

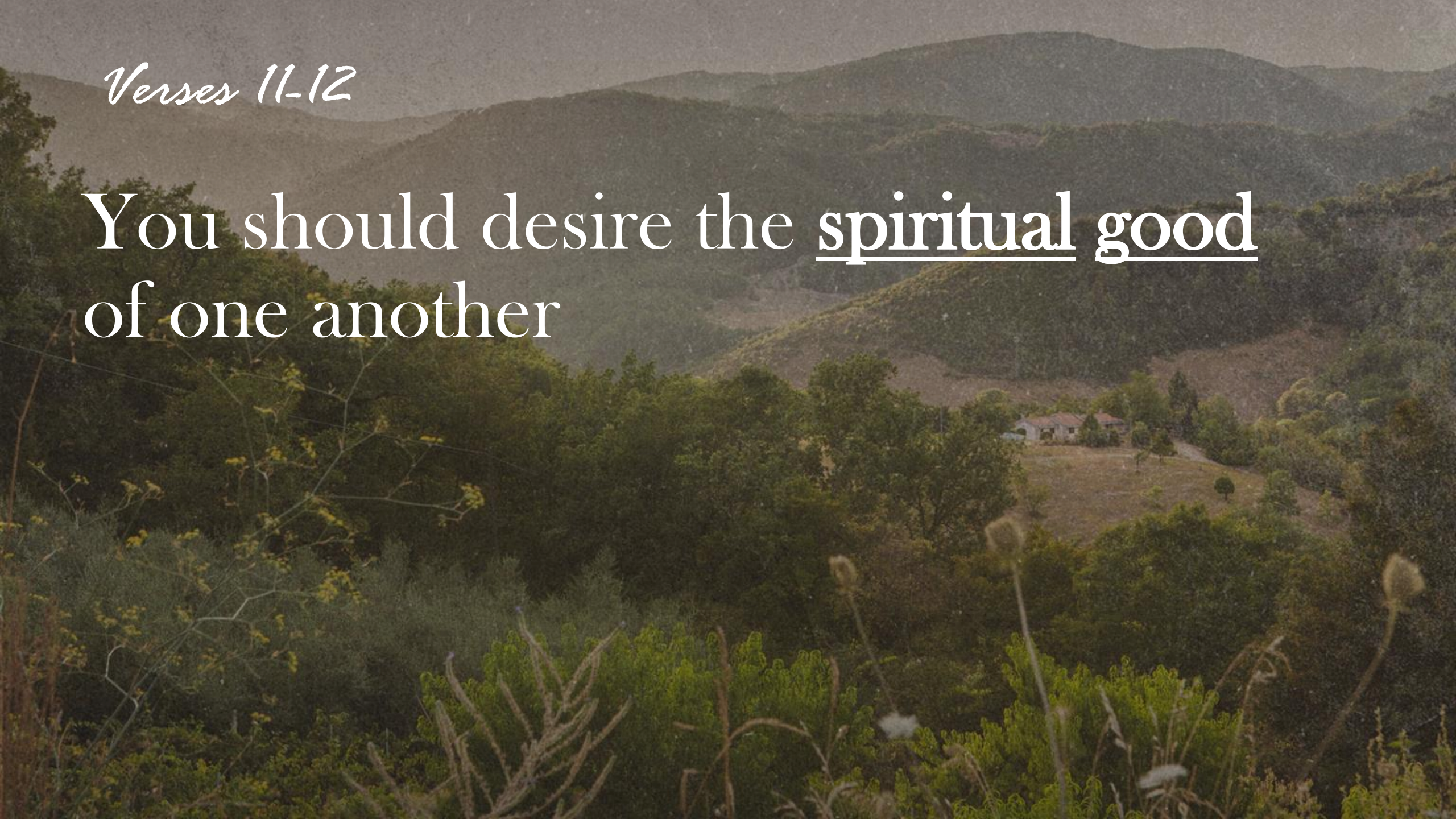


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Beloved, Do What is Good | *w.11-15*

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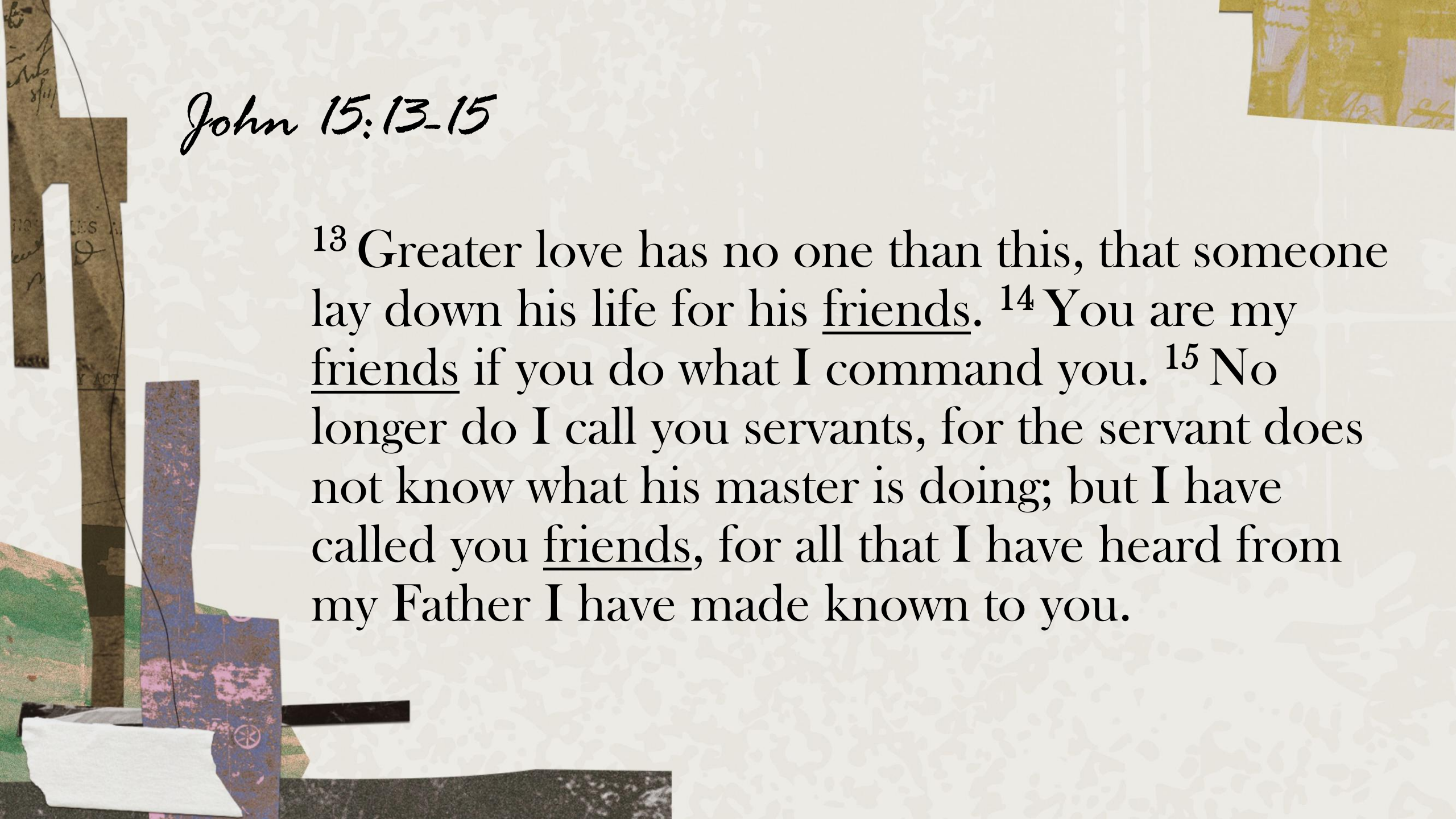
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Greet name by name (15)



John 15:13-15

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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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 ————— 9-27-26 —

"Beloved, Do What is Good"
3 John 11-15 – *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main point: What should you desire from your Christian friendships?

You should desire the _____ of one another (11-12)

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You should desire the _____ of one another (13-15)

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Growing Deeper:

1. Before studying 3 John, what would you have identified as the key characteristics of a good friendship? What has changed at the conclusion of this study?
2. How do we practically look out for the spiritual good of one another as Christians? Why should this be a top priority in our relationships?
3. Why is being physically present with other believers so important? How has the digital age affected the way we think about relationships and gathering with fellow believers? Is there anything that you would like to change in your own life?
4. How can you invest in others so that you might see their spiritual fruit and find joy in them? Who has God placed in your life for you to invest in as a spiritual child?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 10/04 by reading and meditating on Acts 13:1-3 this week.

Prayer Prompt: Gracious Lord, thank you for placing me in a spiritual community with others who desire my spiritual good. Help me to encourage others to walk in the truth and to maintain a good testimony in this world. May I reflect the sacrificial love that my Savior first showed toward me! Amen.

Reaching Farther:

Family: As a family, talk with your kids about the challenges and drawbacks of digital communication. Help them see why these are cheap substitutes for personal interaction. You can even point them back to the Covid-19 pandemic and remind them of the sorrows it created when people were not able to be present with one another. Why do you think this was the case? What does this reveal about how God created us?

Church: As a way to help us learn to “greet the friends, each by name,” consider getting one of our special church nametags. You can stop by the welcome desk if you do not already have one. You can even sign up to get multiple nametags in case you are worried about losing or forgetting one. Once you have this, commit to wearing it each Sunday as a way to help foster a community of relational wholeness here at New Castle.