

# Misconceptions that inhibit feeling

Truism:
"God's love is unconditional!"

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1. There is no shortcut to love.

2. God's love is unfailing, not unconditional.

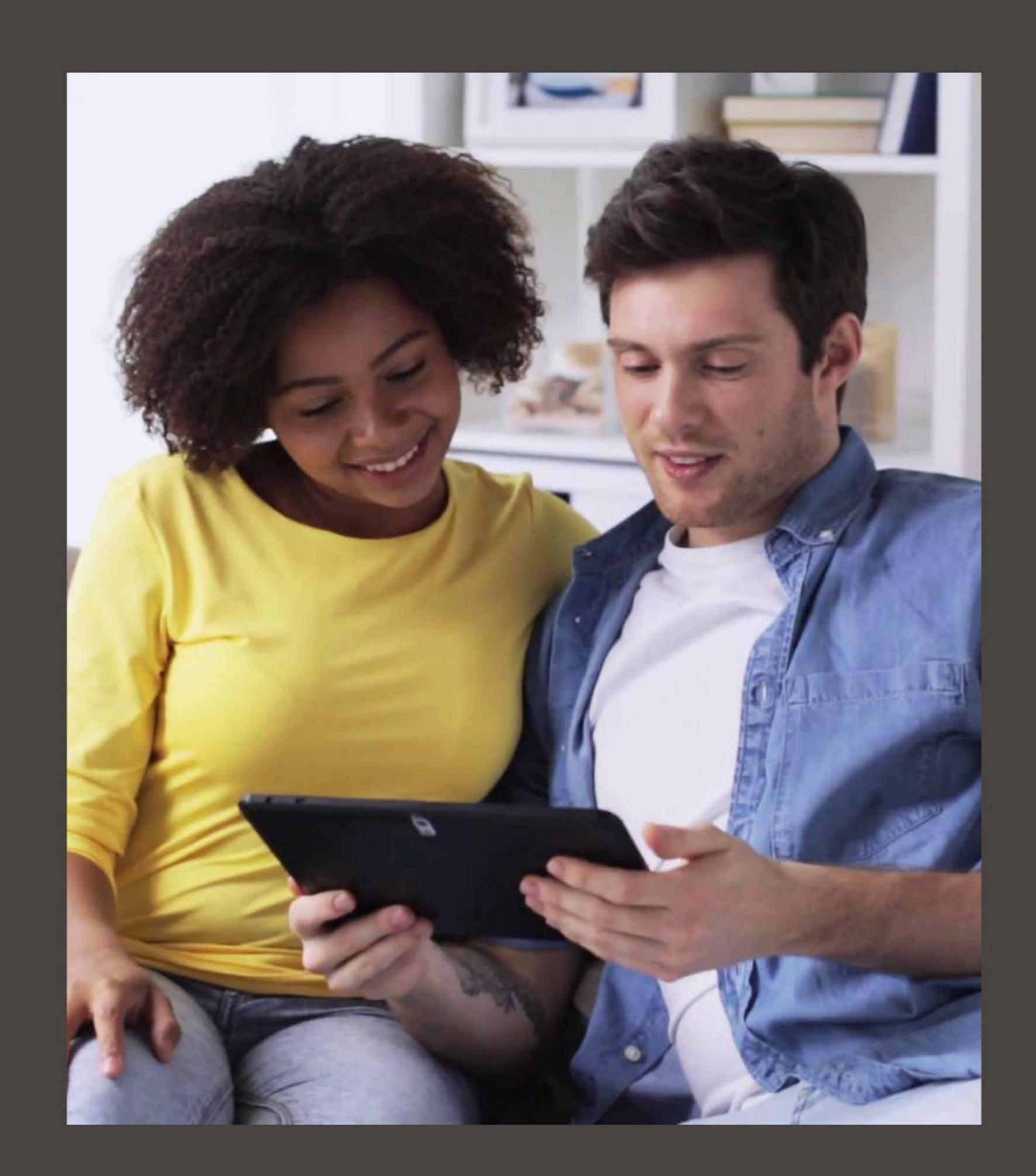
3. God's jealousy is good news for unfaithful creatures.

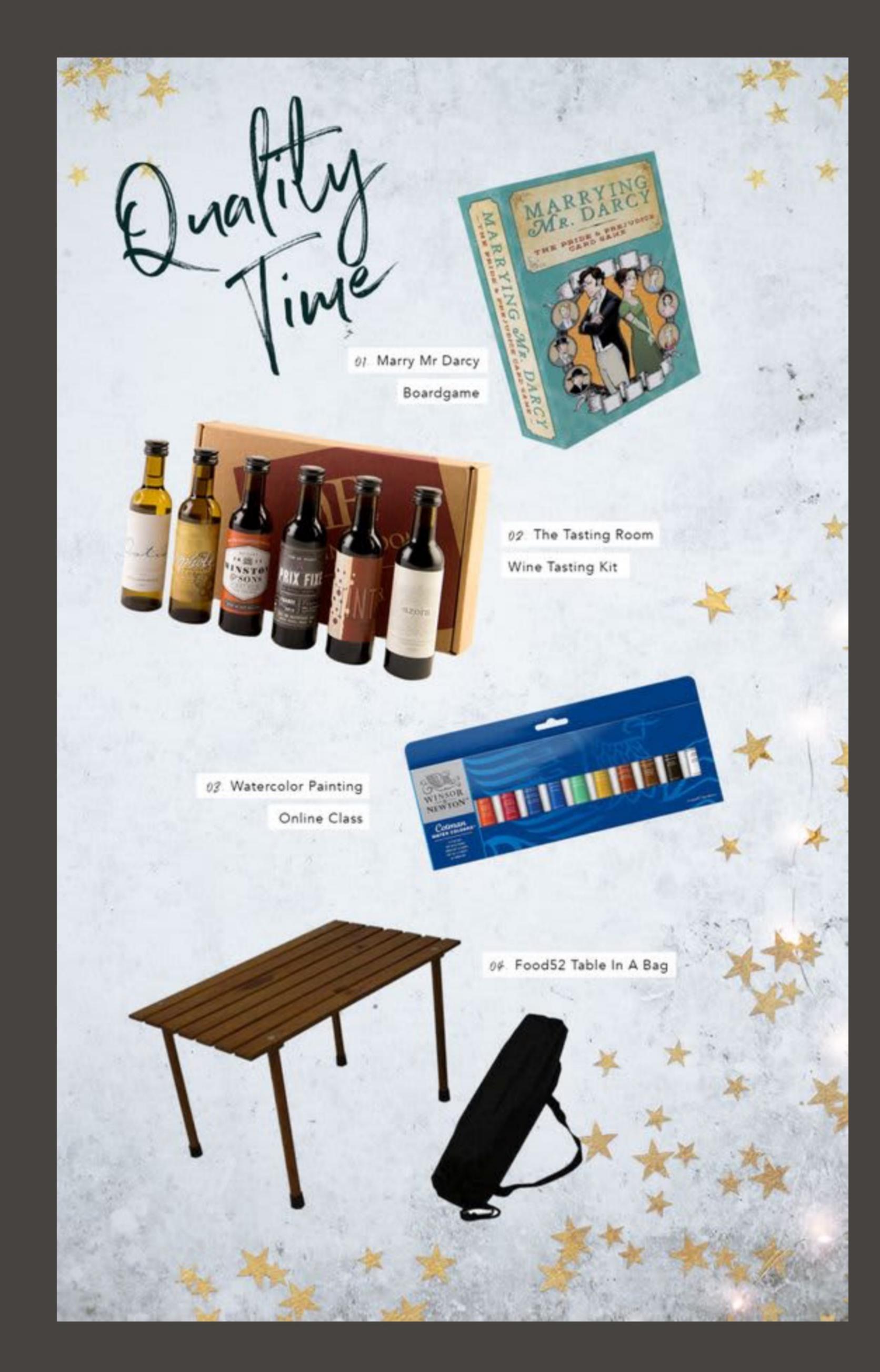
## That does love demand.

# 3 Implications:

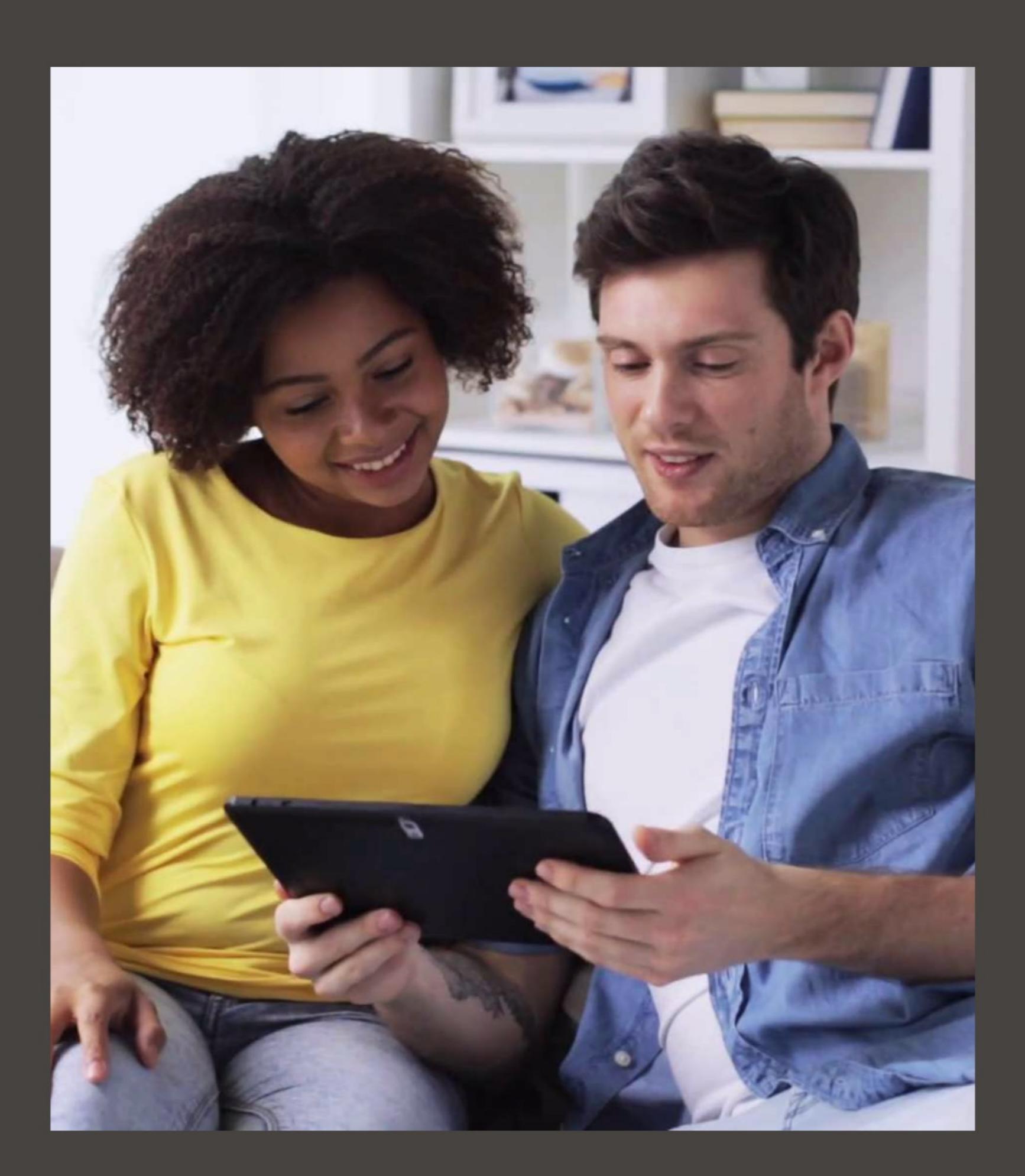
- 1. Our feelings and God's love
- 2. The quality of the love of others
- 3. How we can love beautifully













#### 1 Corinthians 13:6-8

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

#### John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

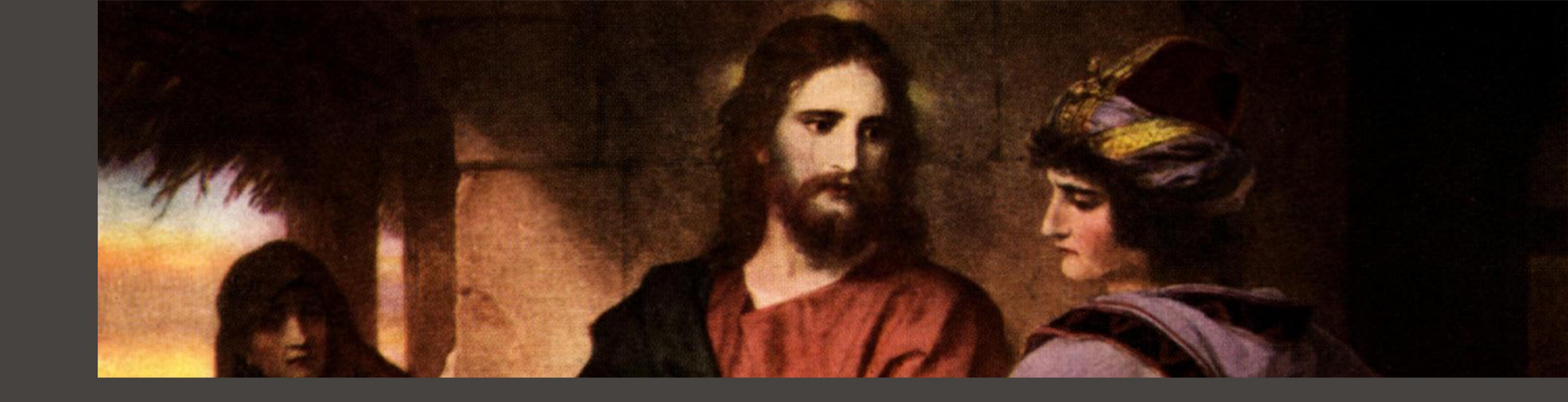
John 1:16-18 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

# The expression of love demands true goodness by the means of grace.

#### 1. Love demands true goodness

#### Nisconception #1: In order to love us, God's principles of love must be flexible.

# God's love is not flexible, but it's extremely adaptable.



#### Think of the examples





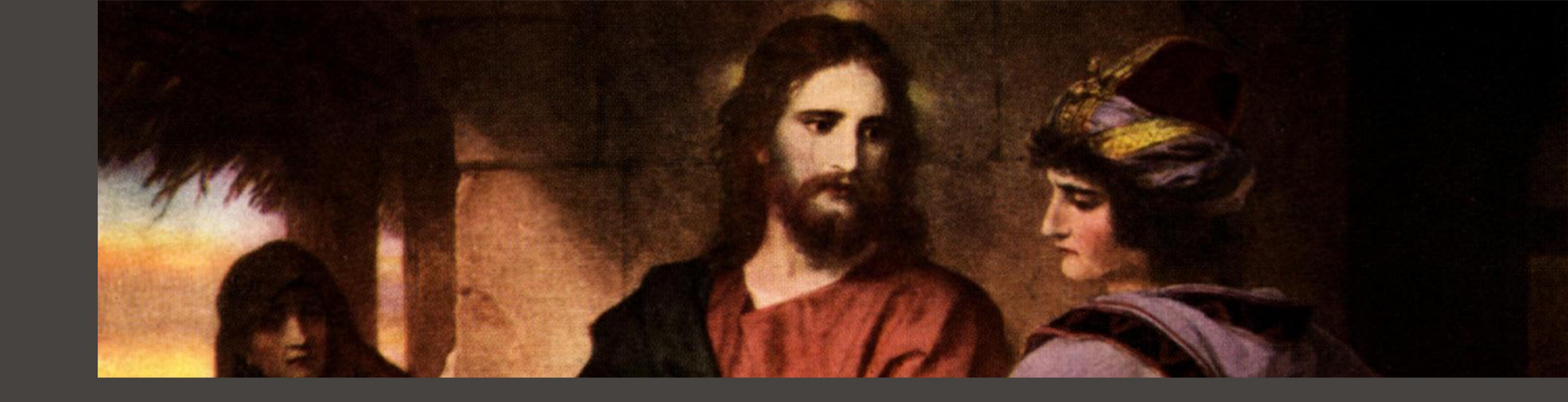
# How do I know and master these principles?



#### 2. True goodness is given through grace

# Grace is giving to someone what they have no claim to for their true good.

#### God's love is not flexible in principle (truth), but it's extremely adaptable in practice (grace).

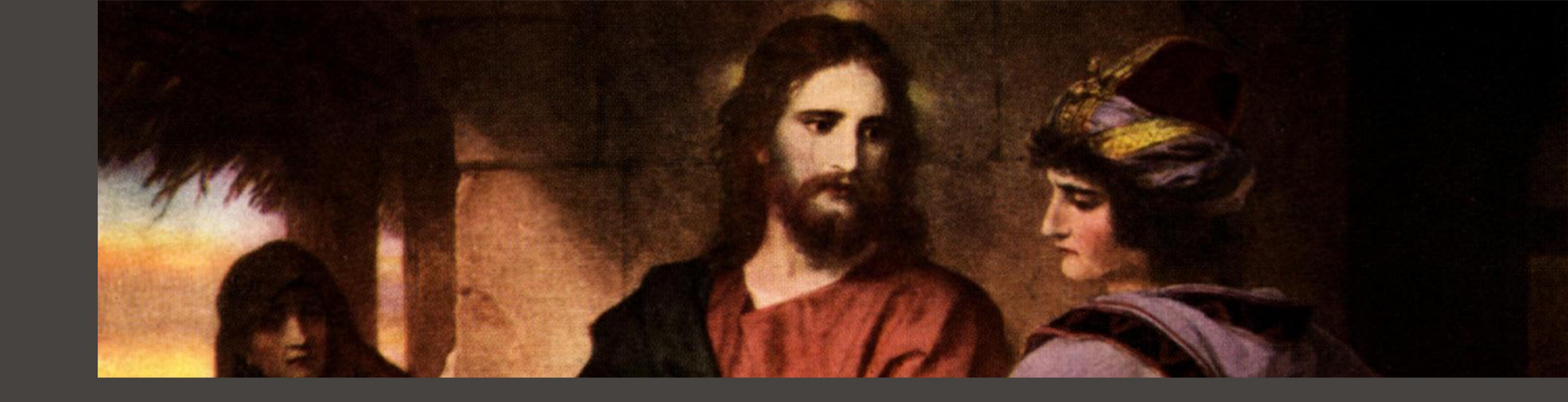


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#### Misconception #2:

#### Being gracious means being nice.



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# If being gracious doesn't mean being nice,

then what does it mean?

#### Grace requires giving someone the good they need

how they need it.

Giving them their best chance.



# SO Whats

# God will only love you by giving you what he knows is your true good.

(not whatever you ask for)

#### Artue: Assets: True Goods | Real Things

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

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

### He will seek to give you your best chance.

# He already has in Christ, creation, His Spirit, His church and the scriptures.

(Though he is always doing more)

# Until you understand God's love, you'll be something of a love sucker.

(you can't test love unless you know your true good)

# Don't push away very far those people trying to do you good, no matter how much it bothers you.

(they are faithful friends, even if wrong.)

# You can love like God, even though you can't!

God has given you the pattern for maximally beautiful and creative love.

# People usually need encouragement, not hardness.

2 Corinthians 10:8
...the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than pulling you down

#### When you have to be hard:

Do surgery:

1. Anesthetic-display kindness

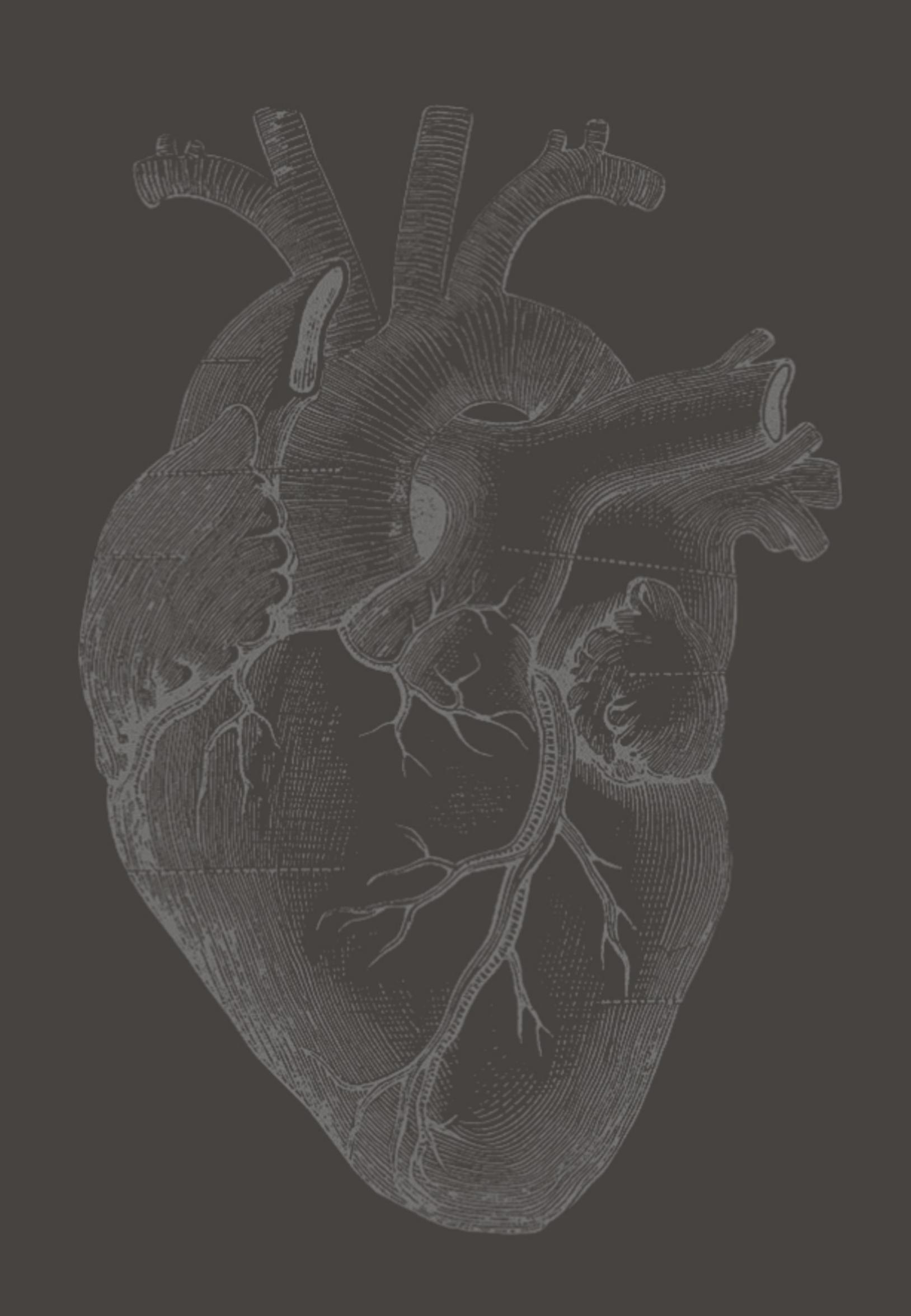
2 Cor 7:9-11

2. Scalpel- Aim for repentance with every word

# Be eagerly patient in your growth in love.

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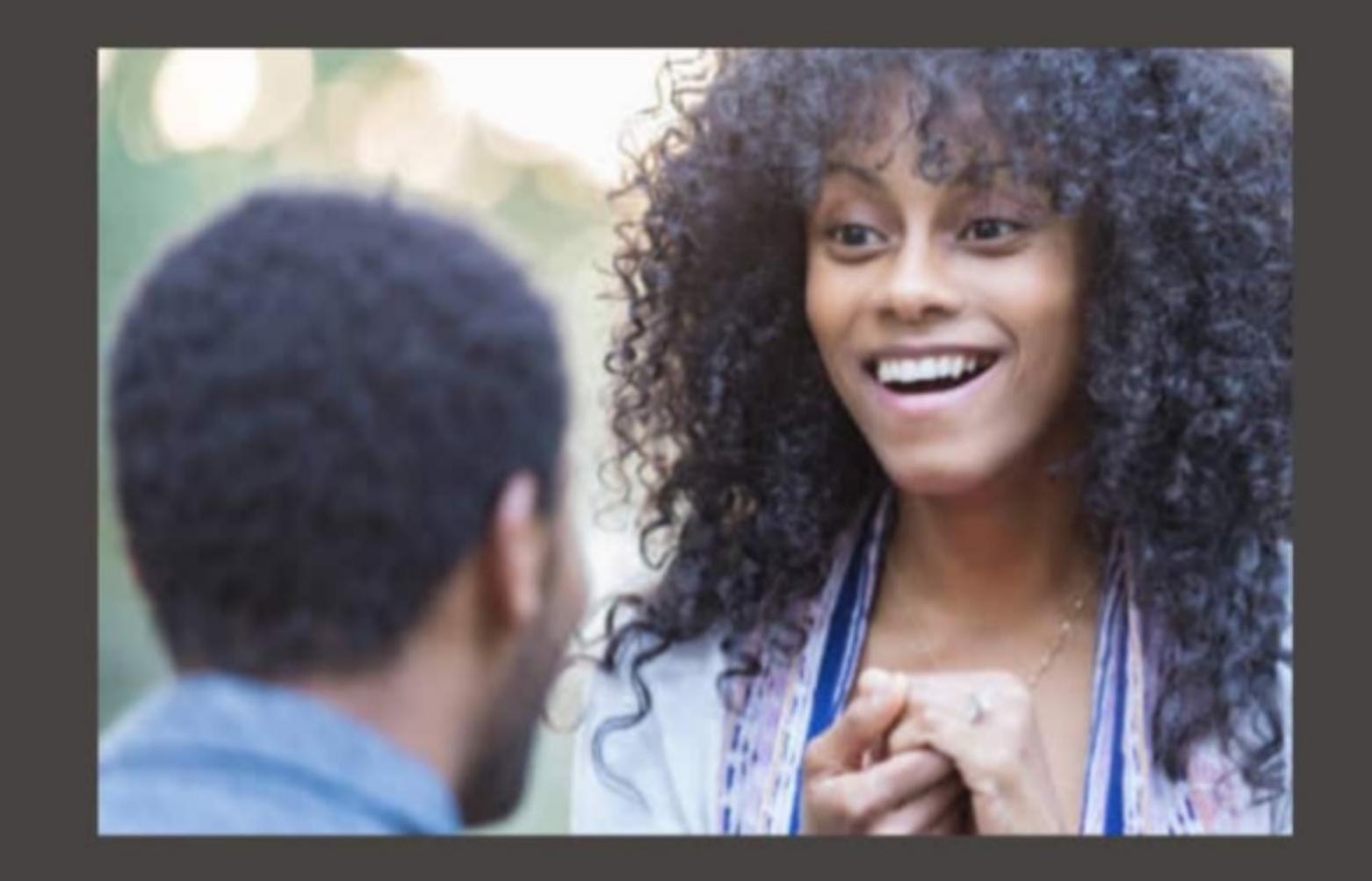
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We have forgotten how humans feel.

