We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written,

"The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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For believers, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus gives shape to EVERYTHING that we say and do.



A Gospel Culture WELCOMING CULTURE: Because Jesus has welcomed us, we welcome others.

TENACIOUS CULTURE: Because Jesus is who He is, we can give our lives to Him and His ministry without failing or burning out.

A Gospel Culture HARMONIOUS CULTURE: Because we are one with Jesus, we live in harmony with one-another to His glory



Romans 5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us

Ephesians 3:17b-19

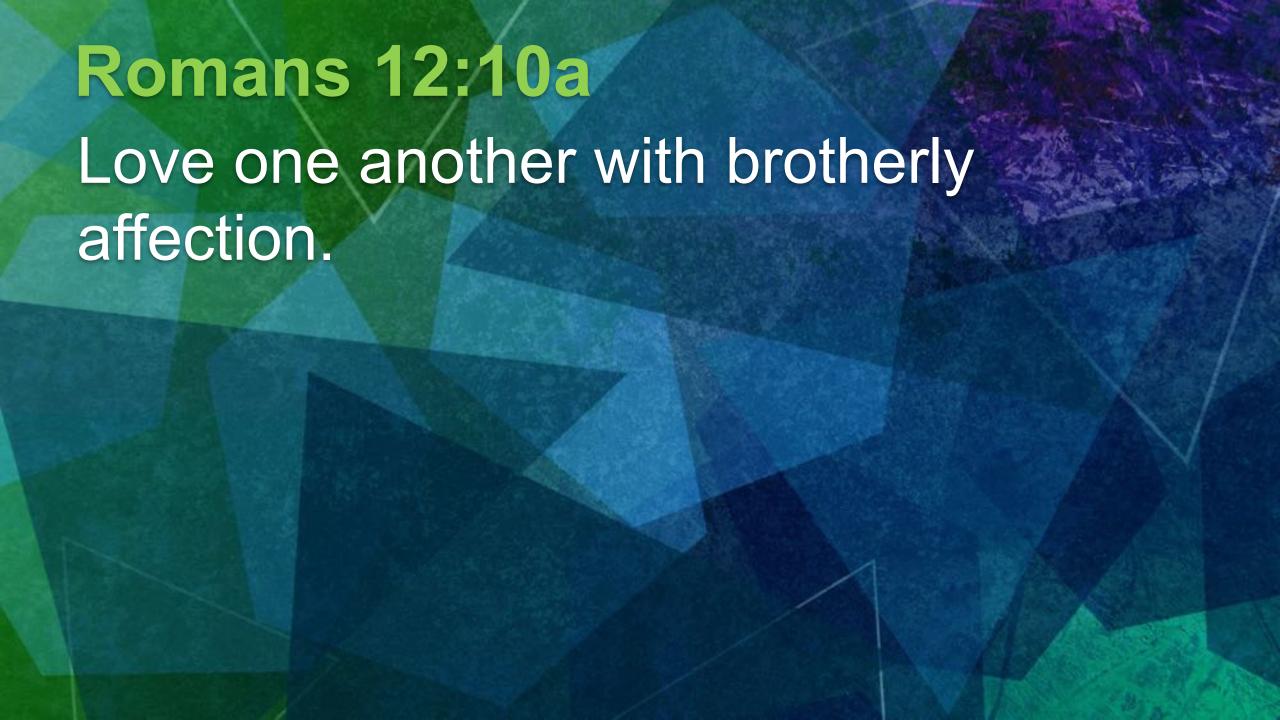
—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



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