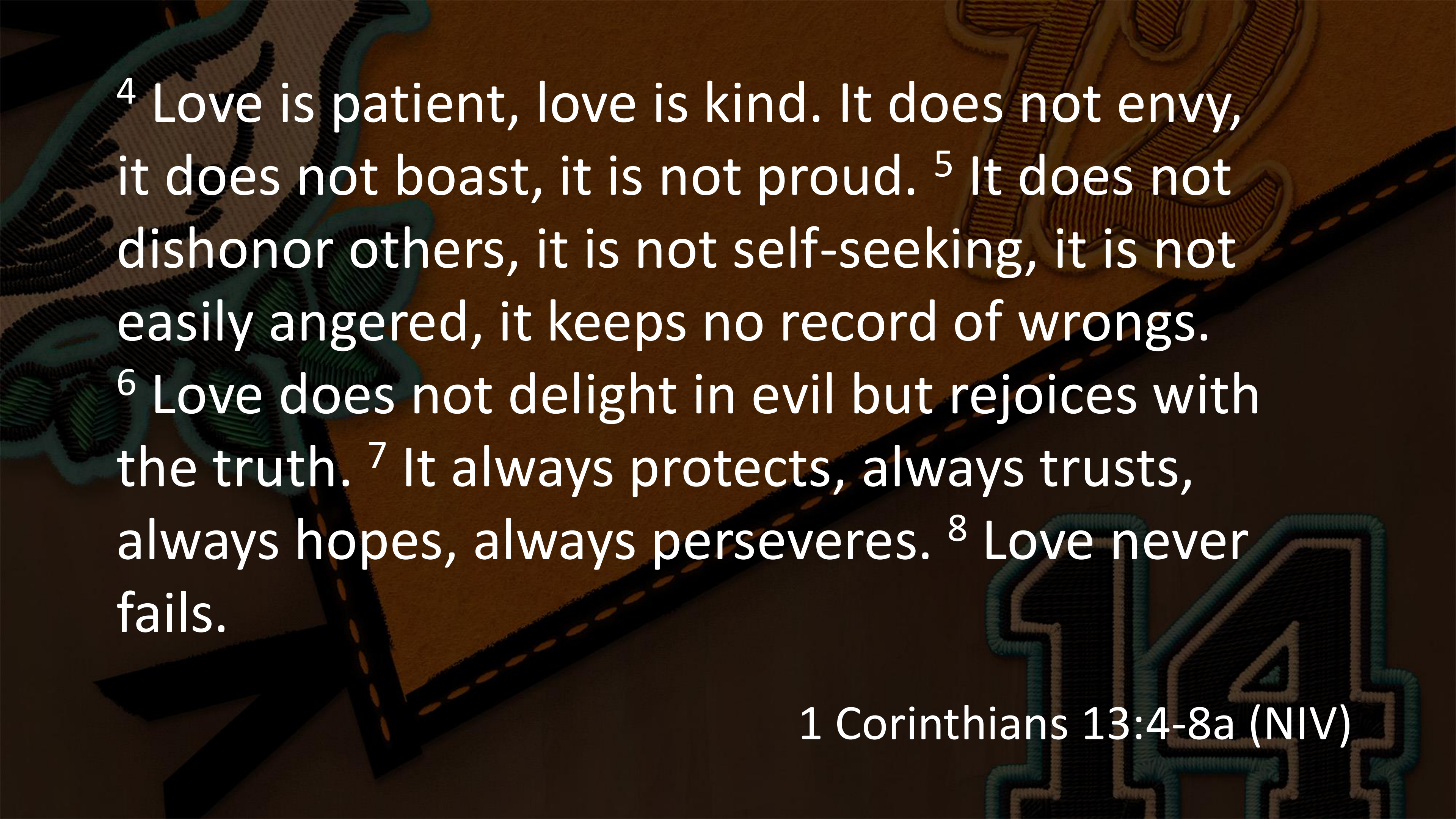


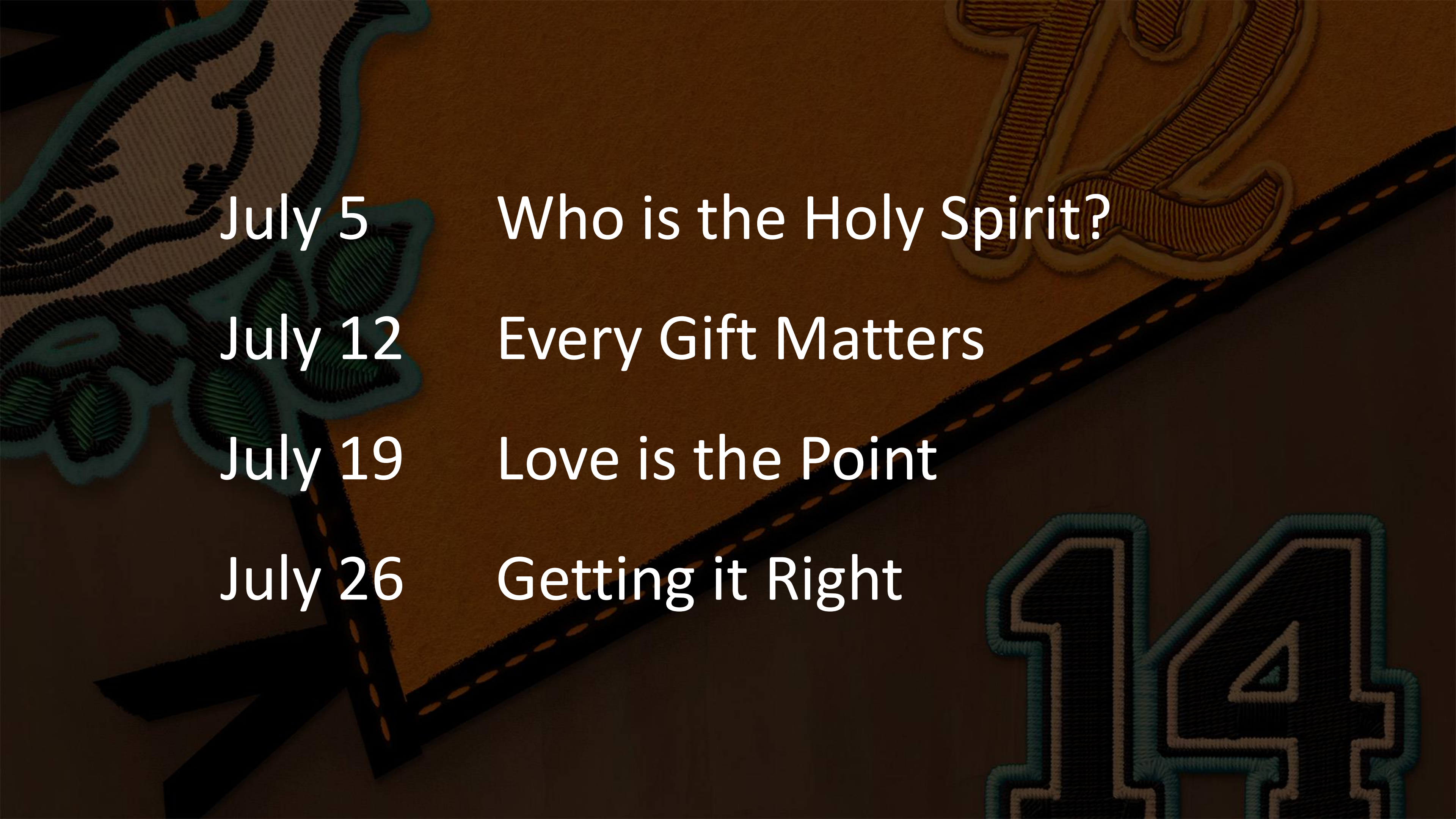


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1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)



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Who is the Holy Spirit?

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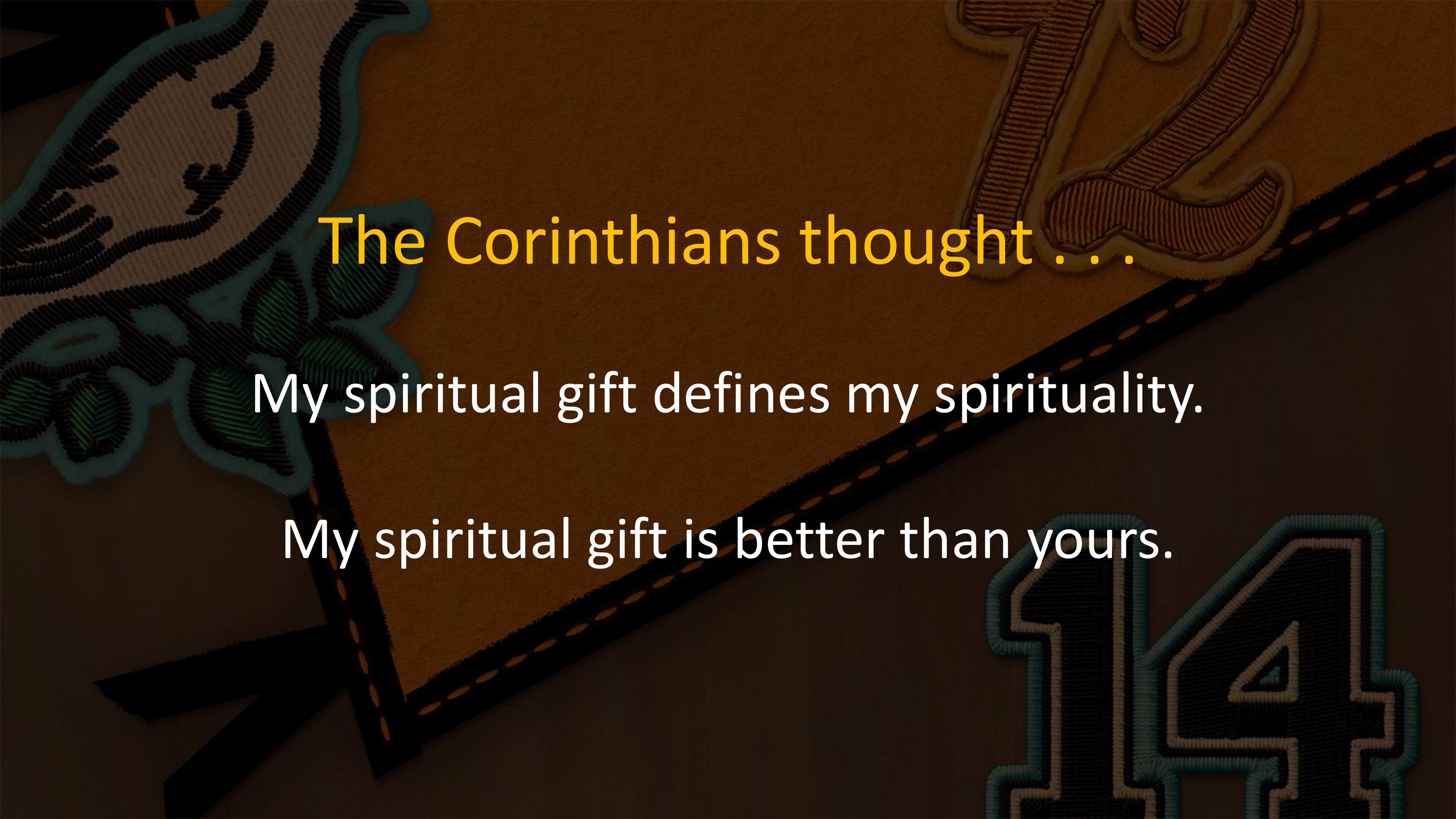
Love is the Point

July 26

Getting it Right

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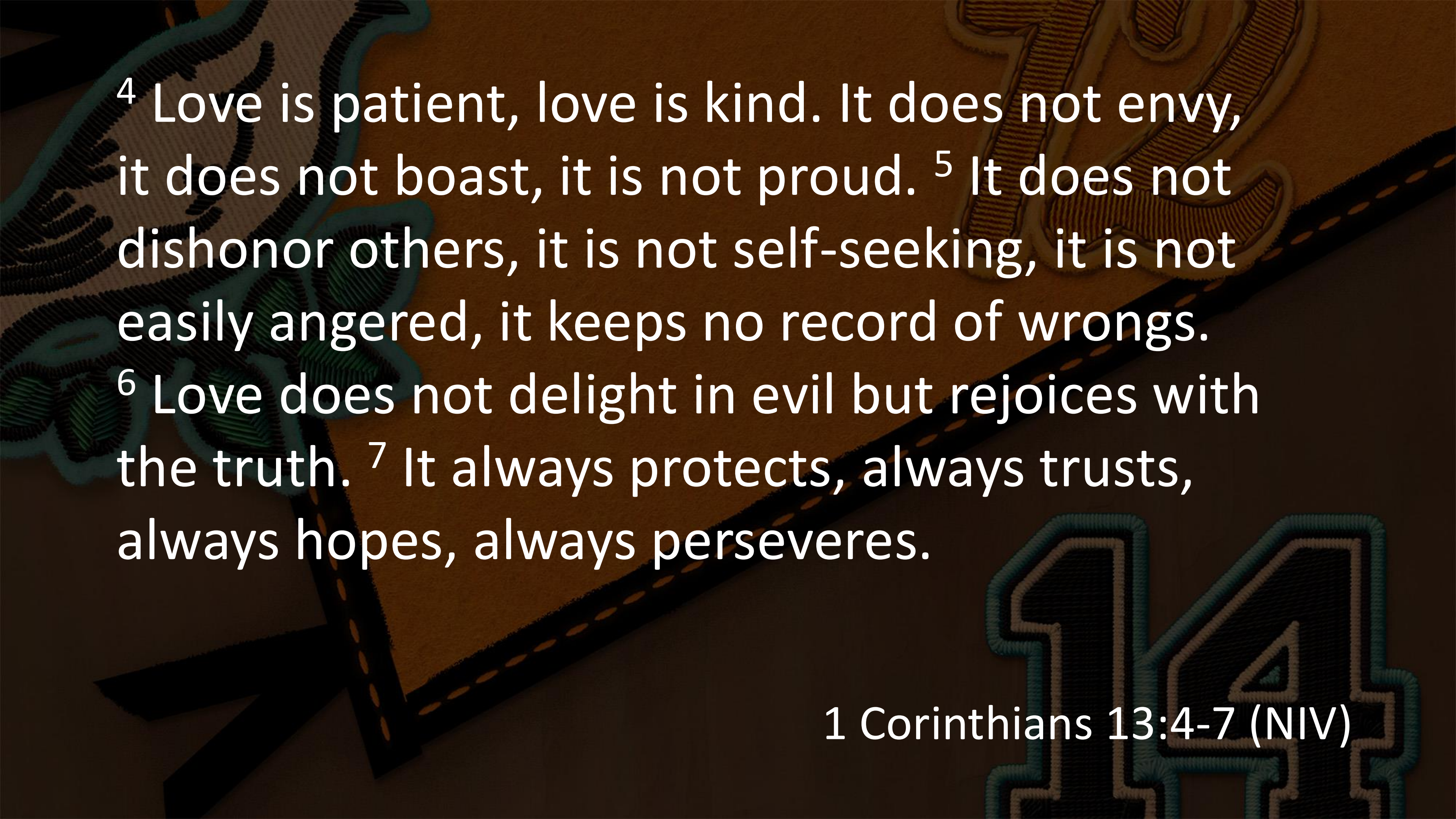
The Corinthians thought . . .

My spiritual gift defines my spirituality.

My spiritual gift is better than yours.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)



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1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

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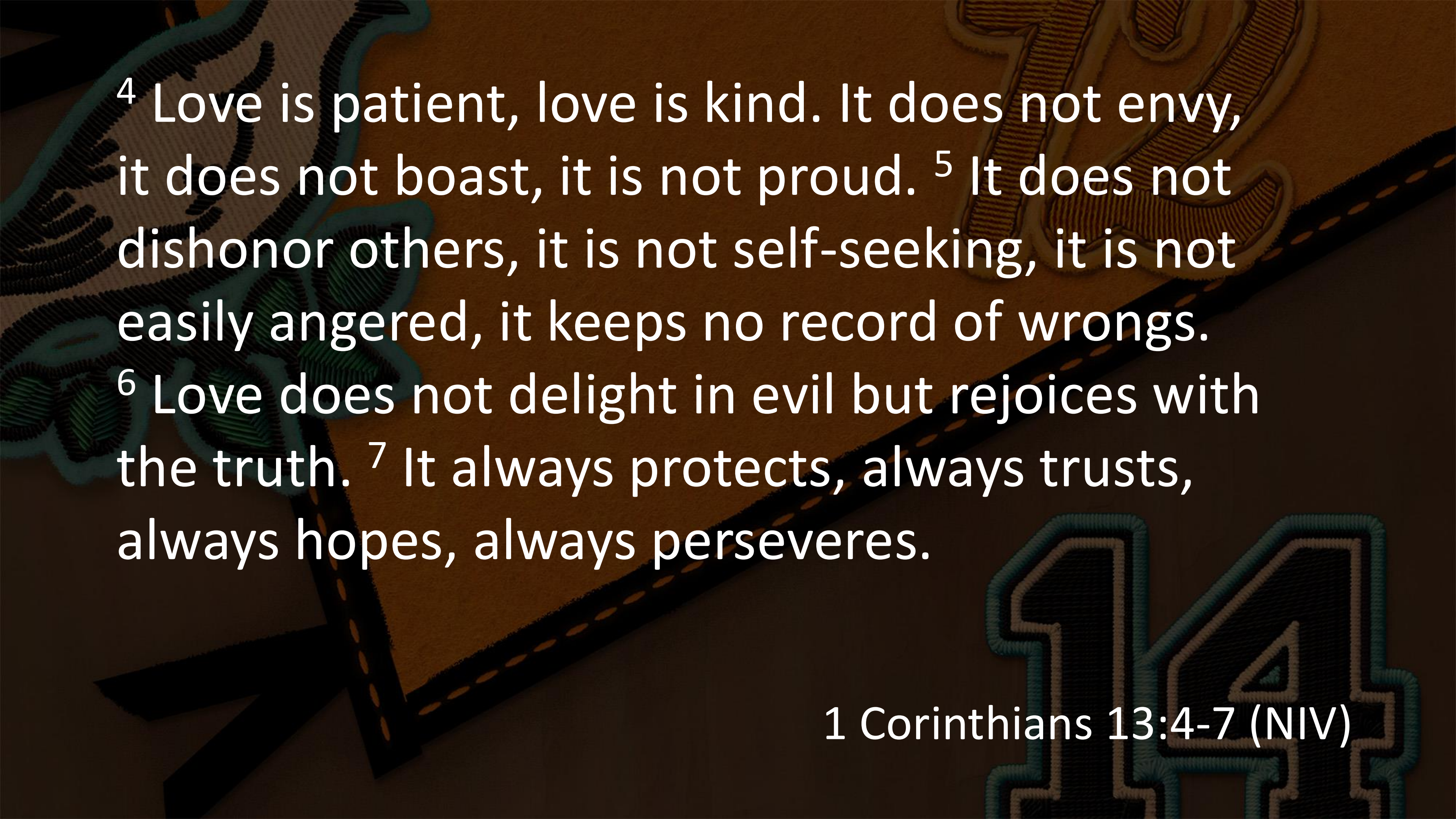
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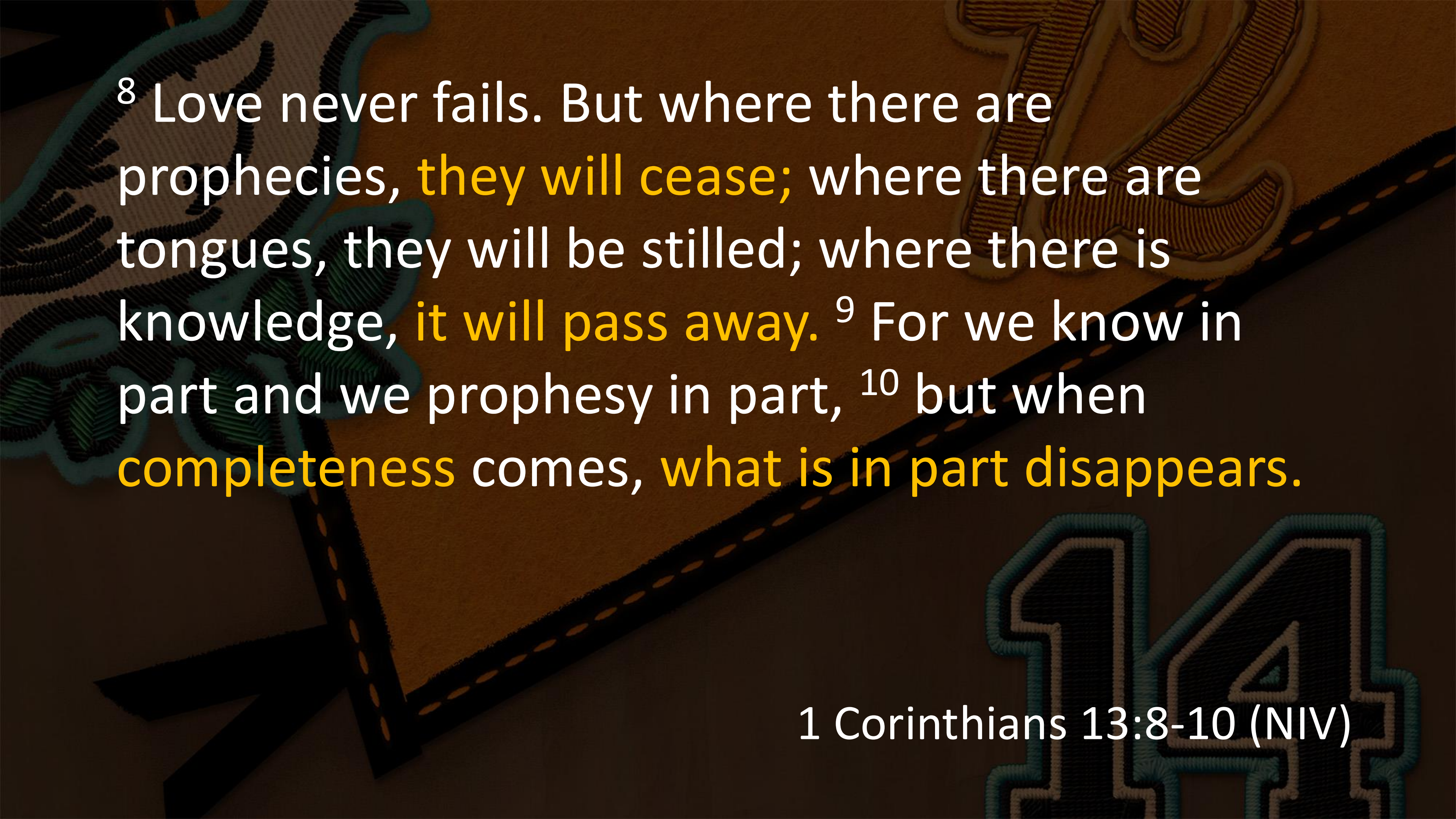
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1 Corinthians 13:8-11a (NIV)

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¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:11b-13 (NIV)



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1 Corinthians 13:11-12 (NIV)



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ALREADY

- In part
- Child
- Mirror

Tongues

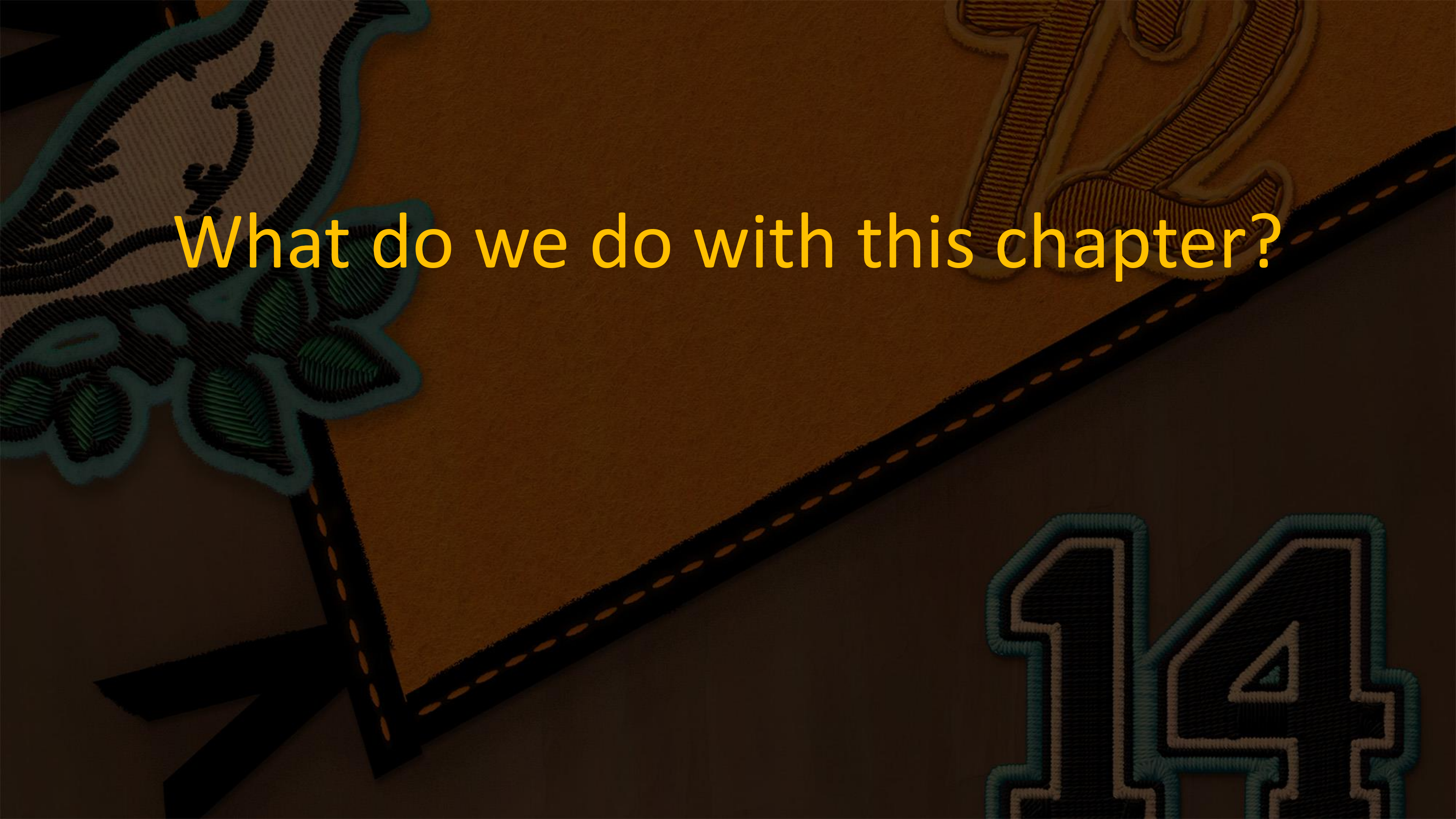
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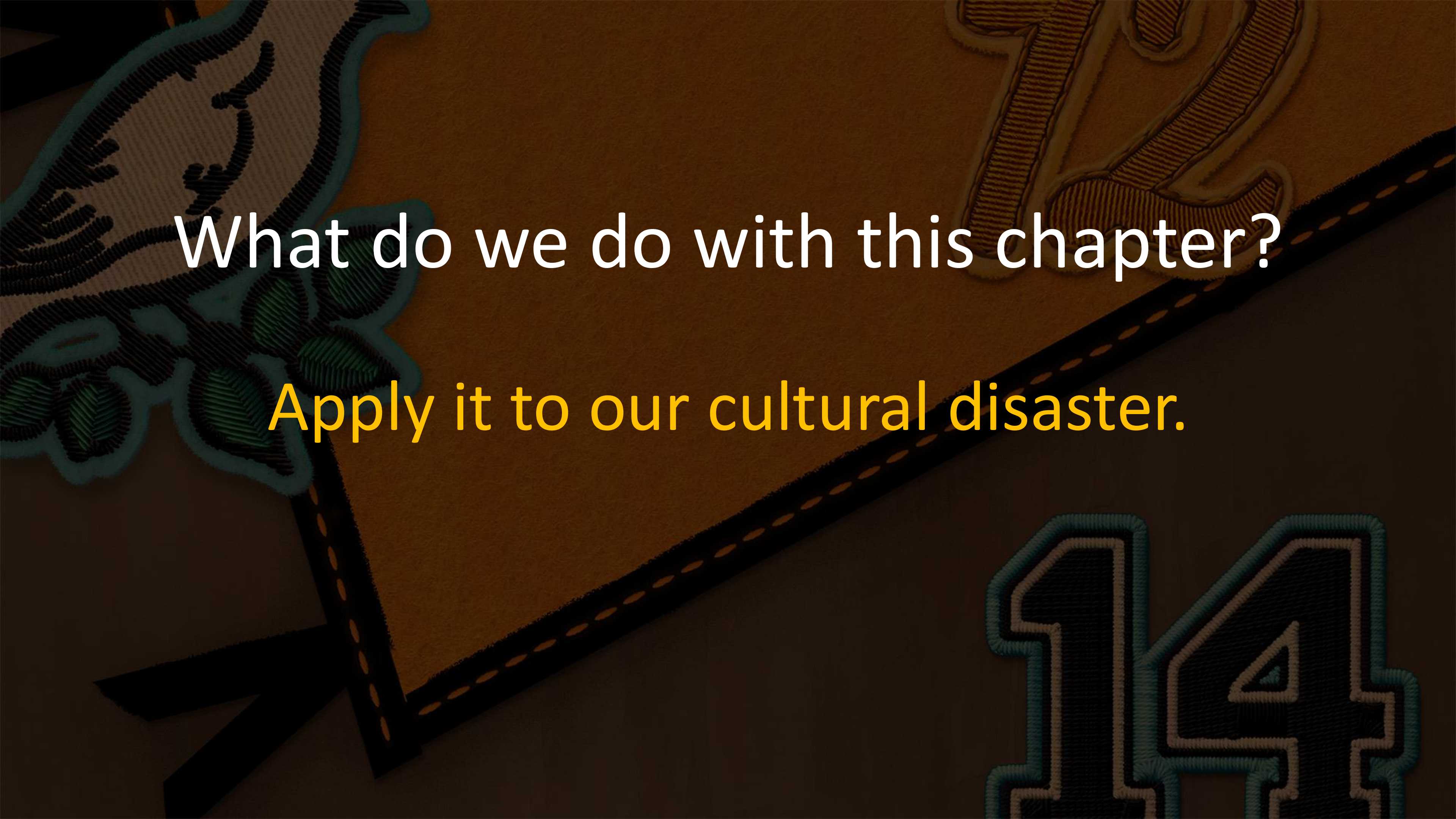
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- Complete
- Adult
- Face to Face



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Apply it to our cultural disaster.



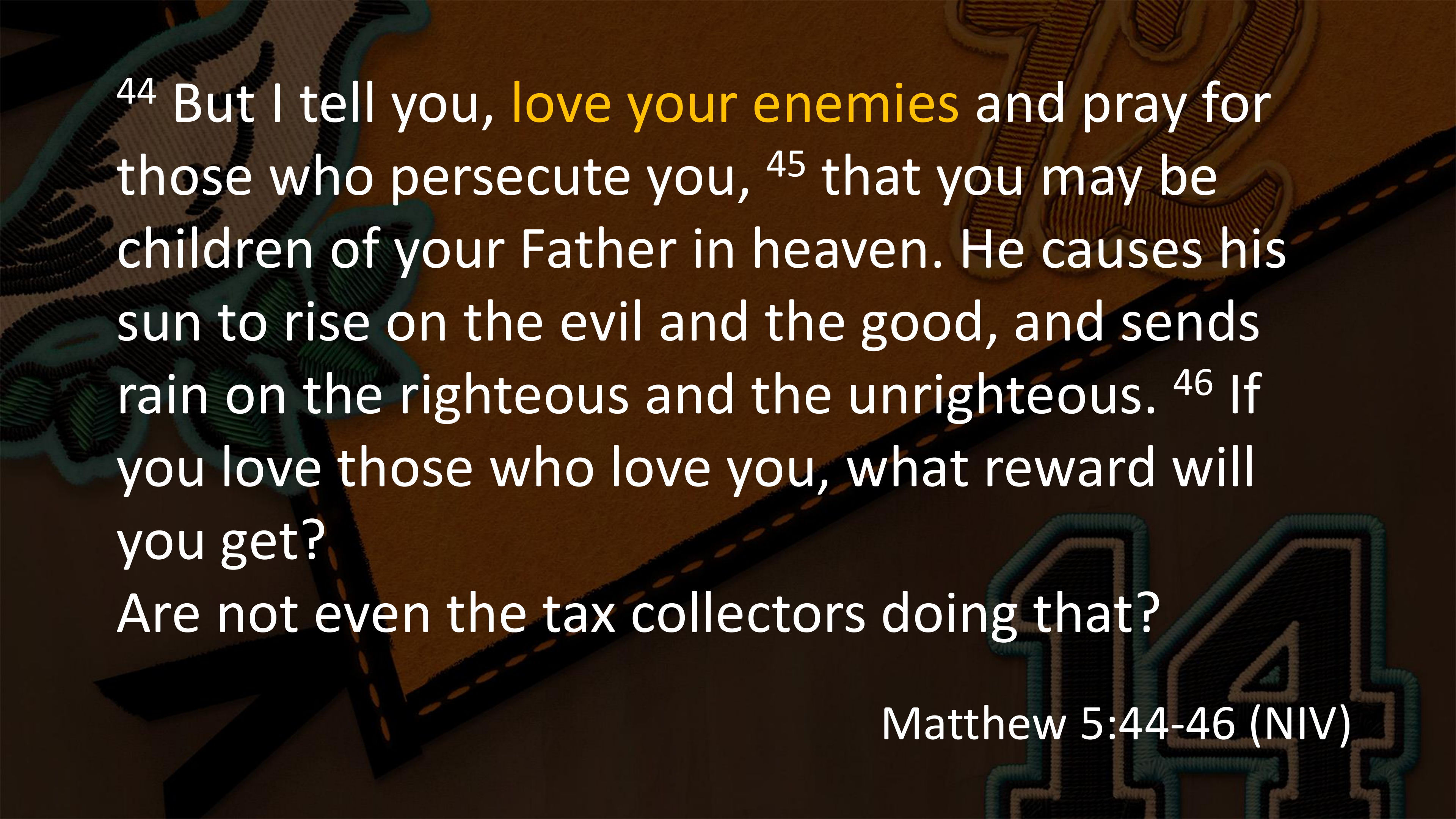
Today's Culture:

Love = Agreement

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The Jesus Culture:

Love ≠ Agreement



⁴⁴ But I tell you, **love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

Matthew 5:44-46 (NIV)

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Allow the Holy Spirit to transform us.

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