

“WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN HIS GLORY,
AND ALL THE ANGELS WITH HIM, HE WILL SIT ON
HIS GLORIOUS THRONE. ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE
GATHERED BEFORE HIM, AND HE WILL SEPARATE
THE PEOPLE ONE FROM ANOTHER AS A SHEPHERD
SEPARATES THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS. HE WILL
PUT THE SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT AND THE GOATS ON
HIS LEFT. THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE ON

MATTHEW 25:31-46

HIS RIGHT, 'COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER; TAKE YOUR INHERITANCE, THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME IN, I NEEDED CLOTHES AND YOU CLOTHED ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU LOOKED AFTER

MATTHEW 25:31-46

ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME.' THEN THE RIGHTEOUS WILL ANSWER HIM, 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY AND FEED YOU, OR THIRSTY AND GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO DRINK? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU A STRANGER AND INVITE YOU IN, OR NEEDING CLOTHES AND CLOTHE YOU? WHEN DID WE SEE YOU SICK OR IN PRISON AND GO TO VISIT YOU?' THE KING WILL REPLY,

MATTHEW 25:31-46

'TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME.' THEN HE WILL SAY TO THOSE ON HIS LEFT, 'DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO ARE CURSED, INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS. FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME NOTHING TO EAT, I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME NOTHING TO

MATTHEW 25:31-46

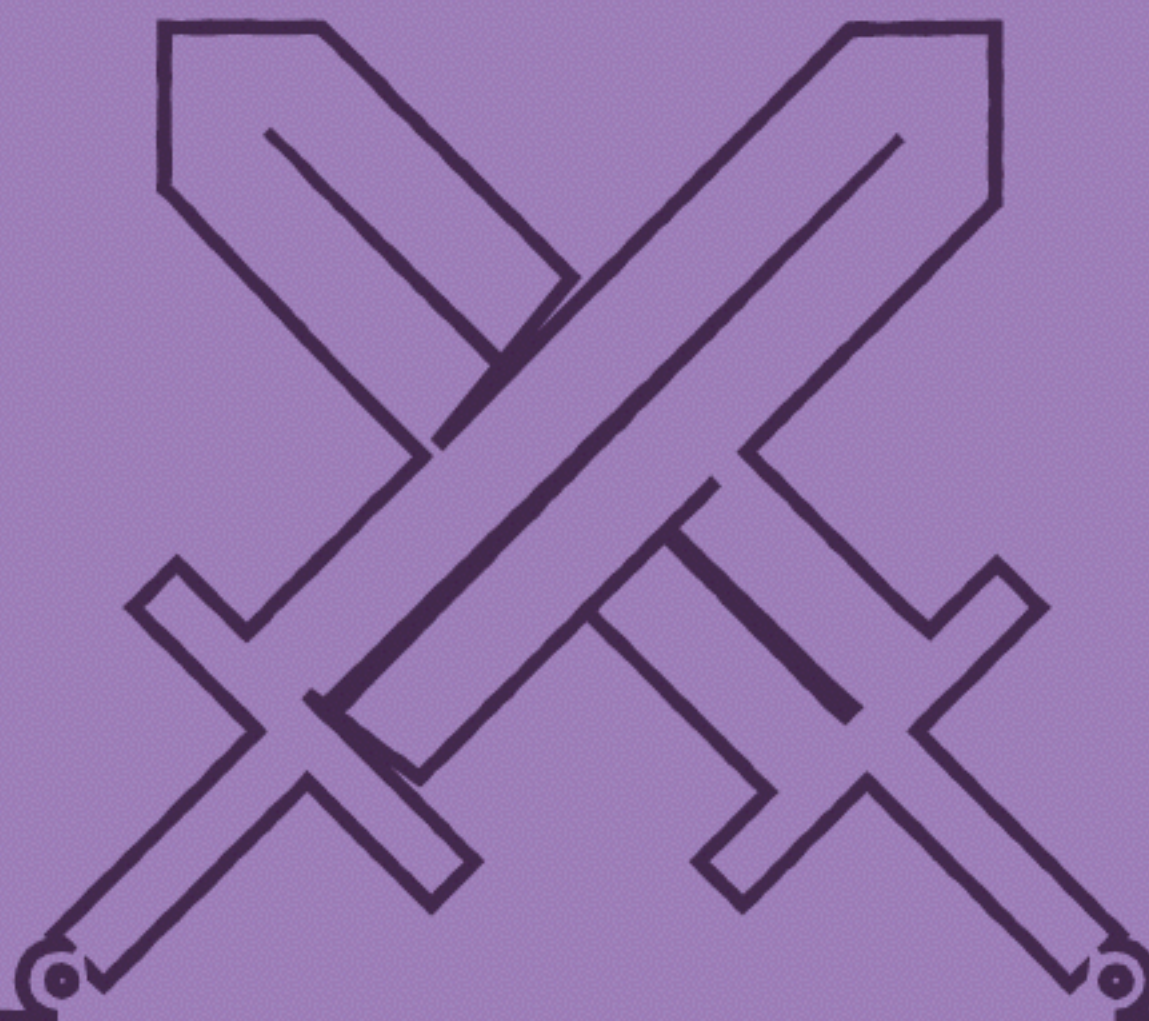
DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU DID NOT INVITE ME IN, I NEEDED CLOTHES AND YOU DID NOT CLOTHE ME, I WAS SICK AND IN PRISON AND YOU DID NOT LOOK AFTER ME.' THEY ALSO WILL ANSWER, 'LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU HUNGRY OR THIRSTY OR A STRANGER OR NEEDING CLOTHES OR SICK OR IN PRISON, AND DID NOT HELP YOU?' HE WILL REPLY, 'TRULY I TELL YOU,

MATTHEW 25:31-46

WHATEVER YOU DID NOT DO FOR ONE OF THE
LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO FOR ME.' THEN
THEY WILL GO AWAY TO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT,
BUT THE RIGHTEOUS TO ETERNAL LIFE."

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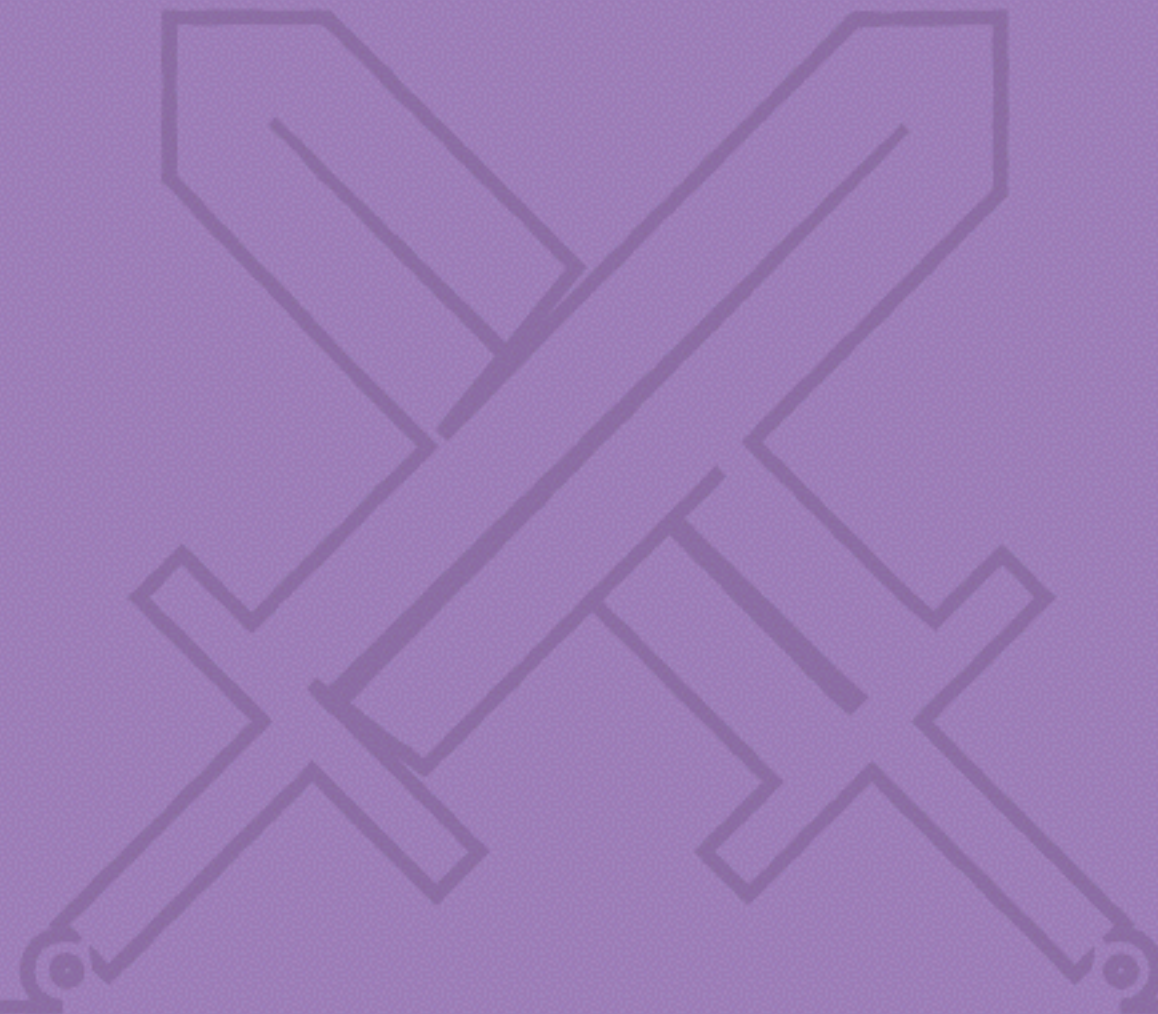
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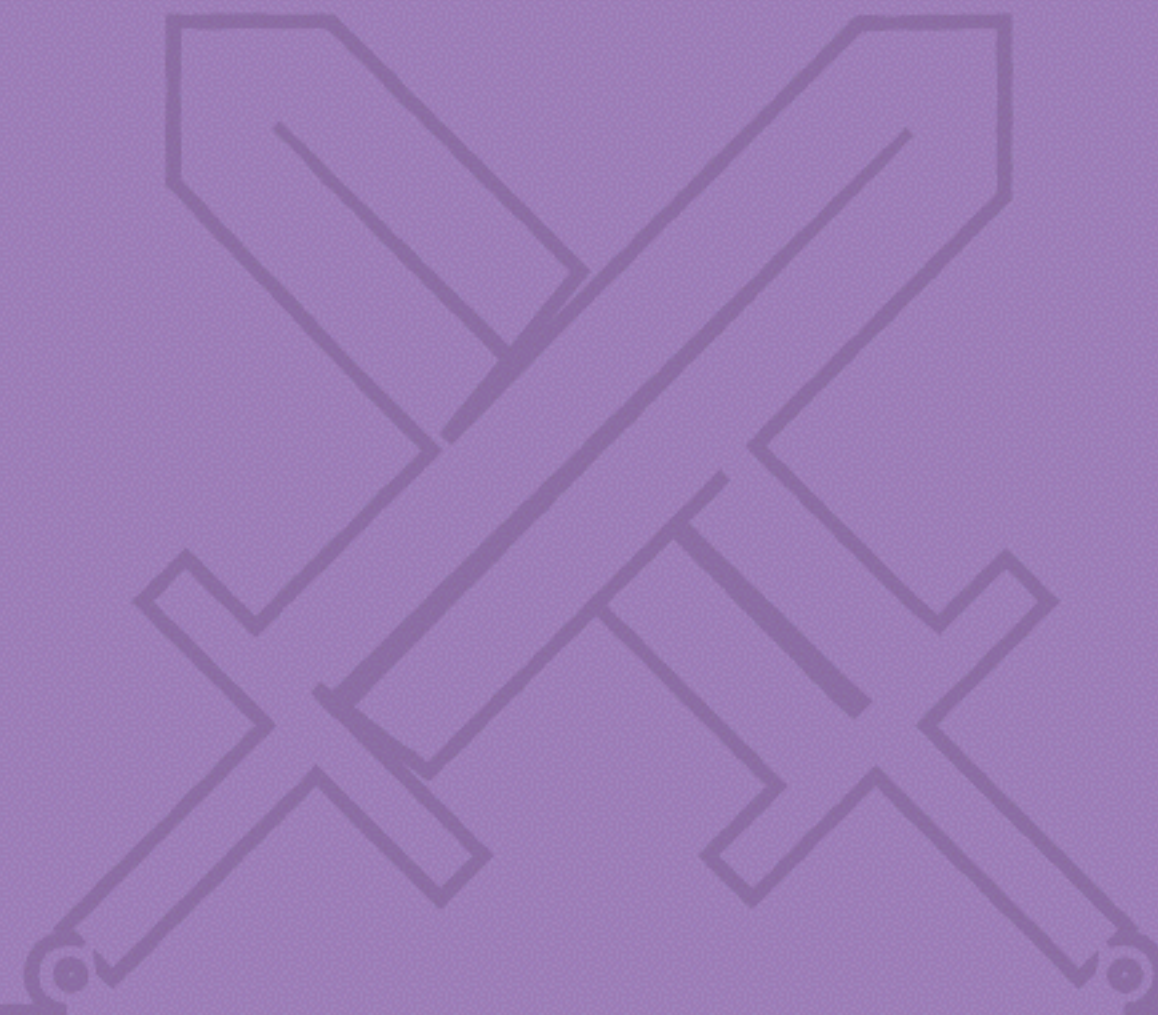
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...WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN
HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER...



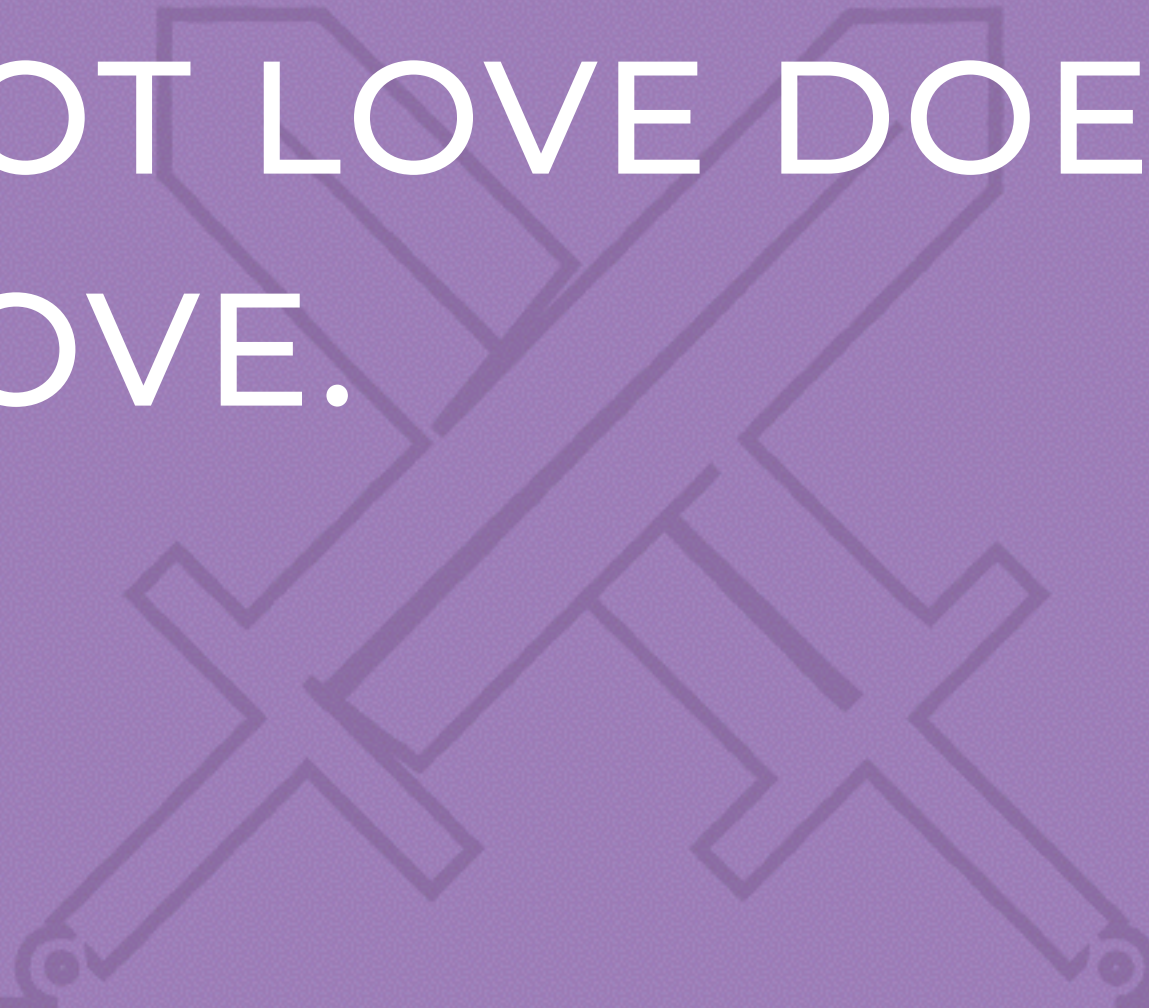
MATTHEW 12:50

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DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD. WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE.



1 JOHN 4:7-8

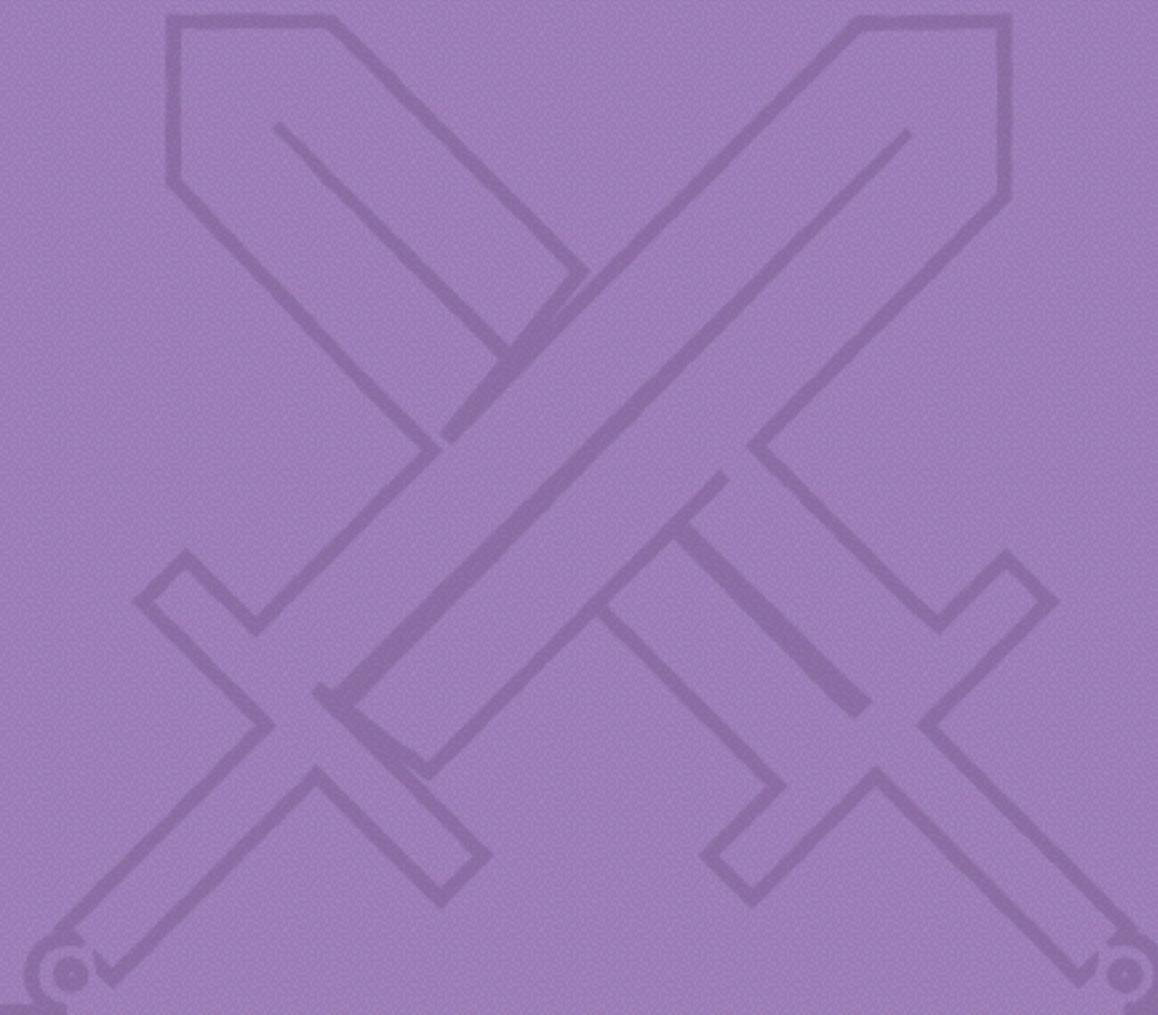
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THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS: JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US. AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IF ANYONE HAS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND SEES A BROTHER OR SISTER IN NEED BUT HAS NO PITY ON THEM, HOW CAN THE LOVE OF GOD BE IN THAT PERSON?

1 JOHN 3:16-18

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DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS
OR SPEECH BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.



1 JOHN 3:16-18

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QUESTION #1
ISN'T IT UNLOVING
FOR GOD TO SEND
PEOPLE TO HELL?

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QUESTION #2
ISN'T HELL TOO
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CONSEQUENCE?

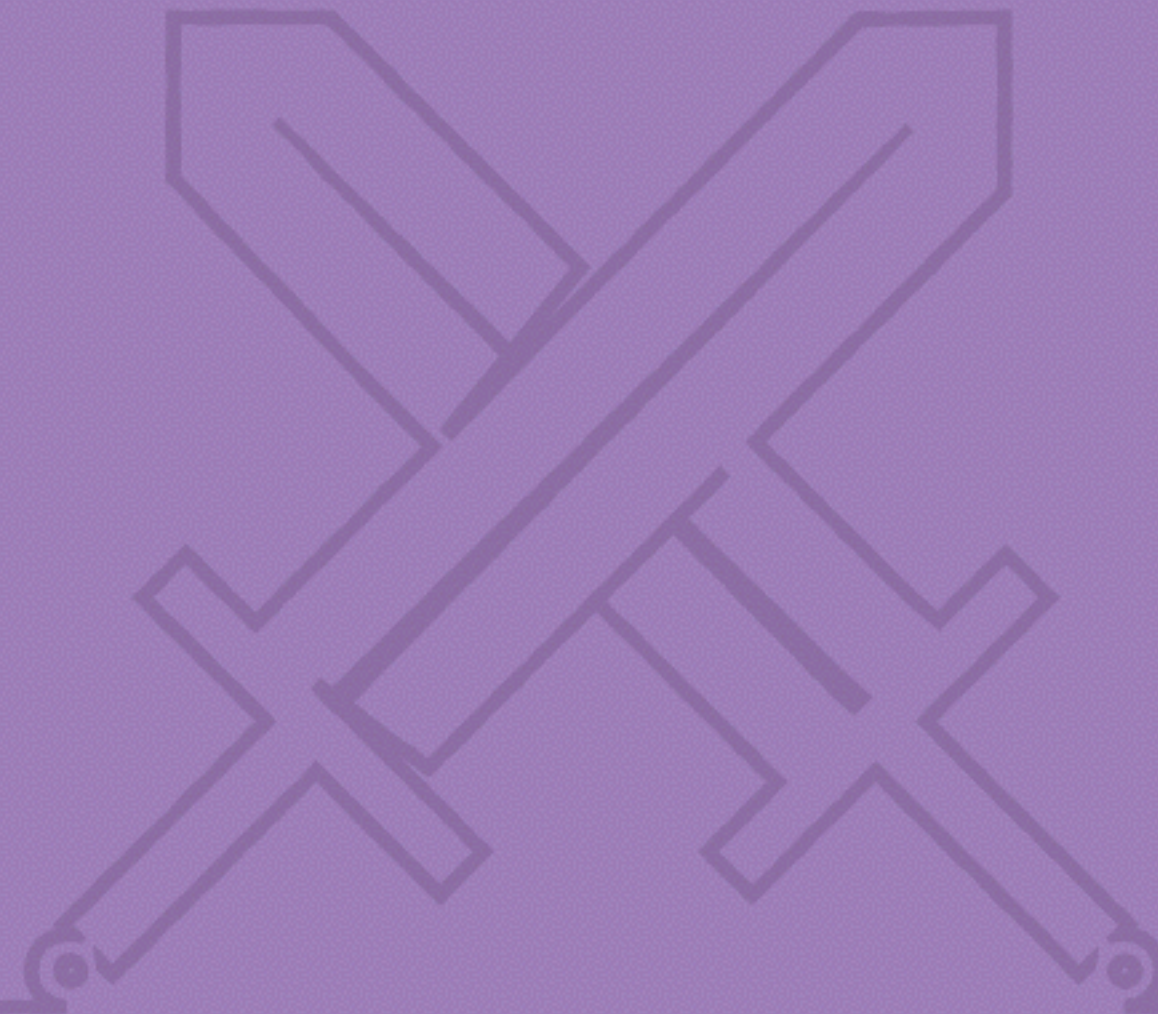
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WE MUST BELIEVE IN HELL BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE NATURE AND SCALE OF EVIL IN THE WORLD. WE MUST BELIEVE IN HELL BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO DO JUSTICE TO THE VICTIMS OF DARKNESS. WE MUST BELIEVE IN HELL BECAUSE, WITHOUT IT, CHRISTIAN FAITH IS SENTIMENTAL AND EVASIVE, UNABLE TO STAND UP TO REALITY IN THIS WORLD. WITHOUT

FLEMING RUTLEDGE

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AN UNFLINCHING UNDERSTANDING OF THE
RADICAL NATURE OF EVIL, CHRISTIAN FAITH
WOULD BE NOTHING BUT A SUBURBAN BEDTIME
STORY.



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QUESTION #3

DOESN'T BELIEVING
IN HELL MAKE PEOPLE
UNLOVING & CRUEL?


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DO NOT REPAY ANYONE EVIL FOR EVIL. BE CAREFUL TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN THE EYES OF EVERYONE. IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE WITH EVERYONE. **DO NOT TAKE REVENGE**, MY DEAR FRIENDS, BUT **LEAVE ROOM FOR GOD'S WRATH**, FOR IT IS WRITTEN: "IT IS MINE TO AVENGE; I WILL REPAY," SAYS THE LORD. ON THE **CONTRARY**: "IF

ROMANS 12:17-21

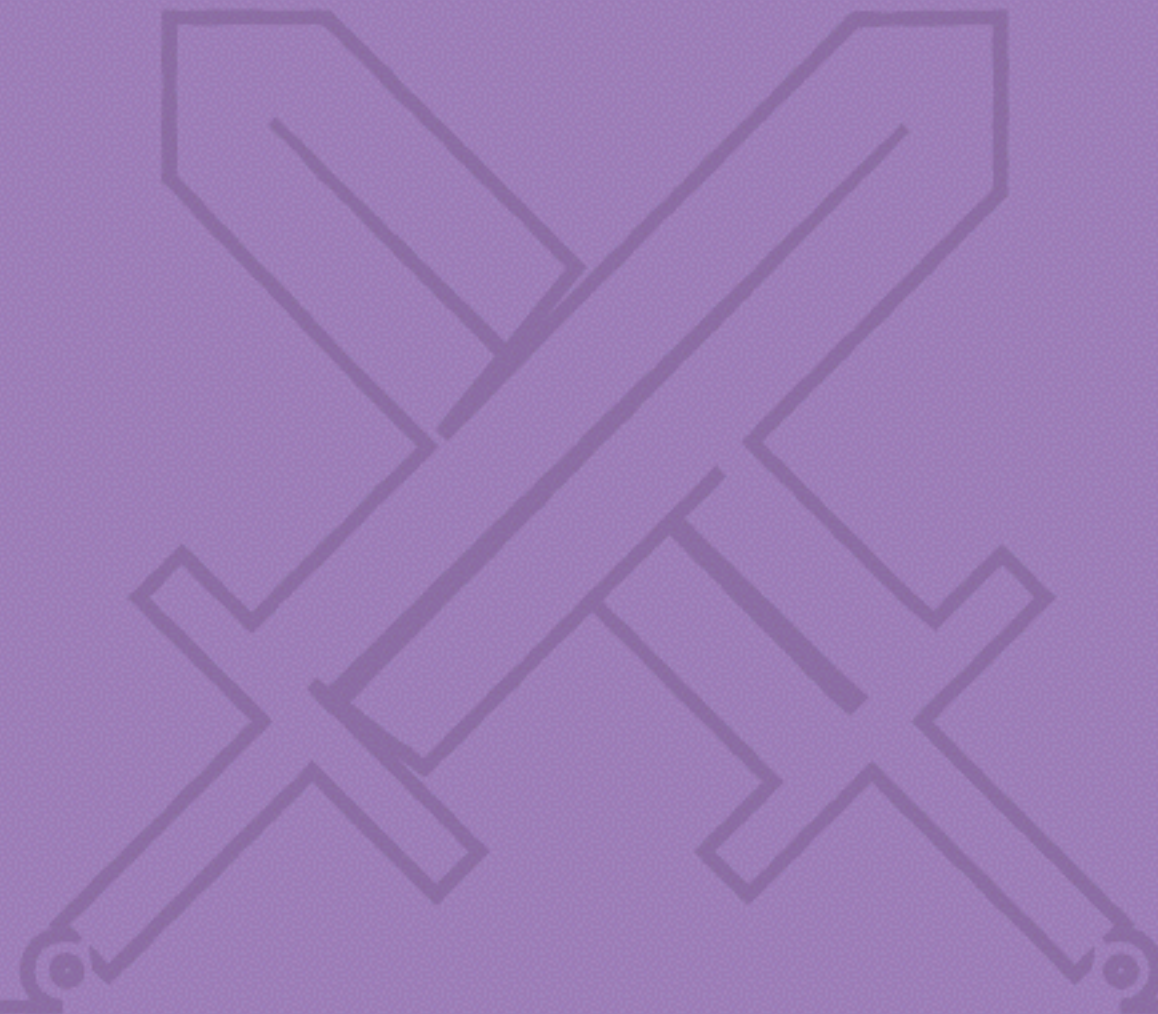
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YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK. IN DOING THIS, YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.” DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.



ROMANS 12:17-21

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“A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. **BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**”




JOHN 13:34-35

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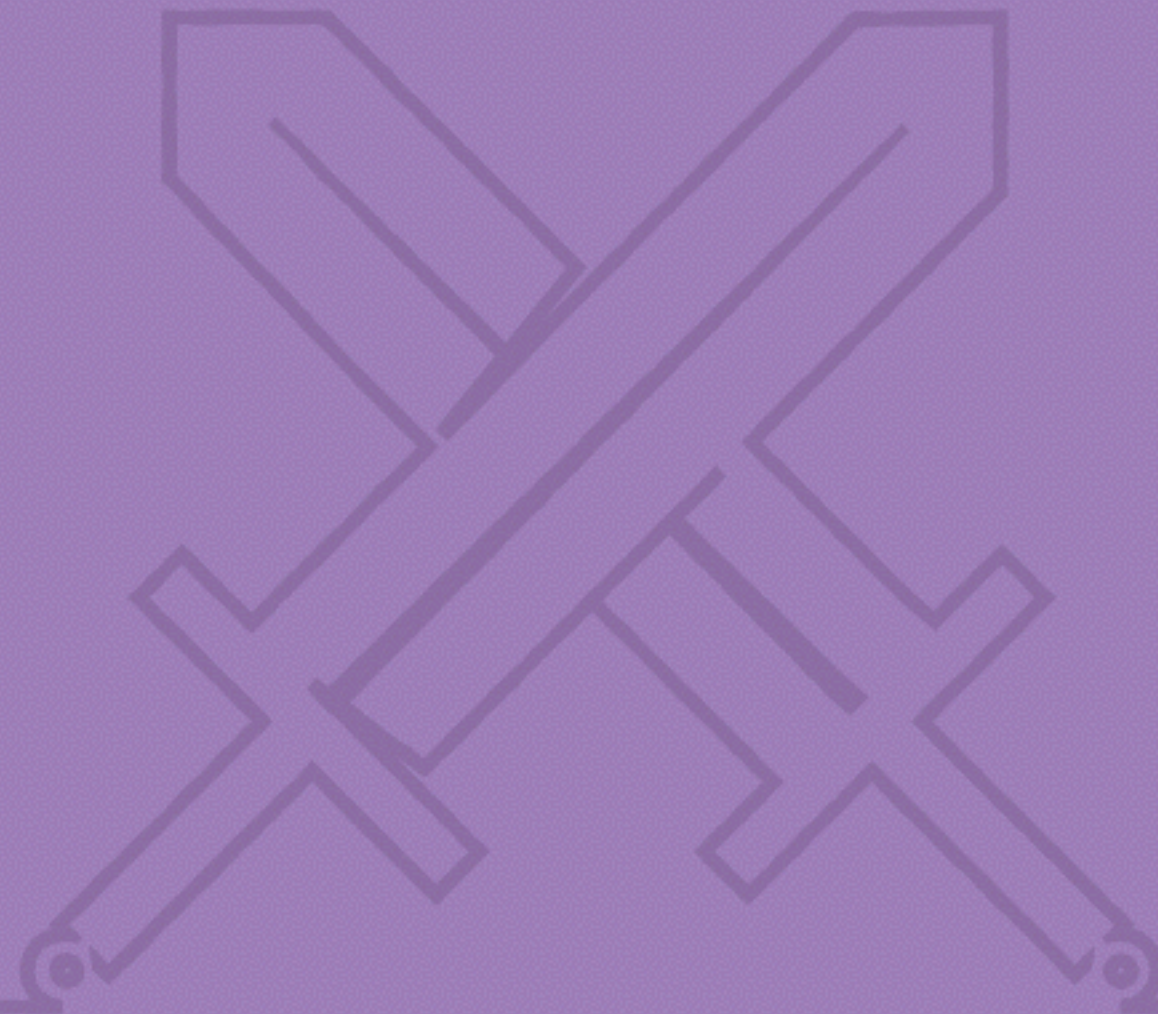
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THIS IS LOVE: NOT THAT WE LOVED GOD, BUT THAT **HE LOVED US** AND SENT HIS SON AS AN ATONING SACRIFICE FOR OUR SINS. DEAR FRIENDS, SINCE **GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**



1 JOHN 4:10-11

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