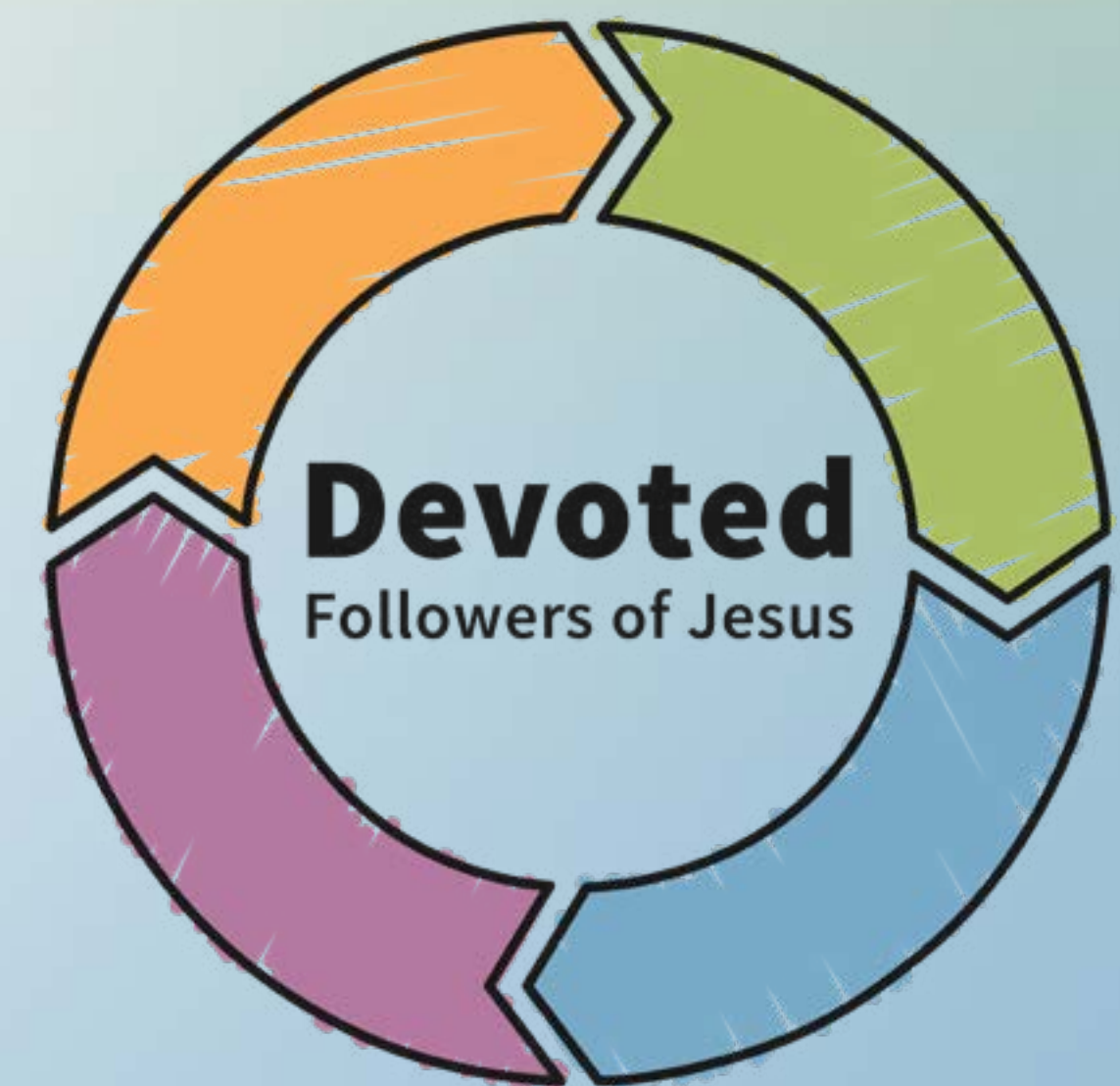


**A devoted follower
of Jesus enjoys
committed relationship
with other believers.**

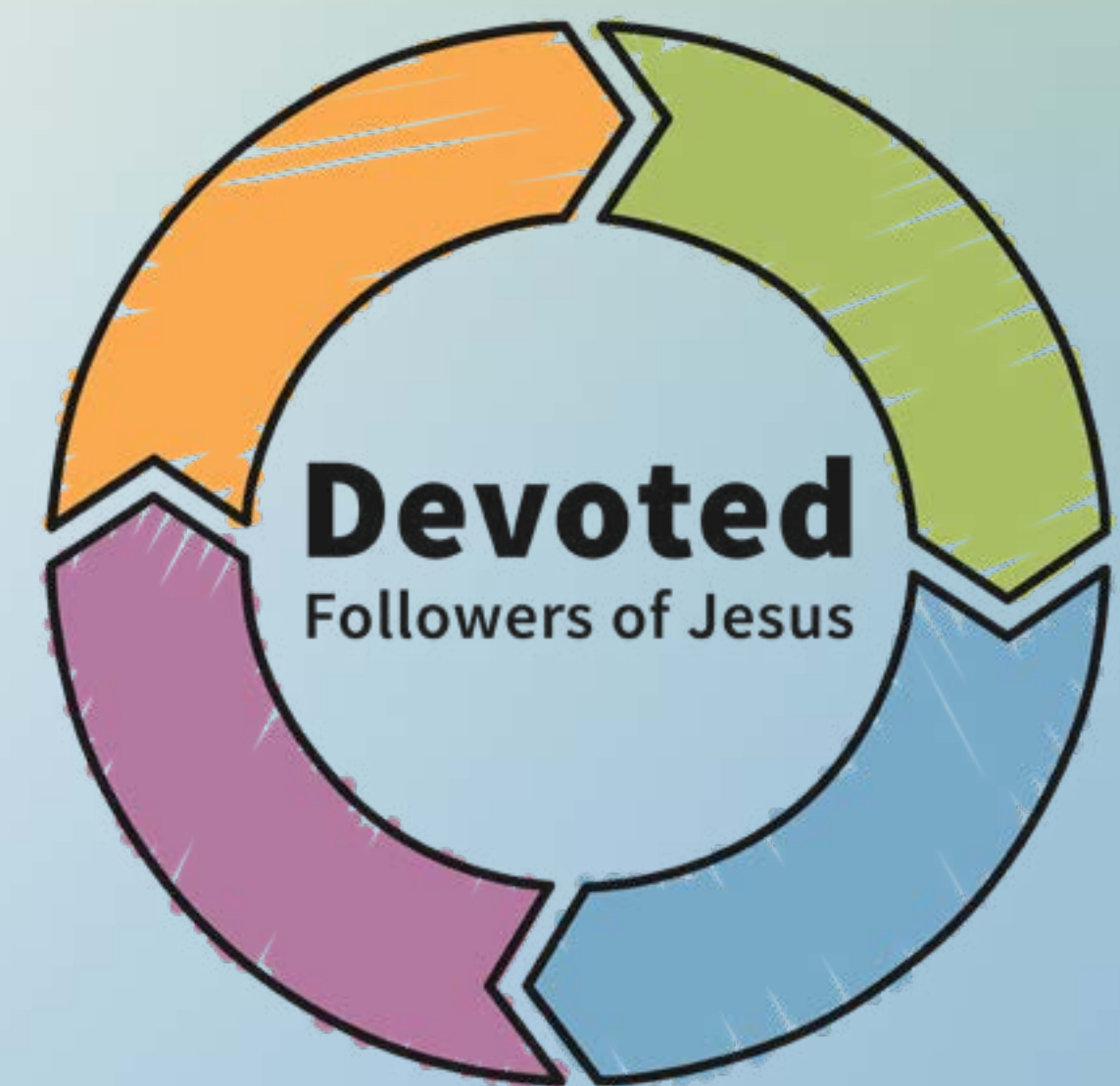
As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

EPHESIANS 4:1



Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another
in love.

EPHESIANS 4:2



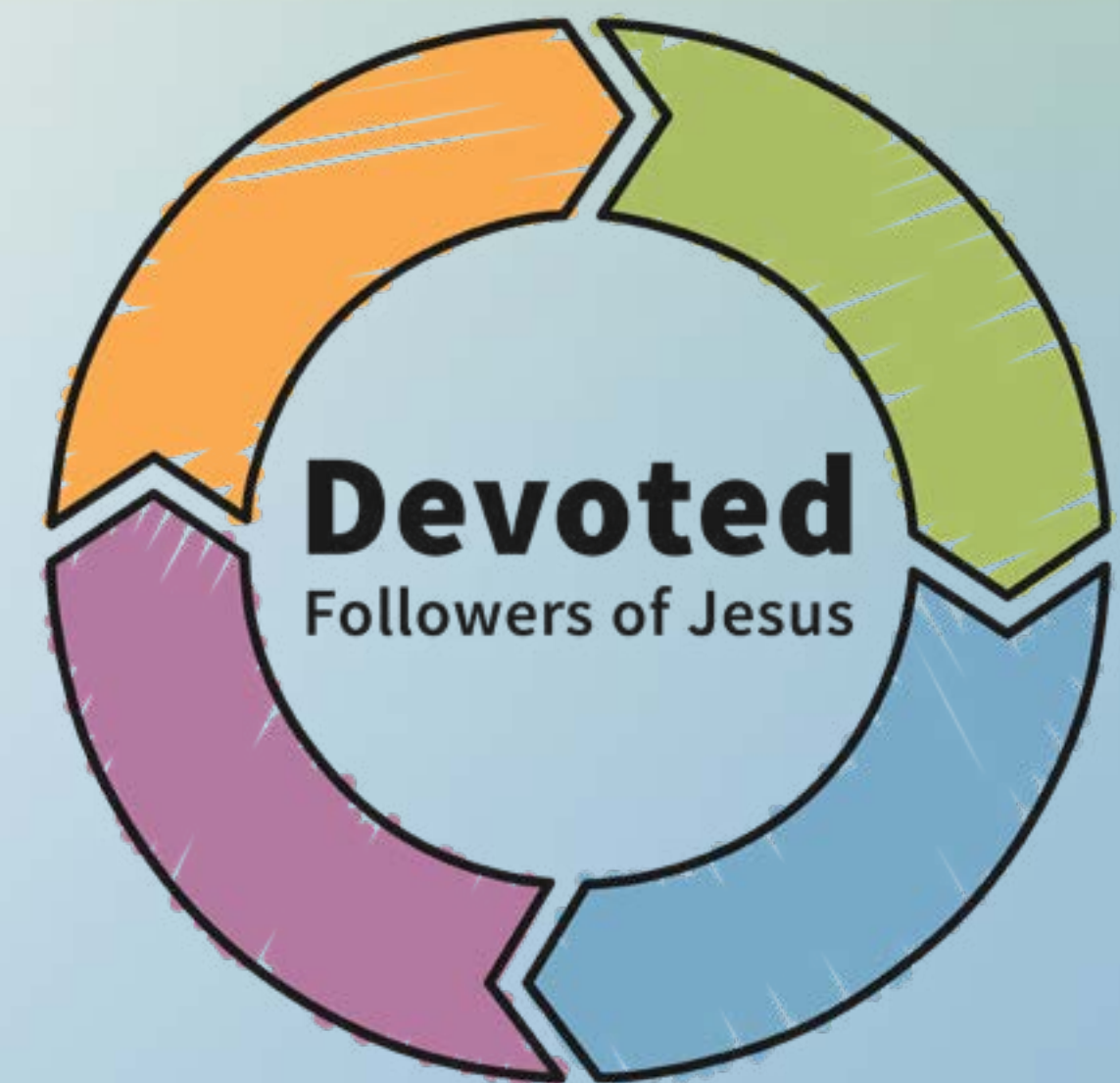
Make every effort to keep the unity of
the Spirit through the bond of peace.

EPHESIANS 4:3



There is one body and one Spirit —
just as you were called to one
hope when you were called —

EPHESIANS 4:4



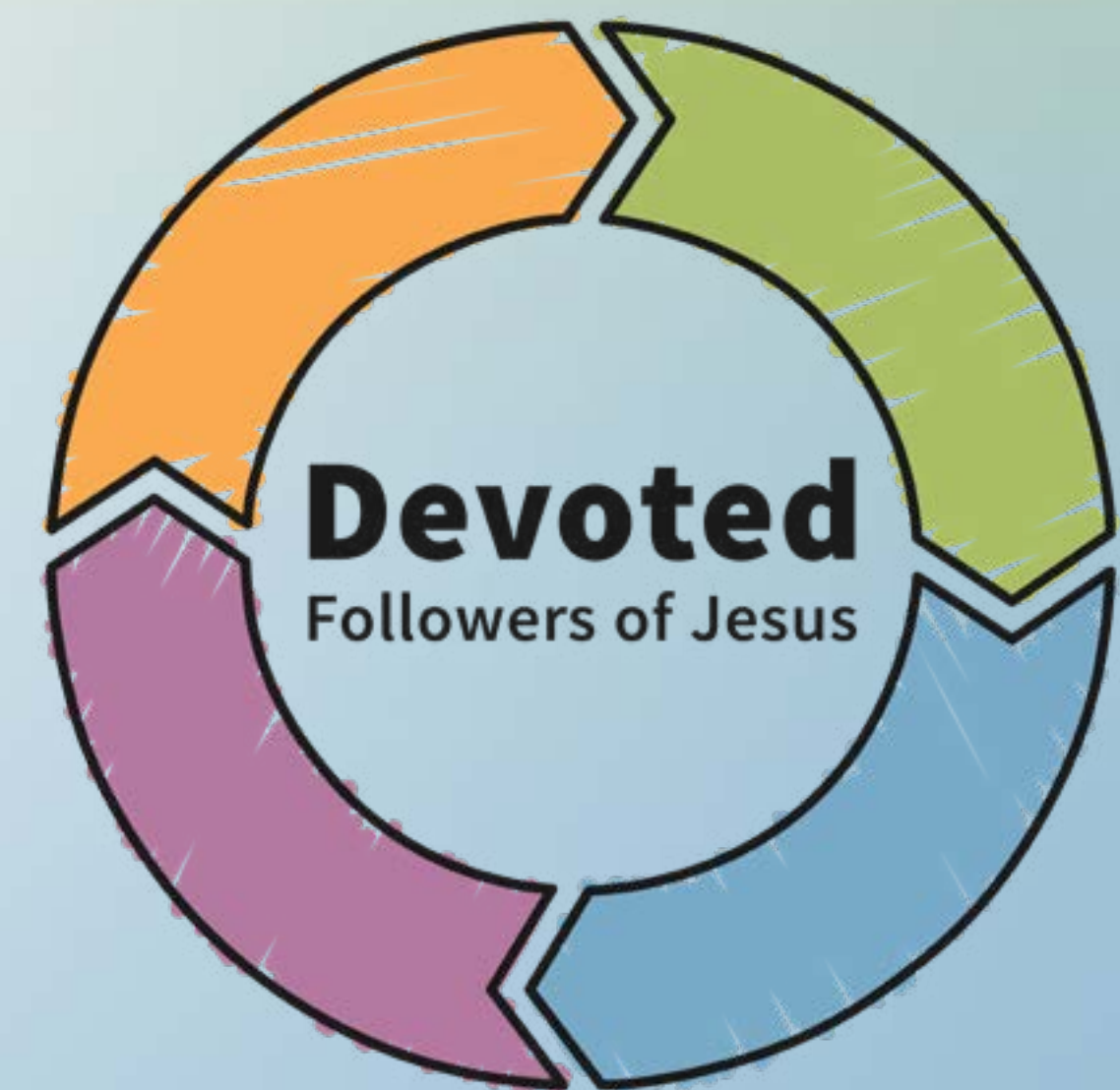
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

EPHESIANS 4:5



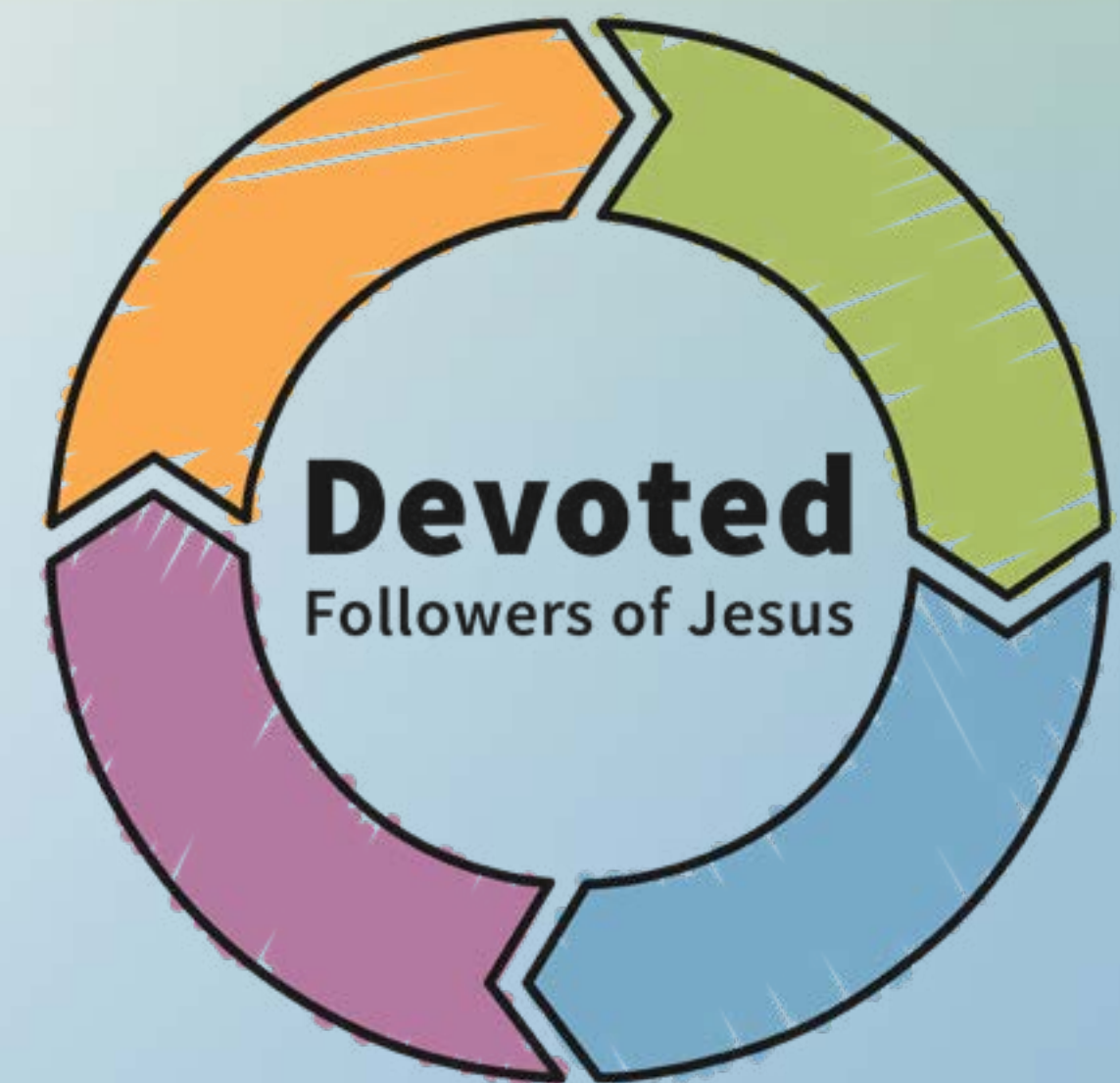
one God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.

EPHESIANS 4:6



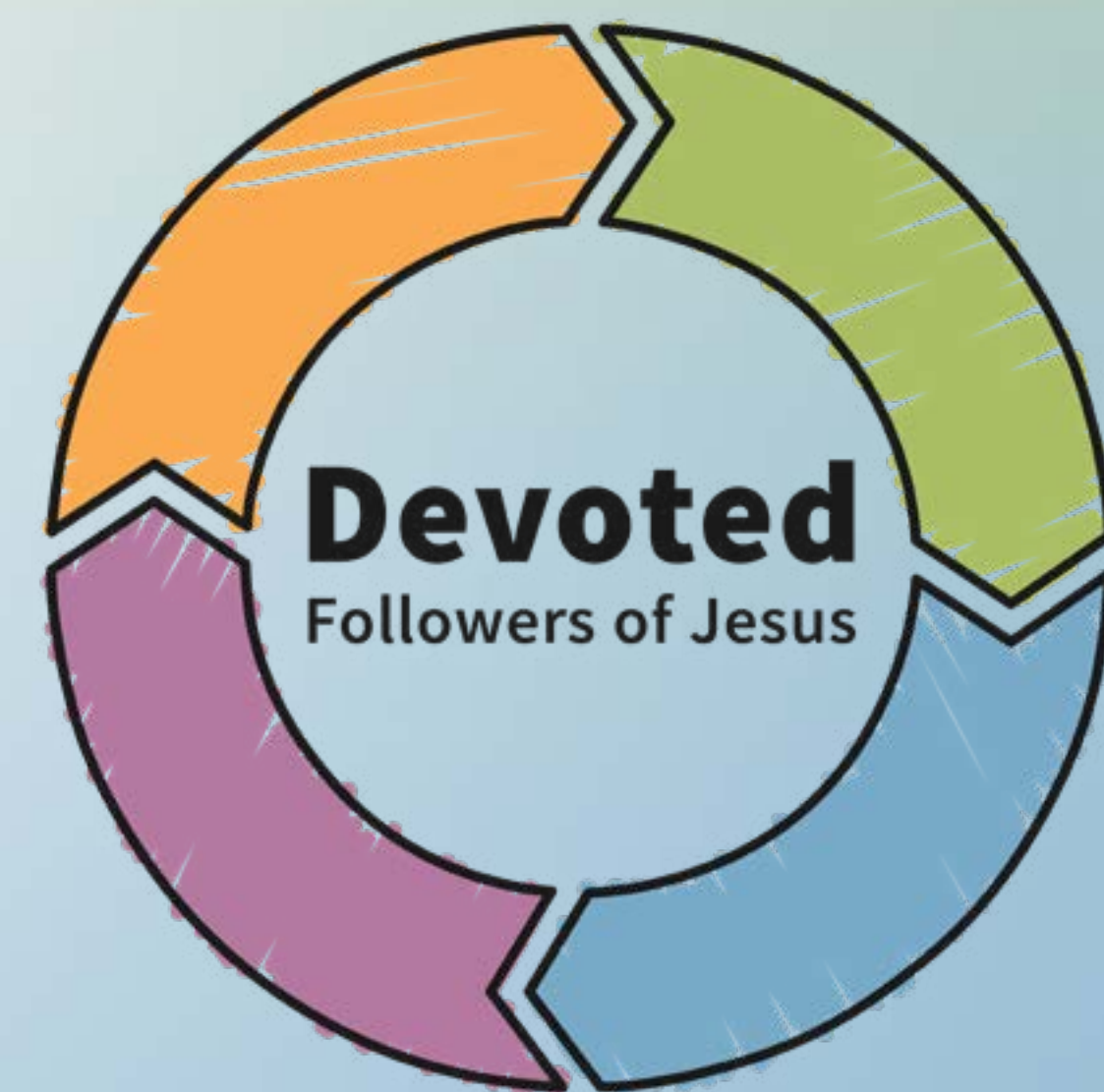
But to each one of us grace has been
given as Christ apportioned it.

EPHESIANS 4:7



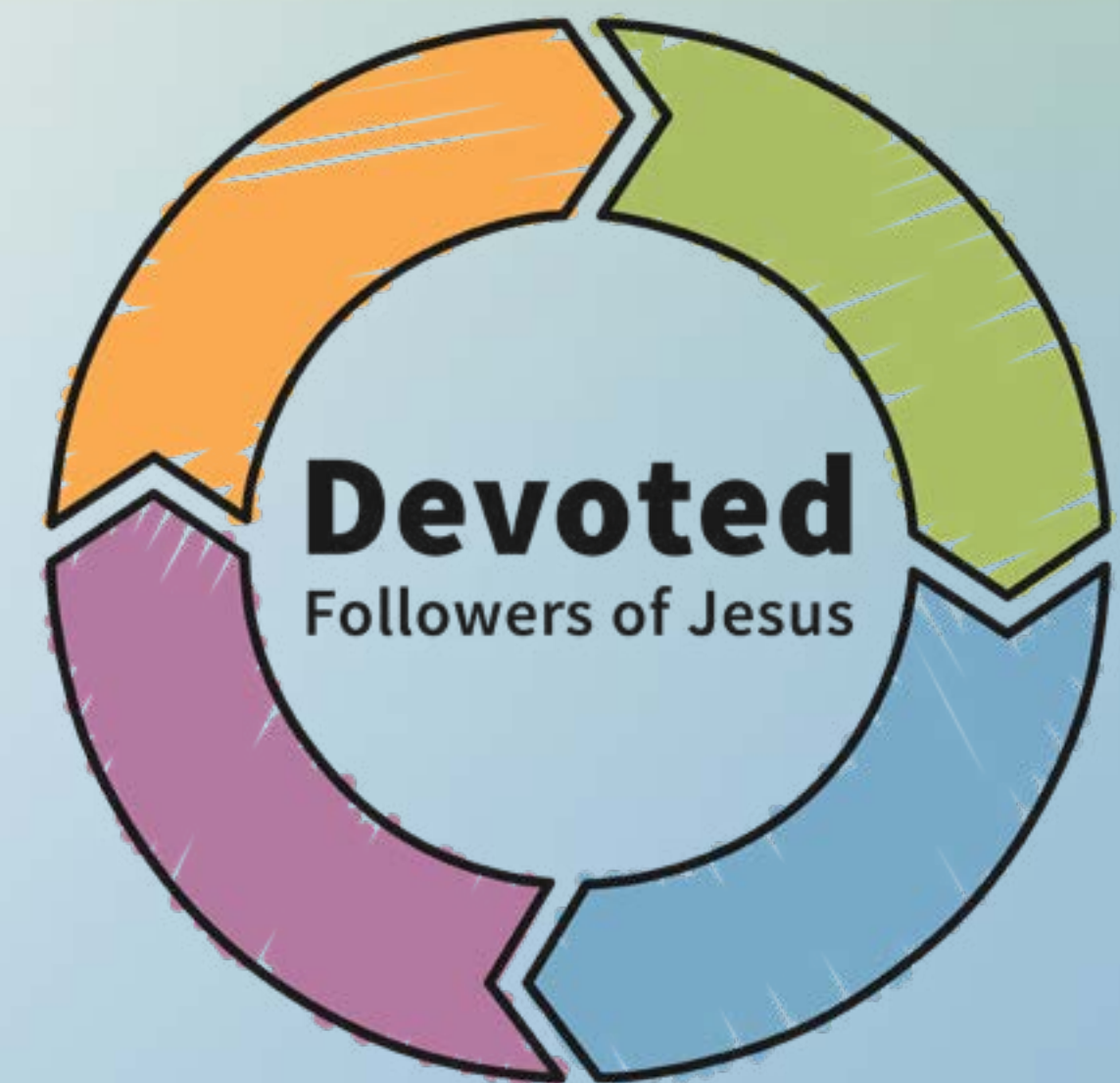
Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved, clothe
yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness,
and patience.

COLOSSIANS 3:12



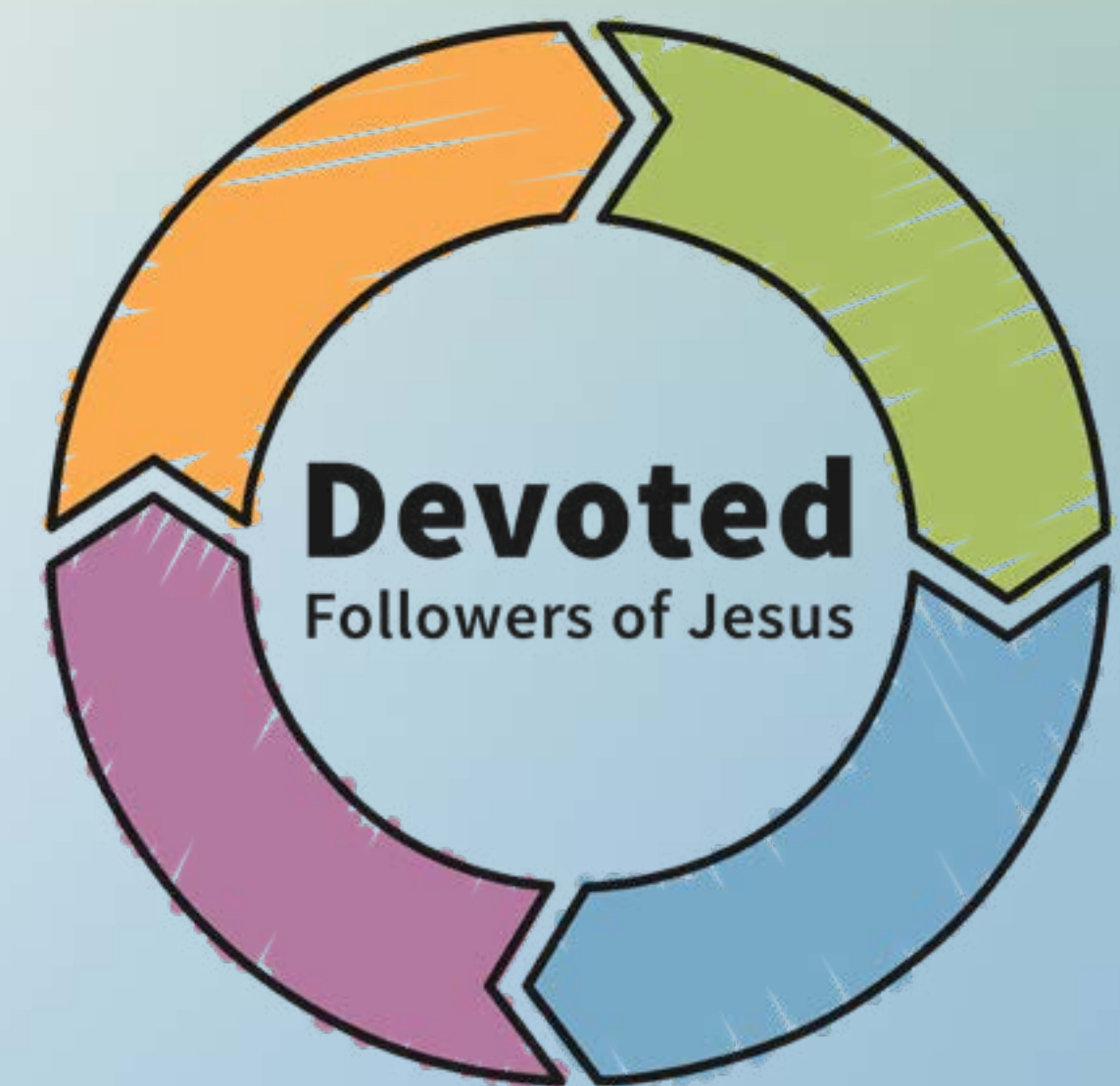
Bear with each other and forgive
whatever grievances you may have
against one another. Forgive as the
Lord forgave you.

COLOSSIANS 3:13



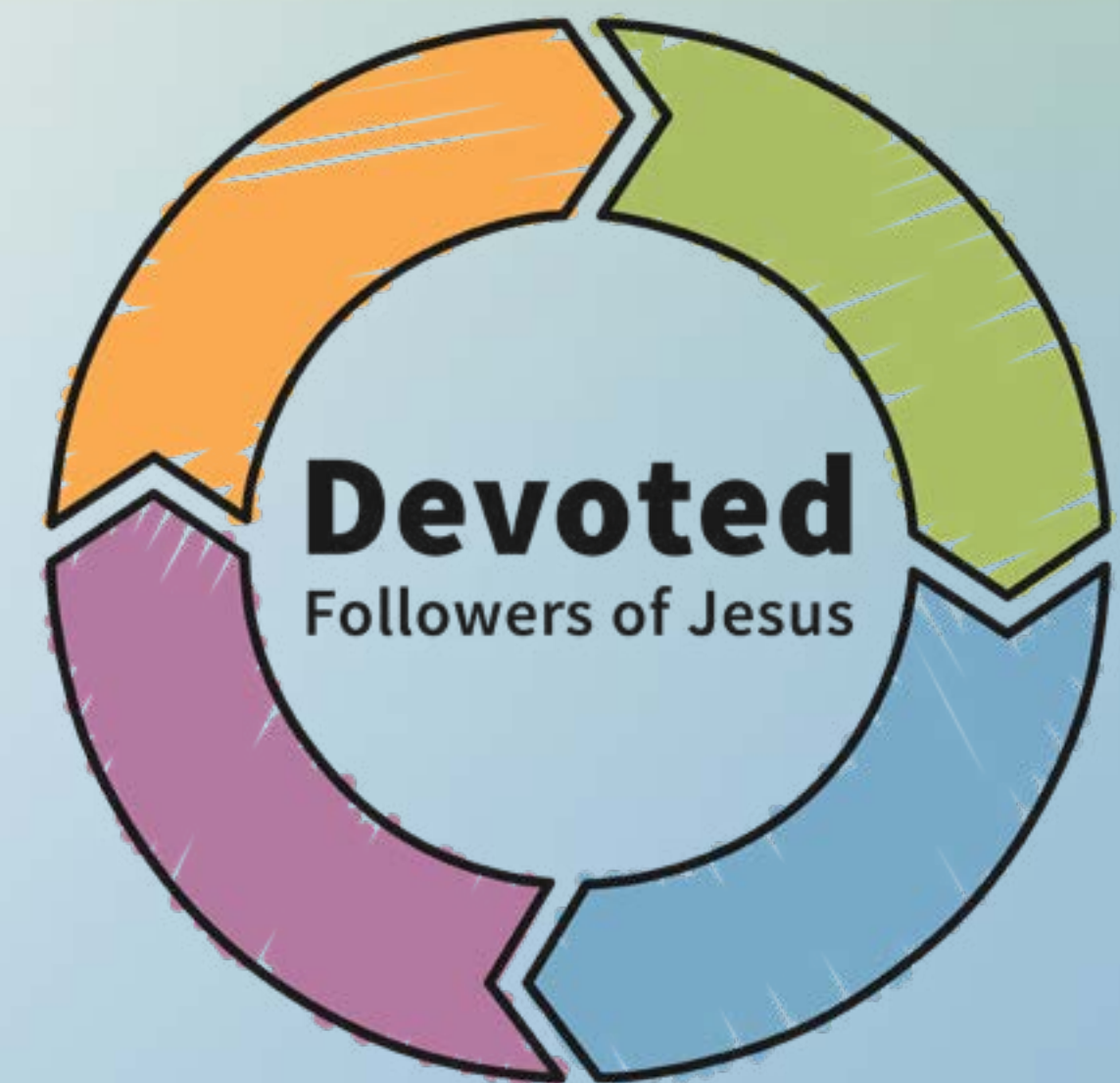
And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in
perfect unity.

COLOSSIANS 3:14



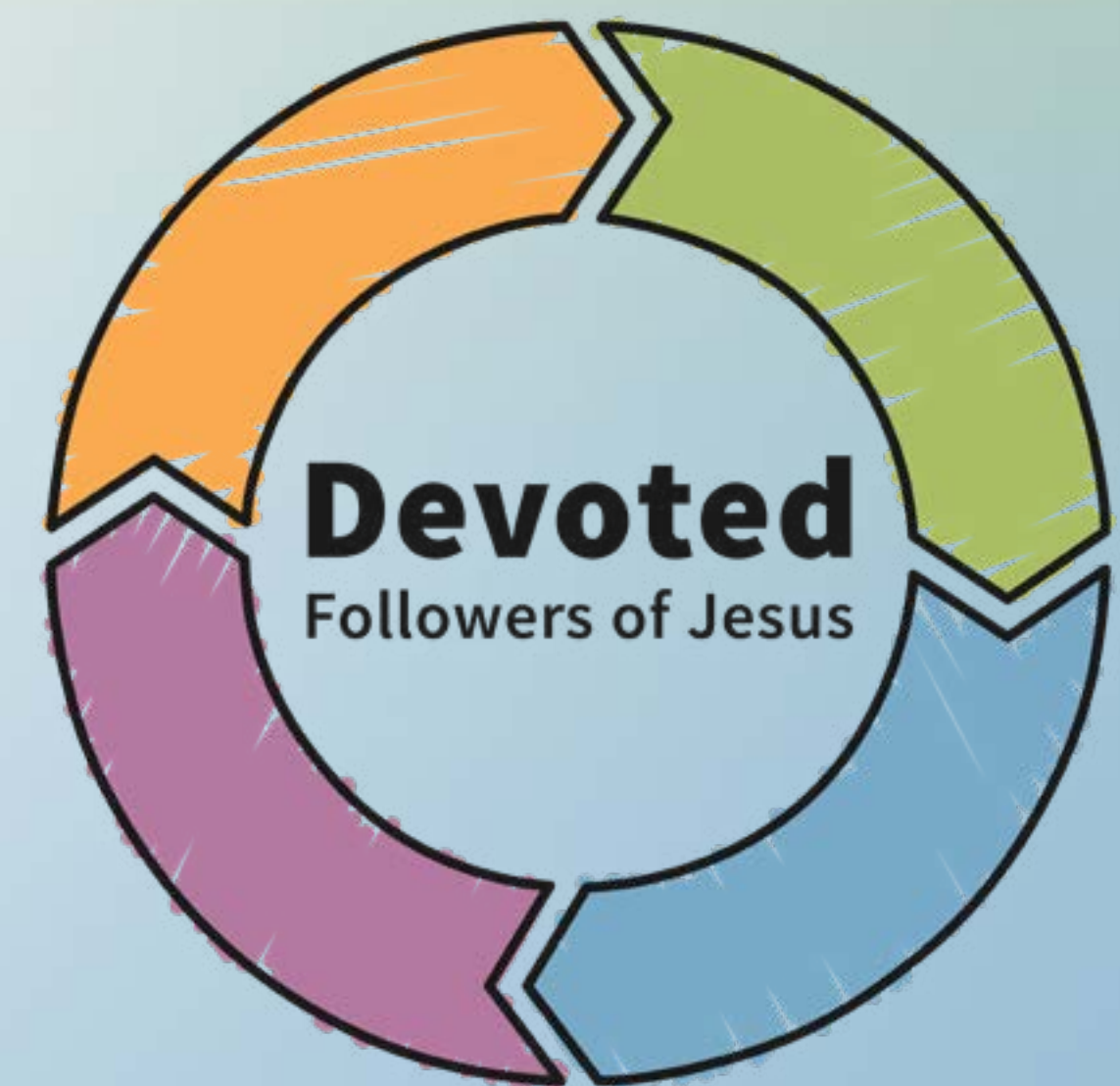
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one Body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

COLOSSIANS 3:15



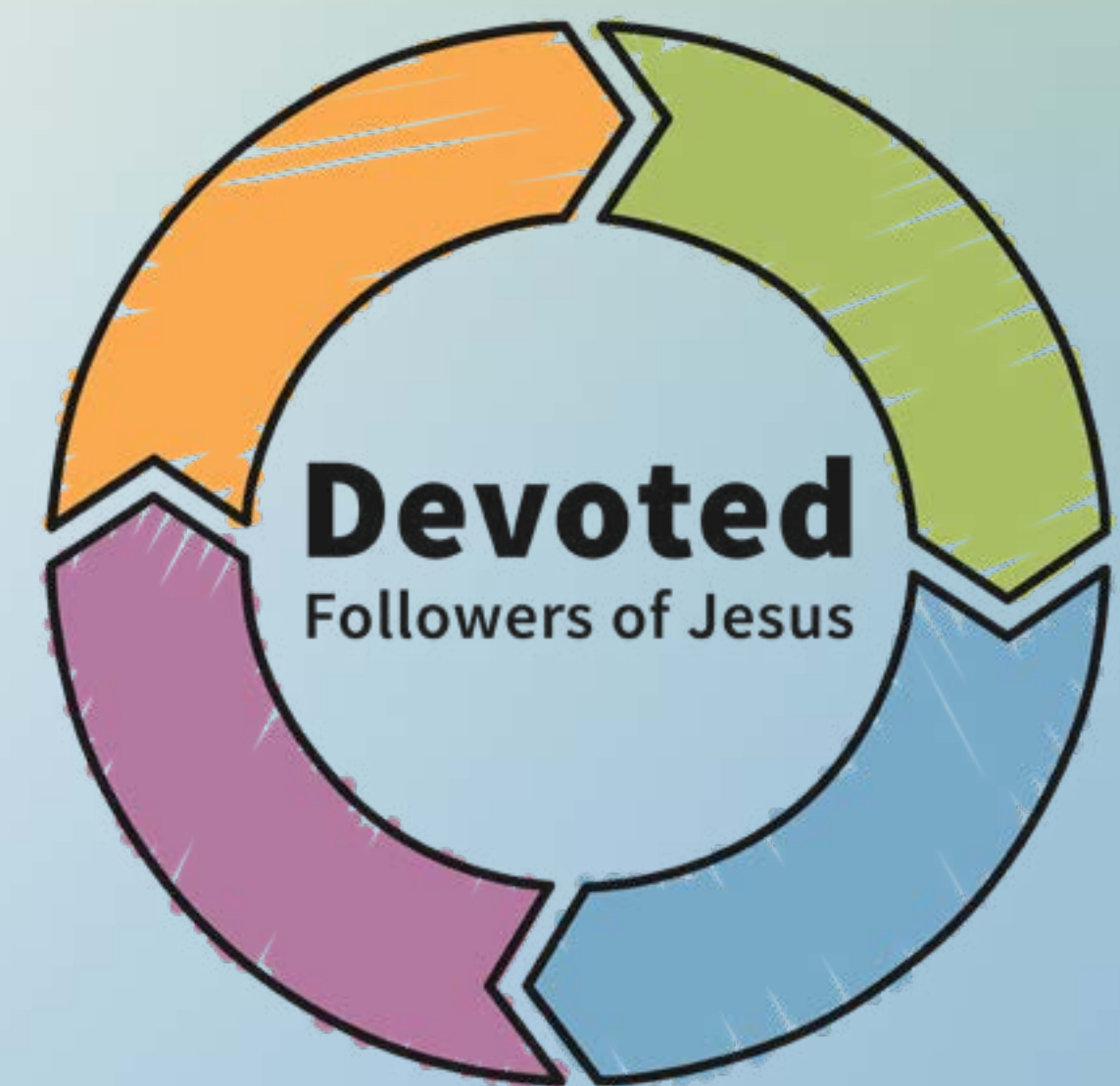
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

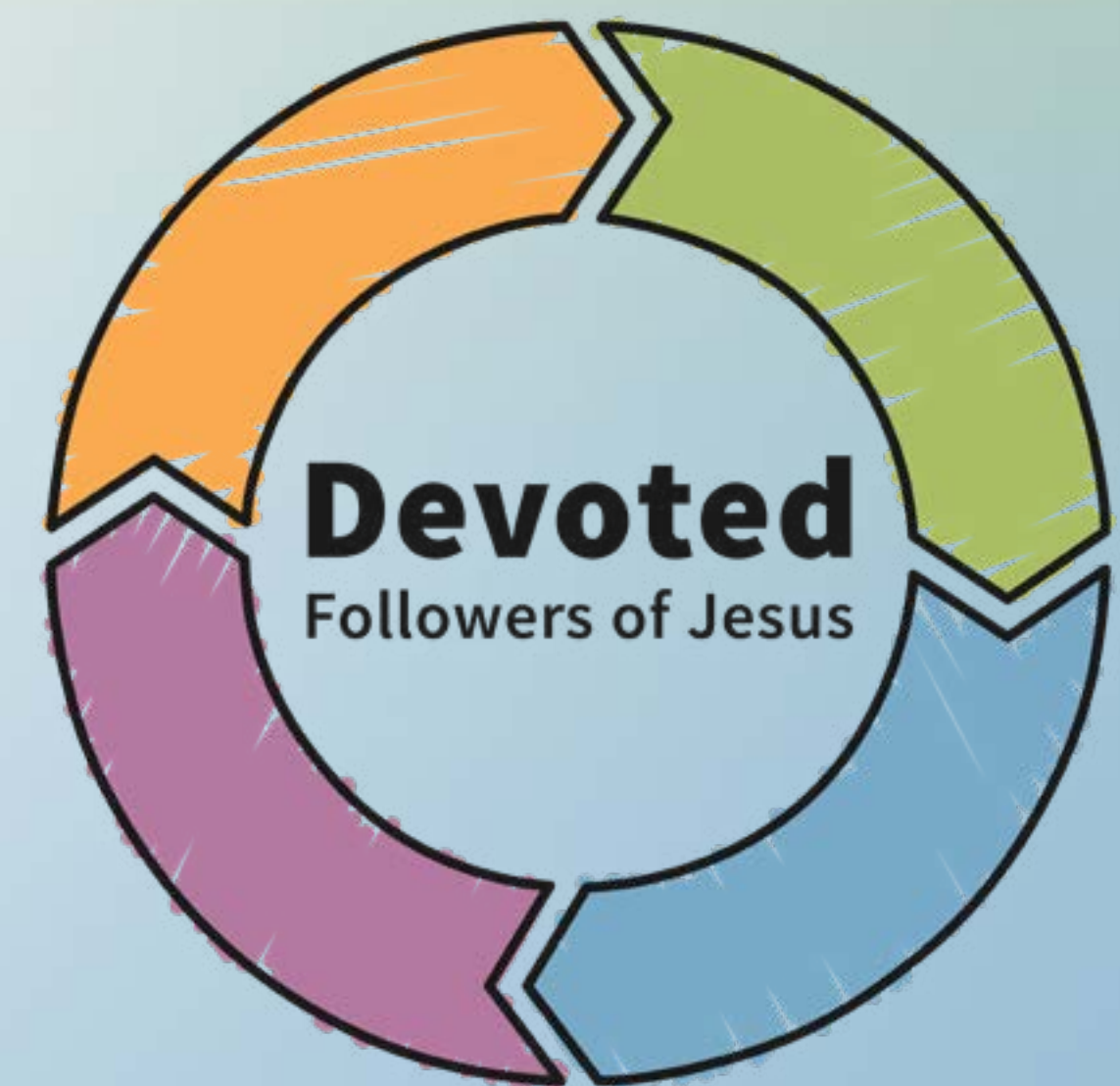
COLOSSIANS 3:17



Such relationships
are worthy of the
One we follow. (4:1)

“The believer who walks in a manner worthy of (his) calling is one whose practical living matches his spiritual position.”

JOHN MACARTHUR



Such relationships
are marked by specific
conduct. (4:2-3)

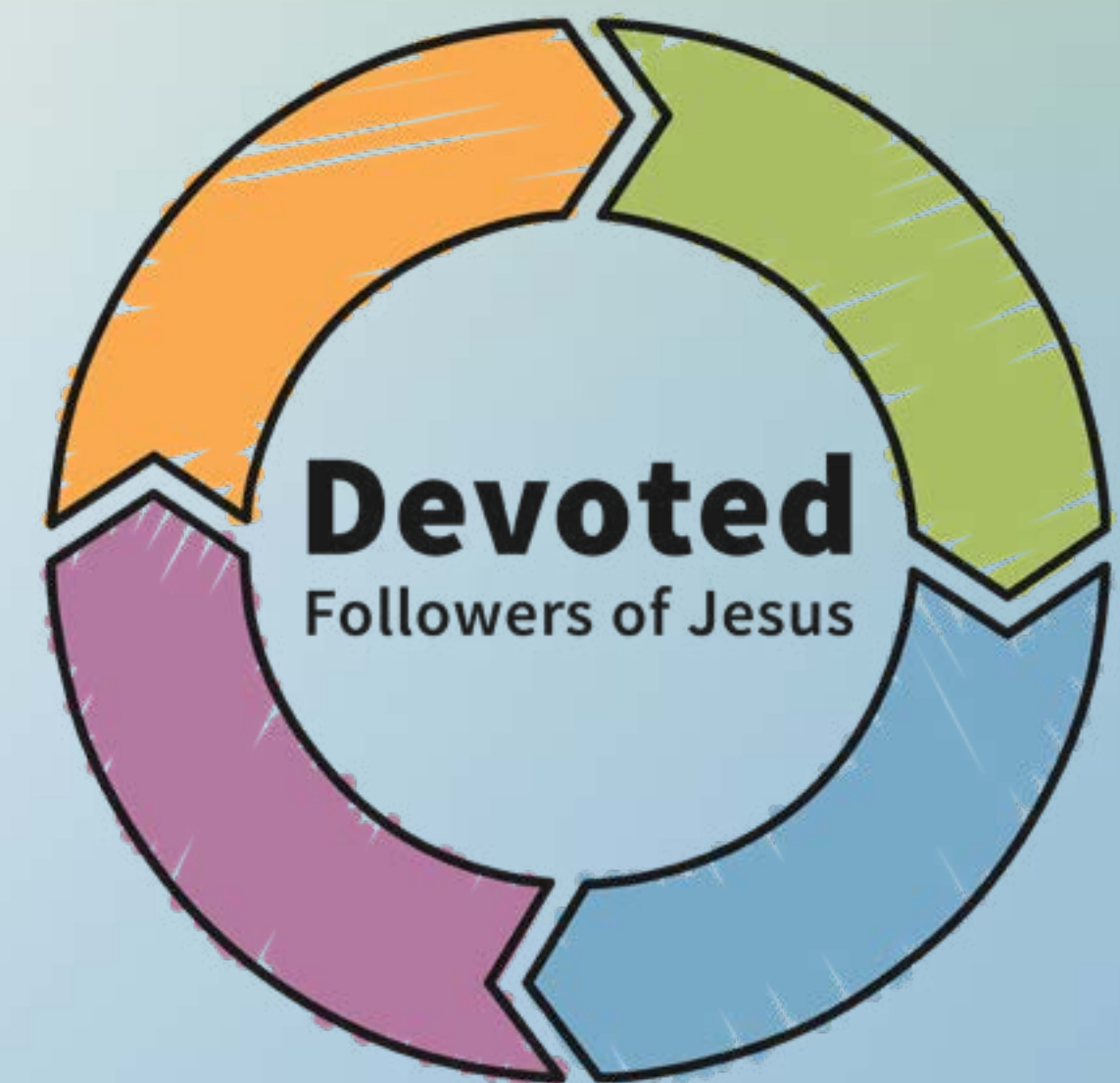
Humility

Gentleness

Patience

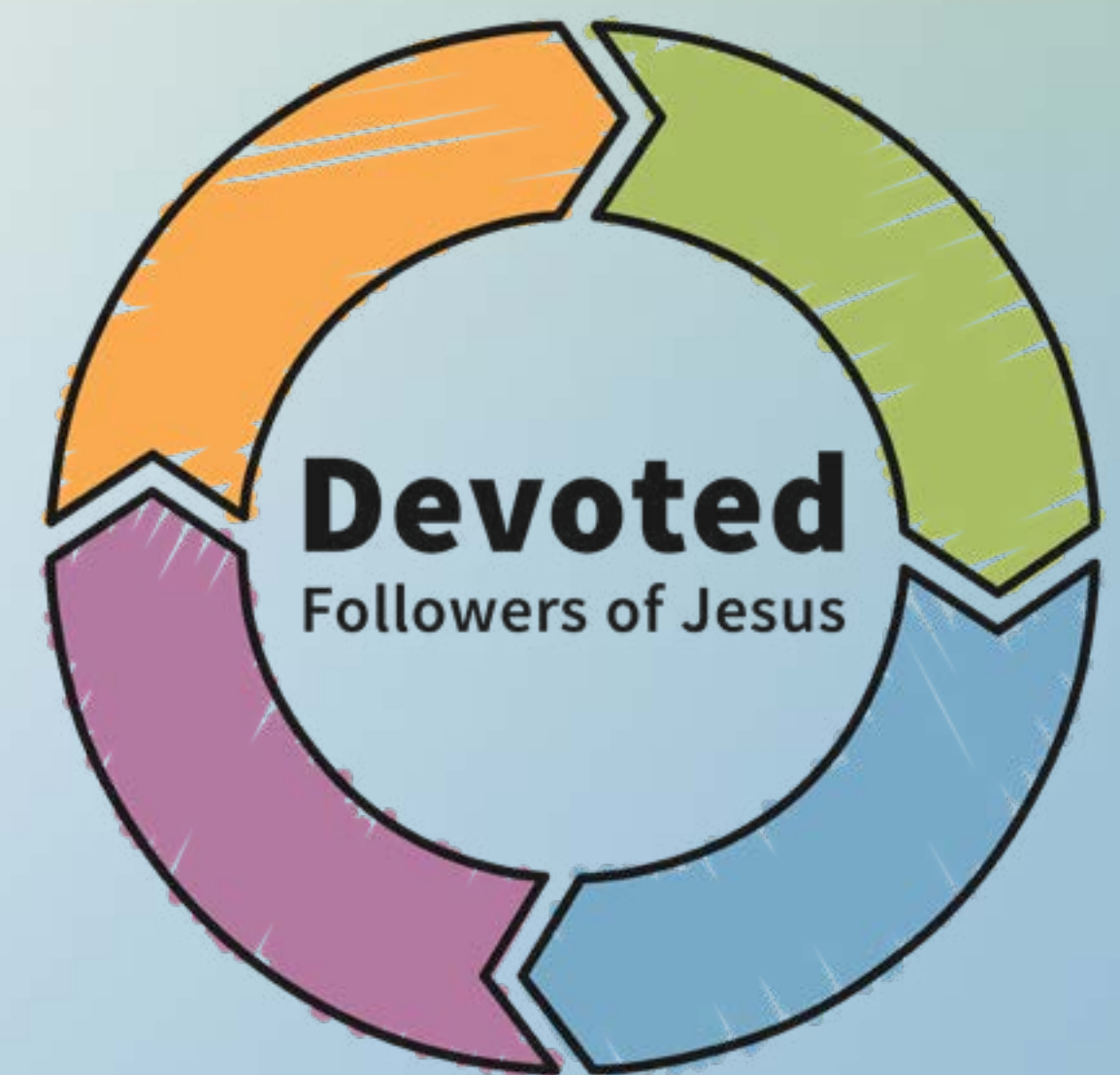
Forbearance

Unity



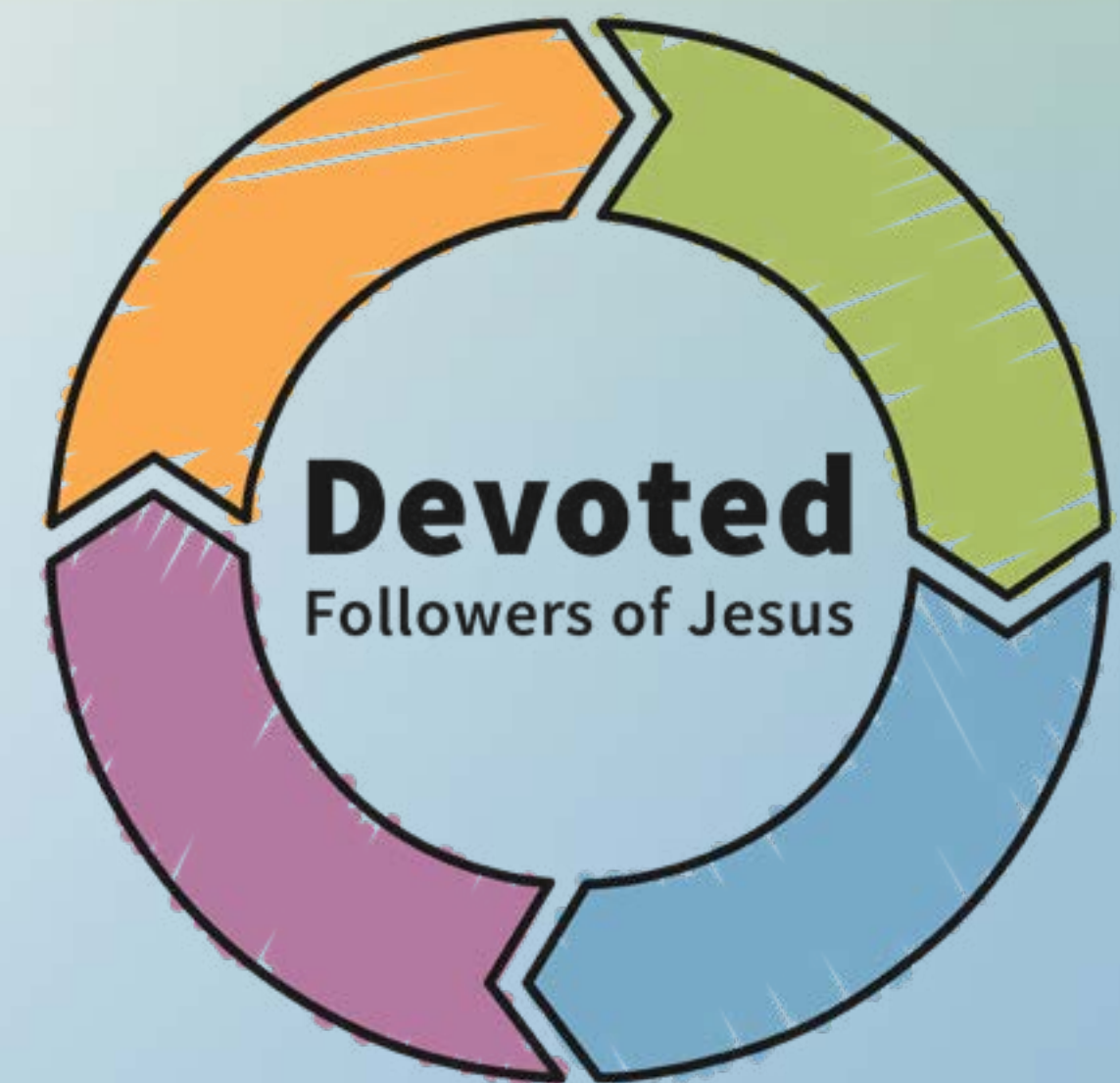
“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message,

JOHN 17:20



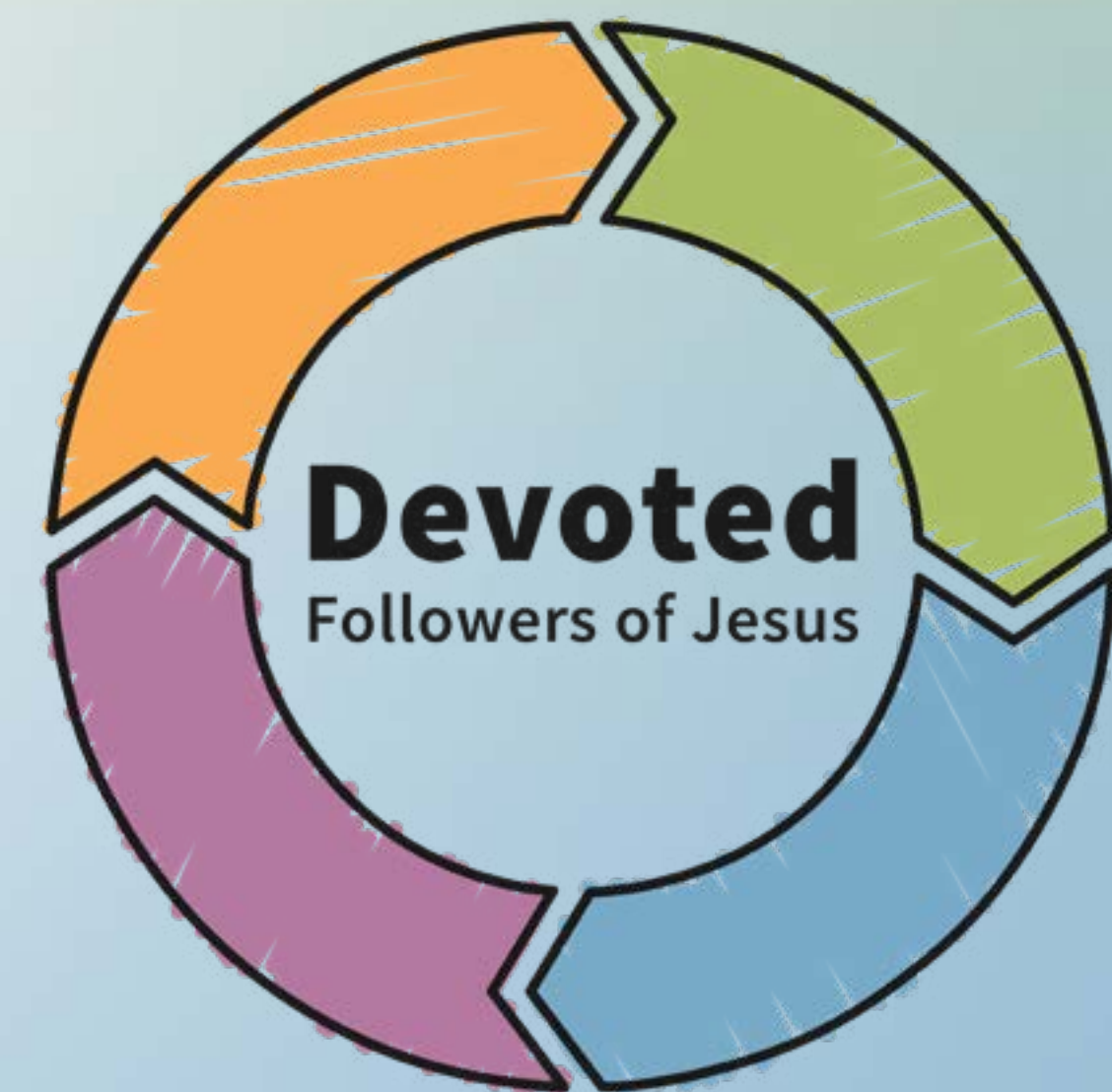
“that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

JOHN 17:21



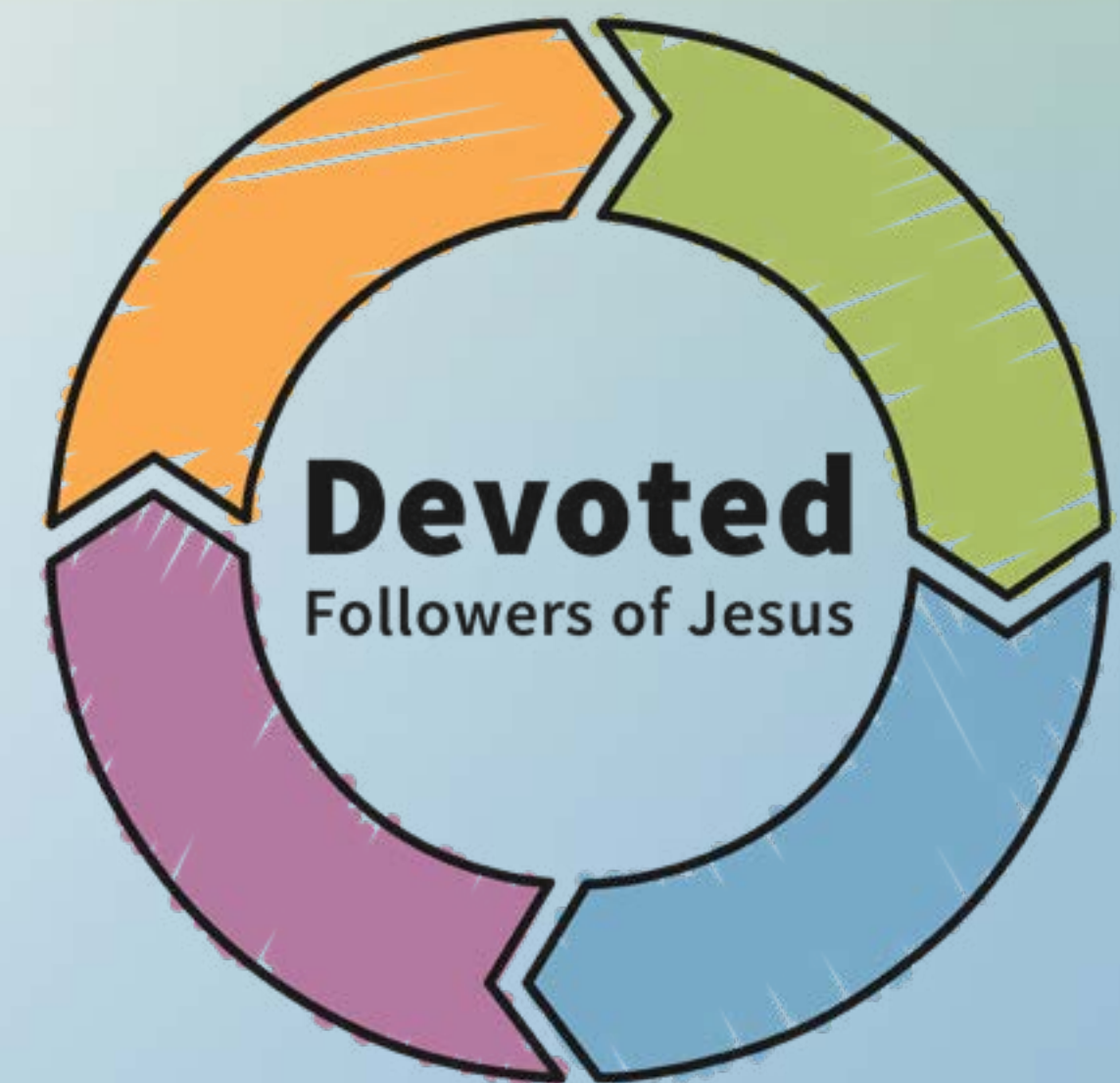
“I have given them the glory that
You gave Me, that they may be one
as we are one:

JOHN 17:22

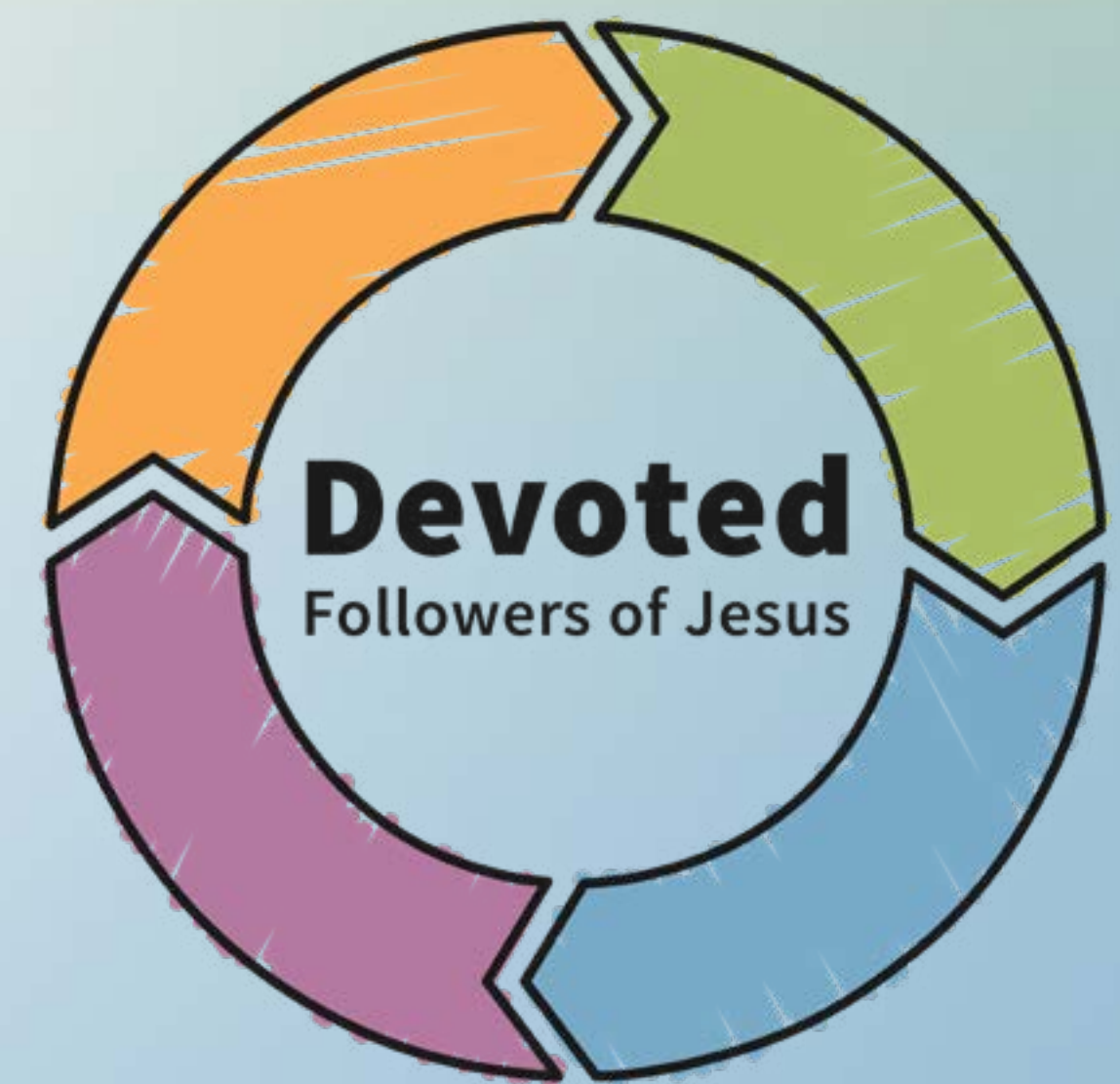


“I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.”

JOHN 17:23



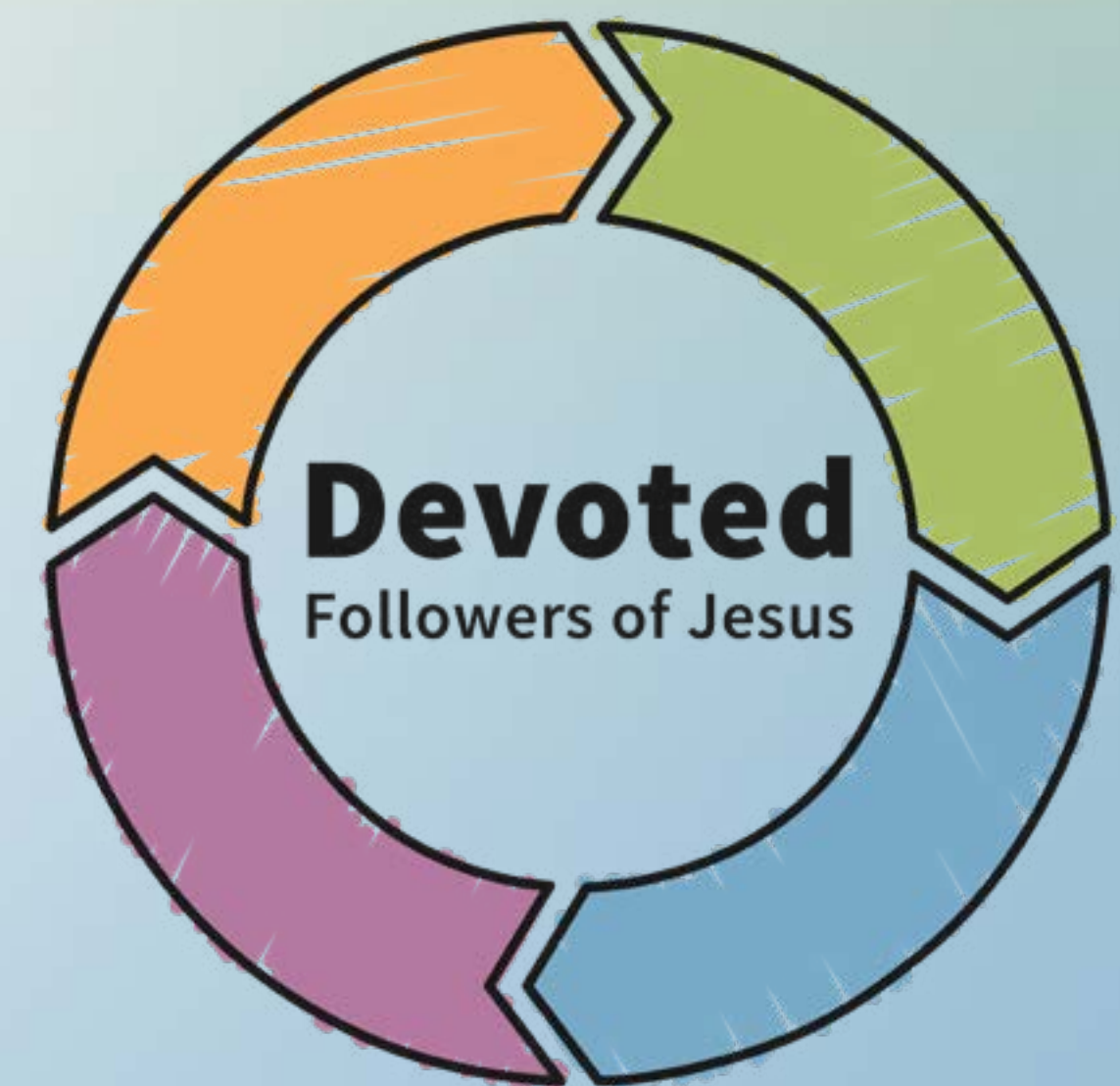
You don't really learn to love others until you risk being disappointed by them.



Such relationships
stand on theological
truths. (4:4-6)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

GALATIANS 3:28



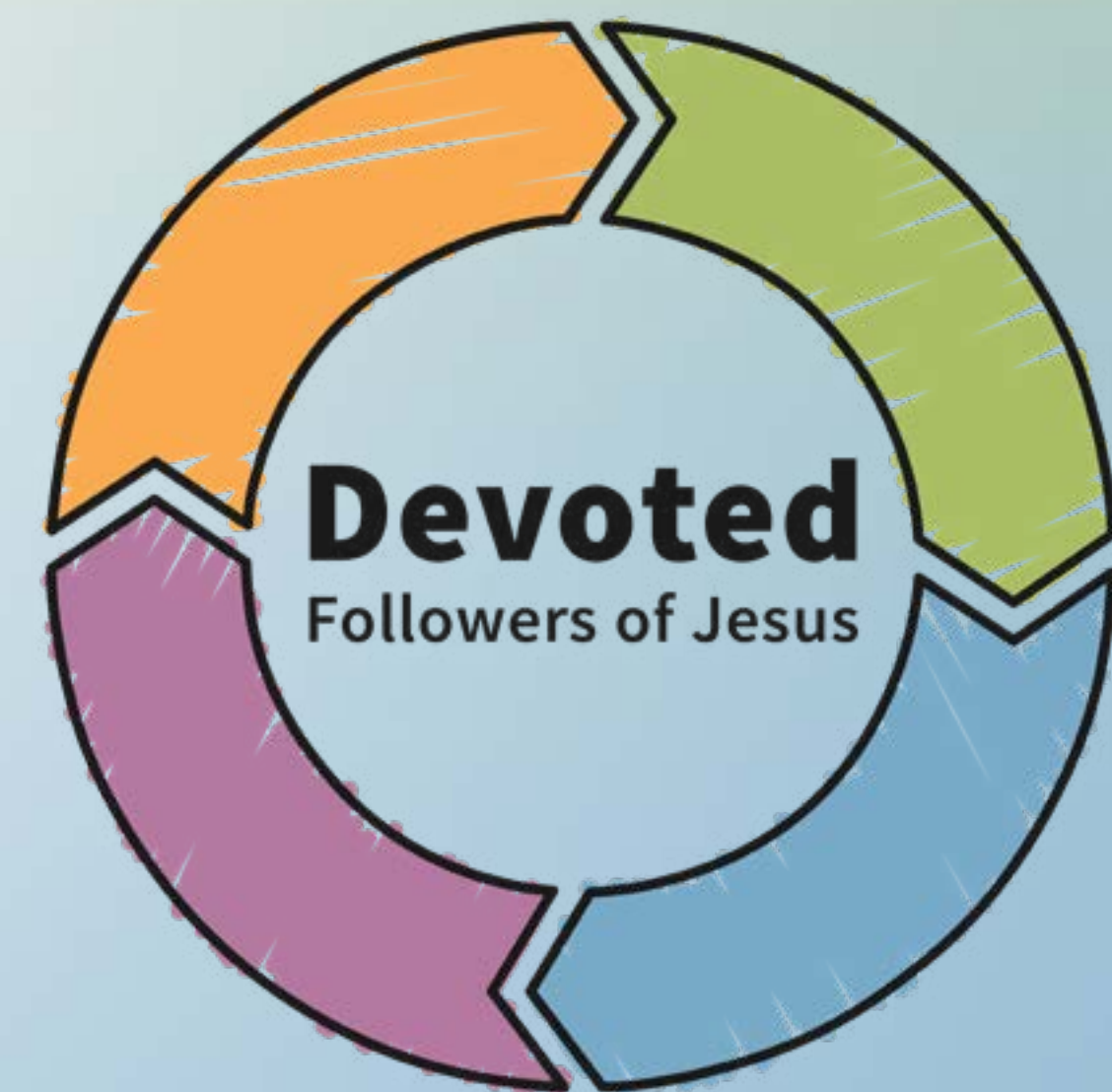
“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

JOHN 13:34



“By this all men will know that
you are My disciples, if you
love one another.”

JOHN 13:35



Such relationships
are expressed in
diverse ways. (4:7)

Key Characteristics

A devoted follower of Jesus
commits to a spiritual family.

Membership Privileges and Responsibilities

Members at Grace Affirm

Salvation I have trusted in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of my sin, have received new life and the gift of His Spirit, and have the confident assurance of eternal life. As a result of this repentance and faith, I am born-again and am a follower of Jesus.

Believer's Baptism I have been baptized subsequent to my salvation, either at Grace or with another church which has affirmed that to Grace in writing. I recognize that baptism does not save me, but declares publicly my allegiance and obedience to Jesus.

Church Relationships If I have previous involvement in another local church, I have dealt with all known issues and conflicts to the best of my knowledge, and have informed them of my intent to make Grace my local church belonging and identity. I recognize that carrying disunity or conflict to a new church harms me and all involved.

Members at Grace Expect

Growth I will be considered a part of the Grace family and the recipient of efforts which are intentionally committed to my growth in holy living and maturity as a follower of Jesus.

Belonging I will be made aware of ways in which I can meaningfully connect in relational settings and be linked with people who can walk together, in understanding of my stage or place in life, after Jesus.

Training I will be helped to find a place or places of ministry and also helped to identify what my spiritual gift or gifts are, so that I can serve others most fruitfully.

Care I will be prayed for and cared for in times of need and crisis as I make others aware of the burdens I carry and circumstances I face, including those of my family.

Witness I will be assisted in learning how to actively live and verbally share my faith in Jesus Christ, knowing that the Gospel is the ultimate good news and vital for others to understand and embrace.

Members at Grace Commit

Participation I will be a regular presence at gatherings of Grace Polaris Church, including worship services, a relational or small group, communion celebrations, member meetings, and special outreach opportunities.

Contribution I will be a regular contributor in a specified area or ministry role, especially in areas of interest or gifting, realizing that neither God is honored nor a local church well-served by spiritual spectators.

Giving I will be a regular giver of my finances, aware of the Bible's teaching on generosity regarding the local church. I will also not use the withholding of my giving as a hidden way to register my discontent or frustration with something or someone connected to the church.

Teachability I will be open to correction and will pursue unity with other believers even as tensions arise, knowing that this pleases Jesus and reflects powerfully to others. I will not be a conscious source of bitterness and division among God's people.

Input I will be ready to share my thoughts, hopes, and concerns with leaders in the church, knowing that they must give an account to God for their decisions and influence, which may not always involve following my desires.

Prayer I will pray regularly for the leadership and ministries of our church.



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**We are not just born into God's family.
We are made to belong and contribute
to a particular spiritual family.**

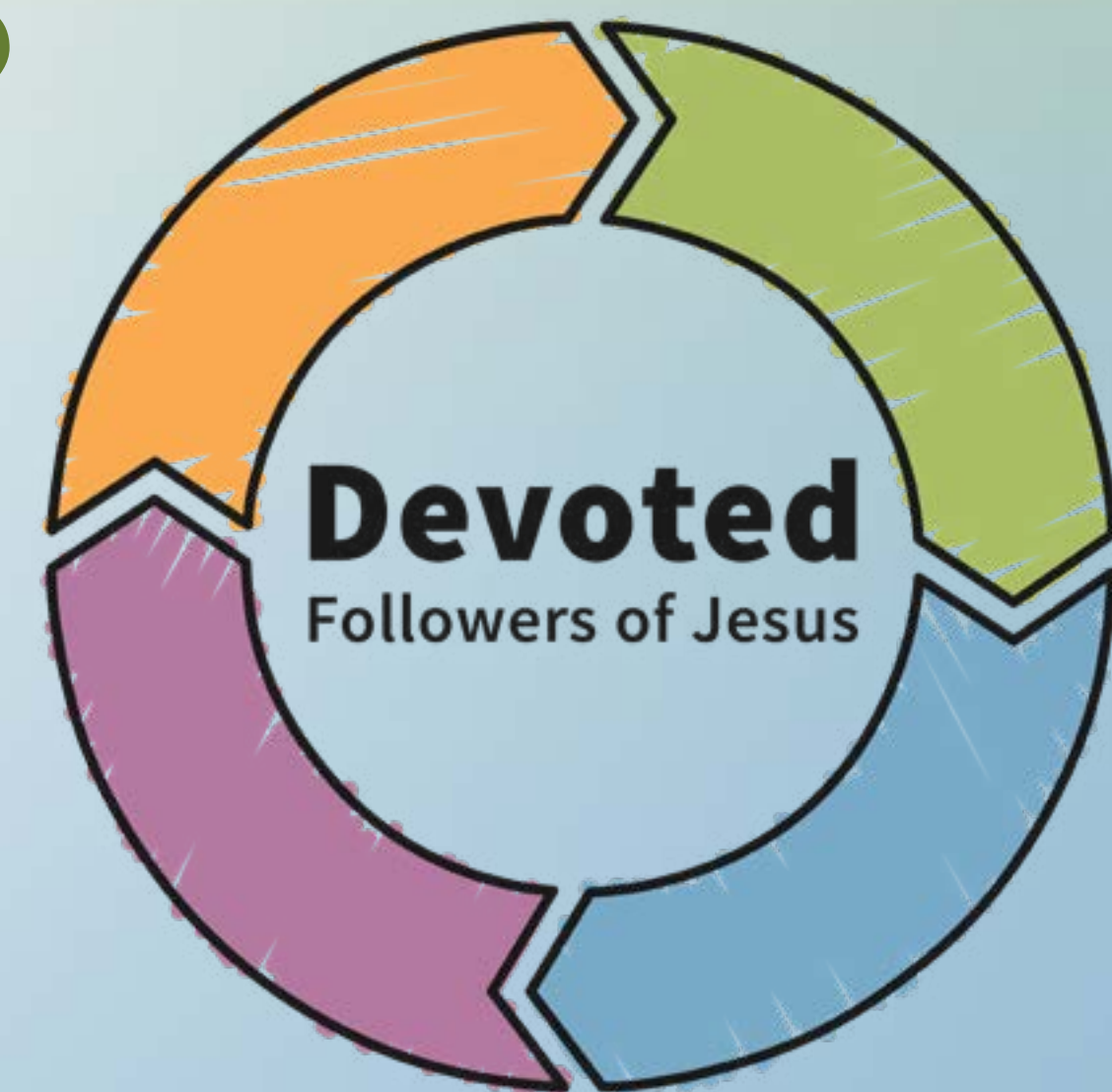


Key Characteristics

A devoted follower of Jesus
welcomes healthy accountability
for godly living.



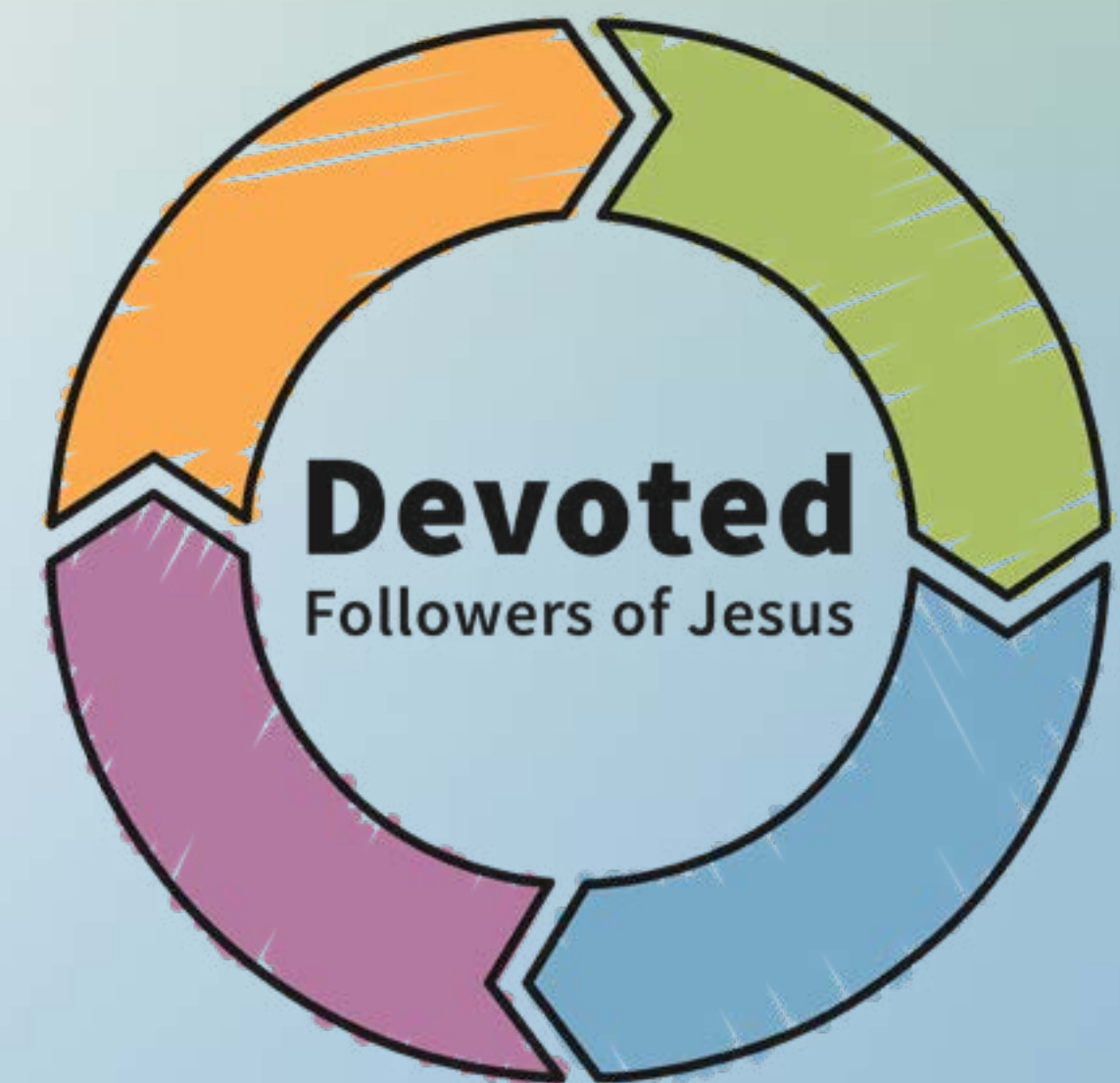
Rows are safe. Circles are not.
But we each need circles to
help us grow. What circle has your
involvement and commitment?



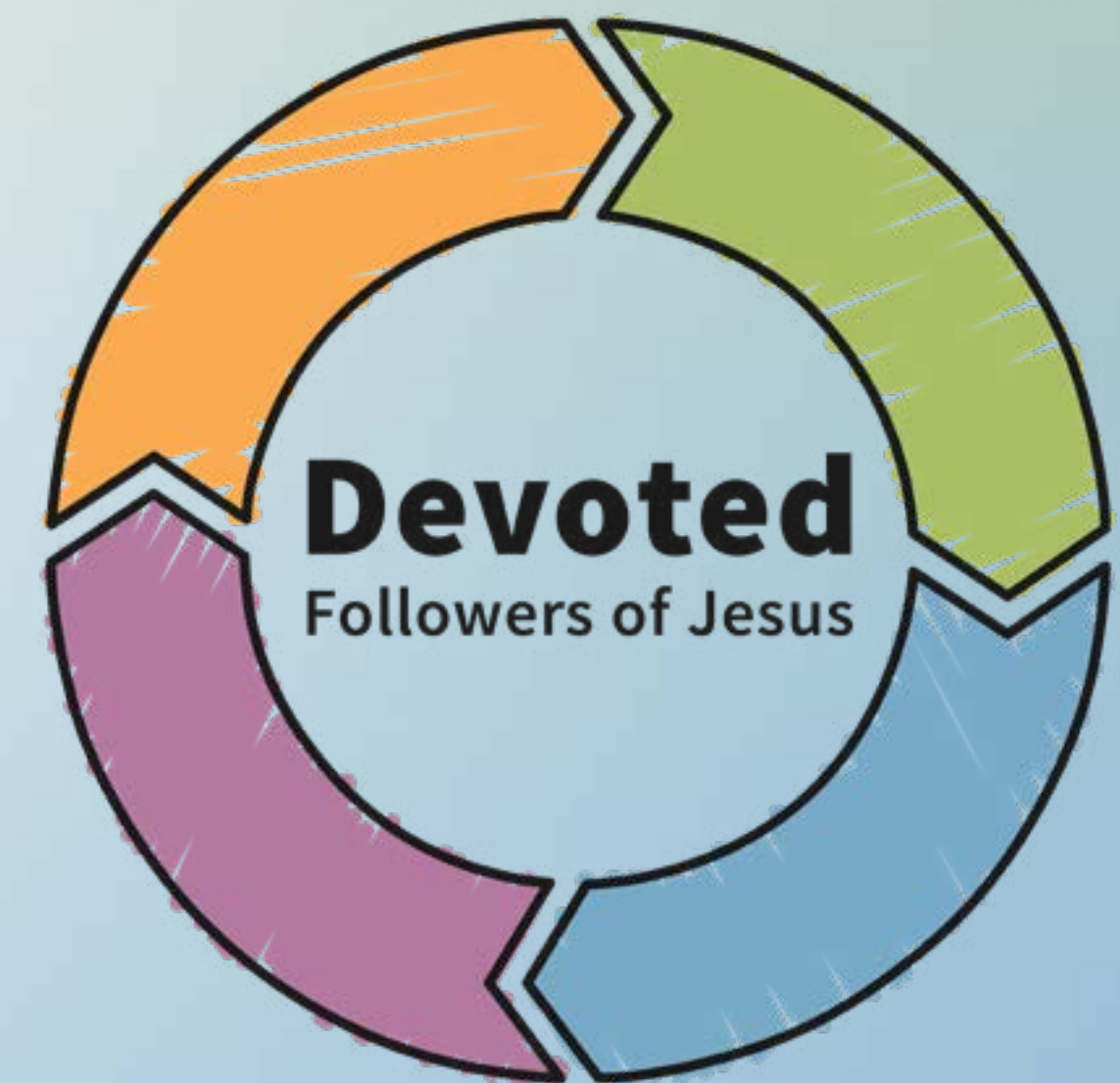
Key Characteristics

A devoted follower of Jesus
prioritizes relationships and
spheres in closest proximity.

Are you a regular presence in the gathered worship of believers?



Are you an active participant
in a relational group?



Are you a member?
Have you expressed your
commitment and belonging
to the larger Grace body?



Are you outsourcing your
family's spiritual wellbeing?

