

"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth

until Christ is formed in you" Galatians 4:19



Do not conform
any longer
to the pattern
of this world,

but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2

13:4 LOVE IS PATIENT

**If we are comforted, it is for your comfort,
which produces in you patient endurance
of the same sufferings we suffer.**

2 Corinthians 1:6

**Be completely humble
and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.**

Ephesians 4:2

13:4 LOVE IS KIND



13:4 IT DOES NOT ENVY

You are still worldly.
For since there is jealousy and
quarreling among you,
are you not worldly?
Are you not acting like mere men?
For when one says,
“I follow Paul,”
and another,
“I follow Apollos,”
are you not mere men?

1 Corinthians 3:3



*Love
never*

boils

with jealousy

13:4 IT DOES NOT BOAST

Do nothing out of selfish ambition
or vain conceit,
but in humility
consider others
better
than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

13:4 IT IS NOT PROUD

Some of you have become **puffed up**,
as if I were not coming to you. But I will come
to you very soon, if the Lord is willing,
and then I will find out not only how
these **puffed up**
people are talking, but what power they have.

1 Corinthians 4:18

13:5 IT IS NOT RUDE

'in defiance of social and moral standards,
with resulting disgrace,
embarrassment and shame'

(Louw and Nida)

1 Corinthians 11

- **the proper roles and conduct of men and women**
- **their behaviour at the Lord's Supper**

*for as you eat, each of you goes ahead
without waiting for anybody else.*

One remains hungry, another gets drunk.

Don't you have homes to eat and drink in?

*Or do you despise the church of God and
humiliate those who have nothing?*

13:5 IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING

**So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.**

**Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks
or the church of God—**

even as I try to please everybody in every way.

**For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many,
so that they may be saved.**

1 Corinthians 10:32

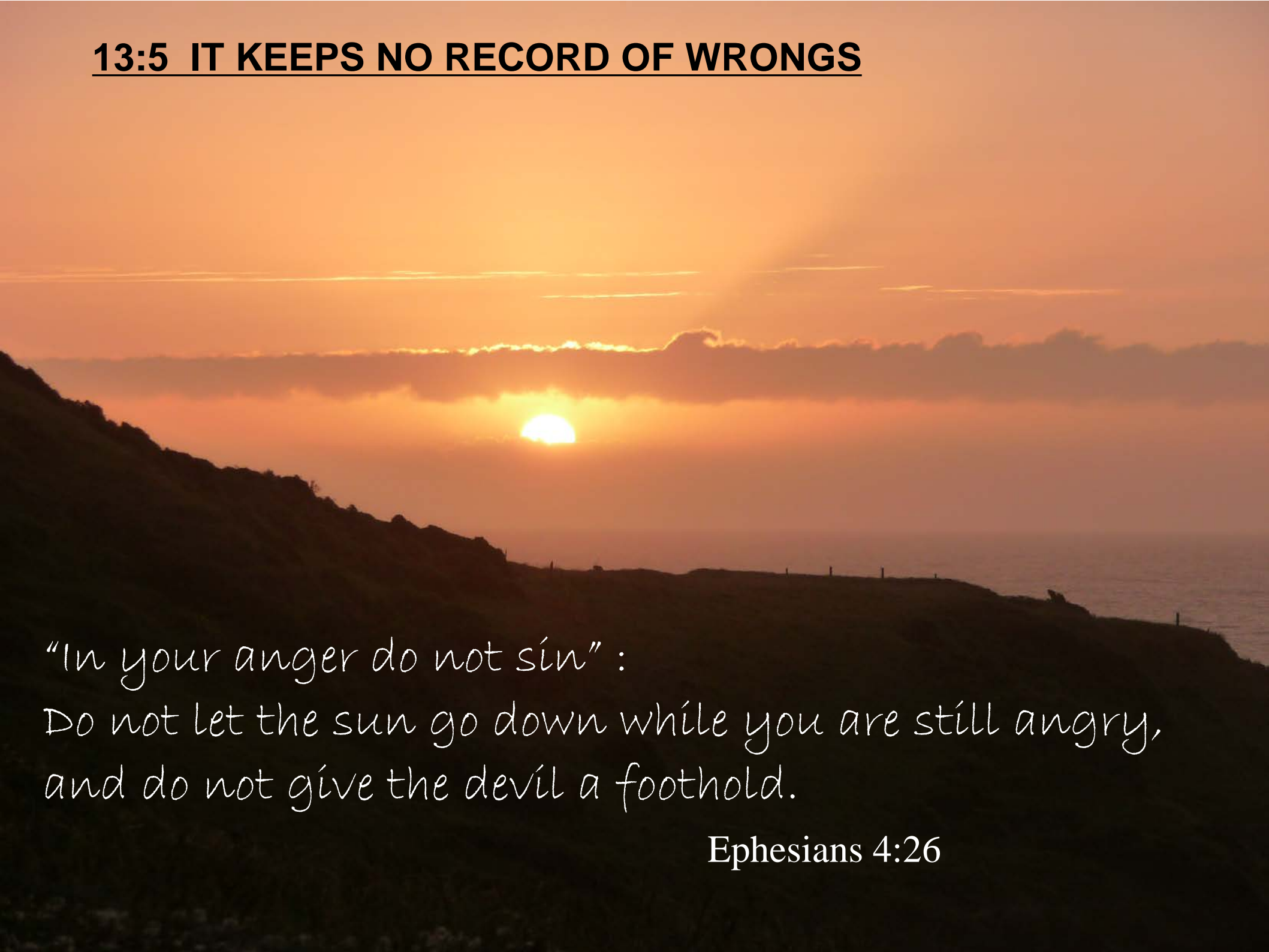
13:5 IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED



... short fuse ?

Make your fuse so long
that the anger can be defused before it is ignited !

13:5 IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, partially obscured by a thin layer of clouds. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow. In the foreground, there is a dark silhouette of a hillside or cliffside. The background shows a body of water reflecting the light from the sun.

*"In your anger do not sin" :
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
and do not give the devil a foothold.*

Ephesians 4:26



13:6 LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.

**'If one part suffers, every part suffers with it;
if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.**

1 Corinthians 12:26

13:7 IT ALWAYS PROTECTS

***Instead, speaking the truth in love,
we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
From him the whole body, joined and held together
by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love,
as each part does its work.***

Ephesians 4:15

A church without love is like an engine without oil ...

heat



friction

noise

running
rough

A new dimension in love

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34

- a sacrificial love
- a servant attitude
- a giving love