

## JESUS on SELF-SACRIFICE and LOVING OUR ENEMIES

Matthew 5.38-48

Central Idea: *Jesus calls His followers to set aside personal rights and to live out a self-sacrificial love for others.*

### Introduction

### Jesus on Self-Sacrifice (38-42)

### Jesus on Loving Our Enemies (43-48)

### Now What?

1. Our personal relationships should be marked by a strong love so powerful that we reject any form of retaliation and in its place, self-sacrifice.
2. Divine love is indiscriminate love, shown equally to all people, even those who hate us.
3. When we live with our inner righteousness on display, the Christian counterculture becomes very visible.

### Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. What do you find most difficult about Jesus' instruction in this passage?
2. What are some ways in which you're tempted to seek your own revenge and stand up for your rights?
3. How does Jesus' emphasis on yielding personal rights differ from what the world says?
4. Have you ever turned the other cheek, handed over the coat or gone the second mile? What was the result?
5. We might struggle to apply Jesus' words about enemies because we don't think we have any. But where do believers often find opposition today? Who are some "enemies" we might face?
6. Think of people (or groups) you find easy to love and hard to love. Why do you think you respond to each as you do?
7. How does loving and praying for our enemies display our relationship as children of God?

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *Jesus on Self-Sacrifice and Loving Our Enemies* is the fifteenth message in a series on the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. This message can be listened to or downloaded at [cbcomaha.org](http://cbcomaha.org). You may also stream and download CBC podcasts from itunes or google play.



# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7



*Blessed are*  
**THE POOR in SPIRIT**

*for Theirs is the*  
**KINGDOM**  
**OF HEAVEN**



*Blessed are*  
**THOSE WHO MOURN**

*for They Shall*  
**BE COMFORTED**



*Blessed are*  
**THE GENTLE**

*for They Shall*  
**INHERIT**  
**THE EARTH**



*Blessed are Those Who*  
**HUNGER and THIRST**  
**for RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*for They Shall*  
**BE SATISFIED**



*Blessed are*  
**THE MERCIFUL**

*for They Shall*  
**RECEIVE MERCY**



*Blessed are*  
**THE PURE in HEART**

*for They Shall*  
**SEE GOD**





*Blessed are*  
**THE PEACEMAKERS**

*for They Shall be Called*  
**SONS OF GOD**



*Blessed are Those Who have been*

**PERSECUTED**


*for the Sake of*

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*for Theirs is*

**THE KINGDOM**

**OF HEAVEN**



# Jesus on Self-Sacrifice & Loving Our Enemies

*Matthew 5.38-48*

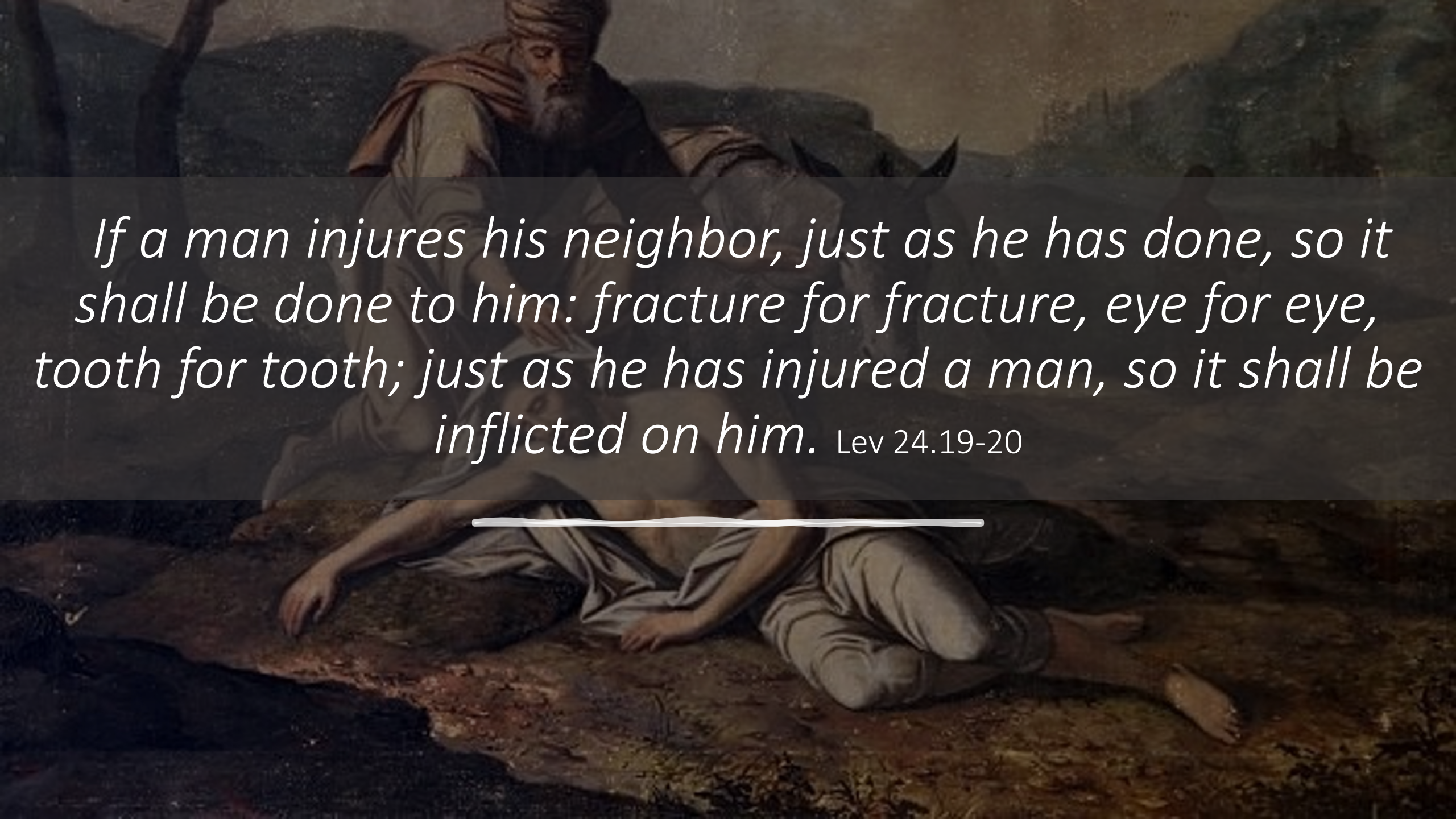
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# Jesus on Self-Sacrifice

*Matthew 5.38-42*

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*If a man injures his neighbor, just as he has done, so it shall be done to him: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; just as he has injured a man, so it shall be inflicted on him. Lev 24.19-20*



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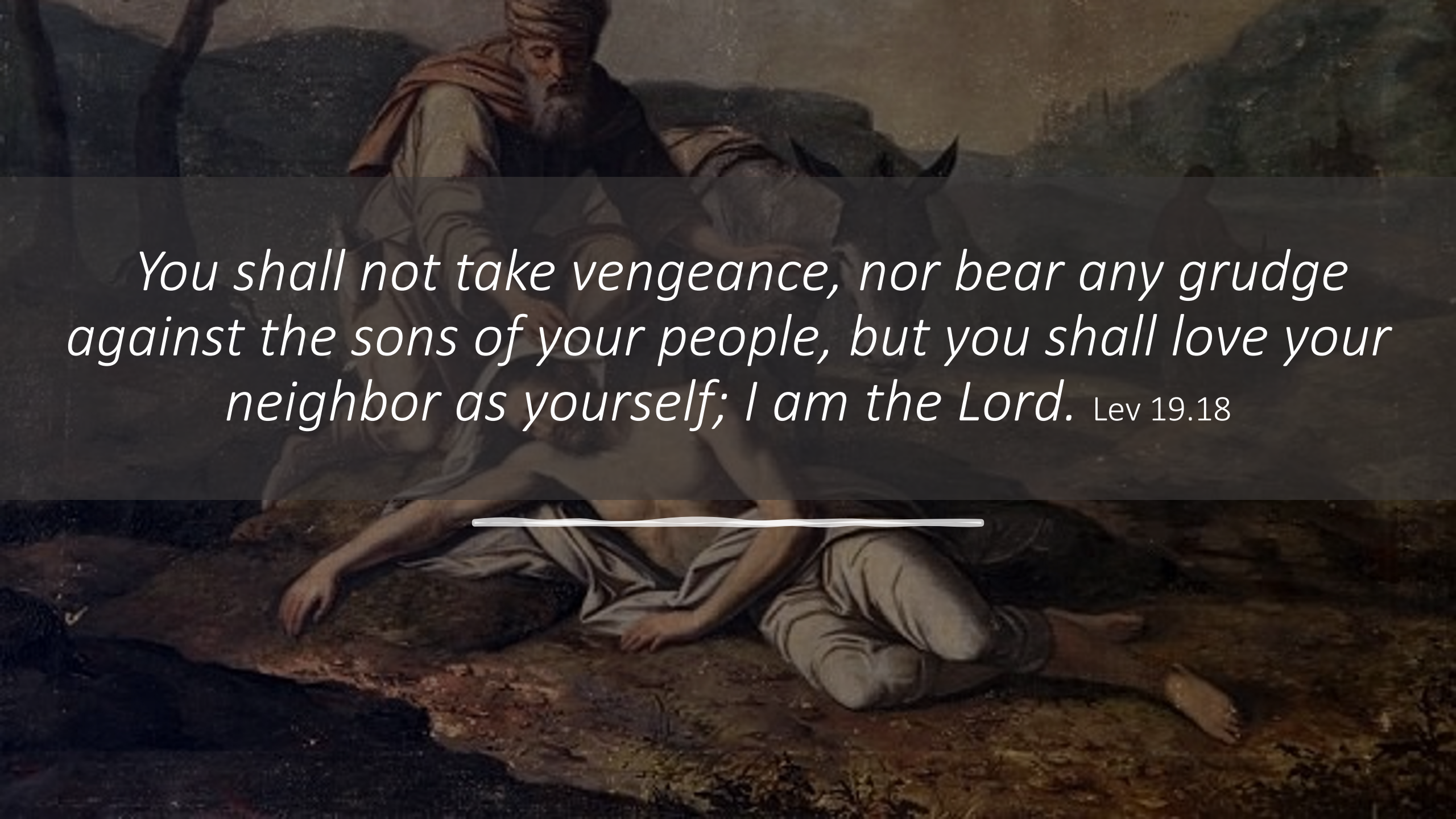
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# Jesus on Loving our Enemies

*Matthew 5.43-48*

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*You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge  
against the sons of your people, but you shall love your  
neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord. Lev 19.18*





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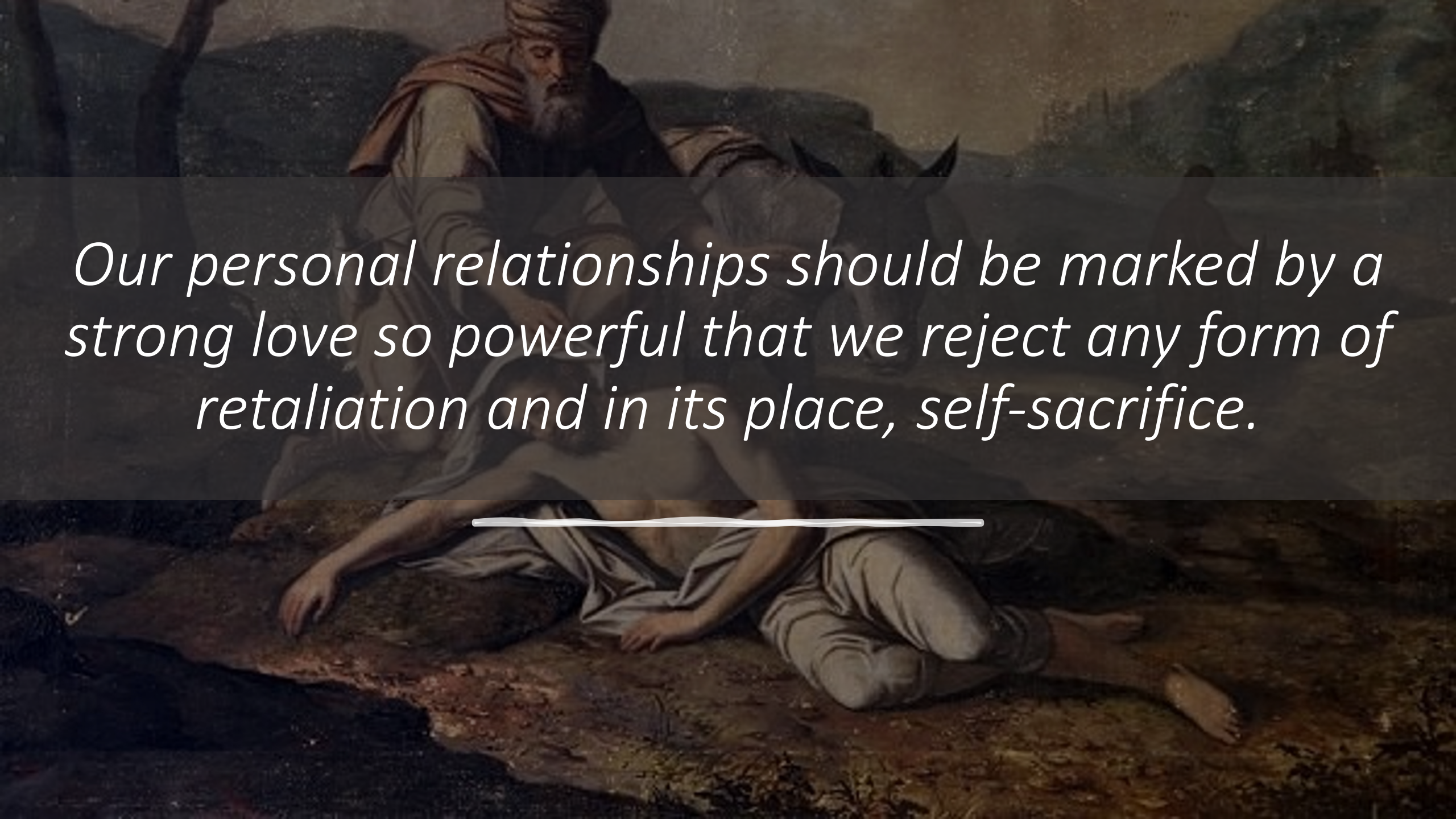
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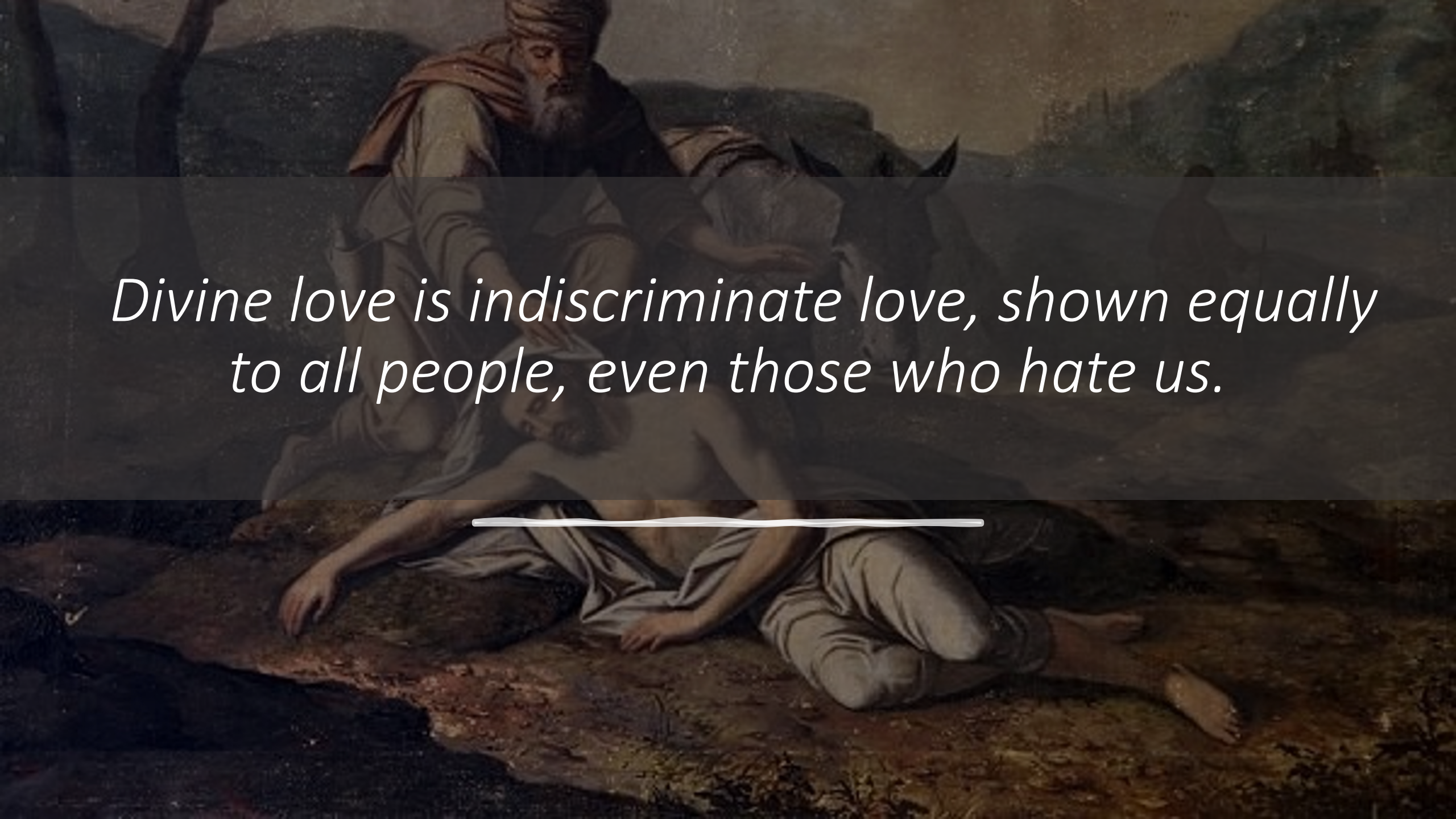


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