



SUMMER ON THE MOUNT

Conflict Redefined




Jesus asks:
“Will you follow me?”



“MAKARIOS”

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HAPPY



Happiness:
The Favor of God
experienced when Jesus
Reigns in Your Heart

Matthew 5:21-26 (NIV)

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’

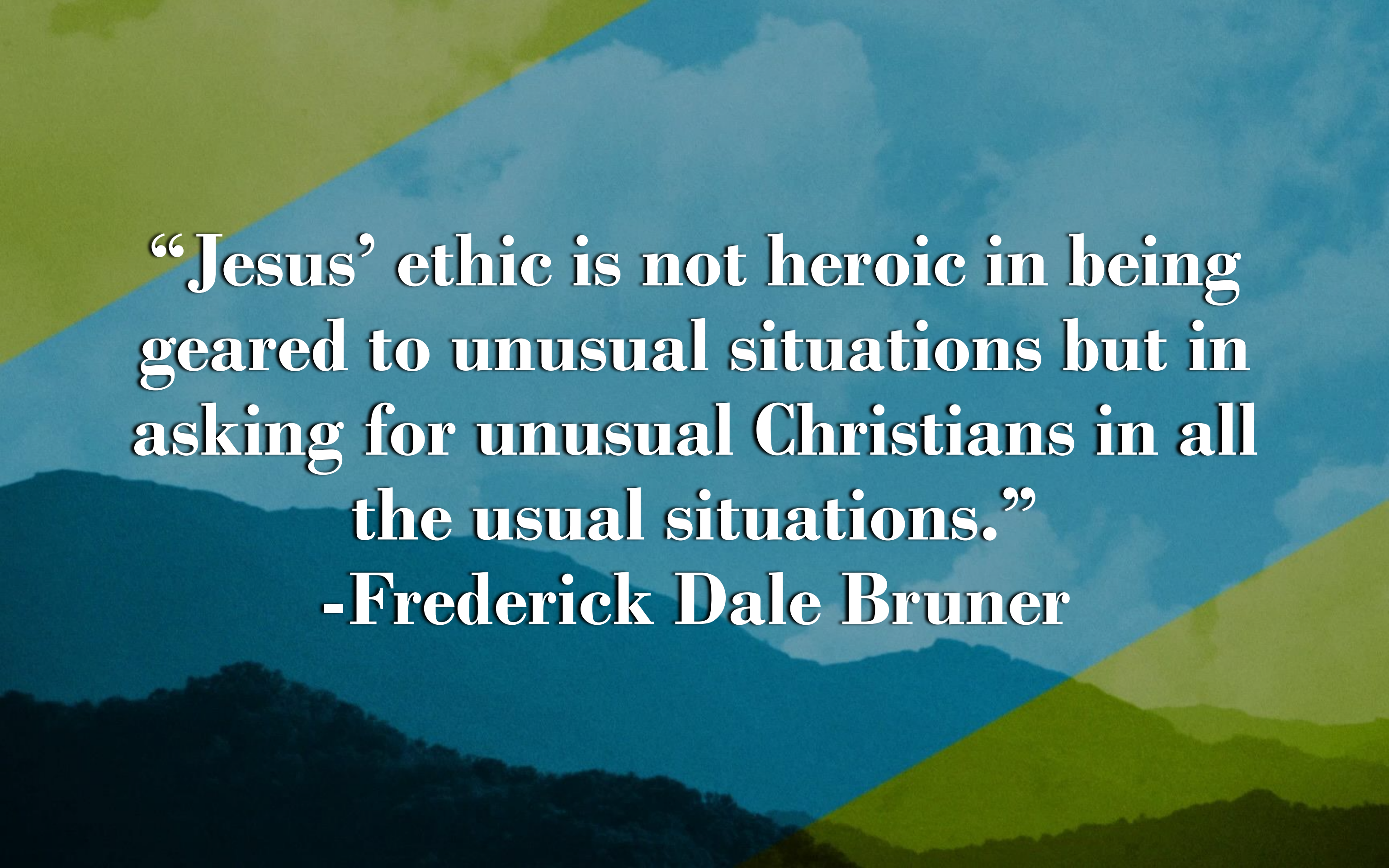
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will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you

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to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.



“Jesus’ ethic is not heroic in being geared to unusual situations but in asking for unusual Christians in all the usual situations.”

-Frederick Dale Bruner

Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”



I can have a right
relationship with God when
**I ASK FOR AND OFFER
FORGIVENESS**

Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



*What happens when
I don't forgive?*

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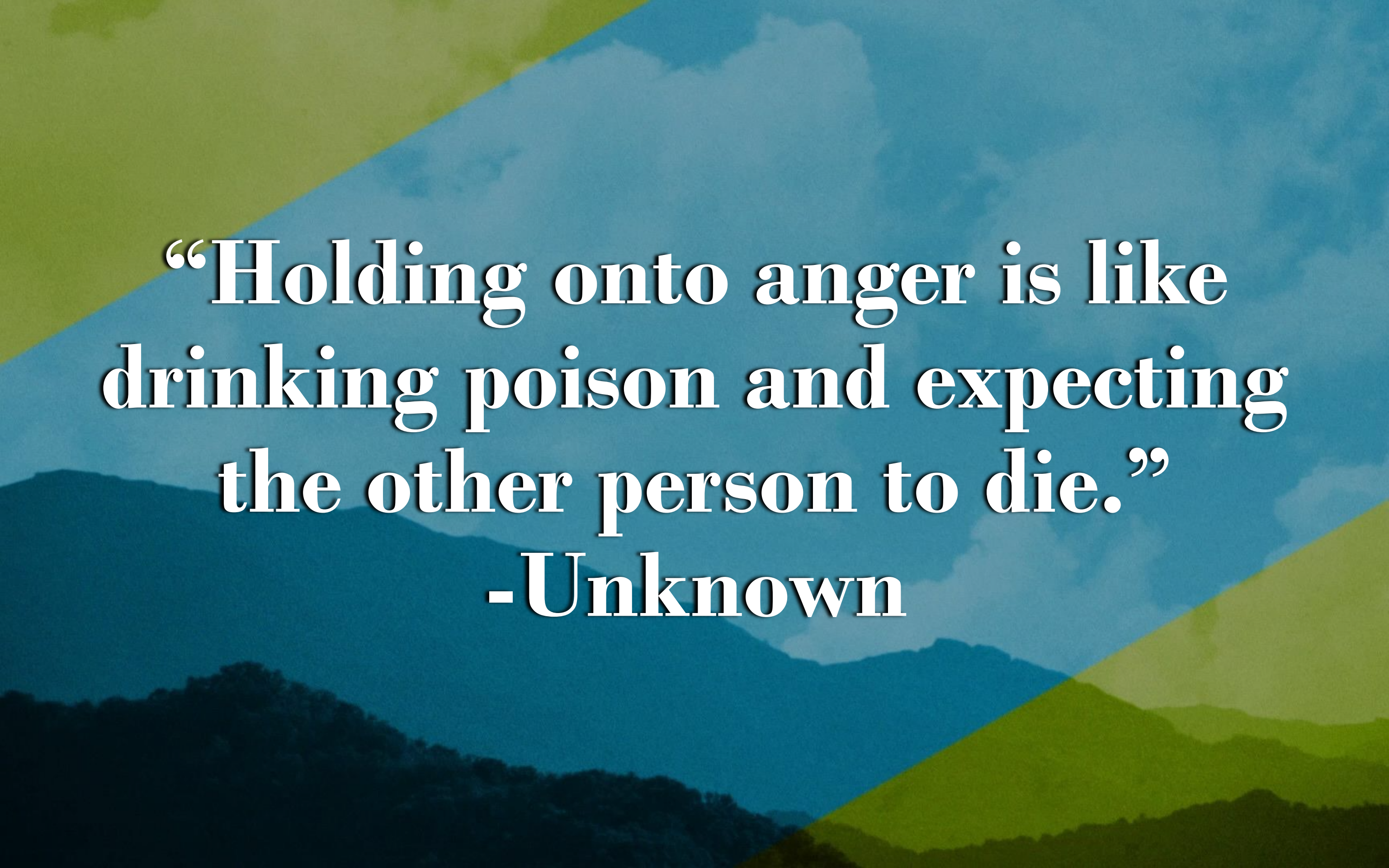
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- I disobey God's instructions
- My anger is intensified



What happens when I don't forgive?

- I disobey God's instructions
- My anger is intensified
- I relive painful experiences



**“Holding onto anger is like
drinking poison and expecting
the other person to die.”**

-Unknown



How do I forgive?

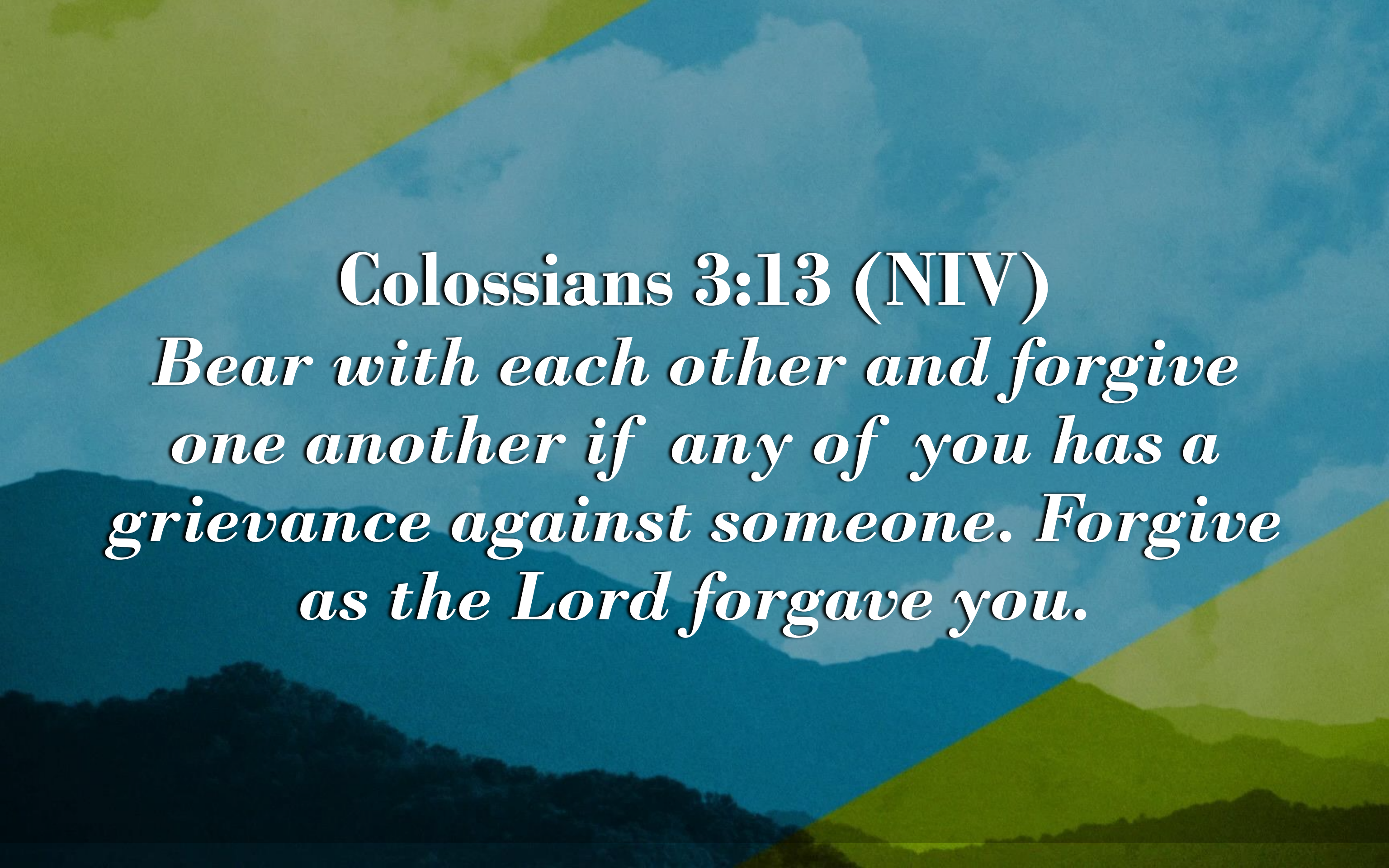
- Identify the people who have hurt you

How do I forgive?

- Identify the people who have hurt you
- Determine what they owe you

How do I forgive?

- Identify the people who have hurt you
- Determine what they owe you
 - Cancel their debt



Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

*Bear with each other and forgive
one another if any of you has a
grievance against someone. Forgive
as the Lord forgave you.*



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