

# APPRENTICED TO ANOTHER KING

*Jesus,*

*Make more disciples through us.*

Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew



The background features a golden, ethereal cityscape with classical architecture, including domes and columns. A bright, glowing light emanates from a central doorway or archway, creating a path of light that leads down towards the viewer. The overall atmosphere is one of divine light and peace.

# **The Surprising Power of Peacemaking**

***Experiencing the Peace of  
Heaven on Earth***

**Matthew 18:15-20**



# 1. Pursue Peace Privately (vs. 15)

Matthew 18:15-20

15. “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back.

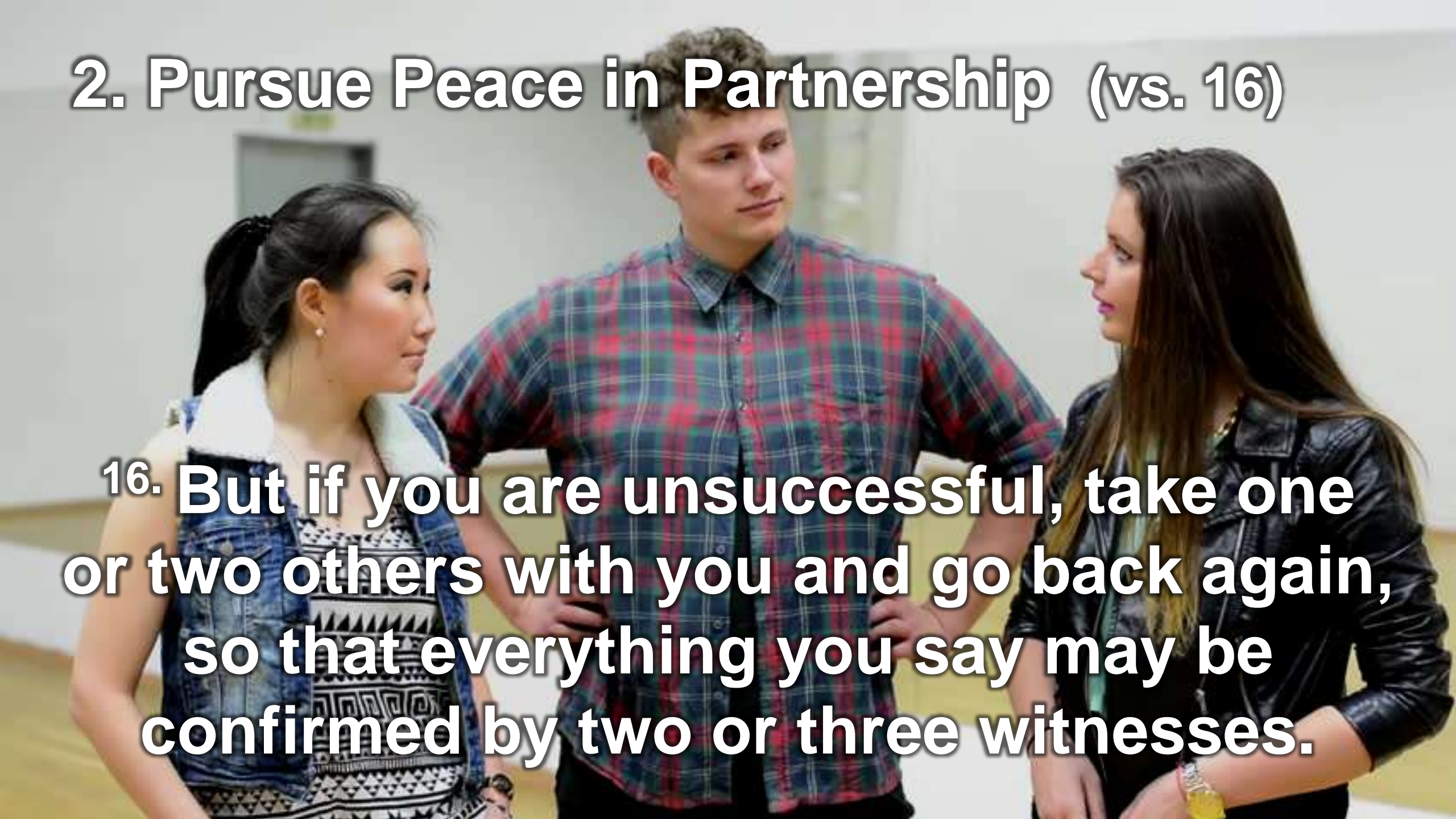


# Make A Good Confession (Seven A Words)

- Address everyone involved
- Avoid “if,” “but,” and “maybe”
- Admit specifically
- Acknowledge the hurt
- Accept the consequences
- Alter your behavior
- Ask for forgiveness (allow time)



## 2. Pursue Peace in Partnership (vs. 16)

A photograph of three young adults standing in a hallway. In the center is a young man with short, curly brown hair, wearing a red, green, and blue plaid button-down shirt. He is looking towards the woman on his right. The woman on the left has dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a denim vest over a black and white patterned top. The woman on the right has long, straight brown hair and is wearing a black leather jacket. They appear to be in a conversation.


**16. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses.**



### **3. Pursue Peace in Public (vs. 17)**

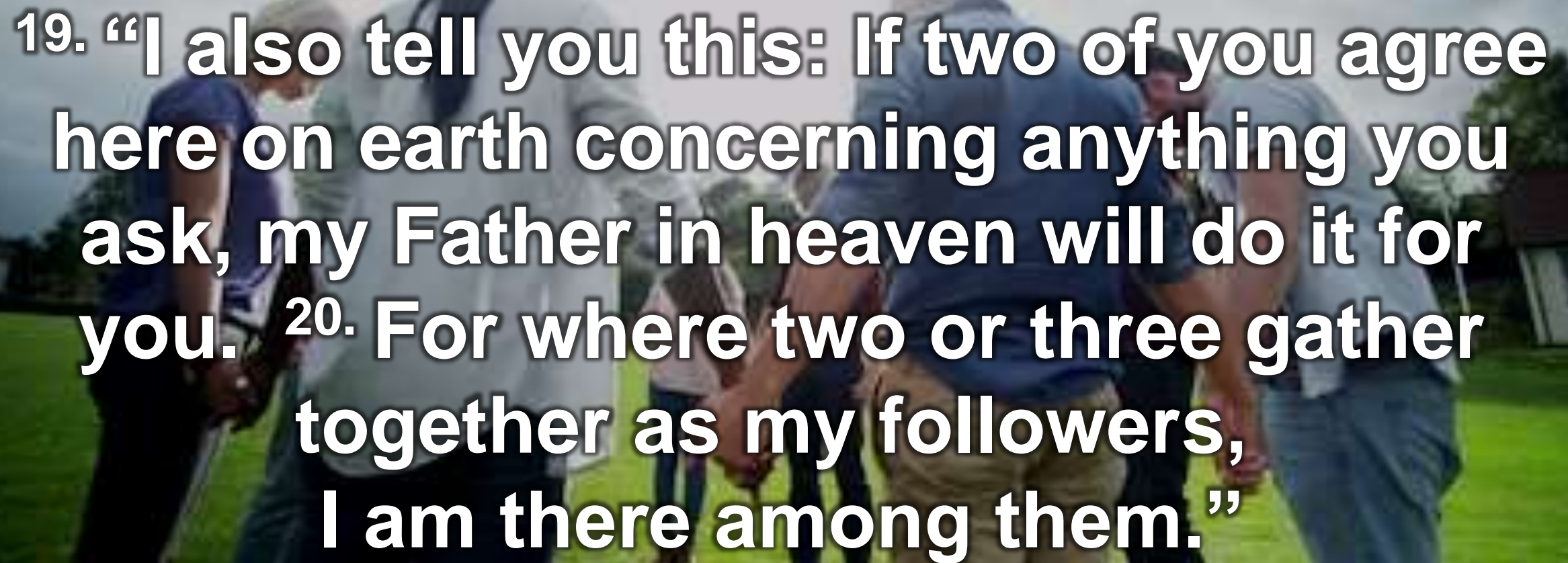
**17. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.**



A group of people are shown from the chest up, holding their hands together in a circle on a wooden table. The scene is brightly lit, likely from a window, creating a warm and spiritual atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

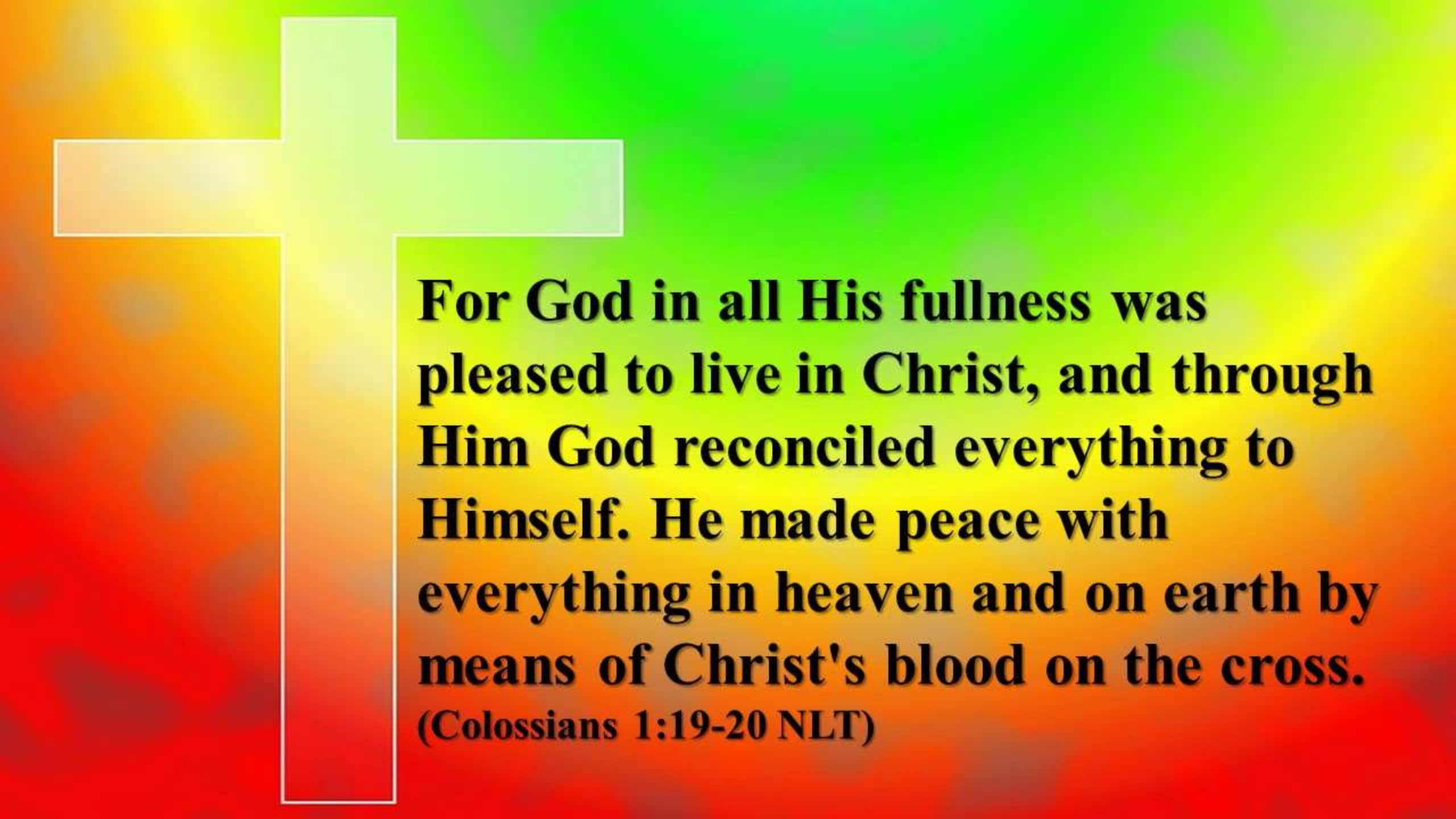
## **4. Pursue Peace in Partnership with Heaven (vss. 18-20)**

**18. “I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.**

A group of people, including men, women, and children, are holding hands in a circle on a grassy field. They are dressed in casual attire like t-shirts and jeans. The background shows a cloudy sky and some trees. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**19. “I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. 20. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”**





**For God in all His fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**  
(Colossians 1:19-20 NLT)