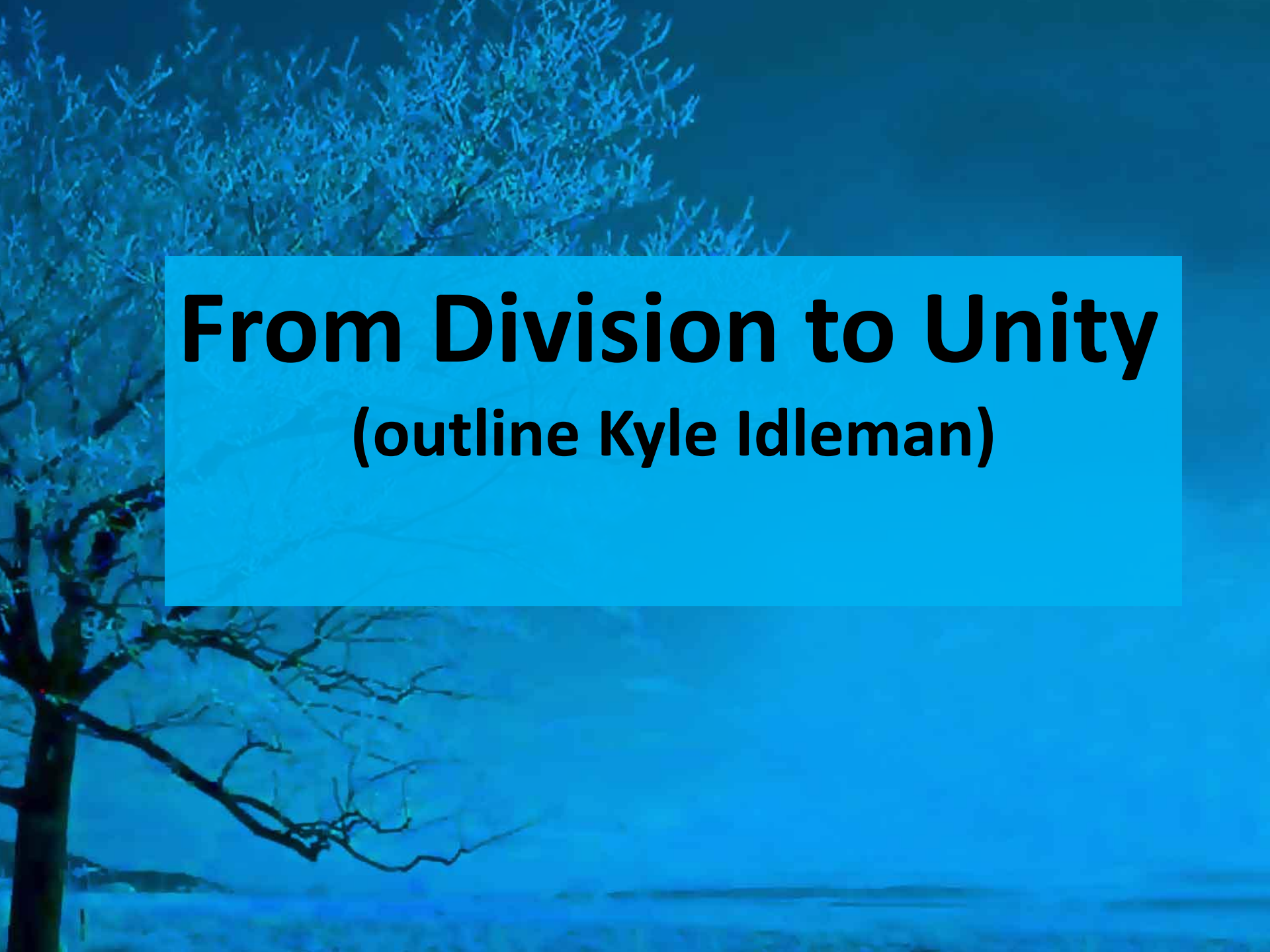
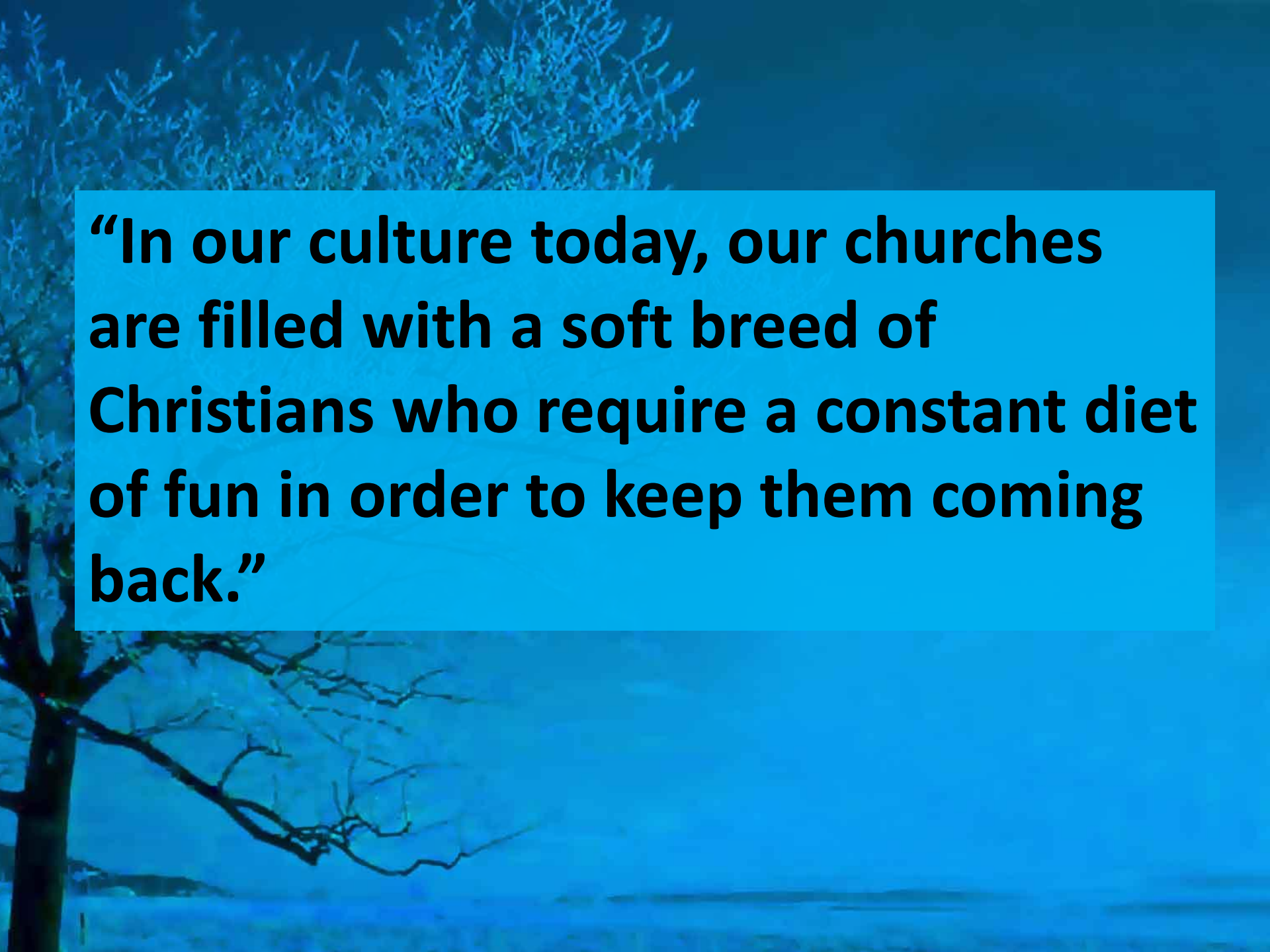


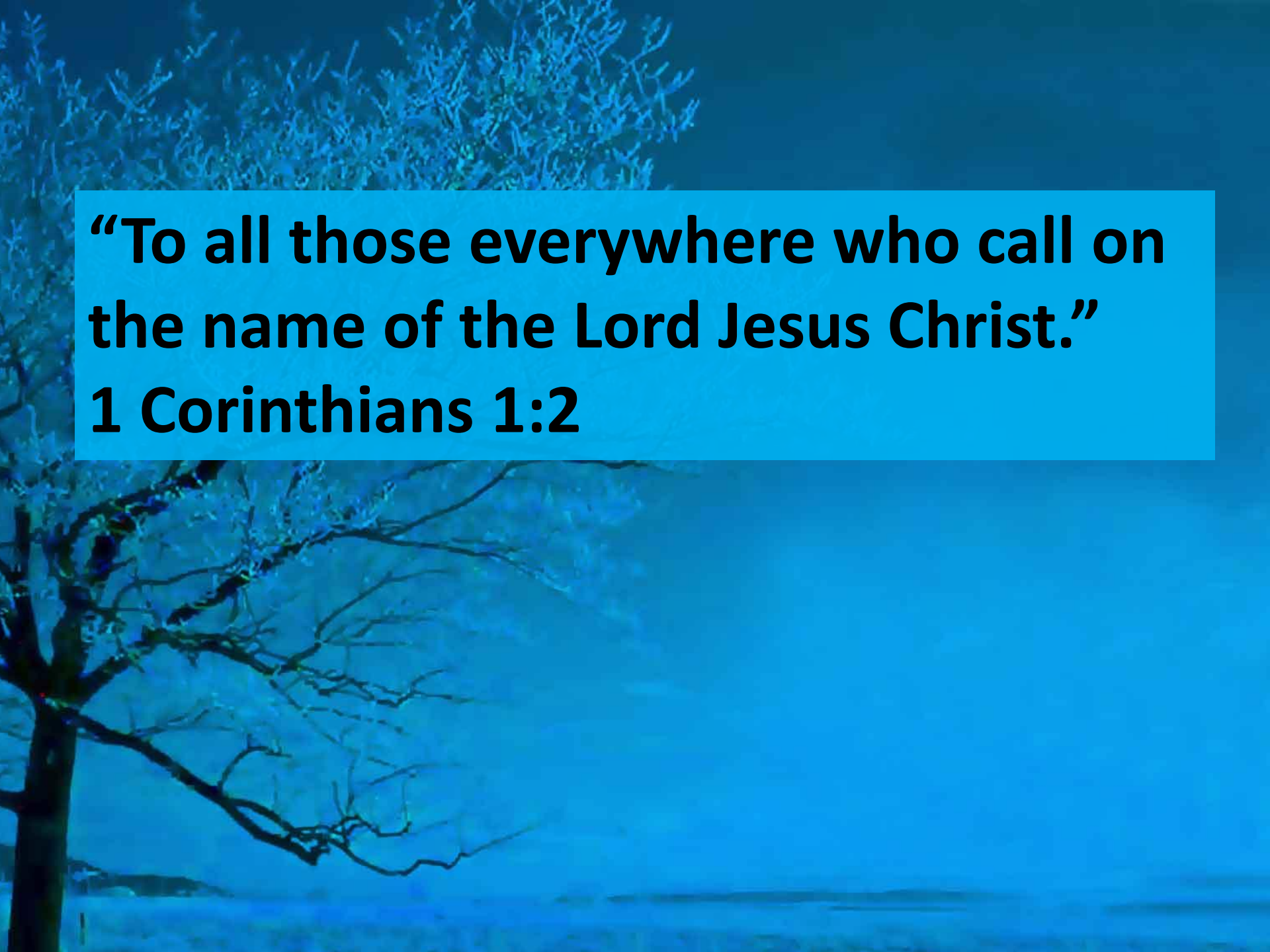
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From Division to Unity

(outline Kyle Idleman)

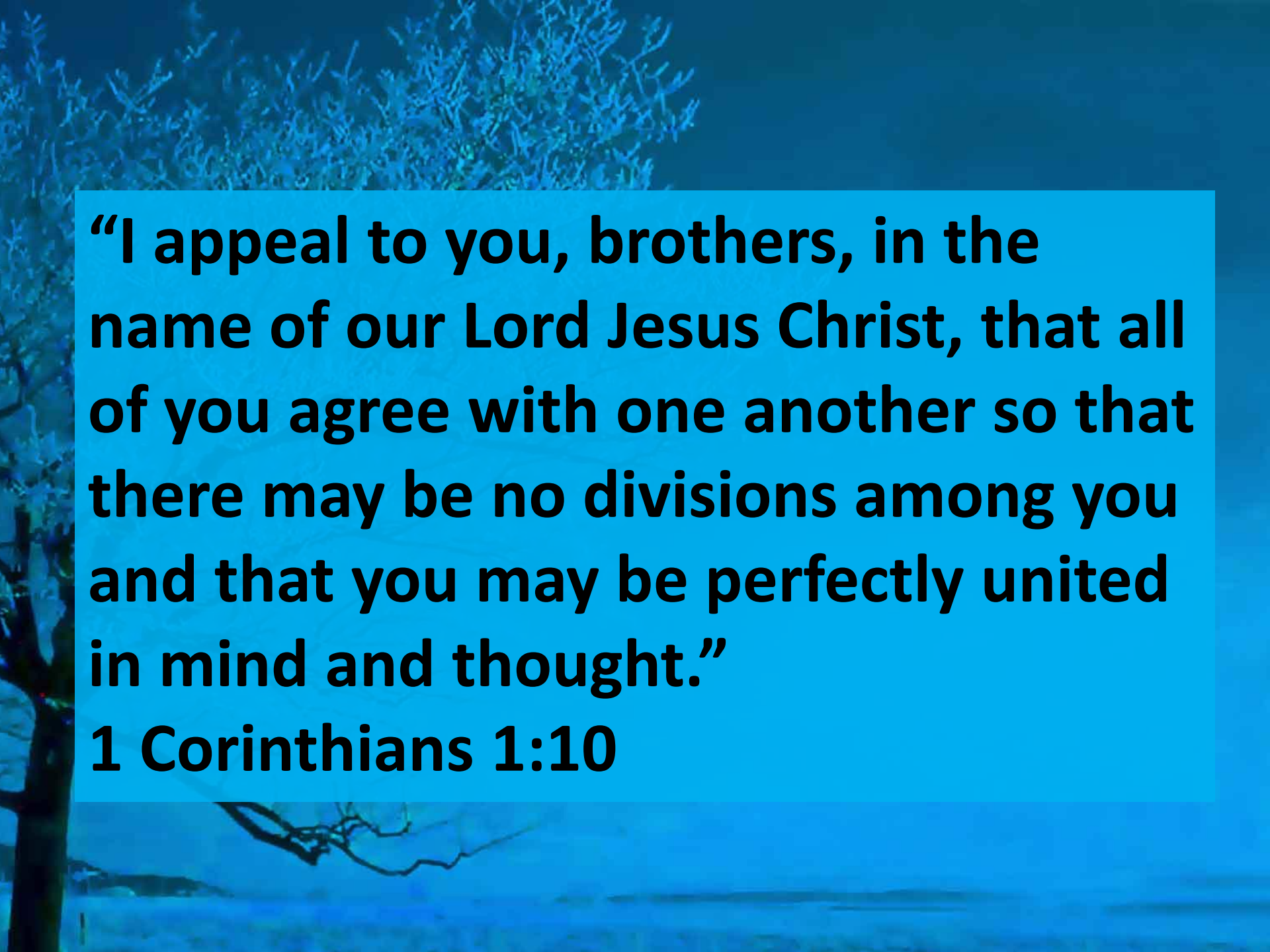


“In our culture today, our churches are filled with a soft breed of Christians who require a constant diet of fun in order to keep them coming back.”



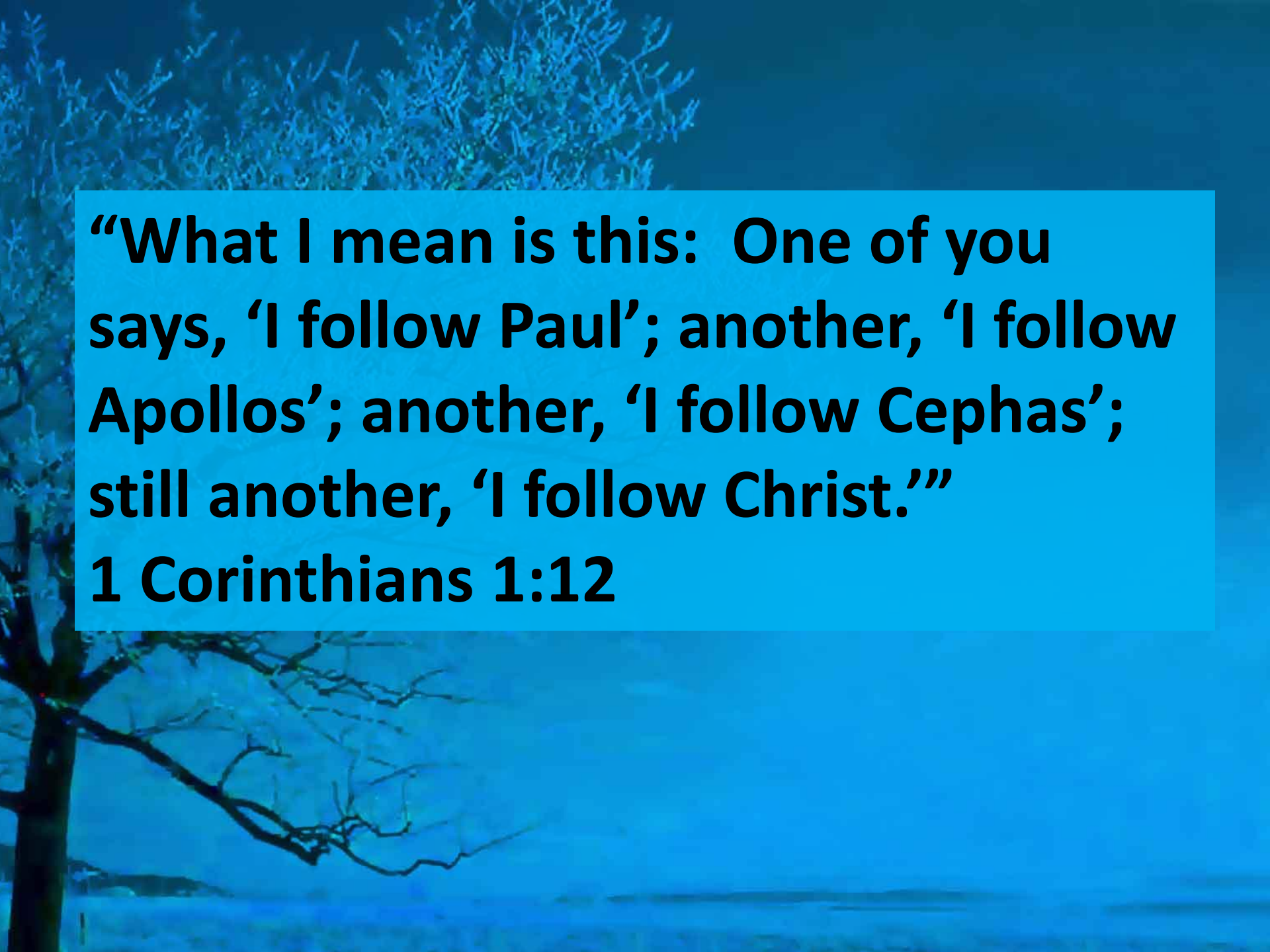
**“To all those everywhere who call on
the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

1 Corinthians 1:2

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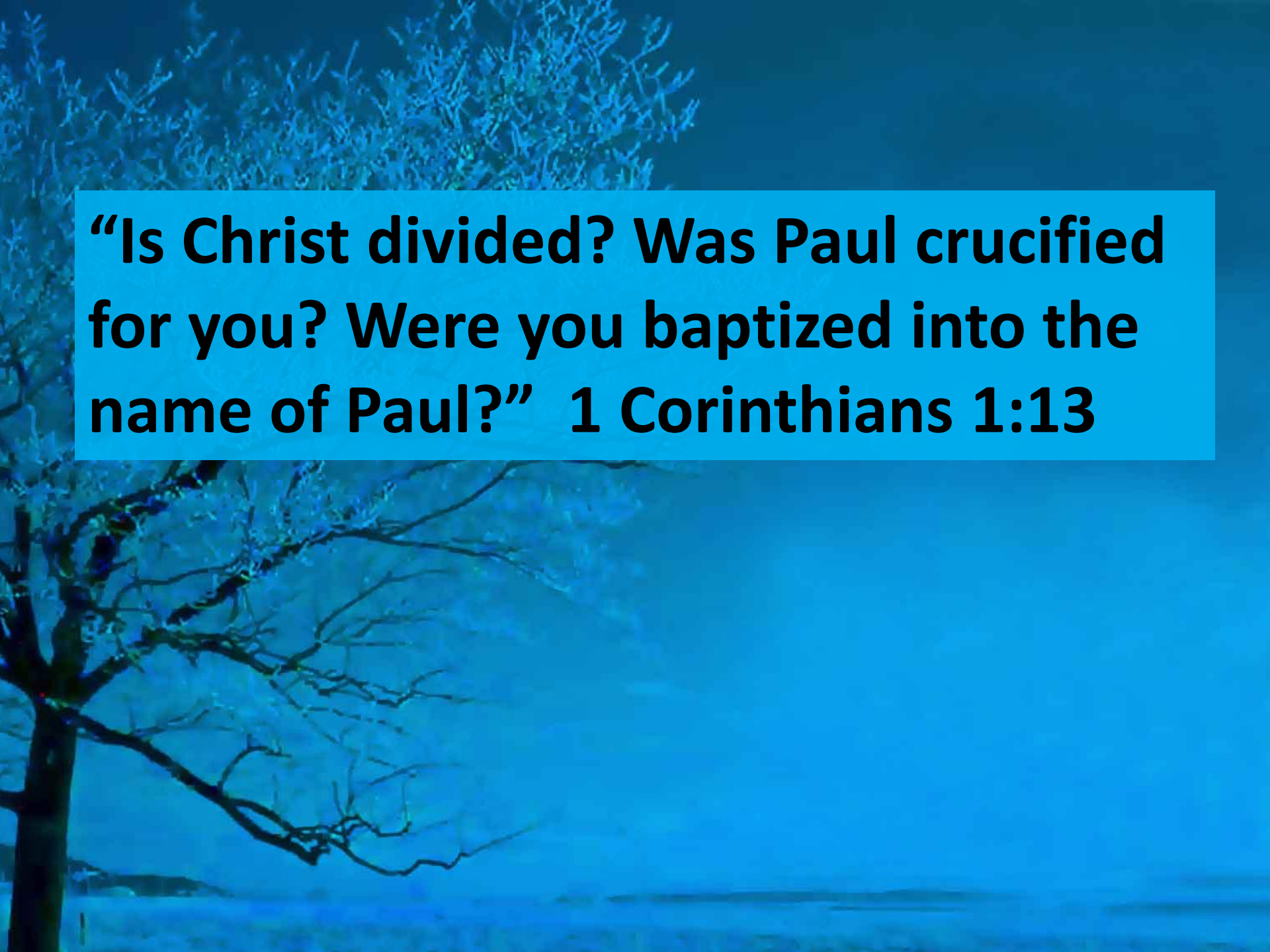
“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

1 Corinthians 1:10

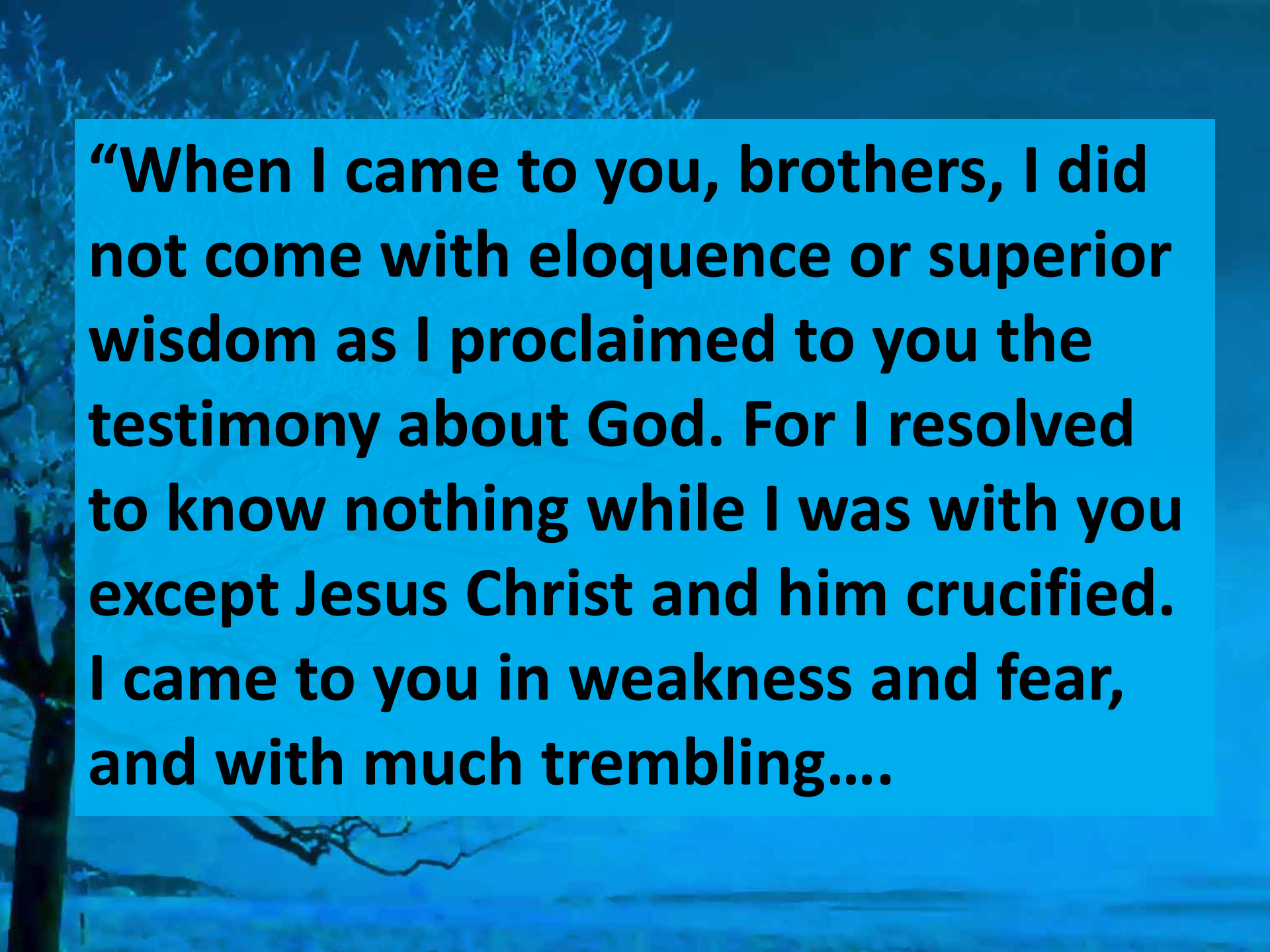
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“What I mean is this: One of you says, ‘I follow Paul’; another, ‘I follow Apollos’; another, ‘I follow Cephas’; still another, ‘I follow Christ.’”

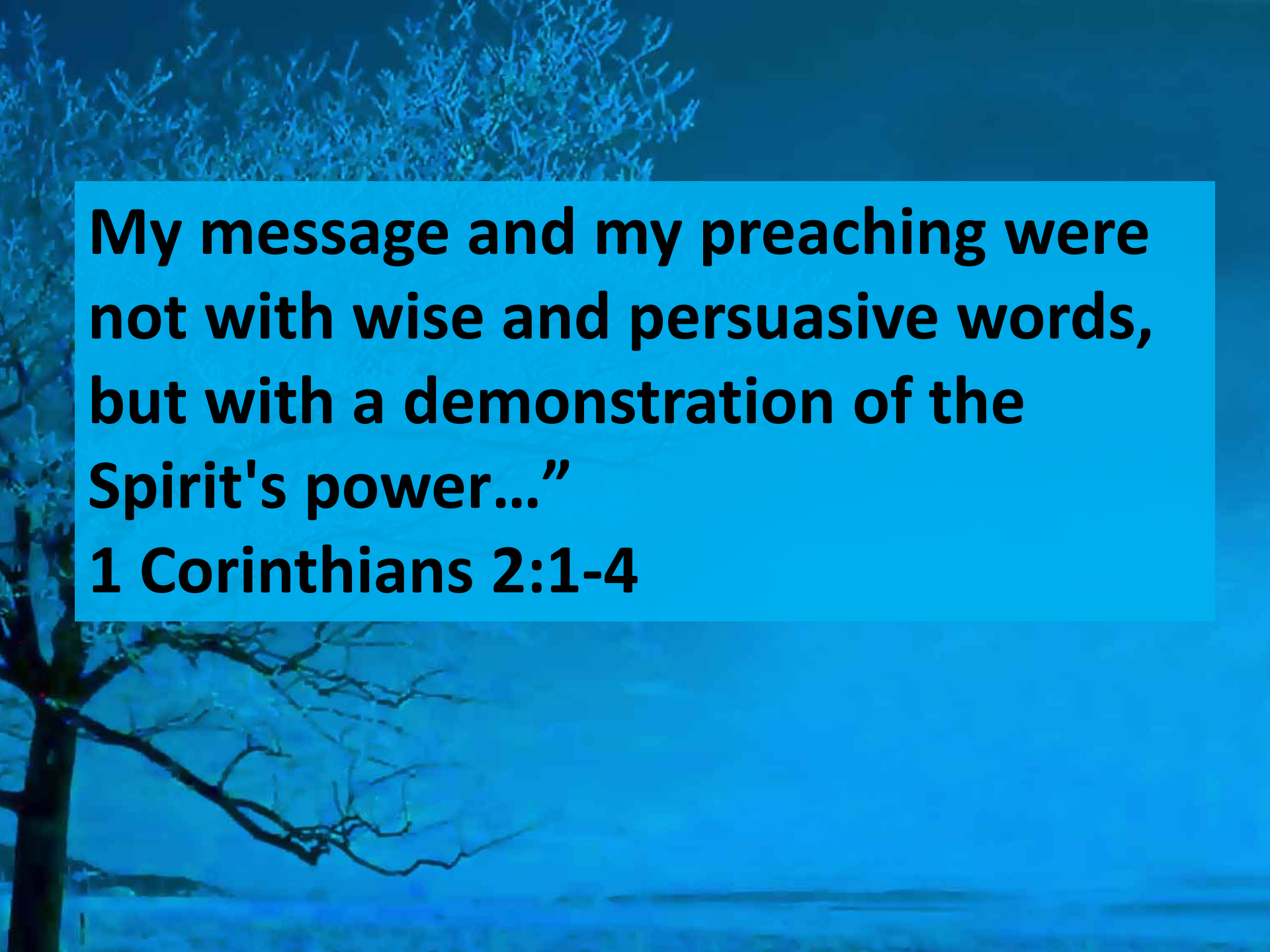
1 Corinthians 1:12



“Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?” 1 Corinthians 1:13

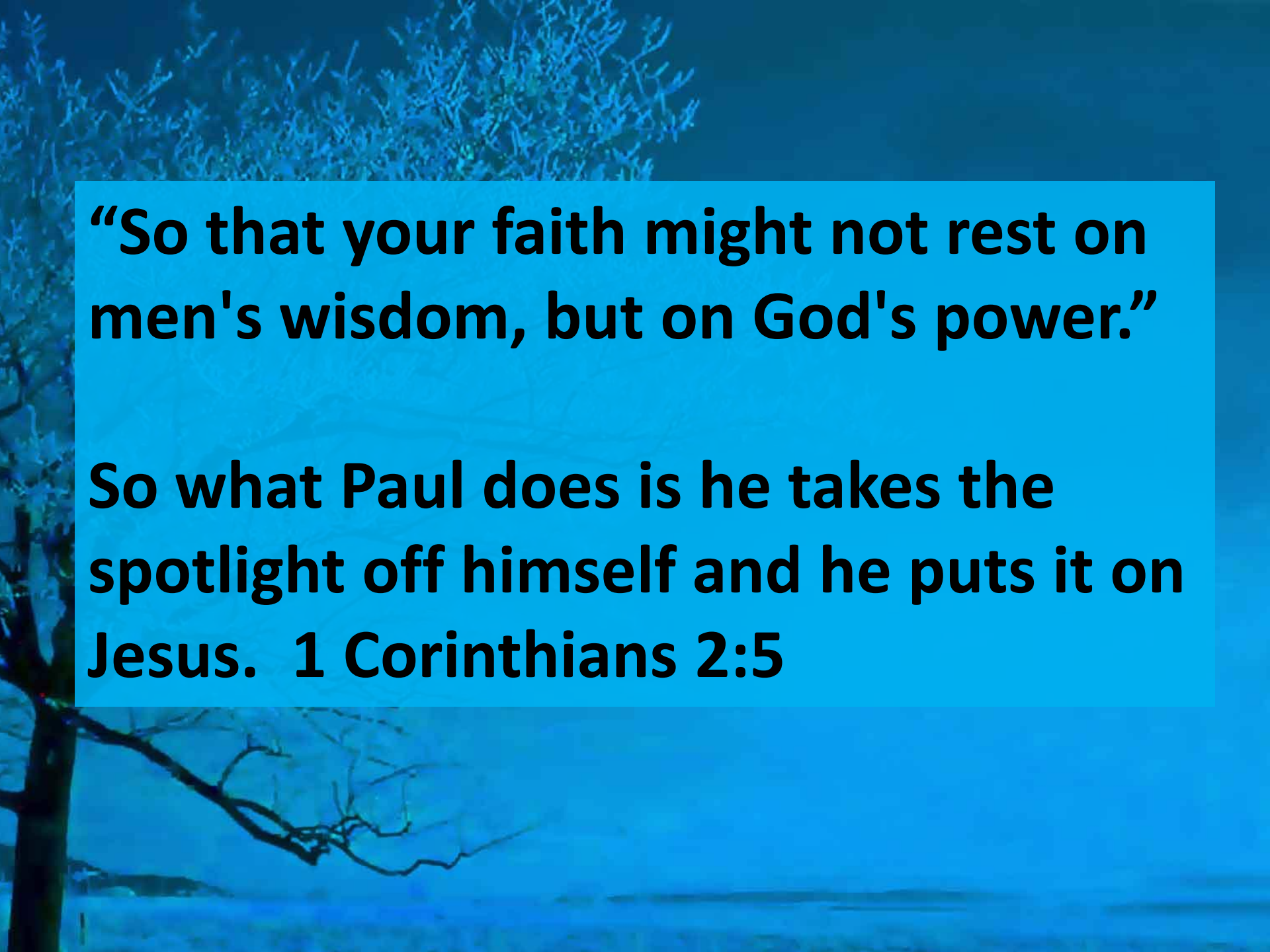


“When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling....

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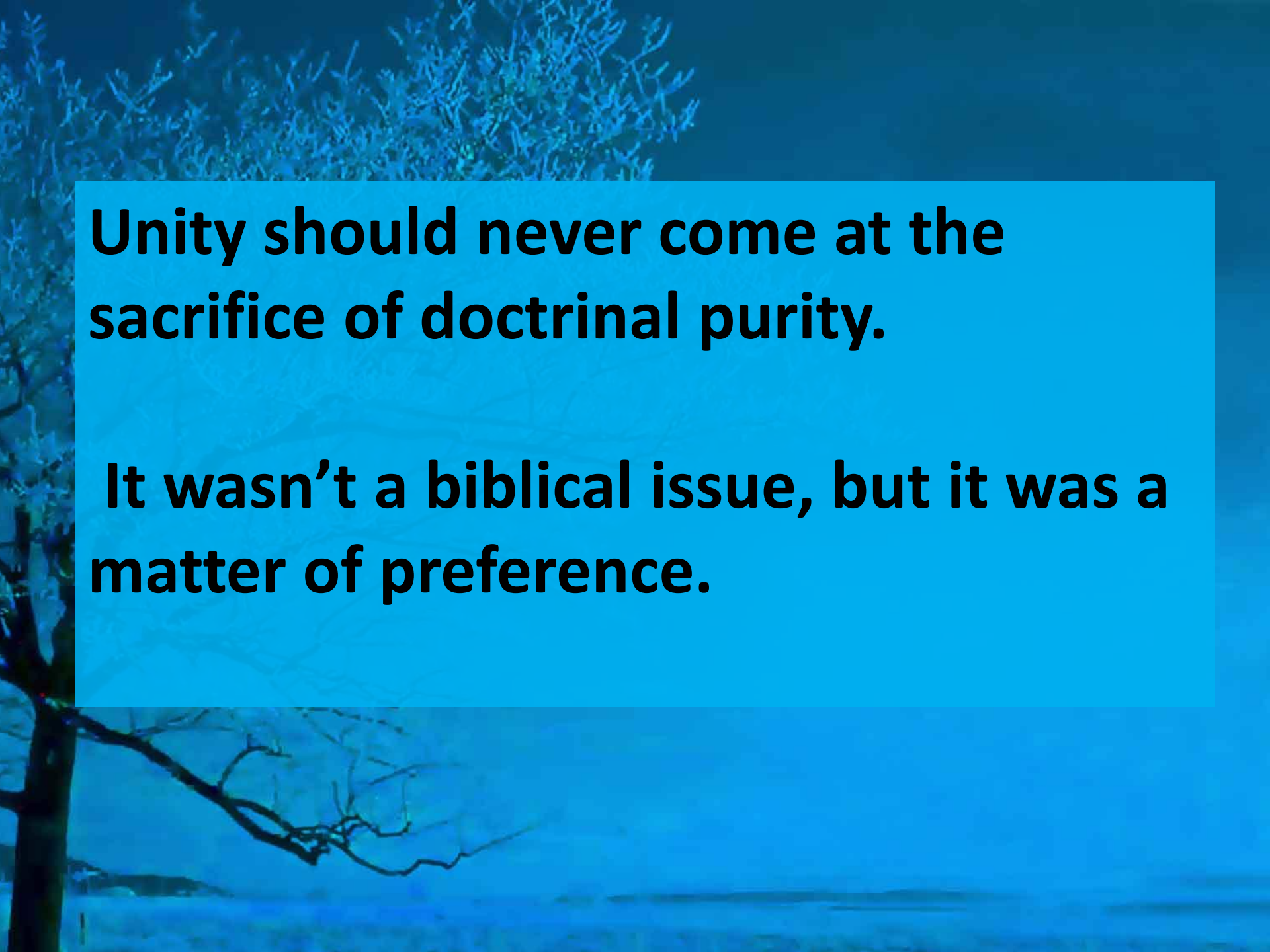
My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power...”

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

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“So that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.”

So what Paul does is he takes the spotlight off himself and he puts it on Jesus. 1 Corinthians 2:5

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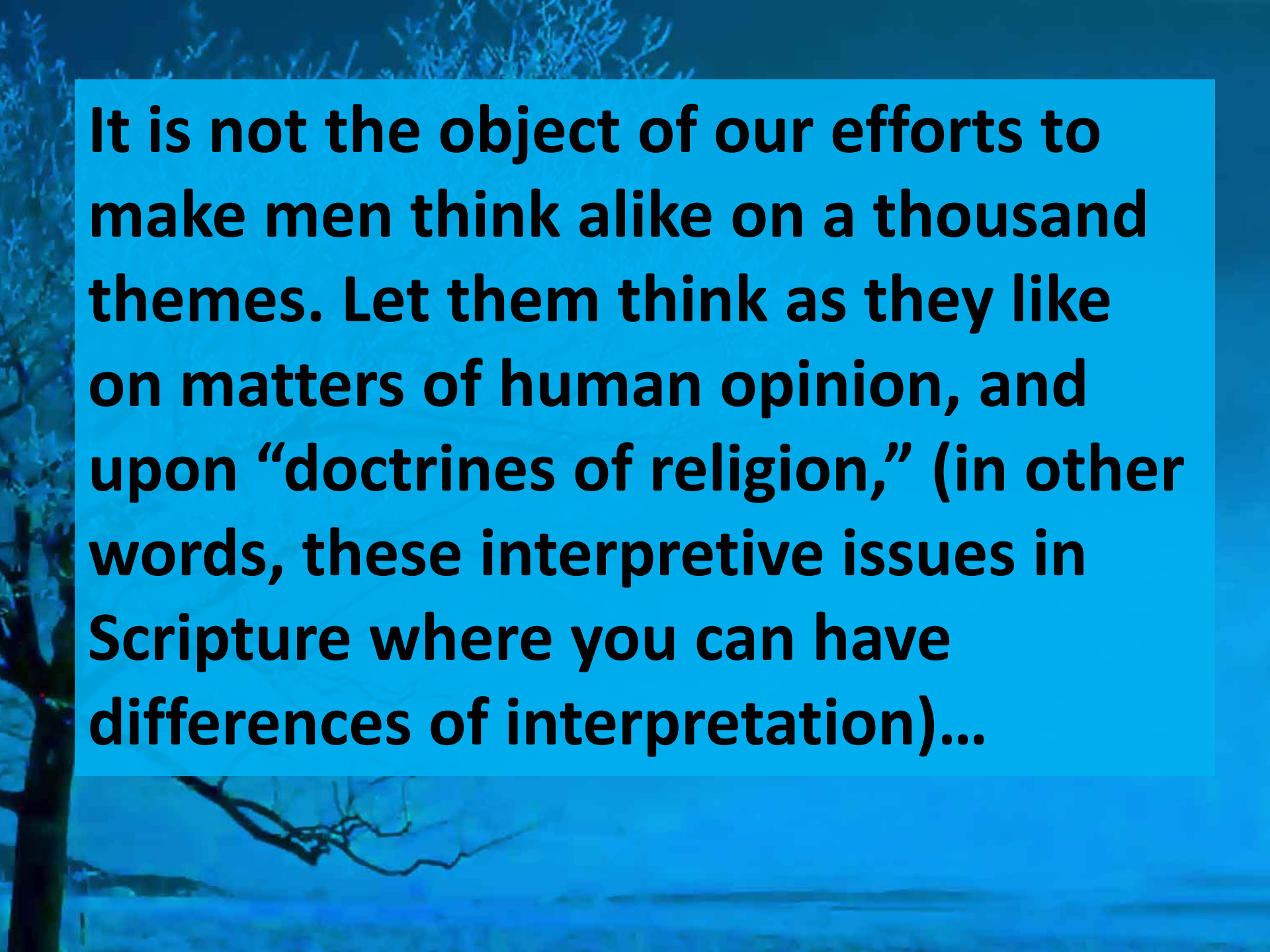
Unity should never come at the sacrifice of doctrinal purity.

It wasn't a biblical issue, but it was a matter of preference.

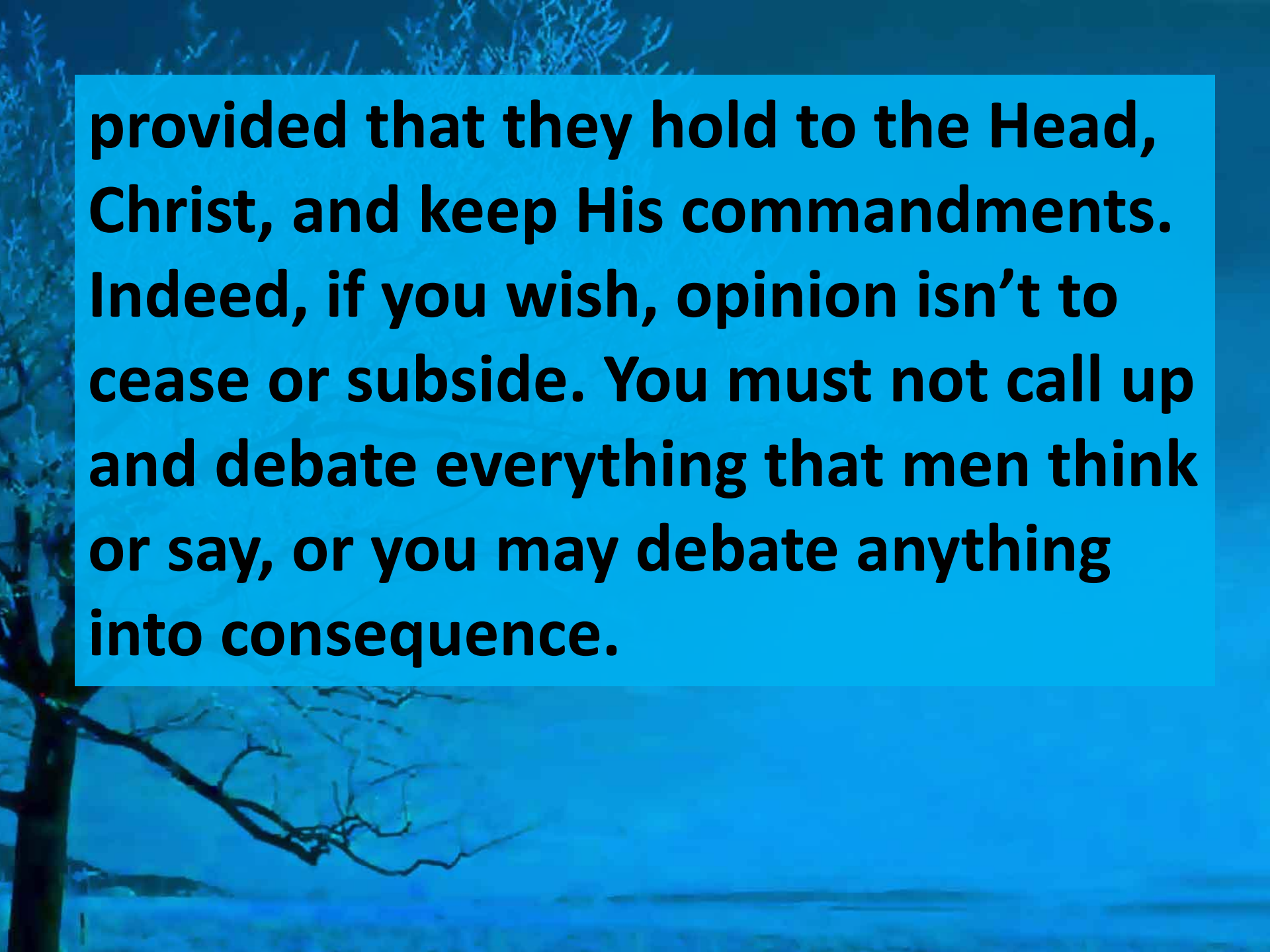


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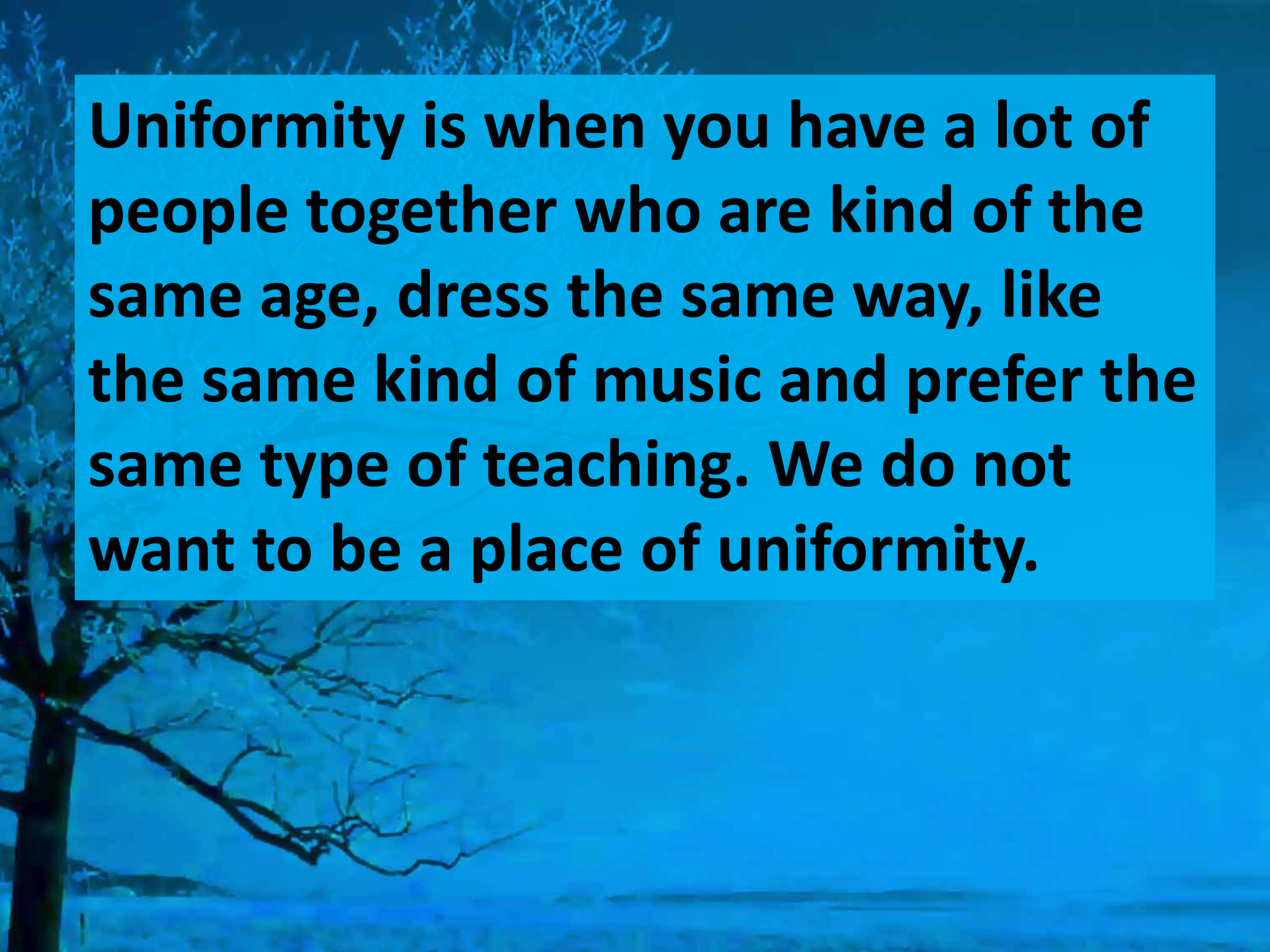
“The Restoration Movement.”



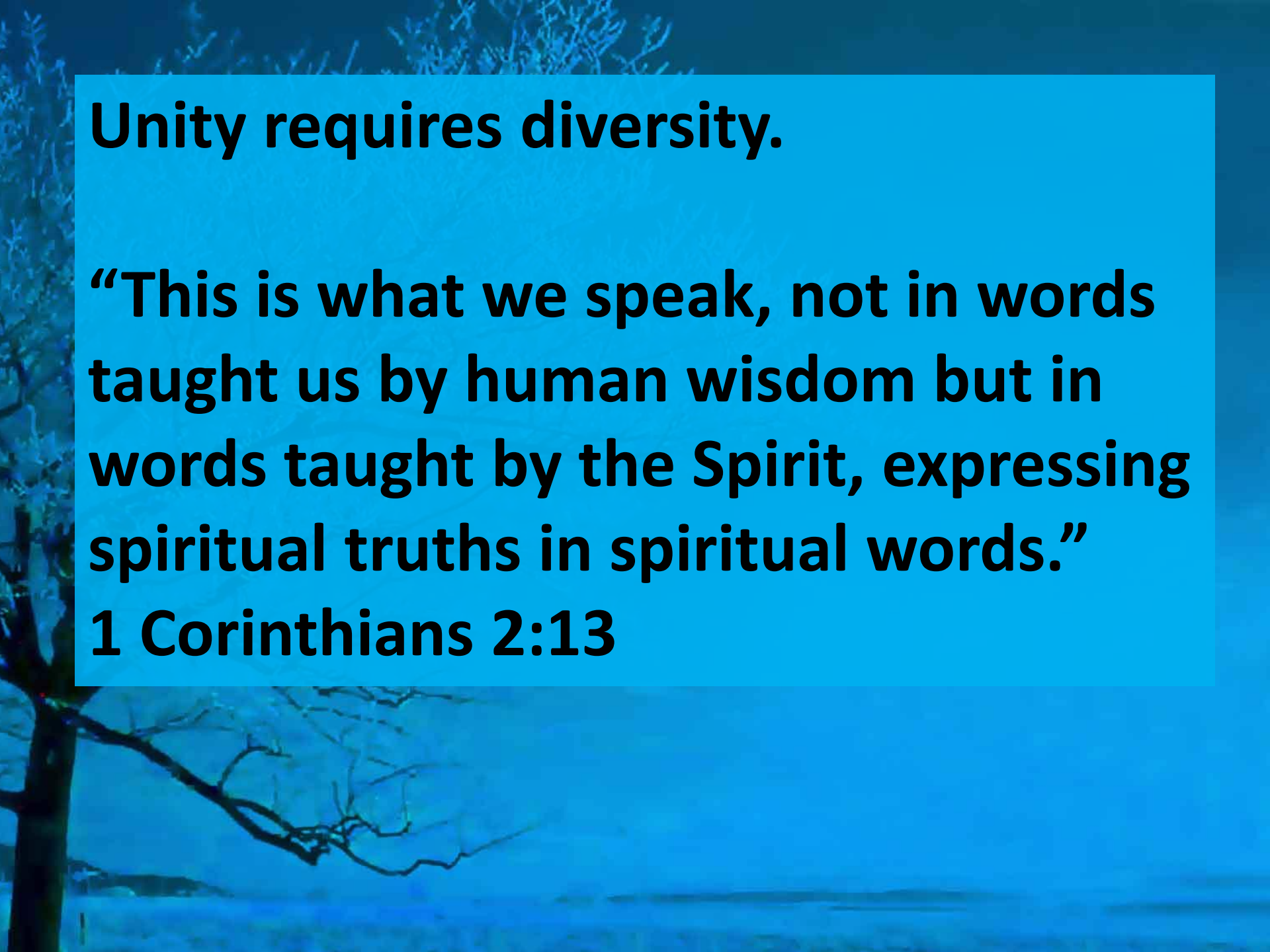
It is not the object of our efforts to make men think alike on a thousand themes. Let them think as they like on matters of human opinion, and upon “doctrines of religion,” (in other words, these interpretive issues in Scripture where you can have differences of interpretation)...



**provided that they hold to the Head,
Christ, and keep His commandments.
Indeed, if you wish, opinion isn't to
cease or subside. You must not call up
and debate everything that men think
or say, or you may debate anything
into consequence.**



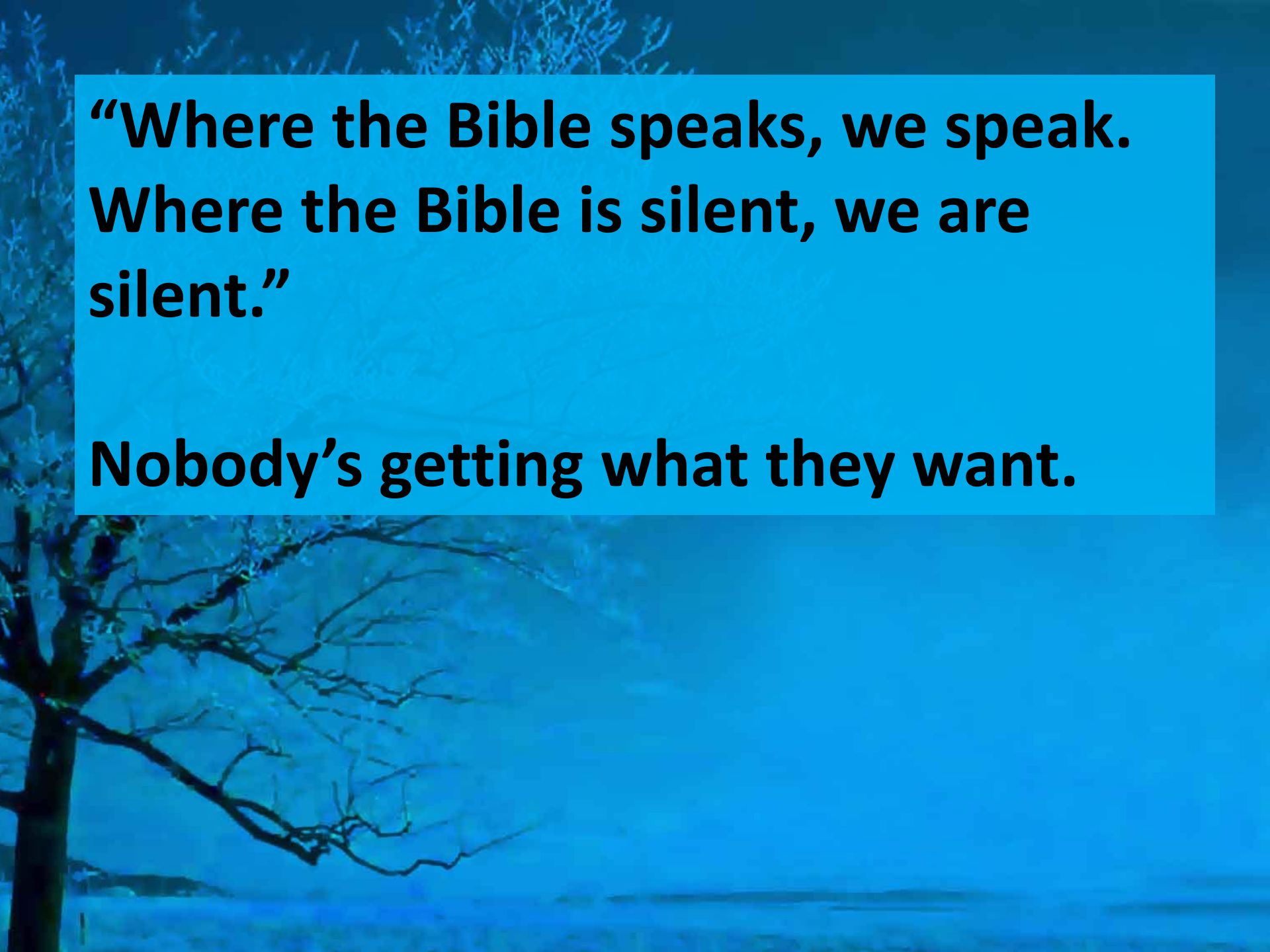
Uniformity is when you have a lot of people together who are kind of the same age, dress the same way, like the same kind of music and prefer the same type of teaching. We do not want to be a place of uniformity.



Unity requires diversity.

“This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.”

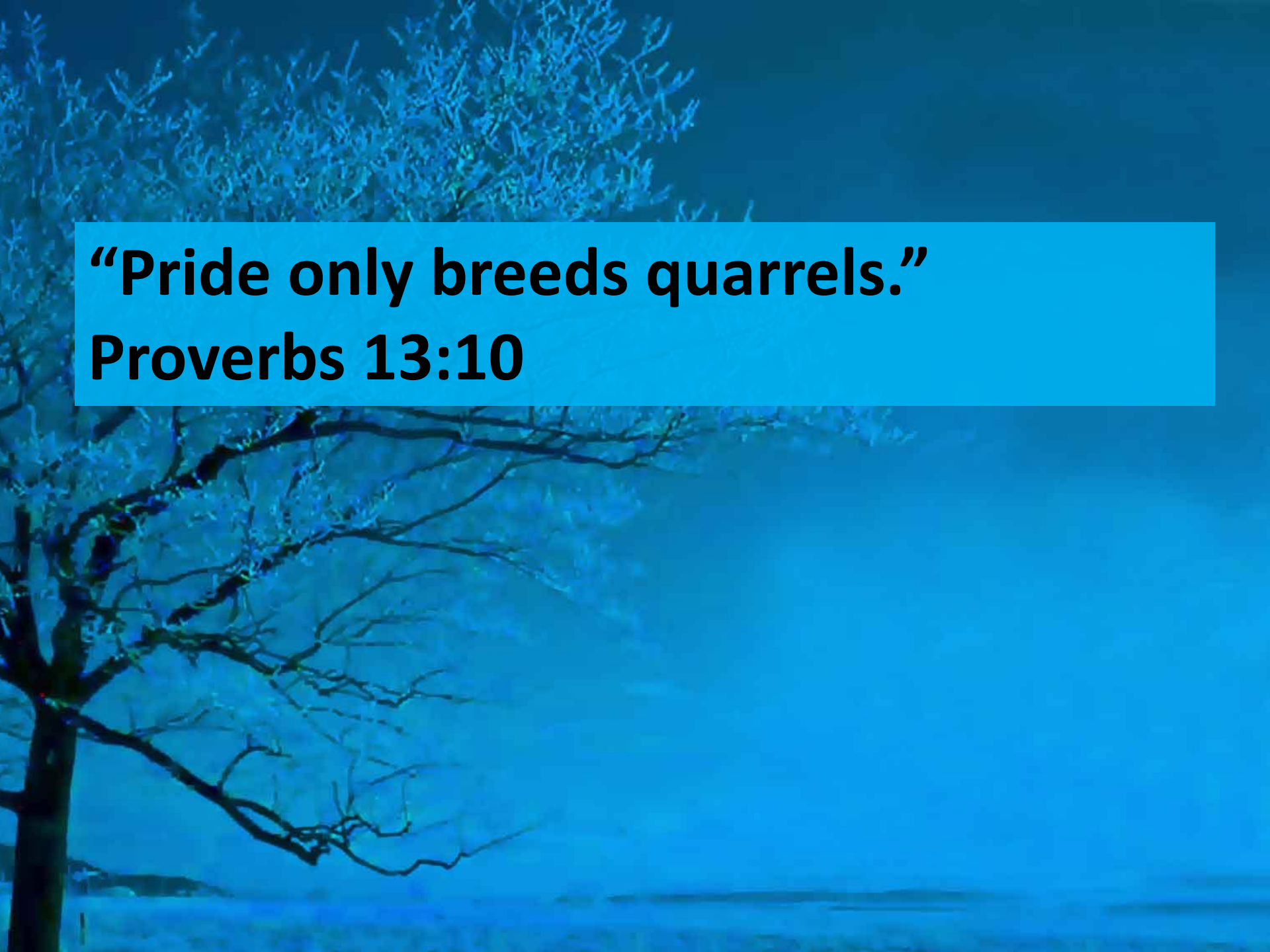
1 Corinthians 2:13



**“Where the Bible speaks, we speak.
Where the Bible is silent, we are
silent.”**

Nobody’s getting what they want.

“What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.” 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

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“Pride only breeds quarrels.”
Proverbs 13:10