



ALL THINGS
BECOME NEW

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

(NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, he is a new
creation; old things
have passed away;
behold, all things have
become new.

FROM
ORPHANS TO
CHILDREN

I JOHN 3:1 (NKJV)

Behold what manner of
love the Father has
bestowed on us, that
we should be called
children of God!

WITH CHANGE COMES CHANGE

II CORINTHIANS

5 : 1 7 - 2 1 (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

BEFORE AND AFTER

EPHESIANS 2:1-3 (NKJV)

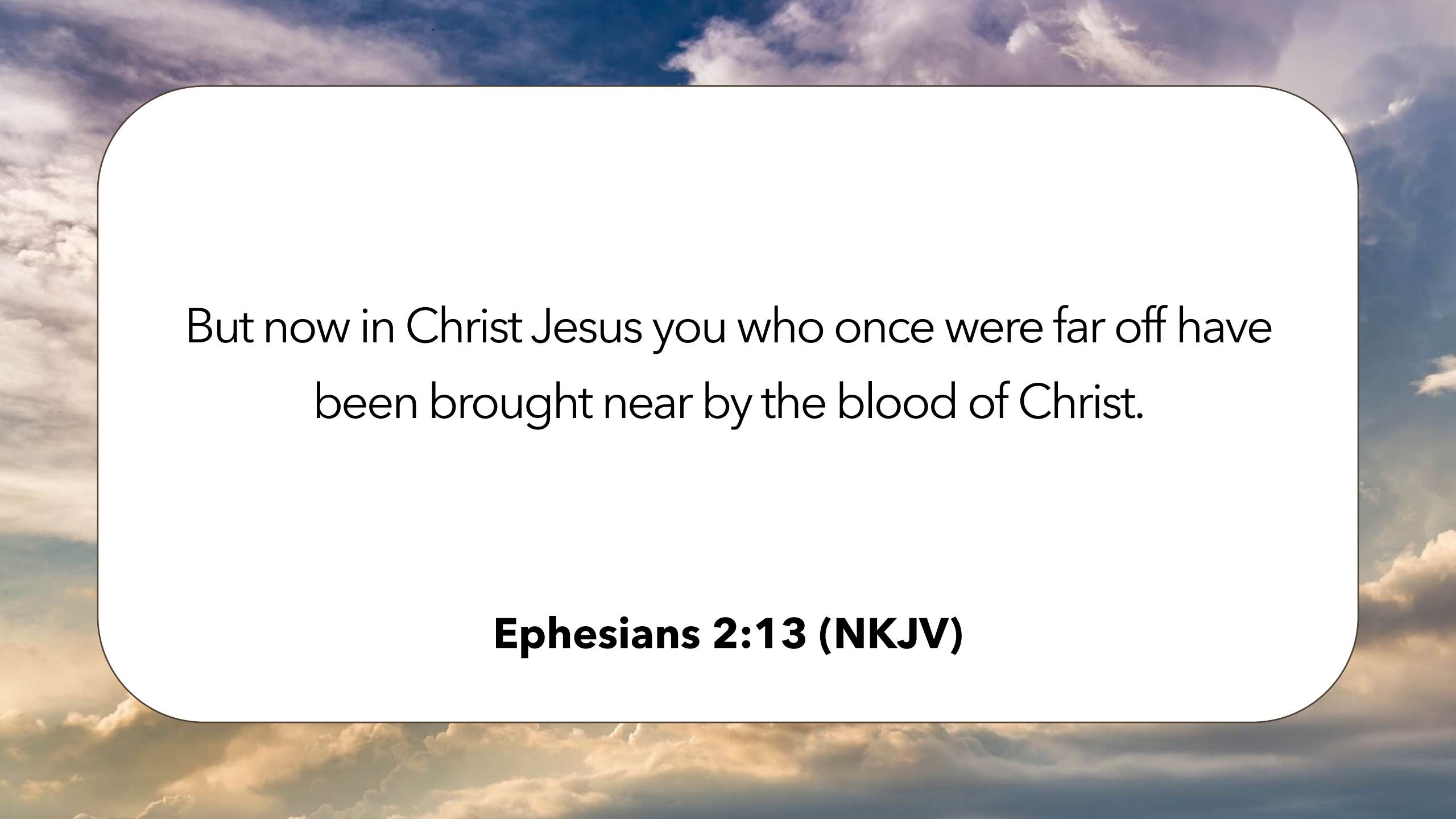
And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-6 (NKJV)

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands – that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:11-12 (NKJV)



But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have
been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV)

STOP LIVING LIKE THE LOST

**I CORINTHIANS 6:8 -
10 (NIV)**

Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.



STOP LIVING
LIKE THE LOST

I CORINTHIANS 6:11
(NIV)

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

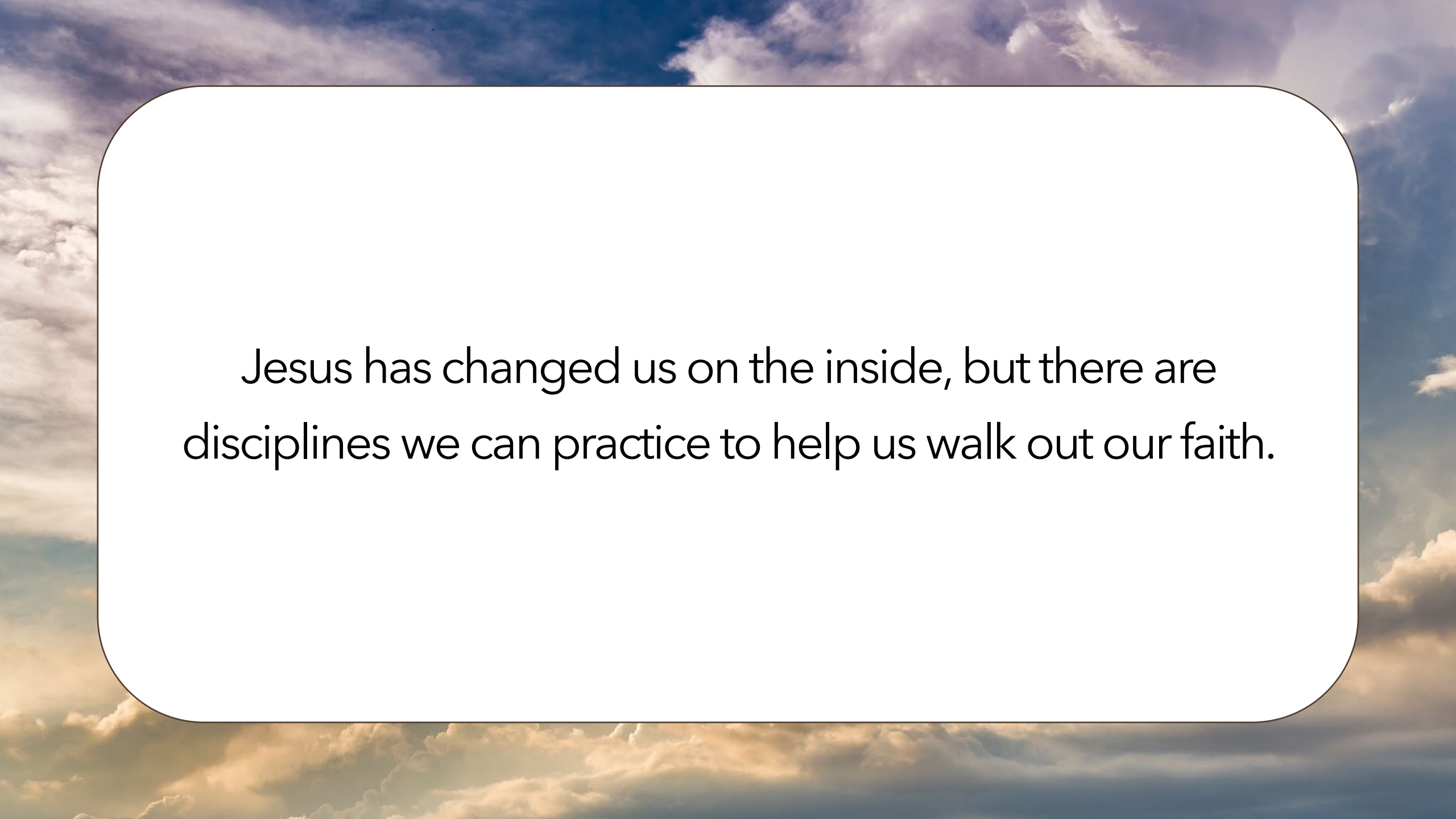
GOD'S MERCIES
ARE NEW EVERY
MORNING

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22 -
23 (ESV)**

The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never
come to an end; they
are new every morning;
great is your
faithfulness.

God's mercy will *NEVER*

- Finish
- Be gone
- Wear out
 - Fail
- Grow weary
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Jesus has changed us on the inside, but there are disciplines we can practice to help us walk out our faith.



Spiritual Growth compared to Planting a Garden





2024 is an Election year...

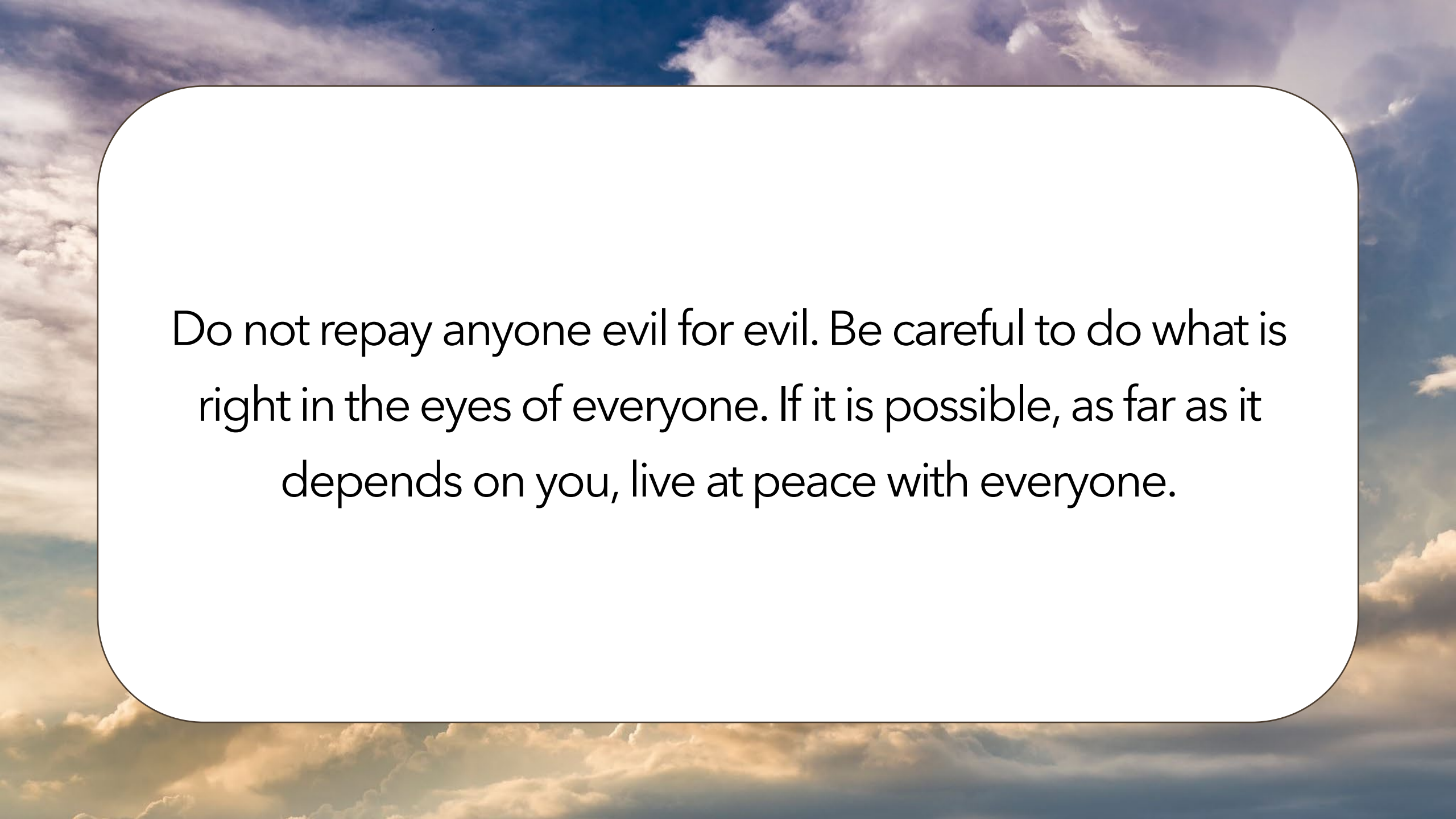
IN THE NEW YEAR,
LOVE OTHERS

ROMANS 12:6-18
(NIV)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who
mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be
proud, but be willing to associate with people of low
position. Do not be conceited.



Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.