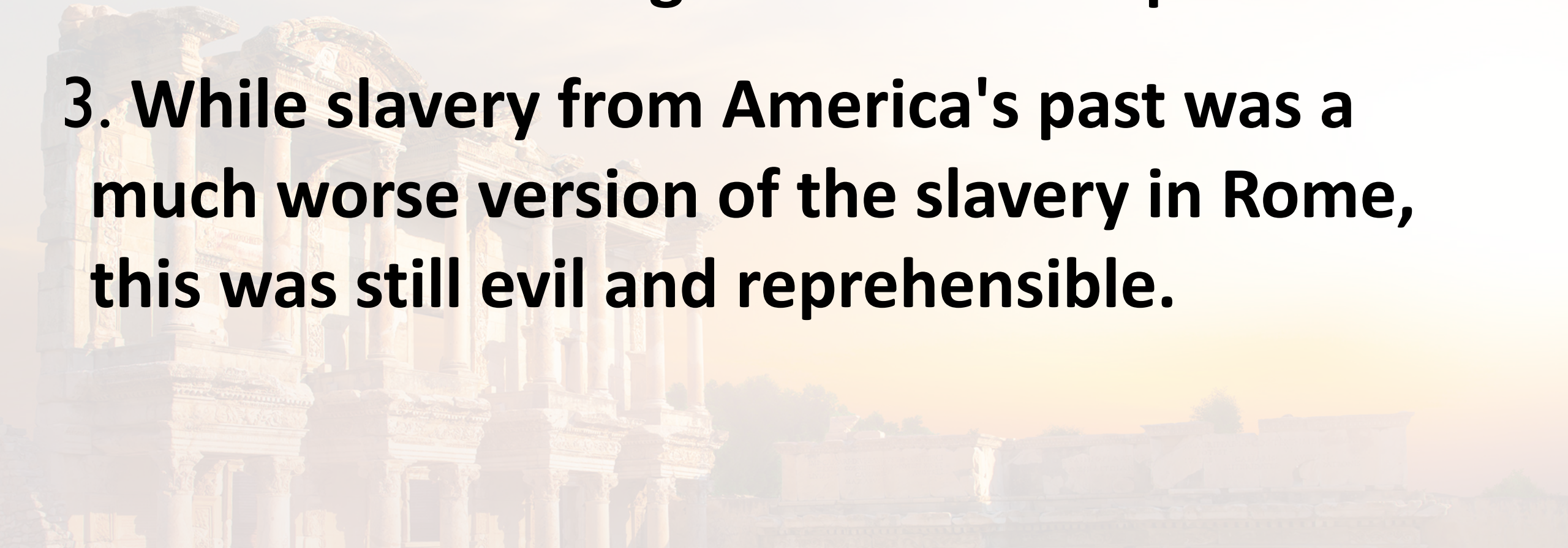


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# **Exodus 21:16**

**Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death.**



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# ***Biblical Thoughts***

- 1. One of the most used words to describe Christians is “doulos” or Slave/Bondservant.**
- 2. Moved from Slaved to Sin/Death to Slaves of Christ.**
- 3. Onesimus moved from Slave to Brother**
- 4. Paul urged slaves to stay in 1 Cor. 7:20-24**

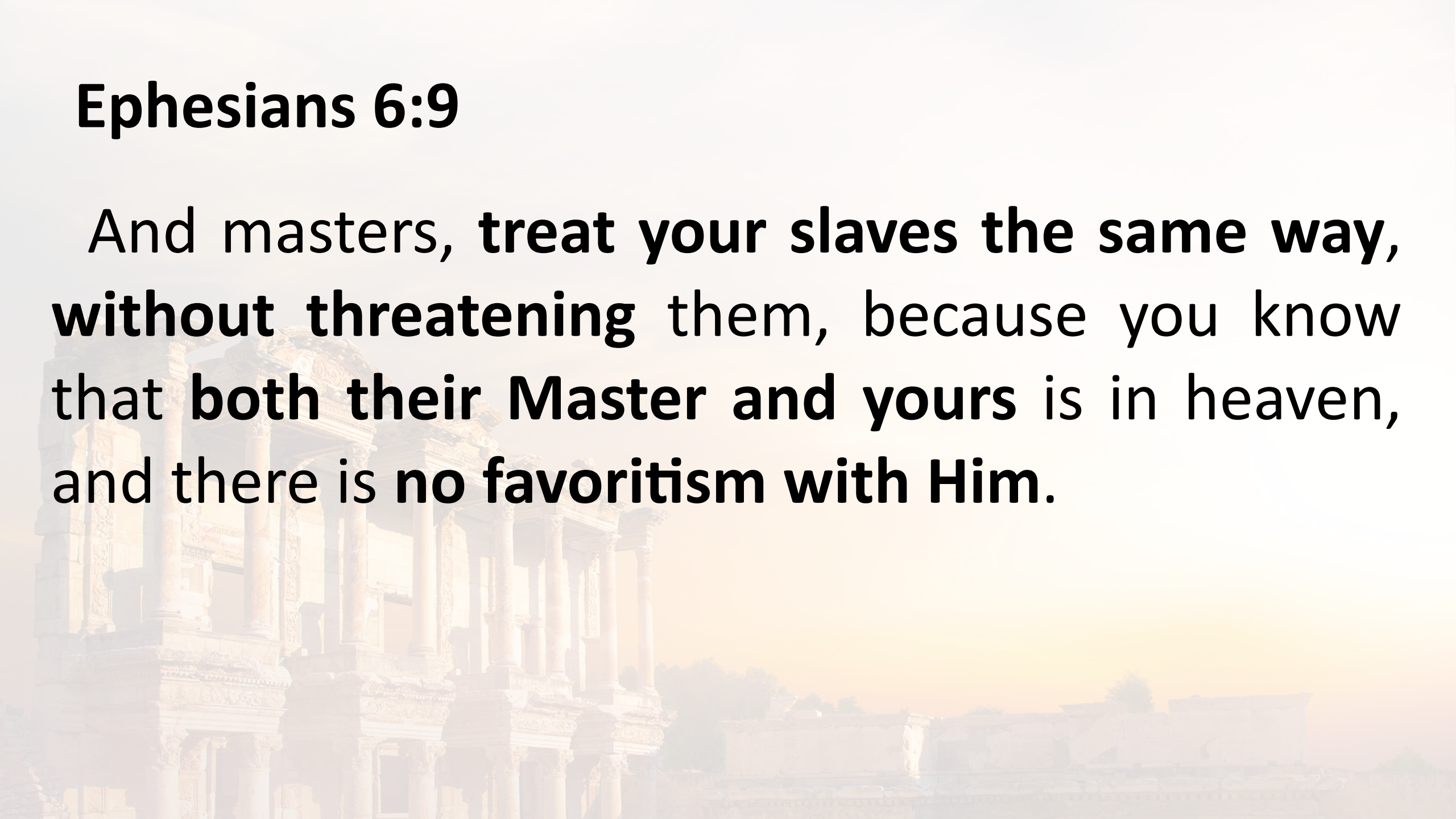
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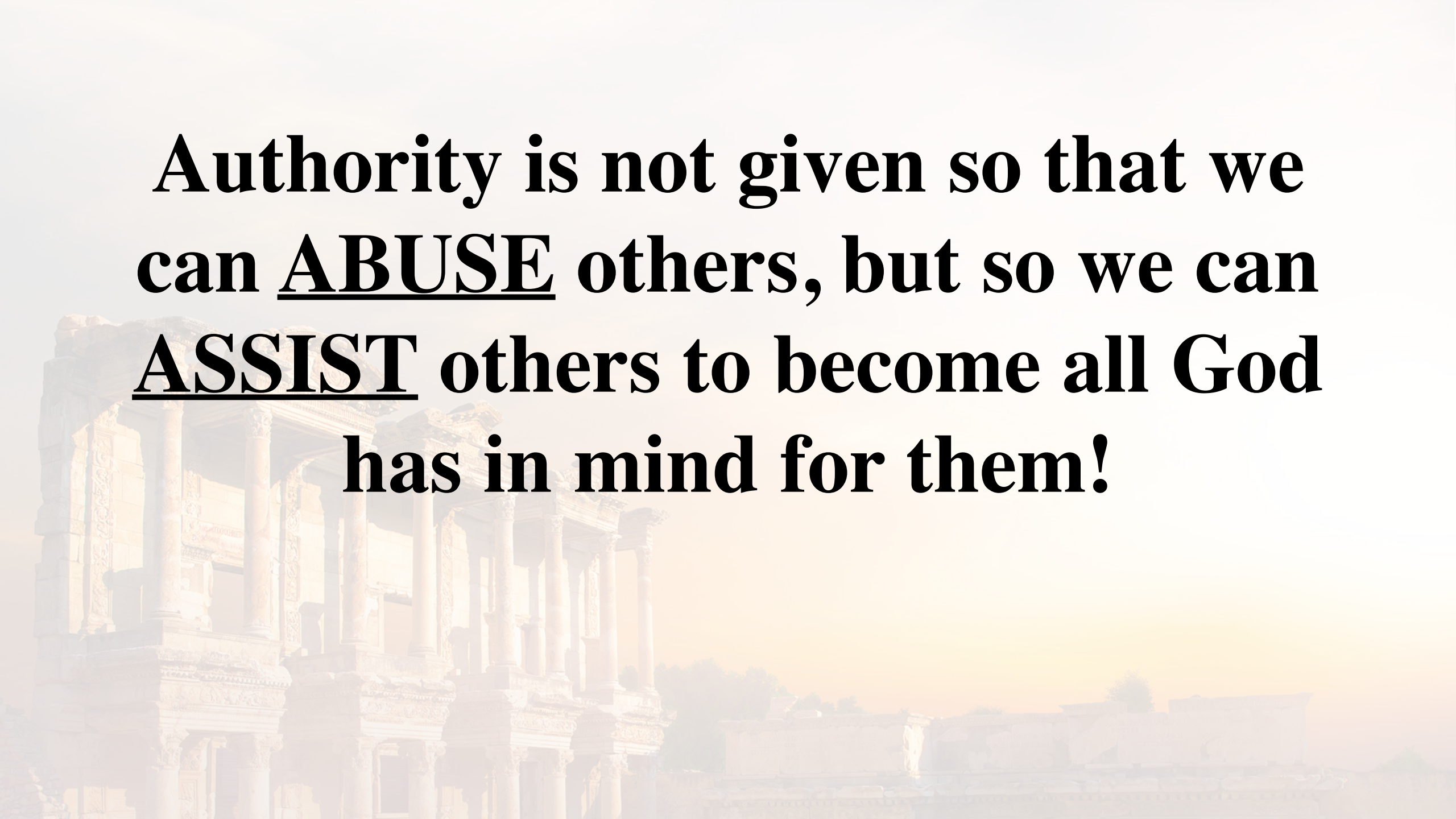
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***Questions?***





**Authority is not given so that we  
can ABUSE others, but so we can  
ASSIST others to become all God  
has in mind for them!**

*Whoever wants to be a leader among you  
must be your servant, and whoever wants to  
be first among you must become your slave.*

*- Matthew 20:25-26 NLT -*





Love measures our stature: the more we love, the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in all the world than that of a man all wrapped up in himself.

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

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