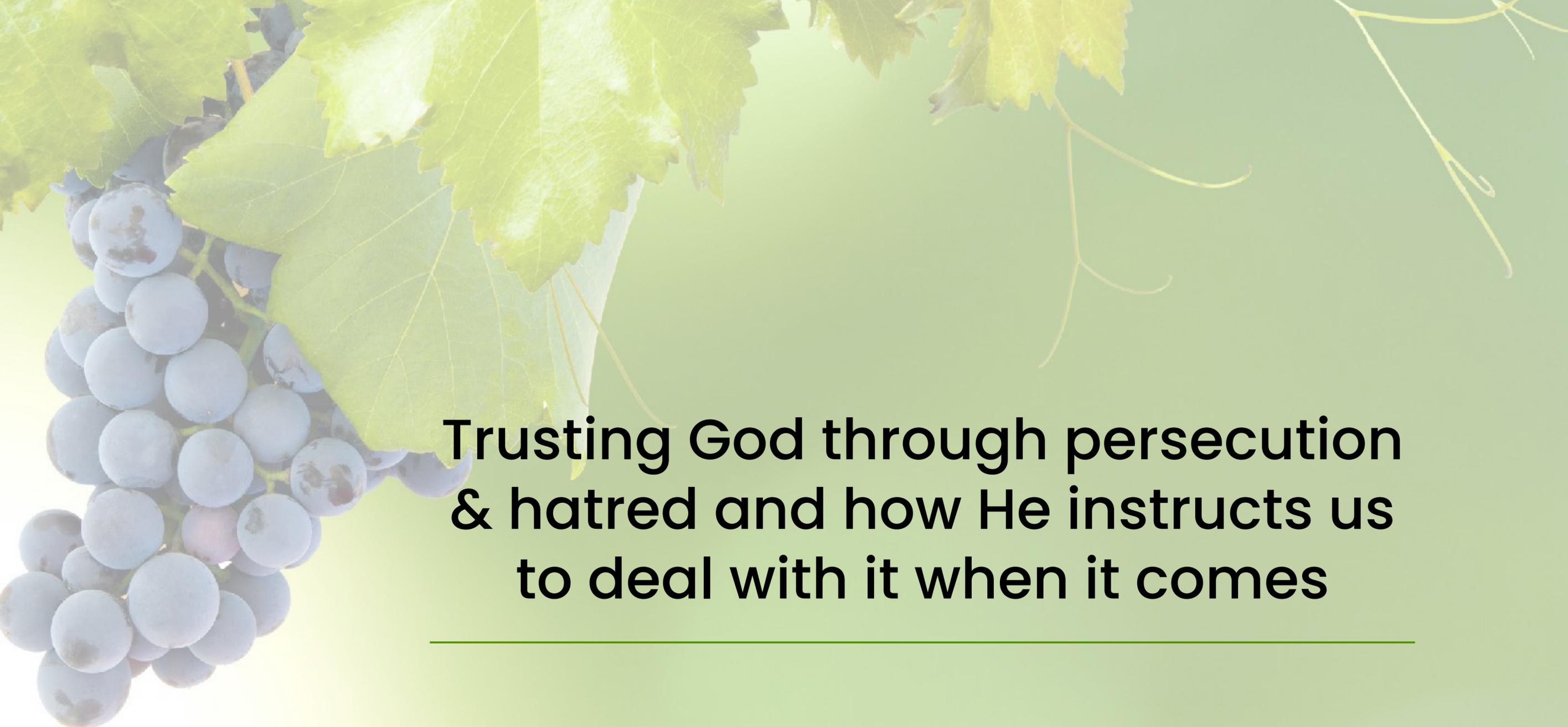
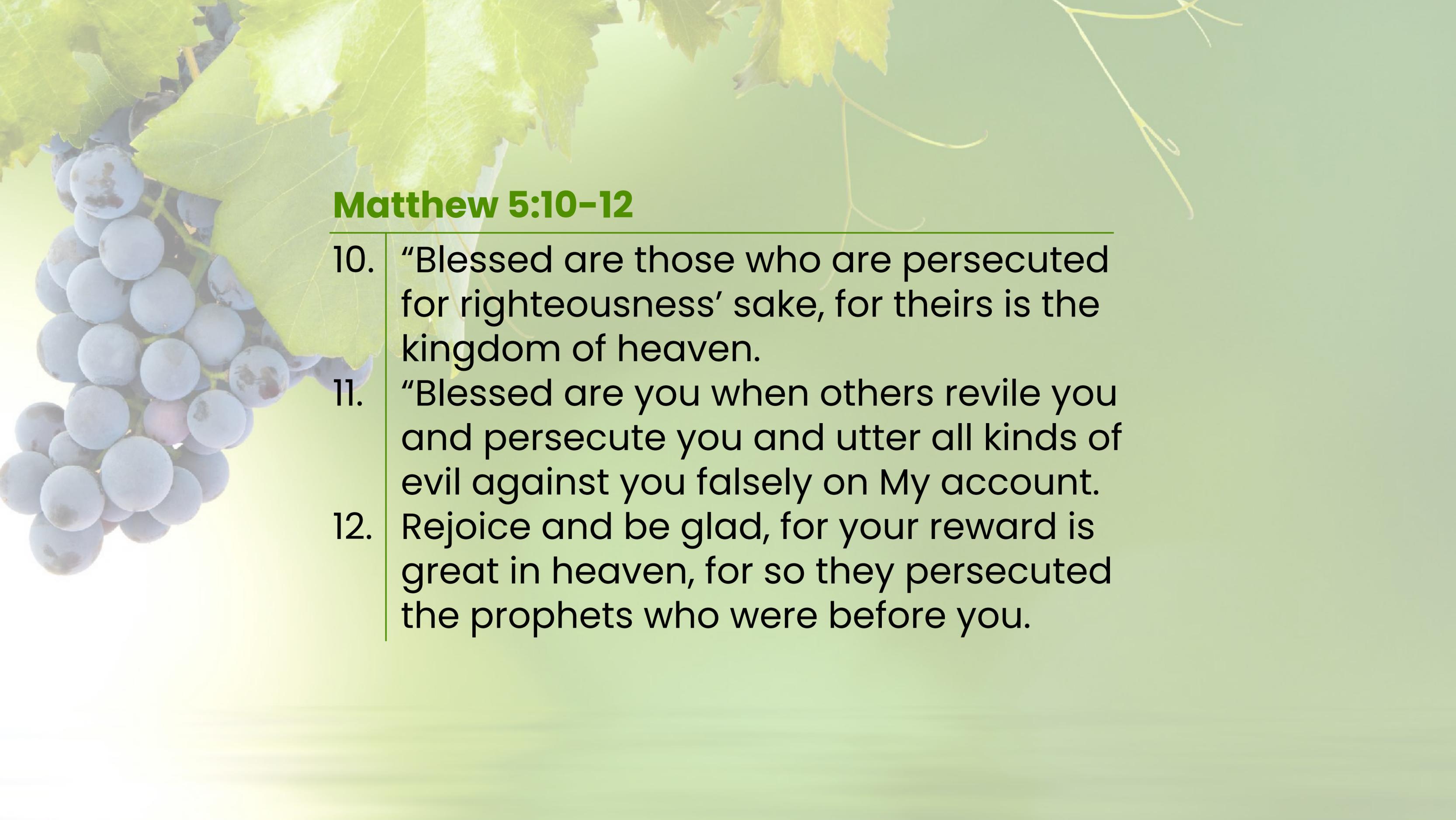


Isaiah 55:8-9

8. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.
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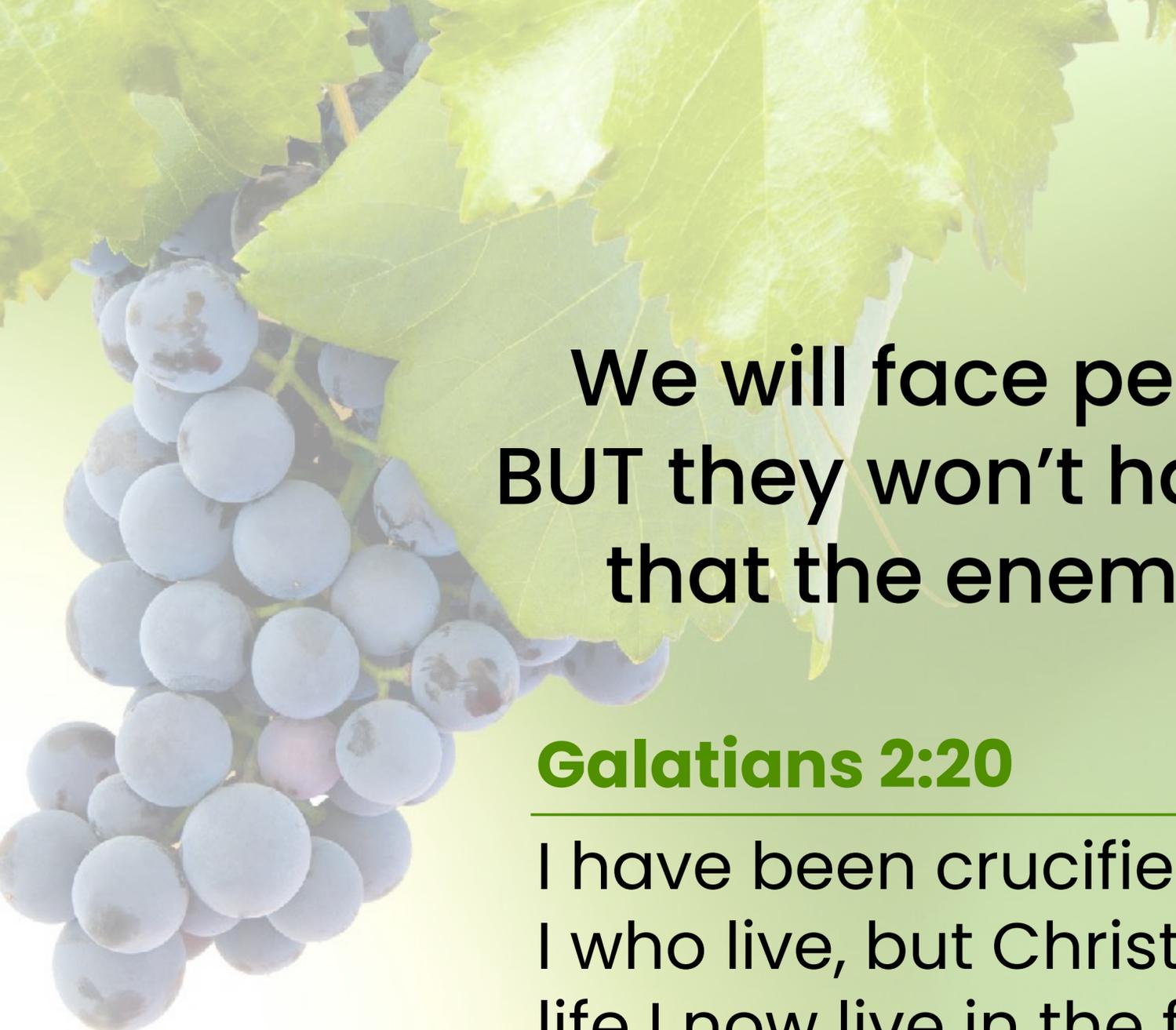


**Trusting God through persecution
& hatred and how He instructs us
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Matthew 5:10-12

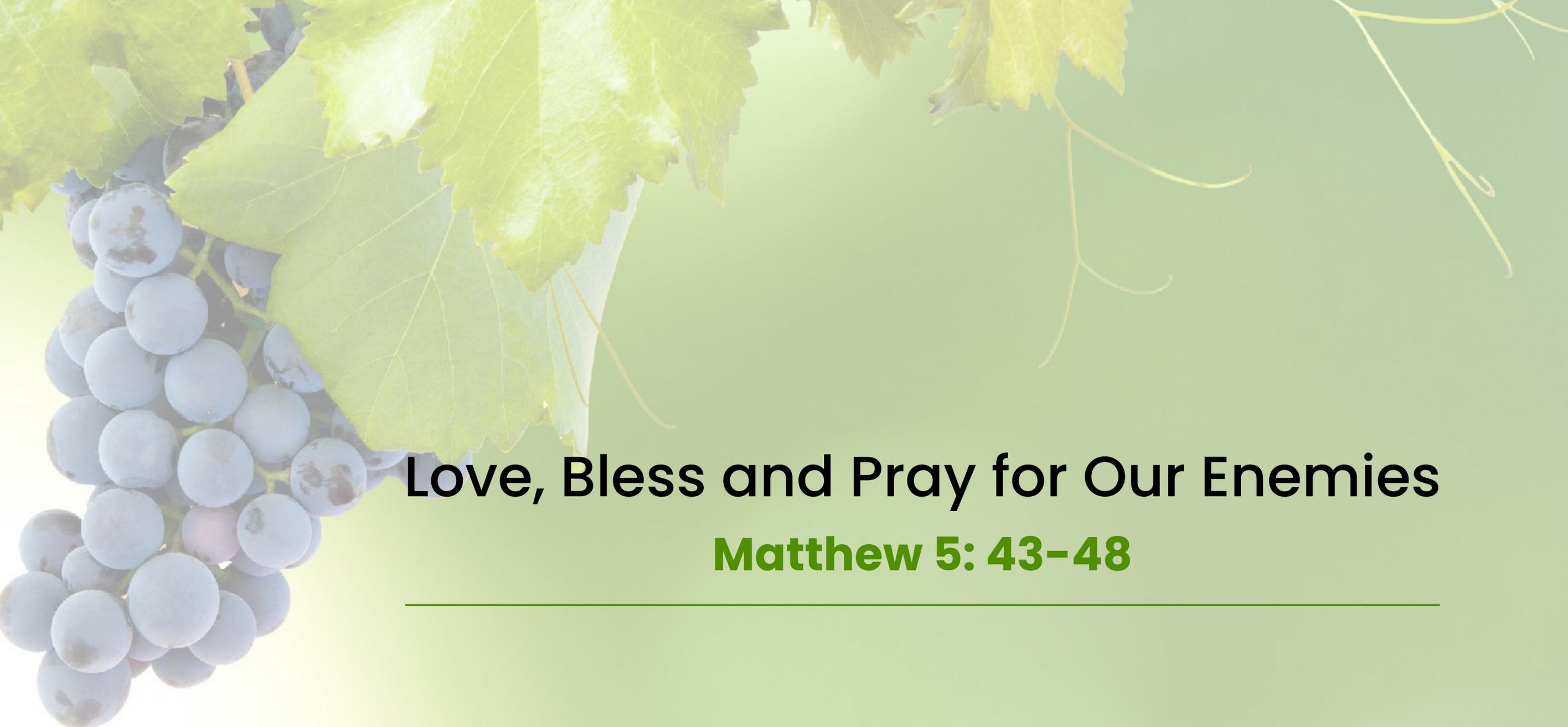
10. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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12. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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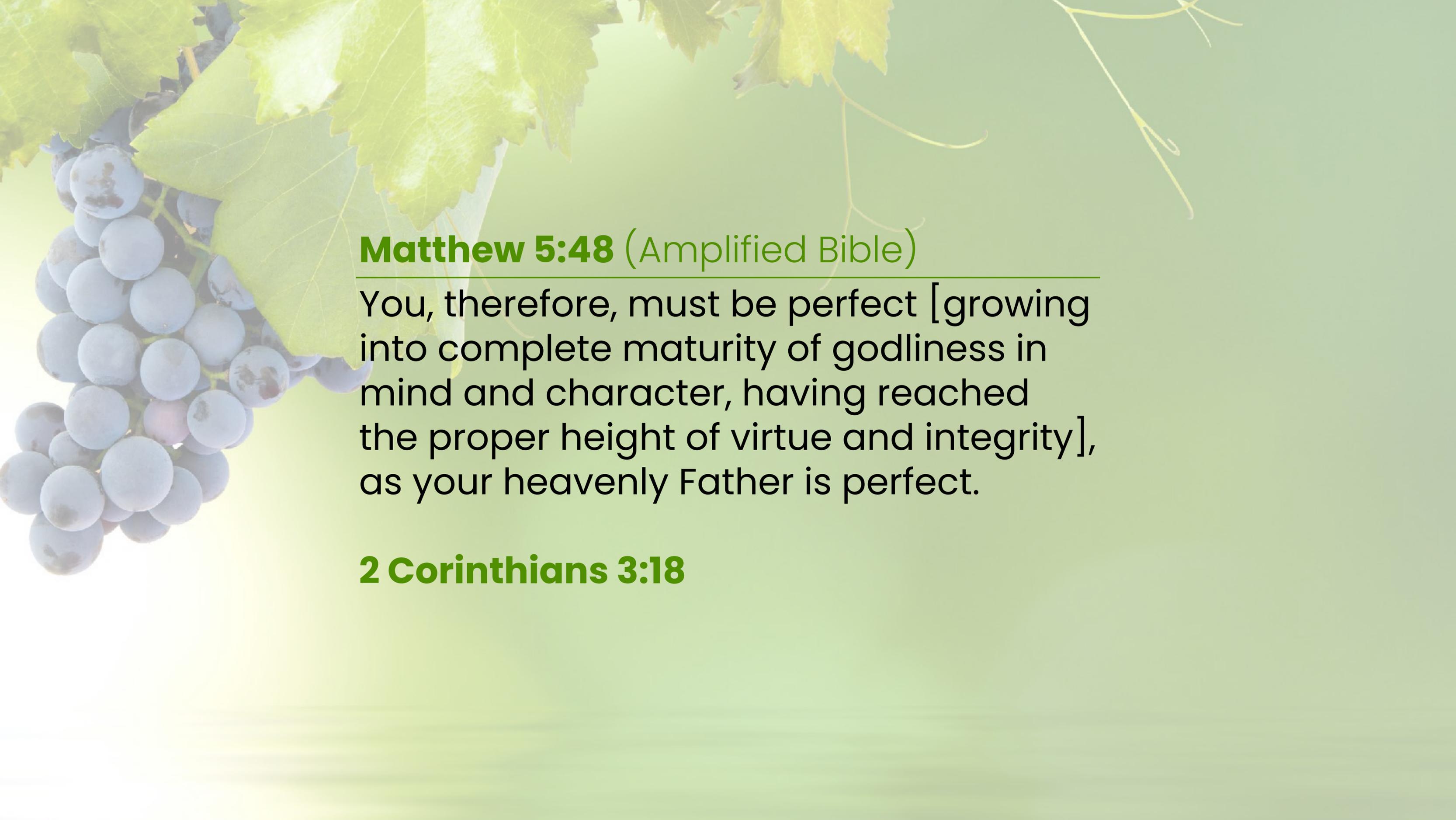
Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



Love, Bless and Pray for Our Enemies

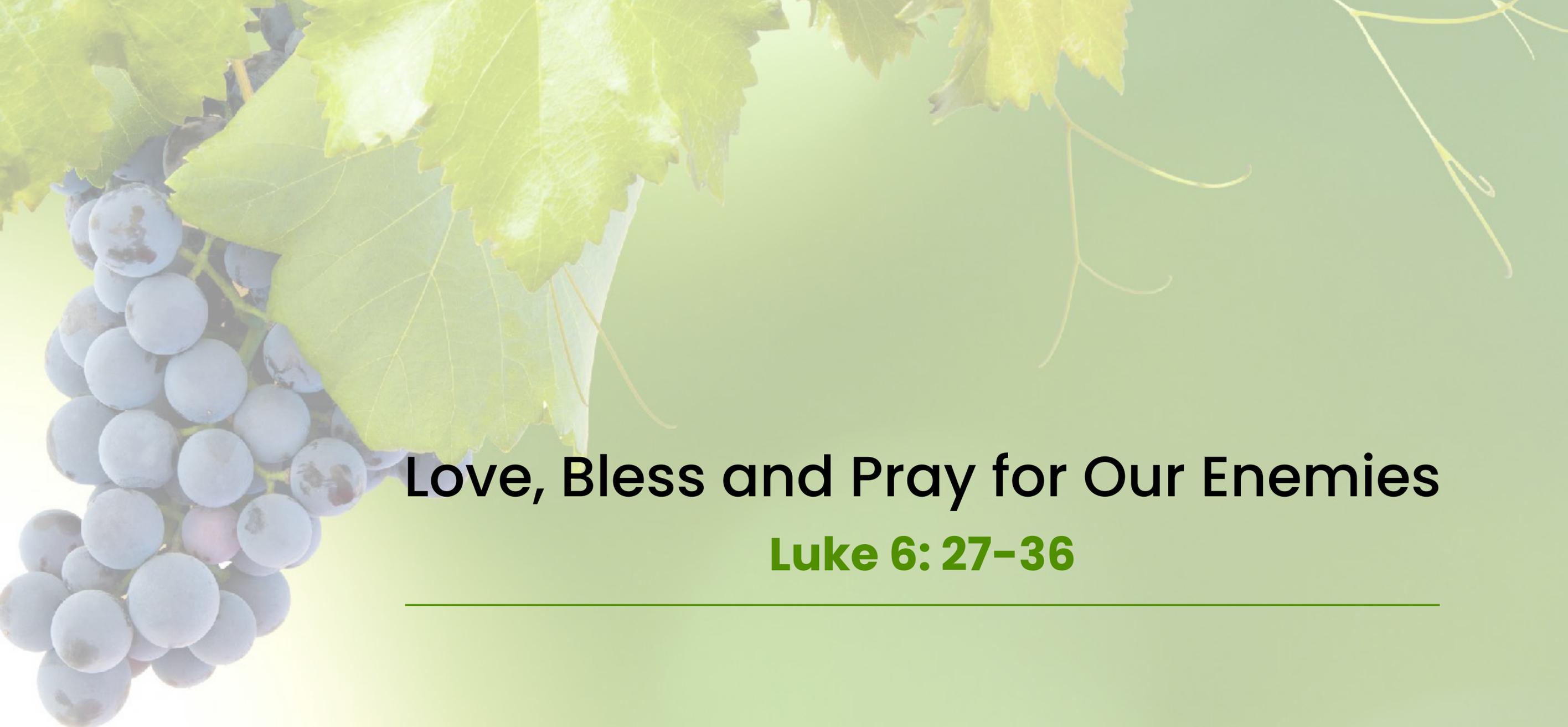
Matthew 5: 43-48



Matthew 5:48 (Amplified Bible)

You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect.

2 Corinthians 3:18



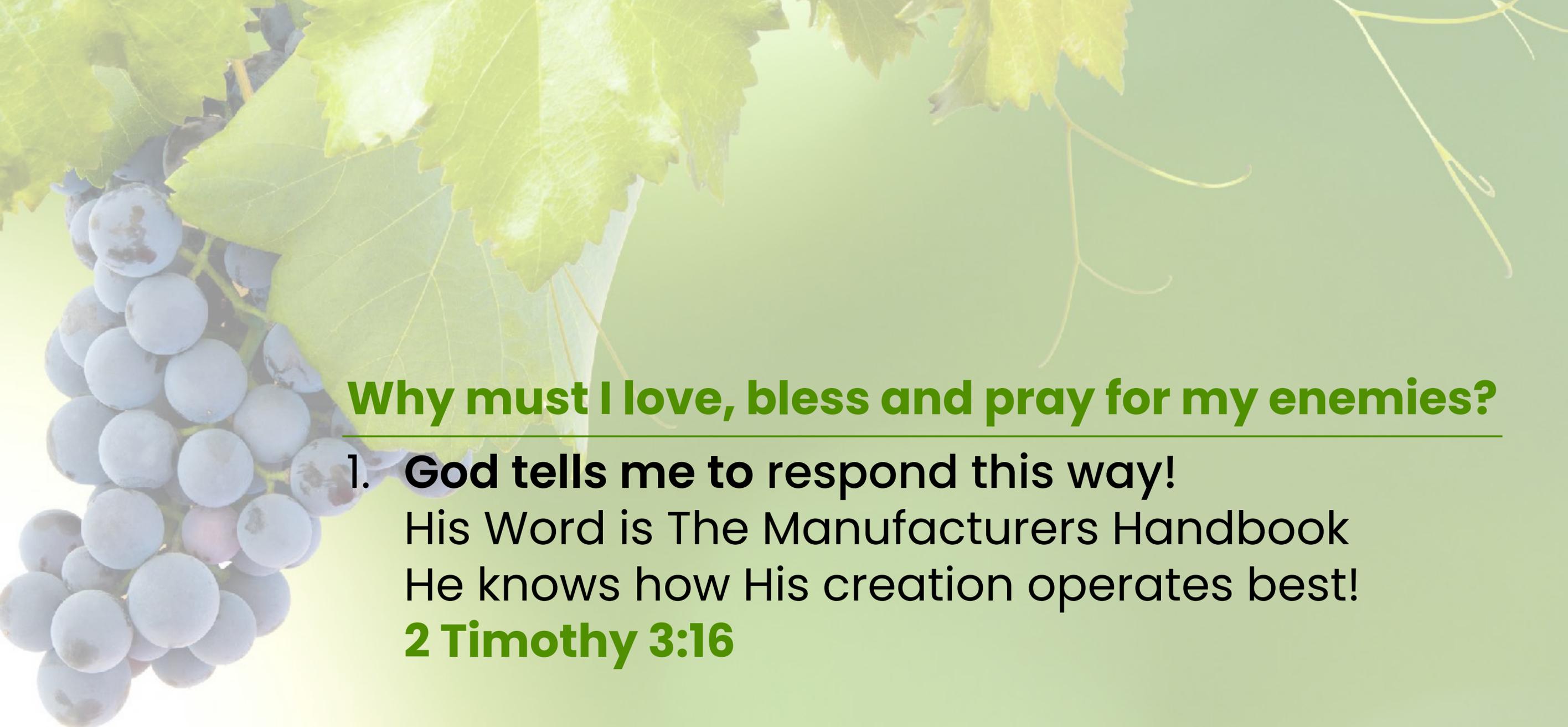
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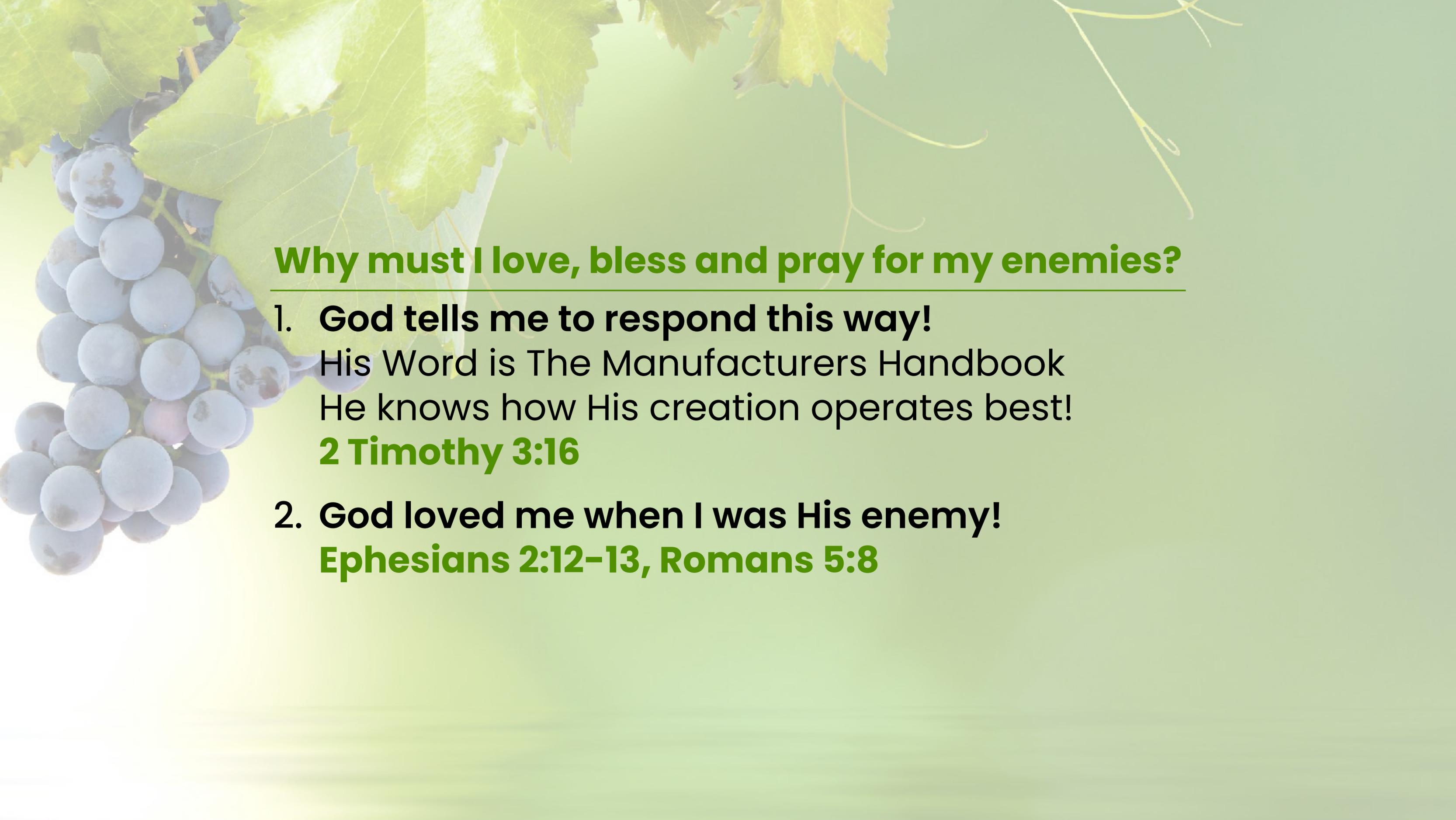
35. But love your enemies and be kind and do good [doing favours so that someone derives benefit from them] and lend, expecting and hoping for nothing in return but considering nothing as lost and despairing of no one; and then your recompense (your reward) will be great (rich, strong, intense, and abundant), and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind and charitable and good to the ungrateful and the selfish and wicked.
36. So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].



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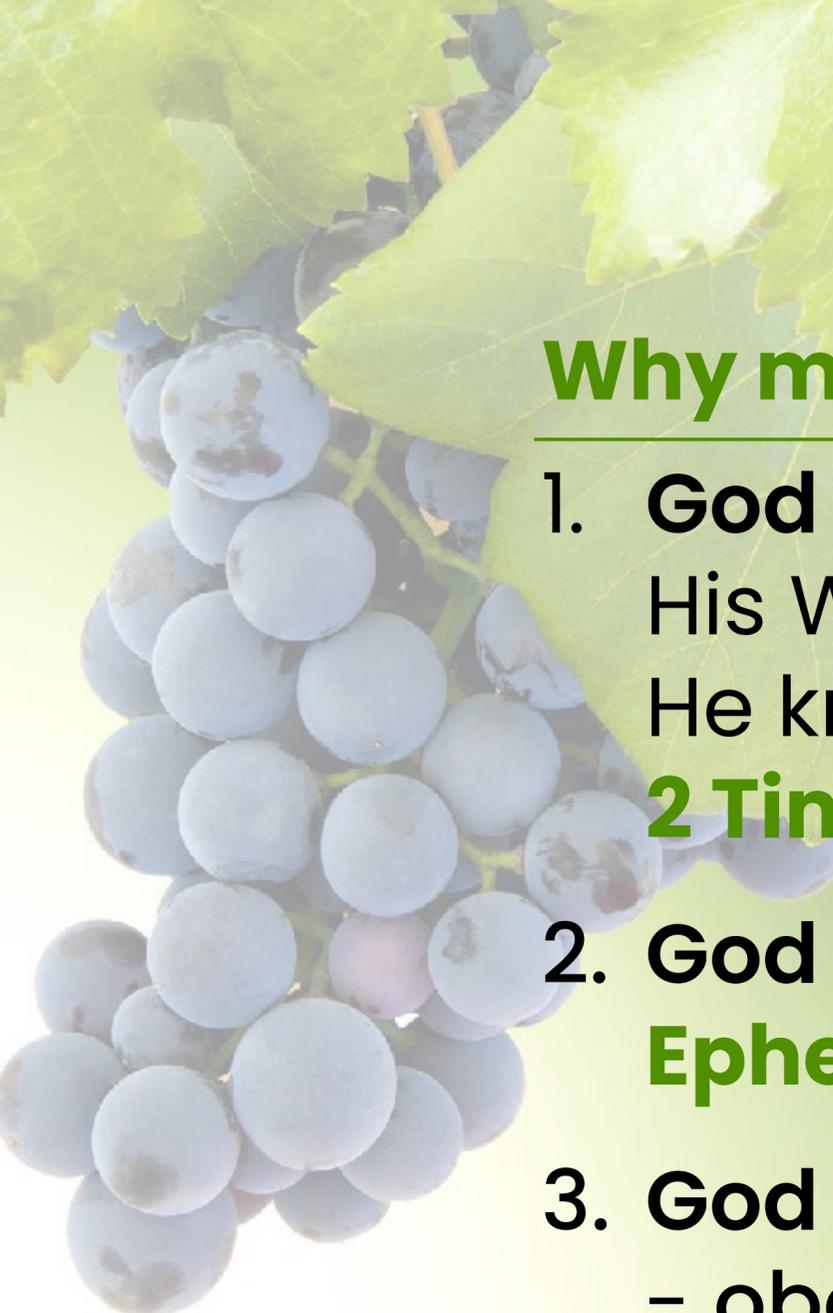
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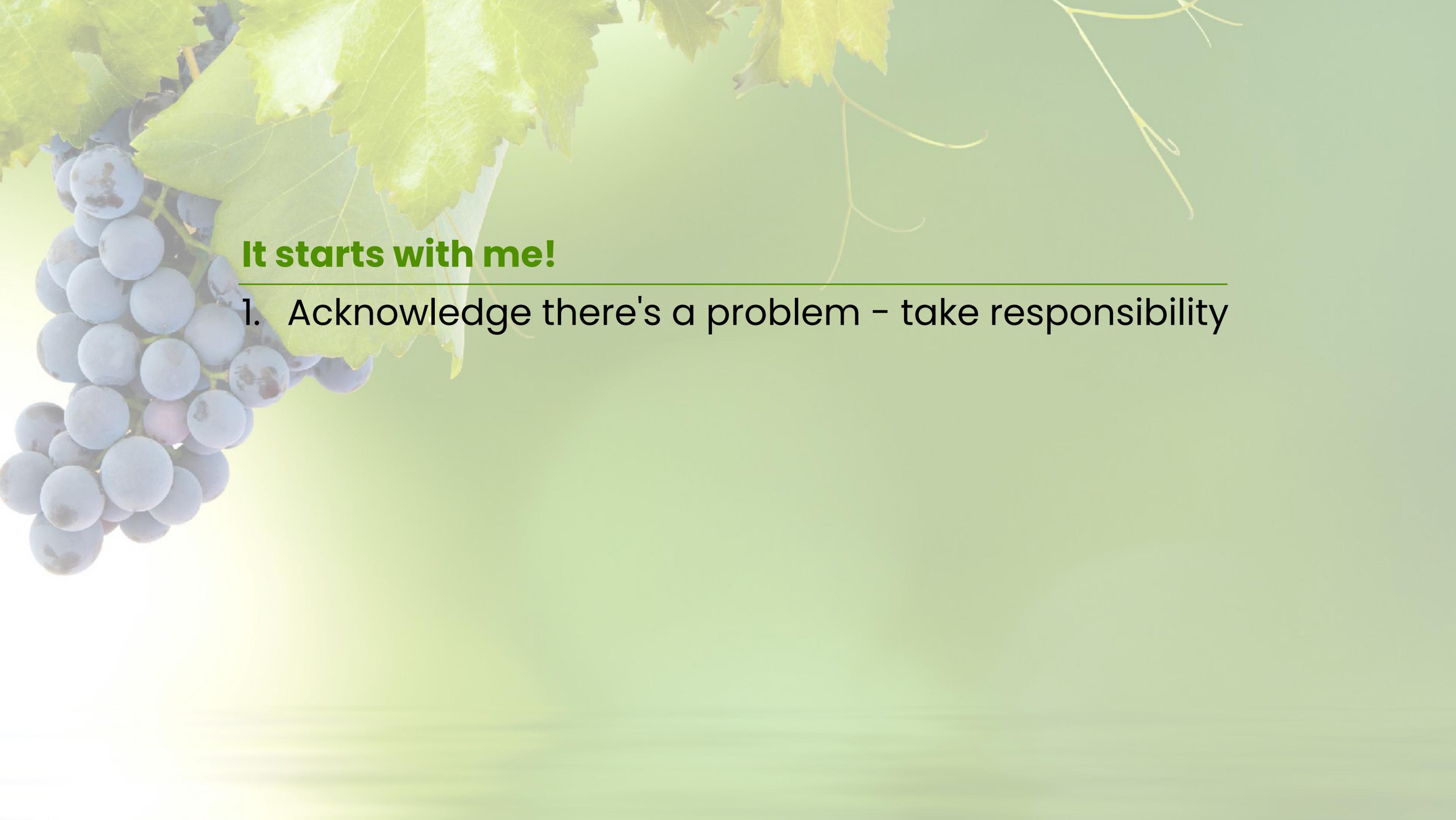
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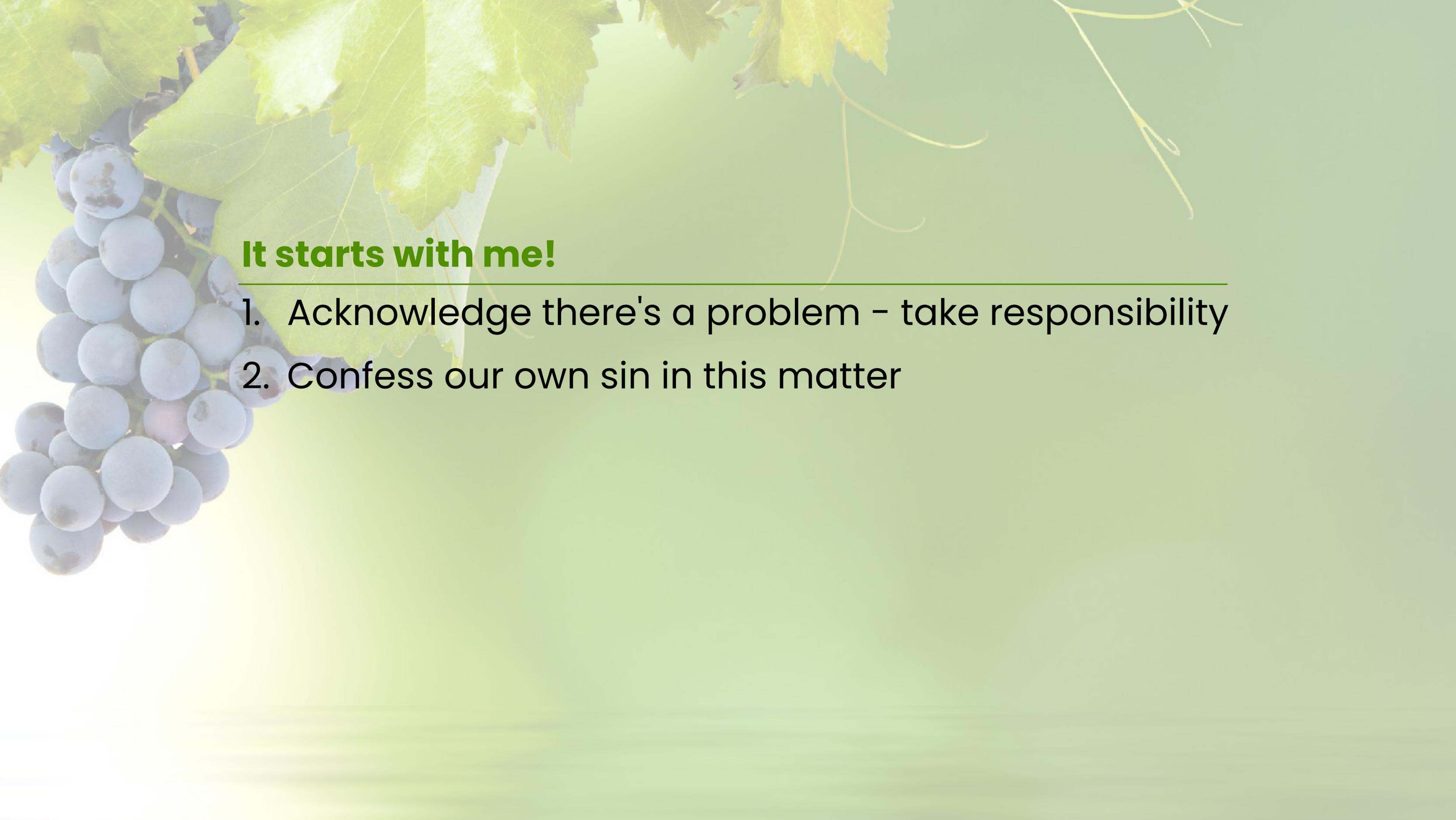
3. God loves my enemies and so should I!

- obedience: God tells me to
- humility: God loved me when I was His enemy
- empathy: I need to love my enemies as God does



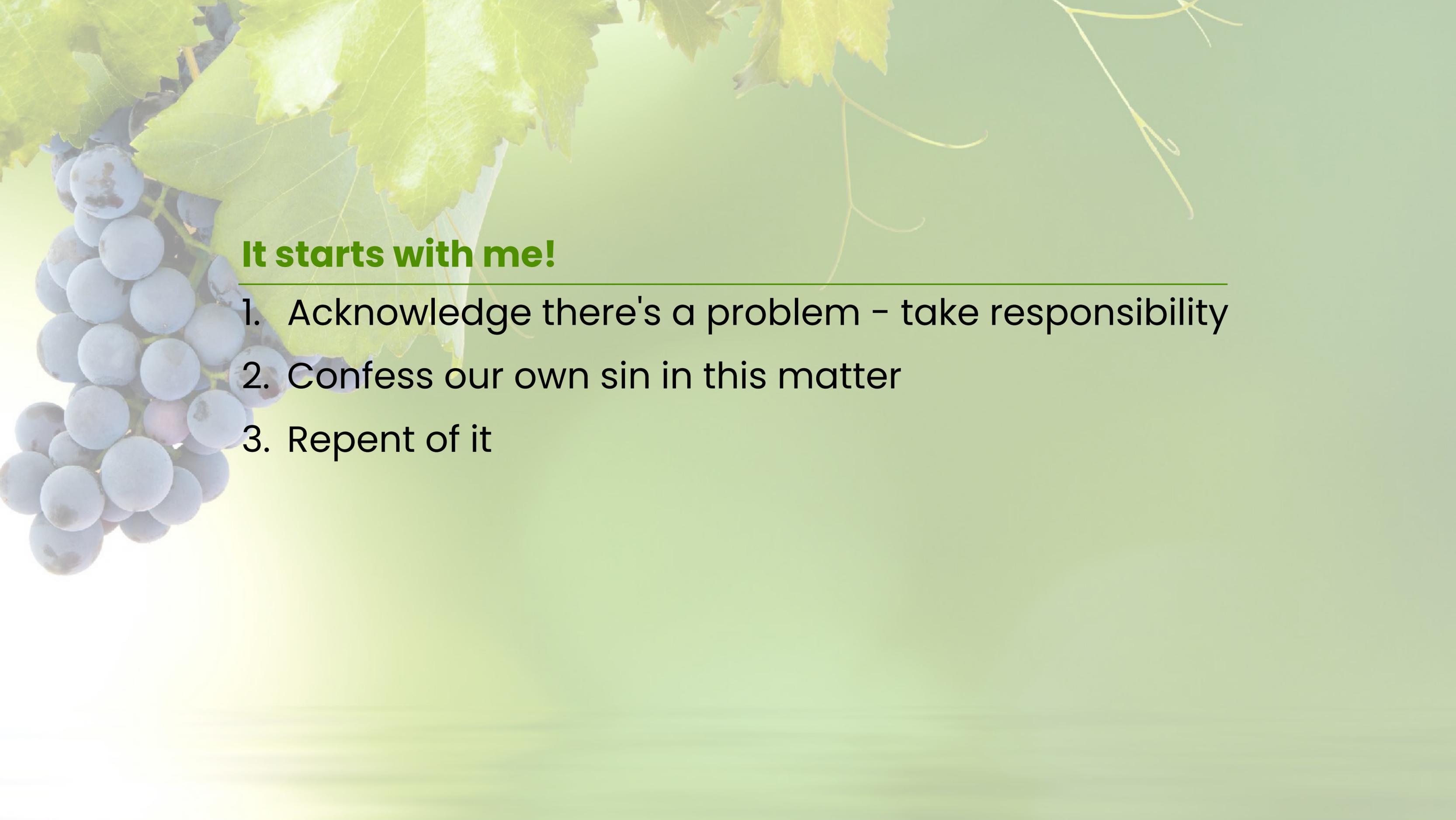
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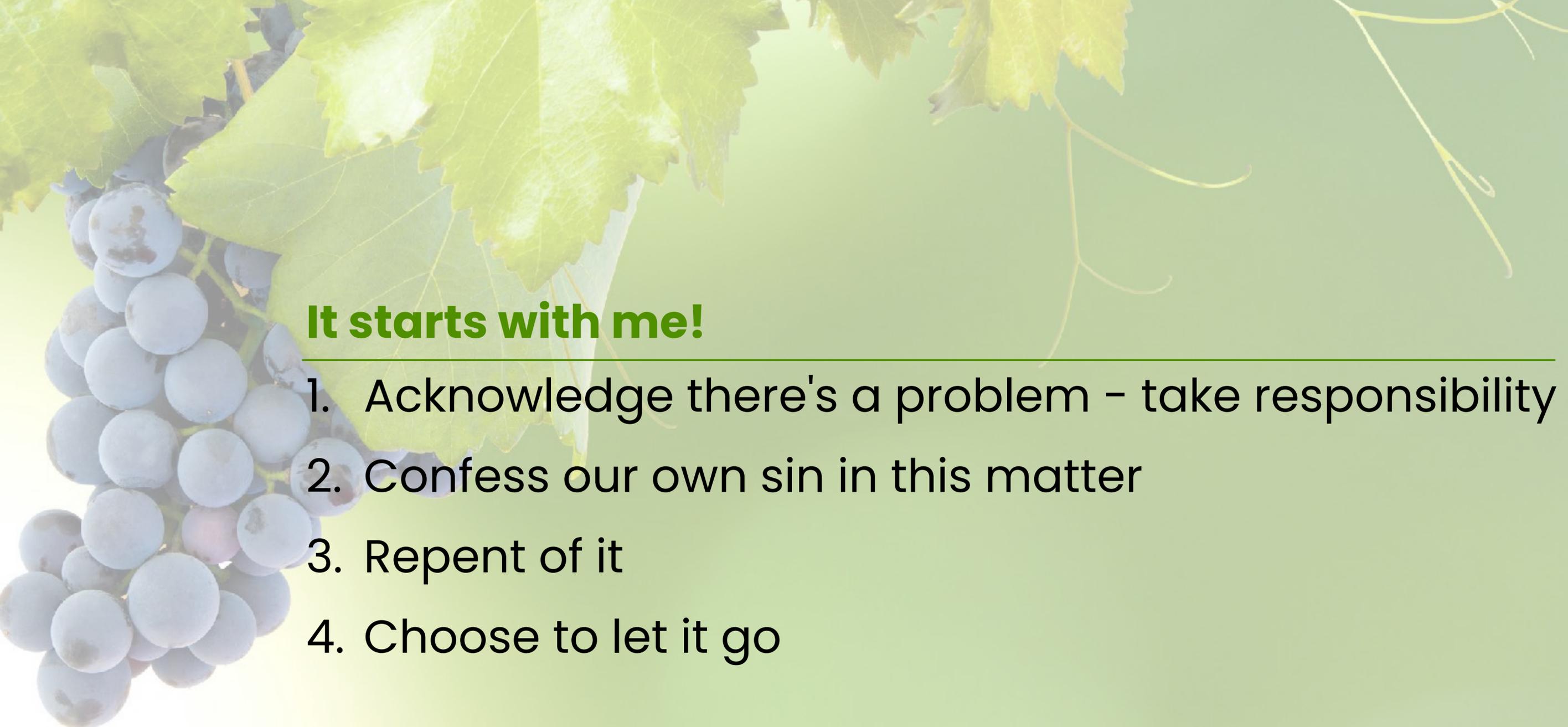
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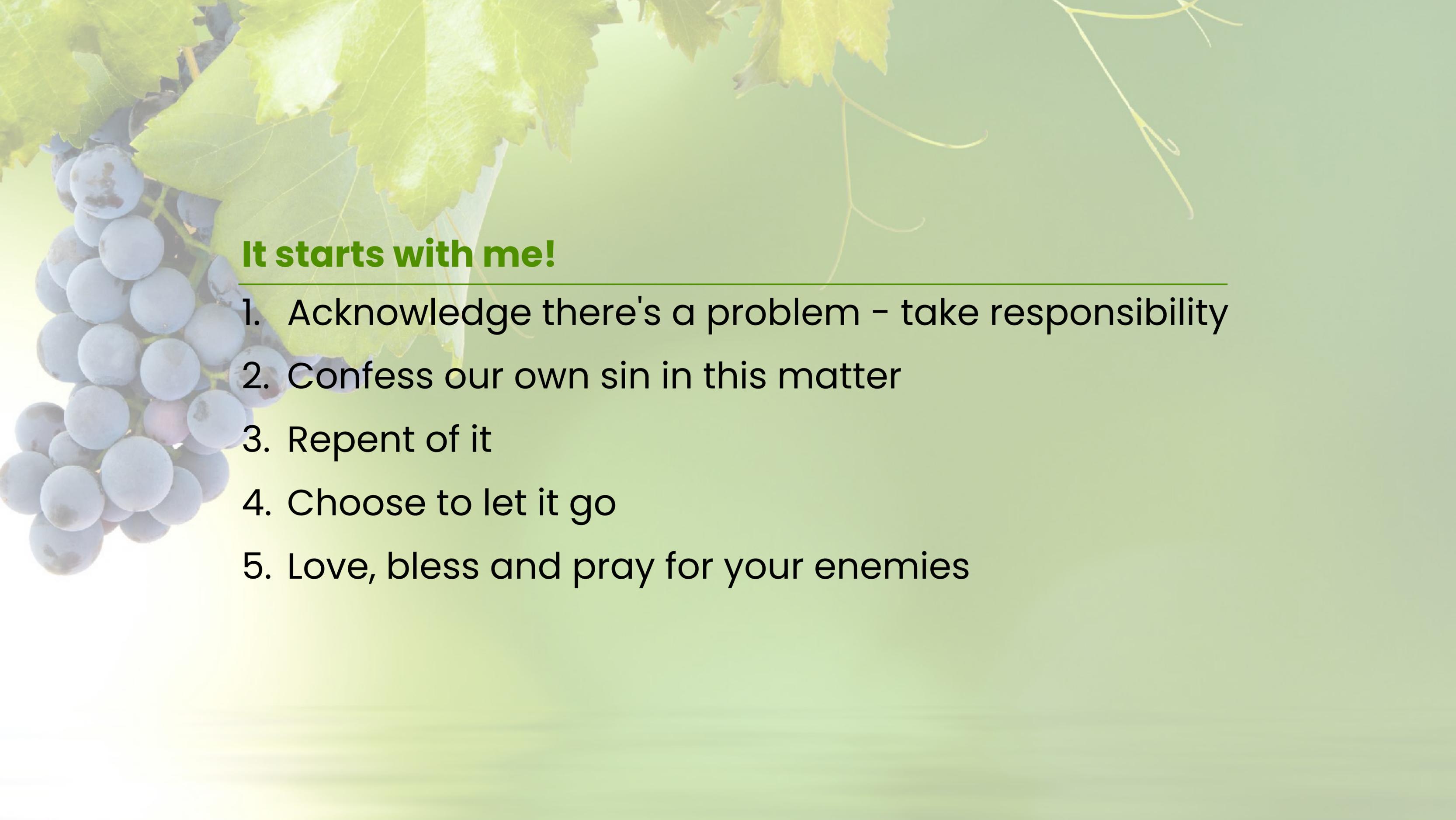
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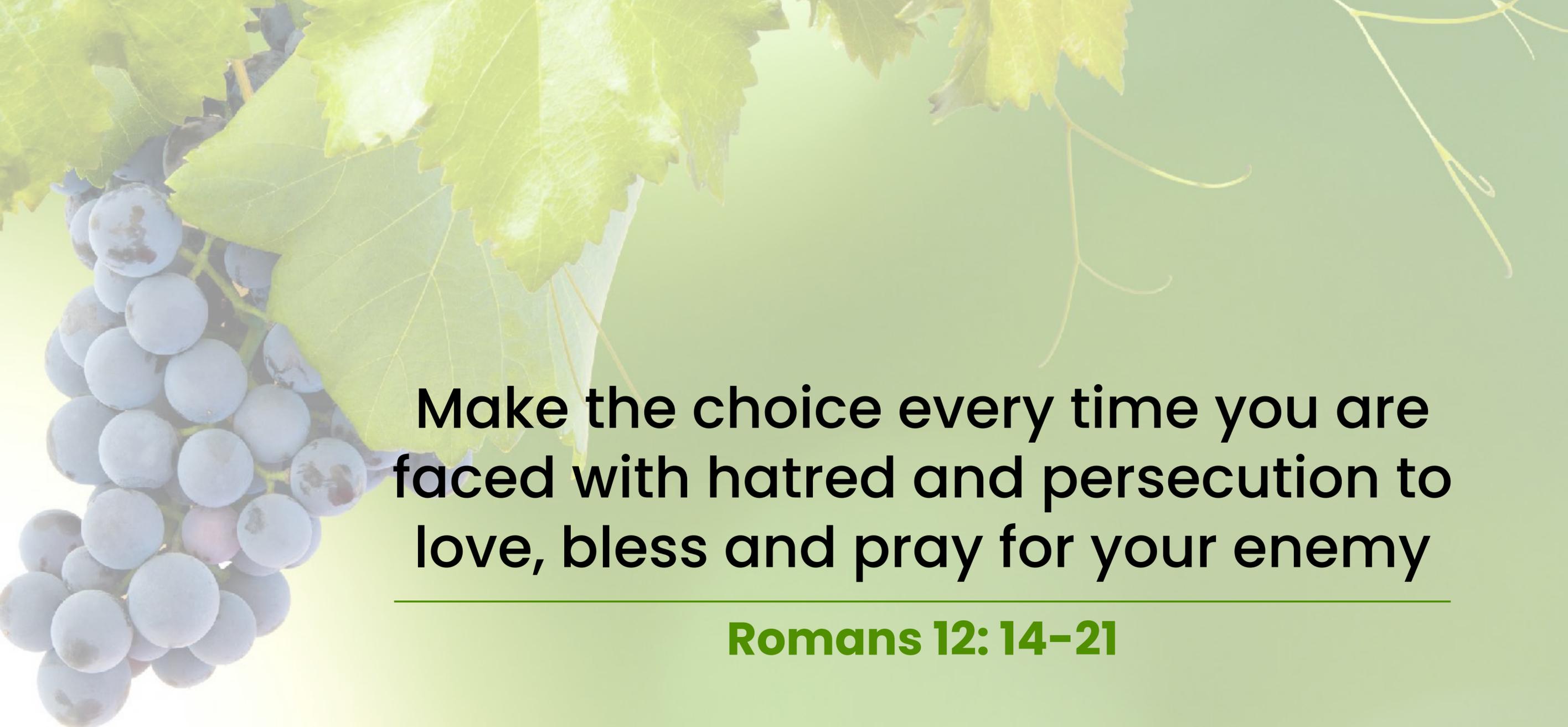
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Pray the Word of God

Romans 12: 14-21



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