



# Neighborly Apologetics 101

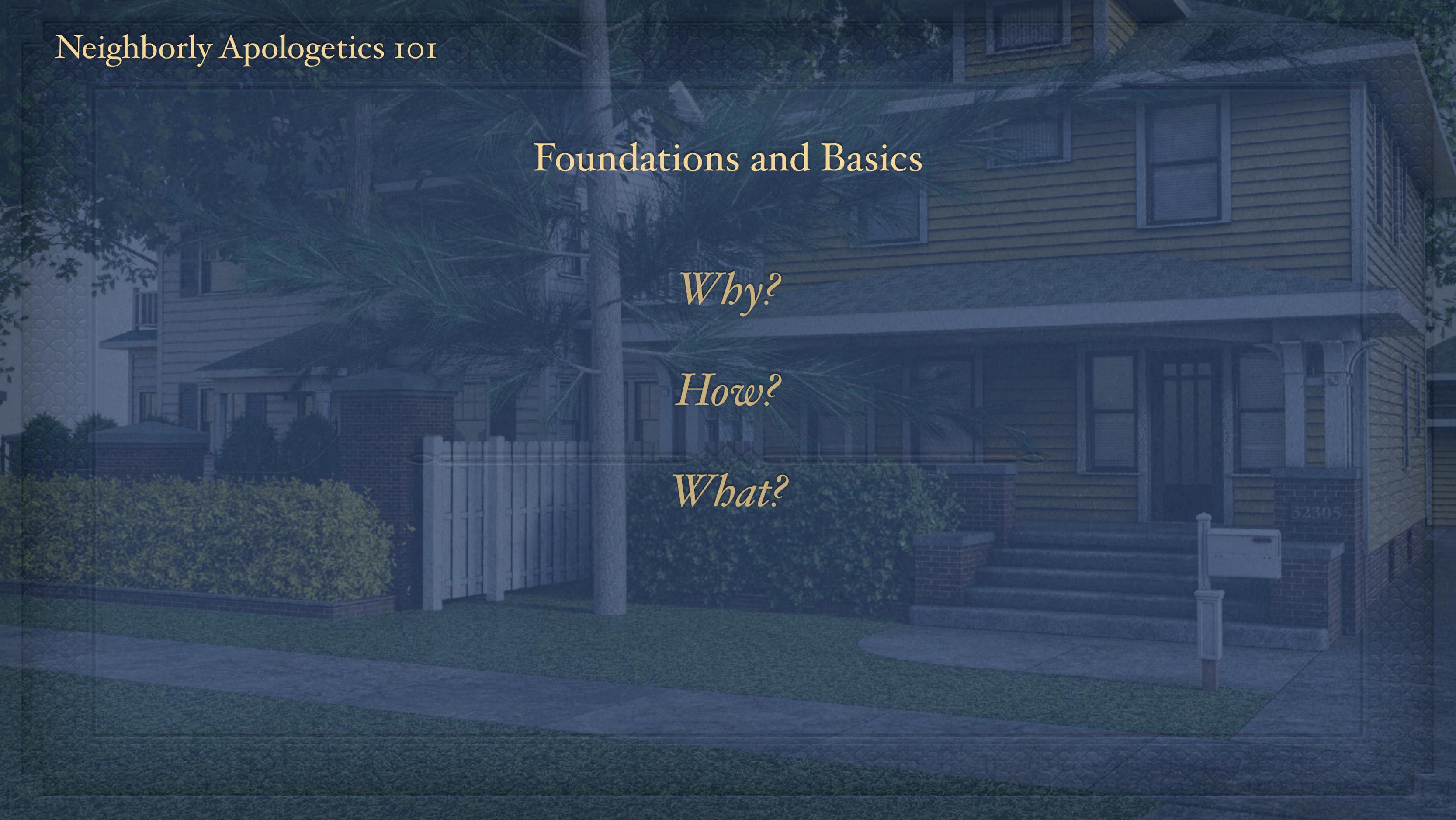
*Foundations and Basics*

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*Why?*

*How?*

*What?*



Why?

## The Royal Law



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**James** ...fulfill **the Royal Law** according to the scripture... **love your neighbor** as yourself... -James 2:8

**Paul** For the whole law is fulfilled in one word... **love your neighbor** as yourself. -Gal 5:14

For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this one word:  
... **love your neighbor** as yourself. -Romans 13:9

**Jesus** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: **Love your neighbor** as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commands. -Matt 22:37-40

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## Love your neighbor

**Love** a steadfast, sacrificial zeal that seeks the true good of another

**Neighbor** 'plosion' - one who lives near

a steadfast, sacrificial zeal that seeks the true good of the one who **providentially** lives near you

Do we see our neighbor this way?



*The Royal Law*  
*Love your neighbor*

God has entrusted the primary work  
of the Kingdom to the common  
Christian family



This is ground zero in the work of the Kingdom

We will build real relationships with those providentially in our Jerusalem, through prayer and action, with grace and wisdom and truth, being attractively winsome, tearing down walls, building up trust, **doing the work of the Kingdom.**

## memory verse I

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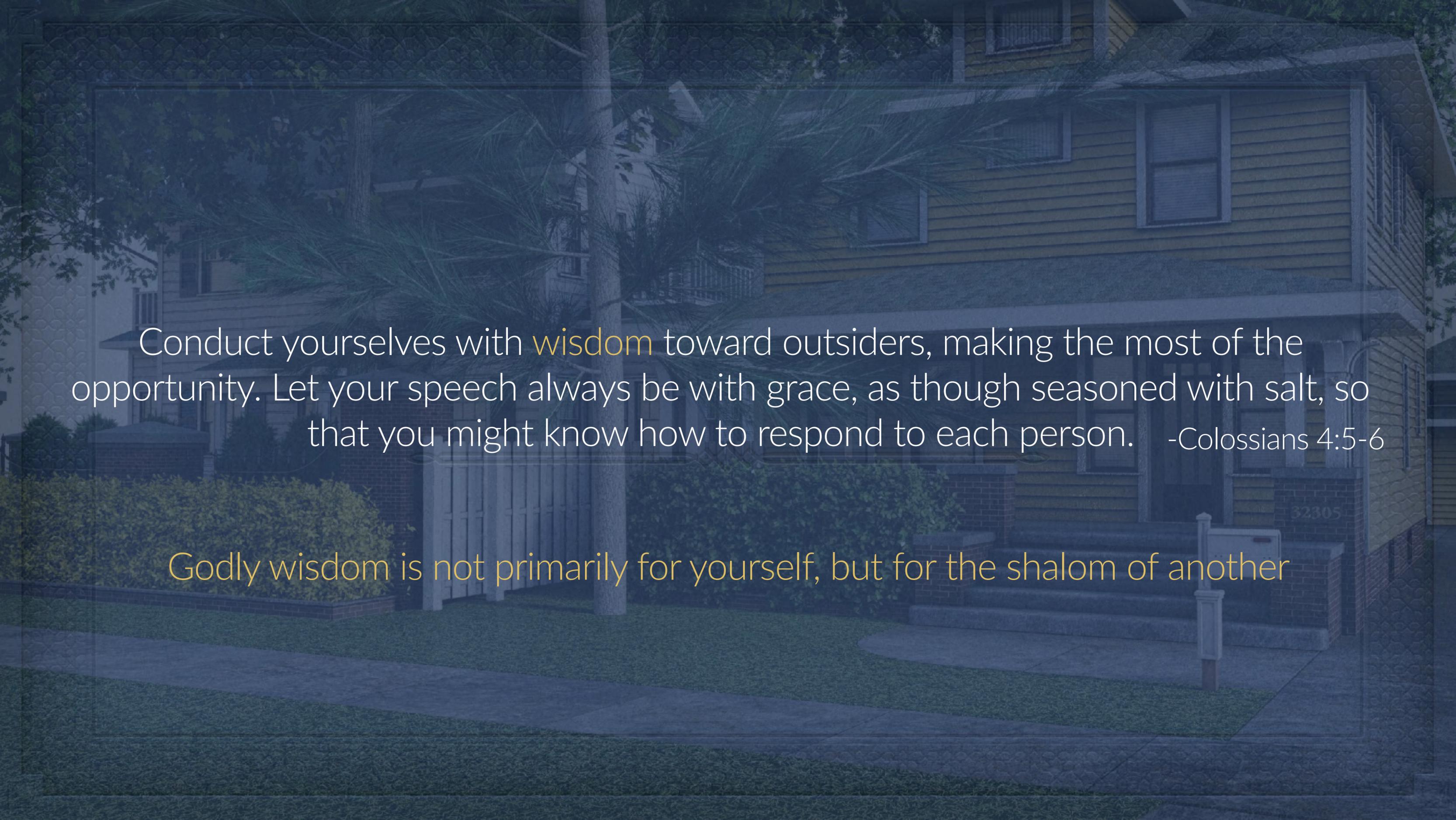


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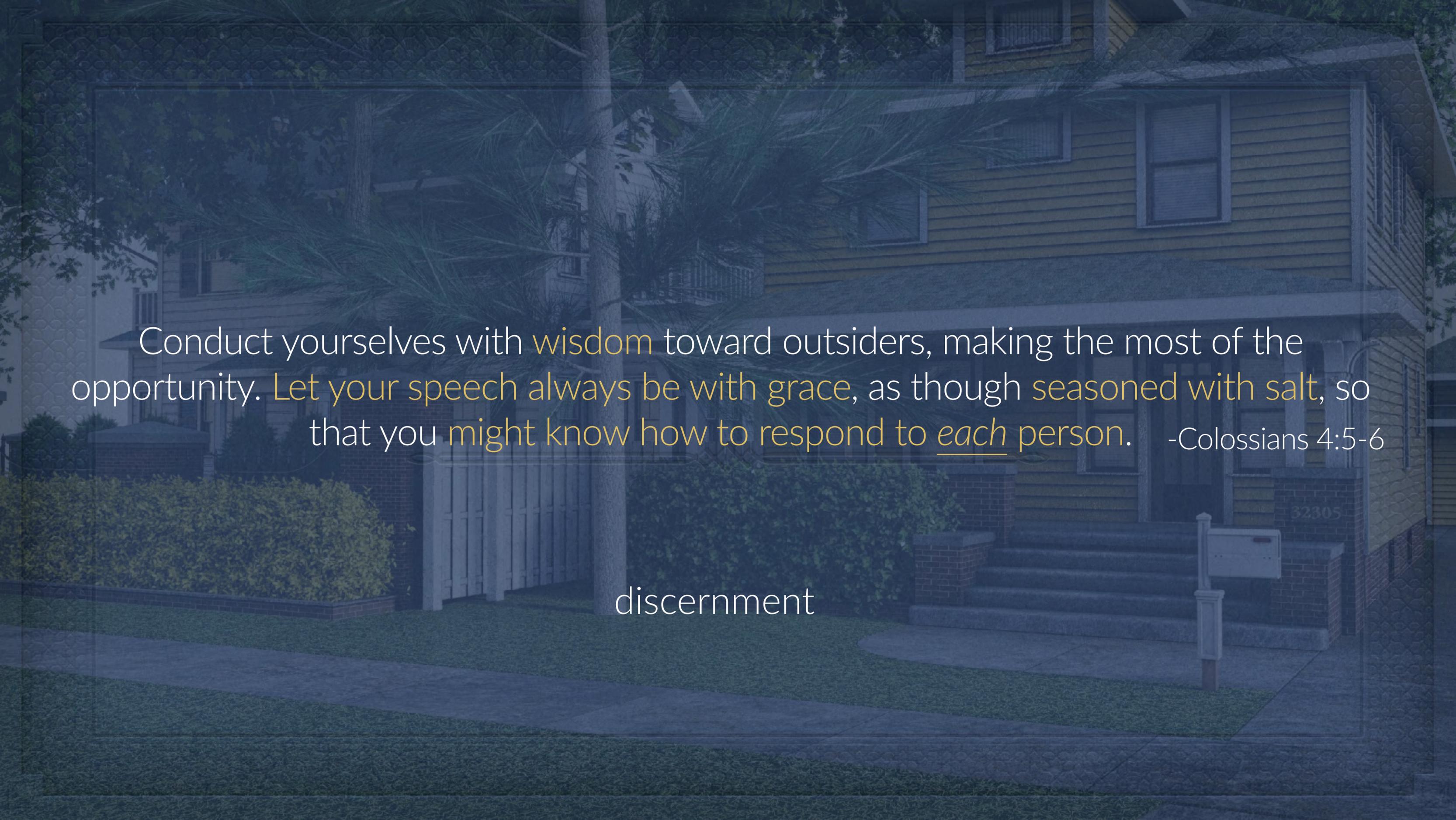
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Godly wisdom is not primarily for yourself, but for the shalom of another



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discernment

relationships

believer

non-believer

biblical worldview

no biblical worldview

open to God

closed to God

Truth Project

Engagement Project

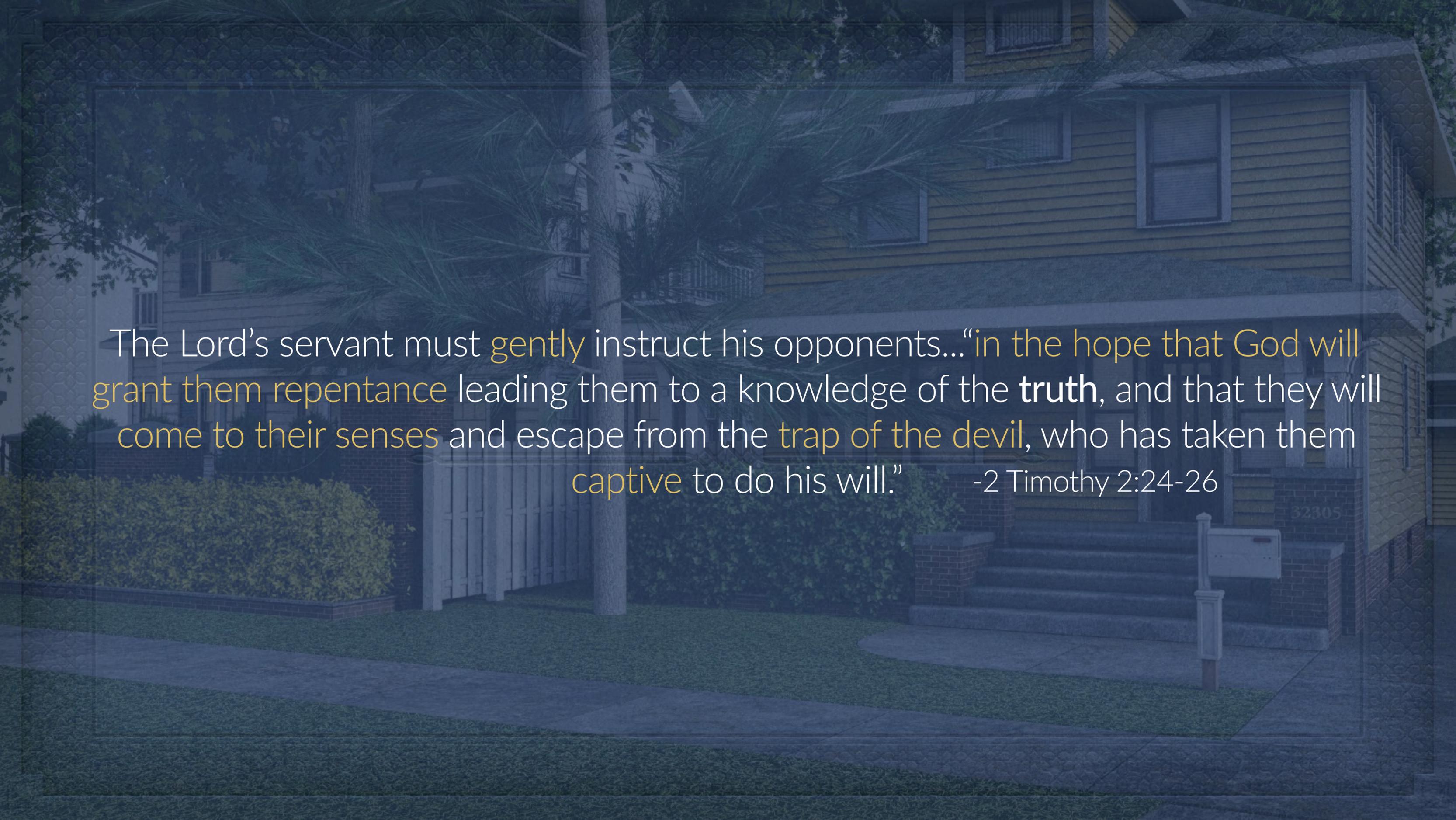
Engagement Project



“Ken was wise to know that he could only share truth as deep as our relationship could stand” Rosaria Butterfield

## memory verse 3

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Academic Apologetics

vs.

Neighborly Apologetics

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we need this

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to do this

but we can't lead with this

we must lead with significant relationships

**Neighborly Apologetic  
Categories:**

- 1. Evil and Suffering*
  - 2. Absolute Truth and Relativism*
  - 3. “Only One Way” and Religious Pluralism*
  - 4. Faith and Reason*
  - 5. Free Will and Sovereignty*
  - 6. God’s Existence and Nature*
  - 7. Goodness of Man, Judgment and Hell*
  - 8. Hypocrisy and Christian Crimes of the Past*
  - 9. The Claims of Jesus and the Resurrection*
  - 10. Miracles*
  - 11. Science and Evolution*
  - 12. The Veracity of the Bible and “Contradictions”*
- Plus: Burning Issues of our Day*



Christian families/singles committed to the shalom of  
their neighbors

The people of God carrying out the Royal Law, turning the  
world upside down,

**one neighbor at a time**