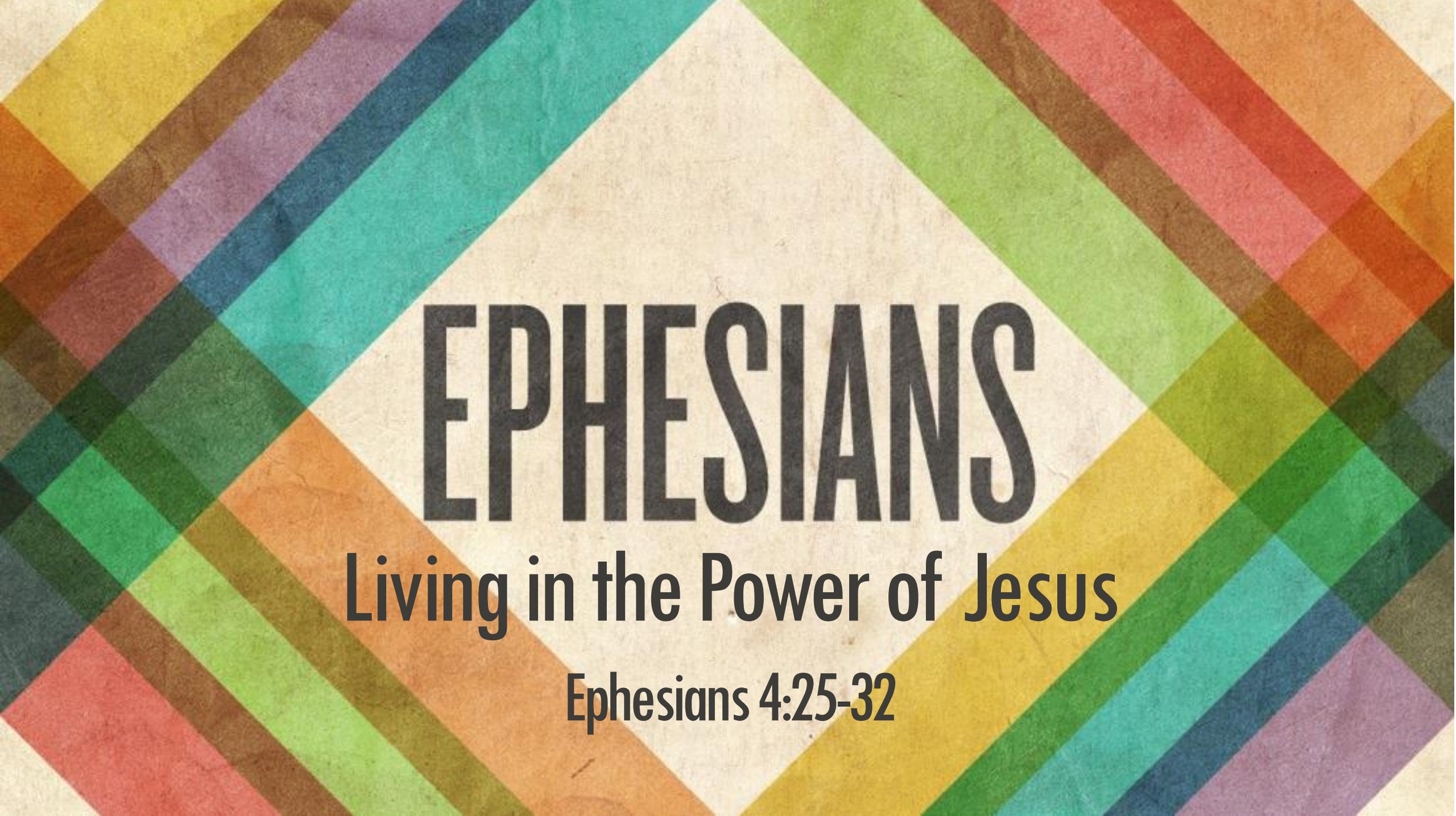




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Living in the Power of Jesus

Ephesians 4:25-32



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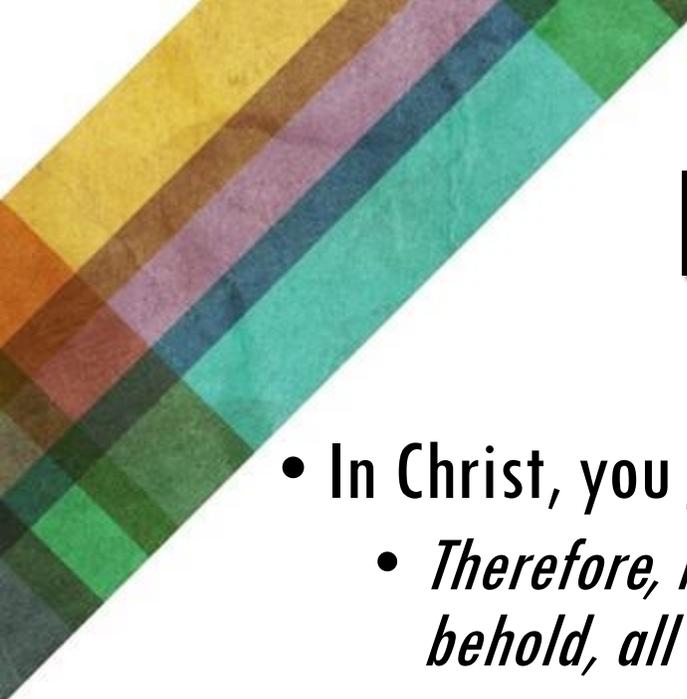
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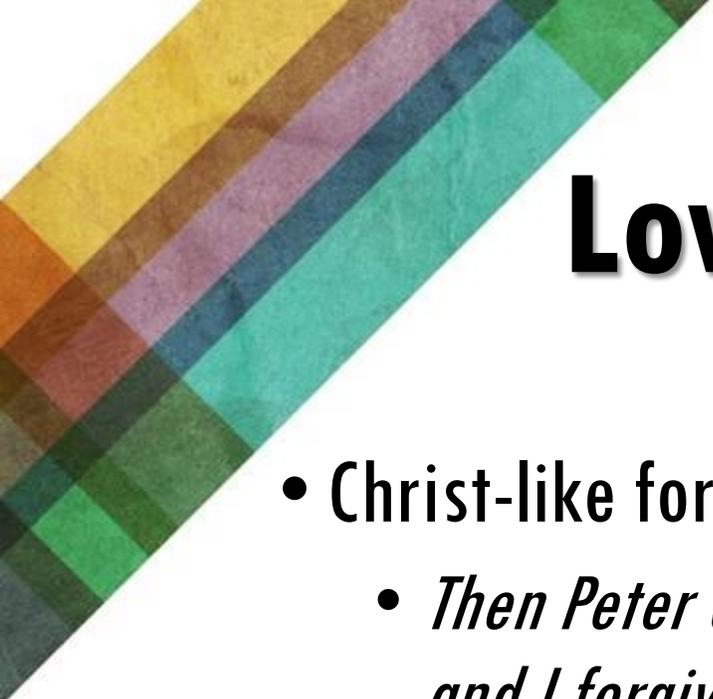
Out With the Old

- **Put away lying**
 - Be marked by your honesty (Ex 20:16)
- **Be angry and do not sin**
 - Seek reconciliation through prayer and meditation (Psalm 4:4)
- **Steal no longer**
 - Hard work is God's design (2 Thess 3:10, Gen 2:15)
- **Do not speak corrupt words**
 - Use words to build up not tear down (Col 4:6)
- **Put away bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking**
 - Let your love be your reputation (John 13:35)



In With the New

- In Christ, you **ARE** a new creation
 - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* 2 Corinthians 5:17
- In Christ you **ARE** loved
 - *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Rom 8:35-39



Love Requires Forgiveness

- Christ-like forgiveness is radical
 - *Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”* Matthew 18:21-22
- Forgive others because Jesus forgives you
 - *To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him.* Daniel 9:9



Love Requires Forgiveness

- Pursue forgiveness if you are guilty
 - *Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

Matthew 5:23-24

- Pursue forgiveness if you are innocent
 - *And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.*

Mark 11:25



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