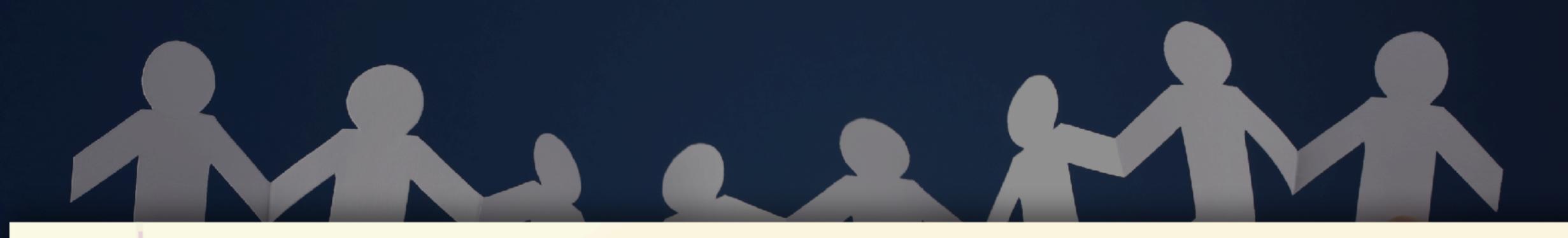
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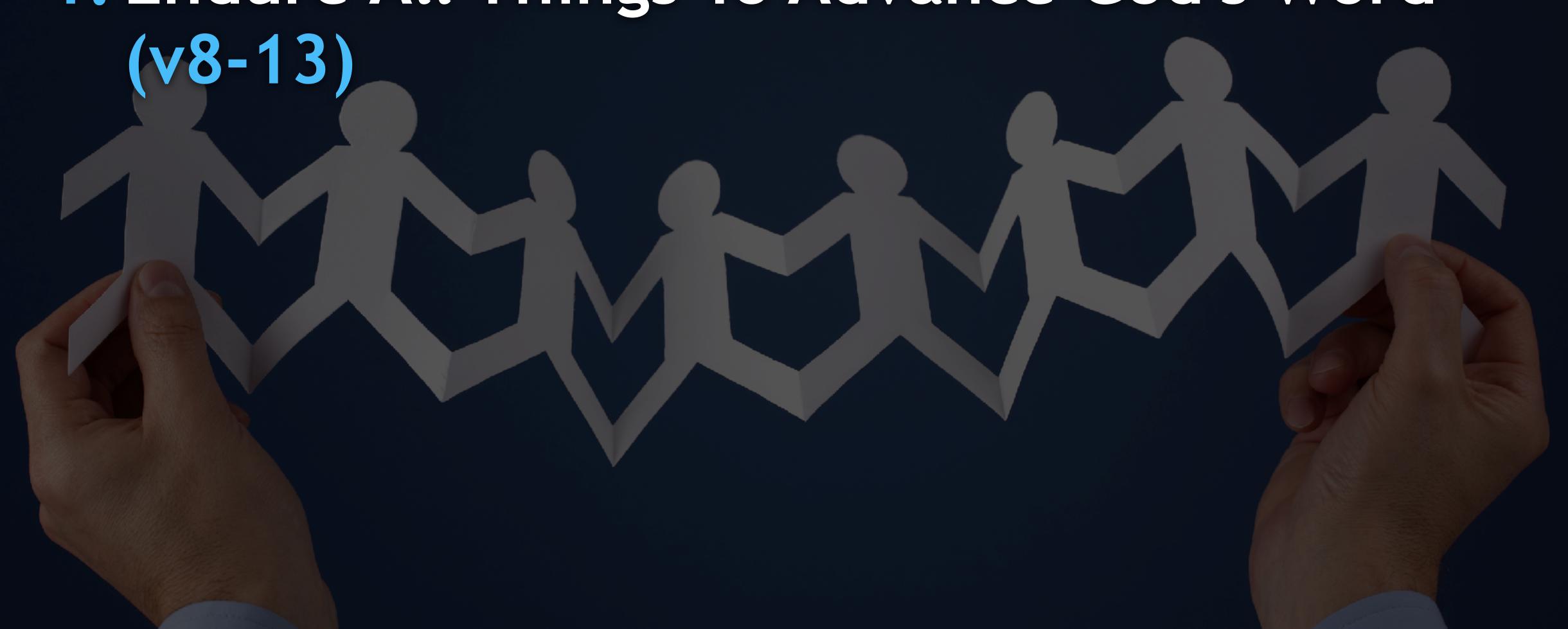




The idea of ministry is greatly misunderstood in our day. All believers are in the ministry; not one of us is out of the ministry if he is a child of God.

J. Vernon McGee, Thru The Bible Commentary

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Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed.

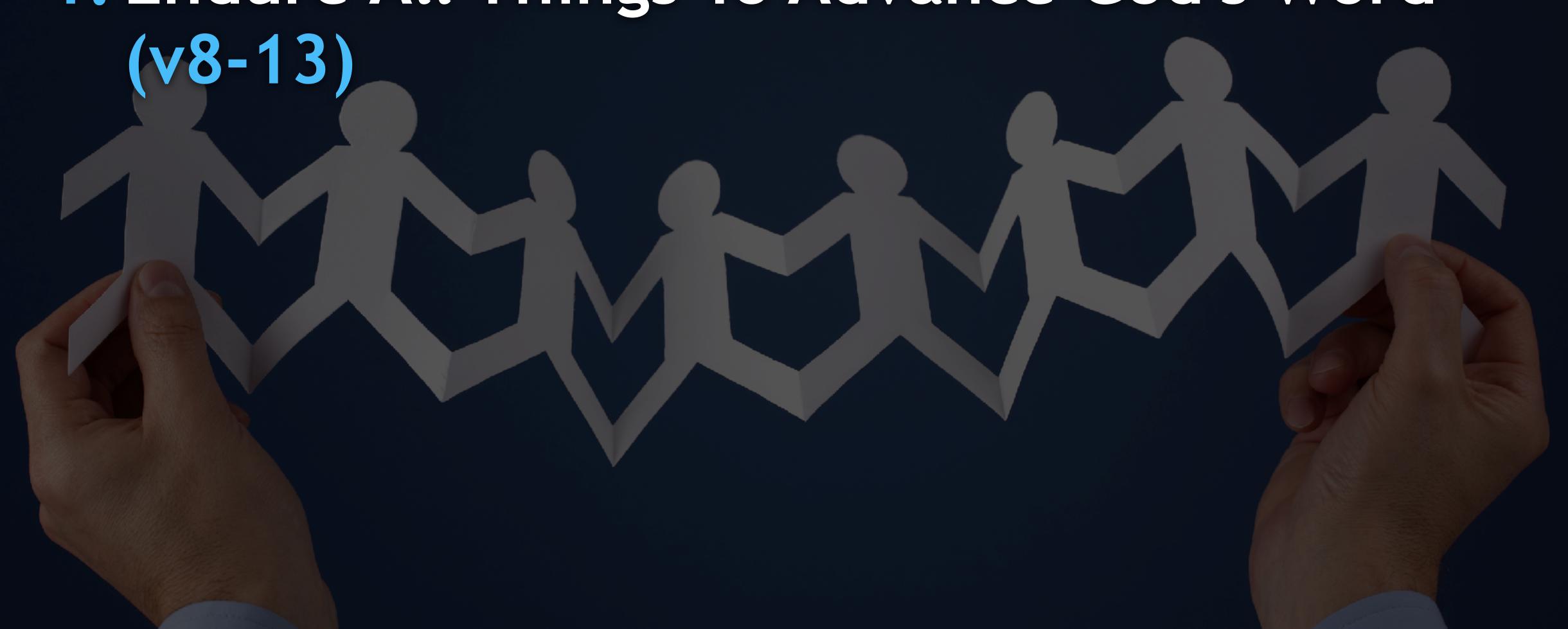
I Timothy 6:1

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This principle assures us that our present difficulty or trial is worth enduring. The reward is greater than what one might gain from quitting. We will reign with Him!

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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Every Christian must work hard to be rightly dividing the word of truth. Though perfection in understanding God's word is impossible, and should never be assumed, we should still work hard at it.

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But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:36

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Timothy is not instructed to combat these teachings but rather to treat them with disdain, not even dignifying them with his attention.

William MacDonald, Believer's Bible Commentary

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Paul's meaning is that gentleness should be shown even to those who least deserve it, and even if at first there is no apparent hope of progress, still the challenge must be accepted.

John Calvin, Calvin's Commentaries

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Even if one has been wavering, they still have time - as the Spirit of God calls to them even now - to turn back to the faithful God. We can be like the prodigal son, who came to his senses, saw his faithfulness, and came home to his father who had been faithful to him the whole time.

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