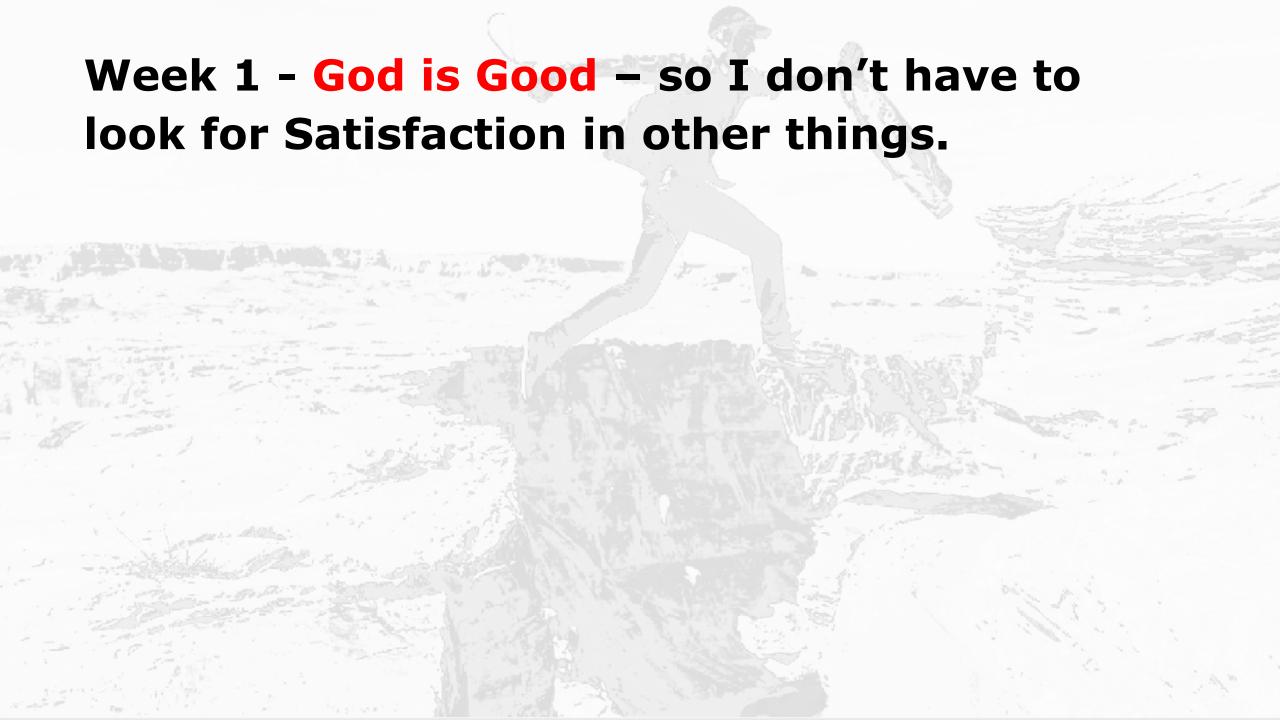






HOPE FOR CHANGE



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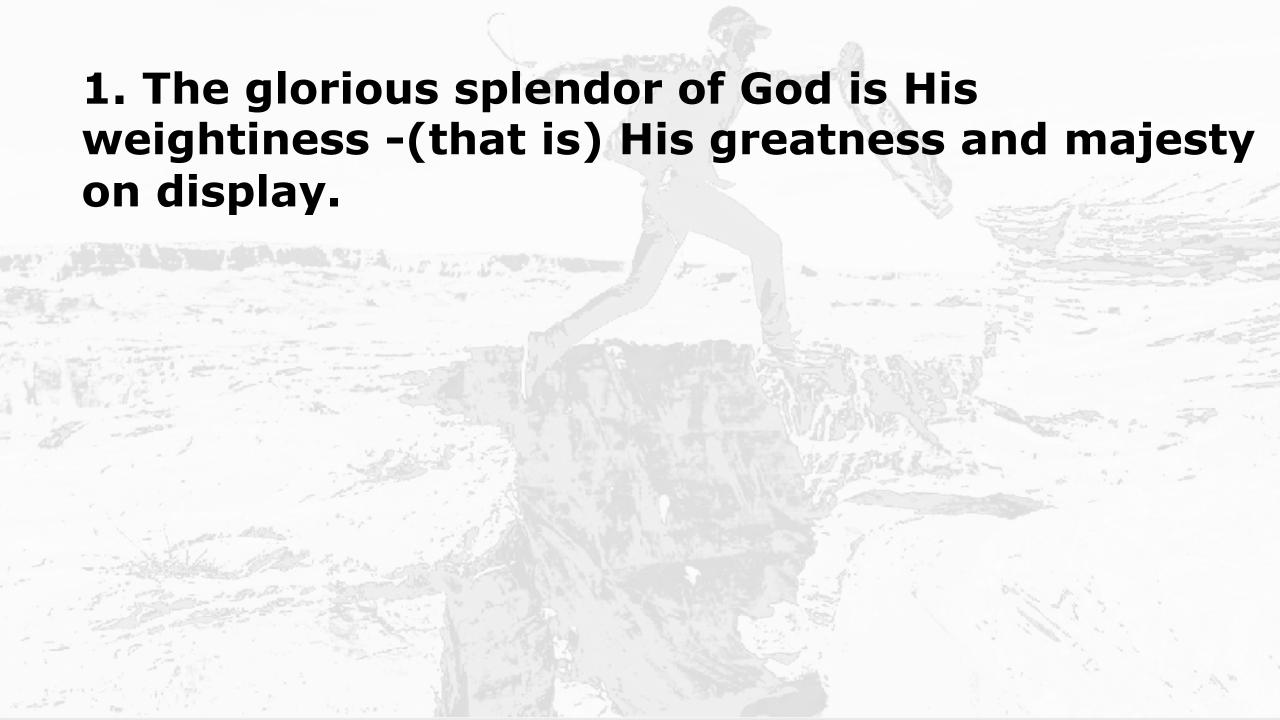
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Psalm 145

- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty...
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,
- 12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

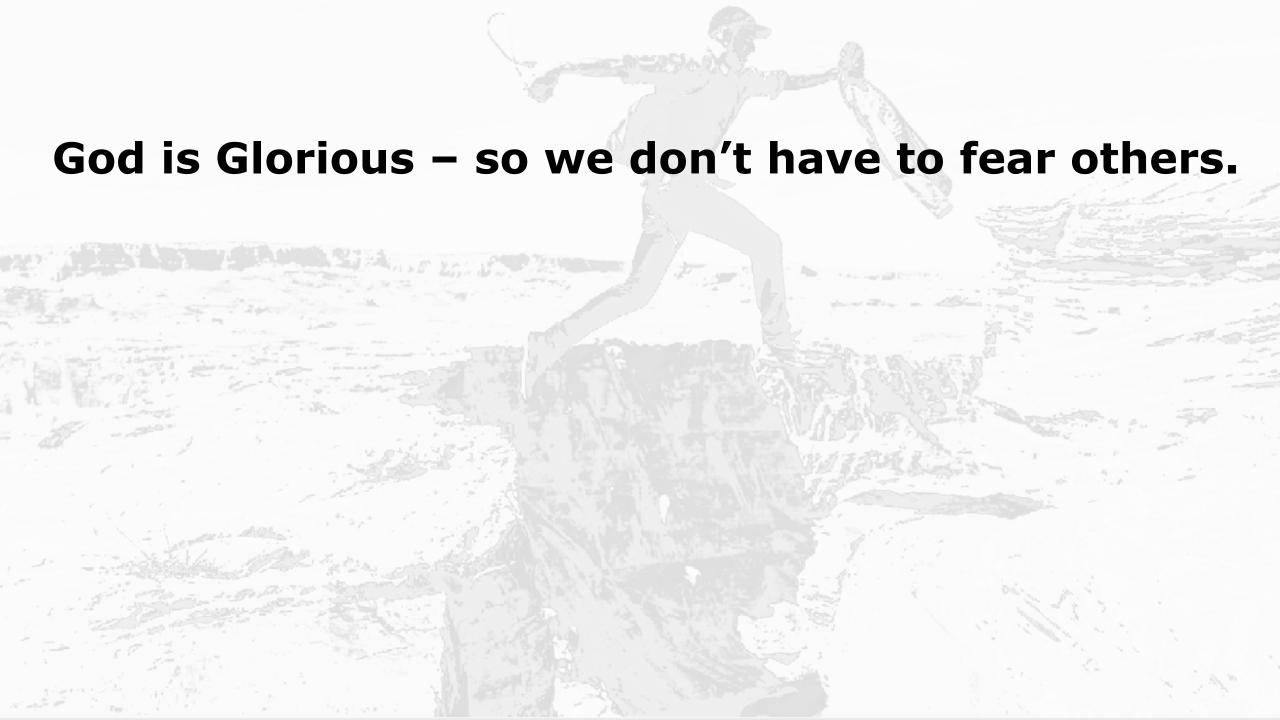


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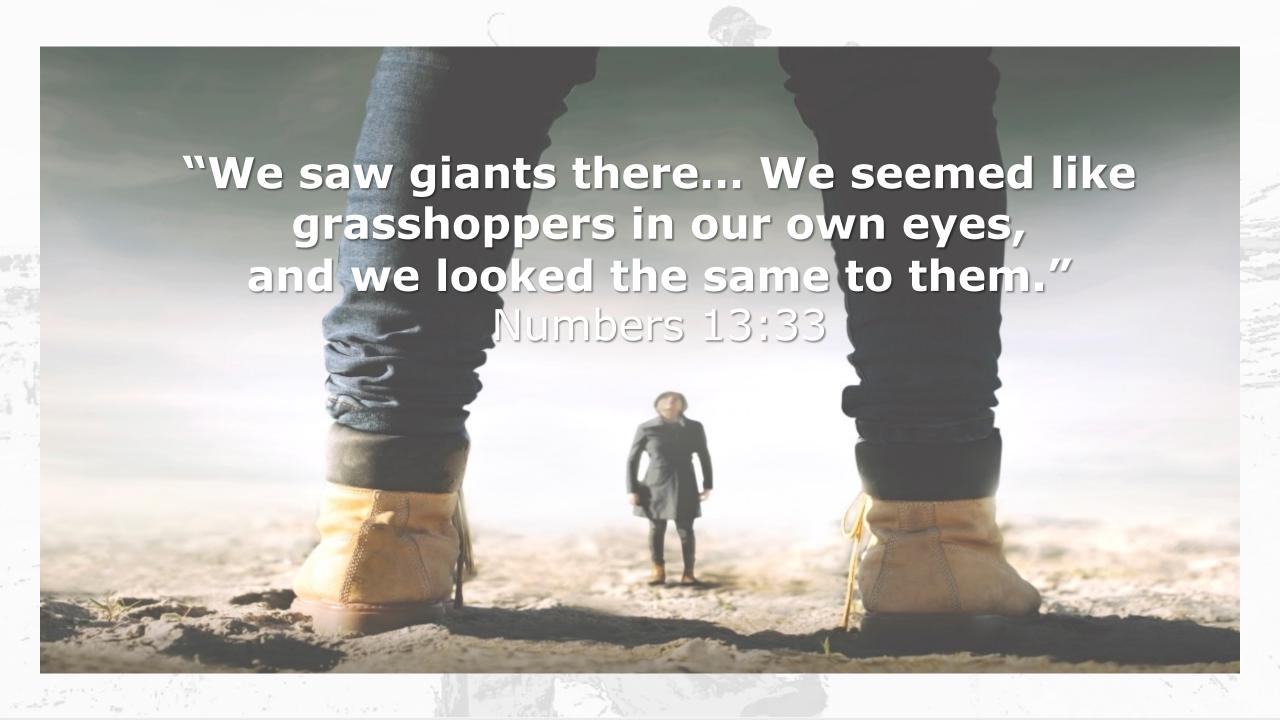
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God is Glorious - so we don't have to fear others.

Proverbs 29:25
"The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that."



Ed Welch

"All experiences of the fear of man share at least one common feature: people are big.

They have grown to idolatrous proportions in our lives.

They control us.

Since there is no room in our hearts to worship both God and people, whenever people are big, God is not.

Therefore, the first task in escaping the snare of the fear of man is to know that God is awesome and glorious, not other people"



1Peter 3:14-15

"Even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord."

John 12:42-43

"Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders.

But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God."

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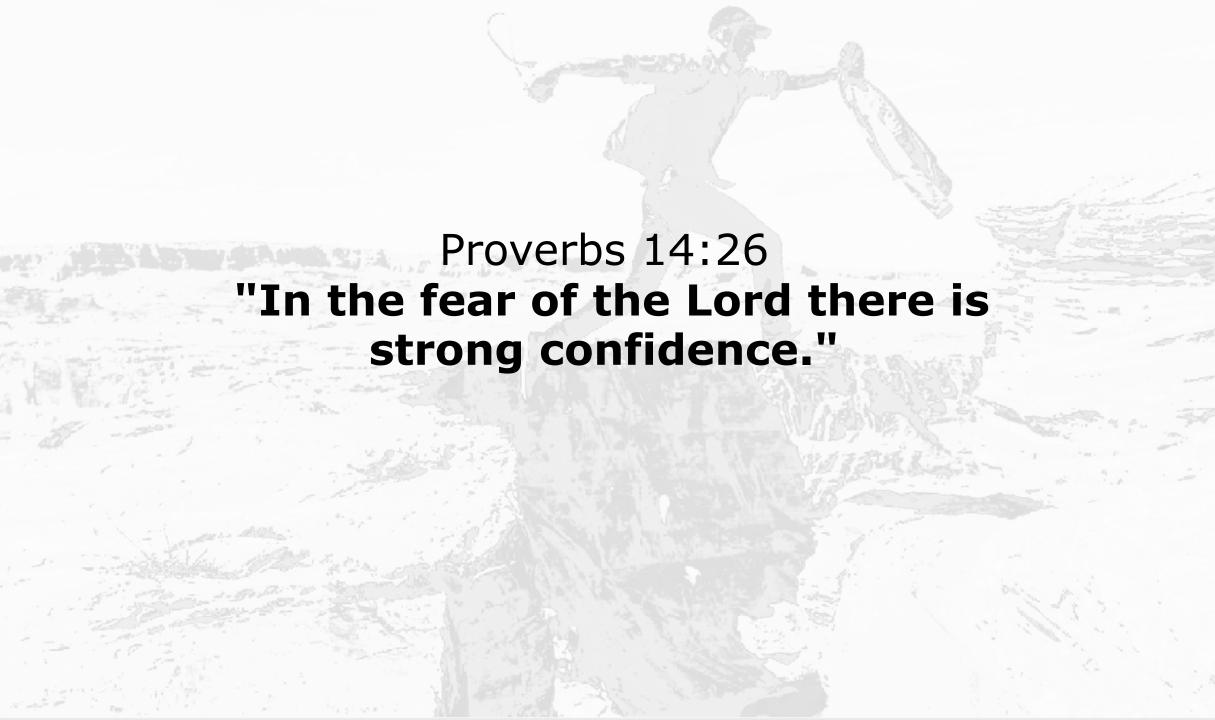
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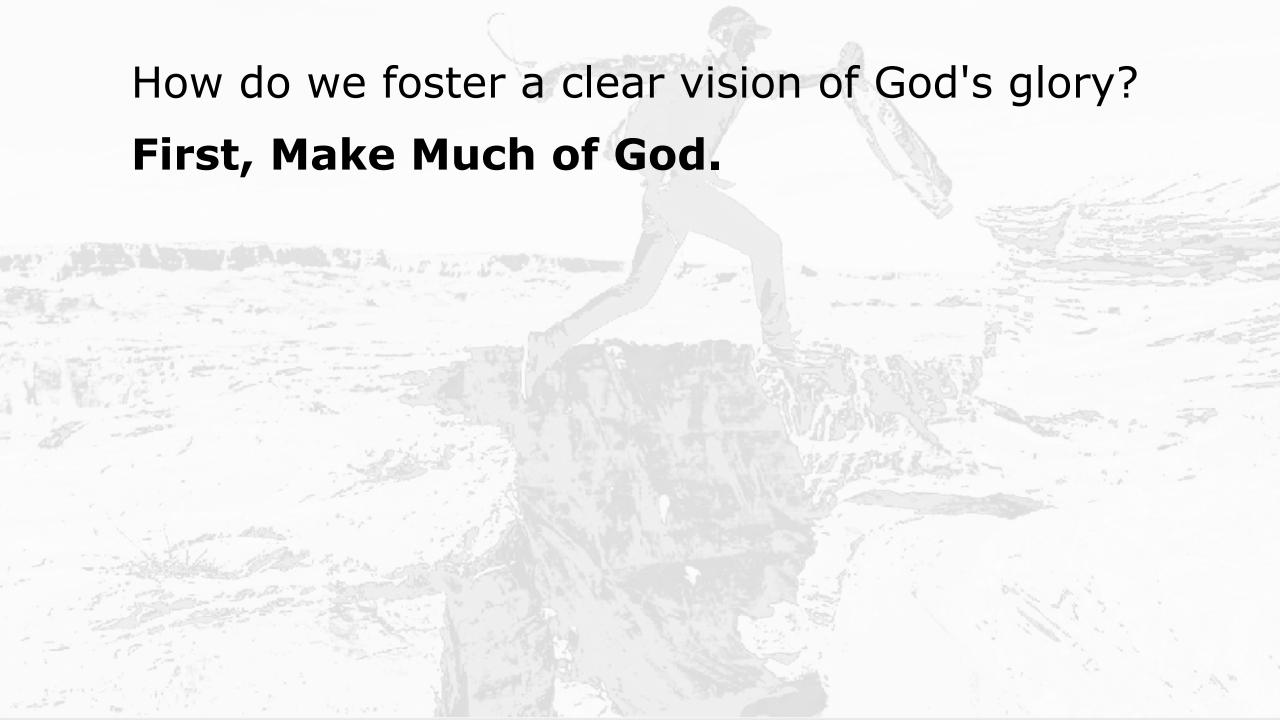
- . Second-guess our decisions.
- . Become timid when we should be bold.
- . Judge our self-worth by other people.
- . Be disobedient to God.

Steven Sloman

"I really do believe that our attitudes are shaped much more by our social groups than they are by facts on the ground."



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- 4. Only a Clear Vision of the Glory of God will drive the Fear of Man out of us.



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"Why are you afraid of mere humans, who wither like the grass and disappear? Yet you have forgotten the LORD, your Creator, the one who stretched out the sky like a canopy and laid the foundations of the earth.

Isaiah 51:12-13

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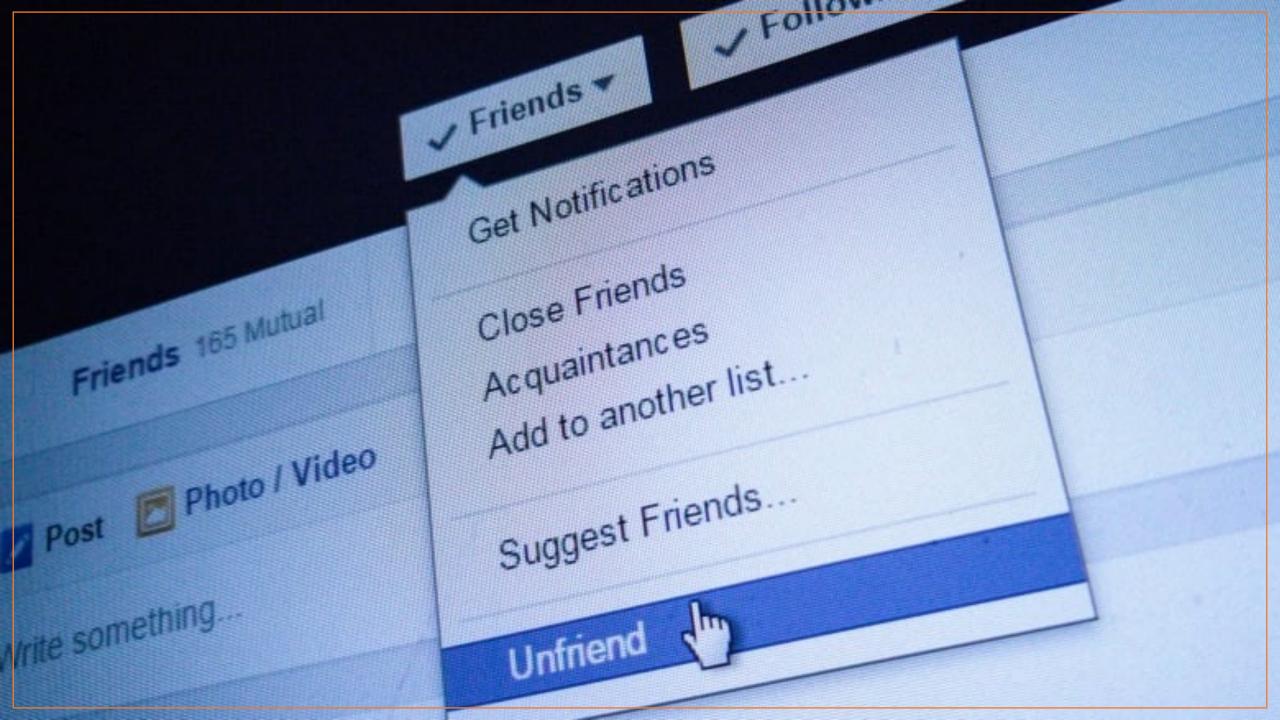
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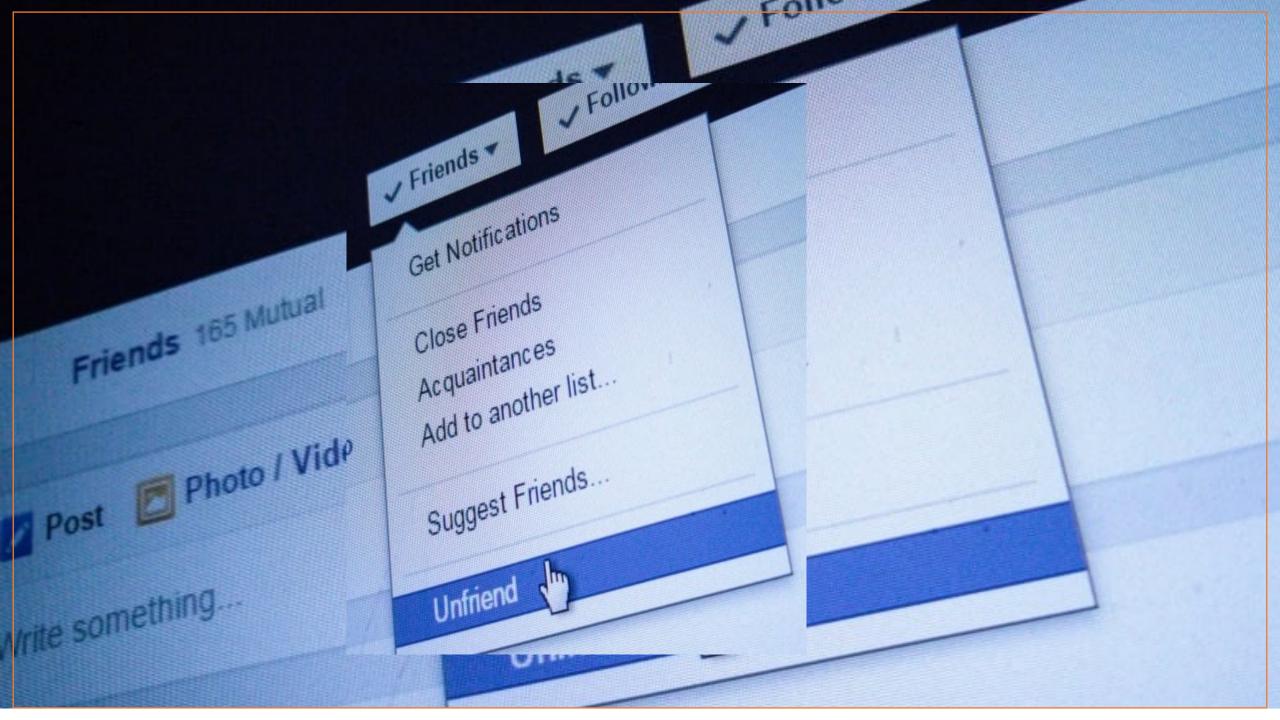
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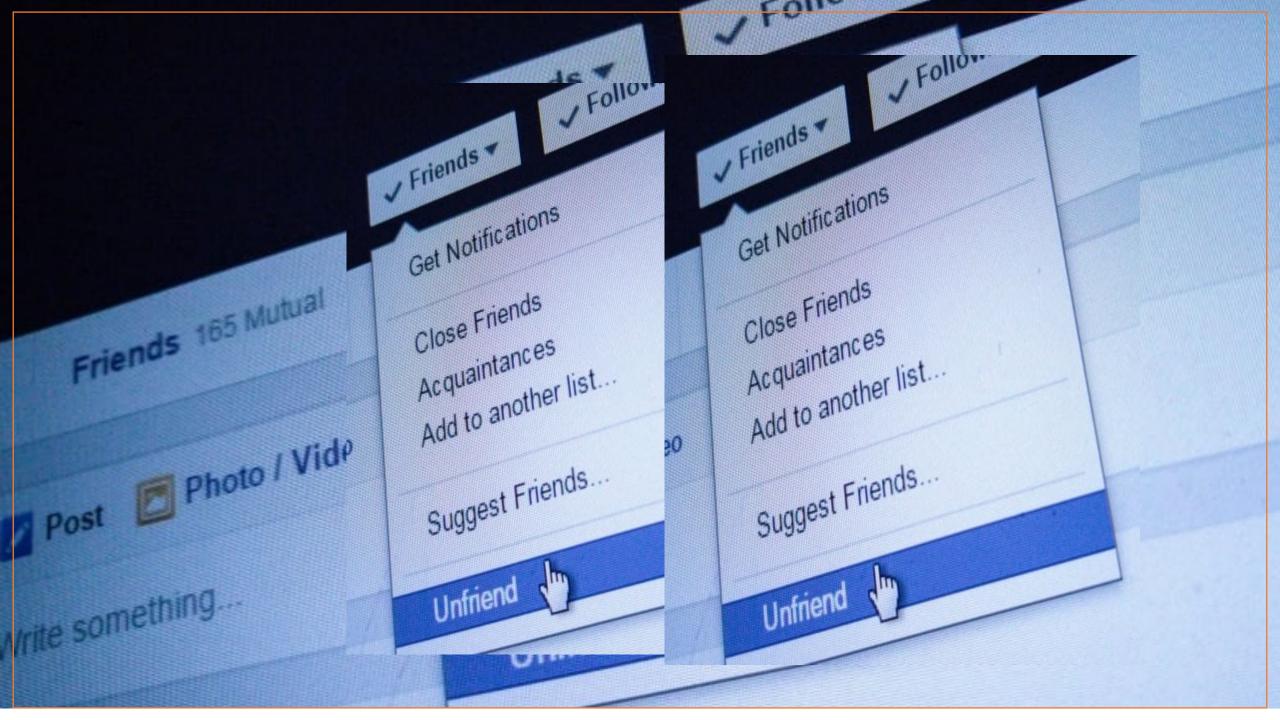
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"In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Psalm 56:11







Our purpose isn't to be well-liked; it is to be Christ-like.