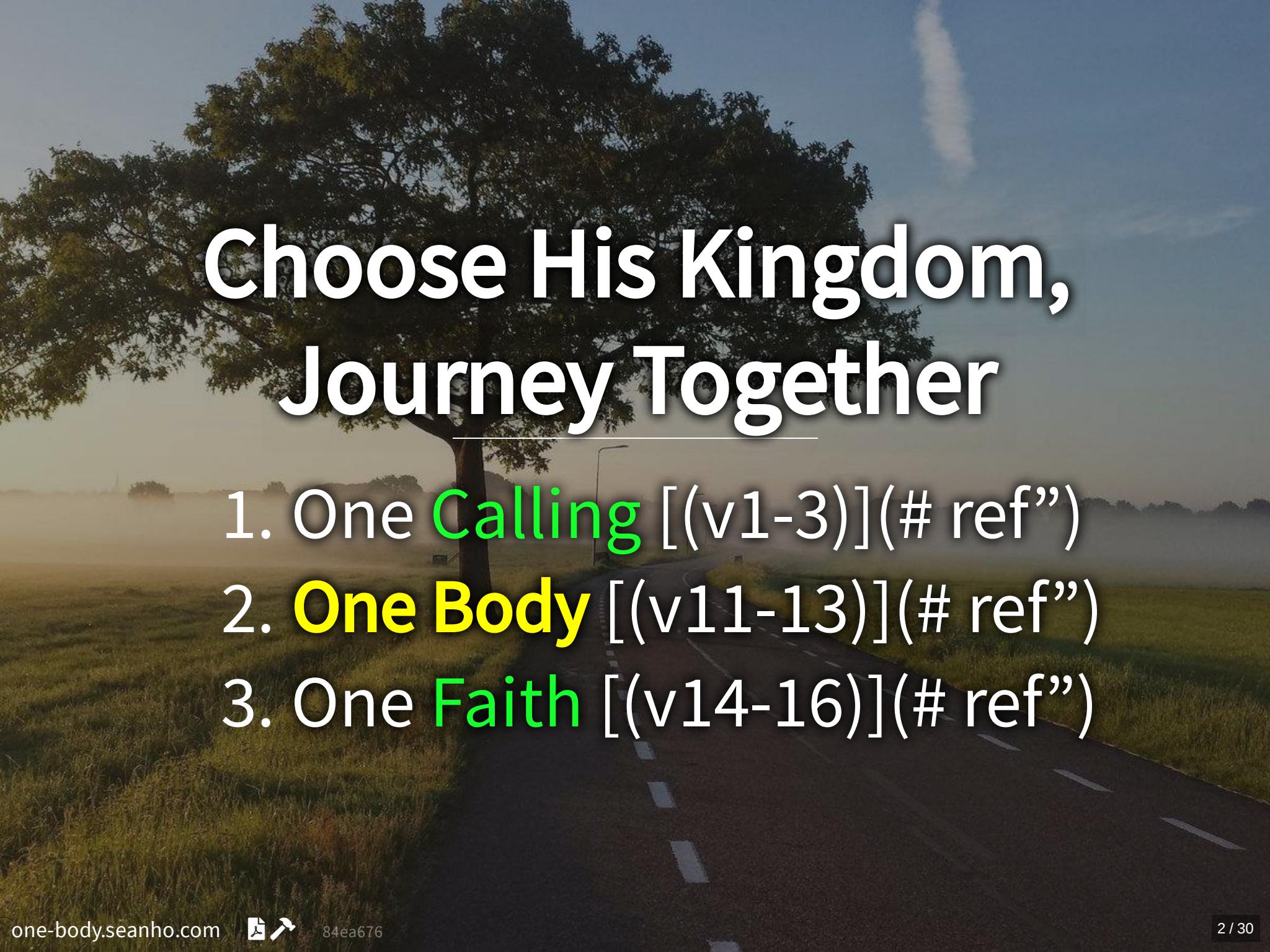


A dark background image showing several hands of different skin tones reaching towards each other from all sides. Interspersed among the hands are several autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red.

One Body

(2) Ephesians 4:11-13

Choose His **Kingdom**,
Journey **Together**

A photograph of a paved road curving through a grassy field. In the background, there are trees and a cloudy sky.

Choose His Kingdom, Journey Together

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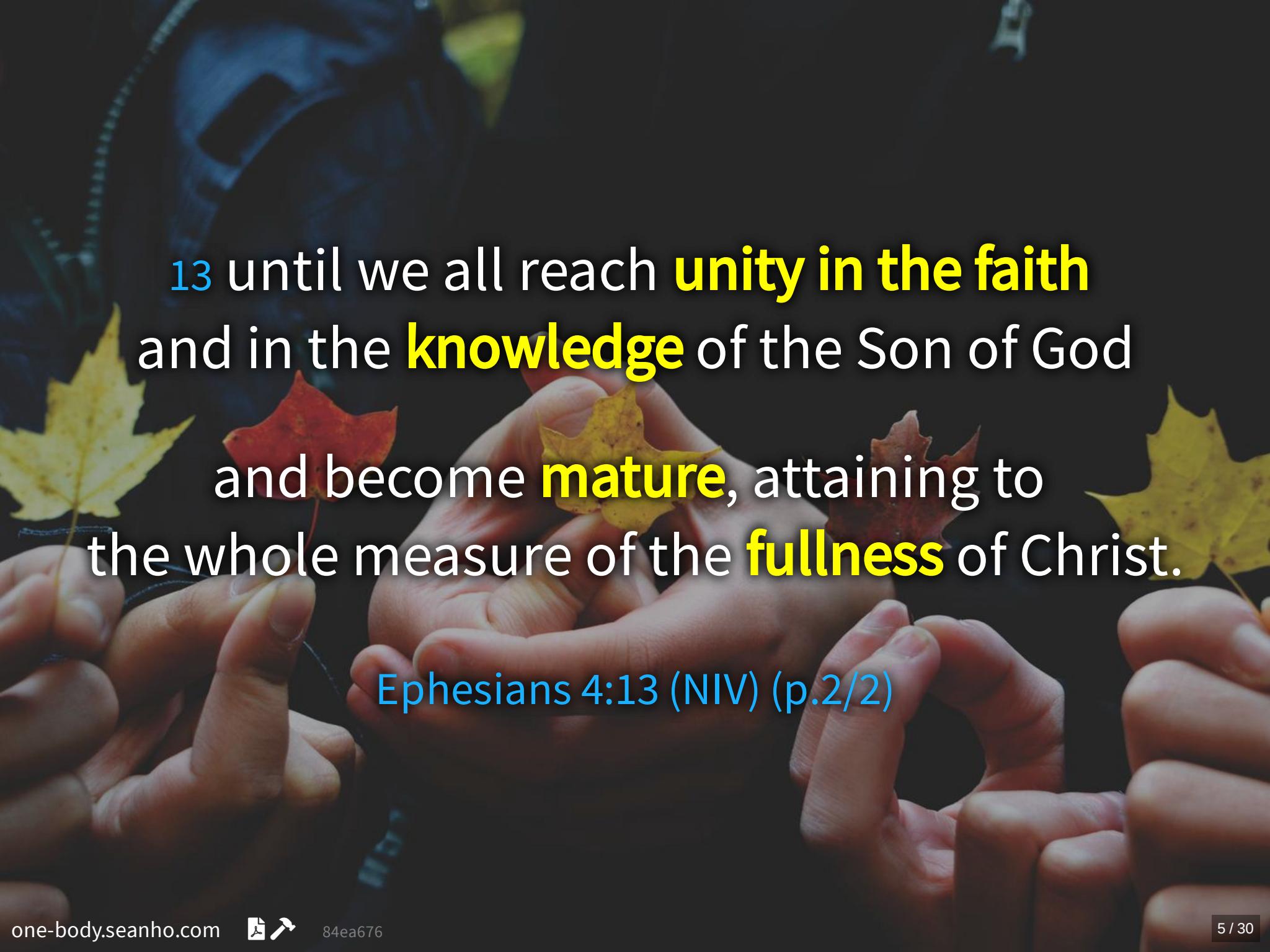
How should a
healthy church
grow?

A close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones reaching towards each other from all sides, forming a circle. They are set against a dark background with scattered autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The lighting is soft, creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere.

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the **apostles**, the **prophets**,
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12 to equip his people for **works of service**,
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Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A dark background image showing several hands of different skin tones coming together from the bottom, holding a cluster of fallen autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the hands and leaves against a dark background.

13 until we all reach **unity in the faith**
and in the **knowledge** of the Son of God
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Ephesians 4:13 (NIV) (p.2/2)

One Body (Eph4)

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A photograph of a person sitting on a grassy hillside, reading an open book. The person is wearing a blue plaid shirt, a grey t-shirt, and blue jeans. A wooden fence is visible in the background.

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Ephesians 4:11 (NIV)

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of an open Bible. The pages are filled with dense black text. The title "The Book of PSALMS" is printed in large, bold, black capital letters at the top of the left page. The right page contains several numbered verses from the book of Psalms. Overlaid on the upper portion of the image is a large, semi-transparent white text box containing the following text.

...the **prophets**, the **evangelists** ...

Ephesians 4:11 (NIV)

The Book of
PSALMS

PSALM 2

God's Son Shall Reign

W^HY Do the Heathen

Shake Their Spears and

Makes His Mighty Arm Strong?

He Who Dwells in the Heavens

Will Laugh at Them.

He Will Conquer Those Who

Oppose Him,

For He Is King of Glory.

16 After having his sore

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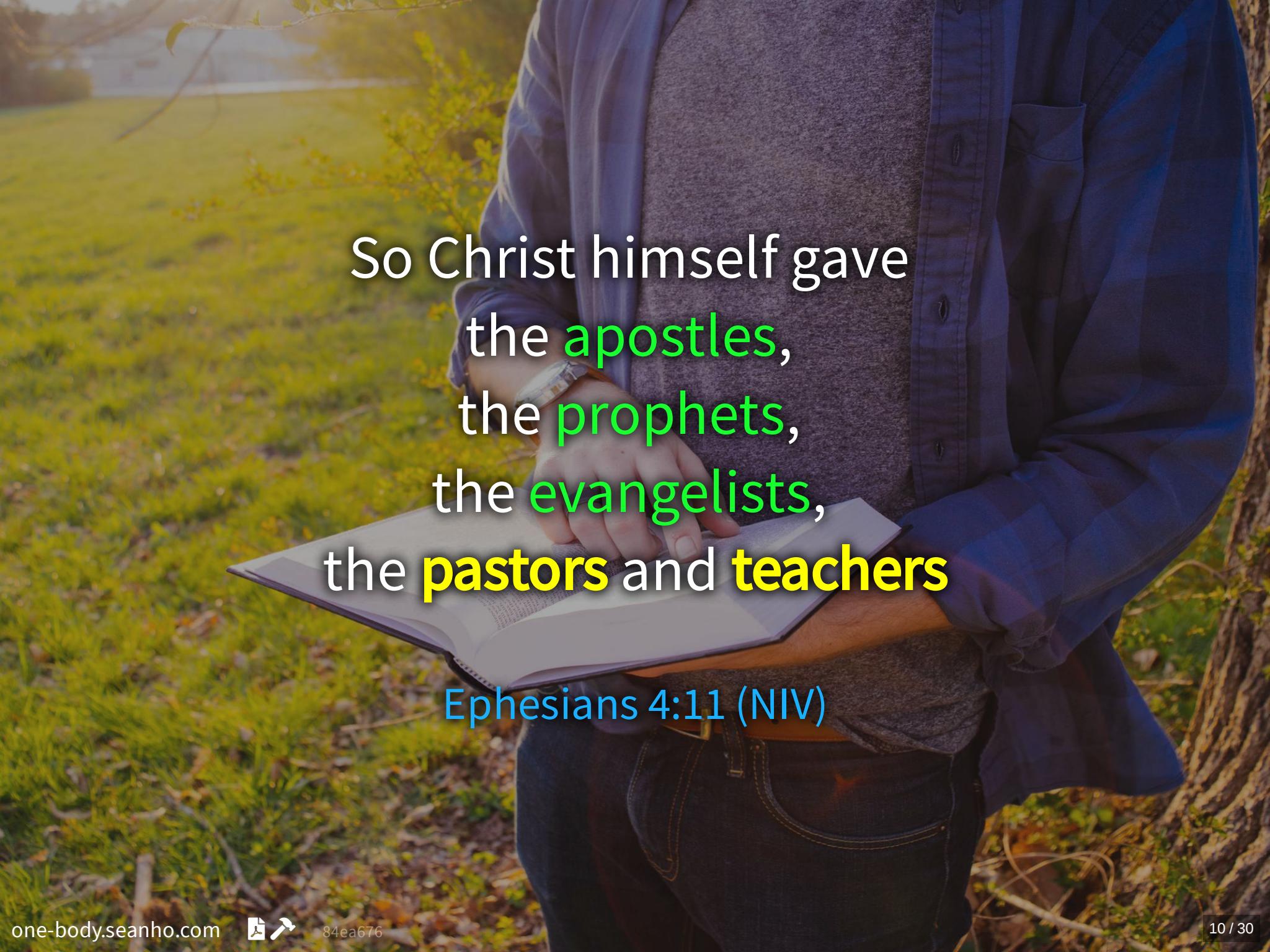
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We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**,
as though God were making his **appeal**
through us.

We **implore** you on Christ's behalf:
Be **reconciled** to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)



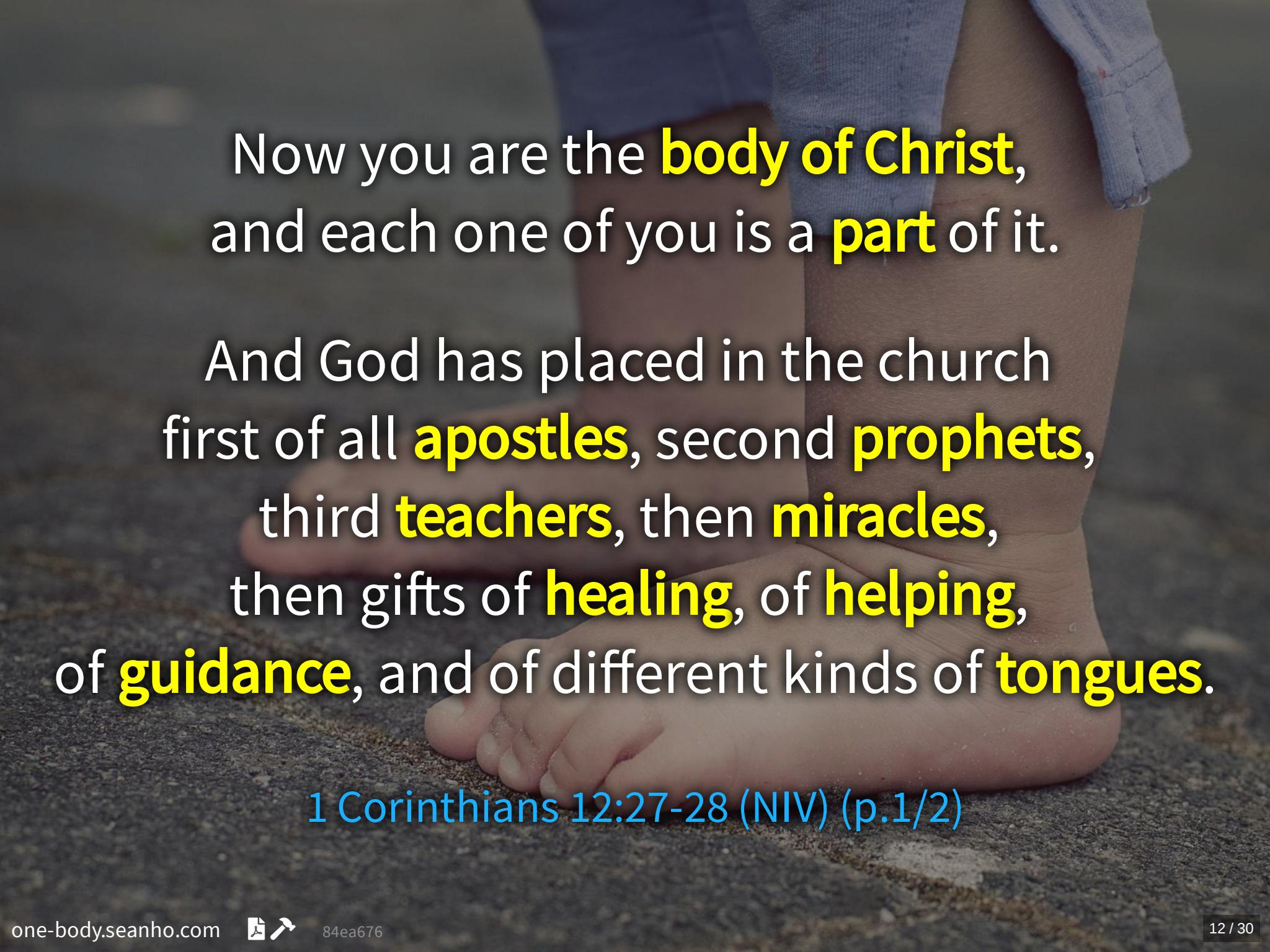
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Ephesians 4:11 (NIV)



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Now you are the **body of Christ**,
and each one of you is a **part** of it.

And God has placed in the church
first of all **apostles**, second **prophets**,
third **teachers**, then **miracles**,
then gifts of **healing**, of **helping**,
of **guidance**, and of different kinds of **tongues**.

1 Corinthians 12:27-28 (NIV) (p.1/2)



Are all **apostles**? Are all **prophets**?
Are all **teachers**? Do all work **miracles**?
Do all have gifts of **healing**?
Do all speak in **tongues**? Do all **interpret**?

Now eagerly desire the **greater gifts**.

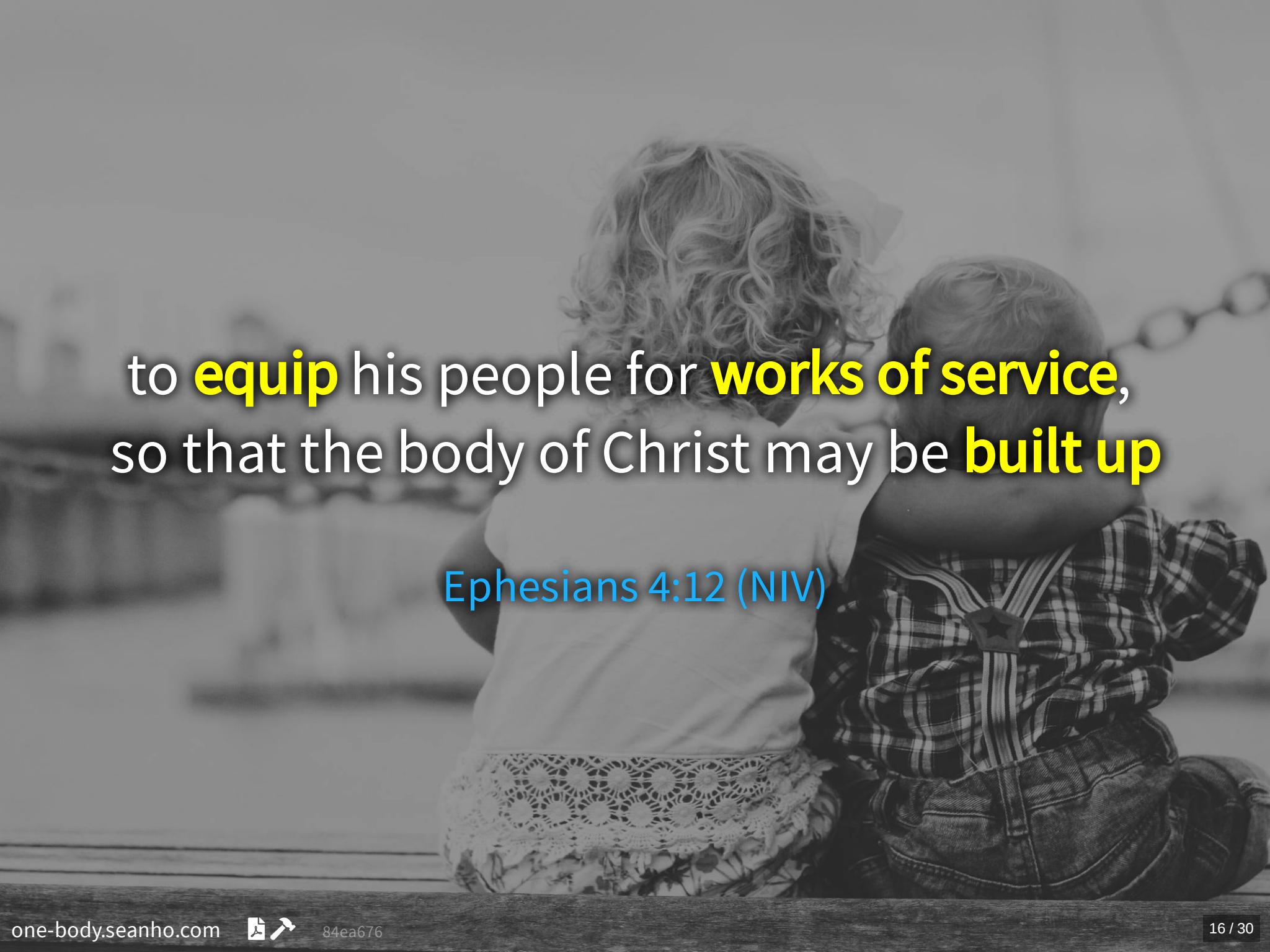
1 Corinthians 12:29-31 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Who are those who send,
proclaim, evangelise,
shepherd, or teach?

How can I **participate**?

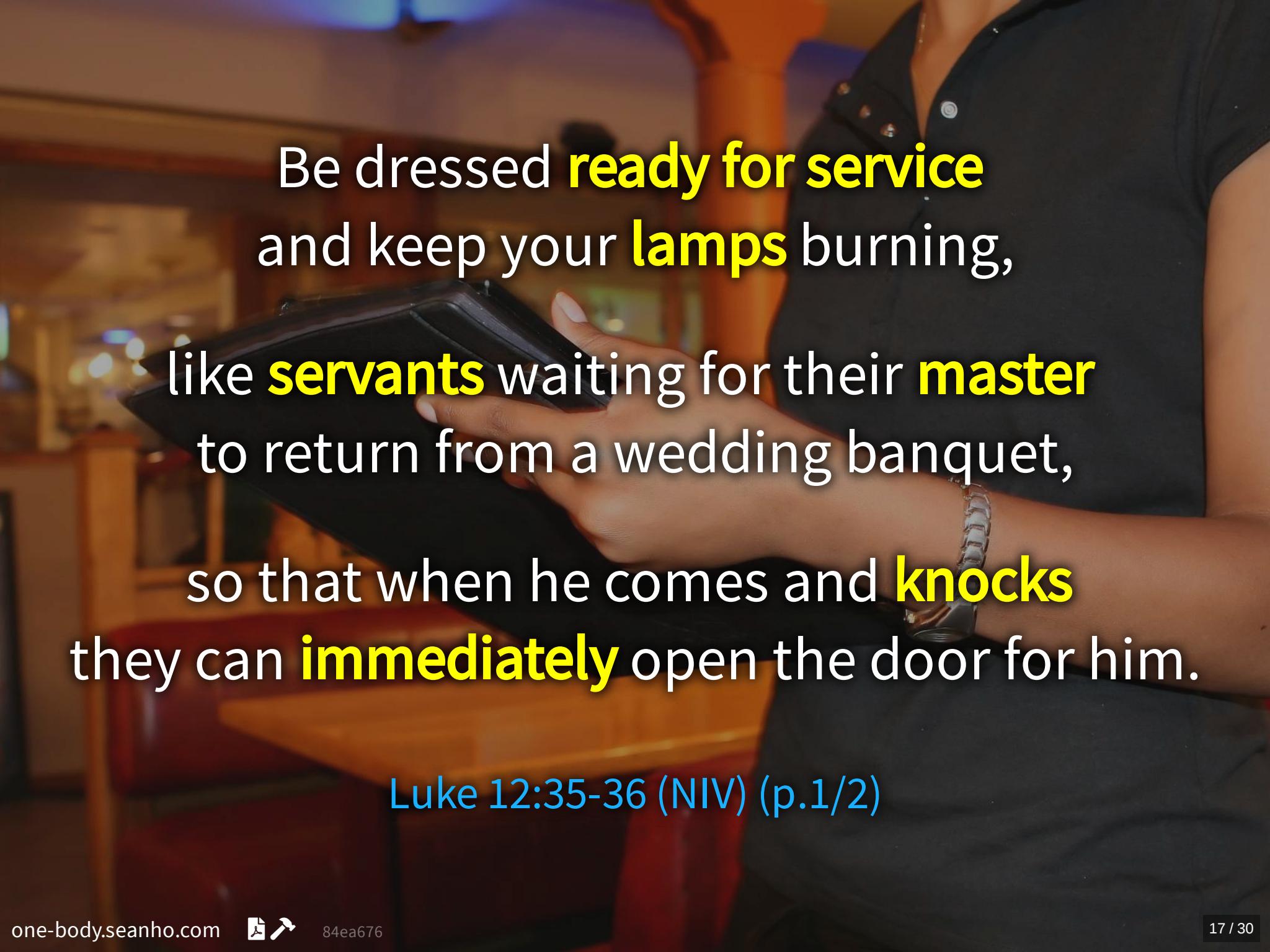
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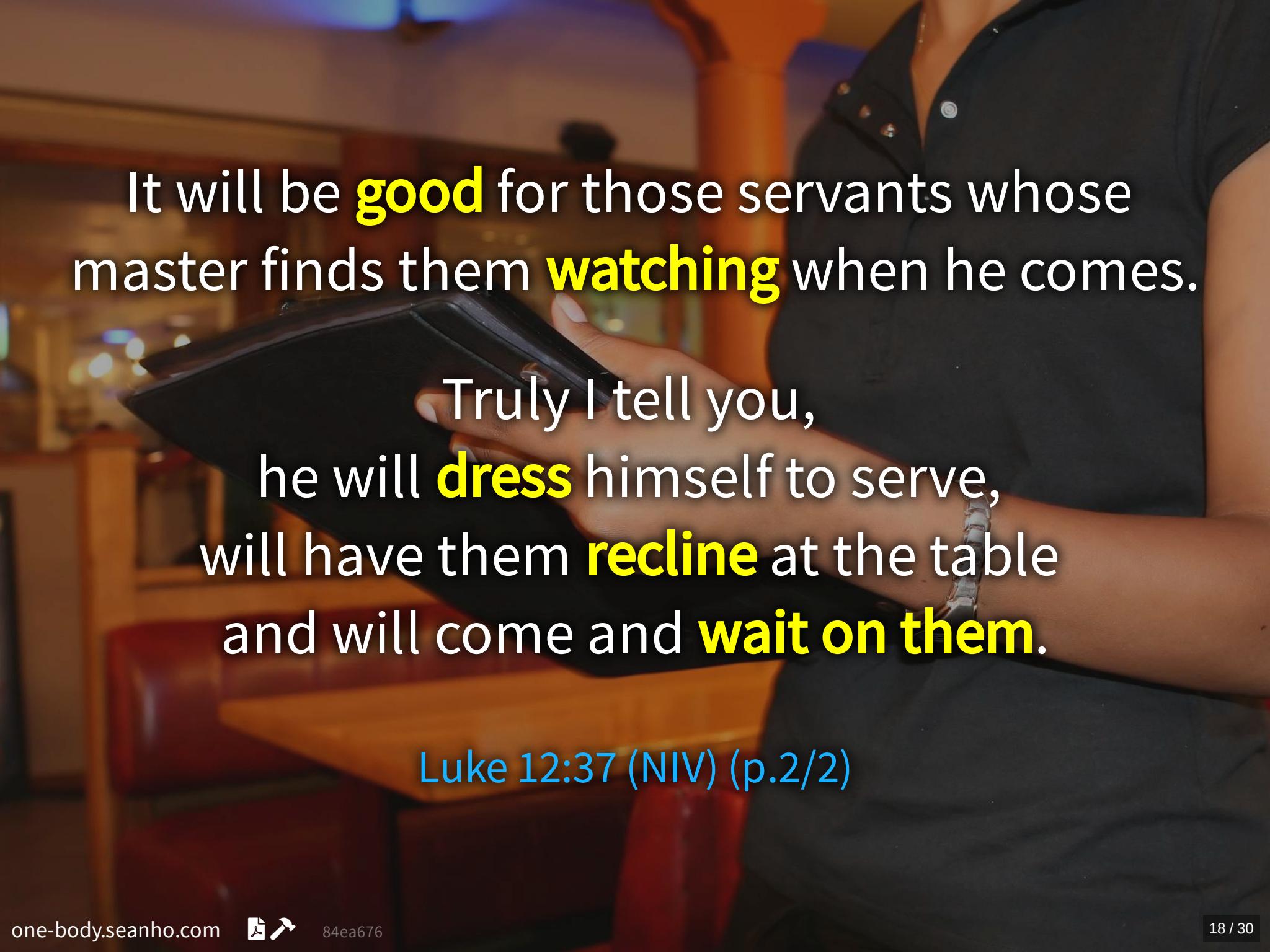
to **equip** his people for **works of service**,
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Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)

A photograph of a woman from the chest down. She is wearing a black short-sleeved polo shirt with visible buttons. Her right hand is holding a dark-colored smartphone, and she is looking at its screen. A silver metal bracelet is on her right wrist. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a restaurant or bar interior with warm lighting.

Be dressed **ready for service**
and keep your **lamps** burning,
like **servants** waiting for their **master**
to return from a wedding banquet,
so that when he comes and **knocks**
they can **immediately** open the door for him.

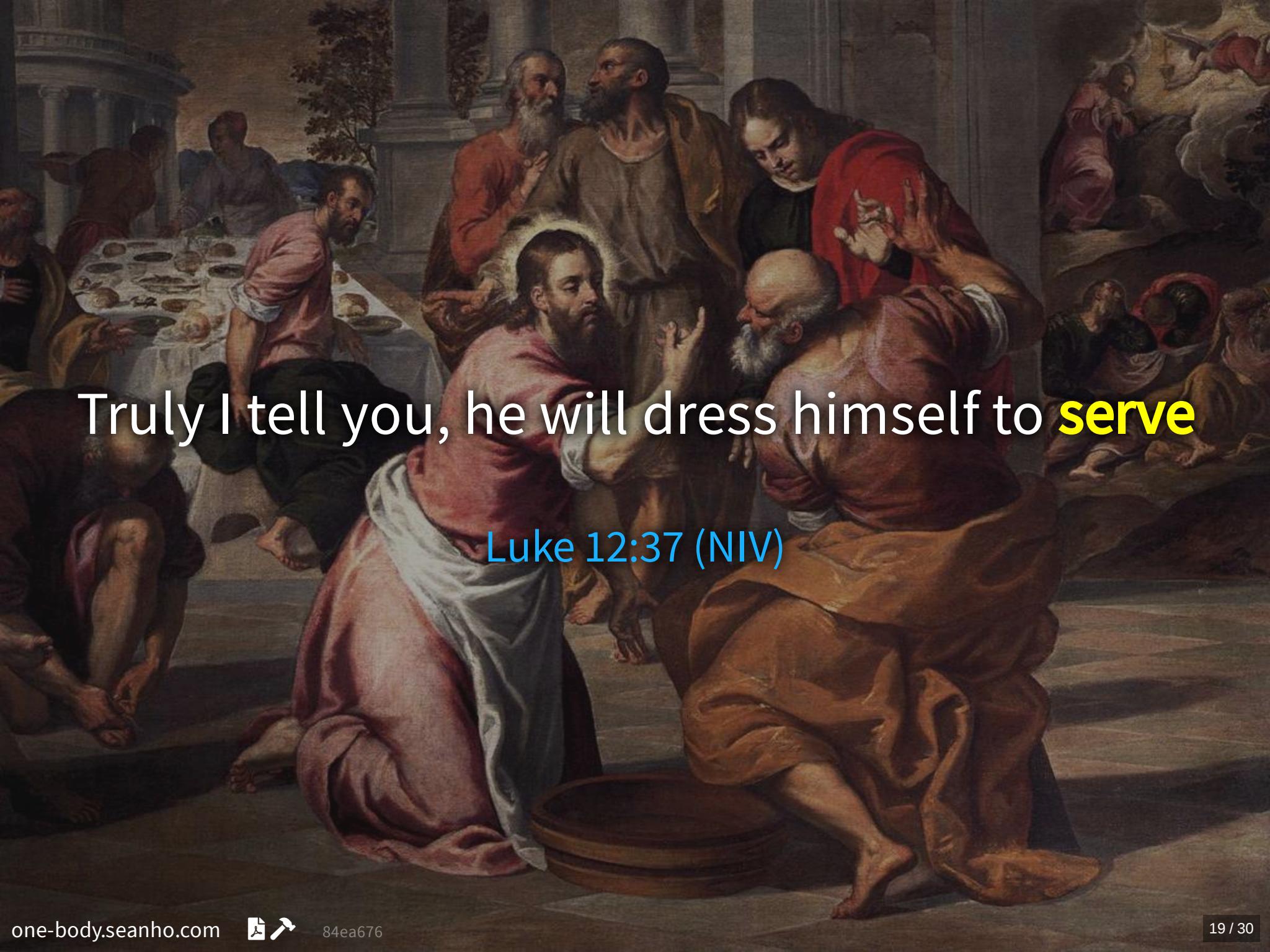
Luke 12:35-36 (NIV) (p.1/2)

A photograph of a person from the chest down, wearing a dark grey polo shirt. They are holding a black smartphone in their right hand, which has a silver bracelet on the wrist. They are seated at a wooden table with a red cloth napkin. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a restaurant or cafe interior.

It will be **good** for those servants whose master finds them **watching** when he comes.

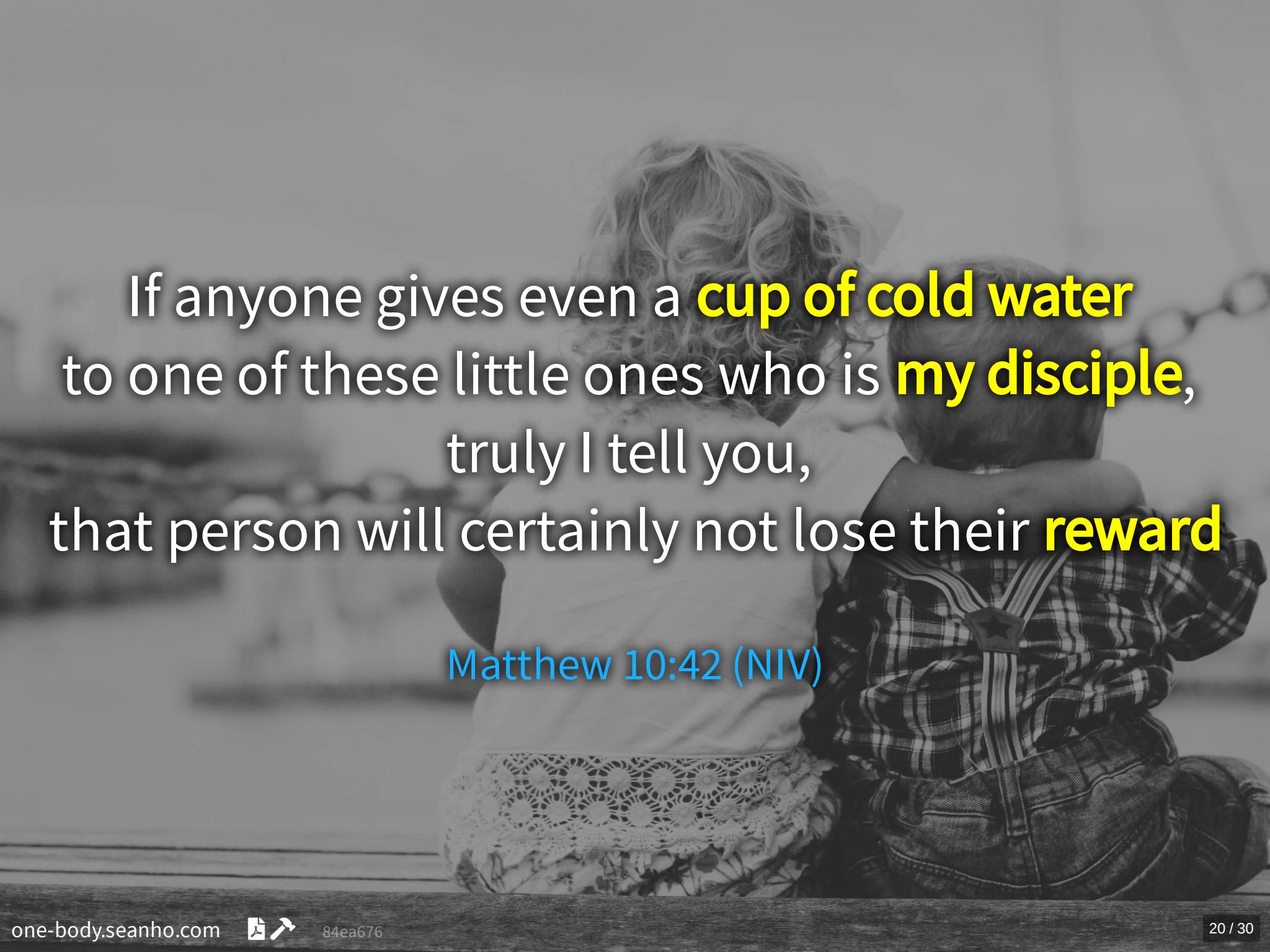
Truly I tell you,
he will **dress** himself to serve,
will have them **recline** at the table
and will come and **wait on them**.

Luke 12:37 (NIV) (p.2/2)



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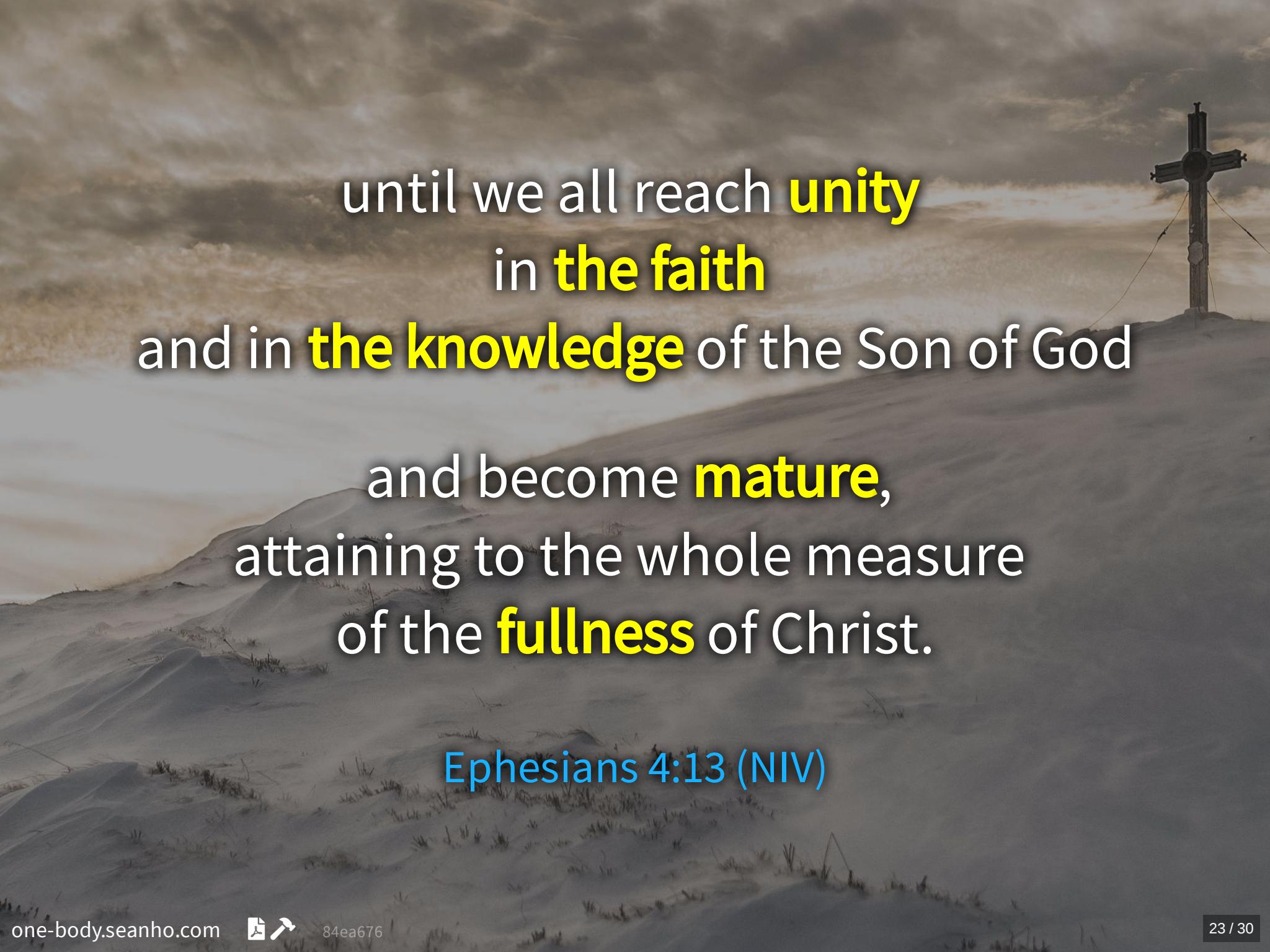
If anyone gives even a **cup of cold water**
to one of these little ones who is **my disciple**,
truly I tell you,
that person will certainly not lose their **reward**

Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

**How can I equip,
serve, or build up
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Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)

Let us **draw near** with a true heart
in full **assurance** of faith,

with our hearts sprinkled**clean**
from an evil conscience
and our bodies **washed** with pure water.

23 Let us **hold fast** the confession of our hope
without wavering,
for he who**promised** is faithful

Hebrews 11:22-23 (ESV)



unity in **the faith**
and in **the knowledge** of the Son of God

Ephesians 4:13 (NIV)

A photograph of an open Bible lying on a wooden surface. A person's hands are visible, one holding the left page and the other resting on the right page. The Bible has a blue and white patterned cover. The text on the pages is partially visible.

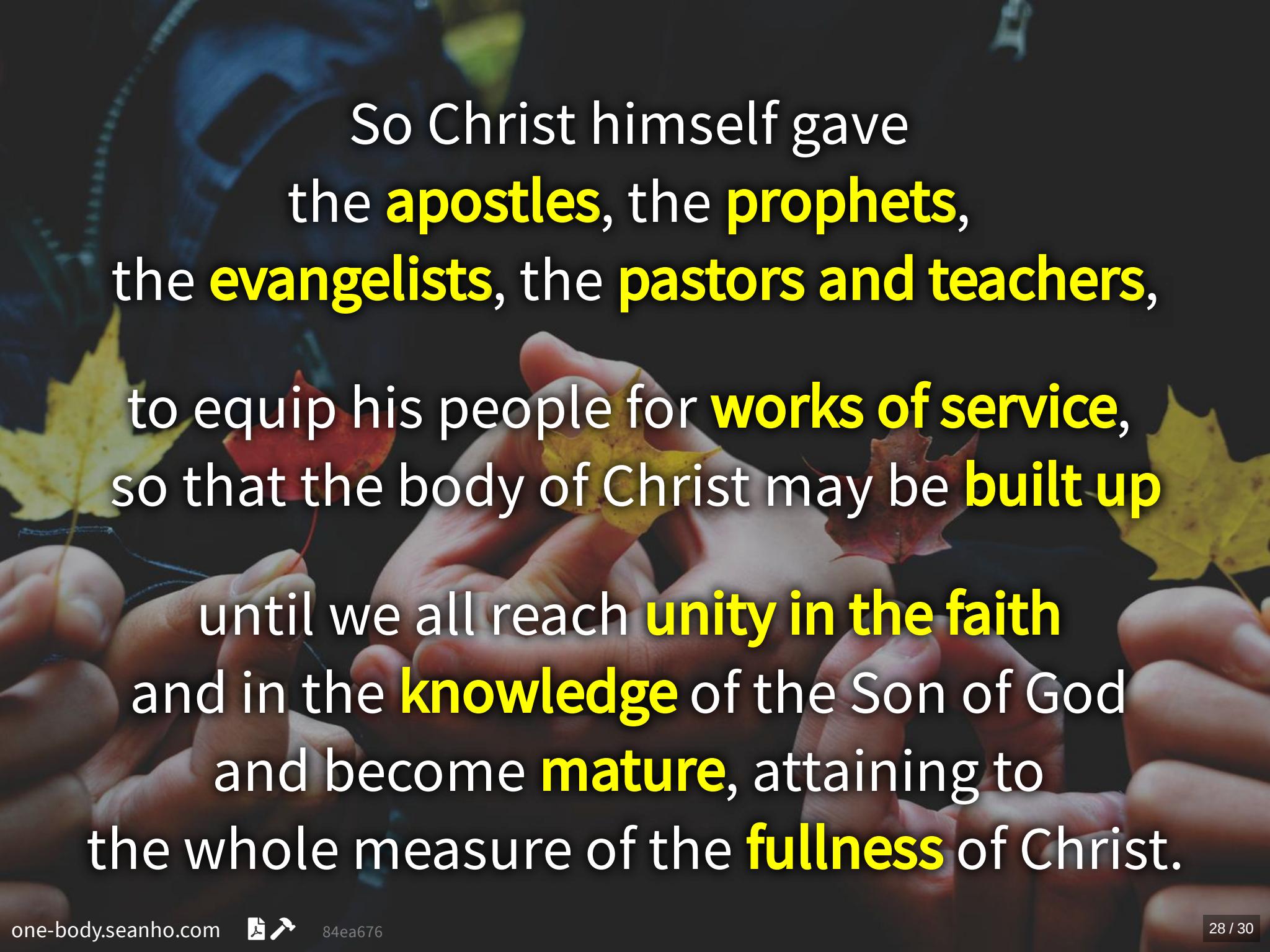
For no matter how many **promises**
God has made,

they are “**Yes**” in Christ.

And so through him the “**Amen**”
is spoken by us to the **glory of God**.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

What does an ideal
church look like?

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