

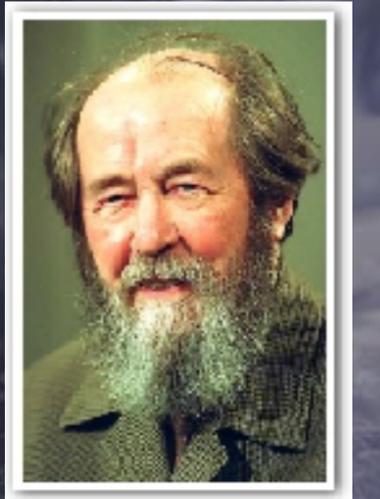
THE GOOD LIFE

Healing our Division



The line separating good and evil passes not through states,
nor between classes, nor between political parties either,
but right through every human heart, and through all
human hearts

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago



I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

Romans 7:15



“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”



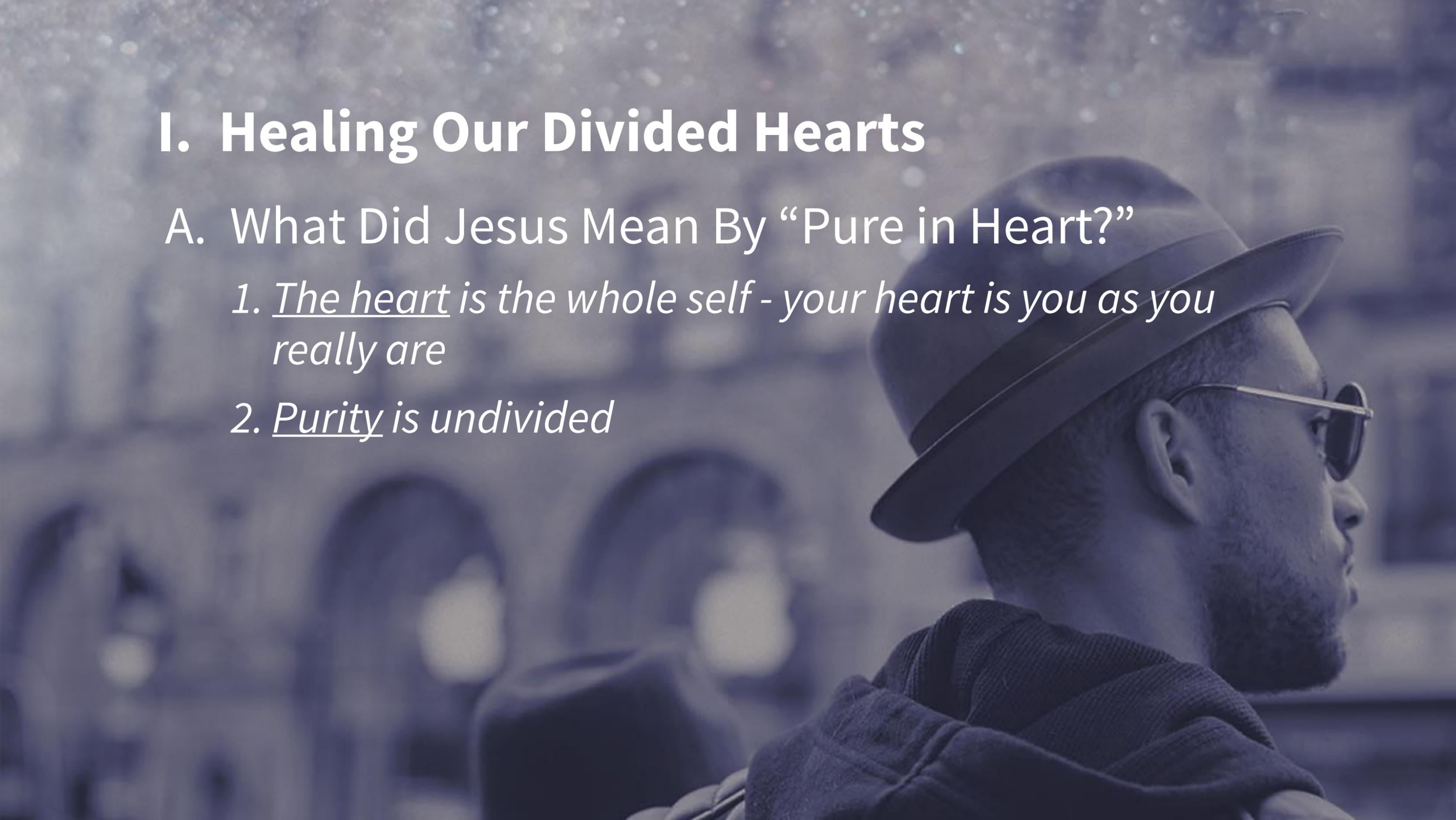
Matthew 5:8-9

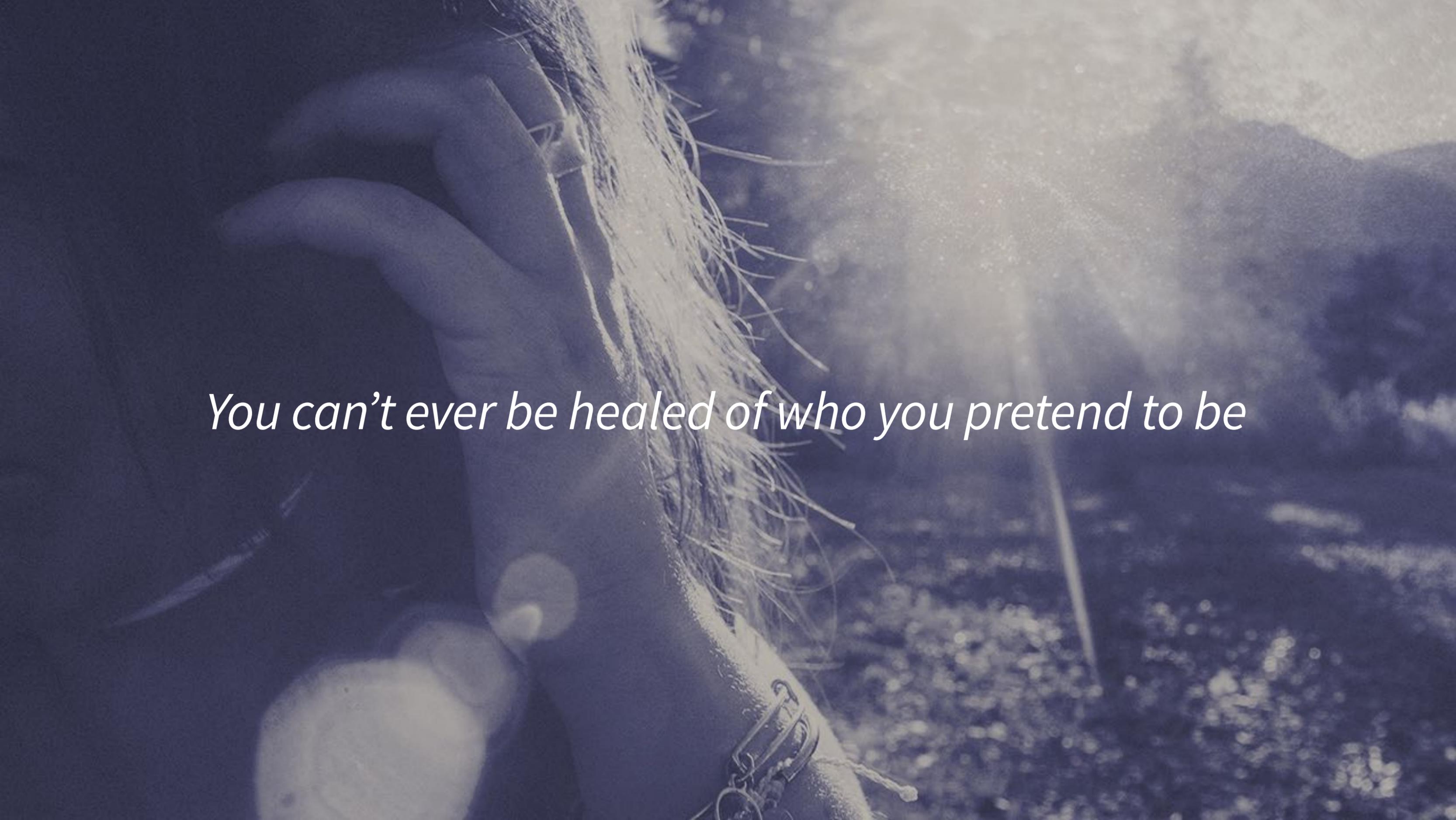
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You can't ever be healed of who you pretend to be

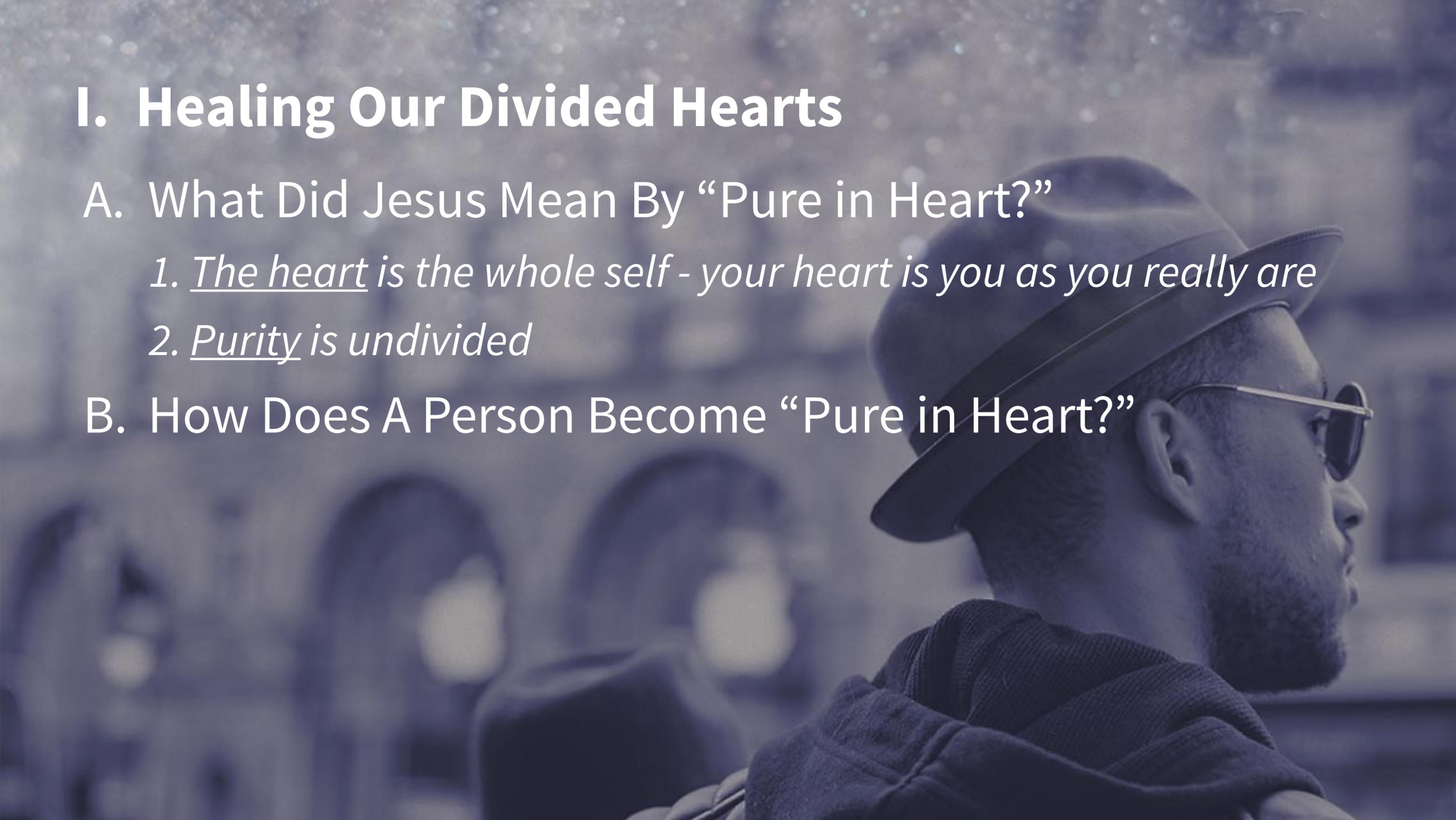
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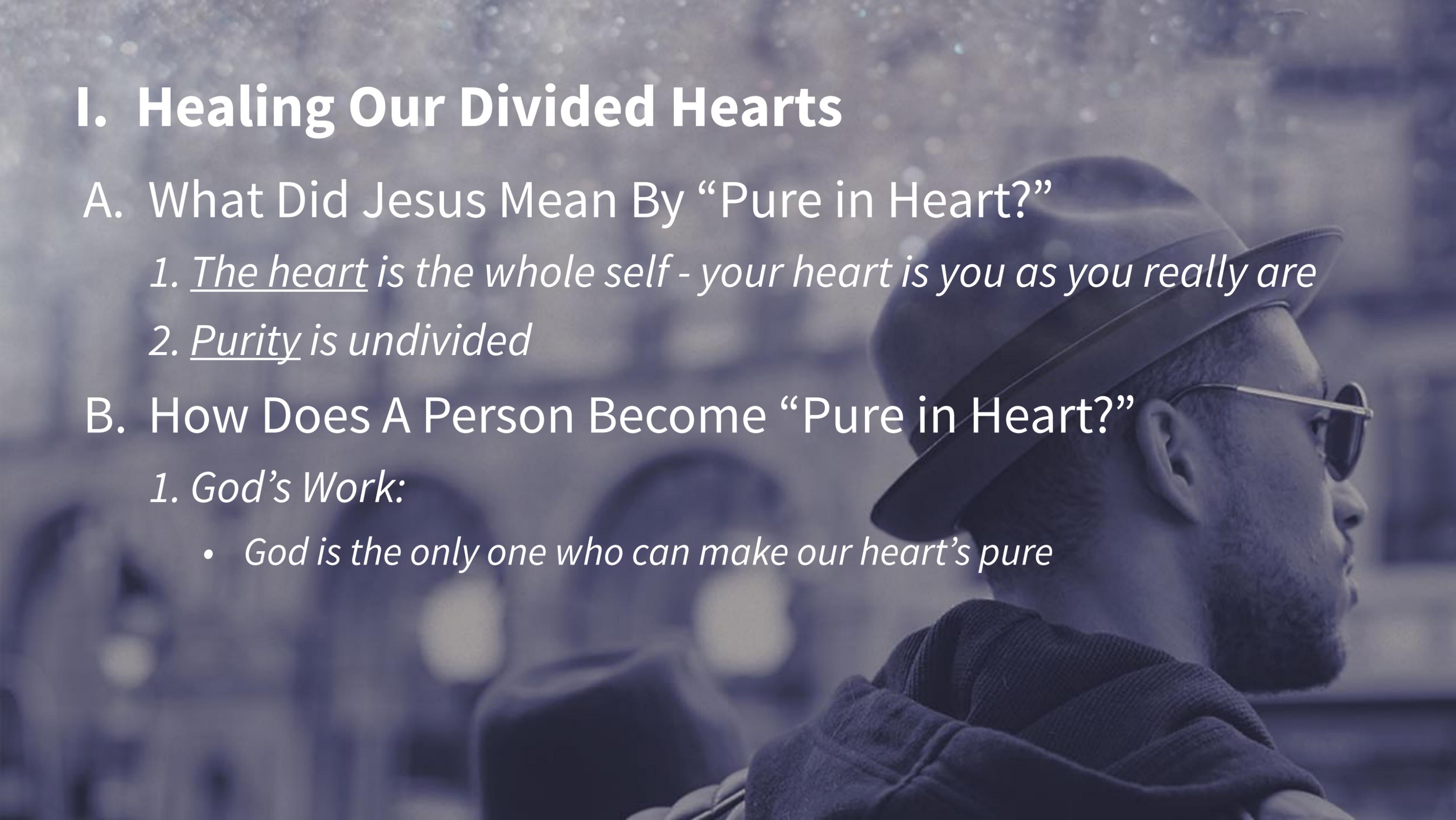
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²But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness...

Malachi 3:2-3



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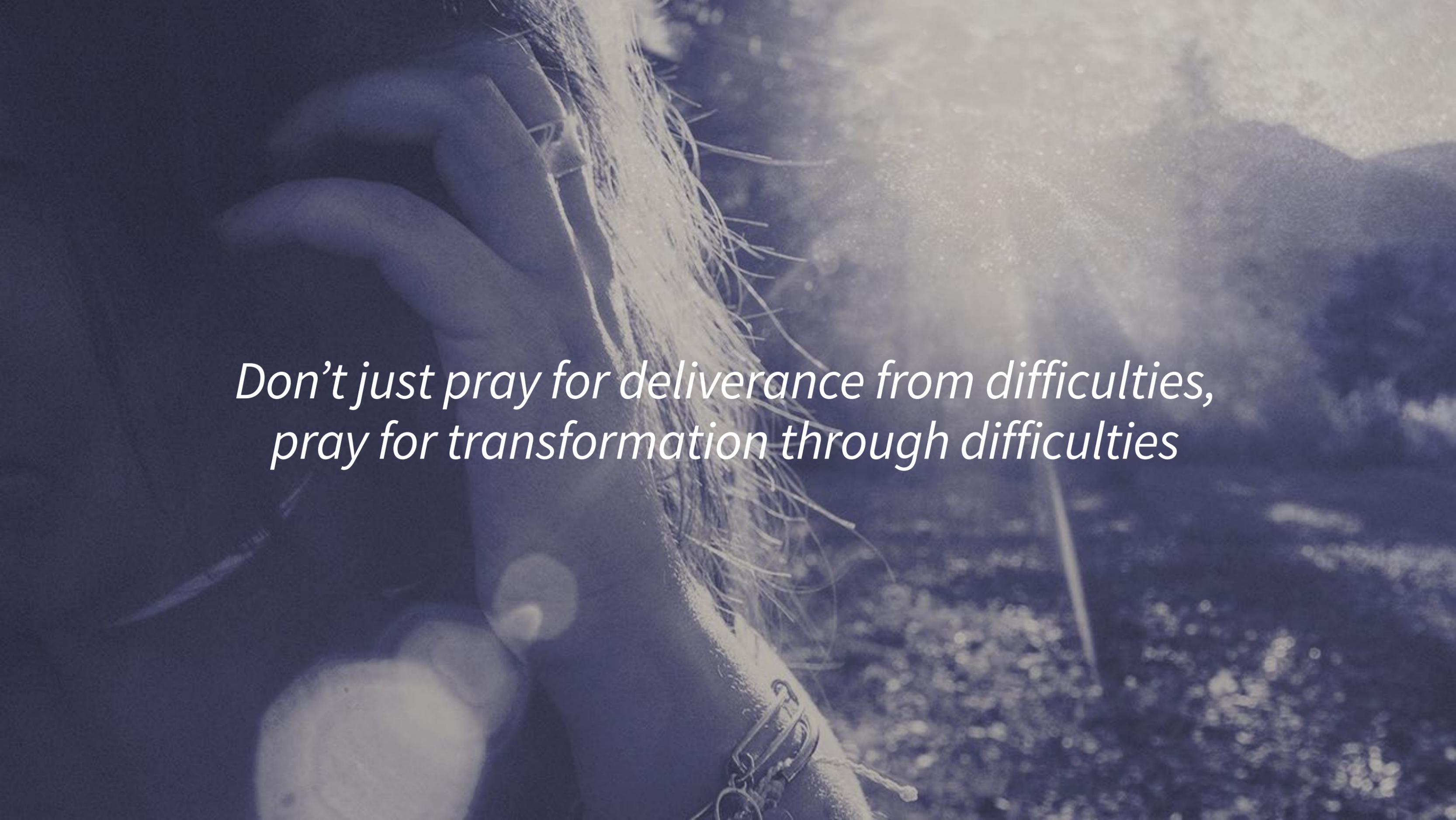
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⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
⁷ These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7



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*Don't just pray for deliverance from difficulties,
pray for transformation through difficulties*

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One of the greatest sources of purity in our lives is a healthy response to pain

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There are lots of different types of pain

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- Growth is a function of how you respond to the pain of life*
- “I am going to turn to you, Jesus, and be transparent with my pain”*



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C. Why Should We Desire To Be “Pure in Heart”?

- If you have impurity in your life you limit your intimacy with God*

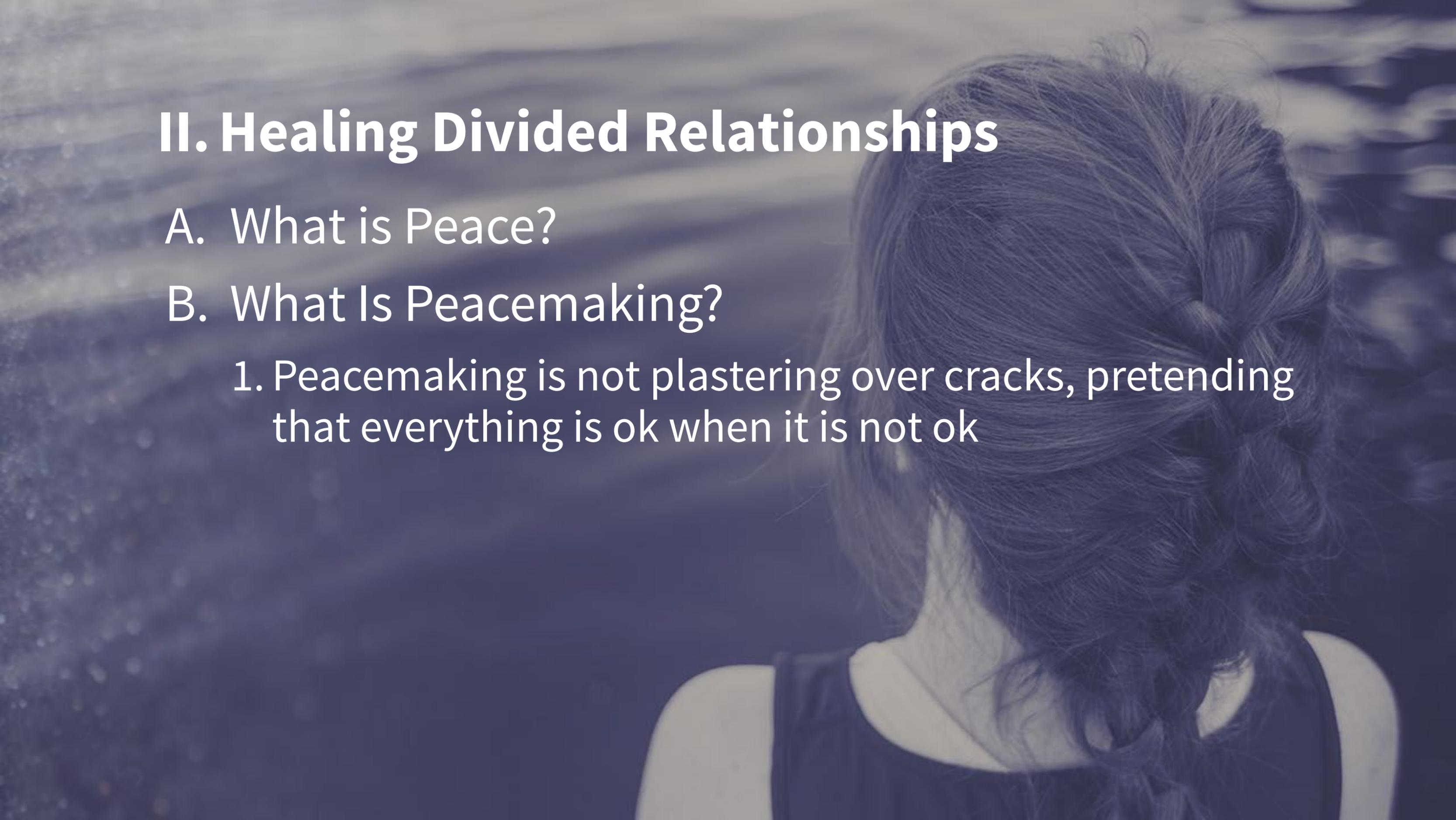
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A. What is Peace?



“Shalom” - life as God intended it to be



A woman with long, dark hair styled in a braid is seen from behind, looking out over a body of water. The scene is dimly lit, with a blue and grey color palette. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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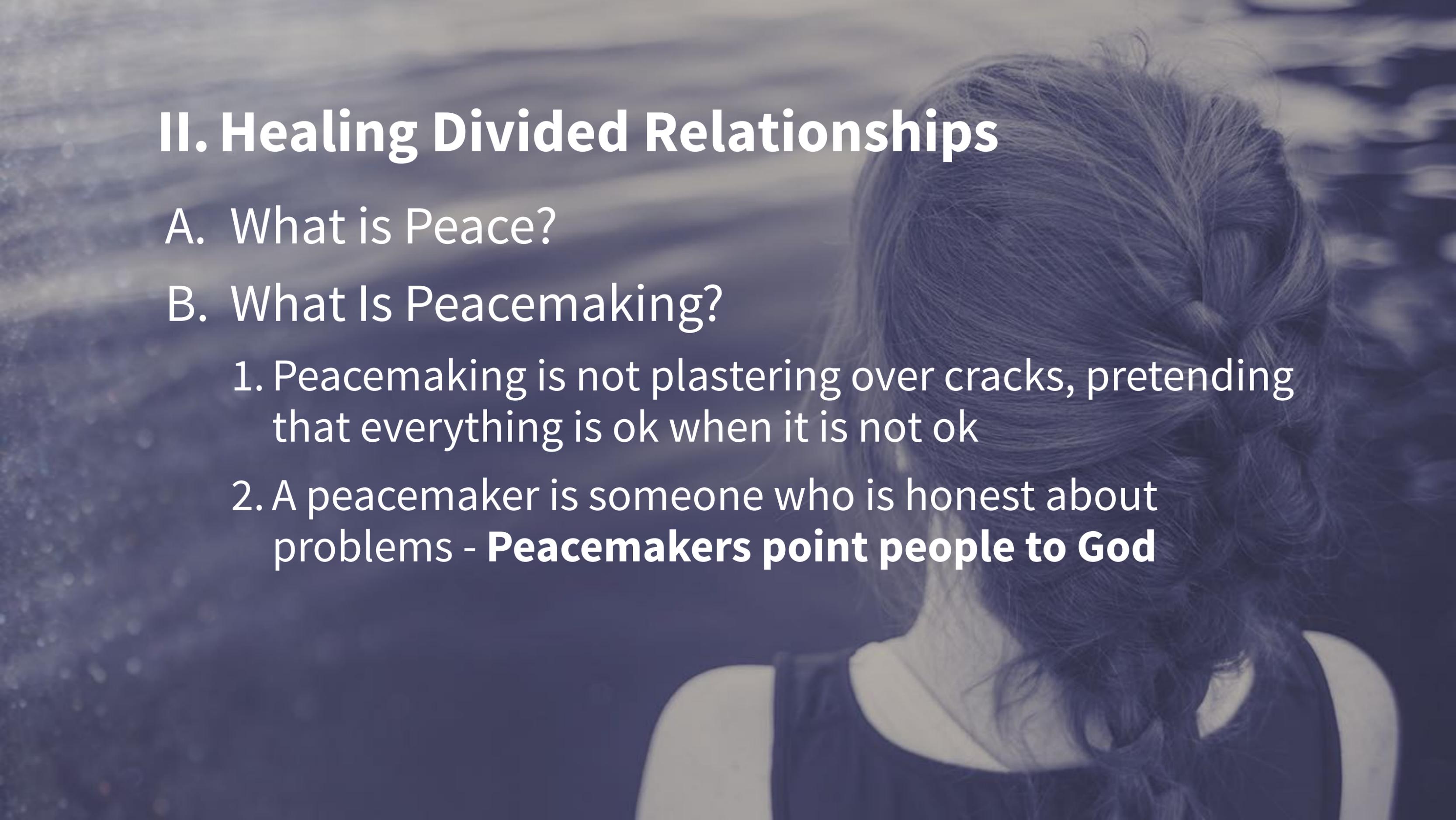
B. What Is Peacemaking?

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They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:14





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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 Corinthians 5:20



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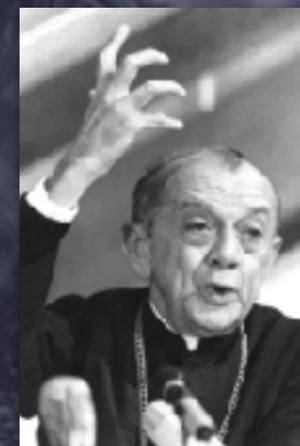
People hate to be disturbed even for the better.

Stanley Jones



When I feed the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor are poor, they call me a communist.

Dom Hélder Câmara



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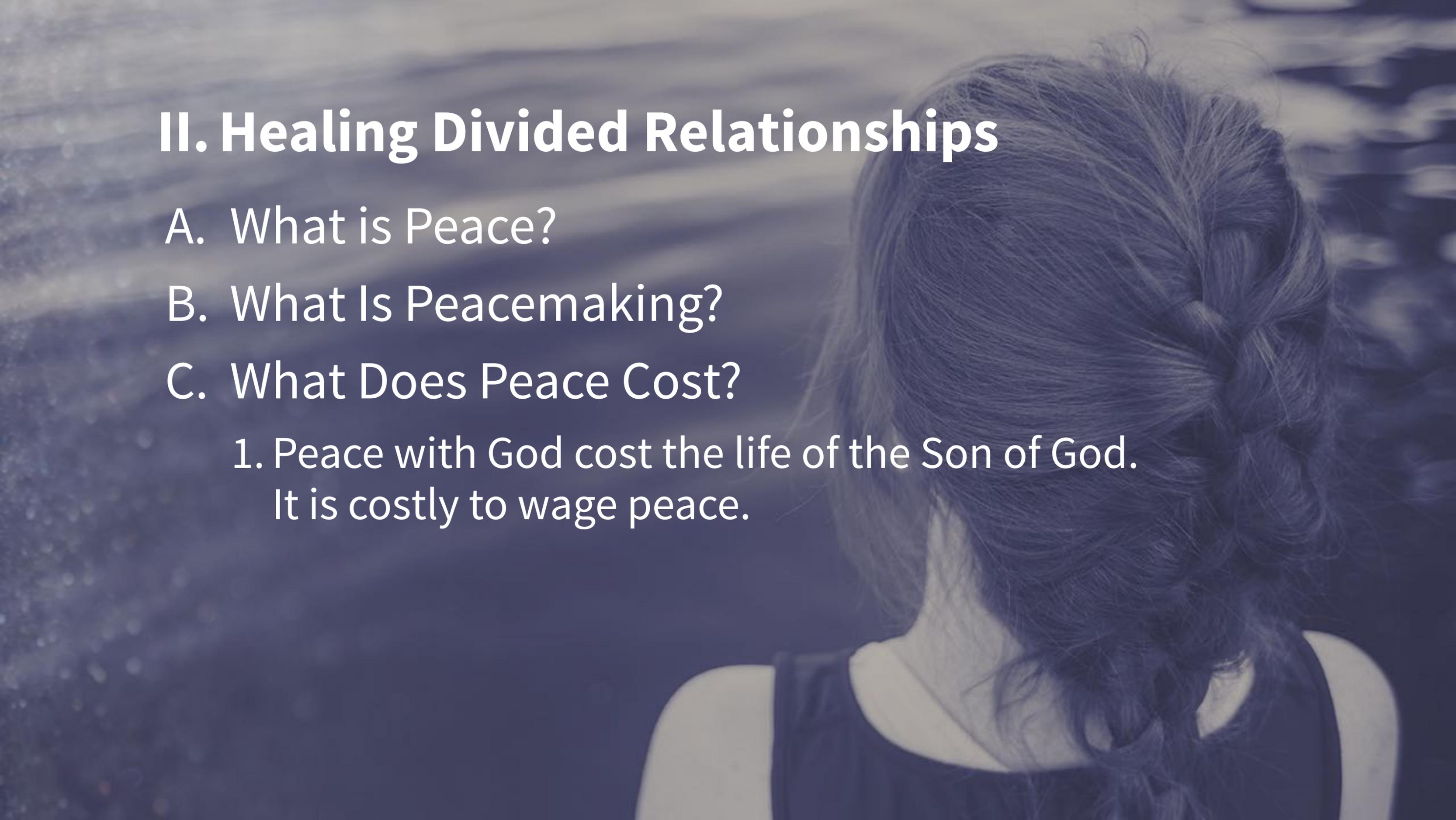


share a meal with someone who
is different than you

#DuluthVineyard #SharedTables



Daryl Davis



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C. What Does Peace Cost?

1. Peace with God cost the life of the Son of God.
It is costly to wage peace.