

## Study Guide

### Irresistible John 17:20-26

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1. Read John 17:20-26. What is it about the glory of God that is so irresistible? Discuss the concept of selfless love from this passage.
2. What is oneness? How does oneness with God help us to become one with others? How does it change our perspective of others? What does Jesus tell us about oneness with God?
3. Our oneness is for the world to be able to see the glory of God. (v.22-23). Is that reflected in how we relate to others?
4. Read v. 24-26 again. Notice how the love of God includes the cross. How does the selfless love of God differ from the way the world defines love?  
What did the cross accomplish?  
What do the "crosses we bear" accomplish?

#### **The Umbrella Prayer**

Take time as a group to pray the "umbrella prayer".

Share your negative emotions with God about an issue (anxiety, fear, worry, tension, frustration...).

Now pray, "God I desire for you to be glorified in this..."

Next, begin to thank God and list any possible positive outcomes related to the glory of God.



# Into the Light

TODAY'S PASSAGE: JOHN 17:20-26

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**Manifest Glory**

**Radiant Glory**

**Irresistible Glory**

# *Into the Light*

**What is it about the glory of God that is so irresistible?  
Into the Light: Selfless Love!**

# A. An Open Invitation v.20

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## B. Oneness v.21-23

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v. 21a - “that they may all be one.”

“He that is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.” 1 Corinthians 6:17

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### **What's the deal with Oneness?**

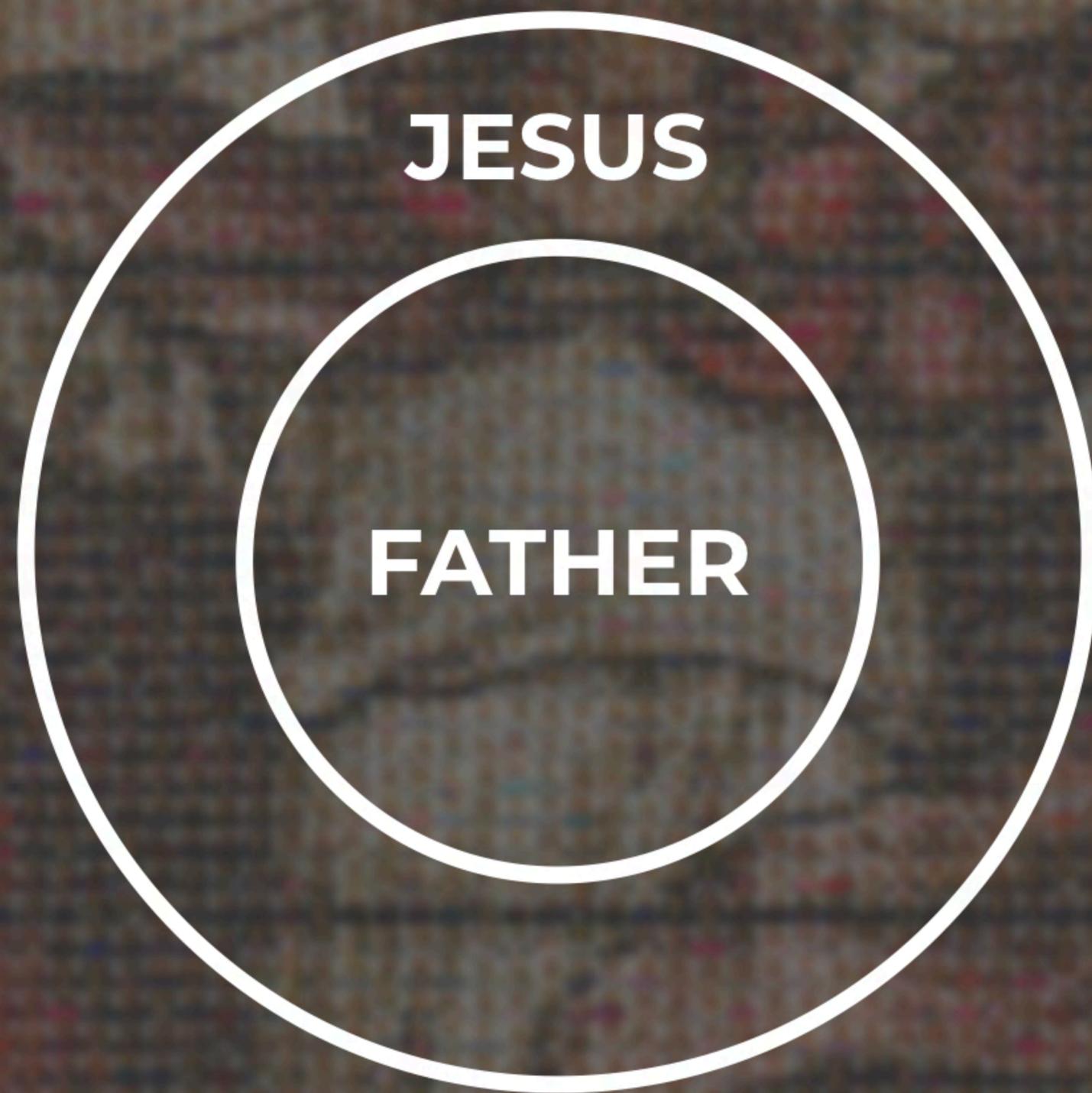
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“...they all may be one...”

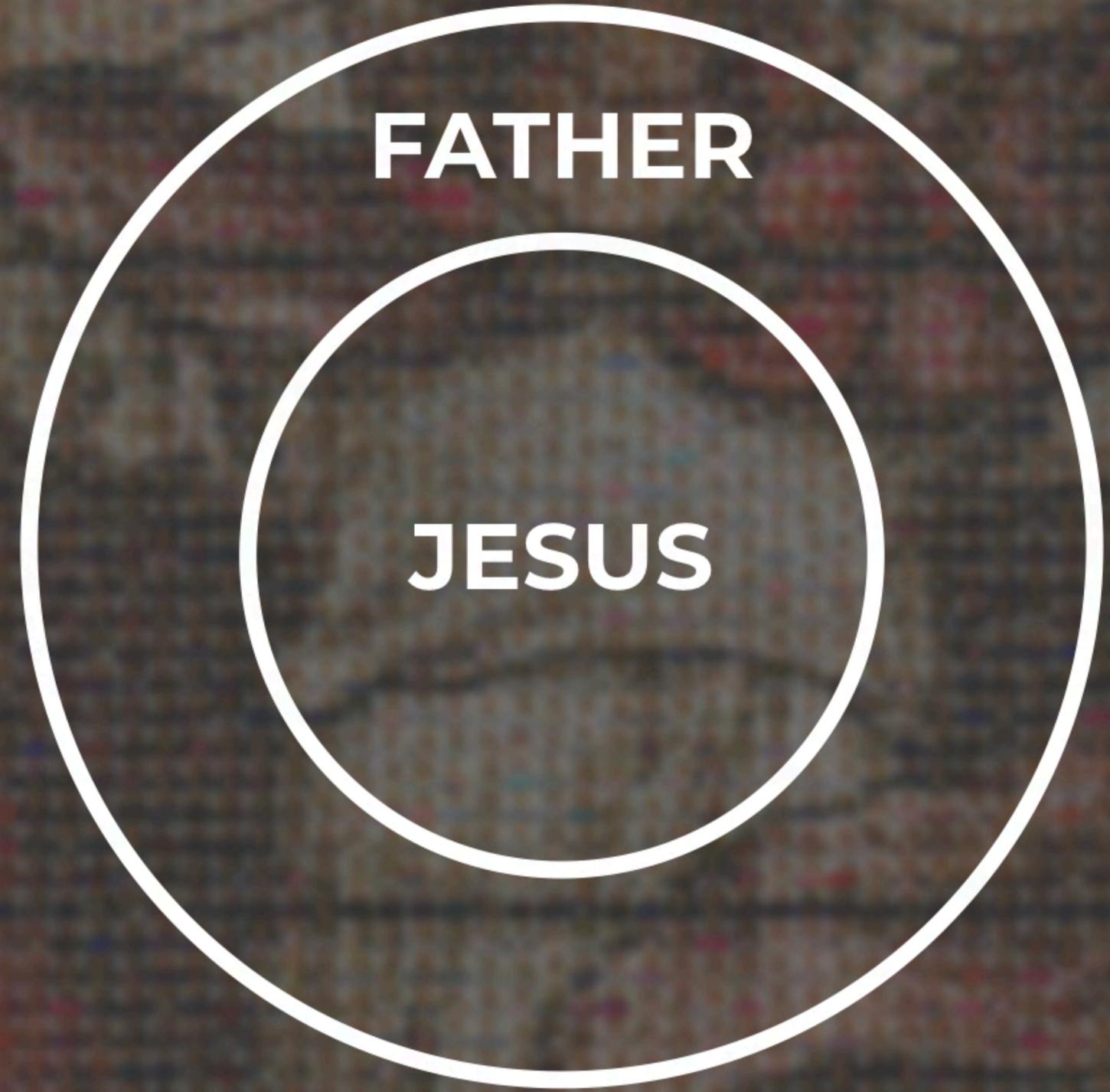


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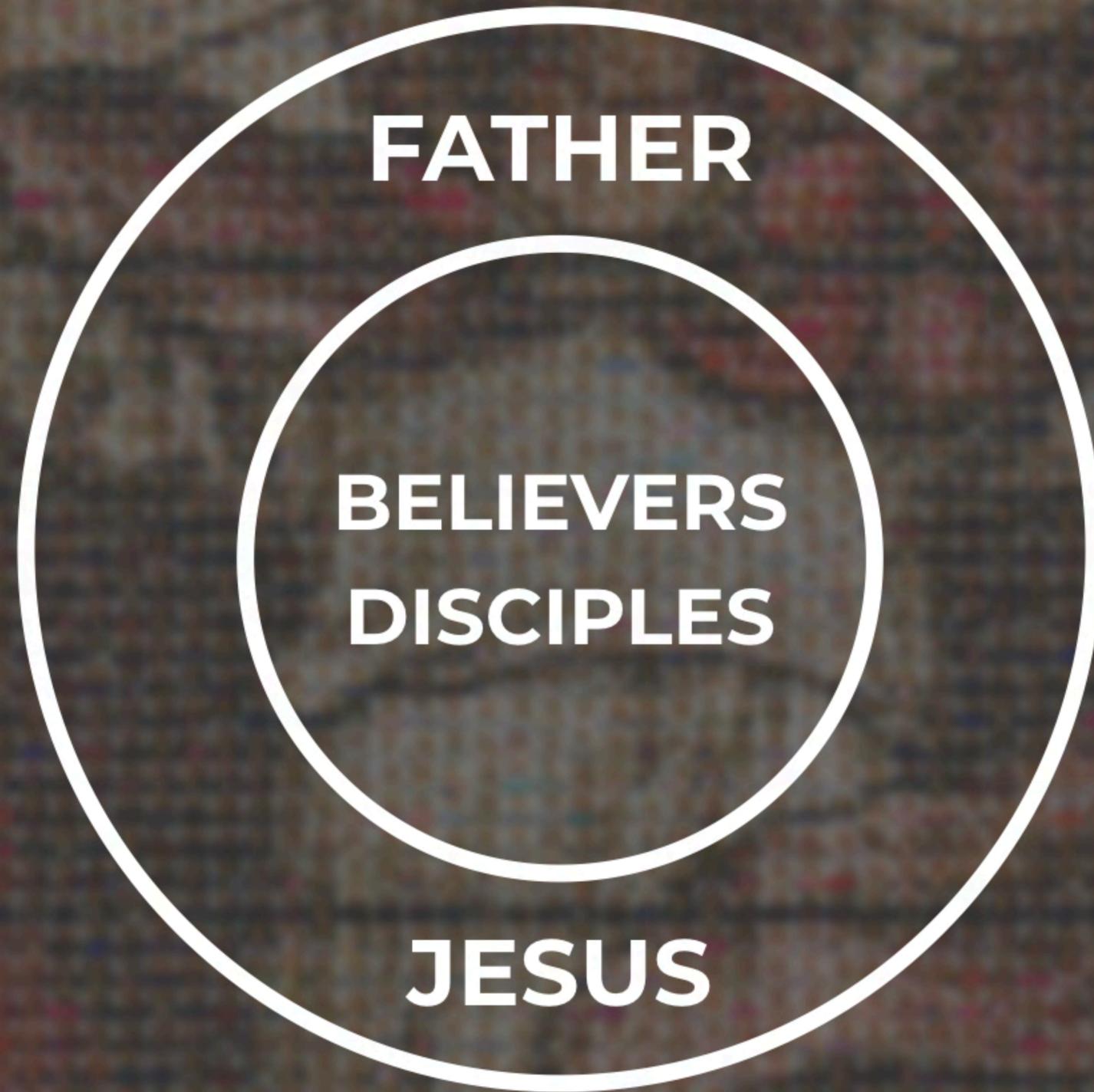
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“...and I in You...”



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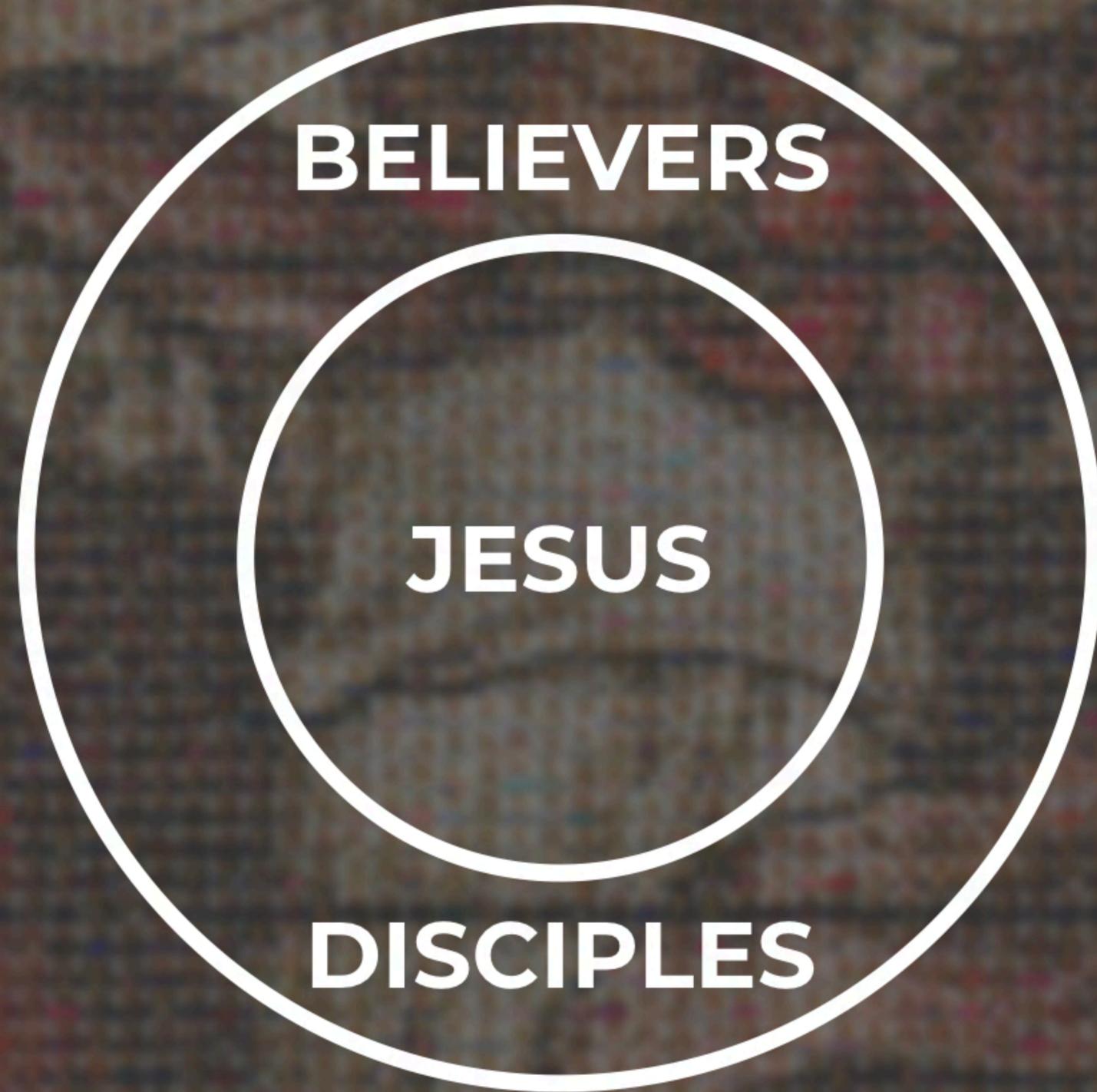


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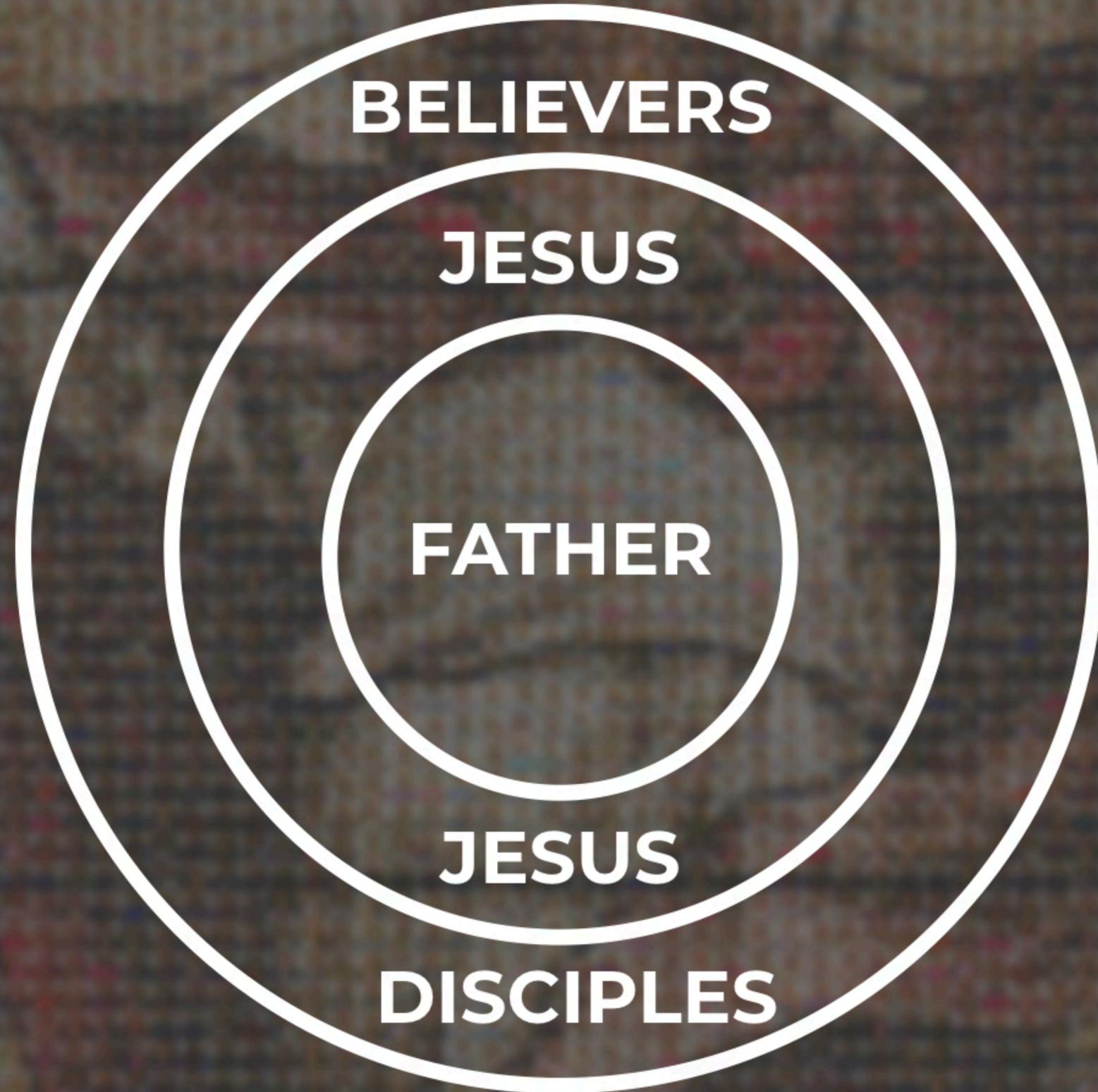
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JESUS**

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BELIEVERS**

“...I in them...”



“...and You in me...”



“...perfectly one...”

**FATHER**

**BELIEVERS**

**DISCIPLES**

**SON**

## C. Oneness for the Glory of God v. 21 - 23

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“The glory...”

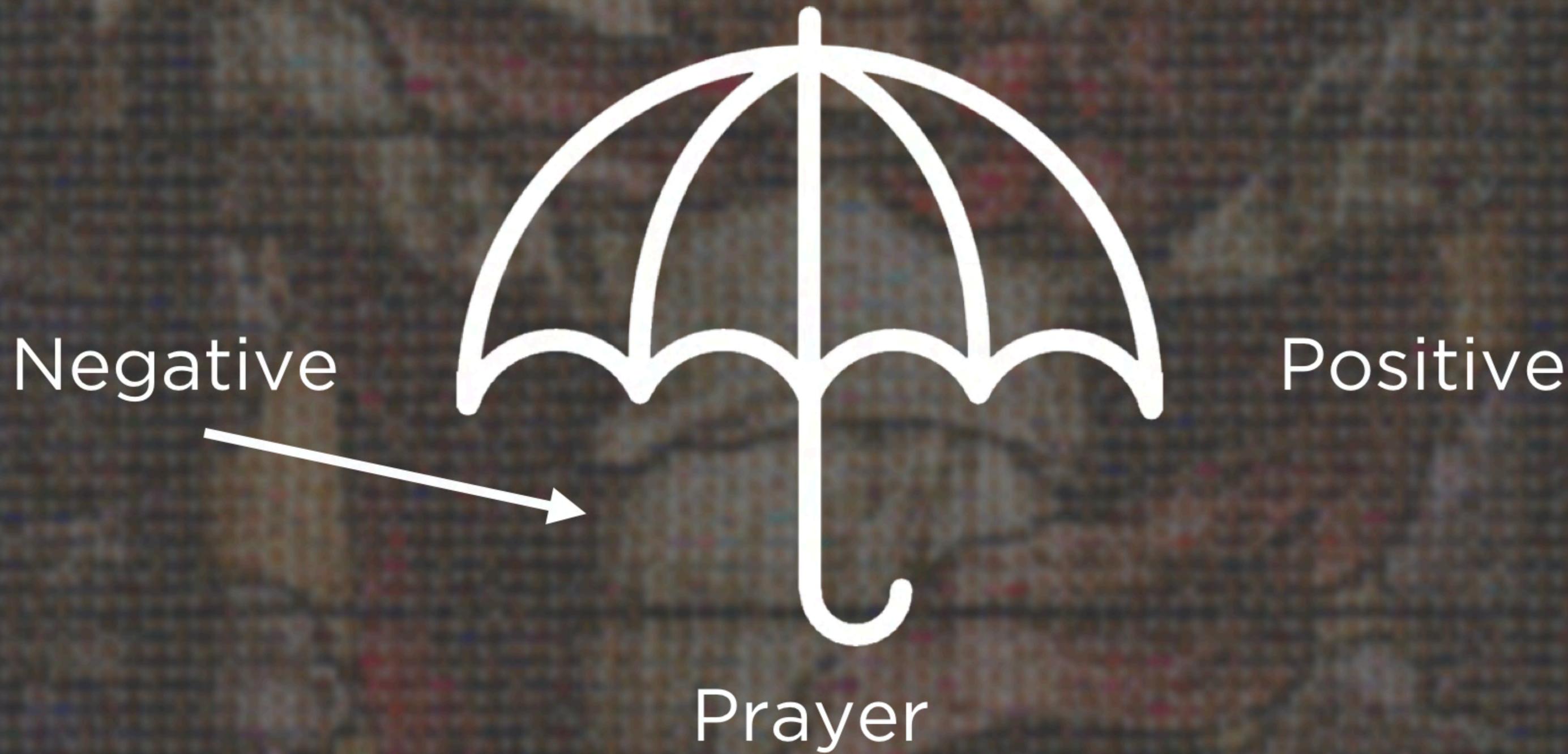
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## *D. Oneness fueled by Selfless Love v. 24-26*

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Selfless Love!