

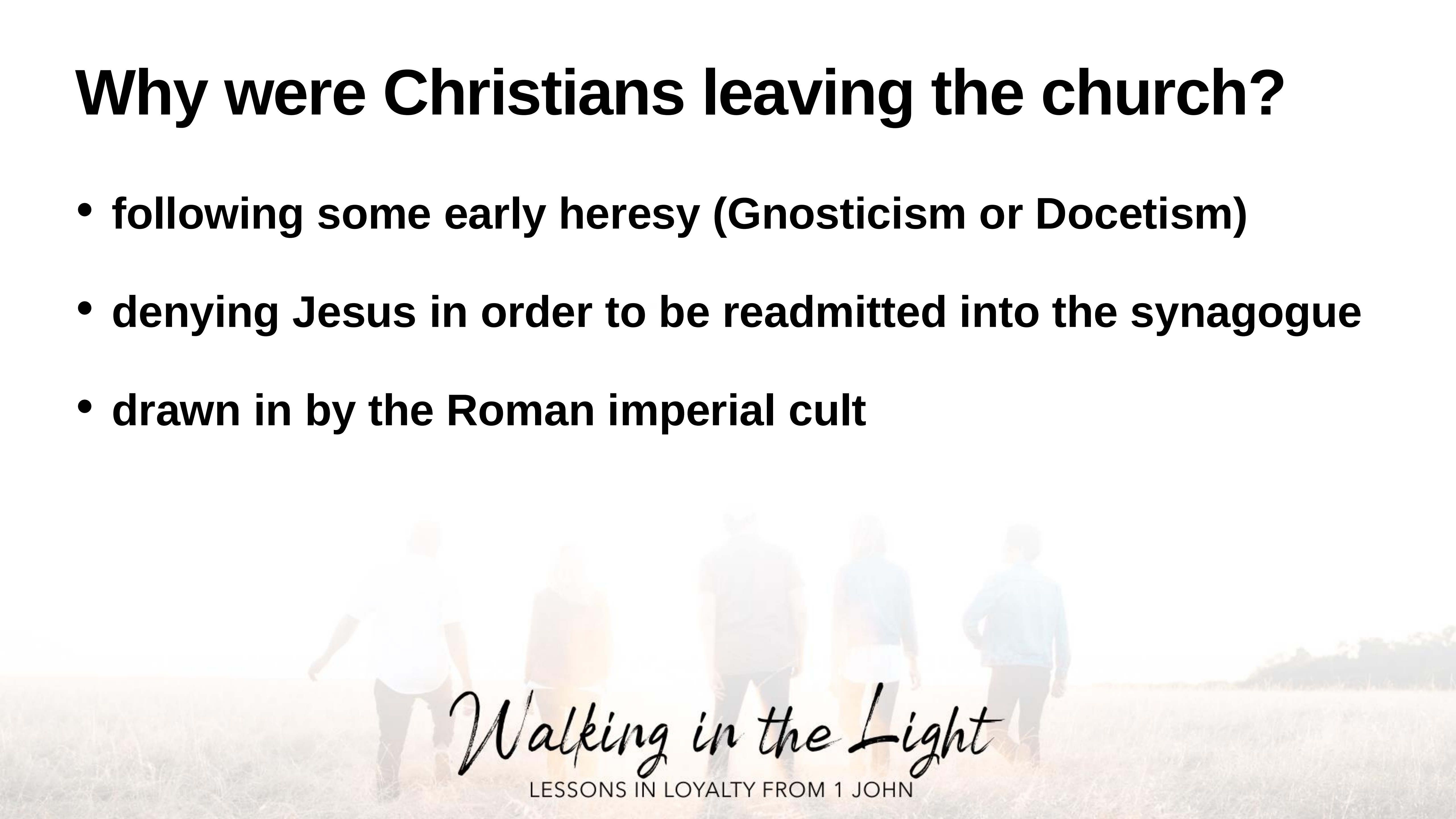
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LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN



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

A group of five people, three women and two men, are walking away from the camera in a field of tall, dry grass. They are silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunset sky. The person on the far left is wearing a white shirt and dark pants. The person next to them is wearing a brown top. The person in the center is wearing a dark shirt and pants. The person next to them is wearing a light blue shirt and white shorts. The person on the far right is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants.

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How can
CONFIDENCE be **REVIVED** and
COMMITMENT be **RENEWED**?



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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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1 John 2:3

English Standard Version

³ And **by this we know** that we have come to **know him, if we keep his commandments.**



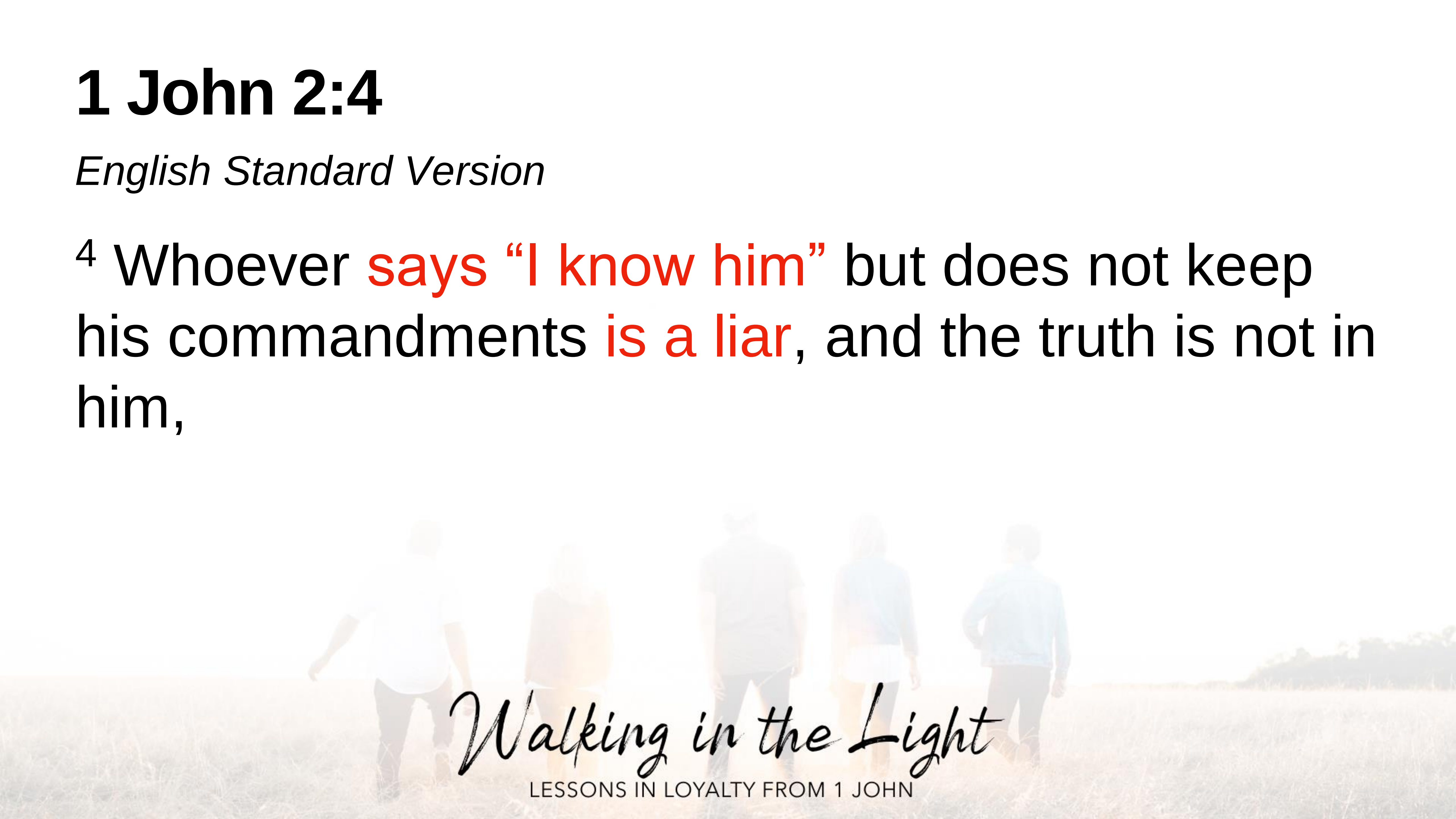
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1 John 2:4

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⁴ Whoever **says “I know him”** but does not keep his commandments **is a liar**, and the truth is not in him,



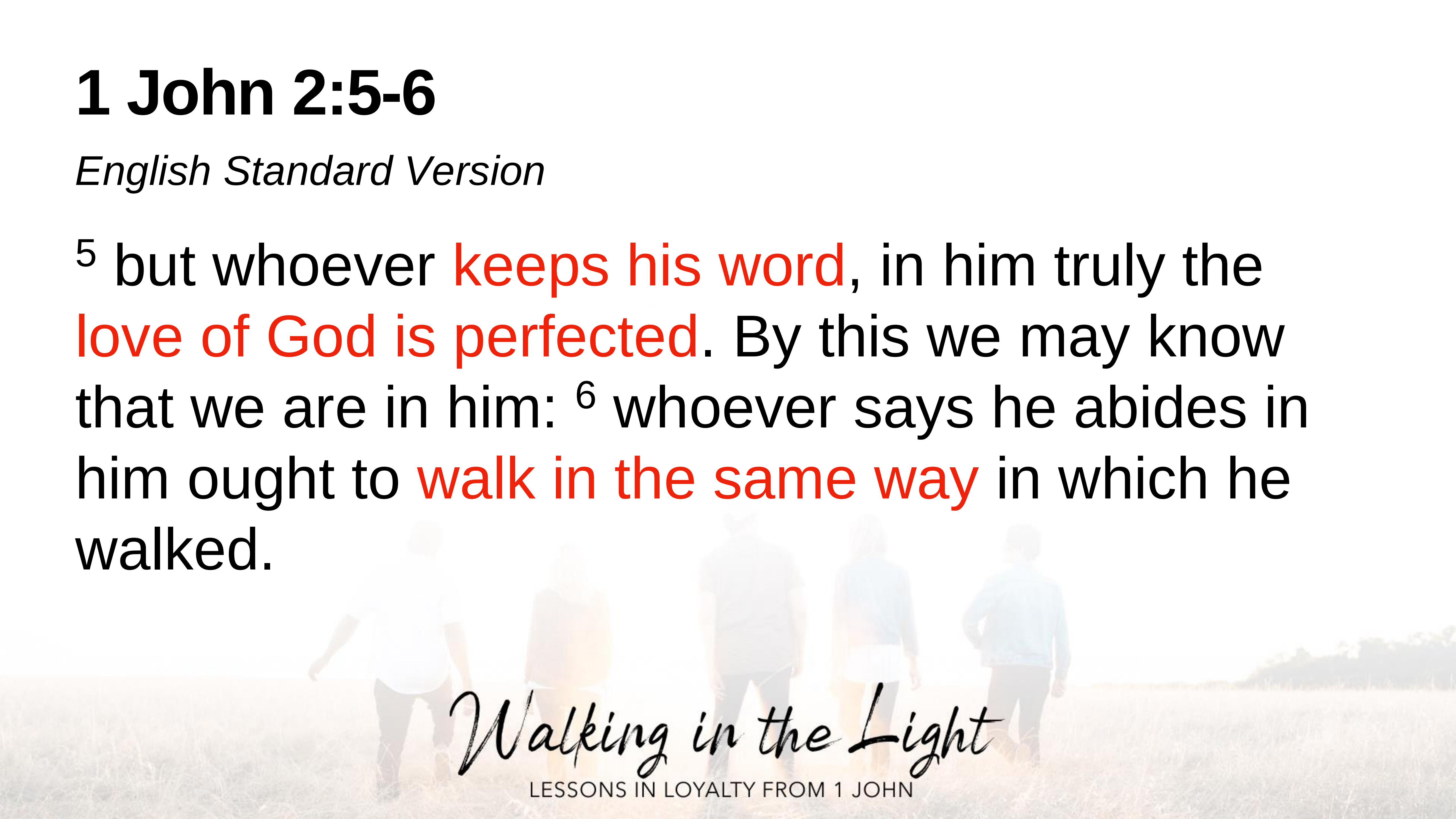
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1 John 2:5-6

English Standard Version

⁵ but whoever **keeps his word**, in him truly the **love of God is perfected**. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to **walk in the same way** in which he walked.

A group of five people, three women and two men, are walking away from the camera in a field of tall, dry grass. They are dressed in casual summer clothing. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees in the distance under a bright sky.

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1 John 2:7-8

English Standard Version

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The **old commandment** is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, **it is a new commandment that I am writing to you**, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

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1 John 2:9-11

English Standard Version

⁹ **Whoever says** he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But **whoever hates** his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the **darkness has blinded his eyes**.

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1 John 2:12-13

English Standard Version

¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because **your sins are forgiven** for his name's sake.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because **you know him**.

I am writing to you, young men,
because **you have overcome the evil one**.

I write to you, children,
because **you know the Father**.

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1 John 2:14

English Standard Version

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because **you know him**.
I write to you, young men,
because **you are strong**,
and **the word of God abides in you**,
and **you have overcome the evil one**.

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1 John 2:15-16

English Standard Version

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

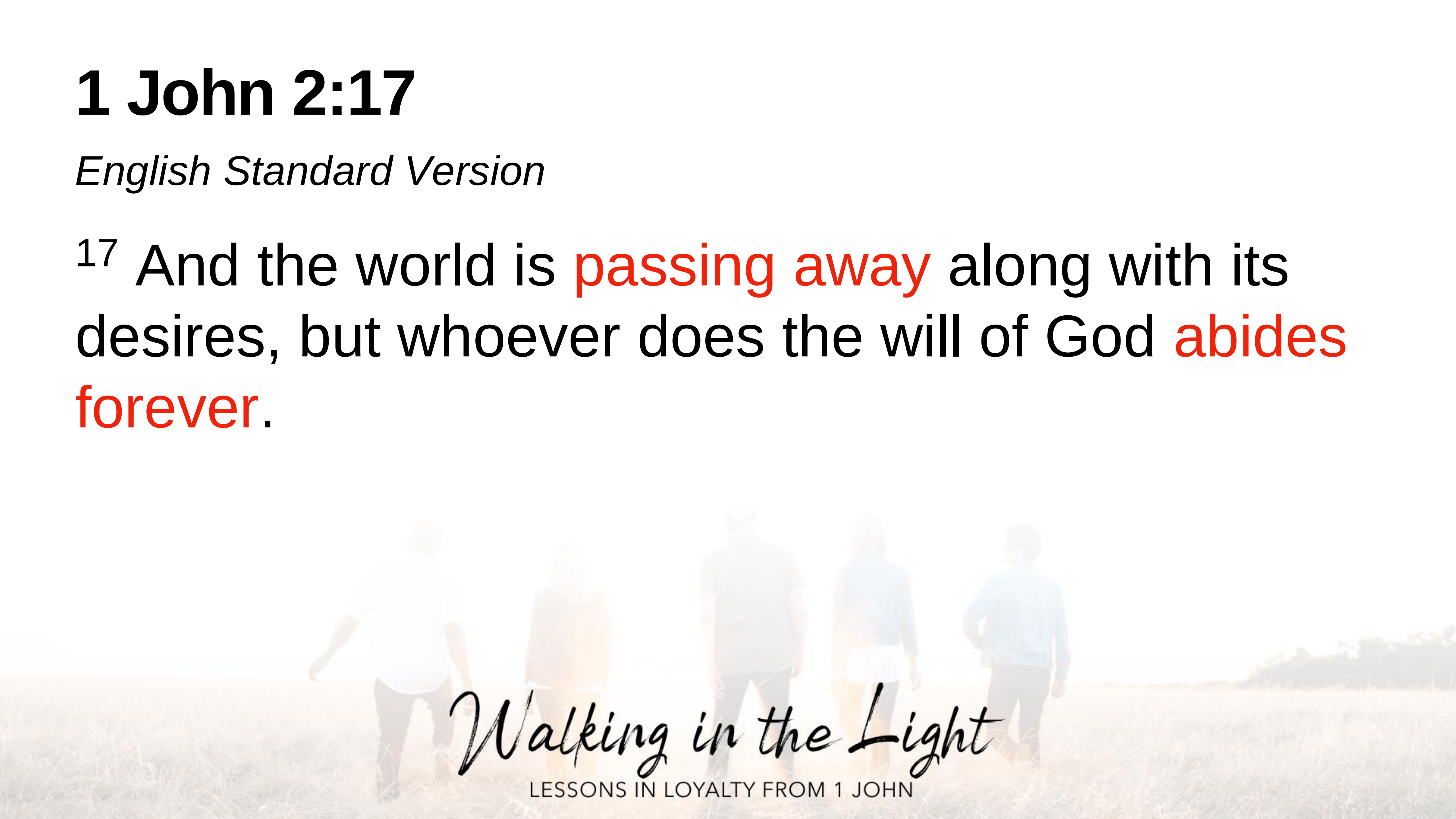
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1 John 2:17

English Standard Version

¹⁷ And the world is **passing away** along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God **abides forever**.



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Keep obeying,
because **LOYALTY** is proof
of God's **LOVE** at work in you.



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