



... the book of Malachi

Part I: "I HAVE LOVED YOU"

Part 2: "I AM THE GREAT KING"

Part 3: "I DO NOT CHANGE"

Part 4: "THEY SHALL BE MINE"



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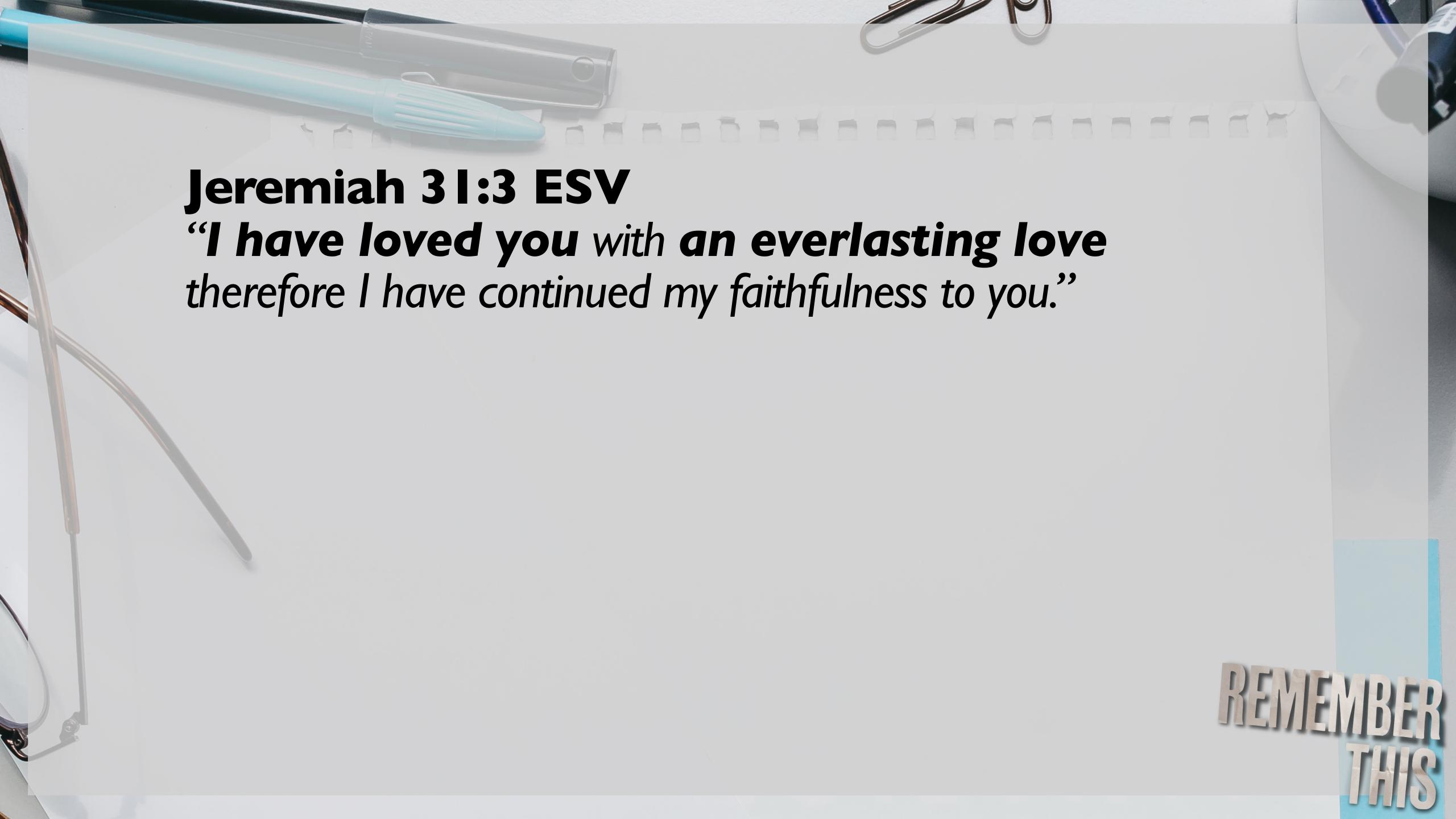
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Background:

- God called Abraham...
- God tested Abraham...
- God gave Isaac twins: Esau and Jacob...
- God chose to bless Jacob over Esau...
- God preserved Jacob's family from severe famine...
- God heard their cries...
- · God established Israel... but the kings...
- God sent the prophets... (major and minor prophets)
- God allowed Israel to fall....Assyrians, Babylon, Persians...





2 Chronicles 36:22-23 ESV

22 Now in the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing:



2 Chronicles 36:22-23 ESV

23 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up."



... a series of argument/disputes with God

I: I "I have loved you."

"How have you loved us?"

1:6 "You despise my name."

"How have we despised your name?"

2:10-16: "I will not accept your offerings."

"Why does He not?"

2:17-3:5 : "You have wearied me."

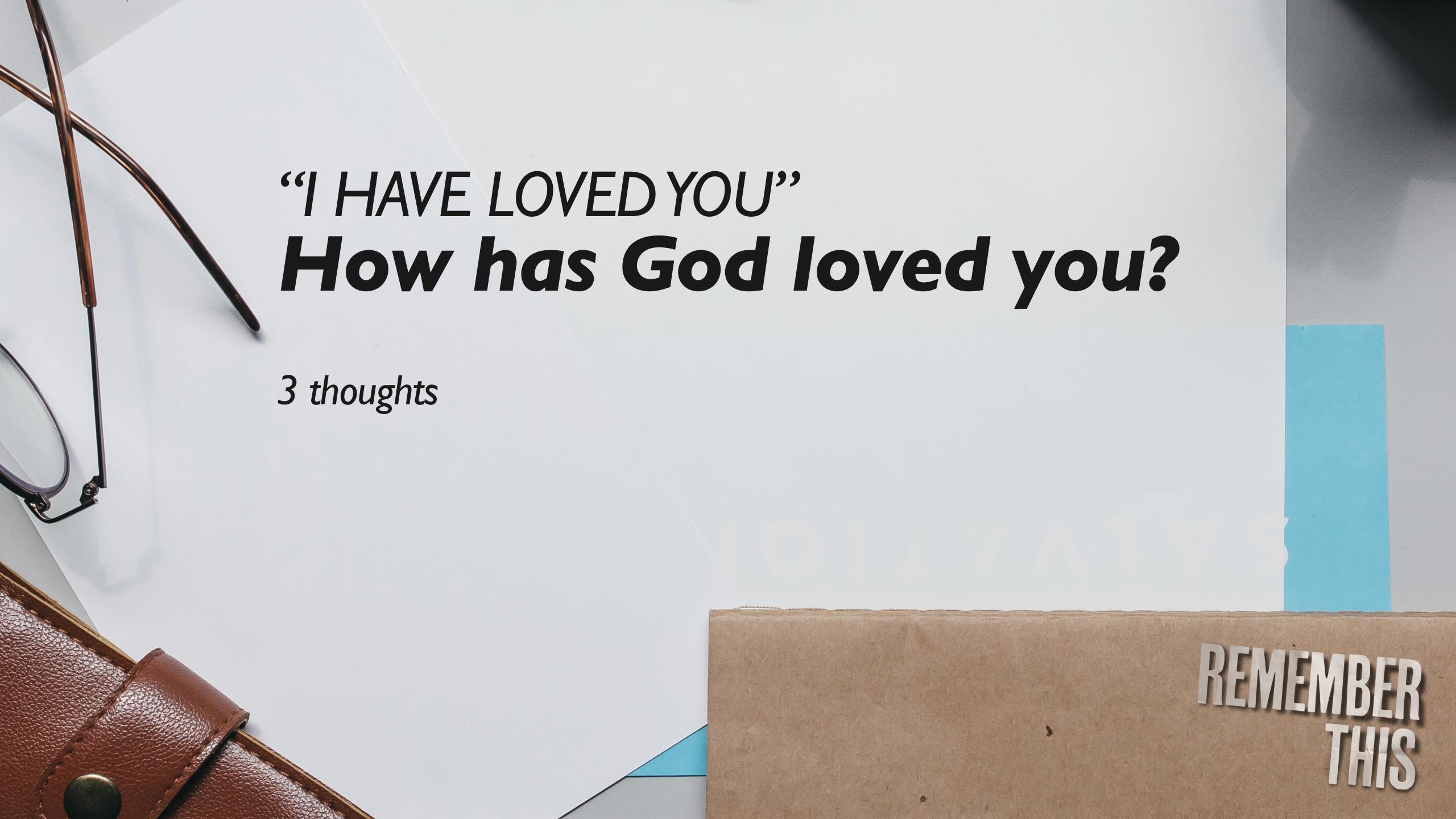
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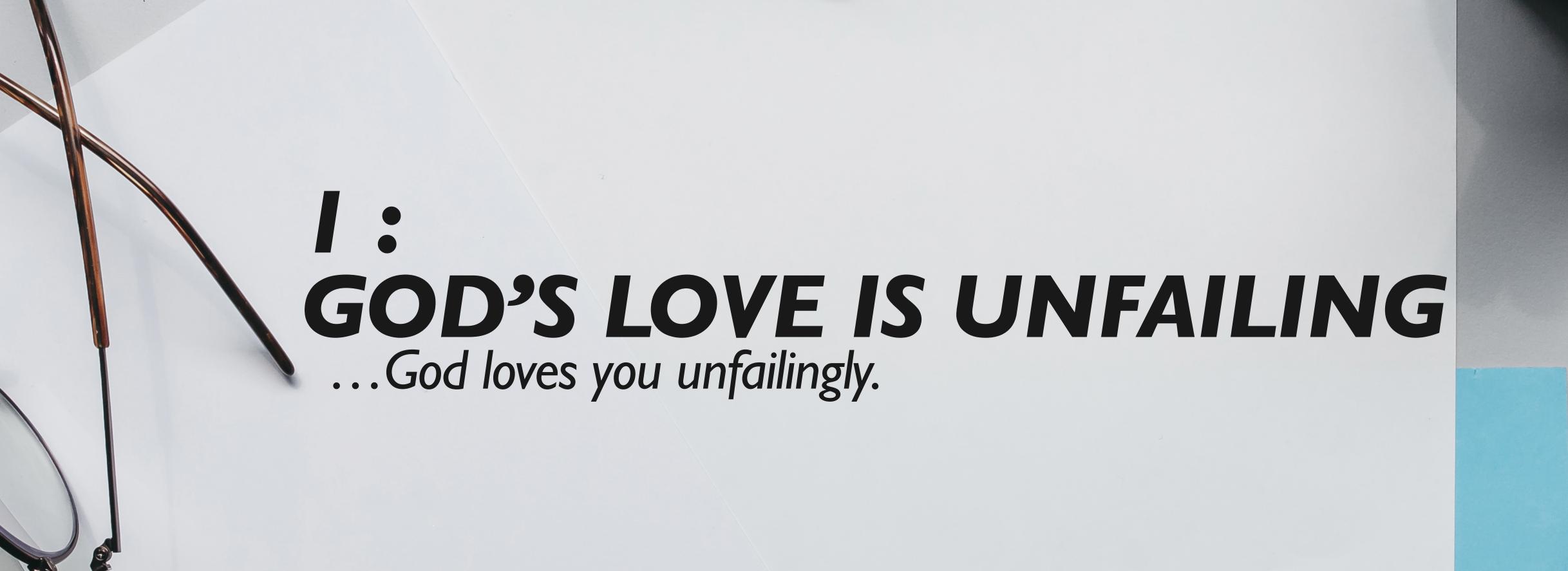
3:6-12 : "Return to me."

"How shall we return?"

3:13-4:3: "You have spoken against me."

"How have we spoken against you?"





"I HAVE LOVED YOU"





"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."





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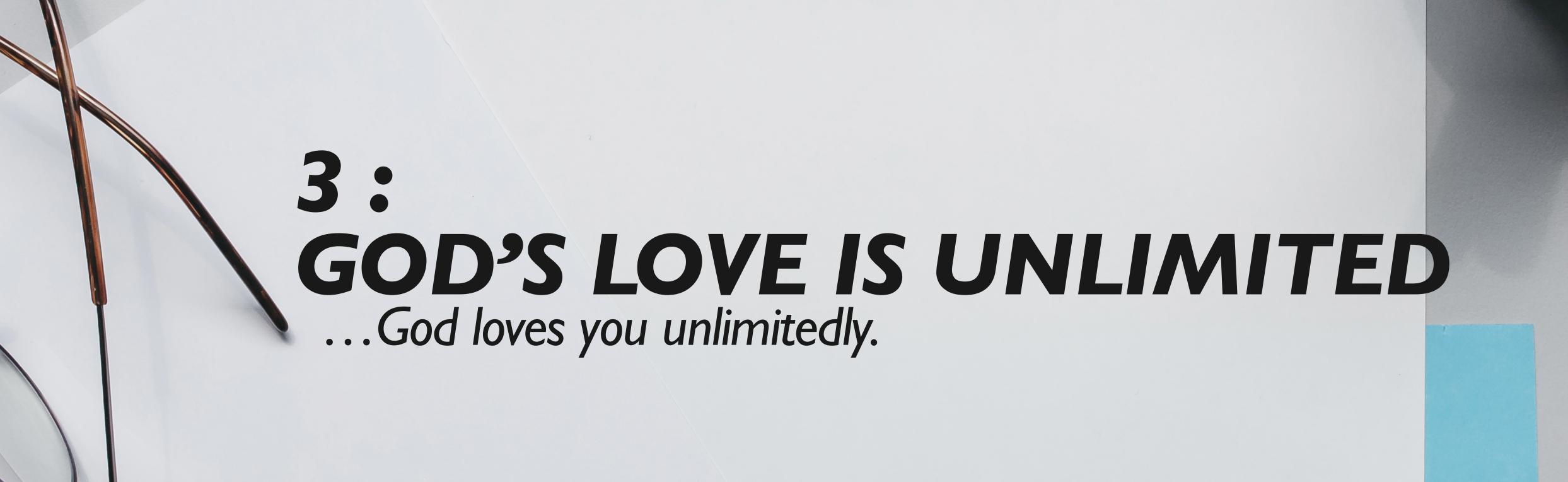
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HOW DO YOU LOVE?

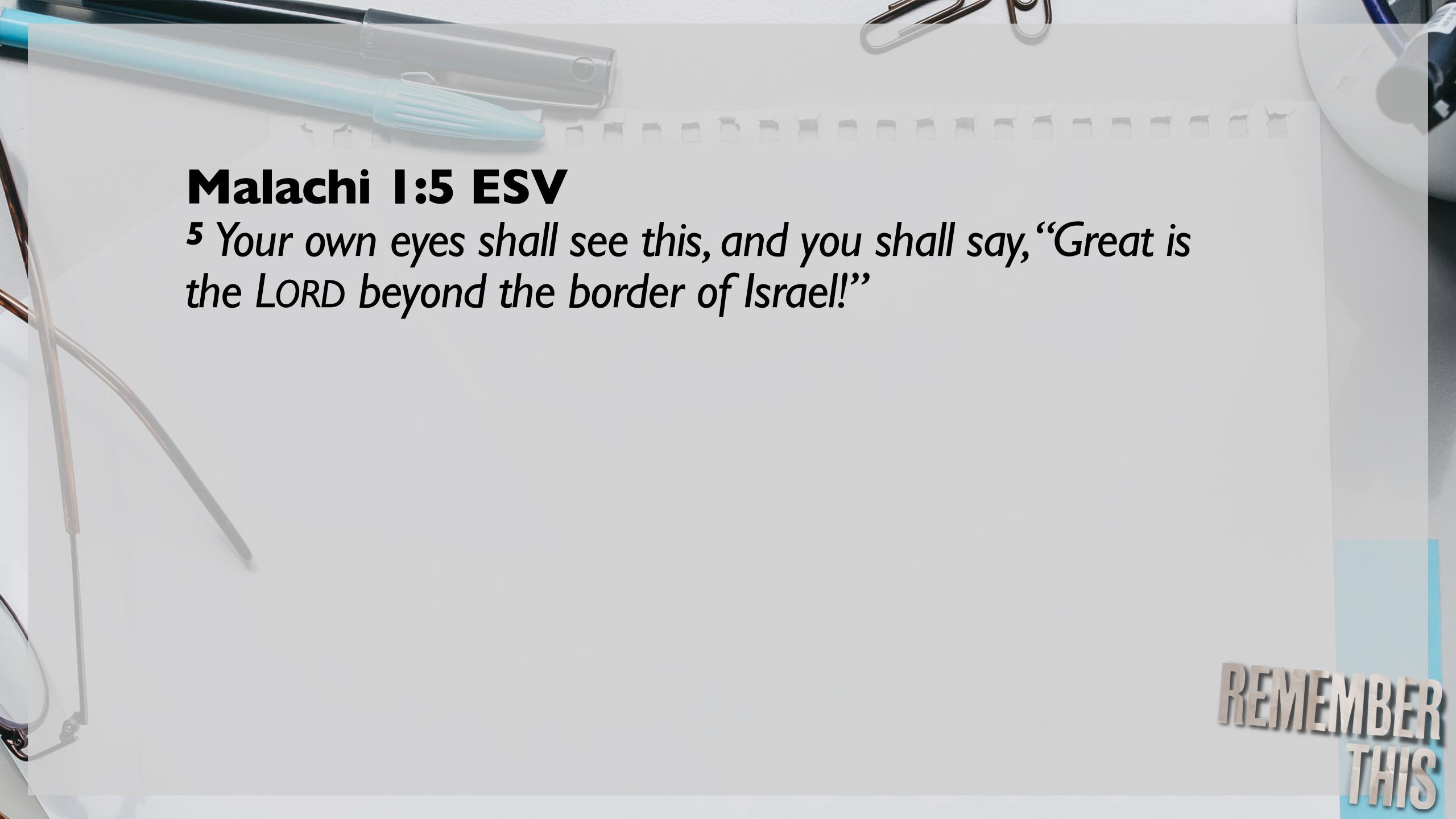
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- · I love you... "IF"??
- · I love you... "IN SPITE OF...

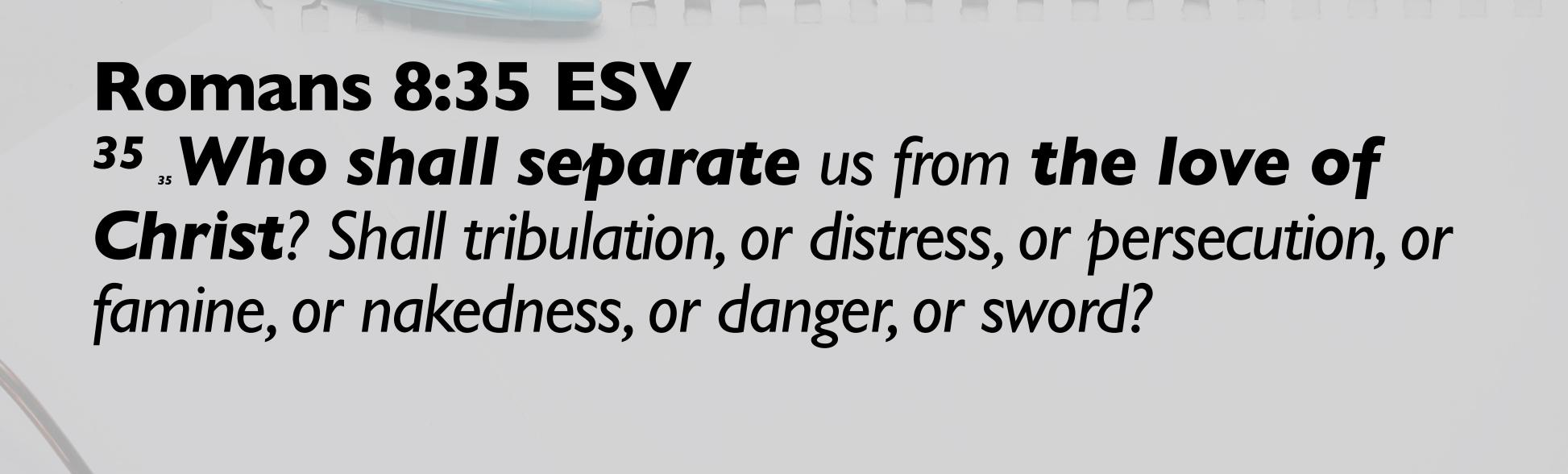




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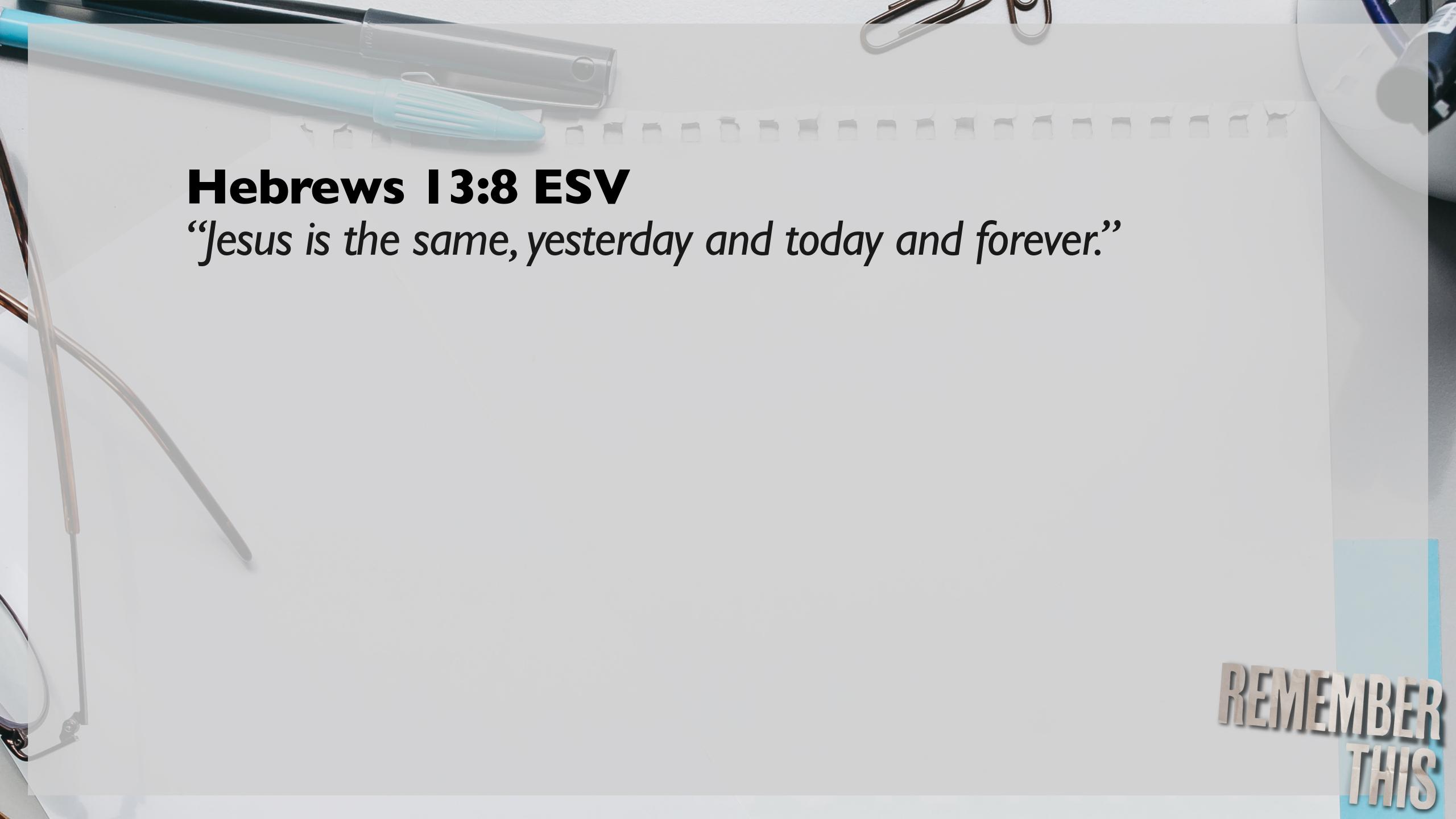


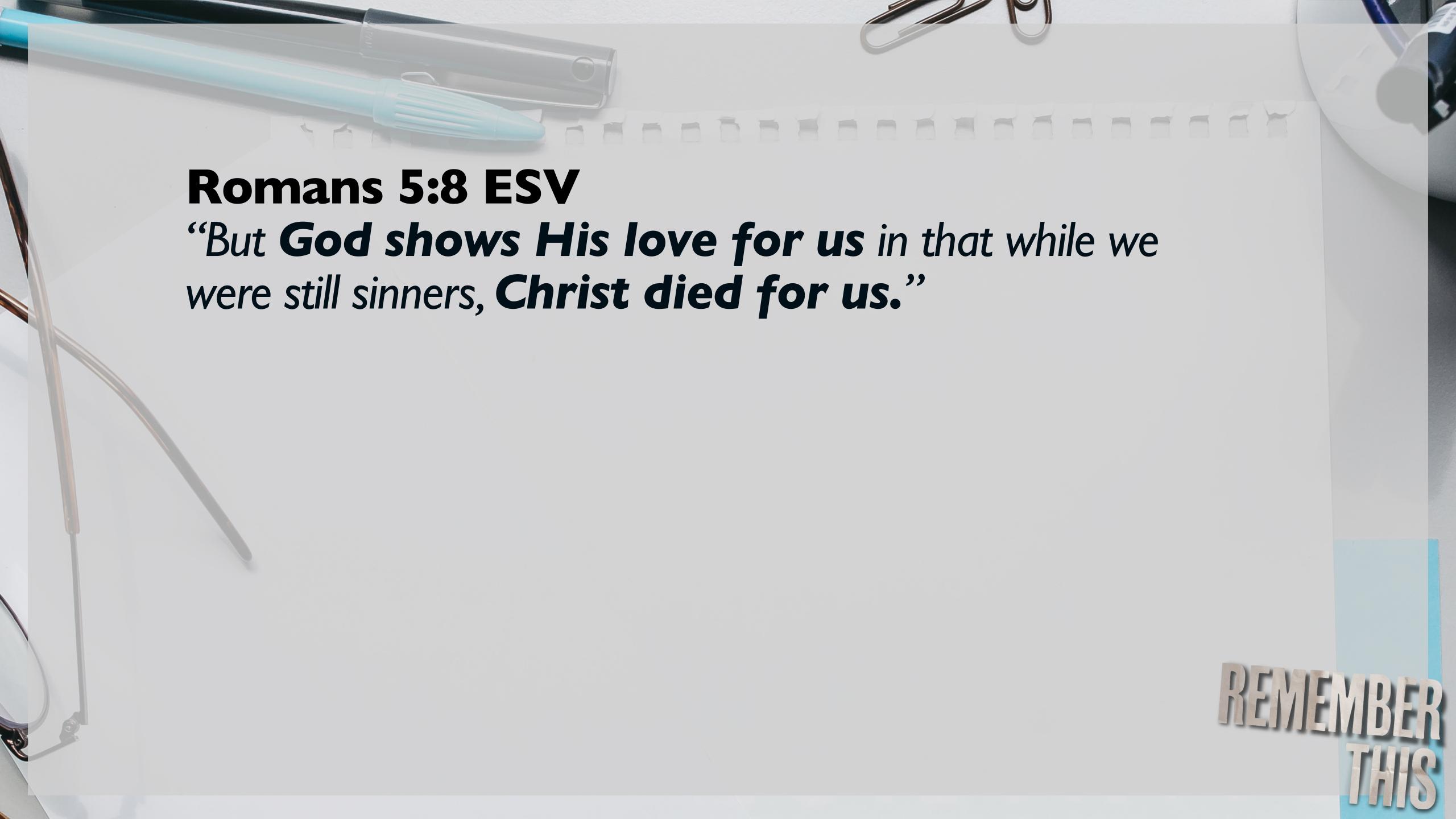




GOD'S LOVE STAYS THE SAME THROUGH THE AGES FOR HIS PEOPLE.







God Loves You...

- Unfailingly
- Unconditionally
- Unlimitedly...

