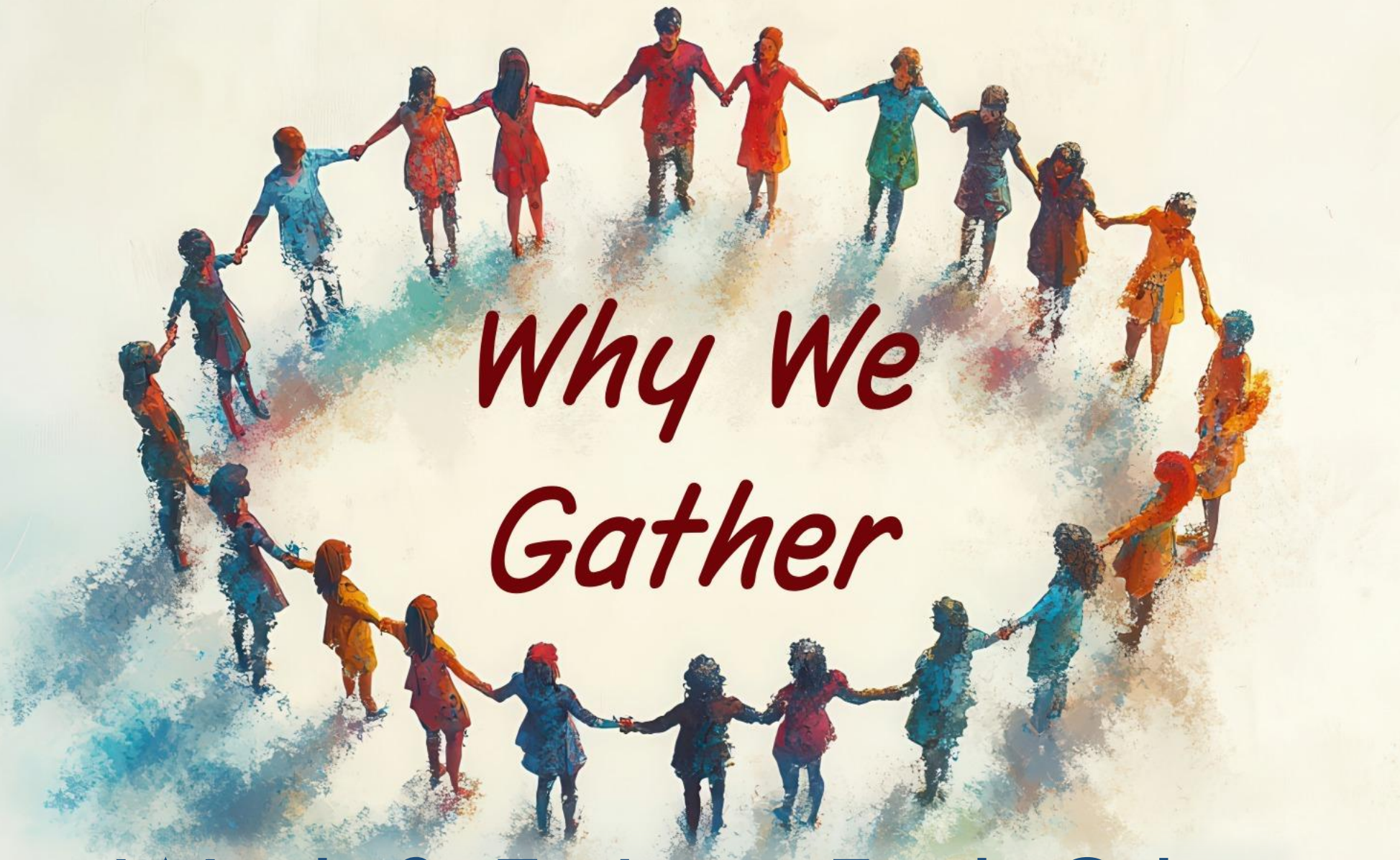


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Week 2: To Love Each Other

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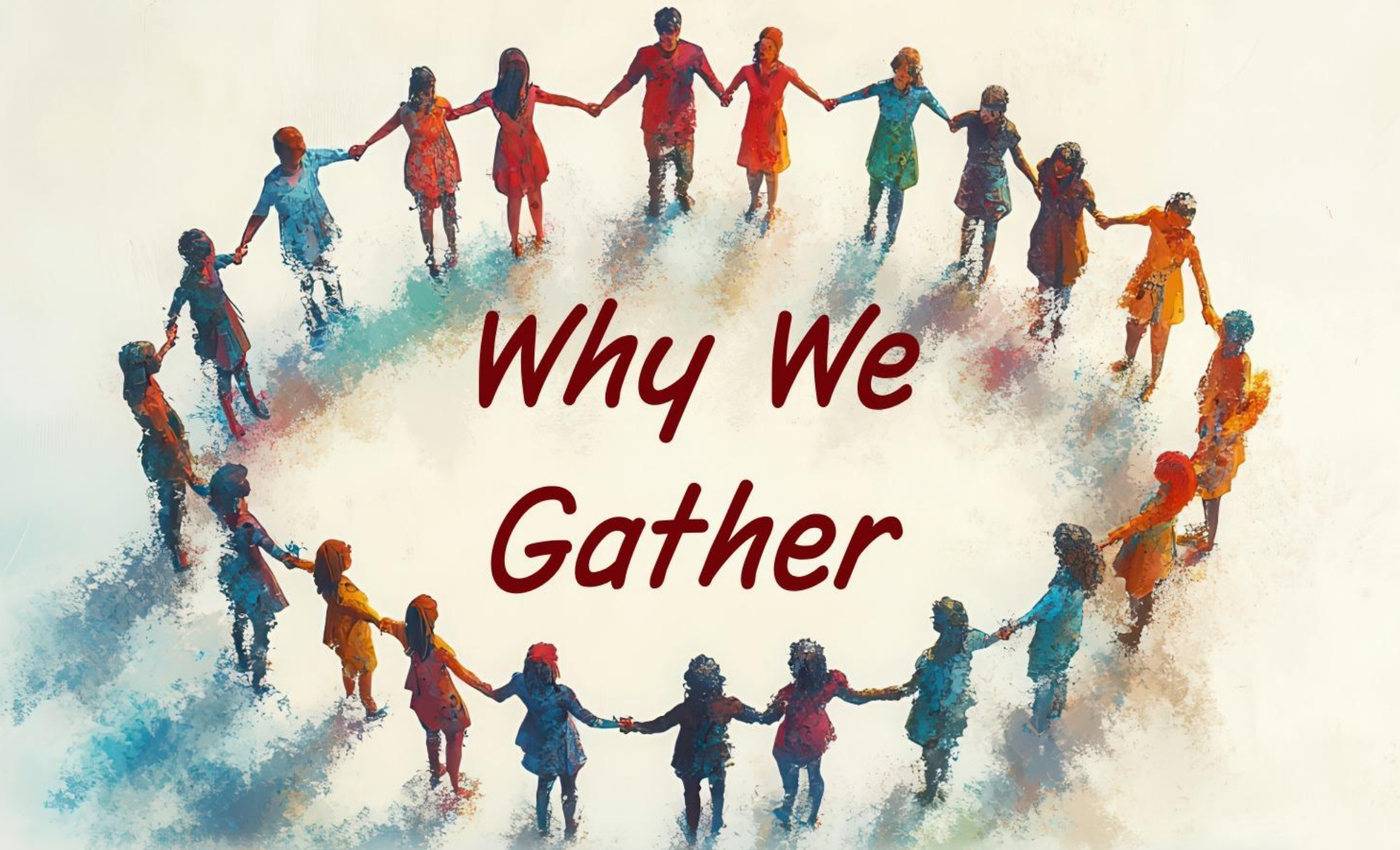
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 - 3x: “Let us...”





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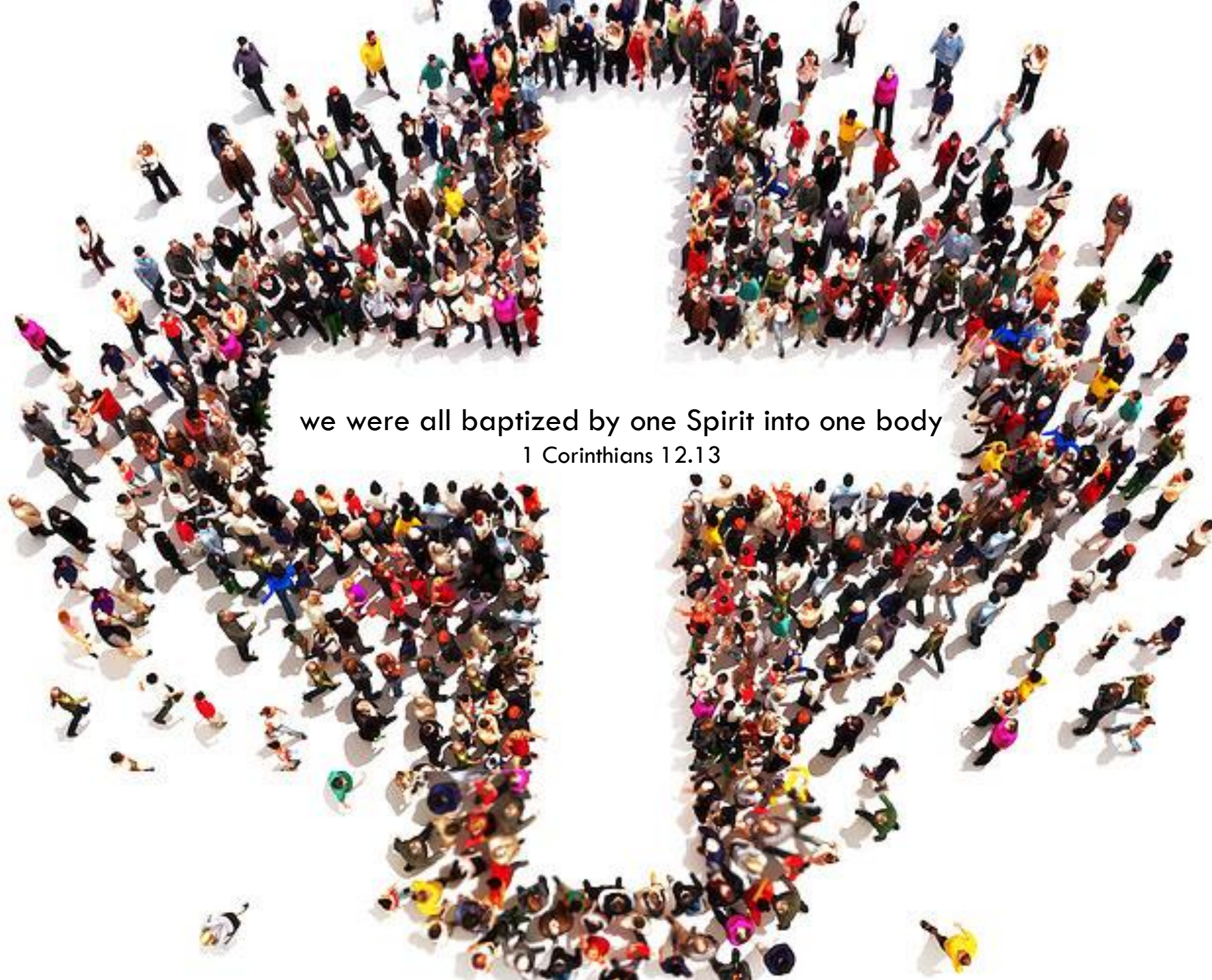
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 - “jab; irritate”





we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body
1 Corinthians 12.13

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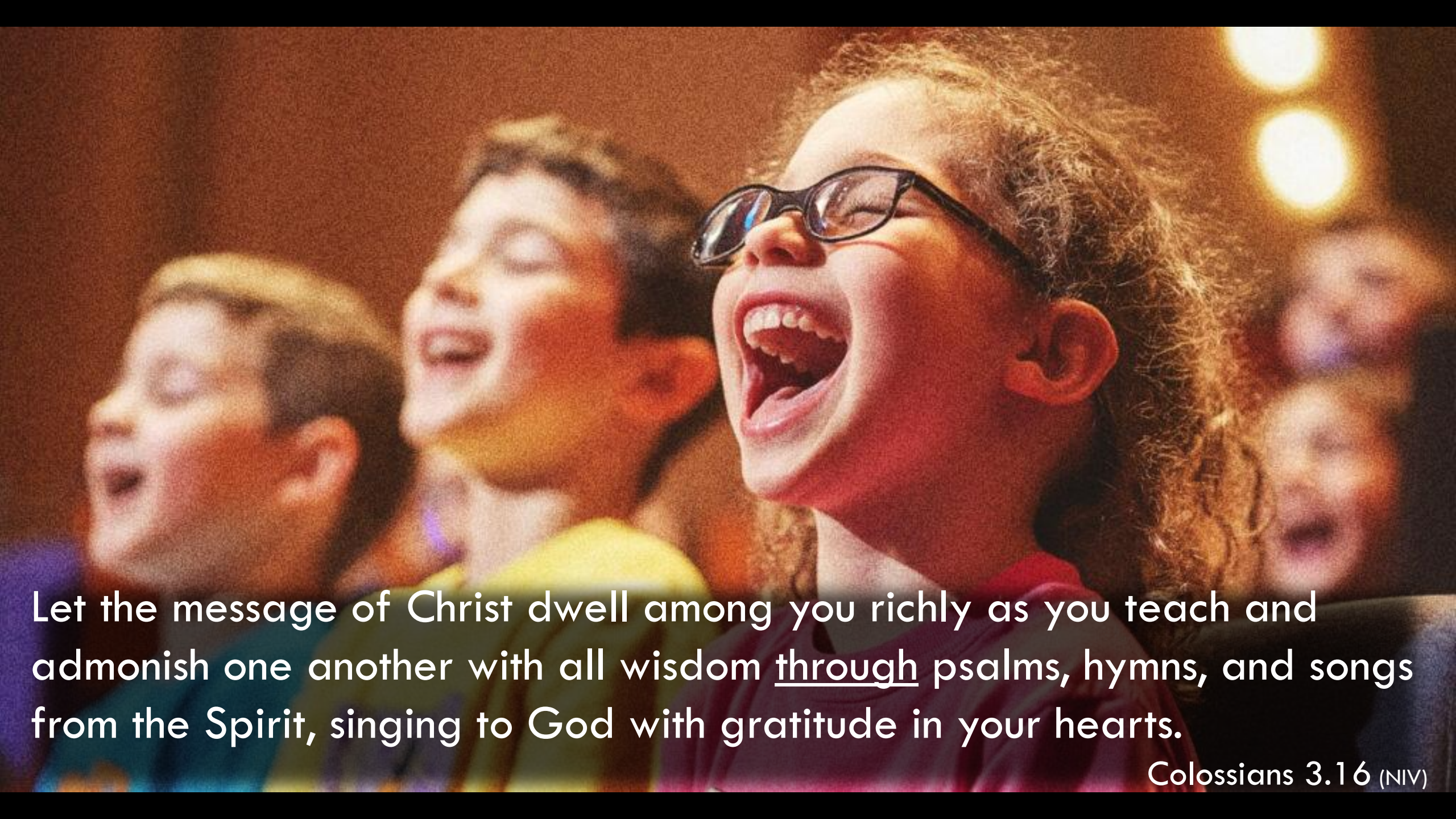
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 - “*perceive, observe, understand;
to fix one’s eyes or mind upon*”





Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Colossians 3.16 (NIV)

2. How to not neglect gathering

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- Practice: worship considering others



2. How to not neglect gathering

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- Practice: come 15 minutes early or stay 15 minutes late; talk to one human



2. How to not neglect gathering

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	278
OFFERING TODAY	\$690
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Discipleship Pathway



Engage

Worship
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Establish

Ministry
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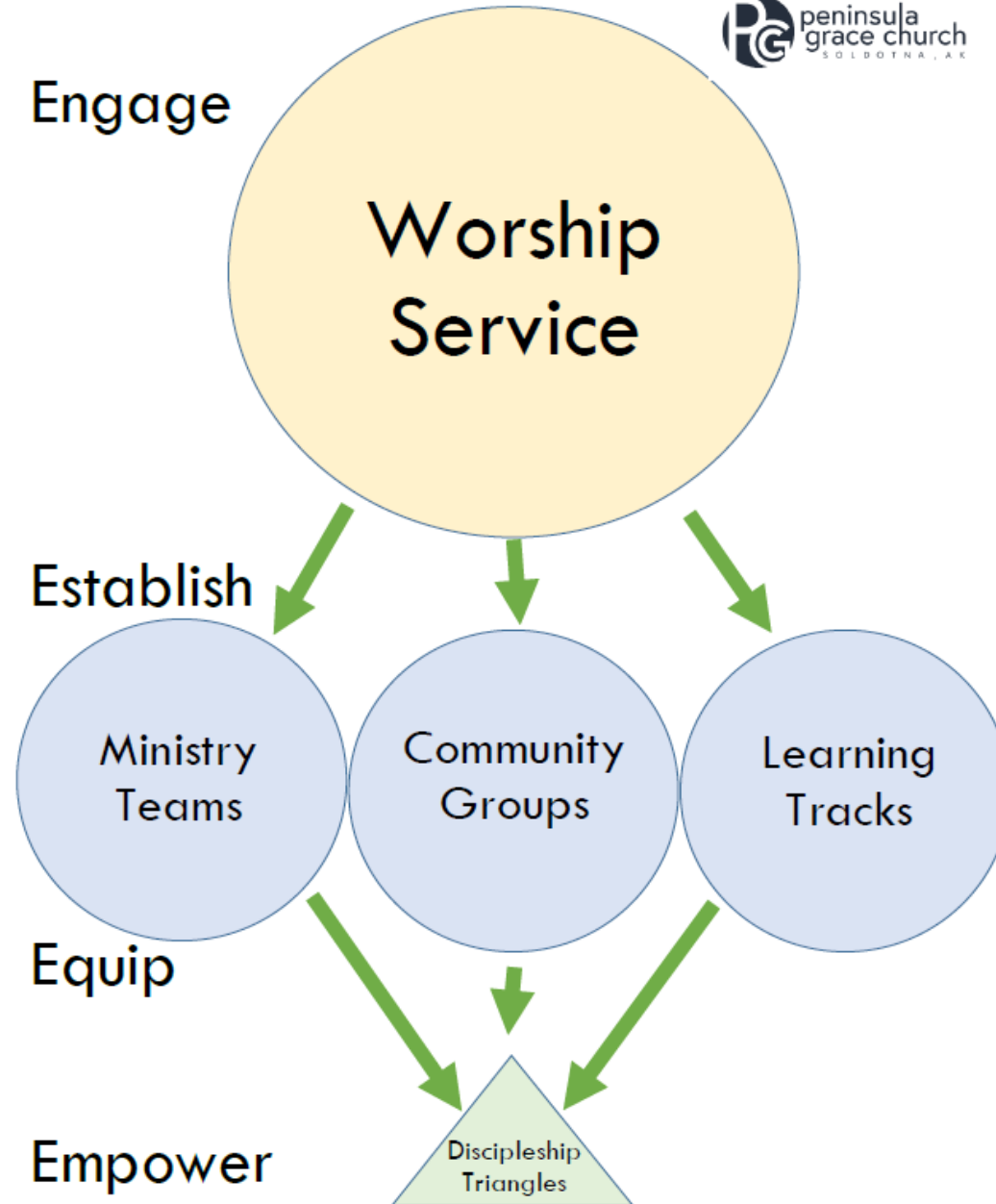
Community
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Learning
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Equip

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Triangles



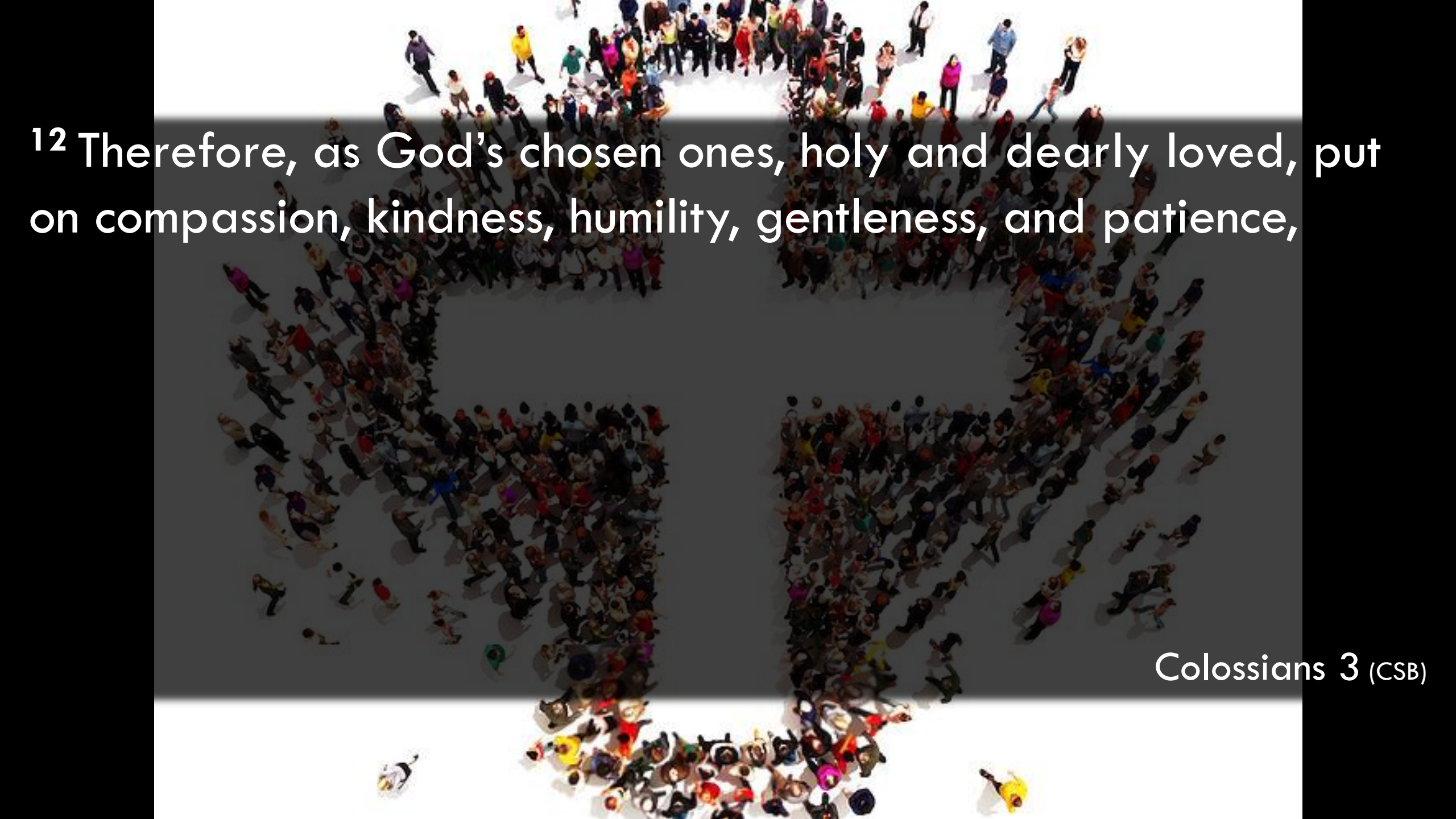
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- D) Come, but don't loiter
- Practice: take one step deeper with your church family this month



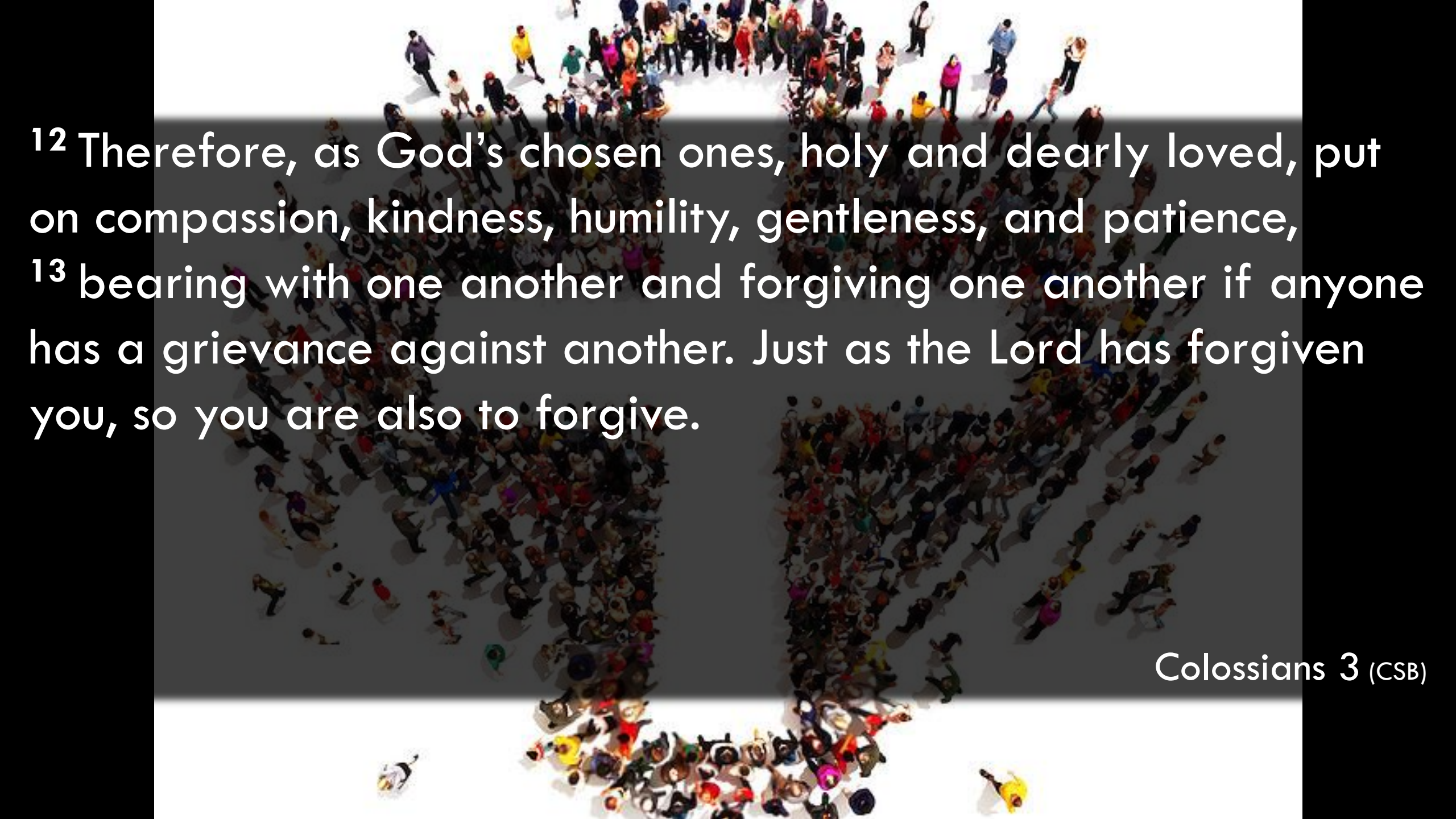




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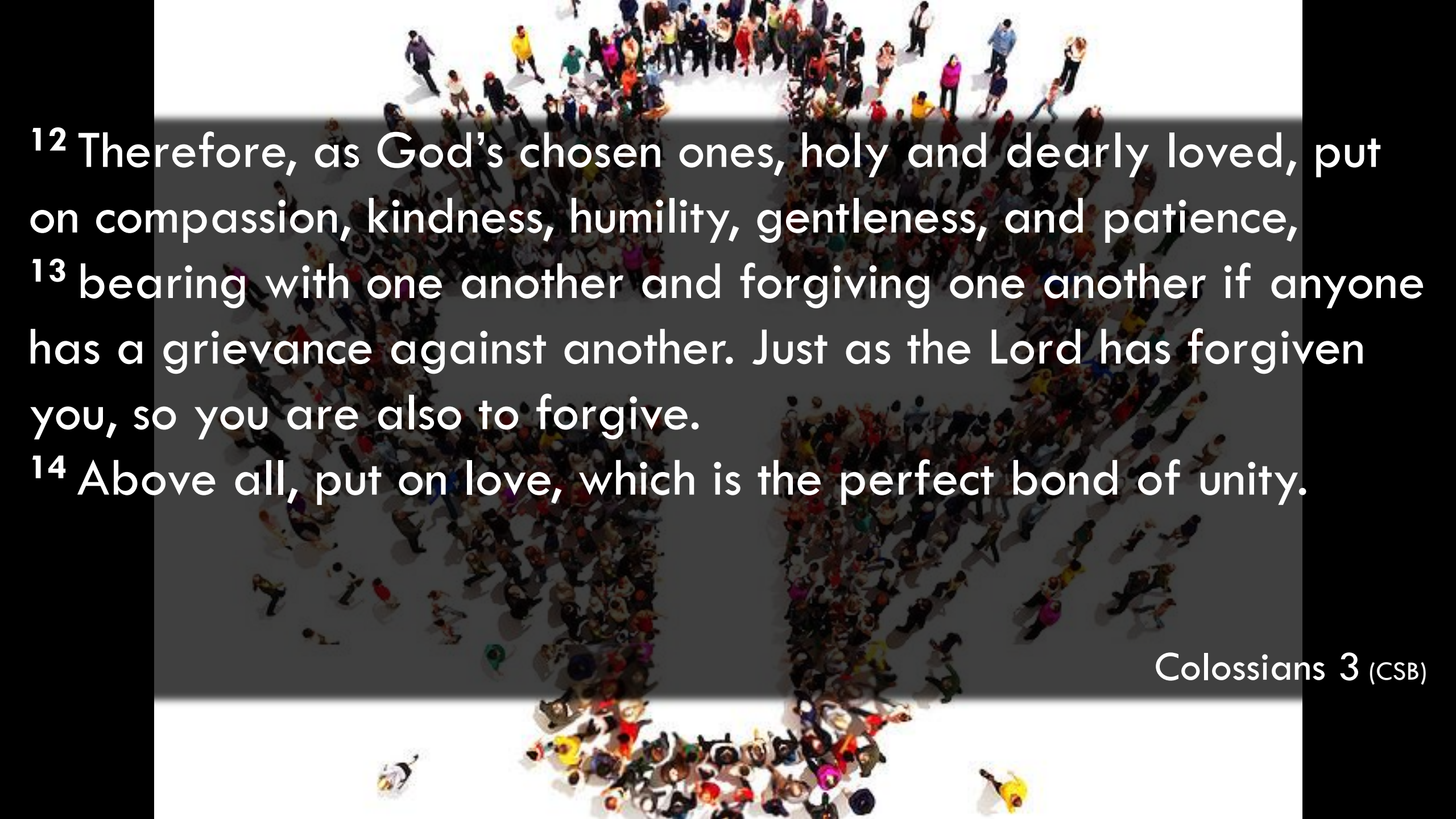
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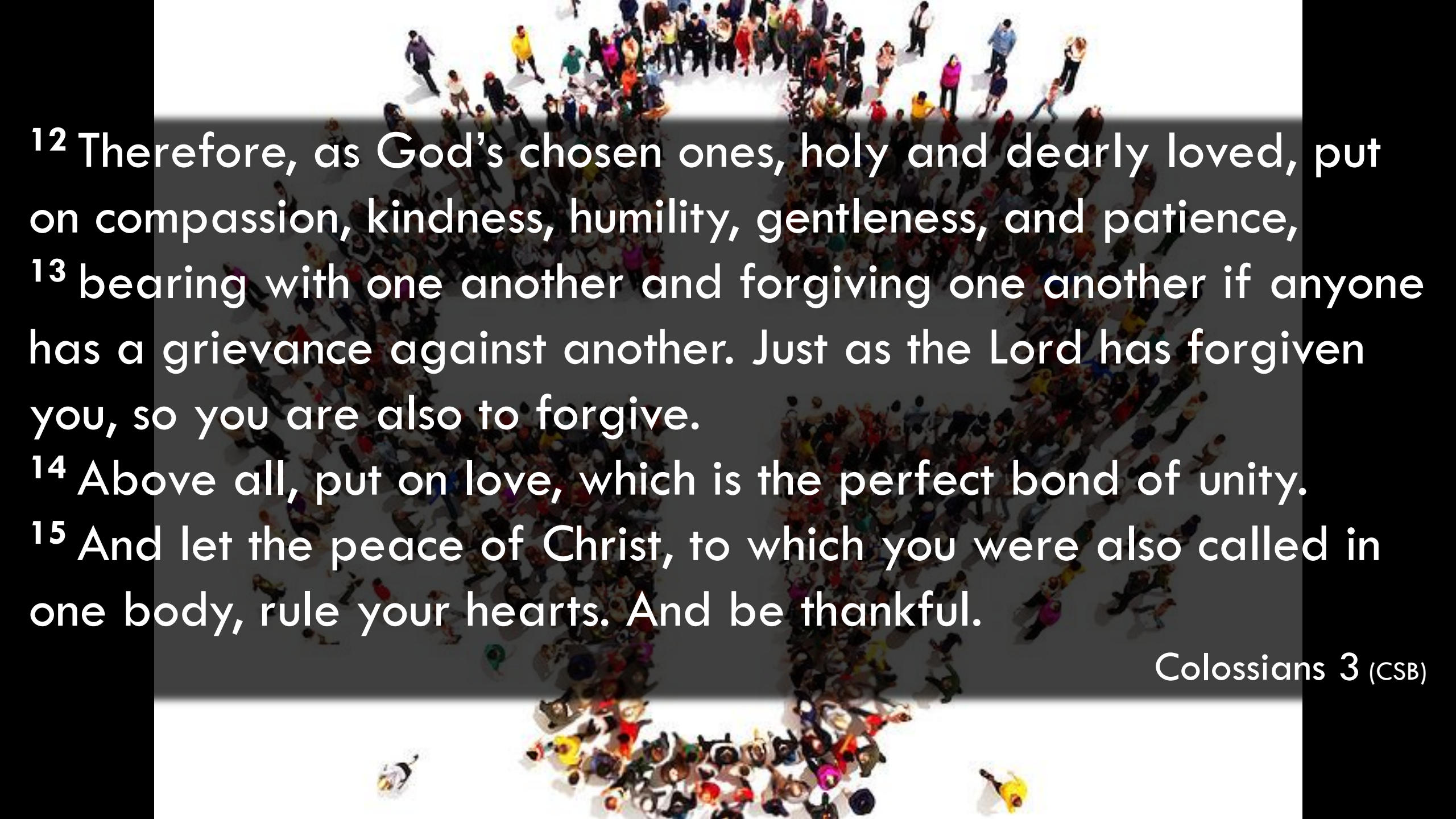
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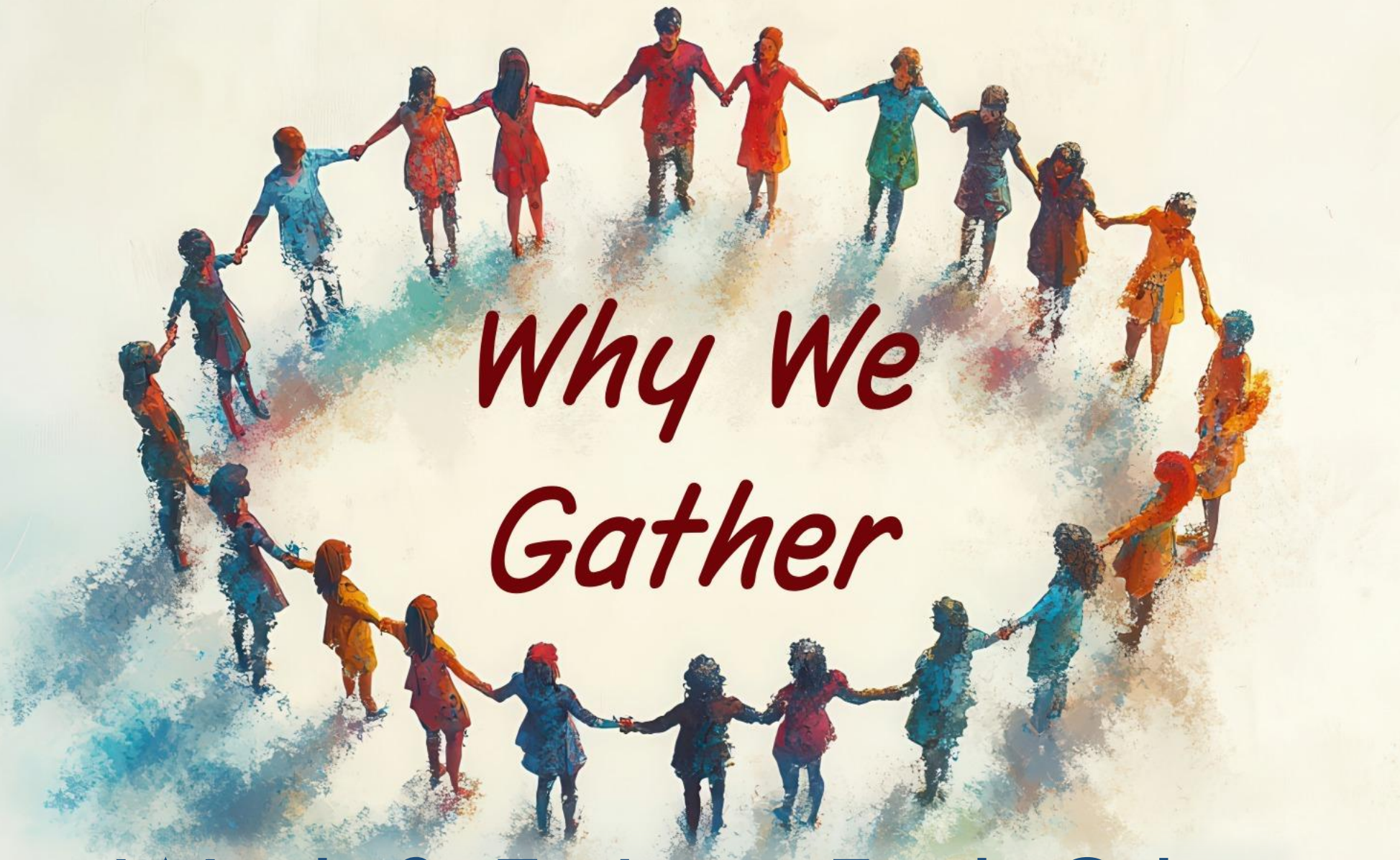
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*“being listened to is so close to being loved
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