



Love-Driven Ministry



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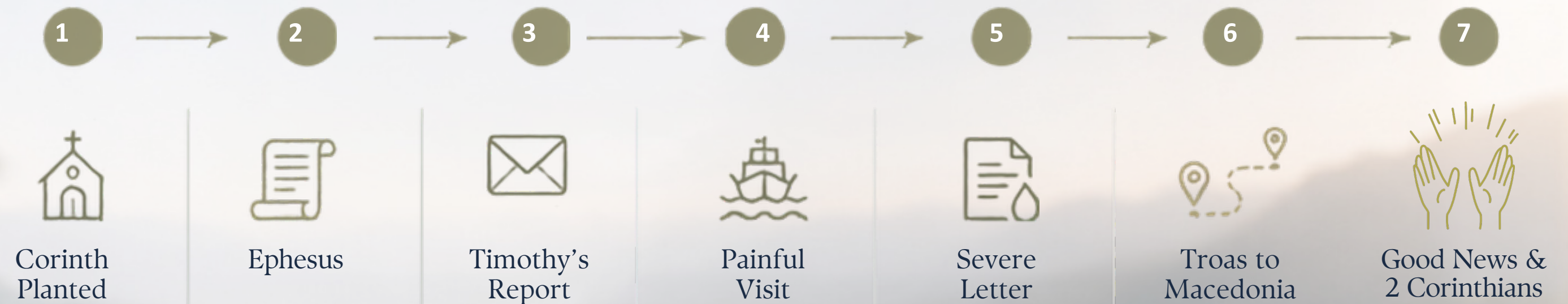
“For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you”



2 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV

Paul and the Corinthians

FROM CONFLICT TO COMFORT



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He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.



2 Corinthians 1:4 NLT

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“Those who have borne the greatest sorrows are frequently the ones who carry the greatest comfort to others, bringing sunshine wherever they go.”



Ellen G. White

Selected Messages Vol. 2 pg. 274, par. 2.

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“There is no more effective healer
than a wounded healer.”



Philip Yancey

Where is God When It Hurts, pg. 193.

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I am not overstating it when I say that the man who caused all the trouble hurt all of you more than he hurt me. [6] Most of you opposed him,...



2 Corinthians 2:5-8 NLT

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...and that was punishment enough. [7] Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement.



2 Corinthians 2:5-8 NLT

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[8] So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him.



2 Corinthians 2:5-8 NLT

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I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while.



2 Corinthians 7:8 NLT

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“This letter is now lost.”



Daniel Berchie

“2 Corinthians,” in *Andrews Bible Commentary: New Testament*, ed. Ángel Manuel Rodríguez (Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2022), 1659.

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I am not sorry that I sent that severe letter to you, though I was sorry at first, for I know it was painful to you for a little while.



2 Corinthians 7:8 NLT

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[9] Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways.



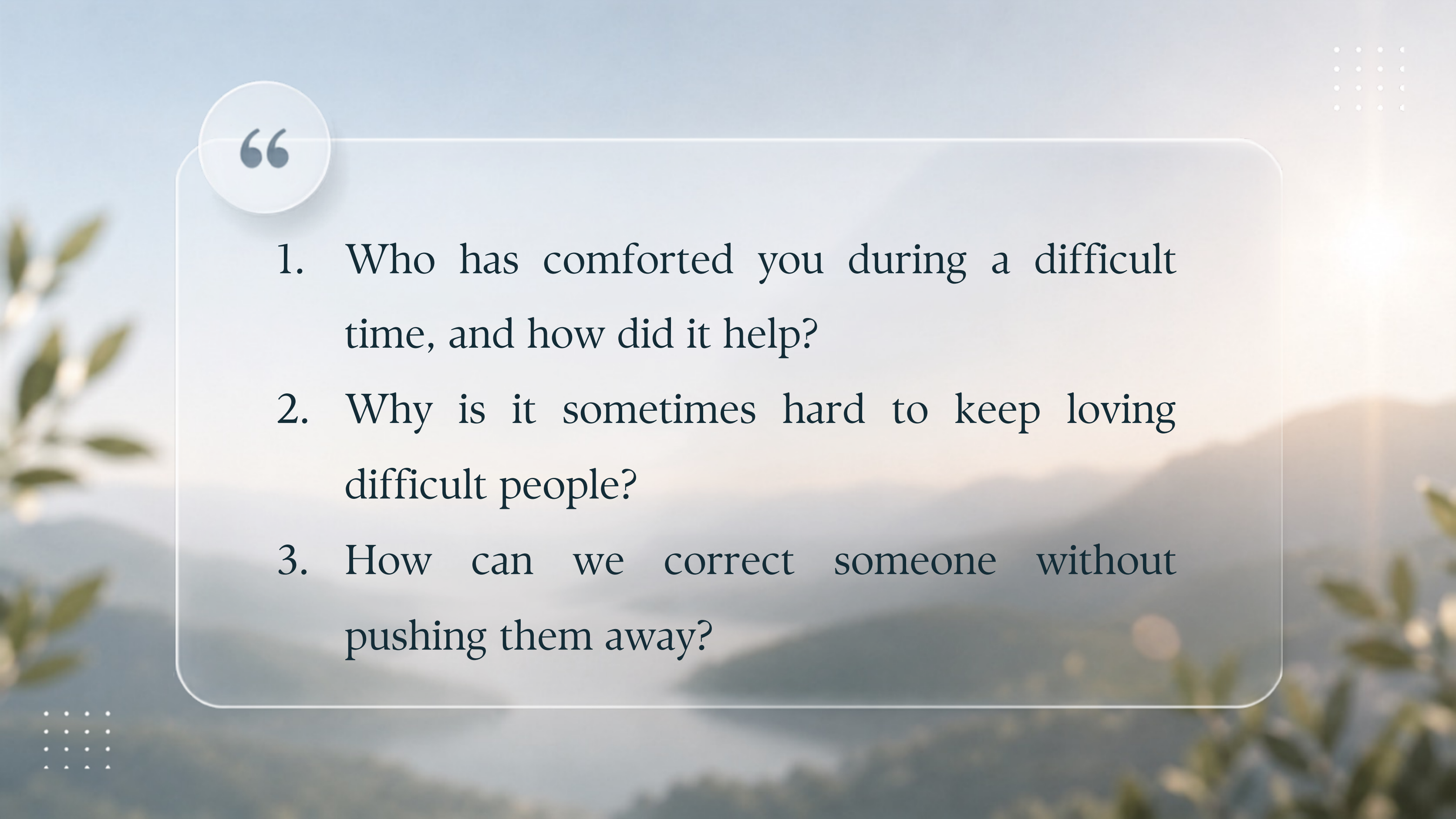
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It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way.



2 Corinthians 7:8 NLT



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1. Who has comforted you during a difficult time, and how did it help?
2. Why is it sometimes hard to keep loving difficult people?
3. How can we correct someone without pushing them away?