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#### "Dog-eat-dog"

- a situation in which people will do anything to be successful, even if what they do harms other people
- ruthless self-interest

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- a. Responding to Personal Insult (v.39)
  - Application: I must release my right to retaliation.

- b. Responding to a violation of my rights (v.40)
  - •Application: I must release my right to cling to what is fair.

- c. Responding to unfair treatment & unreasonable demands (v.41)
  - -Application: I must release my right to be in control and/or get my way.

- d. Responding to being used (v.42)
  - •Application: I must release my right to the "MINE" syndrome.

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- 2. We're going to have to release our grip on our personal rights.
- 3. We're going to have to respond with grace when it's the last thing we want to do or feel like doing.

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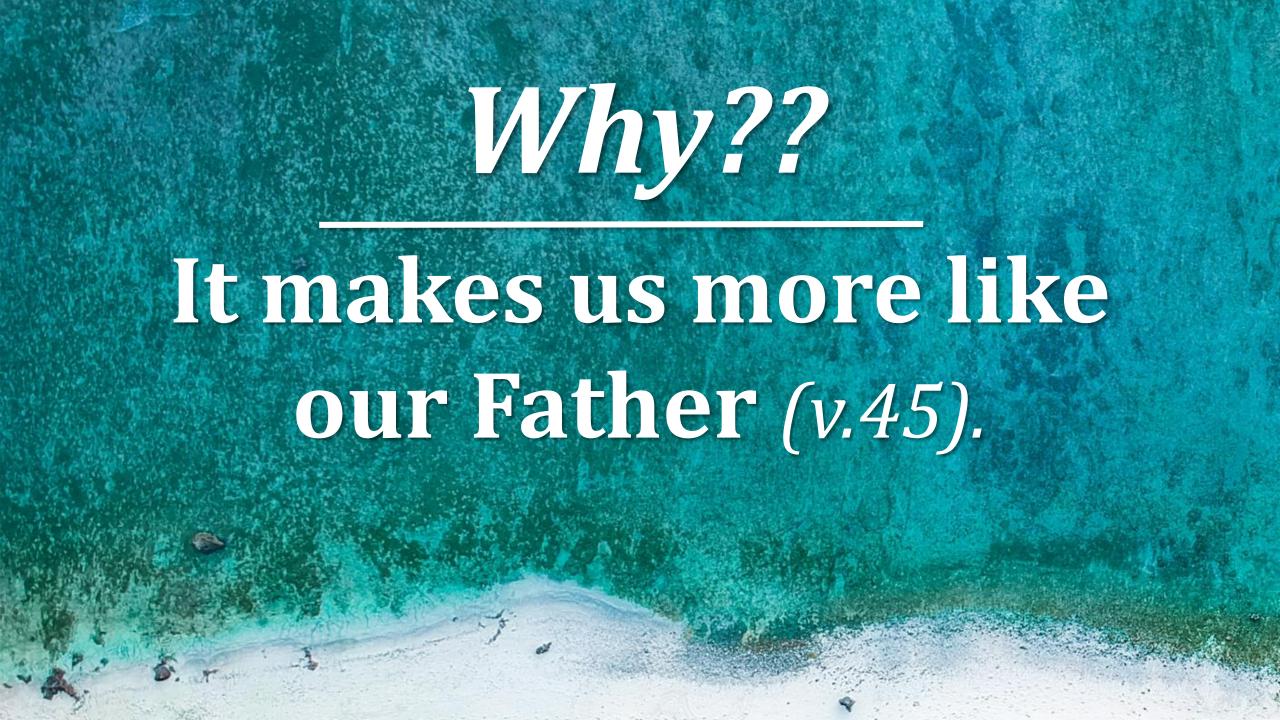
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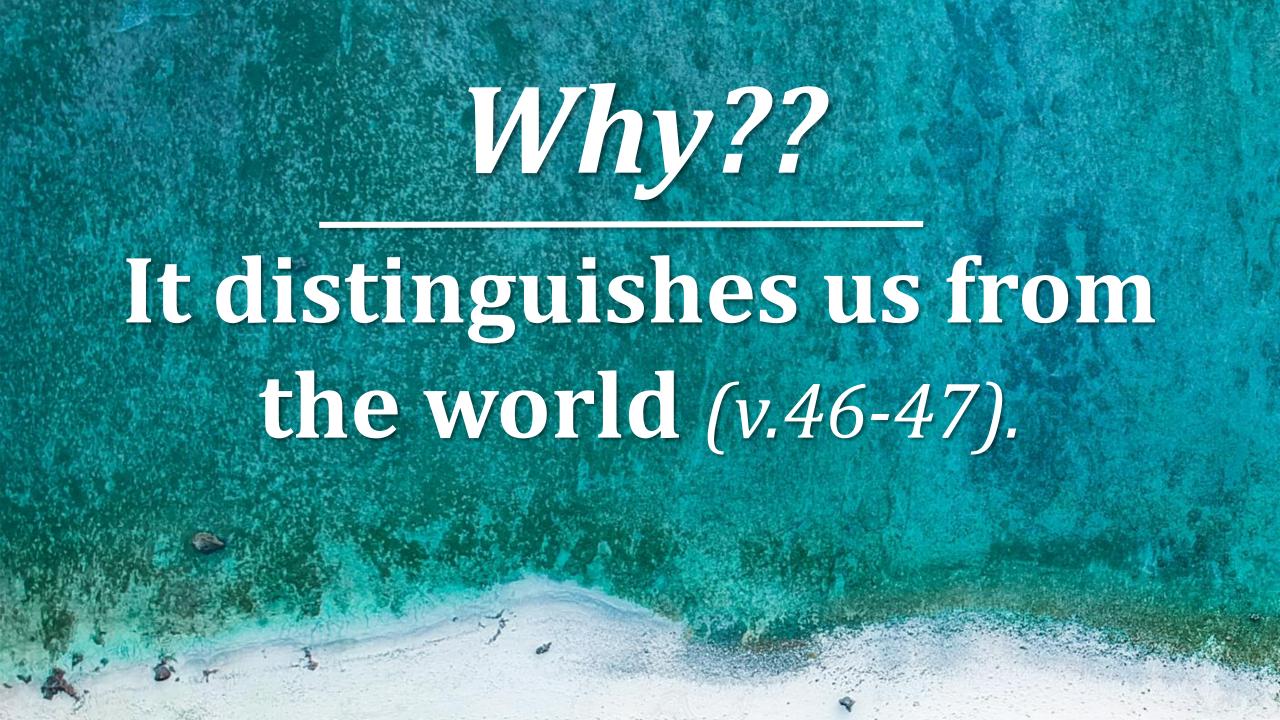
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When we live like this, people can't help but notice, and they can't help but wonder (v.46-47).