

# Hope for Tomorrow

## Lesson 5: Made for Relationships

## Let's Share

Think about your favorite TV shows, movies, or books.

Who is a relationship duo—friends, family, or romantic partners—you really admire? Why?



## Red Flag, Green Flag

What are some qualities of a healthy relationship?

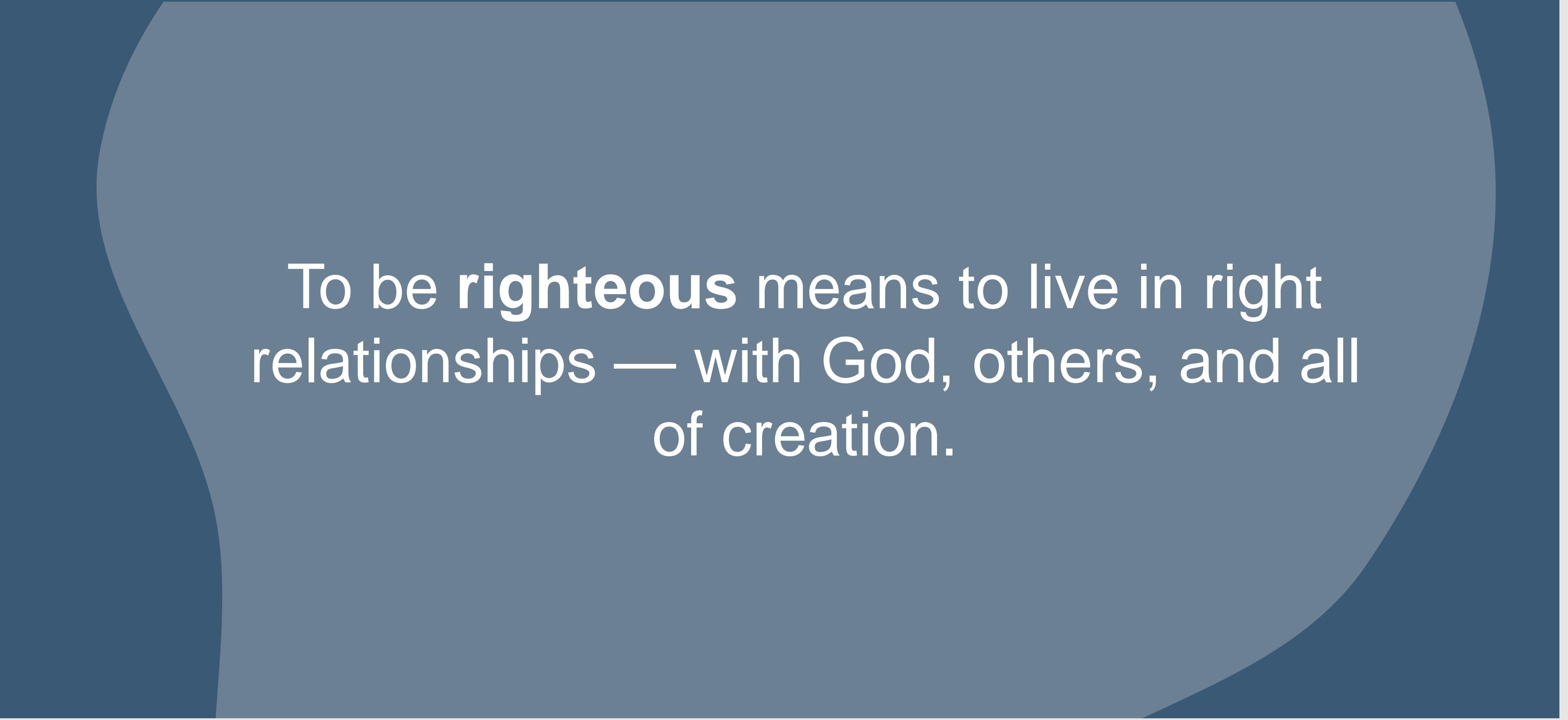
What are some qualities of a toxic relationship?



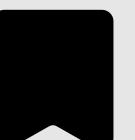
## Digging In

What does the word “righteousness” mean?





To be **righteous** means to live in right relationships — with God, others, and all of creation.



Matthew 5:6-7, NLT

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.

God blesses those who are merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

## Let's Discuss

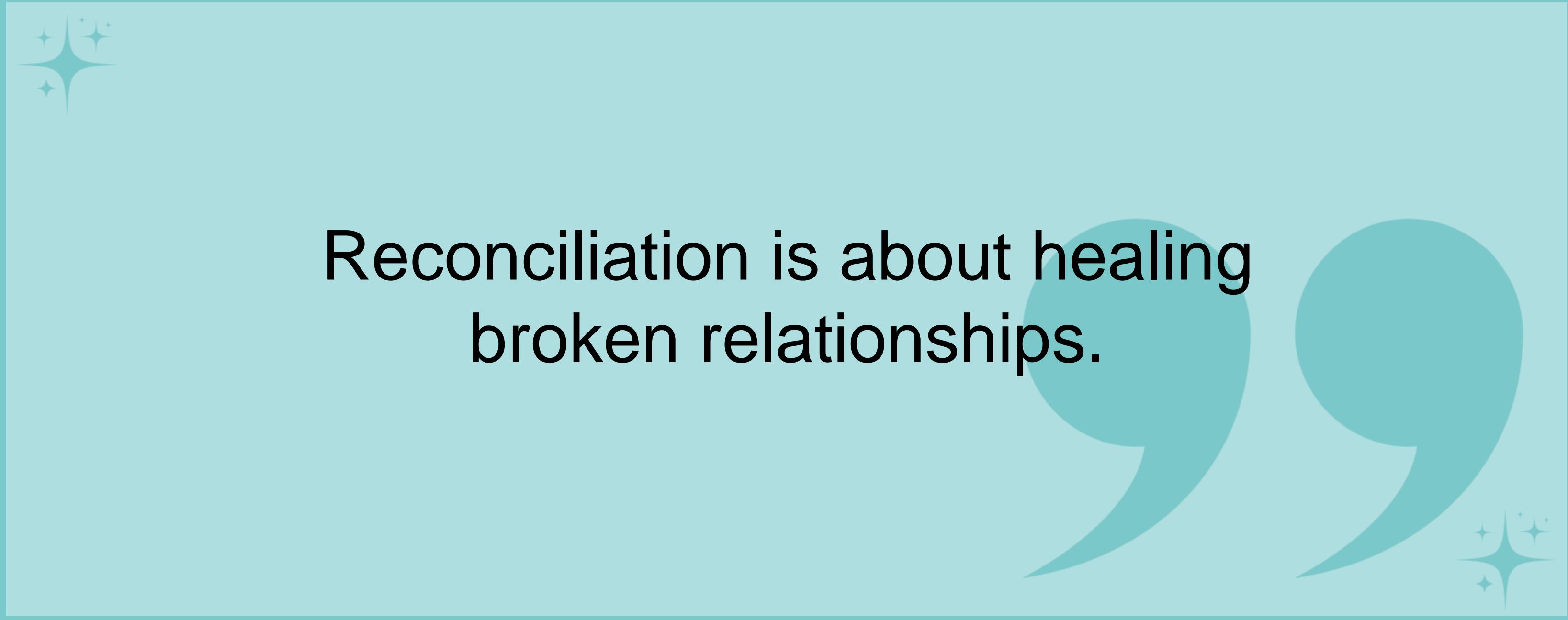
What does it mean to “hunger and thirst” for right relationships?



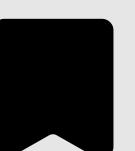
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What does it mean to be merciful in relationships?  
Give examples.





Reconciliation is about healing  
broken relationships.



## 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, NLT

**Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.** The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. **And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. **And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.**

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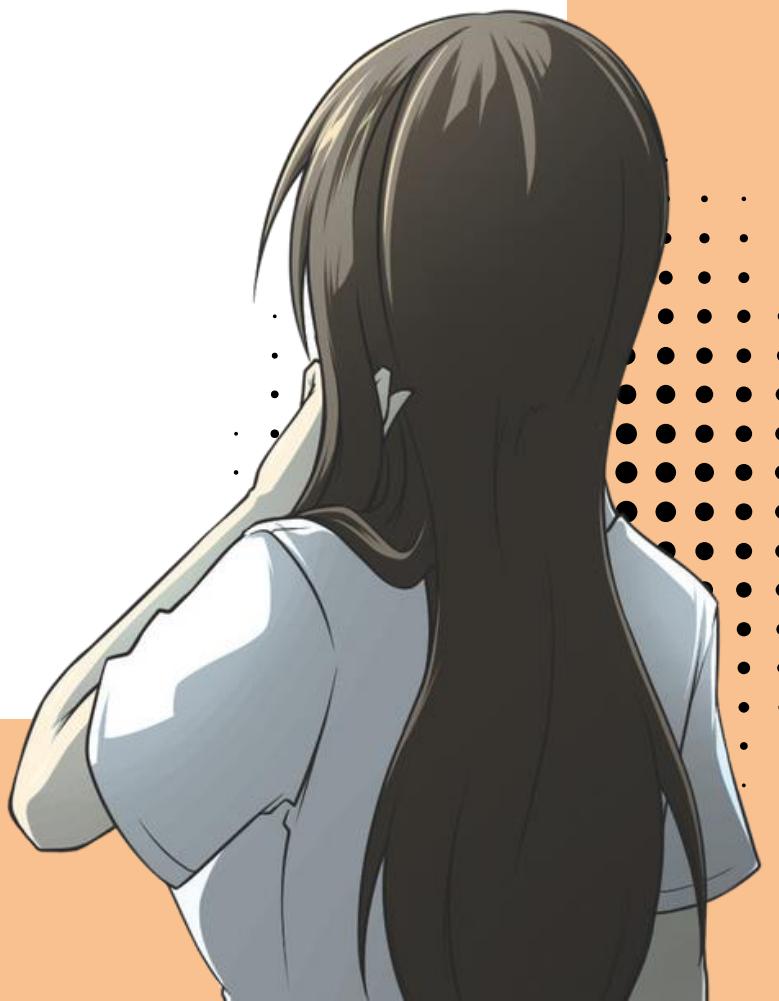
What has God done for us through Jesus?



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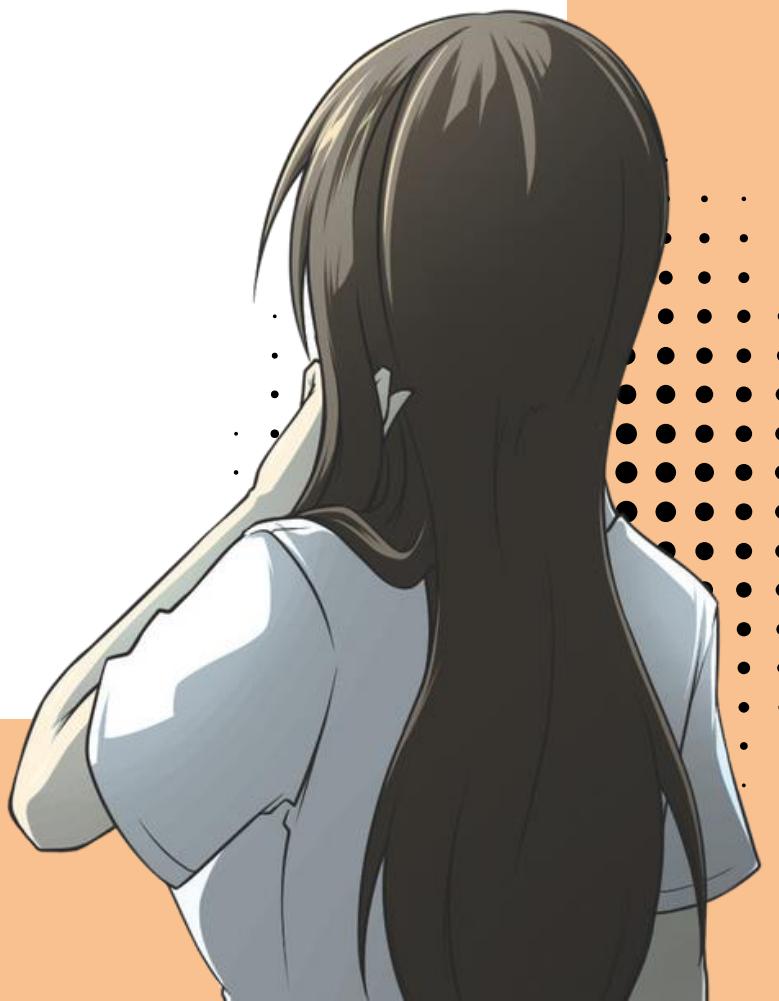
How does a relationship with God change someone?



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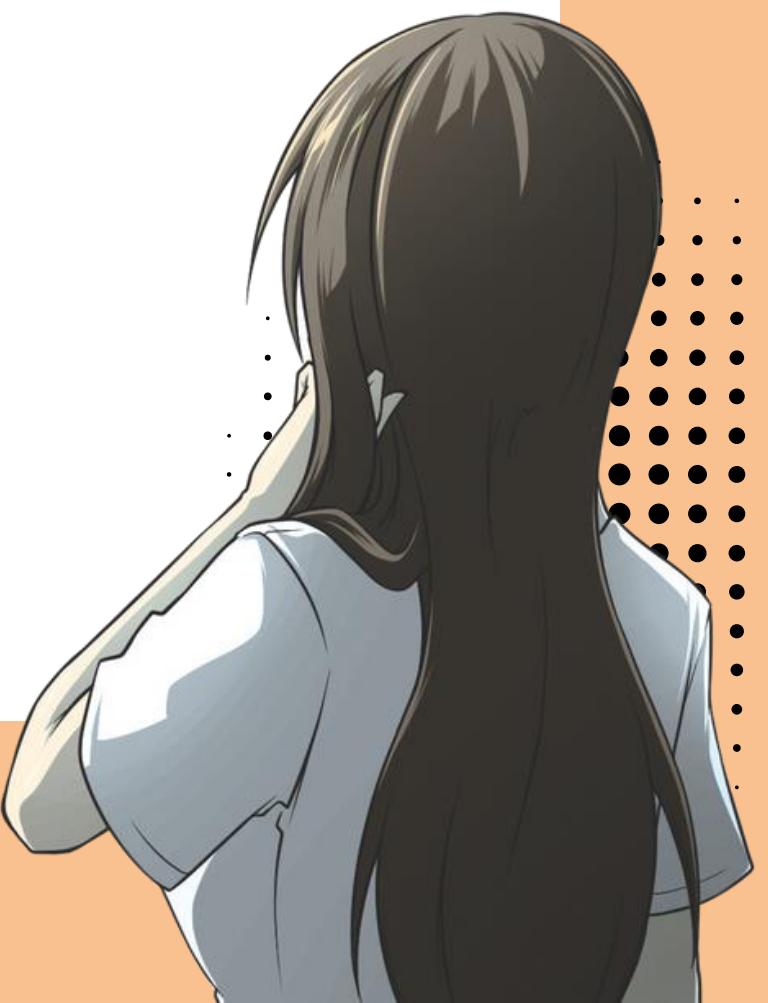
What is the connection between mercy and reconciliation?

What does it mean that God gives us the task and message of reconciliation?



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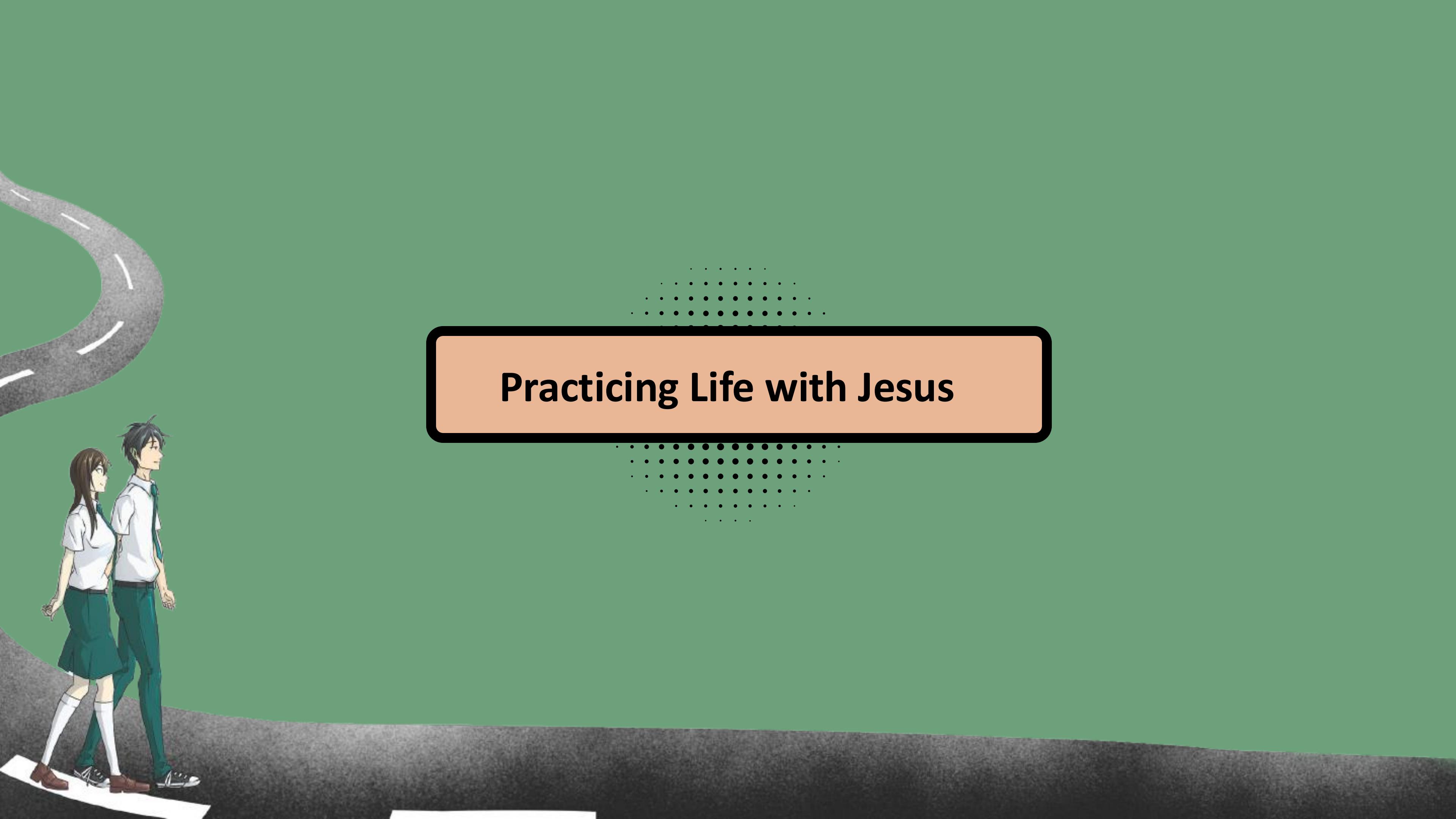


## Time to Apply

Think about a tough relationship in your life. How can you practice being merciful in that situation? How could God bring healing through your mercy?

Do you recognize any “red flags” in how you treat others? What steps do you need to take to repent and seek righteousness instead?





## Practicing Life with Jesus

**Step 1:** Begin your time with prayer.

**Step 2:** Read the passage silently, then aloud.

**Step 3:** Observe what is going on in the text using the following questions:

- Who, what, when, where?
- How does this passage fit within the broader story or passage it is part of?
- What is interesting or confusing?

## Time to Respond

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**Read John 3:16-21 using these steps:**

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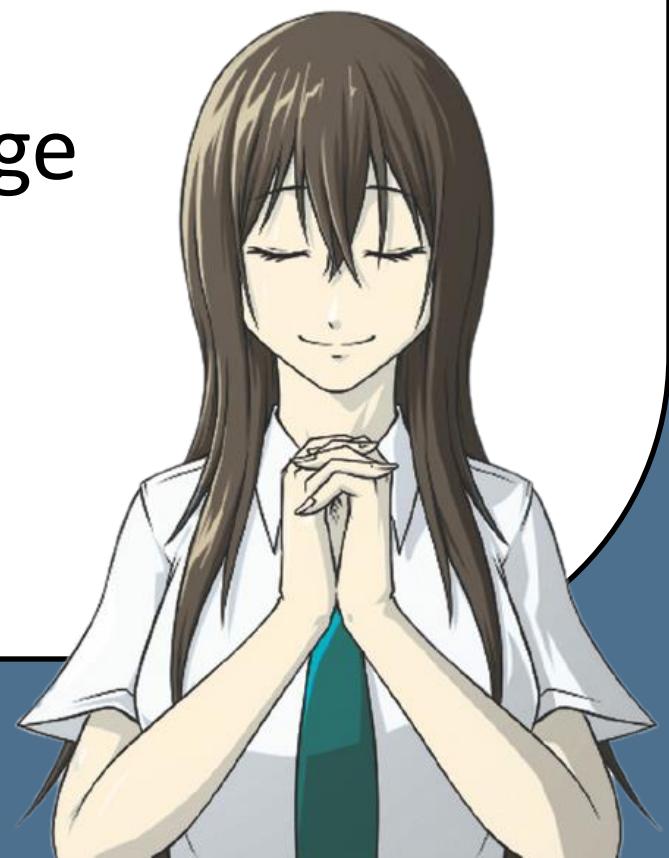
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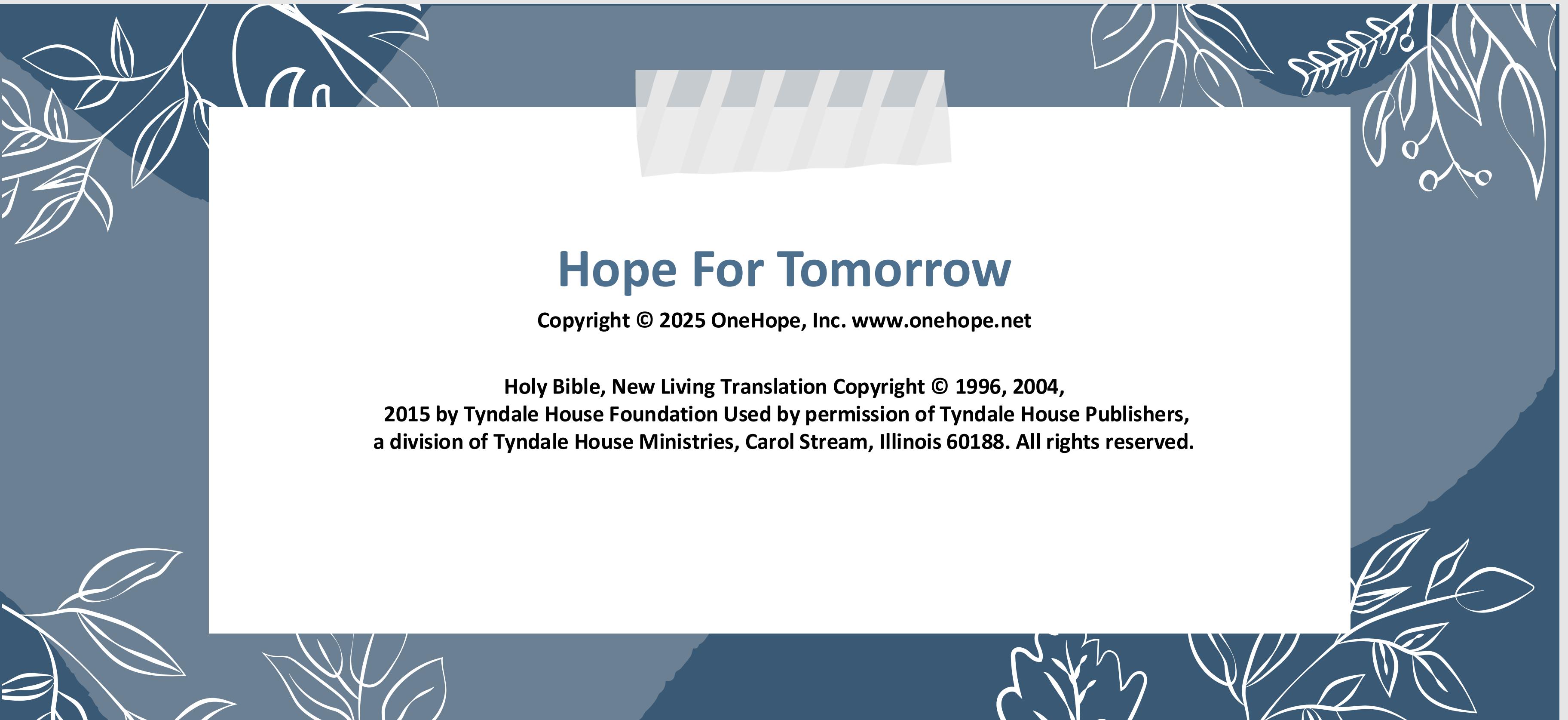
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