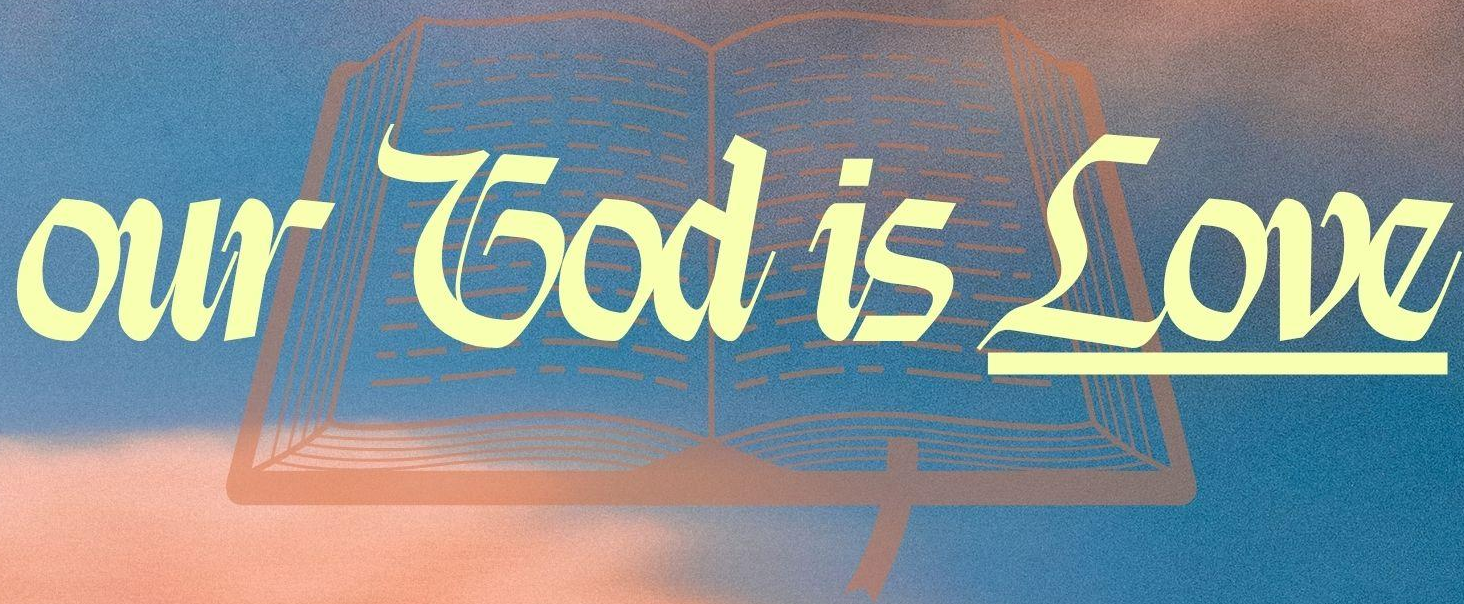




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A SERMON SERIES ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD



our God is Love

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A Biblical definition of love.



4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A NIV



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1 JOHN 4:8 NLT



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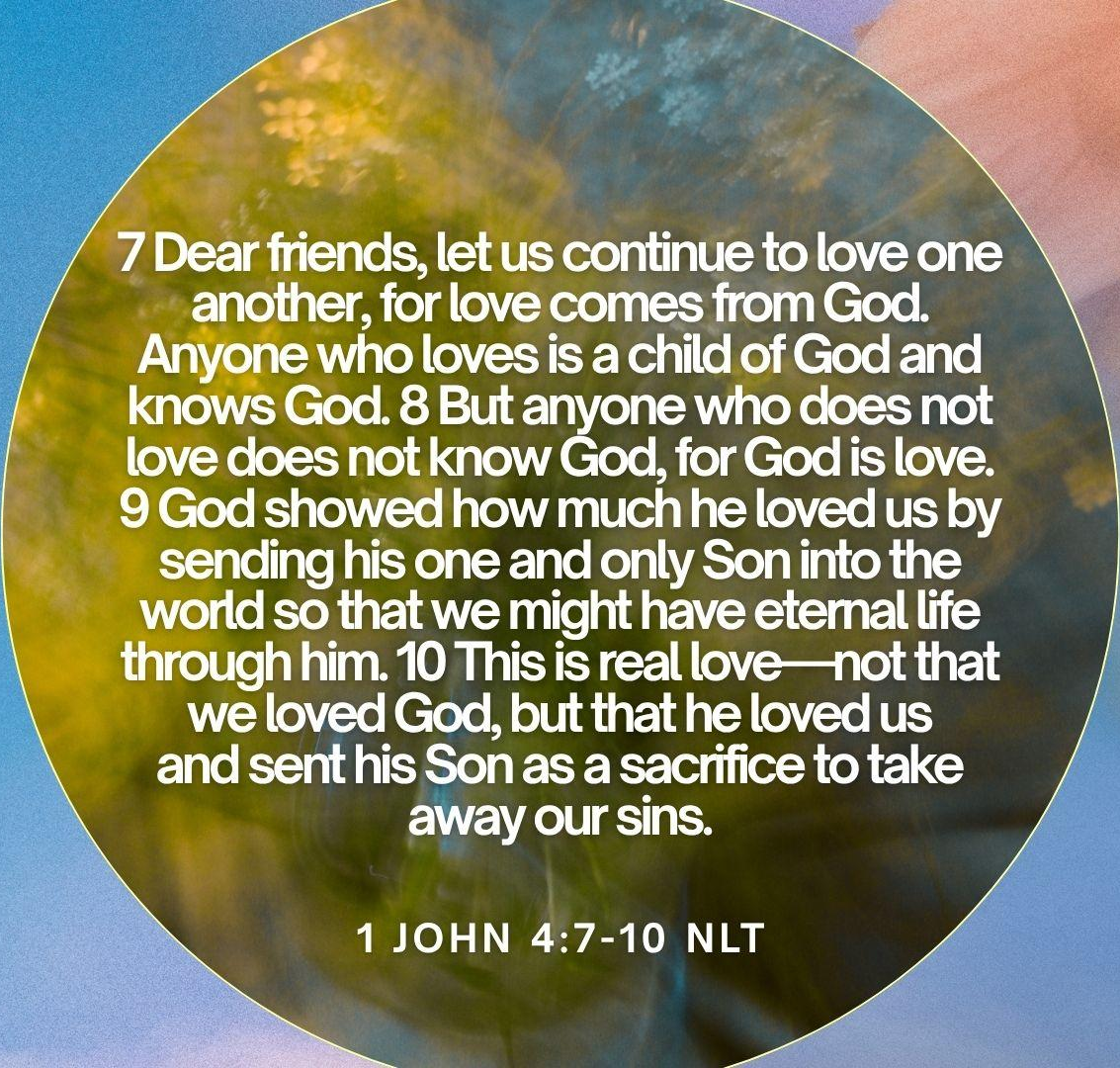
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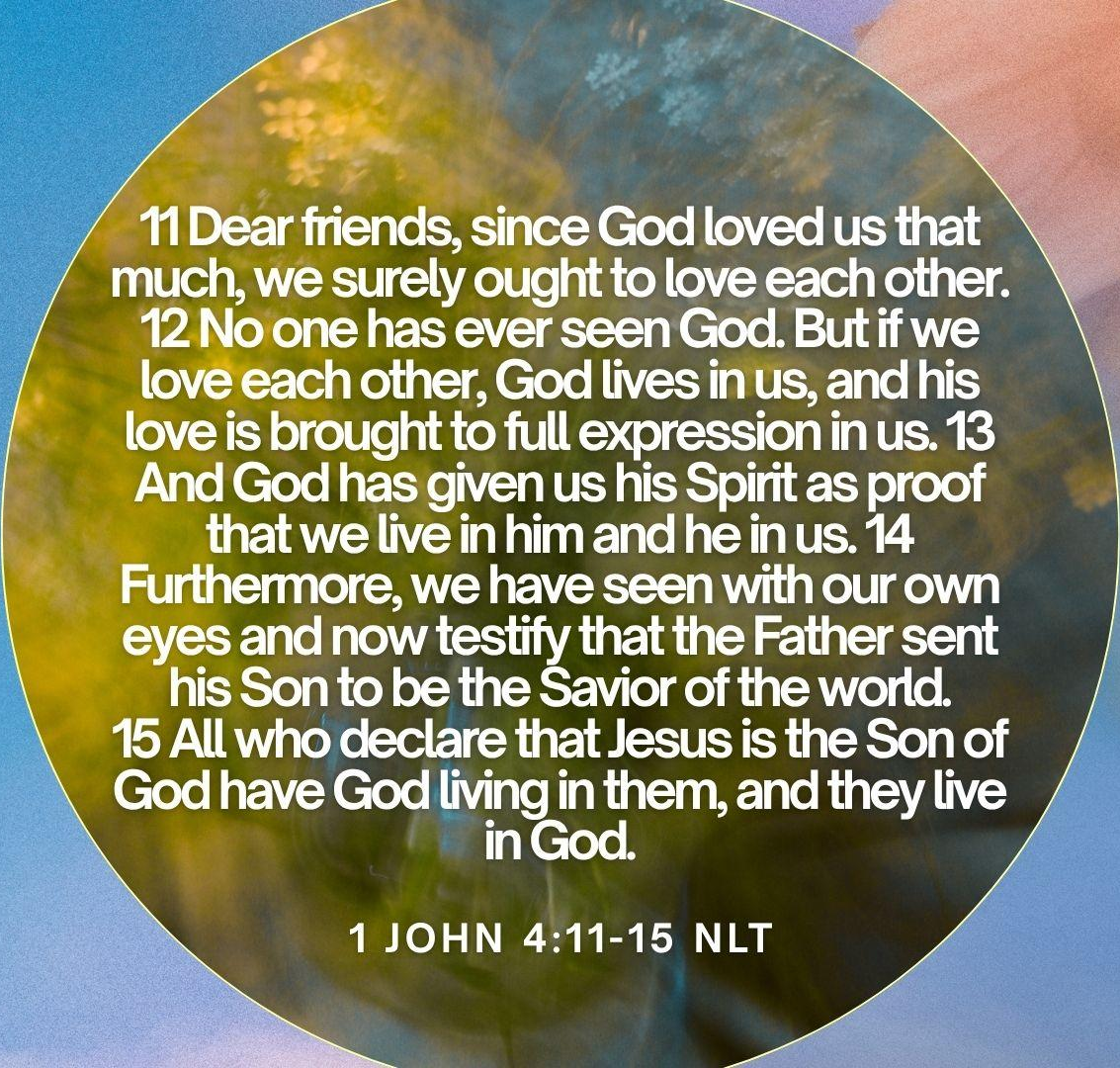
The love of God in our lives



7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 JOHN 4:7-10 NLT

Real love = sacrifice

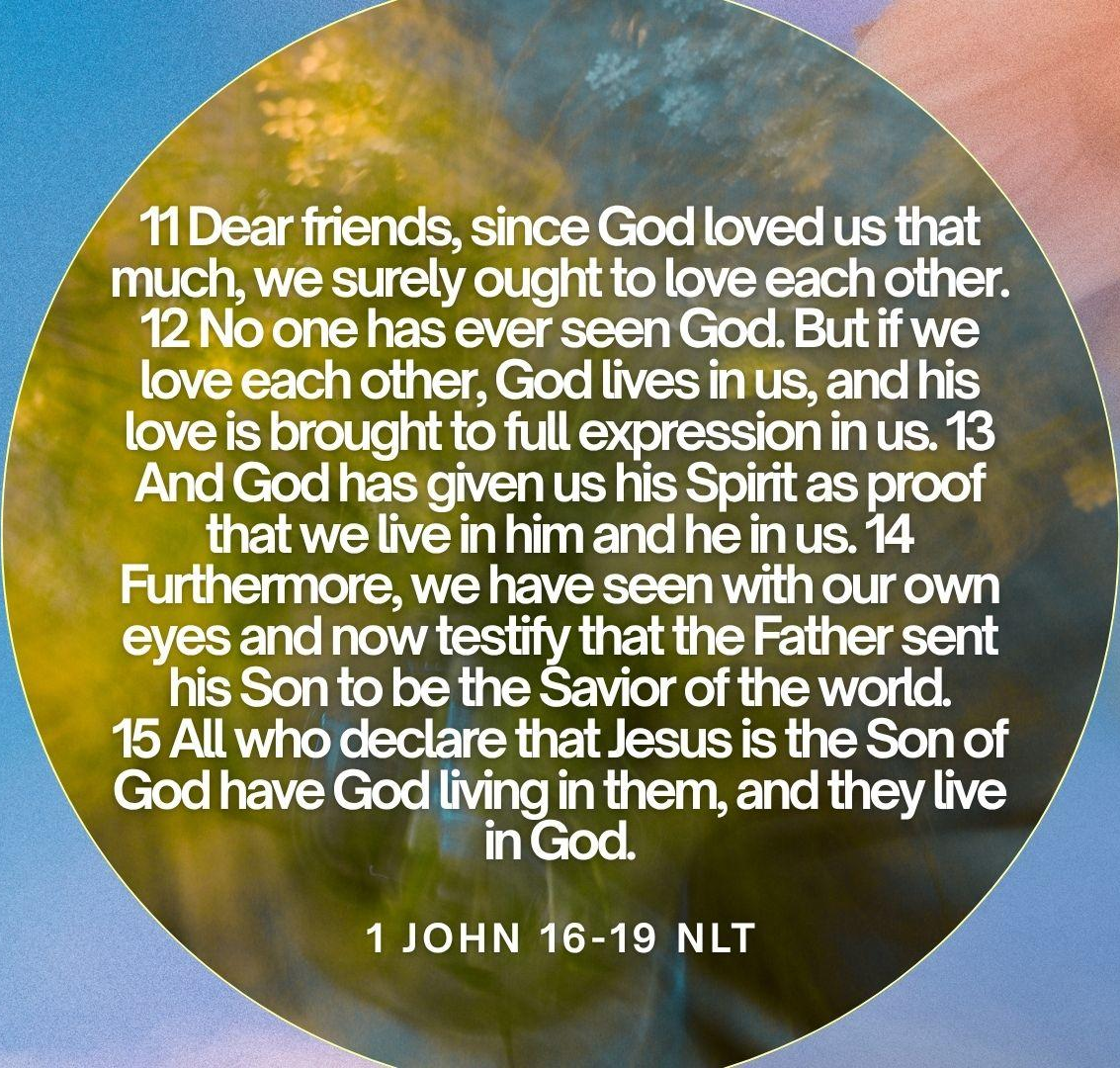


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1 JOHN 4:11-15 NLT

The mature Christian will be marked by love.

*The true measure of maturity is not the
image of power or popularity, or passionate
feelings – but the abiding presence of God's
love in our lives, given out to others.*

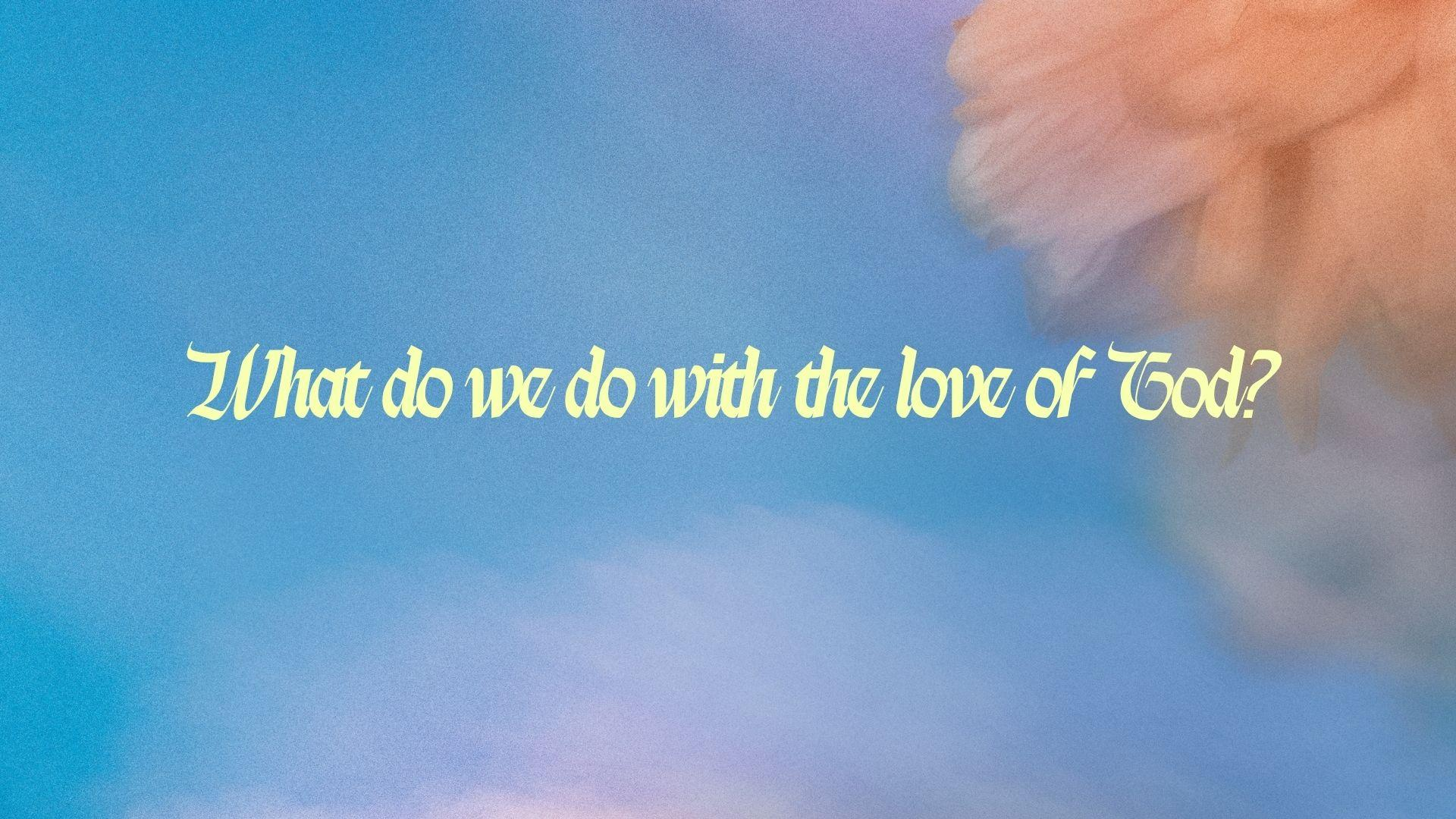


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1 JOHN 16-19 NLT



The opposite of love is not hate, it is fear.



What do we do with the love of God?



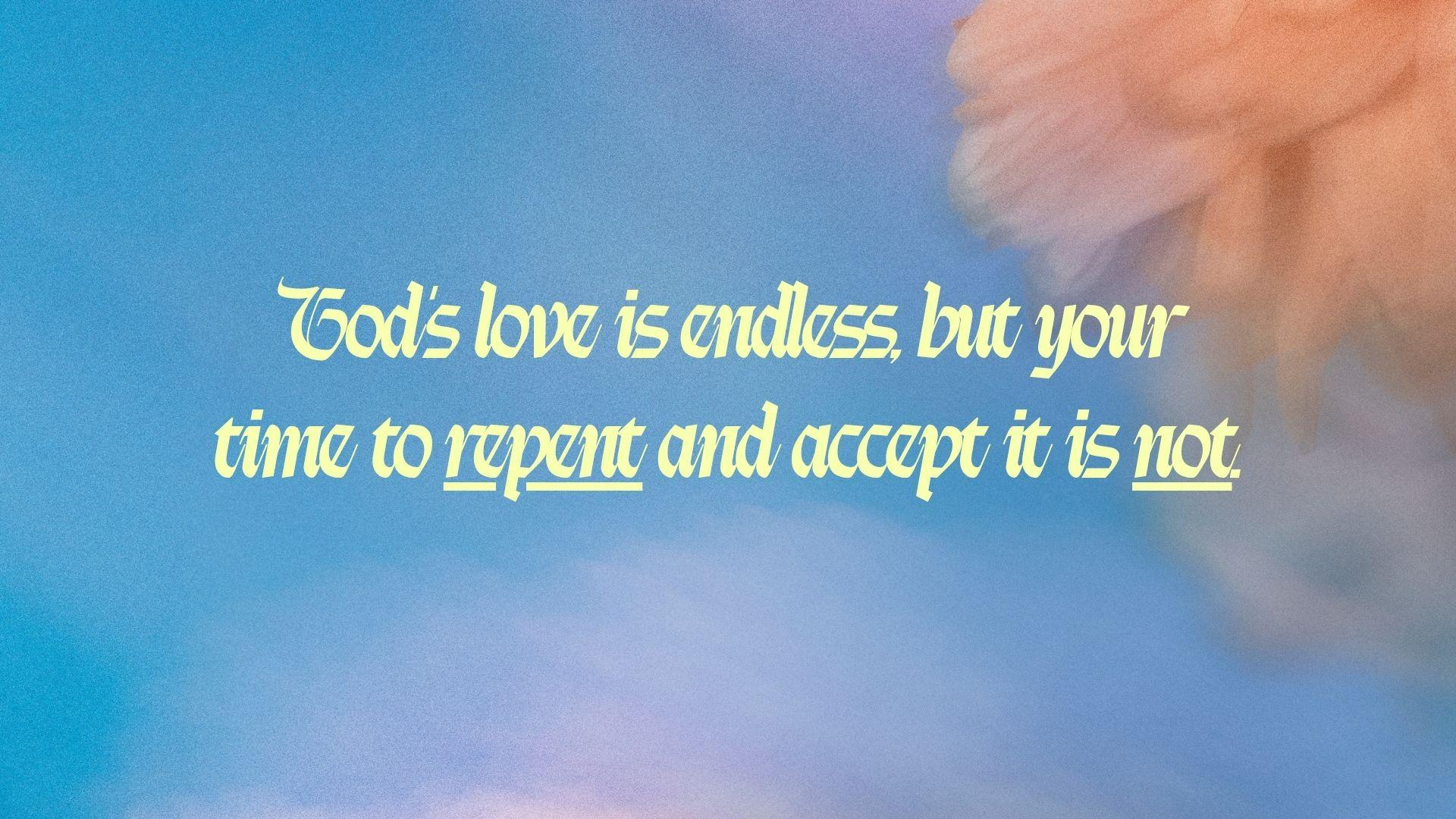
**For Christ's love compels
(controls, urges, leads) us.**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:14A
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- God's love should lead us to repentance.

4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4 NIV

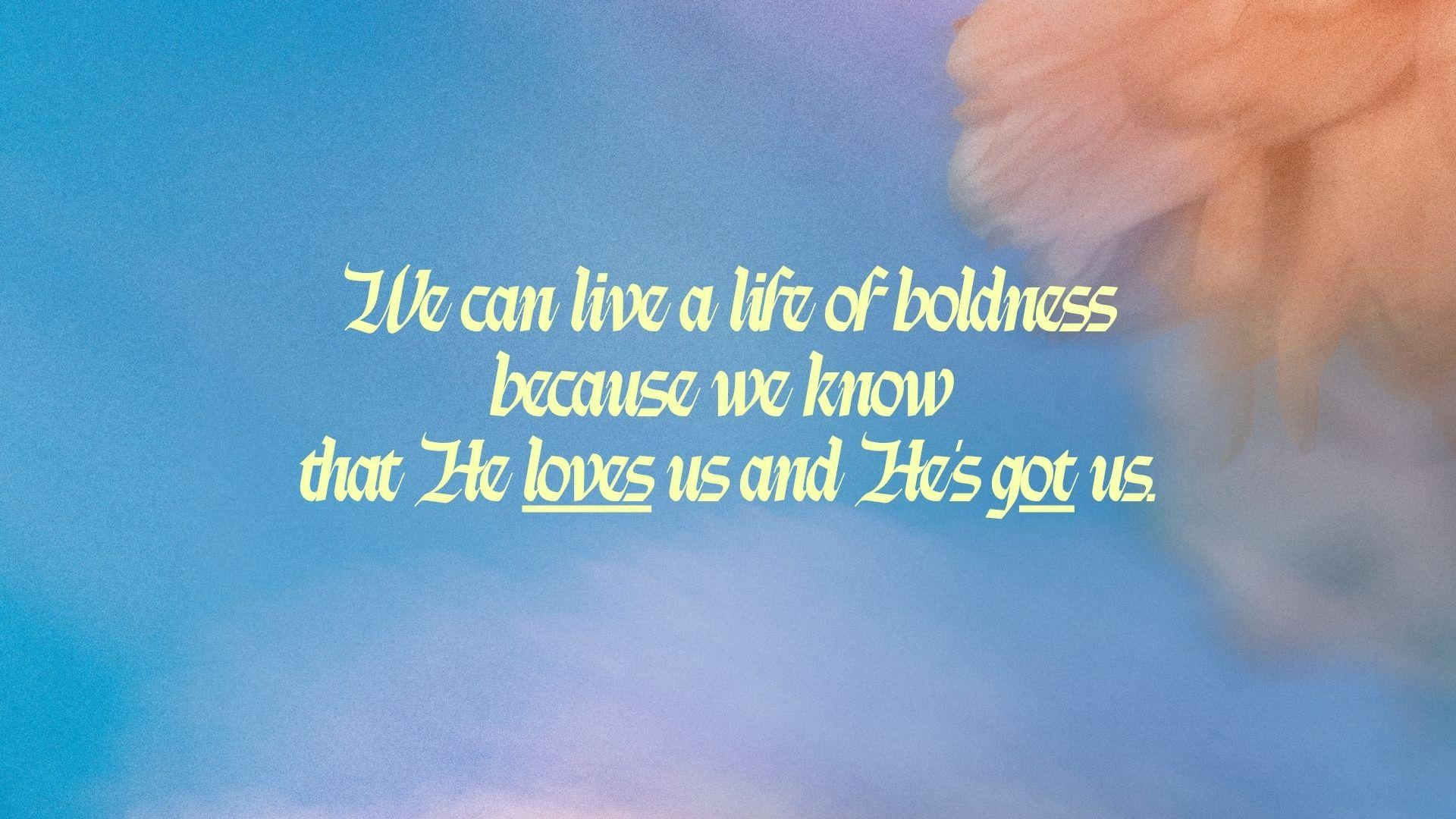


*God's love is endless, but your
time to repent and accept it is not.*

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- God's love should lead us to boldness.

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and
timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7 NLT*



*We can live a life of boldness
because we know
that He loves us and He's got us.*

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-God's love should lead us to love like He loves.

37 Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39 NLT

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