

# *Come to the Table*



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“Why is my family life so difficult?”

“How can I be thankful when my family is such a mess?”



God's Son was before all  
else, and by him everything  
is held together.

(Colossians 1:17, CEV)





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Paul's Letter to the  
Church at Corinth



# Corinthians





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- Out of Control





# The Church at Corinth was....

- Out of Step
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- Out of Order



When it Came to Unity,  
They Were Out of Step.



I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

(1 Cor. 1:10-11)



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*Greek = Eris*

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One of you says, "I follow Paul";  
another, "I follow Apollos";  
another, "I follow Cephas"; still  
another, "I follow Christ.

( 1 Cor. 1:12)



When it Came to Unity, They Were Out of Step

Power struggles don't  
just ruin the holidays...  
they ruin faith.



When it Came to Unity, They Were Out of Step

# Is your family unified in commitment to Christ?



When it Came to Unity, They Were Out of Step



# When it Came to Morals, They Were Out of Control



I can hardly believe the report  
about the sexual immorality going  
on among you, something so evil  
that even the pagans don't do it.

(1 Cor. 5:1)



When it Came to Morals, They Were Out of Control

I am told that you have a man in your church who is living in sin with his father's wife. And you are so proud of yourselves!

Why aren't you mourning in sorrow and shame? And why haven't you removed this man from your fellowship?

(1 Cor. 5:1-2)



When it Came to Morals, They Were Out of Control



But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

(Ephesians 5:3)



When it Came to Morals, They Were Out of Control

Are God's moral  
boundaries identified and  
respected in your family?



When it Came to Unity, They Were Out of Step

# When it Came to Worship, They Were Out of Order





And then I find that you bring your divisions to worship—you come together, and instead of eating the Lord's Supper, you bring in a lot of food from the out-side and make pigs of yourselves. Some are left out, and go home hungry. Others have to be carried out, too drunk to walk.

(1 Cor. 11:20-21, MSG)



When it Came to Worship, They Were Out of Order

You think that everyone should agree with your perfect knowledge. While knowledge may make us feel important, it is love that really builds up the church. Anyone who claims to know all the answers doesn't really know very much.

(1 Cor. 8:1-2)



# Is there a lifestyle and culture of worship in your family?



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# A Holy “Time Out”



If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

(1 Cor. 13:1-7, NLT)



If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

(1 Cor. 13:1-7, NLT)





Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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# Agapè

“I love the other person so much that I will do what is in their best interest no matter what it costs me.”



I always thank my God for you  
because of His grace given you in  
Christ Jesus...I appeal to you,  
brothers and sisters, in the name of  
our Lord Jesus Christ,

(1 Cor. 1:10)



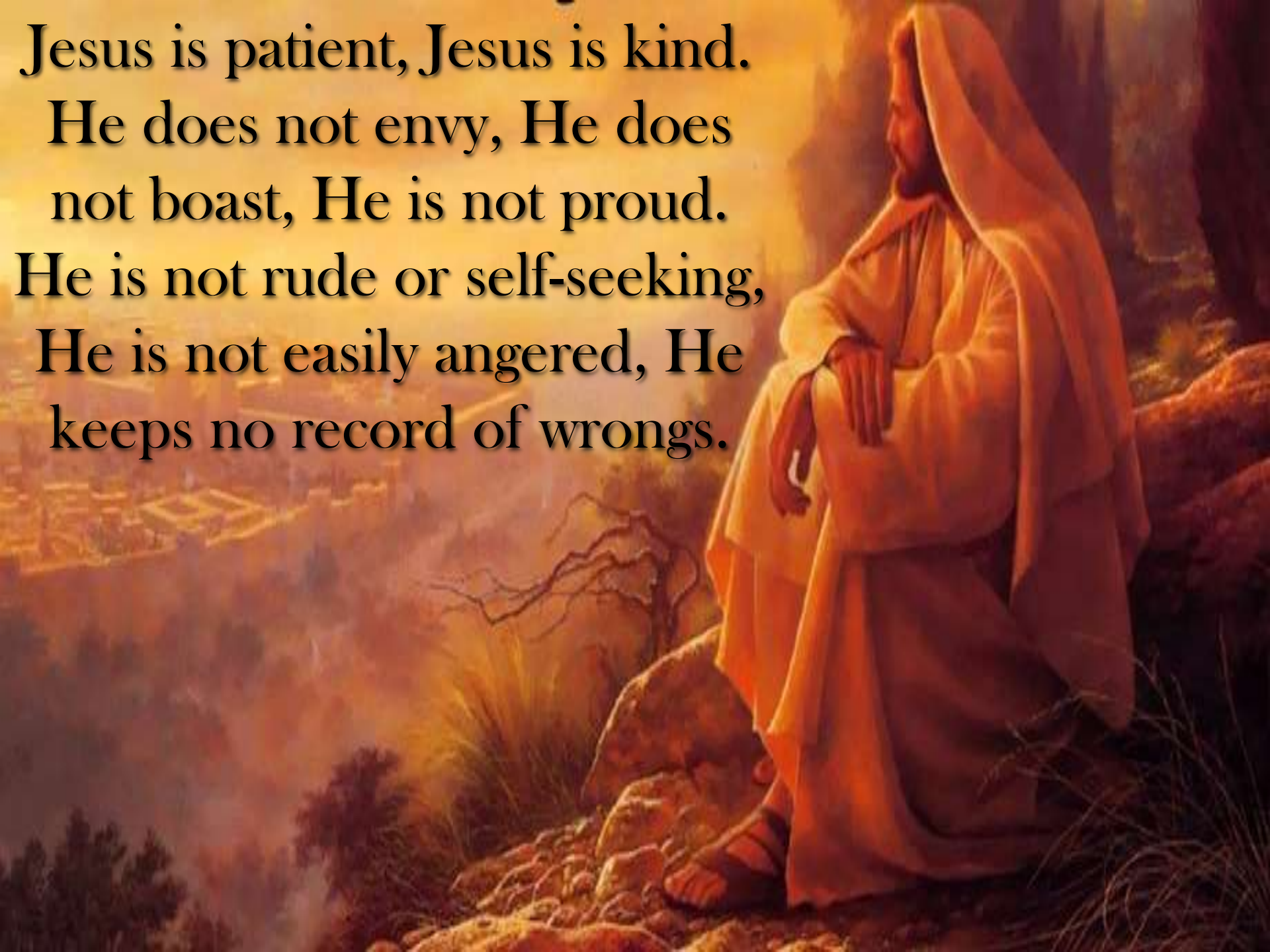


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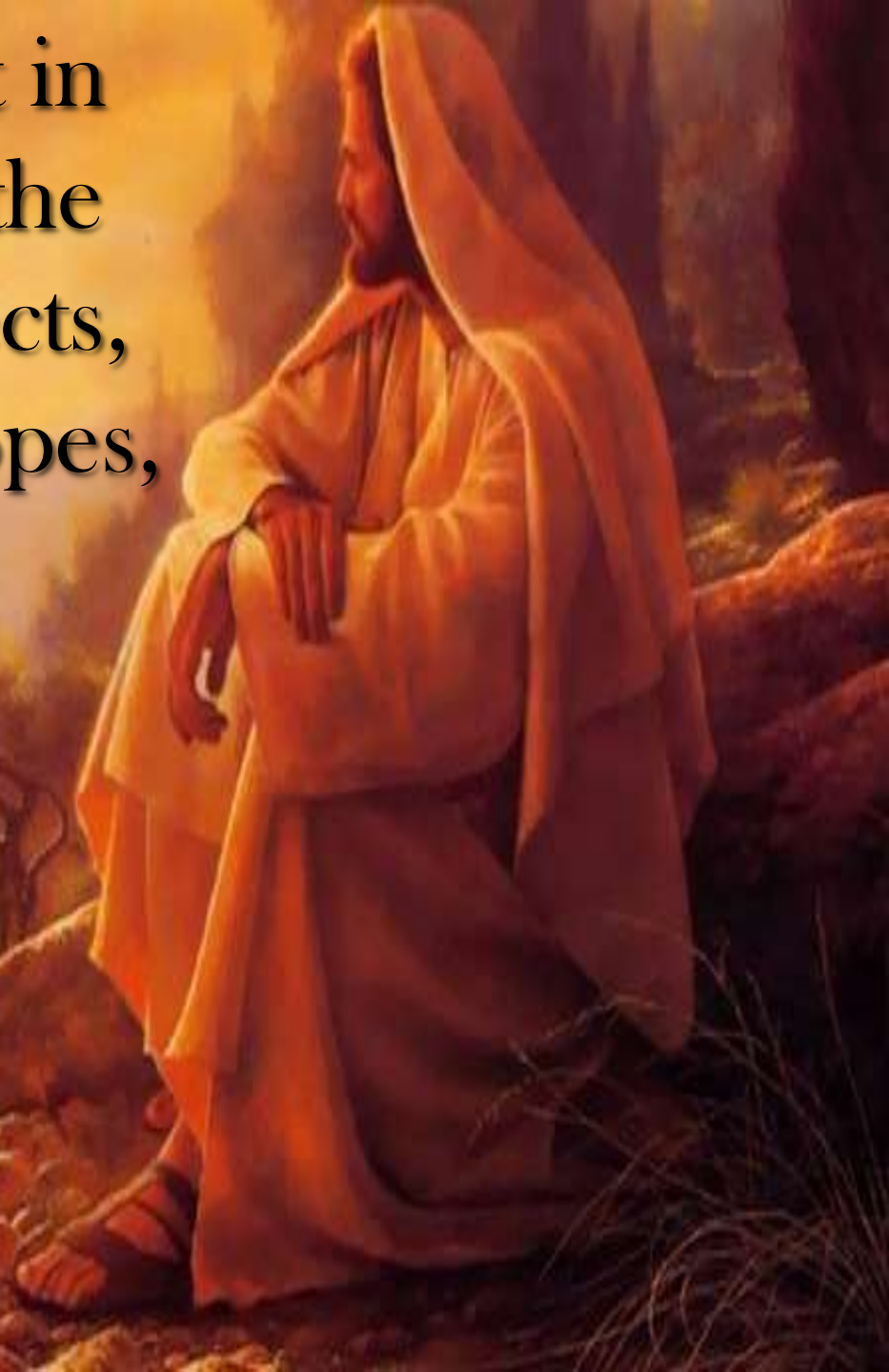


Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind.  
He does not envy, He does  
not boast, He is not proud.  
He is not rude or self-seeking,  
He is not easily angered, He  
keeps no record of wrongs.





Jesus does not delight in  
evil but rejoices with the  
truth. He always protects,  
always trusts, always hopes,  
always perseveres.  
Jesus never fails.





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