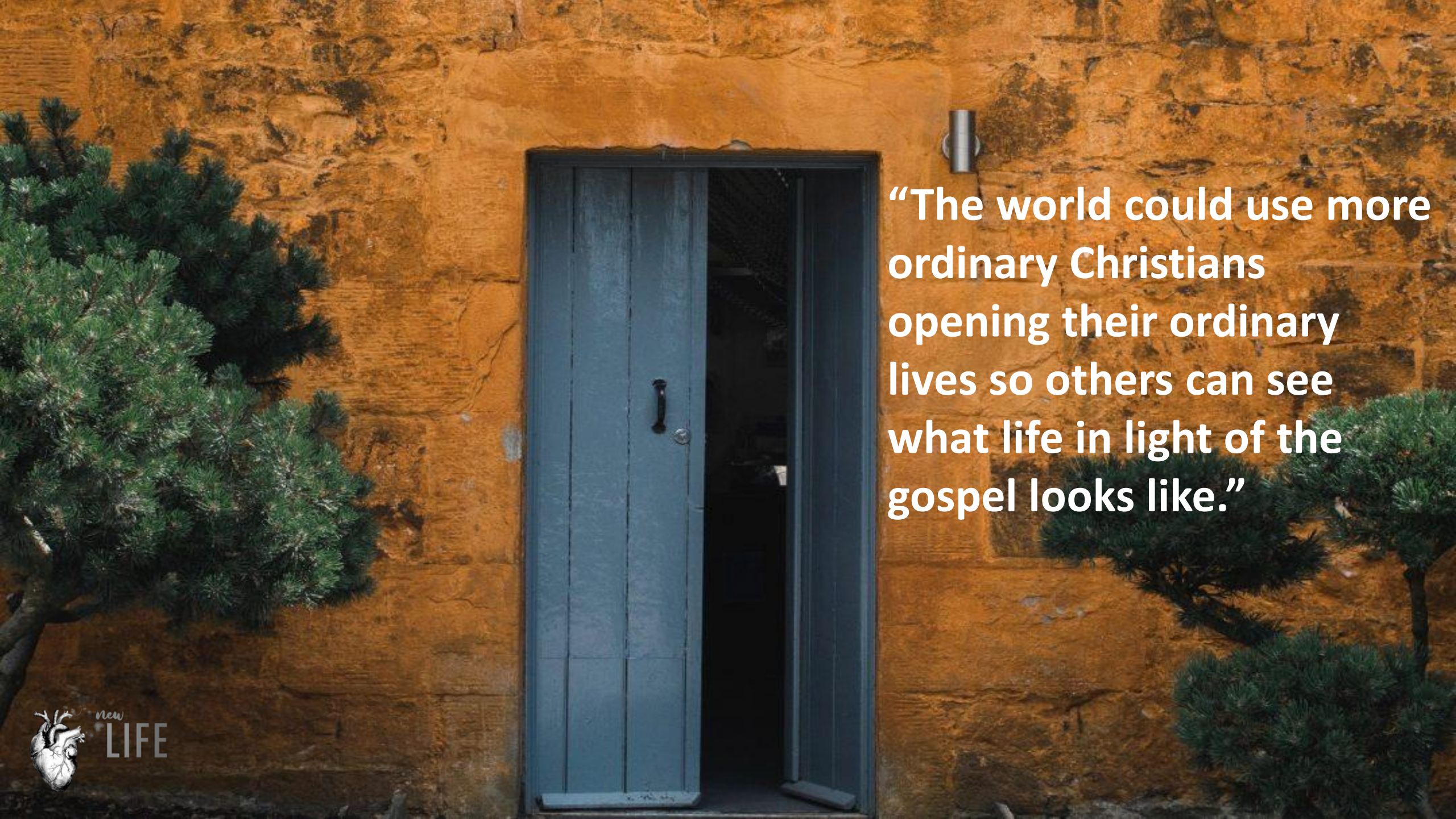


Hospitality

PART 3



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“The world could use more ordinary Christians opening their ordinary lives so others can see what life in light of the gospel looks like.”





Connect Grow Love

INTRO | Radical Biblical Hospitality:

An uncompromising key to Church, life and being able to connect, grow and love, is to be a people that is hospitable.

Letting others in and also being able to enter in and share

- Beginning and the End: God is hospitable

Definition:

Hospitality | friendly and generous reception and ~~entertainment~~ of 'sharing Jesus with' guests, visitors, or strangers.

friendliness, hospitableness, welcome, warm reception, helpfulness, neighbourliness, warmth, warm-heartedness, kindness, kind-heartedness, congeniality, geniality, sociability, conviviality, cordiality, amicability, amenability, generosity, liberality, bountifulness, open-handedness.

GREEK | Philoxenos | fond of guests, that is, hospitable: - **given to** (lover of, use) hospitality.

Philonexia hospitableness: - **entertain strangers**, hospitality.

Not only our homes, but also our lives...

Radical Hospitality establishes...

1. **COMMUNITY** and sense of belonging and calling [*friendship*]

- **Psalm 68:6** 'God sets the lonely in families'
- **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me... *We crucify the self!*
- His Person and Presence is everything: **Matthew 18:19-20** "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

2. **DISCIPLESHIP** and true life on life impartation

3. **EVANGELISM** and leads to salvations of love

1. Discipleship:

Bible → Discipleship means much more than just the transfer of information . . . it refers to imitating the teacher's life, instilling his values, and reproducing his teachings.

We want to be like JESUS

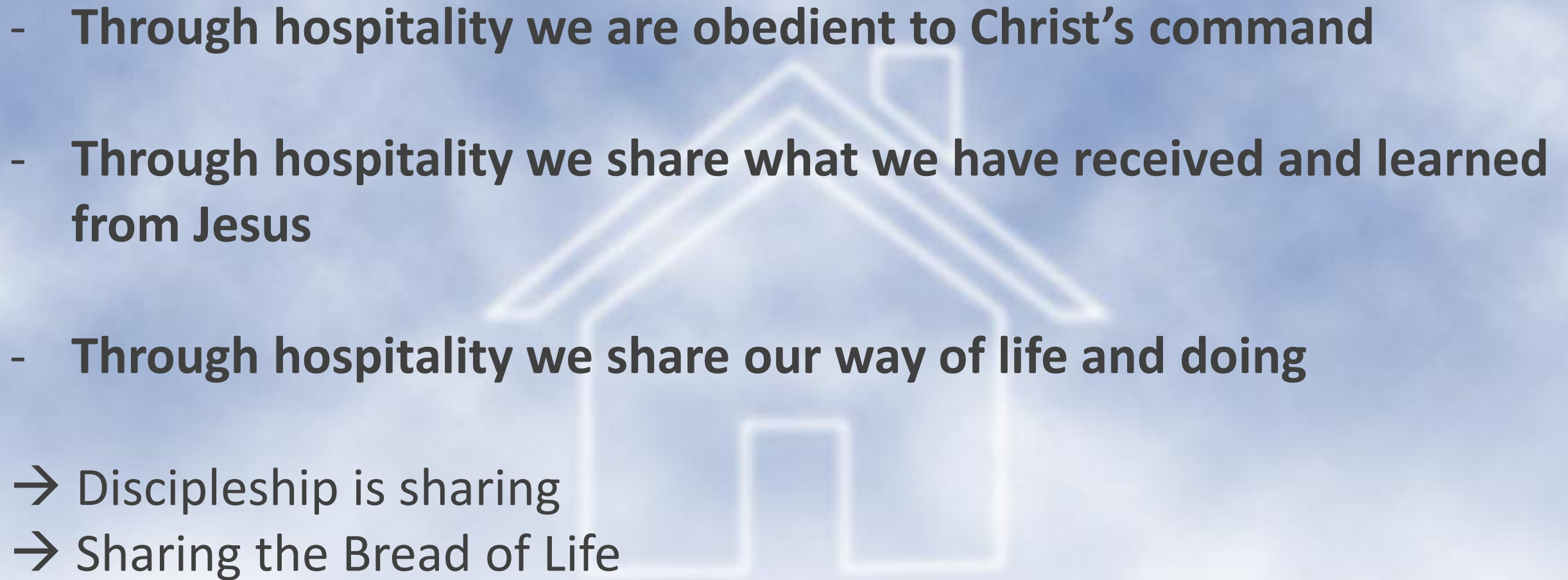
Paul and we say: **'Follow me as I follow Christ'**



Discipleship happens with life on life impartation.

True Biblical community where there is Radical Biblical Hospitality...

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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- **Through hospitality we are obedient to Christ's command**
 - **Through hospitality we share what we have received and learned from Jesus**
 - **Through hospitality we share our way of life and doing**
 - Discipleship is sharing
 - Sharing the Bread of Life




→ Sharing the Bread of Life

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”



Are you opening your home to disciple others?



“Throughout the saga of history, God consistently initiates relationship. He is a gracious host, constantly welcoming in wayward sinners who deserve His wrath—a people whose only hope is that He would show them underserved hospitality.”



2. Evangelism:

Evangelism defined: the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.

Radical Biblical Hospitality...leads to sharing Jesus with others

Matthew 9:10-13 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



Who invited you in
as a mere sinner?

What should we do?

1. Be an Ambassador:

My home and life an extension of His Kingdom, rule and heart

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2. Live a sermon, be a message, LOVE!

Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”

Where is your pulpit?

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Share Jesus

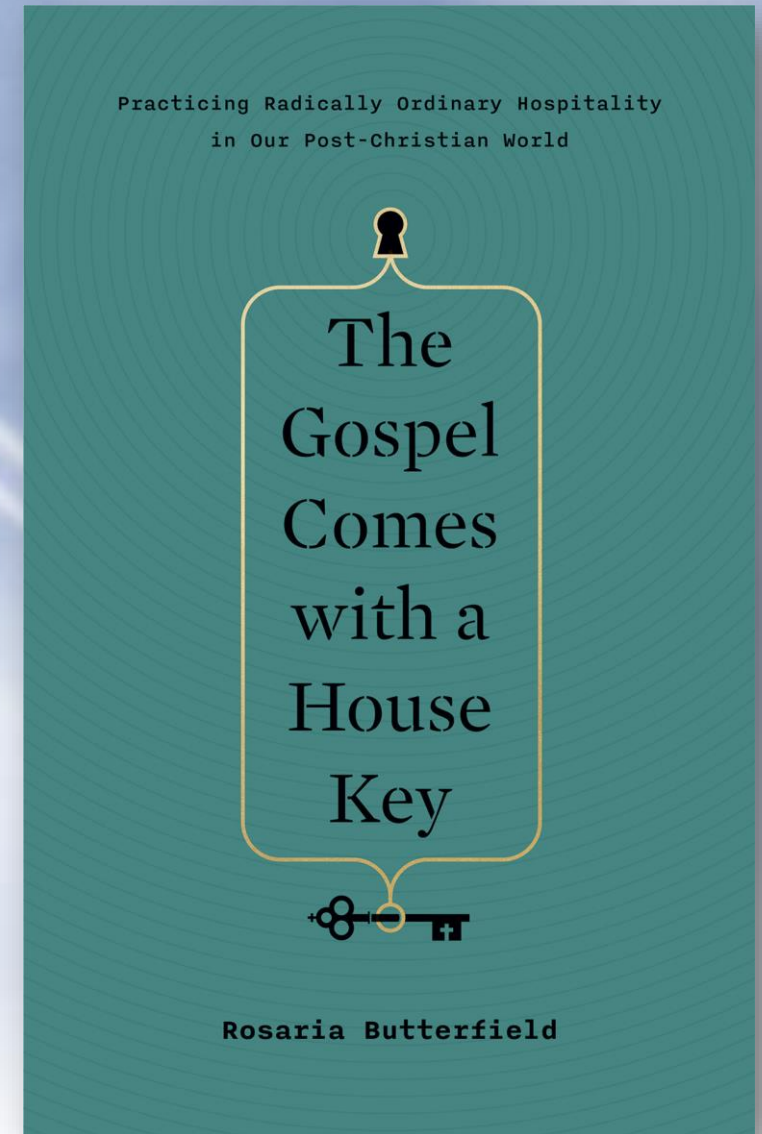
3. Be bold, share, LOVE:

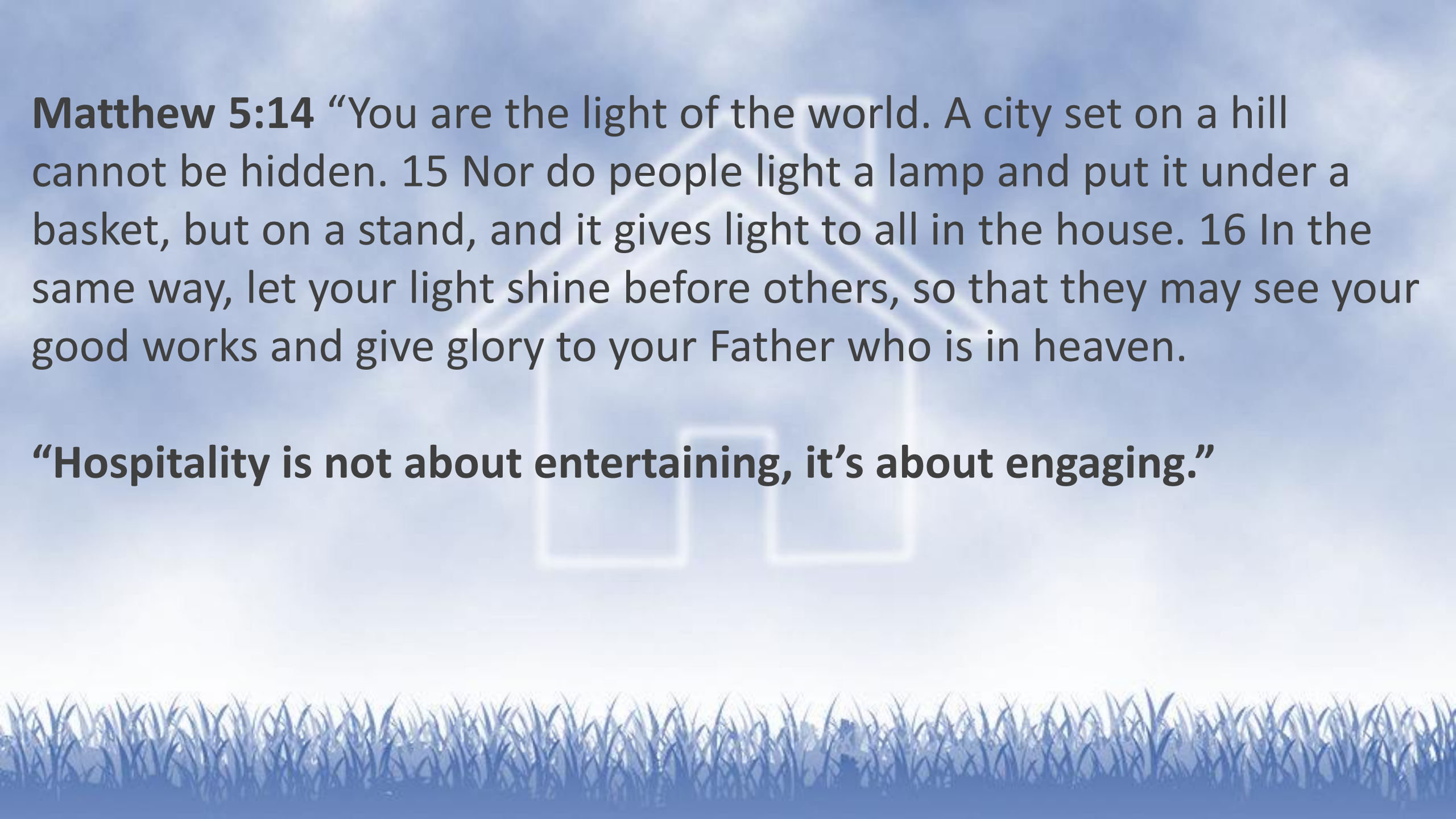
Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Christians must learn to practice radically ordinary hospitality not only as the hosts of this world but, perhaps more importantly, as its despised guests. Let's face it: we have become unwelcome guests in this post-Christian world. Our children ride their scooters in neighborhoods where conservative Christianity is dismissed or denounced as irrelevant, irrational, discriminatory, and dangerous. Many of us go to work in places where sensitivity training has become a ...nightmare; where sexual orientation is now considered a true category of personhood (who you really are); where biological sex is no longer considered a

factual reality, offering God's designed blessing for all of humanity, but only a psychological reality (its meaning subject to how you feel). Christian common sense is declared "hate speech" by the new keepers of this culture. The old rules don't apply anymore. Many Christians genuinely do not know what to say to their unbelieving neighbors. The language and the logic have changed almost overnight. The invitation to bring people who despise you into your home may sound like a horrific prospect. –

The Gospel Comes with a House Key; R.S. Butterfield



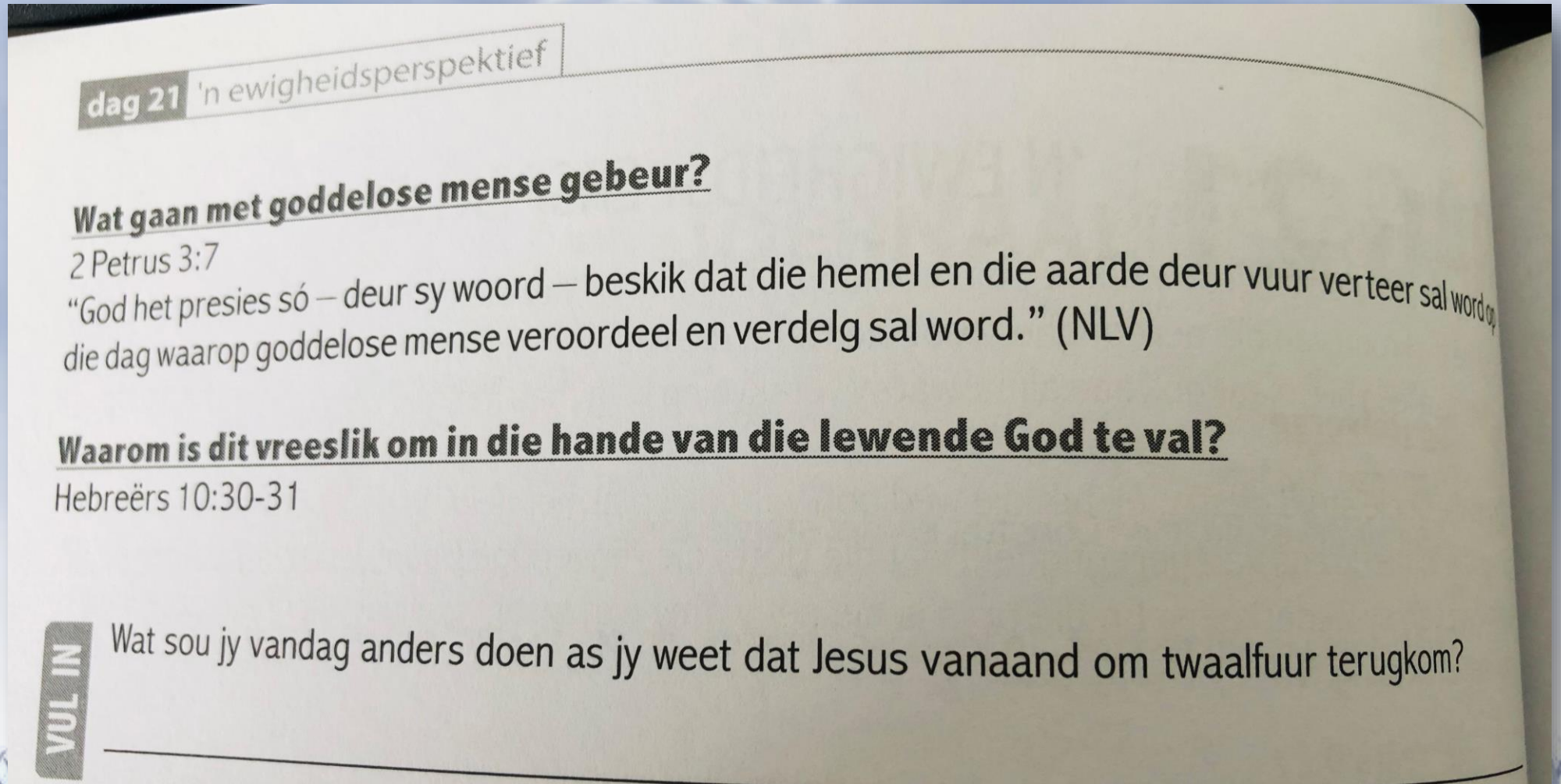


Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Hospitality is not about entertaining, it’s about engaging.”

“When we don’t care, we don’t share.”

Testimony:



3. Live Purposefully by the Spirit:

As the Lord lays it on your heart

Be You

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.

Matthew 25:35-36 and 40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'... 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Let's Pray

