

ears to hear

Mingle
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A person is standing on a mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The person is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and purple pants. The scene is illuminated by the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The text "Mary's Advice" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Mary's Advice

John 2 (NLT)

2 The next day^[a] there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

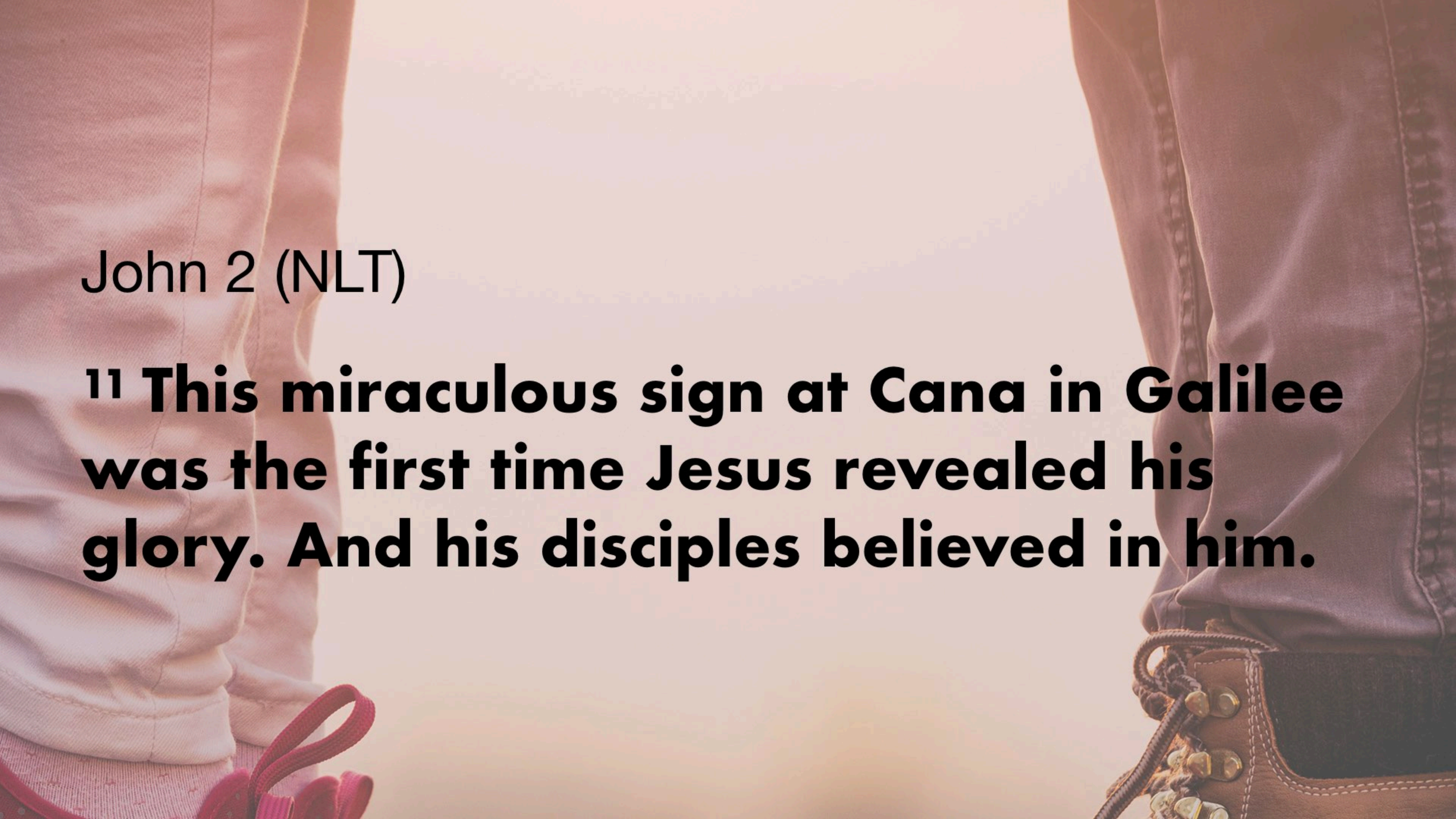
John 2 (NLT)

⁵ But his mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶ Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” When the jars had been filled, ⁸ he said, “Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies.” So the servants followed his instructions.

John 2 (NLT)

9 When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. 10 "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"



John 2 (NLT)

¹¹ This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

A person is standing on a mountain peak at sunrise. The person is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and purple cargo pants. The background is a bright, hazy sky with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person's legs and feet are visible in the foreground, with a brown leather boot on the right foot and a pink shoe on the left foot.

Mary's Advice

Do whatever he tells you...



Do whatever he tells you...

Sometimes what Jesus tells us to do does not make sense. It seems illogical, old fashioned or just plain wrong.



Do whatever he tells you...

The servants...

They did what he said

**They do it whole-heartedly – they filled the
pots all the way to the brim**



How can Jesus that quench our thirst for relationships of Love, Safety and Security?

Jesus created us and knows us



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Jesus created us and knows us

Jesus loves us and wants the best for us



How can Jesus that quench our thirst for relationships of Love, Safety and Security?

Jesus created us and knows us

Jesus loves us and wants the best for us

Jesus can see things that we cannot



Do whatever he tells you...

Embrace your life now

Embrace your life now

1 Corinthians 7 (NLT)

⁸ So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am.

³² I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him.

A person's legs in jeans and boots walking on a path, with a pink flower in the foreground.

Embrace your life now

Psalm 37

**3 Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe
pasture.**

**4 Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of
your heart.**



Embrace your life now

How about you?

What is the land/season that you are in now?

What are the opportunities of this season?

What are the challenges?

How can you Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture?



Do whatever he tells you...

Embrace your life now

Live with Integrity



Live with Integrity

1 Timothy 5:1-2

...Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

A person in a white shirt and red shoes is walking on a path. Another person's leg in a blue shirt and brown boots is visible on the right. The background is a bright, hazy landscape.

Live with Integrity

Jesus wants us to enjoy physical intimacy in an environment of love, trust, safety and security.



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Treating people in this way will make your community a safe place for men, women, married and single.

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You are not going to get sick or die if you restrain yourself



Live with Integrity

How about you?

Is there an area of integrity that you need to address?

Where can you seek encouragement, help and accountability?



Do whatever he tells you...

Embrace your life now

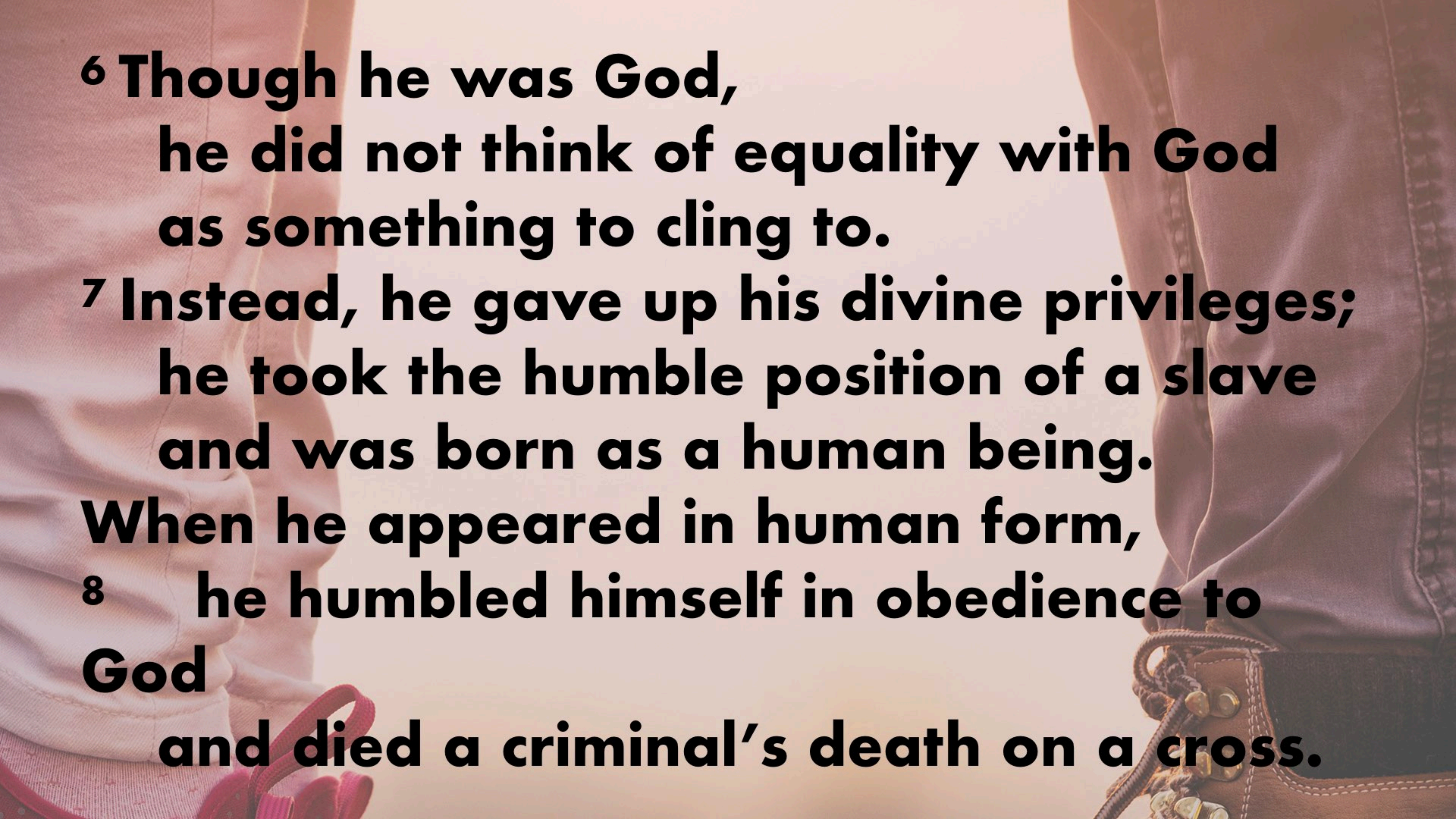
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Love by Listening

Philippians 2 (NIV)

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.



**6 Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.**

**7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.**

When he appeared in human form,

**8 he humbled himself in obedience to
God**

and died a criminal's death on a cross.

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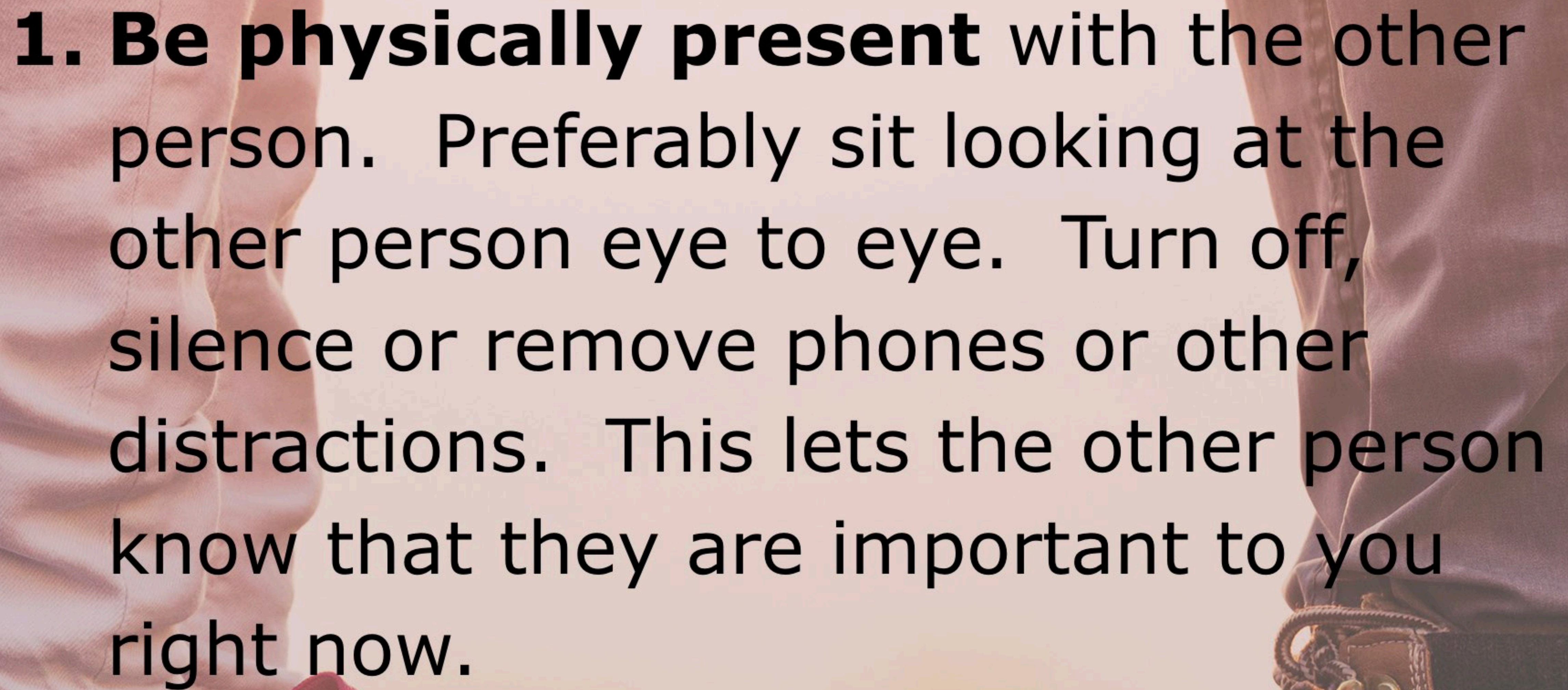




Love by Listening

“Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable.”

-David Augsburger

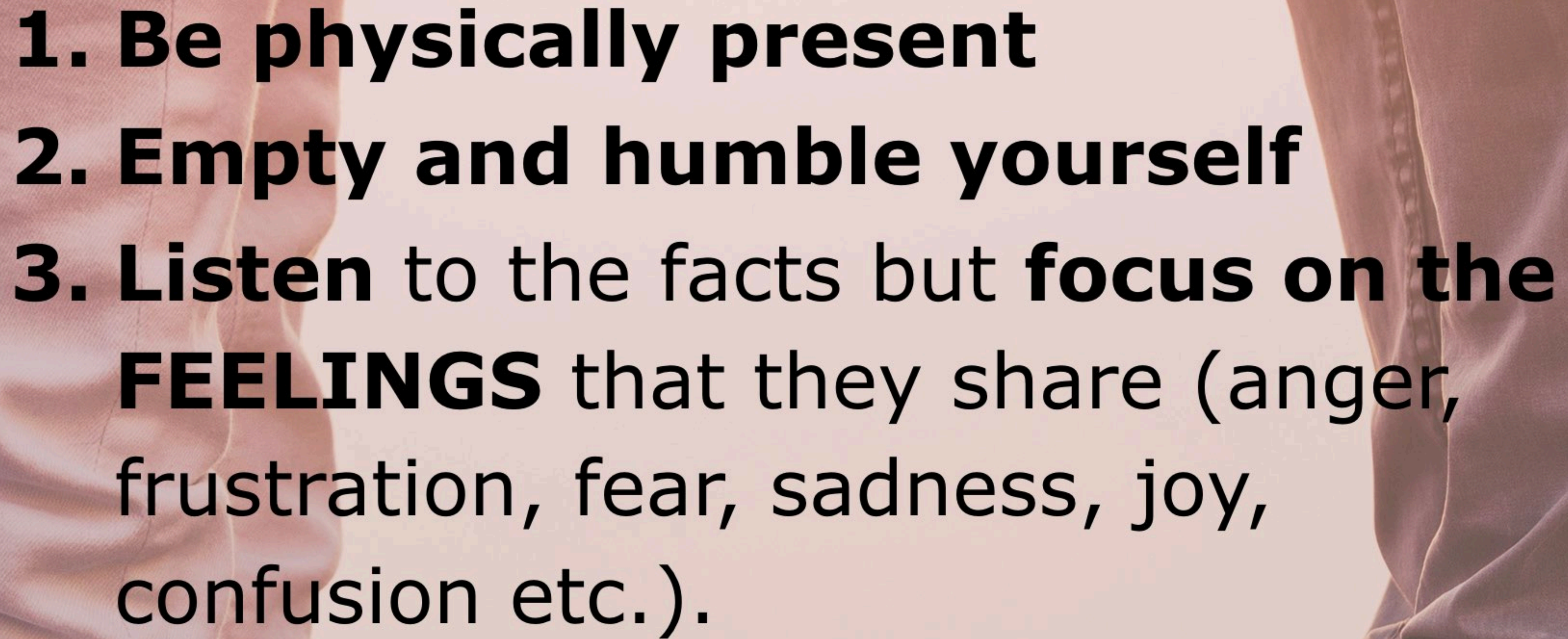


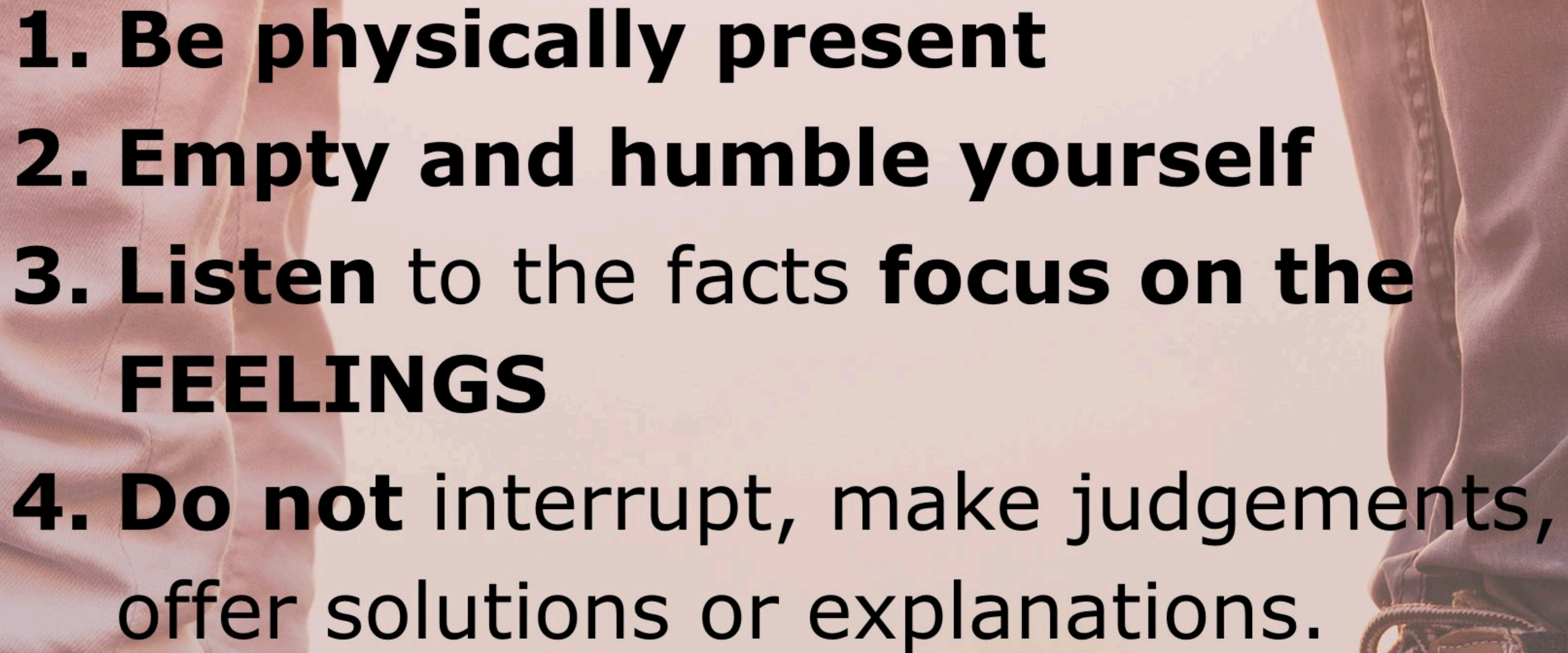
1. Be physically present with the other person. Preferably sit looking at the other person eye to eye. Turn off, silence or remove phones or other distractions. This lets the other person know that they are important to you right now.

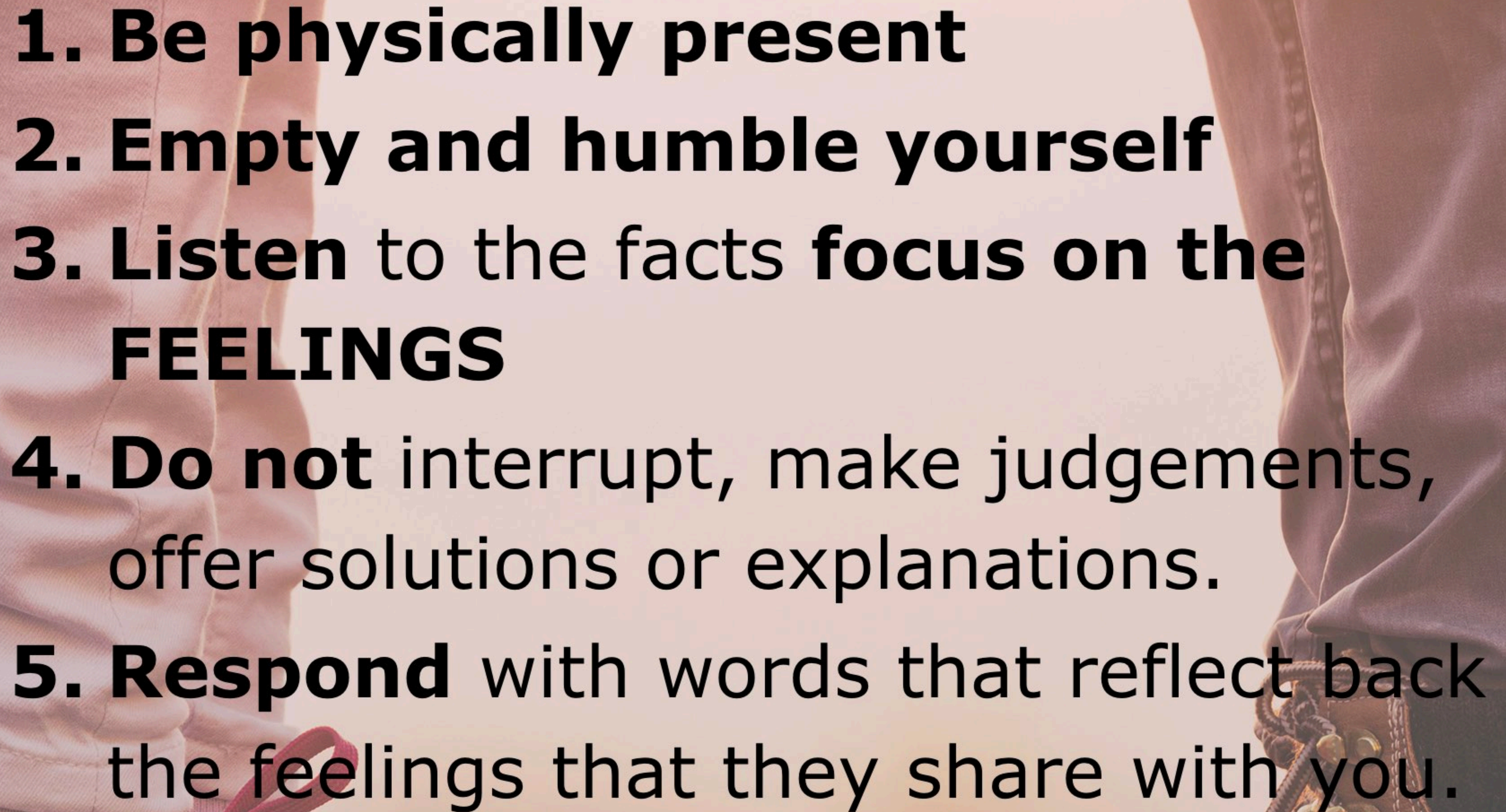
A photograph of two people standing side-by-side, viewed from the waist down. The person on the left is wearing a white hoodie and red sneakers. The person on the right is wearing a brown jacket and brown leather boots with laces. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting. Overlaid on the image is a list of two points in bold black text.

1. Be physically present

2. Empty and humble yourself of your agenda, opinions, problems and puzzles. Forget yourself for a moment and enter into the experience of the other person.

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- 1. Be physically present**
 - 2. Empty and humble yourself**
 - 3. Listen** to the facts but **focus on the FEELINGS** that they share (anger, frustration, fear, sadness, joy, confusion etc.).

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 - 2. Empty and humble yourself**
 - 3. Listen to the facts focus on the FEELINGS**
 - 4. Do not** interrupt, make judgements, offer solutions or explanations.
 - 5. Respond** with words that reflect back the feelings that they share with you.



Love by Listening

How about you?

Who can you really listen to this week?

When and where?

A person's legs in jeans and boots walking on a path. The person is wearing light-colored jeans and brown leather boots with laces. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting.

Do whatever he tells you...

Embrace your life now – Trust in the Lord, Dwell in the land and Do Good

Live with Integrity – Treat others as members of God's family

Love by Listening – Listen to and understand one another

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