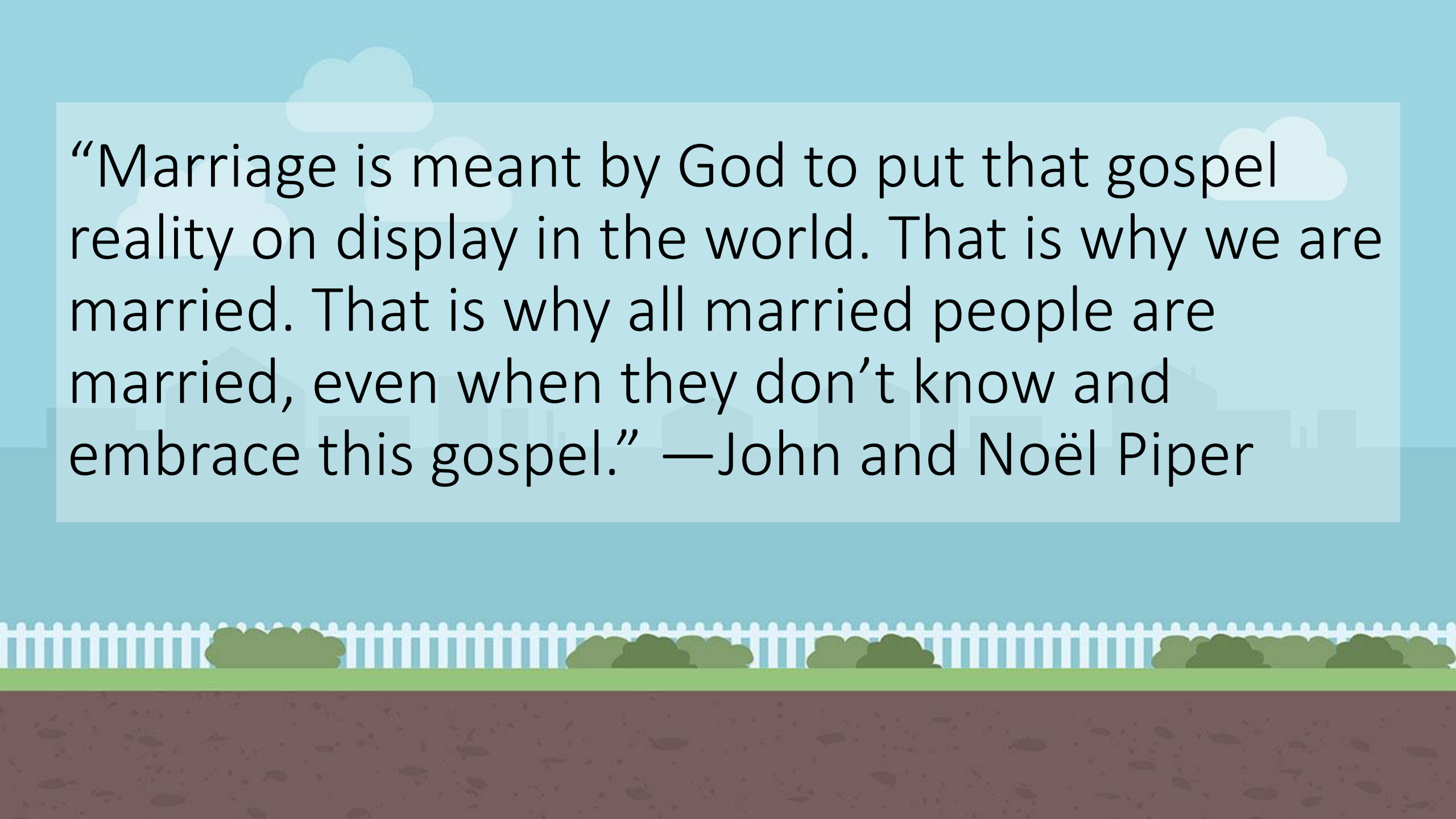





Men: Disconnected-Reconnected



“Marriage is meant by God to put that gospel reality on display in the world. That is why we are married. That is why all married people are married, even when they don’t know and embrace this gospel.” —John and Noël Piper



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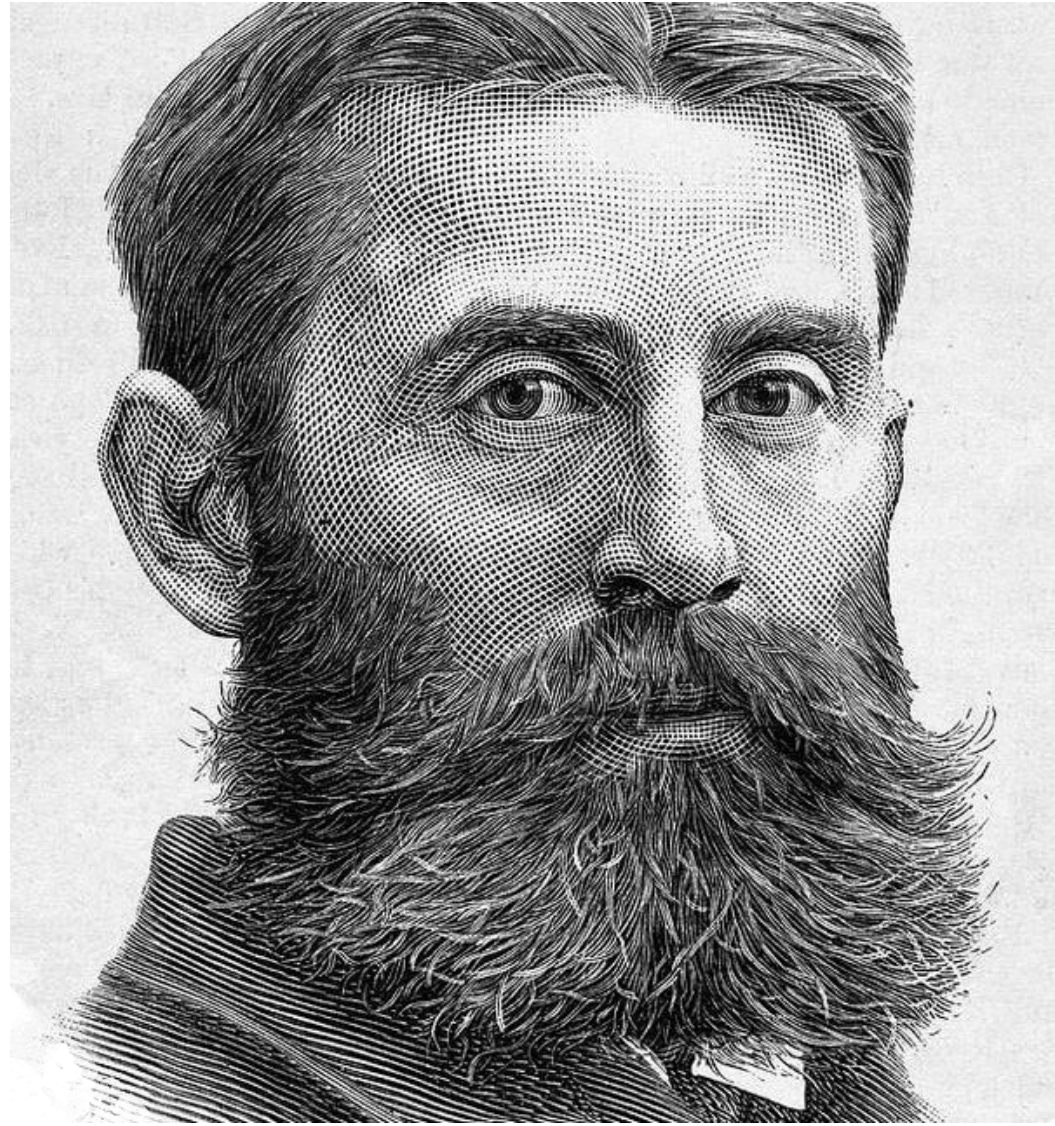


A reconnected husband loves his wife like
Christ loves the church.



Agapao - To love dearly, seeking the HIGHEST GOOD of another

“He was not led by His divine impulse out of the world, driven back into the recesses of His own soul to brood morbidly over His own needs, until to gain His own seemed worth all sacrifice to Him. He was led by His love for others into the world, to forget Himself in the needs of others, to sacrifice self once for all upon the altar of sympathy. Self-sacrifice brought Christ into the world. And self-sacrifice will lead us, His followers, not away from but into the midst of men.” B.B. Warfield





HOLY

“If holiness is found lacking in our lives, then it will normally be lacking in our family members as well. The greatest impetus to their growth in Christ is our growth in Christ.”

Jason Helopoulos, Gospel Coalition

Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Matthew 20:26,27

A reconnected husband cares for his bride.

Unfortunately, we often take a similar, negative attitude to working out, recognize that it's too much work to care for our bride and check out to the lowest standard of what it means to be a husband.



Four Results of Embracing the Gospel

#1 Give love generously.

#2 Give grace liberally.

#3 Give honor freely.

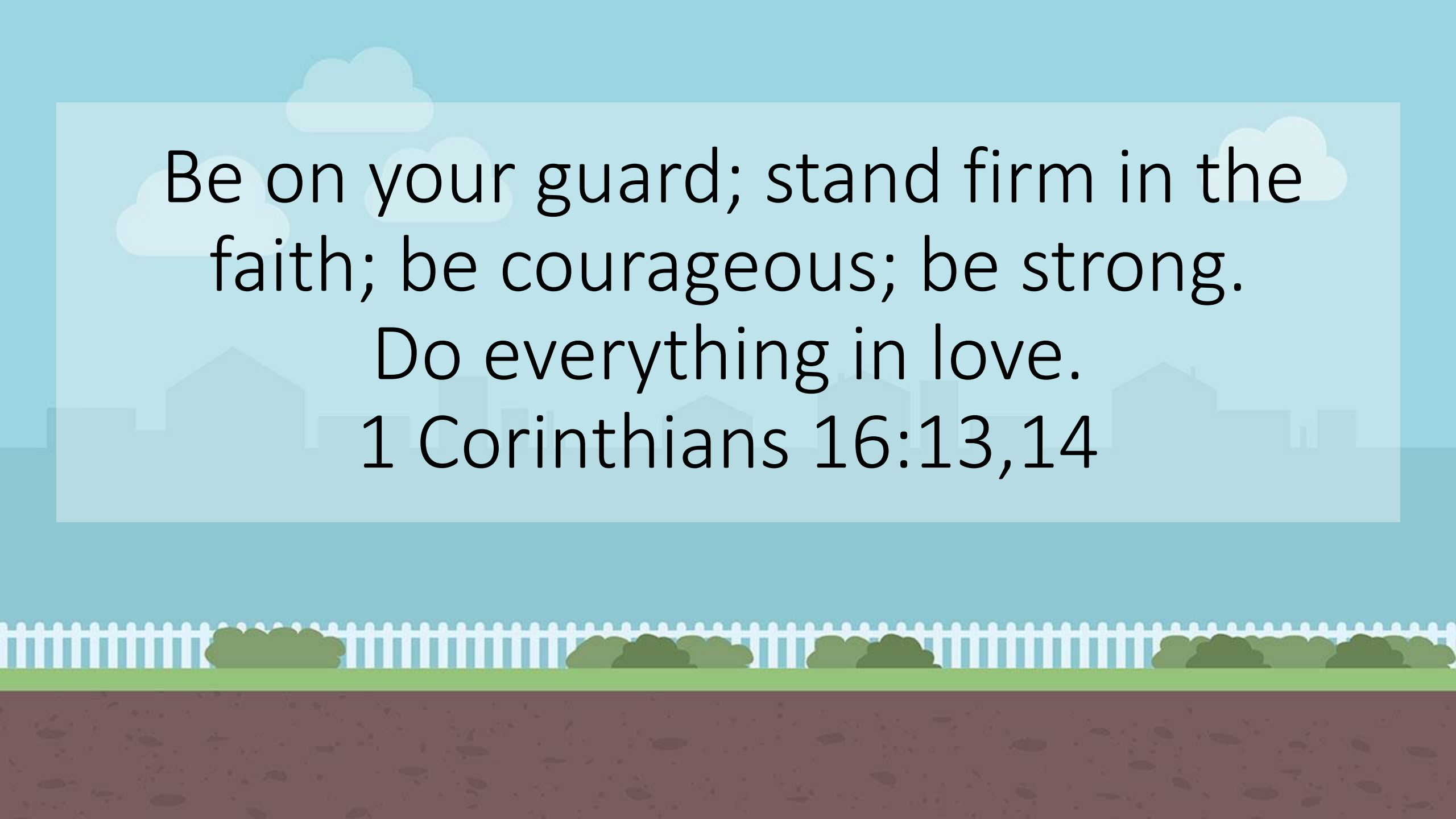
#4 Learn how to listen well.

A disconnected husband...

- ...lives for himself
- ...keeps score
- ...punts on responsibility
- ...values wife conditionally
- ...loves conditionally

A reconnected husband...

- ...thinks of his wife first
- ...serves like Christ
- ...pursues a relationship with Jesus
- ...gives biblical honor to his wife
- ...loves generously



Be on your guard; stand firm in the
faith; be courageous; be strong.

Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13,14