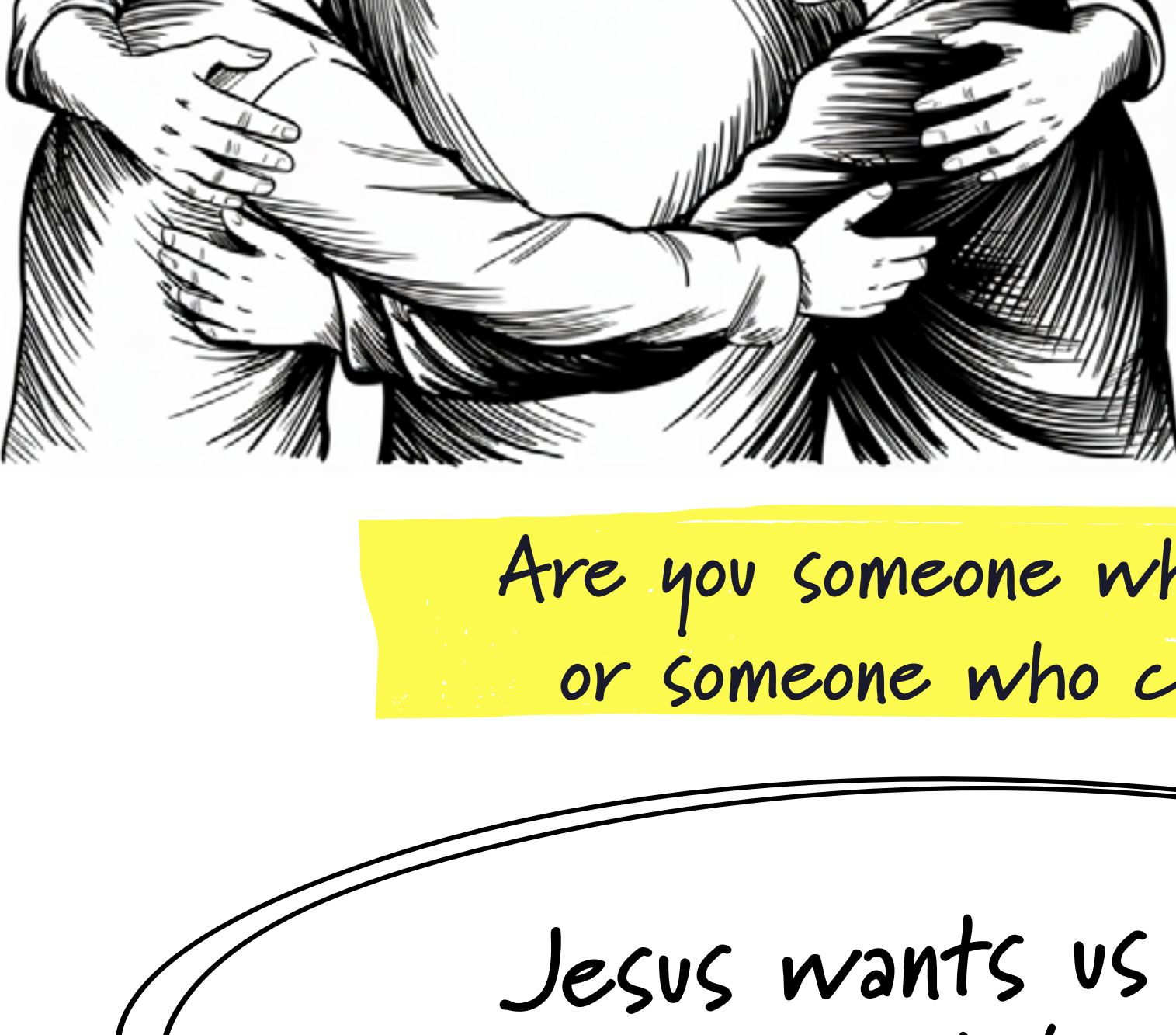




PEACEMAKER

Unlike a sniper, who brings conflict wherever they are...

A true peacemaker brings peace into every environment they step into.



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

Matthew 5:9 NABRE

Are you someone who brings peace? or someone who causes conflict?

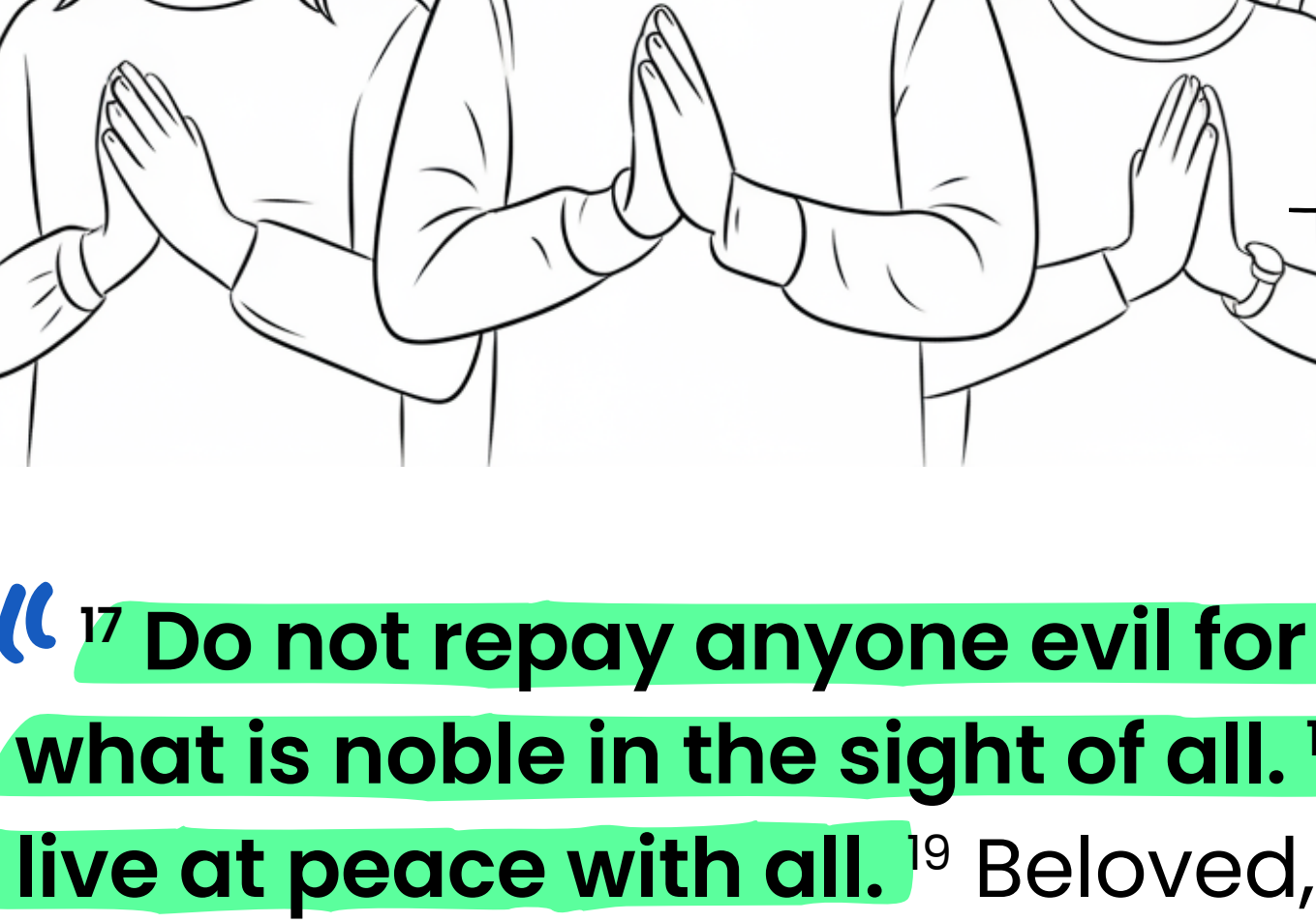
Jesus wants us to be people who bring peace.

A PEACEMAKER IS RECOGNIZED BECAUSE THEY:

① Love peace

“I urge you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.”

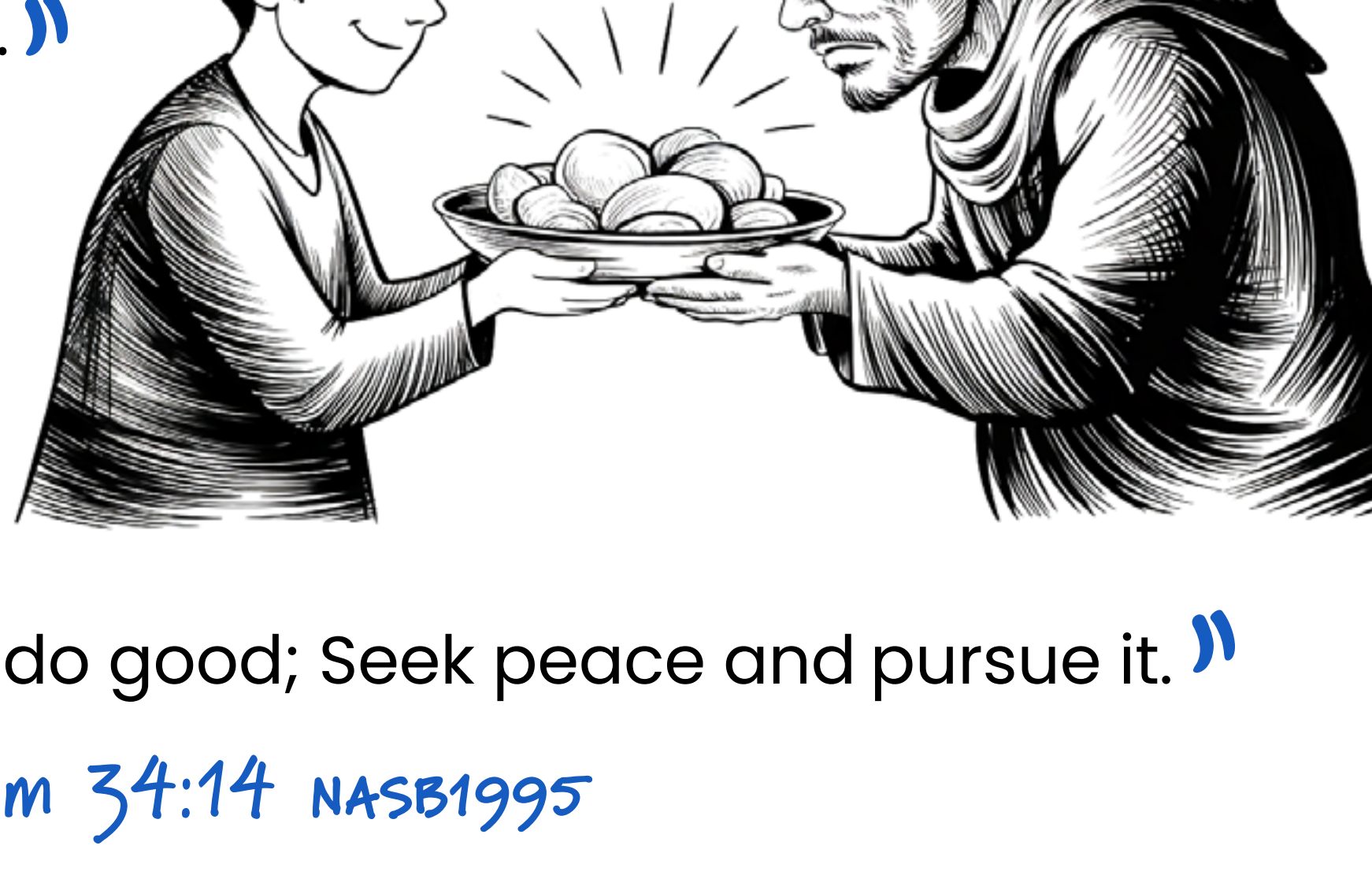
1 Corinthians 1:10 NABRE



The church should be a place where we all walk in unity.

“¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Rather, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.” ²¹ Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.”

Romans 12:17-21 NABRE



“Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.”

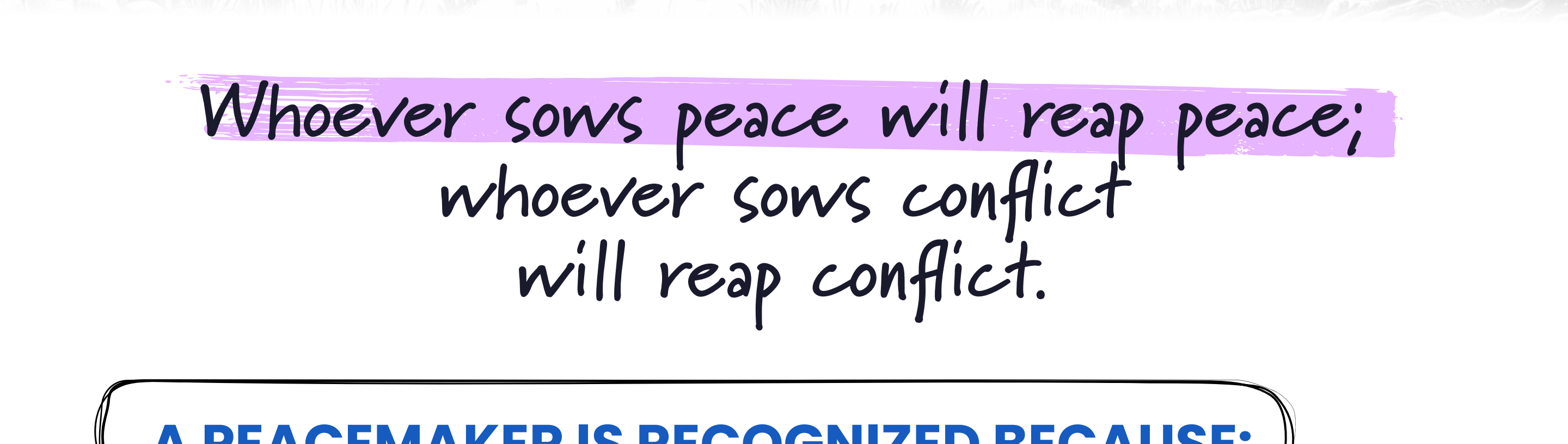
Psalms 34:14 NASB1995

“Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:14 NASB1995

“¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

James 3:17-18 NASB1995



Whoever sows peace will reap peace; whoever sows conflict will reap conflict.

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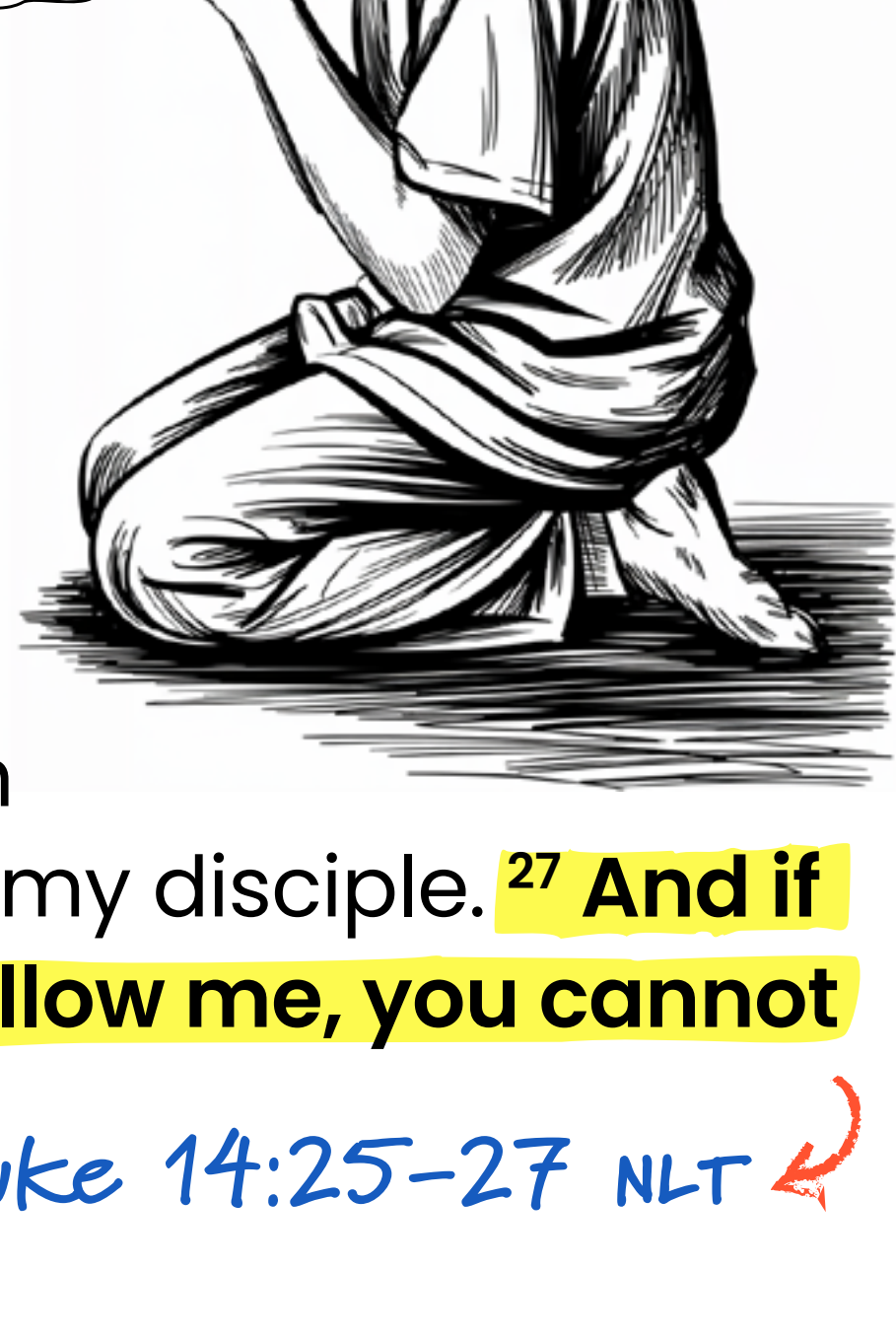
② Don't cause unnecessary conflicts



“¹² This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. ¹⁷ This I command you: love one another.”

John 15:12-17 NABRE

Peace is a prerequisite for the Father to hear and answer our prayers.



“²⁵ A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, ²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:25-27 NLT

“Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.”

Mark 11:11 NASB1995

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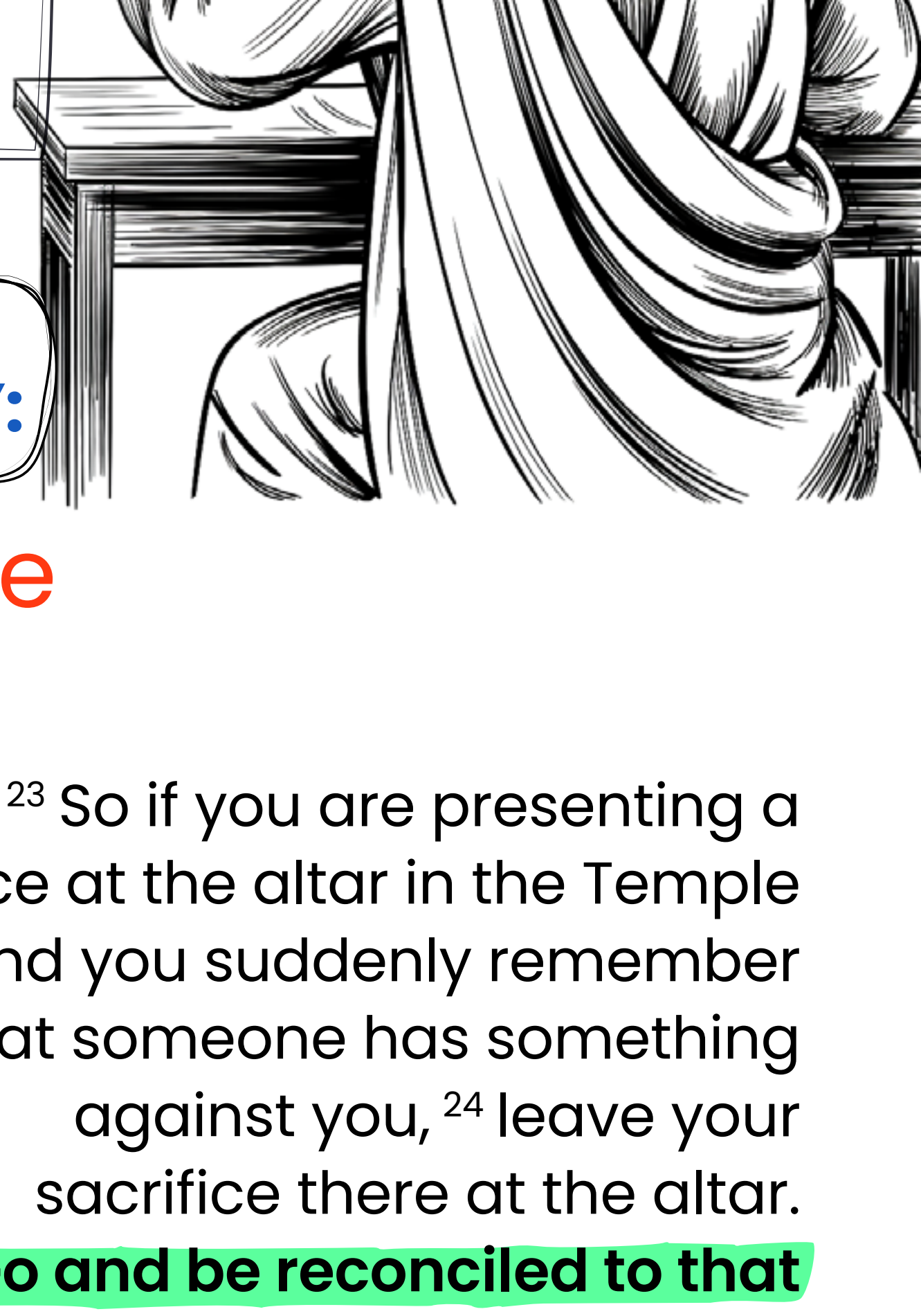
③ Don't seek revenge, but forgives

God commands us to forgive.

“⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? ⁴⁸ So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:43-48 NABRE

If we truly follow God, we don't hate our enemies we love them.



A PEACEMAKER IS RECOGNIZED BECAUSE THEY:

④ Take the initiative in reconciliation



“²³ So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, ²⁴ leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”

Matthew 5:23-24 NLT



To God, being a peacemaker is so important that He won't accept our worship if we're in conflict with our brothers and sisters.

Let's be peacemakers, because that's what Jesus expects of us.

When we sow peace, we reflect His heart and His Kingdom on earth.

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