

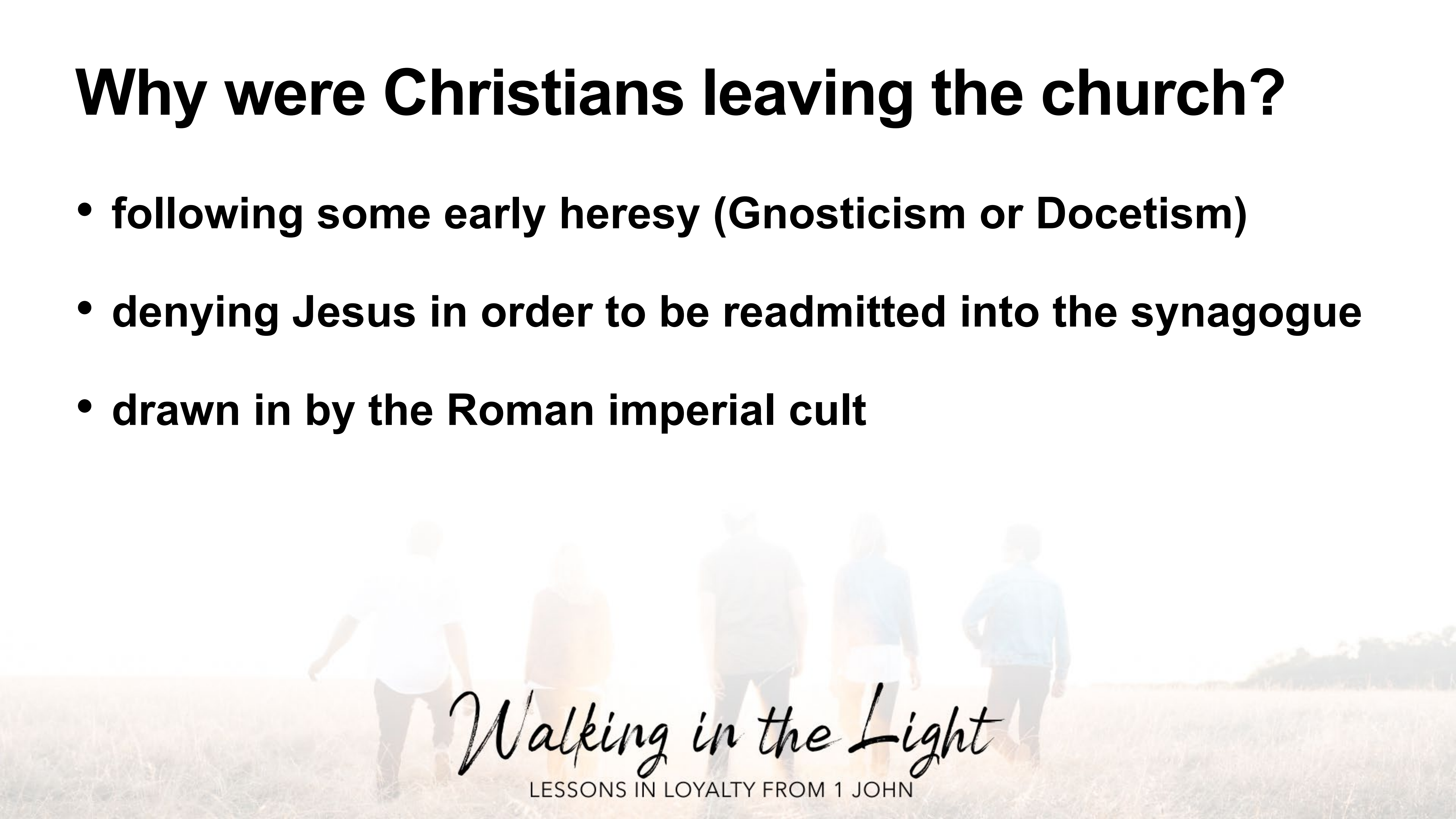
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LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN



Why were Christians leaving the church?

- following some early heresy (Gnosticism or Docetism)
- denying Jesus in order to be readmitted into the synagogue
- drawn in by the Roman imperial cult



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When there's **DISAGREEMENT** and **DIVISION**,
how can you be
CONFIDENT and **COMMITTED**?



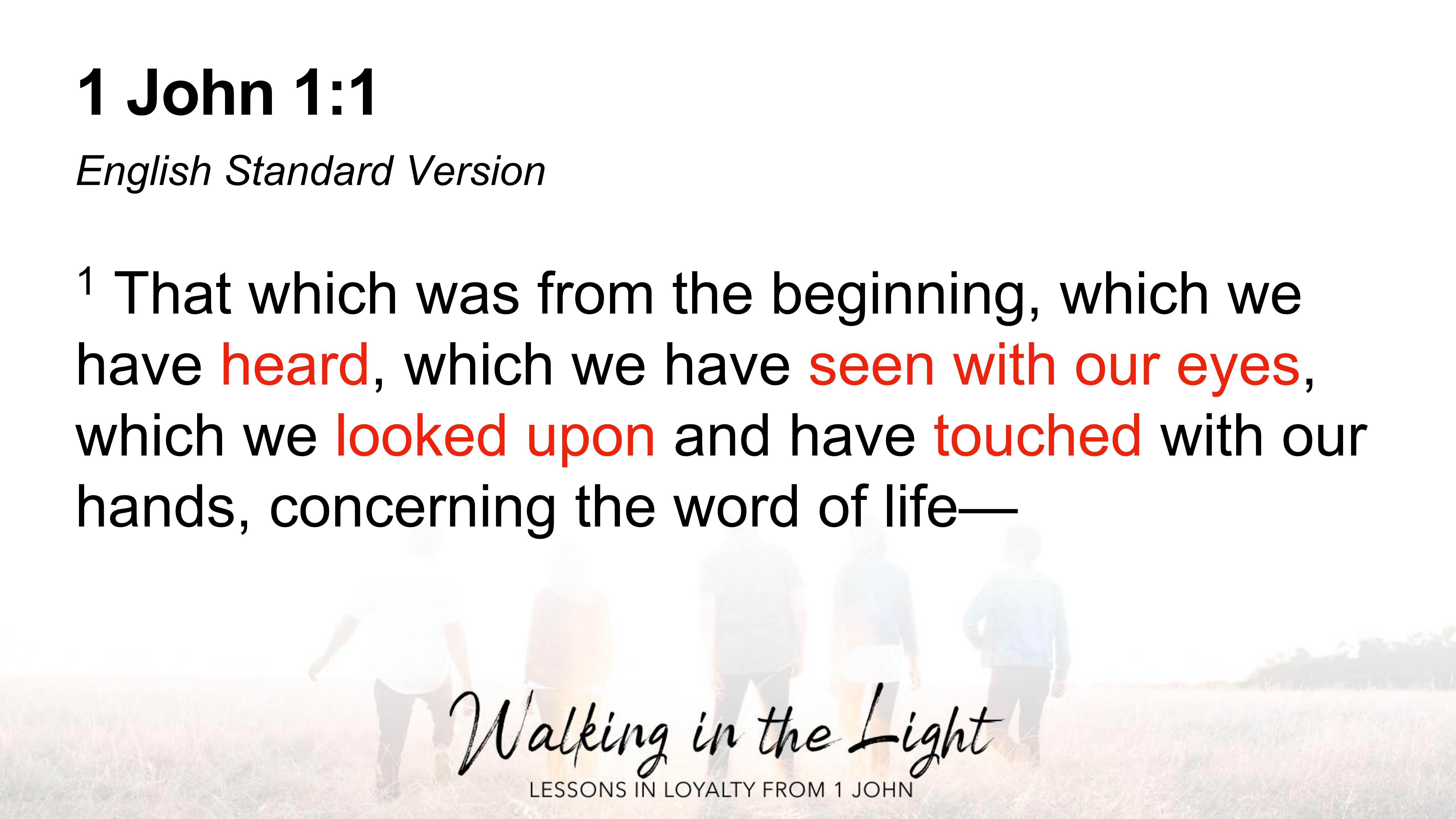
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1 John 1:1

English Standard Version

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have **heard**, which we have **seen with our eyes**, which we **looked upon** and have **touched** with our hands, concerning the word of life—

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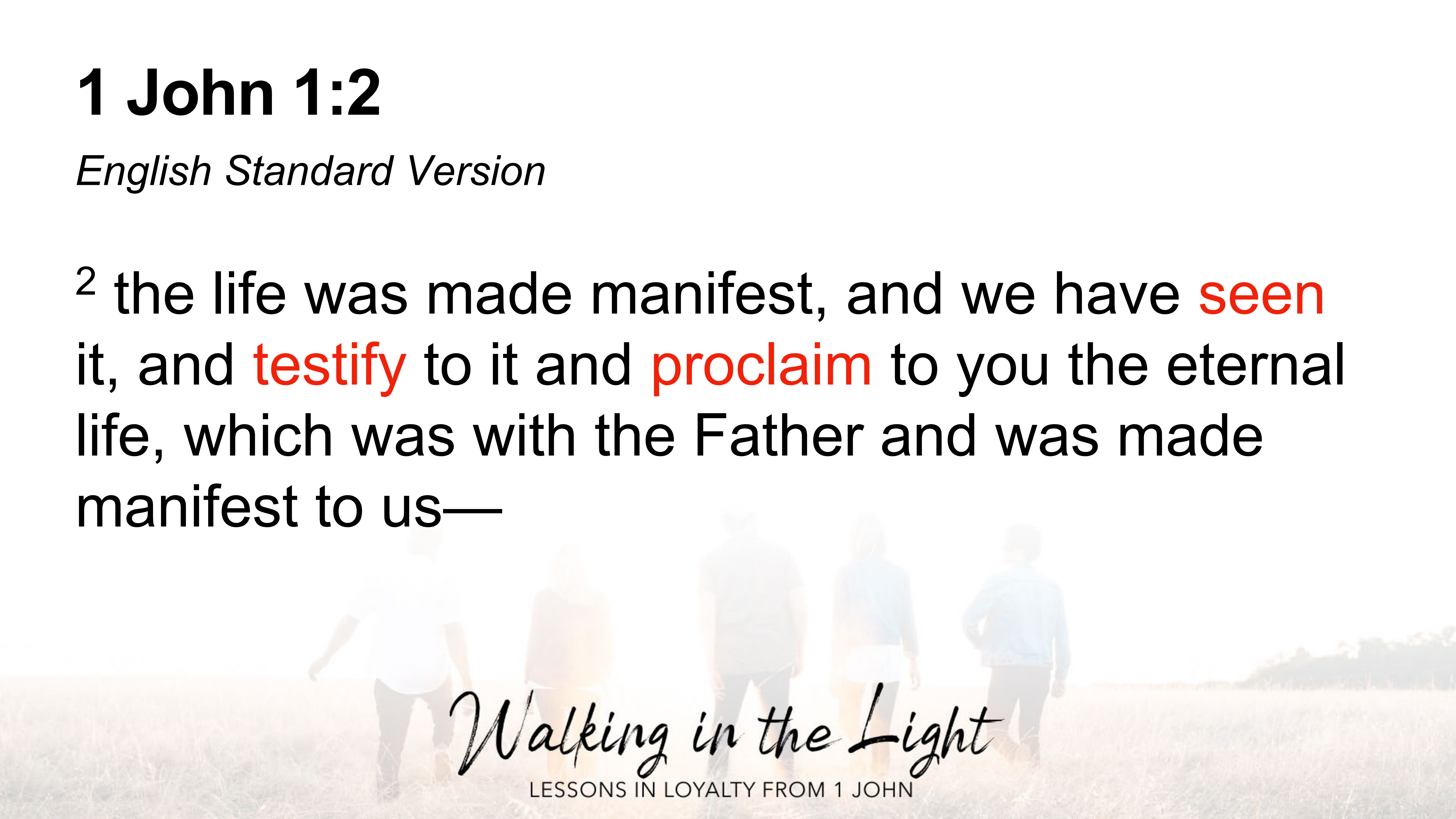
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1 John 1:2

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² the life was made manifest, and we have **seen** it, and **testify** to it and **proclaim** to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—



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1 John 1:3-4

English Standard Version

³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

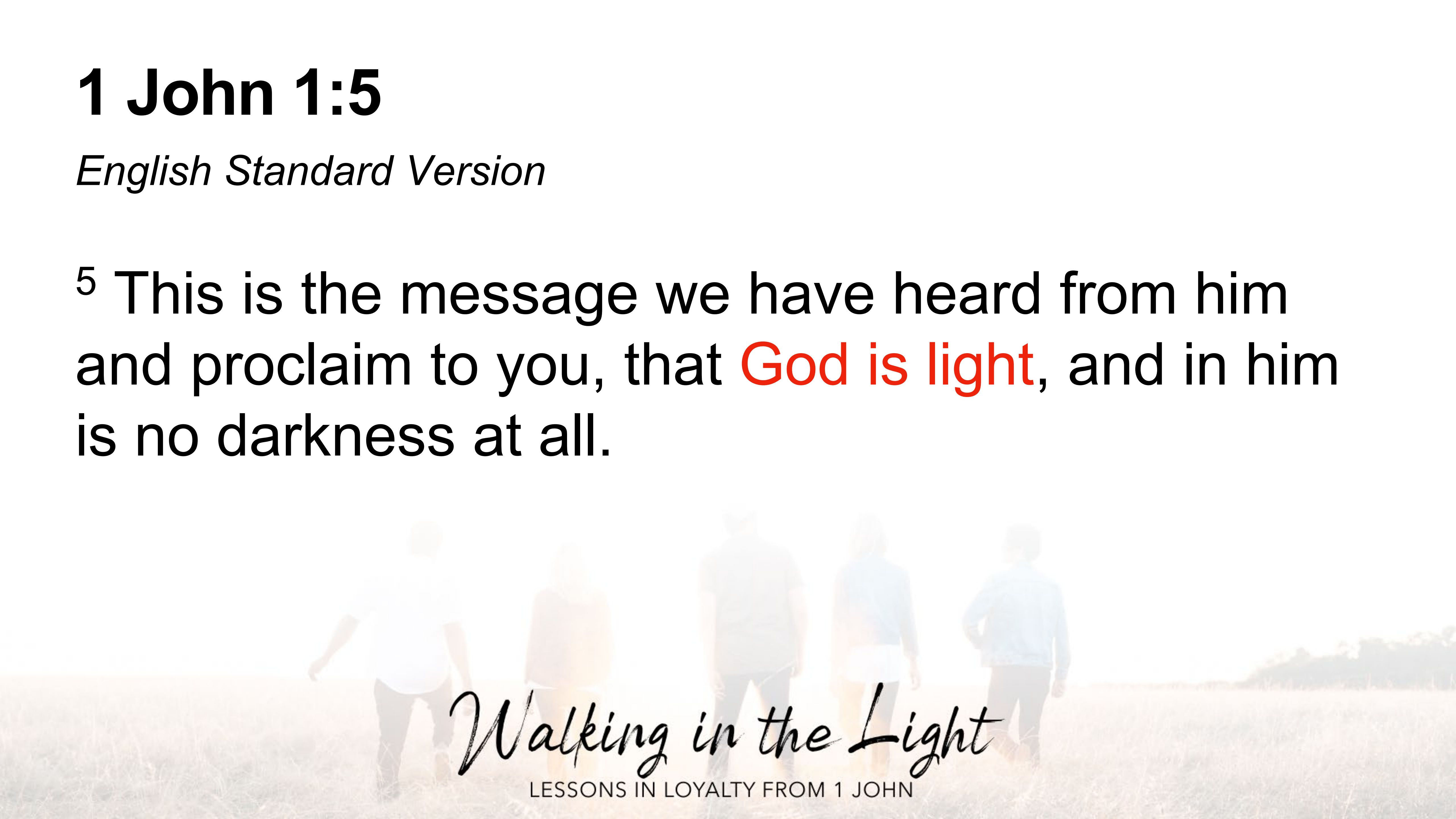
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1 John 1:5

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⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light**, and in him is no darkness at all.



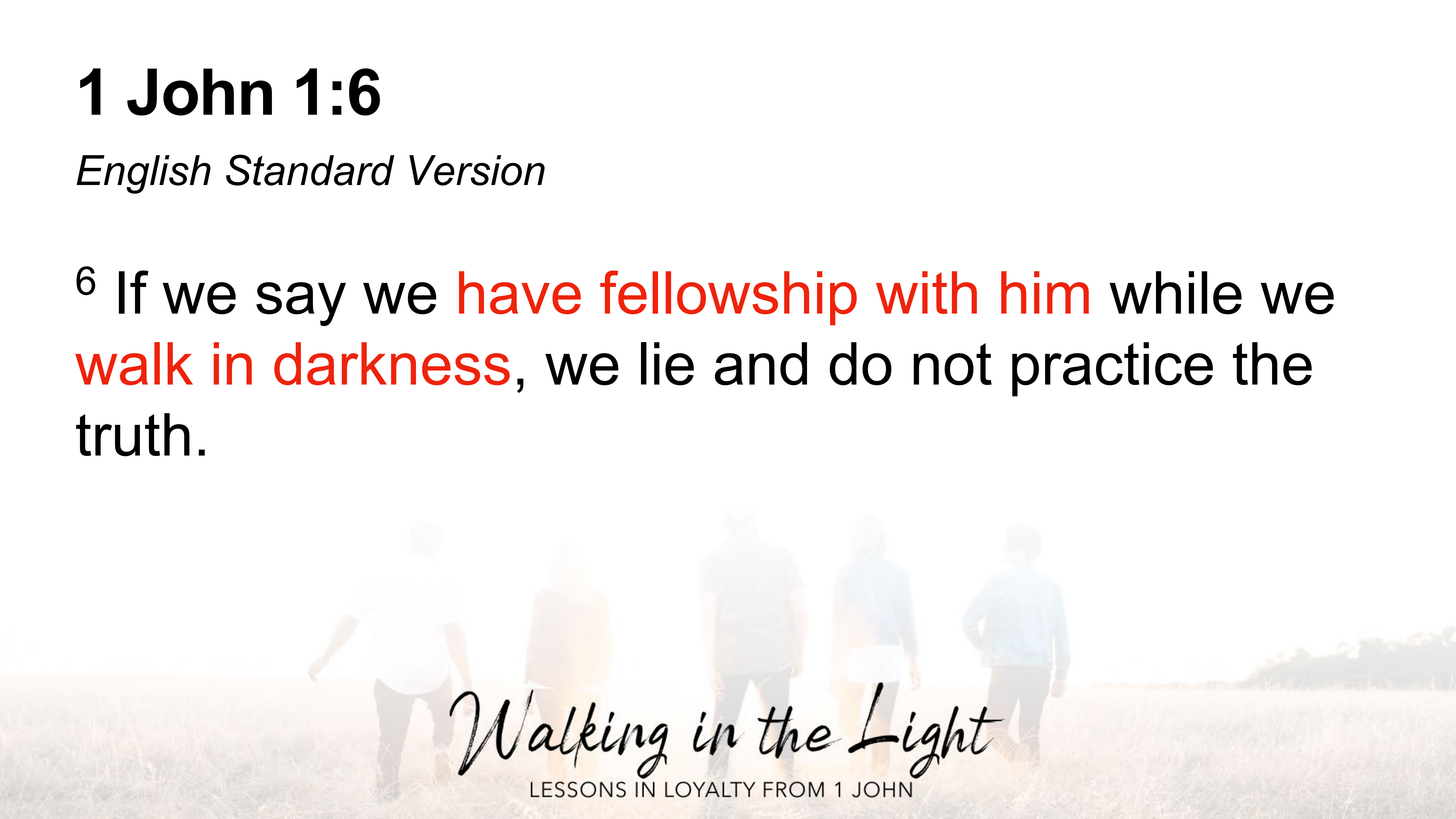
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1 John 1:6

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⁶ If we say we **have fellowship with him** while we **walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth.



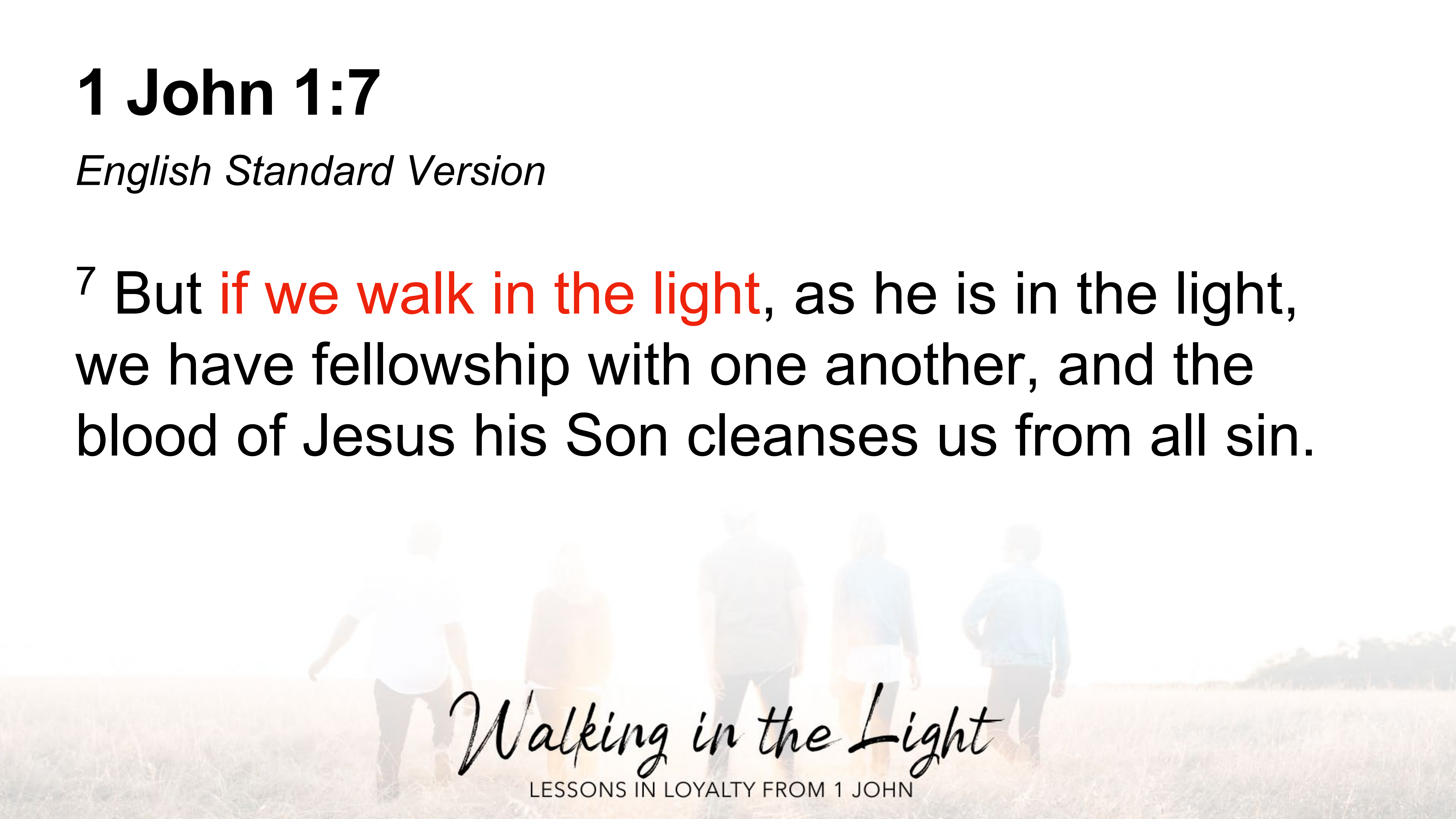
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1 John 1:7

English Standard Version

⁷ But **if we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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**We're walking in the light when we're
living in **HARMONY** with **REALITY****

**(about who Jesus is, who we are, and how we
are to live our lives).**

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1 John 1:8-10

English Standard Version

⁸ **If we say we have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ **If we say we have not sinned**, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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1 John 2:1-2

English Standard Version

¹ My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have **an advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ² He is **the propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Our confidence is not in
OURSELVES, but in **OUR**
SAVIOR.

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1 John 1:7-9

English Standard Version

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LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

To experience **FELLOWSHIP** and
FORGIVENESS, we must neither
persist in doing wrong nor *insist* we're
always right.

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