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A study of 2 Corinthians

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11b At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one who did he wrong, nor for the sake of the one who suffered the wrong, but in order that your earnestness for us might be revealed to you in the sight of God.

13 Therefore we are comforted.

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- 13b And besides our own comfort, we rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.
- 14 For whatever boasts I made to him about you, I was not put to shame. But just as everything we said to you was true, so also our boasting before Titus has proved true.
- 15 And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling.
- 16 I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you.



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**To whom can you be a Titus....
to whom can you be the church at Corinth...
'an instrument of encouragement'!**

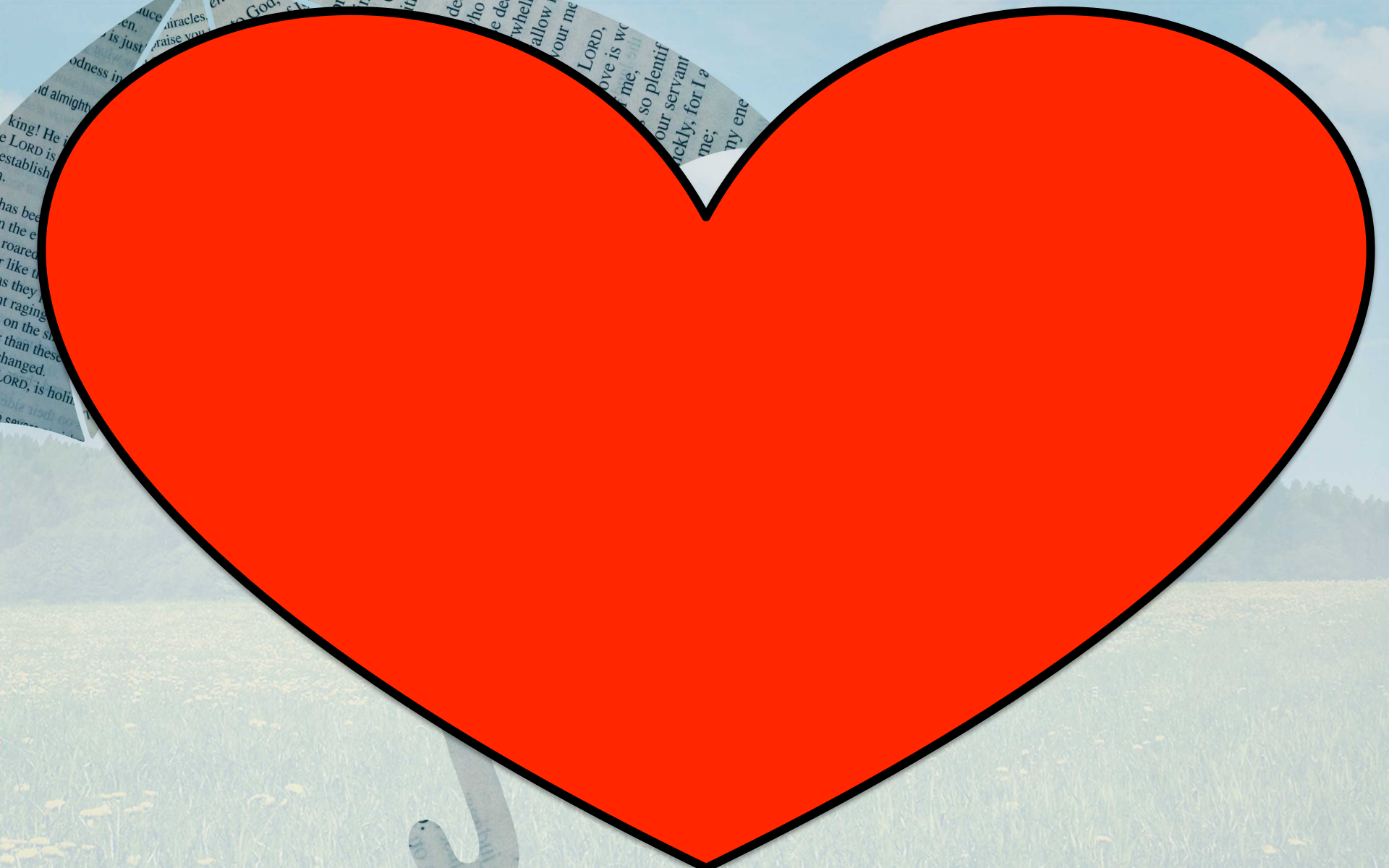
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