

Freedom to Lead

Galatians 4:12-20

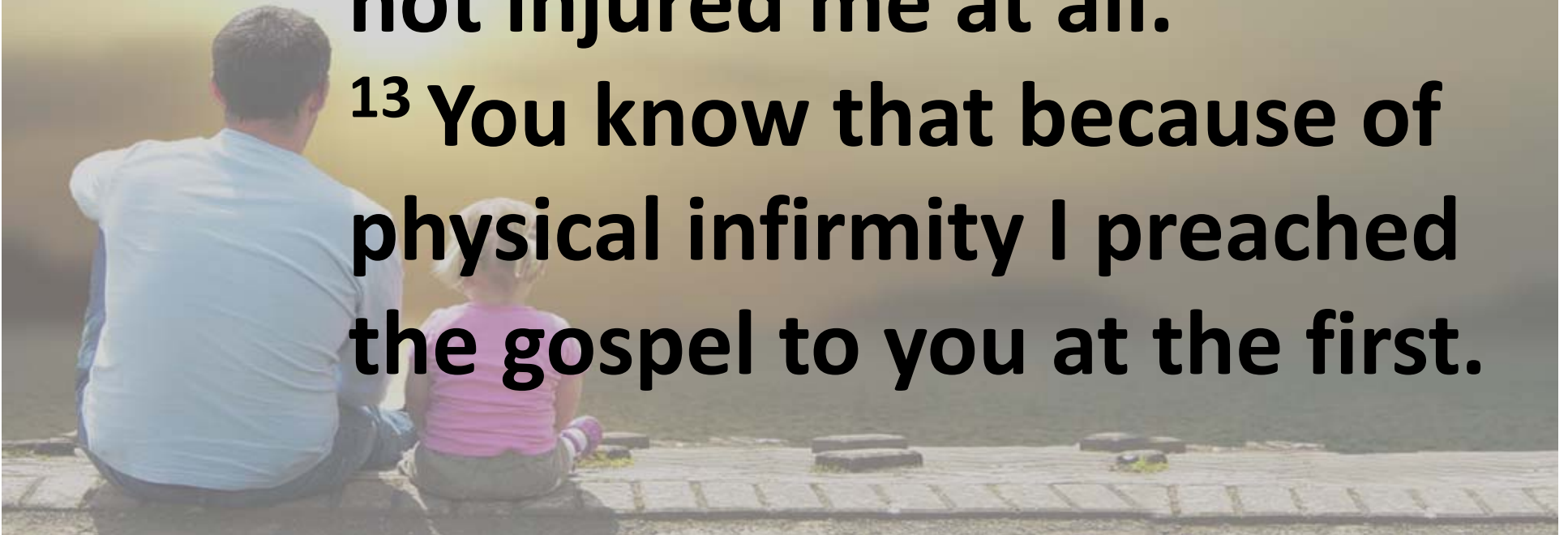
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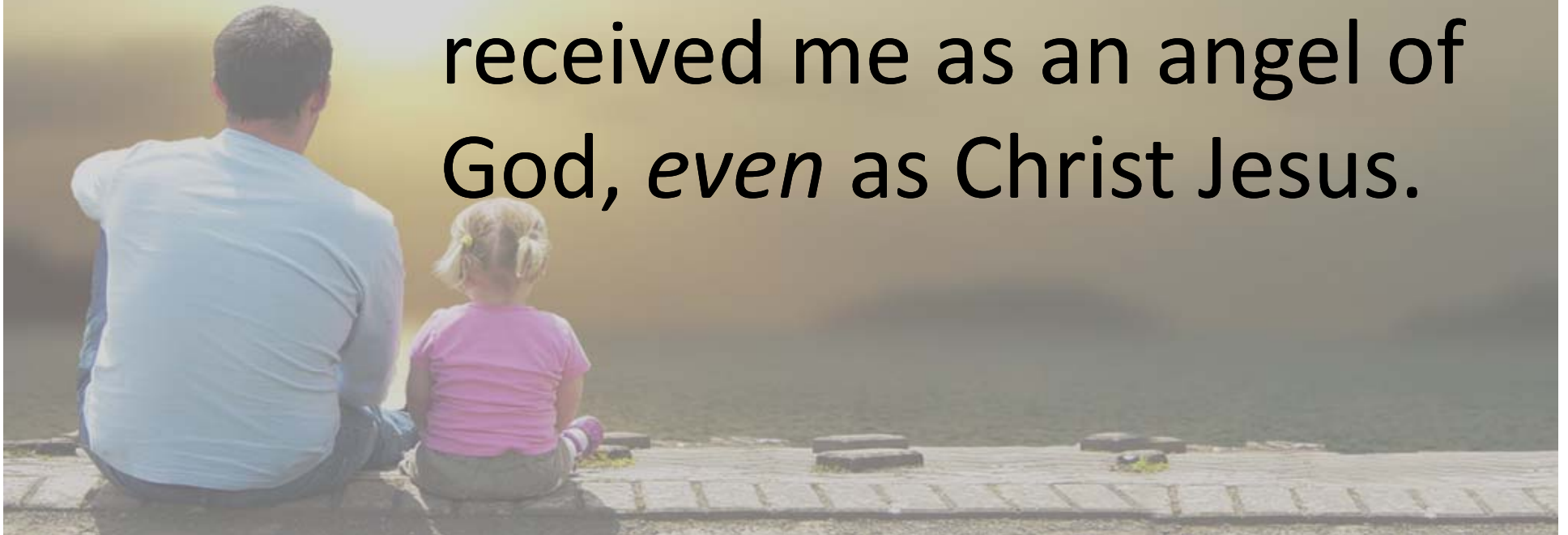
12 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I *became* like you. You have not injured me at all.

13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.



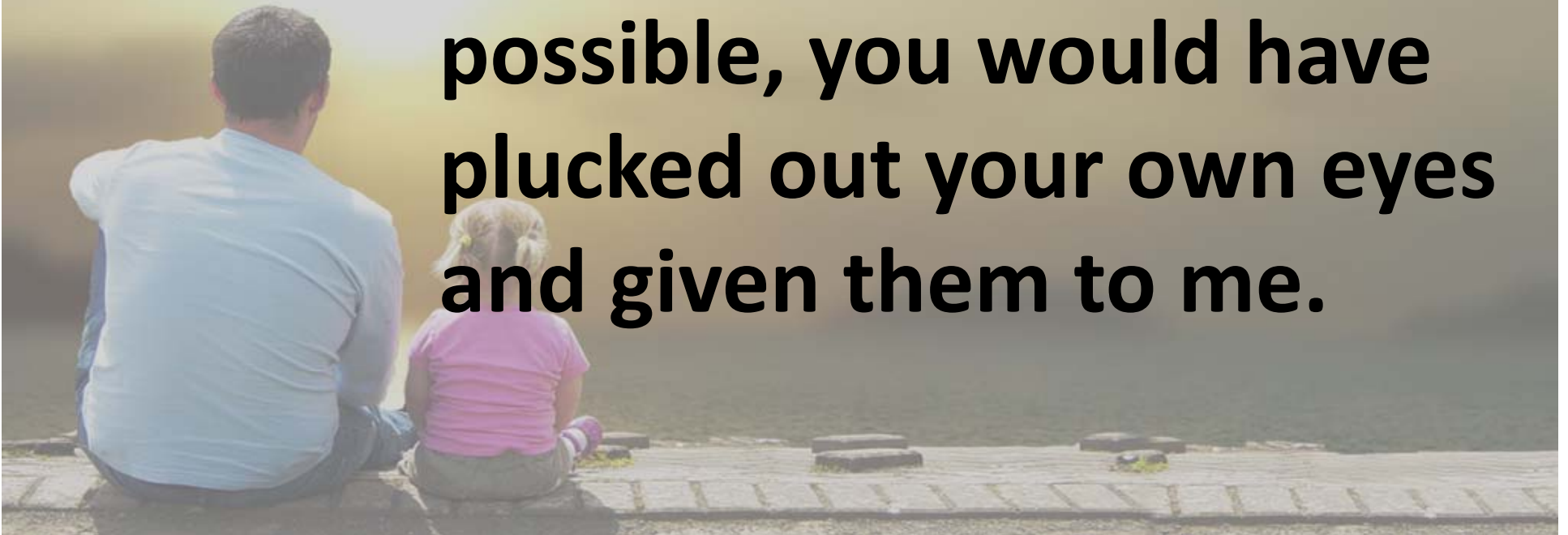
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¹⁴ And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.



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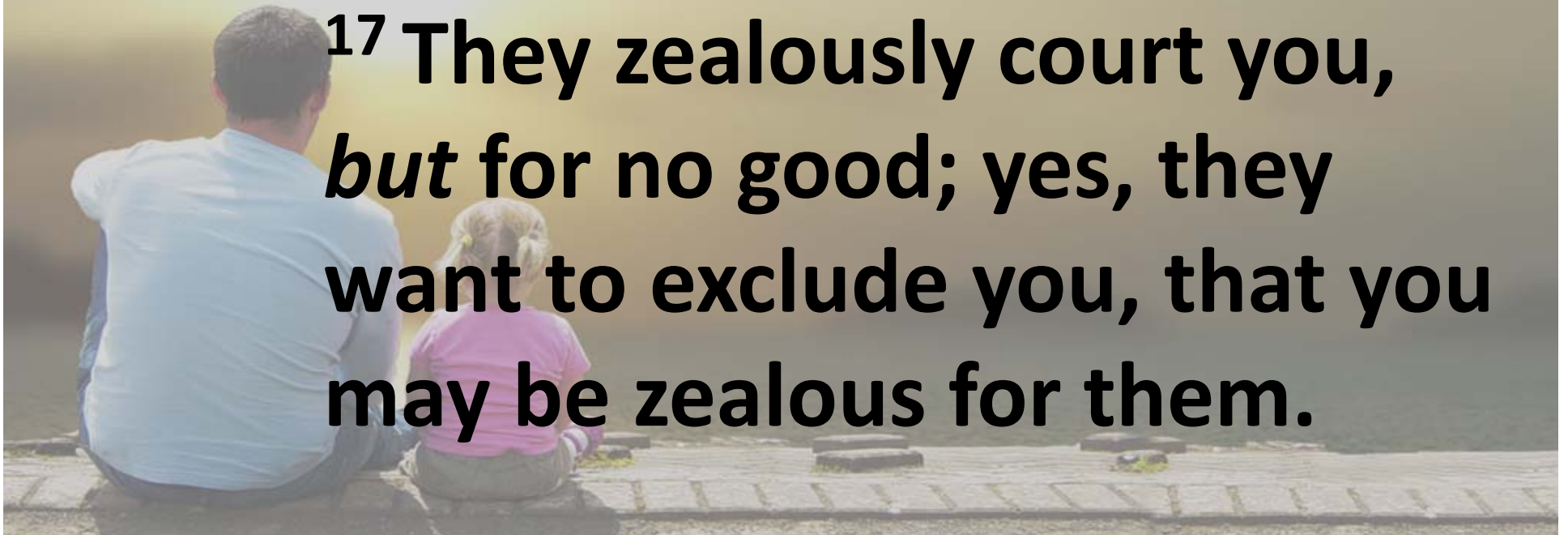
15 What then was the blessing you *enjoyed*? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.



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16 Have I therefore become
your enemy because I tell you
the truth?

17 They zealously court you,
but for no good; yes, they
want to exclude you, that you
may be zealous for them.



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18 But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.

19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,



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²⁰ I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you.



1. Lead by Example.

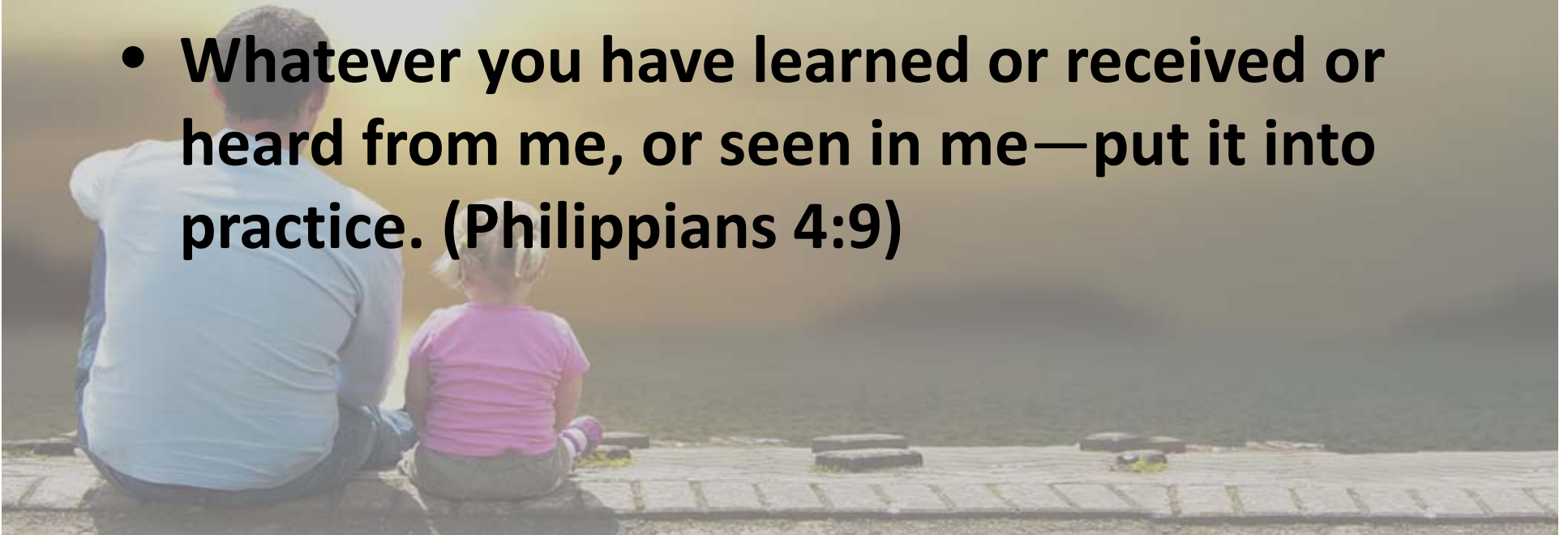
How many people can say that?

Can you say to the people (children) around you—"Do as I do. Be like me."?



1. Lead by Example.

- **Therefore, I urge you to imitate me. (1 Corinthians 4:16)**
- **You became imitators of us, and of the Lord...(1 Thessalonians 1:6)**
- **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. (Philippians 4:9)**



2. Speak the Truth

¹⁶ Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

The Truth of the Gospel

The Truth of/about life

The Truth about ourselves



3. Get Involved

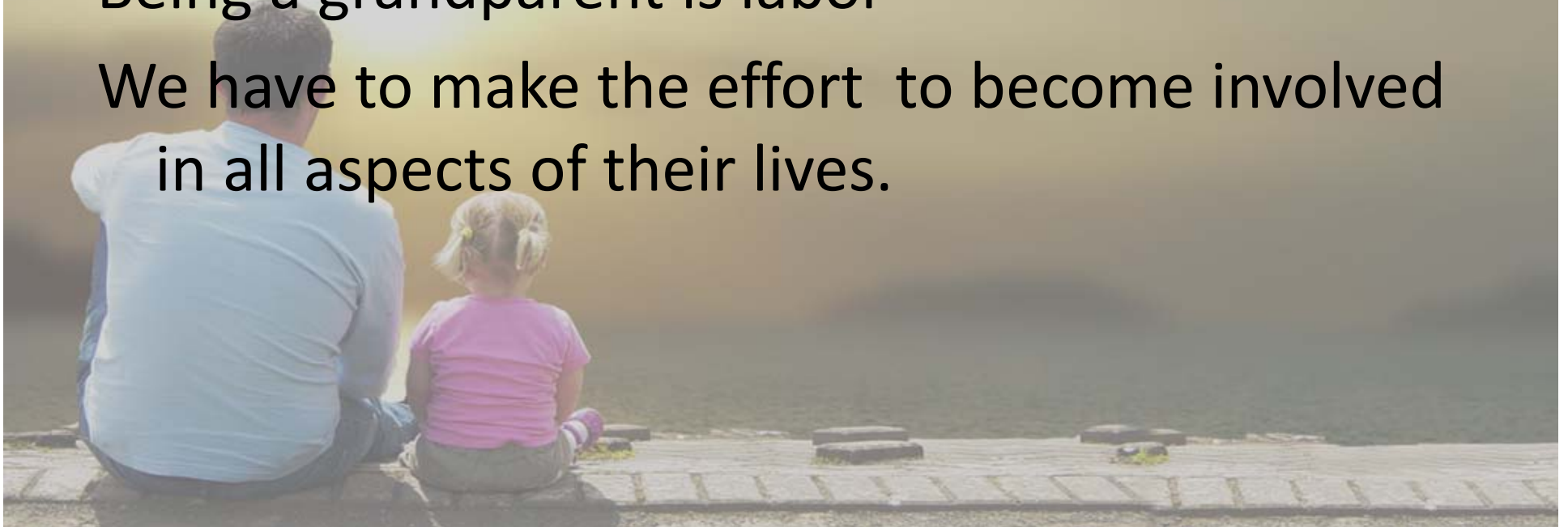
¹⁹ My little children, for whom I labor

Being a father is labor

Being a parent is labor

Being a grandparent is labor

We have to make the effort to become involved
in all aspects of their lives.

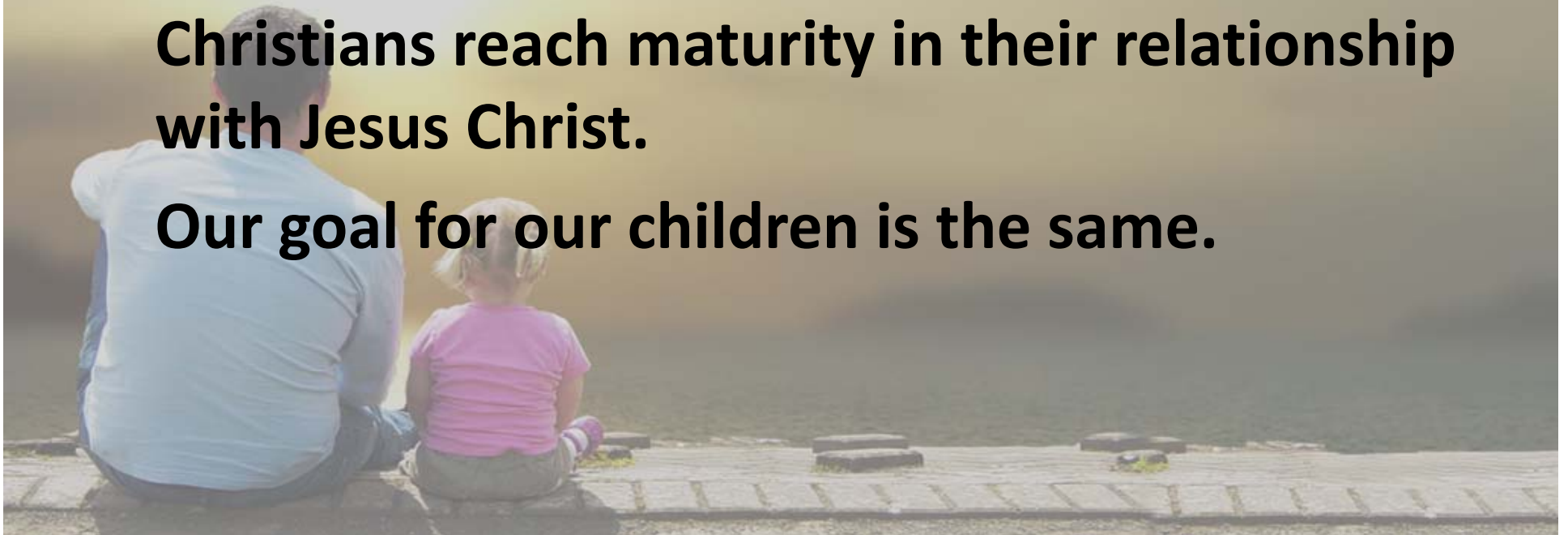


4. Know the Goal to be Achieved

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Paul's desired outcome was straightforward and simple: his goal was to help new Christians reach maturity in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our goal for our children is the same.



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Today may we become one that leads by example, one that speaks the truth, one that gets involved, and one that leads with a purpose.

