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THE WONDER OF ONENESS

Ephesians 4:1-6





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WHY DOES ONENESS MATTER SO MUCH?





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EPHESIANS 4:1

¹ I therefore, a prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called





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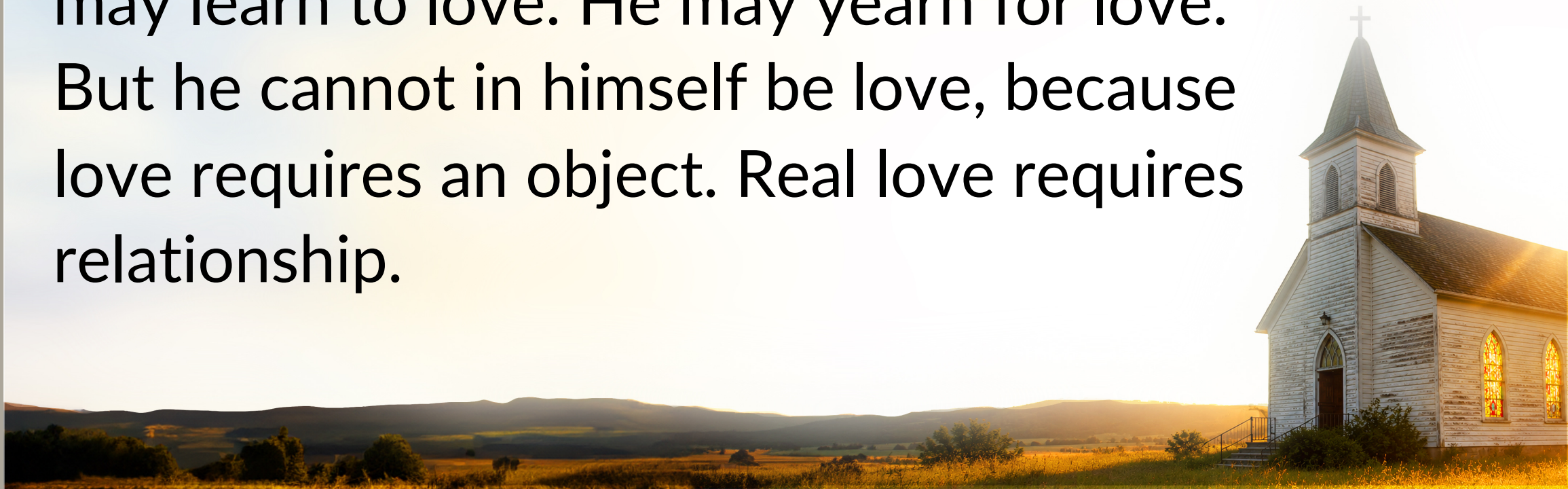
It displays what God is like.





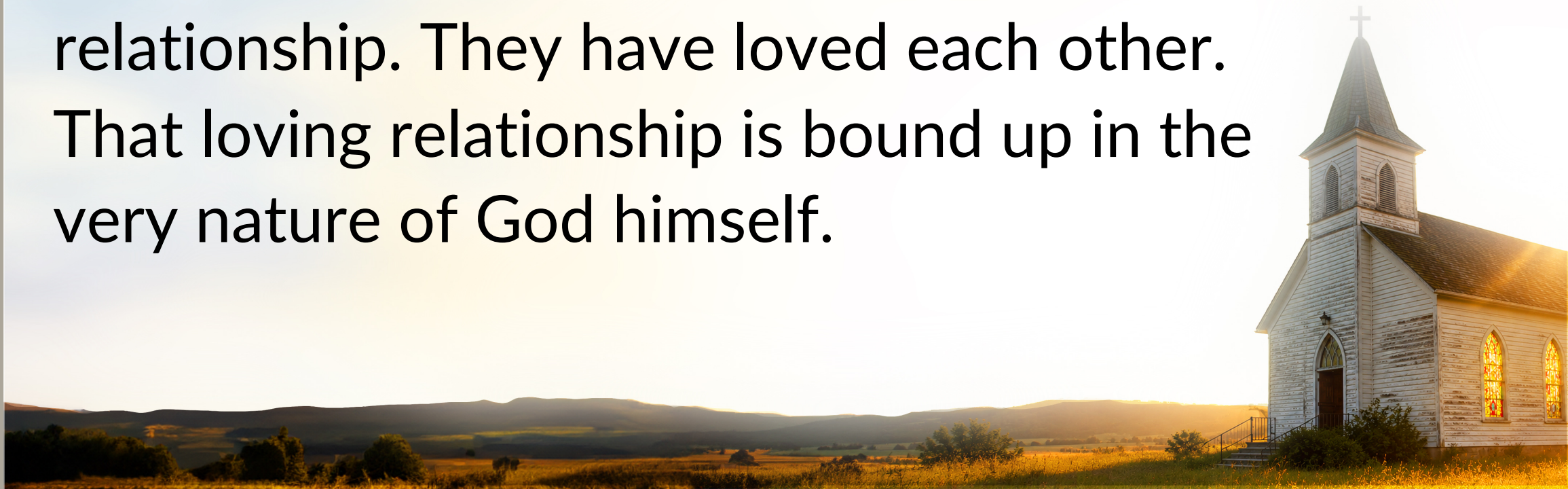
Love is not God. But God is love. So, what does it mean for God to be love? And this cannot be true unless God is a Trinity.

Think about it: A solitary god cannot be love. He may learn to love. He may yearn for love. But he cannot in himself be love, because love requires an object. Real love requires relationship.





In the doctrine of the Trinity we finally see how love is part of the fabric of creation; it is essential to the eternal, need-nothing Creator. From eternity past, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit have been in community, in relationship. They have loved each other. That loving relationship is bound up in the very nature of God himself.





If God were not a Trinity but merely a solitary divinity, he could neither be love nor be God!

- Jared Wilson - Unparalleled: How Christianity's Uniqueness Makes It Compelling

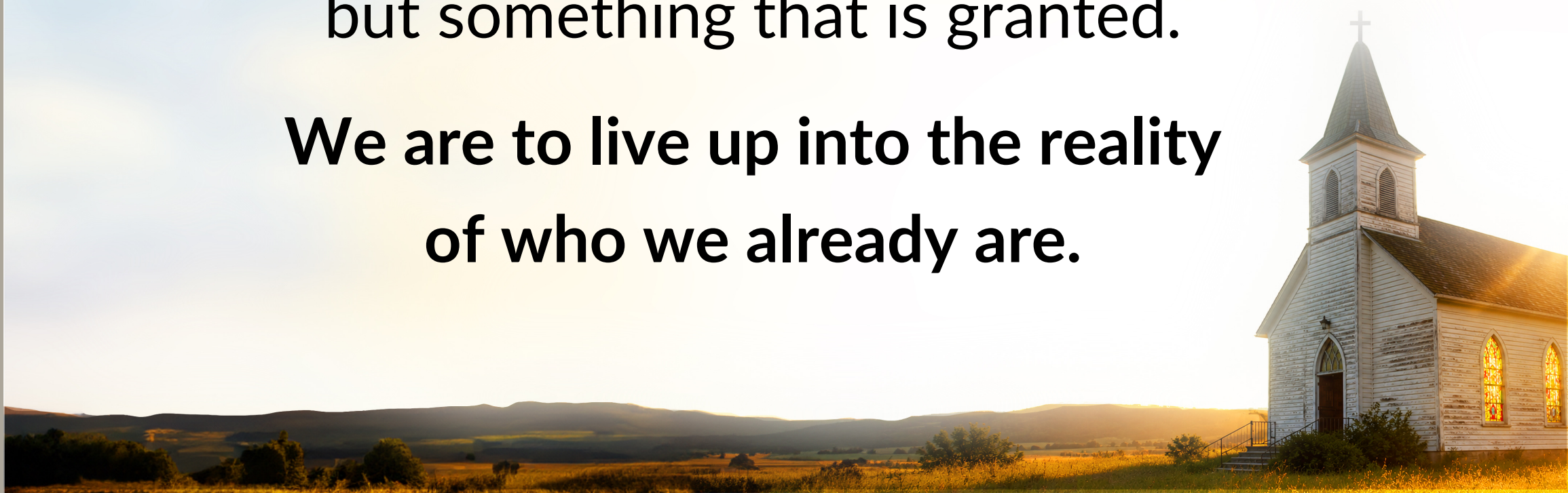




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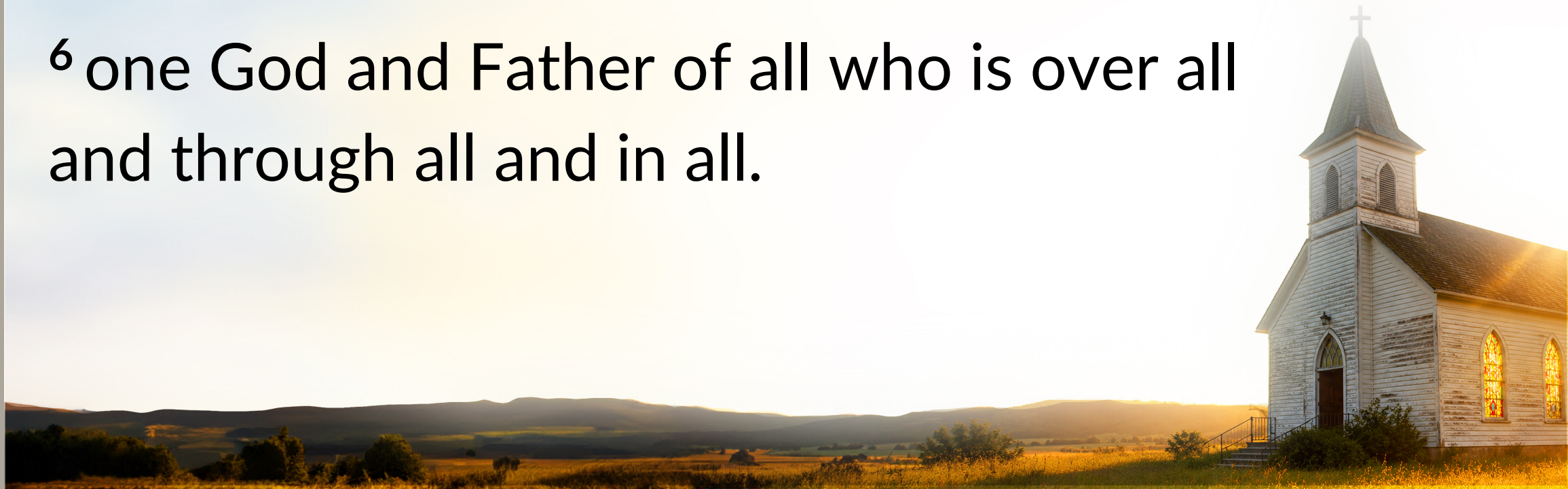
The oneness we are called to embody is not,
of first account, something that is gained,
but something that is granted.

**We are to live up into the reality
of who we already are.**





⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.





ONENESS...GUARDED

Though oneness is first granted, make no mistake, it must, for the sake of glory and good, be vigilantly guarded.





² with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
showing tolerance for one another in love,
³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.





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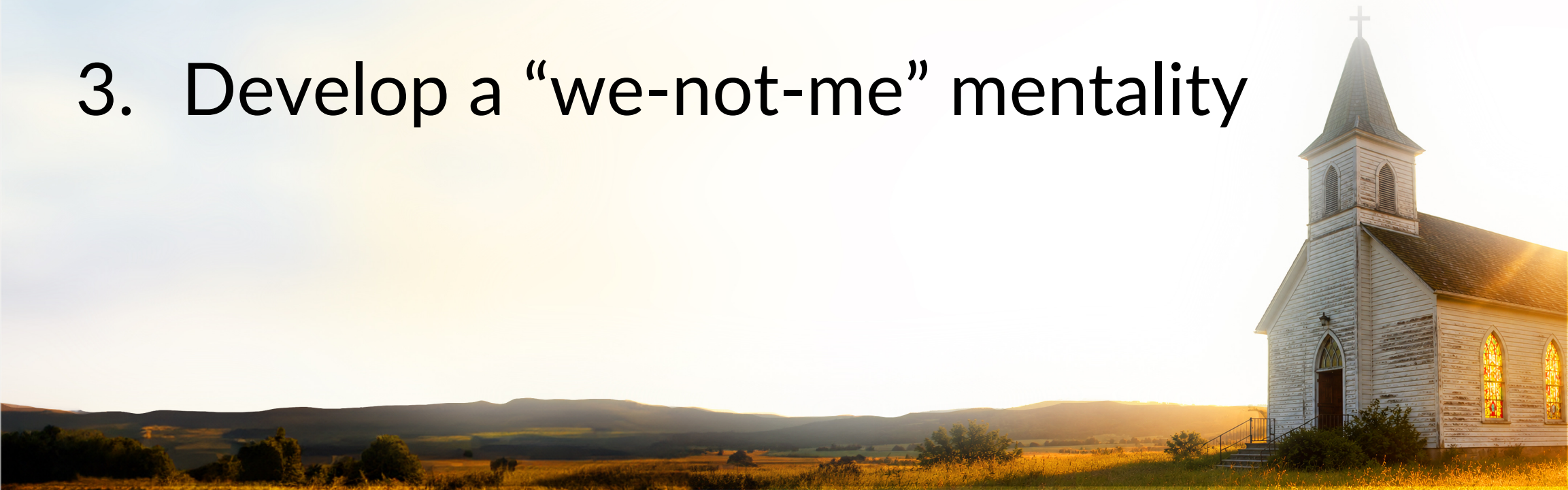
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3. Develop a “we-not-me” mentality



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