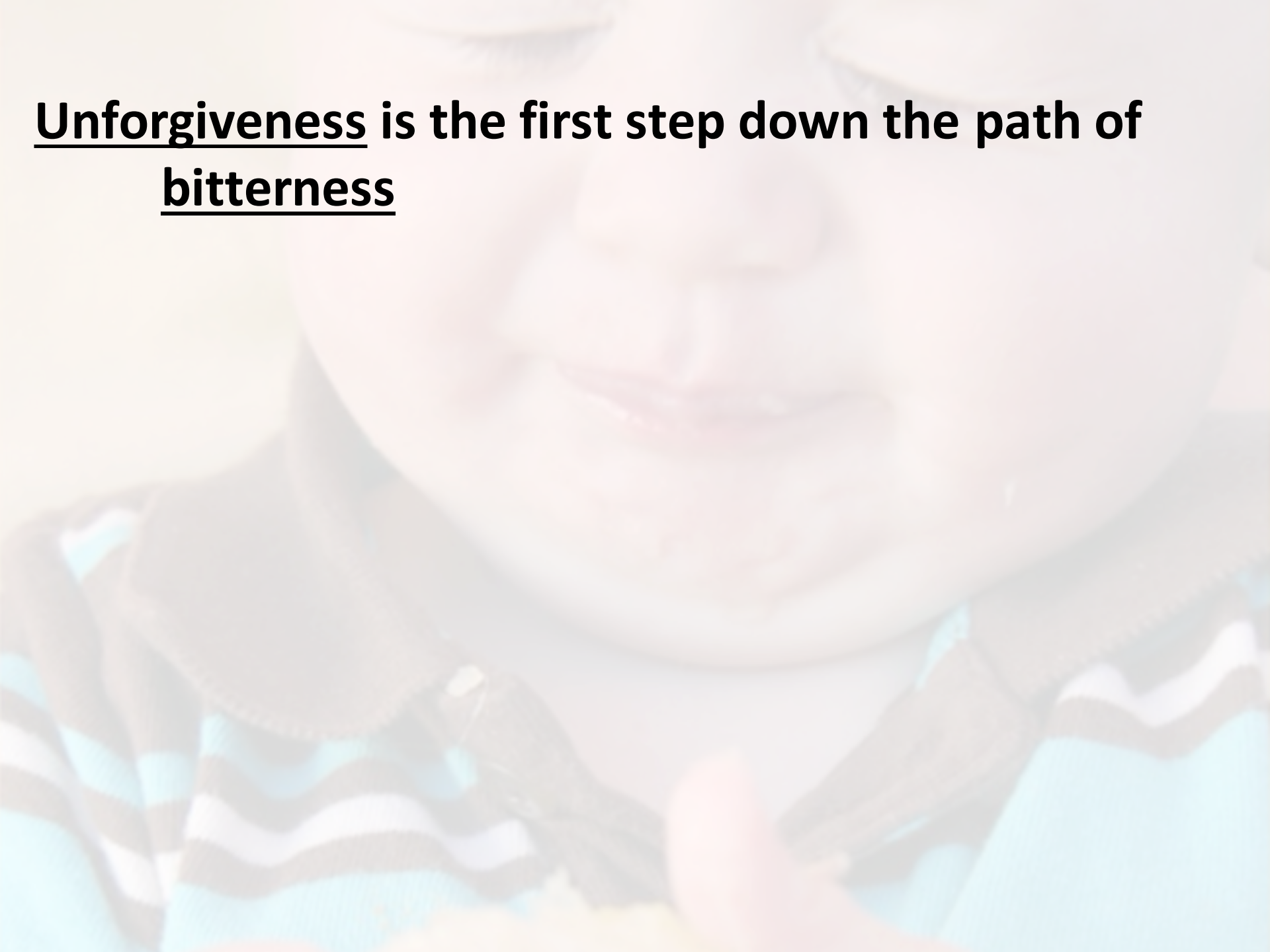


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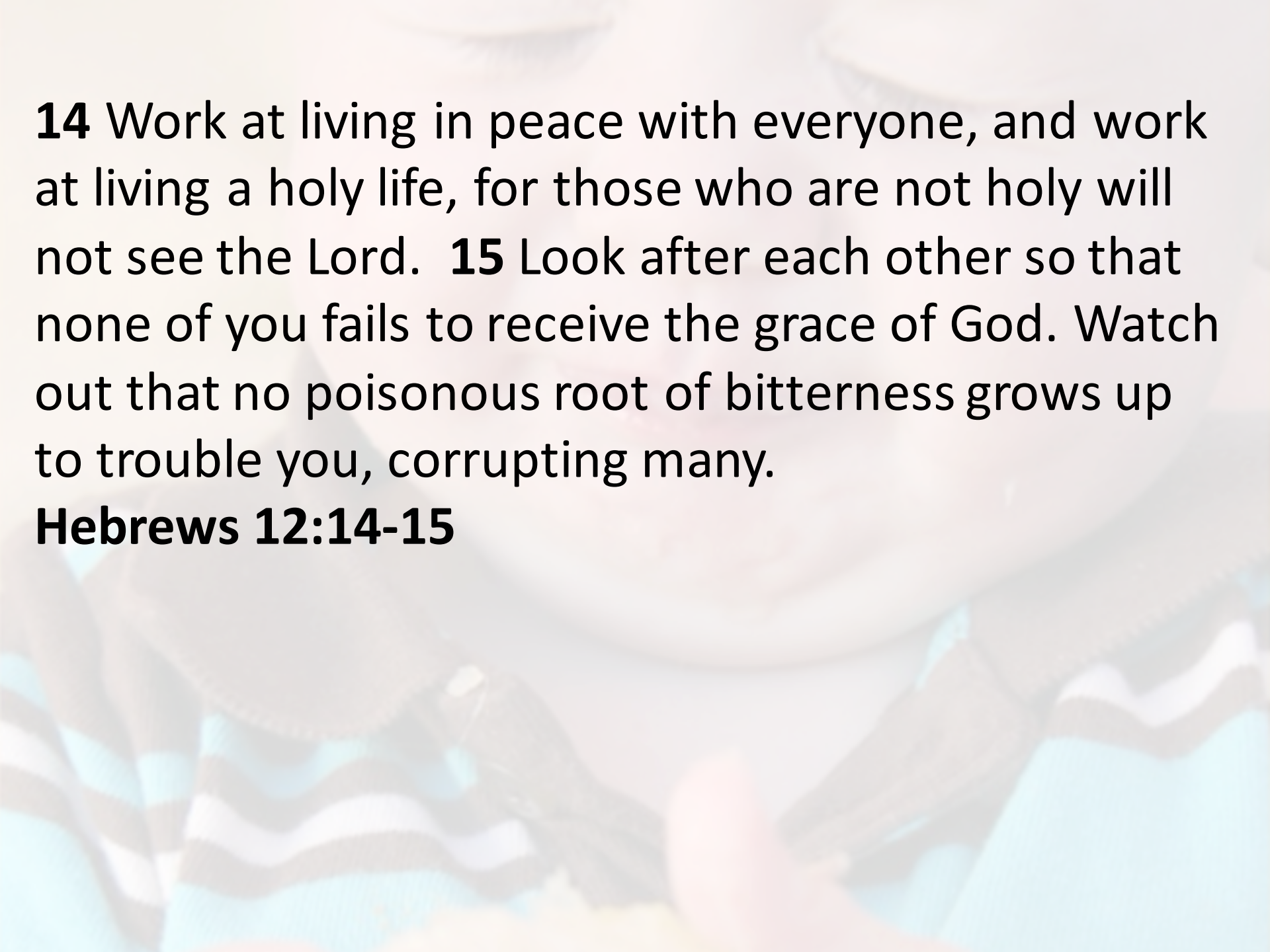
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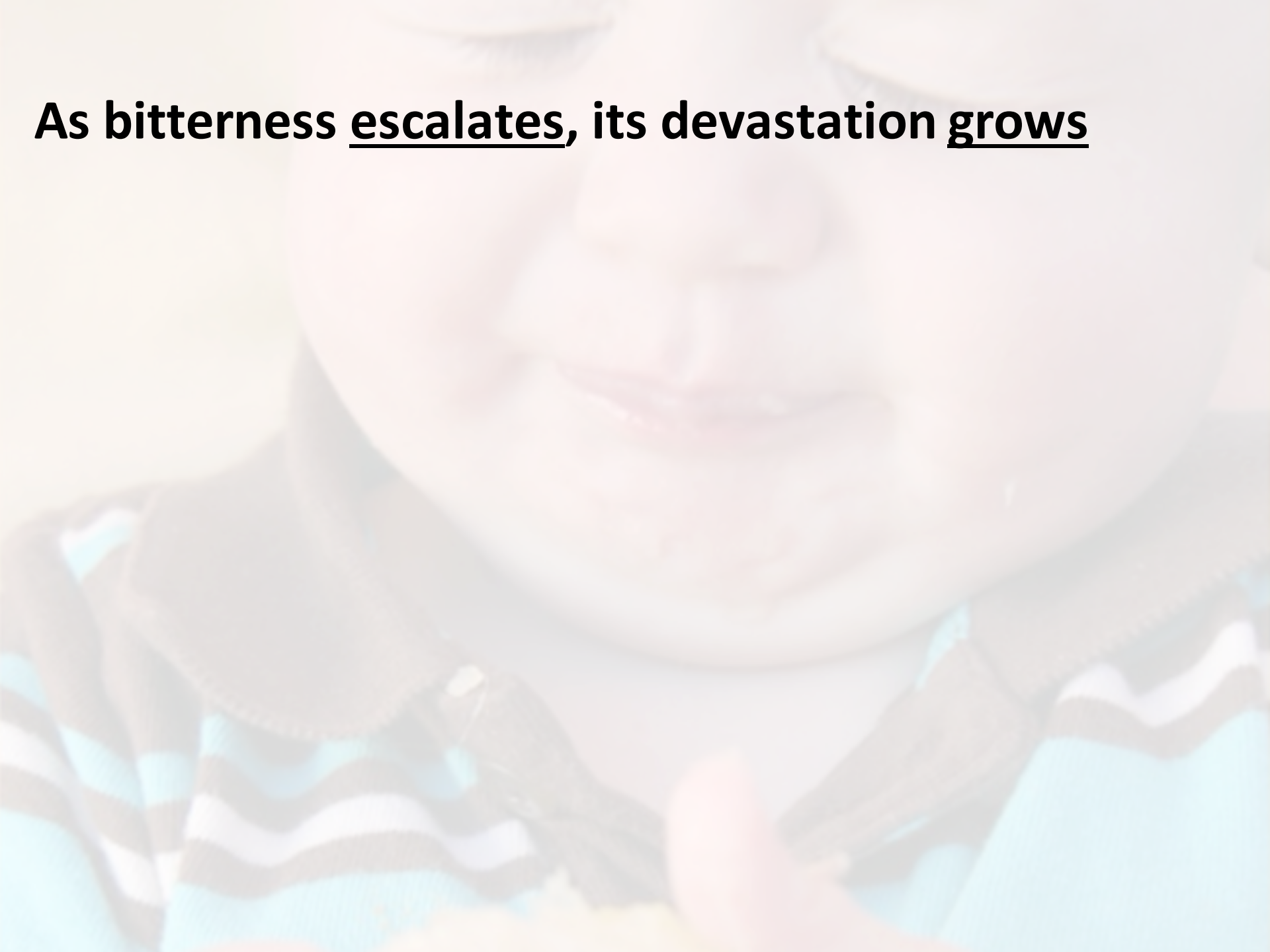




**14** Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. **15** Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

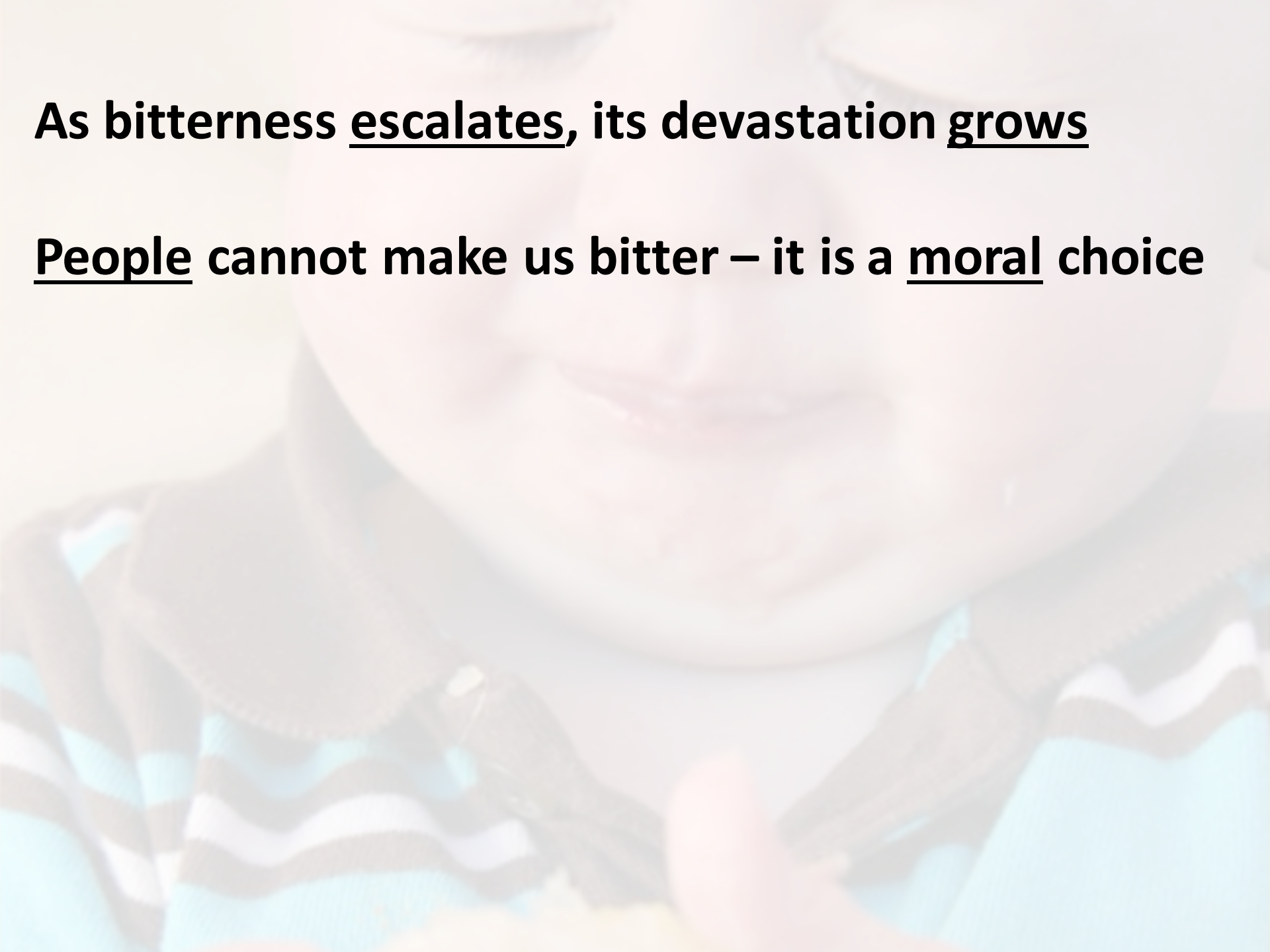
**Hebrews 12:14-15**

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**30** And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own,\* guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. **31** Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

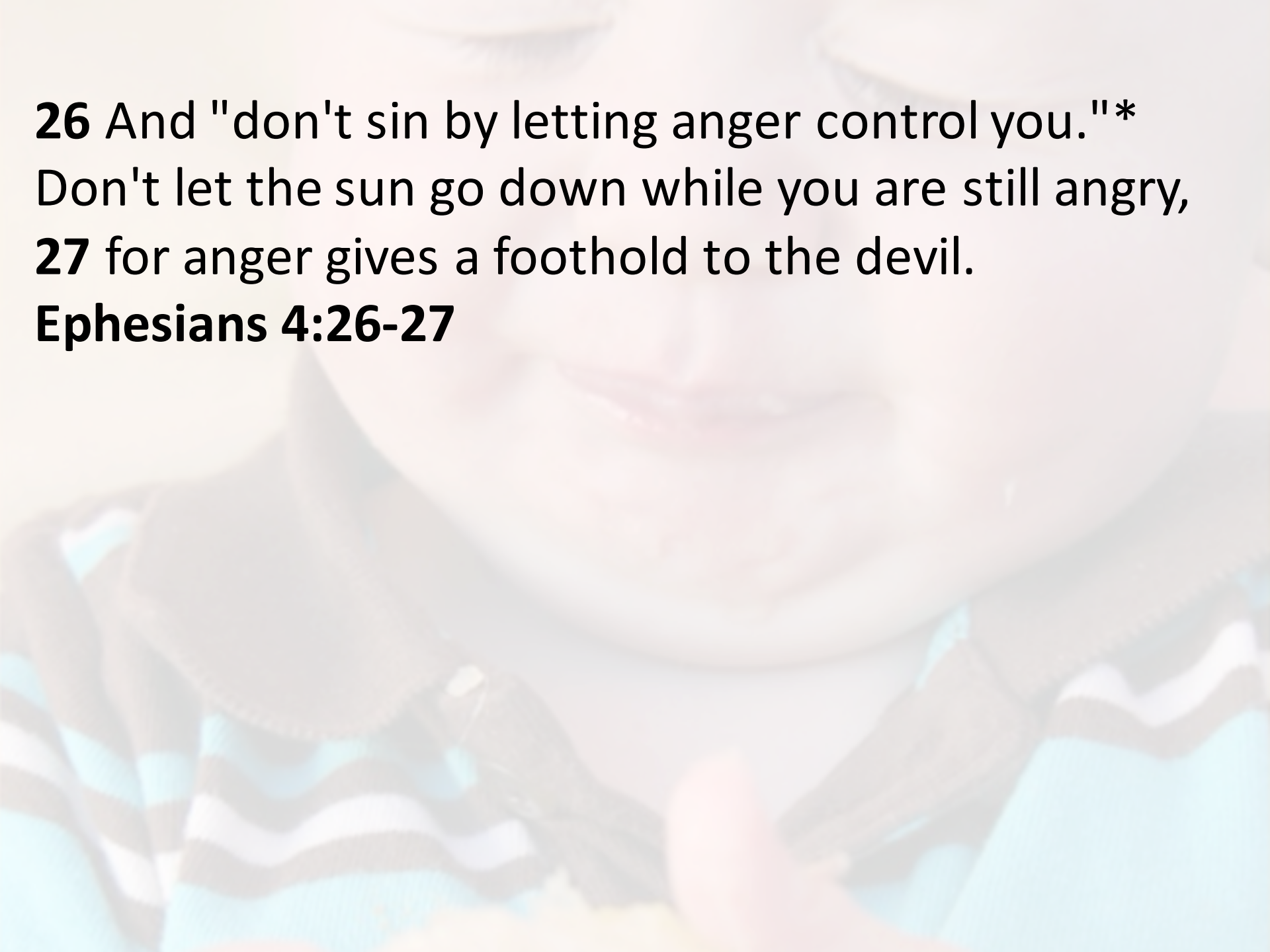
**Eph. 4:30-31**



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**26** And "don't sin by letting anger control you."\*  
Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,  
**27** for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

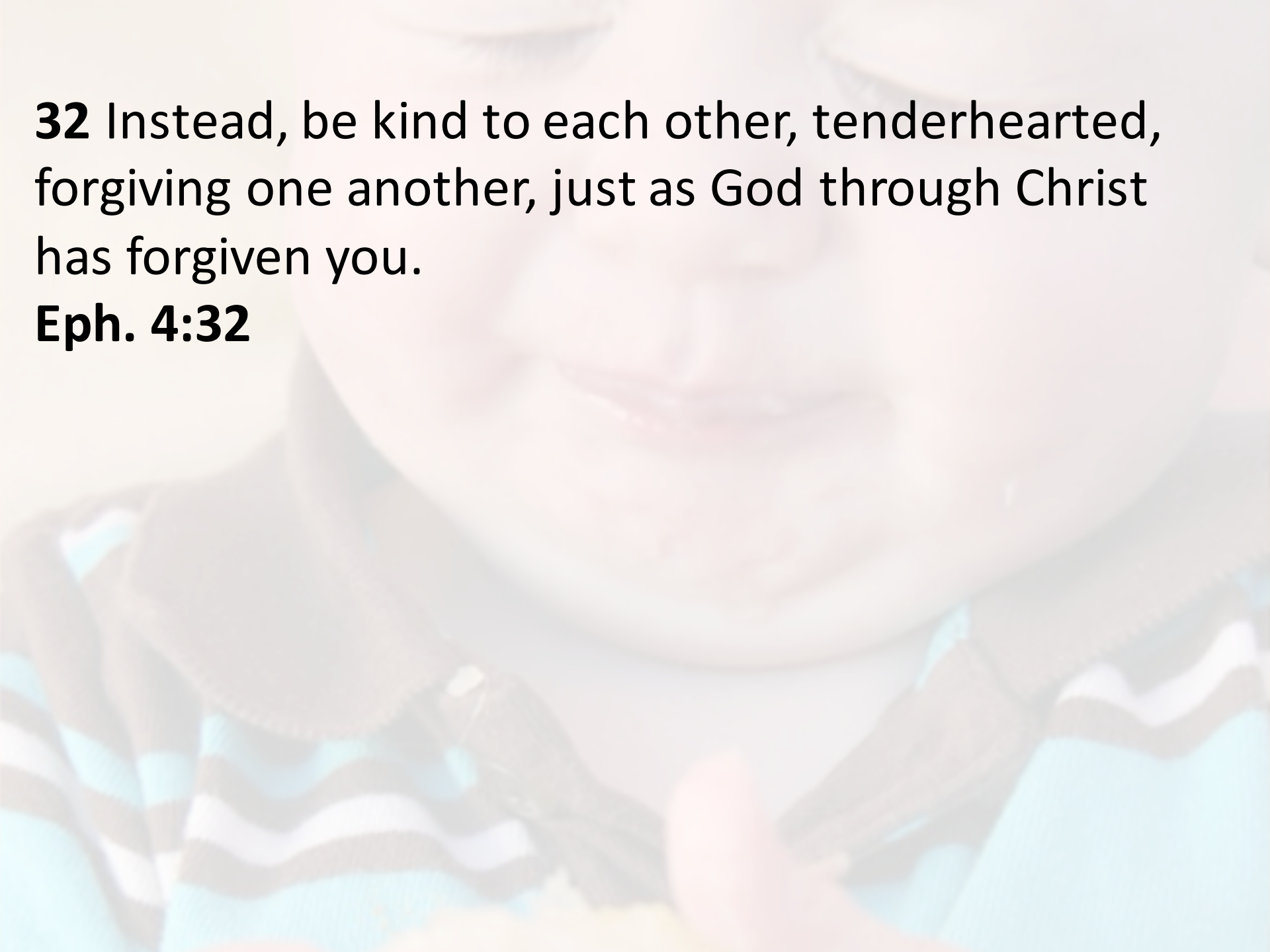
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**32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted,  
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