

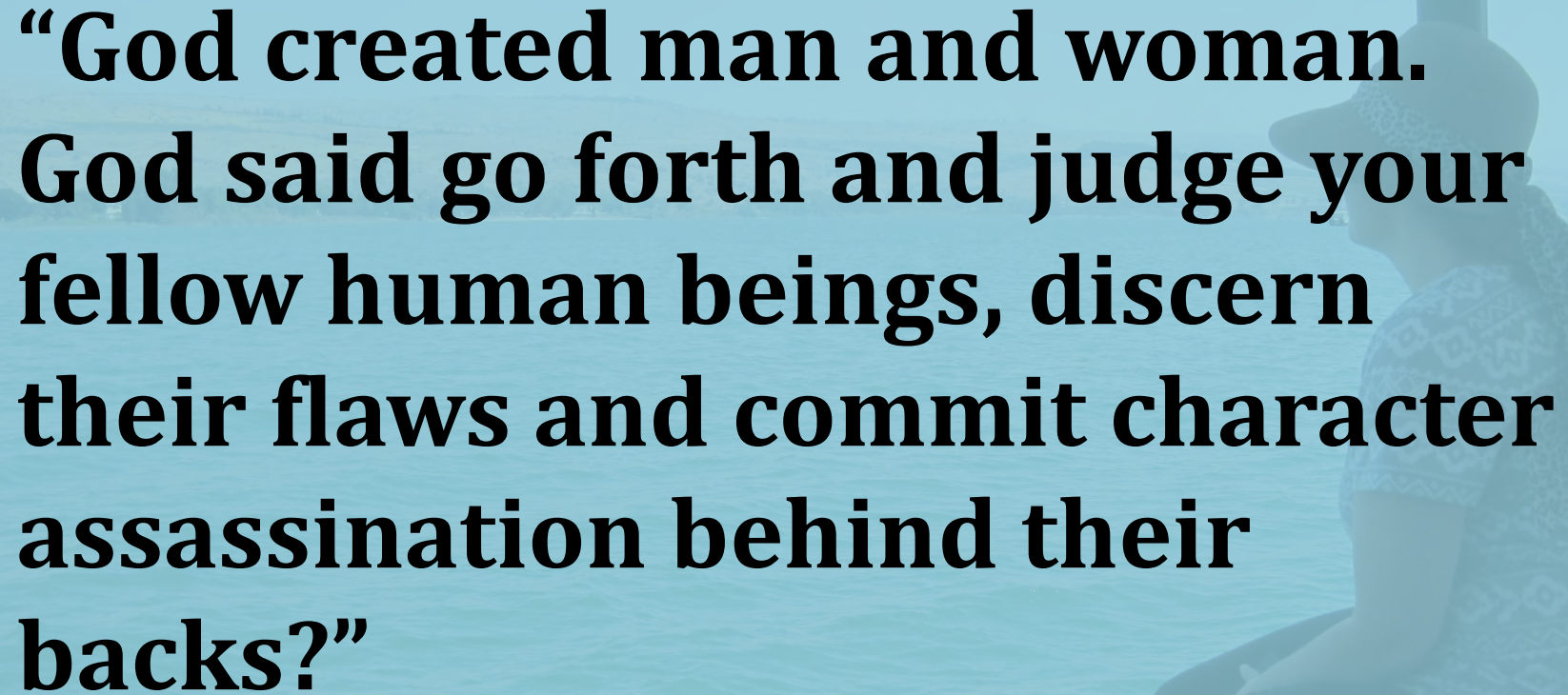
Measure for Measure



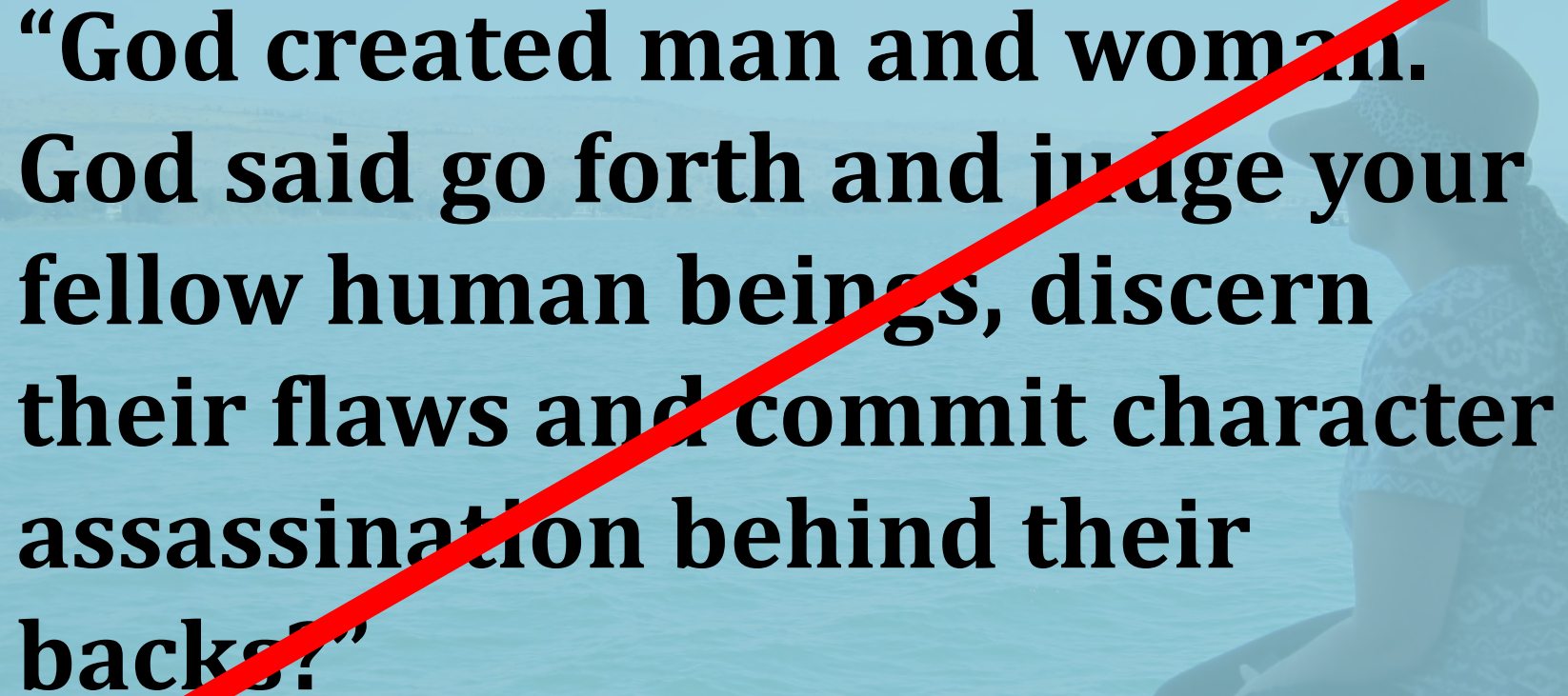
A person wearing a patterned shirt and a hat is sitting on the edge of a boat, looking out over a vast body of water. The water is a deep blue-green color with gentle ripples. In the background, a hilly shoreline is visible under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light blue rectangle.

**Ask a non-Christian of their
impression of your church**

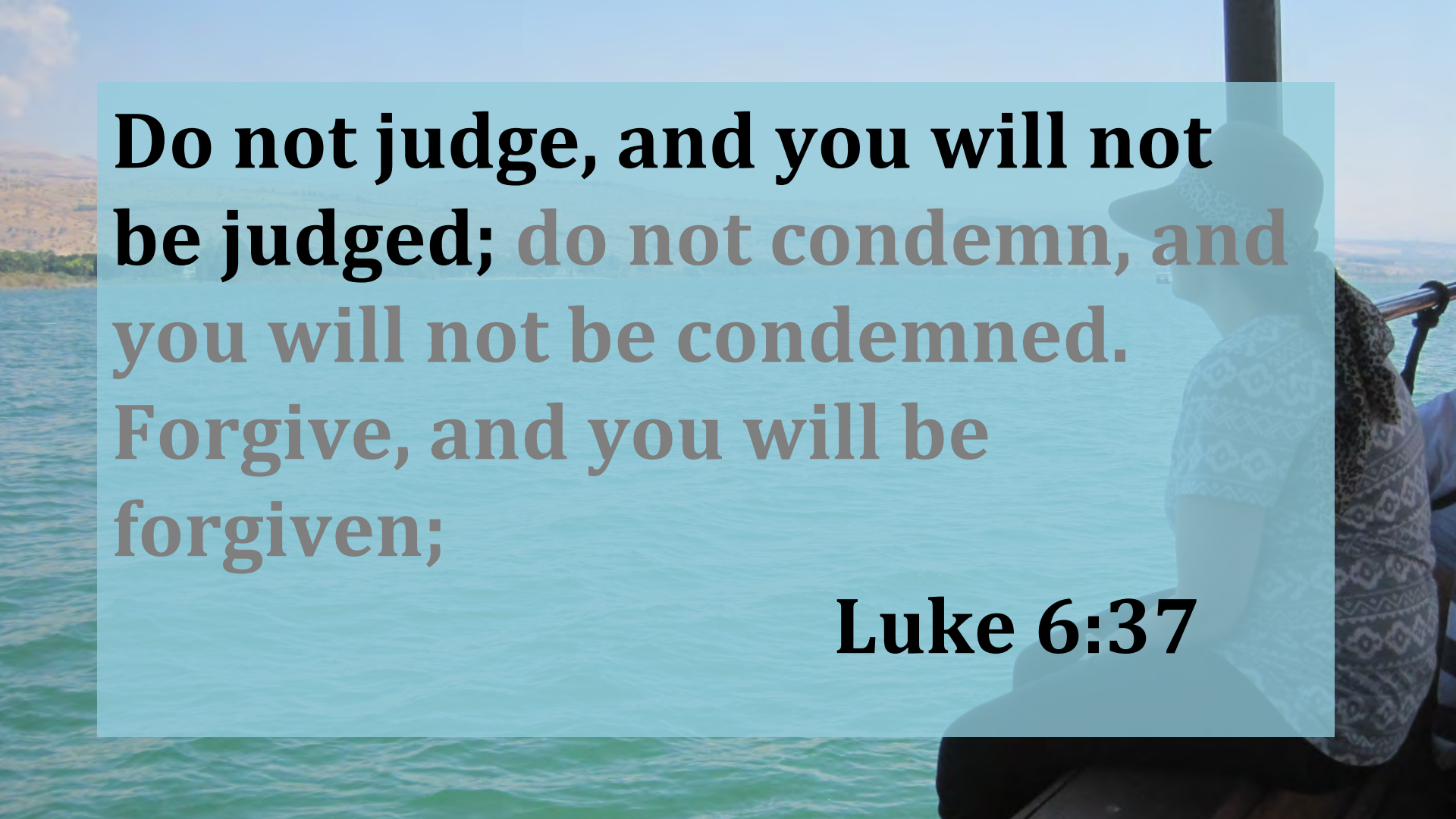
and listen non-judgmentally

A person wearing a patterned shirt and a hat is sitting on a boat, looking out over a body of water towards a mountain range under a clear sky. The image is partially obscured by a semi-transparent blue rectangle containing text.

**“God created man and woman.
God said go forth and judge your
fellow human beings, discern
their flaws and commit character
assassination behind their
backs?”**

A person is seen from the side, sitting on a boat. They are wearing a patterned shirt. The background shows a body of water and distant hills under a blue sky. A thick red diagonal line crosses the entire image from the bottom left to the top right.

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**Do not judge, and you will not
be judged; do not condemn, and
you will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be
forgiven;**

Luke 6:37

Judge (κρίνω)

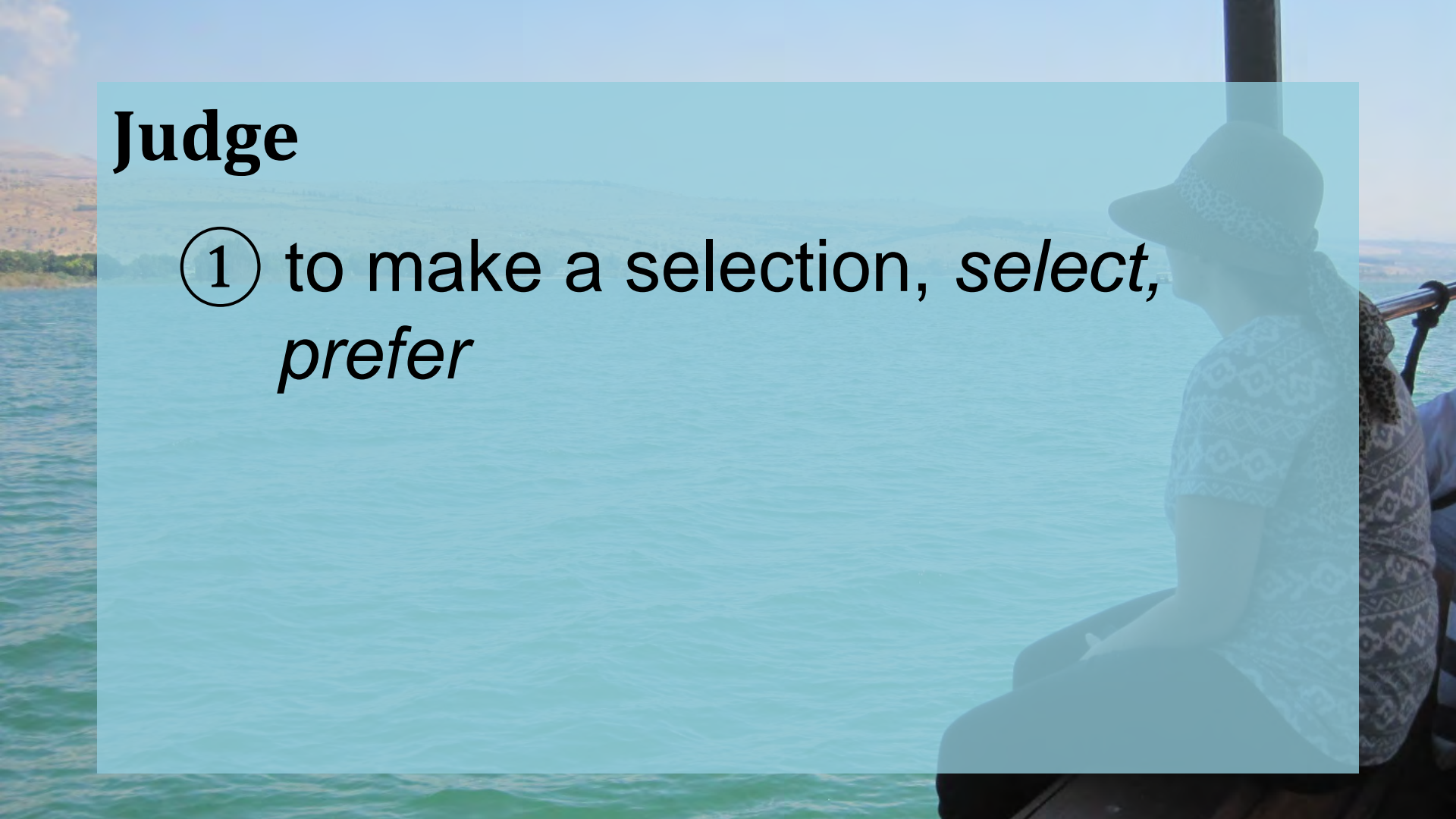
- ① to make a selection,
- ② to pass judgment upon (and thereby seek to influence) the lives and actions of other people
+ other judicial process definitions

What is the opposite of judging?

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is **merciful**. ³⁷ **Do not judge**, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. **Forgive**, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:36-37

Judge

① to make a selection, *select*,
prefer



Judge

① to make a selection,
select, prefer

Often we make a selection to
not associate with people.

Judge

① to make a selection,
select, prefer

Choose to **associate with
everyone in the community.**

Judge

- ② to pass judgment upon (and thereby seek to influence) the lives and actions of other people
 - ① *judge, pass judgment upon, express an opinion about*
 - ② esp. *pass an unfavorable judgment upon, criticize, find fault with, condemn*

3 Cs for Conflict Resolution

- **Communication**
- **Conversation**
- **Community**

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Don't judge

¹⁵ You judge by human standards;
I pass judgment on **no one**.

John 8:15

Instead of Judging

¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any **stumbling block** or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

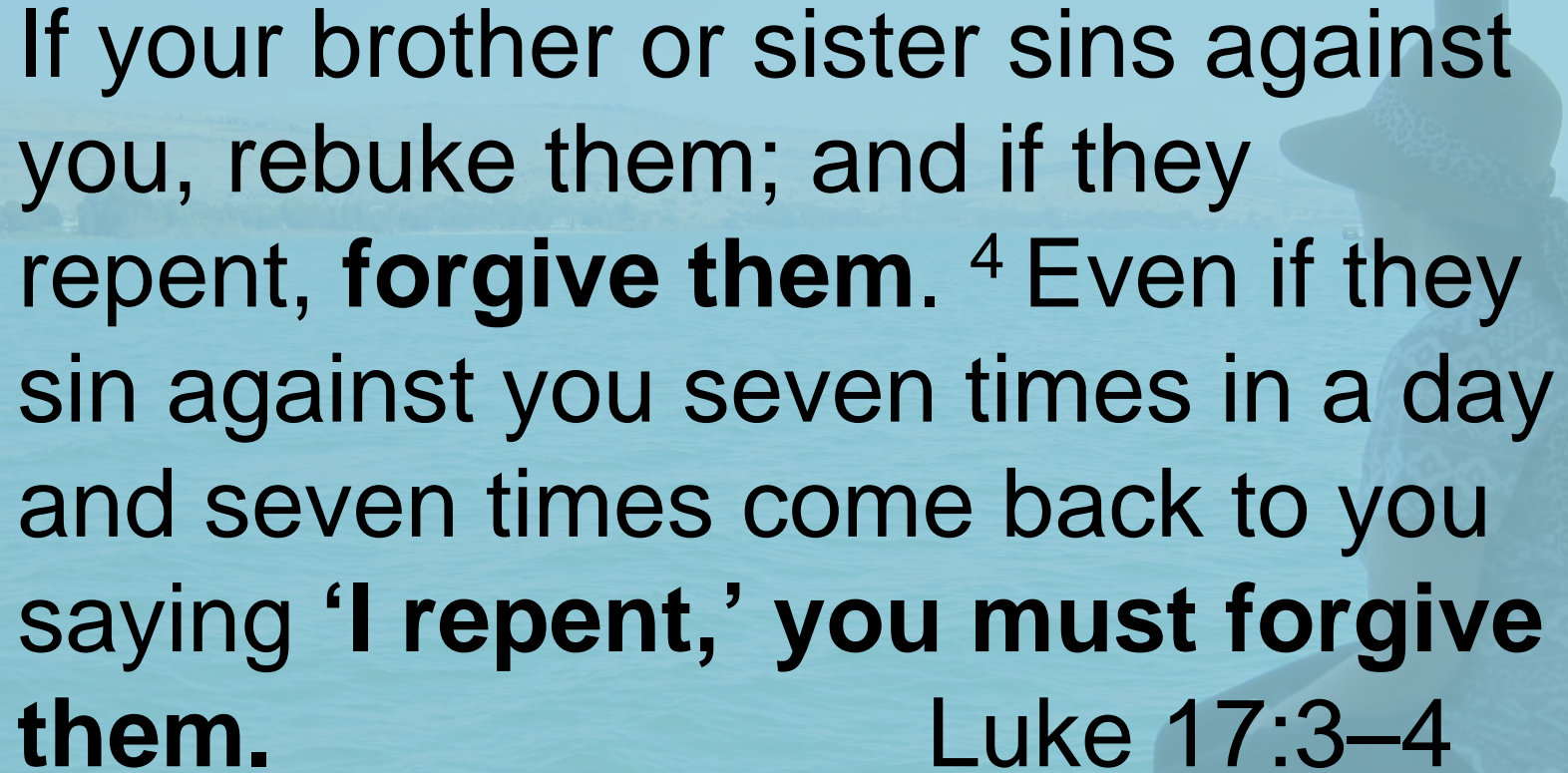
Romans 14:13

Instead of Judging

¹³ **Bear with each other and forgive one another** if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

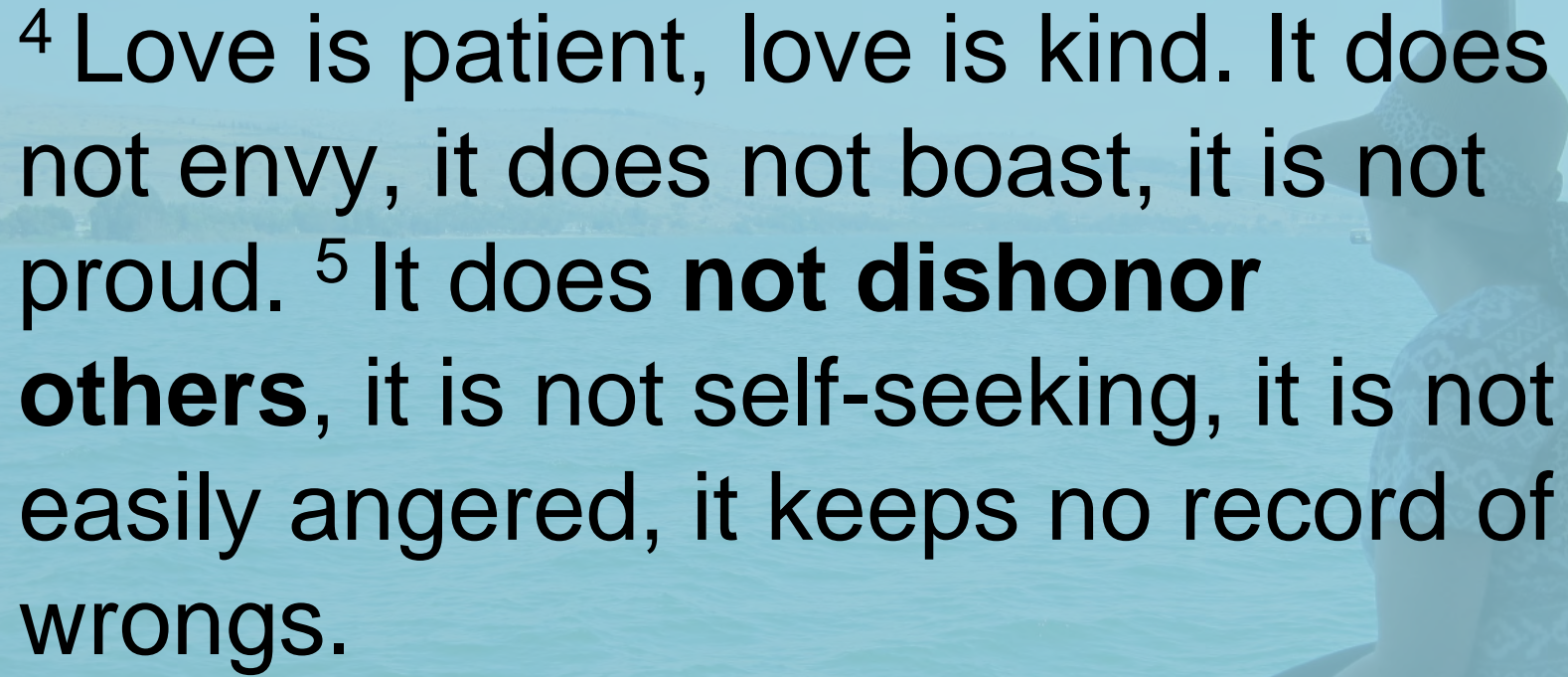
Colossians 3:13–14

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- * **Communication:** Share information
 - * **Conversation:** Ask for clarification
 - * **Community:** Respect

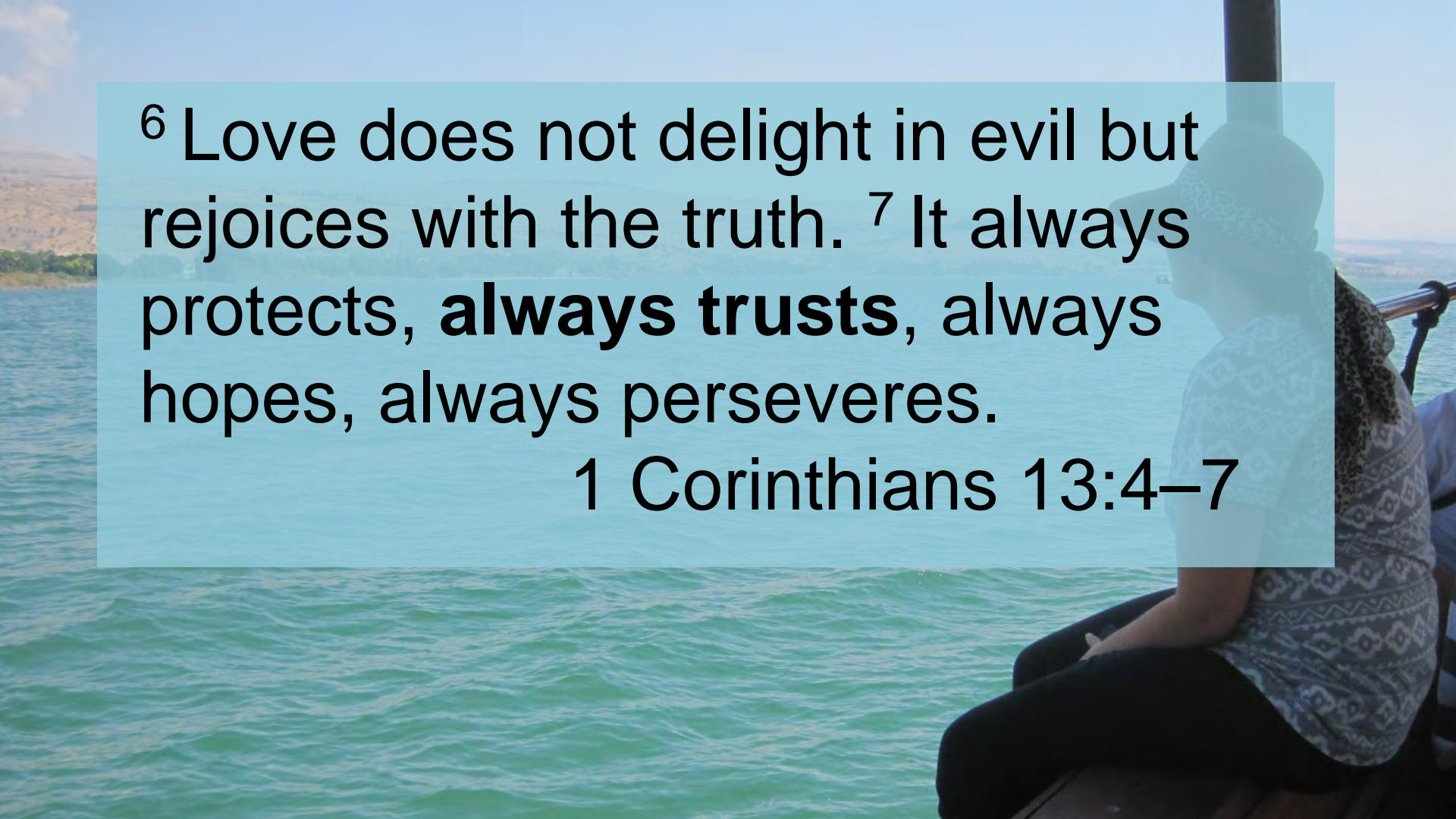
A person wearing a hat and a patterned shawl is seen from the side, looking out over a body of water towards distant mountains under a clear sky. The scene is peaceful and scenic.

If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, **forgive them.** ⁴ Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘**I repent,**’ **you must forgive them.**

Luke 17:3–4

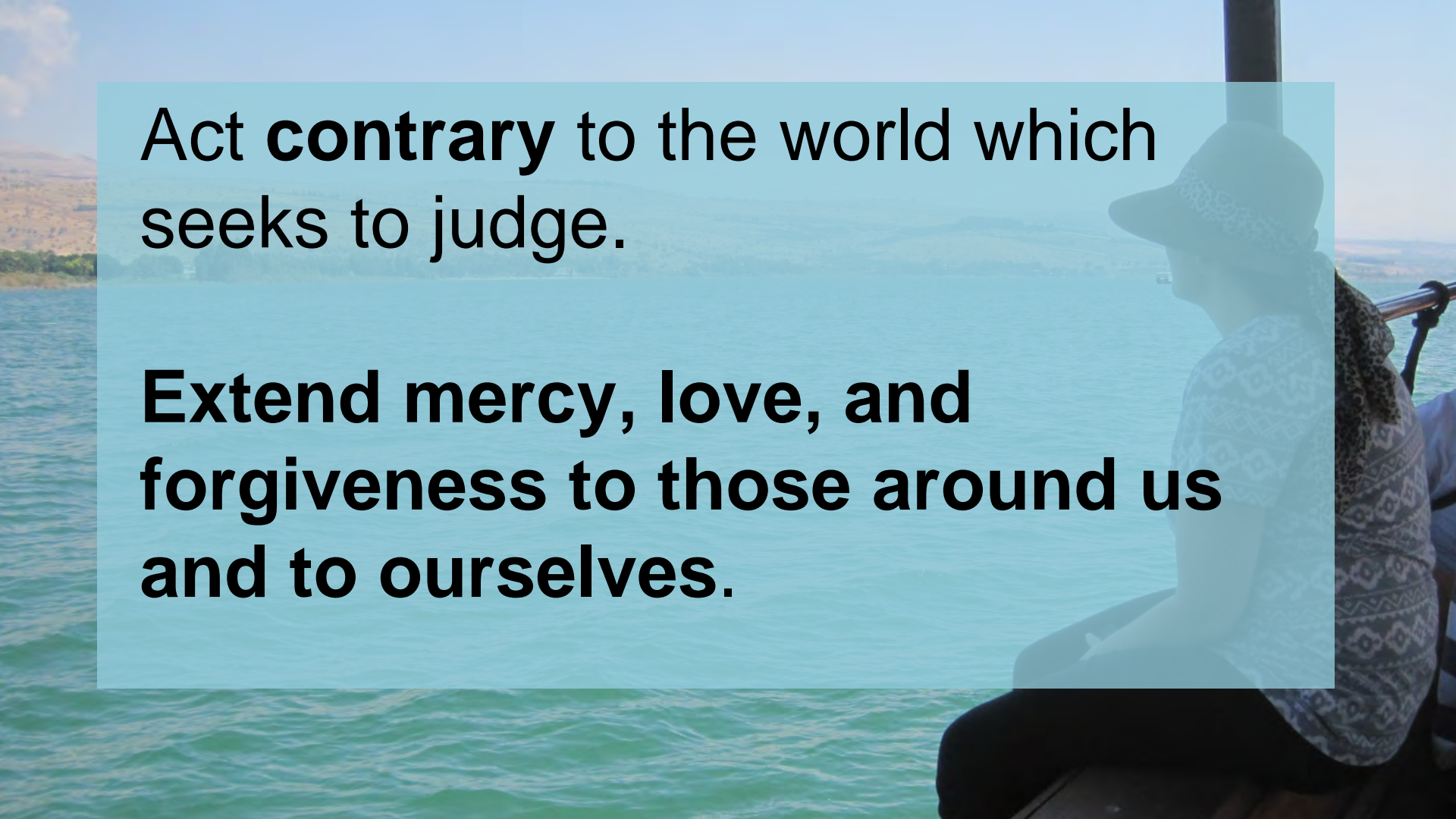
A person is seen from the back, sitting on a boat and looking out over a large body of water. In the distance, there are mountains under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light blue rectangle.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does **not dishonor others**, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

A person with long dark hair, wearing a patterned grey and white shirt, is sitting on the edge of a boat. They are looking out over a large body of water with greenish-blue waves. In the background, there are mountains under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light blue rectangle.

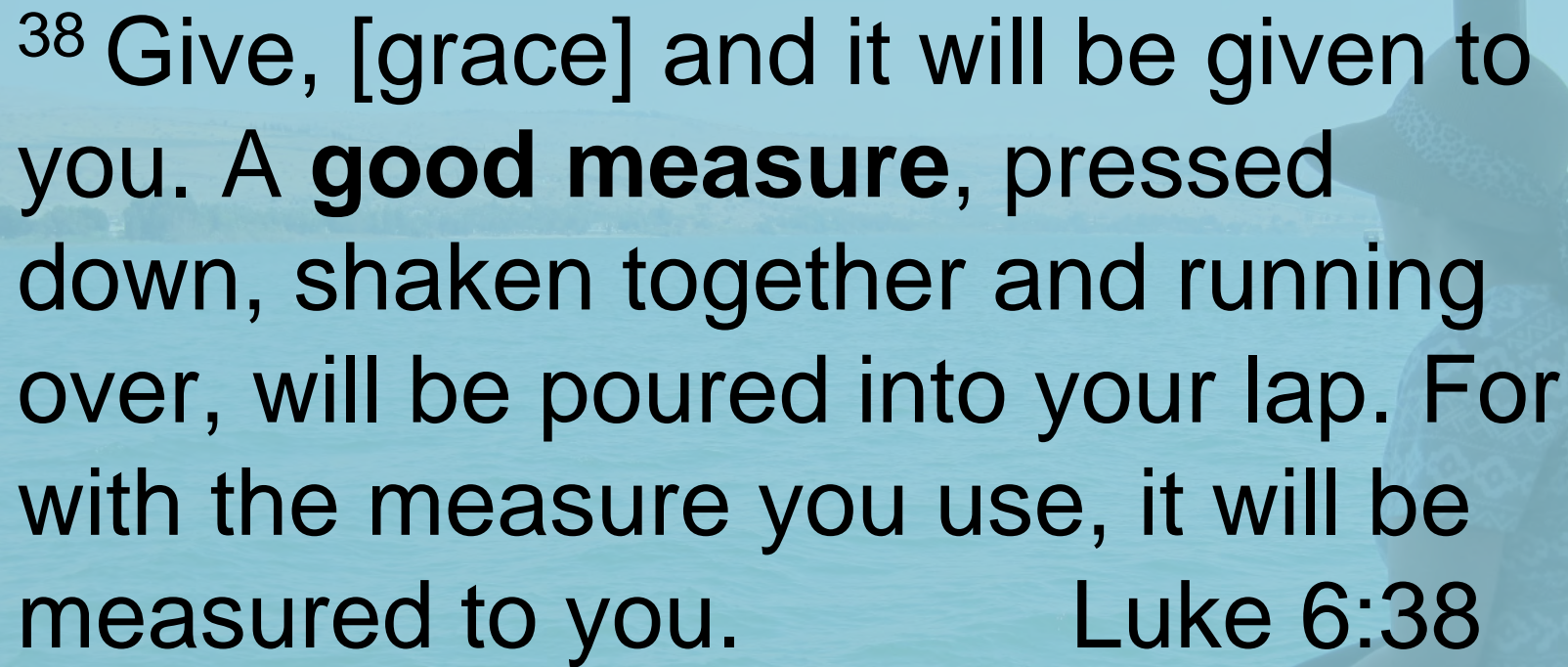
⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, **always trusts**, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

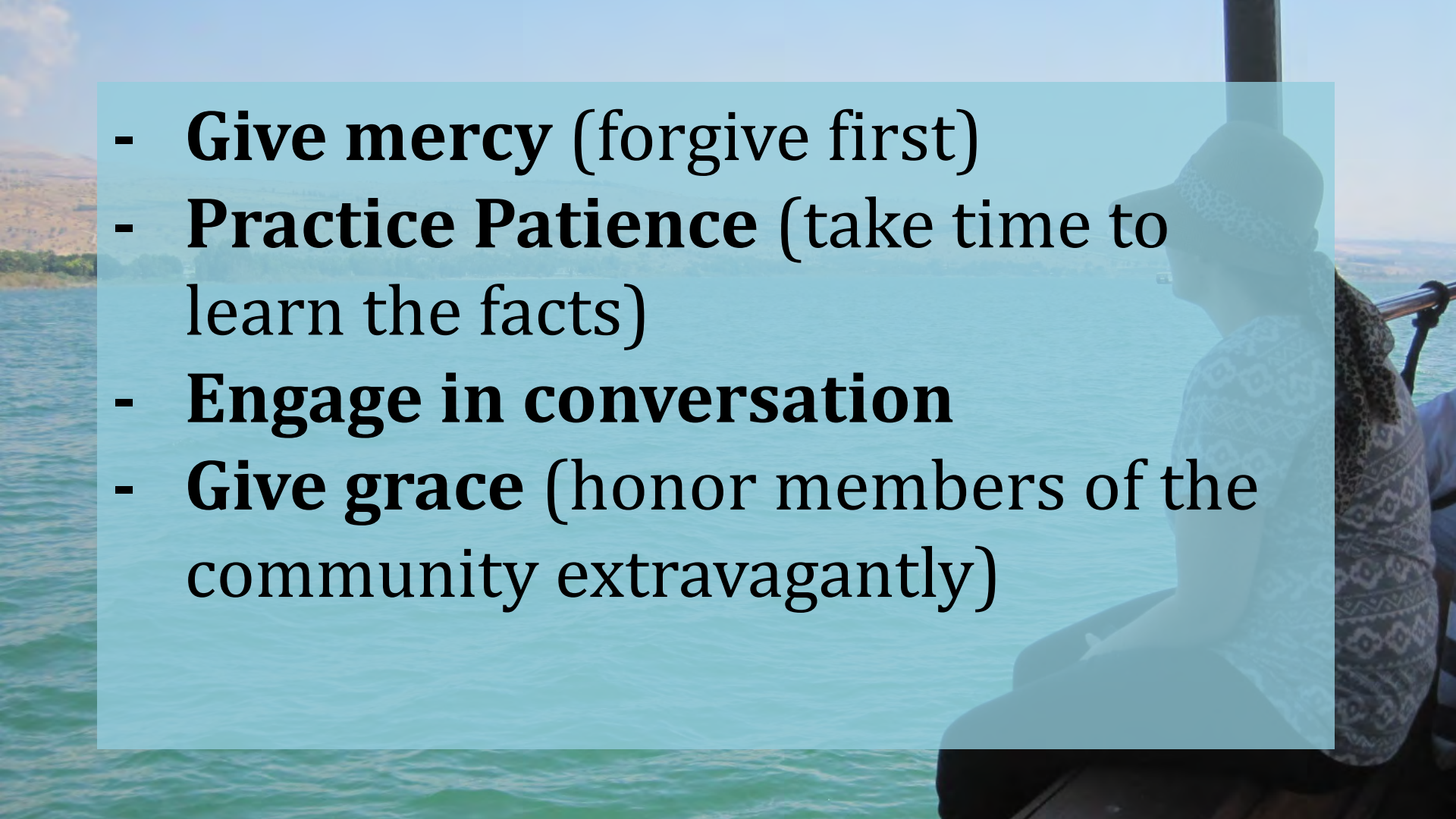
A person wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a patterned shirt is sitting on a boat, looking out over a body of water. The background shows a hilly landscape under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light blue rectangle.

Act **contrary** to the world which seeks to judge.

Extend mercy, love, and forgiveness to those around us and to ourselves.

A person wearing a patterned shawl is seen from the back, looking out over a body of water. The water is a vibrant greenish-blue with gentle ripples. In the distance, a hilly shoreline is visible under a clear sky. The person is seated in a boat, with a metal railing partially visible.

³⁸ Give, [grace] and it will be given to you. A **good measure**, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38

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- A person wearing a patterned shirt and a hat is seen from the side, looking out over a body of water. The background shows a calm lake or river with distant hills under a clear sky. The person is sitting on a boat, and the water is a deep blue-green color.
- **Give mercy** (forgive first)
 - **Practice Patience** (take time to learn the facts)
 - **Engage in conversation**
 - **Give grace** (honor members of the community extravagantly)