



LEVITICUS 25:8-22

*Liberty,
family and*



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property

PART 6



LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

The Year of Jubilee

8 'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.

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LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement, you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

¹⁰And you shall **consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants.** It shall be a Jubilee for you; and **each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.**

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

¹¹ That **fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you**; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. **¹²** For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; **you shall eat its produce from the field.**

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

13 ‘In this Year of Jubilee, **each of you shall return to his possession.** **14** And if you sell anything to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour’s hand, you shall not oppress one another.

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

15 According to the number of years after the Jubilee you shall buy from your neighbour, and according to the number of years of crops he shall sell to you.



LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

16 According to the multitude of years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewer number of years you shall diminish its price; for he sells to you according to the number of the years of the crops. **17 Therefore you shall not oppress one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the LORD your God.**

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LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

¹⁸ ‘So you shall **observe My statutes and keep My judgments, and perform them**; and you will dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹ **Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety.**

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

20 ‘And if you say, “What shall we eat in the seventh year, since we shall not sow nor gather in our produce?” **21** Then **I will command My blessing on you in the sixth year, and it will bring forth produce enough for three years.**

LEVITICUS 25:8-22 (NKJV)

22 And you shall **sow in the eighth year, and eat old produce until the ninth year; until its produce comes in, you shall eat of the old harvest.**

Introduction

a) Series Main Points

- 1. Liberty:** reaffirming our freedom; releasing and resetting
- 2. Property:** returning to possession; reclaiming your rightful place
- 3. Family:** returning to family; restoring relationships

Introduction

b) Recent focus

Property: returning to possession;
reclaiming your rightful place

Outline

- 1. Instructions affecting ecology**
- 2. Implications on the economy**
- 3. Applications for the society**



1) Instructions affecting ecology

- **Sabbath year, Sabbath day and Jubilee**



1) Instructions affecting ecology

- **Sabbath year, Sabbath day and Jubilee**

- Instruction relating to Sabbath Year



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 - **Instruction relating to Sabbath Year**
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 - **Instruction relating to Sabbath Year**
 - **Instruction relating to Sabbath Day**
 - **Instructions relating to Jubilee Sabbath**



2) Implications on the economy



2) Implications on the economy

- food production will be curtailed**



2) Implications on the economy

- Drop in revenue**



2) Implications on the economy

- Drop in revenue**
- Decrease in land use and labour deployment**



2) Implications on the economy

- Drop in revenue**
- Decrease in land use and labour deployment**
- Draw on reserves**



2) Implications on the economy

- Drop in revenue**
- Decrease in land use and labour deployment**
- Draw on reserves**
- Decline in luxurious consumption**



3) Applications for our society

- not apply the exact practice of not sowing and reaping**



3) Applications for our society

- **not apply the exact practice of not sowing and reaping**
- **We apply the principles.**



3) Applications for our society

- Who do preventive financial setbacks happen to us when we are devoted to serving God?**



3) Applications for our society

- Who do preventive financial setbacks happen to us when we are devoted to serving God?**
- We do not expect financial setbacks in life.**



3) Applications for our society

- expect only continuous good things



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- expect only continuous good things**
- Leviticus 25 language:**
 - the people expect every year to be bountiful year**

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LEVITICUS 25:19 (NKJV)

Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill, and dwell there in safety.



3) Applications for our society

- God sometimes allow financial setbacks, deceleration, or reversal, in our life through no fault of ours.**



4 Applications:

- **Accentuate spiritual over material values**



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- **Avoid excessive drive and oppressive business conduct**



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- **Act to overcome personal insecurity**
- **Adopt a simpler lifestyle**



a) Accentuate spiritual over material values



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- spiritual discipline of obedience**



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- spiritual discipline of obedience**
- spiritual virtue of the fear of God**



a) Accentuate spiritual over material values

- spiritual discipline of obedience**
- spiritual virtue of the fear of God**
- do it because they fear God**



a) Accentuate spiritual over material values

- spiritual virtue of faith in God



a) Accentuate spiritual over material values

- spiritual virtue of faith in God**
- God making sure that it is not a one-direction trajectory of ever growing, and ever-increasing harvest.**



b) Avoid excessive drive and oppressive business conduct



c) Act to overcome personal insecurity



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- non-sabbath years, the people enjoy the abundance that God promise**



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- **non-sabbath years, the people enjoy the abundance that God promise**
- **in the sabbath year, people will need to draw on reserve but it will not drain the reserve**



c) Act to overcome personal insecurity

- People do feel insecure once an income stream is temporarily curtailed.**



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- People do feel insecure once an income stream is temporarily curtailed.**
- The cure to insecurity is giving.**



c) Act to overcome personal insecurity

- When revenue ceased, people live on reserves, yet God commanded that they are to share their limited food source with the poor and the migrants.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle



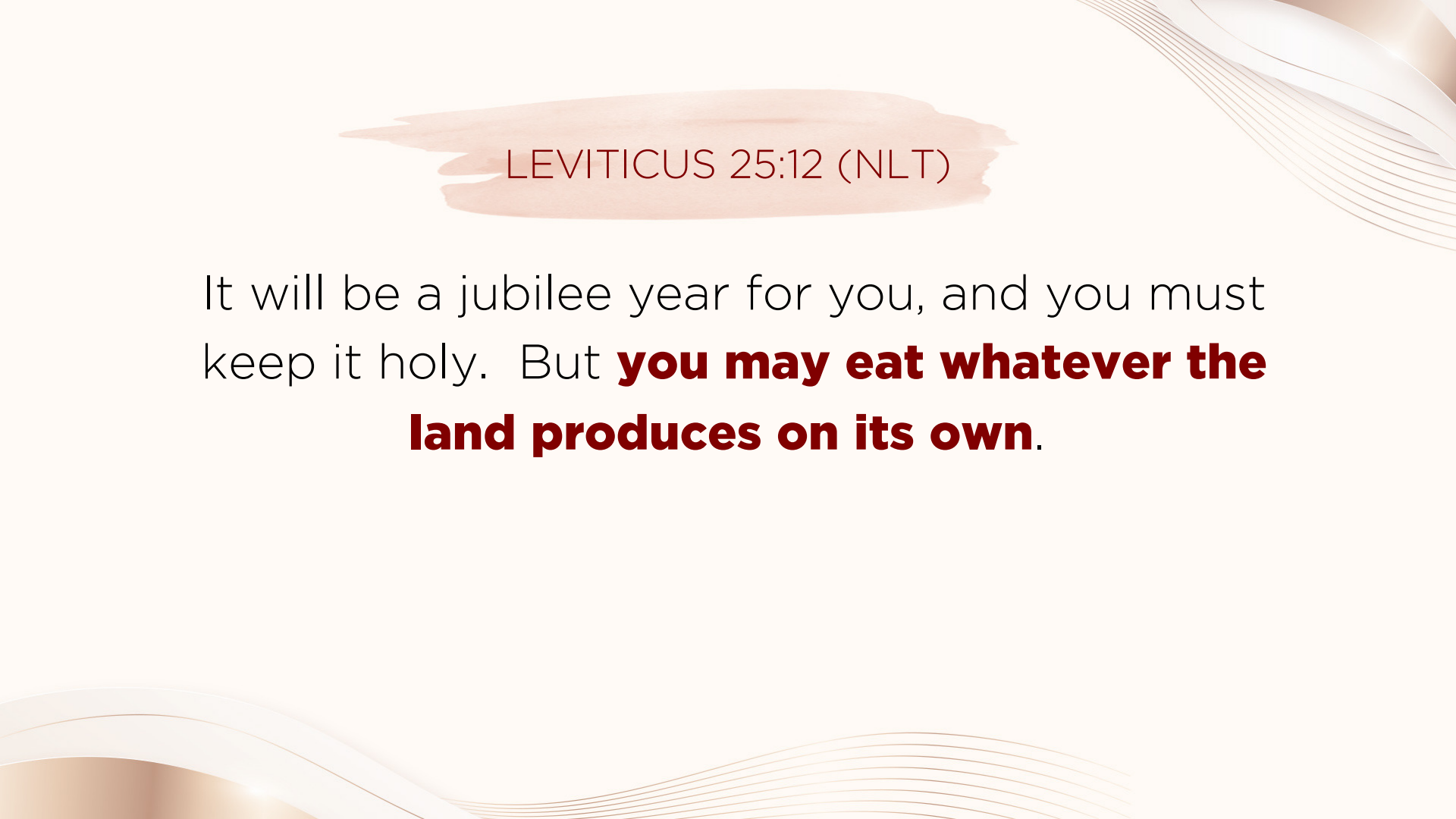
d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- non-sabbath years, could spend beyond what is needed as basic necessity**



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- non-sabbath years, could spend beyond what is needed as basic necessity**
- in the sabbath year, have to eat from the fields**

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LEVITICUS 25:12 (NLT)

It will be a jubilee year for you, and you must keep it holy. But **you may eat whatever the land produces on its own.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle
- forage for food







d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- Start reducing excessive consumption by adopting a simpler lifestyle.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity by choice**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity by choice**
 - **In sabbath years, God cause the people to experience the necessity of simplicity.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity by choice**
- **always requires a personal choice on our part to adopt a simpler lifestyle**

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

And the king **appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of the wine which he drank, and three years of training** for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.



DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

6 Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. **7** To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego.

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

- ⁸ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank;** therefore, he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.
- ⁹ Now God had brought Daniel into the favour and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.**

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

10 And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel,
“I fear my lord the king, who has appointed
your food and drink. For why should he see your
faces looking worse than the young men
who are your age? Then you would endanger
my head before the king.”

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

11 So **Daniel said to the steward** whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, **12** “Please test your servants for ten days, and let them **give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.**

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

13 Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants.” **14** So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten days.

DANIEL 1:5-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And at the end of ten days **their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies.** ¹⁶ Thus the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

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DANIEL 1:11-12 (NKJV)

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d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity by choice**
- **not advocating our conversion to a vegan diet or to become vegetarian**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity by choice**
 - **not advocating our conversion to a vegan diet or to become vegetarian**
 - **encouraging us to adopt a simpler lifestyle**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity as a statement of success in life**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity as a statement of success in life**
- **Young people show that they have arrived.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity as a statement of success in life**
- **Daniel and his three friends made a deliberate choice for simplicity and avoided the defiling effect of the luxurious lifestyle.**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**



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- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **John 17:23**



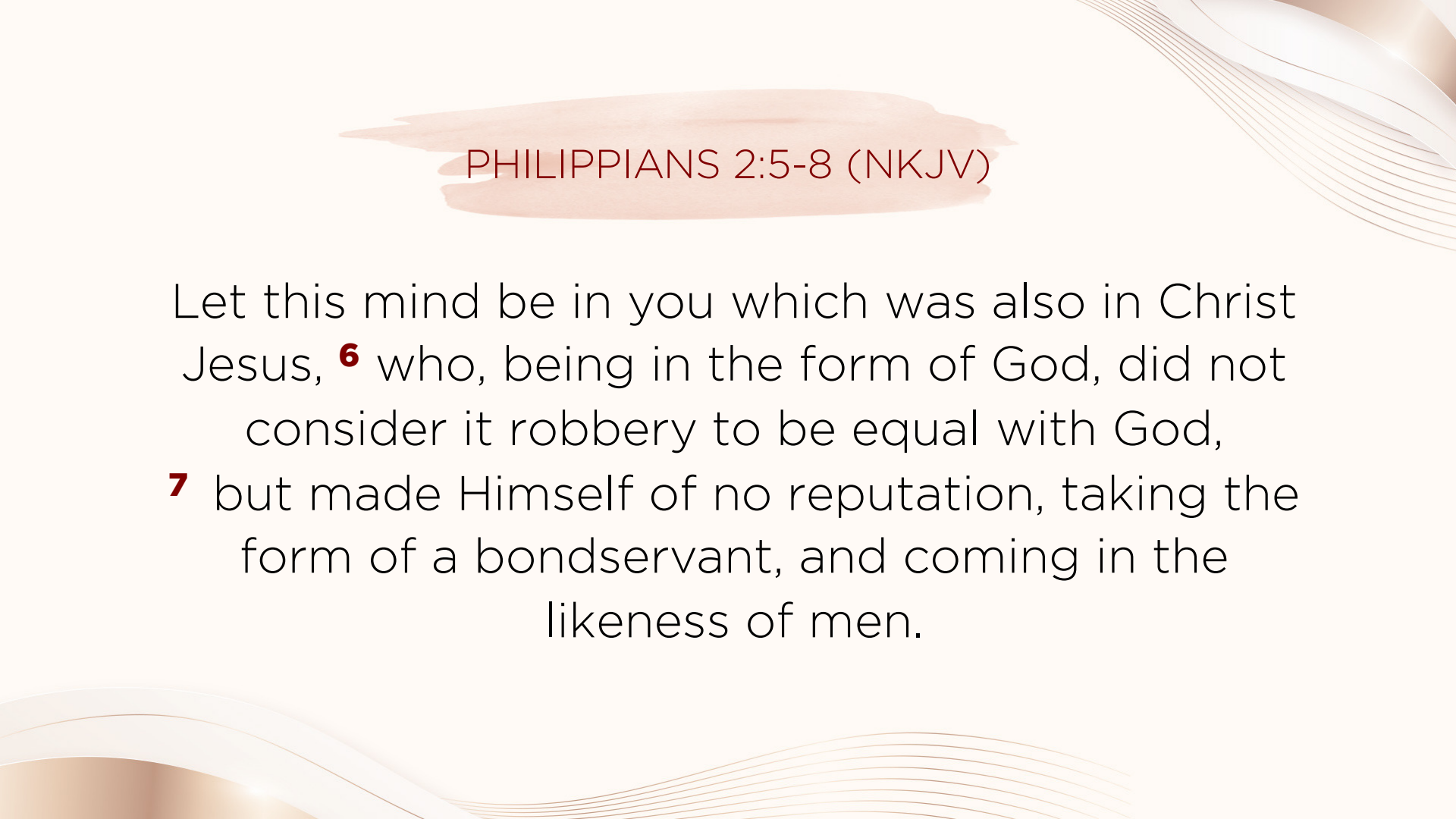
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- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **unity as a community can reflect the reality of the mission heart of God**



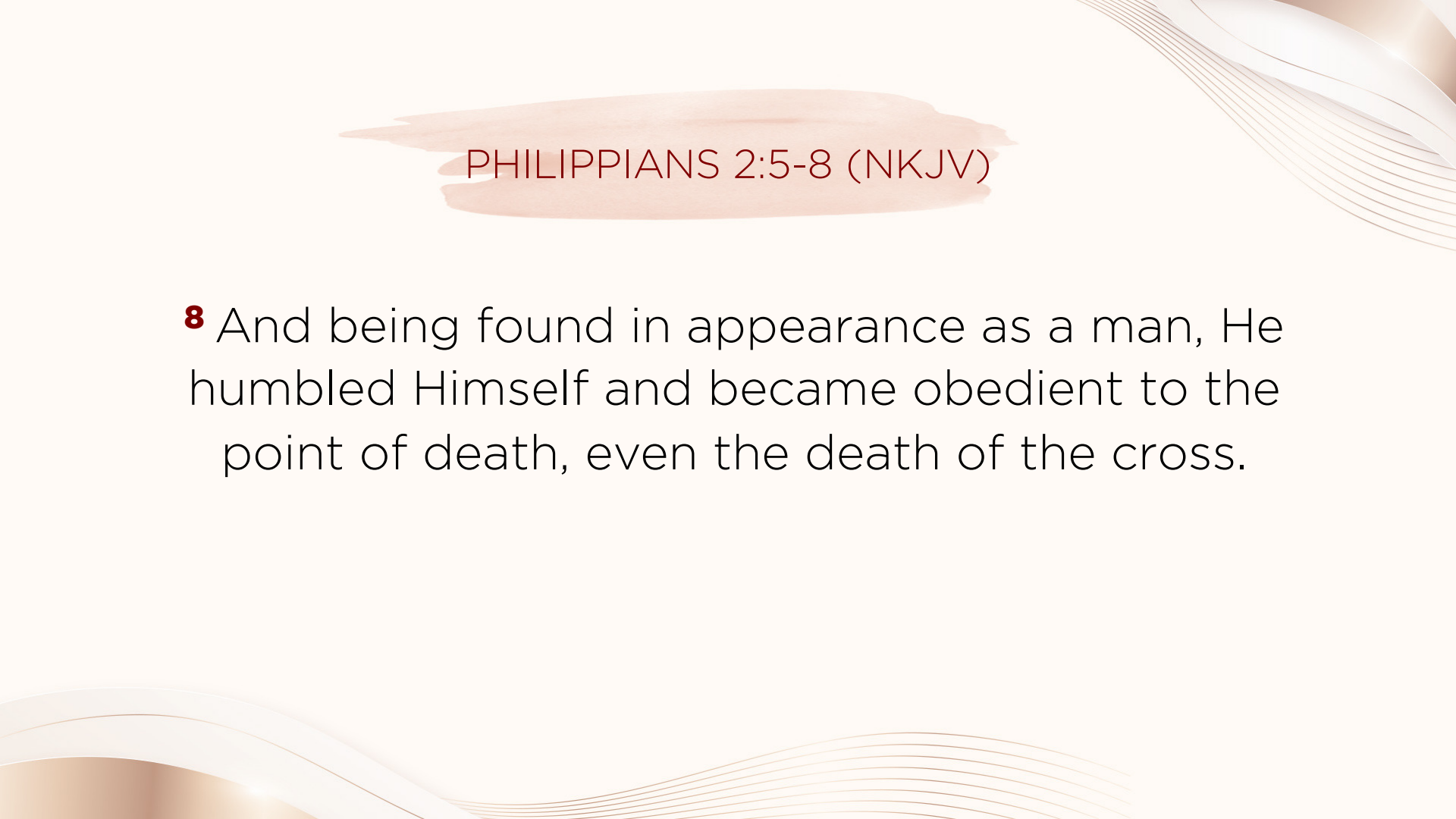
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- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **simplicity of Christian community can reflect humility and simplicity of Jesus Christ**

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PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

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PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (NKJV)

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **born in a manger (Luke 2:7)**



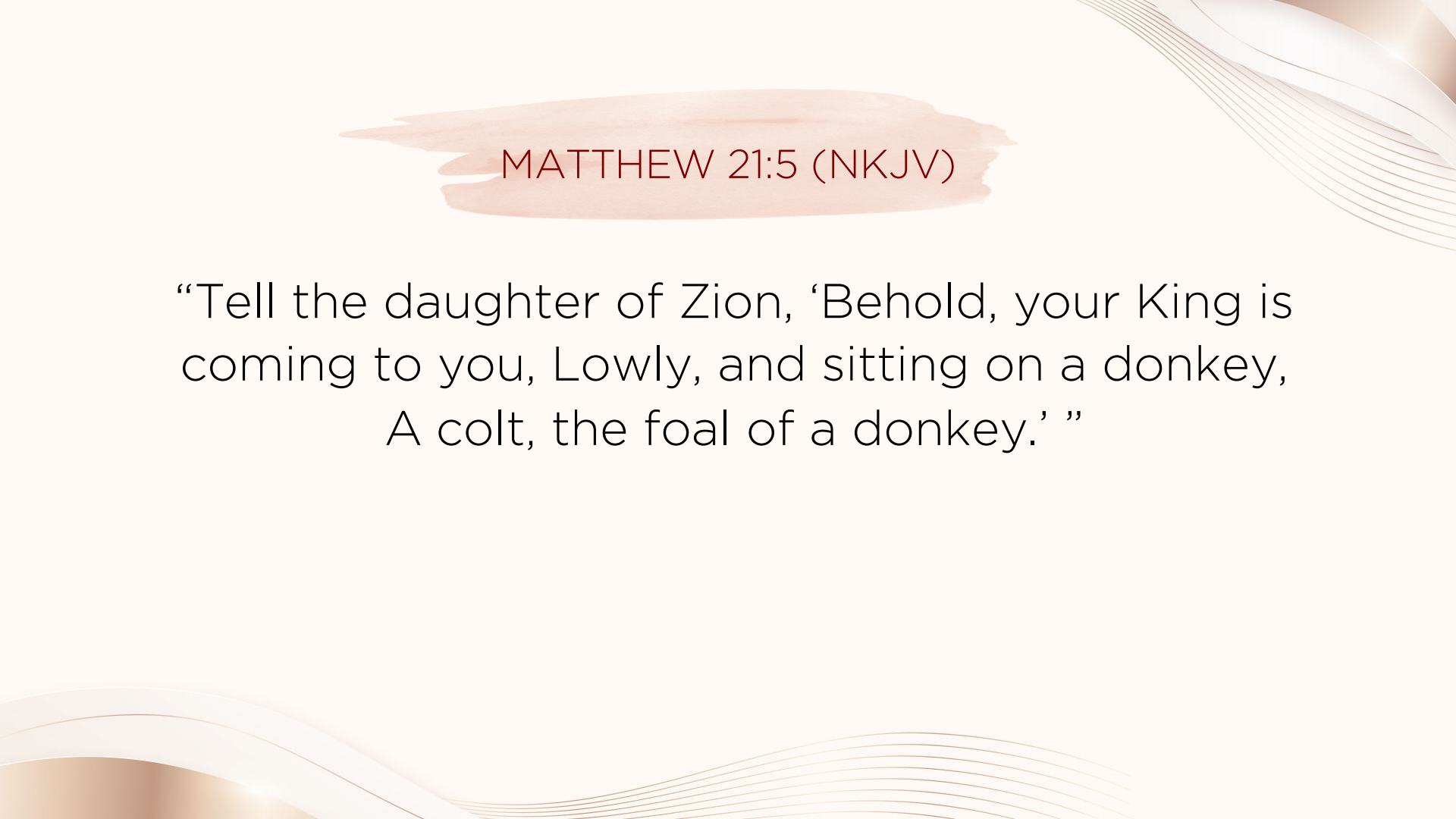
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- **born in a manger (Luke 2:7)**
- **no place to lay His head (Matt 8:20)**
- **riding on a donkey (Matt 21:1-11)**

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MATTHEW 21:5 (NKJV)

“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **crown of thorns**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **crown of thorns**
- **died naked**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **pre-believers in Singapore find it hard to see the Incarnate Christ in the Church**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **As Christians grow more affluent, churches continue to grow as communities of the rich amidst a growing rich-poor divide.**

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- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **faith communities will be needed to truly incarnate the gospel of Christ and enable the world to identify with the Saviour**

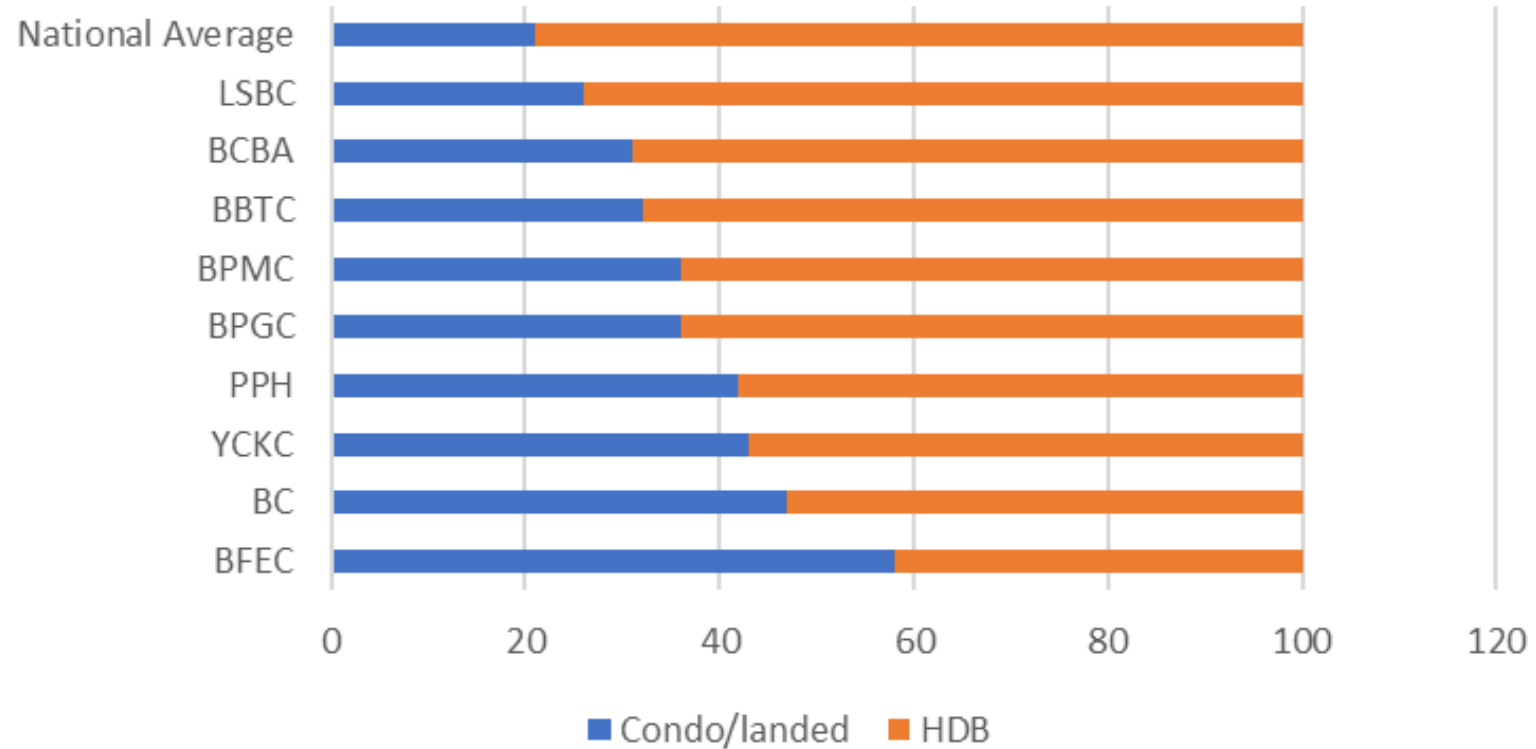
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- **Simplicity of church culture and image**
- **We are a community church and our social image is not that great.**

Earthly dwellings





d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **church has over the recent decades adopted the celebrity culture**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **have adoring devotees, body guards, fancy cars, luxurious houses, up market leisure activities and vacations, and material wealth**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **tempting for churches to focus on crowd-attracting features in church**



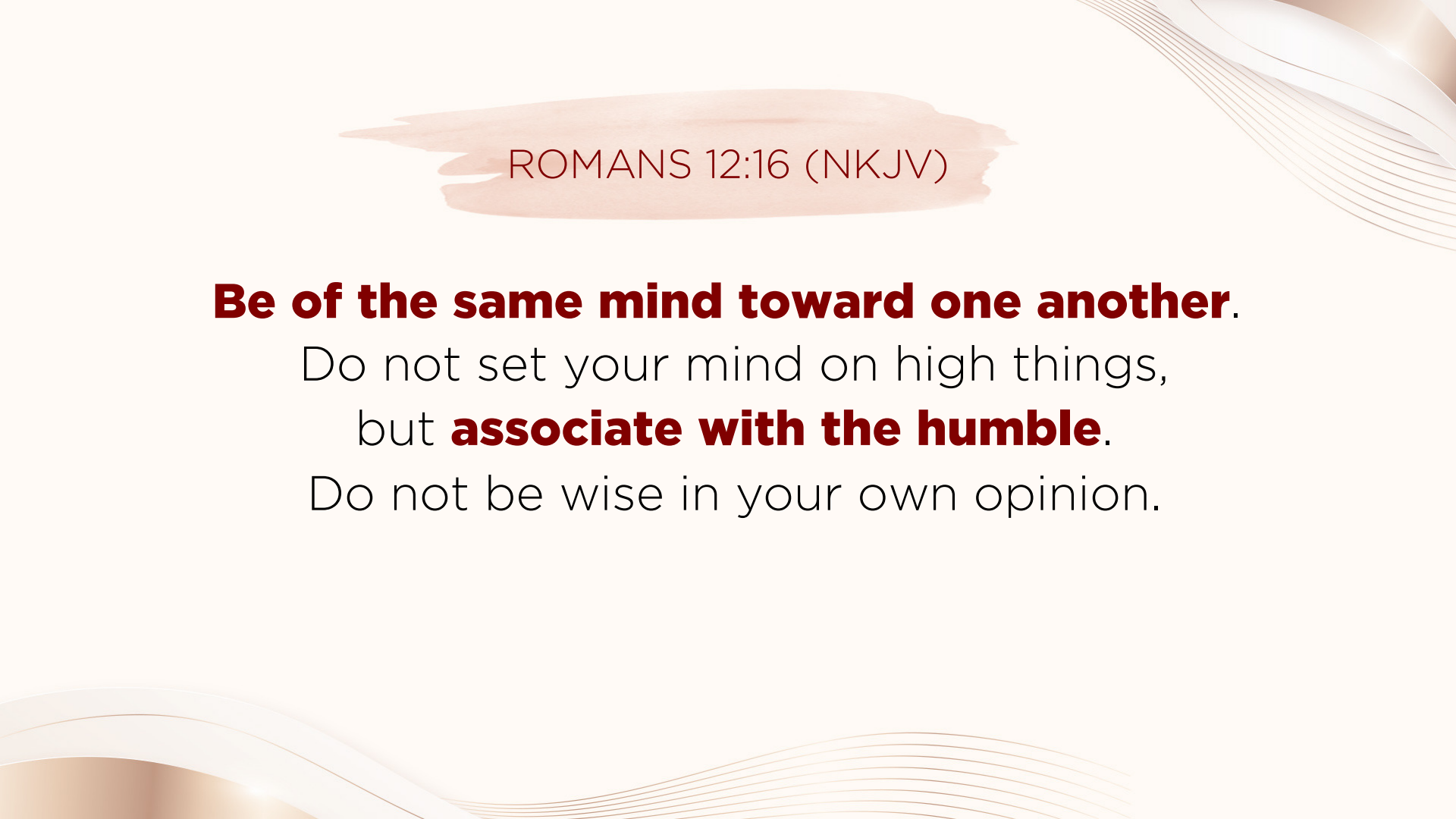
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- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **lose the opportunity to be models of godliness, of exemplary ministry, and of the way of the Cross**



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- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **believers to accept the poor and the people of lower social status from the community into the church**

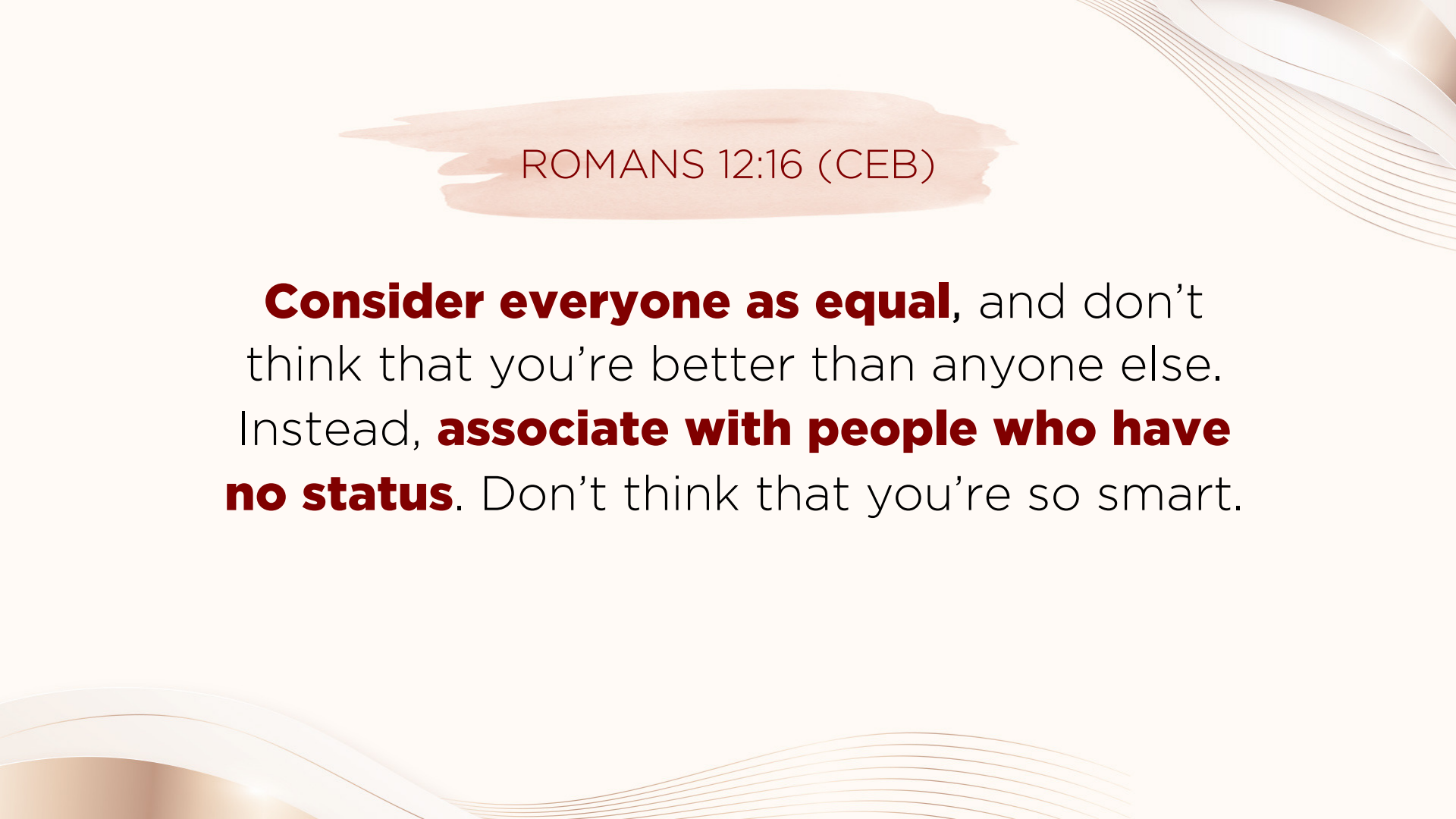
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ROMANS 12:16 (NKJV)

Be of the same mind toward one another.

Do not set your mind on high things,
but **associate with the humble.**

Do not be wise in your own opinion.



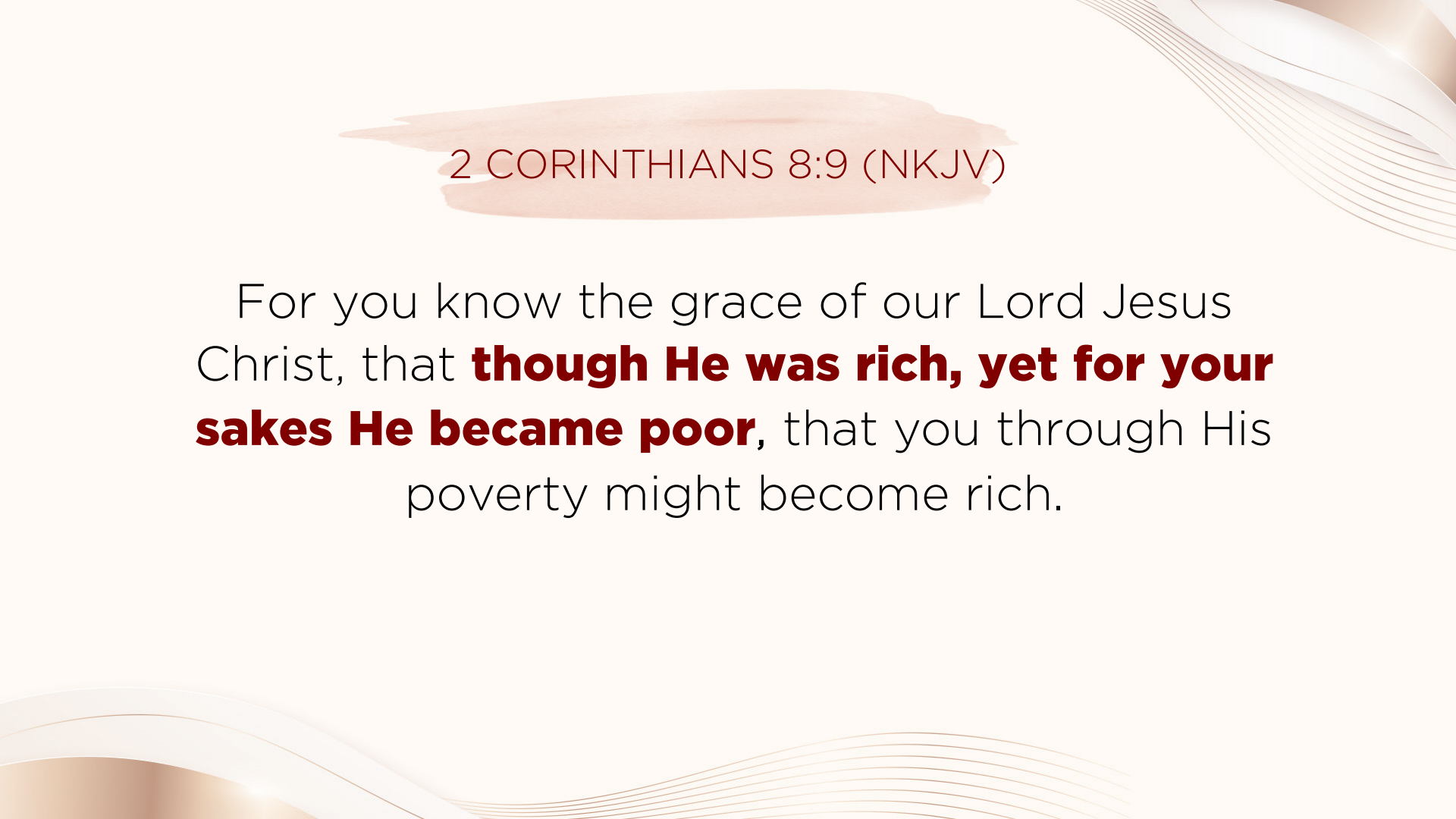
ROMANS 12:16 (CEB)

Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, **associate with people who have no status**. Don't think that you're so smart.



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- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **If Jesus were alive today, He would not have been considered successful by people enamoured by the celebrity culture.**

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2 CORINTHIANS 8:9 (NKJV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor**, that you through His poverty might become rich.



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

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- **29 bible passages on “*follow the example of Jesus*”:**



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- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **29 bible passages on “*follow the example of Jesus*”:**
 - * **23 passages - calls to suffer, to be servants, or to persevere in patience like Jesus**



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **29 bible passages on “*follow the example of Jesus*” :**
 - * **3 passages - *general calls to follow Jesus***



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **29 bible passages on “*follow the example of Jesus*” :**
 - * **1 passage - *call to obedience like Jesus***



d) Adopt a simpler lifestyle

- **Celebrity culture and church culture**
- **29 bible passages on “*follow the example of Jesus*” :**
 - * **2 passages - *call to forgive like Jesus forgave***

Conclusion

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- Jubilee challenges us to adopt a simpler lifestyle:**

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- **Jubilee challenges us to adopt a simpler lifestyle:**
 - **adopt a simpler lifestyle as individuals**

Conclusion

- Live out the simplicity of Christian community:**

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- **Live out the simplicity of Christian community:**
 - **reflect humility and simplicity of Jesus Christ to the world**

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 - **reflect humility and simplicity of Jesus Christ to the world**
- **powerful testimony of the incarnate saviour Jesus Christ**