

Purified for Love

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

1. Purified **from** what?

- a. From your empty life of _____.
- b. From self-centered, _____.

2. Purified **how**?

- a. By genuine _____ and _____.
- b. By continuing to put off your tendency to self-centered, _____.

3. Purified **for** what?

- a. For a _____ love of fellow believers.
- b. For a _____ love of fellow believers.
- c. For a _____ - _____ love of fellow-believers.

Our times of reflection* may take many forms but here are a few suggestions:

- Think about one or two things from the message that struck you by reviewing your notes or this outline.
- What did you learn (or re-learn) about who God is, about who you are, about the person and work of Christ, about how God wants to change you?
- Did this message reveal any wrong thinking or any attitudes or behaviors that are not Christlike?
- What steps can you take to put into practice what you've heard?
Don't be afraid to quietly discuss these things with your family or a friend during this time.

* *Reflection* is defined as "serious thought or consideration".

*The Letter to
God's Elect*



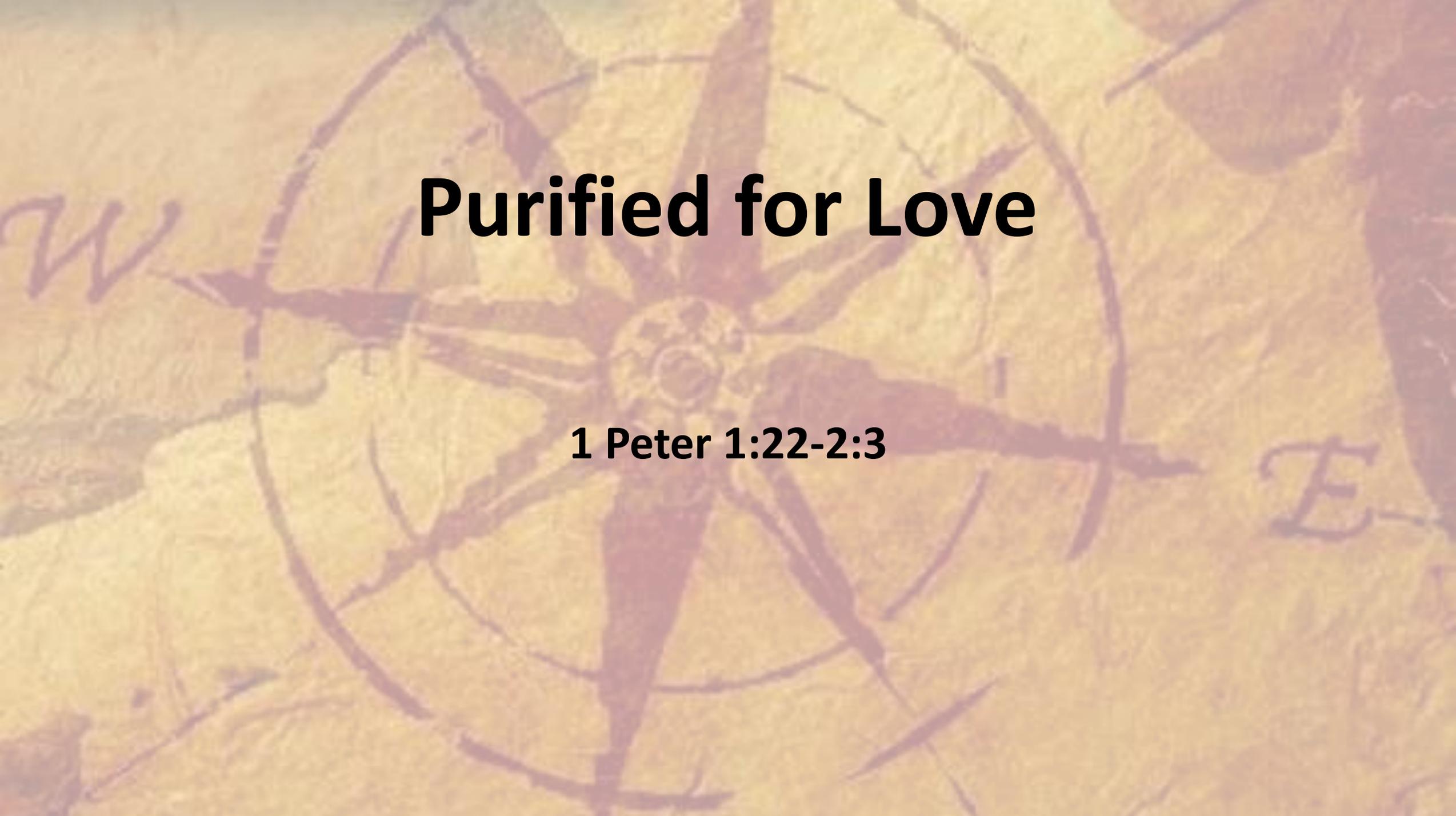
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1 Peter 1:24-2:3

For, "All flesh is like grass,
And all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls off,
But the word of the Lord abides forever."
And this is the word which was preached to you.
Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit
and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word,
that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

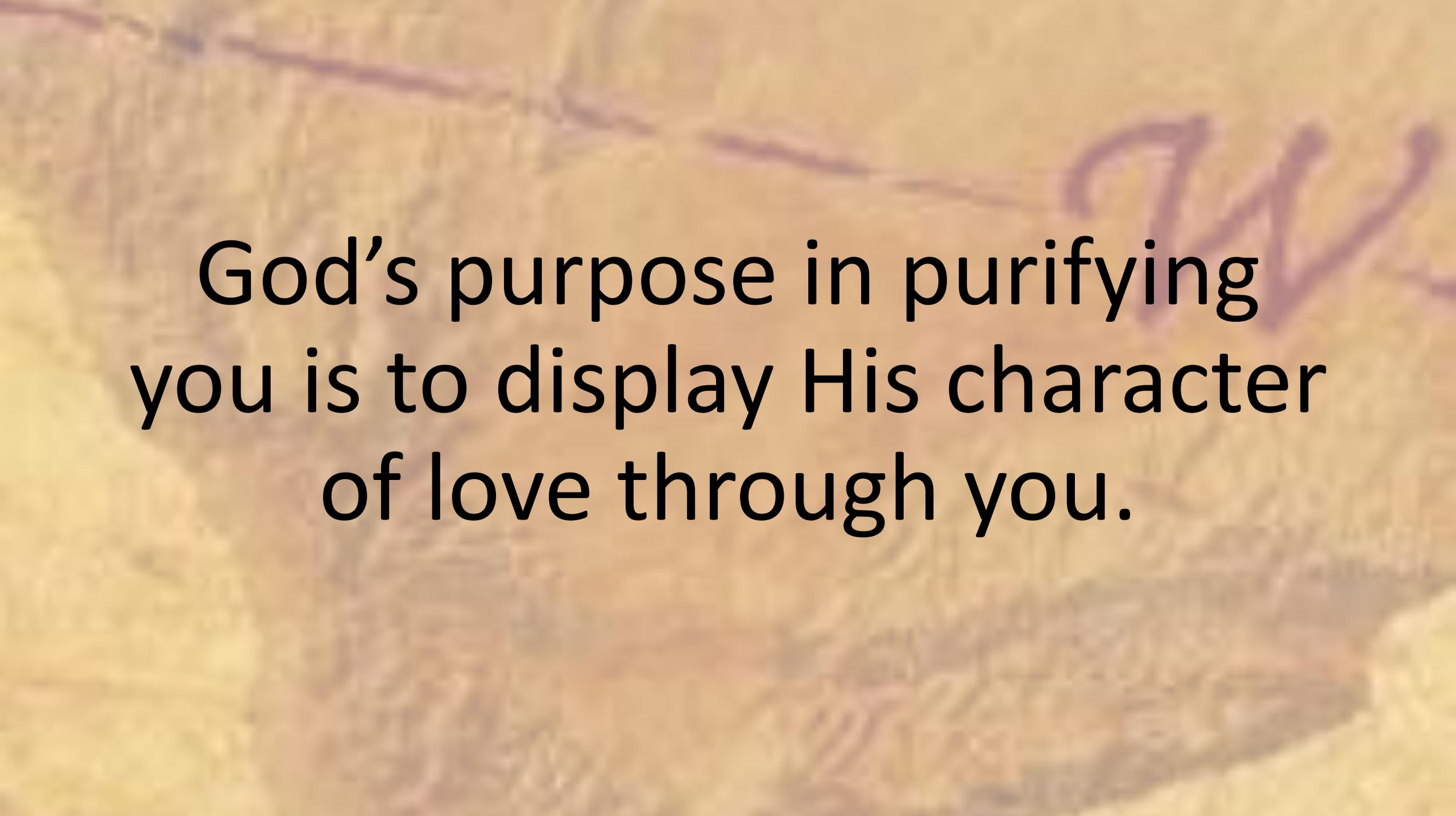
The central command is...

“Fervently love one another from the heart.”

It is based in two identifying statements:

Having purified your souls in obedience to the truth...

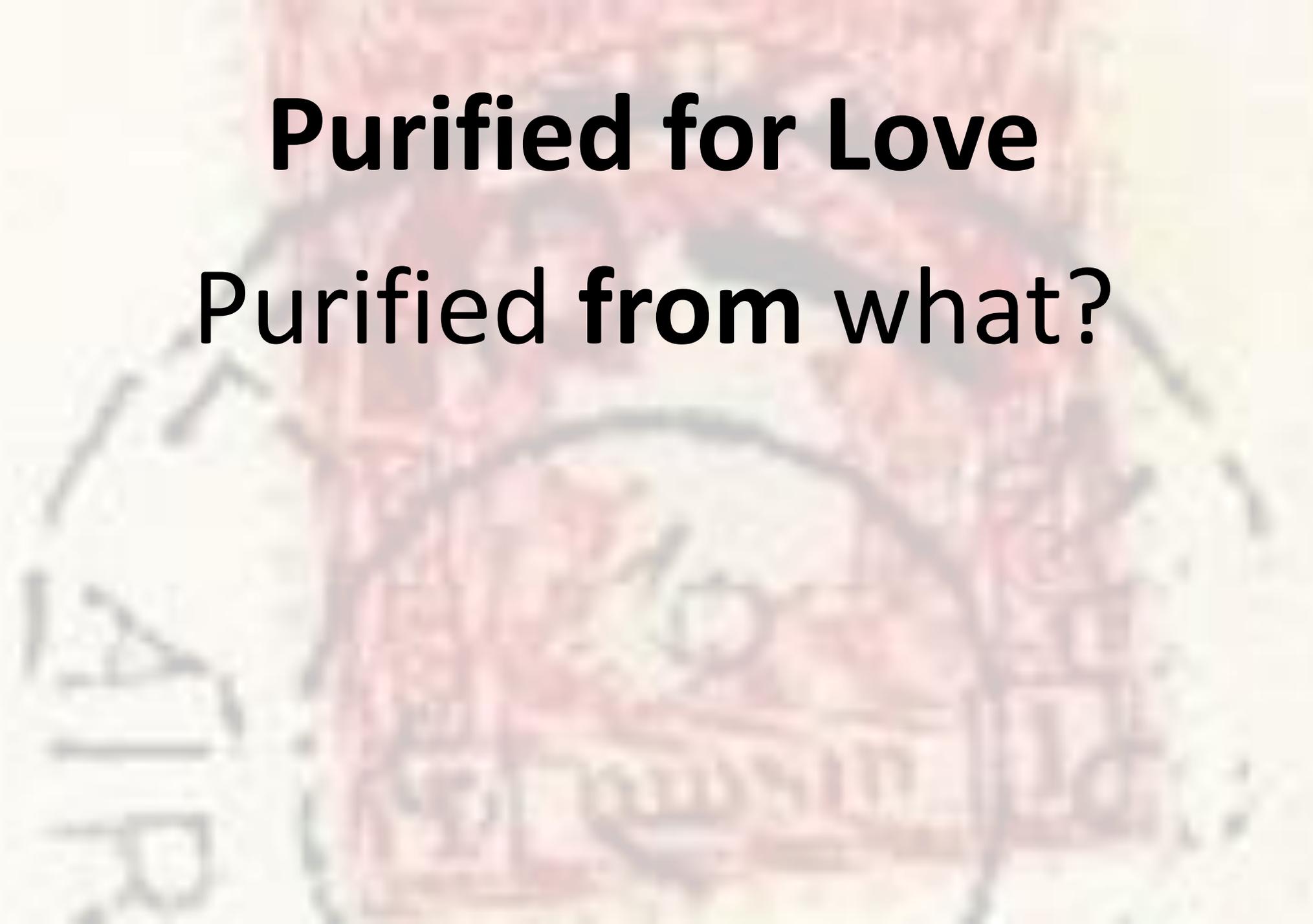
Having been born anew by the word of God...



God's purpose in purifying
you is to display His character
of love through you.

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Purified from what?



Purified from what?

*Purified from your empty life
of disobedience.*

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The nature of your disobedience...

1 Peter 2:7-8

This precious value, then, is for you who believe.

But for those who disbelieve,

“The stone which the builders rejected,

This became the very corner stone,” and,

“A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense”;

for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word.

The nature of your disobedience...

1 Peter 3:1

In the same way, you wives,
be submissive to your own husbands
so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word,
they may be won without a word
by the behavior of their wives.

This is not disobedience in general but disobedience to the message of the cross.

It was empty disobedience.

1 Peter 1:18

...knowing that you were not redeemed
with perishable things like silver or gold
from your futile way of life
inherited from your forefathers...

Disobedience to Christ is futility;
it is chasing the wind.

You will come up empty!

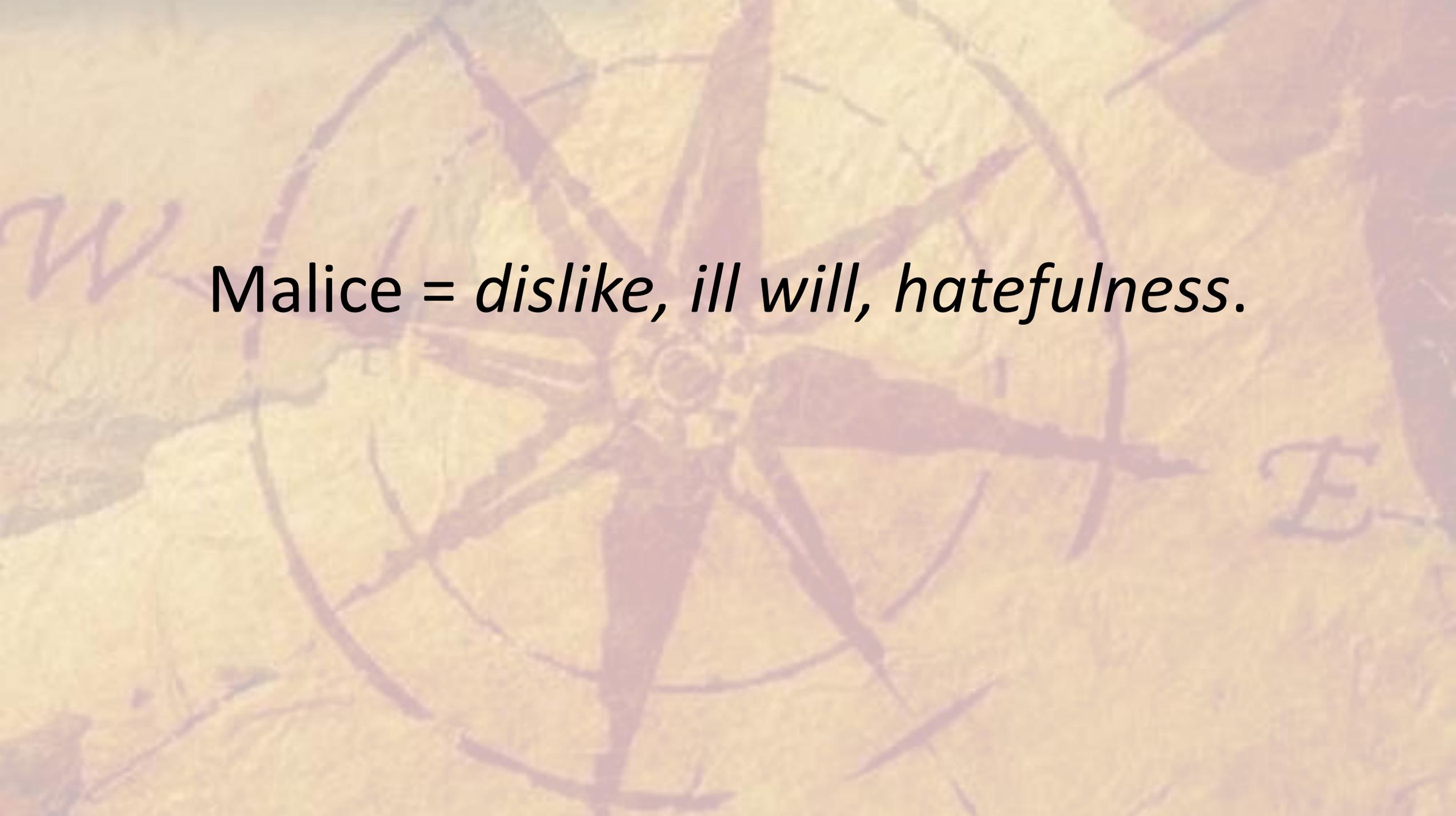
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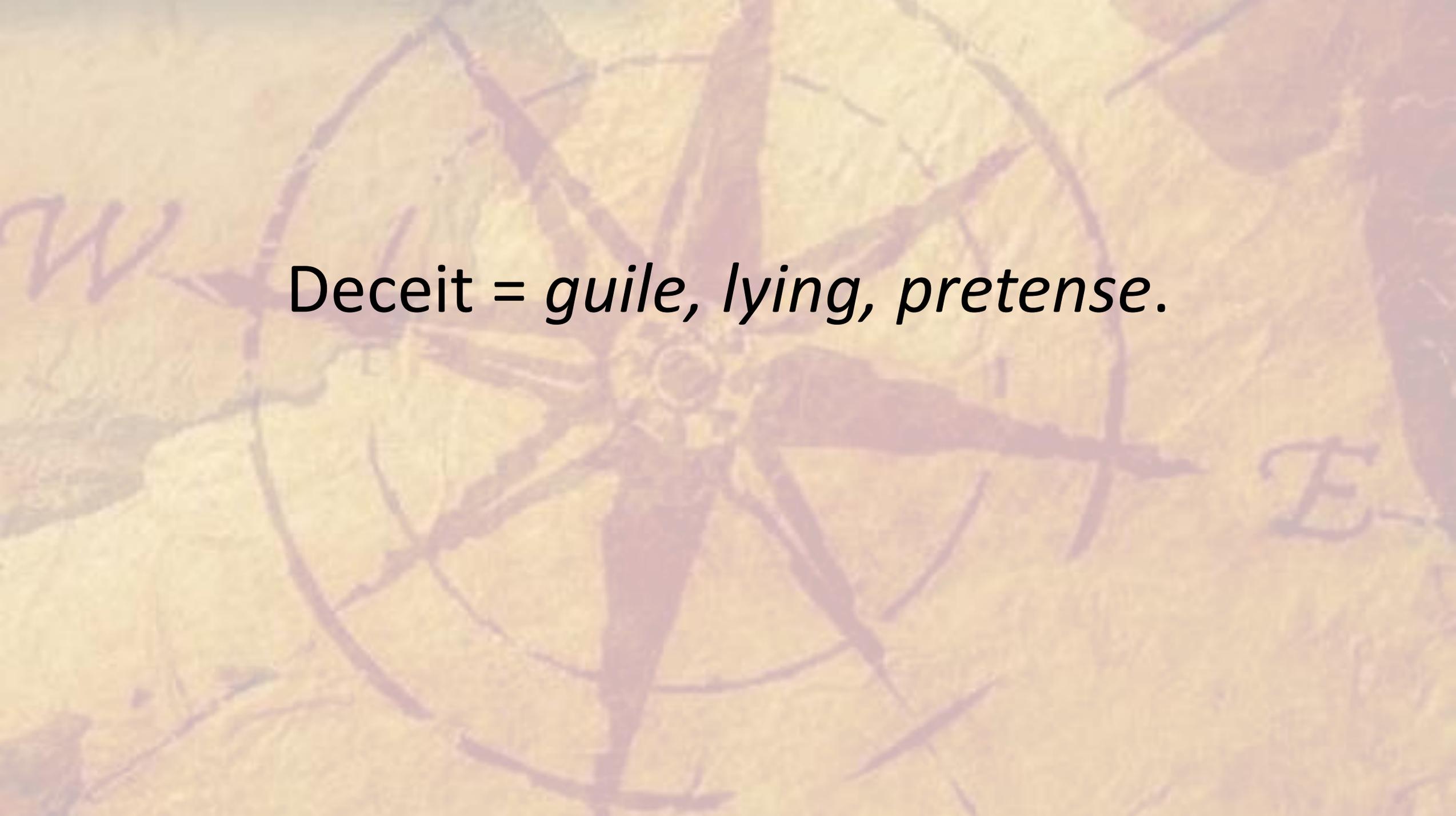
*Purified from your self-centered,
hypocritical meanness.*

1 Peter 2:3

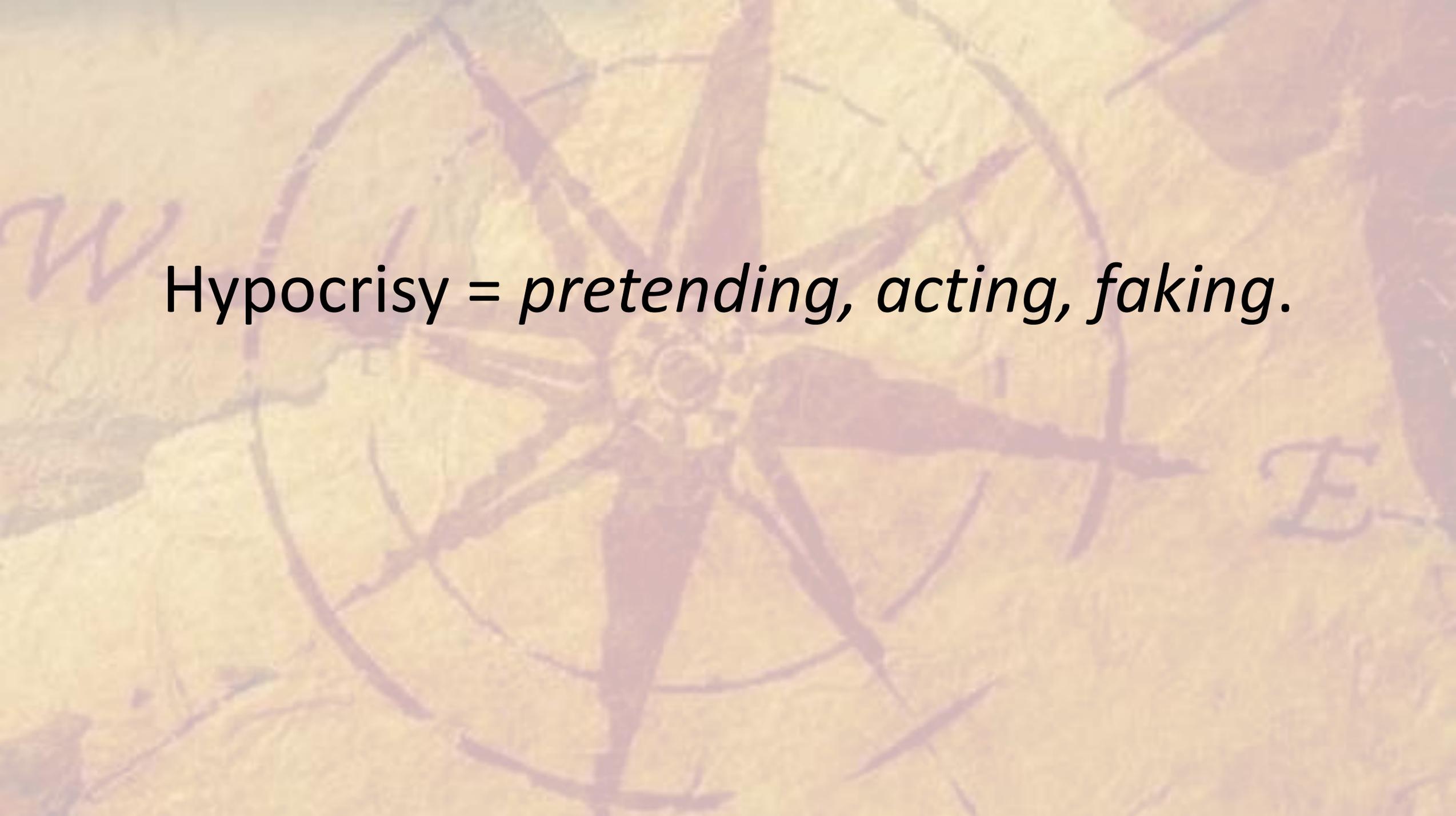
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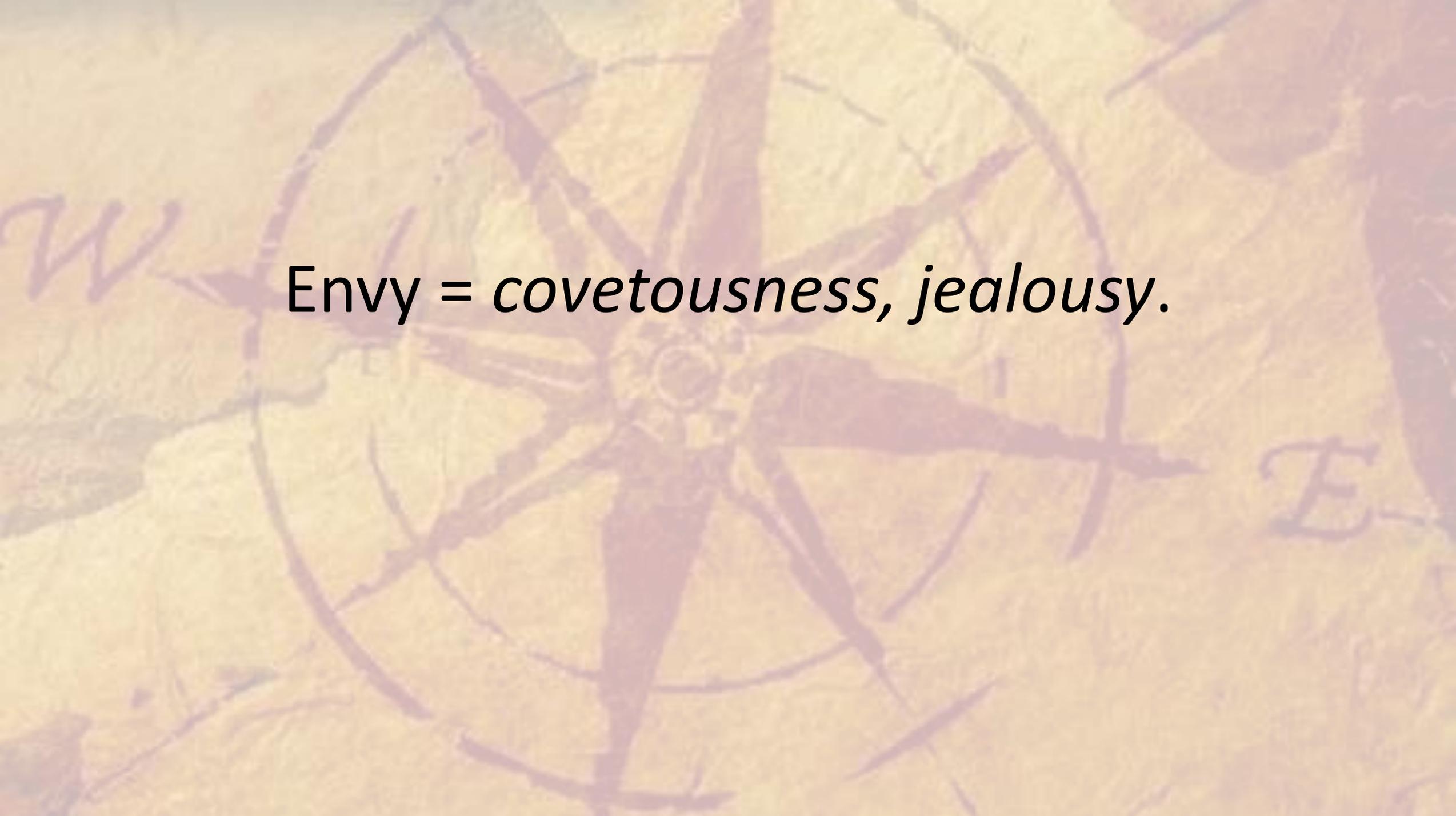
Malice = *dislike, ill will, hatefulness.*

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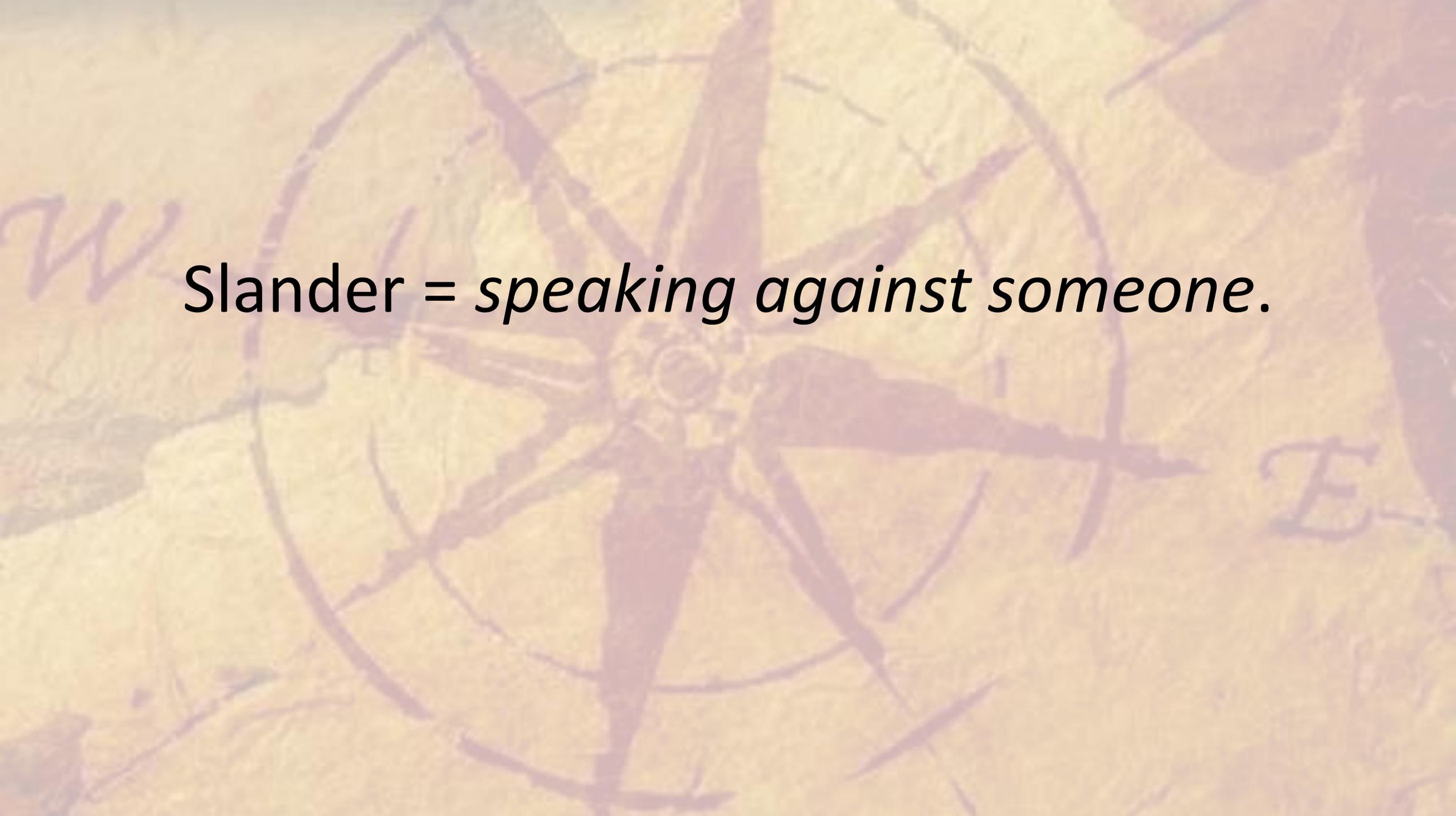
Deceit = *guile, lying, pretense.*



Hypocrisy = *pretending, acting, faking.*

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Envy = *covetousness, jealousy.*



Slander = *speaking against someone.*

Selfishness makes for all kinds
of meanness.

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Purified from what?

Purified how?



Purified how?

By genuine repentance and faith.

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Obedience to the truth is obedience to the gospel.

Acts 6:7

The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming **obedient to the faith**.

Romans 1:5

...through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about **the obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles.

Obedience is seen in repentance and faith.

Acts 20:20-21

I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable,
and teaching you publicly and from house to house,
solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks

of repentance toward God **and faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ.

God awakens you to respond to the gospel in repentance and faith; and, in this way, you purify your soul.

Purified how?

By genuine repentance and faith.

*By continuing to put off your
tendency to self-centered,
hypocritical meanness.*

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You purify your soul for love
by putting aside every kind of selfish
meanness and putting on
Christ-like kindness.

Note the contrast:

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You have been purified for a purpose:
For love of the brethren.

Purified for what?

*You were purified for a **sincere**
love of fellow believers.*

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Sincere love is unmixed affection.

It is without selfish motive.

It is the same in public as in private.

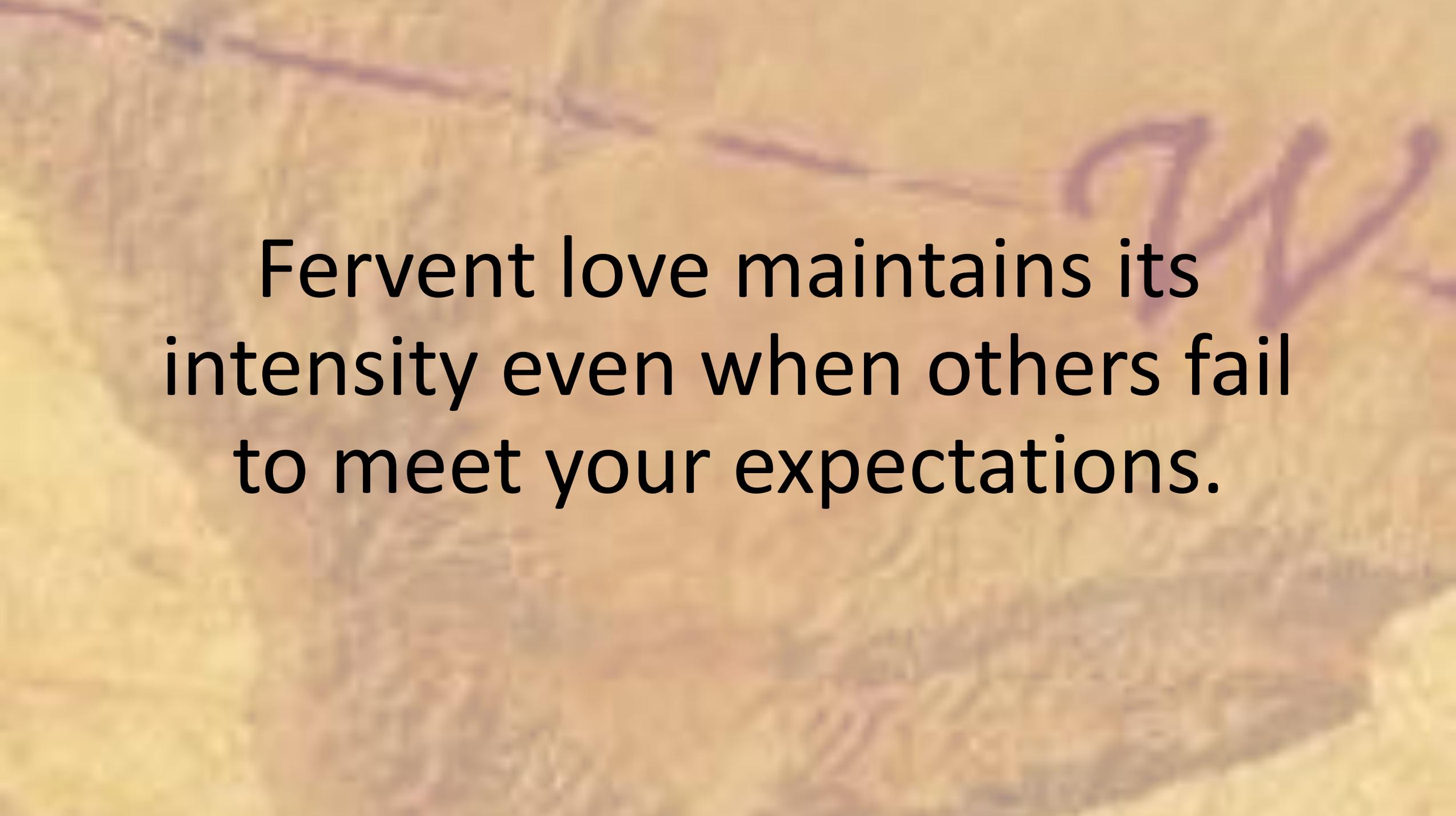
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Fervent love maintains its intensity even when others fail to meet your expectations.

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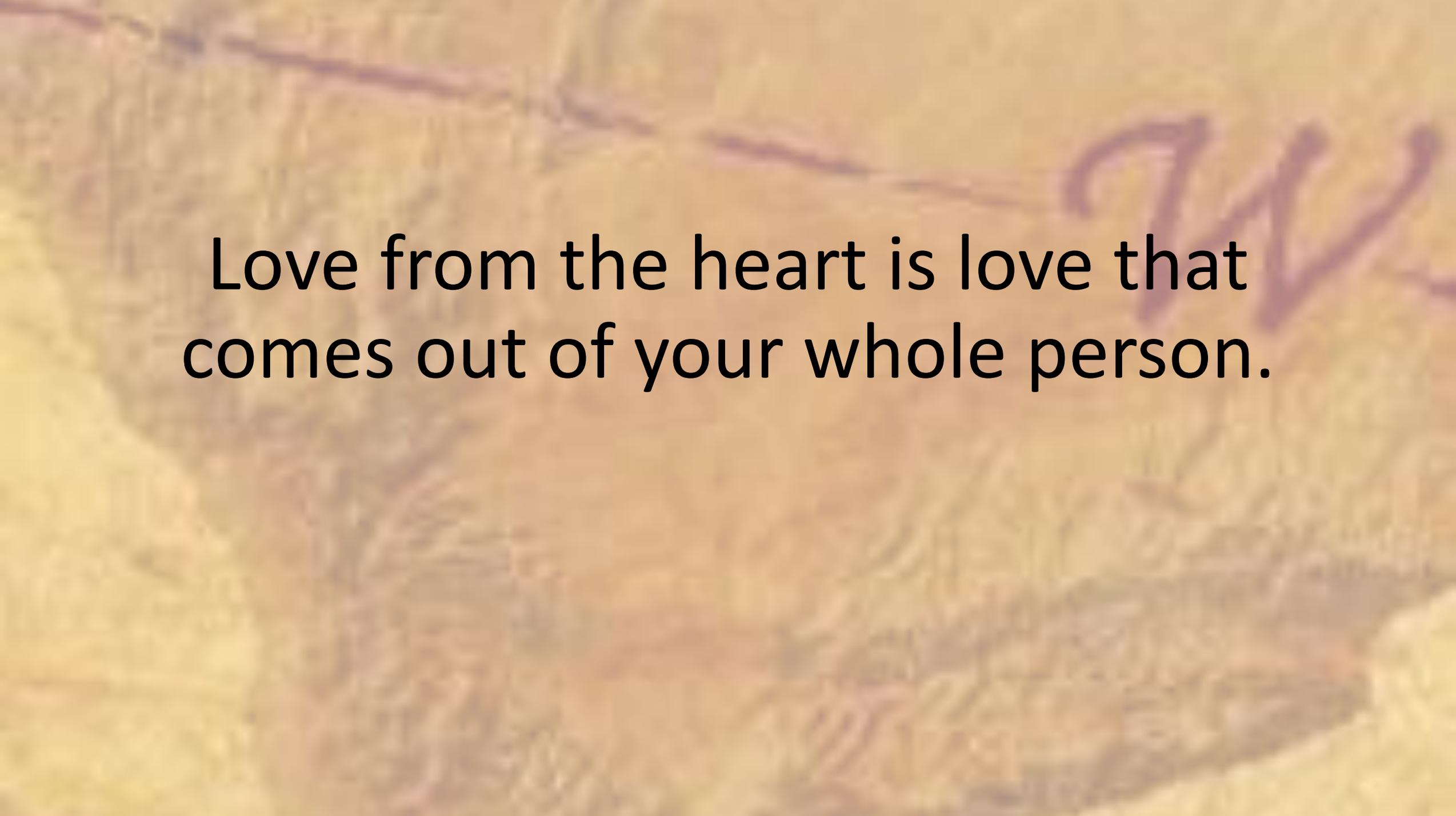
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*You were purified for a whole-
personed love of fellow believers.*

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Love from the heart is love that
comes out of your whole person.

This kind of love is beyond your natural ability.

How are you depending upon
the Spirit of Christ in you to love
your church family?