

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIPS

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Spiritual friendship is two people standing shoulder to shoulder with the same vision.



**The NYT: Making friends in
new places (July 2015), by
Nicholas Christakis**

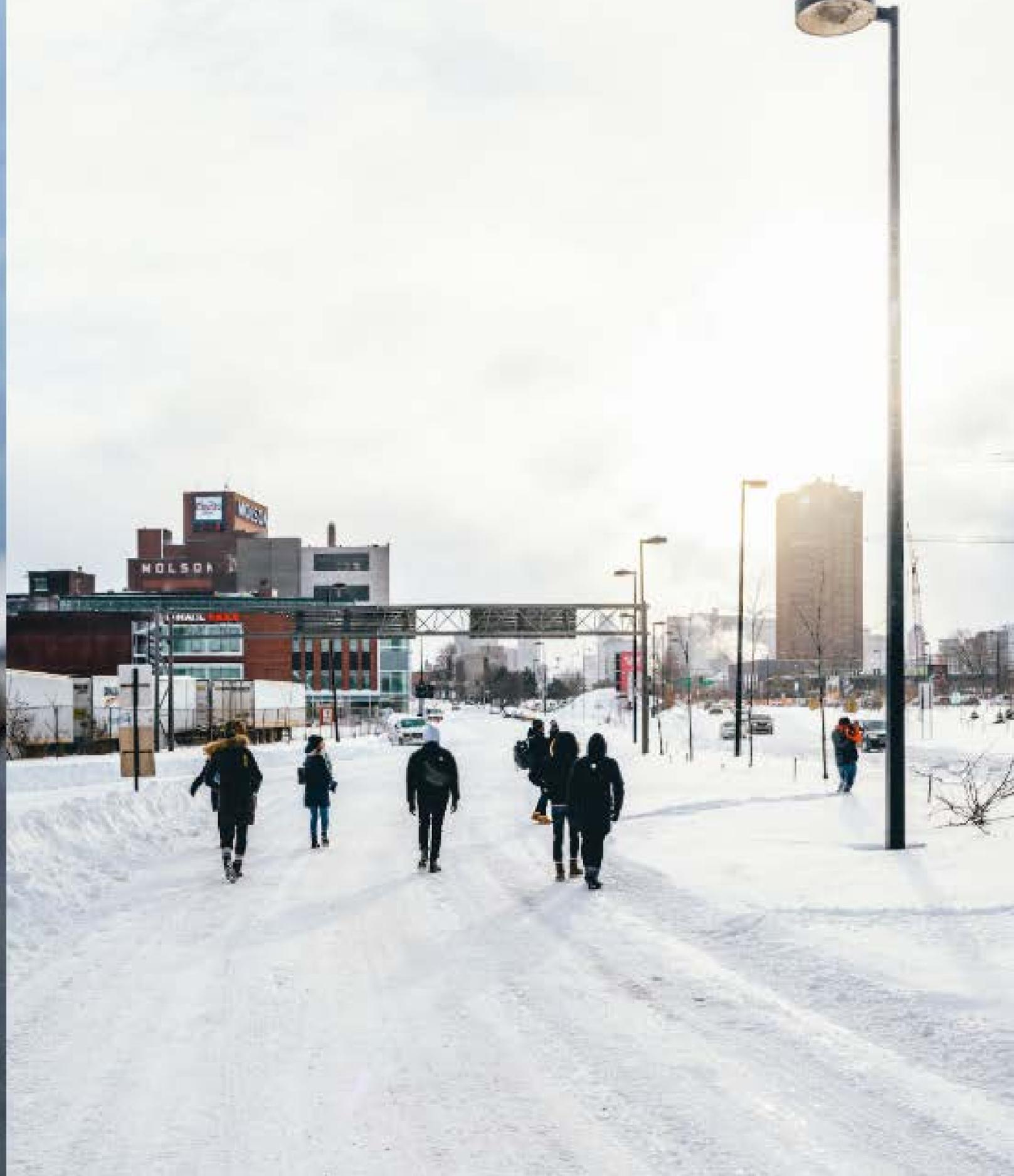
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“The church is not a religious community of worshipers of Christ but is Christ himself who has taken form among people.”

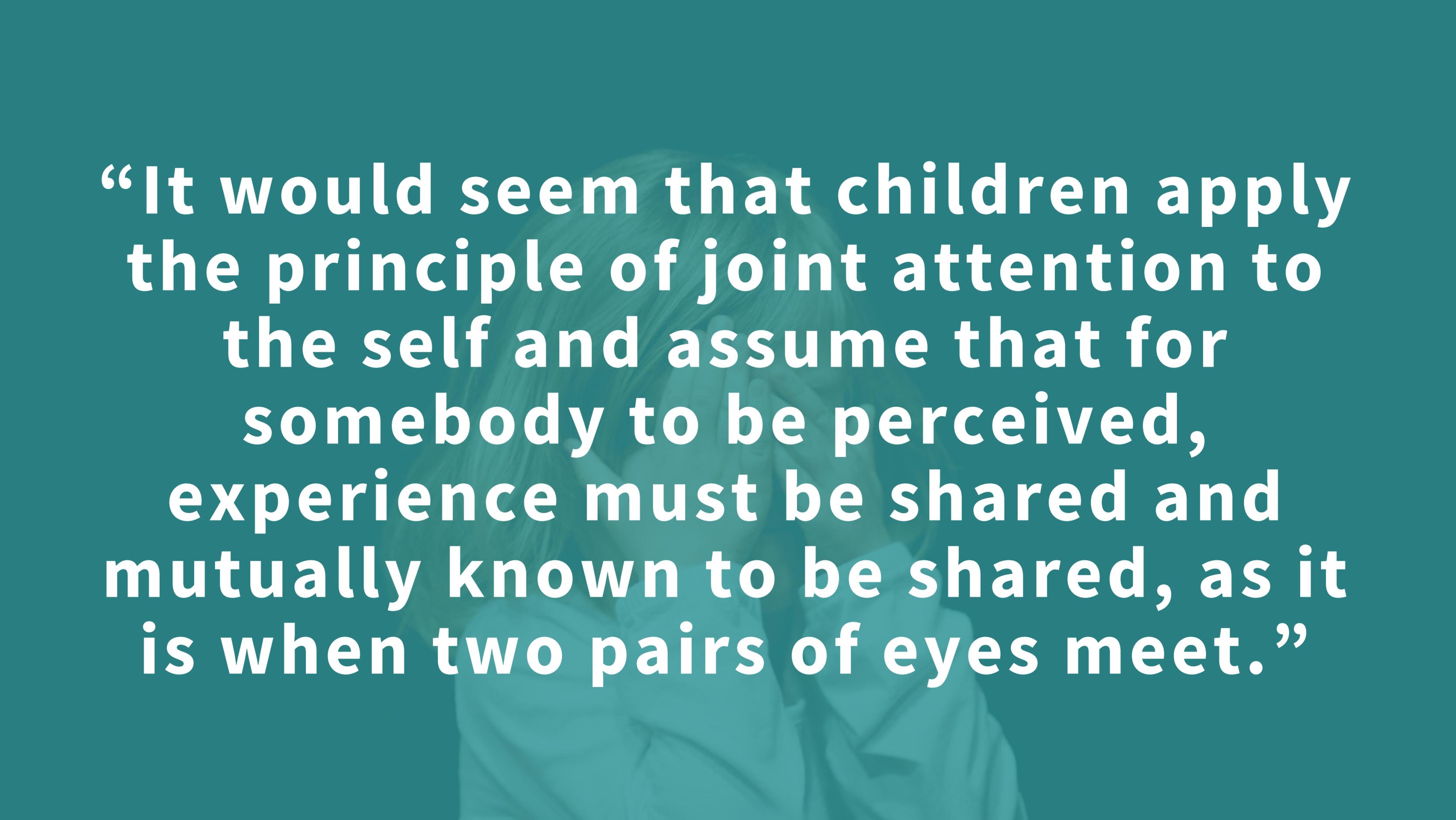
Dietrich Bonhoeffer





Know
Be Known



A young child with long, light-colored hair is shown from the chest up, looking down with their hands clasped in front of them. The child is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, long-sleeved shirt. The background is a solid teal color. Overlaid on the image is a large, white, bold quote.

“It would seem that children apply the principle of joint attention to the self and assume that for somebody to be perceived, experience must be shared and mutually known to be shared, as it is when two pairs of eyes meet.”



**“Vulnerability sounds like truth
& feels like courage. Truth &
courage aren’t always
comfortable, but they are never
weakness.”**

Brene Brown

“Most people believe vulnerability is weakness. But really, vulnerability is courage. We must ask ourselves...are we willing to show up and be seen?”

Brene Brown

A person is driving a car, seen from the passenger side. The car is on a road that curves through a green, rural landscape under a cloudy sky. The car's interior, including the steering wheel and dashboard, is visible. A teal-colored graphic element, resembling a stylized shape or a large letter, is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text "Serve Be Served" is written in a white, cursive font across the lower right portion of the image.

Serve
Be Served

Sometimes it's best not
to question me,
just help me dump
the body in
the river.





How do I spend my time?
How do I spend my energy?



“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

A person is seen from the back, driving a car on a road that winds through a green, hilly landscape under a cloudy sky. The car's interior, including the steering wheel and dashboard, is visible. A teal ribbon graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text "Celebrate Be Celebrated" is written in a white, cursive font across the lower right portion of the image.

*Celebrate
Be Celebrated*

**Rejoice with those who rejoice,
weep with those who weep.**

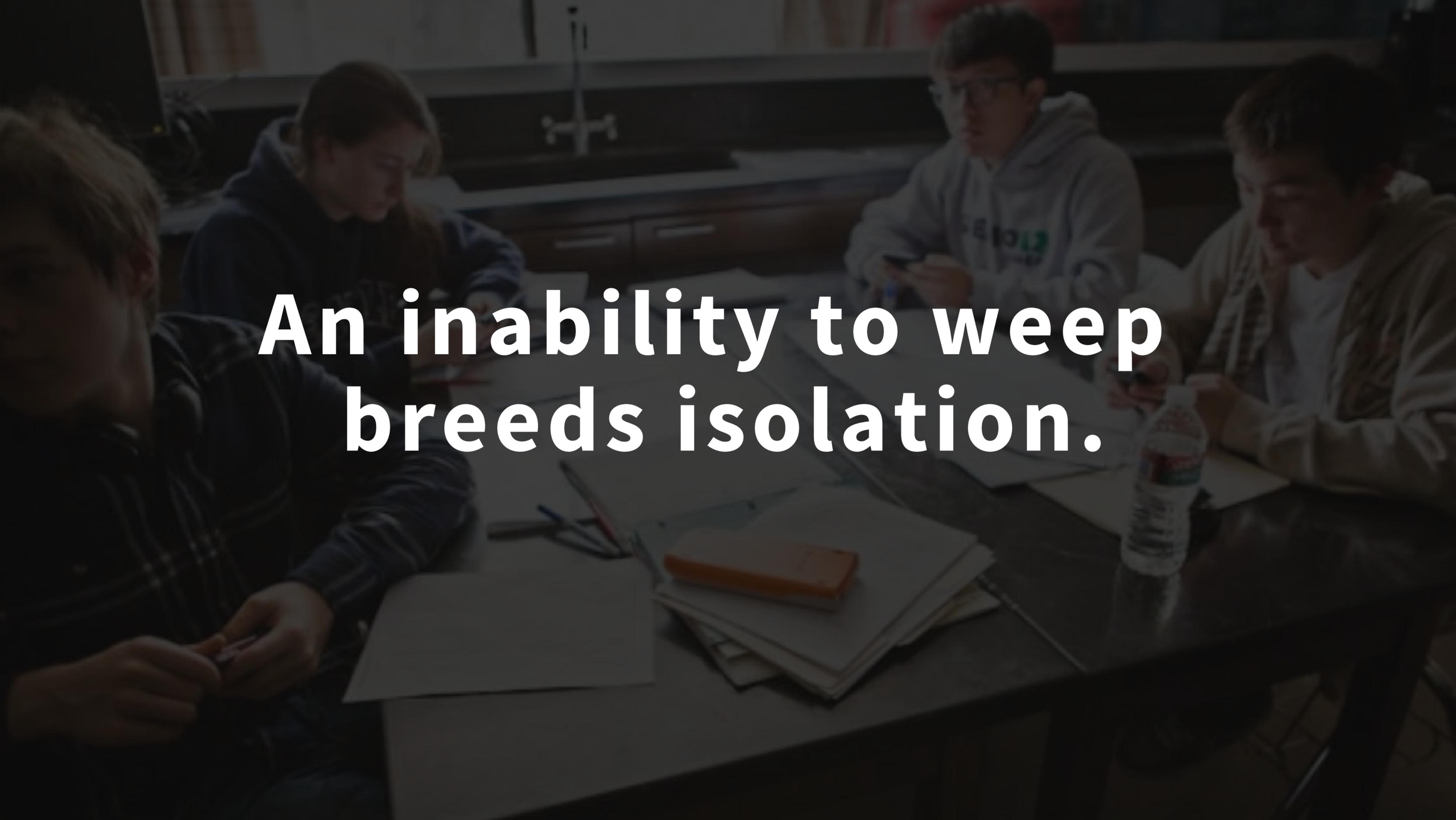
Romans 12:15



A photograph of a classroom scene with several students sitting at a long table. The students are focused on their work, some looking at papers and others at their phones. The table is cluttered with papers, pens, and a water bottle. The lighting is dim, creating a focused atmosphere. Two white text boxes are overlaid on the image, containing the words 'REJOICE' and 'WEEP'.

REJOICE

WEEP

A group of four students are seated around a table in a classroom or lab setting. They are focused on their work, with some looking at papers and others at mobile devices. The scene is dimly lit, with the text overlaid in the center. The text reads:

**An inability to weep
breeds isolation.**

A dimly lit classroom scene with several students sitting at desks. They appear to be engaged in a group activity or discussion. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**An inability to celebrate
breeds a critical spirit.**

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.”

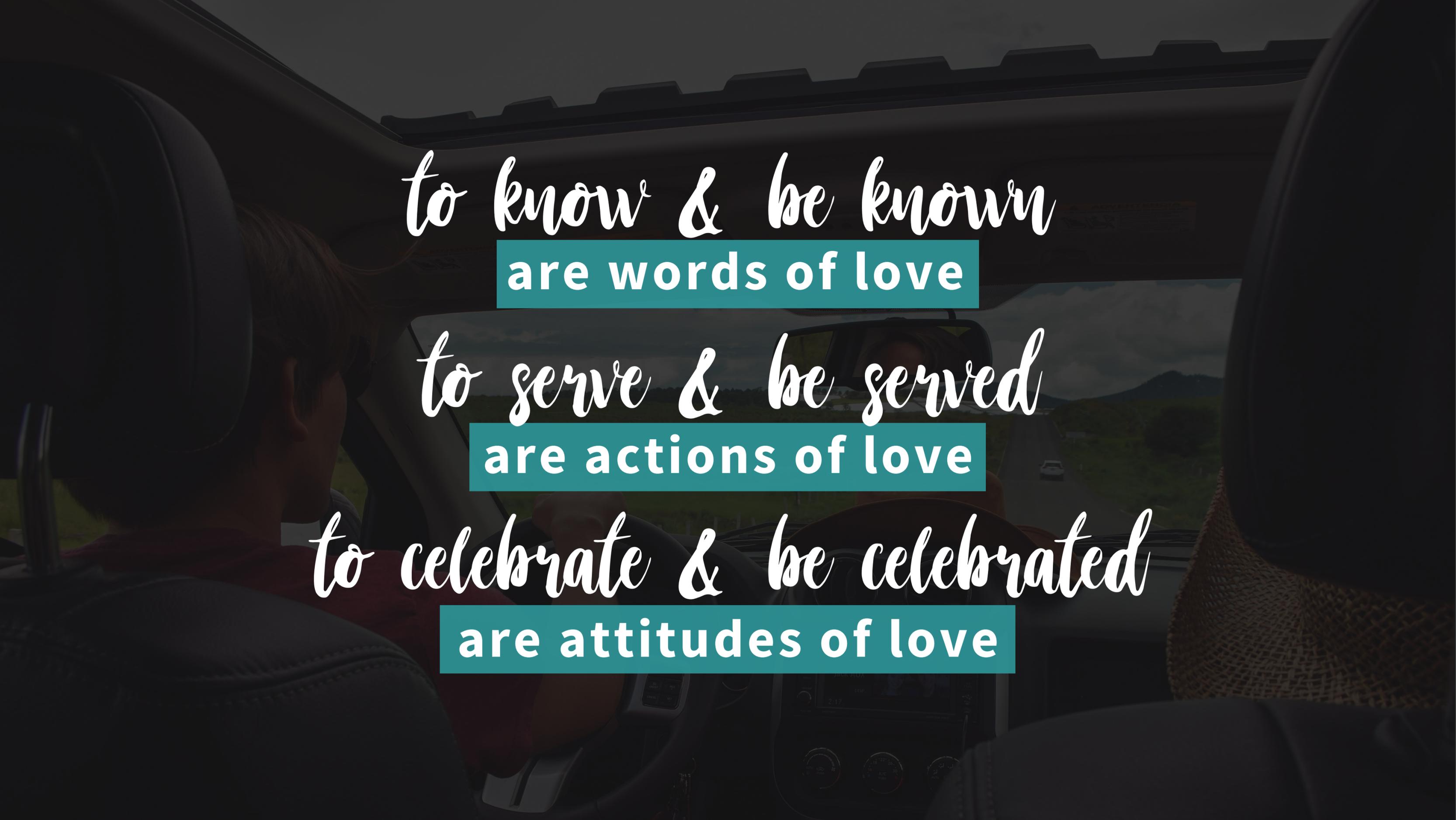
1 Timothy 1:5-7



Love
Be Loved

“To be loved and not known is superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. To be known and loved is, well, that's God.”

Tim Keller



to know & be known
are words of love

to serve & be served
are actions of love

to celebrate & be celebrated
are attitudes of love