

Connecting to L.I.F.E.: Abraham

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7 Are you not our God who drove out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and who gave it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:7

8 But you, Israel, my
servant, Jacob, whom I
have chosen, descendant
of Abraham, my friend—

Isaiah 41:8

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend.

James 2:23

Abraham's life is a _____
and _____ of what it
takes to be a "friend of
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God".

1. Be a Follower

1 The Lord said to Abram: Go from your land, your relatives, and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

Genesis 12:1–9

2 I will make you into a great nation, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:1–9

3 I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Genesis 12:1–9

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

Genesis 12:1–9

5 He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated, and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan,

Genesis 12:1–9

6 Abram passed through the land to the site of Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. (At that time the Canaanites were in the land.)

Genesis 12:1–9

7 The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring, I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:1–9

8 From there he moved on to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. He built an altar to the Lord there, and he called on the name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:1–9

9 Then Abram journeyed by stages to the Negev.

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Genesis 12:4

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friend, because he
was a _____

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was a follower

2. Be Obedient



15 "If you love me,
you will keep my
commands.

John 14:15

22 Then Samuel said: Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22

8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. 9 I wrote for this purpose: to test your character to see if you are obedient in everything.

2 Corinthians 2:8–9

Abraham lived a life
of _____.

Abraham lived a life
of obedience.

23 So Abraham took his son Ishmael and those born in his household or purchased—every male among the members of Abraham's household—and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on that very day, just as God had said to him.

Genesis 17:23

Abraham's obedience
was the manifestation
of his _____.

Abraham's obedience
was the manifestation
of his unwavering _____.

Abraham's obedience
was the manifestation
of his unwavering faith.

Being connected with God
requires the intentional
 of our obedience.

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actions of our obedience.

There is simply no
substitute for "_____".
Abraham's life was one of
_____.

There is simply no
substitute for "doing".
Abraham's life was one of

_____.

There is simply no
substitute for "doing".
Abraham's life was one of
obedience.

3. Be Faithful

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless. 2 I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell facedown and God spoke with him: 4 "As for me, here is my covenant with you: You will become the father of many nations. 5 Your name will no longer be Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I will make you the father of many nations.

Genesis 17:1–5



To be faithful means
to be “_____ of _____”.



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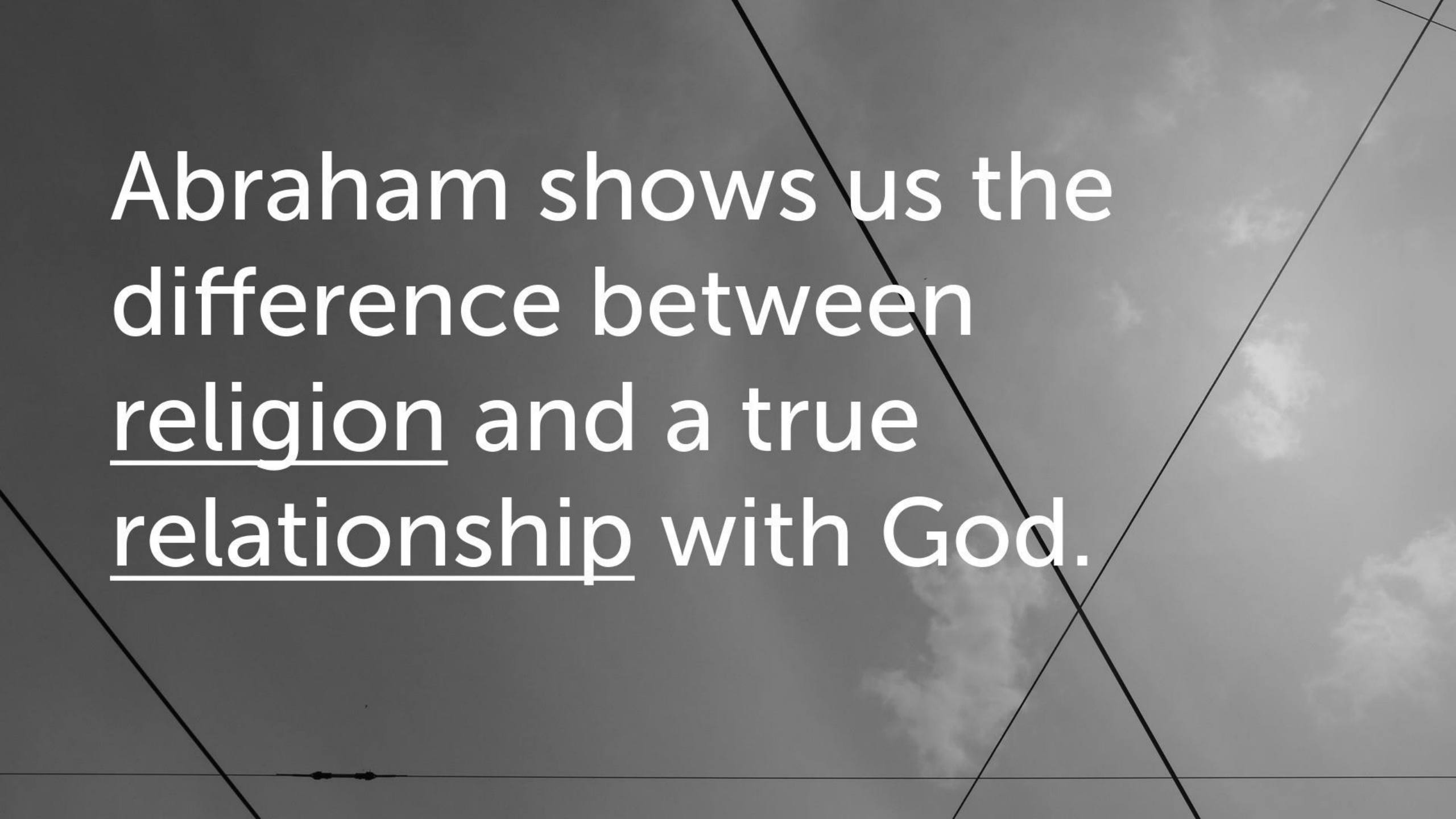


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difference between
_____ and a true
_____ with God.



Abraham shows us the
difference between
religion and a true
relationship with God.

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Romans 4:13–25

14 If those who are of the law are heirs,
faith is made empty and the promise
nullified,

Romans 4:13–25

15 because the law produces wrath.
And where there is no law, there is no
transgression.

Romans 4:13–25

16 This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants—not only to the one who is of the law but also to the one who is of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all.

Romans 4:13–25

17 As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, the one who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist.

Romans 4:13–25

18 He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be.

Romans 4:13–25

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about a hundred years old) and also the deadness of Sarah's womb.

Romans 4:13–25

20 He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,

Romans 4:13–25

21 because he was fully convinced that what God had promised, he was also able to do.

Romans 4:13–25

**22 Therefore, it was credited to him for
righteousness.**

Romans 4:13–25

**23 Now it was credited to him was not
written for Abraham alone,**

Romans 4:13–25

24 but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Romans 4:13–25

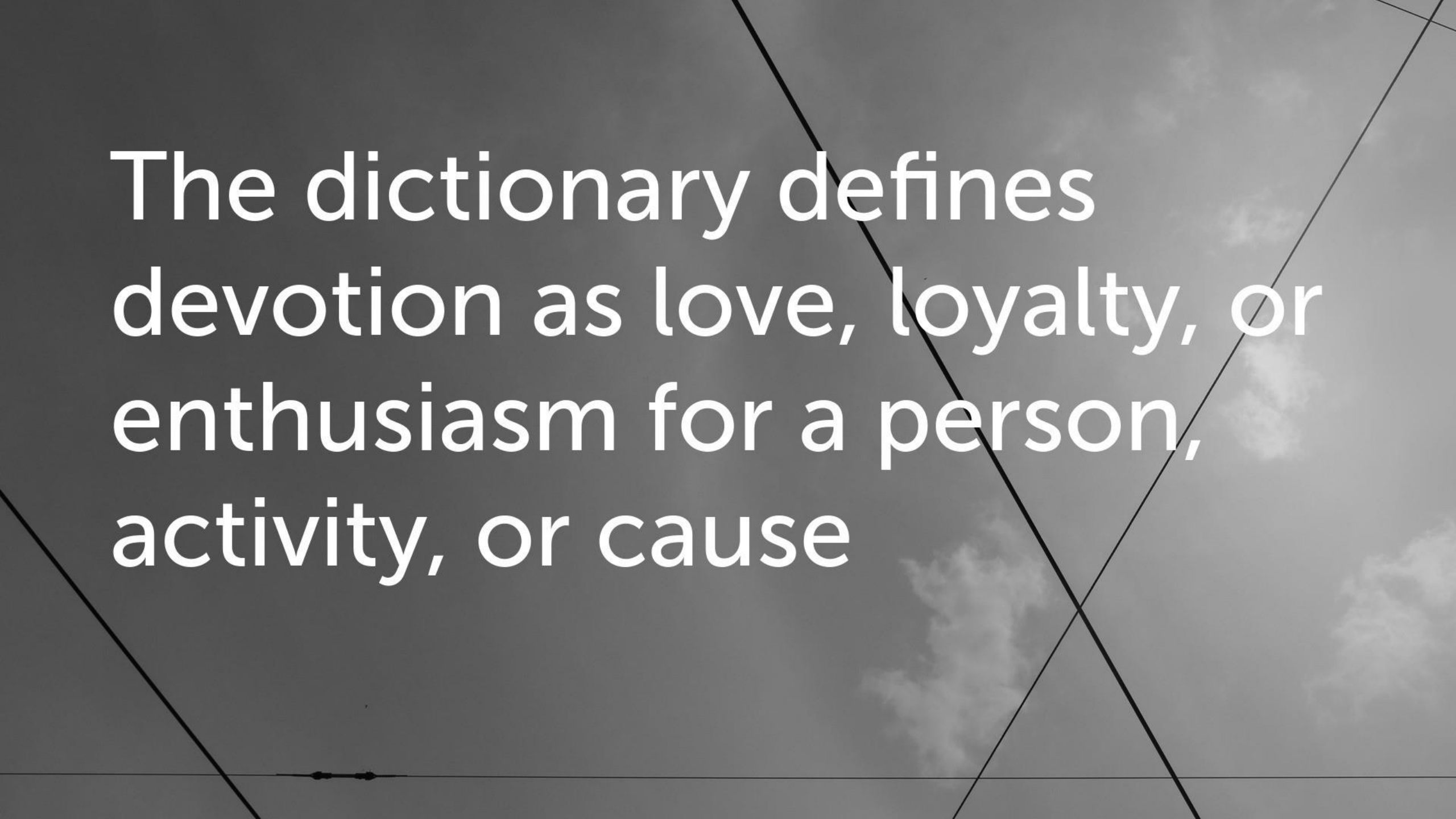
25 He was delivered up for our
trespasses and raised for our
justification.

Romans 4:13–25

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He received the promises and yet he was offering his one and only son, 18 the one to whom it had been said, **Your offspring will be traced through Isaac.** 19 He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead; therefore, he received him back, figuratively speaking.

Hebrews 11:17–19

4. Be Devoted



The dictionary defines
devotion as love, loyalty, or
enthusiasm for a person,
activity, or cause



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our hearts authentic
_____ to God's
_____ in our lives.

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revelation in our lives.

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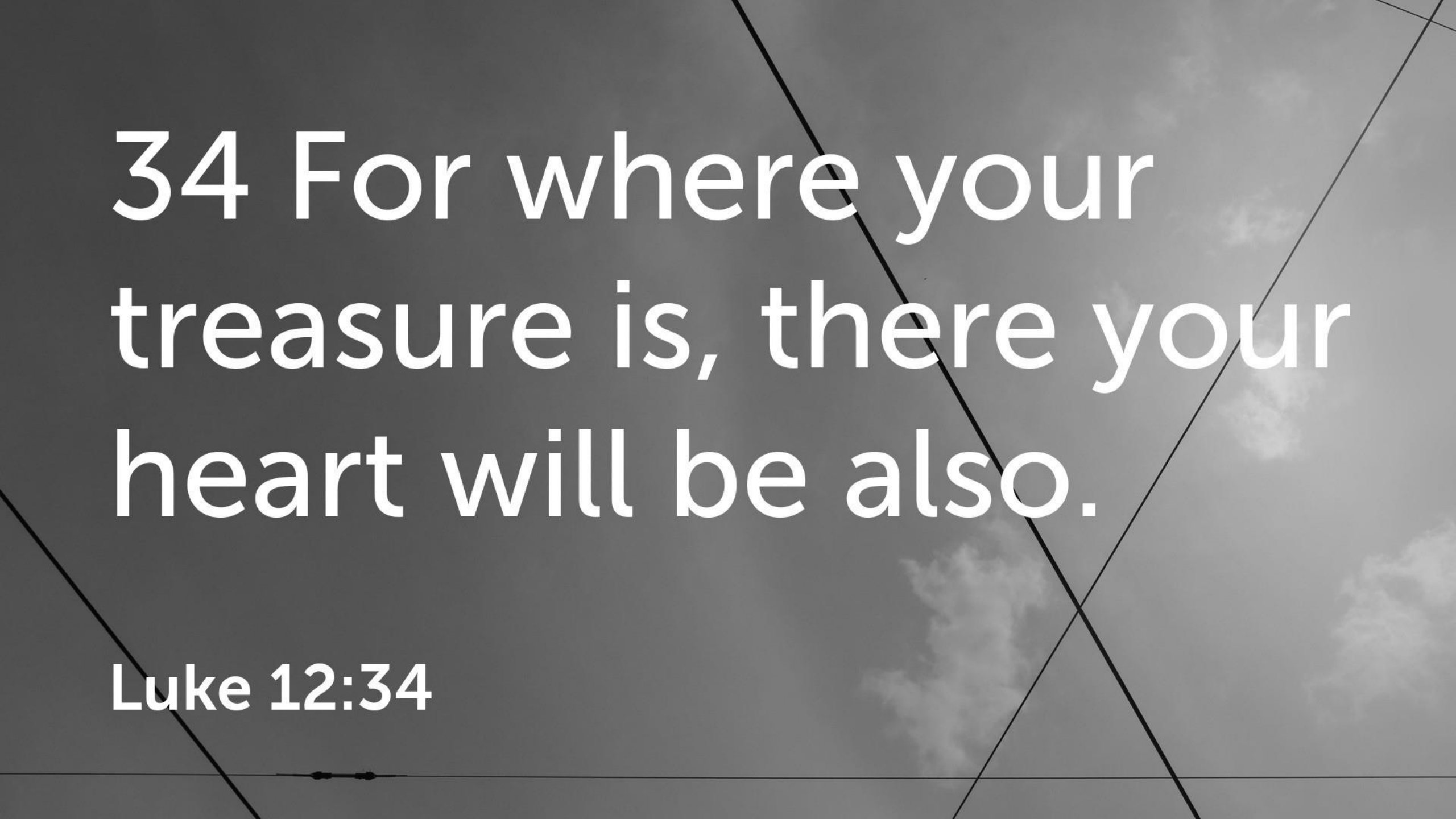
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Abraham's devotion to
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in his worship of God.

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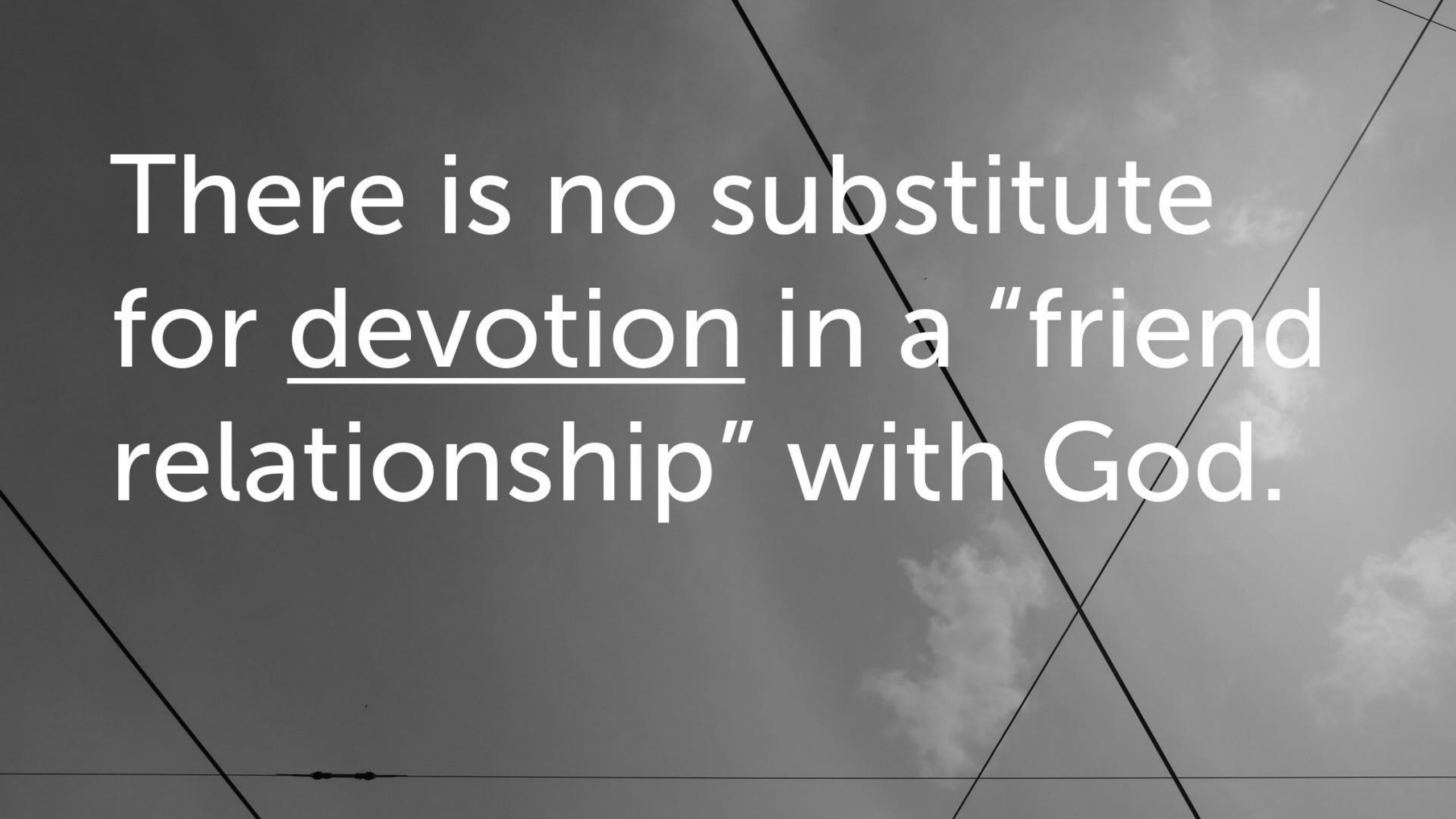
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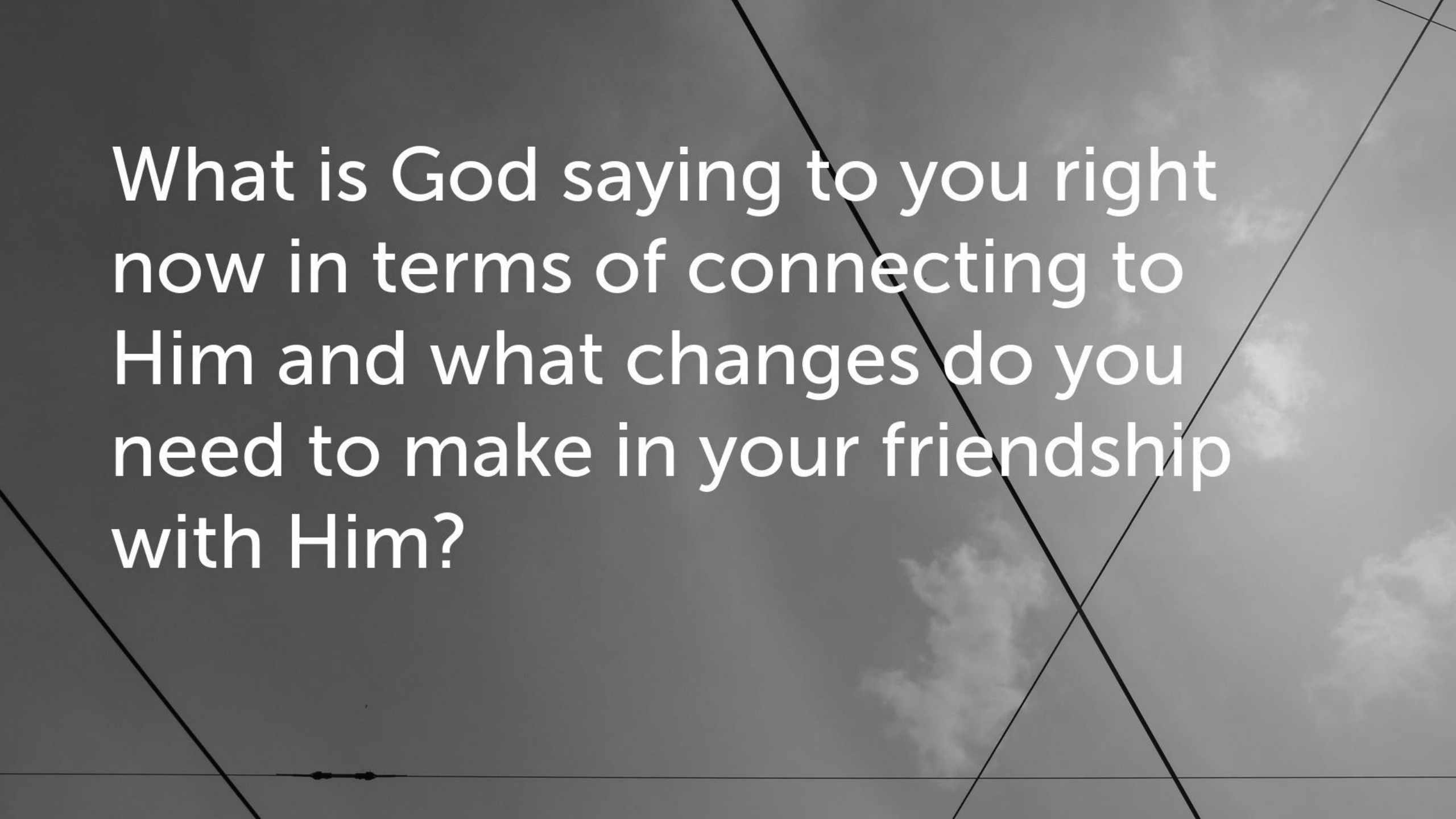
34 For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will be also.

Luke 12:34

There is no substitute
for _____ in a "friend
relationship" with God.



There is no substitute
for devotion in a "friend
relationship" with God.



What is God saying to you right now in terms of connecting to Him and what changes do you need to make in your friendship with Him?