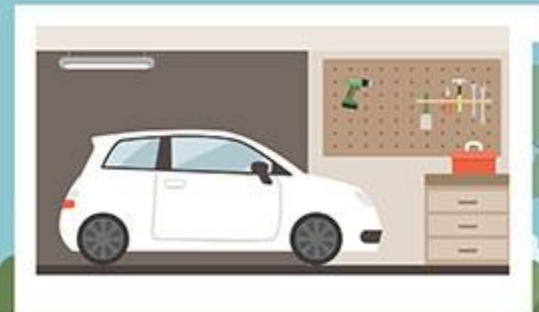
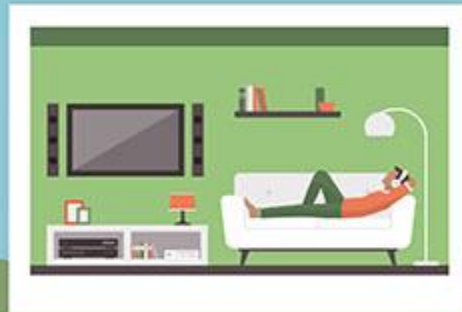




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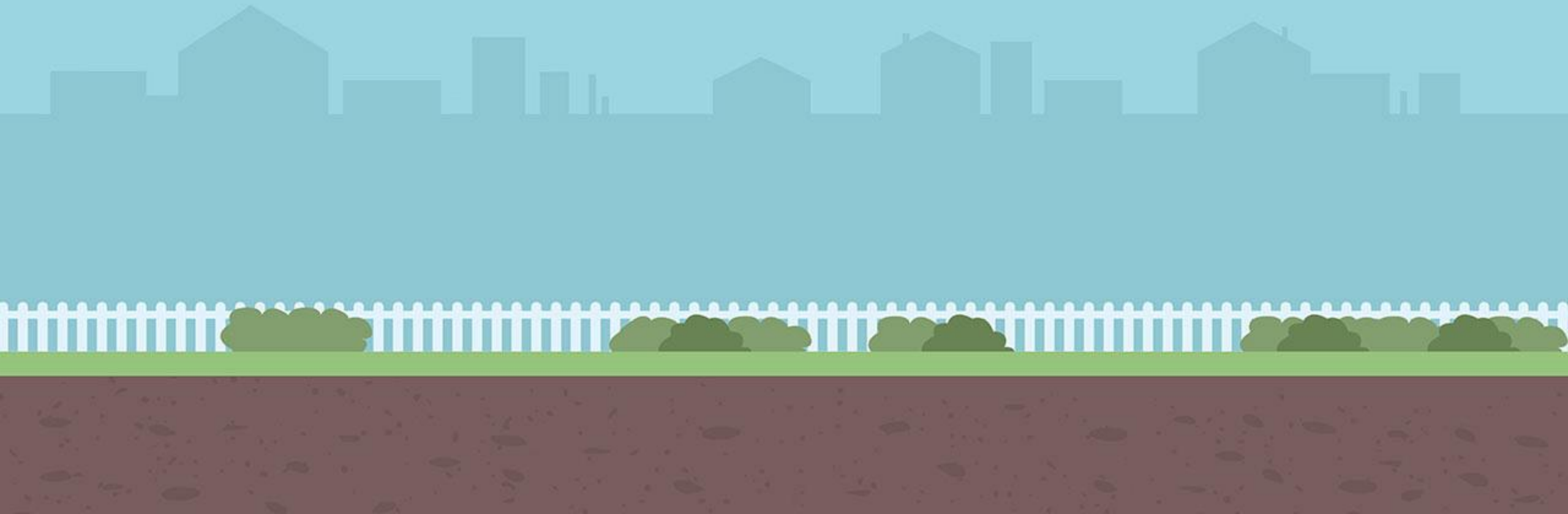





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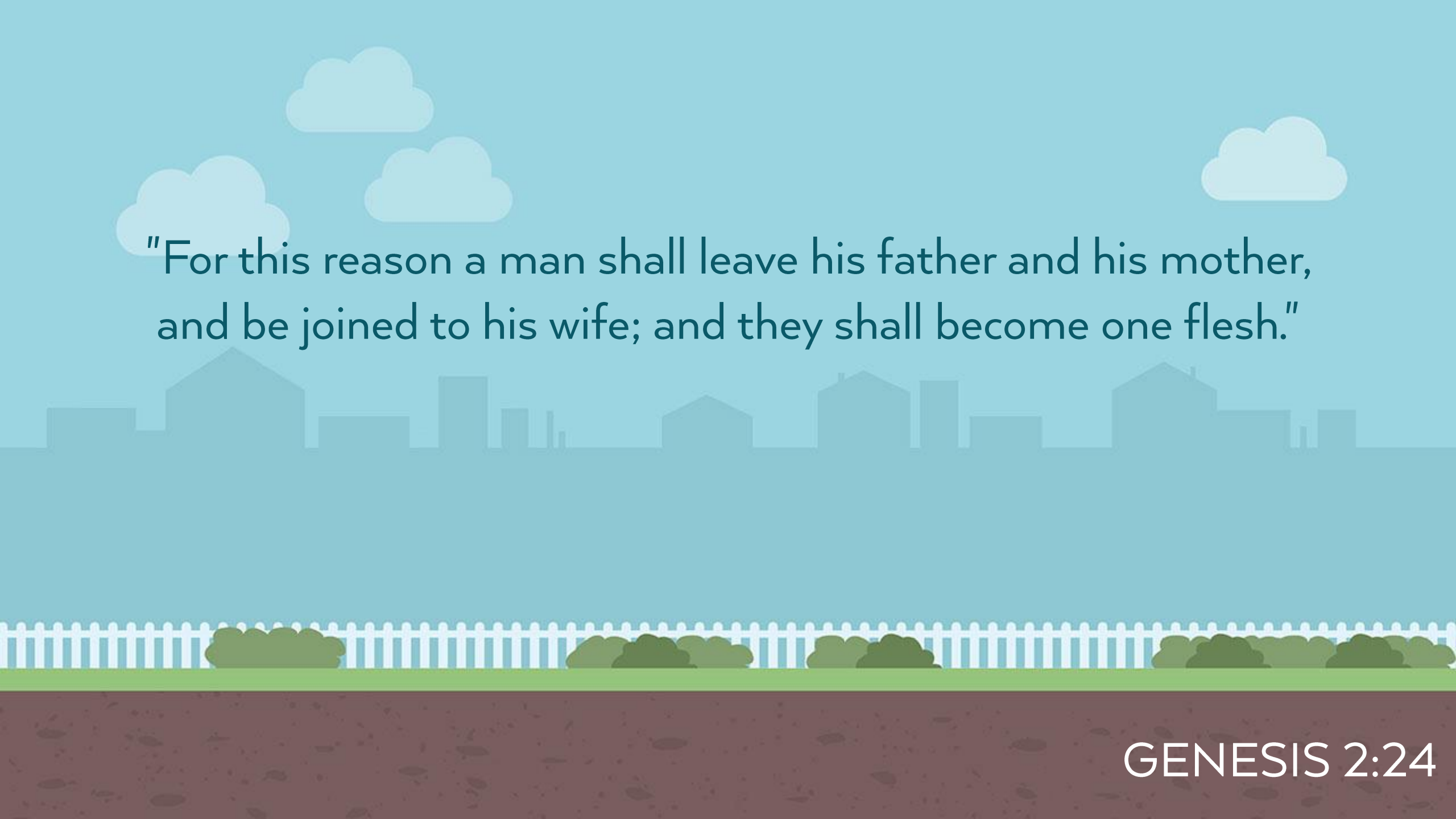
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God's ideal...
one man, one woman for life



"For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother,
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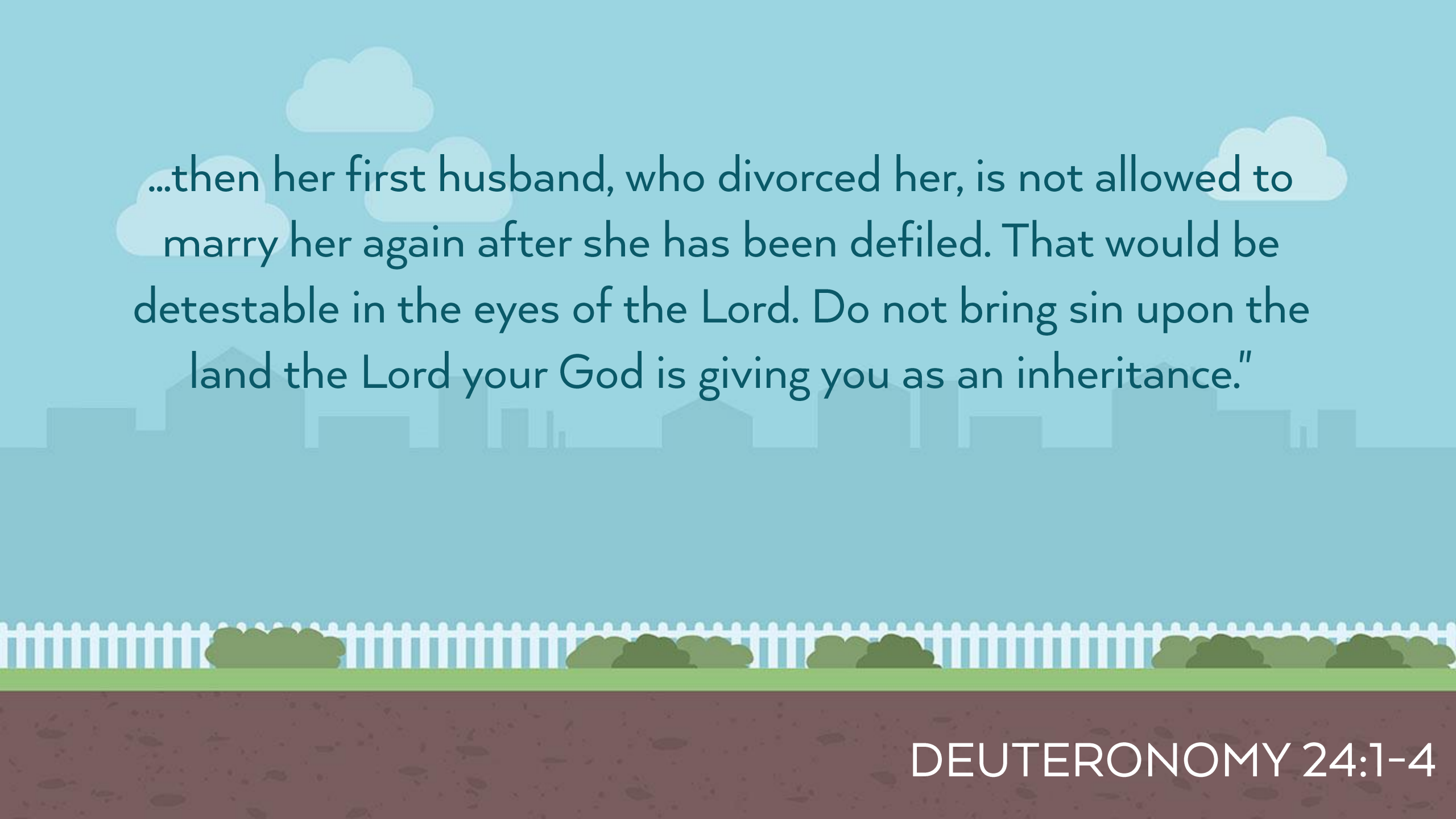
GENESIS 2:24



the ideal BROKEN...
sin's shattering affects


"If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, and if after she leaves his house she becomes the wife of another man, and her second husband dislikes her and writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house, or if he dies...





...then her first husband, who divorced her, is not allowed to marry her again after she has been defiled. That would be detestable in the eyes of the Lord. Do not bring sin upon the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance."

DEUTERONOMY 24:1-4

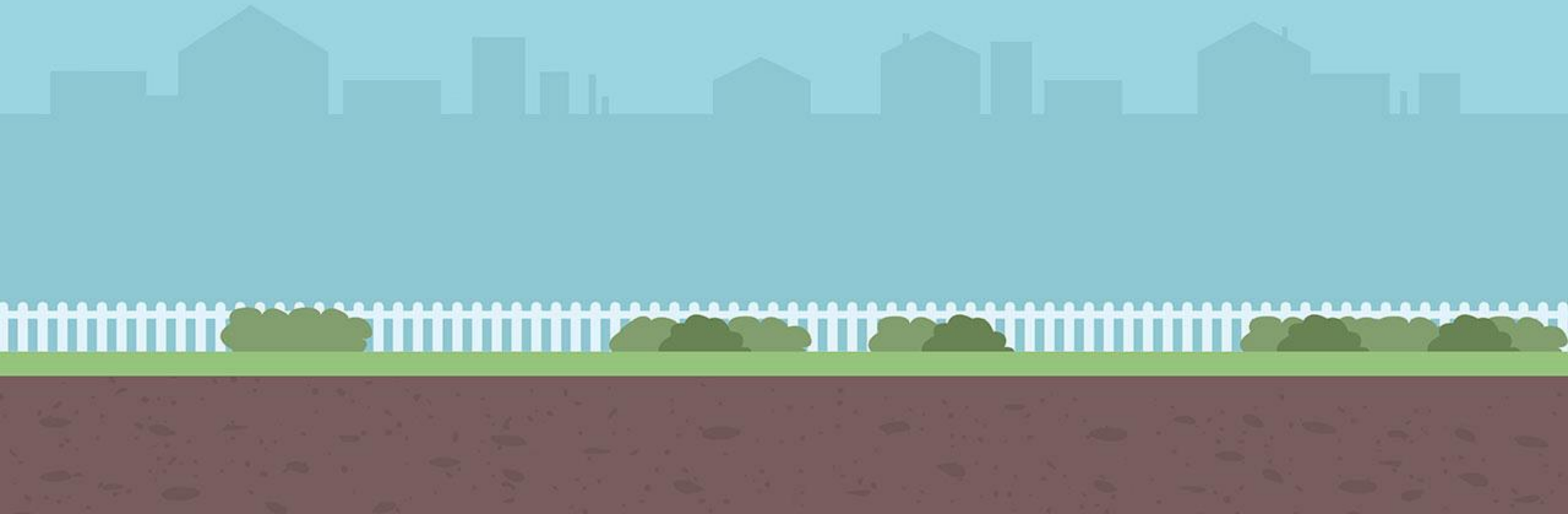


"'For I hate divorce,' says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'and him who covers his garment with wrong,' says the Lord of hosts. 'So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously.'"

MALACHI 2:16

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the words of Christ...

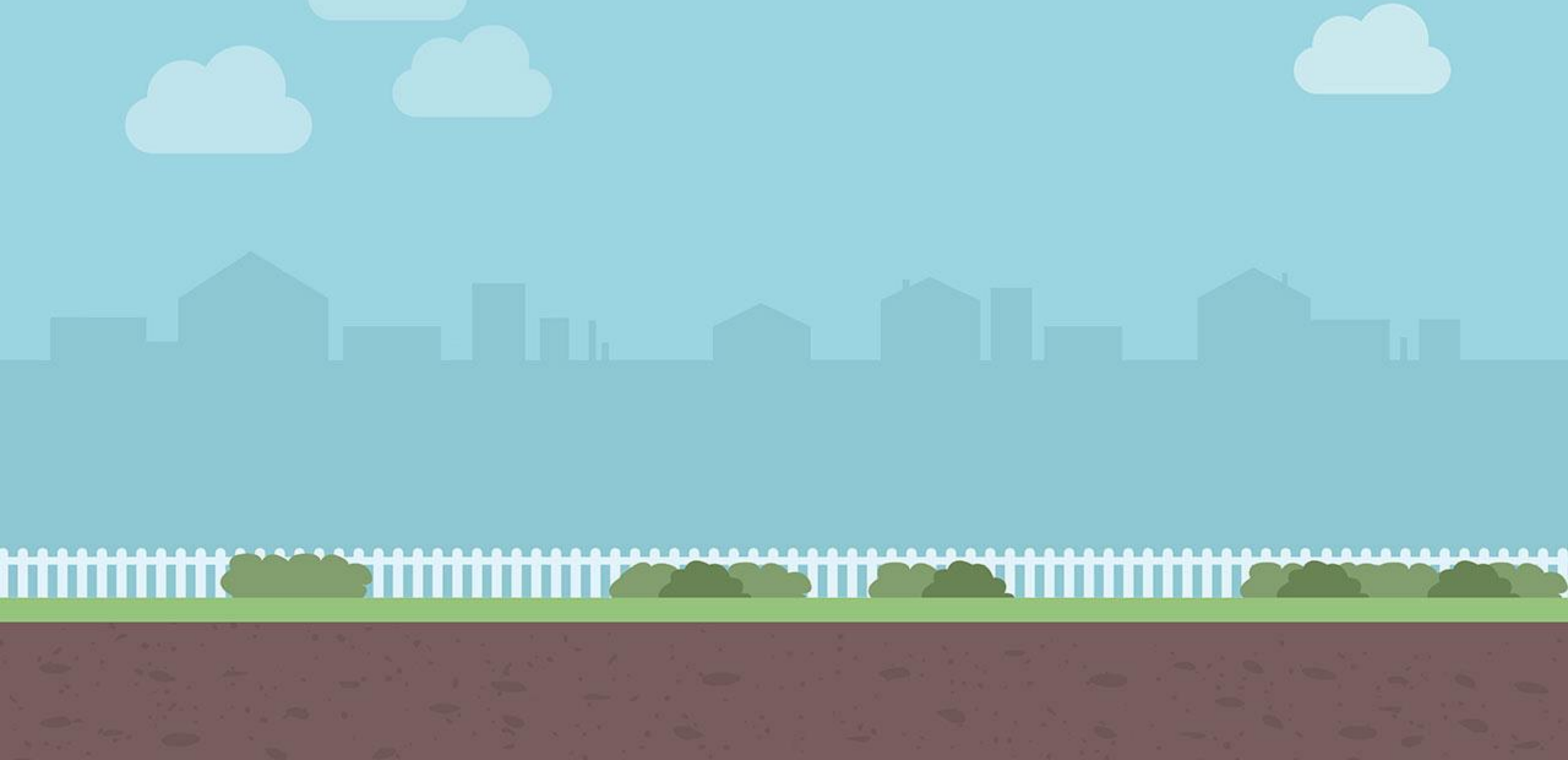
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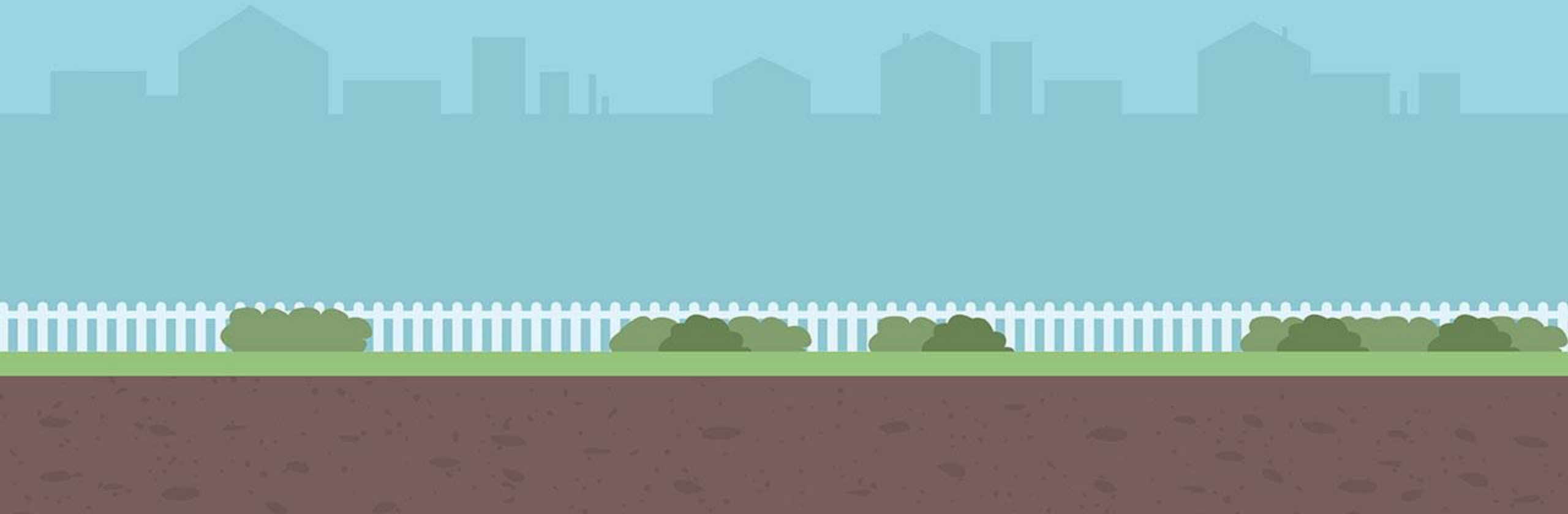
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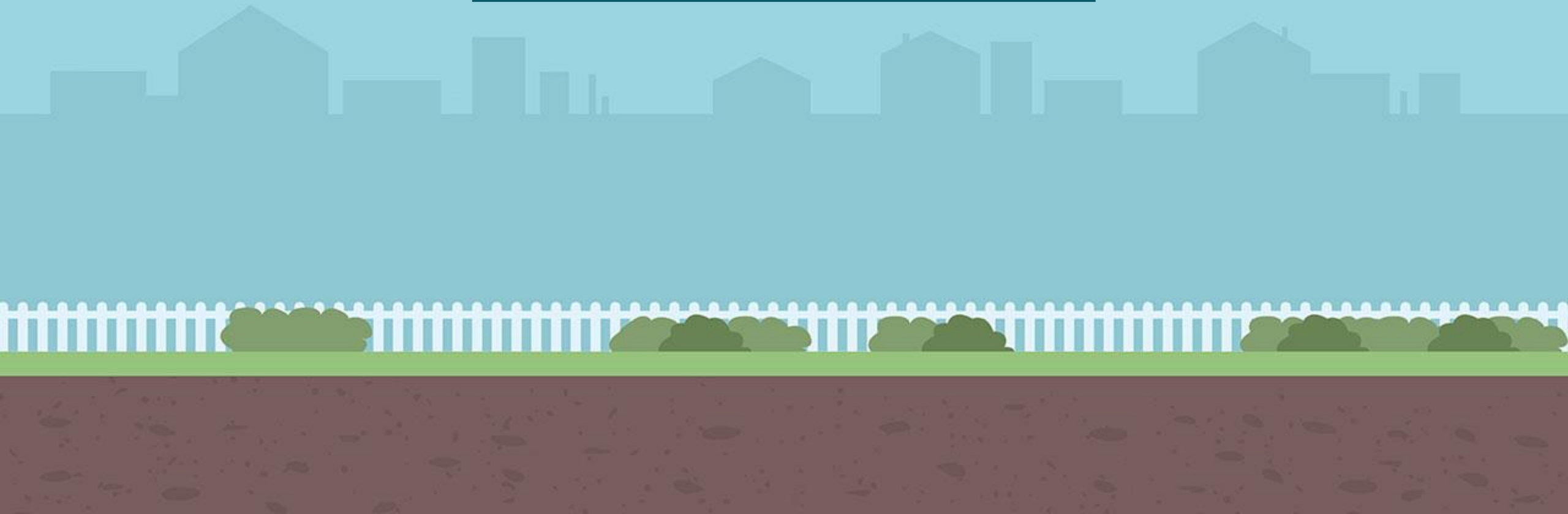


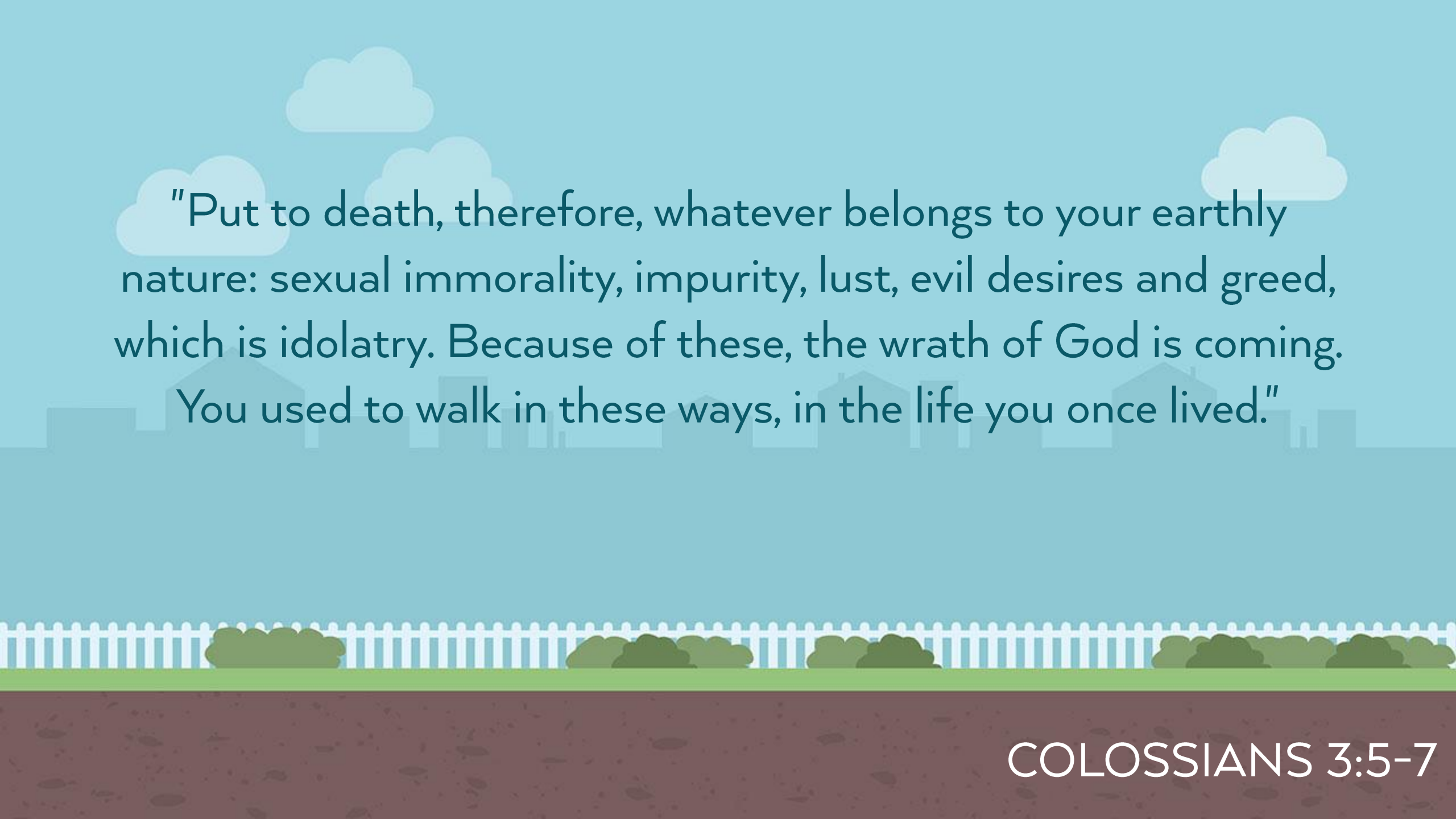
“When elephants fight,
it is the grass that suffers.”



Things to AVOID to STAY CONNECTED

UNFAITHFULNESS

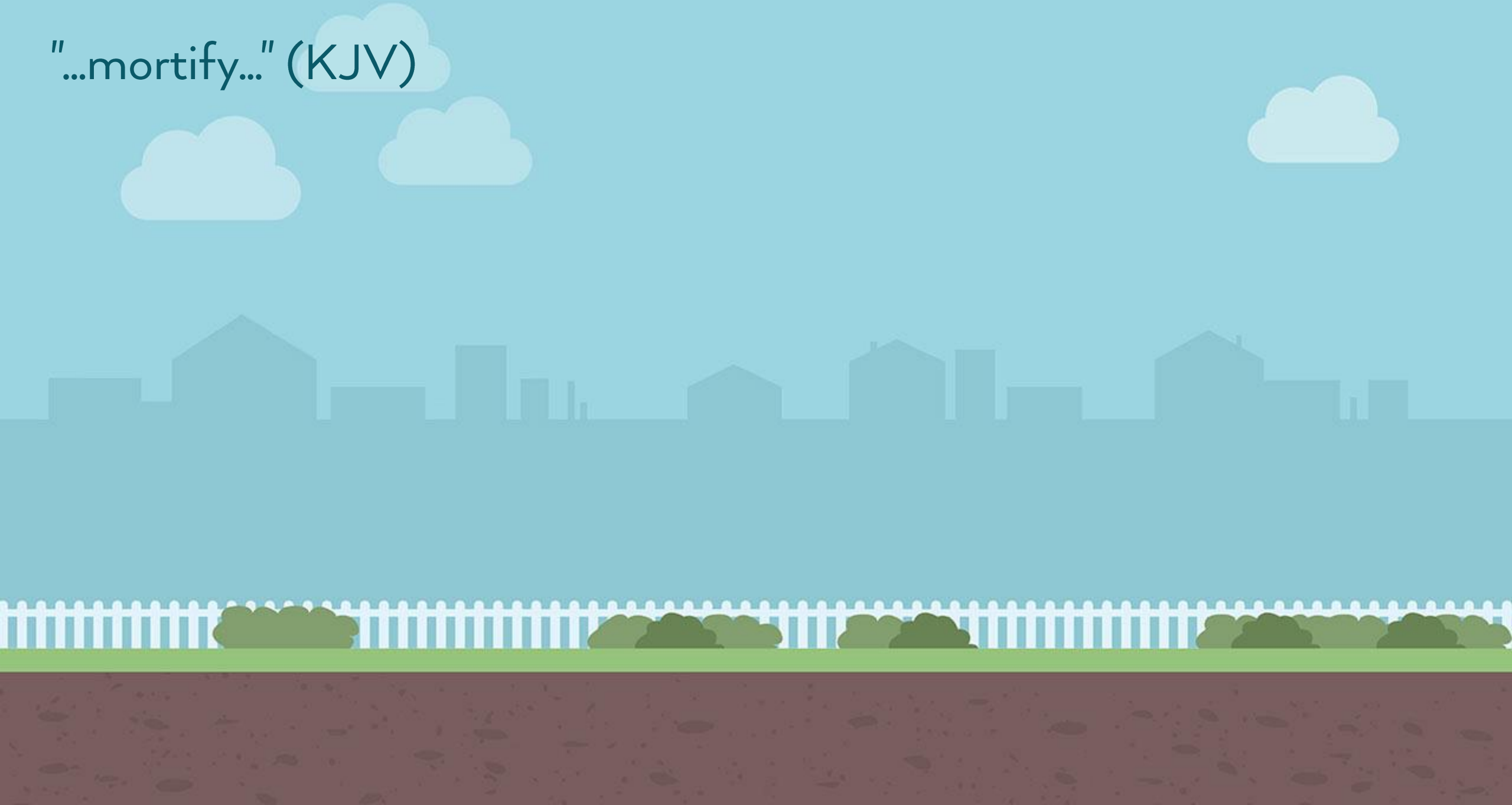




"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived."

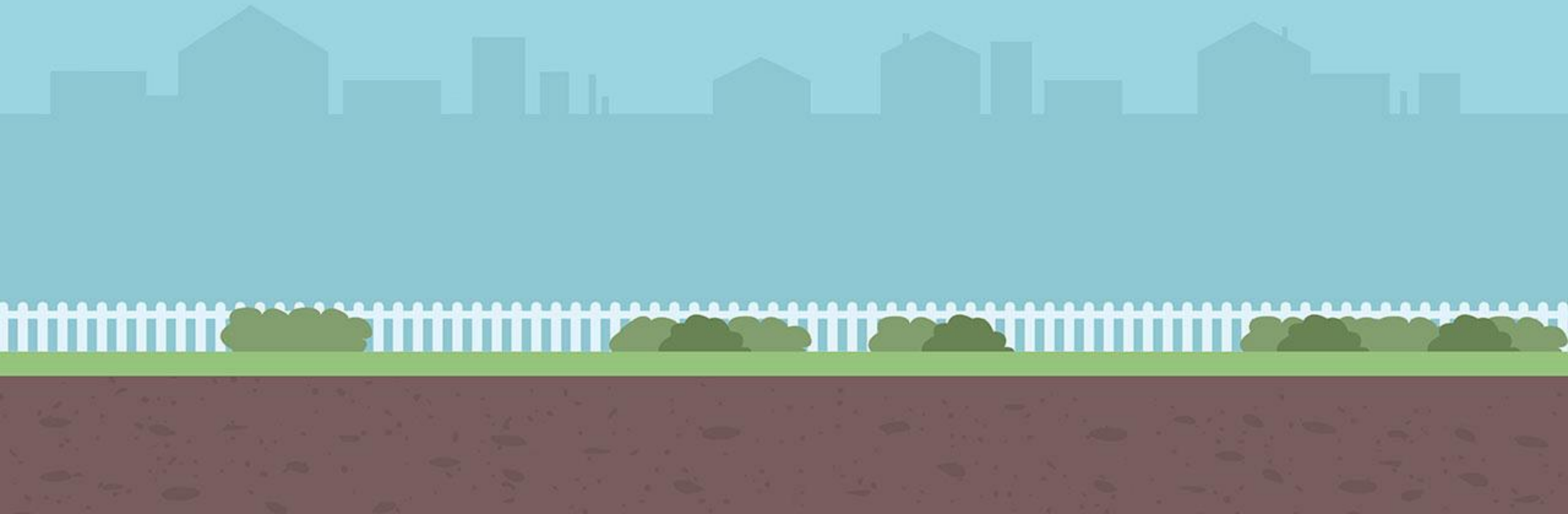
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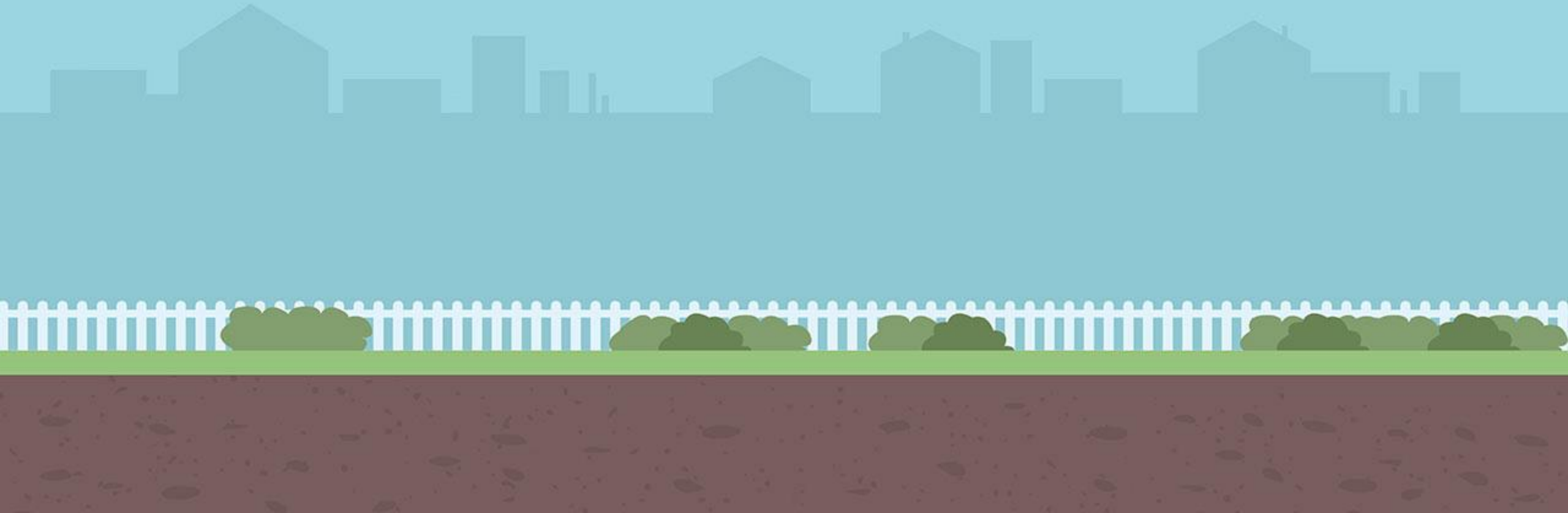
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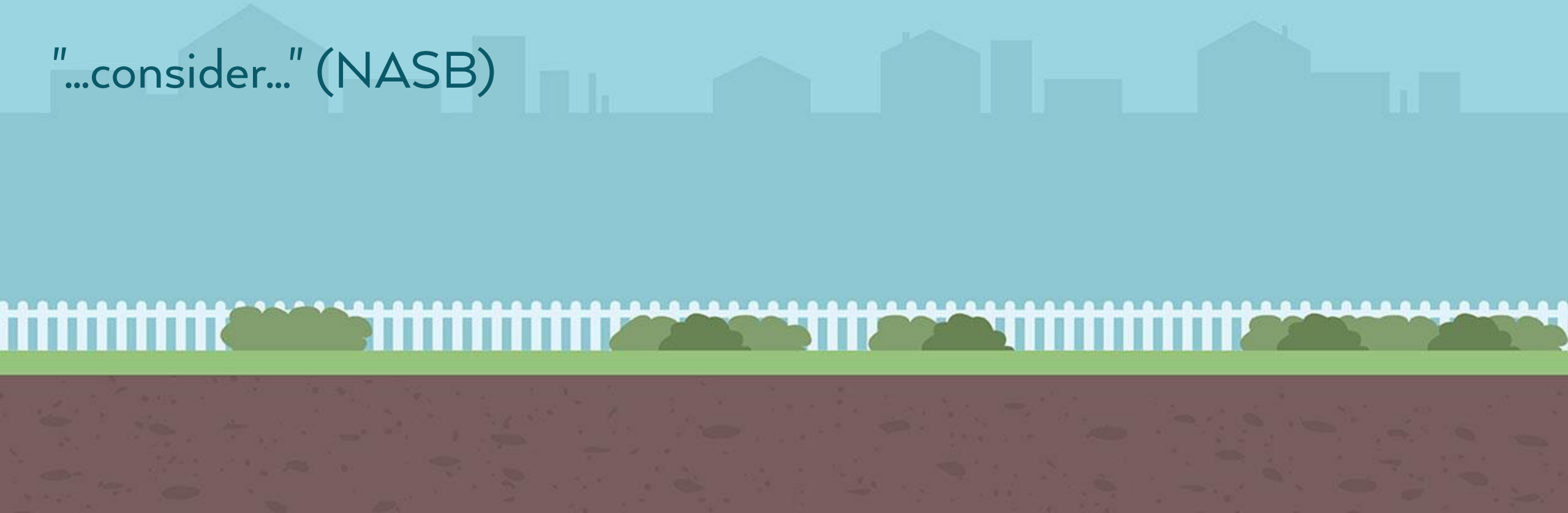


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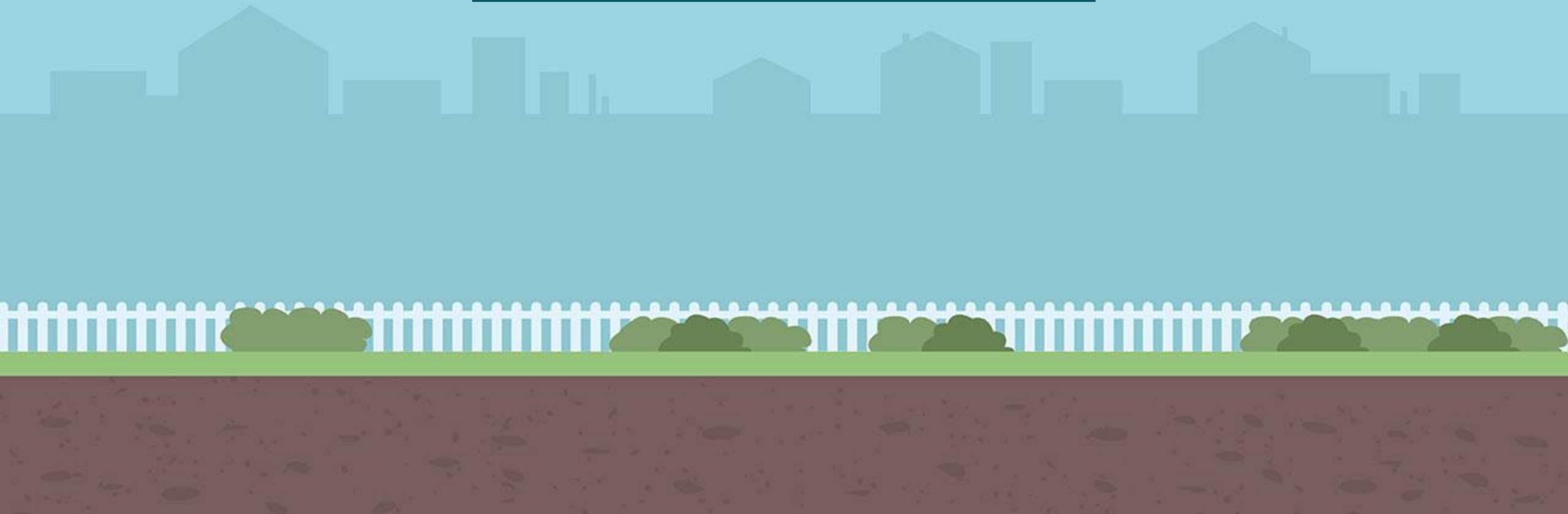




"If we do not whip sin, it will whip us."

CHARLES SPURGEON

UNFAITHFULNESS





"I made a covenant with my eyes
not to look lustfully at a young woman."

JOB 31:1

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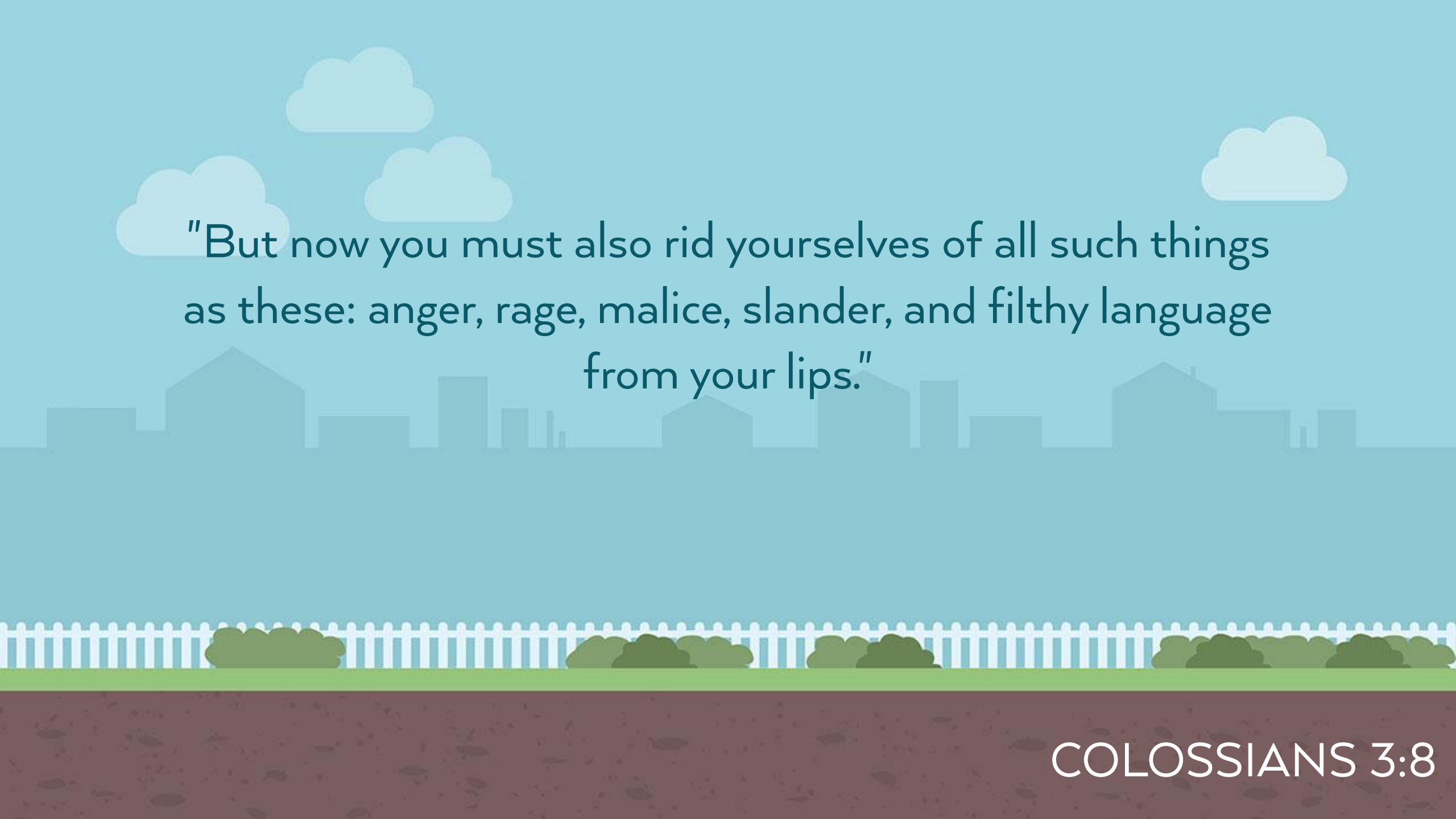
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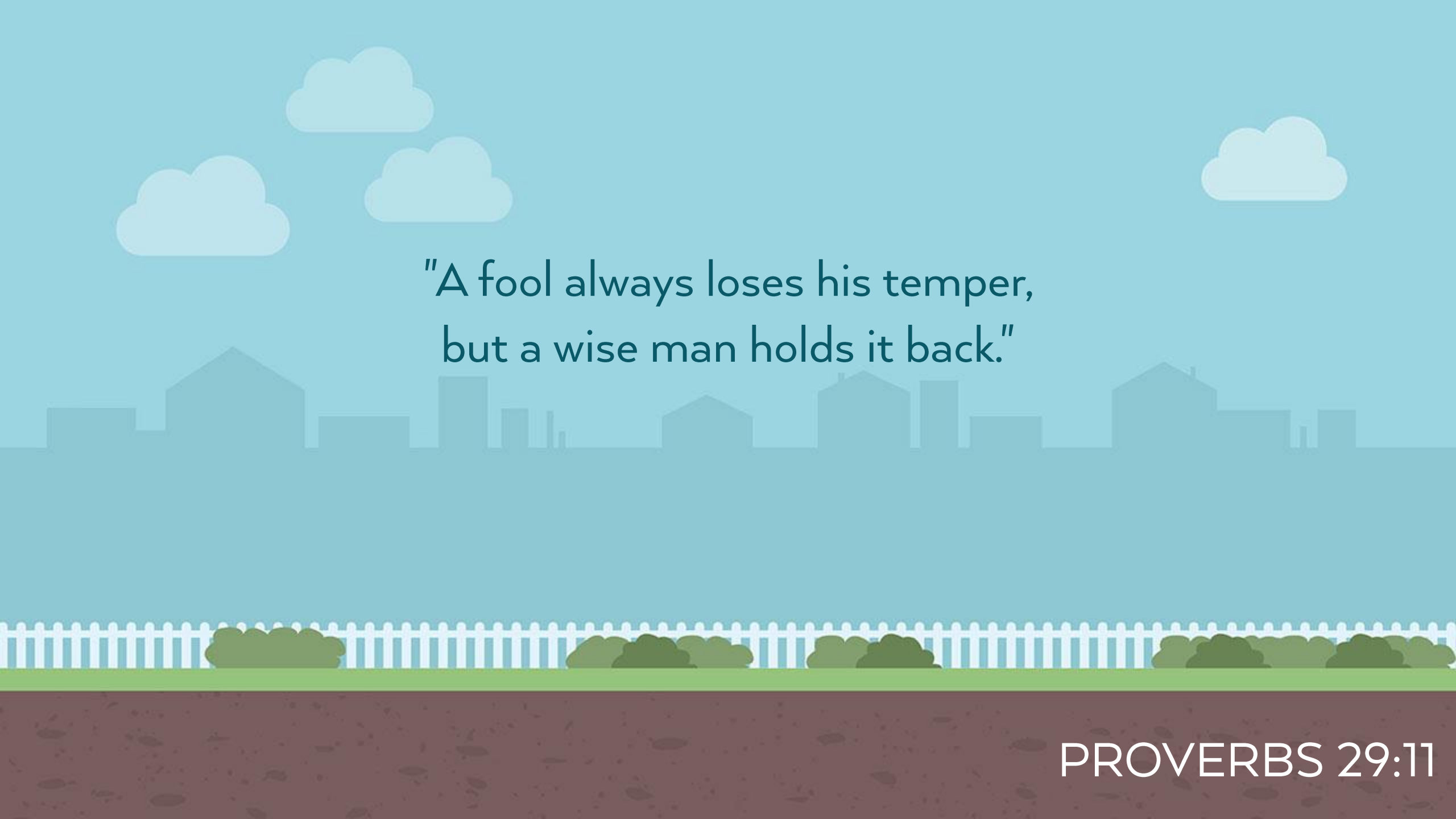


UNTAMED TONGUE



"But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips."

COLOSSIANS 3:8




"A fool always loses his temper,
but a wise man holds it back."

PROVERBS 29:11

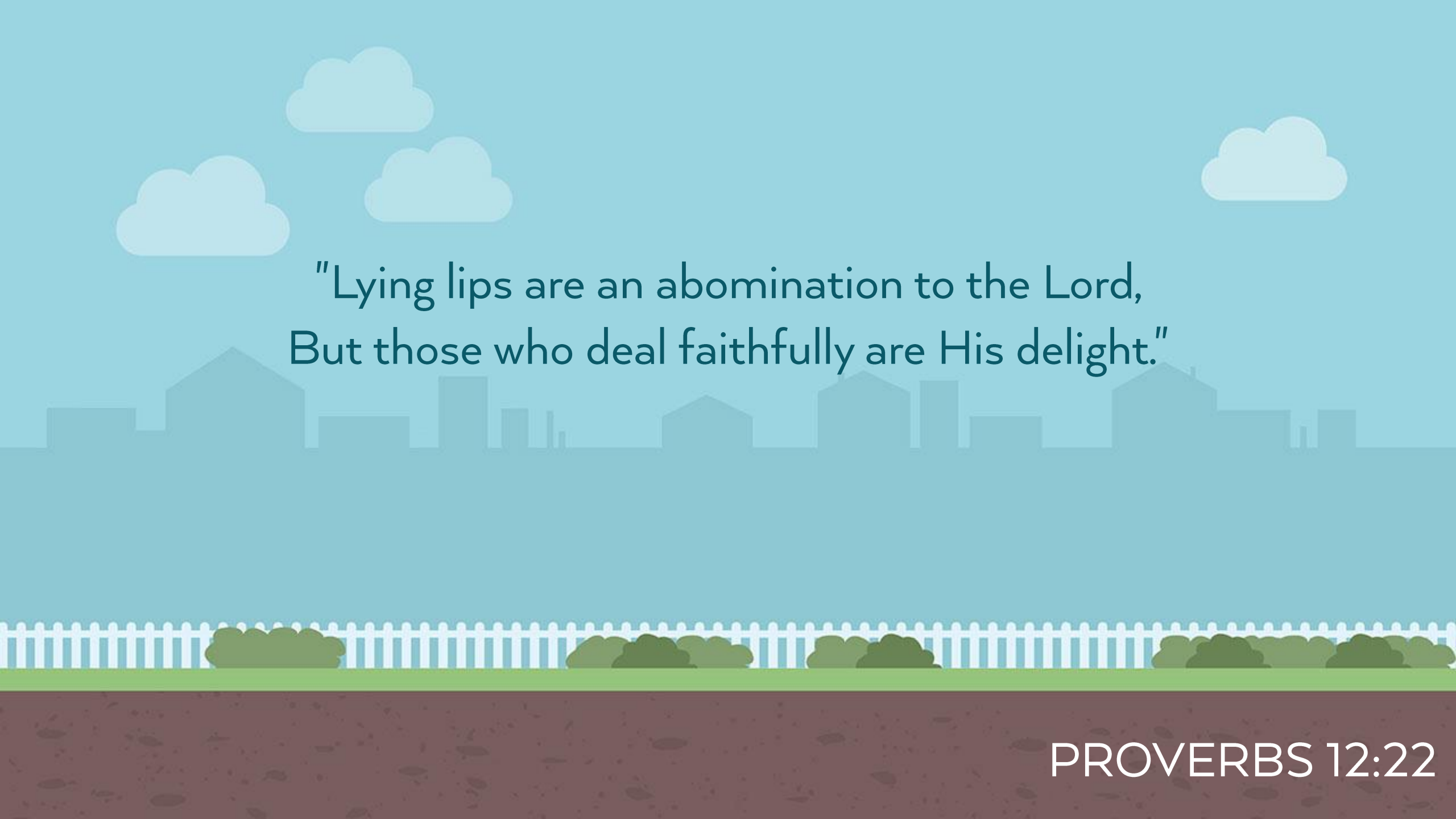
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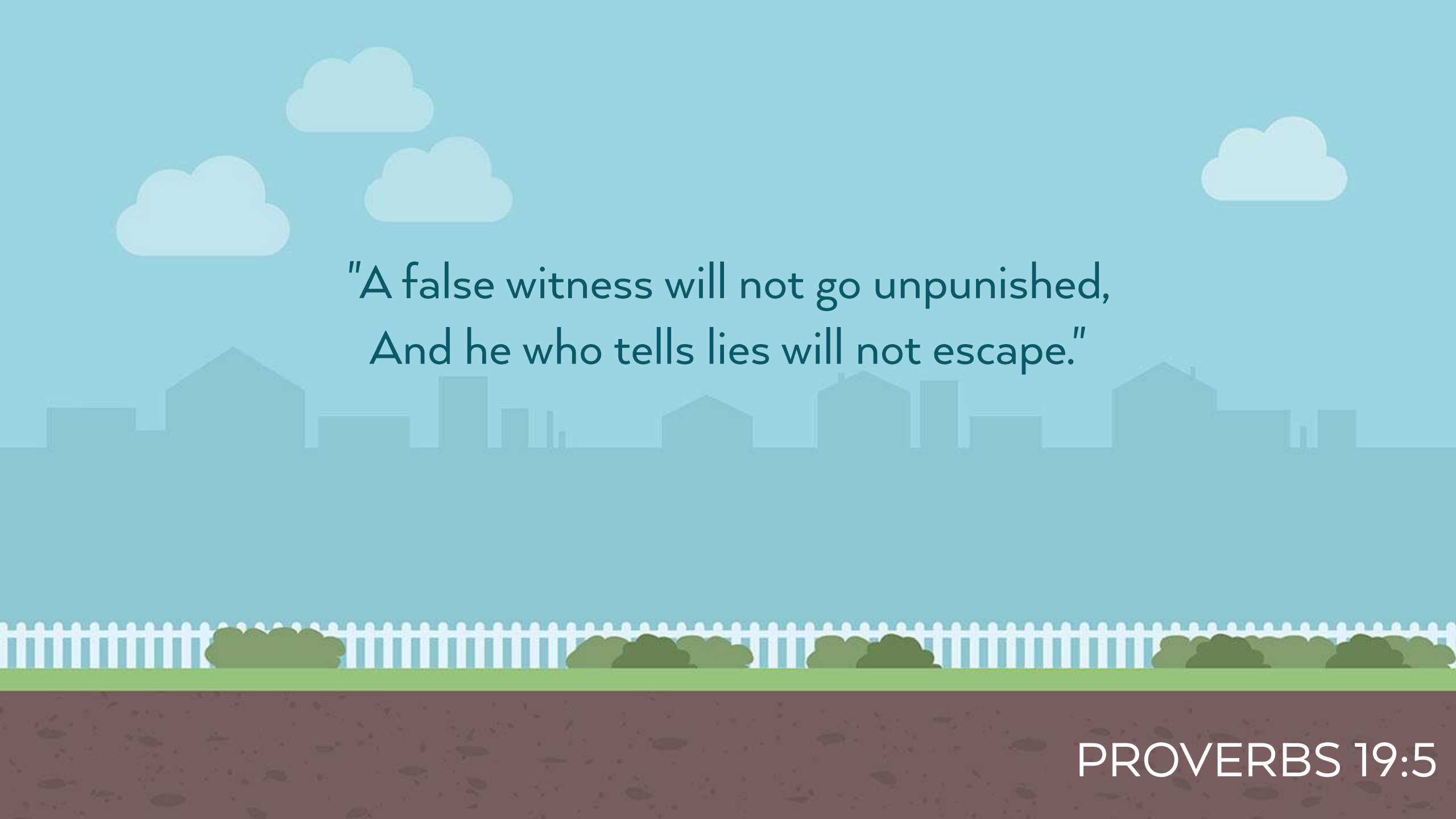
"Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

COLOSSIANS 3:9-10



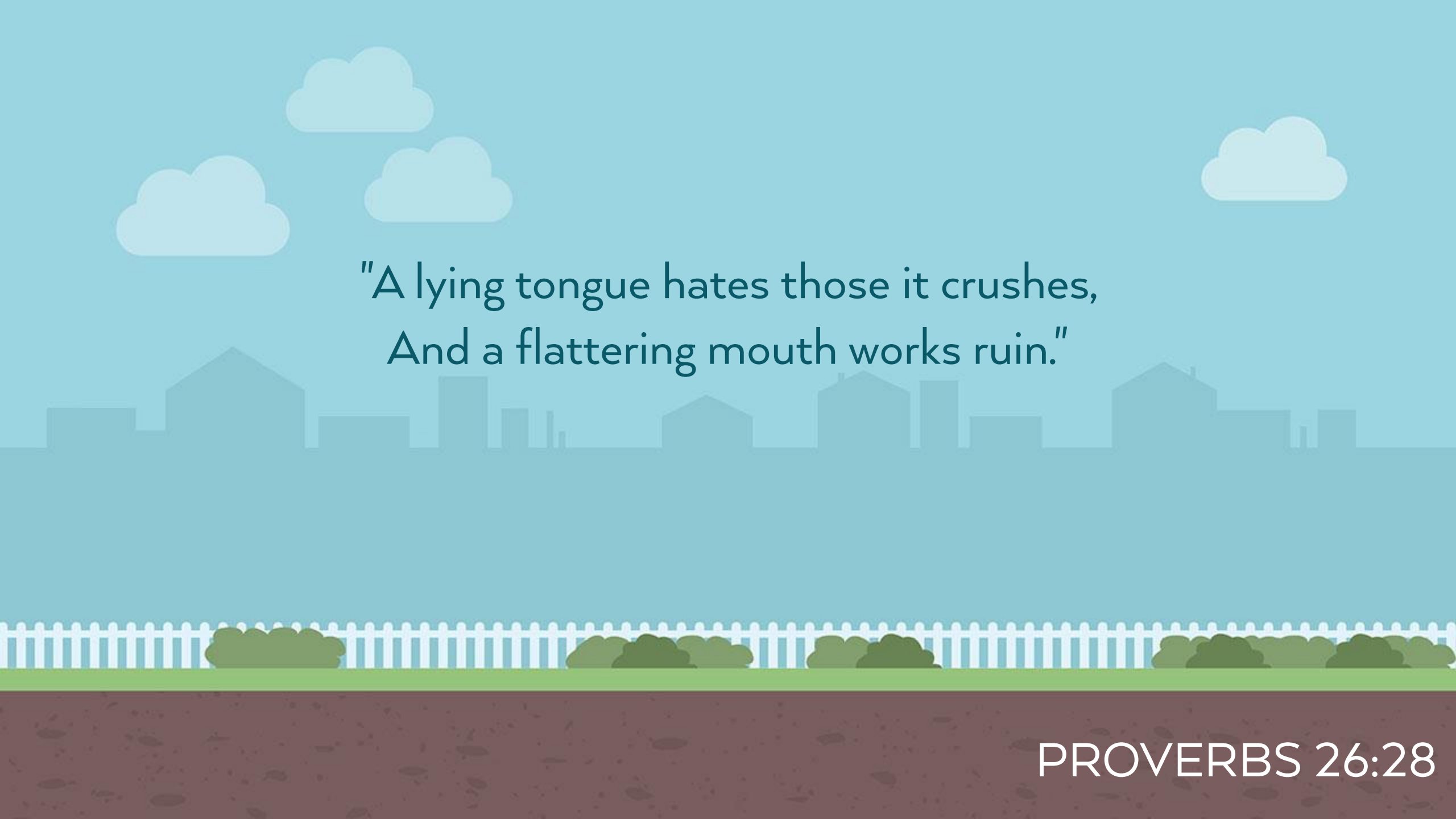
"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord,
But those who deal faithfully are His delight."

PROVERBS 12:22



"A false witness will not go unpunished,
And he who tells lies will not escape."

PROVERBS 19:5

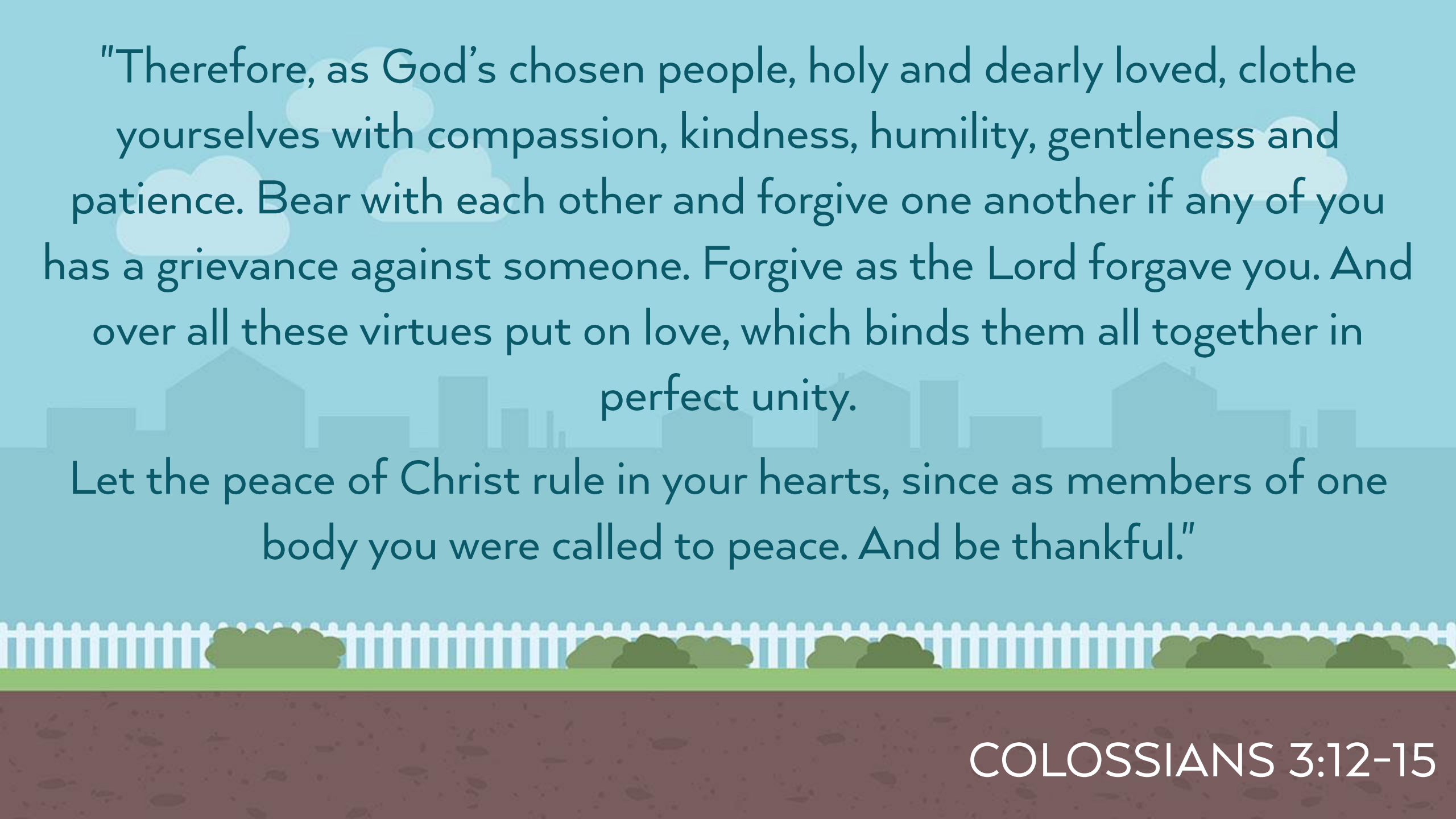


"A lying tongue hates those it crushes,
And a flattering mouth works ruin."

PROVERBS 26:28



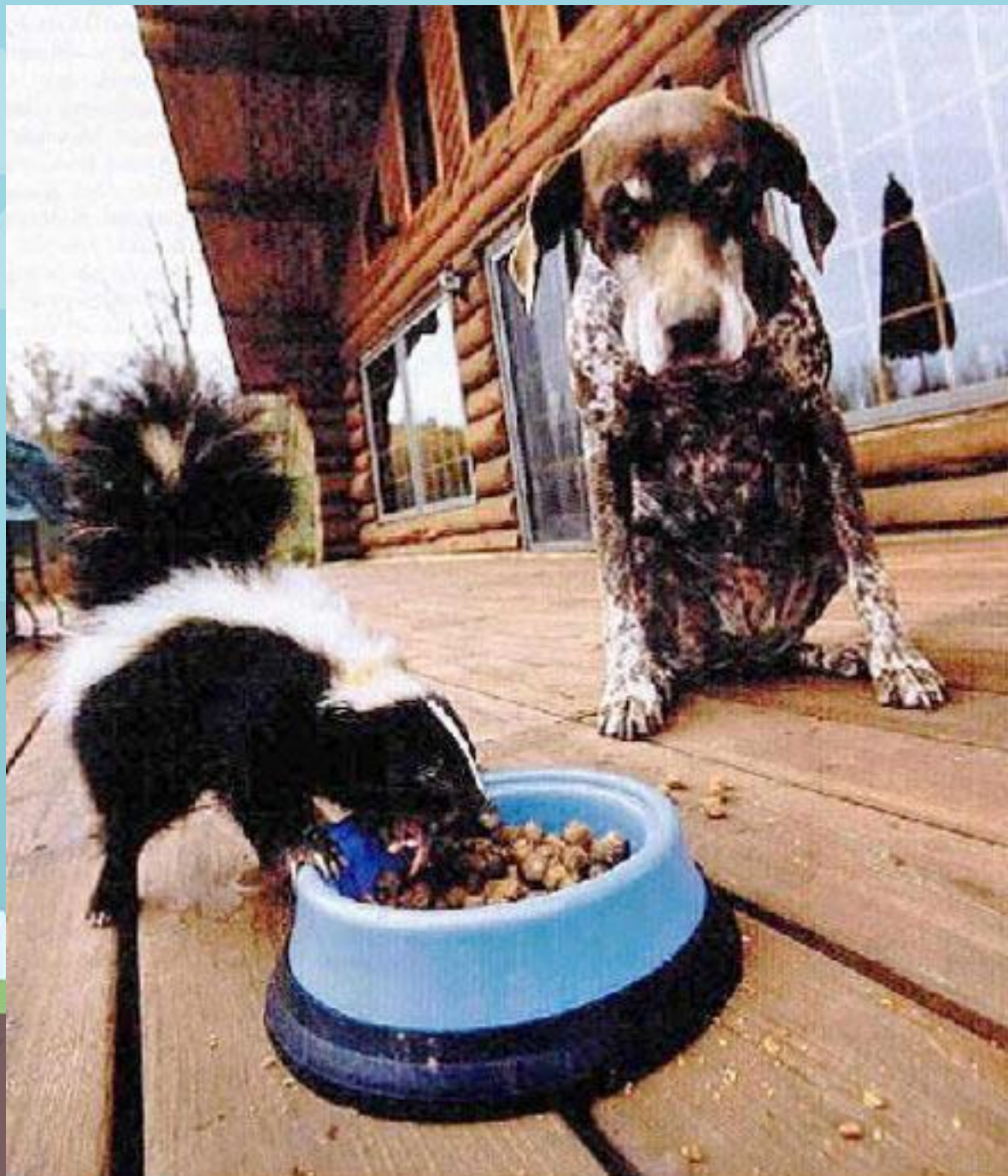
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"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

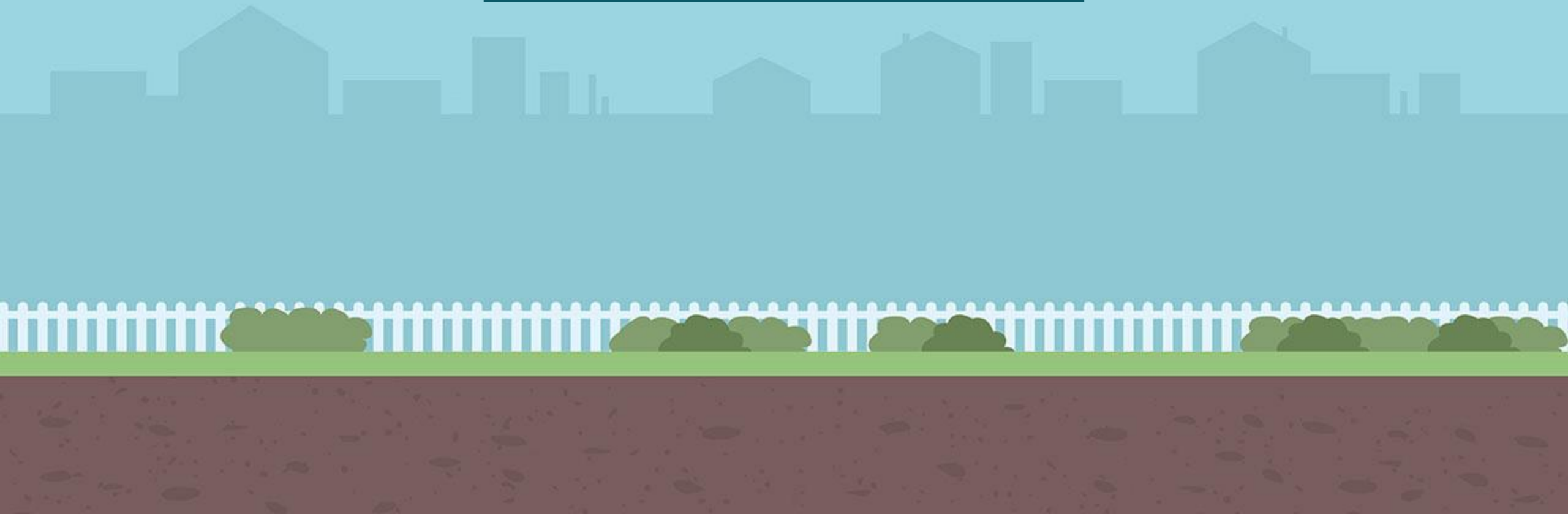
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

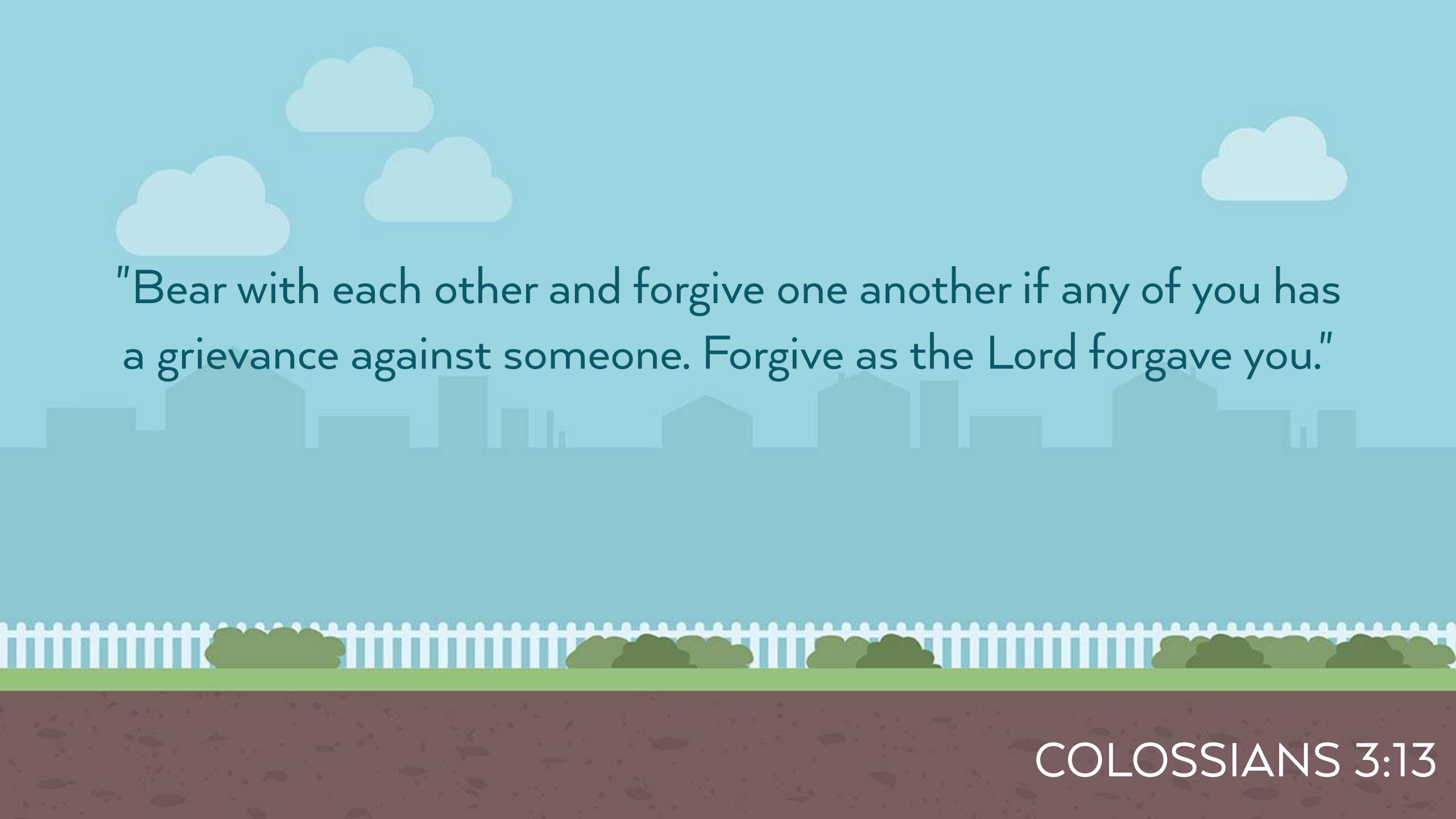
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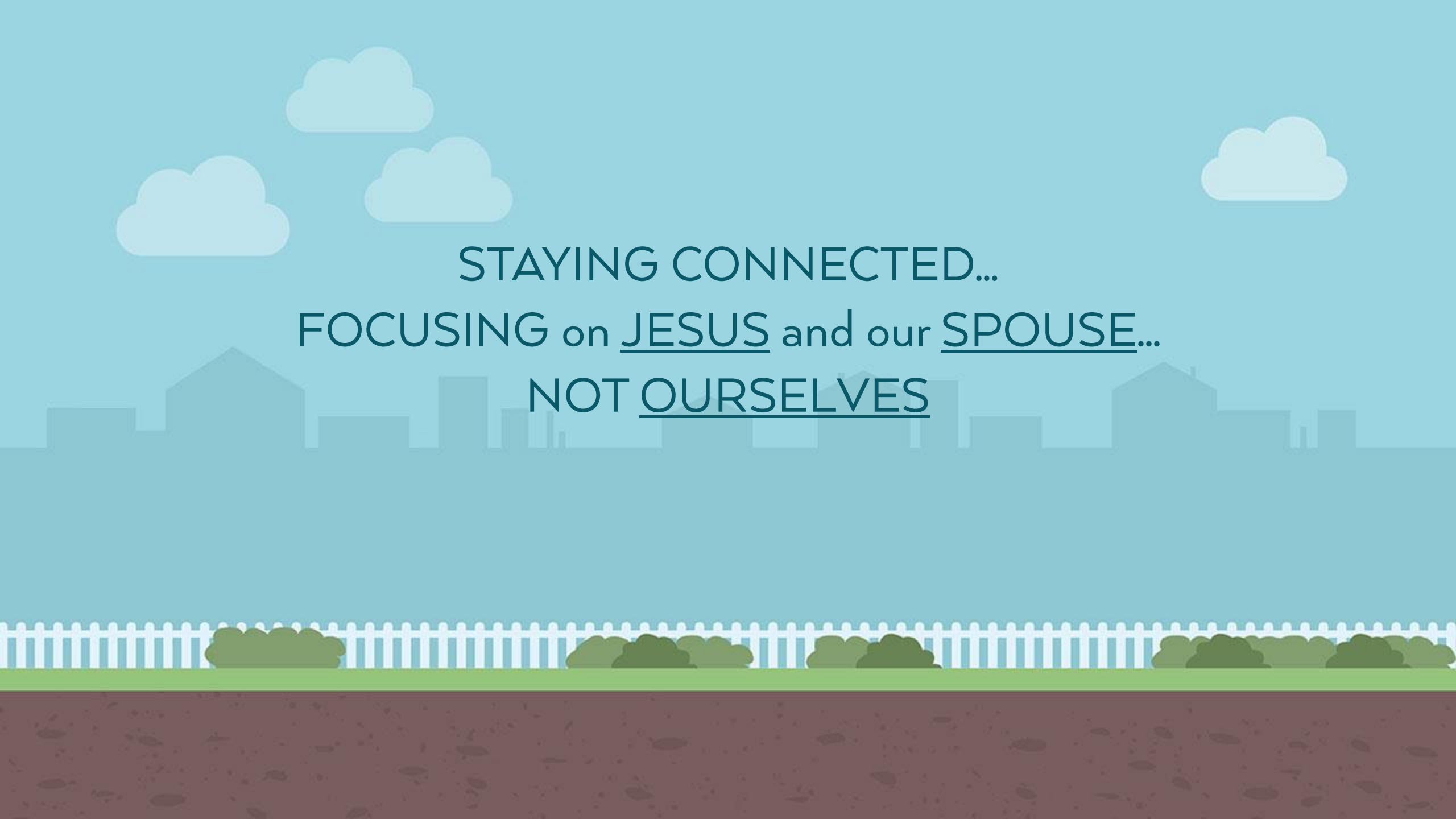
UNFORGIVENESS





"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

COLOSSIANS 3:13



STAYING CONNECTED...
FOCUSING on JESUS and our SPOUSE...
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