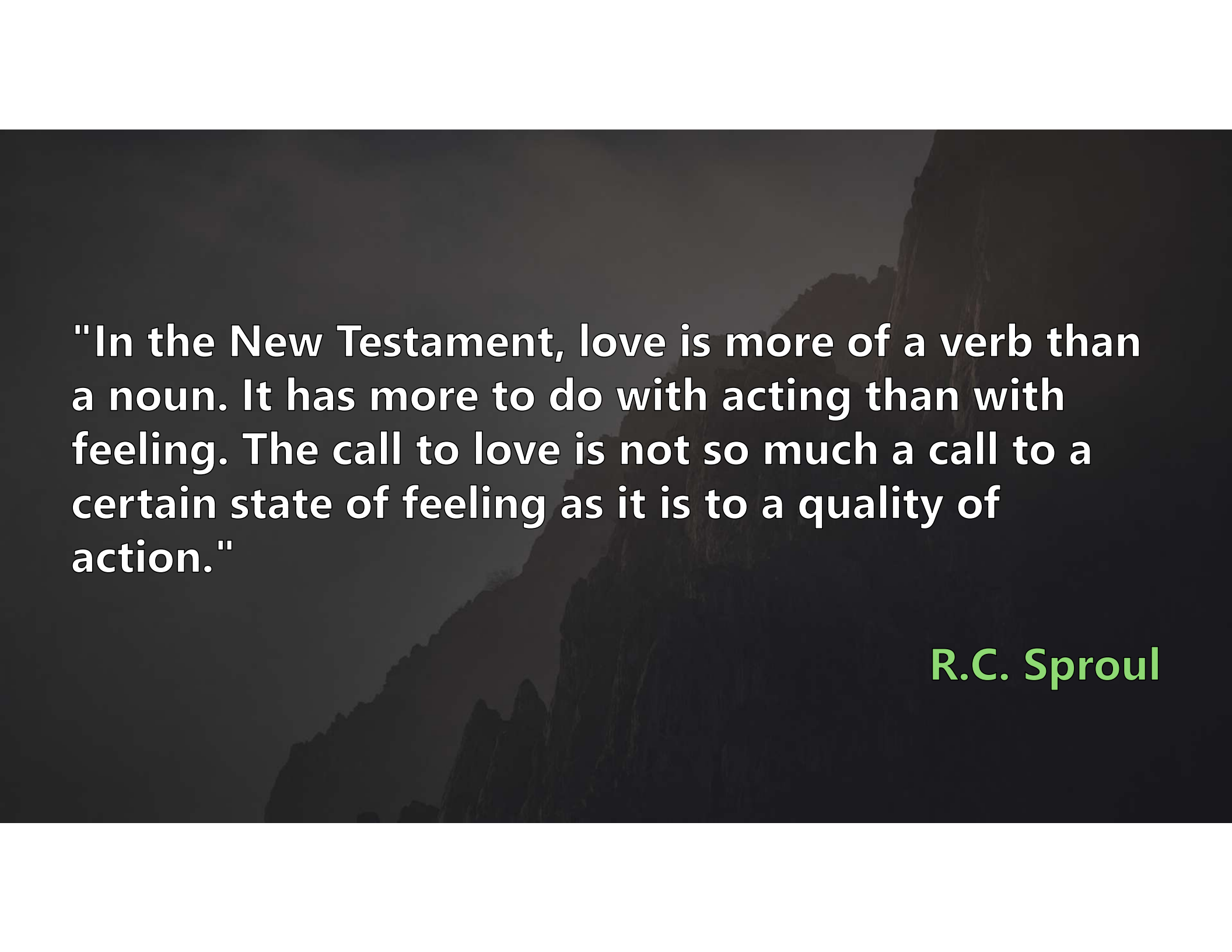


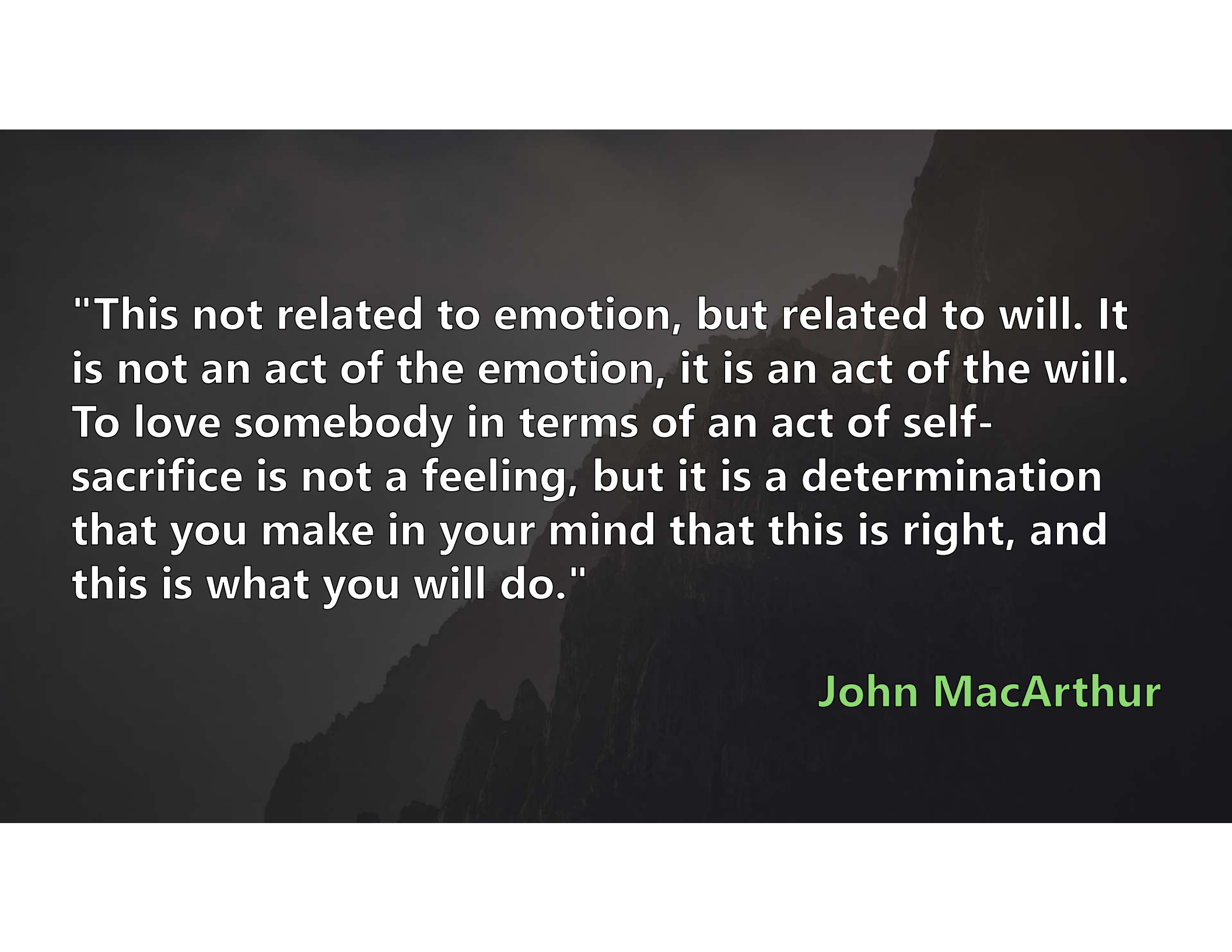
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"In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun. It has more to do with acting than with feeling. The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action."

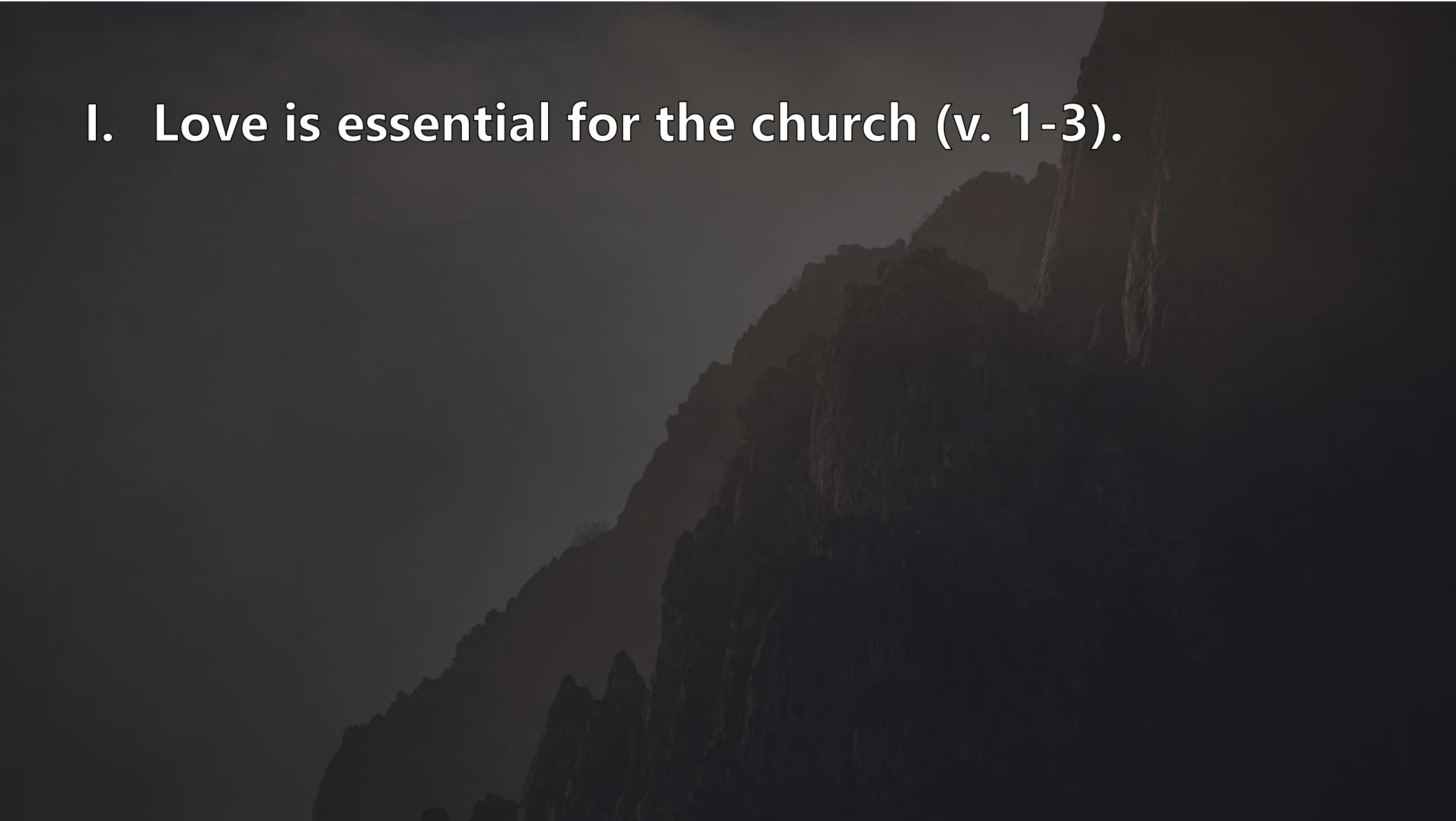
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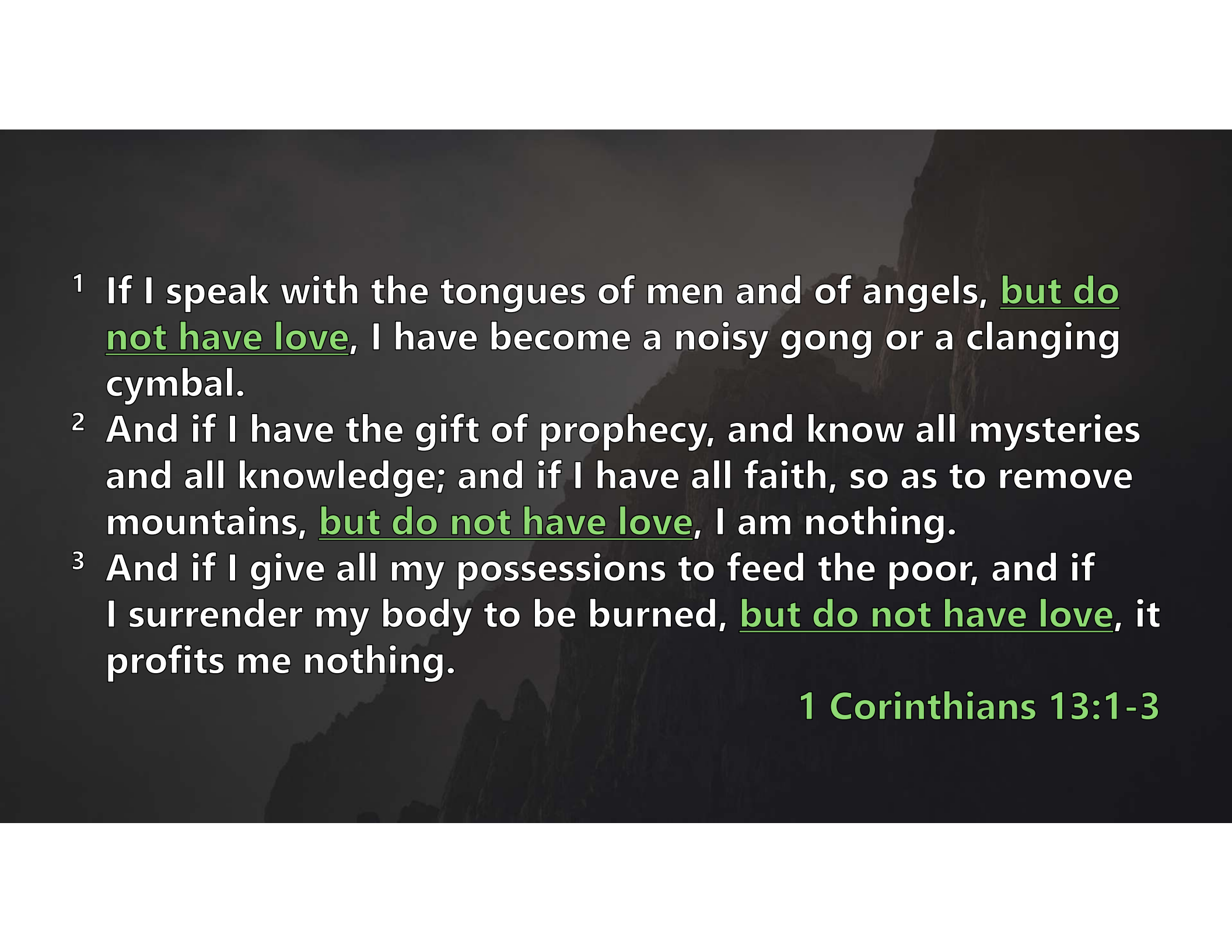


"This not related to emotion, but related to will. It is not an act of the emotion, it is an act of the will. To love somebody in terms of an act of self-sacrifice is not a feeling, but it is a determination that you make in your mind that this is right, and this is what you will do."

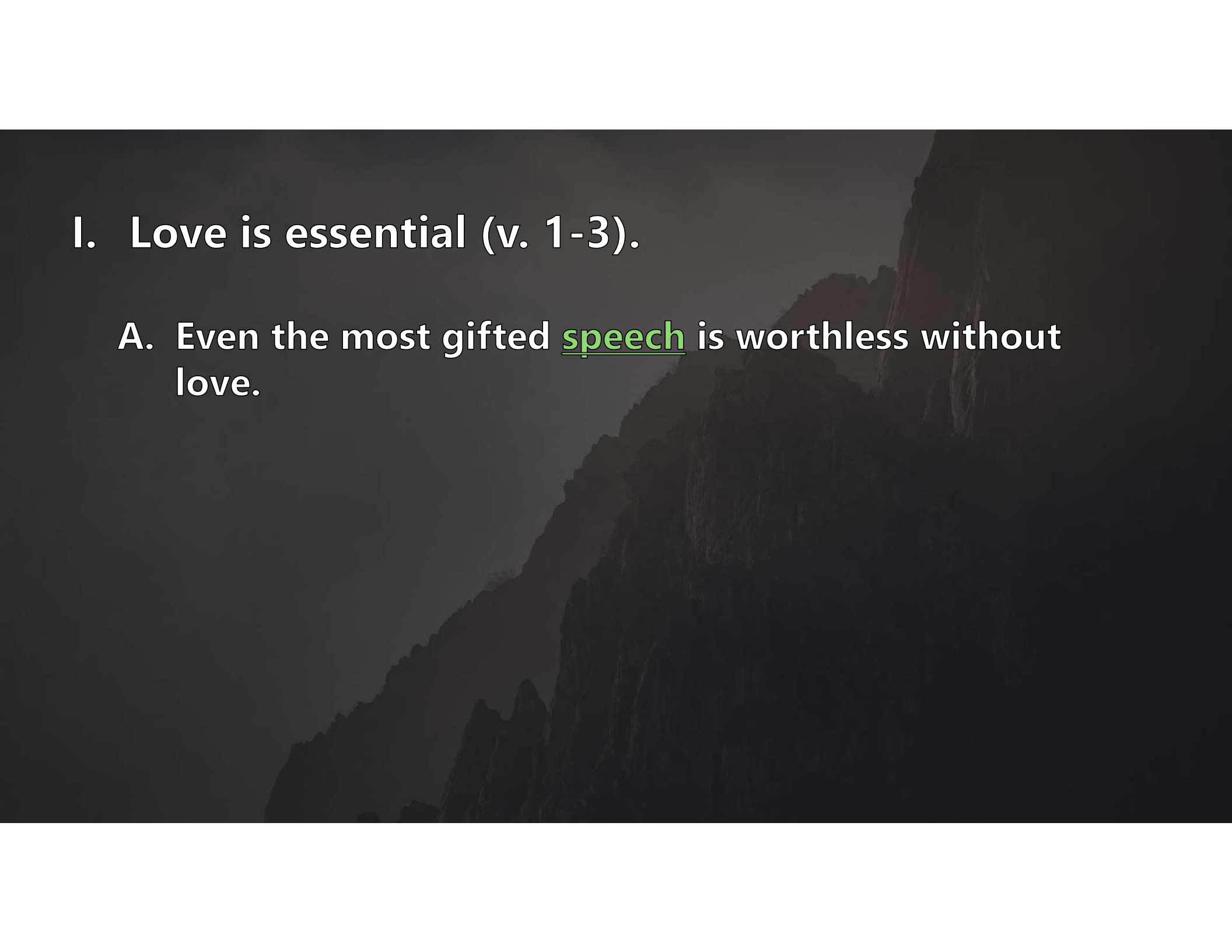
John MacArthur

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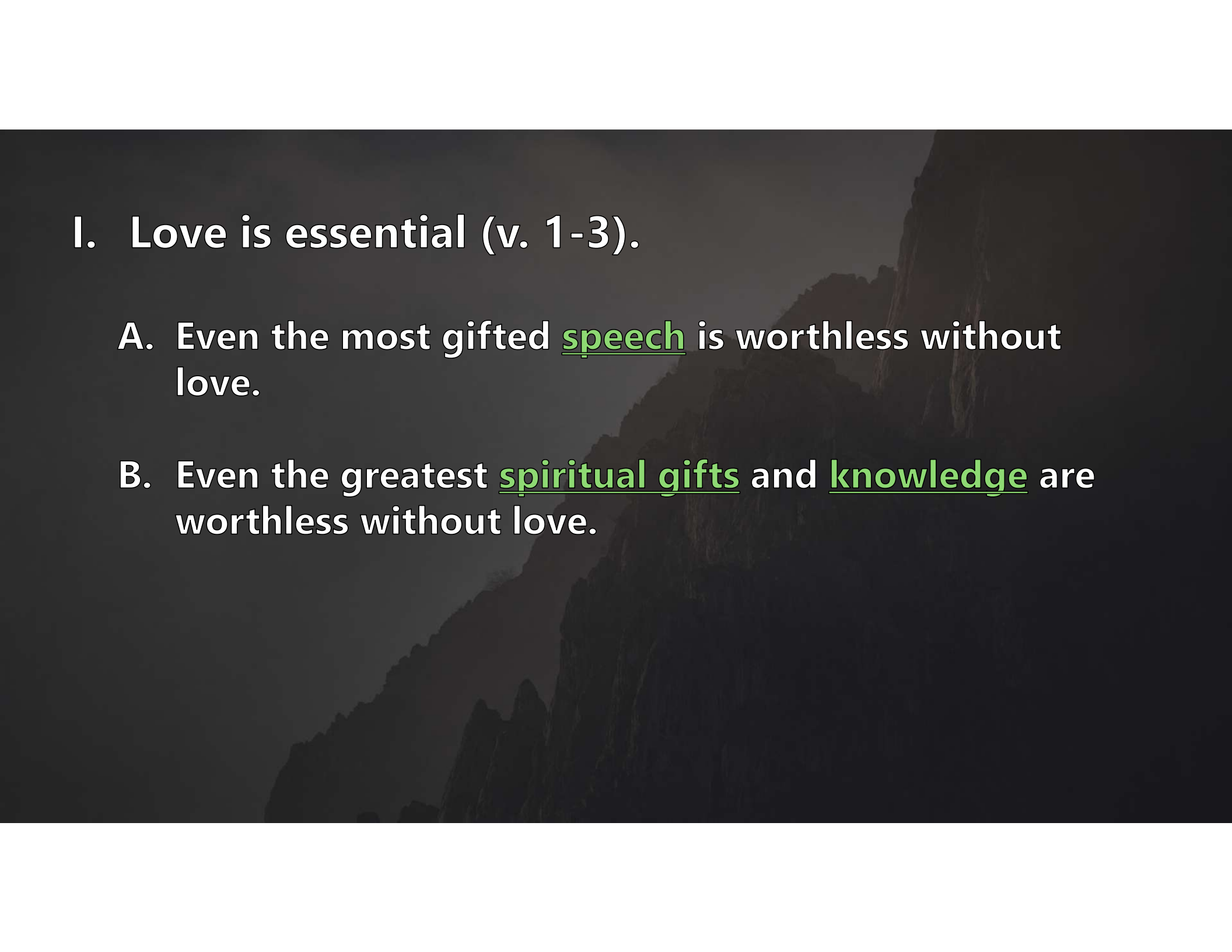
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- ¹ If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
 - ² And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
 - ³ And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3



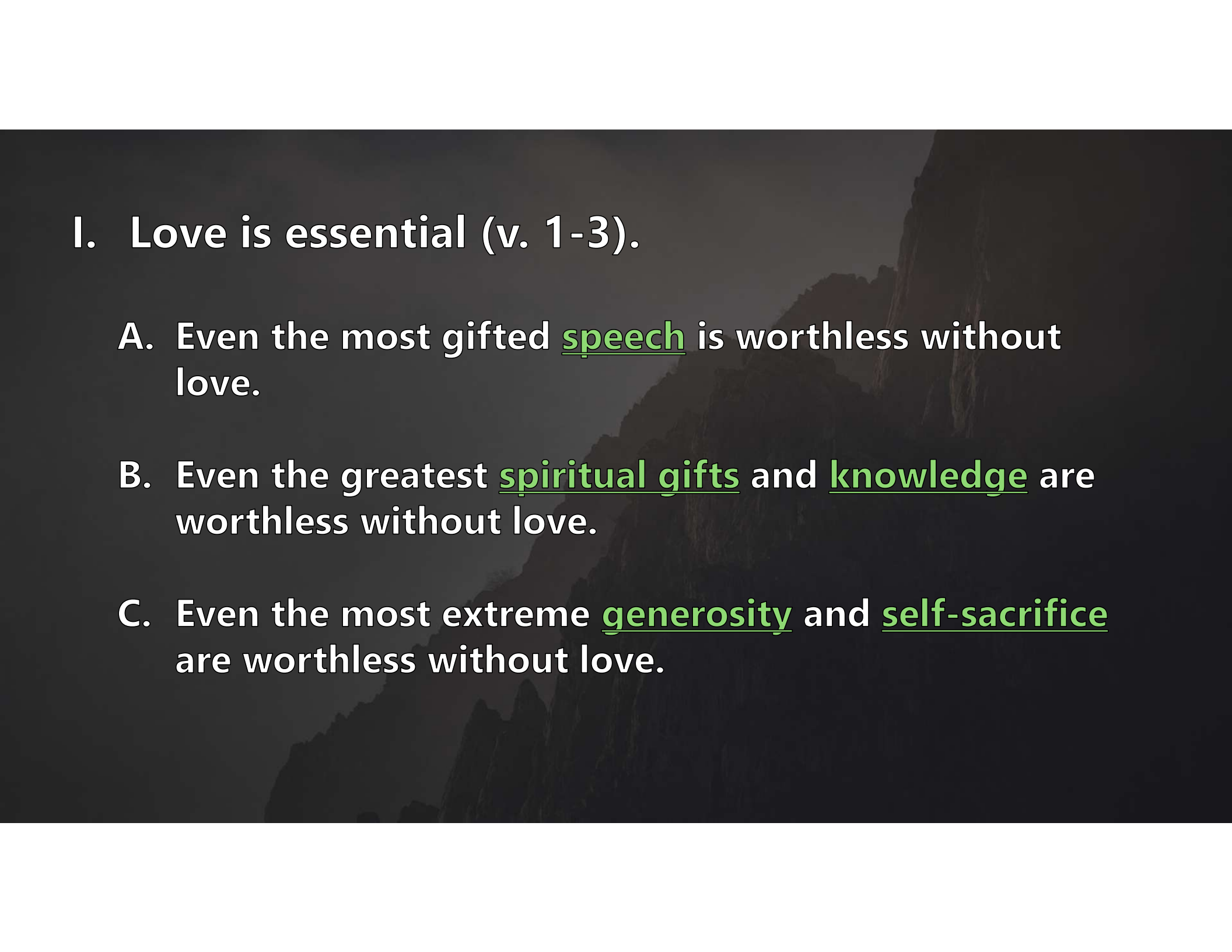
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Application:

Is love essential in how I serve in the church, relate to other believers, disciple my children, and approach my marriage?
Will I allow love to shape every part of my life?

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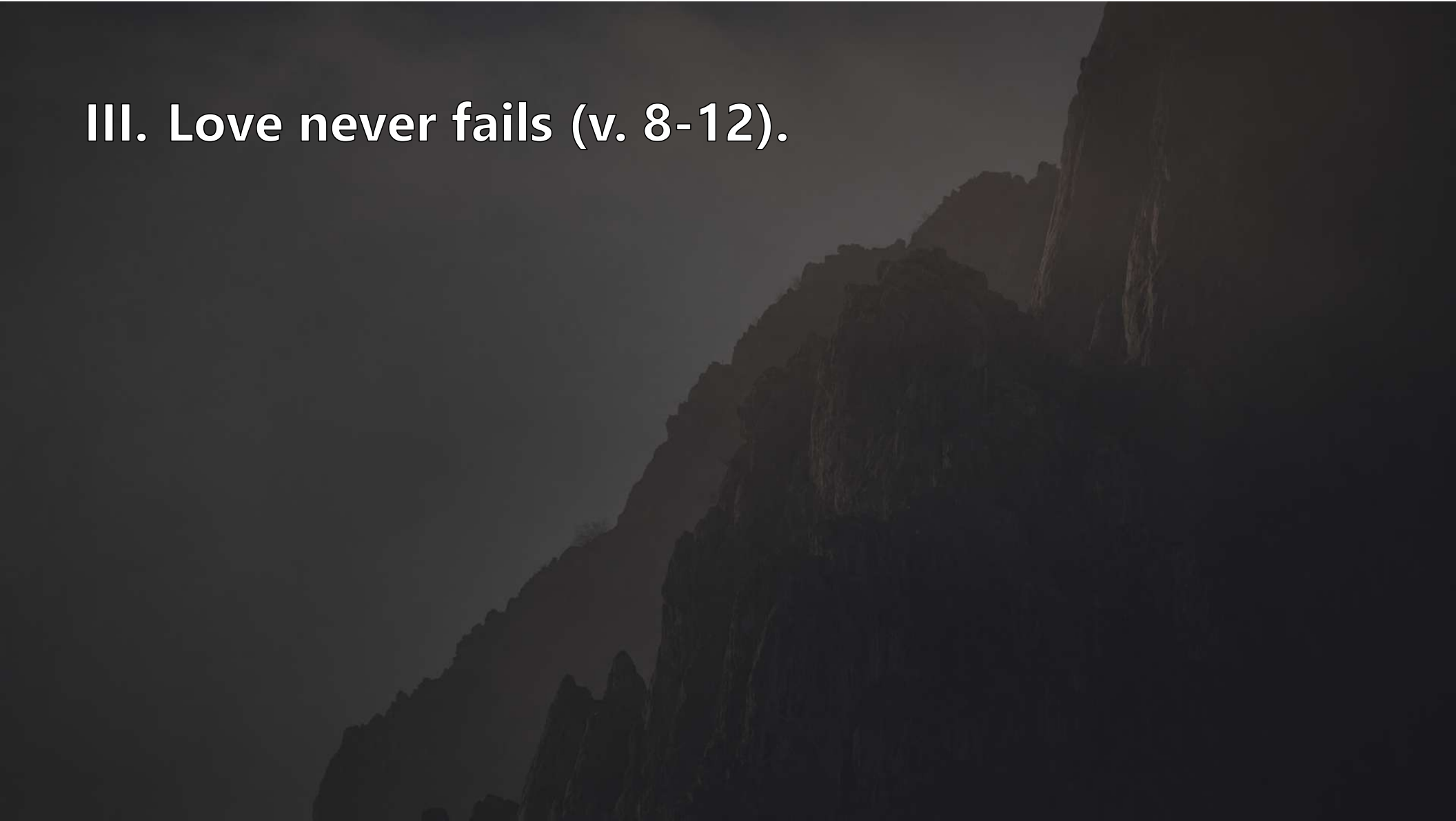
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Application:

Which of these characteristics am I lacking? How is God leading me to grow in these areas?

III. Love never fails (v. 8-12).

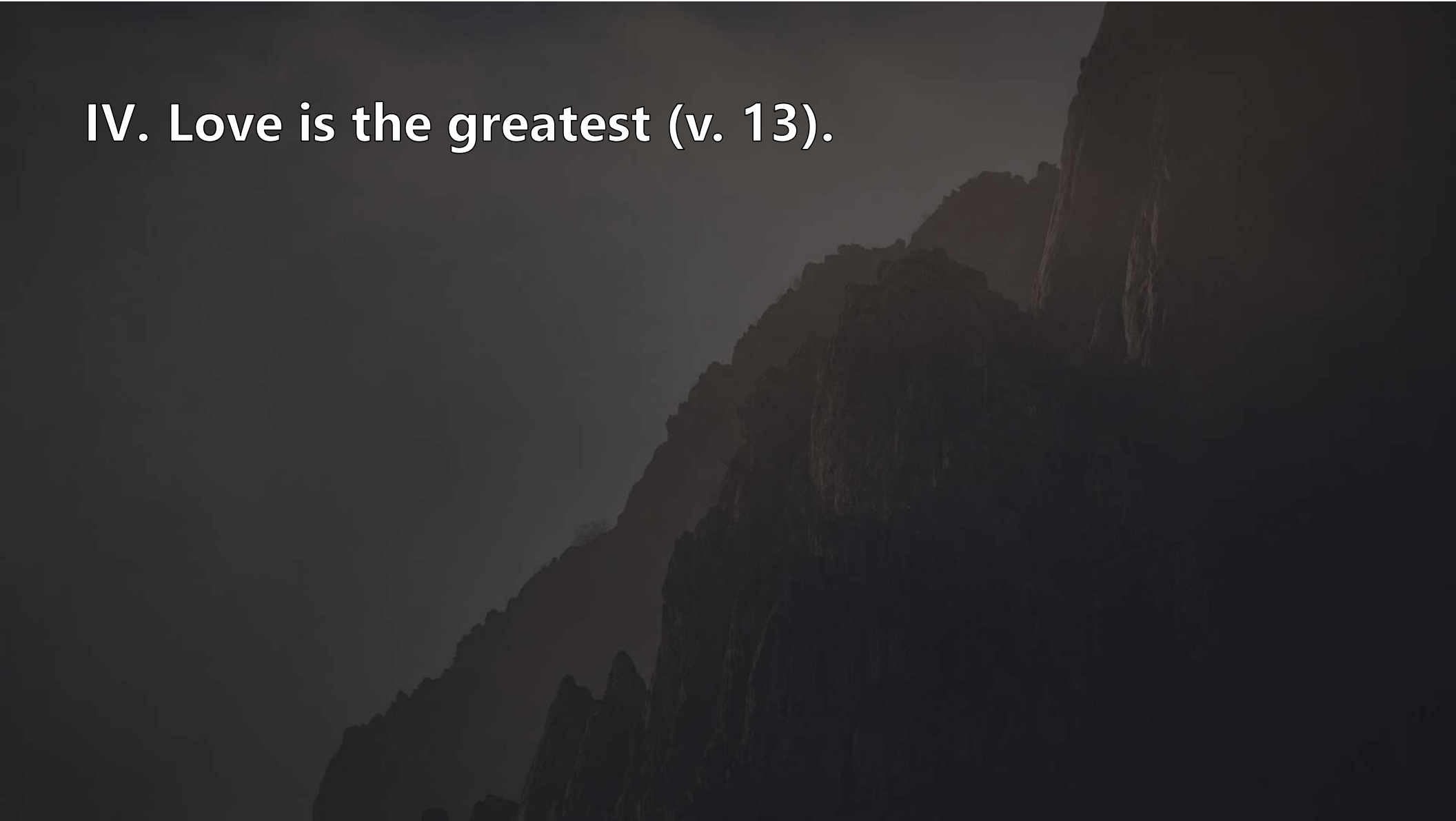


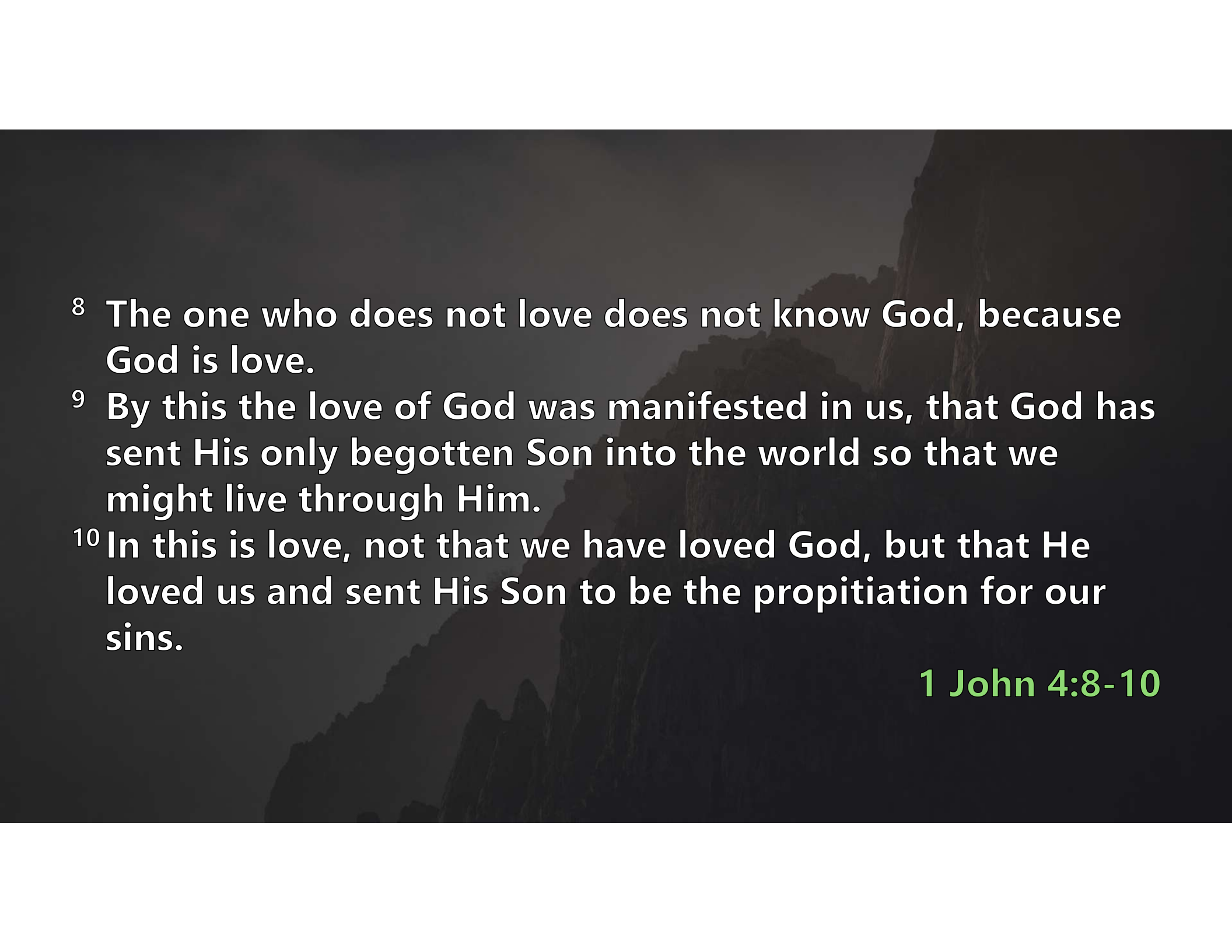


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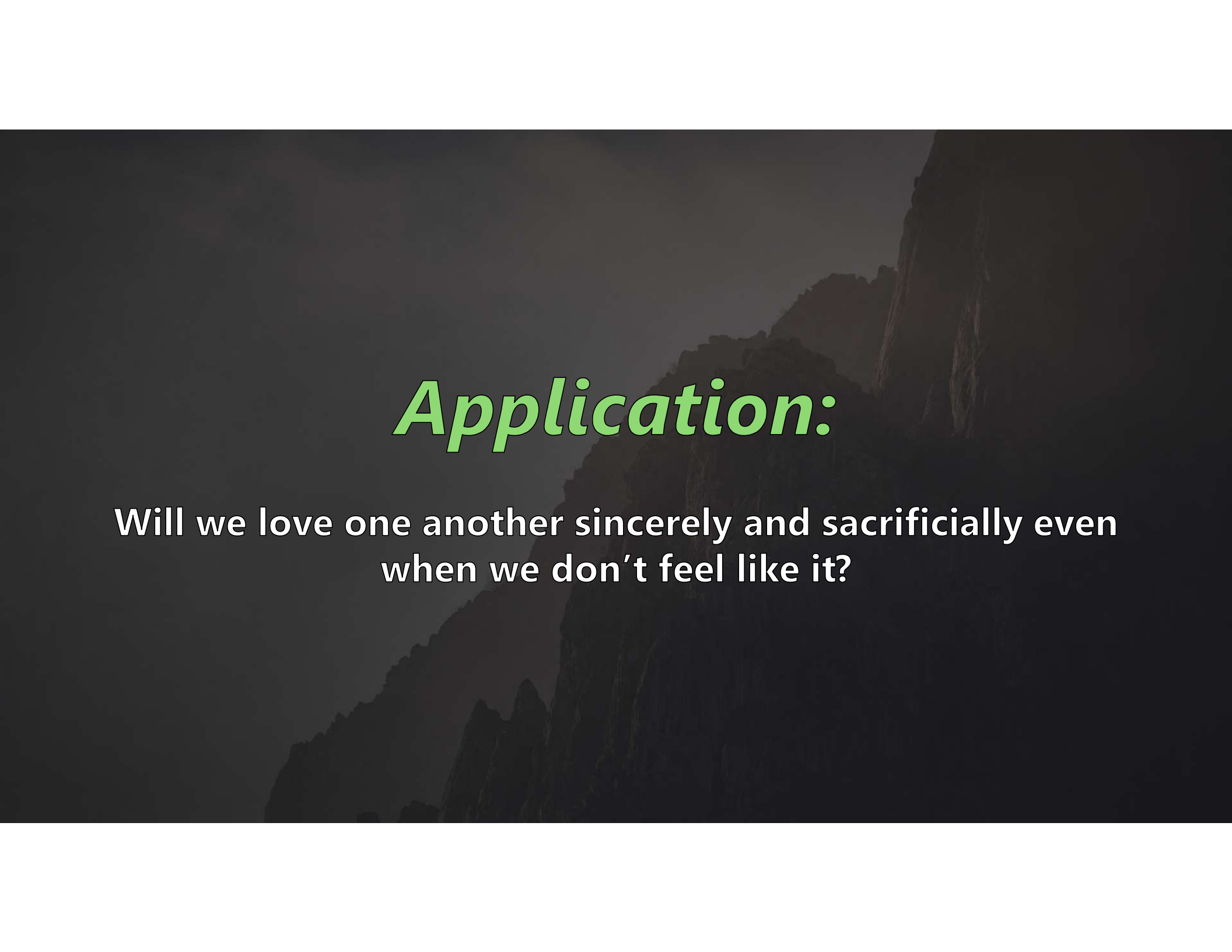
Do I hold my gifts and ministries loosely, knowing they are temporary, while pursuing love as what is eternal?

IV. Love is the greatest (v. 13).



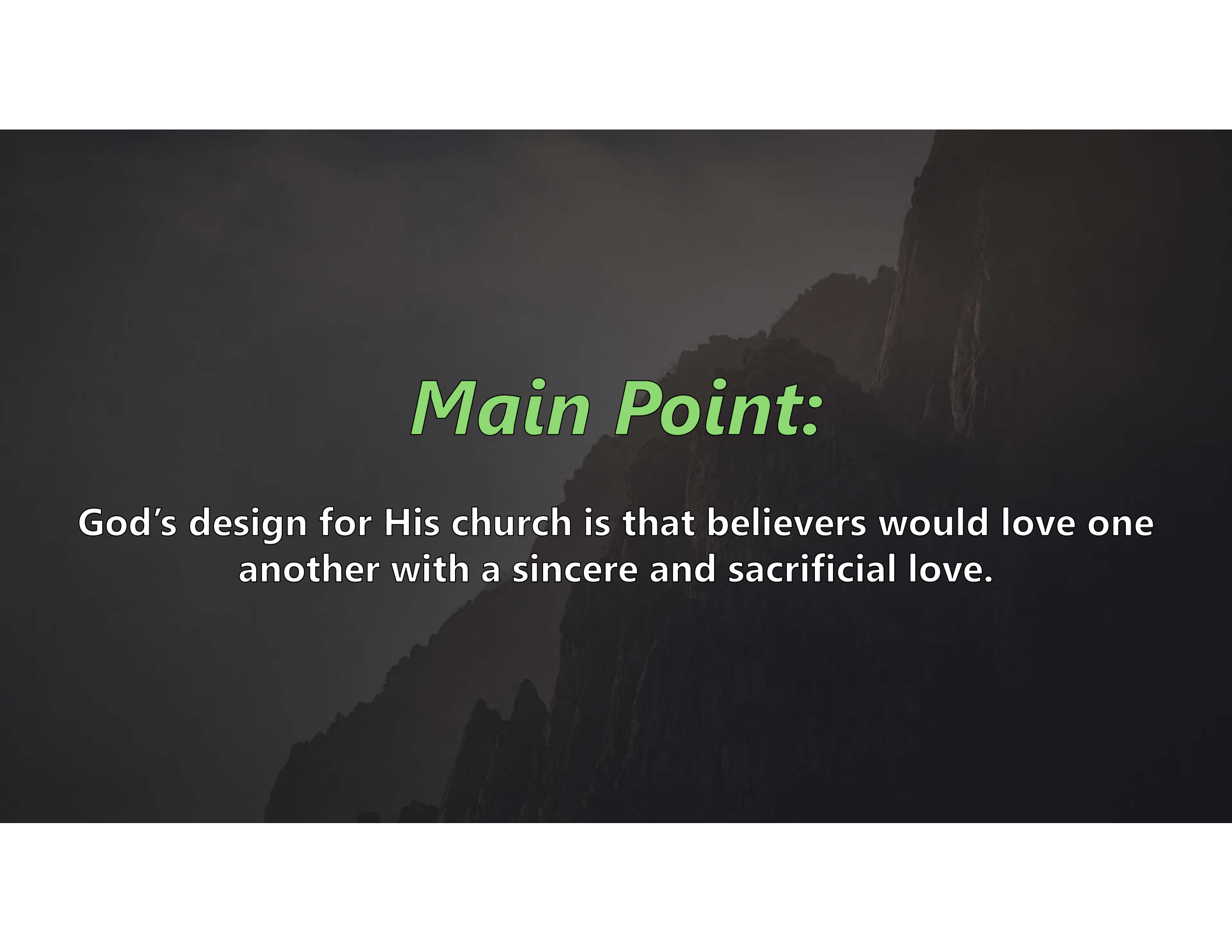
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- ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- ⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.
- ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:8-10



Application:

Will we love one another sincerely and sacrificially even when we don't feel like it?



Main Point:

God's design for His church is that believers would love one another with a sincere and sacrificial love.

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