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LESSONS IN LOYALTY FROM 1 JOHN

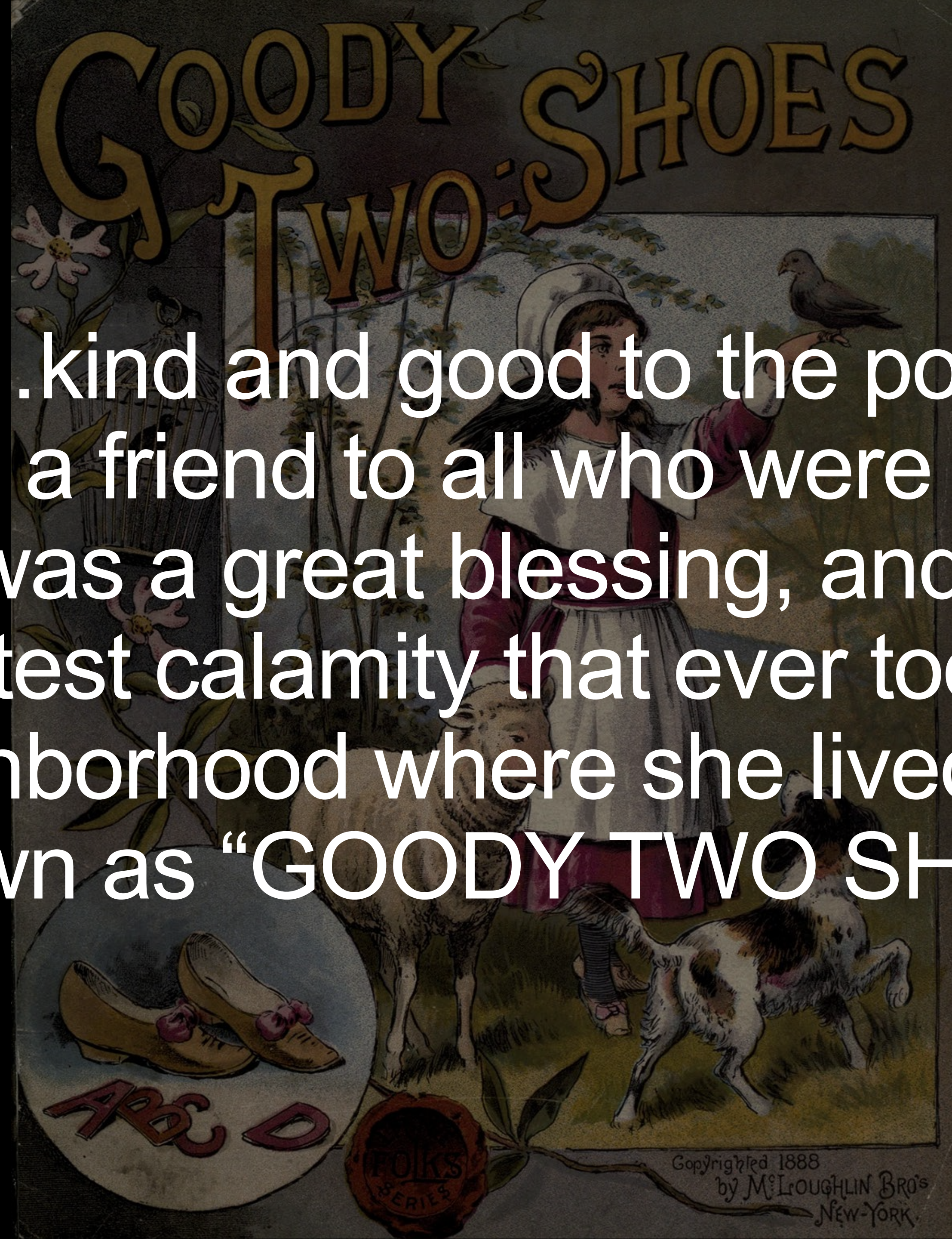


GOODY TWO SHOES



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She was...kind and good to the poor, and the sick, and a friend to all who were in distress. Her life was a great blessing, and her death the greatest calamity that ever took place in the neighborhood where she lived, and was known as "GOODY TWO SHOES."



Are we so **afraid** of *self-righteousness*
that we **avoid** *righteousness*?

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1 John 2:28-29

English Standard Version

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that **he is righteous**, you may be sure that everyone who **practices righteousness** has been **born of him**.

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Righteousness

“means **living in right relationship** with God, other people, and all creation. We act with righteousness when we live **justly, honestly,** and **faithfully according to God’s instruction.**”

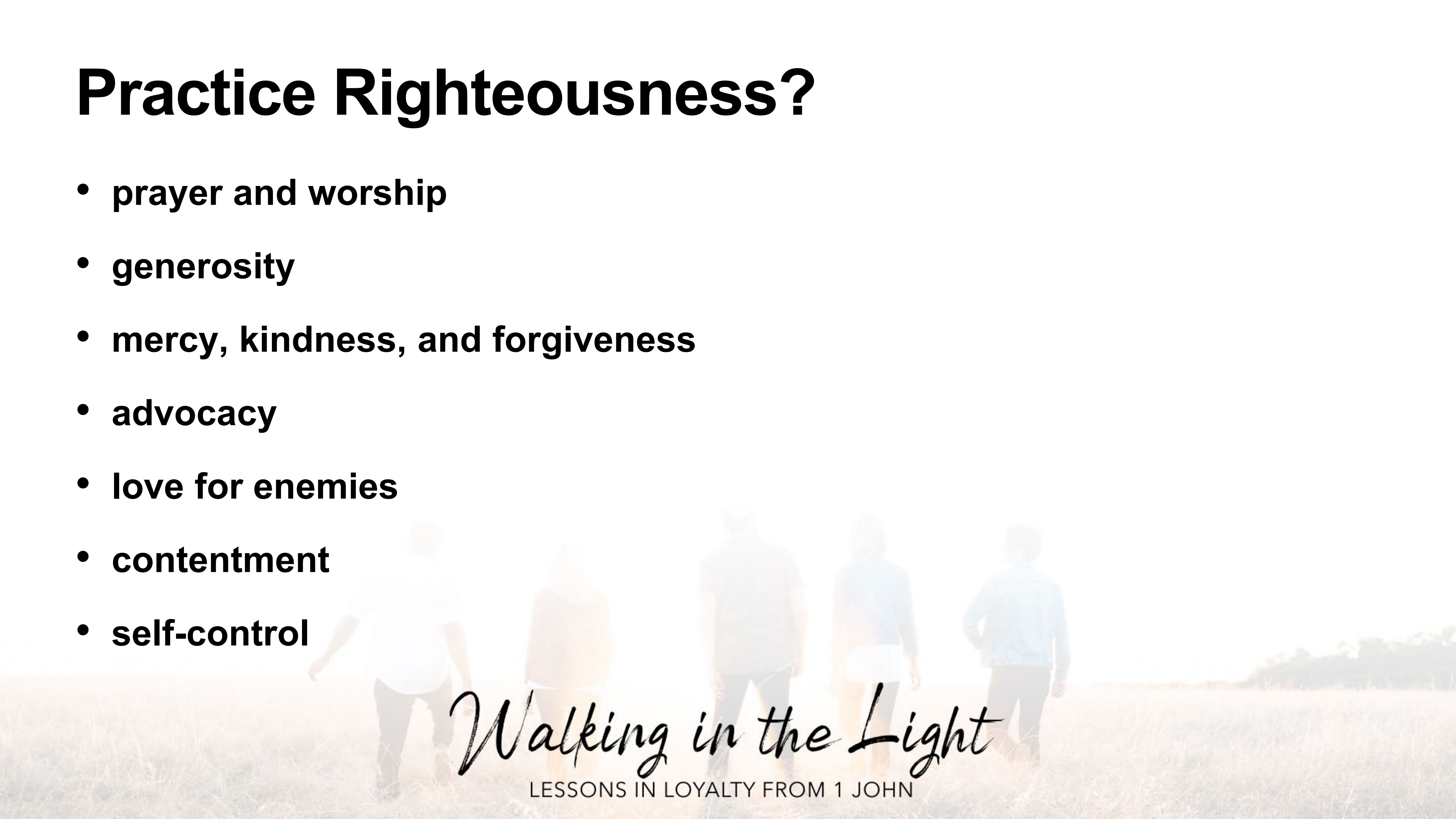
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Practice Righteousness?

- prayer and worship
- generosity
- mercy, kindness, and forgiveness
- advocacy
- love for enemies
- contentment
- self-control



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1 John 3:1

English Standard Version

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.



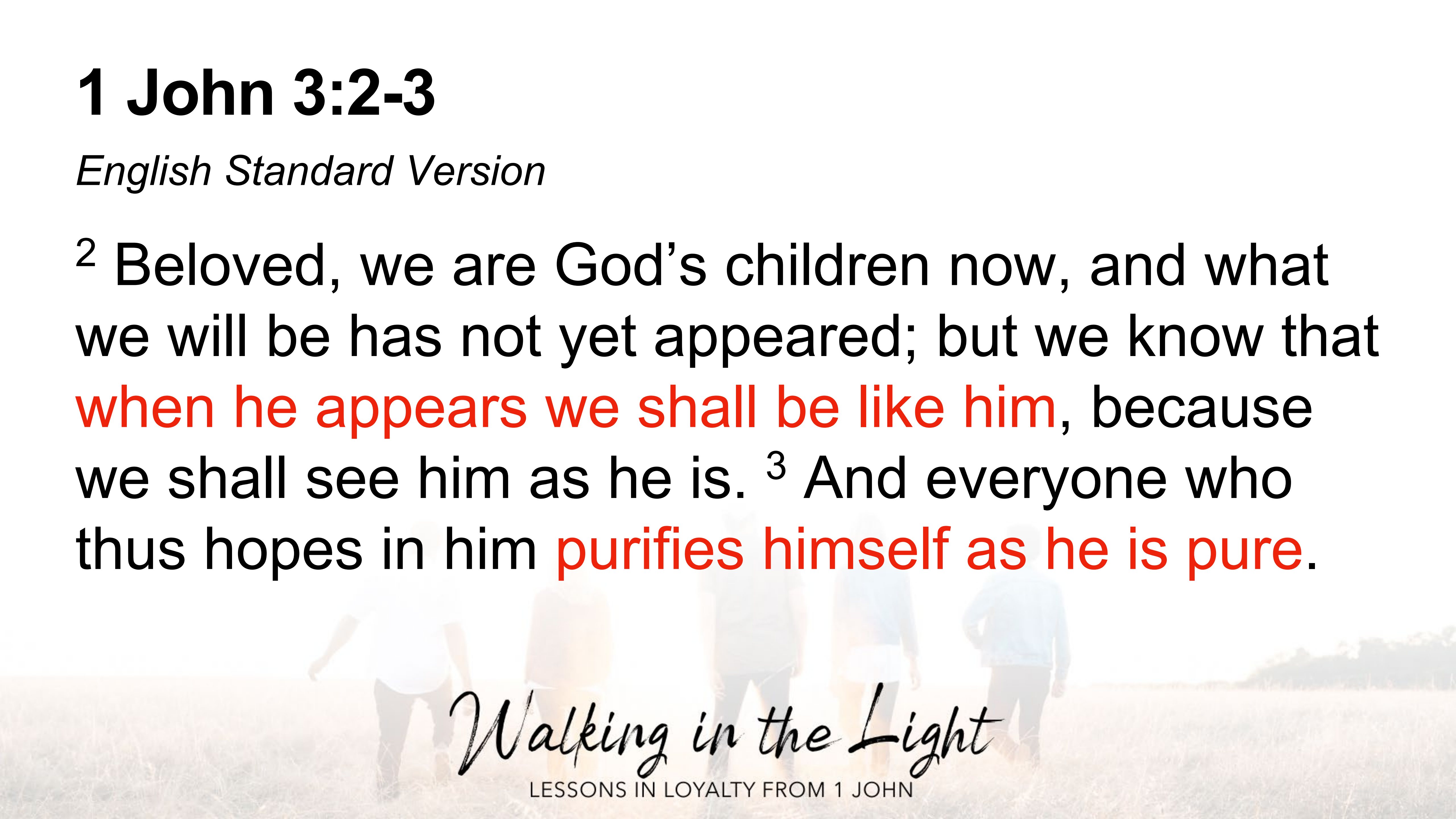
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1 John 3:2-3

English Standard Version

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that **when he appears we shall be like him**, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him **purifies himself as he is pure.**

A group of people, including children and adults, are walking away from the camera in a field of tall grass. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

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1 John 3:4-6

English Standard Version

⁴ Everyone who **makes a practice of sinning** also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him **keeps on sinning**; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

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Makes a Practice of Sinning?

- **devotion to idols** (prayer and worship)
- **greed** (rather than generosity)
- **cruelty and violence** (rather than mercy, kindness, and forgiveness)
- **apathy** (rather than advocacy)
- **vengeance** (rather than love for enemies)
- **covetousness** (rather than contentment)
- **self-indulgence** (rather than self-control)

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1 John 3:7-8

English Standard Version

⁷ Little children, **let no one deceive you.** Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. ⁸ Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.**

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1 John 3:9-10

English Standard Version

⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

¹⁰ By this **it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil:** whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

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Your life is a spiritual **paternity**
test.

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