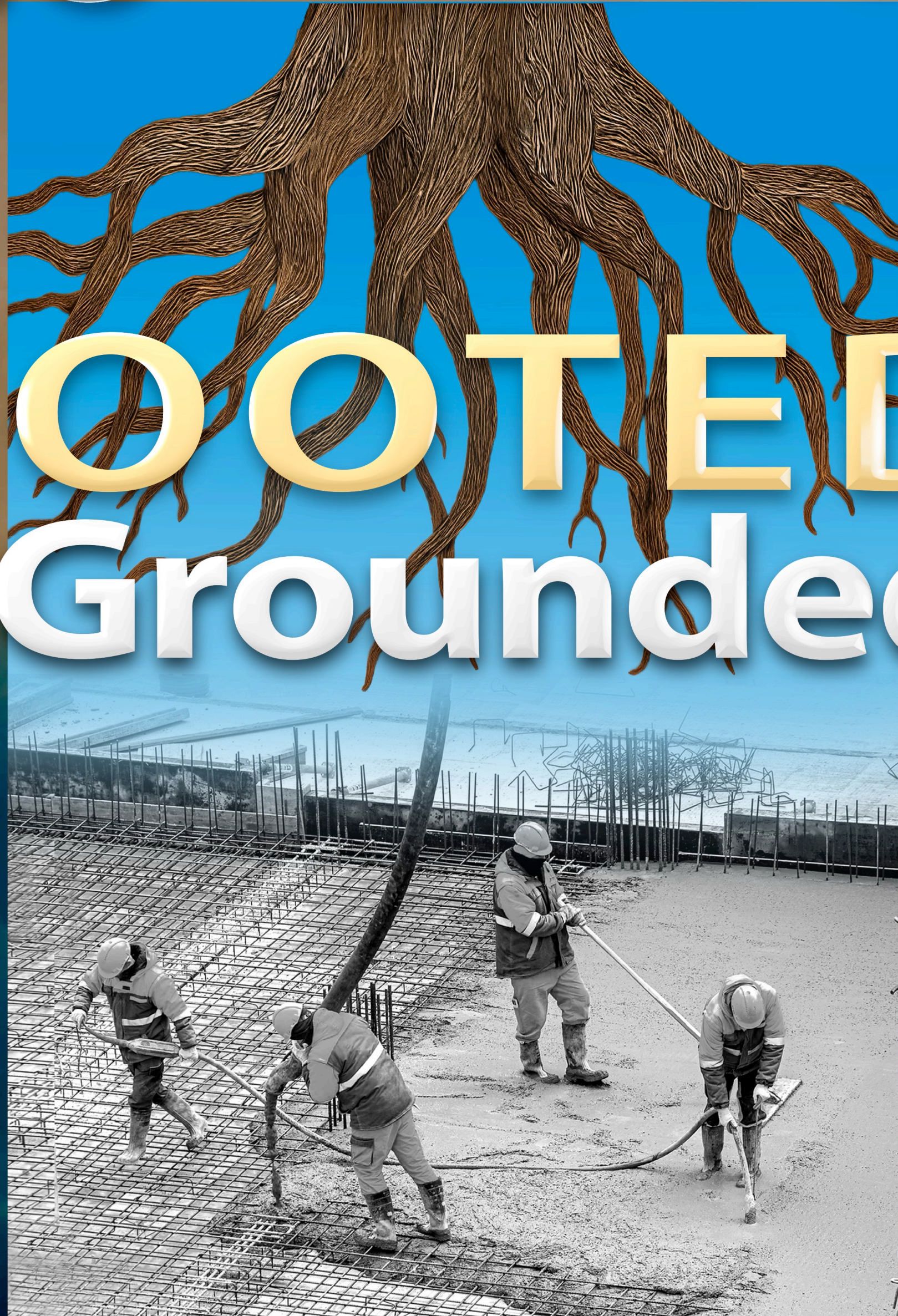




NEW COVENANT CHURCH

ROOTED & Grounded



PART FOUR

Living Through LOVE

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10

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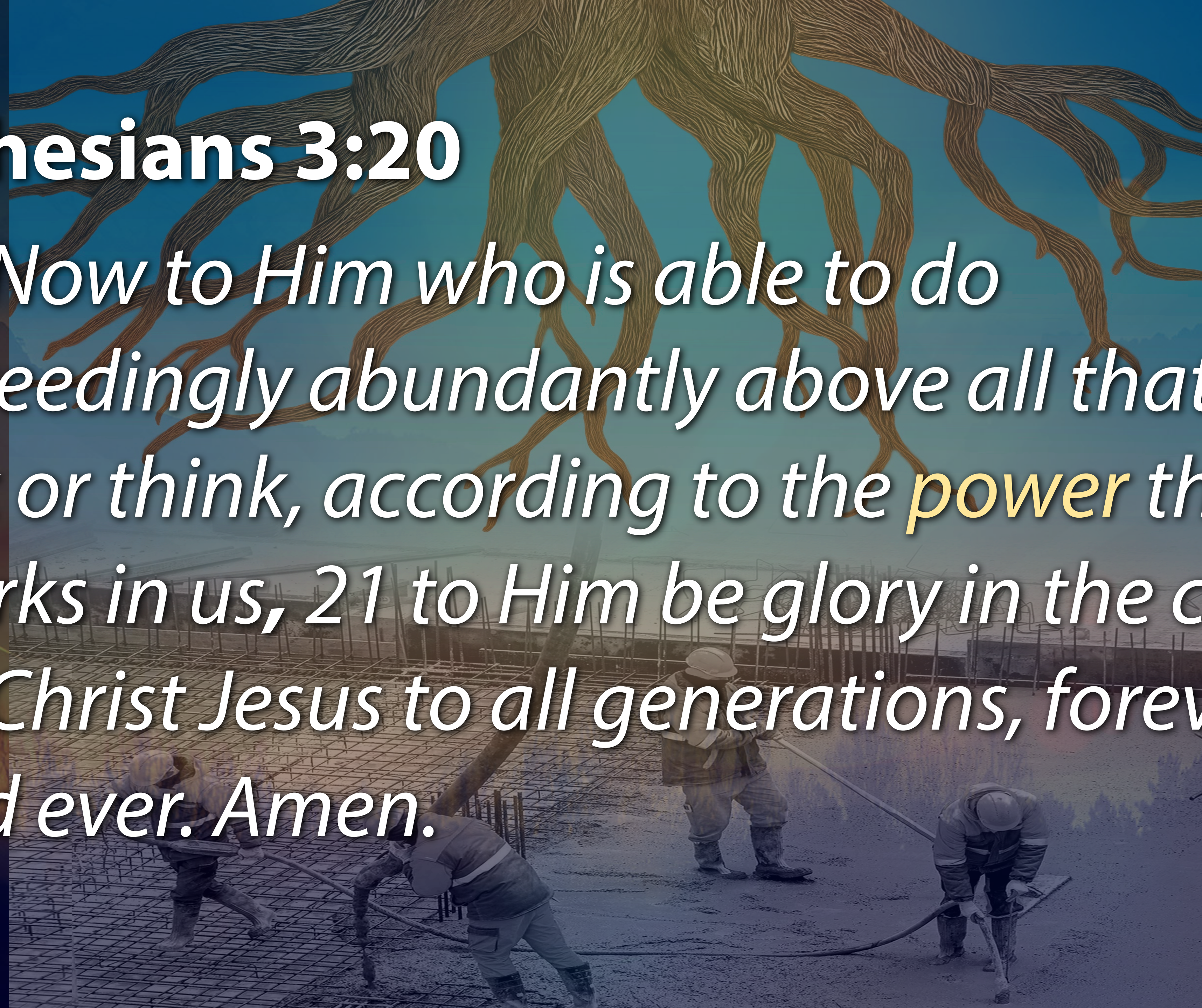


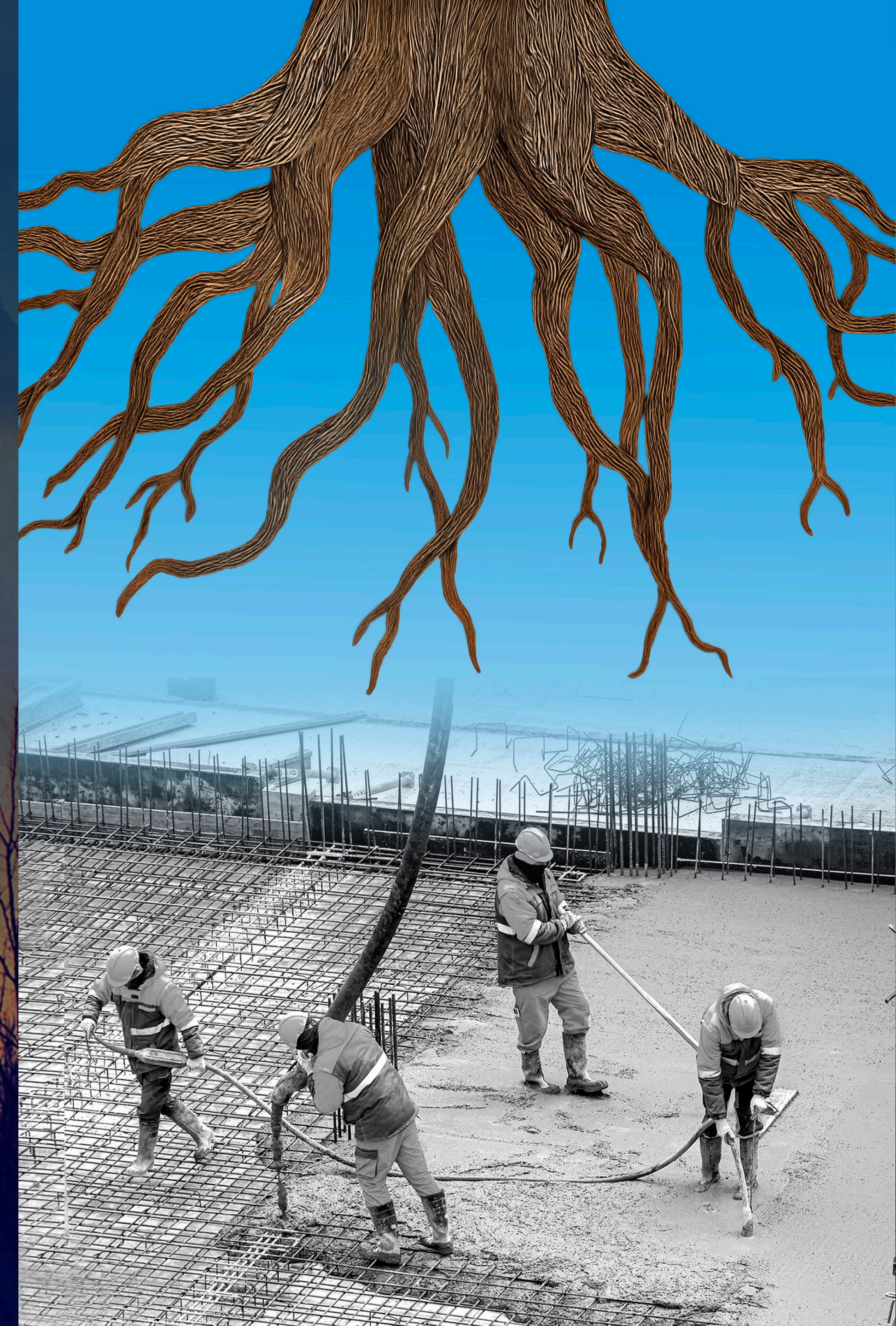
Ephesians 3:17

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:20

*20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power** that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*





“ROOTED” is an agricultural term

Like a tree, the believer’s life must have deep roots.

“GROUNDED” is an architectural term

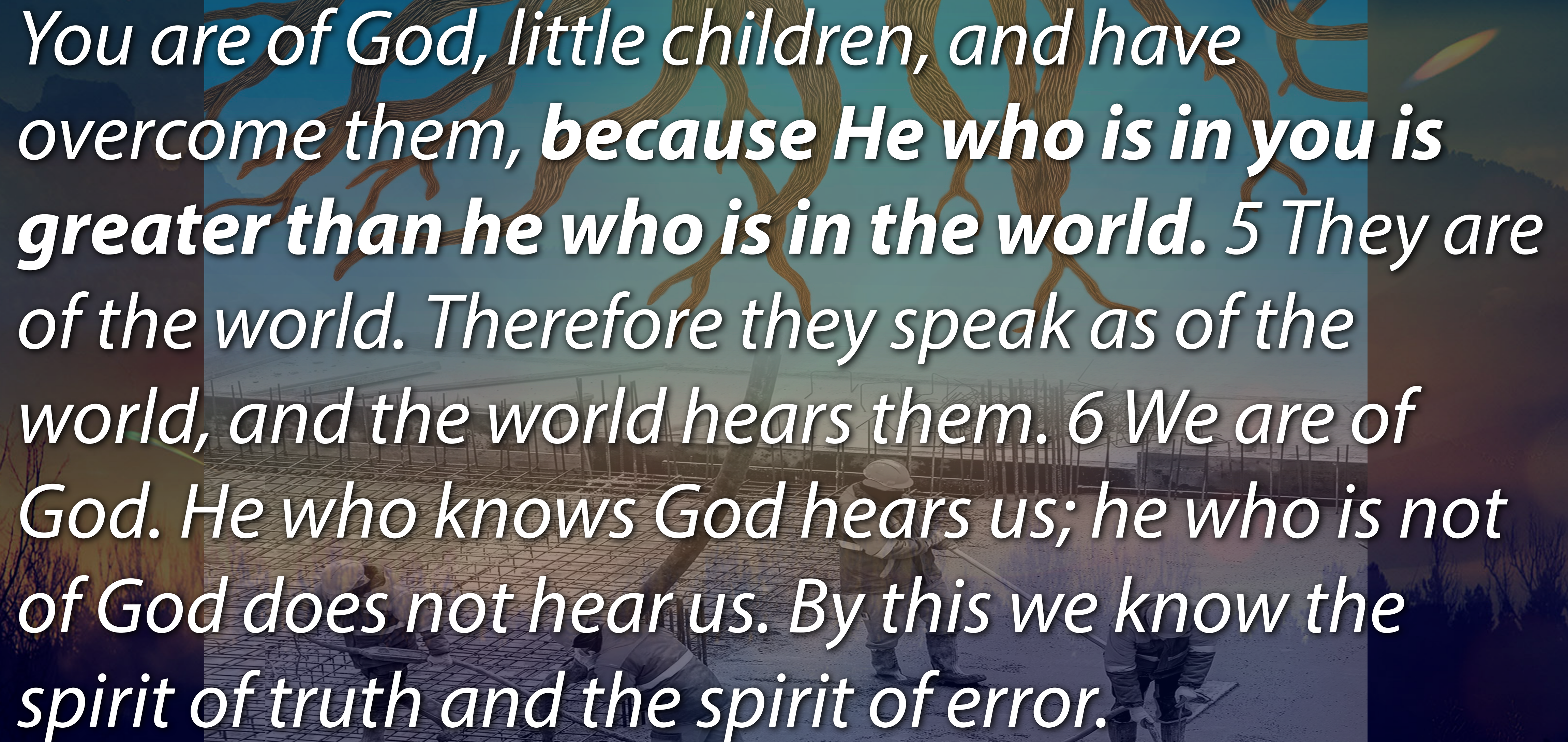
Like a building, the believer’s life must have a solid foundation.

Without **roots**, there is no growth.

Without a **foundation**, there is no useful structure.

1 John 4:4

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*



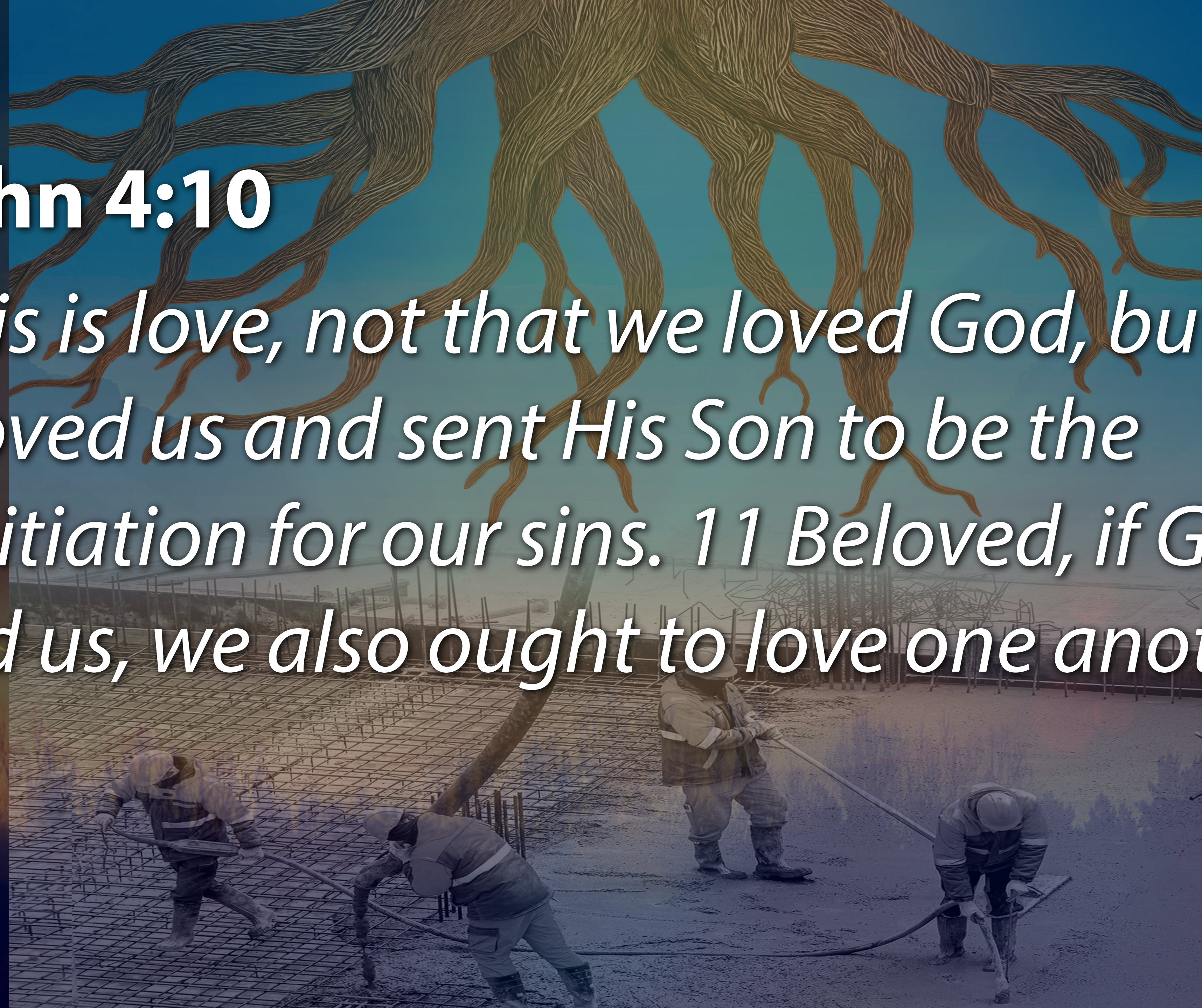


1 John 4:7

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.** 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, **that we might live through Him.***

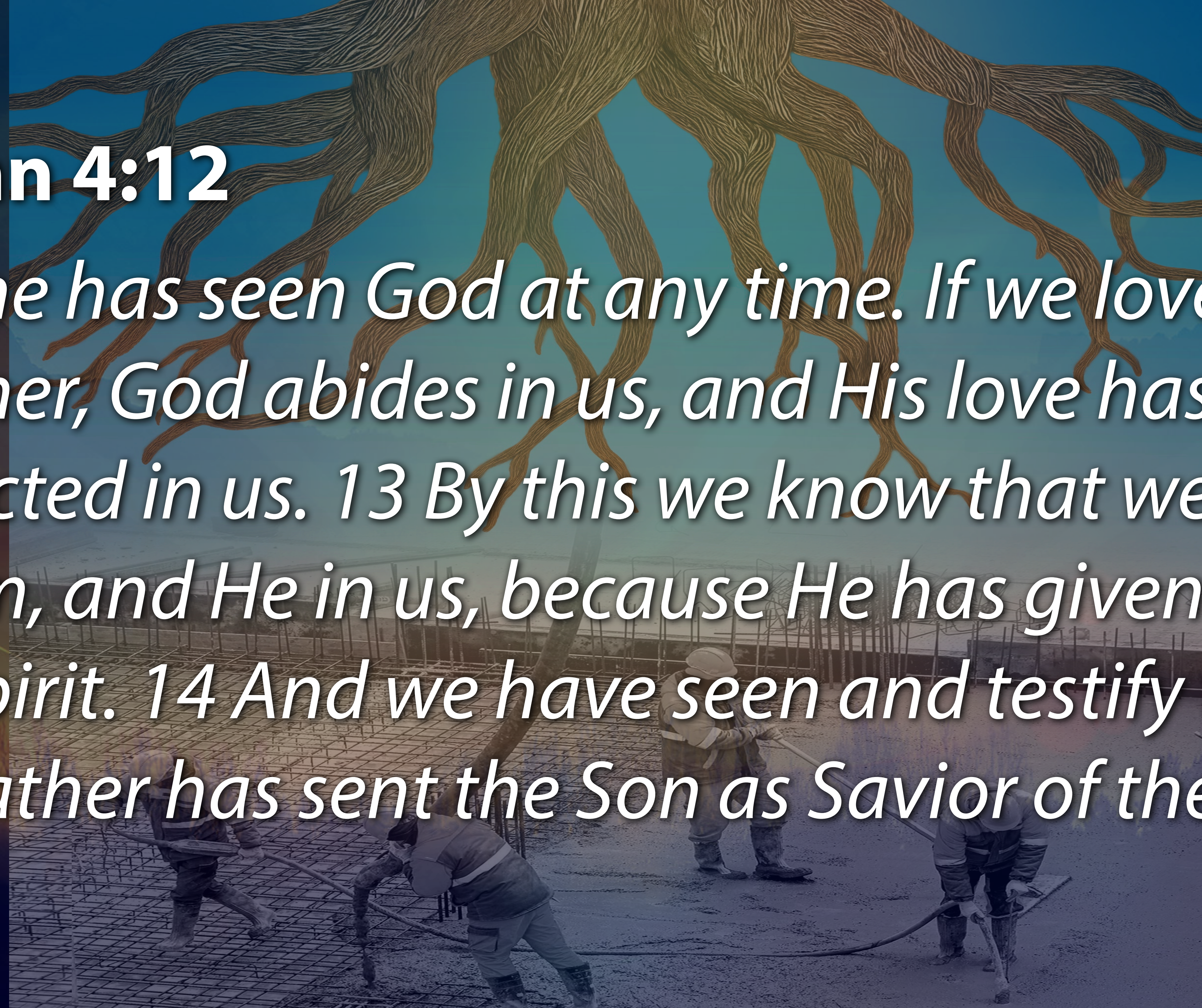
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In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



1 John 4:12

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.






1 John 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.



Being Rooted & Grounded in Love Is our Primary Responsibility

- Without being rooted, there is no real growth.
 - Without a foundation, there is no useful structure.
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Love Comes From God

1 John 4:7, *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.*

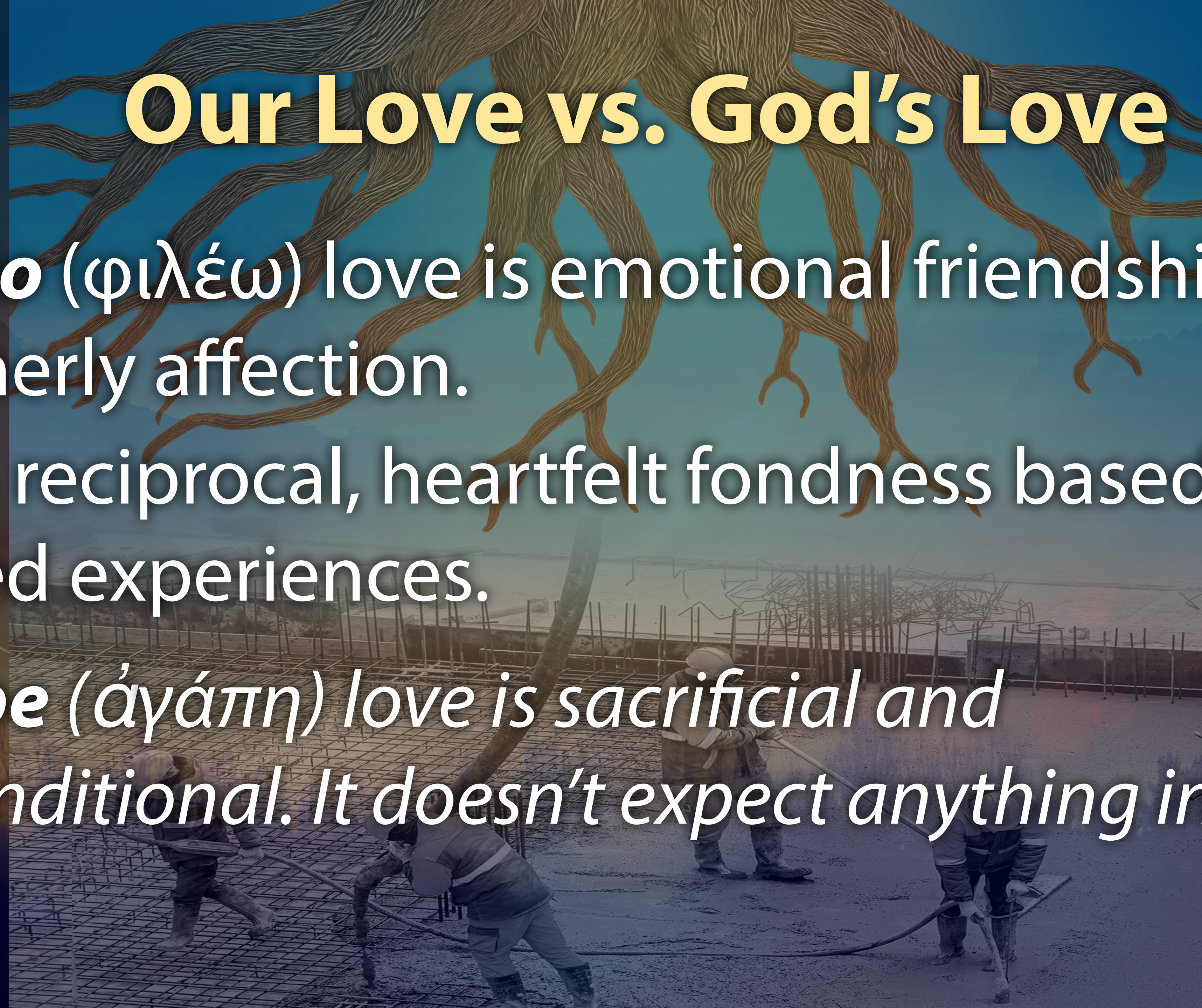
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Our Love vs. God's Love

Phileo (φιλέω) love is emotional friendship and brotherly affection.

It is a reciprocal, heartfelt fondness based on shared experiences.

Agape (ἀγάπη) love is *sacrificial and unconditional. It doesn't expect anything in return.*



The God Kind of Love

Love originates in God

Love does not merely belong to God

Love proceeds from Him. It has its life, character, and source in God.

Biblical love is not a human achievement. It is a divine impartation.

We cannot manufacture this kind of love



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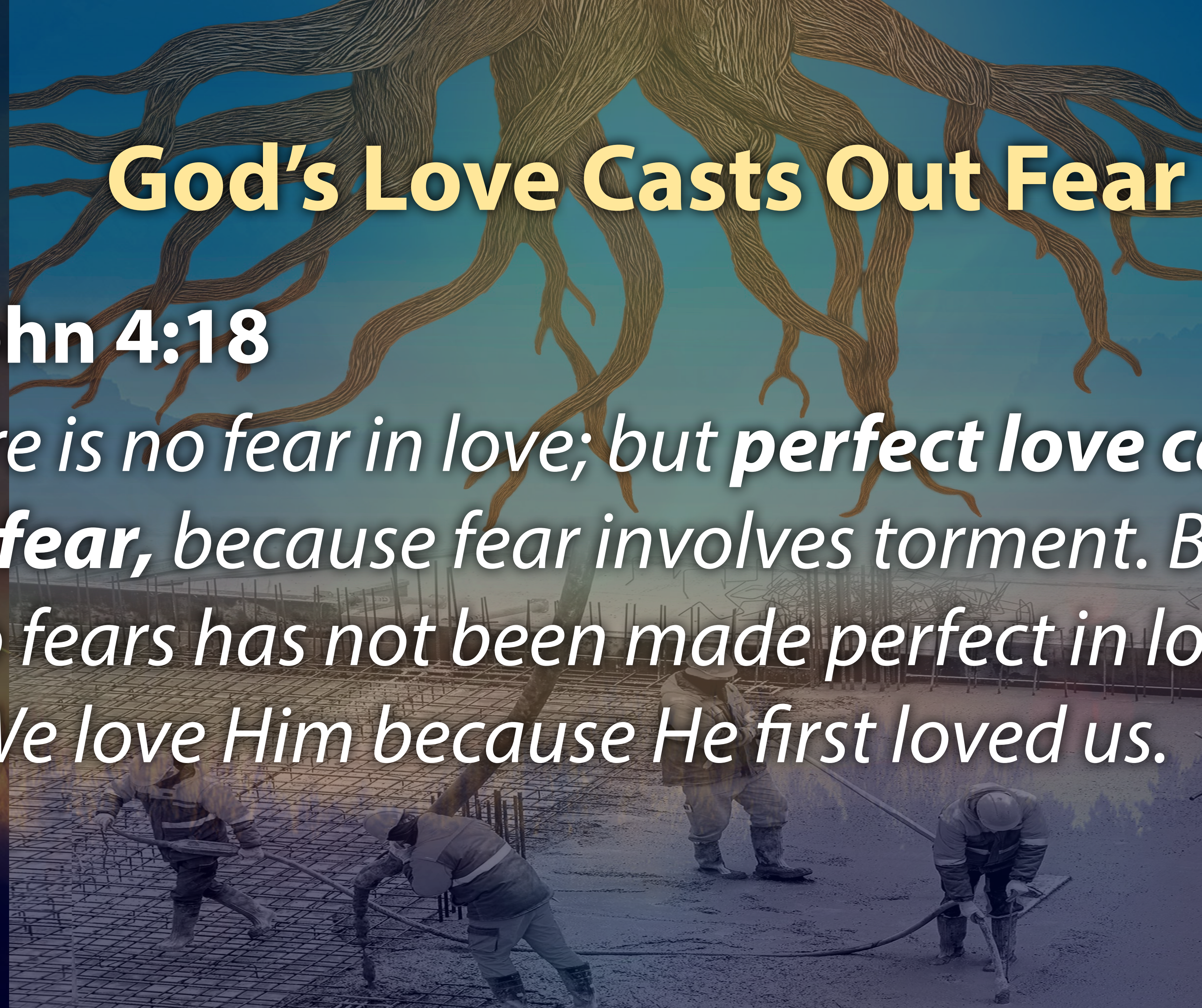
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God's Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:18

*There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

19 We love Him because He first loved us.





God is Love

1 John 4:15b

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