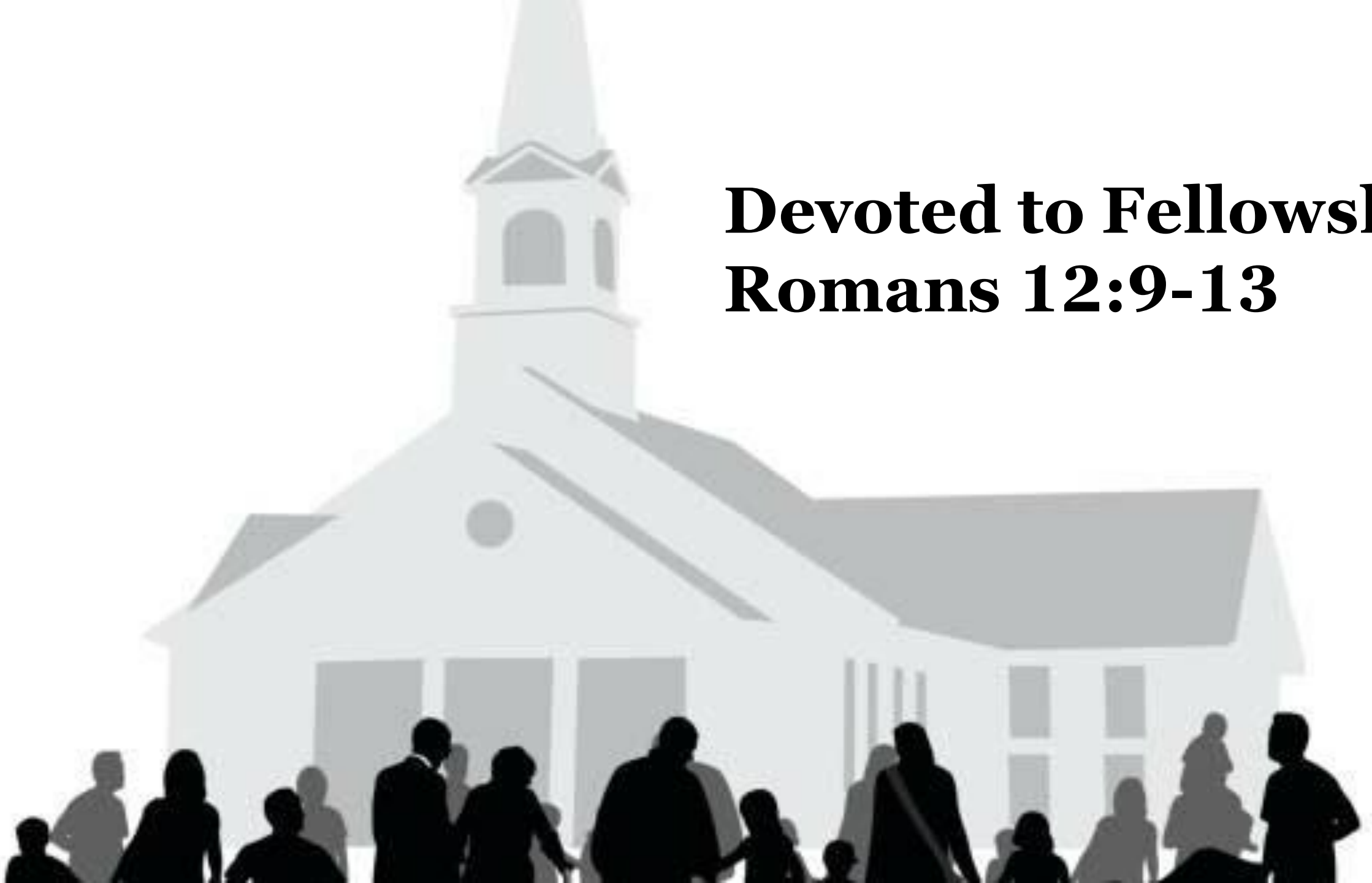


Devoted to Fellowship

Romans 12:9-13



Jesus is the Bond Holding Us Together

- Jesus is the bond that holds everything and everyone together.
- Without that bond – everything falls apart.
- **Colossians 1:17** - And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Brotherhood of Man vs Christian Fellowship/Body of Christ

Brotherhood of Man	Christian Fellowship/Body of Christ
Love - Conditional	Love - Unconditional
Secular Humanism	Bible – Standard for Faith and Values
Groups/Divided	United – Body of Christ
Self-Centered/Inward Focused	Outward Focused/Serve Others

The Body of Christ

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** - ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Genuine Love

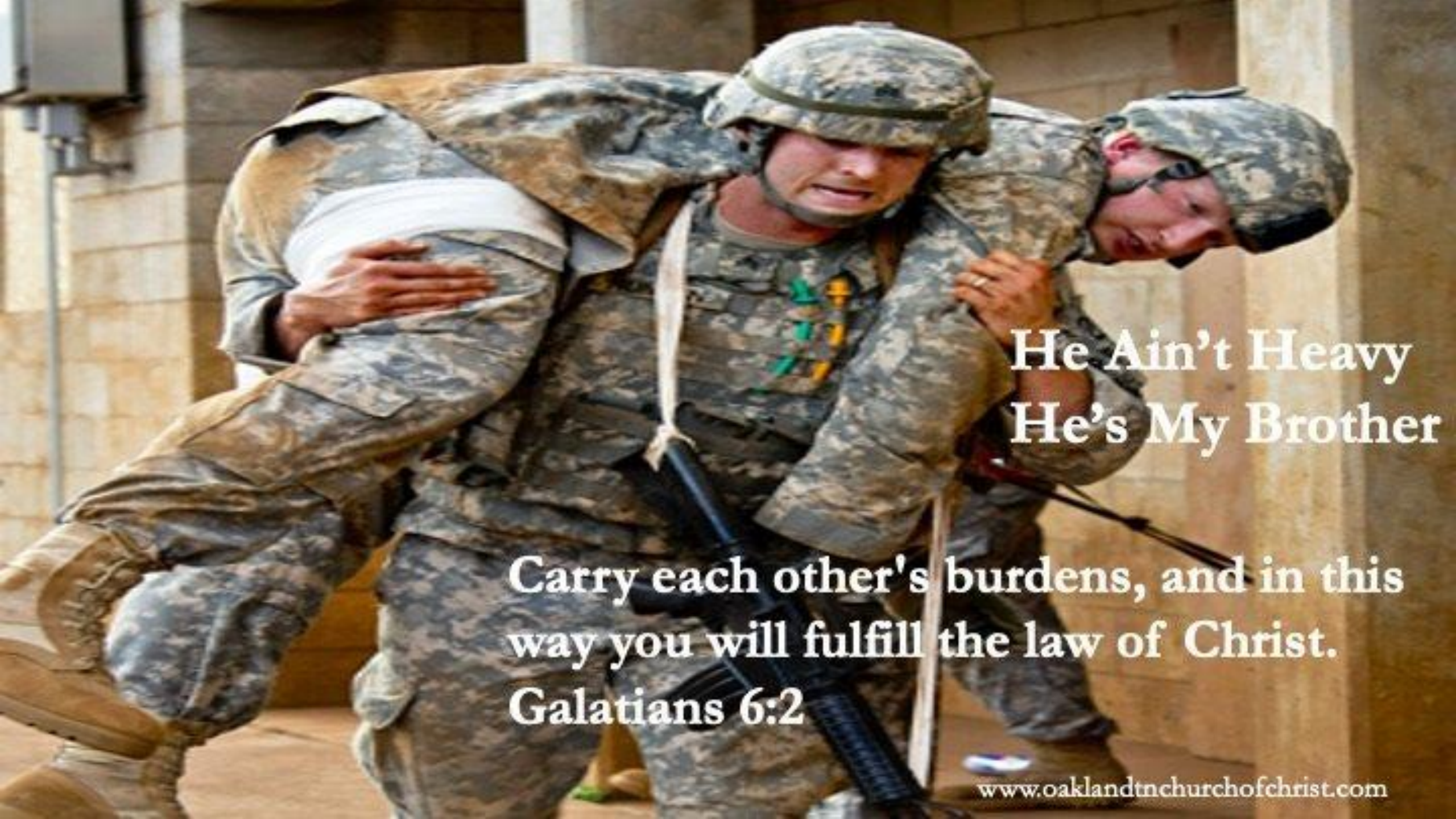
- **Romans 12:9** - ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

A Holy People

- **James 4:4** - ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- **1 Peter 2:9** - But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The Bonds of Brotherhood

- **Romans 12:10-13** - ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.



**He Ain't Heavy
He's My Brother**

**Carry each other's burdens, and in this
way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

Galatians 6:2

Love One Another

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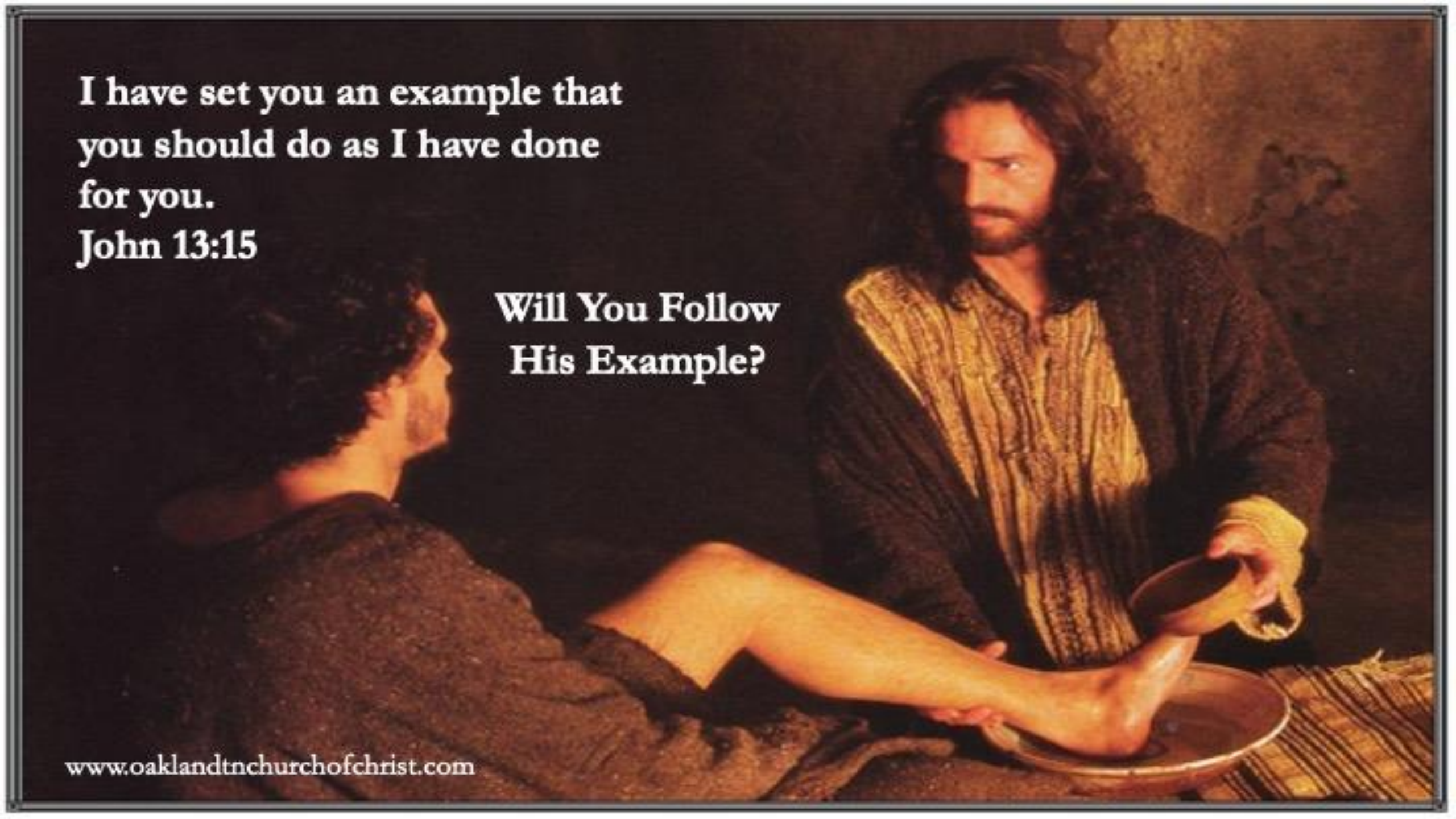
Love One Another

- **John 13:34-35** - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

**I have set you an example that
you should do as I have done
for you.**

John 13:15

**Will You Follow
His Example?**



Serve the Lord

- **Romans 12:11** - ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Service in Humility

- **Philippians 2:3-4** - ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Love in Deed and Truth

- **1 John 3:17-18** - . ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Hope, Tribulation, Prayer

- **Romans 12:12** - ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Hope

- **Ephesians 4:4** - ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call.

Patience

- **Ephesians 4:1-3** - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Love in Action

- **Romans 12:13** - ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT,
WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE
BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.
1 JOHN 1:7**

