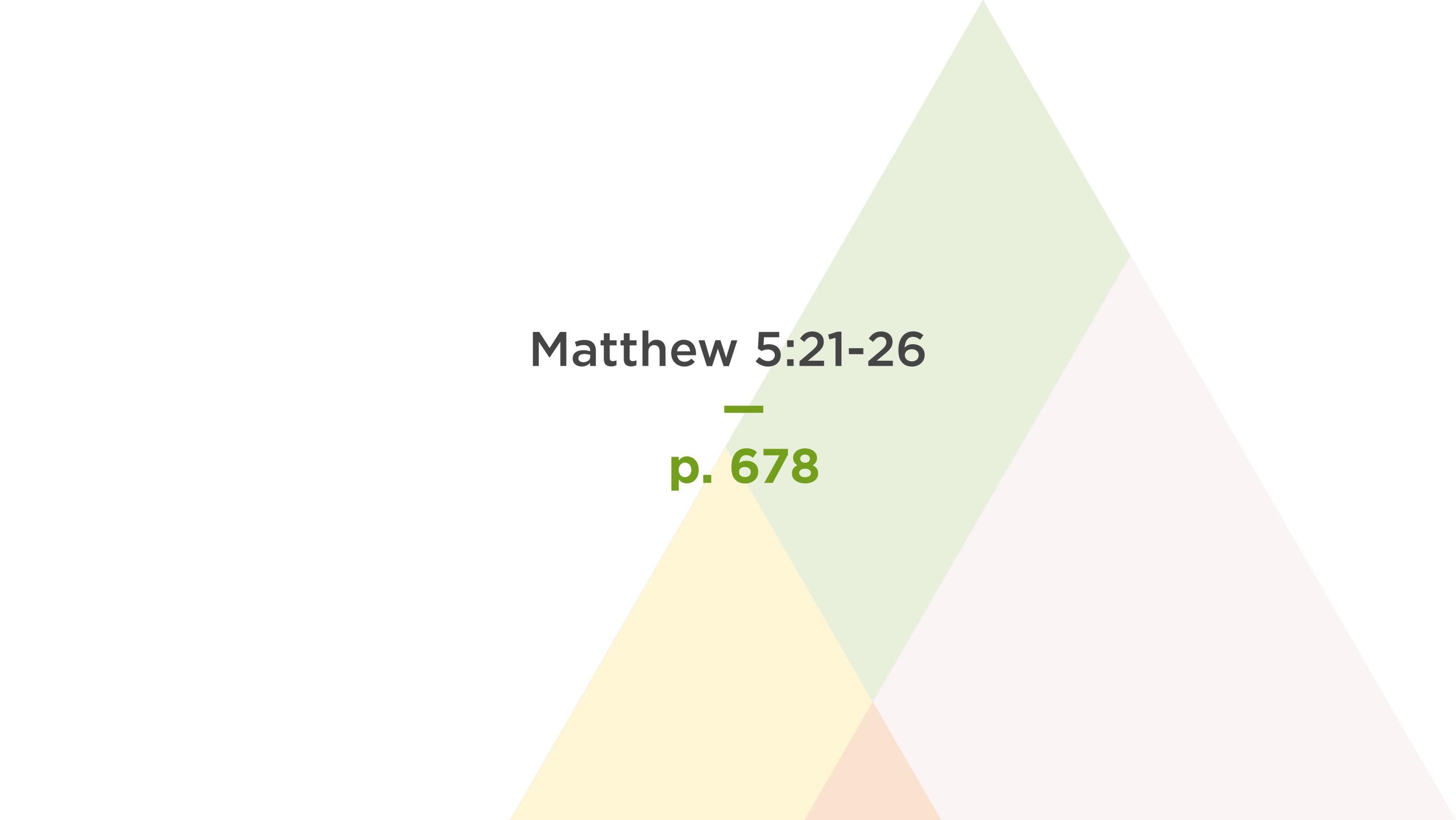


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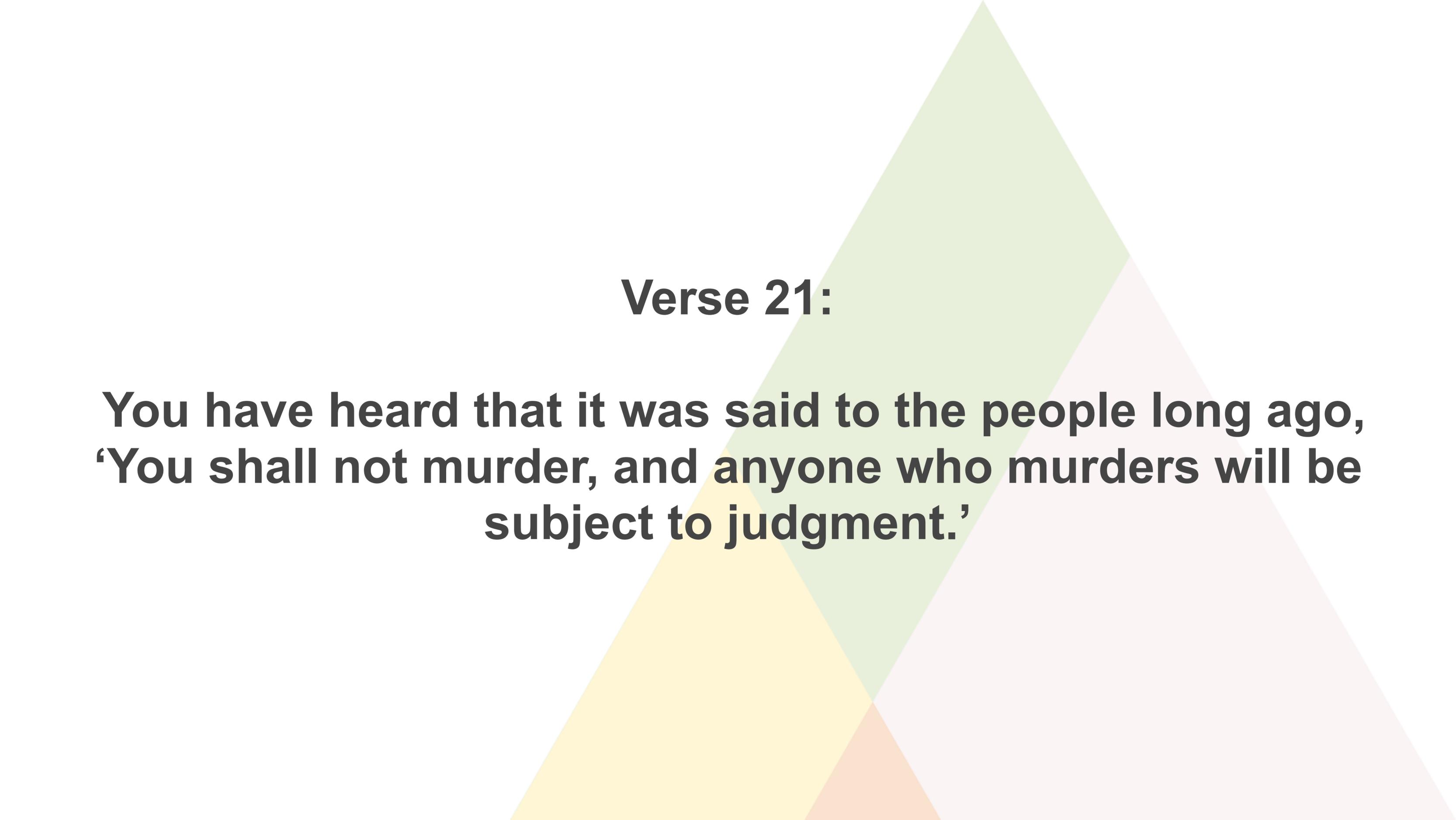
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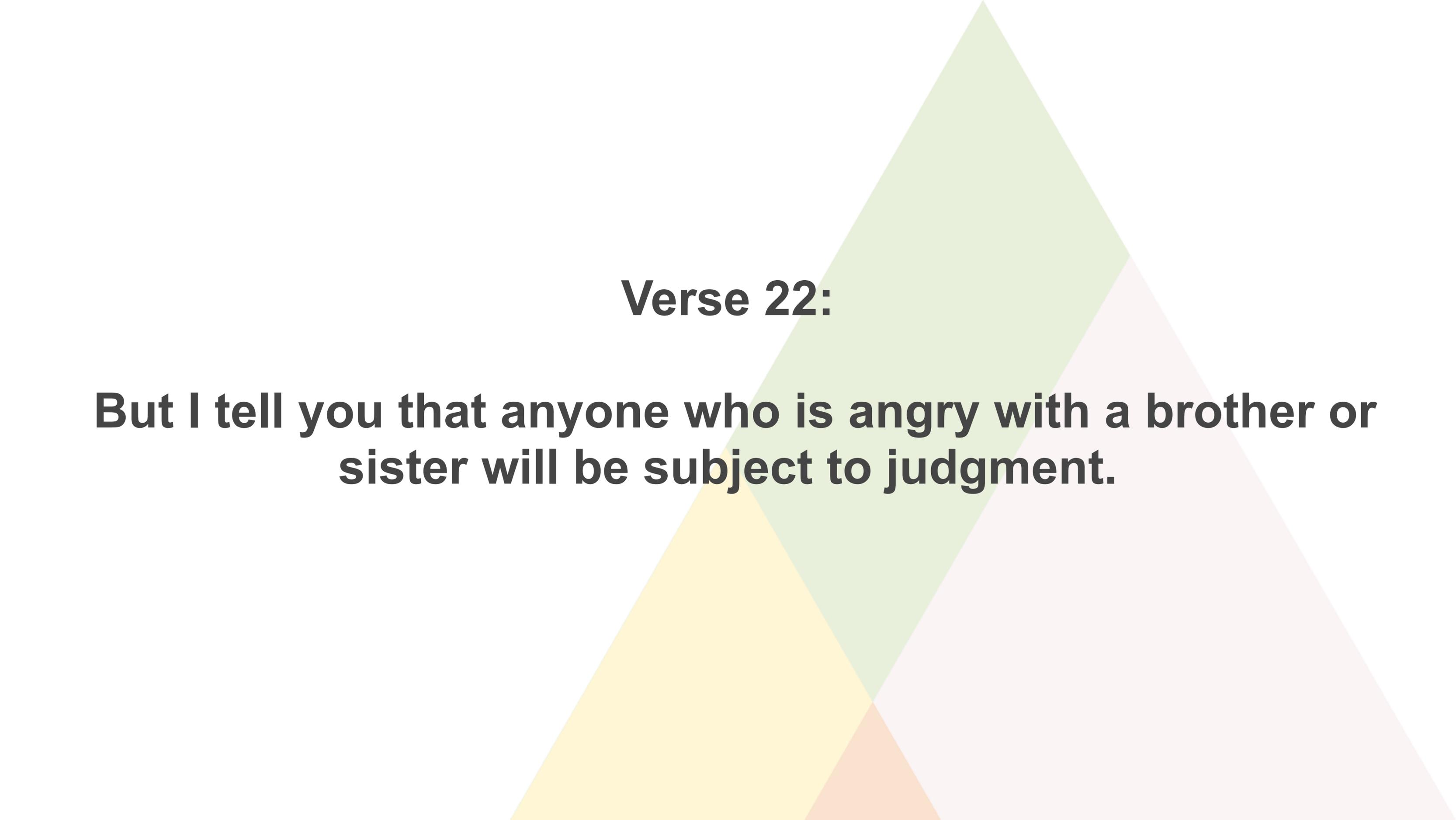
Matthew 5:21-26

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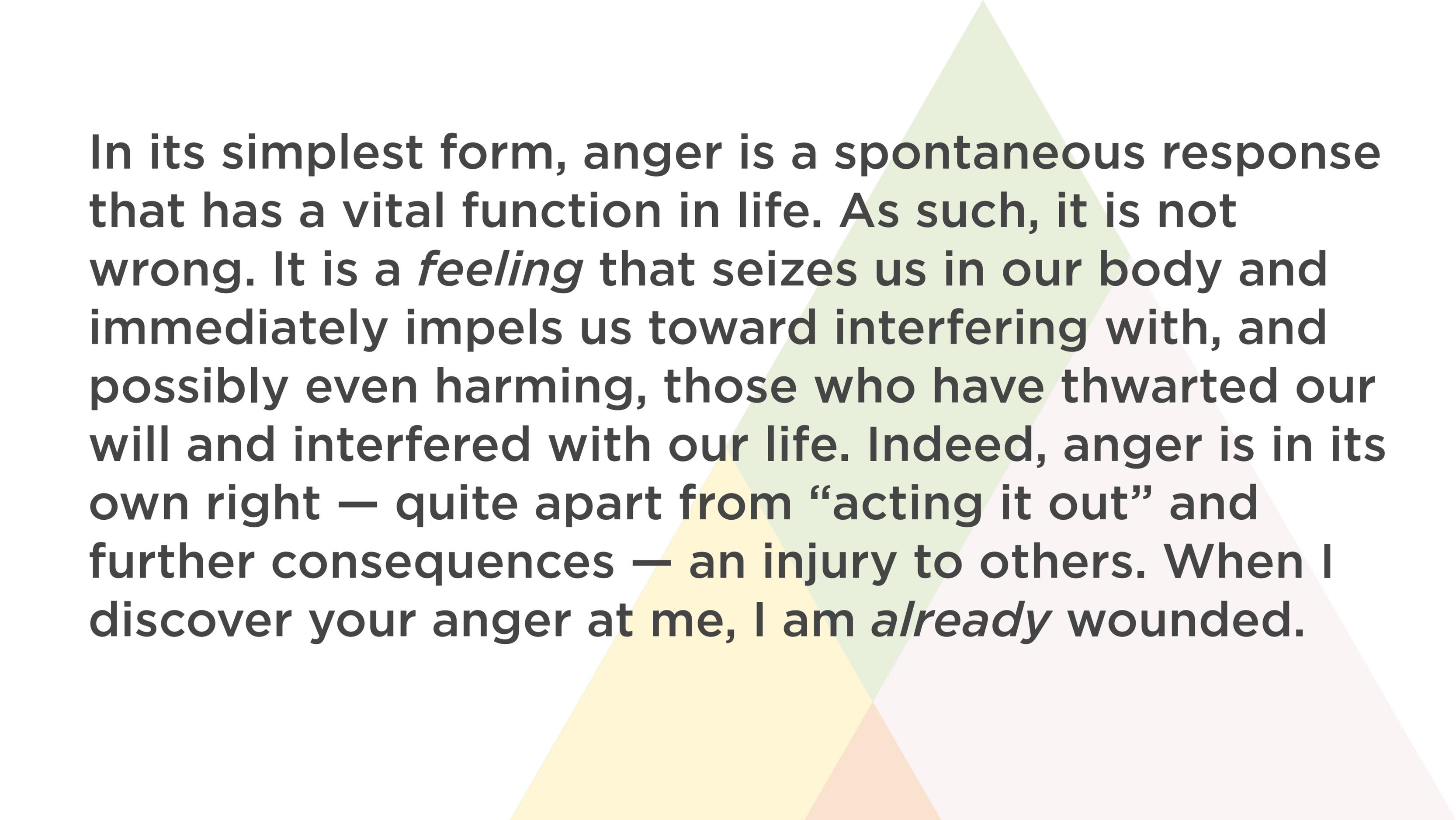
Verse 21:

**You have heard that it was said to the people long ago,
'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be
subject to judgment.'**



Verse 22:

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.



In its simplest form, anger is a spontaneous response that has a vital function in life. As such, it is not wrong. It is a *feeling* that seizes us in our body and immediately impels us toward interfering with, and possibly even harming, those who have thwarted our will and interfered with our life. Indeed, anger is in its own right — quite apart from “acting it out” and further consequences — an injury to others. When I discover your anger at me, I am *already* wounded.

Your anger alone will very likely be enough to stop me or make me change my course, and it will also raise the stress level of everyone around us. It may also evoke my anger in return. Usually it does, precisely because your anger places a restraint on me. It crosses *my* will. Thus anger feeds on anger. The primary function of anger in life is to alert me to an obstruction to my will, and immediately raise alarm and resistance, before I even have time to think about it.

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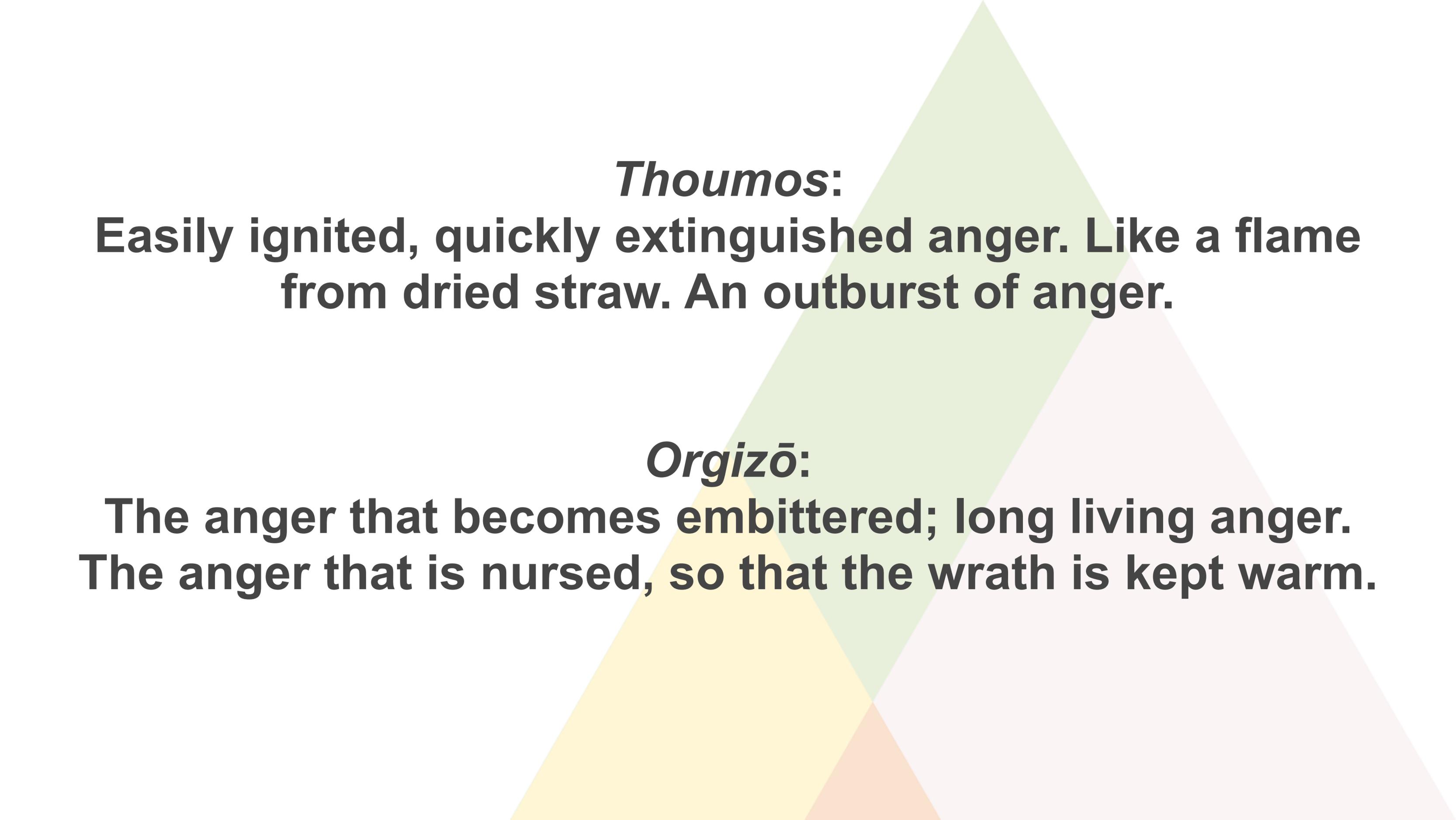
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Ephesians 4:26-27

‘In your anger do not sin’: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

James 1:19

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

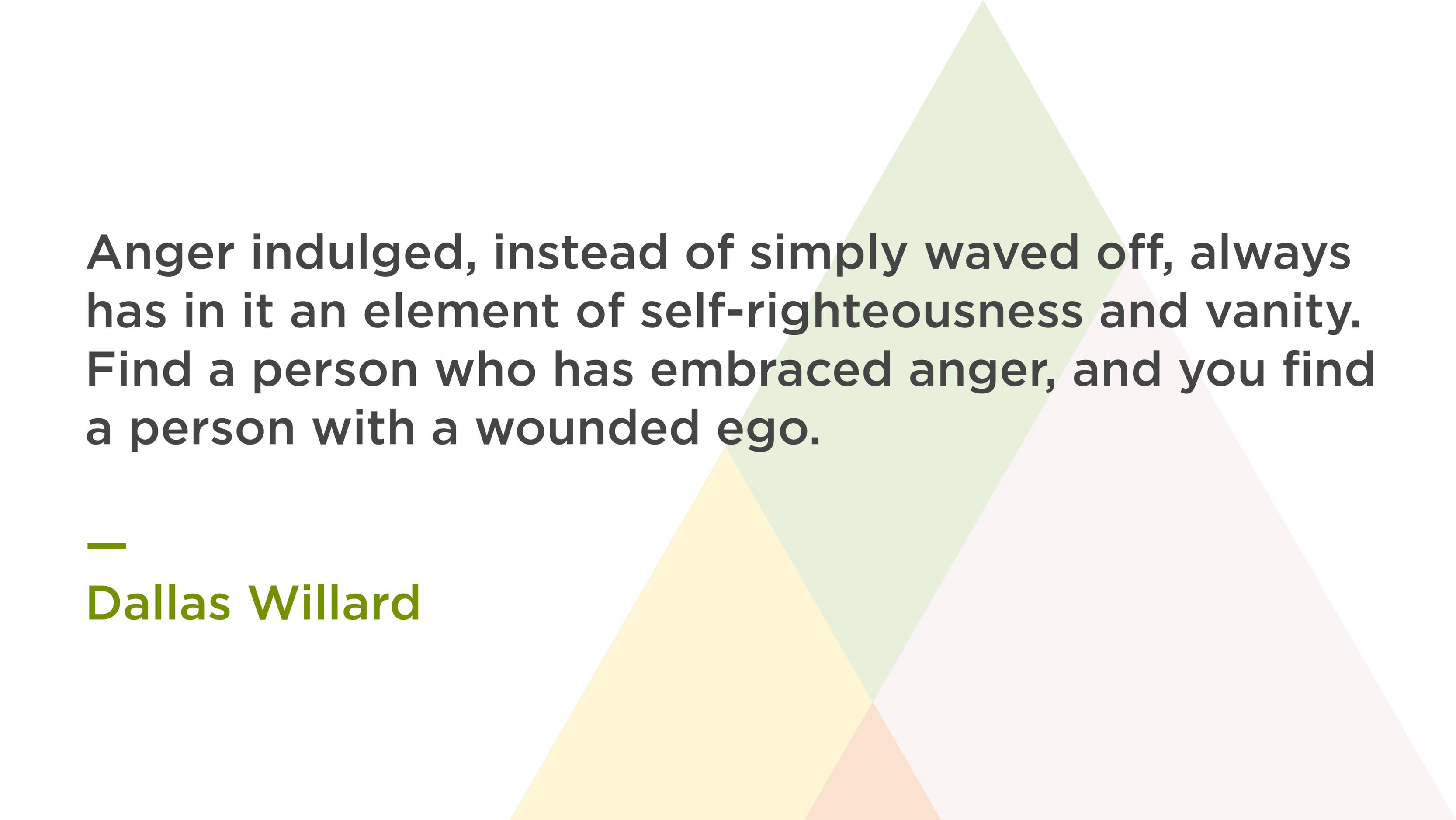


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Easily ignited, quickly extinguished anger. Like a flame from dried straw. An outburst of anger.

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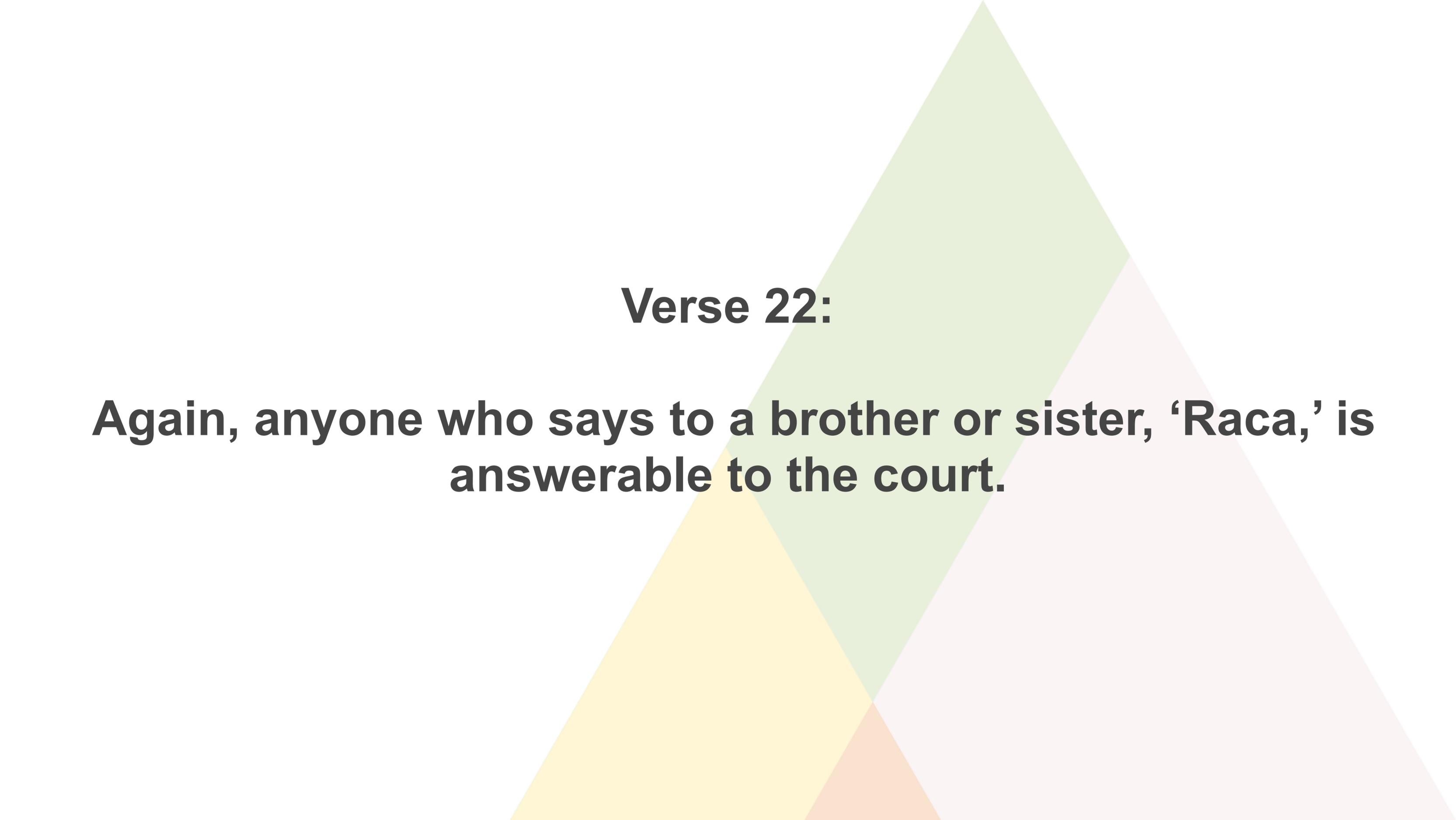
The anger that becomes embittered; long living anger. The anger that is nursed, so that the wrath is kept warm.



Anger indulged, instead of simply waved off, always has in it an element of self-righteousness and vanity. Find a person who has embraced anger, and you find a person with a wounded ego.

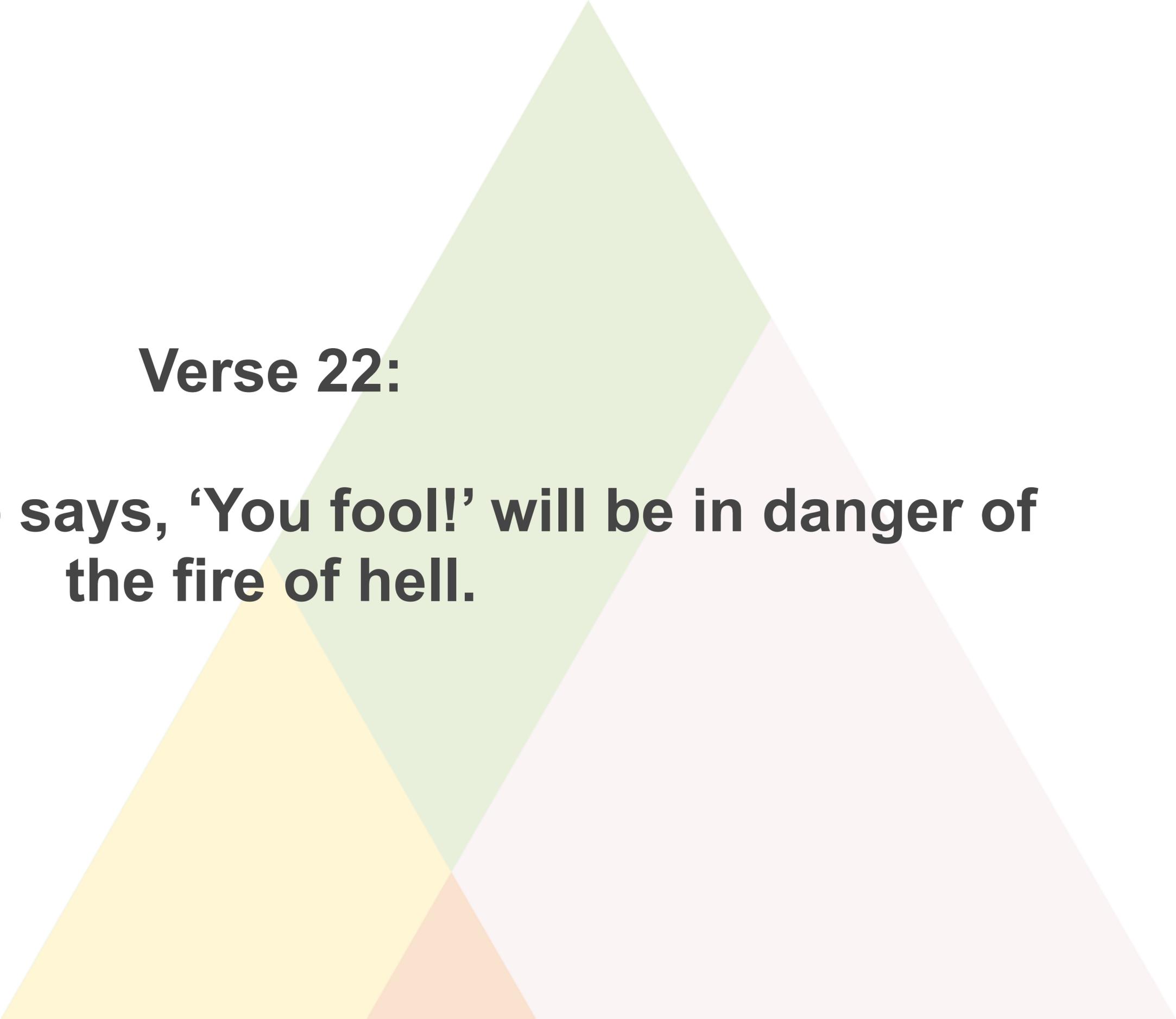
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Verse 22:

Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court.



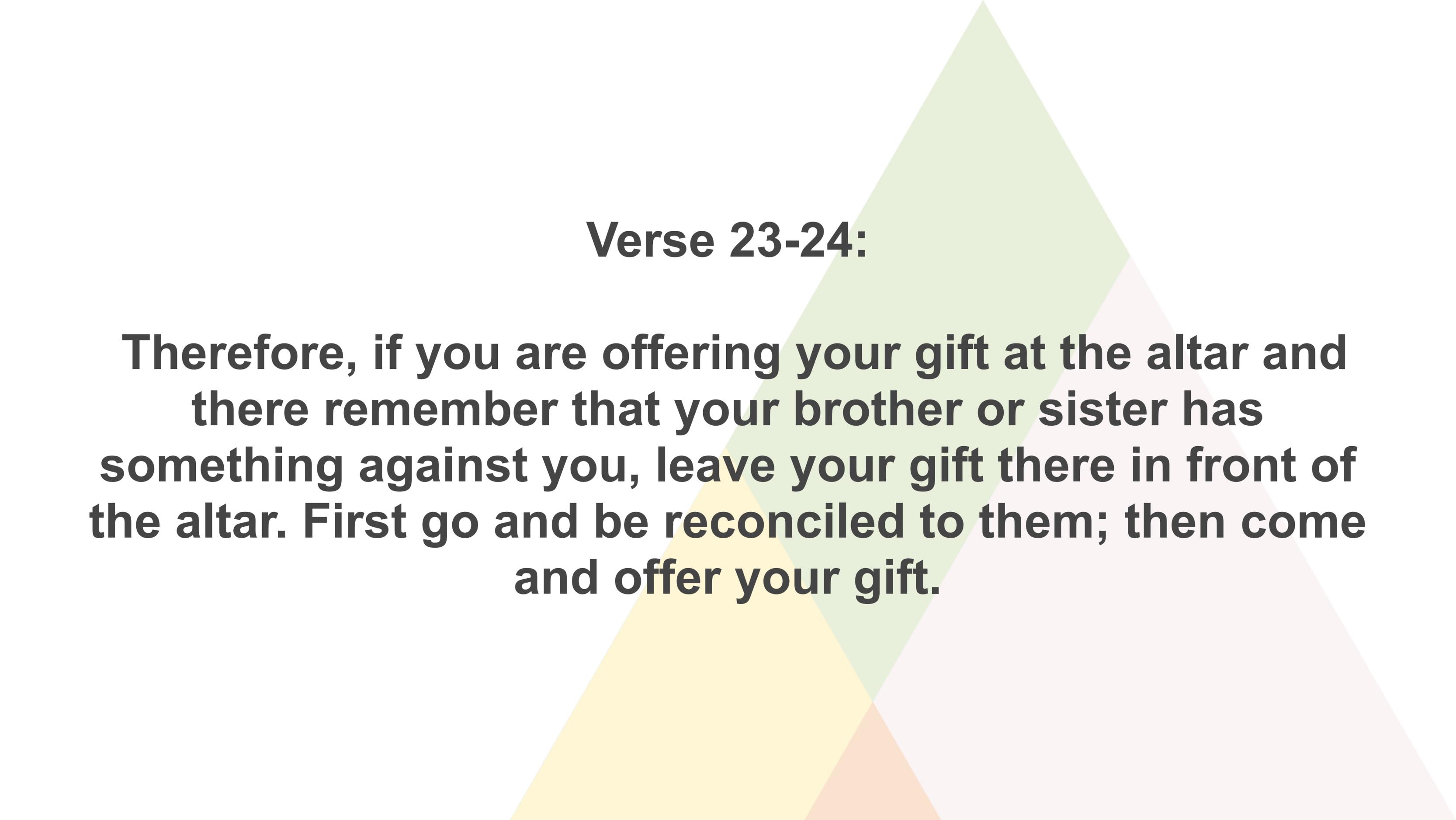
Verse 22:

**And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of
the fire of hell.**

Matthew 5:23-26

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.



Verse 23-24:

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Verse 25-26:

Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.

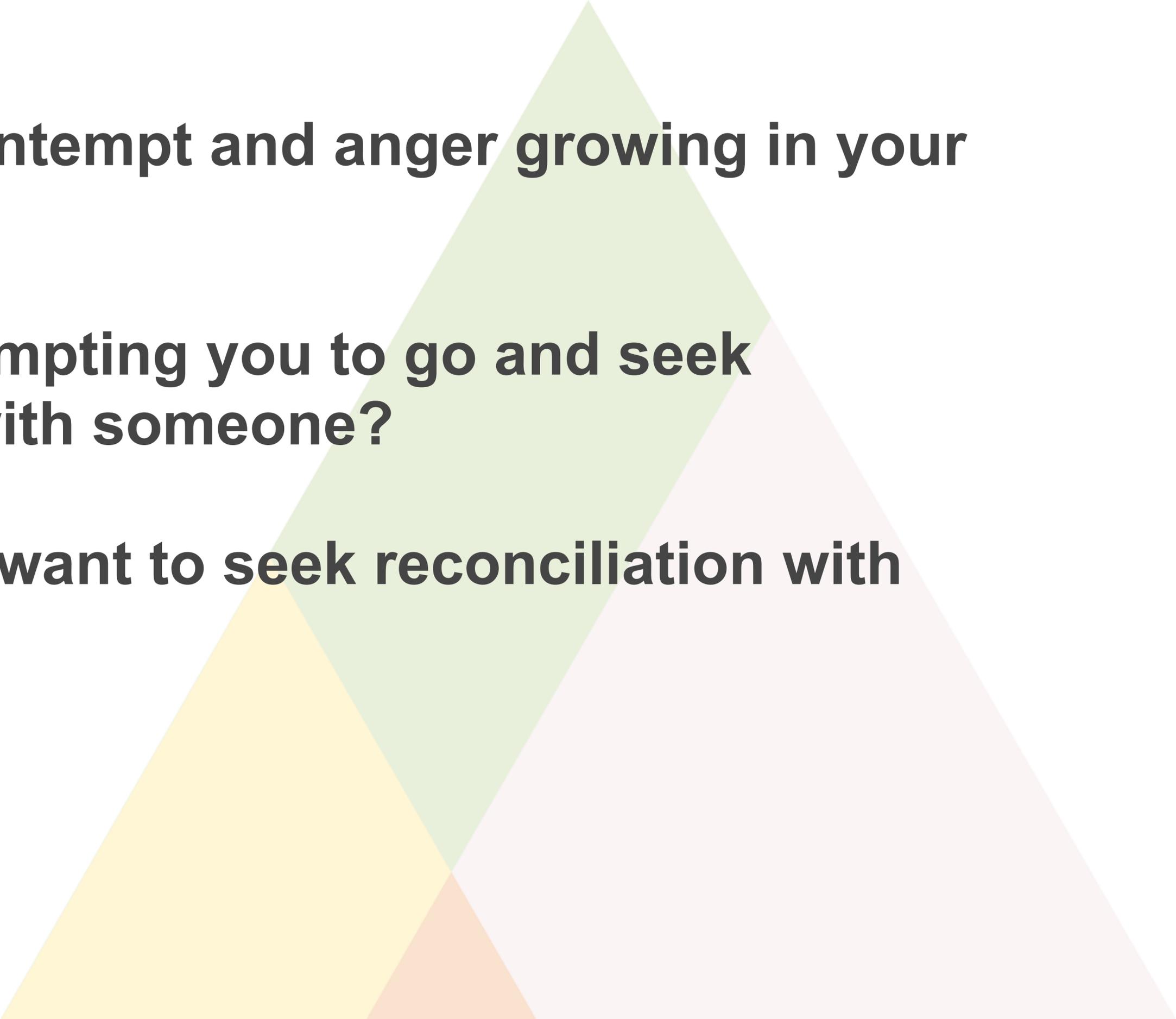
John 14:15-18

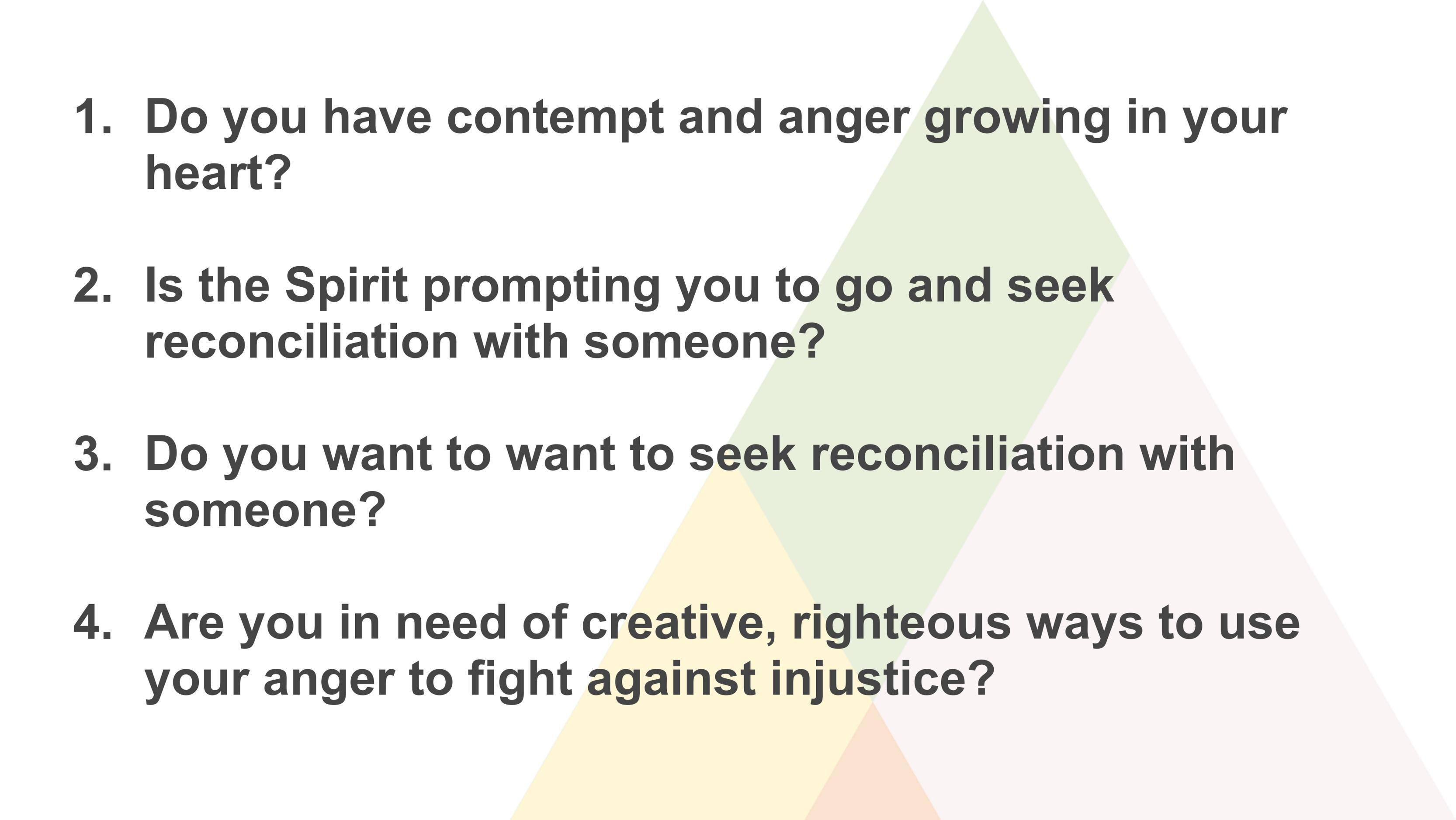
If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

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