

# Persevering Love

Hebrews 13:1–25





# The Perseverance of the Saints

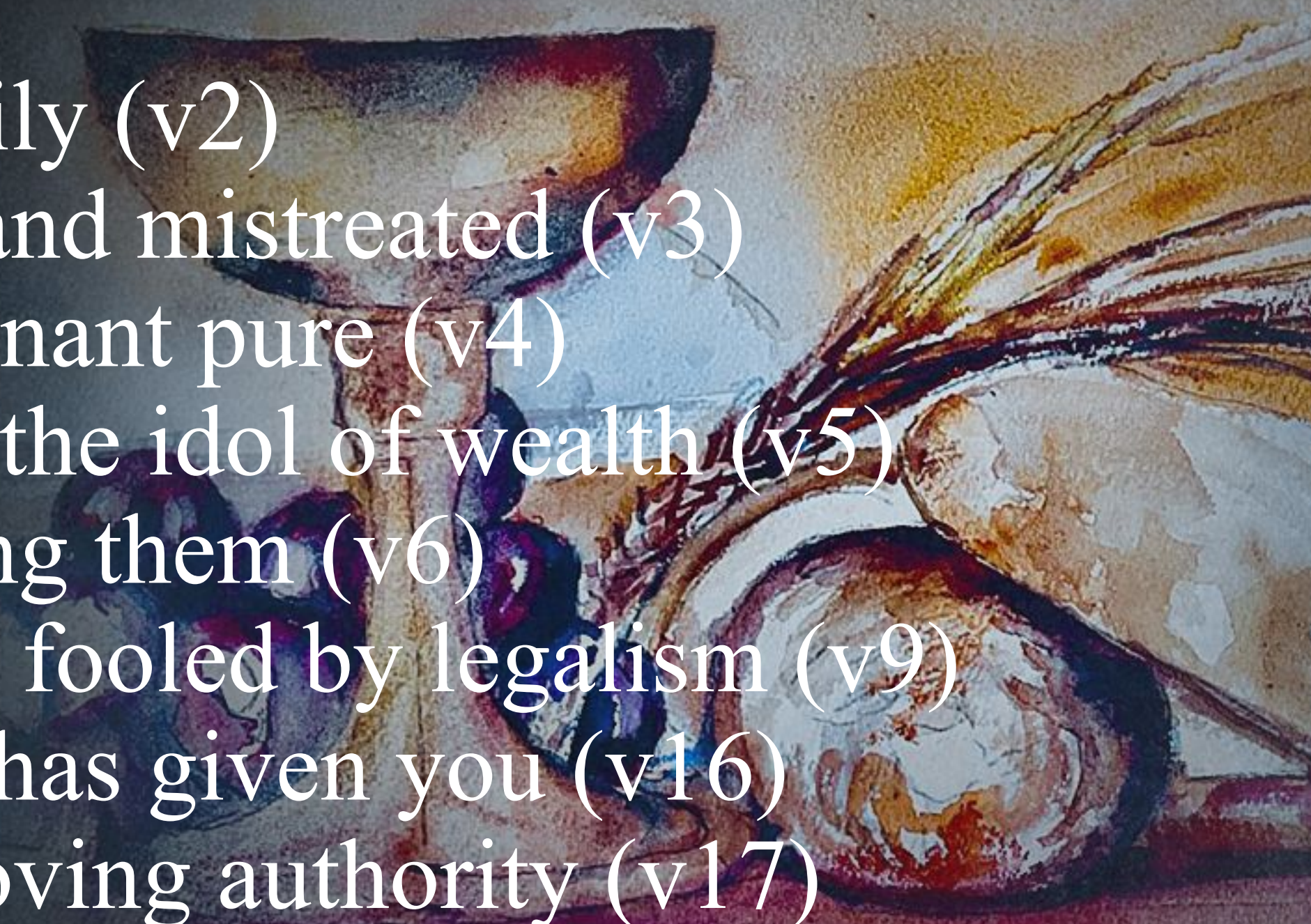
What does Christian endurance look like?





# Twelve commands for the persevering Christian.

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1. Love each with endurance (v1)
  2. Love strangers like they are your family (v2)
  3. Love those who have been forgotten and mistreated (v3)
  4. Love your spouse and keep your covenant pure (v4)
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  9. Love your pastors and yield to their loving authority (v17)
  10. Love those who honor God and pray for their souls (v18)
  11. Love God's Word and receive its instruction (v22)
  12. Love the church and welcome everyone who belongs to Christ (v23)
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# 1. Love each other with endurance

## 1. Let brotherly love continue

“I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another (John 13:34,35)

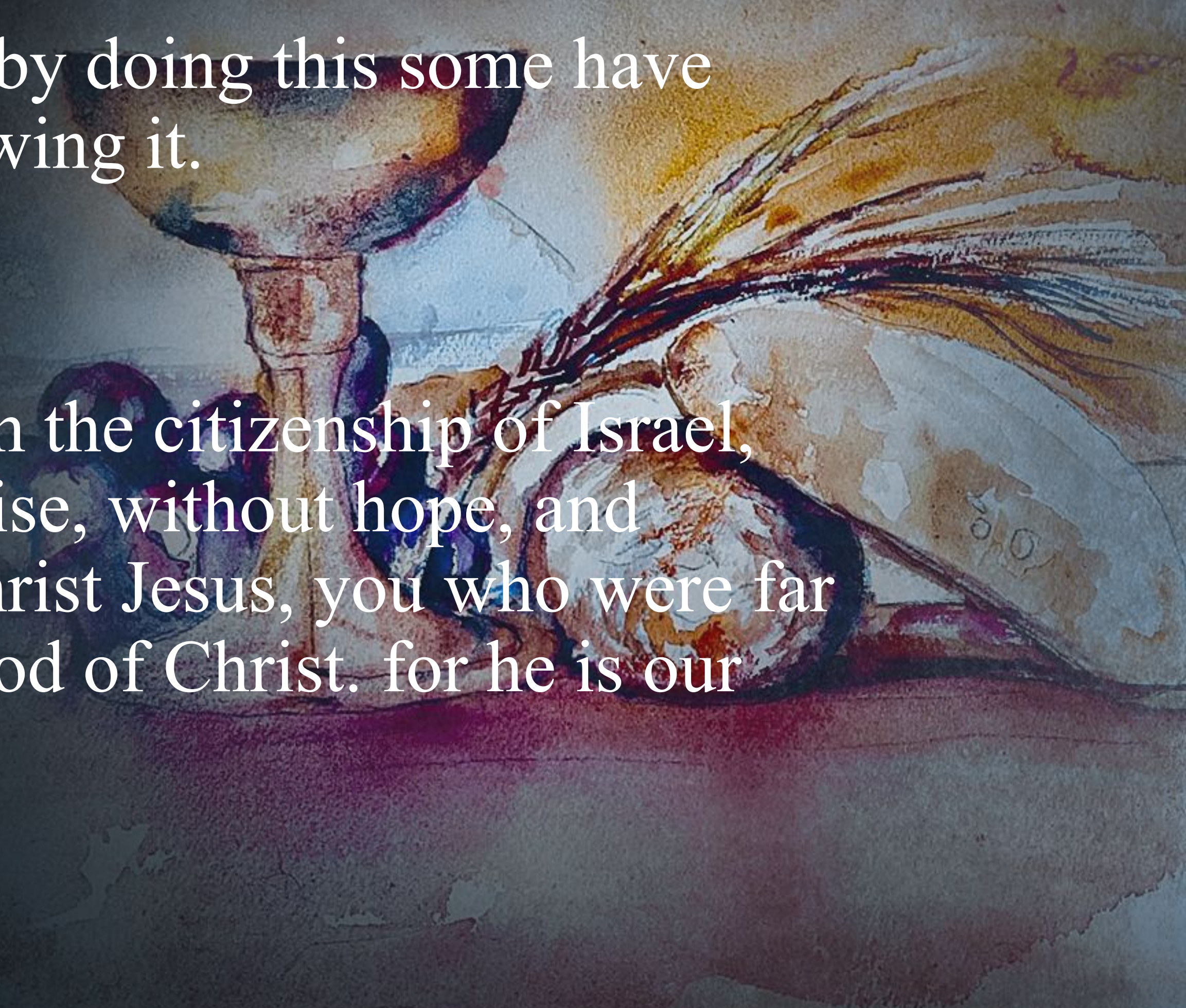




## 2. Love strangers like they are your family

2 Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.

"you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope, and without God in the word. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. for he is our peace." (Ephesians 2:12–14)



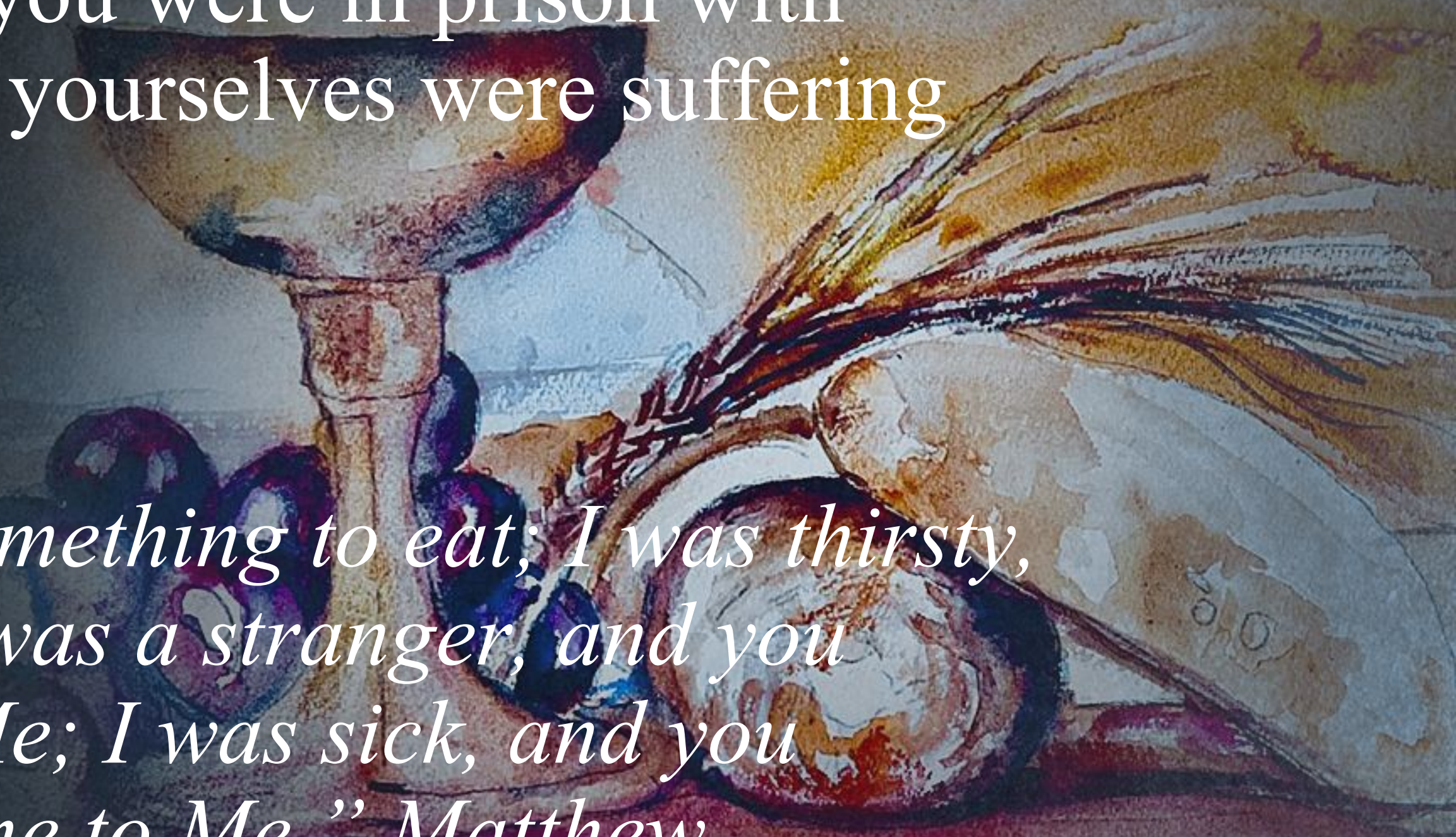


### 3. Love those who have been forgotten and mistreated

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3 Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them, and the mistreated, as though you yourselves were suffering bodily.

*“For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.” Matthew 25:35,36*





## 4. Love your spouse and keep your marriage pure

4 Marriage is to be honored by all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, because God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

“Don’t you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God’s kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God’s kingdom.” (1 Corinthians 5:9–10)



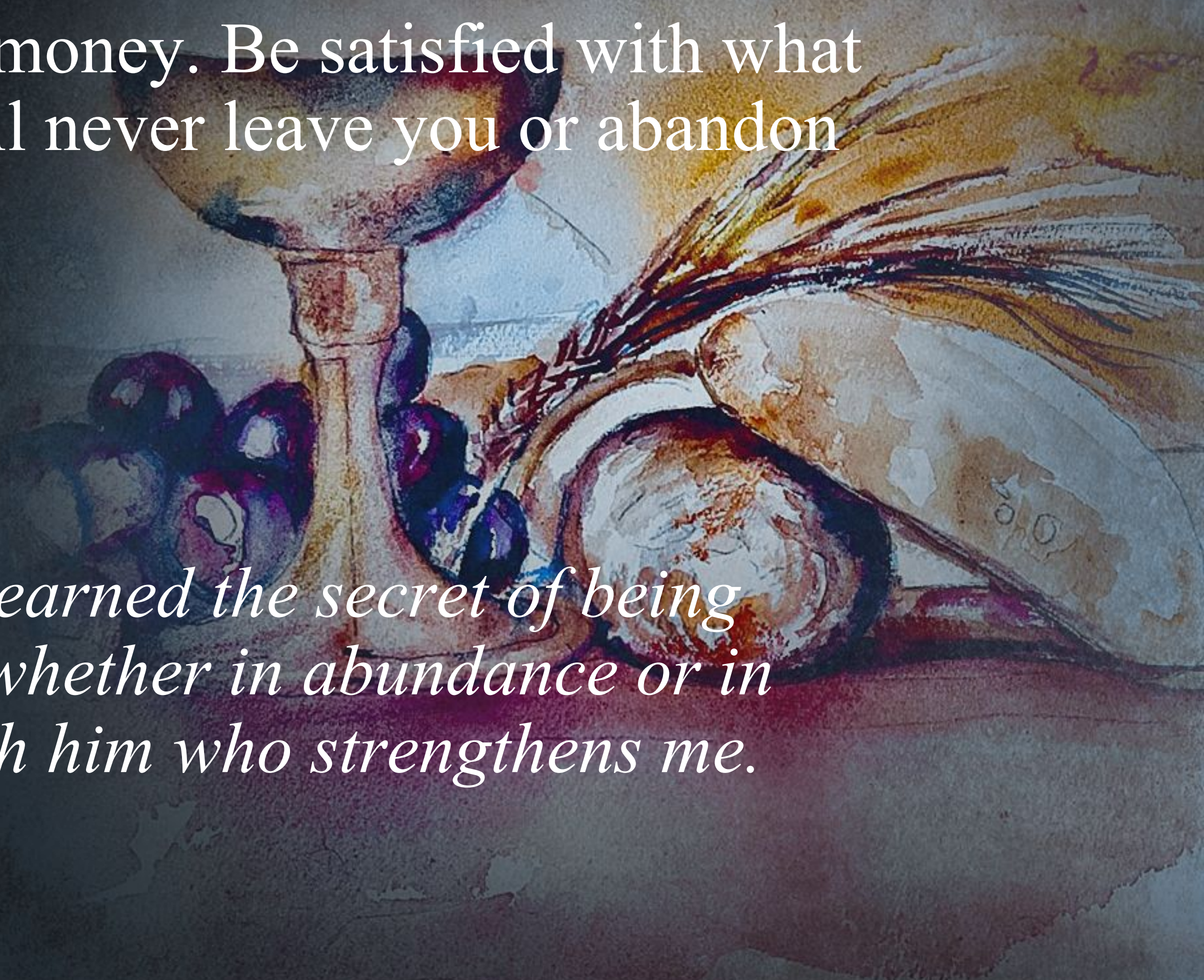


## 5. Love to be content and live free from the idol of wealth

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5 Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you. 6 Therefore, we may boldly say,  
The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?

*“In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.  
(Philippians 4:12–13)*



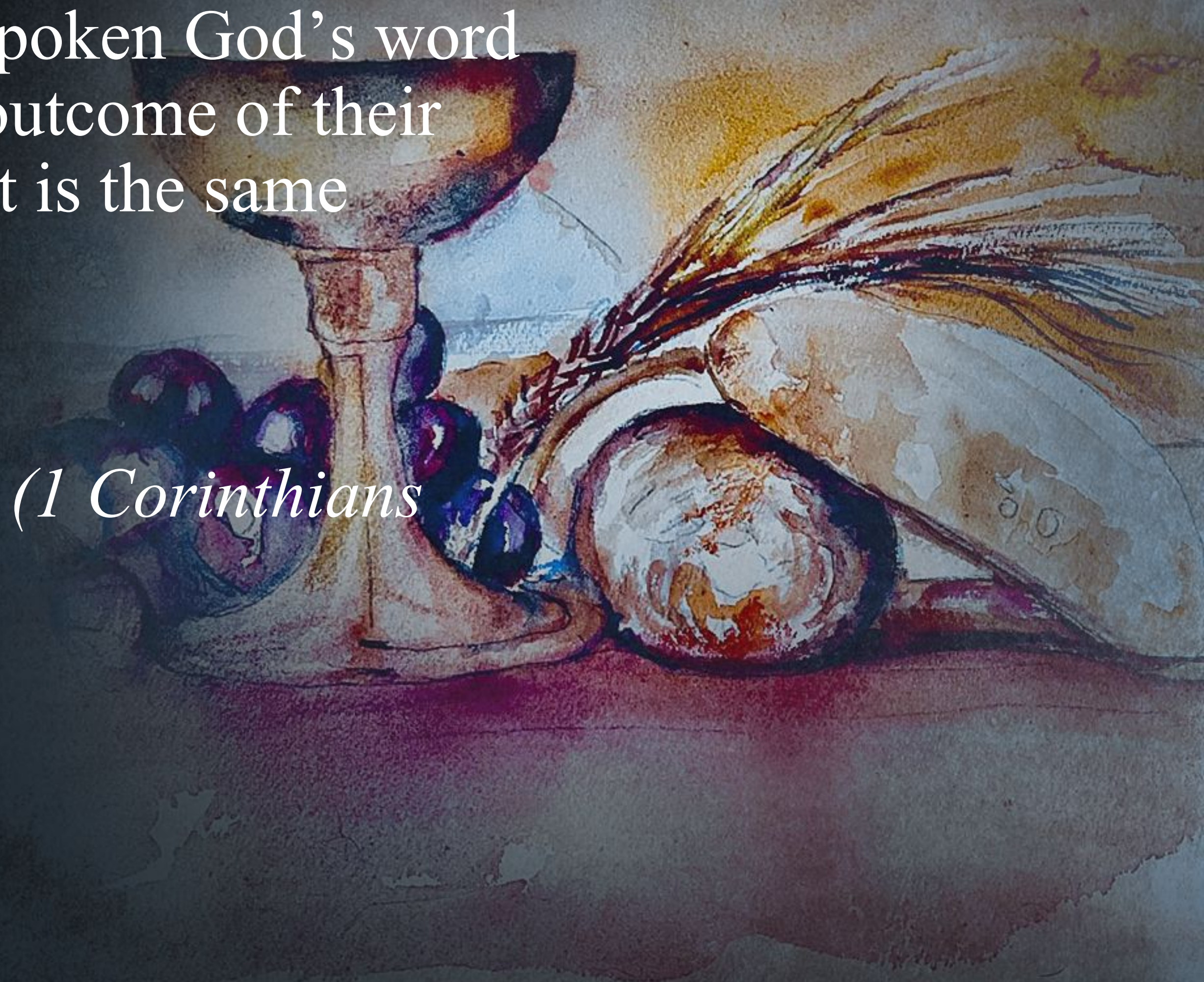


## 6. Love your spiritual leaders and imitate them

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7 Remember your leaders who have spoken God's word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*“Imitate me, as I also imitate Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1)*





## 7. Love the gospel of grace and don't be fall for legalism

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9 Don't be led astray by various kinds of strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established by grace and not by food regulations, since those who observe them have not benefited.

10 We have an altar from which those who worship at the tabernacle do not have a right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the most holy place by the high priest as a sin offering are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore, Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that he might sanctify the people by his own blood. 13 Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing his disgrace. 14 For we do not have an enduring city here; instead, we seek the one to come. 15 Therefore, through him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.



## 8. Love t do good and share what God has given you

16 Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)*



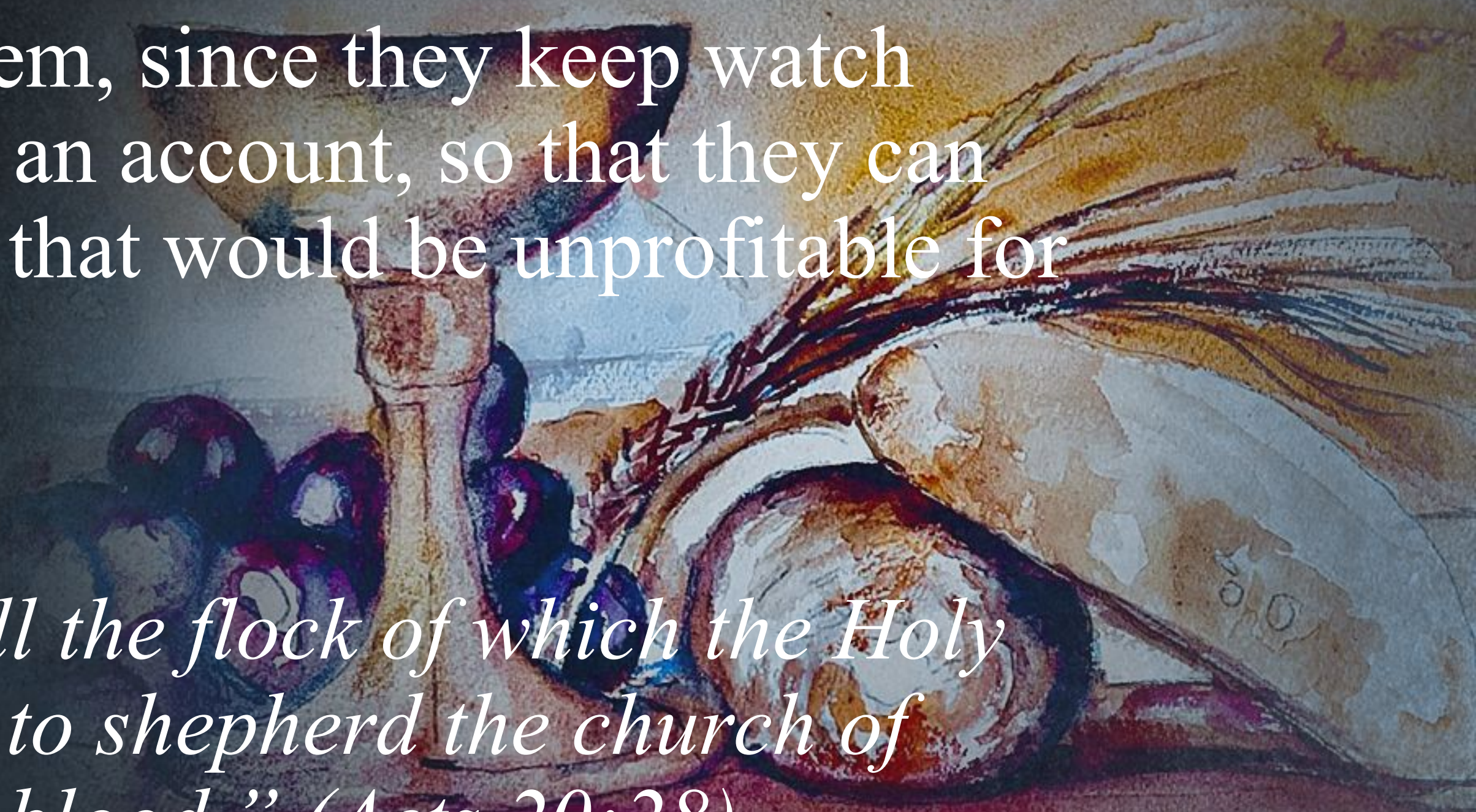


## 9. Love your pastors and yield to their loving authority

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17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, since they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

*“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God which he purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)*

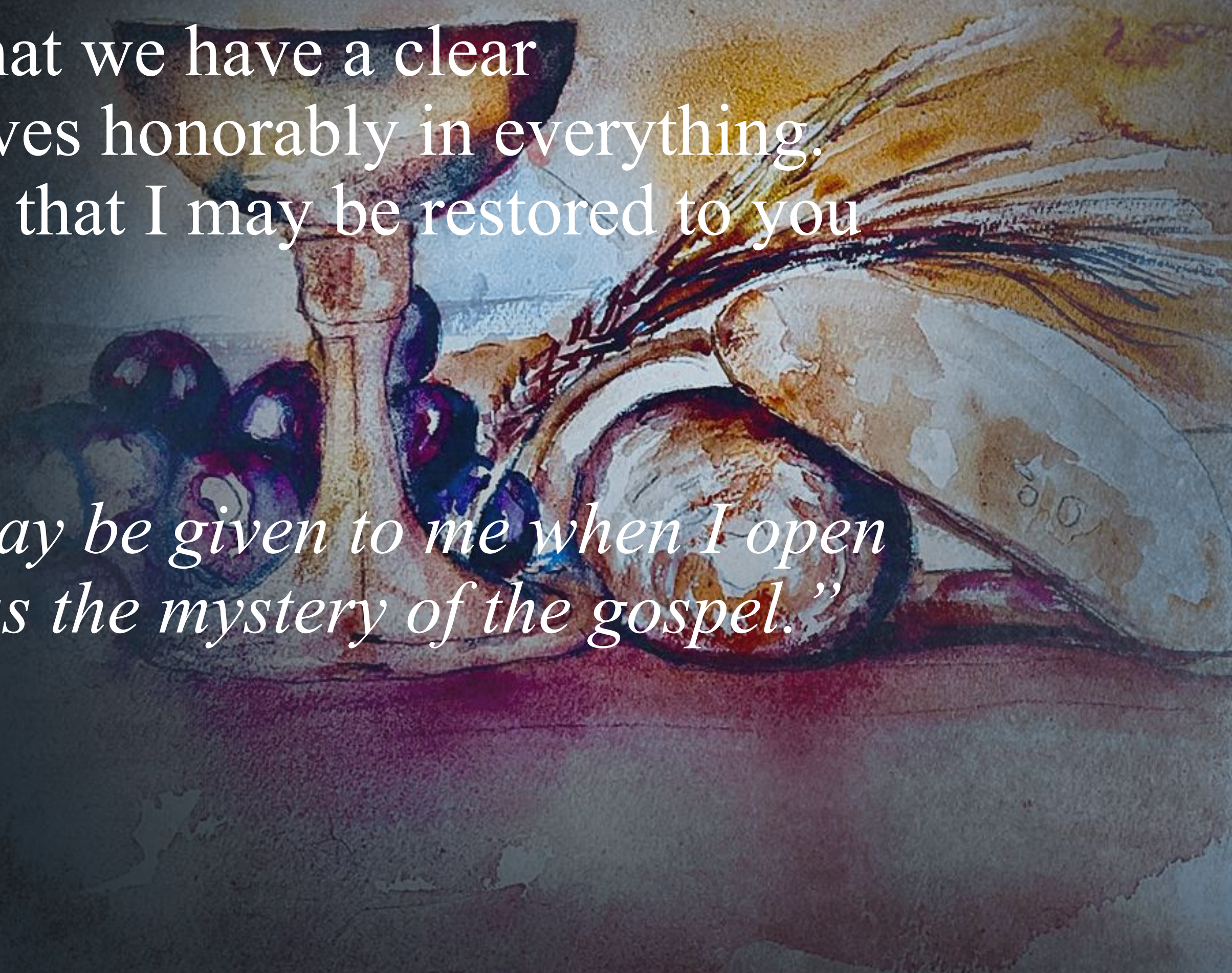




## 10. Love those who honor God and pray for their strength

18 Pray for us, for we are convinced that we have a clear conscience, wanting to conduct ourselves honorably in everything.  
19 And I urge you all the more to pray that I may be restored to you very soon.

*“Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.”  
(Ephesians 6:19)*

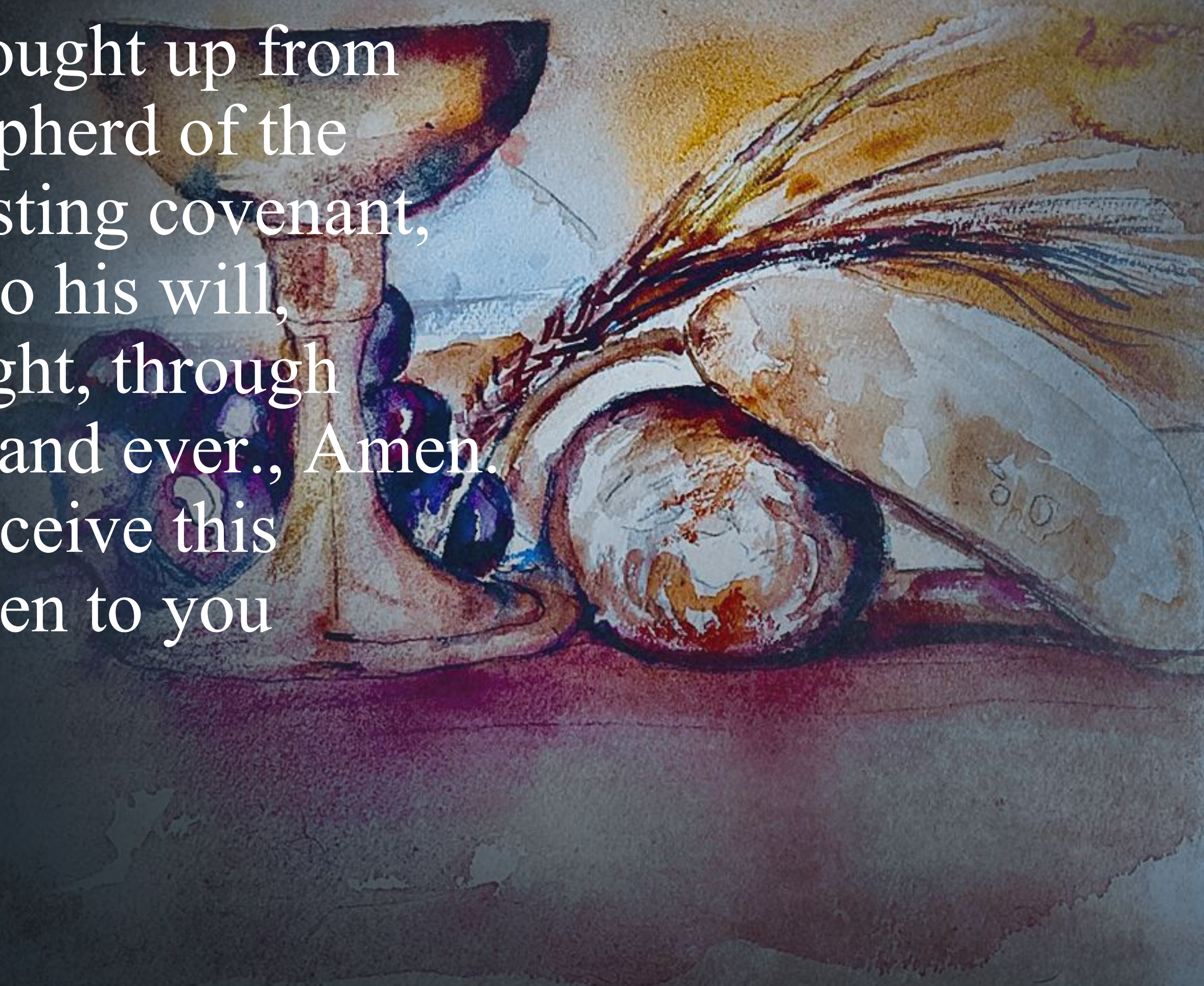




## 11. Love God's Word and receive its instruction

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20 Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—through the blood of the everlasting covenant,  
21 equip you with everything good to do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever., Amen.  
22 Brothers and sisters, I urge you to receive this message of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.





## 12. Love the church and welcome everyone in Christ

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23 Be aware that our brother Timothy has been released. If he comes soon enough, he will be with me when I see you.

24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who are from Italy send you greetings.

25 Grace be with you all.

