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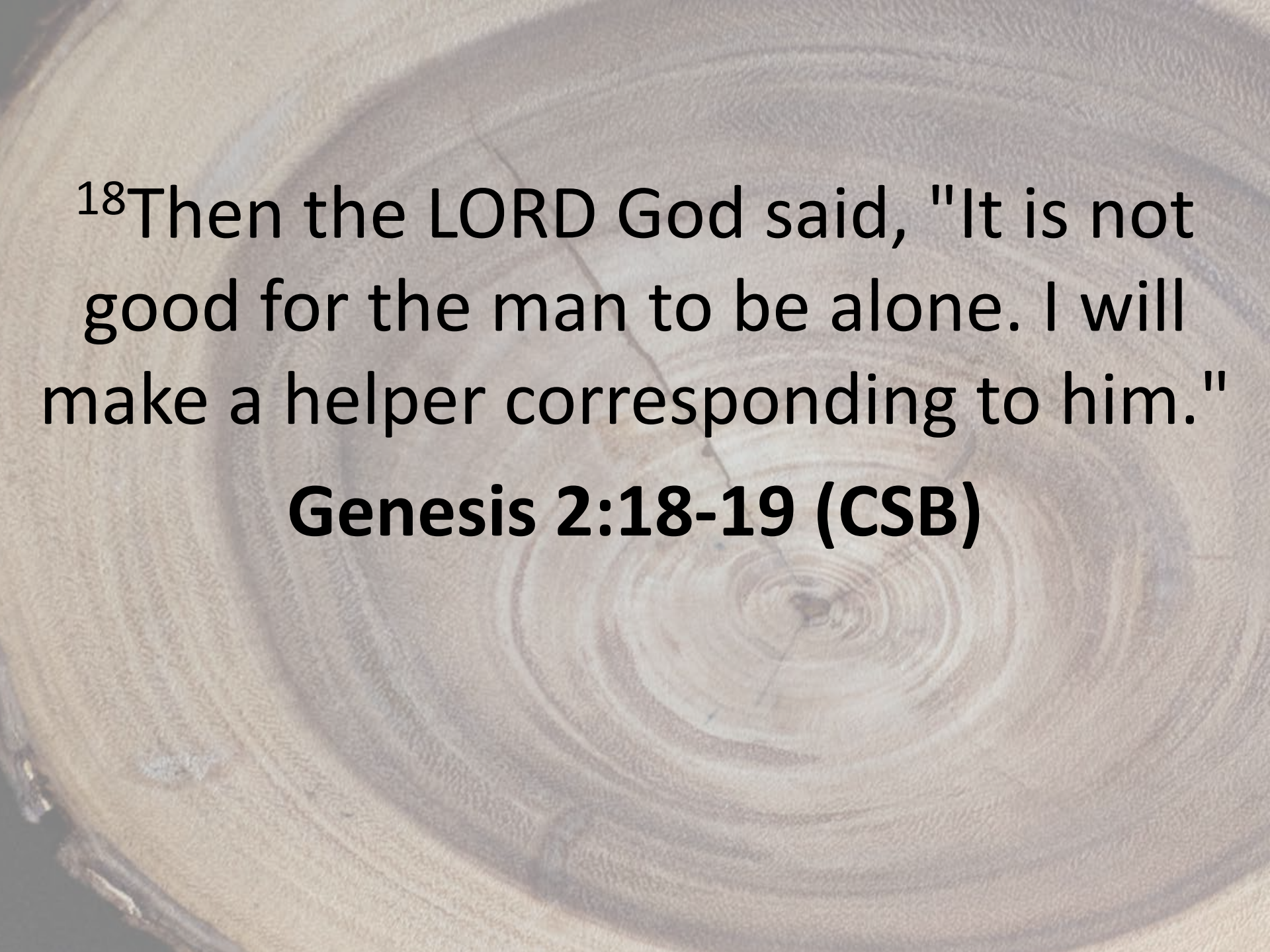
Let's

GROW

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Grow In Groups

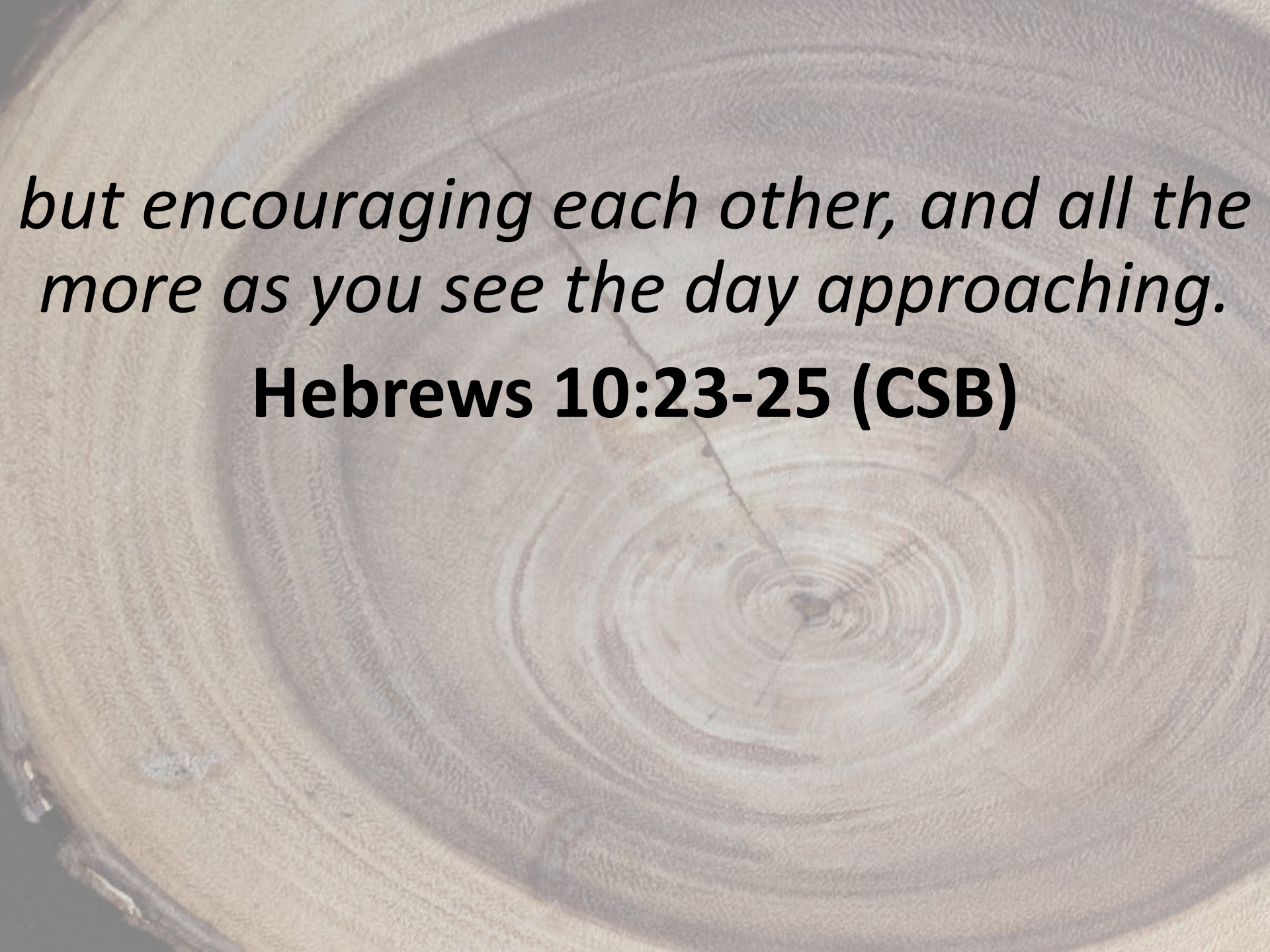
Acts 2:42-47



¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him."

Genesis 2:18-19 (CSB)

²³Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing,

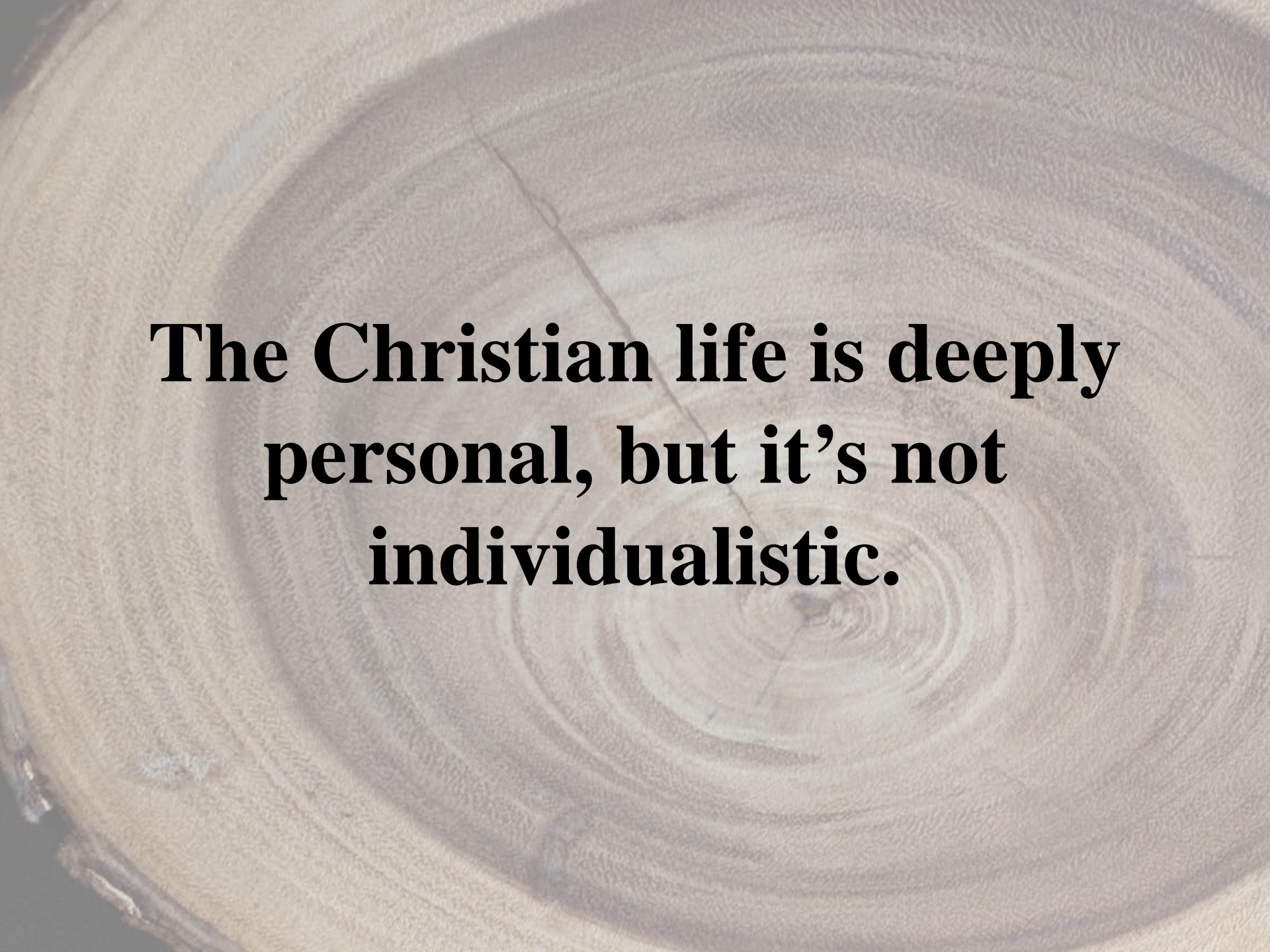


but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (CSB)



We grow where we are loved.



**The Christian life is deeply
personal, but it's not
individualistic.**

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.


⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

⁴⁴Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. ⁴⁵They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house.

They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

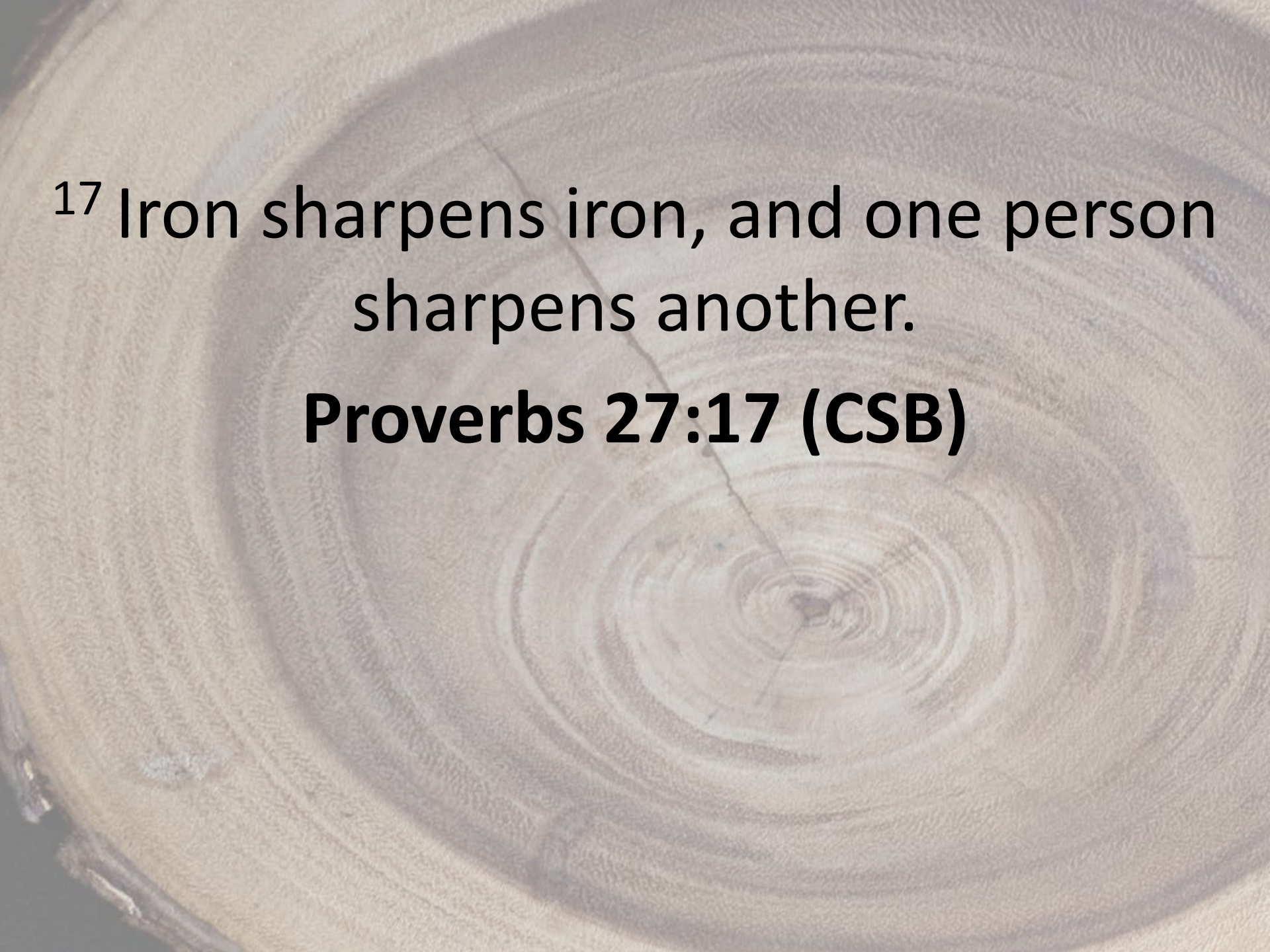
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**A healthy church has a quality
large group worship as well as
quality small group ministry.**

**More than 83% of church
members who joined and
were involved in a small group
were still active
in their churches 5 years later.**

(Thom Rainer – *High Expectations*)



¹⁷ Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 (CSB)

Small Groups at SHBC

Biblical

are...

Social

Where we discover
God's message and
grow in His grace

Where we live life together
outside the walls of the
church building

Visionary

Where we embrace
the larger vision
of the Church



Prayerful

Where we regularly
pray for each
other through life's
circumstances

Missional

Where we use our gifts, passions, and resources
to meet needs and share the gospel

**“It’s grace, nothing but grace
that we are allowed to live in
community with Christian
brothers and sisters.”**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Life Together

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