

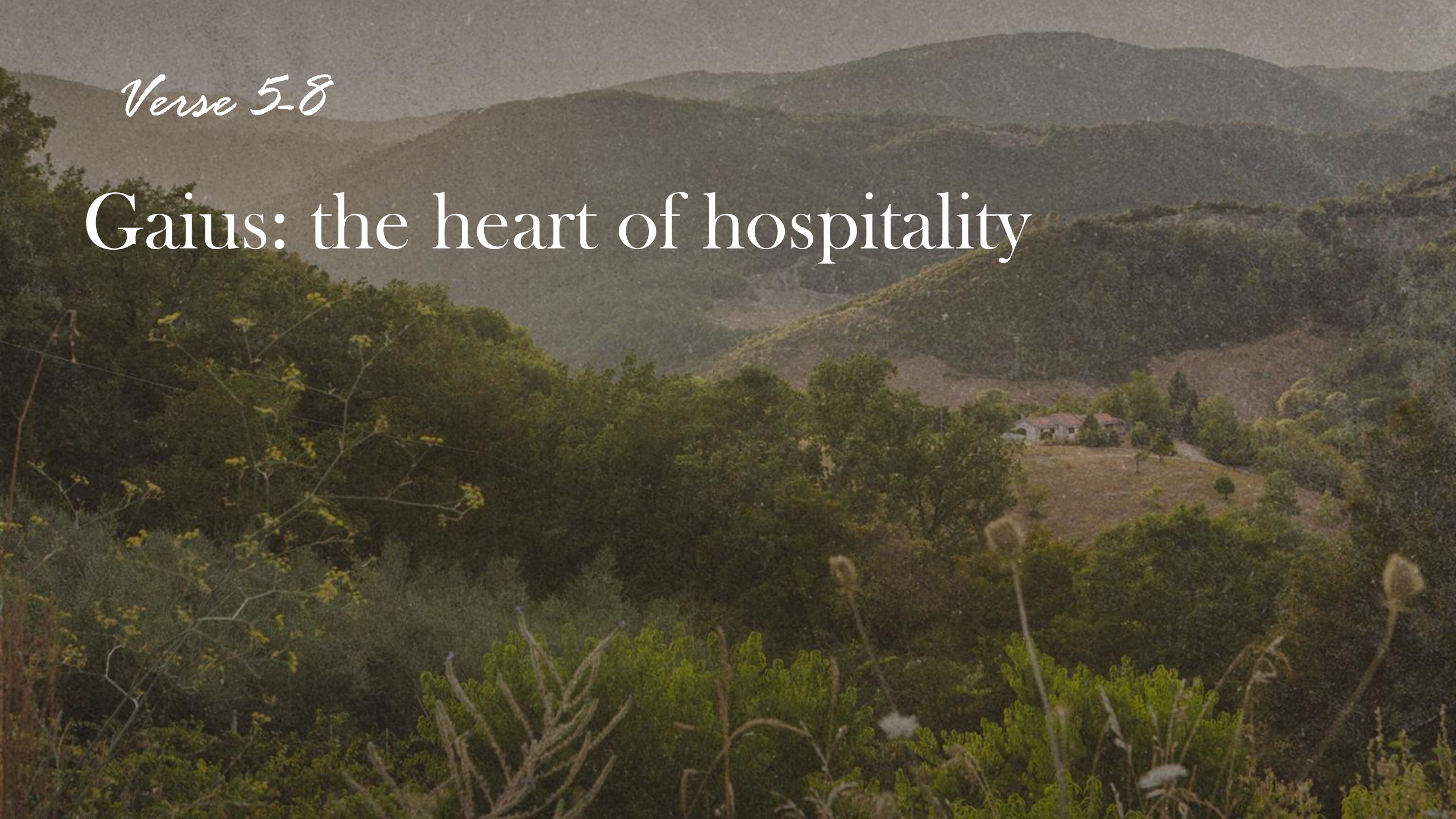


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Beloved, Welcome Well | vv.5-10

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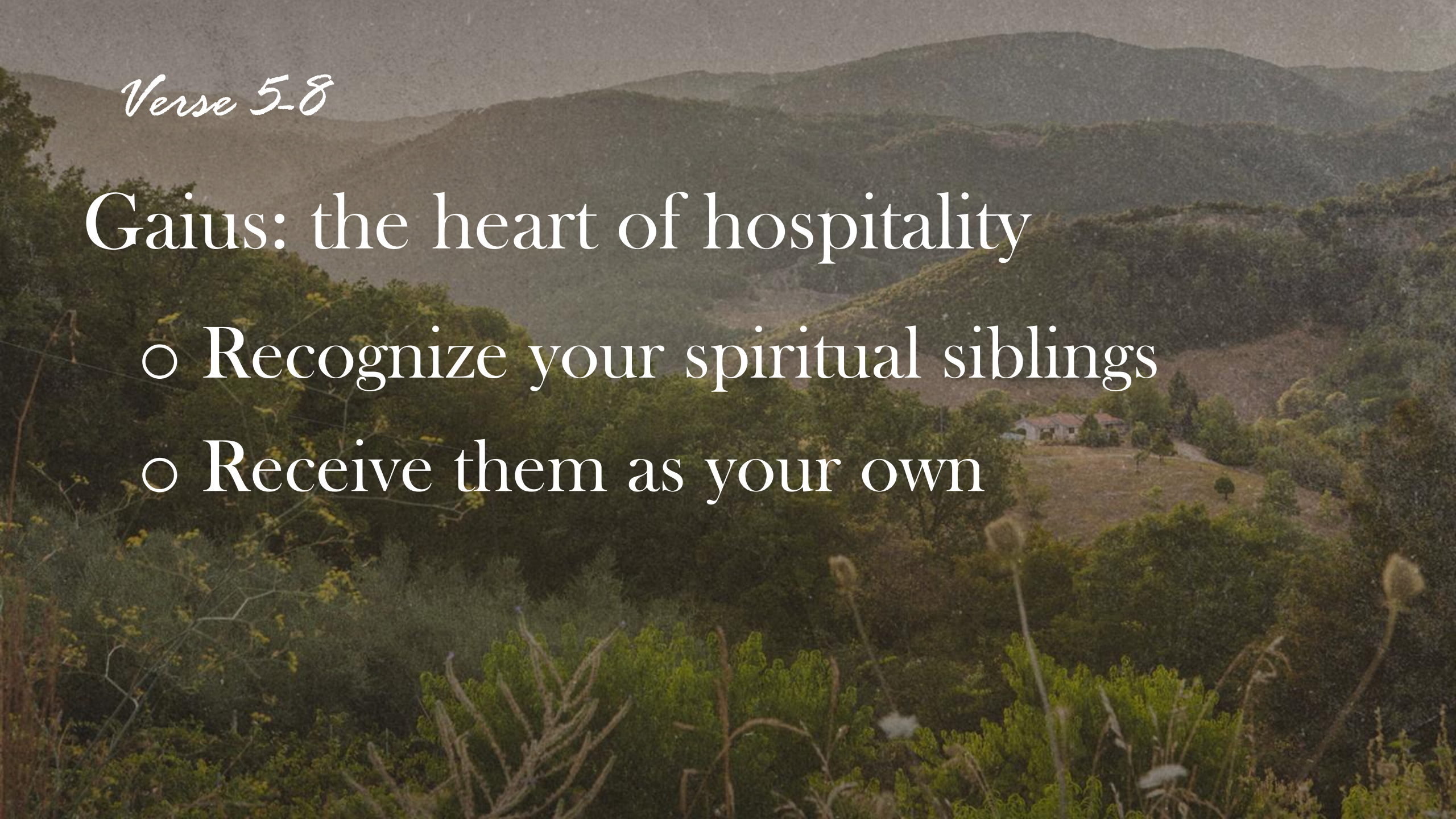
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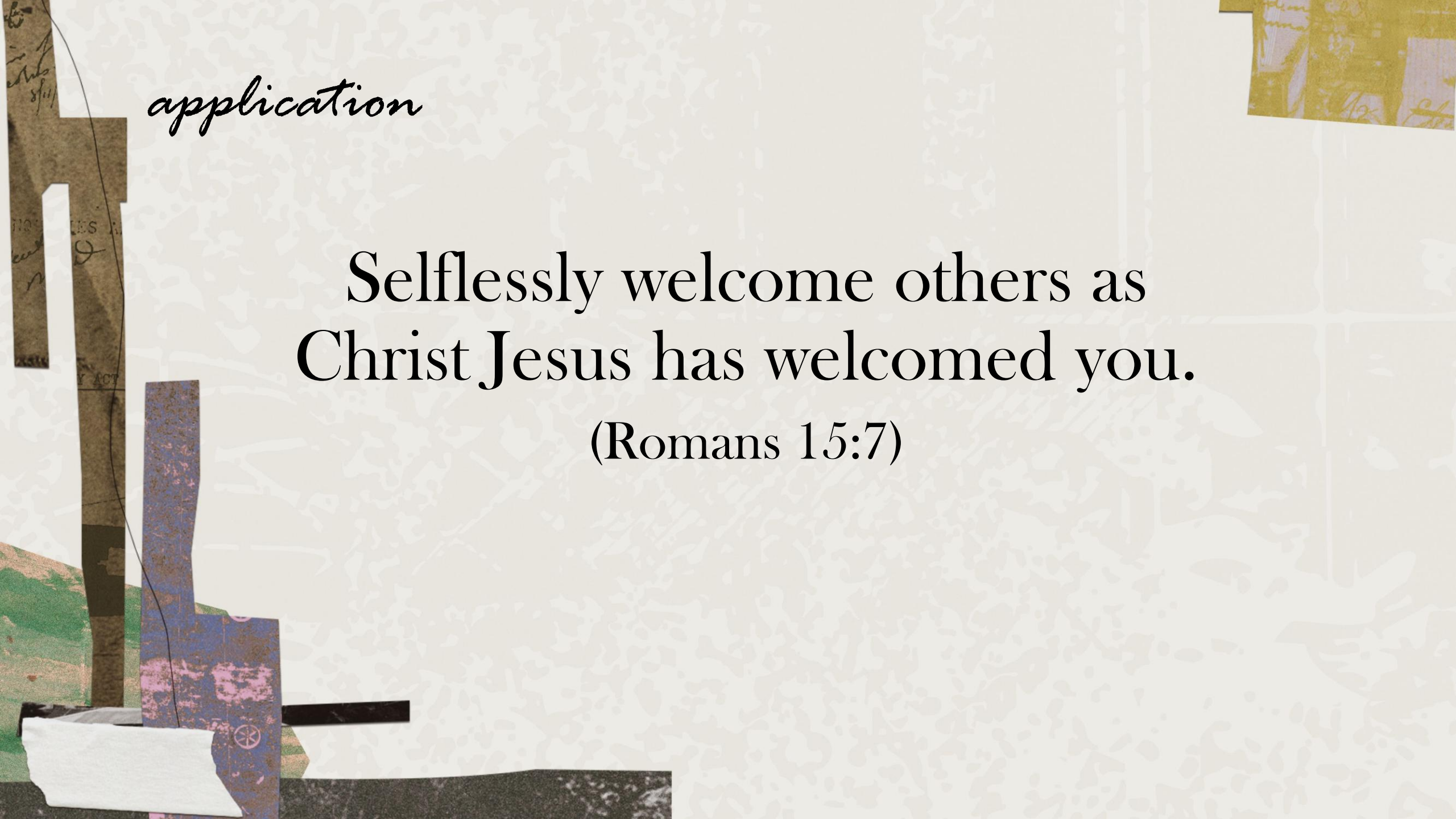
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- Protects personal authority
- Withholds sacrificial hospitality
- Divides a spiritual community



application

Selflessly welcome others as
Christ Jesus has welcomed you.

(Romans 15:7)

Benediction

May grace, mercy, and peace
be with us, from God the
Father and from Jesus Christ,
in truth and love.

2 John 3

— Today's Sermon ————— 9-20-26 —

"Beloved, Welcome Well"
3 John 5-10 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main point: Our love as a church is shown in how well we welcome fellow Christians.

Gaius: The heart of hospitality (5-8)

Diotrephes: The perils of pride (9-10)

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Growing Deeper:

1. What is the difference between hospitality and entertaining? In what sense is hospitality a heart attitude and not just an action?
2. What might it look like to welcome someone “in a manner worthy of God?” Why do they deserve this kind of love?
3. Where do you see pride getting in the way of your love for fellow Christians? How might this be hurting your testimony with others and before God?
4. Do you actively look for visitors each week when you worship at New Castle? Why or why not? What are some practical steps you can take to become a more welcoming member of this church family?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 09/27 by reading the letter of 3 John each day again this week.

Prayer Prompt: Gracious Father, thank you for welcoming me into your spiritual family. Help me to show faithful love and hospitality to those who also bear the name of Christ. May I put to death the pride that so often keeps me from sacrificing for the good others, for you are worthy of such praise! Amen.

Reaching Farther:

Family: As a family, talk with your kids about the phrase found in 3 John 9 – “Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first.” Ask your children when and where they desire to be first in life. How do these desires compare to an attitude of love, humility, and servant-heartedness? Read together the story of Jesus and his disciples from Mark 10:35-45. What can we learn from the loving example of Jesus?

Church: Over the next month, challenge yourself to follow the short hospitality prompt provided in the worship folder (highlighted in green). Consider this an expression of your worship to God and embrace the way it forces you to step outside of your comfort zone.