



# — *Peacemakers* —

Keeping and restoring peace in your relationships



# Question 1

Can I overlook this offense?

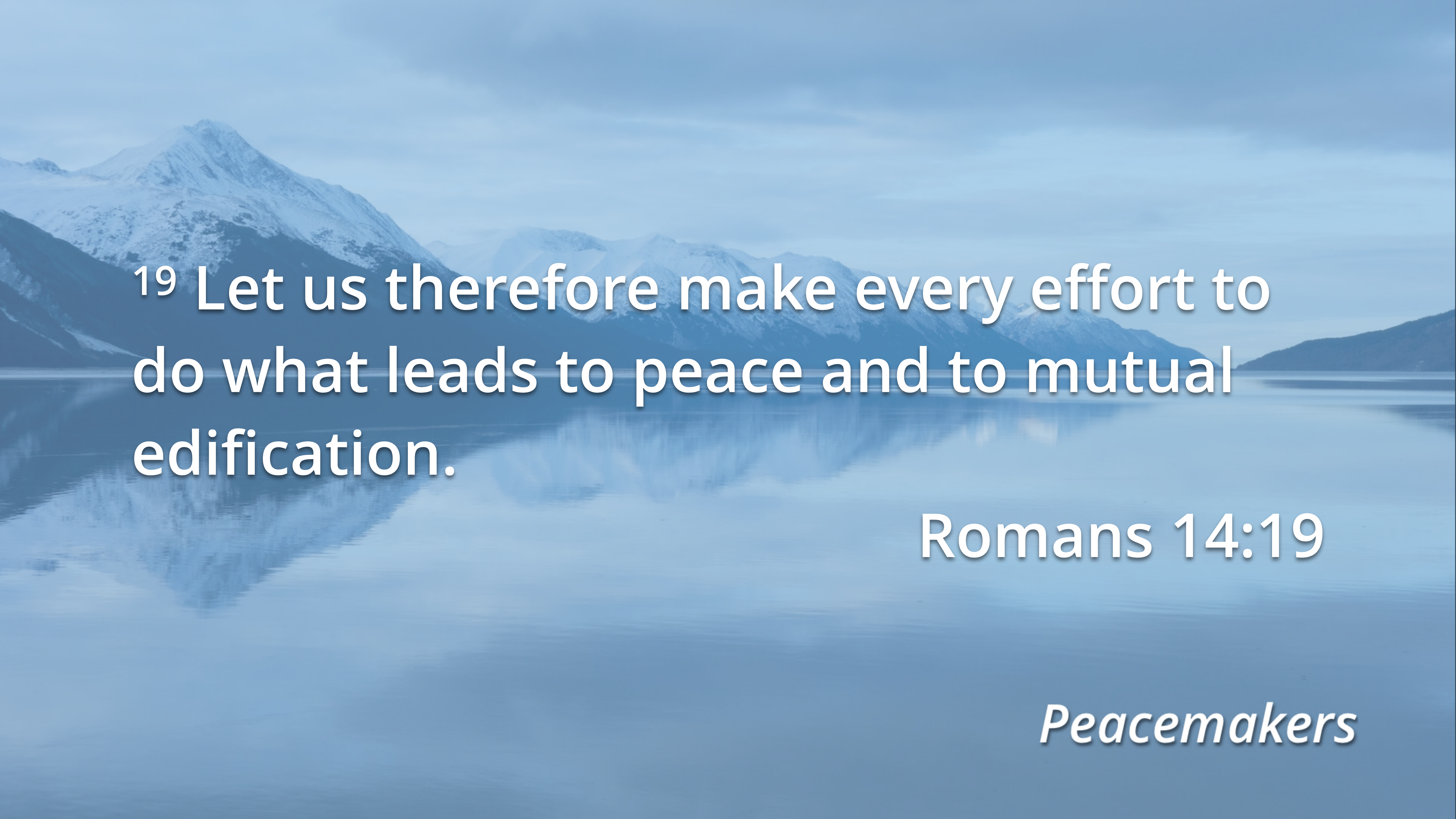
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<sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12:18

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**19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.**

**Romans 14:19**

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<sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply,  
because love covers over a multitude of  
sins.

1 Peter 4:8

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7 The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

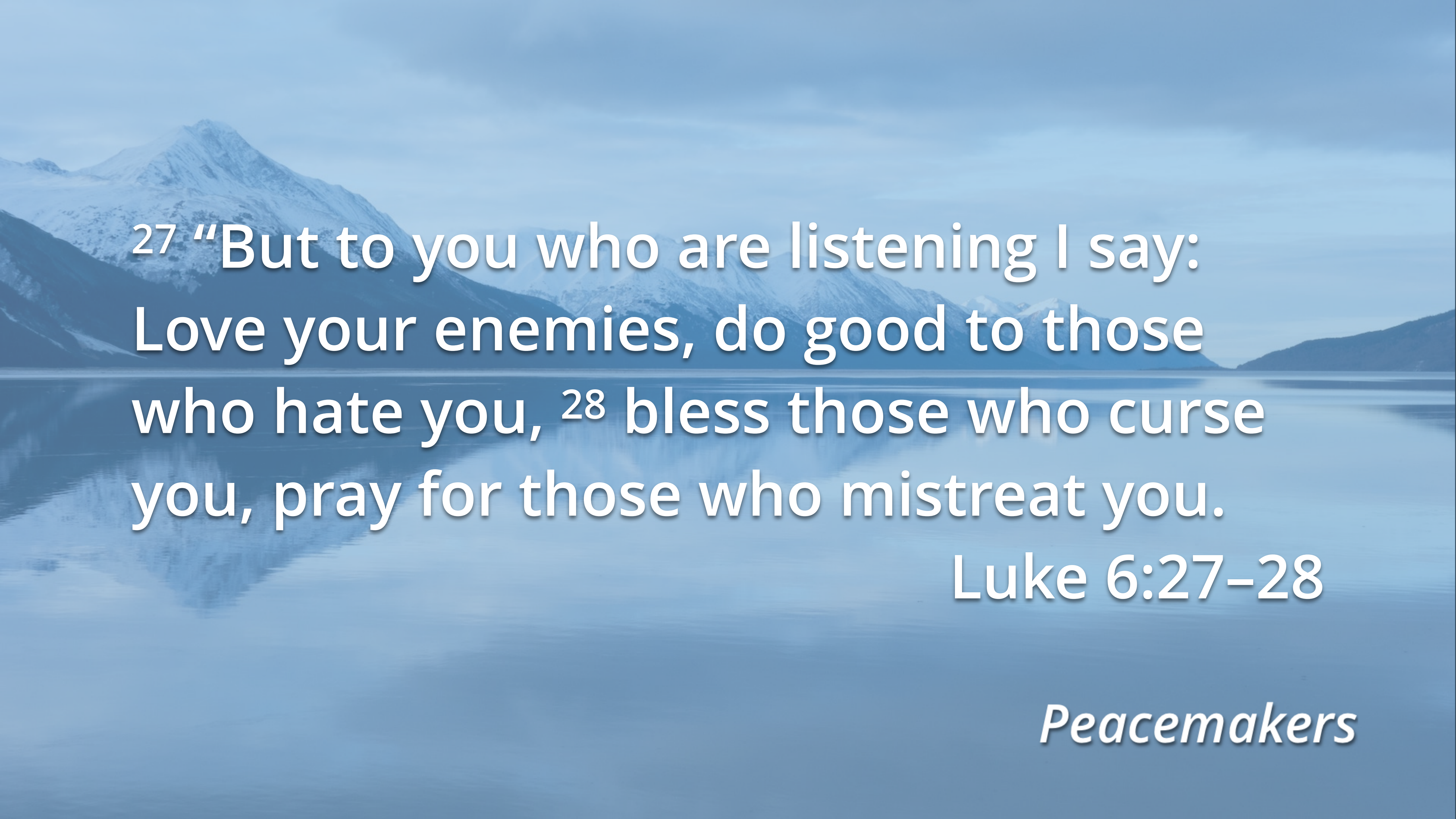
1 Corinthians 6:7

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23 When they hurled their insults at him,  
he did not retaliate; when he suffered,  
he made no threats. Instead, he  
entrusted himself to him who judges  
justly.

1 Peter 2:23

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<sup>27</sup> “But to you who are listening I say:  
Love your enemies, do good to those  
who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse  
you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27–28

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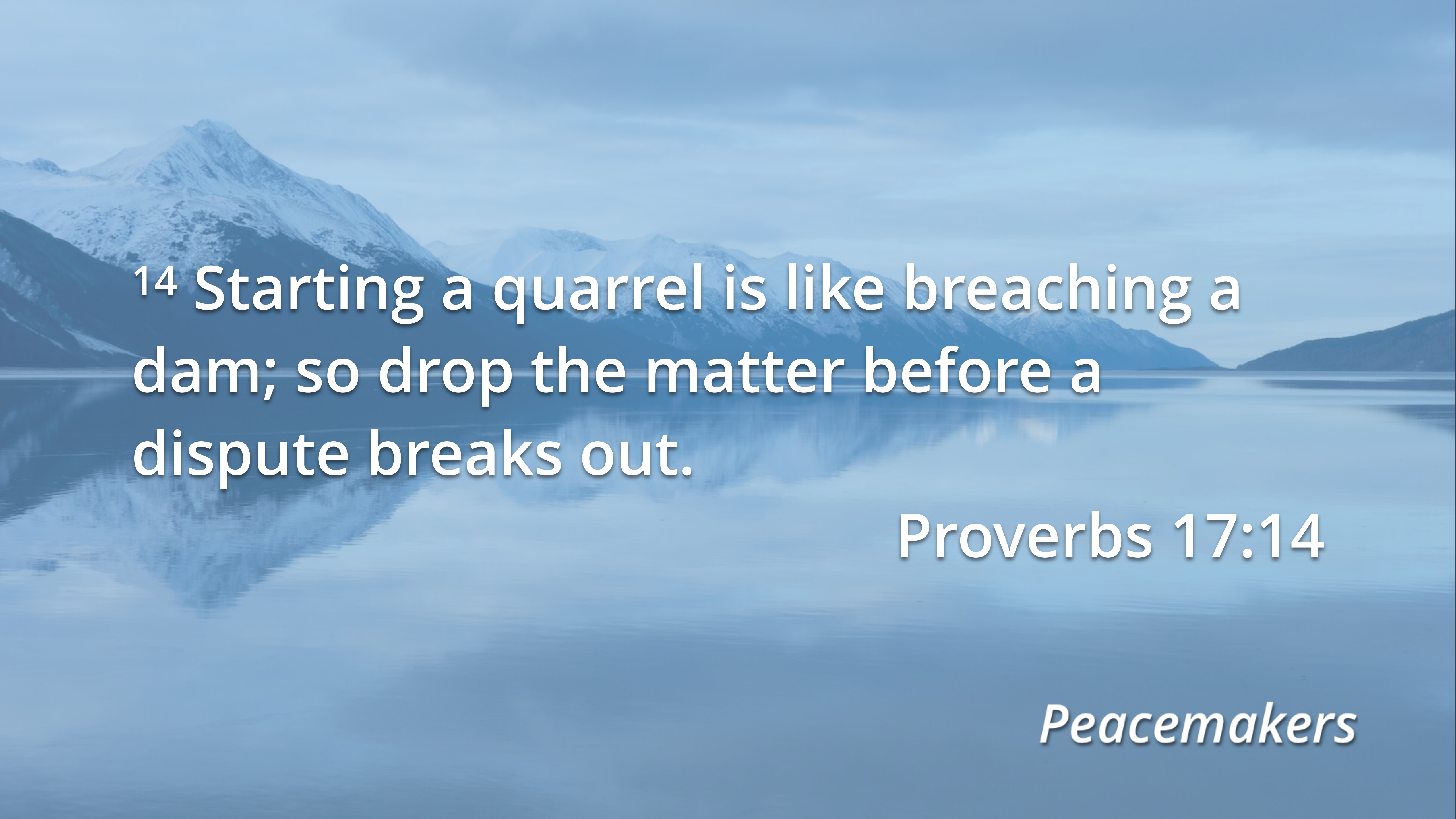




**<sup>11</sup> A person's wisdom yields patience; it is  
to one's glory to overlook an offense.**

**Proverbs 19:11**

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**14 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.**

**Proverbs 17:14**

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**Overlooking an offense means:**  
Recognizing that Jesus died for the  
offense; forgiving; intentionally putting  
something behind you; allowing God to  
handle an offense; choosing not to dwell  
on an offense.

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**Overlooking an offense does not mean:**

Pretending that something didn't happen; stewing on a problem internally; saying you have forgiven when you are bitter inside; looking at the other person's future actions through the lens of a past offense.

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# **Can/should I overlook this offense?**

- 1. Has the offense created a wall between you and the other person that you have not been able to take down?**

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# **Can/should I overlook this offense?**

**2. Has the offense caused you to feel differently towards the other person, and you haven't been able to overcome the feelings?**

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# **Can/should I overlook this offense?**

**3. Has the offense caused serious harm to you, to the offender, to others, or to God's reputation?**

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**4. Has the offense been continuous and part of a destructive pattern of behavior?**

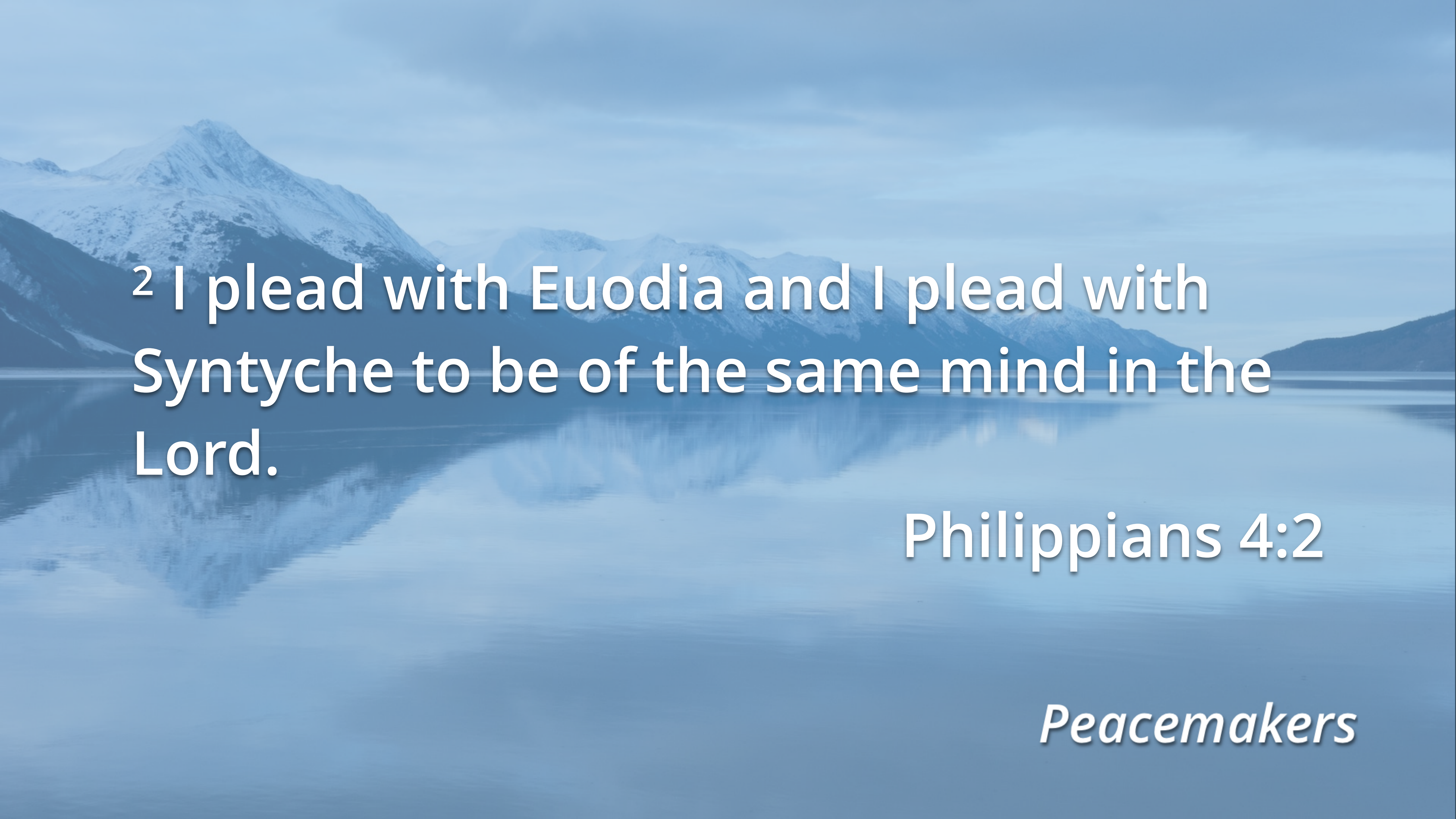
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A serene landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains in the background, with a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the mountains and the sky. The overall color palette is a soft, monochromatic blue, creating a peaceful and contemplative atmosphere.

**How do I overlook an offense?**

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2 I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

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<sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:3

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4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it  
again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

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# How do I overlook an offense?

1. Find your joy in Jesus

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<sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all.

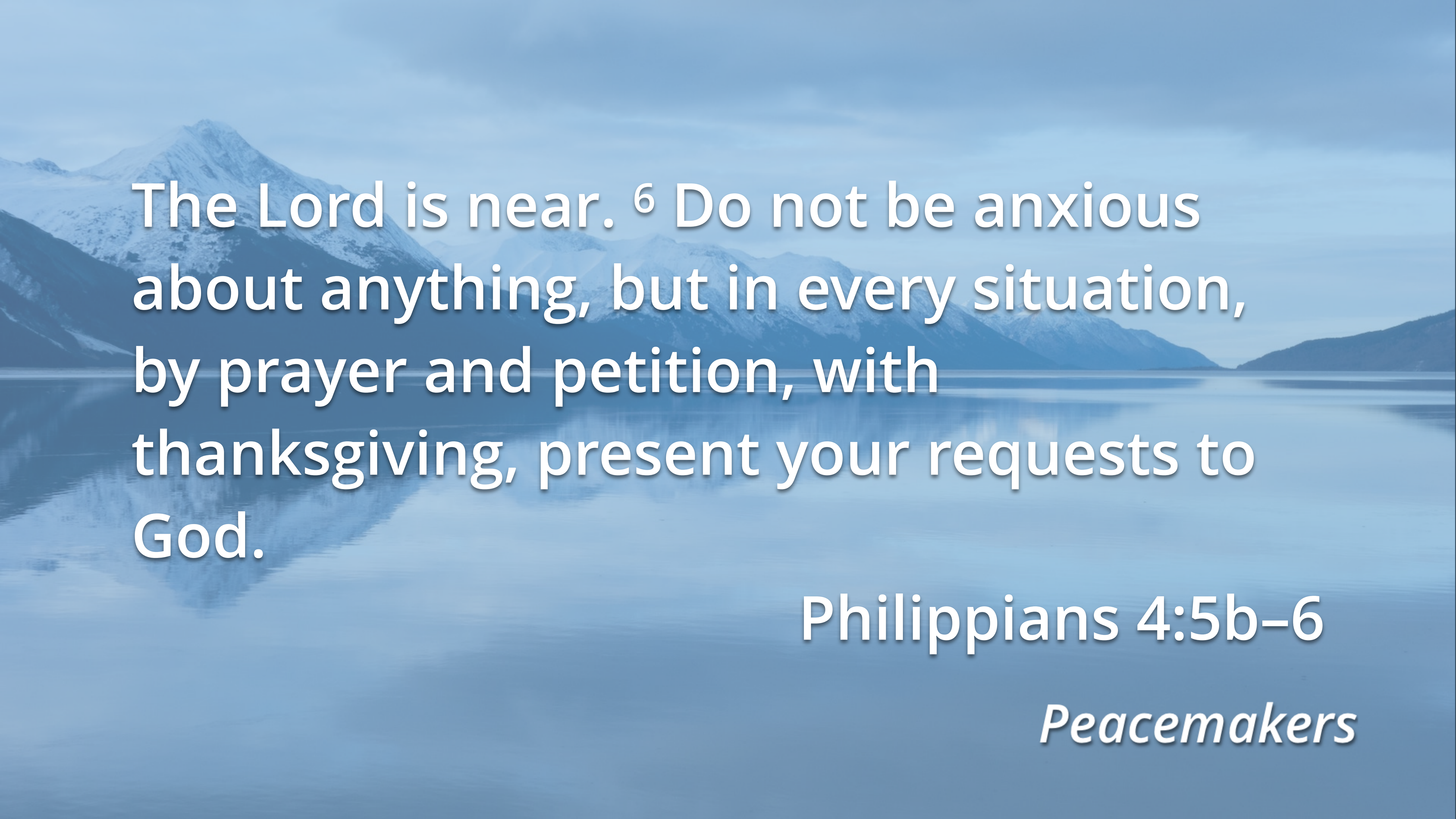
Philippians 4:5a

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# How do I overlook an offense?

2. Remember others are watching your response

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The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:5b–6

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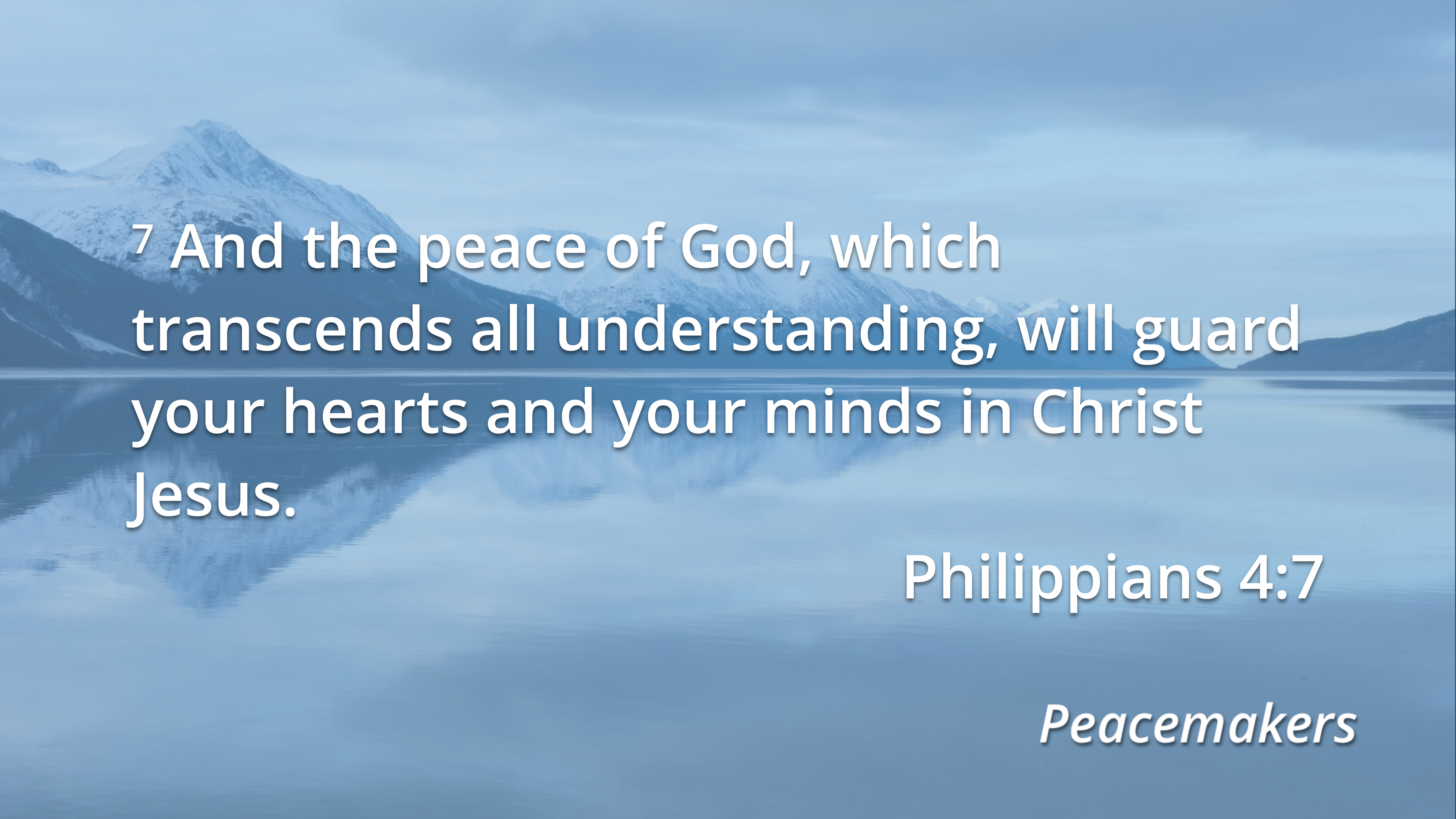




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**3. Replace anxiety with prayer**

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<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

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8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

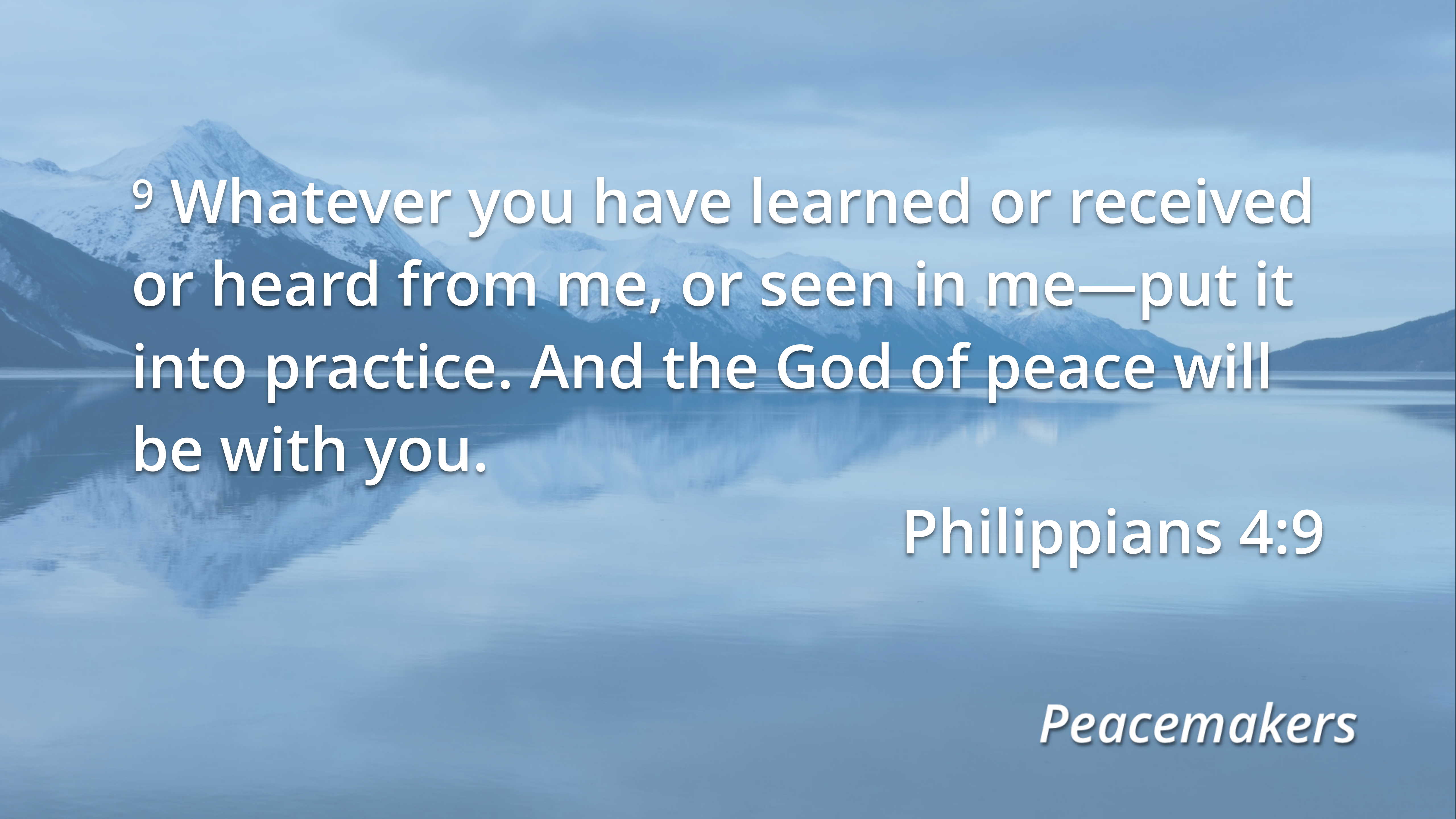
Philippians 4:8

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# How do I overlook an offense?

4. Choose to think about the good in the other person

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<sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:9

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# How do I overlook an offense?

3. Consider the cost of unresolved conflict

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25 “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.

Matthew 5:25  
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