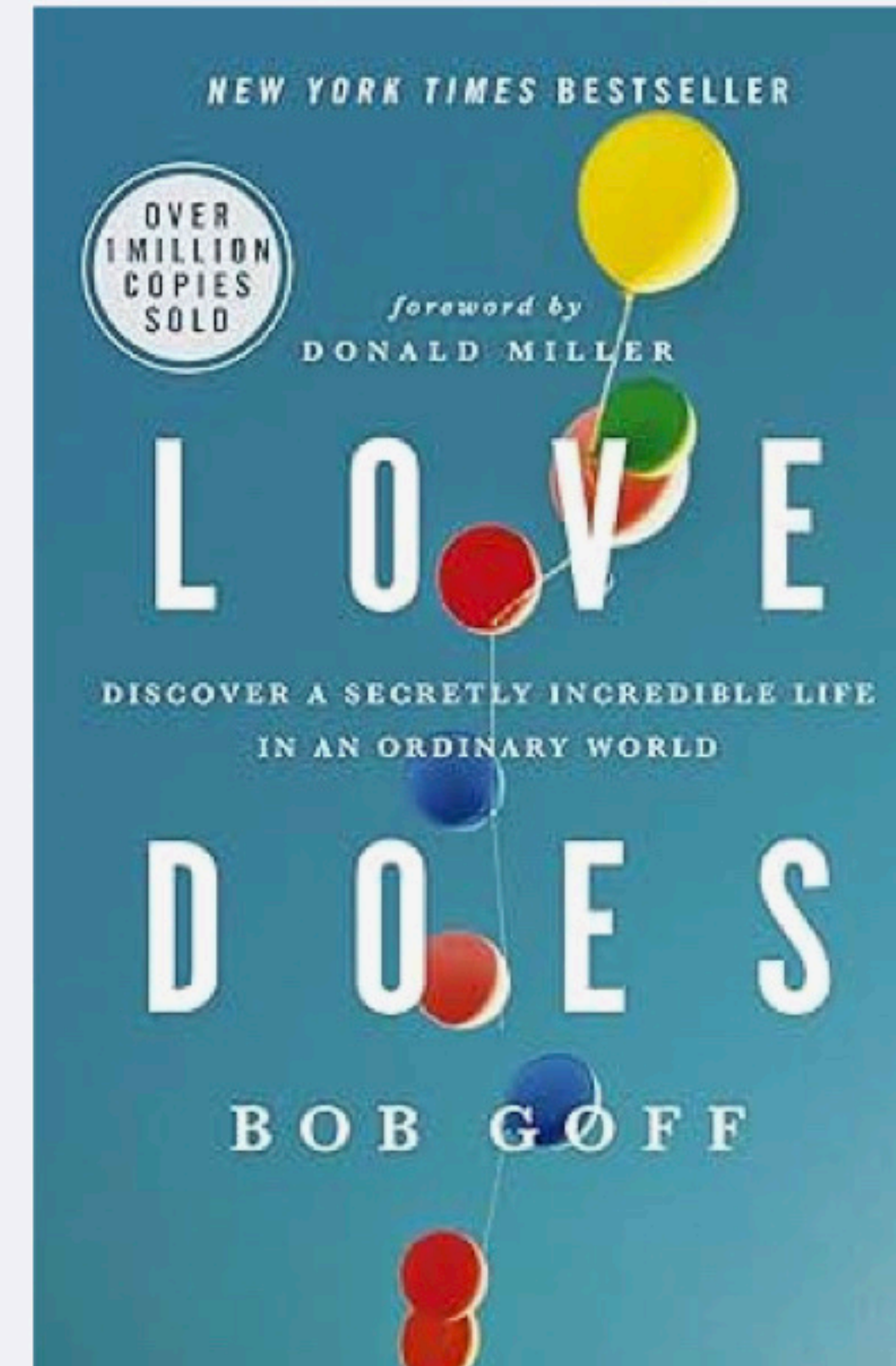
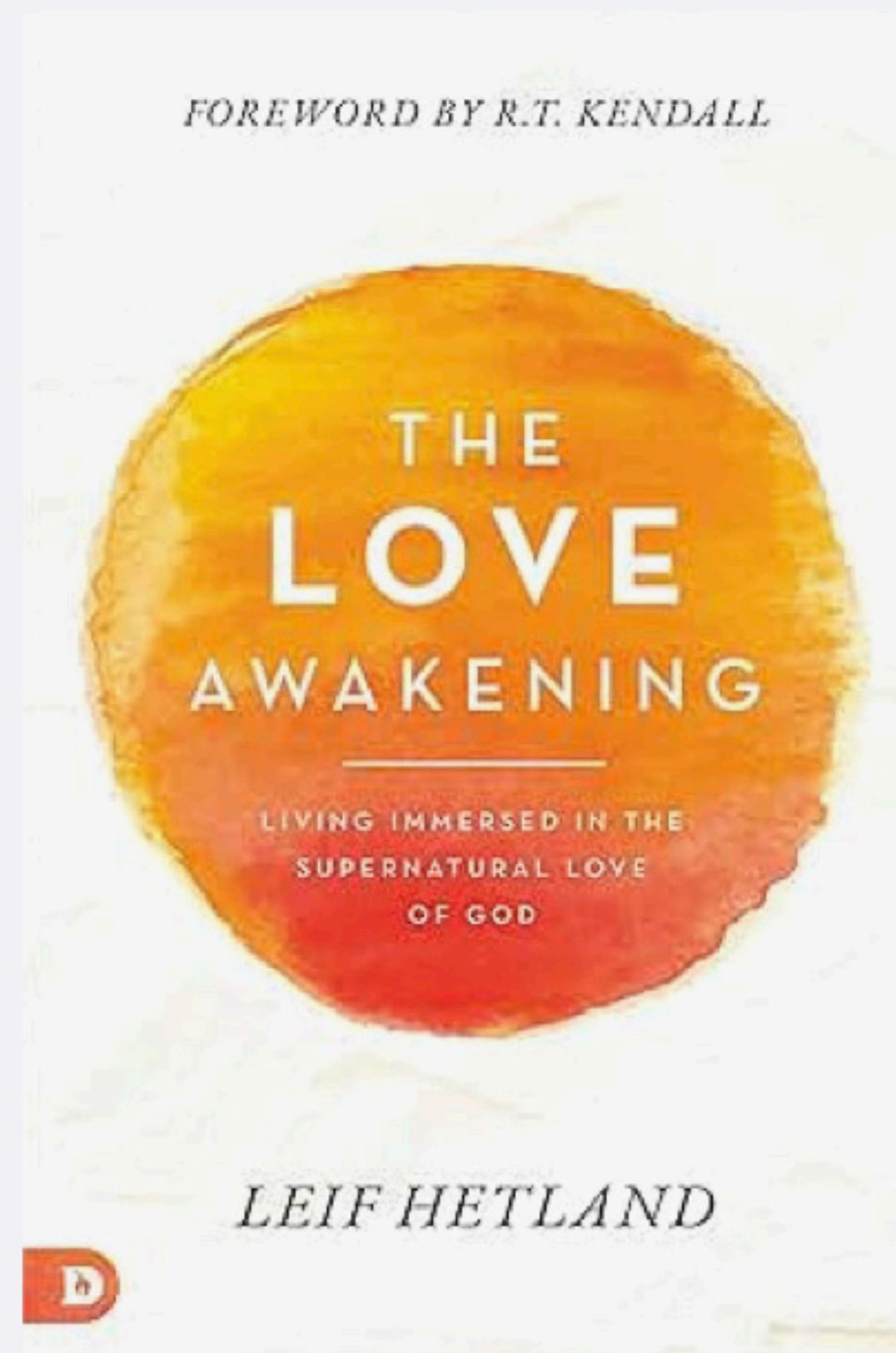
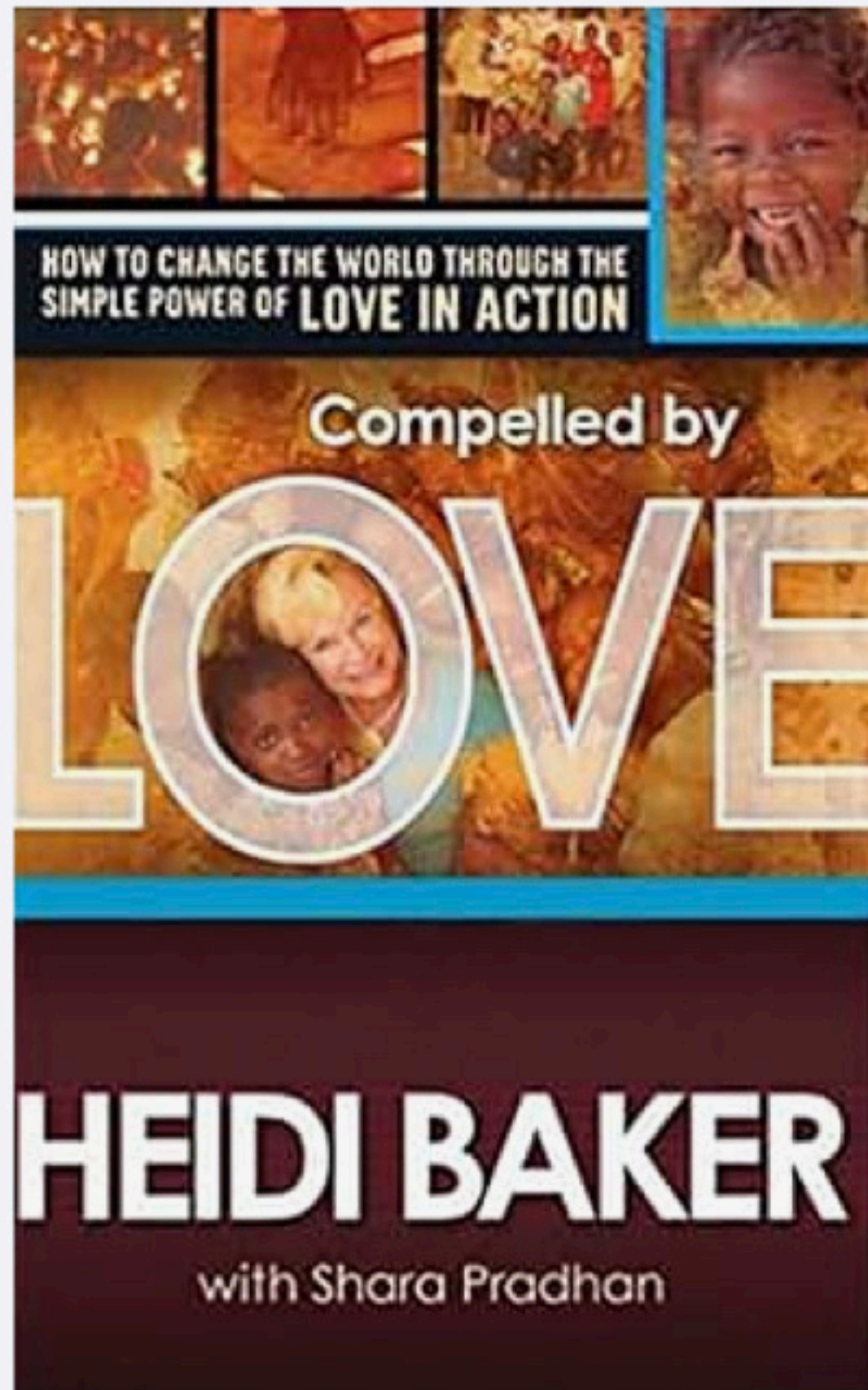




A Superior Way

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SERMON RESOURCES



“This is our mission. We are agents of glory and love. And we are called to do it so thoroughly that the world is absolutely completely, inseparably covered with love. Total saturation begins with a trickle, then a flow, then an immersion ... it begins with an encounter with the heart of the Father ... We receive love, give love, become love, and release love.”

LEIF HETLAND

LOVE IS A CYCLE



We can't fully understand God's love for us, if we are unwilling to receive it from others.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27,31 TPT

You are the body of the Anointed One, and each of you is a unique and vital part of it...You should all boil over with passion in seeking the gifts...And now I will show you **a superior way to live** that is beyond comparison.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3 TPT

If I were to speak with eloquence in earth's many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. And if I were to have the gift of prophecy with a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing. And if I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, and to offer my body to be burned as a martyr, without **the pure motive of love**, I would gain nothing of value.

The excellent expression of our gifting is utterly meaningless if it is not compelled by love for the Bride.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Love + humility are inextricably linked, leaving no room for vanity, pride or selfish ambition.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 -7 TPT

Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up.

THE SUPERIOR WAY OF LIVING:

Love is patient under stress

Love is kind at all times

Love is generous not envious

Love is humble not self-promoting

Love is never rude

Love does not manipulate by using shame

Love is not irritable or easily offended

Love celebrates honesty

Love does not focus on what is flawed

Love is loyal to the end

**Love is incomplete without
expression.**

JOHN 13:33-34

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

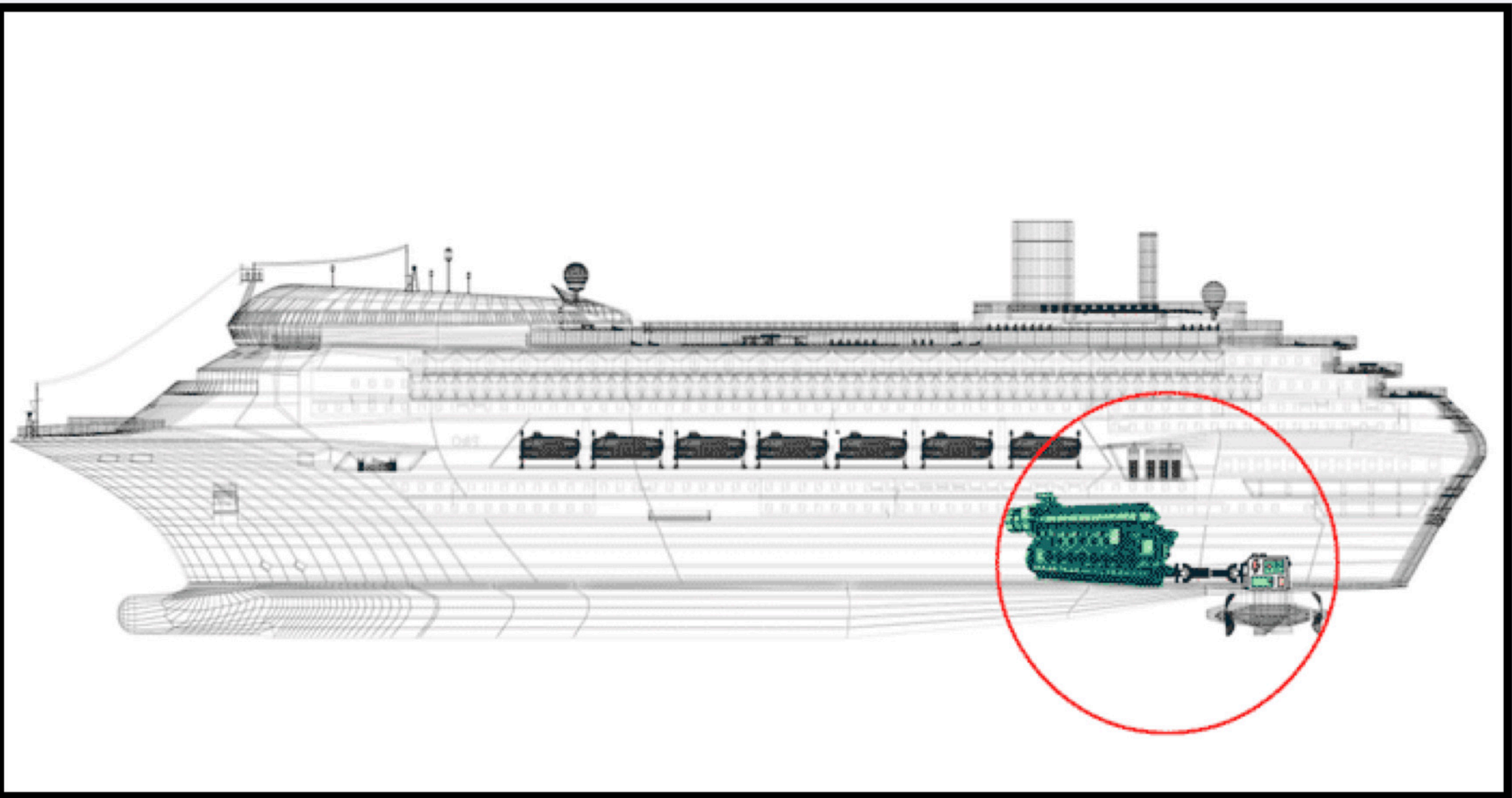
GALATIANS 5:6, 13-15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **faith expressing itself through love** ... You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, **serve one another humbly in love**. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself.**" If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

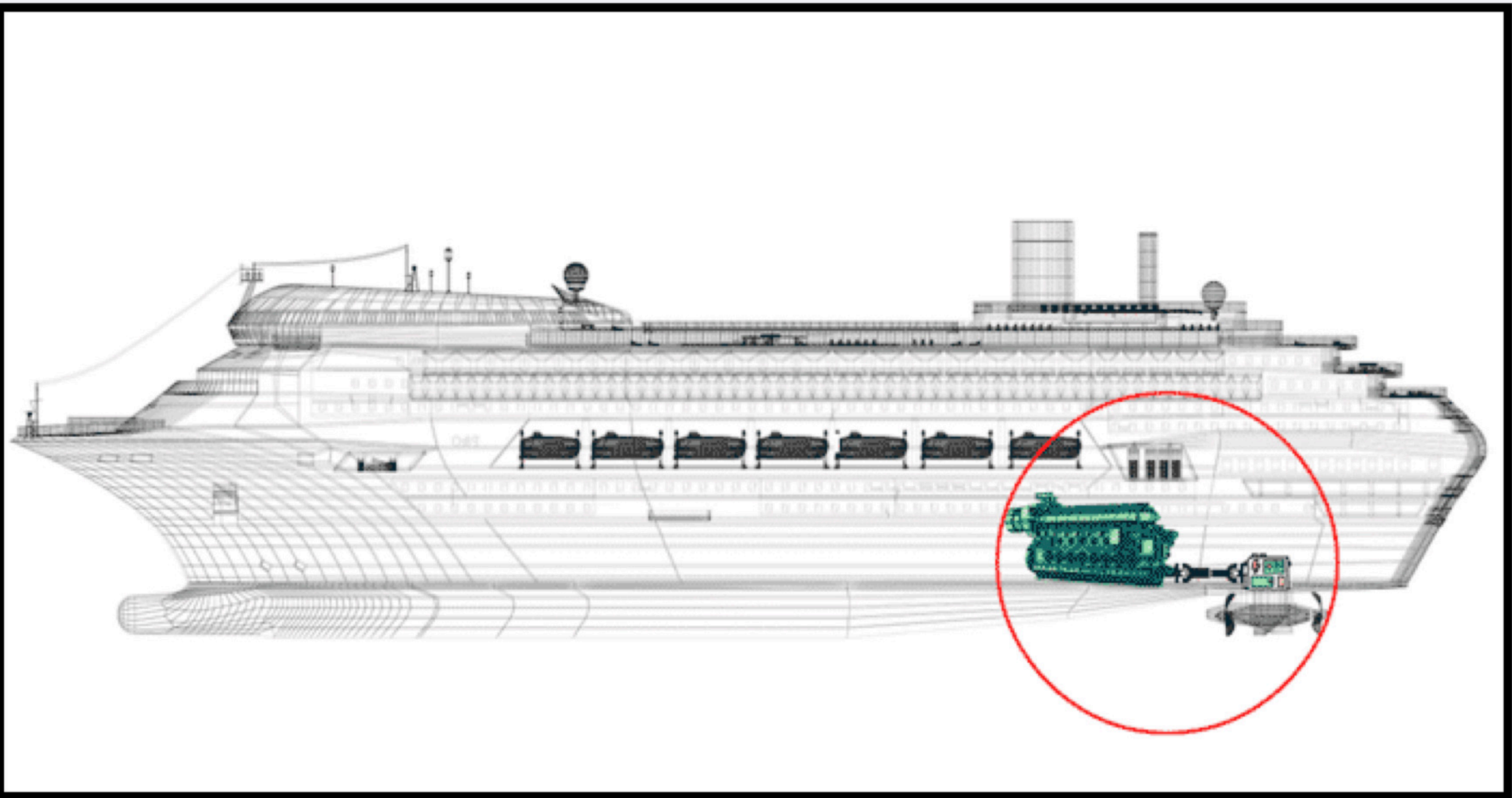
1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 TPT

... Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others.

**Love isn't ignorant, but it is
protective.**



The purpose of an engine is to turn a propeller that will move a ship forward towards its destination.



JOHN 21:15-19

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, **"Feed my lambs."**

He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, **"Tend my sheep."**

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"... and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, **"Feed my sheep."**

“We must become unstoppable in love. Of course, there have been times when I felt pain and discouragement, when I have been sad or tired. Many times I just wanted to go and live in a cave as a “monkess” because Jesus is always wonderful and people are not always nice. Yet, as I focus on the grace and goodness of God, the joy eventually returns... When we refuse to stop loving, no matter the cost, the gospel is beautifully preached.”

HEIDI BAKER

EPHESIANS 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you.

COLLOSSIANS 3:12-14

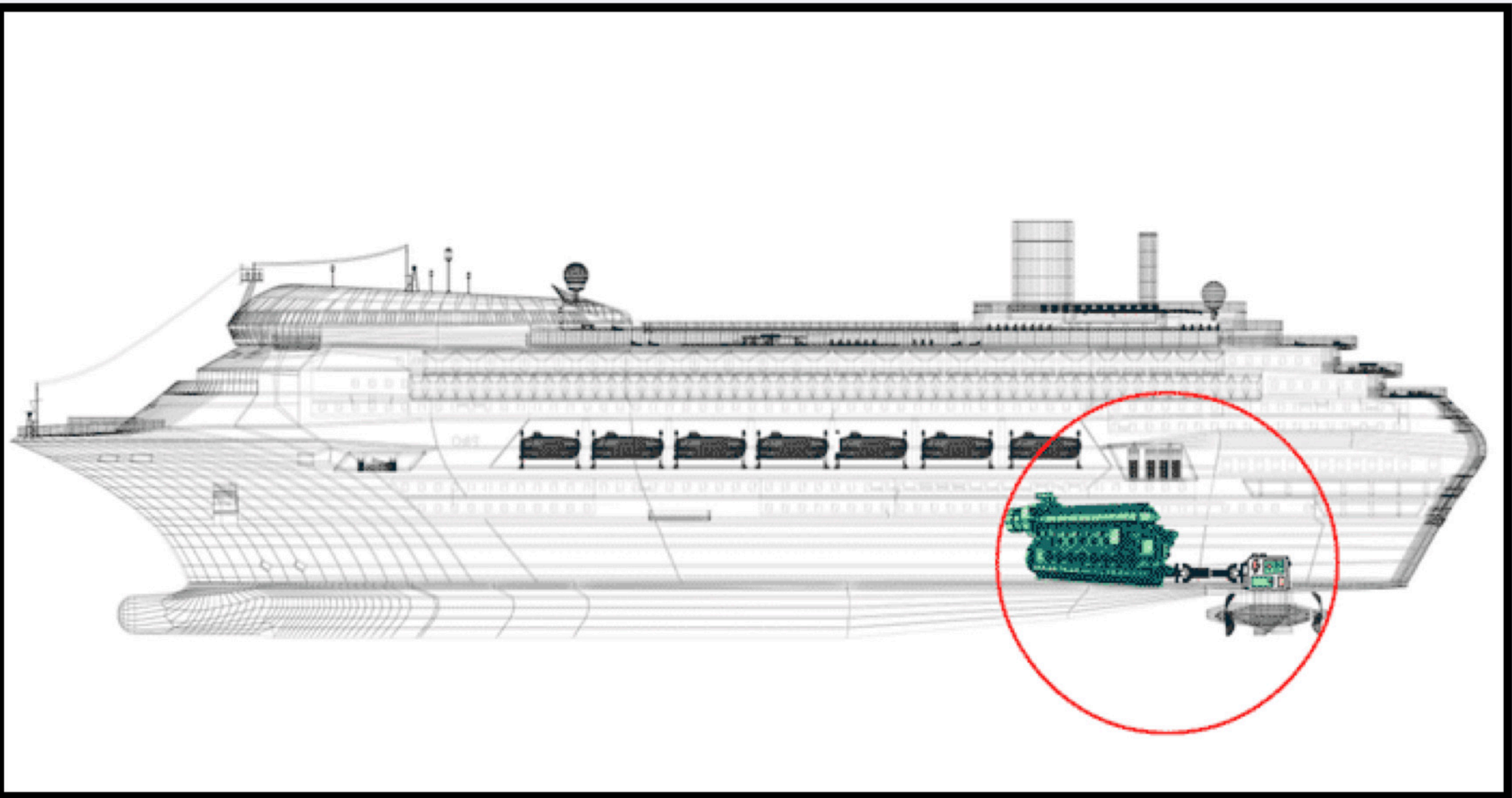
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

PSALM 18:18 TPT

Love breaks open a way.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13 TPT

Love never stops loving... there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, **let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.**





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