

“If you read it right, he said, it would produce a ‘double love of God and of neighbor’.”

- Augustine, referencing the Bible

Double Love

John 8:1-11




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A dark, textured illustration of a figure with a crown of thorns, overlaid with the text "John 8:1-11". The figure is rendered in a dark, almost black color with some lighter, brownish-yellow highlights, suggesting a rough or weathered surface. The figure's face is partially visible, showing a beard and a crown of thorns. The background is a dark, textured grey. The text "John 8:1-11" is written in a white, serif font, centered over the figure. On the left side of the figure, there is a small, dark, handwritten-style mark that reads "# QWERTY".

John 8:1-11

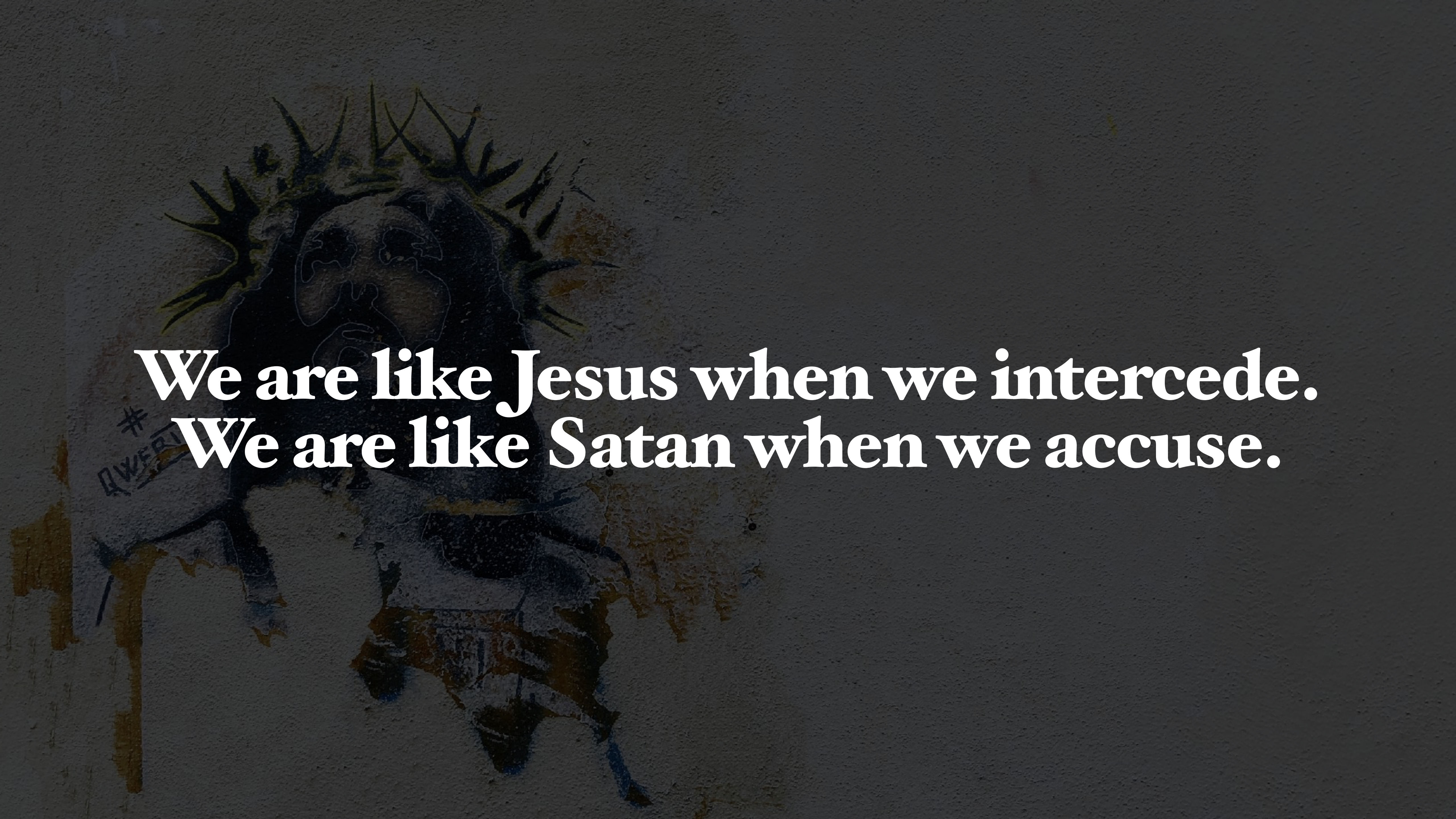
How can this encounter with Jesus help us?

- I. Let's identify the characters.
 - a. Jesus
 - b. The Woman
 - c. The Crowd
 - d. The Religious Teachers
 - e. The Pharisees
 - f. The Unnamed Adulterous Man



“If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife — with the wife of his neighbor — both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.”

Leviticus 20:10
New International Version

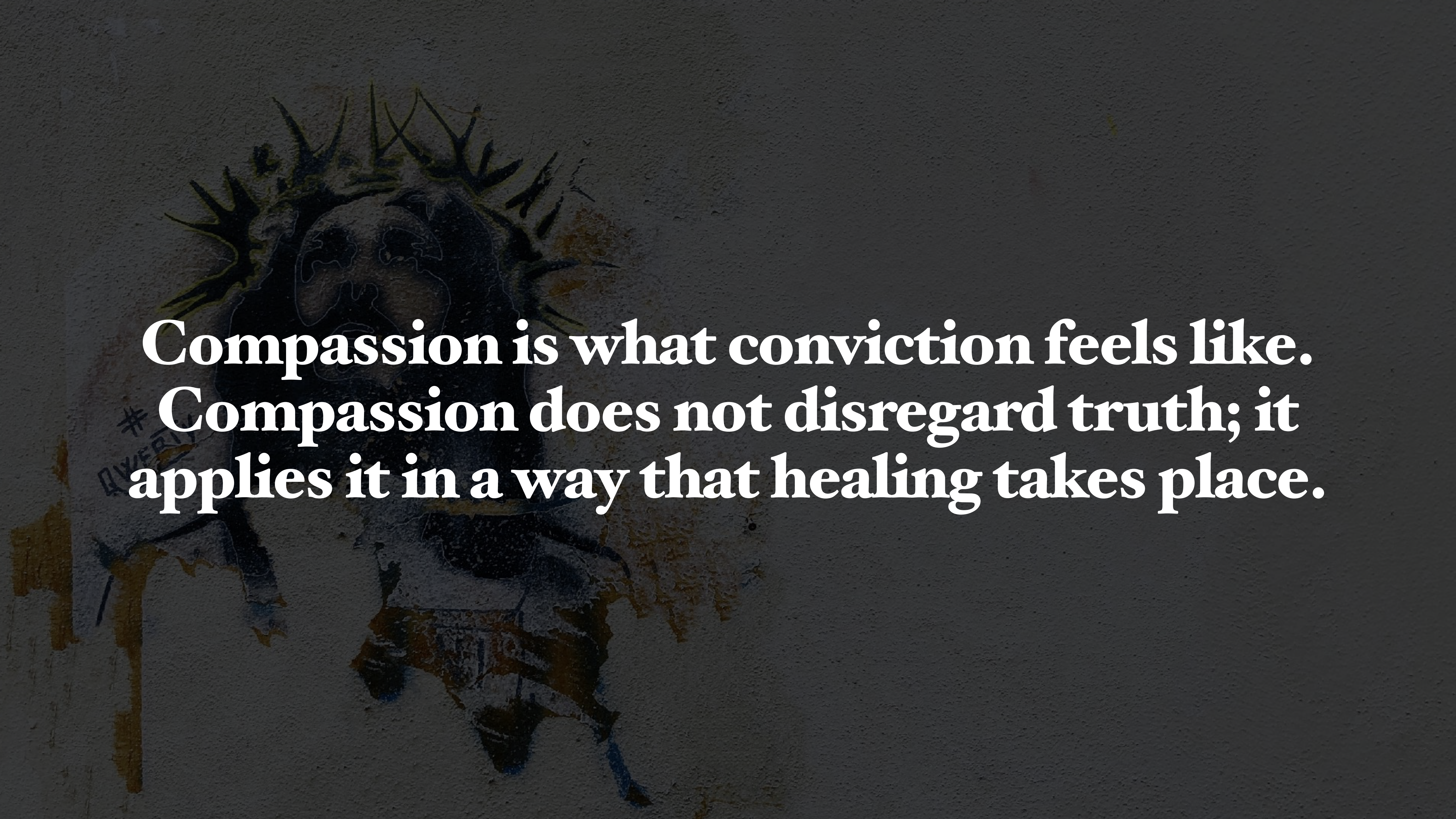


**We are like Jesus when we intercede.
We are like Satan when we accuse.**



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help us?

2. A zeal for truth can blind us to the truth. (*John 5:39*)



**Compassion is what conviction feels like.
Compassion does not disregard truth; it
applies it in a way that healing takes place.**



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3. In a time of celebration, carelessness and dehumanization come front and center.
(John 8:3-5)

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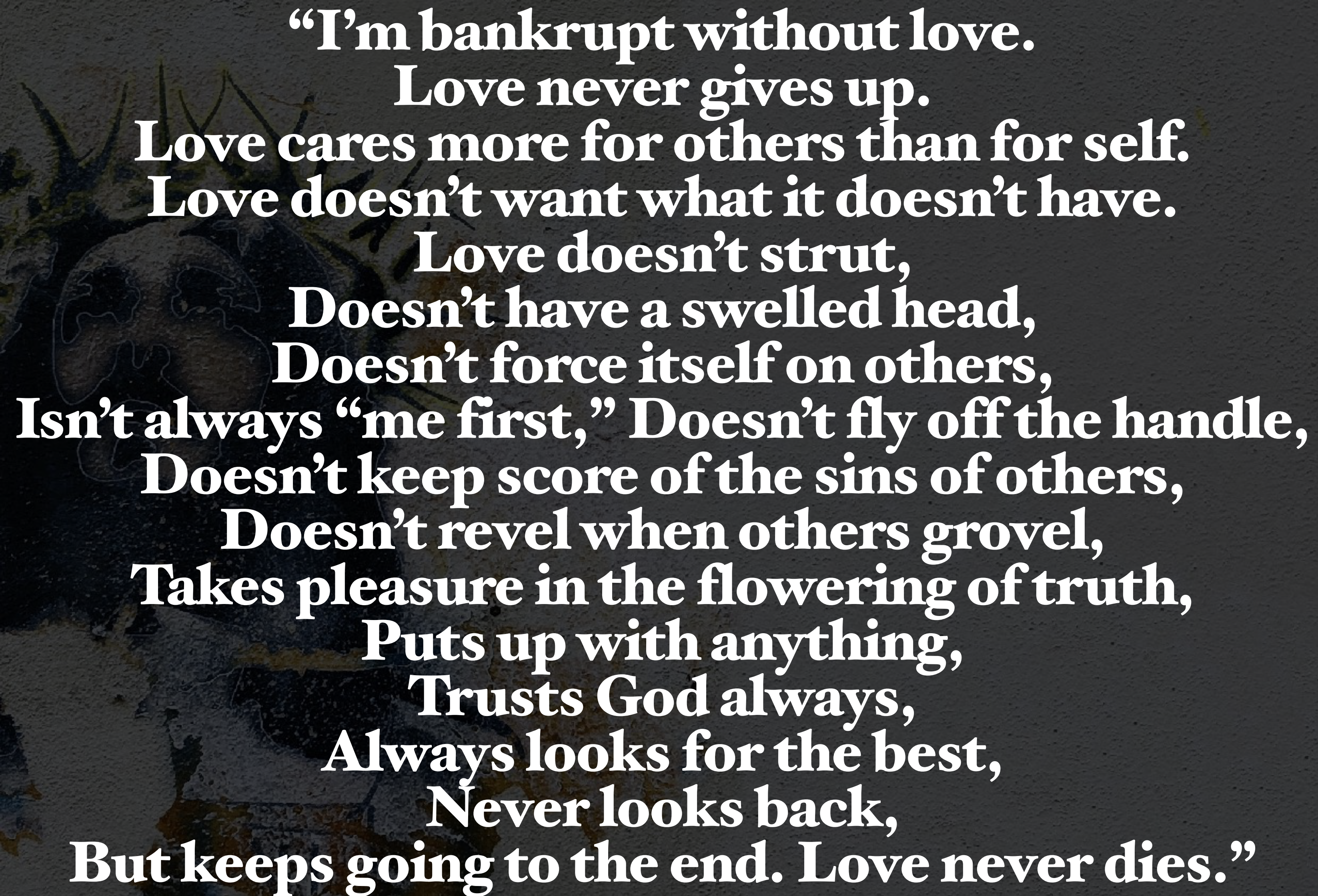
4. When truth is used to dehumanize another, used as a tool to hang onto power, and/or makes another our enemy, then, truth is now the oppressor, not the liberator. (*Matthew 23; John 8:7-11; 32*)



**We stand AND stoop for the one because
The One stood and stooped for us.**

Suggestions to Live with Double Love

1. Be with Jesus and respond to Him.
2. Rejoice and Repent.
3. Be merciful to yourself and others.
4. Do loving, generous things for others.



**“I’m bankrupt without love.
Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.
Love doesn’t strut,
Doesn’t have a swelled head,
Doesn’t force itself on others,
Isn’t always “me first,” Doesn’t fly off the handle,
Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn’t revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end. Love never dies.”**

1 Corinthians 13:3-10
The Message

Let's declare this together:

I will be a loving witness of the mercy of God. I will stop and stoop for the one, because The One stopped and stooped for me. God's abundant love heals me and flows through me in order to bring healing to anyone I'm with.

Amen.