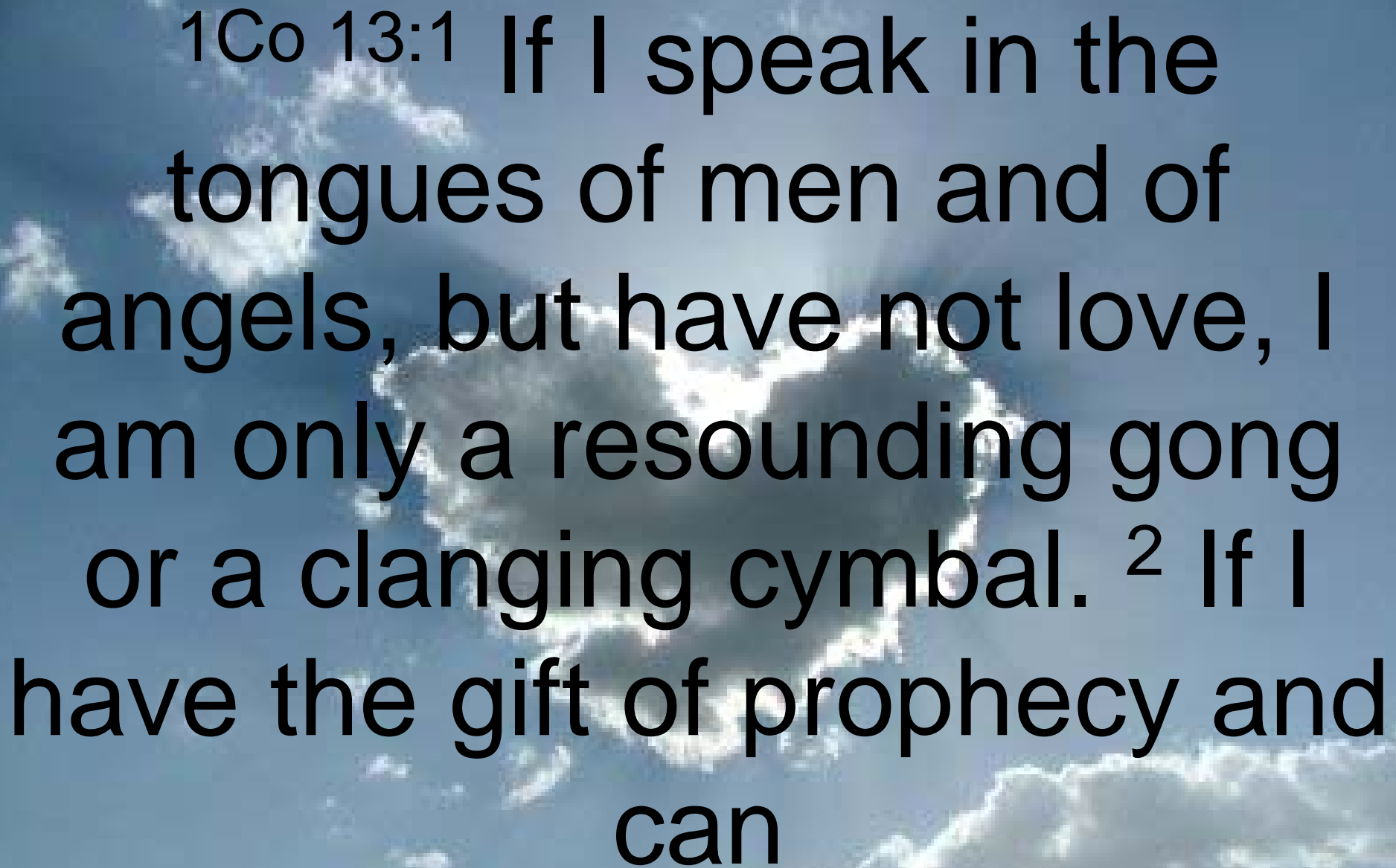


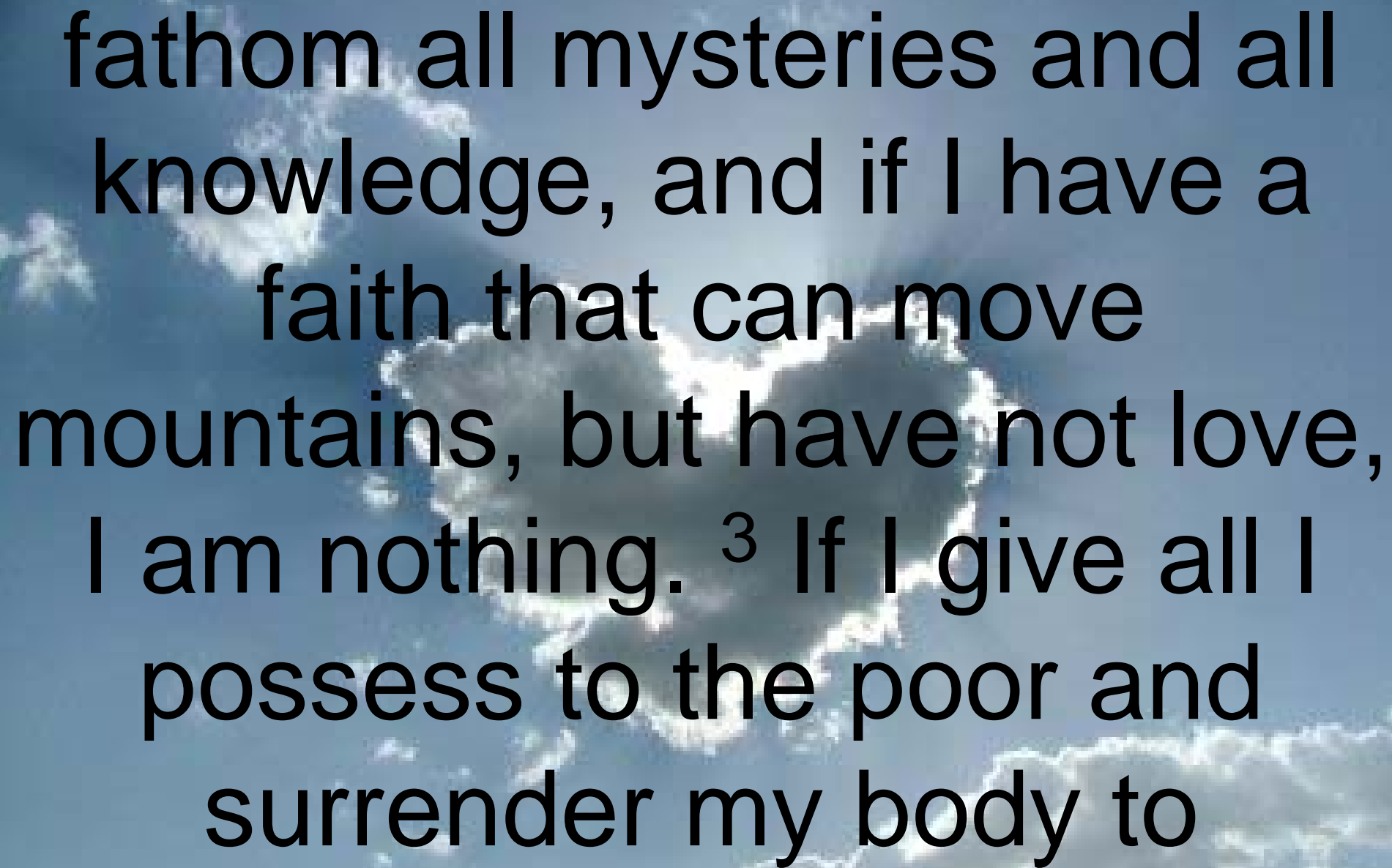


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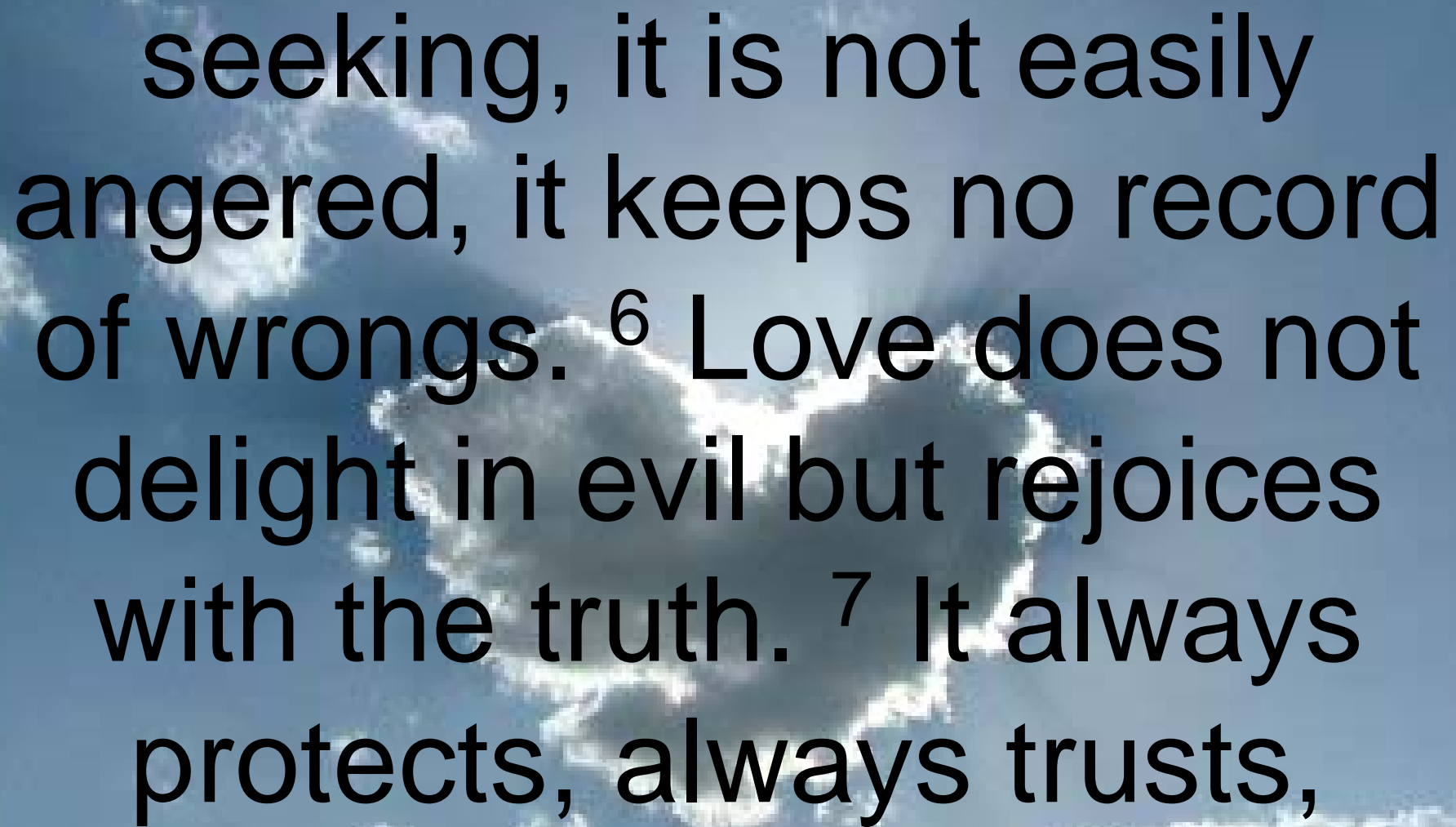
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tongues of men and of  
angels, but have not love, I  
am only a resounding gong  
or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I  
have the gift of prophecy and  
can



fathom all mysteries and all  
knowledge, and if I have a  
faith that can move  
mountains, but have not love,  
I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I  
possess to the poor and  
surrender my body to

the flames, but have not love,  
I gain nothing.

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is  
kind. It does not envy, it does  
not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It  
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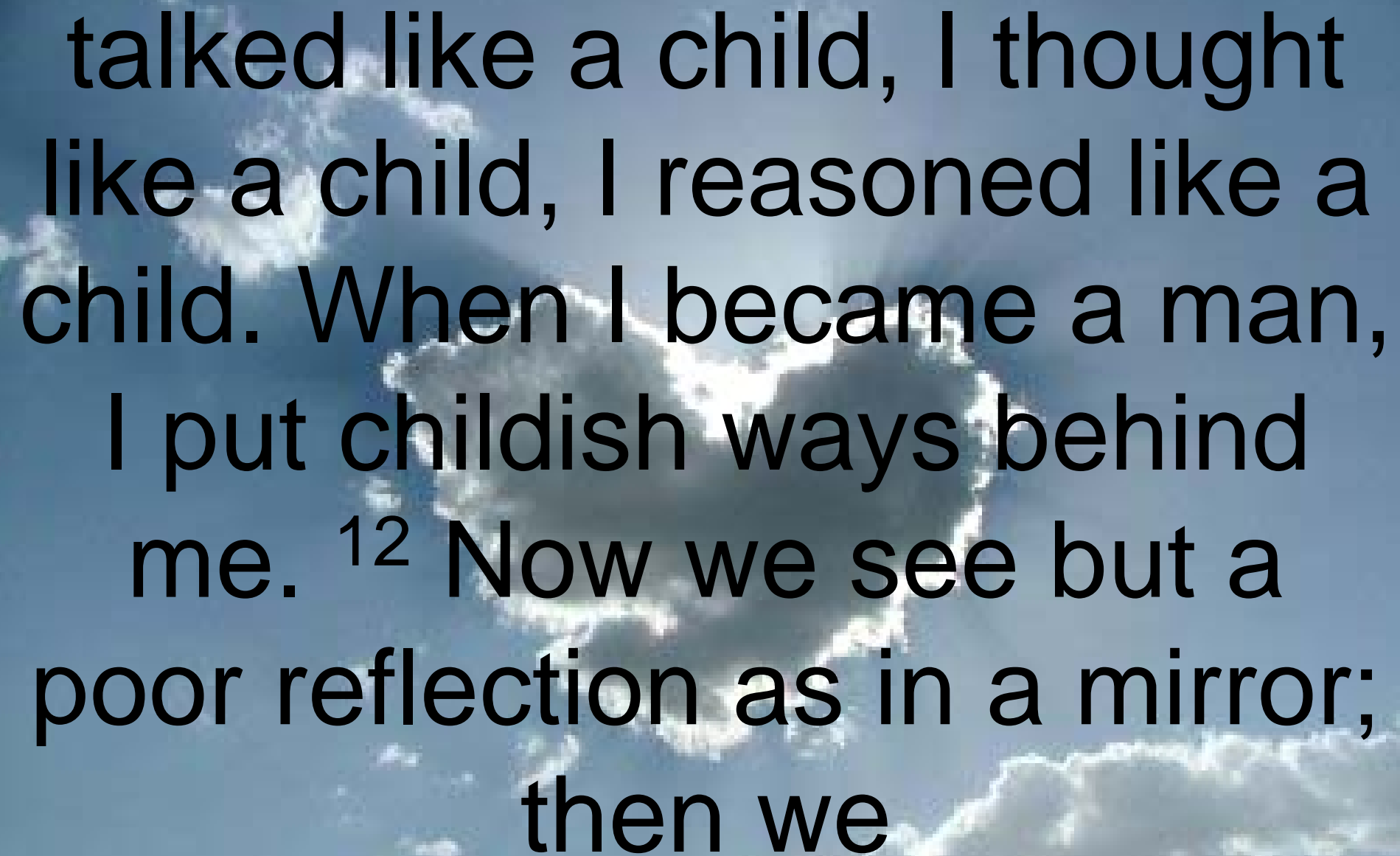
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perseveres.

1Co 13:8 Love never fails. But  
where there are prophecies,  
they will cease; where there  
are tongues, they will be

stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup>

When I was a child, I



talked like a child, I thought  
like a child, I reasoned like a  
child. When I became a man,  
I put childish ways behind  
me. <sup>12</sup> Now we see but a  
poor reflection as in a mirror;  
then we



A bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the sky.

shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.



1Co 13:13 And now these three  
remain:

faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is  
love.

Memory verse:

*Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*

# “Refresh”



Messages that will refresh your life  
right where you need it.

*"Teaching, like rain out of heaven,  
showers of words to refresh and  
nourish your soul..." Joel 2:23 MSG*

# Who is to blame?

*Jn 9:1 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*

*<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.*

**Q/ How can I refresh my relationships?**





Basic refresher:

Be a friend/partner...

**1. As humble as Jesus.**

*Jn 13:34 "A new command I give you:*

*Love one another. As I have loved you...*



## 2. Faithful and forgiving like God.

*Ex 34:6 ... abounding in love and faithfulness*



### 3. Choosing love from God, not feelings from my Gut.

*<sup>1</sup>Jn 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. ... <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar.*

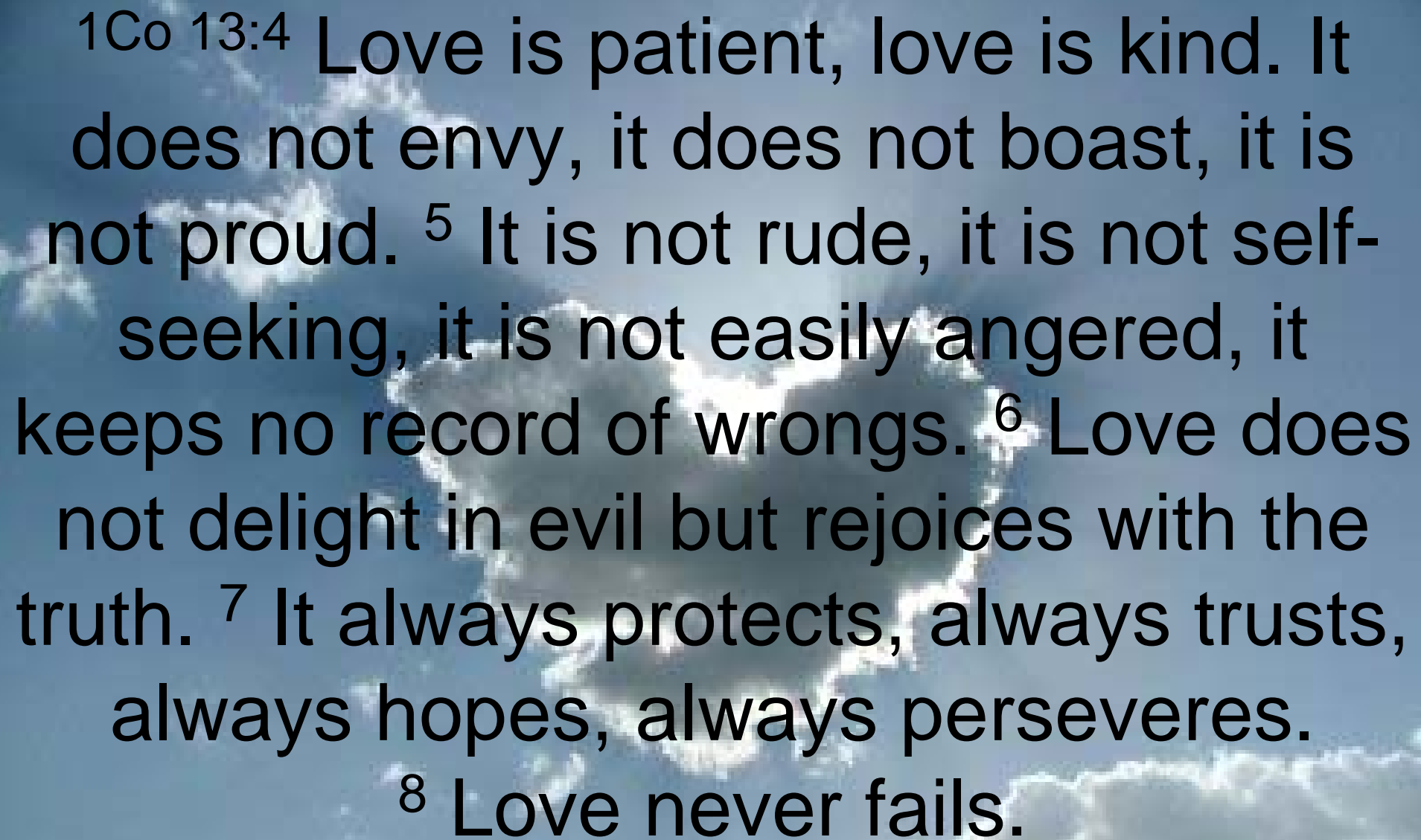


## 4. Practicing the Way of love.

*<sup>1Co 12:31</sup> And now I will show you the most excellent way. ... <sup>13:13</sup> faith, hope and love.*

*But the greatest of these is love.*

*<sup>14:1</sup> Follow the way of love...*



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**Q/ How can I refresh my relationships?**

**A/ Pursue God's love over all my relationships.**