



LIFE TOGETHER


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brings into your life.***



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**LIFE TOGETHER with a very
HOSPITABLE person . . .**

Acts 16:11, “From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis.” (NIV)

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Acts 16:12, “From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.” (NIV)

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Acts 16:13, “On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.” (NIV)

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Acts 16:14-15, “One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.

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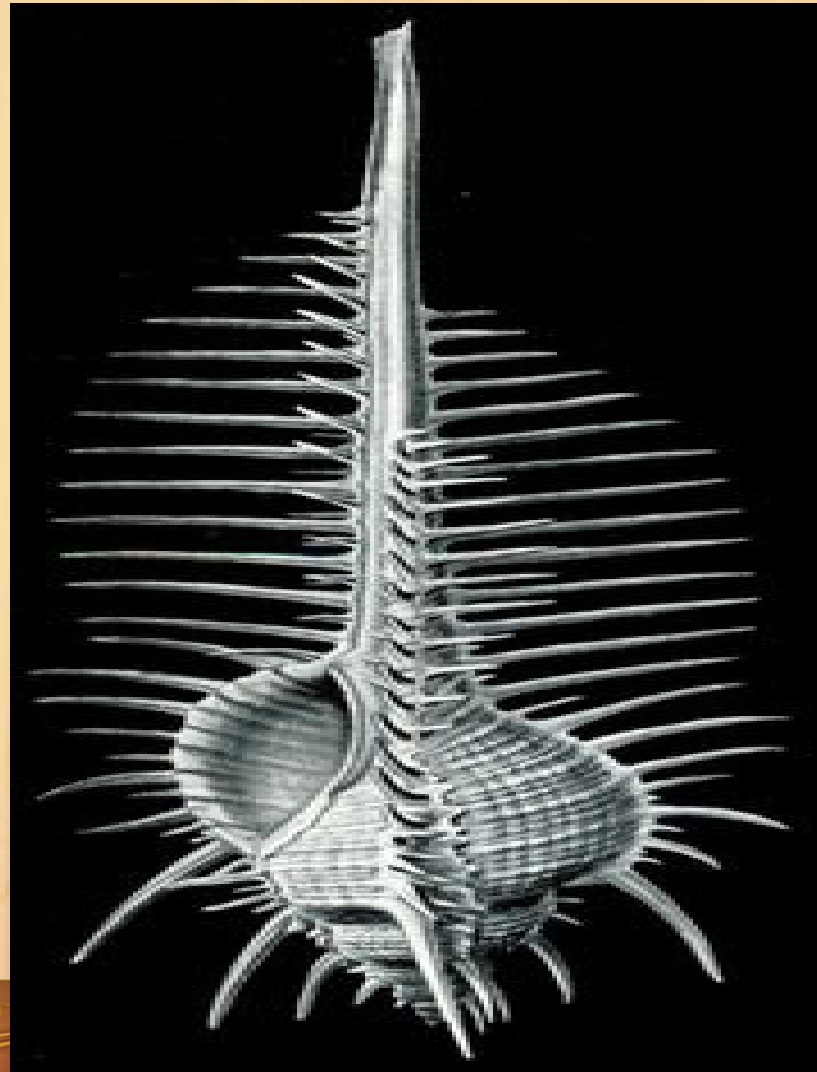
When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. ‘If you consider me a believer in the Lord,’ she said, ‘come and stay at my house.’ And she persuaded us.” (NIV)

LYDIA'S LIBERATION

Lydia's life –

***“dealer in purple cloth
from the city of Thyatira”***

A murex which is a shell-fish.



Madder root



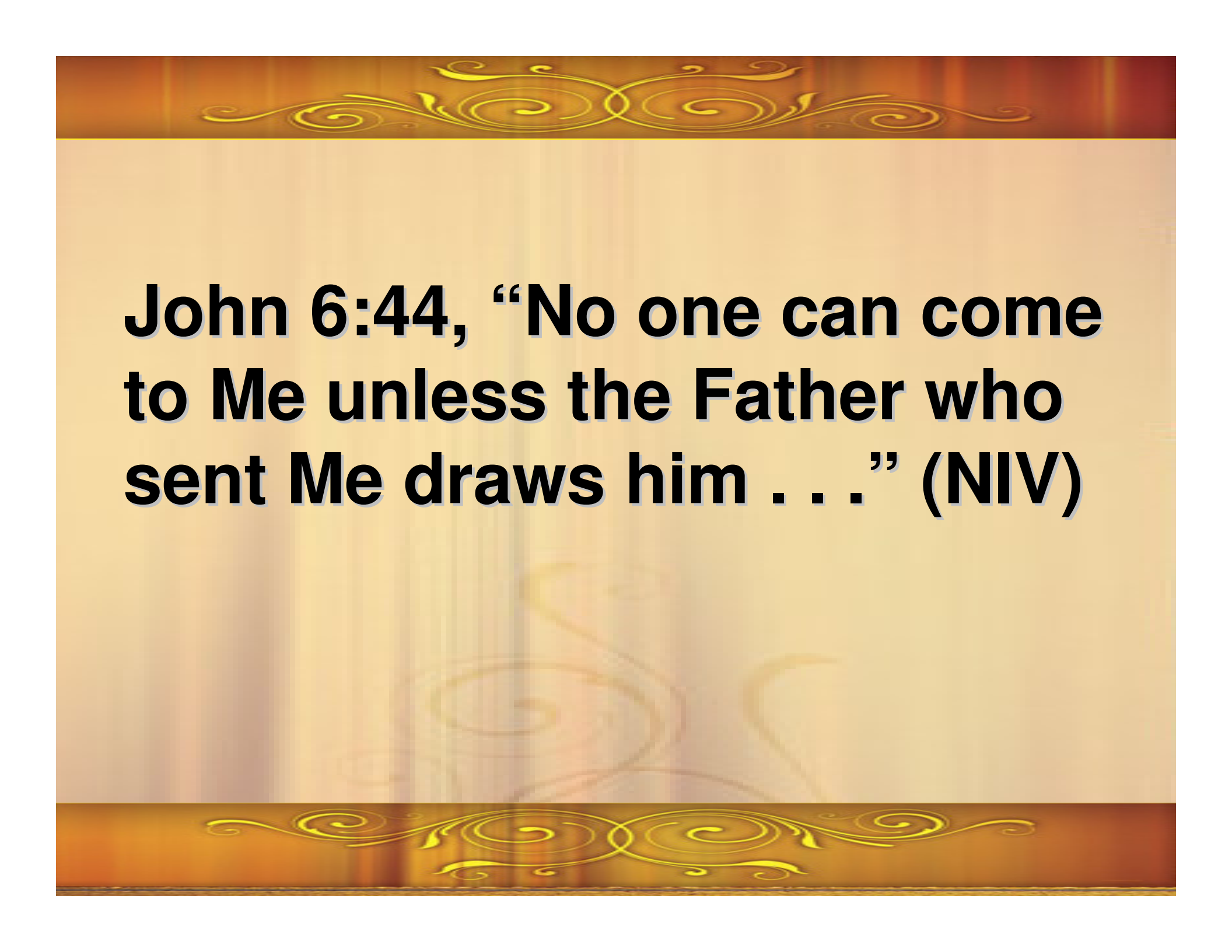
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Lydia's desire to know God –

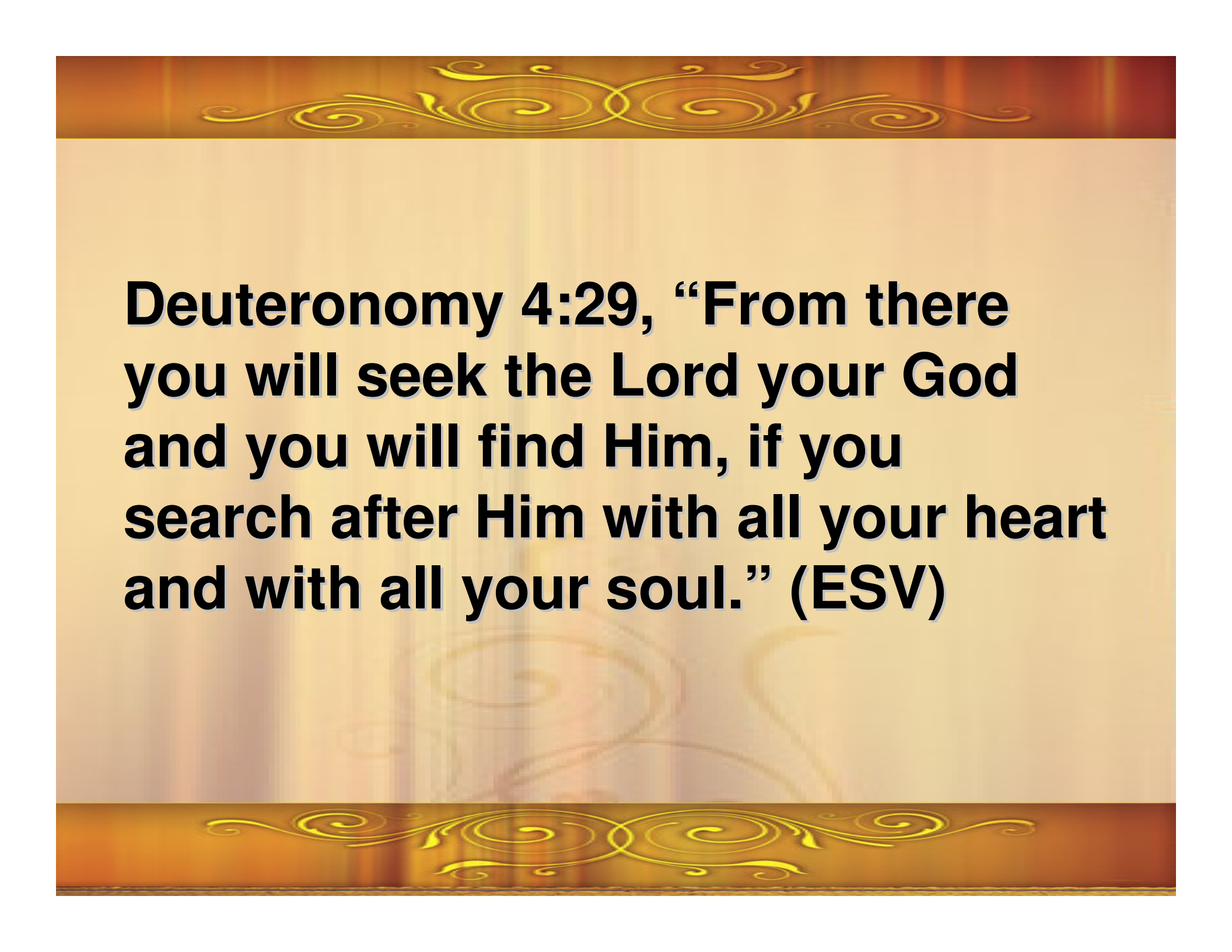
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Lydia's salvation –

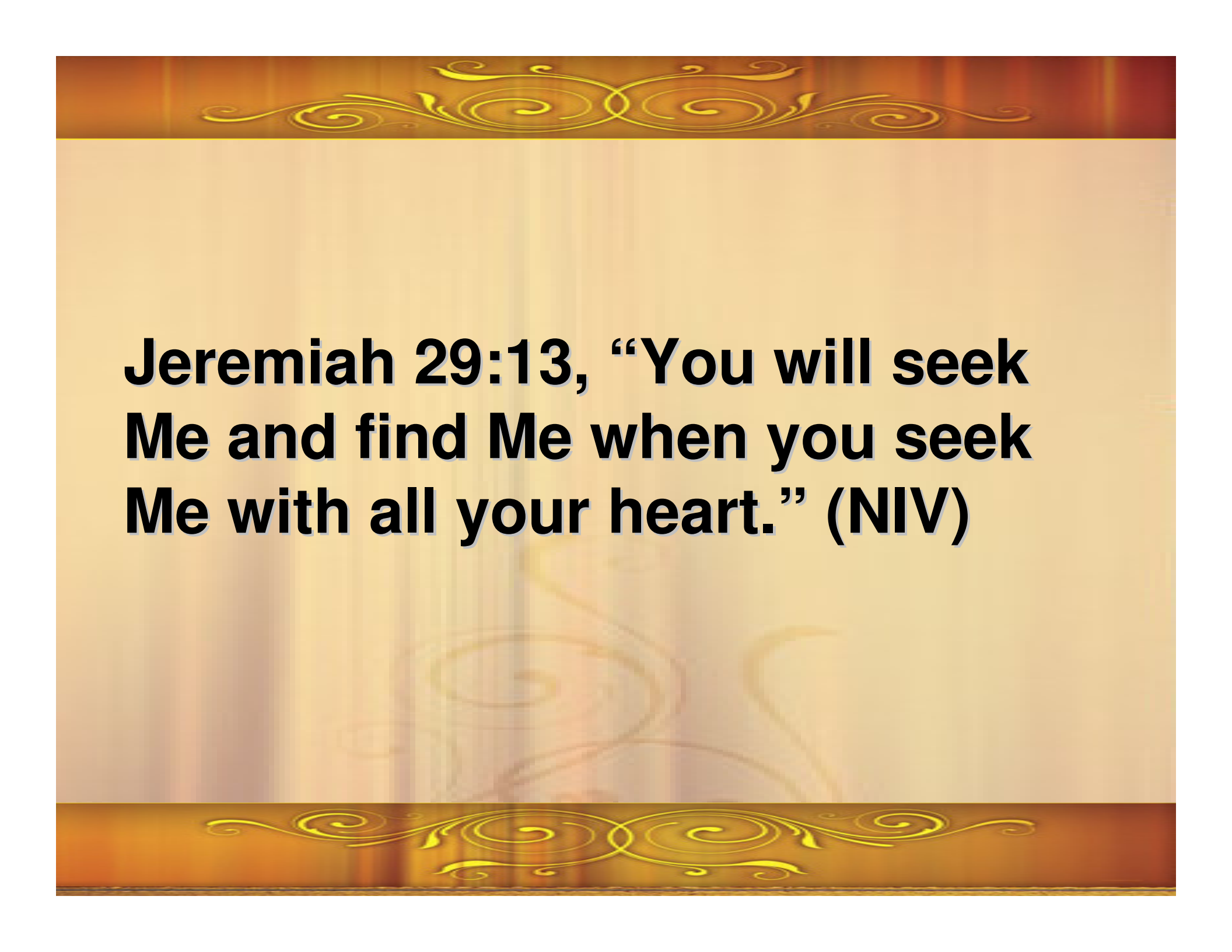
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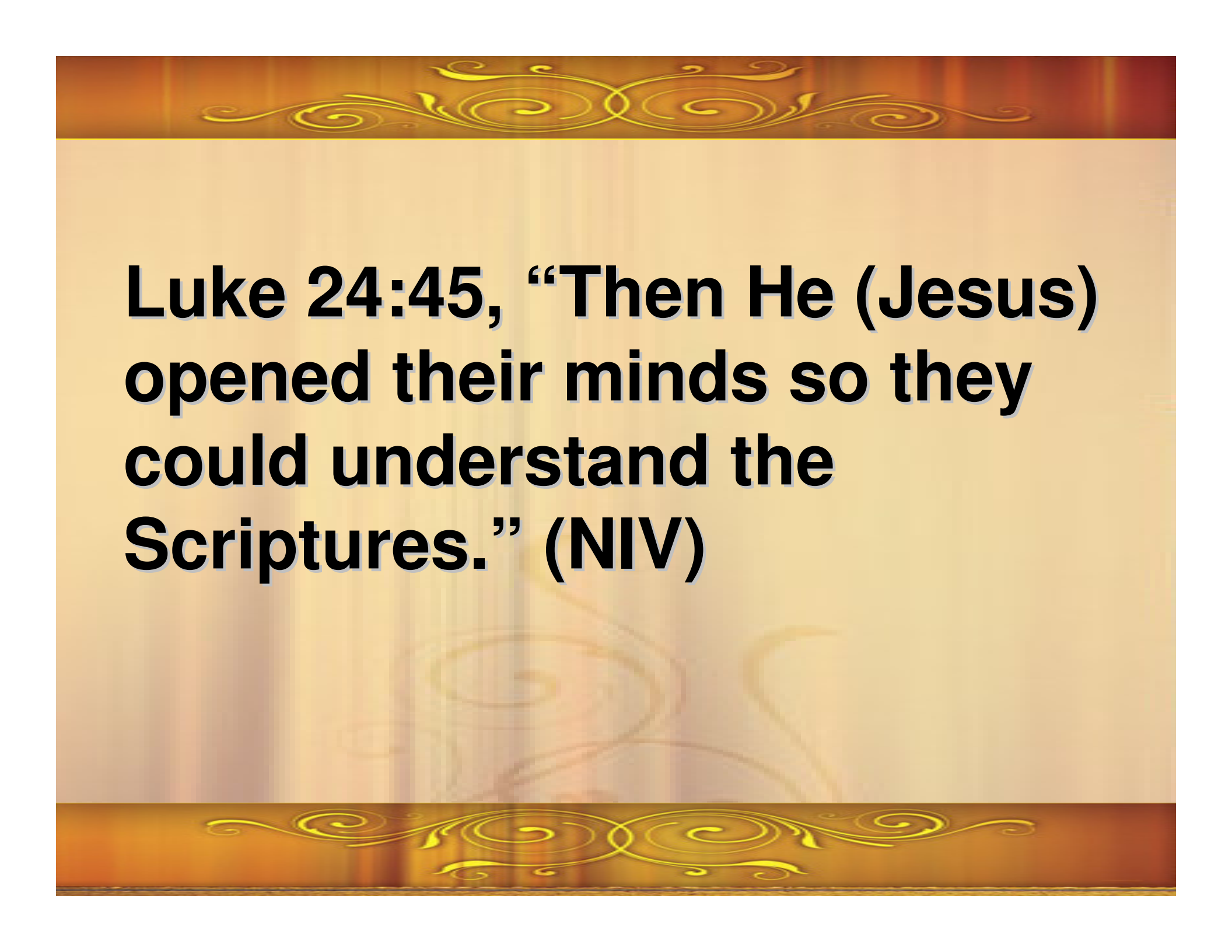
John 6:44, “No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him . . .” (NIV)




Deuteronomy 4:29, “From there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find Him, if you search after Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” (ESV)



Jeremiah 29:13, “You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” (NIV)




Luke 24:45, “Then He (Jesus) opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.” (NIV)



**The question is not:
“what about the native in
some distant land?”**

**The question is:
“how distant is your heart
from God?”**







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**Lydia's obedience –
“*were baptized*”**

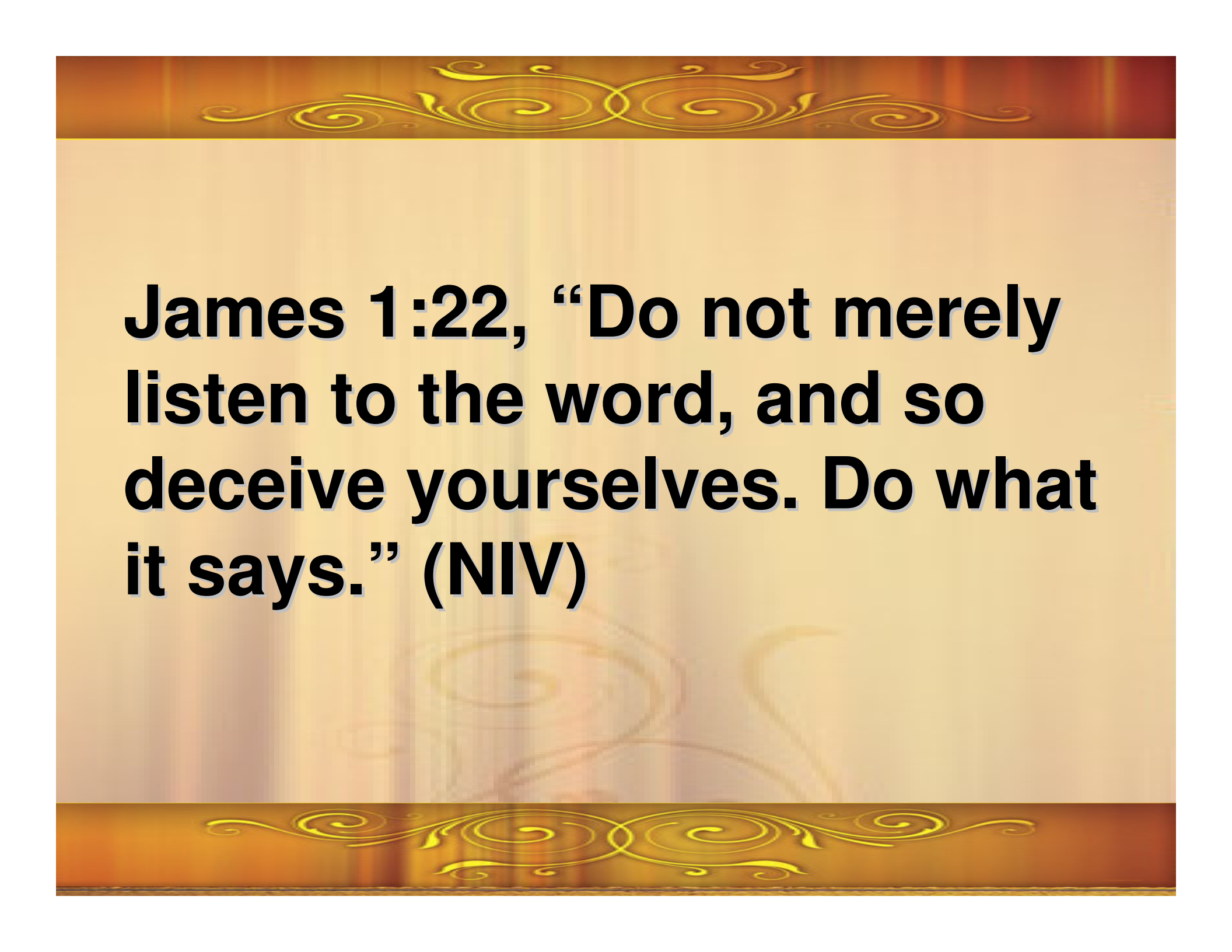





John 14:15, “If you love Me, you will obey what I command.” (NIV)



John 15:14, “You are My friends if you do what I command.” (NIV)

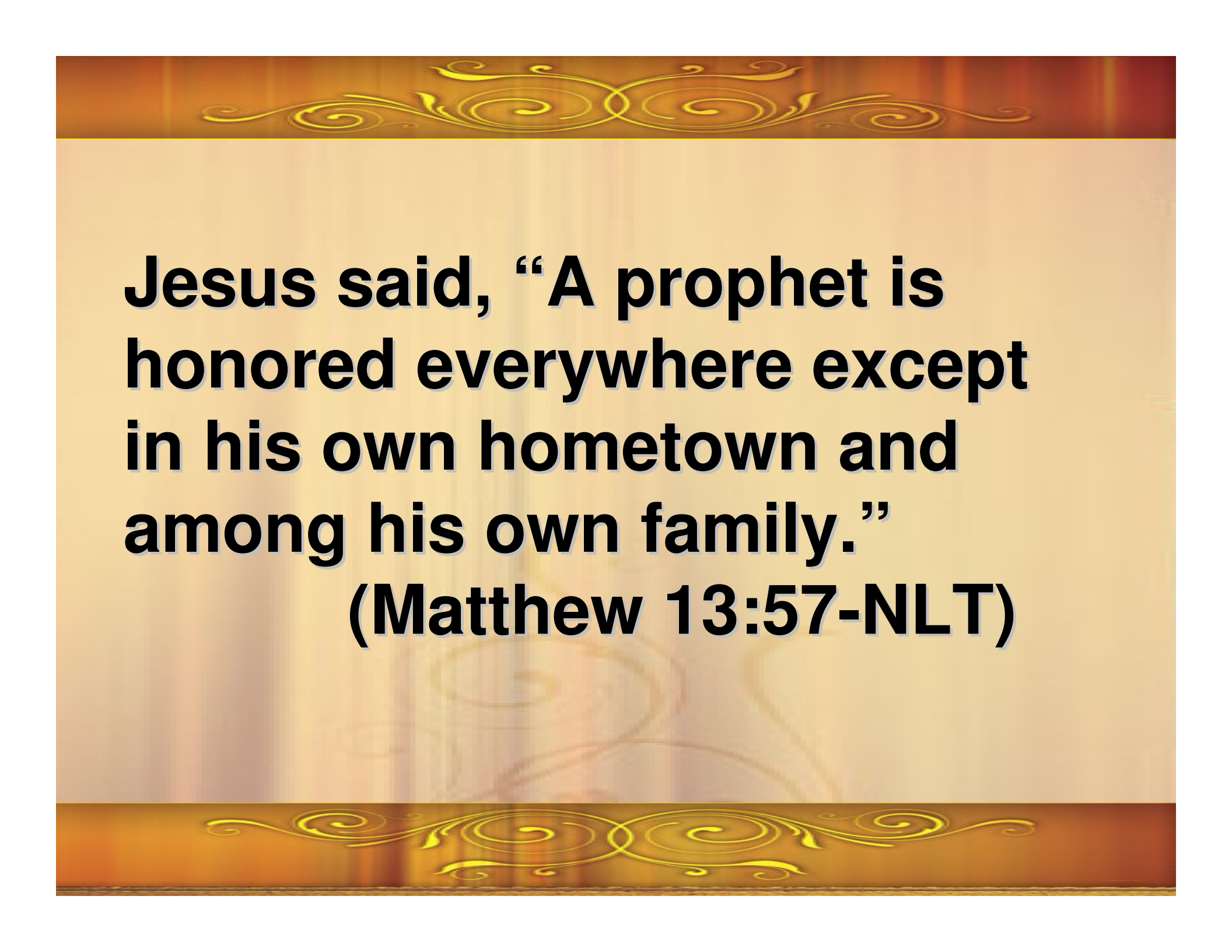


James 1:22, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” (NIV)



OBEYING DEMONSTRATES **SALVATION**

Lydia's testimony –
“the members of her household”



**Jesus said, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family.”
(Matthew 13:57-NLT)**



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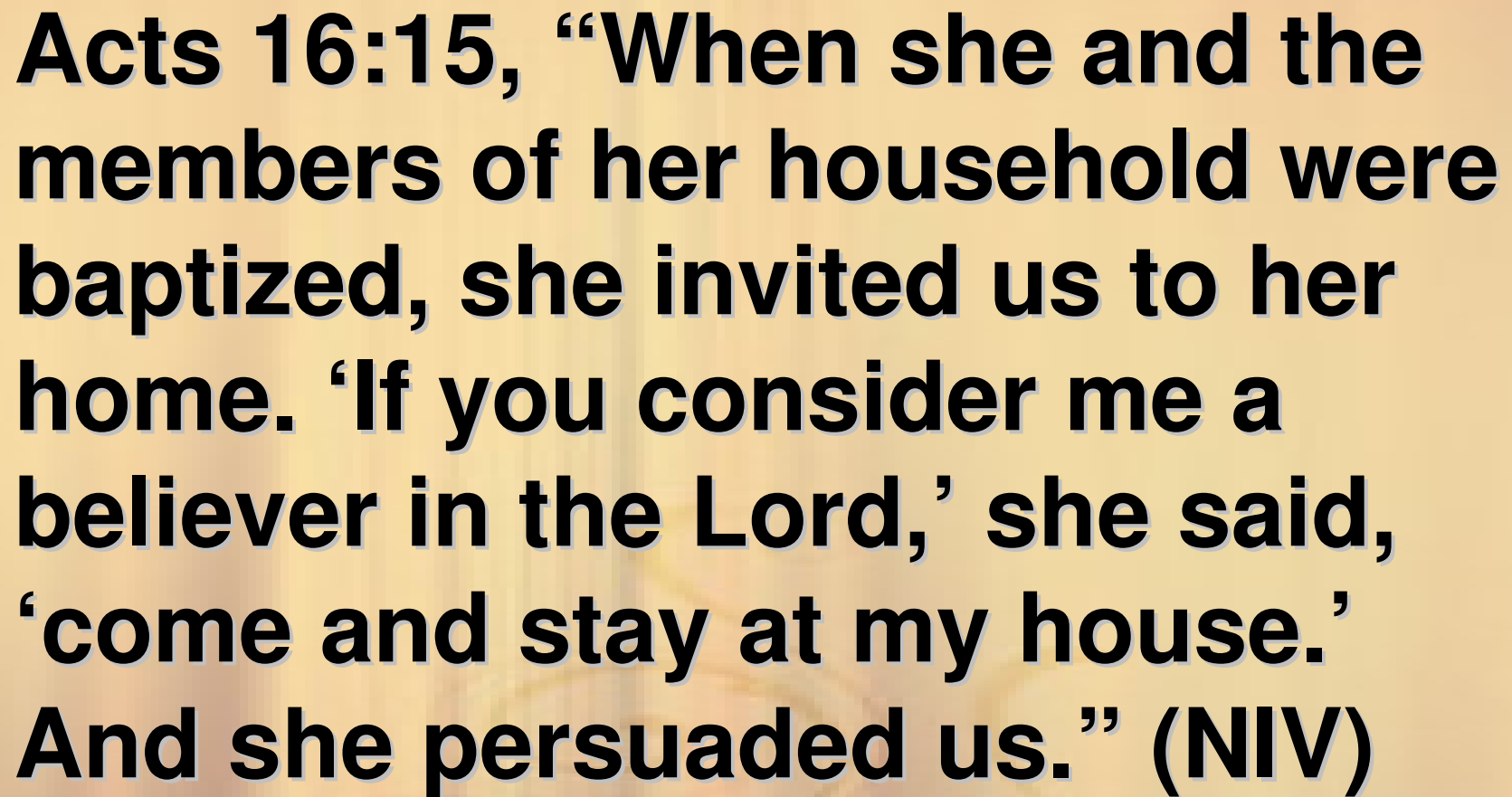
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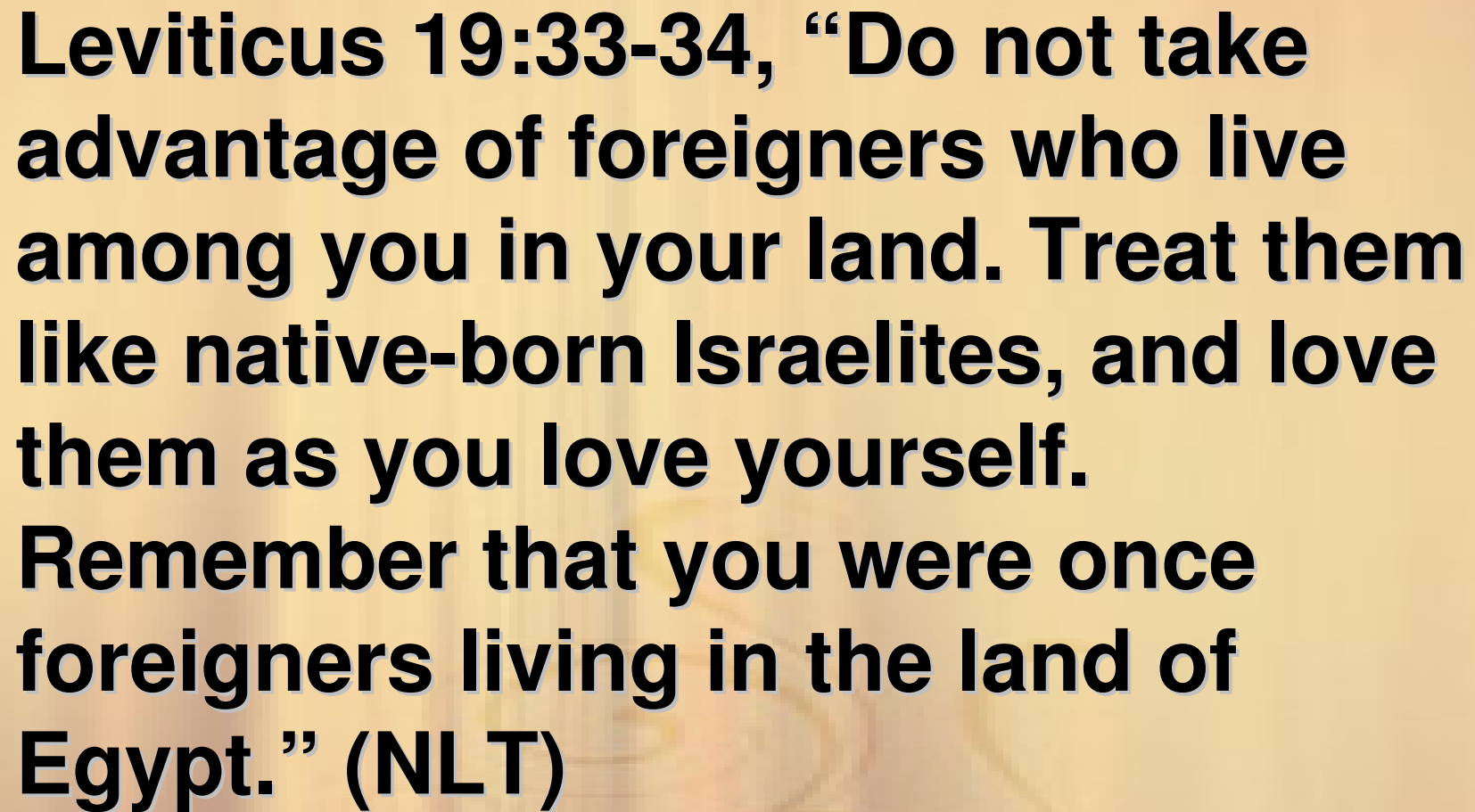
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***“hospitality”* in Greek means:**

“to love stranger”





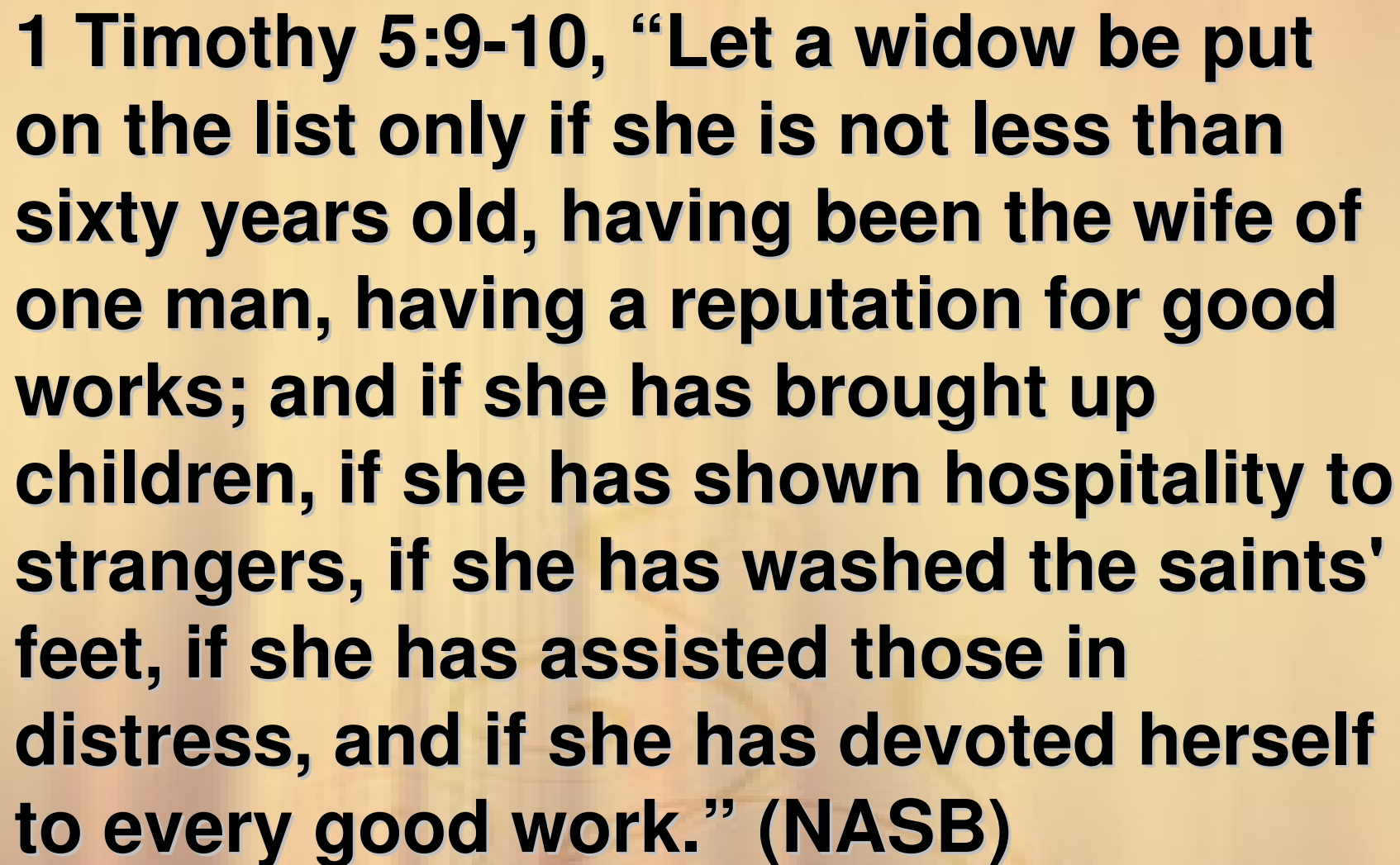
Leviticus 19:33-34, “Do not take advantage of foreigners who live among you in your land. Treat them like native-born Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt.” (NLT)



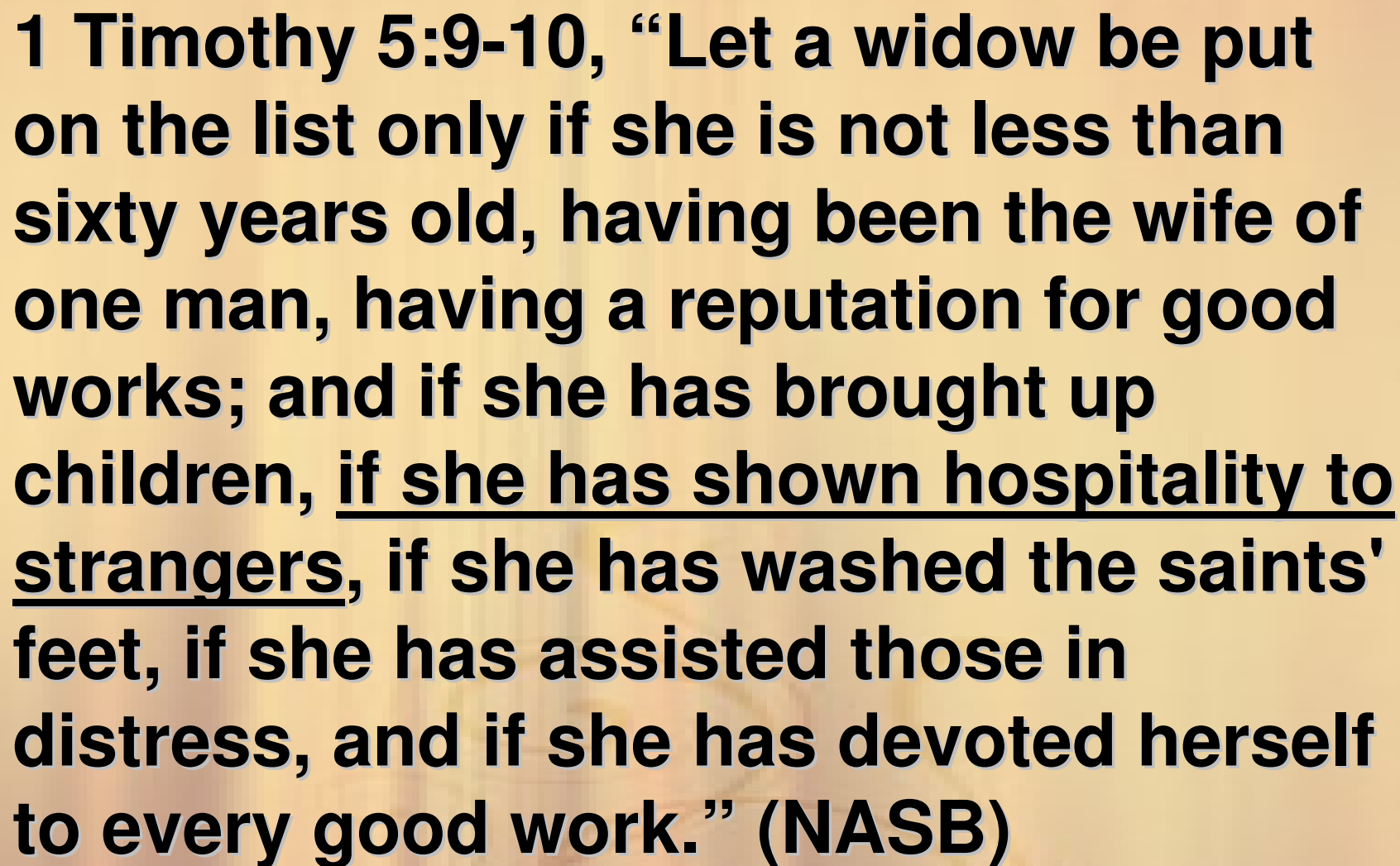
Jewish saying: *“There are six things, the fruit of which a man eats in this world, and by which he receives his reward in the world to come . . .”*

HOSPITALITY TO THE STRANGER!

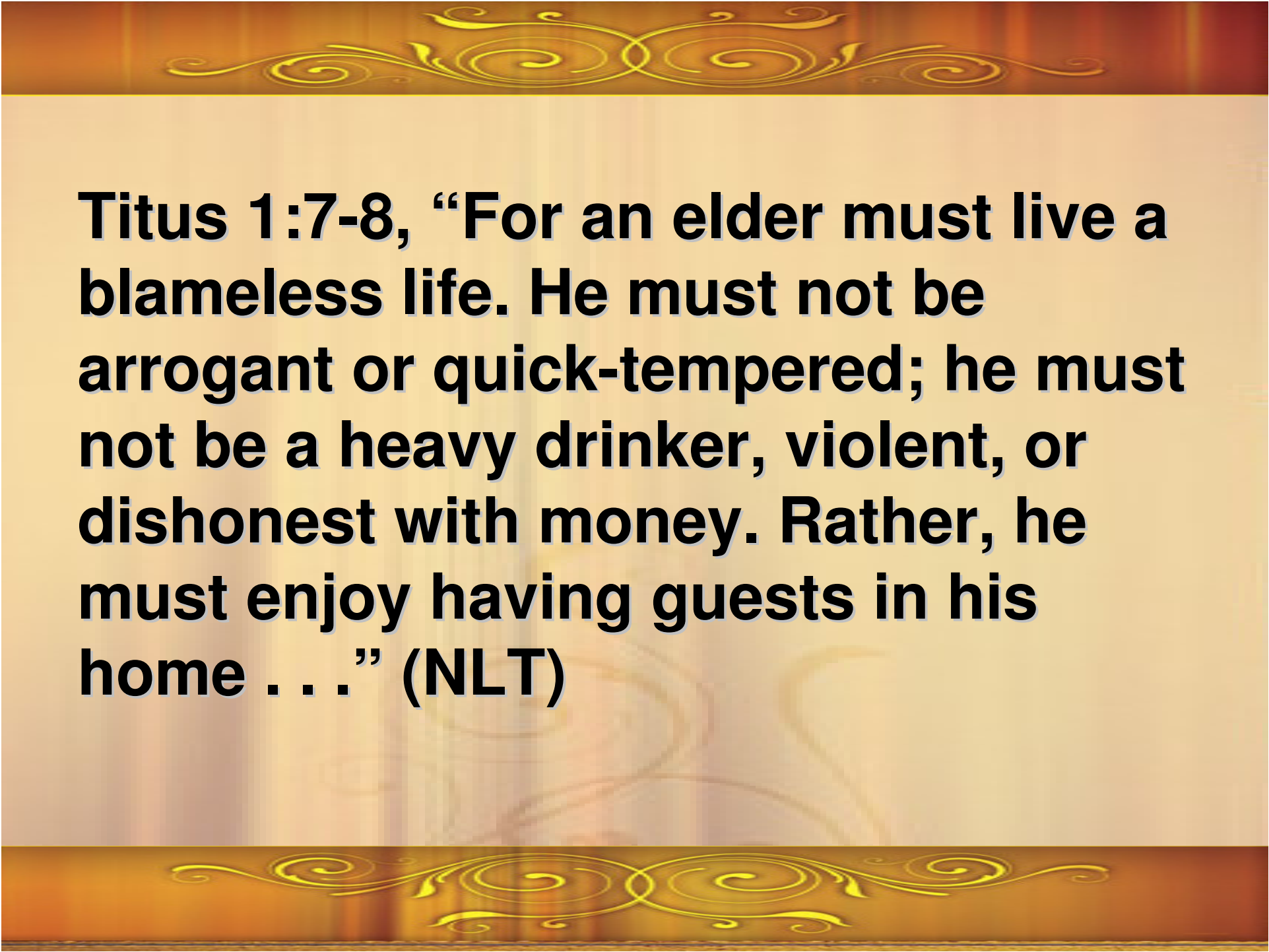




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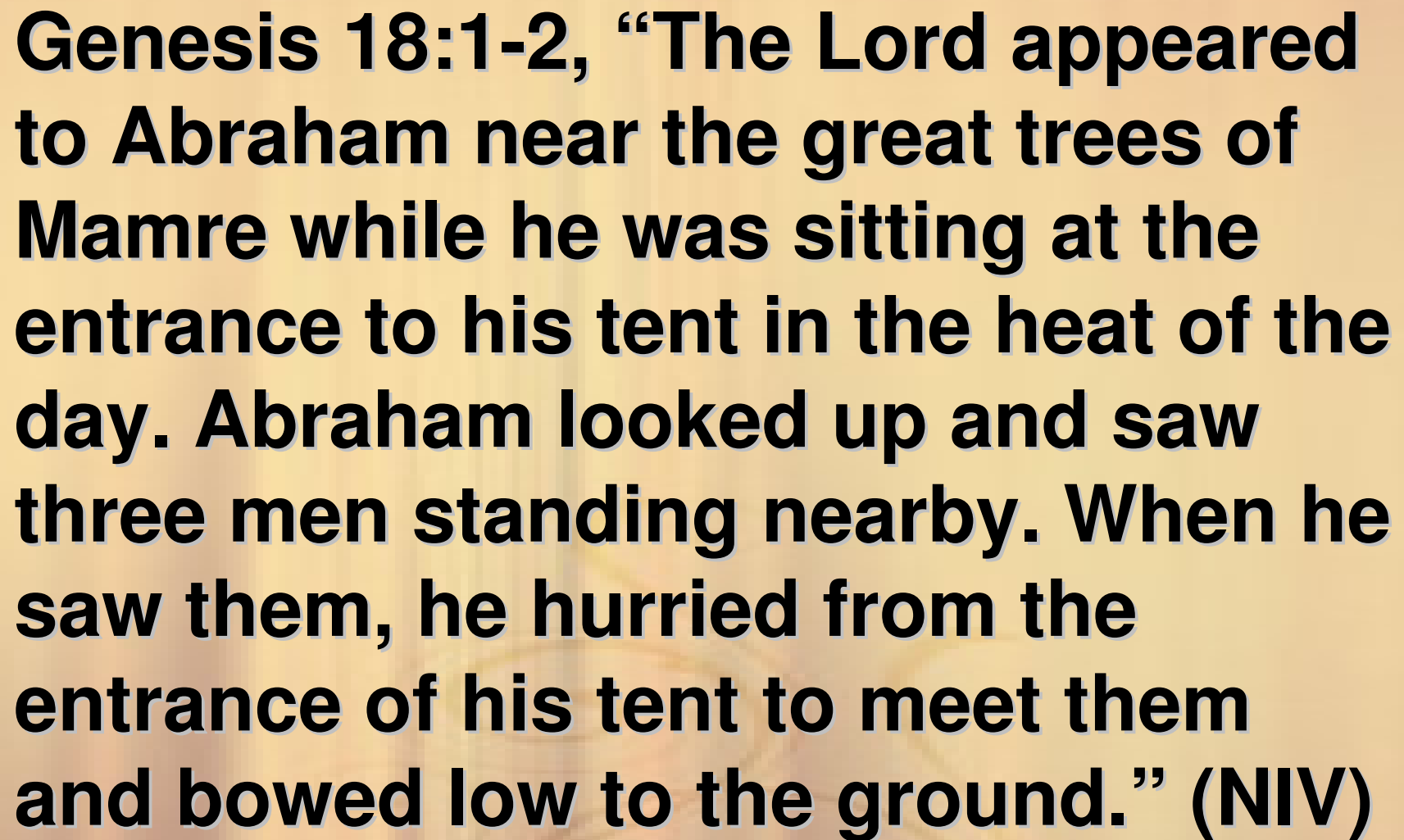


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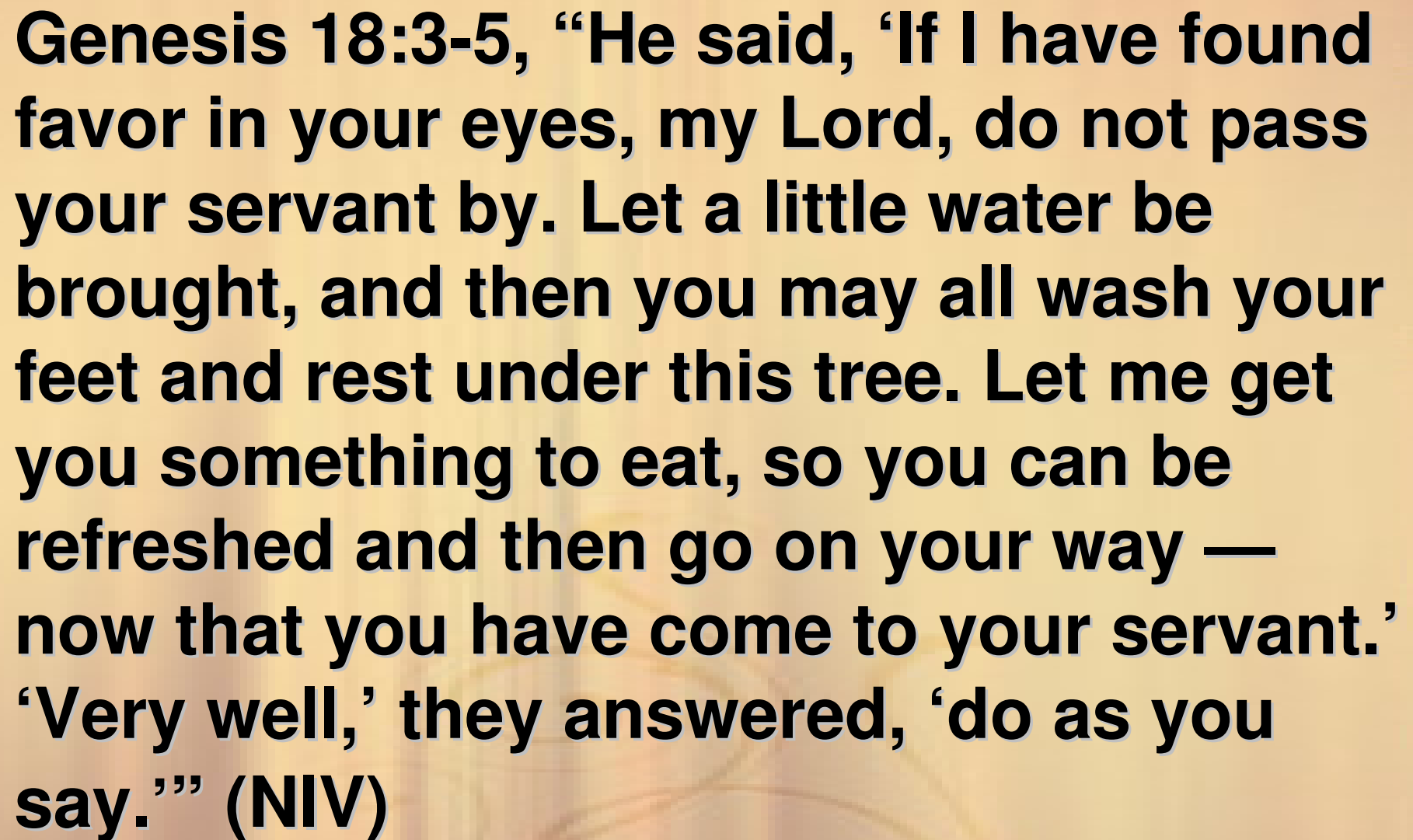


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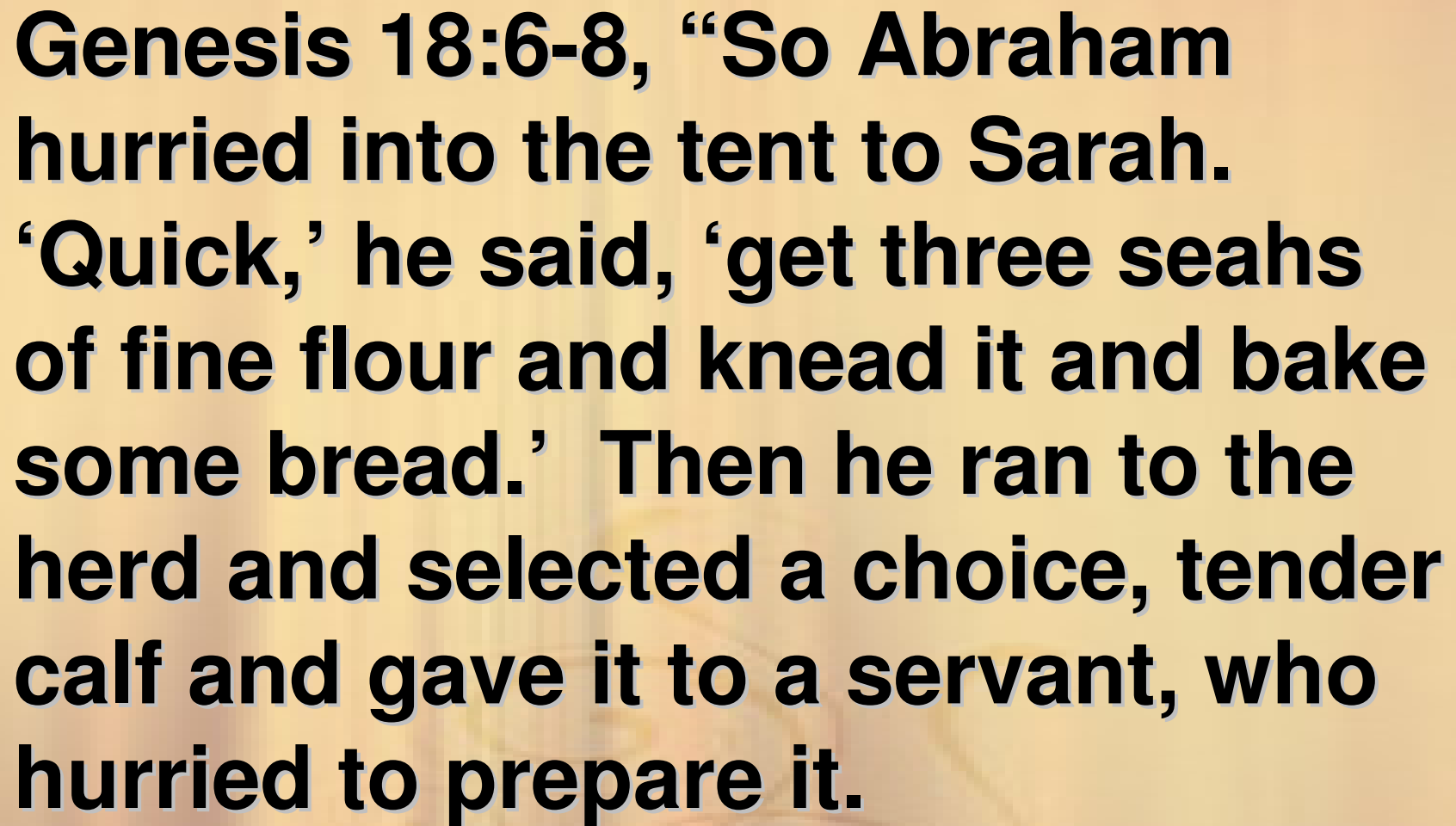
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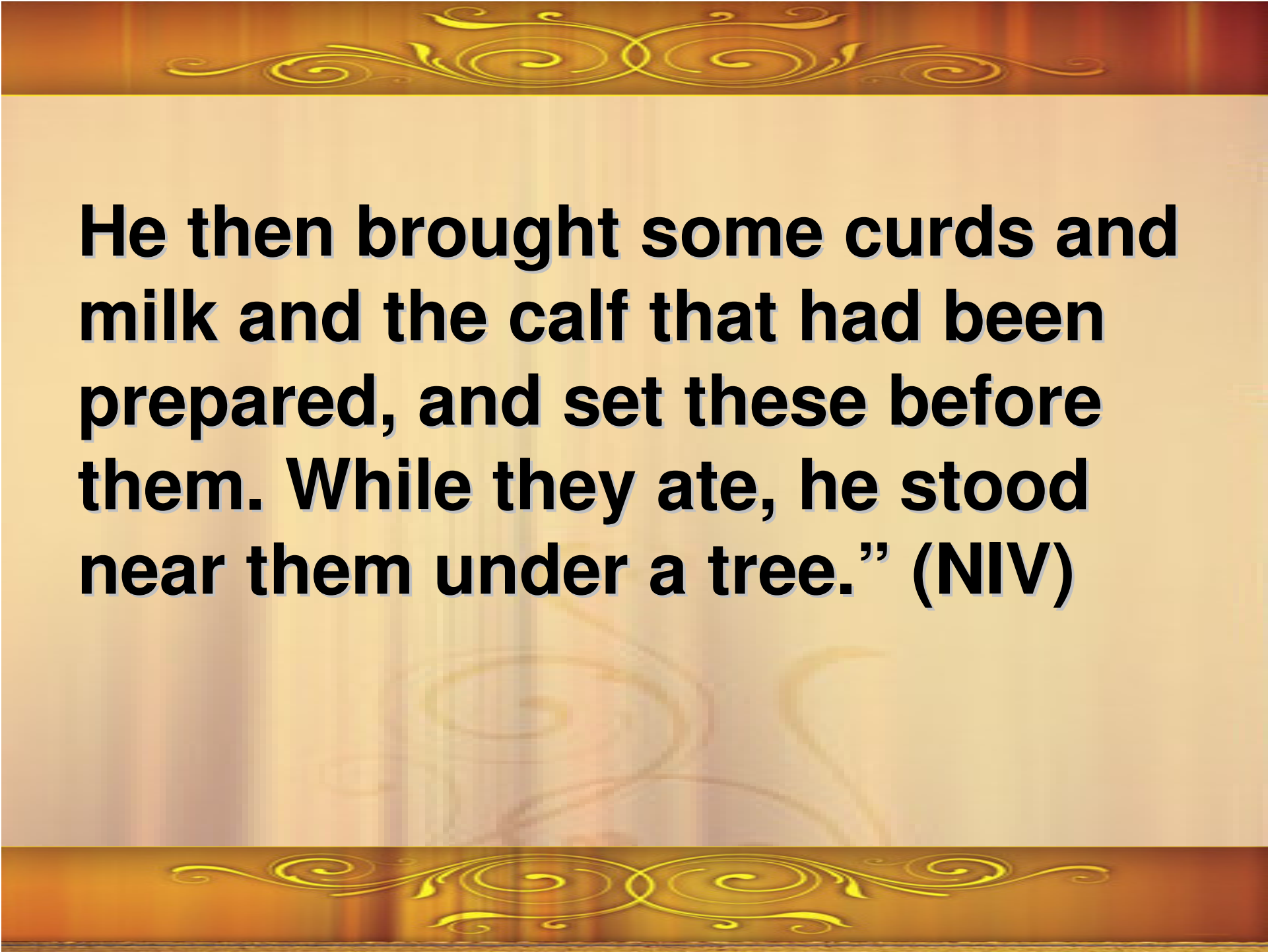
Genesis 18:1-2, “The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.” (NIV)




Genesis 18:3-5, “He said, ‘If I have found favor in your eyes, my Lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way — now that you have come to your servant.’ ‘Very well,’ they answered, ‘do as you say.’” (NIV)




Genesis 18:6-8, “So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. ‘Quick,’ he said, ‘get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread.’ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it.




He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.” (NIV)

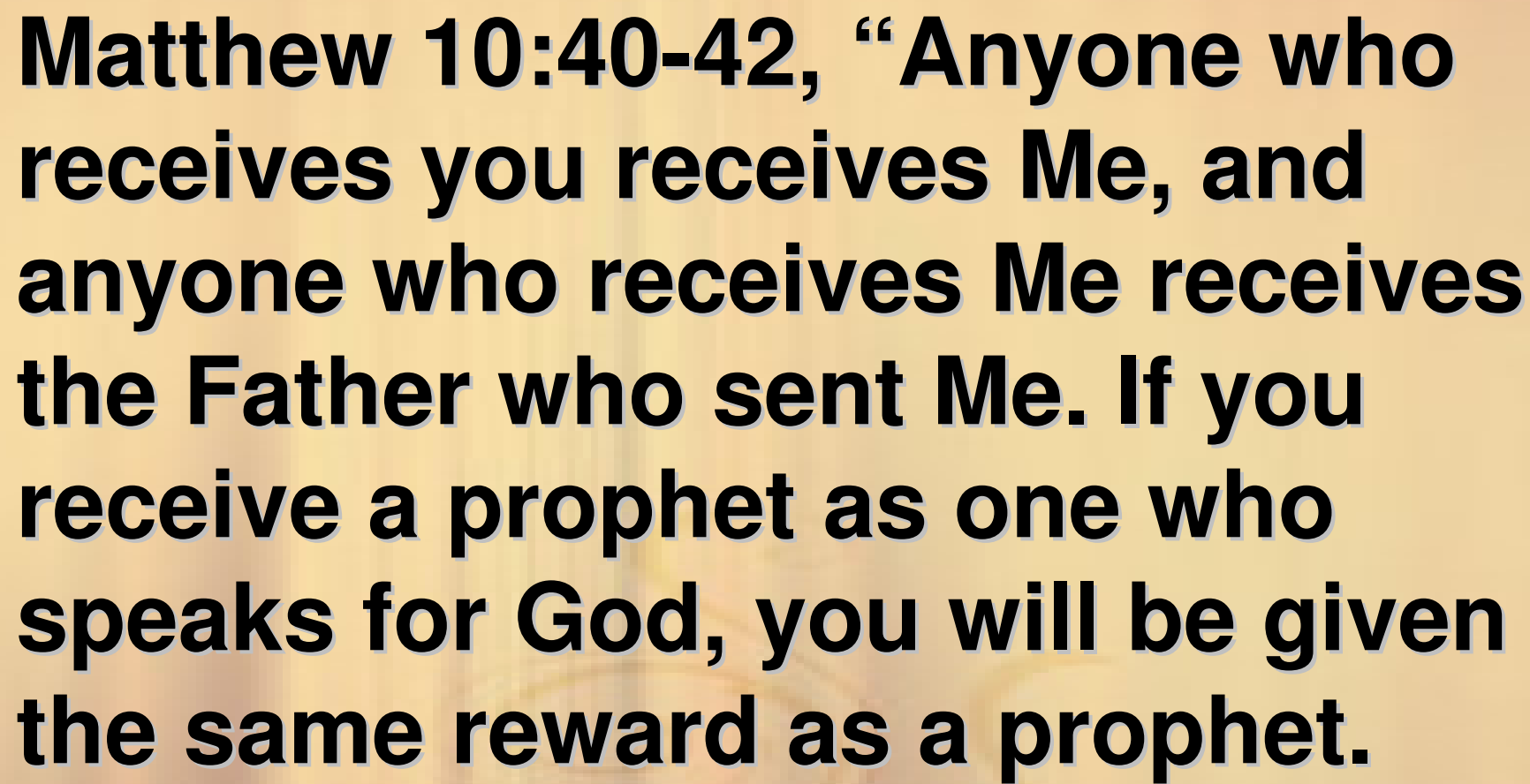


Hebrews 13:2, “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (NIV)

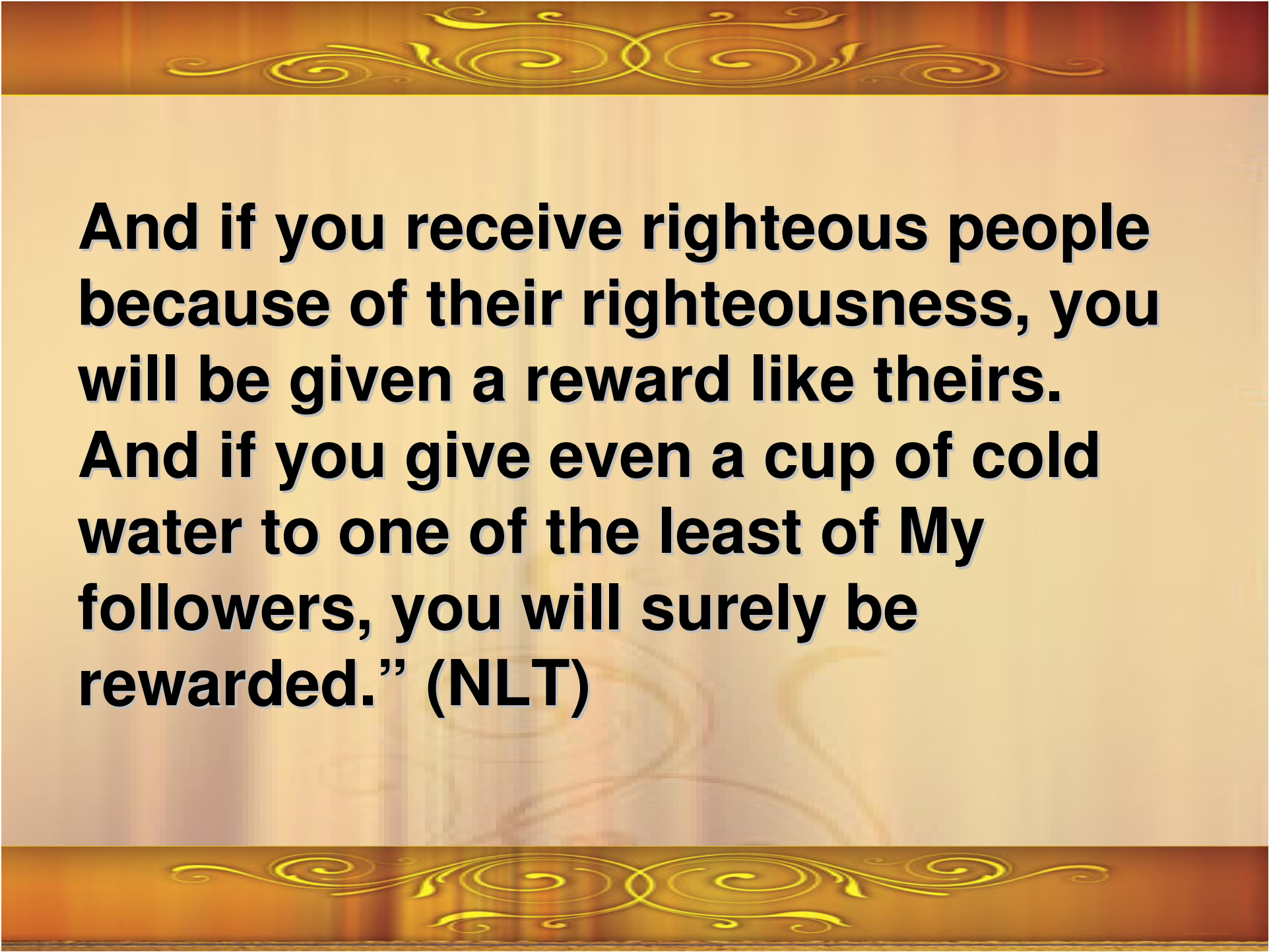


Matthew 25:35, 38, 40, “I was a stranger and you invited Me in . . . When did we see you a stranger and invite You in . . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.” (NIV)

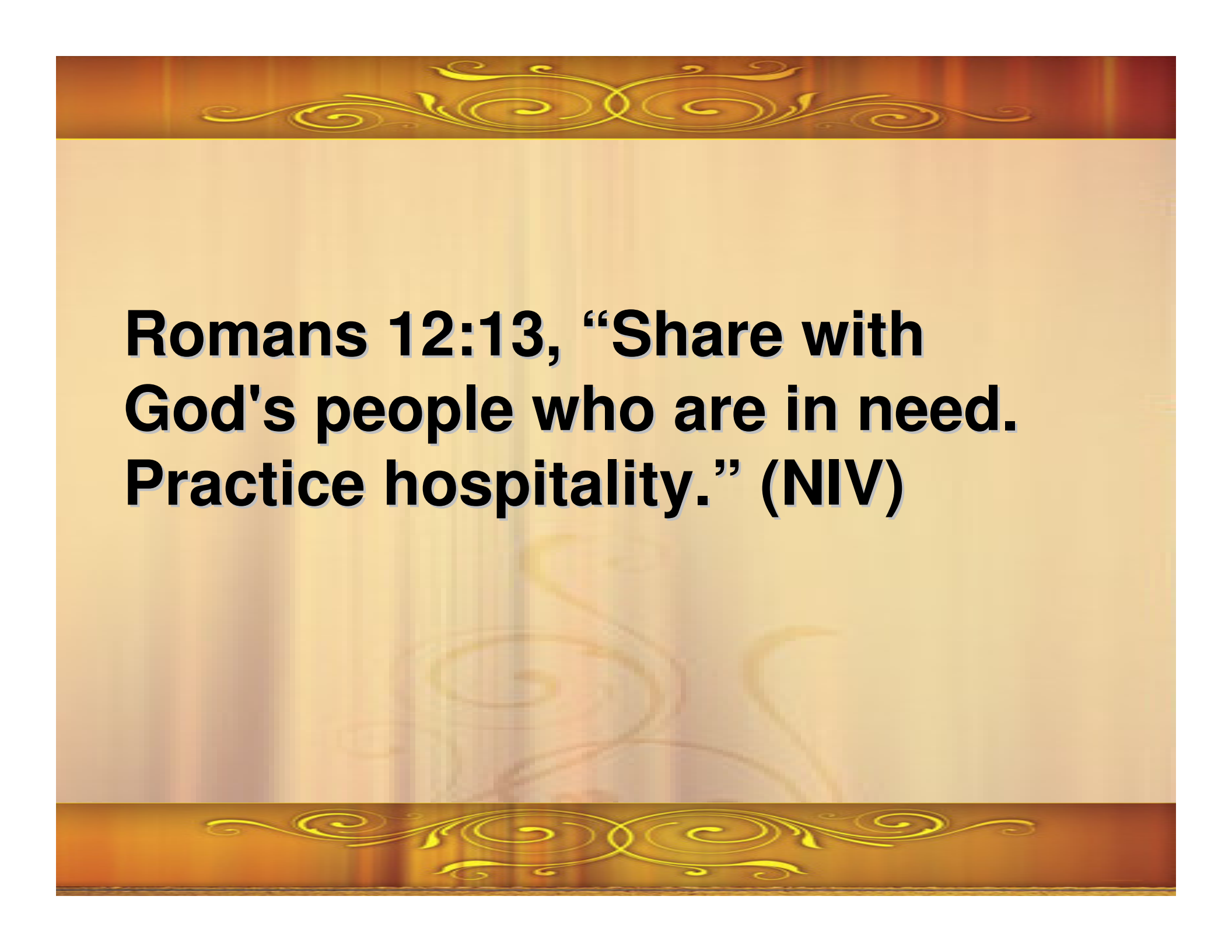




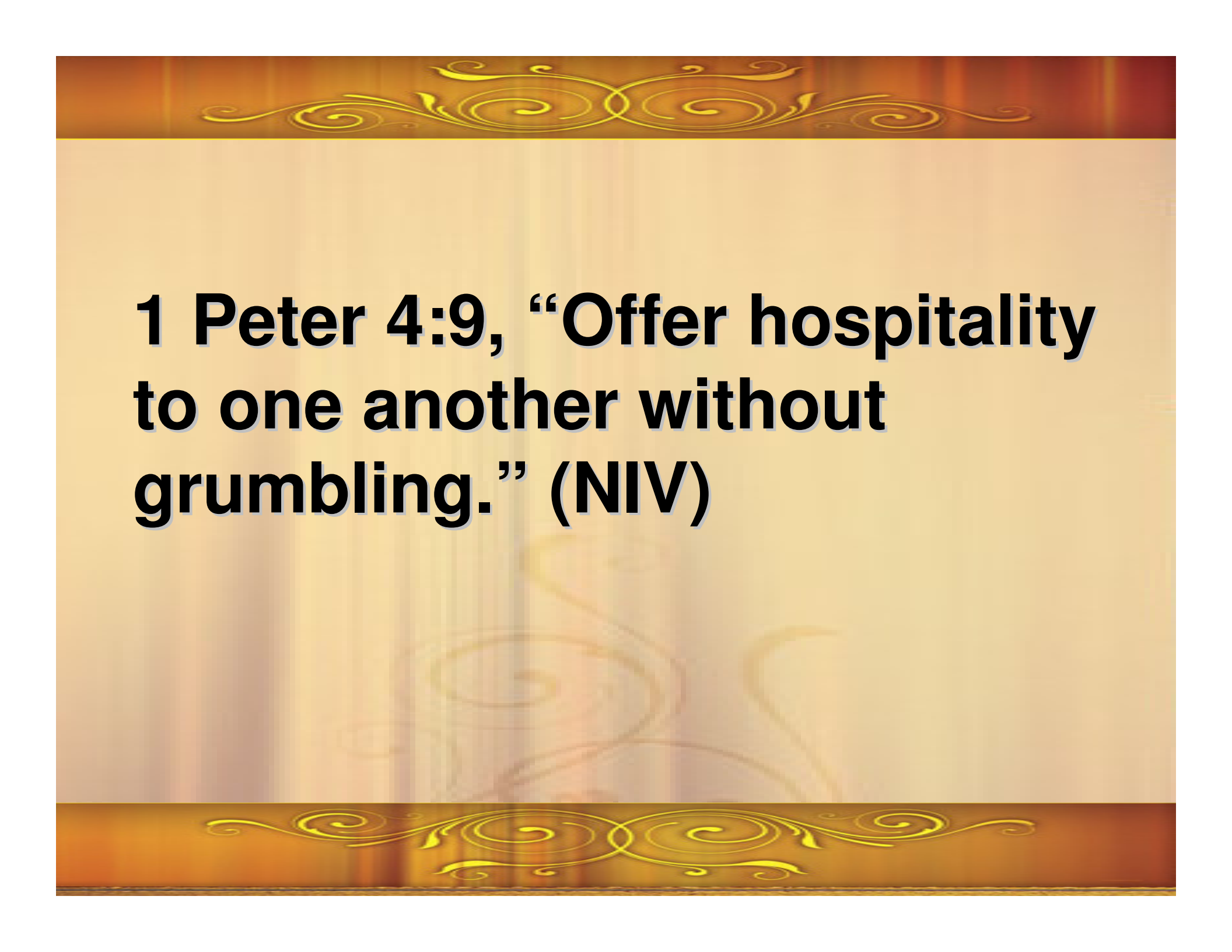
Matthew 10:40-42, “Anyone who receives you receives Me, and anyone who receives Me receives the Father who sent Me. If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet.




And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of My followers, you will surely be rewarded.” (NLT)



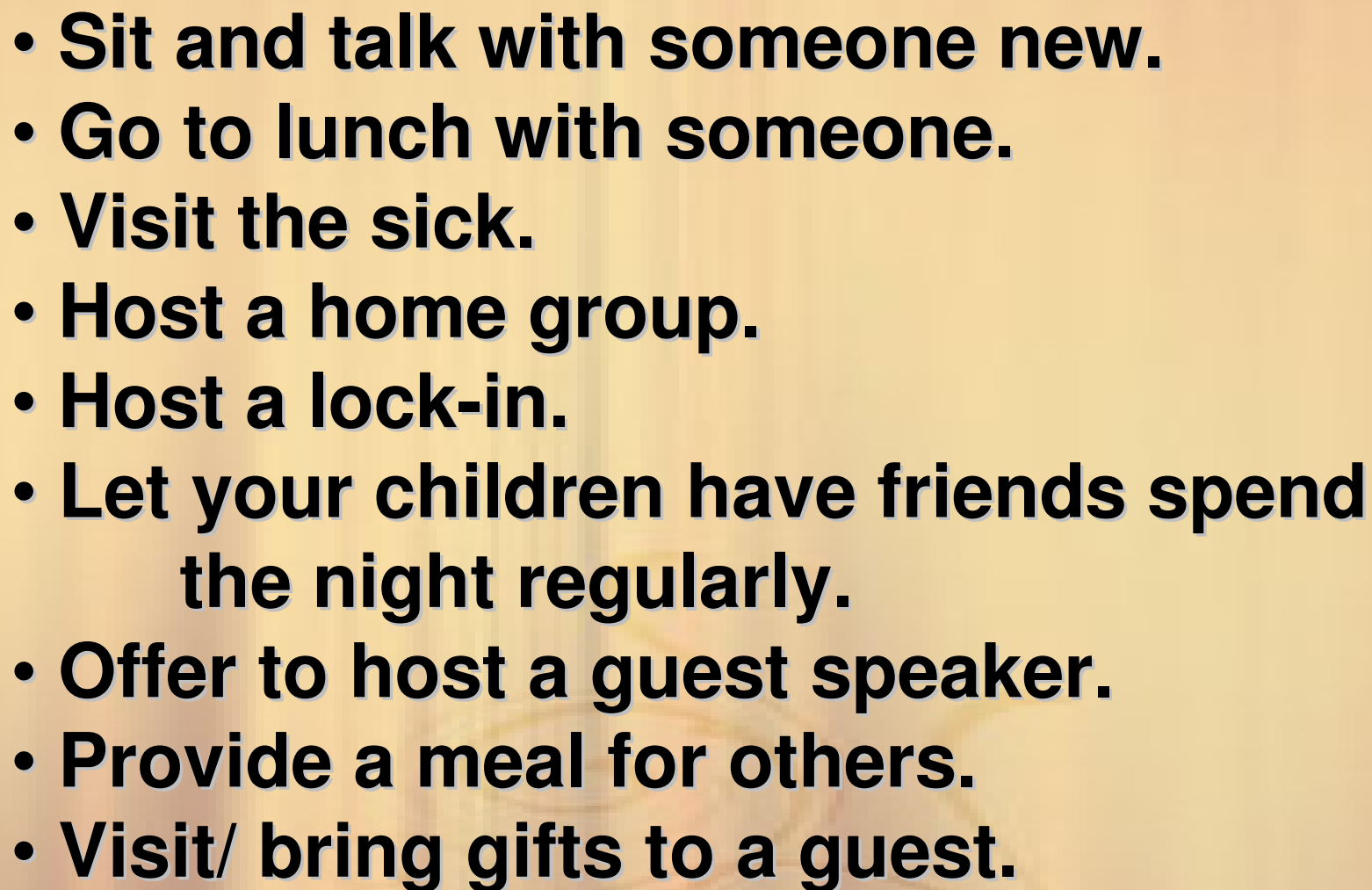
**Romans 12:13, “Share with
God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.” (NIV)**



1 Peter 4:9, “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (NIV)



Psalms 66:18, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.” (NKJV)

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- **Sit and talk with someone new.**
 - **Go to lunch with someone.**
 - **Visit the sick.**
 - **Host a home group.**
 - **Host a lock-in.**
 - **Let your children have friends spend the night regularly.**
 - **Offer to host a guest speaker.**
 - **Provide a meal for others.**
 - **Visit/ bring gifts to a guest.**



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