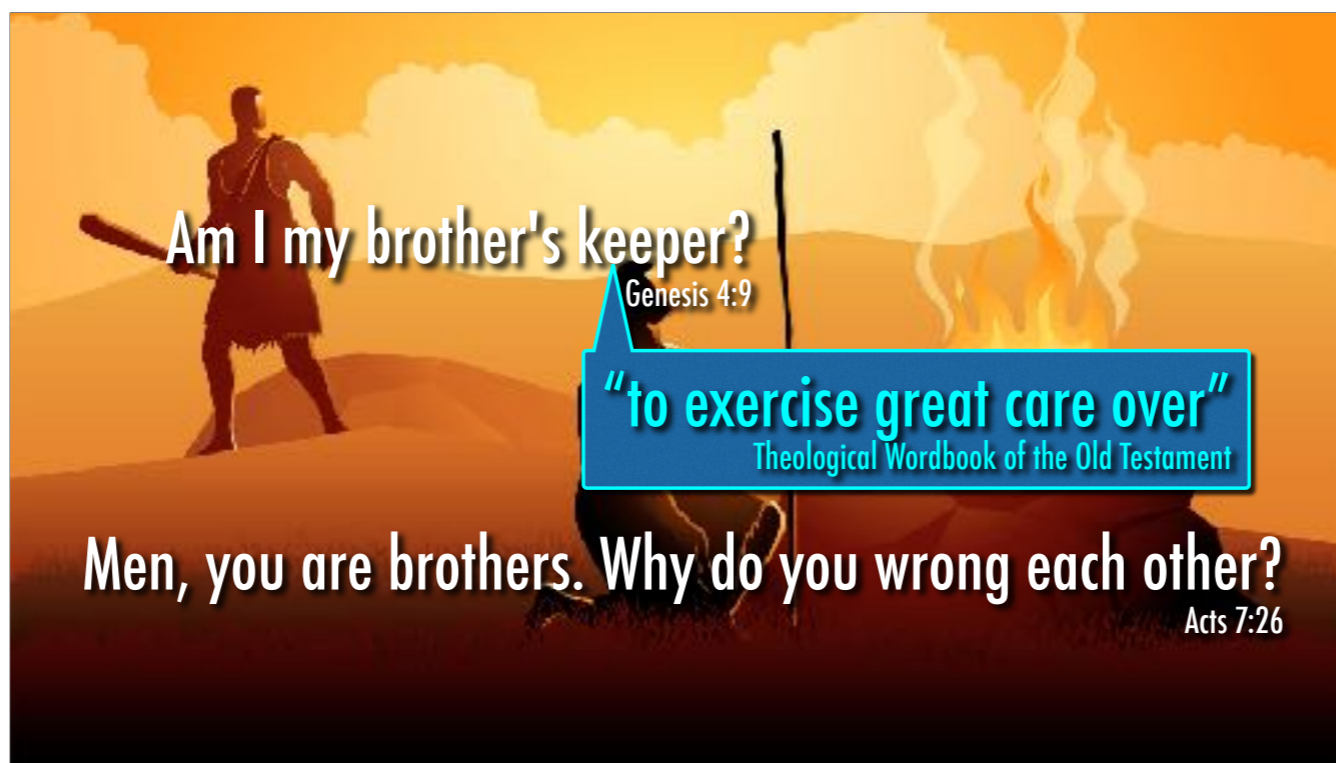




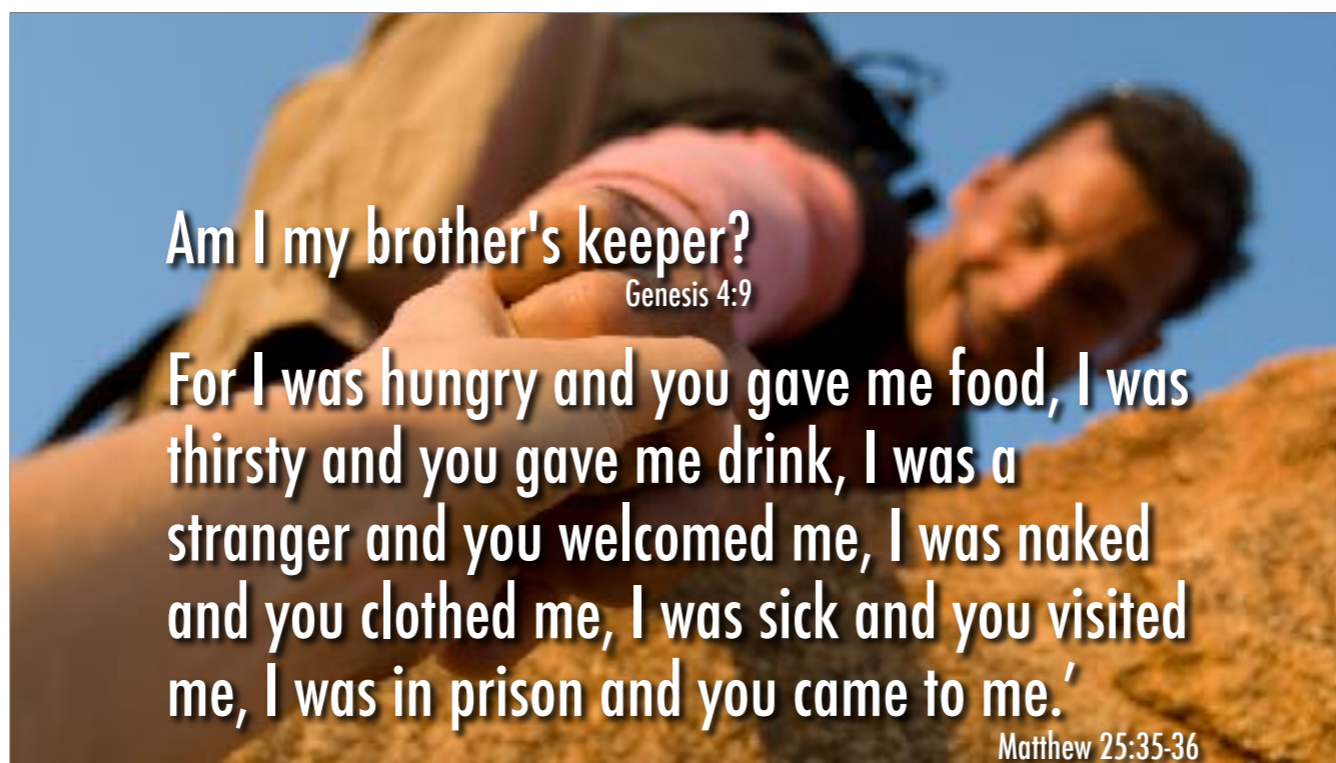
- Genesis 4:9 (ESV) Then Jehovah said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"
- Cain was certainly not sincere in asking God this rhetorical question. He knew.
- Genesis 2:15 (ESV): Jehovah God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and **keep** it.
 - (TWOT) The basic idea of the root is "to exercise great care over."
 - (CWSB Dictionary) The verb means to watch, to guard, to care for. Adam and Eve were to watch over and care for the Garden of Eden where the Lord had placed them (Gen. 2:15)



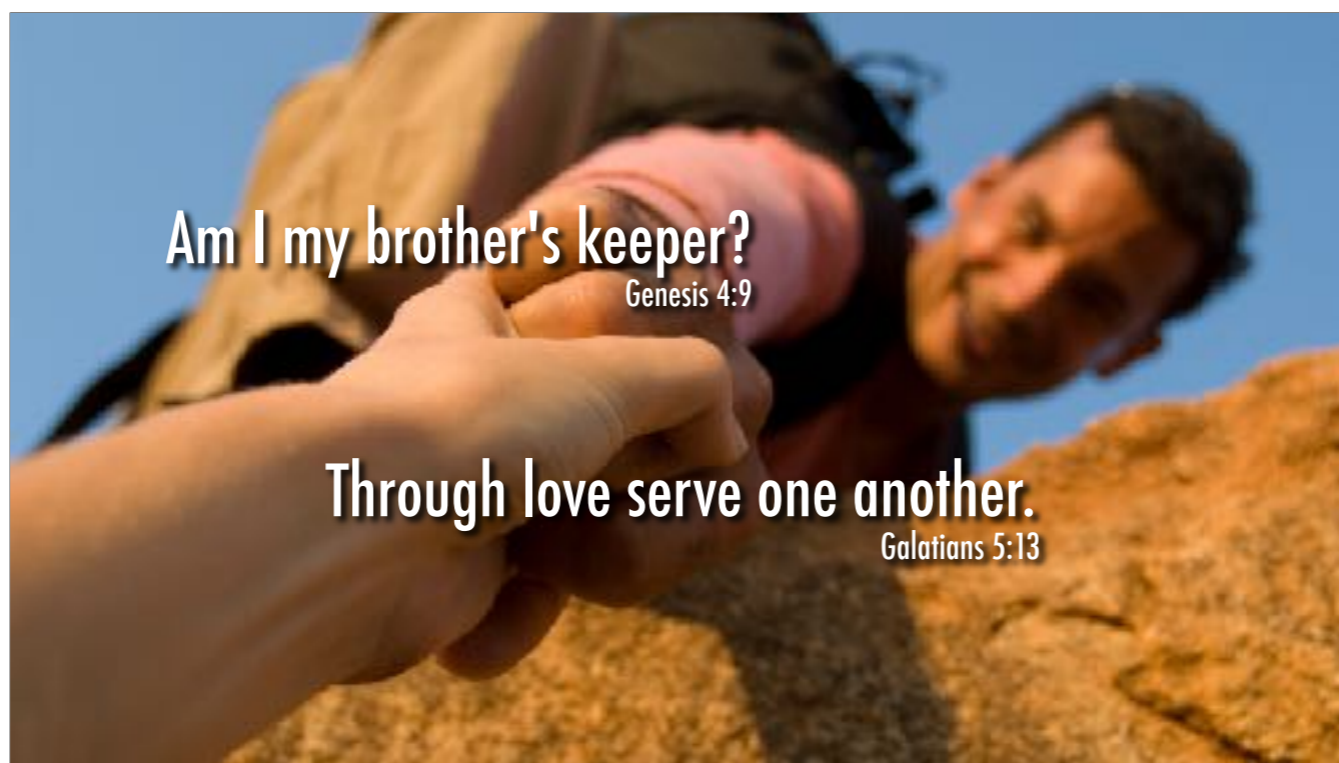
- Acts 7:26 (ESV) And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’



- Does God want me to be my brother's keeper?
 - Cain said this... does God ever say it?



- Matthew 25:34 (ESV) 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'
- Matthew 25:35-36 (ESV) 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
- Matthew 25:40 (ESV) 40 And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



- Galatians 5:13 (ESV) For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.



- Galatians 6:2 (ESV) 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



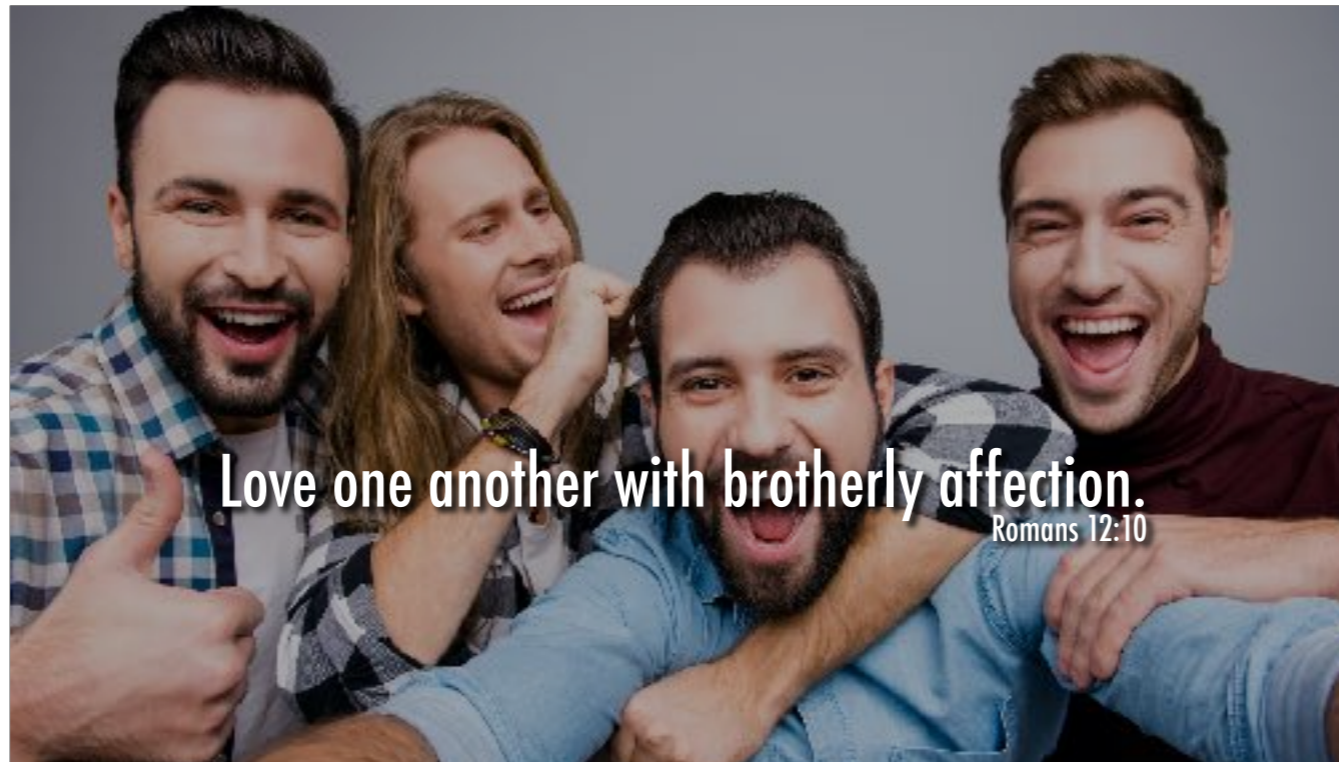
- Hebrews 3:12-14 (ESV) 12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.



- Yes... clearly I am my brother's keeper!
 - Here's the struggle... we must change how we think of each other.
- Don't conform to the World ... transform!
- How does the world think about each other?
 - Cain killed his brother.
 - Noah's time: violence
 - Joseph's brothers: almost killed, sold into slavery
 - What do we see in the world when it comes to keeping our brother?
 - Love or hate
 - Care or violence
 - Altruistic or selfish
 - Help or use



- Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



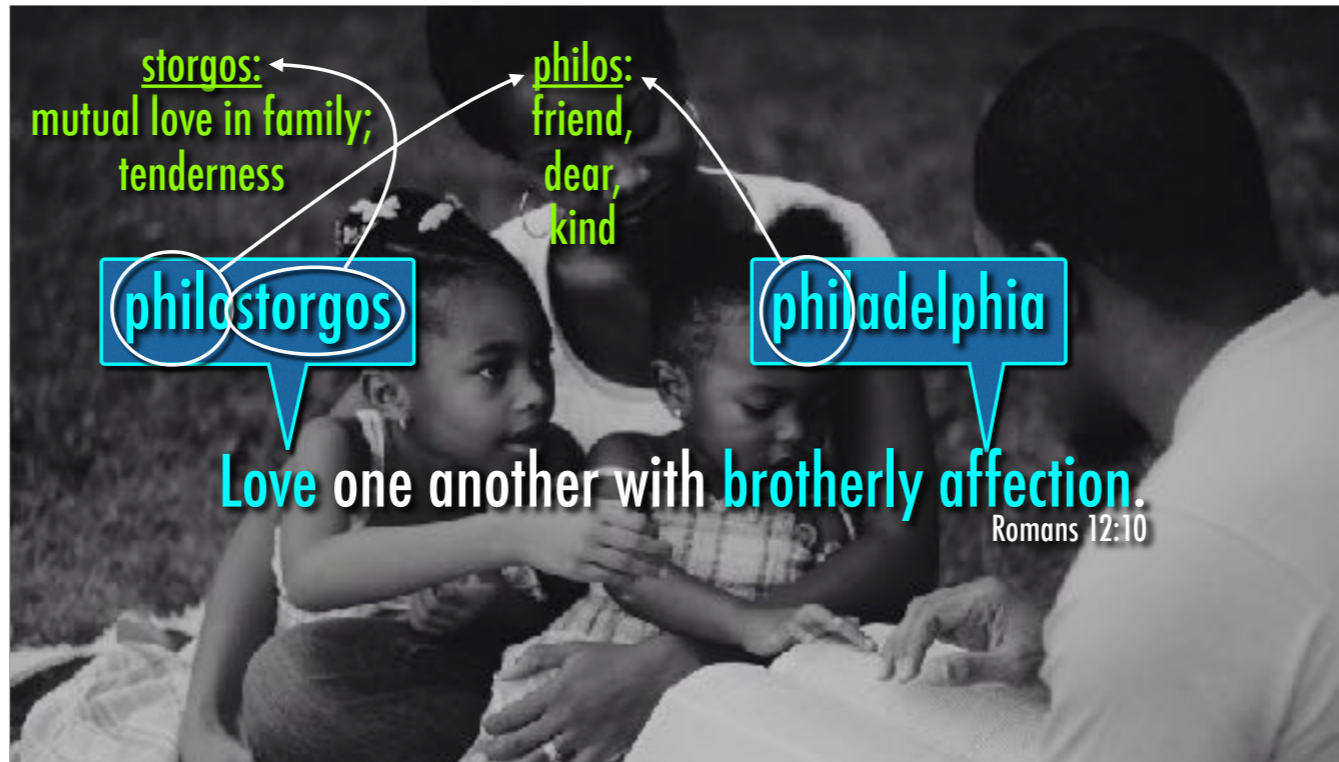
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- “brotherly affection” - Philadelphia



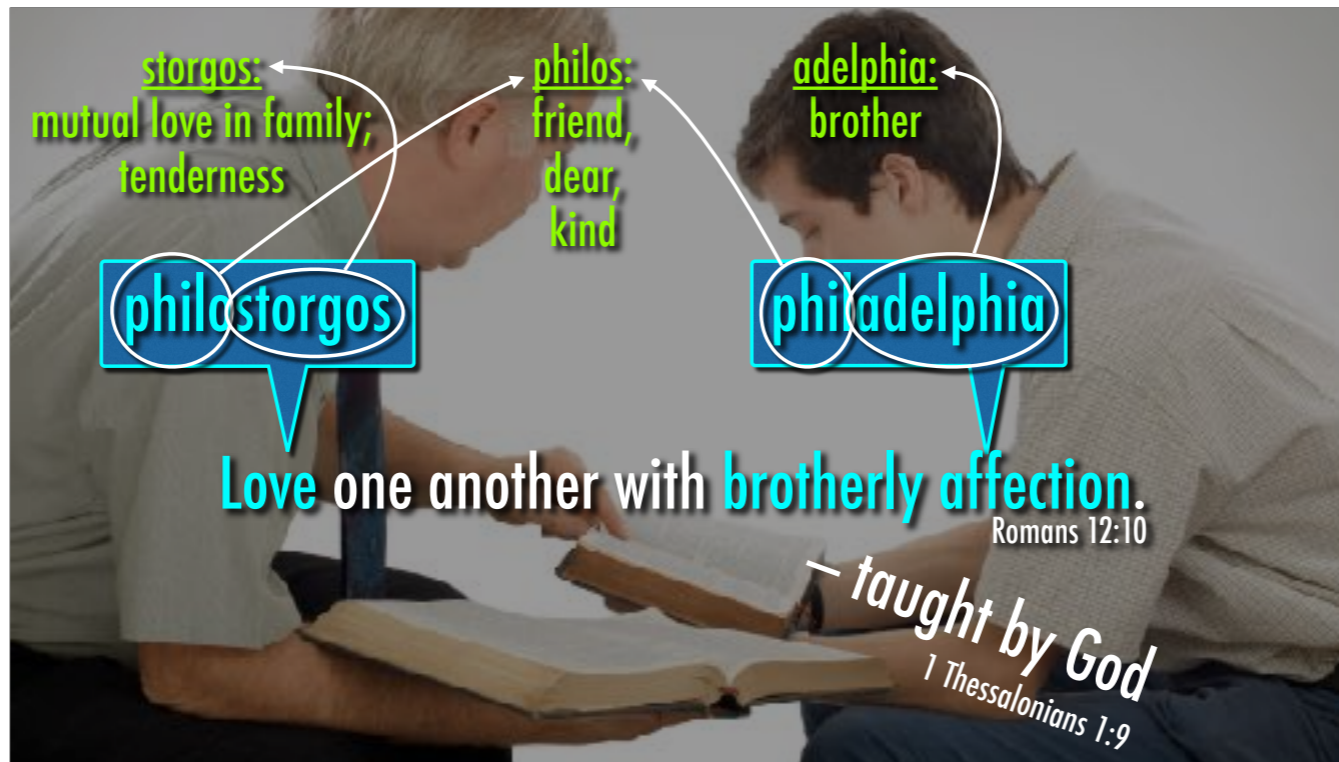
- Philos: friend, dear, kind



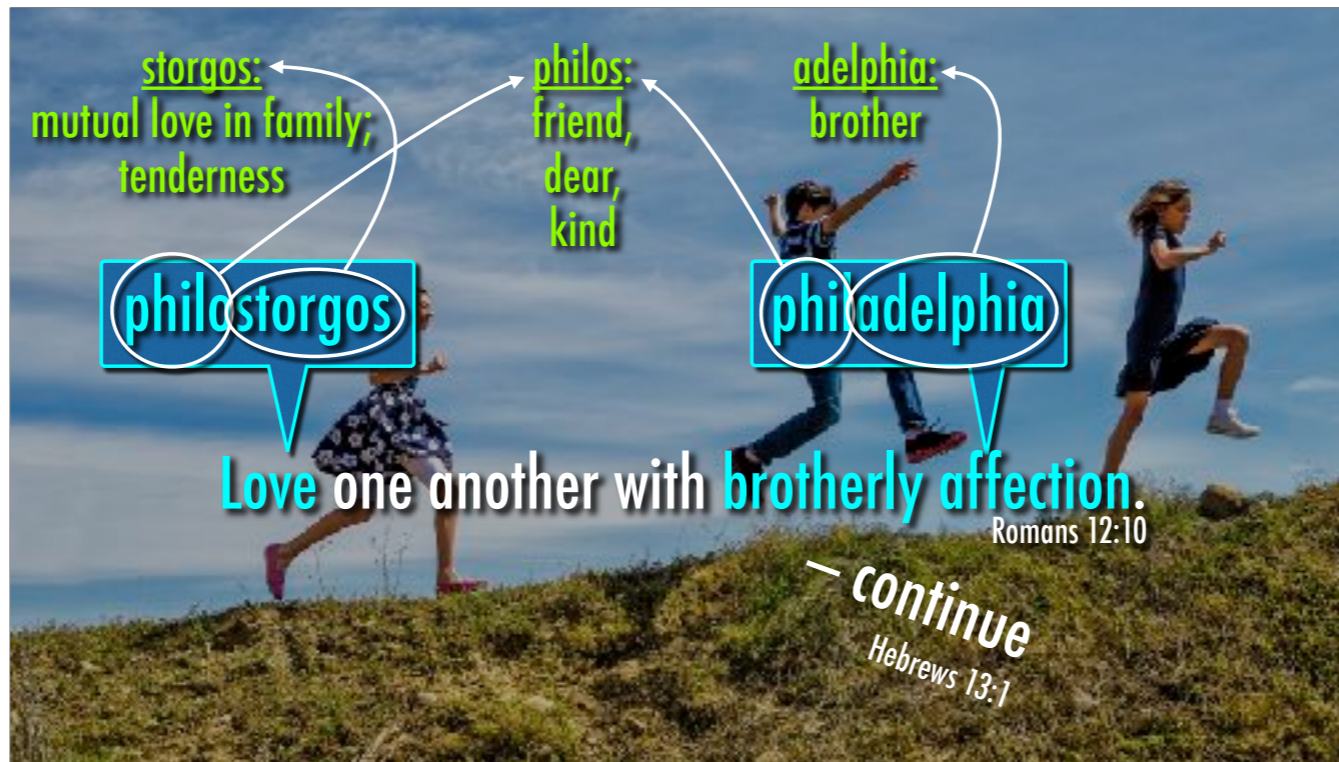
- Storgos: mutual love in family; tenderness



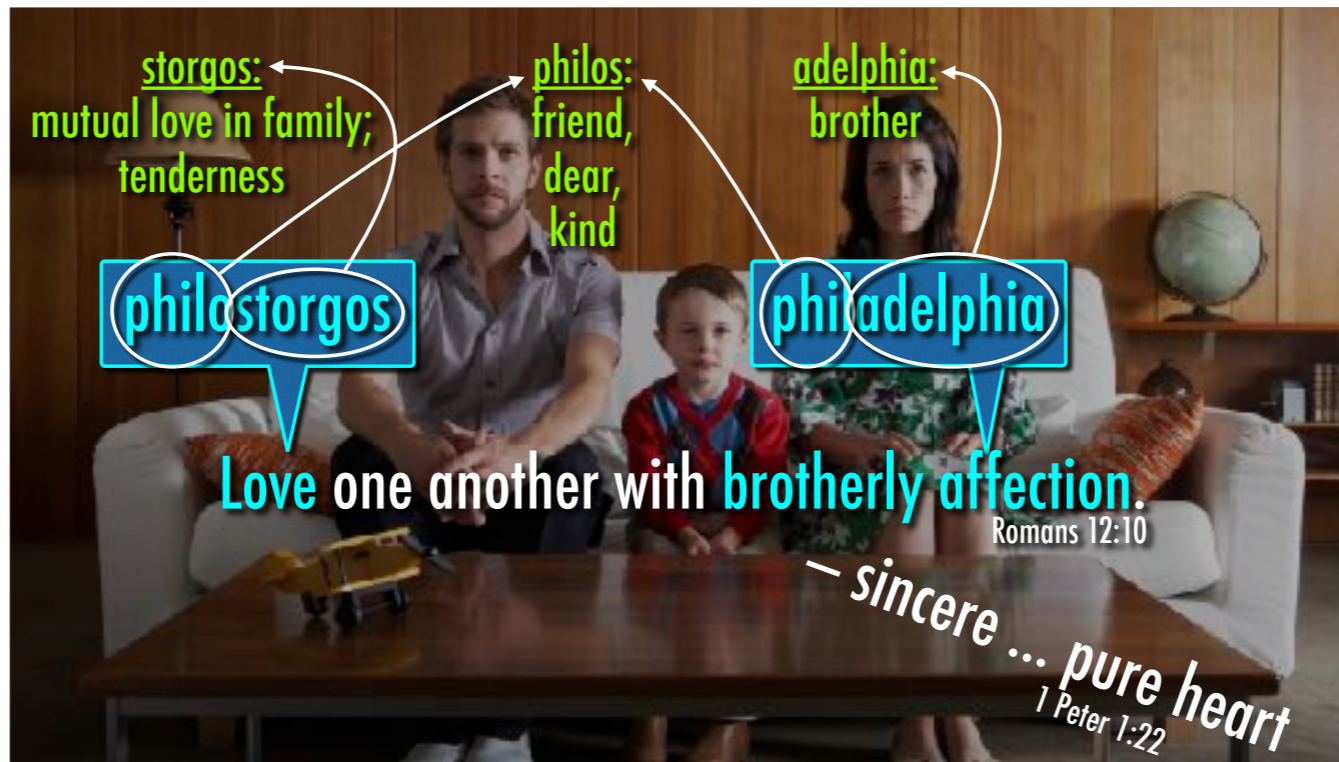
- Adelpia: brother
- one another: mutual and reciprocal.
- Brotherly Affection is used in 4 other passages



- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (ESV Strong's) 9 Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been **taught by God to love one another**, 10 for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to **do this more and more**,



- Hebrews 13:1 (ESV Strong's) 1 Let brotherly love continue.
- Continue: remain, abide, permanence
- Why does brotherly love fade? die?
 - disagreements
 - sin
 - neglect



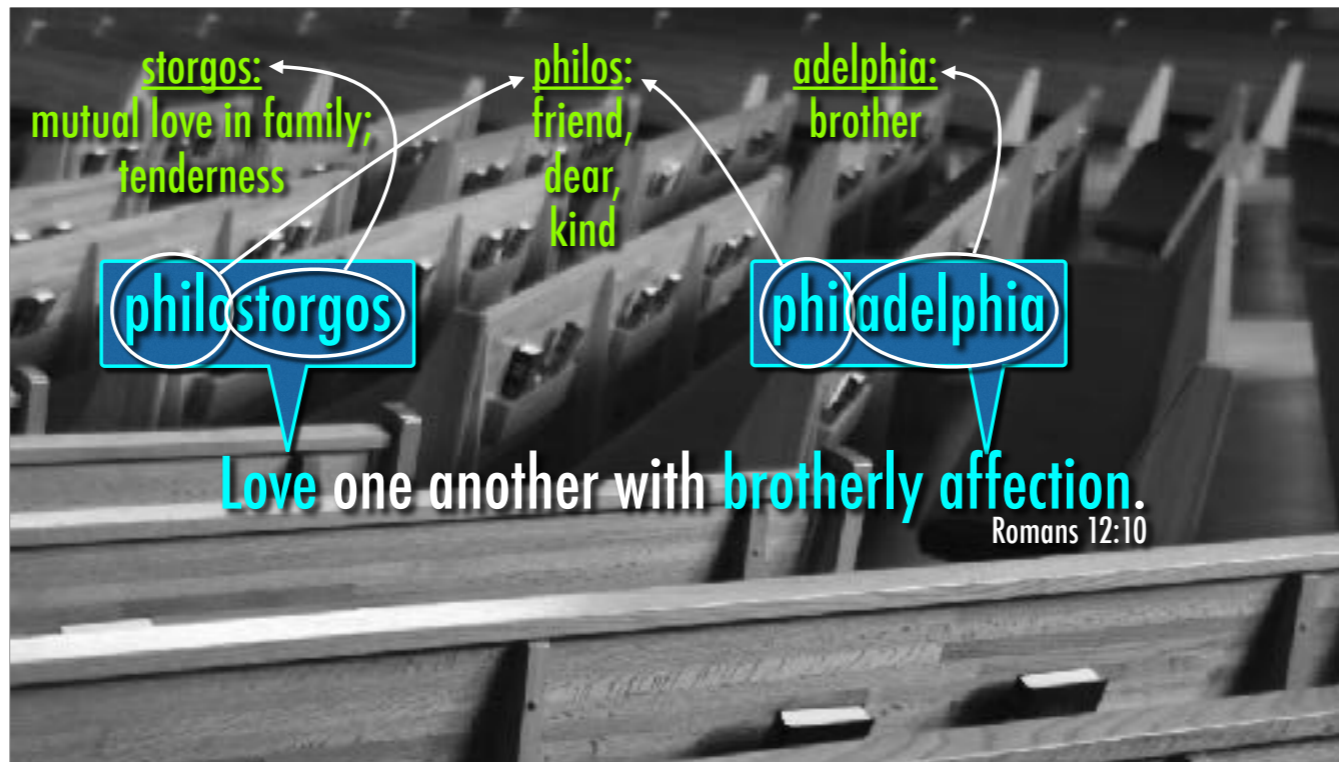
- 1 Peter 1:22-23 (ESV Strong's) 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a **sincere** brotherly love, love one another **earnestly from a pure heart**, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;
- Don't fake our love (Rom. 12: 9)



- 2 Peter 1:7 (ESV Strong's) 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.
 - 5 For this very reason, **make every effort** to **supplement** your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,
 - 8: For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



- What is the Holy Spirit teaching us about how we must love each other?
- In a congregation of disciples...
- We are more than just people who meet together a few hours (or less) each week to worship.
- Have we sometimes focused so much on what we do together, and doing it correctly, that we forget to develop our relationships?
 - What effort are you making to build relationships with each member of this family?
 - Time together is vital... just like a family.
 - If we are arriving late and leaving early, or quickly, what are we saying to our family? about our family?



- How much time do spend in contact with brethren during the week?
 - Sometimes better at this when some difficulty is faced: health, etc.
 - We need to exhort each other day by day: temptation is constant occurrence
 - Serving each other requires knowledge, action
- Transformed Christians treat each other differently (better) than the world.
- Three specific suggestions in our text



- Romans 12:10 (ESV) Outdo one another in showing honor.
- Honor: the value we place on something or someone
- Outdo: take the lead, lead by example
- Look around ... think of others in congregation
- Who do you value and why?
 - We must value each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
 - Who do you value more? less?
 - Do we know the names of everyone here? Do we see who's missing? Why?
- Philippians 2:3 (ESV) 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves



- Romans 12:13 (ESV) 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints
- This is pretty obvious.
 - Contribute: fellowship, participation, share
- Acts 2:45 (ESV Strong's) 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.
- Ephesians 4:28 (ESV Strong's) 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.



- Titus 3:14 (ESV Strong's) 14 And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.
- 1 John 3:16-18 (ESV Strong's) 16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.



- Romans 12:13 seek to show hospitality.
- Seek:
 - (CWSB Dictionary) To follow or press hard after, to pursue with earnestness and diligence in order to obtain, to go after with the desire of obtaining
- hospitality: phileoxenia



- I am my brother's keeper.
 - Now let's get busy loving each other every day.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Brotherly Affection

Romans 12:10

Synopsis: Am I my brother's keeper? In a variety of ways, we are reminded that we are to care for our brothers. Brotherly affection is a vital change for us to make so that we love each other as God has taught us. Too often we think of our membership in a church as being part of an organization, instead of a relationship that must be developed and maintained. Inspired-ish by Darrel Yontz.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”