

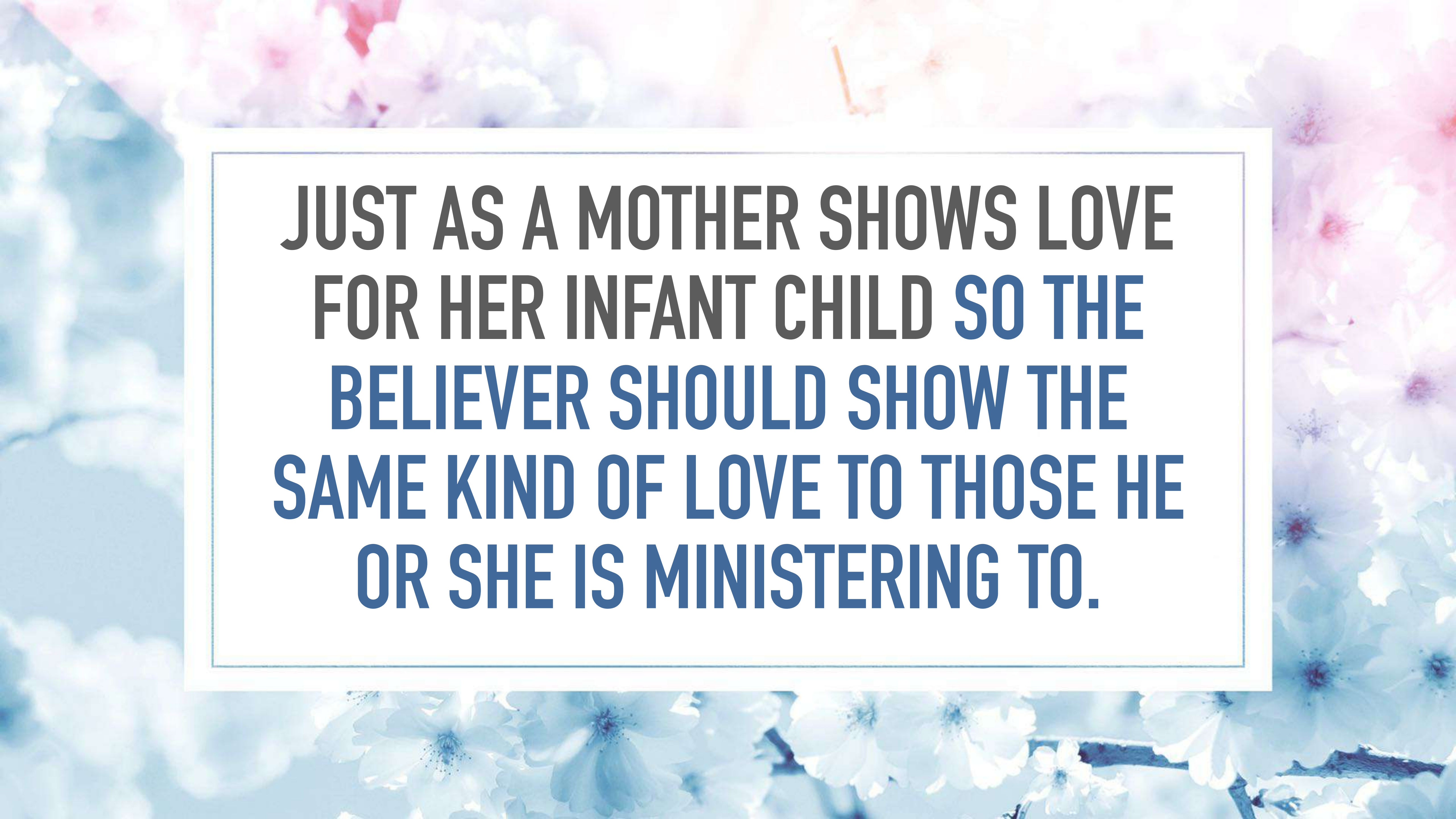


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Mother

| THESSALONIANS 2:7-8



**WHAT PICTURE PORTRAYS
PROPERLY HOW BELIEVERS
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AS MINISTERS TO OTHERS?**



**JUST AS A MOTHER SHOWS LOVE
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LIKE A LOVING MOTHER OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN SHOULD BE INNOCENT

- What mother would willingly expose their child to evil?

LIKE A LOVING MOTHER OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN SHOULD BE INNOCENT

1. The loving servant is not looking for a fight
2. The loving servant is not looking for a debate
3. The loving servant is not focused on the controversial



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LIKE A LOVING MOTHER OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN SHOULD BE GOSPEL CENTERED

- 2:2 - *“We were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God.”*
- 2:4 - *“We were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel.”*
- 2:8 - *“We were willing to have imparted unto you ... the Gospel of God.”*
- 2:9 - *“We preached unto you the gospel of God.”*

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whose he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

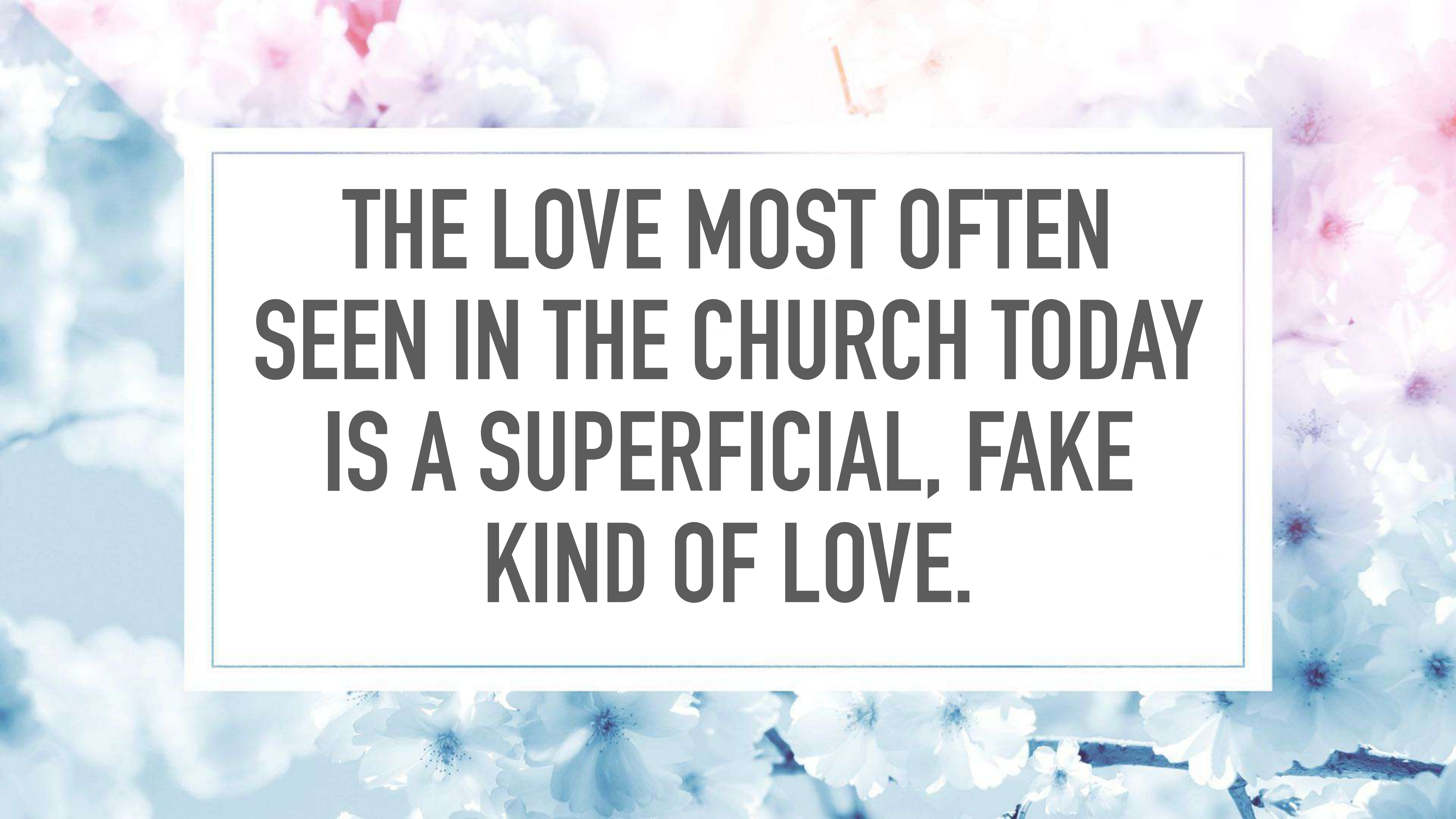
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1. You must recognize you are guilty of idolatry and in danger of the wrath to come
2. You must realize that only Jesus delivers you from that wrath by taking it on the cross for you
3. You must turn from your idols and to God



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**THE LOVE MOST OFTEN
SEEN IN THE CHURCH TODAY
IS A SUPERFICIAL, FAKE
KIND OF LOVE.**

LIKE A LOVING MOTHER OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN SHOULD BE SACRIFICIAL

- 1 Thess. 2:8b - *“Sharing ... our own lives.”*
- 2 Cor. 12:15 - *“I will most gladly spend and be spent.”*
- 2 Tim. 4:6 - *“I am being poured out as a drink offering.”*

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- 1 Thess. 2:8b - *“Not only ... , but also our own selves.”*
- To declare this message of sacrifice and yet not be sacrificial yourself is the very essence of hypocrisy.



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LIKE A LOVING MOTHER OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN SHOULD BE AFFECTIONATE

- “[The word ‘affection’] is used on a grave inscription describing the parents’ sad yearning for their dead child and seems to indicate deep affection and great attraction.” (Franz Rienecker, *A Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament*, edited by Cleon L. Rogers, Grand Rapids, p. 588.)

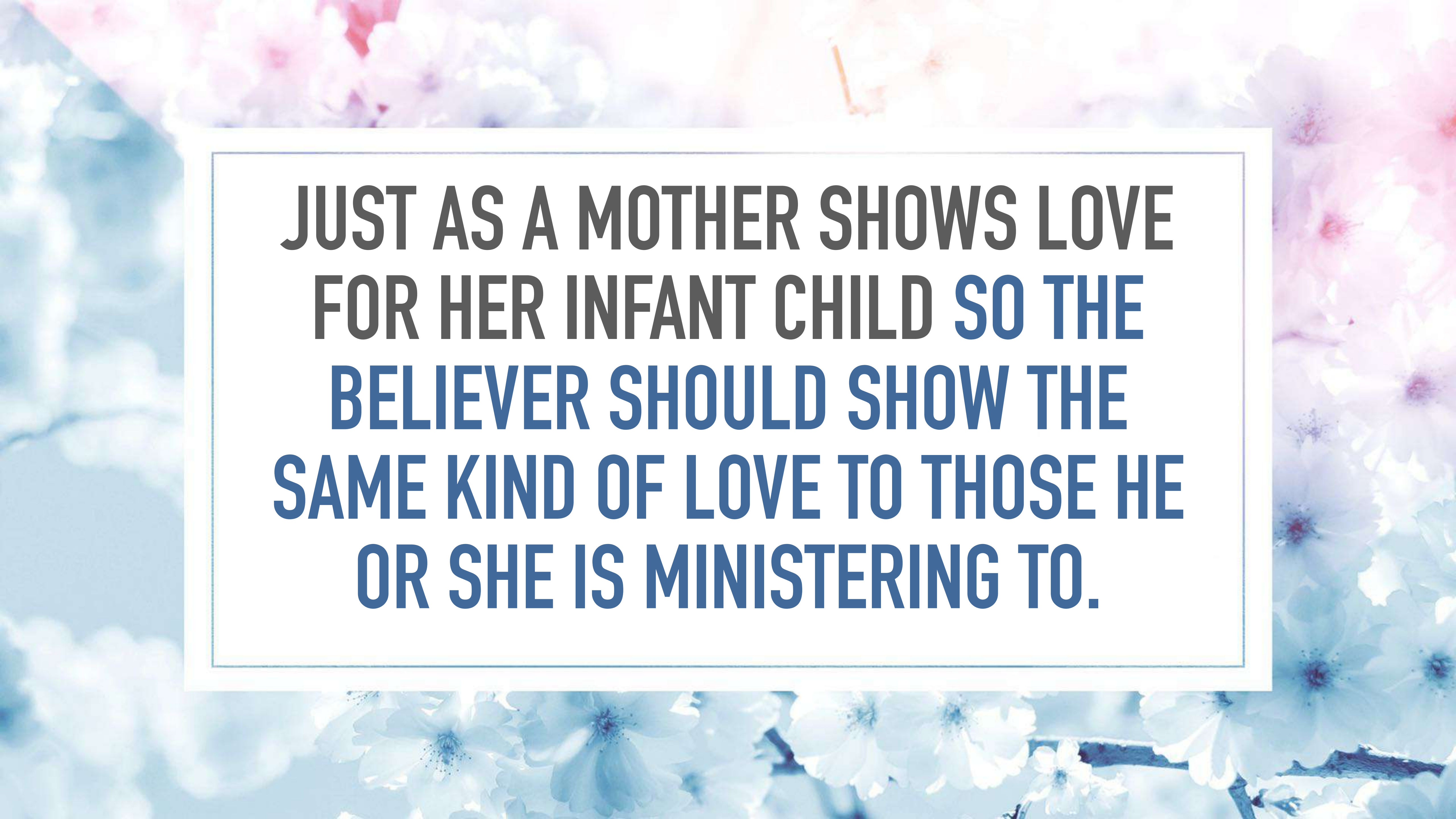


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