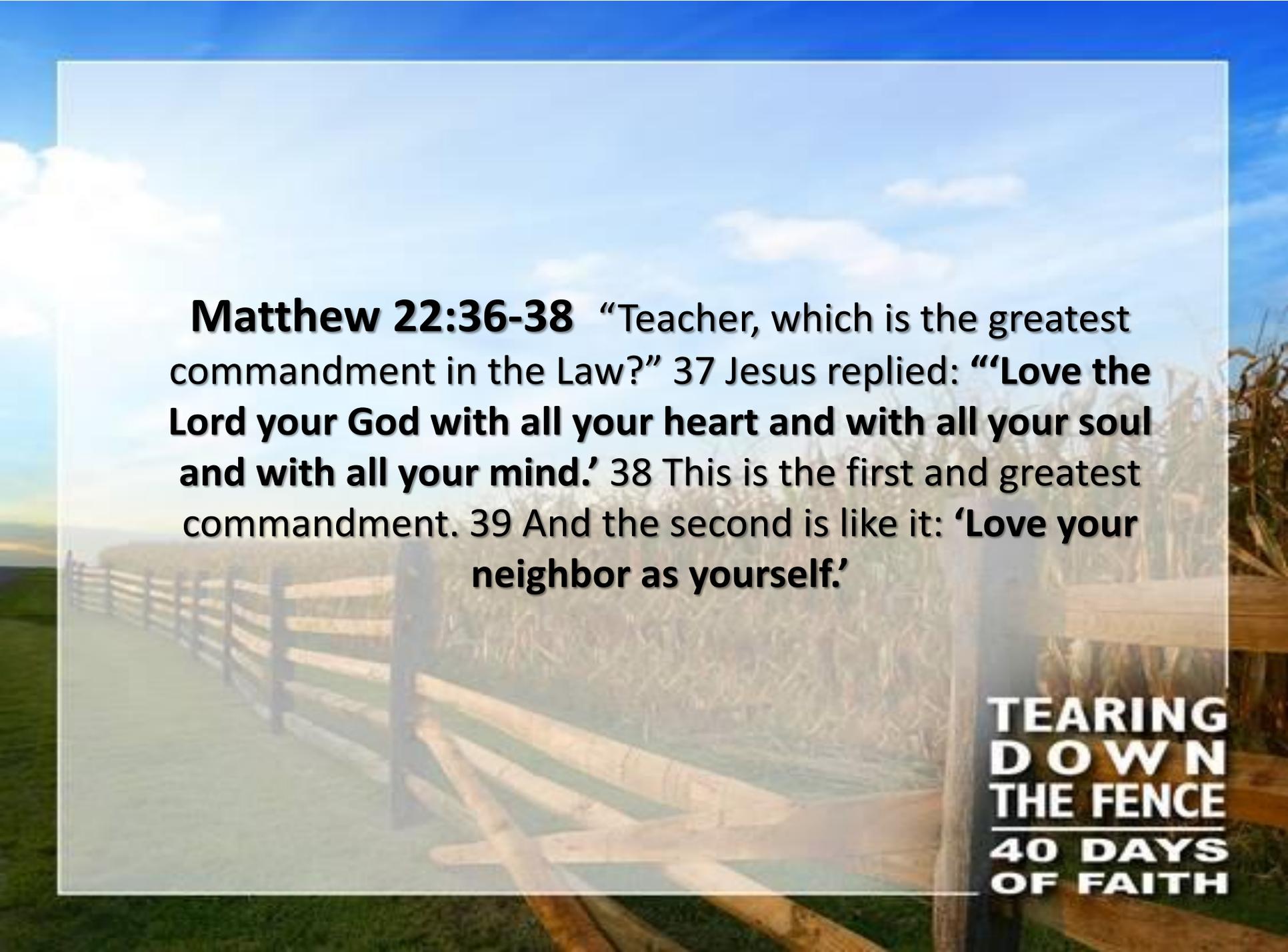


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Matthew 22:36-38 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’

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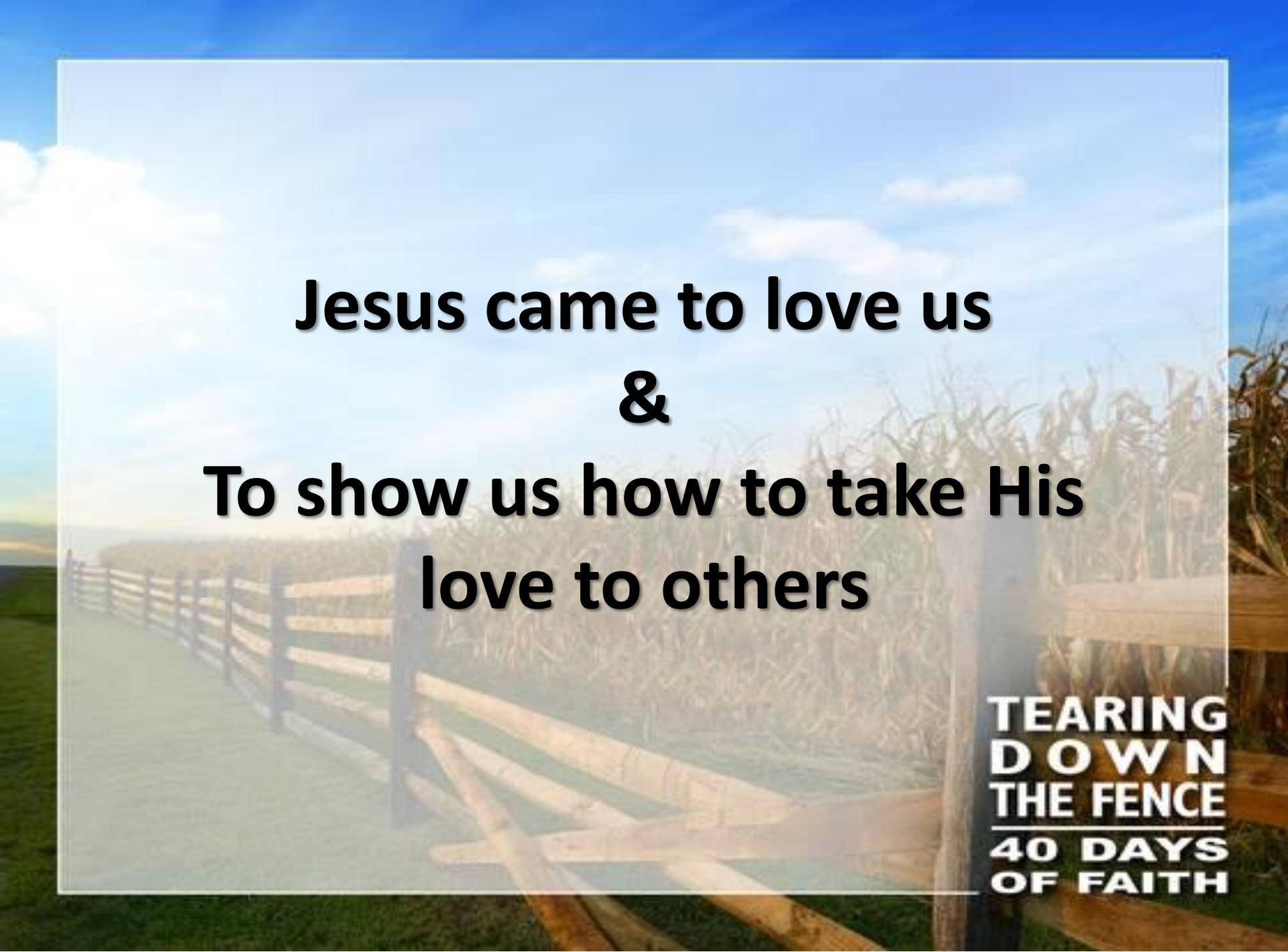
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Come to and be Sent out

To Receive and to Give

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**Jesus came to love us
&
To show us how to take His
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Philippians 2 :5-8 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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God wants us to participate in what He is doing

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

Luke 10:23 Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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Look

Humble yourself

Engage

Show Love

Speak Truth

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John 5:1-20 Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days. 2 Inside the city, near the Sheep Gate, was the pool of Bethesda, with five covered porches. 3 Crowds of sick people—blind, lame, or paralyzed—lay on the porches. 5 One of the men lying there had been sick for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, “Would you like to get well?” 7 “I can’t, sir,” the sick man said, “for I have no one to put me into the pool when the water bubbles up. Someone else always gets there ahead of me.” 8 Jesus told him, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!” 9 Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!

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John 5:1-20 ...(16-20) So the Jewish leaders began harassing Jesus for breaking the Sabbath rules. 17 But Jesus replied, “My Father is always working, and so am I.” 18 So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill him. For he not only broke the Sabbath, he called God his Father, thereby making himself equal with God.

19 So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished

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How did Jesus recognize what God was doing and join in?

He hung out where there was need

He was confident God was already working before He showed up

He felt compassion for all the people

He knew that He could do nothing by himself but was confident that God would work through Him

He looked and listened to God for what his part was

He stepped out as God directed Him and God's power came through Him

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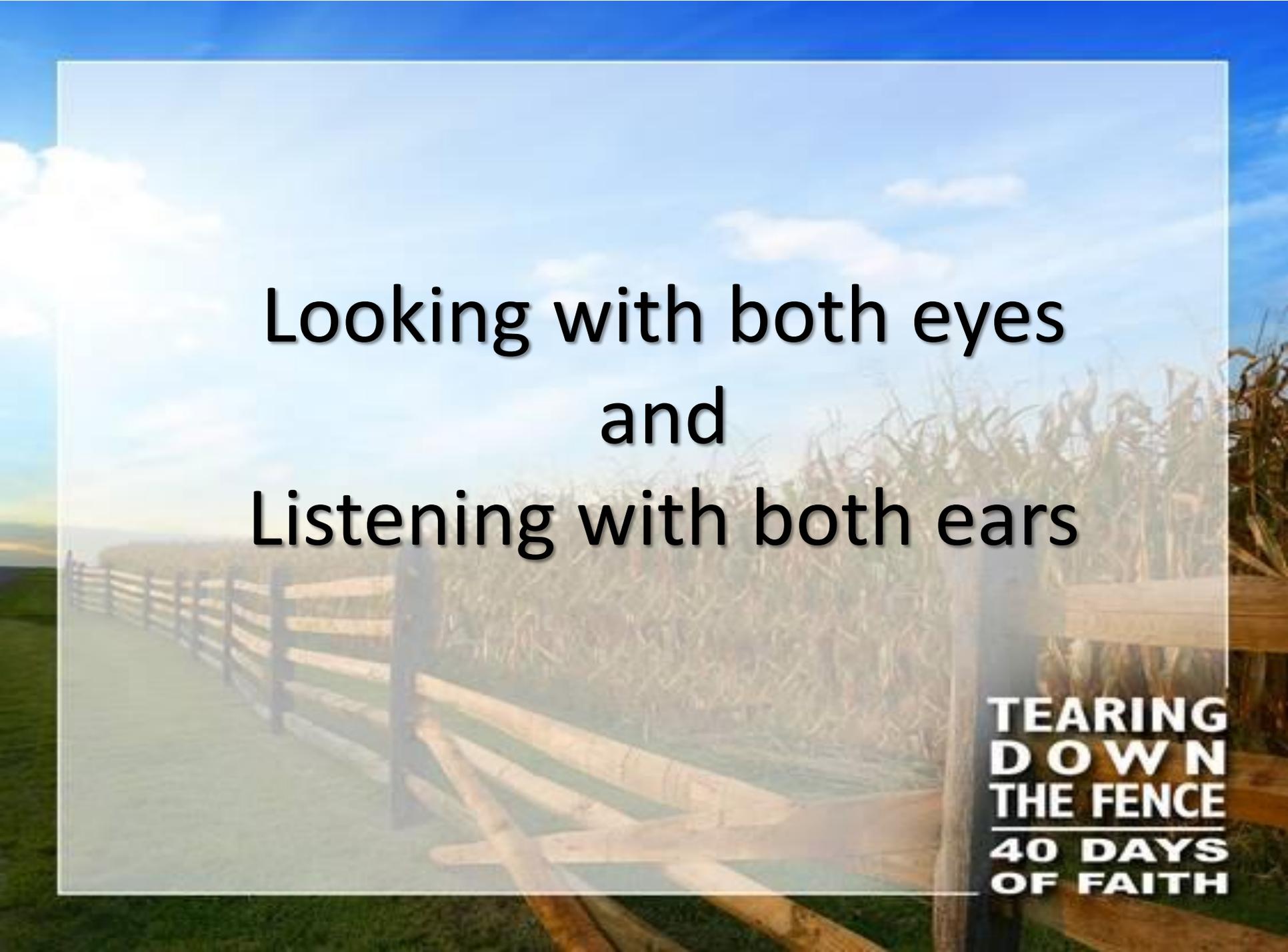
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Looking with both eyes
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Listening with both ears

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Challenge:

Engage with someone by doing one or more of these things...

Ask someone how they are doing and really listen and ask follow up questions

Ask someone what you can pray for them about

Invite someone to come to church

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