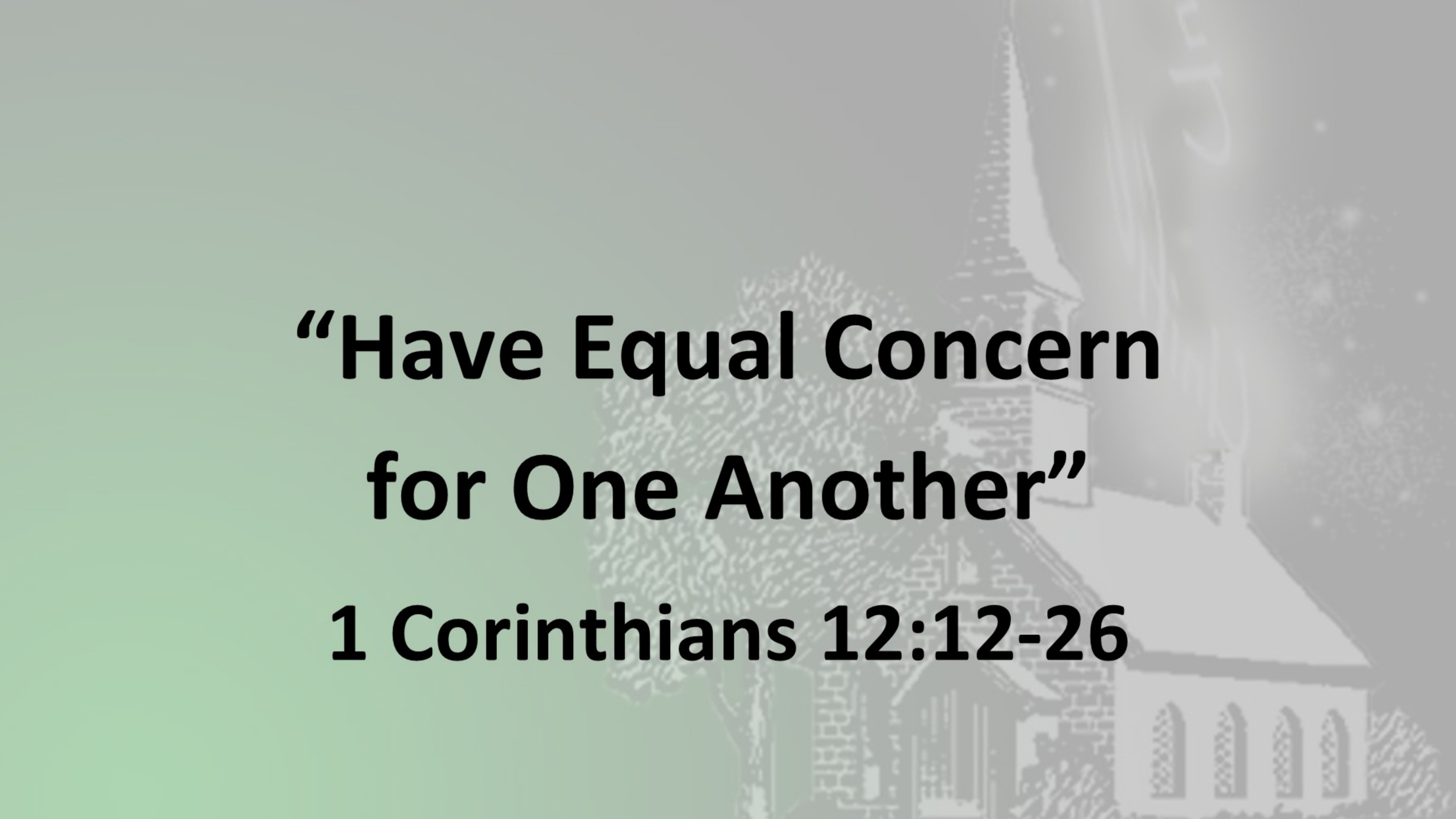


Sermon Notes  
September 28, 2025  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
“Have Equal Concern for One Another”

1. No one is so “low” they are **disqualified** by others from the body.
2. **You are never** so “low” that you are disqualified from the body. (1 Cor. 1:10, Phil. 2:5-11)
3. To be Christian is to be **willing to sacrifice** my desires to lift up others.



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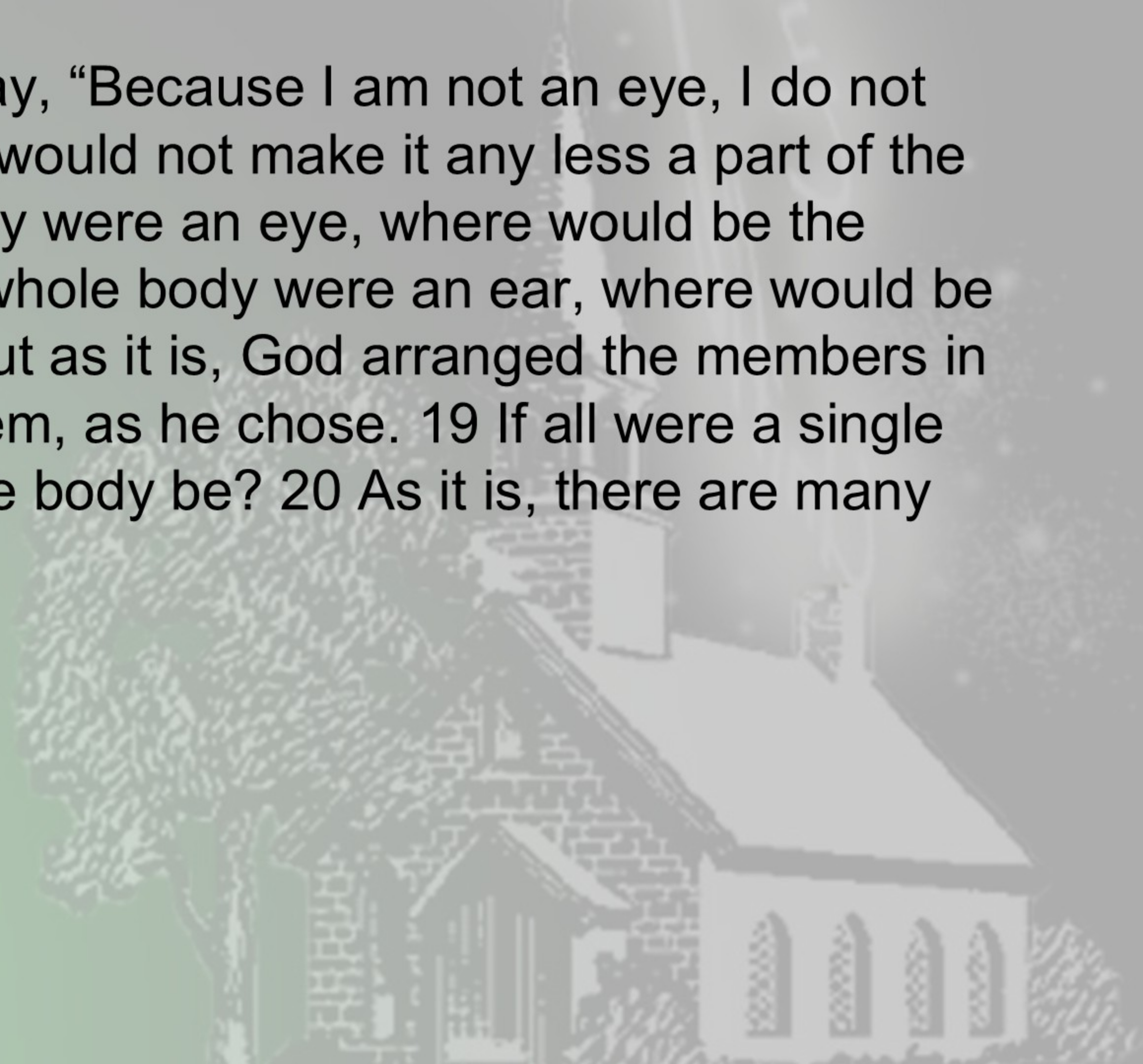
12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.



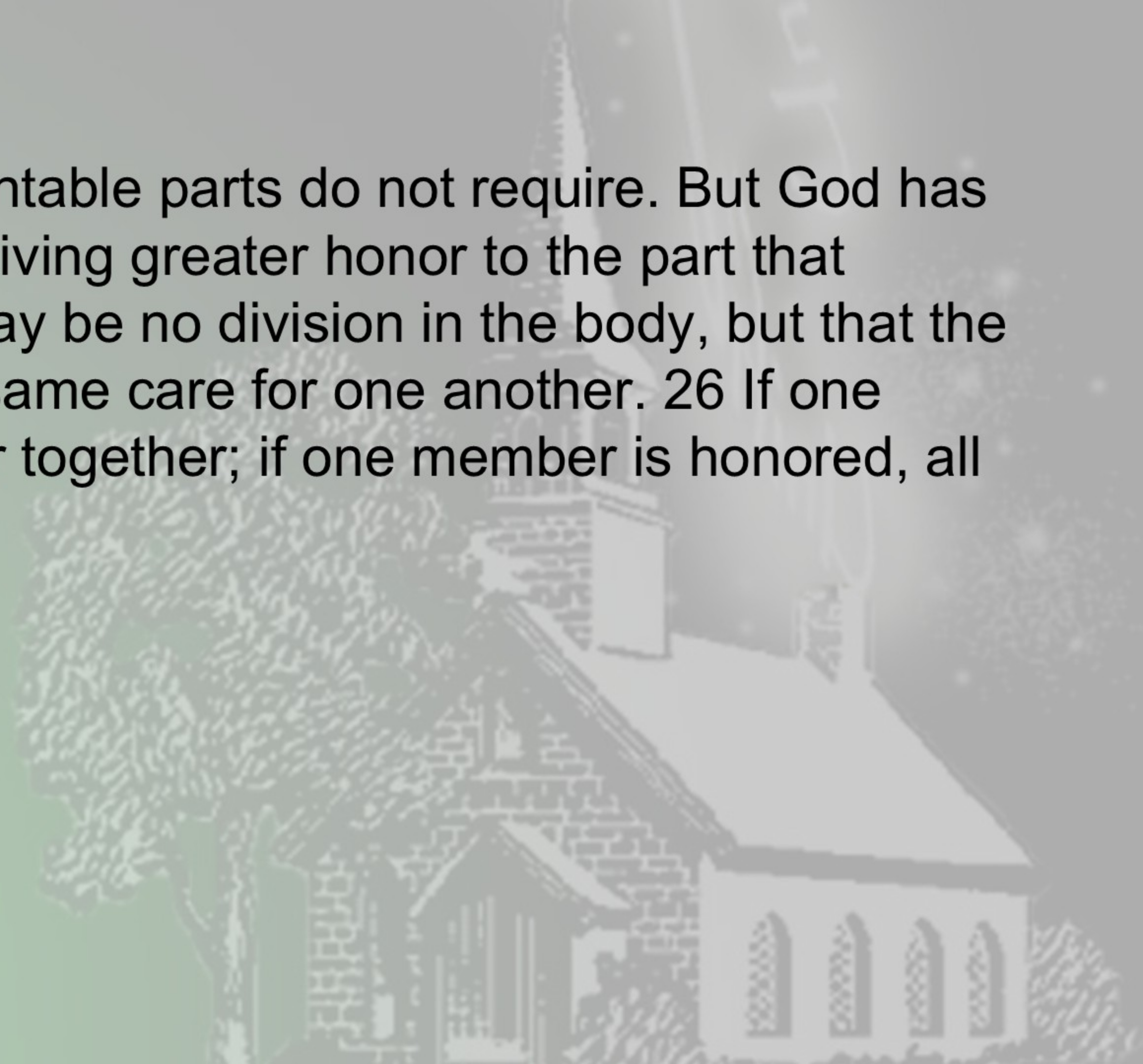
6 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.





21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

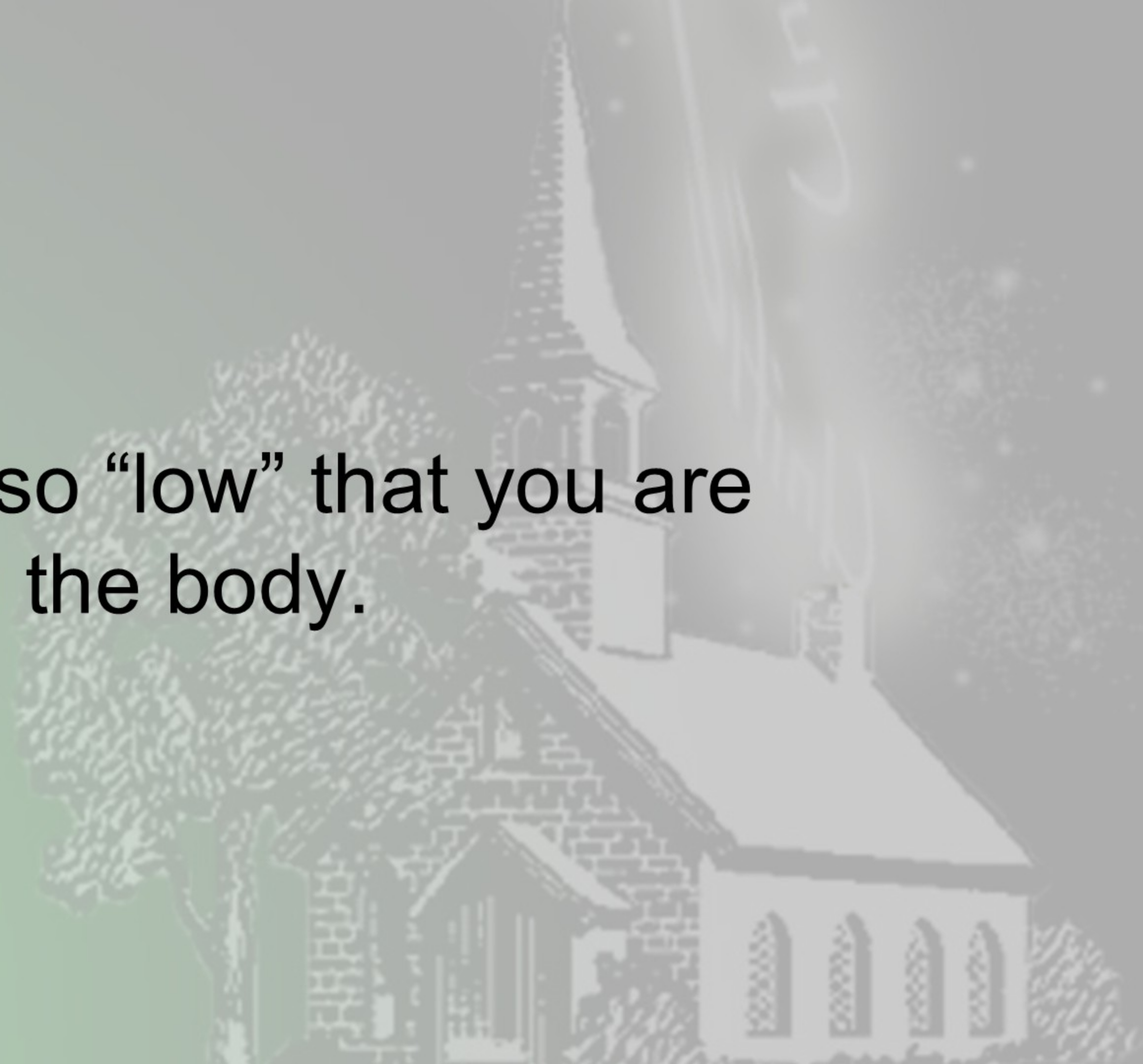
24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.





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**You are never so “low” that you are disqualified from the body.**







# 1 Corinthians 1:10

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.



# Thom S. Rainer

*“A Church cannot survive long-term where members are focused on their own preferences:*

*My Music Style*

*My desired length and order of worship services.*

*My desired color and design of building and rooms.*

*My activities and programs.*

*My need of ministers and staff.*

*My, my, my.”*



# Philippians 2:5-11

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



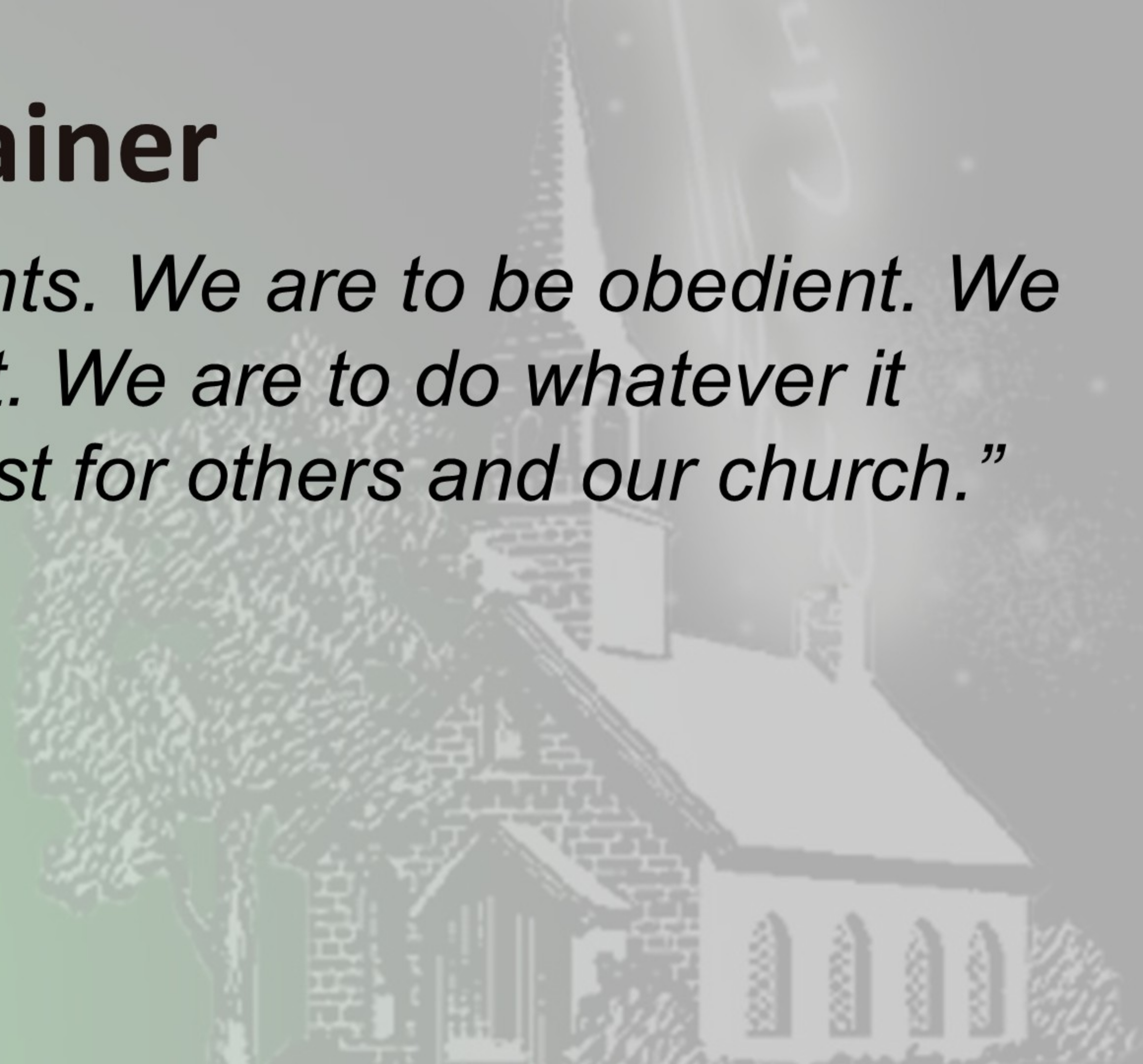
# Philippians 2:5-11

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



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*“We are to be servants. We are to be obedient. We are to put others first. We are to do whatever it takes to seek the best for others and our church.”*

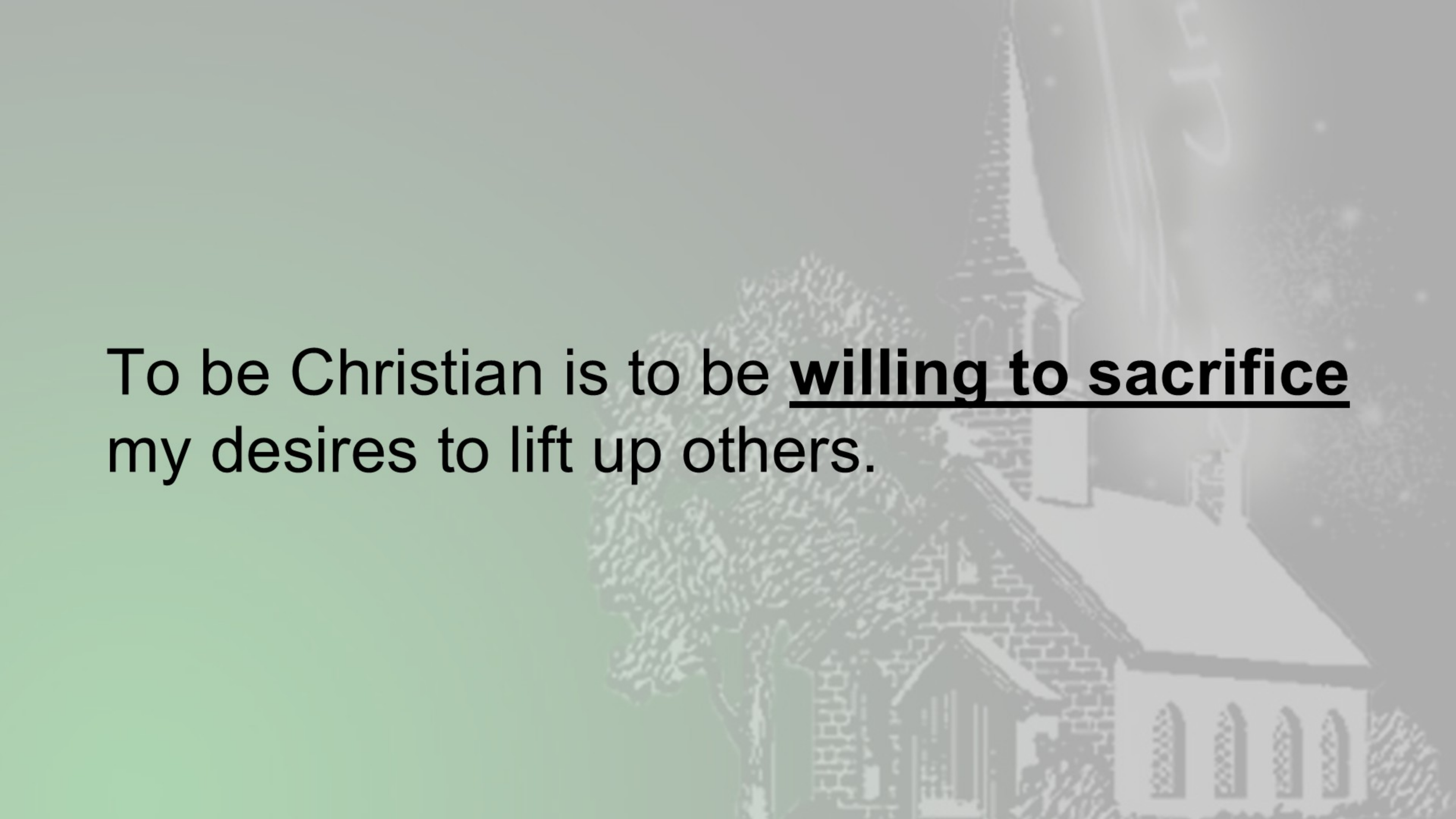




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*“In essence, when church members increasingly demand their own preferences the church is steadily not becoming the church.”*





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