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Who LOVES your food?



Nathans Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest






*2 kilos of
Fruitcake!*







To B.L.E.S.S. your
neighbours, Jesus invites you
to share meals together.

Big Idea

BEGIN With Pray
LISTEN With Care
EAT Together

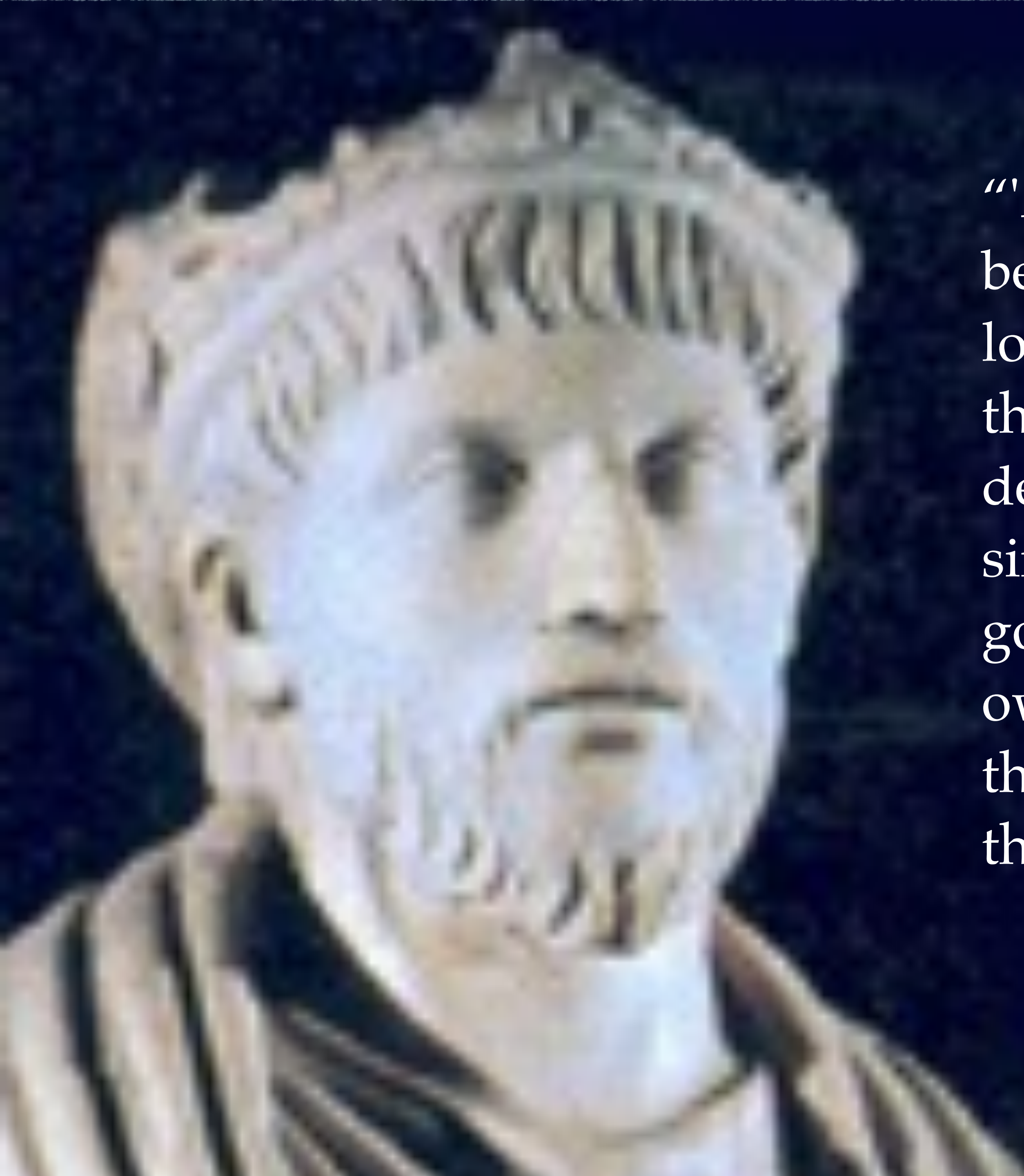
SERVE In Love
SHARE Your Story



B.L.E.S.S.

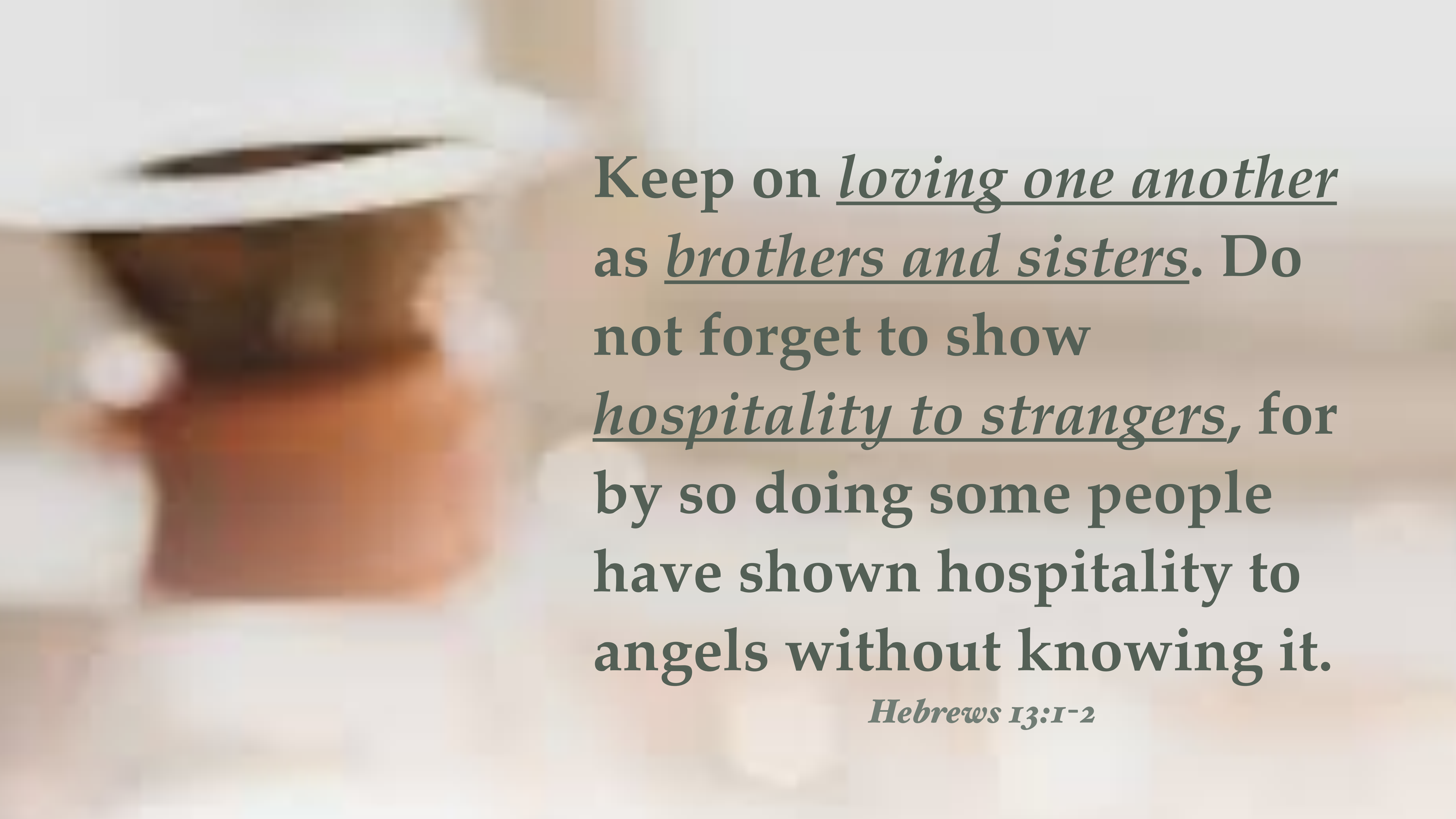
5 EVERYDAY WAYS TO
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND
CHANGE THE WORLD

DAVE FERGUSON AND JON FERGUSON



“Atheism [I.e. the Christian faith!] has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is a beggar, and that the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help that we should render them.”

Emperor Julian 4th Century C.E..

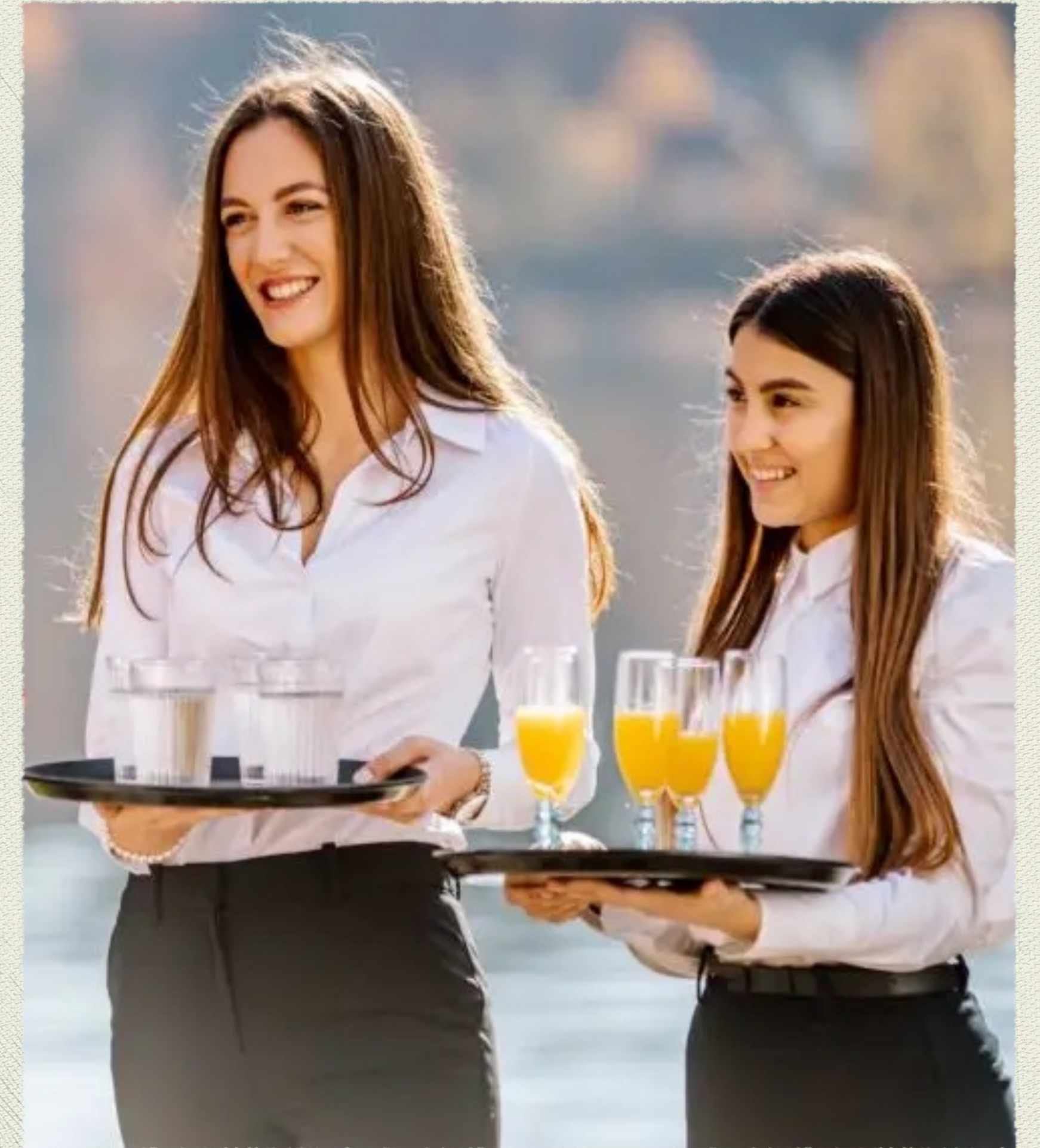


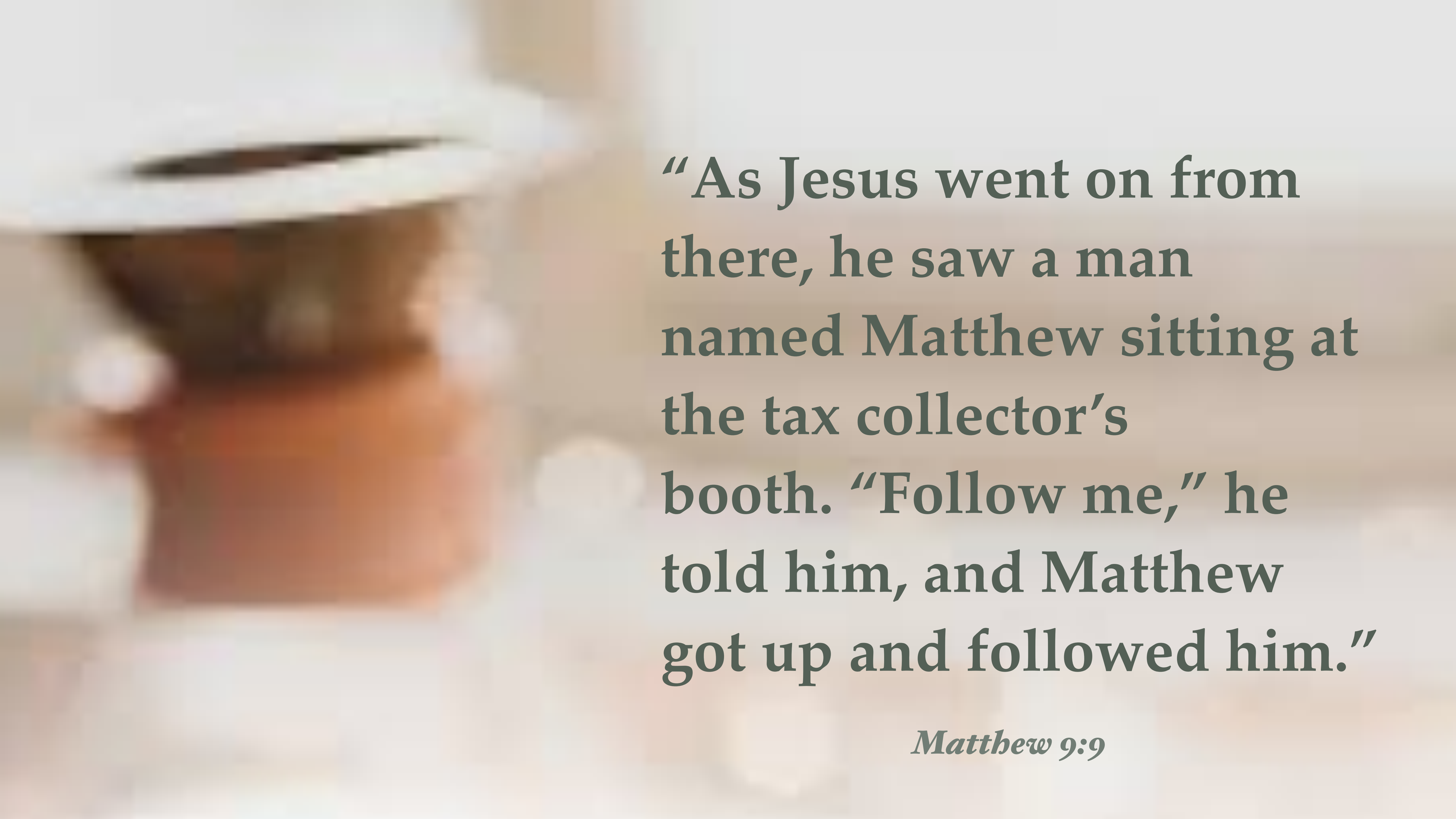
Keep on loving one another
as brothers and sisters. Do
not forget to show
hospitality to strangers, for
by so doing some people
have shown hospitality to
angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2

HOSPITALITY

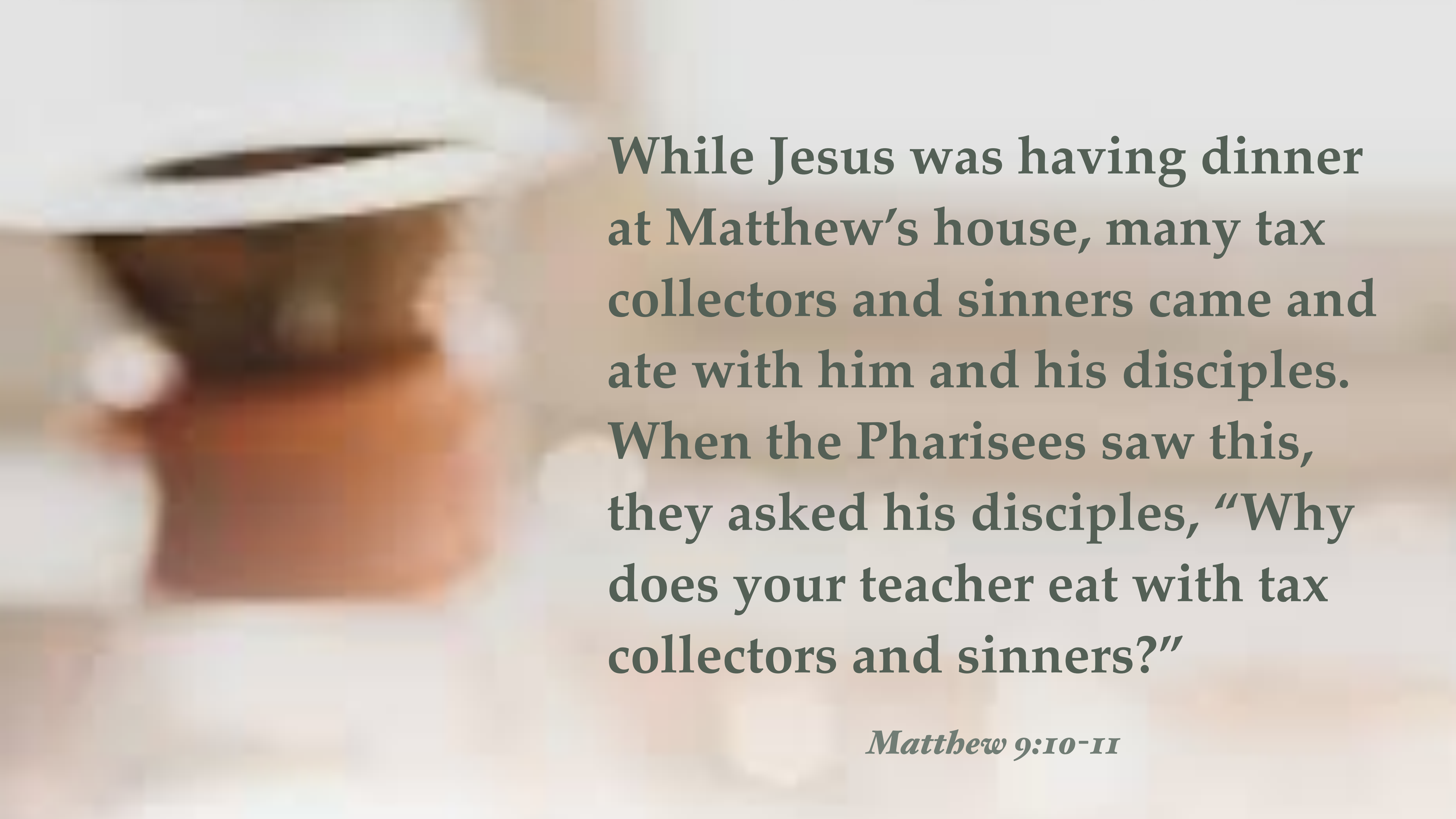
- ◆ Philelo (love)+ Adelphos(brother)= Philadelphia (brotherly love)
- ◆ Philelo+Xenia (stranger)= philoxenia (love of stranger / hospitality)
- ◆ ‘Hospital’





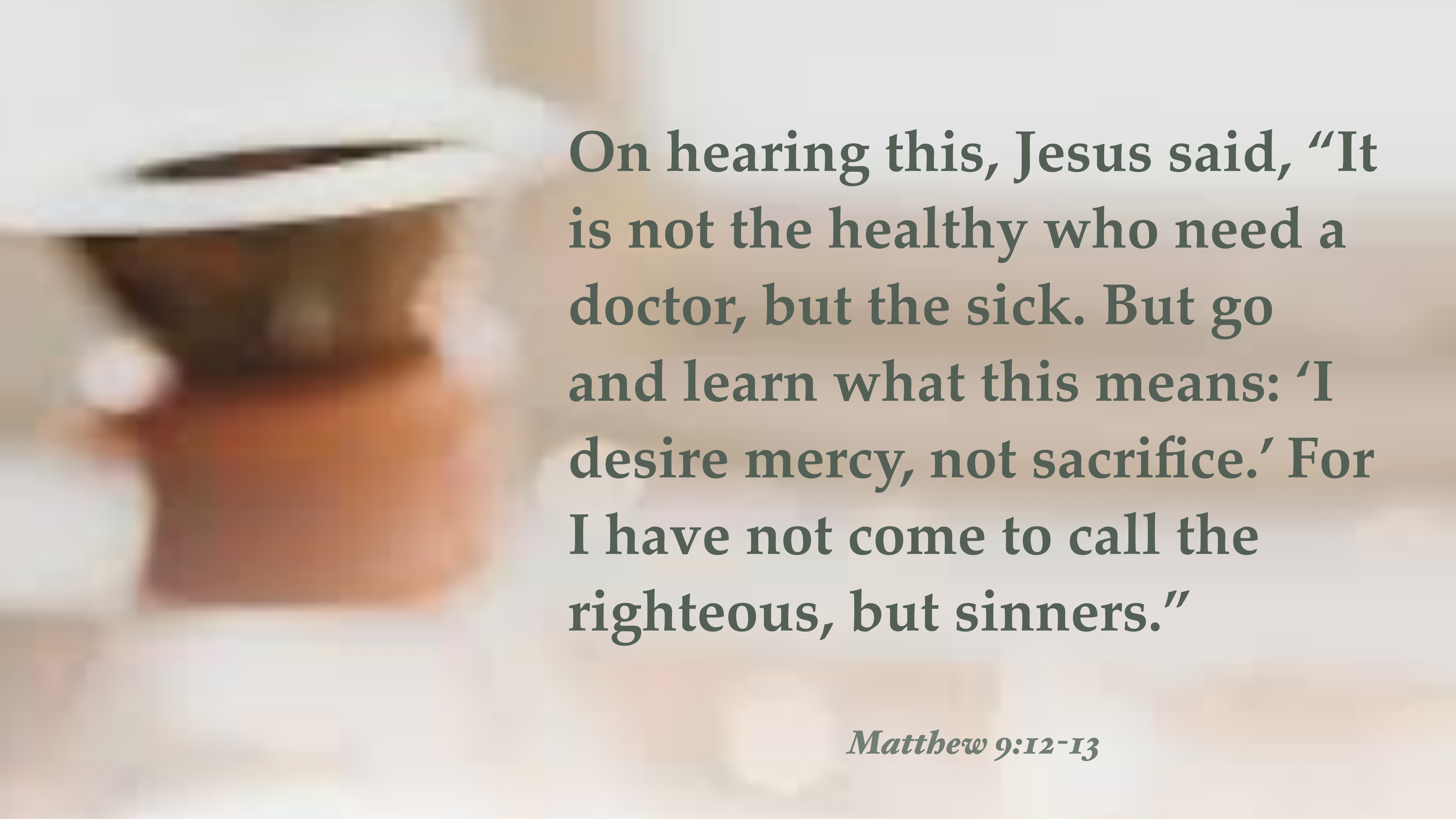
“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.”

Matthew 9:9



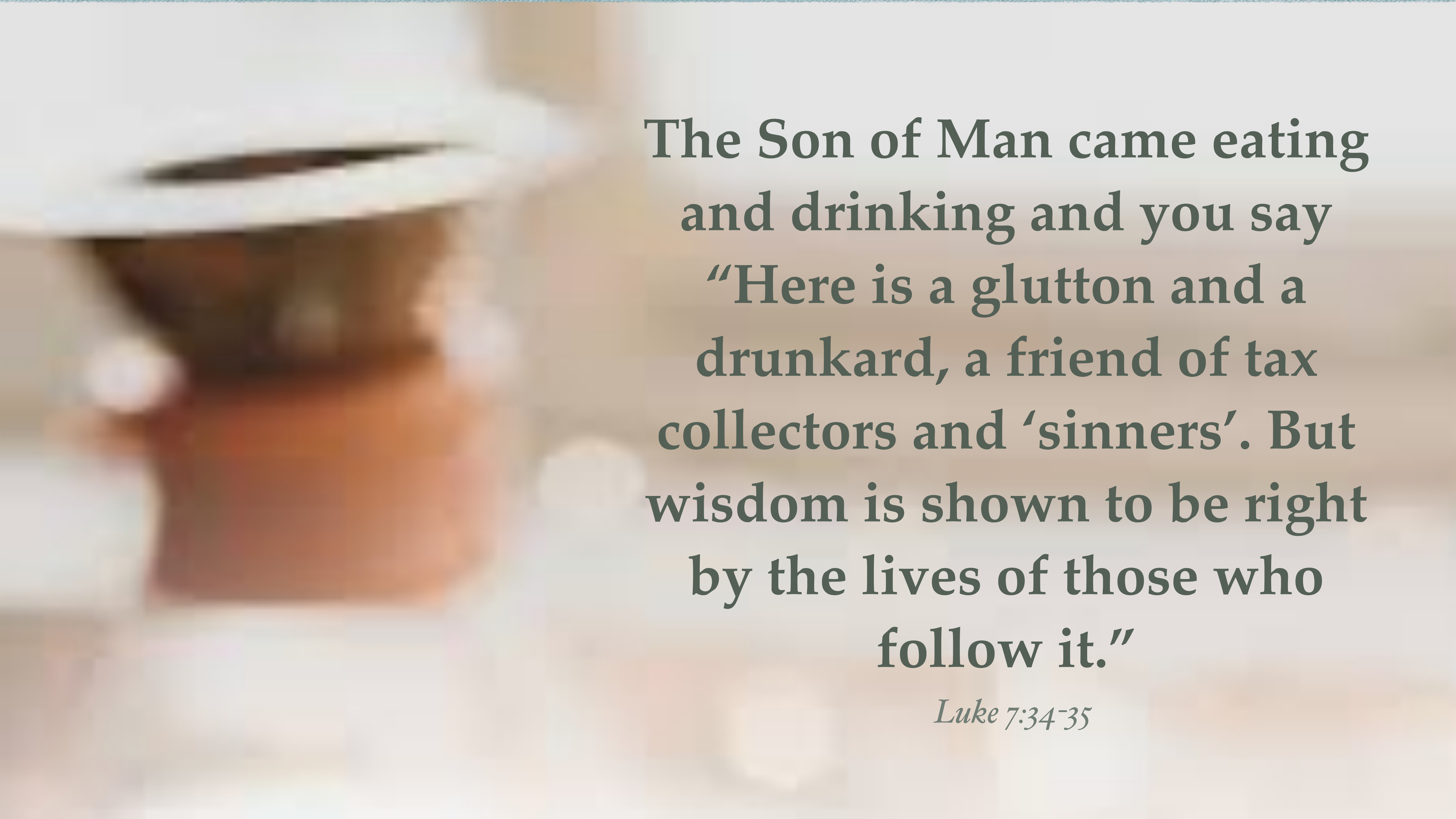
While Jesus was having dinner
at Matthew's house, many tax
collectors and sinners came and
ate with him and his disciples.
When the Pharisees saw this,
they asked his disciples, "Why
does your teacher eat with tax
collectors and sinners?"

Matthew 9:10-11



On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:12-13

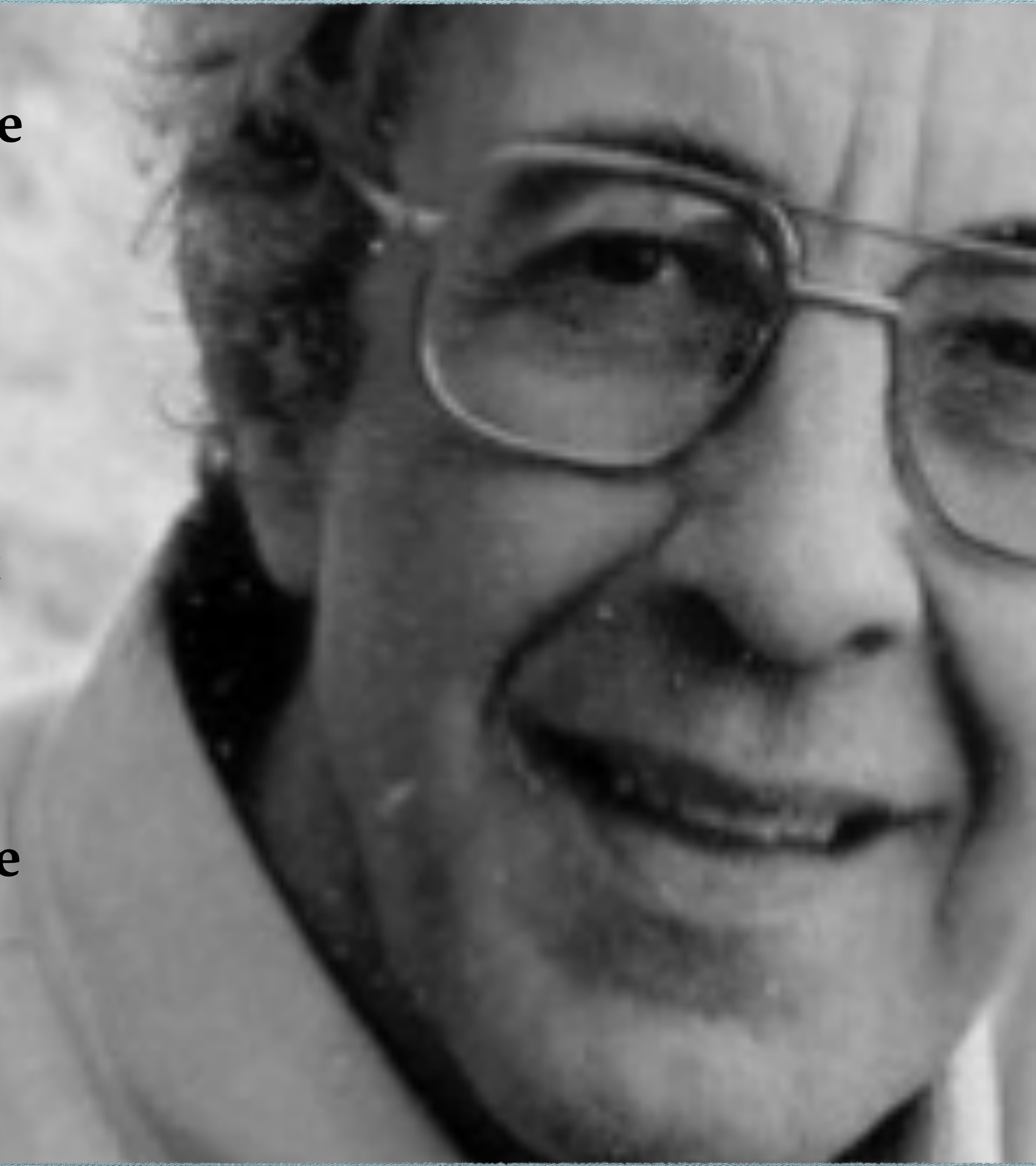


The Son of Man came eating
and drinking and you say
“Here is a glutton and a
drunkard, a friend of tax
collectors and ‘sinners’. But
wisdom is shown to be right
by the lives of those who
follow it.”

Luke 7:34-35

When we invite friends to a meal, we do much more than just offer them food for thier bodies. We offer friendship, fellowship, good conversation, intimacy, and closeness. When we say 'help yourself', ...take some more...don't be shy...have another glass...'we offer our guests not only our food and drink but also ourselves. A spiritual bond grows and we become food and drink for one another."

Henri Nouwen



A photograph of a family of four laughing together at a dining table. On the left, a man with dark hair and a beard is laughing. In the center, an older man with white hair and glasses is laughing. To his right, a young girl with dark hair in a ponytail is laughing. On the far right, a woman with dark hair is laughing. They are all holding forks and appear to be eating. The background is a bright, modern kitchen with white cabinets and a window.

**Hospitality is more than just a kind gesture, it's a
command and a reflection of Gods love for us.**

Dave Ferguson, B.L.E.S.S. 5 Ways To Bless Your Neighbour

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

**Excuse # 1: “I don’t like to have
people in my home.”**

**Excuse # 2: “I wouldn’t know what to
say”**

**Excuse # 3: “I just don’t have the
time”**

Identify Your Circle



Set A Goal



Plan Your Meals



Create Space For Conversation



Reflect & Pray



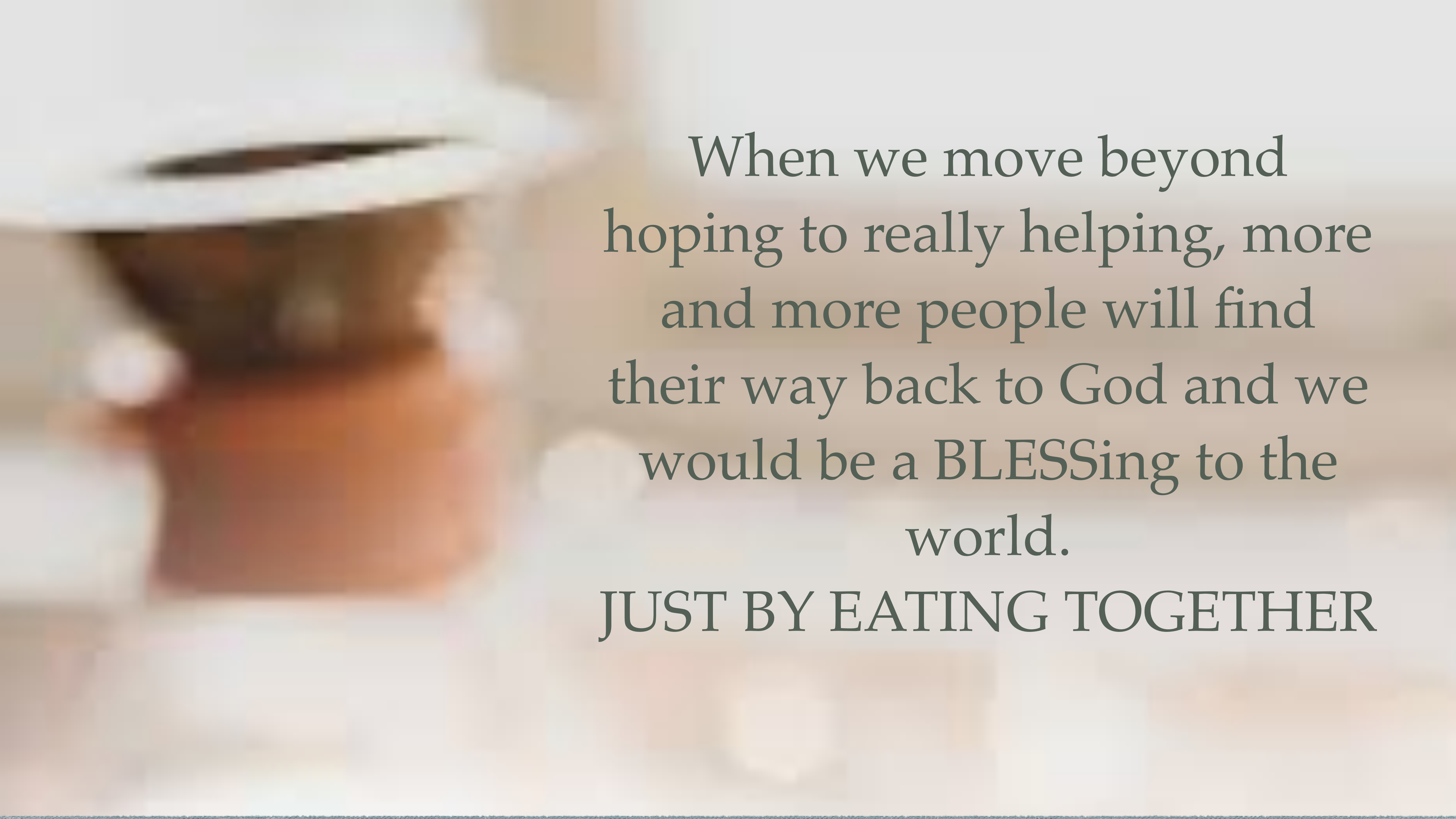
Look For Recurring Opportunities





A Thursday At McDonalds

"Jan & Eric"



When we move beyond
hoping to really helping, more
and more people will find
their way back to God and we
would be a BLESSing to the
world.

JUST BY EATING TOGETHER