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Love

John 13:1-11

- Just before the last supper
- Their last time together before his suffering
- Having loved all those that would be his
- He now showed them:

“...to perfection (telios) he loved them.”

NIV84: “the full extent of his love.”

Peter and Jesus debate love:

Peter: You're not going to wash my feet

Jesus: I am or you have no part with me.

Peter: Ok, then do more—my feet and hands.

Jesus: No, Your feet are enough for my purpose right now.

Point:

*Jesus will humiliate himself, but he won't
humiliate his task.*

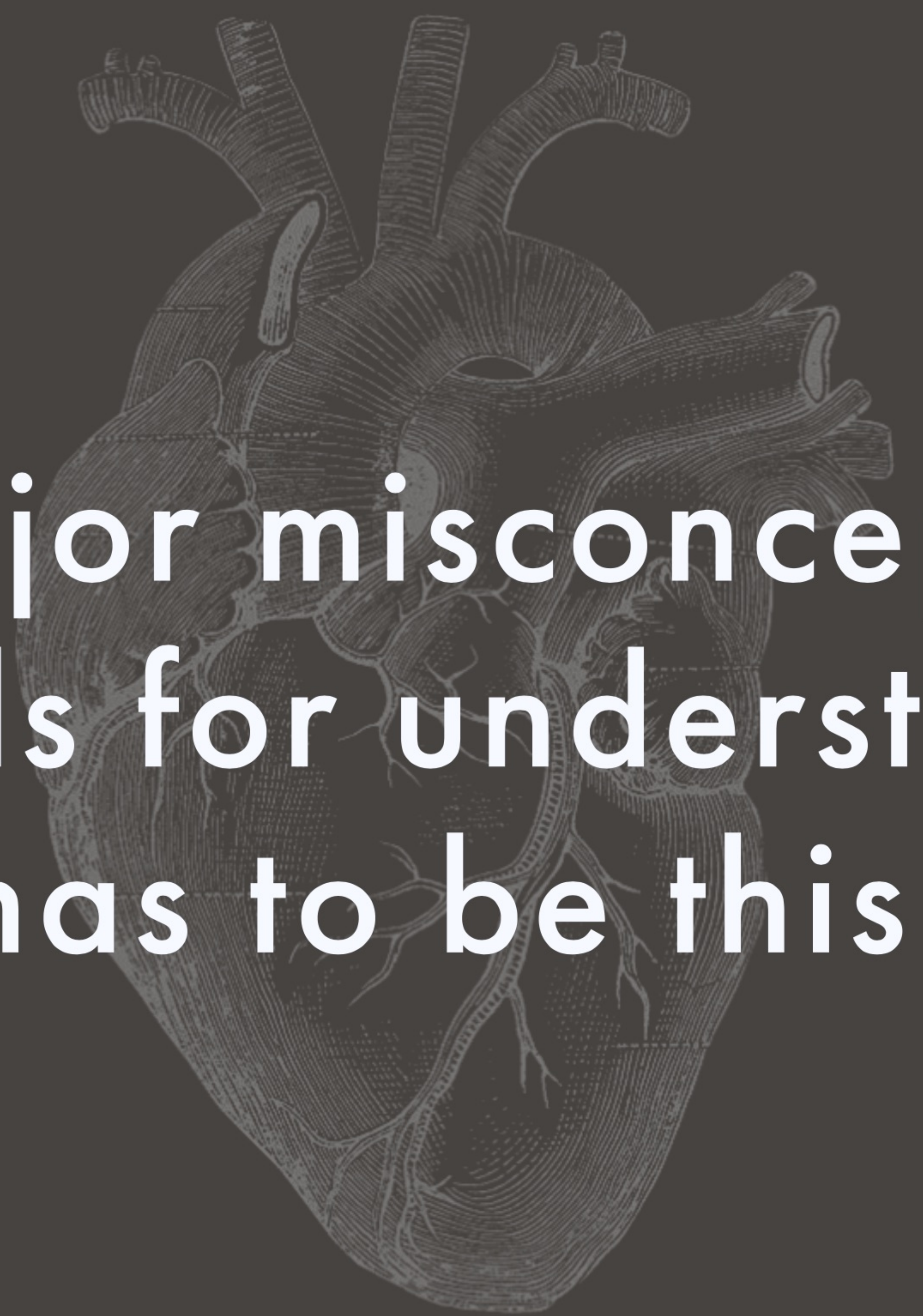
God will pay any price for love, but he will pay nothing at love's expense.

Or:

God will not (cannot) destroy love's integrity to love us; and he doesn't want to.

What we'll see...

One major misconception
2 models for understanding love
Why it has to be this way





*1. We have to face our
misconceptions about love.*

Truism:

"God's love is unconditional!"



God's love is...

Unconditional: _____ x in Bible

Un _____: _____ x in Bible



2 Meanings of Unconditional:

Unqualified Approval—I'll affirm you no matter what you do, and you'll do the same.

Unfailing Sacrifice—I'll serve your true good and I'll never quit.

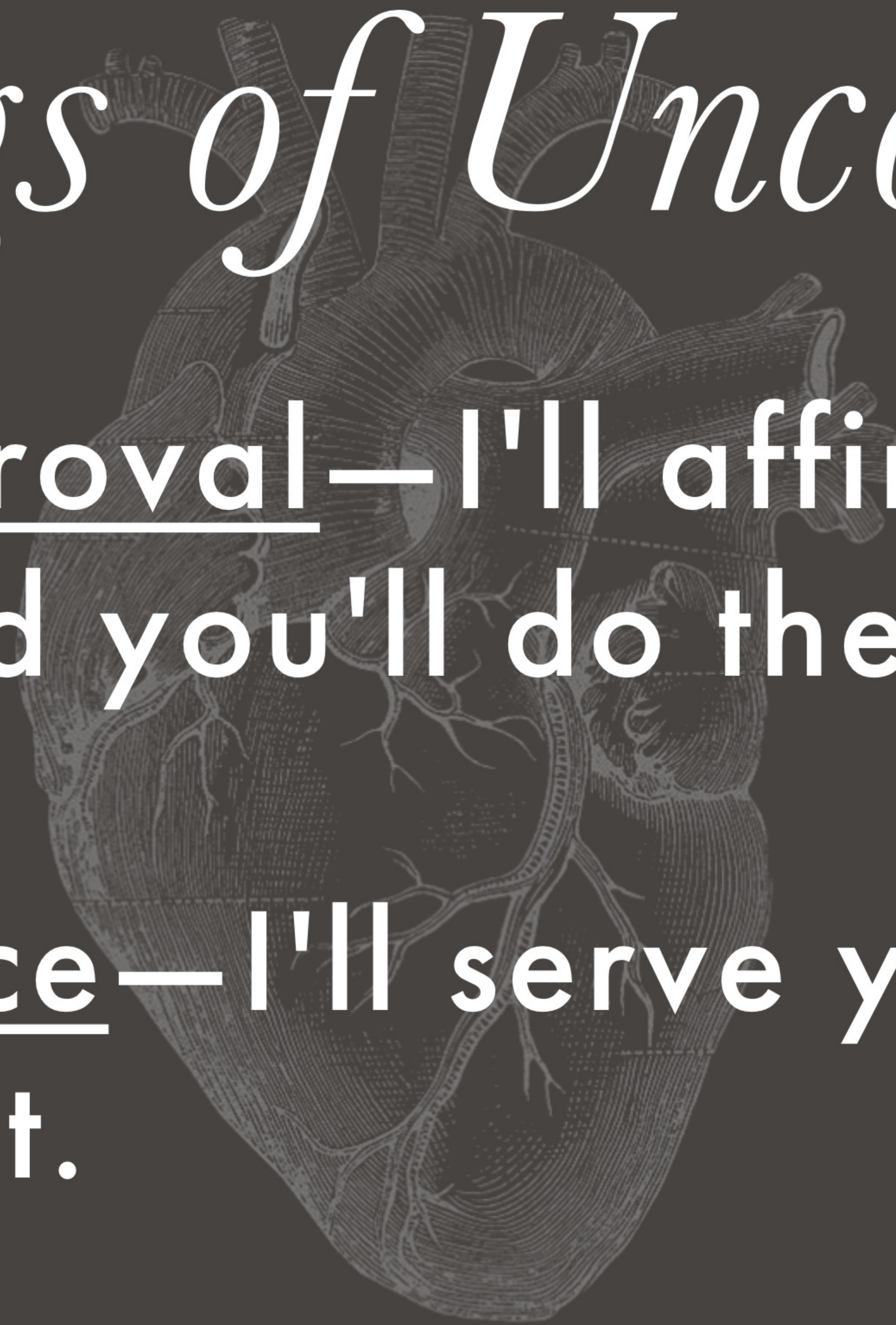


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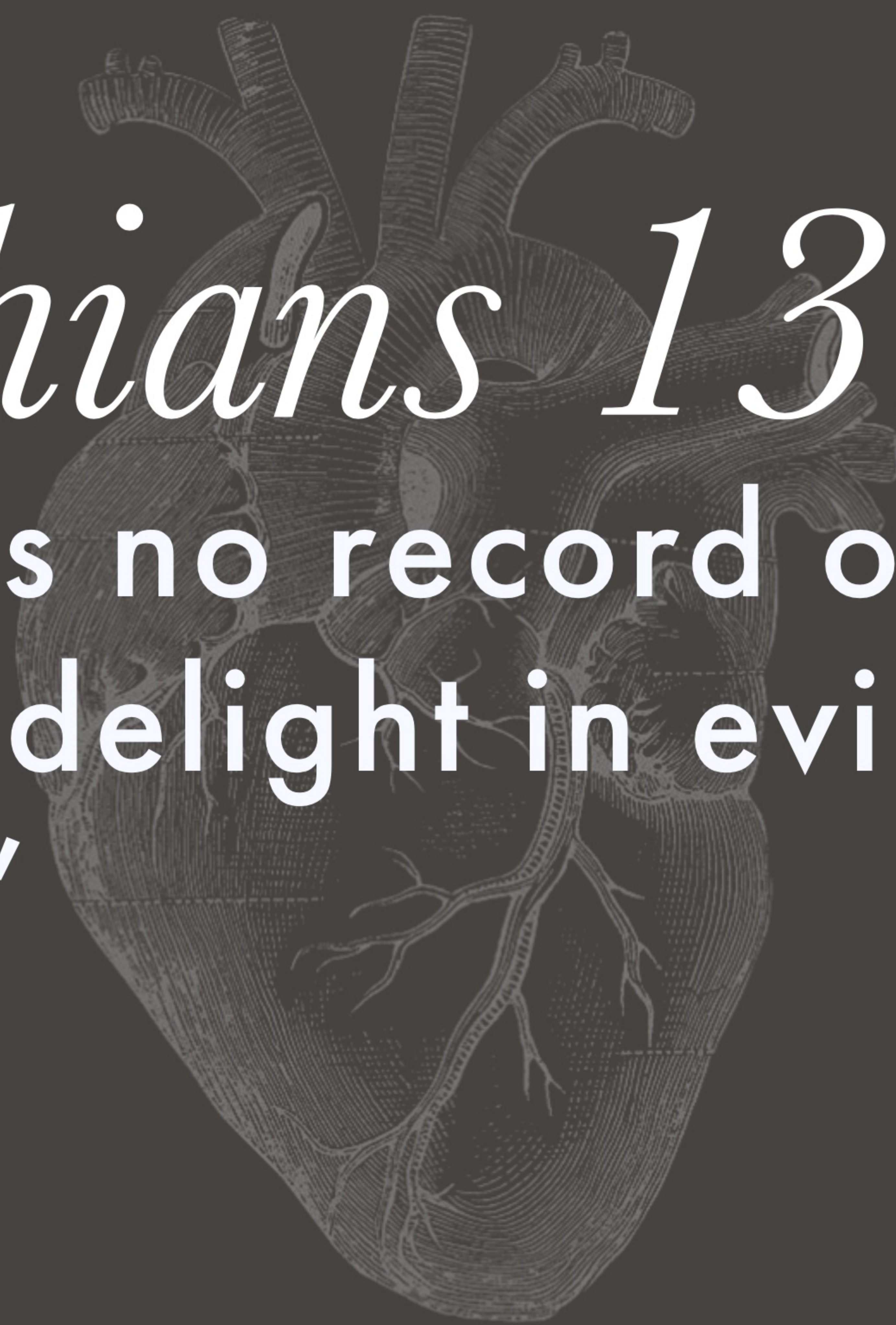
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2. How should we conceptualize virtuous love?



1 Corinthians 13:5c-6

"...[love] keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices
with the truth."



Virtue:
True Goods

Assets:
Real Things

Truth
Goodness
Beauty
Nobility
Godliness
Faith
Fortitude/Courage
Prudence
Compassion
Etc.

Position/Status
Energy/Effort
Safety/Ease
Privacy/Control
Responsibility
Productivity/Rest
Wealth
Life/Liberty
Etc.

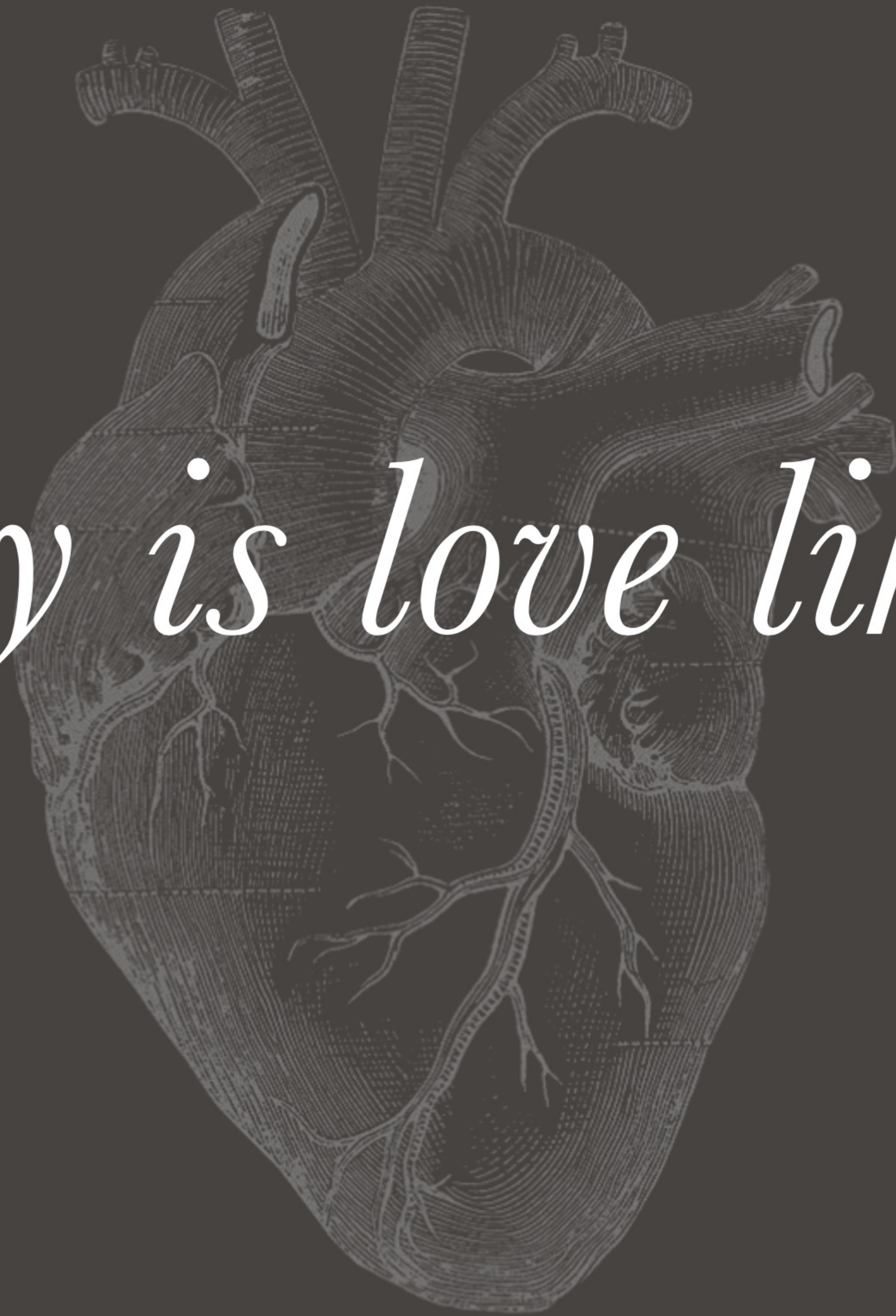
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3. Why is love like this?



Matthew 26:39-42

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.

"Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

Psalm 33:3-5

Sing a new song of praise to him; play skillfully on the harp, and sing with joy. For the word of the LORD holds true, and we can trust everything he does. He loves whatever is just and good; the unfailing love of the LORD fills the earth.

*God loves more
than just you.*



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