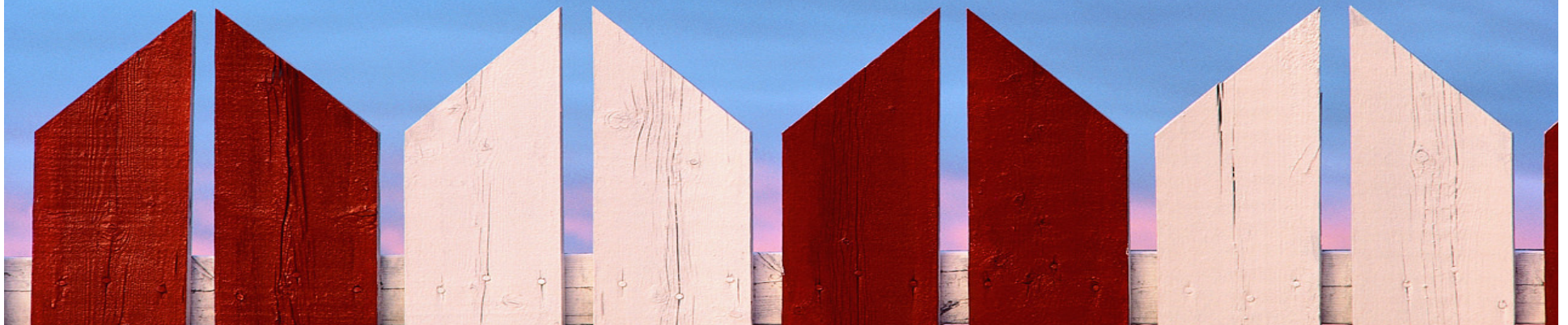


BIBLICAL BOUNDARIES



**Jesus tells us that; “You
are the salt of the earth.
You are the light of the
world.”**

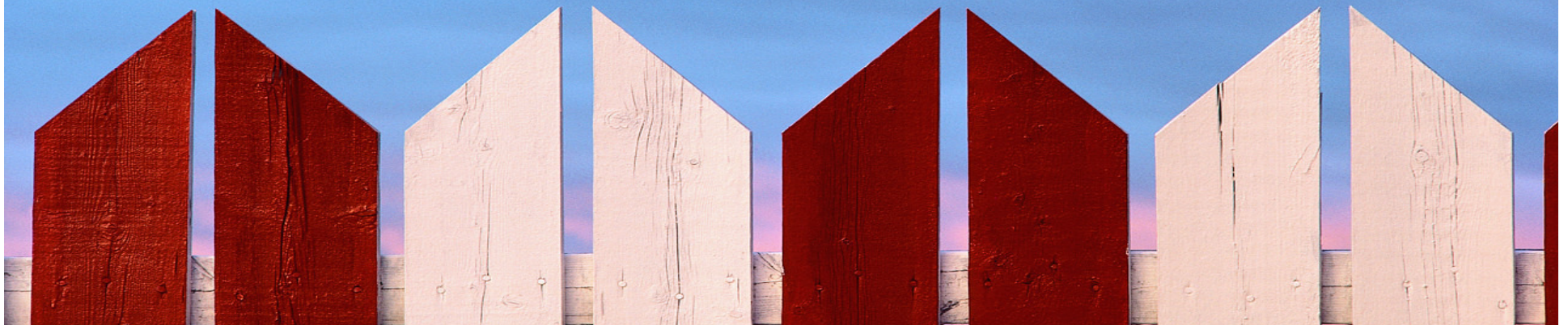
(Matthew 5:13 & 14-NIV)



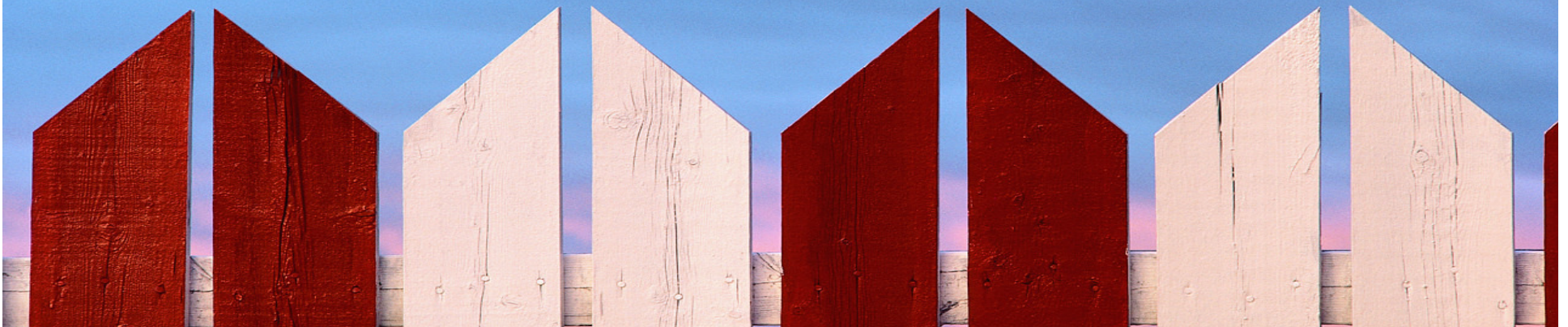
**Our mission is to impact, for
Christ, the lives of those who
are not walking with God.**



**Our purpose is to introduce Christ
to those who do not know Him.**

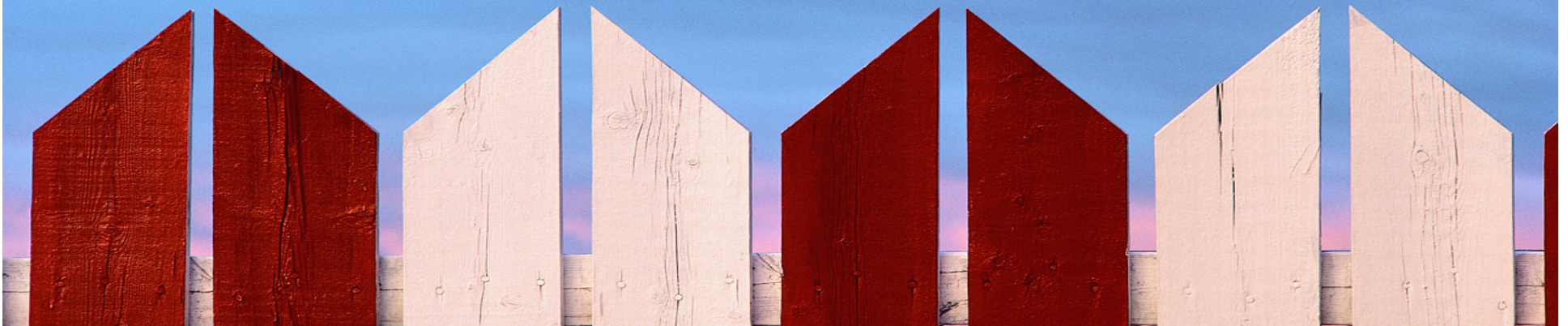


**Our objective is to guide
others to follow Christ as we
are following Him.**



Acts 19:8-10

Acts 19:8, “He entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God.” (NASU)



Acts 19:9-10, “But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.” (NASU)



Paul taught from 5th – 10th Hour

11 am to 4 pm

5 hours everyday



The need for boundaries:

“...some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people...” (Acts 19:9-NASU)



The need for boundaries:

1. We need boundaries because some damage our spiritual growth.



**Paul understood that he should; “avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless.”
(Titus 3:9-ESV)**

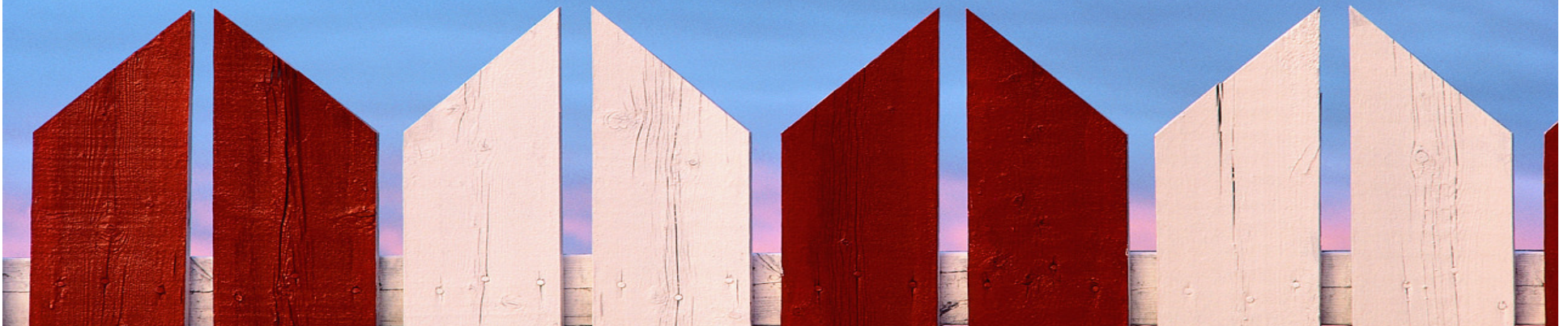


The need for boundaries:

1. We need boundaries because some damage our spiritual growth.
2. We need boundaries because some damage our desire to honor Christ.

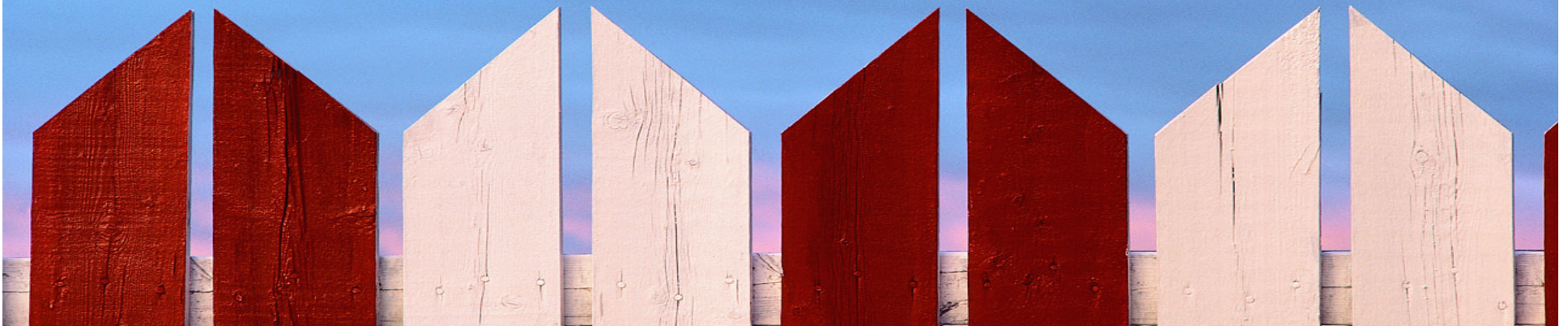


1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” (NIV)



**You need to surround
yourselves with those who will,
*“strengthen and encourage you
in your faith.”***

(1 Thessalonians 3:2-NIV)



Paul tells the church, “*to encourage one another and build each other up.*”

(1 Thessalonians 5:11-NIV)



Hebrews 10:25, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.” (NIV)



The need for boundaries:

3. We need boundaries because some damage our focus on fulfilling purpose for our lives.



2 Corinthians 6:14-15, “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?” (NIV)



2 Corinthians 6:16-17, “What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people.’ Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.” (NIV)



The need for boundaries:

3. We need boundaries because some damage our focus on fulfilling purpose for our lives.
4. We need boundaries because some damage our fellowship with followers of Christ.



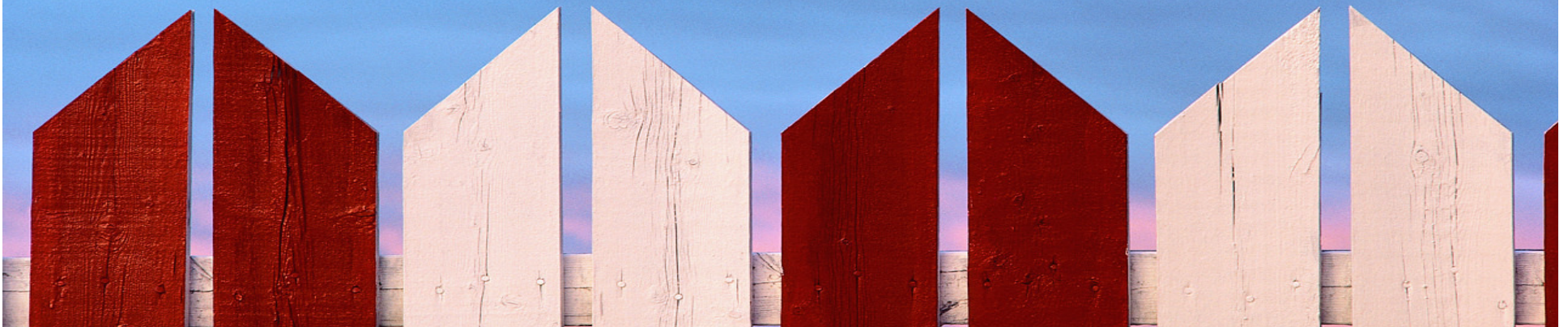
Titus 3:9-11, “Avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.” (NIV)



The building of boundaries:

“he withdrew from them and
took away the disciples”

(Acts 19:9-NASU)



“he withdrew” --

Apostasy

**He willfully separated from
them, to willfully break
interaction with**



“took away” --

limit

Paul said,

“Okay, that is enough!”



The building of boundaries:

1. Be clear in who is influencing who

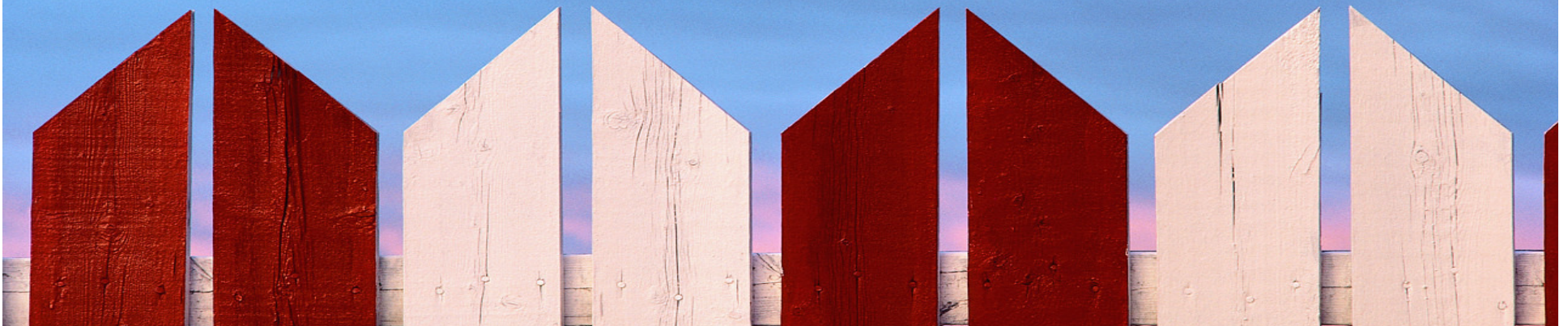


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The building of boundaries:

1. Be clear in who is influencing who
2. Be clear it is not a personality conflict, but a biblical conflict



Acts 19:9, “When some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the people, he withdrew...” (NIV)



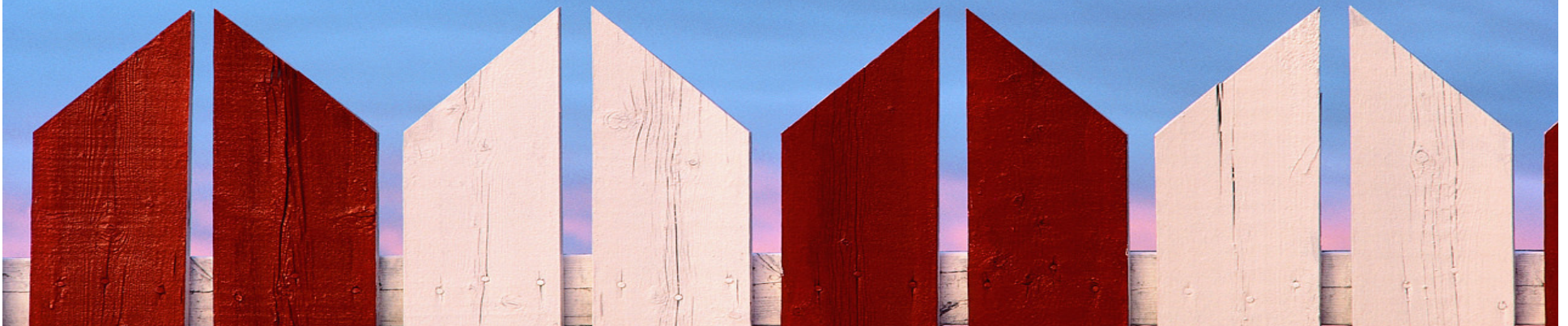
**Personality conflicts are
overcome by spiritual maturity.**

James 4



The building of boundaries:

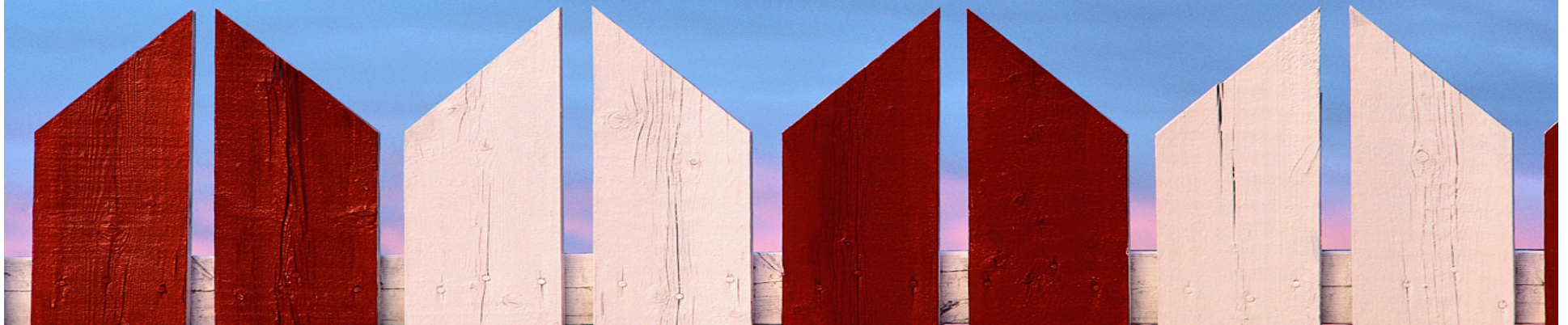
1. Be clear in who is influencing who
2. Be clear it is not a personality conflict, but a biblical conflict
3. Be clear about your motives



Galatians 6:1-3, “Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.



And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.” (NLT)

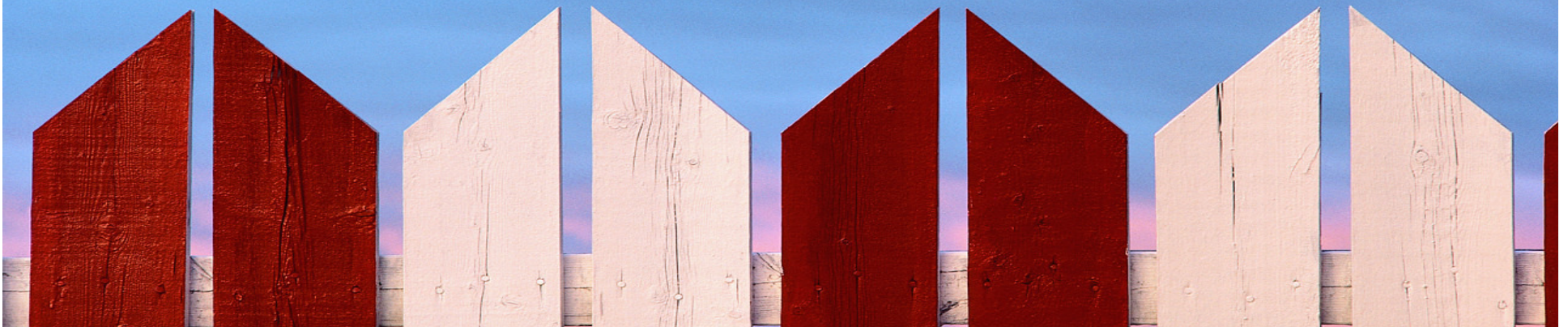


What is the motive?

RESTORATION



1 Corinthians 9:22, “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.” (NIV)



What is the motive?

REDEMPTION



The building of boundaries:

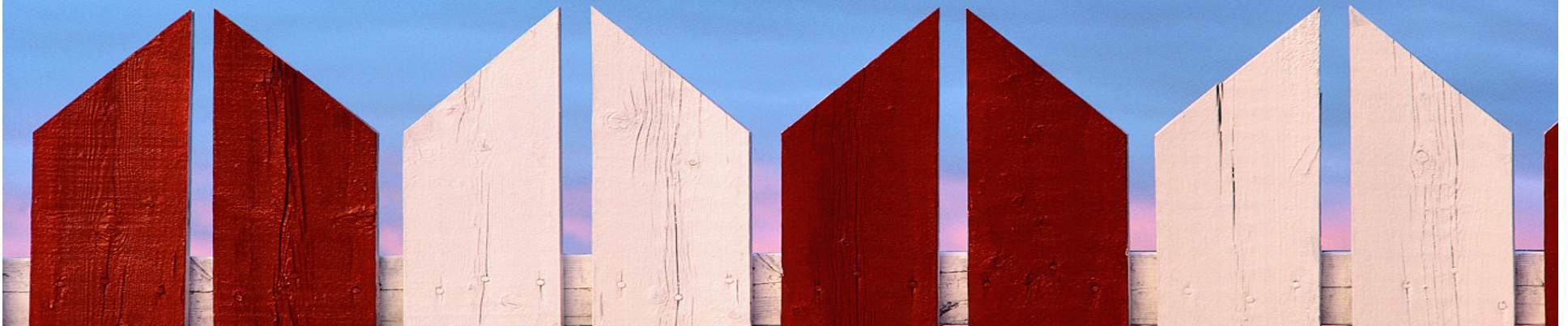
1. Be clear in who is influencing who
2. Be clear it is not a personality conflict, but a biblical conflict
3. Be clear about your motives
4. Be clear in your love and prayers for them



**Ephesians 4:15,
“Speaking the truth in
love...” (NIV)**



1 John 5:16, “If you see a Christian brother or sister sinning in a way that does not lead to death, you should pray, and God will give that person life.” (NLT)



The fruit of boundaries:

“...all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.”

(Acts 19:10-NASU)

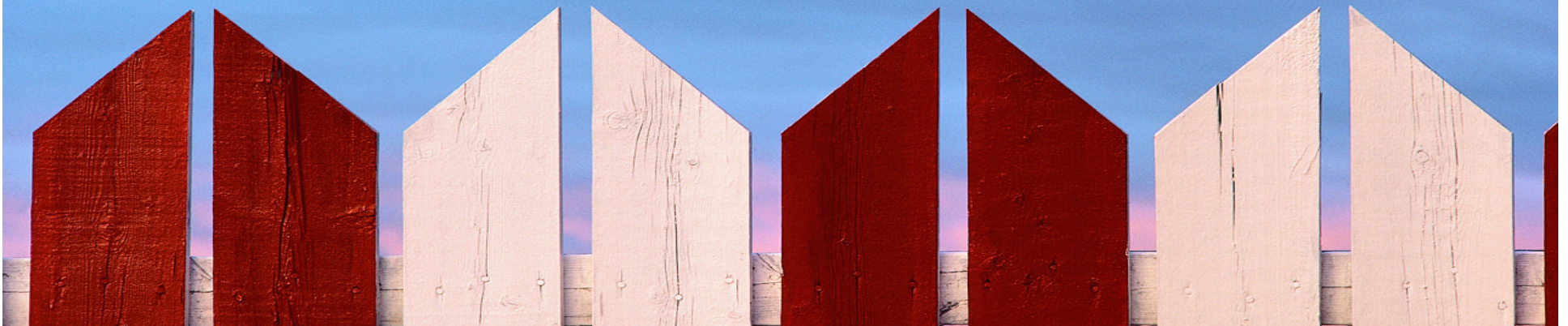


The fruit of boundaries:

1. As the followers of Christ grew in Christ, they spread the word



Revelation 1:10-11, “On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: ‘Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.’” (NIV)

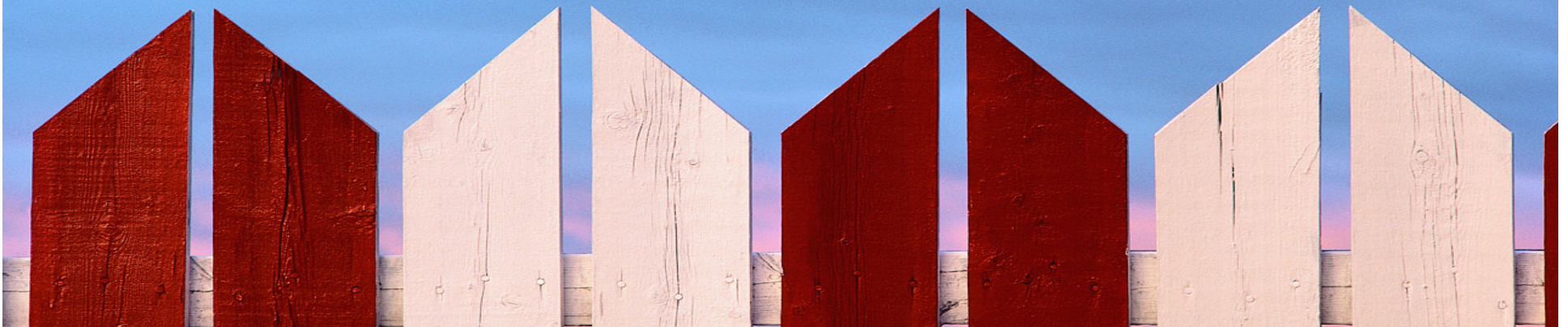


The fruit of boundaries:

1. As the followers of Christ grew in Christ, they spread the word
2. The ministry can function without him



Acts 20:1, “Paul sent for the disciples and, after encouraging them, said good-bye and set out for Macedonia.” (NIV)



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