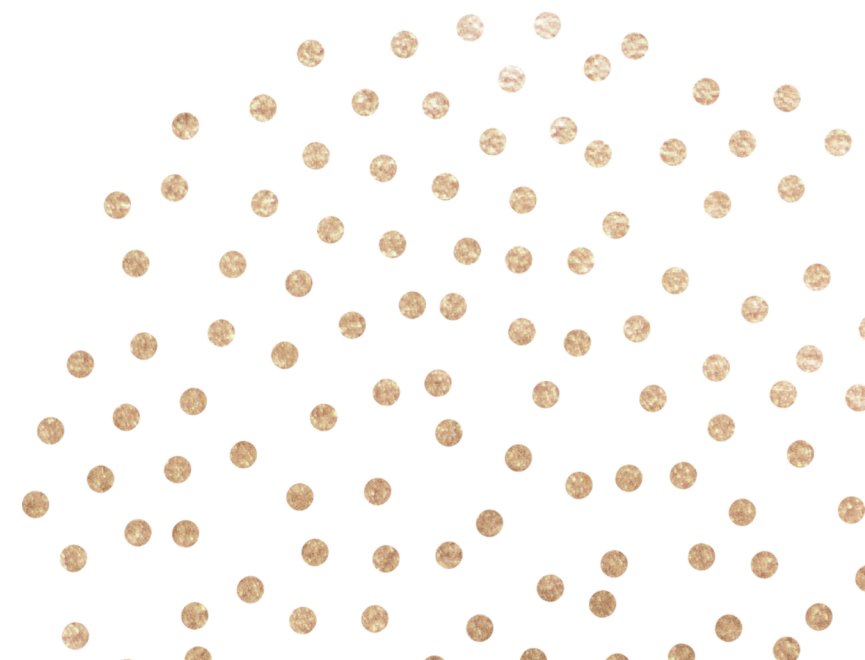


DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

THE GIFTS GOD GIVES






THE GIFT OF LOVE

LESSON 4

“THE SHAPE OF TRUE LOVE ISN'T A
DIAMOND. IT'S A CROSS.”





I JOHN 4:7-11, BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
FOR LOVE IS FROM GOD, AND WHOEVER LOVES HAS
BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. ANYONE WHO
DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD
IS LOVE. IN THIS THE LOVE OF GOD WAS MADE
MANIFEST AMONG US, THAT GOD SENT HIS ONLY SON
INTO THE WORLD, SO THAT WE MIGHT LIVE THROUGH
HIM. IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD
BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE
PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS. BELOVED, IF GOD SO
LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.





AGAPE IS LOVE
THAT IS
UNCONDITIONAL,
SELFLESS,
LIMITLESS,
COMPASSIONATE,
SACRIFICIAL, AND
EVERLASTING.

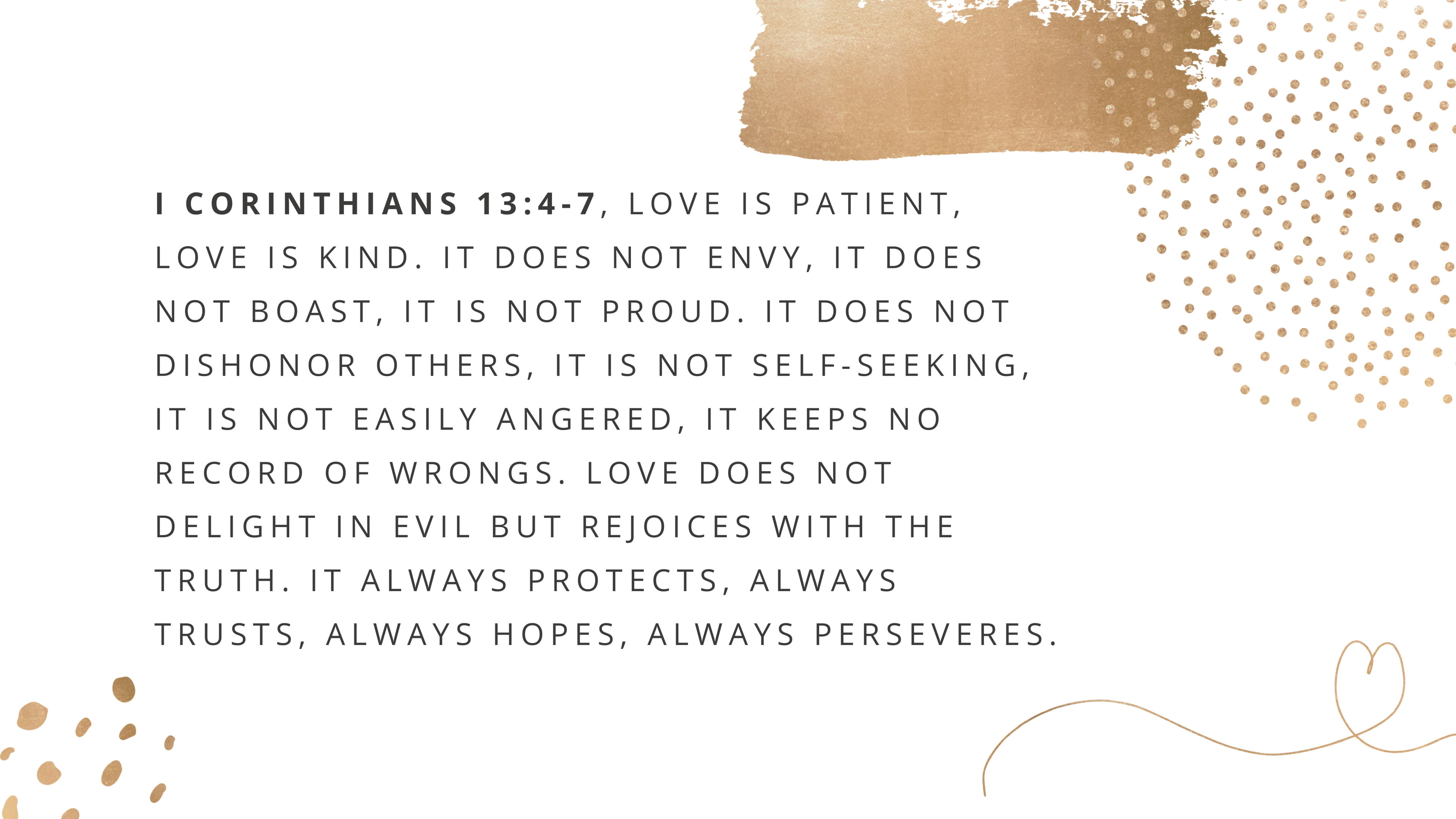




**SEVEN ATTRIBUTES
OF GOD'S LOVE:**



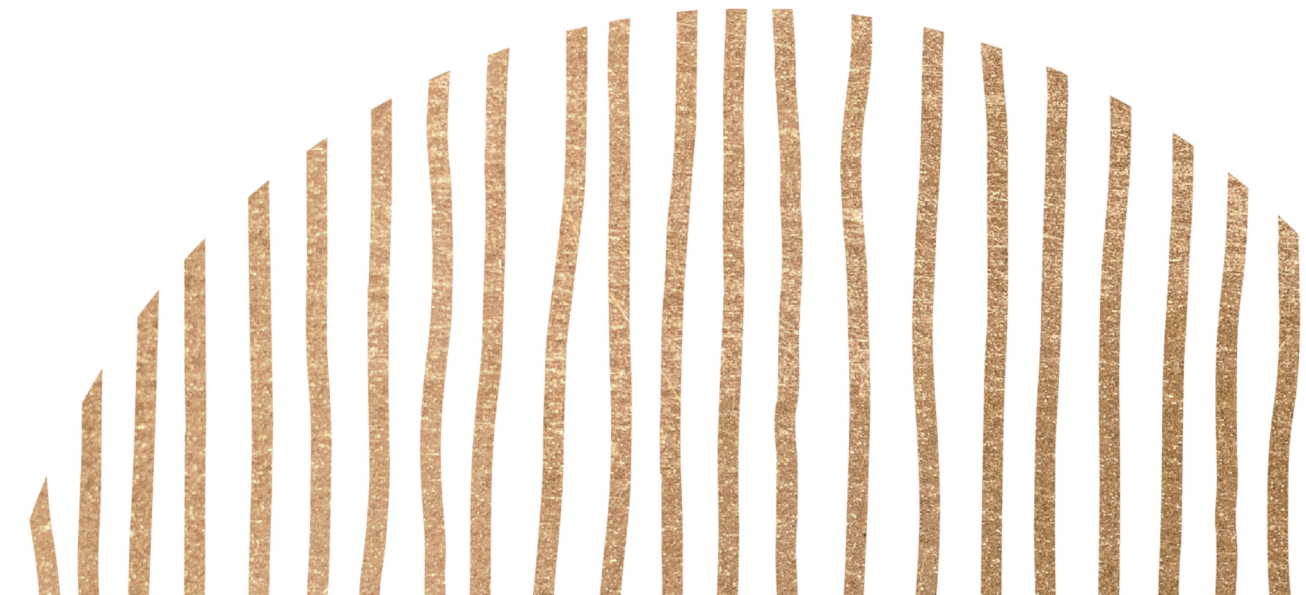
1. God's Love is Gentle. 



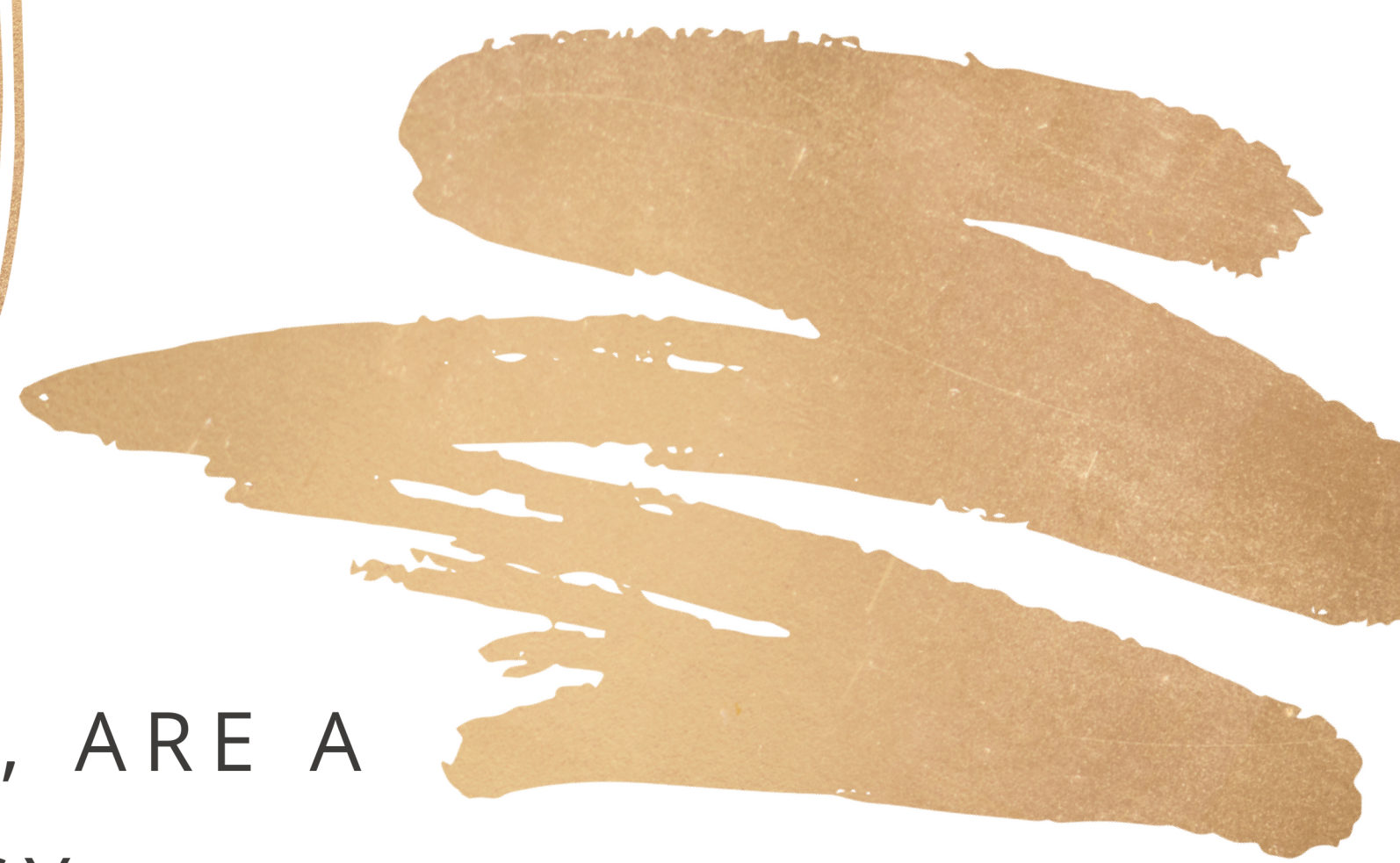
I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7, LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT ENVY, IT DOES
NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT
DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO
RECORD OF WRONGS. LOVE DOES NOT
DELIGHT IN EVIL BUT REJOICES WITH THE
TRUTH. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS, ALWAYS
TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES, ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

2. God's Love is Faithful. ♡

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, THE FAITHFUL
LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER ENDS! HIS
MERCIES NEVER CEASE. GREAT IS HIS
FAITHFULNESS; HIS MERCIES BEGIN
AFRESH EACH MORNING.





3. God's Love is
Compassionate. 



PSALM 86:15, BUT YOU, O LORD, ARE A
GOD OF COMPASSION AND MERCY,
SLOW TO GET ANGRY AND FILLED WITH
UNFAILING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS.



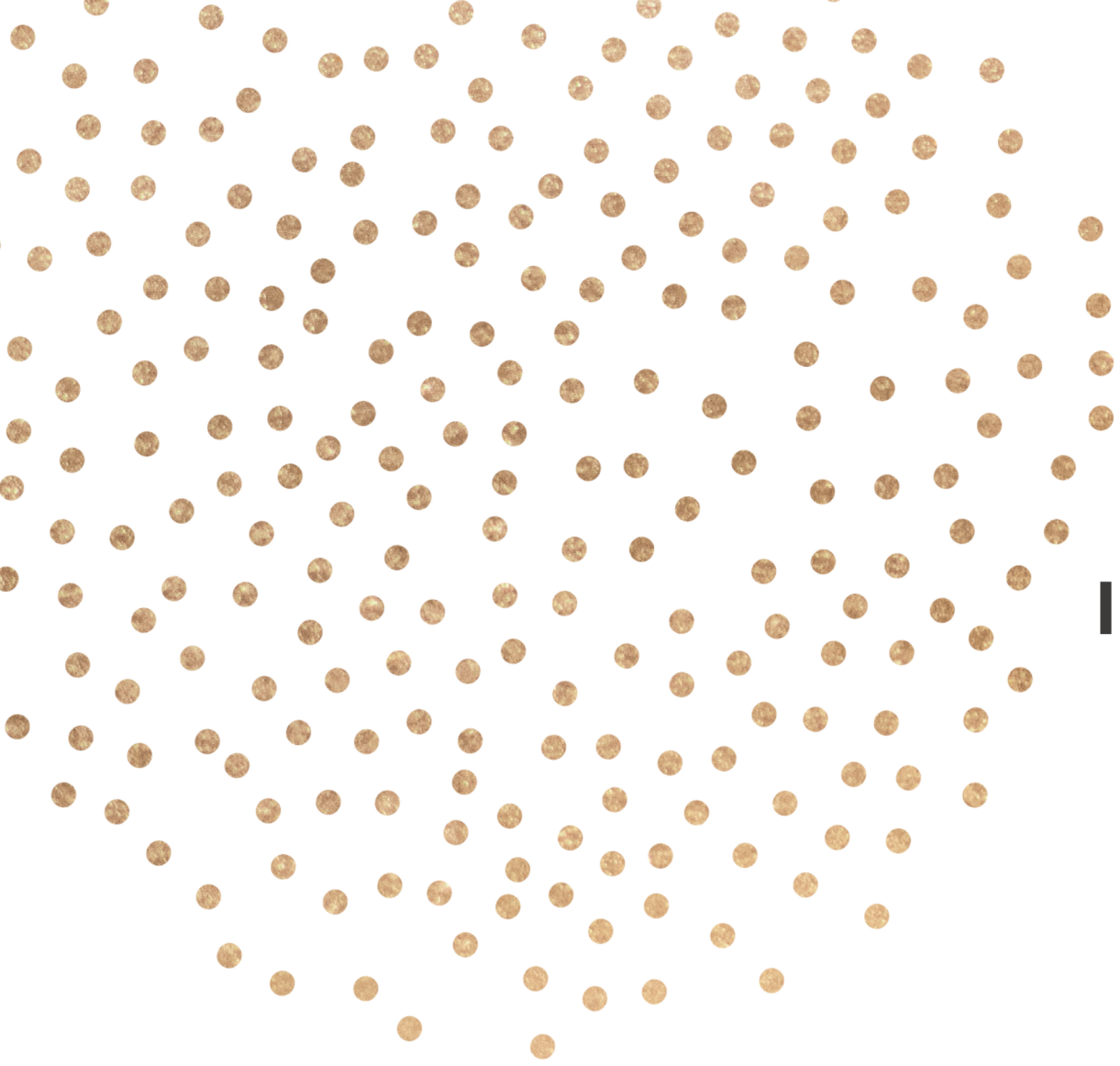
4. God's Love is
Protective. 



PSALM 5:11-12, BUT LET ALL WHO TAKE
REFUGE IN YOU REJOICE; LET THEM SING
JOYFUL PRAISES FOREVER. SPREAD YOUR
PROTECTION OVER THEM, THAT ALL WHO LOVE
YOUR NAME MAY BE FILLED WITH JOY. FOR YOU
BLESS THE GODLY, O LORD; YOU SURROUND
THEM WITH YOUR SHIELD OF LOVE.



5. God's Love is
Sacrificial. 

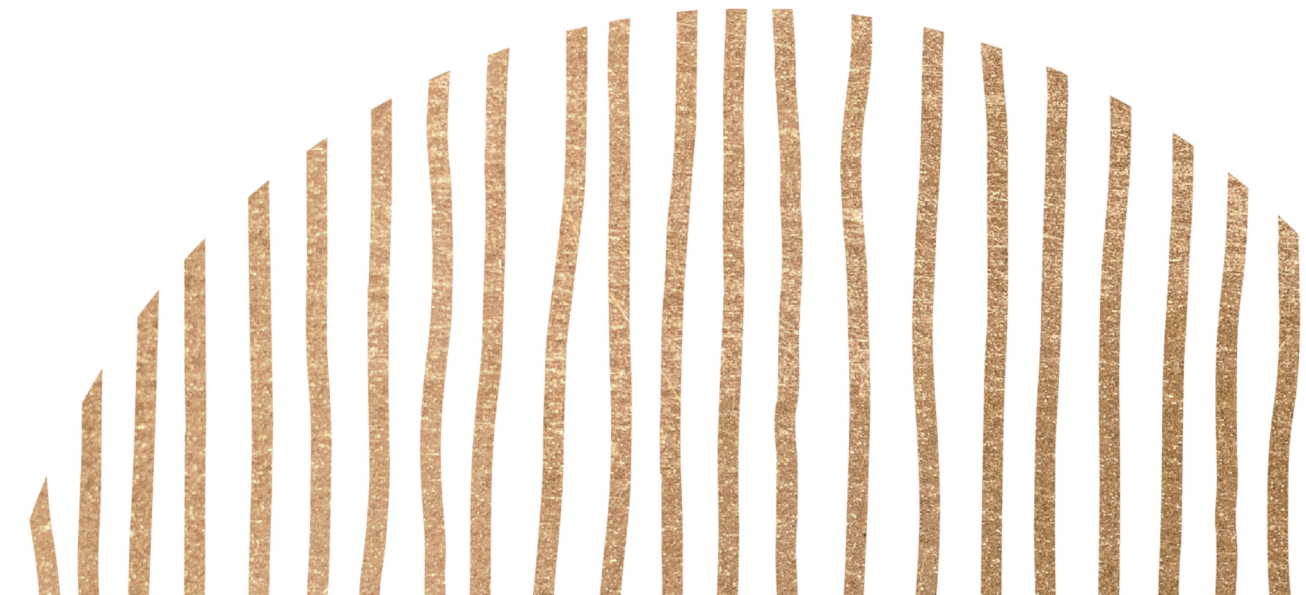


I JOHN 4:9-10, GOD SHOWED HOW MUCH HE LOVED US BY SENDING HIS ONE AND ONLY SON INTO THE WORLD SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH HIM. THIS IS REAL LOVE—NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON AS A SACRIFICE TO TAKE AWAY OUR SINS.



6. God's Love is
Everlasting. 

JEREMIAH 31:3, THE LORD APPEARED TO
US IN THE PAST, SAYING: "I HAVE LOVED
YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE; I HAVE
DRAWN YOU WITH UNFAILING KINDNESS.

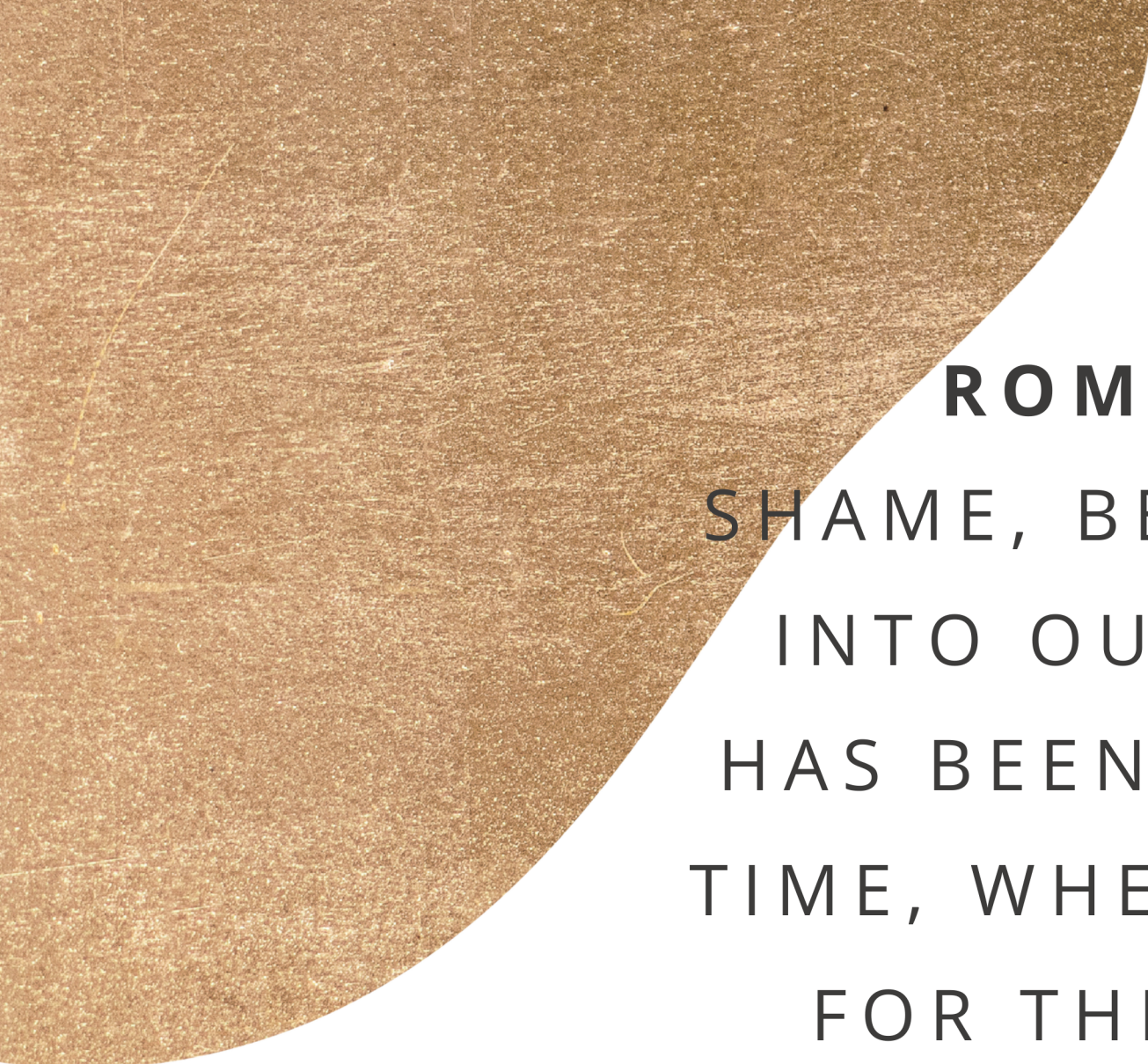


7. God's Love is
Unconditional. 




I JOHN 3:1, SEE HOW GREAT A LOVE
THE FATHER HAS BESTOWED ON US,
THAT WE WOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN
OF GOD; AND SUCH WE ARE.





ROMANS 5:5-8, AND HOPE DOES NOT PUT US TO SHAME, BECAUSE GOD'S LOVE HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US. YOU SEE, AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME, WHEN WE WERE STILL POWERLESS, CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY. VERY RARELY WILL ANYONE DIE FOR A RIGHTEOUS PERSON, THOUGH FOR A GOOD PERSON SOMEONE MIGHT POSSIBLY DARE TO DIE. BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.





**LOVE
LIFTED
ME!**

