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like to
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and constructively

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I John 4:18-19; 21

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18 There is no fear in love,

but perfect love casts out fear.

For fear has to do with punishment,

and whoever fears has not been perfected
in love.

19 We love because He first loved us.

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20 And this commandment we have from Him;
whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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**Pre-existent,
Present,
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**authority who is aware, cares, and moves
on behalf of mankind.**

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1:16-17; 19-20

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Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me,
for I am gentle and lowly of heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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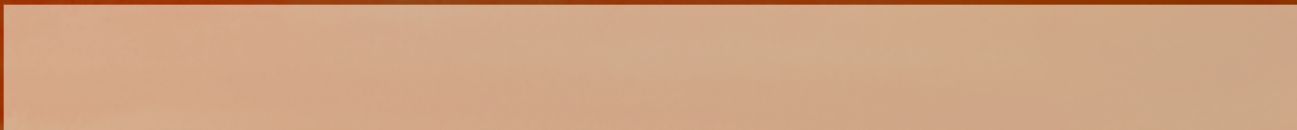
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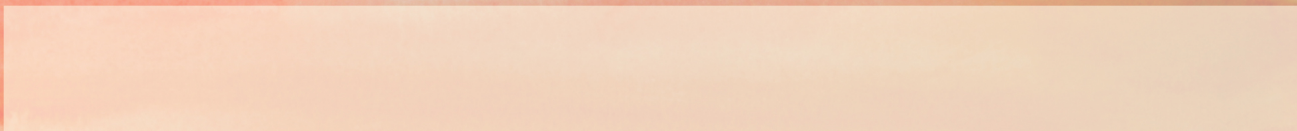
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