

A photograph of a man and a woman outdoors. The man, on the right, has a beard and is wearing a blue sweater. The woman, on the left, has curly hair and is wearing a light-colored turtleneck. They are both looking towards the right. The background is a blurred green landscape.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

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LESSON 1

GOD IS THE ARCHITECT OF MARRIAGE

**When married couples follow
God's plan for marriage,
marriage is strong.**



GOD IS THE ARCHITECT OF MARRIAGE

When married couples do not follow God's plan for marriage, marriage collapses.

WRITE A DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

Marriage is a lifelong, loving, covenant relationship between a man and a woman.

Marriage is a gift
Marriage is serving
Marriage is a refining process



CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE IS

TOTAL
Commitment of the

TOTAL
person for the

TOTAL
life

GENESIS 2:24

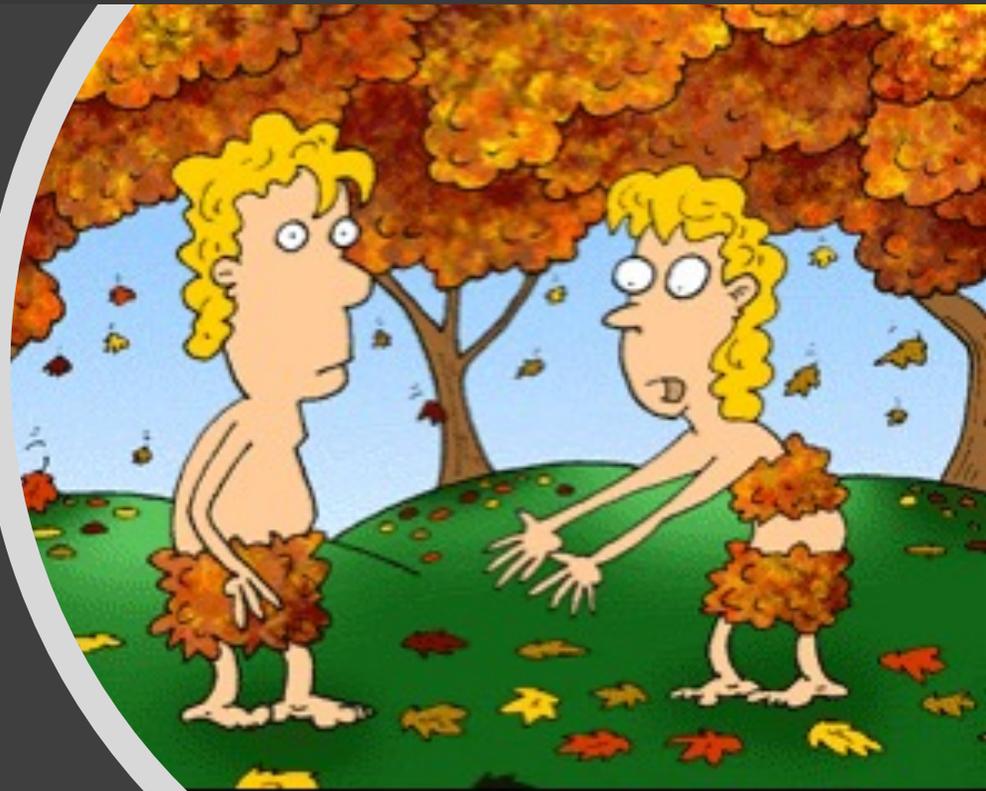
THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

- **Genesis 2:18. Marriage is for companionship**
- **Genesis 1:28. Marriage is for populating the earth**
- **Genesis 1:28. Marriage is for ruling the earth together.**



THE CREATION OF WOMAN

- When God created animals, Adam named them
- When God created woman, Adam spoke in poetry



PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR

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TWO NEEDS

- **SECURITY** – Awareness of being loved by my spouse.
- **SIGNIFICANCE** – Awareness of being important to my spouse.



LESSON 2

MARRIAGE REQUIRES A CHANGE IN LOYALTY

- Leaving our parents
- Holding our spouse
- Becoming one flesh

“A man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24



IN GENESIS 2:24, LEAVING FATHER AND MOTHER MEANS

- **The husband or wife becomes the primary focus of love and loyalty, instead of parents.**
- **The husband and wife still honor their parents as they begin a new relationship with each other.**
- **The new marriage relationship should be encouraged by the parents.**

RELATIONSHIP GOALS

- **Manipulating our spouse**
- **Ministering to our spouse**
 1. **We choose to minister**
 2. **We are aware of our spouse's needs**
 3. **We believe we are God's instrument for ministry**



LESSON 3

TWO PERSONS BECOMING ONE

GOAL – A goal is under my control

DESIRE – A desire is not under my control



TWO PERSONS BECOMING ONE

- **Spirit Oneness – Our relationship with Christ**
- **Soul Oneness – Our relationship with our spouse**
- **Body Oneness – Our enjoyment of sexual pleasure**



**ACCORDING TO EPHESIANS 5:25
BECOMING ONE FLESH IS A MYSTERY.**

MAKE MARRIAGE WORK

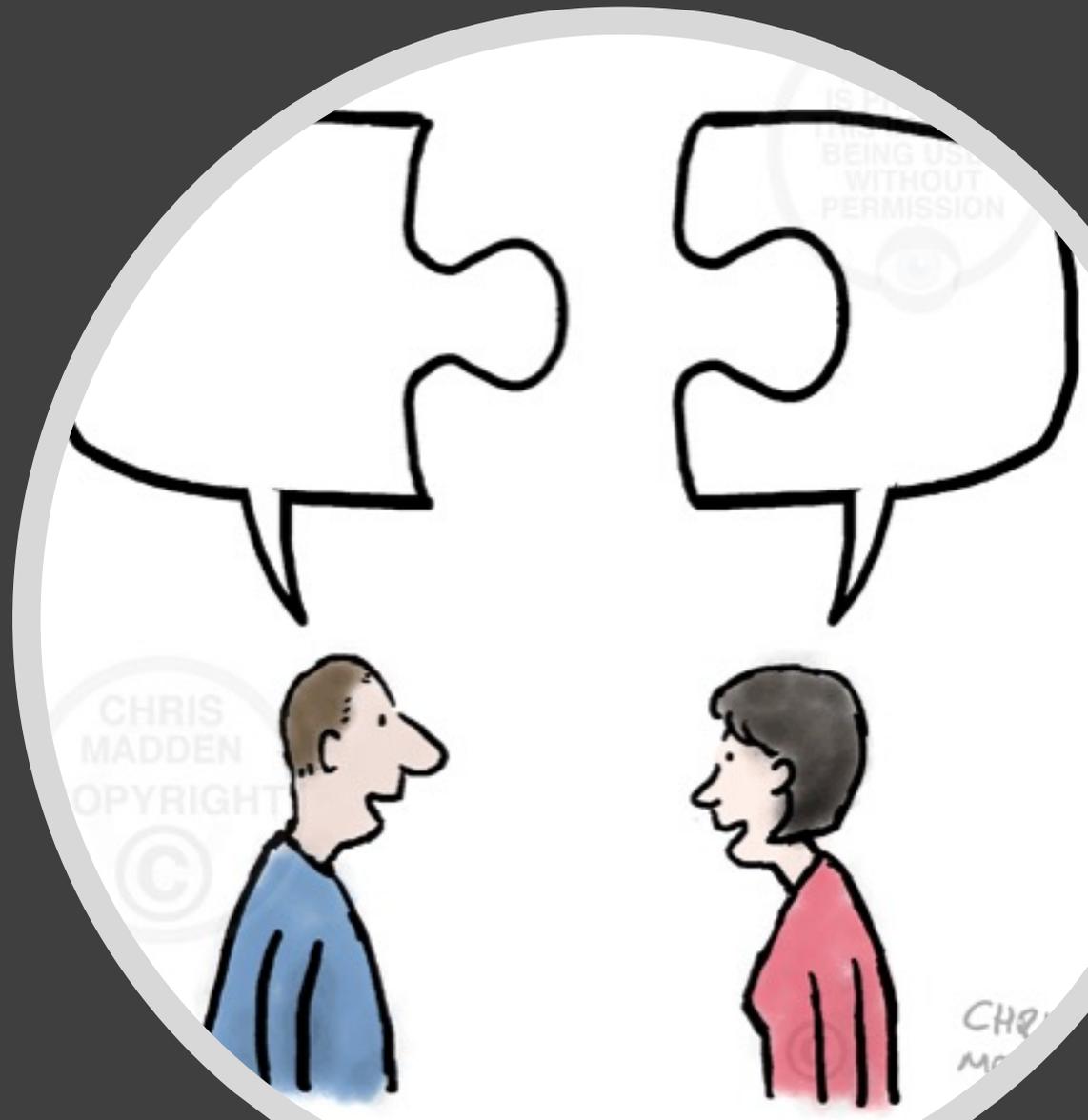
- **A desire for a healthy marriage**
- **Face reality in marriage**
- **Positive communication**



LESSONS 4- 5

COMMUNICATION

Communication is causing another to understand what you mean.



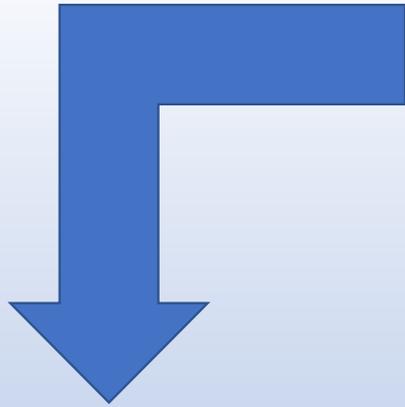
COMMUNICATION

GOOD COMMUNICATION

- **Genuineness**
- **Empathy**
- **Love**
- **Attentiveness**
- **Respect**
- **Supportiveness**



WHY COMMUNICATION IS DIFFICULT



Two people talk

Four possible messages

What you mean to say

What you actually say

What your spouse hears

What your spouse thinks they hear



LISTENING

- **Accept what is being said**
- **Repeat what your spouse said**
- **Do Not think about your next argument**



BARRIERS TO LISTENING

- **Defensiveness**
- **Prejudice**
- **Different listening styles**
- **Emotions**
- **Interrupting**
- **Bad timing**
- **Exhaustion**
- **Selective attention**



IMPROVING LISTENING

- Understand how you feel
- Listen with your whole body
- Be patient



**Nabal and communication
with his wife**

- **Women say that men...**
- **Men say that women...**
- **Not wrong,- Just different**

MEN, WOMEN, AND COMMUNICATION



THE POWER OF WORDS

- What we say to others
- What we say to our self
- Think before you speak
- Speak the truth in love
- Avoid quarreling
- Avoid criticism



LESSON 6

CONFLICT IN MARRIAGE

- James 4:1-3
- 1 Peter 3:9
- Galatians 5:19-21



THE WAYS WE CAN DEAL WITH CONFLICT

- **Withdraw**
- **Win**
- **Yield**
- **Compromise**
- **Resolve**



LESSON 6

COMMUNICATION IN CONFLICT

- **Honesty with our spouse**
- **Acknowledging anger**
- **Dealing with anger**
- **Meet the needs of others**
- **Avoiding hurtful words**
- **Be graceful**
- **No bitterness**
- **Forgiving**



STEPS TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- 1. Define the problem, pray, listen and seek understanding.**
- 2. Determine the problem's importance.**
- 3. Accept responsibility for my role in the problem.**
- 4. Apologize or ask forgiveness if I am at fault.**
- 5. Choose to act differently.**

- ✓ **Accept your spouse's emotional response**
- ✓ **Be aware of your own emotional response**
- ✓ **Interpret the pattern**
- ✓ **Plan a venting session**
- ✓ **Evaluate your emotional state**
- ✓ **Signal before exploding**

RESOLVING CONFLICT



CONFLICT RESOLVED

THE SUNSET PRINCIPLE SAYS WE NEED TO CONFRONT PROBLEMS QUICKLY (v. 26)

THE BUILD UP PRINCIPLE SAYS THAT ALL WORDS SHOULD EDIFY OTHERS (v. 29)

THE LET GO OF IT PRINCIPLE SAYS WE RELEASE ALL RIGHTS TO REMEMBER AND HOLD ON TO THE ISSUE (v. 31-32)

EPHESIANS 4:26-32

HUMILITY IN MARRIAGE

- **Admit your mistakes**
- **Evaluate criticism**
- **Clarify the problem**
- **Make necessary changes**
- **Respond positively**
- **Avoid complaining**



ANGER

- **What is anger?**
- **The truth about anger.**



THE CAUSES OF ANGER

- Fear
- Hurt
- Frustration



ANGER AND THE BIBLE

- **Colossians 3:8**
- **Ephesians 4:26**
- **Proverbs 15:18**
- **Proverbs 22:24-25**

MAKE THE MOST OUT OF ANGER

- Anger is neither right or wrong.
- Anger can be released in a right or wrong way.
- We are vulnerable when angry.
- Uncontrolled anger leads to bitterness, hate and violence.
- Be positive and constructive when angry.





LESSON 7

THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND

HUSBANDS ARE TO LOVE
THEIR WIVES
HUSBANDS ARE TO LEAD
THEIR WIVES

**“Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves the church
and gave Himself up for her.” (Ephesians 5:25)**



LESSON 8

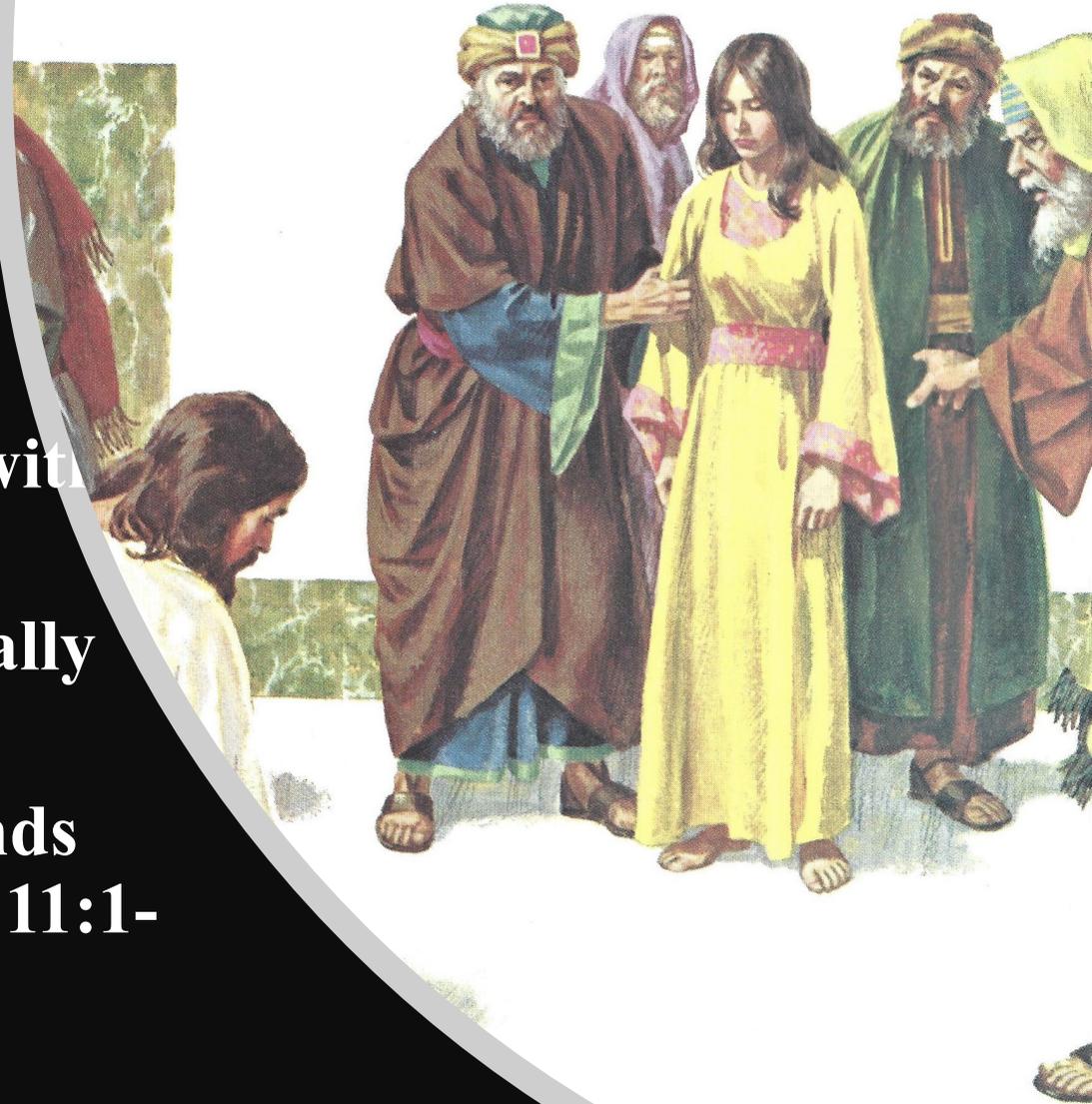
THE ROLE OF THE WIFE

“Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:22)

THE PROVERBS 31 WOMAN

JESUS AND WOMEN

- Jesus allowed women to travel with Him (Luke 8:1-3)
- Jesus allowed women to financially support Him (Luke 8:1-3)
- Jesus allowed women to be friends with Him (Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44)



MAKING DECISIONS

- **The person who thinks with their head**
- **The person who feels with their heart**



WORK ON COMPATIBILITY

LESSON 9

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

**“So now faith, hope and love abide,
these three, but the greatest of these
is love.” (1 Corinthians 13)**



THE BIBLE AND LOVE

Ecclesiastes 9:9. “Enjoy life with the woman you love.”

Solomon 8:7. “Many waters cannot quench love.”

Ephesians 5:2. “Walk in love.”

Ephesians 3:17. “Be rooted and grounded in love.”



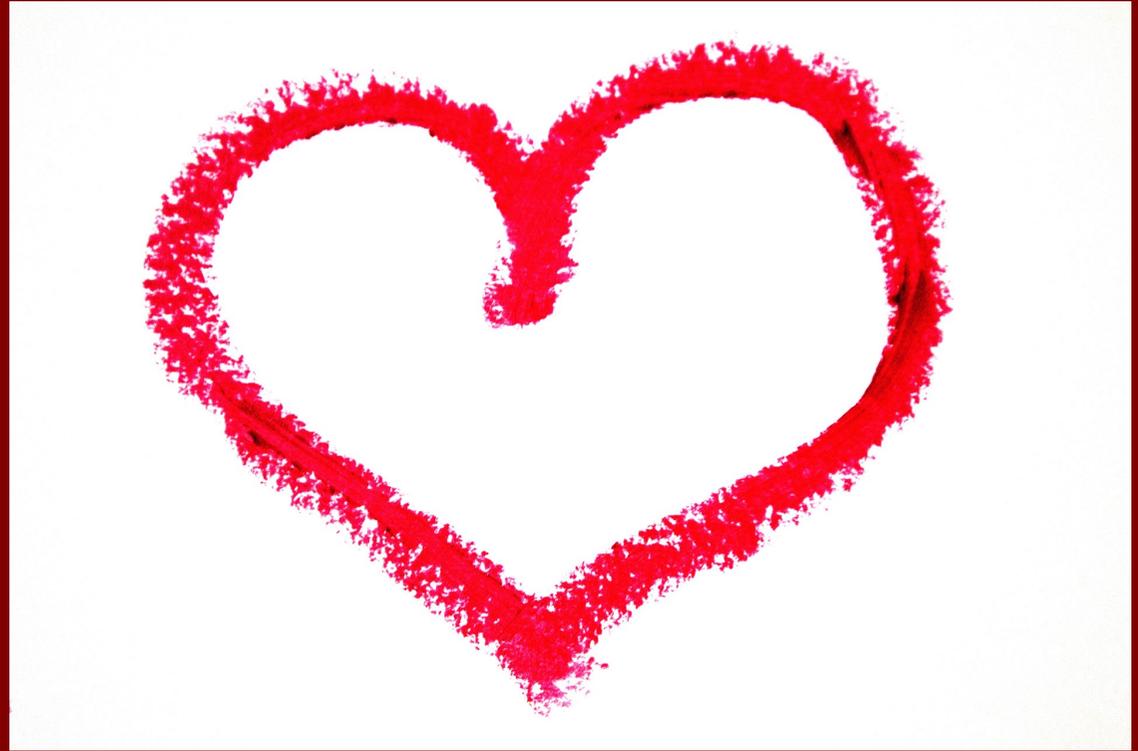
FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

- **Affirmation**
- **Quality time**
- **Receiving gifts**
- **Acts of service**
- **Physical touch**



FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

- **What does your spouse do that hurts you?**
- **What do you want most from your spouse?**
- **How do you express love to your spouse?**



SONG OF SOLOMON

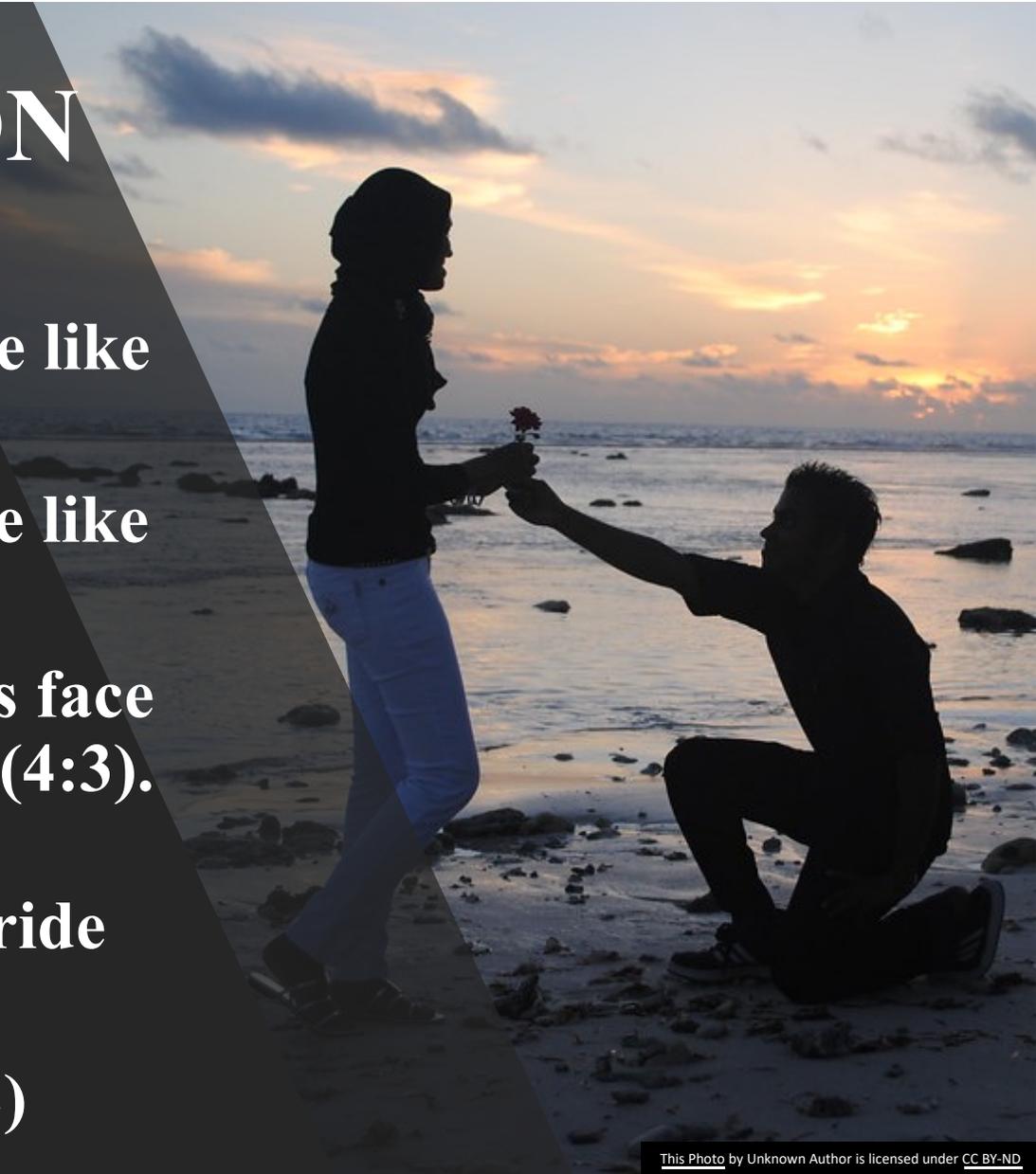
The eyes of Solomon's bride were like doves (4:1).

The hair of Solomon's bride were like a flock of goats (4:1).

The temples of Solomon's bride's face were like a slice of pomegranate (4:3).

How did Solomon describe his bride in the Song of Solomon?

Like a lily among the thorns (2:2)



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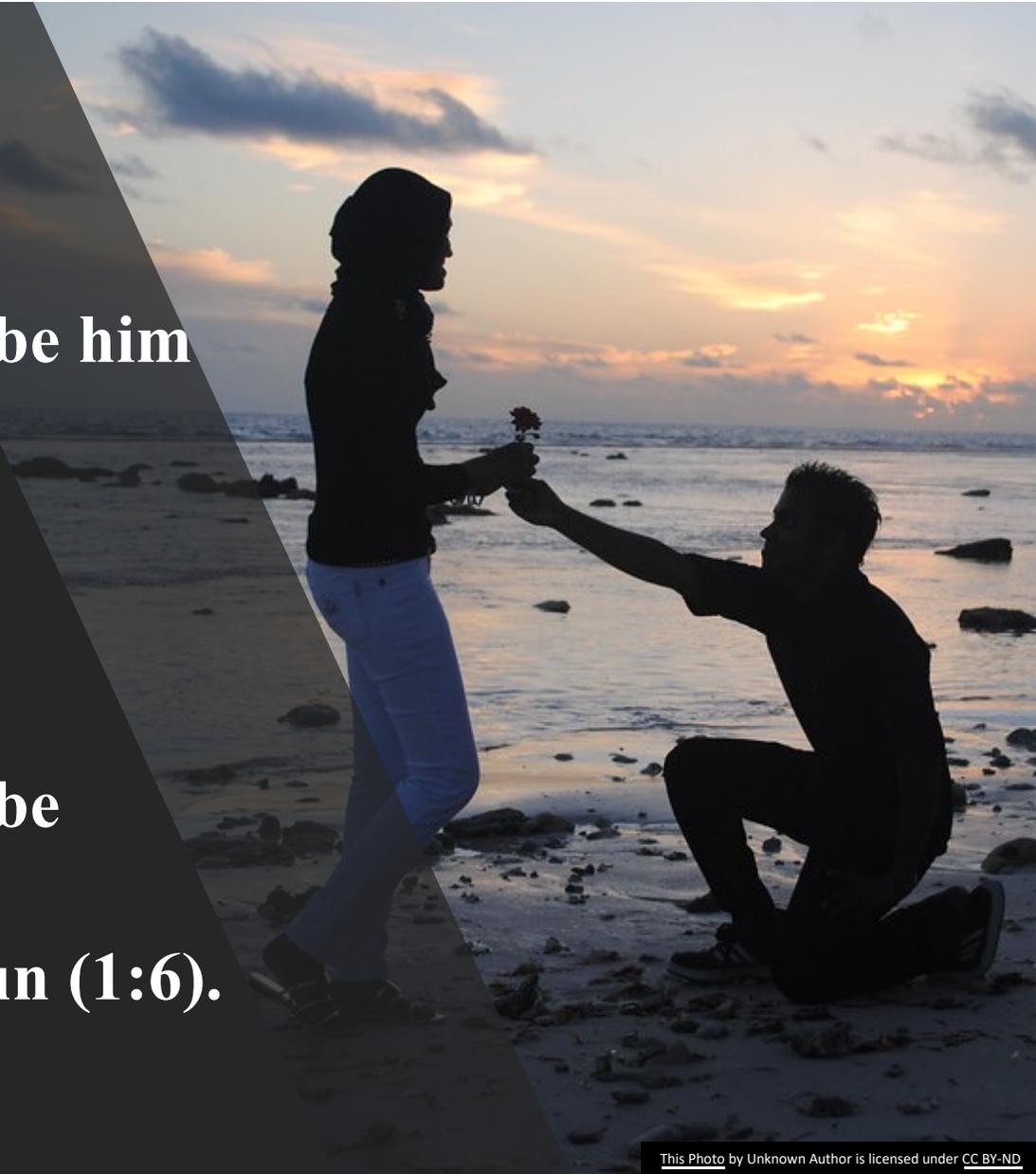
**How did Solomon's bride describe him
in the Song of Solomon?**

Like a gazelle (2:9, 17)

His eyes are like doves (5:12)

**How did Solomon's bride describe
herself in the Song of Solomon?**

Her skin was darkened by the sun (1:6).





LESSON 10



God's wedding gift is sexual pleasure.

Do not open His gift until after the wedding.





THE BIBLE AND SEX

Genesis 2:24

Psalms 127:3

Psalms 139:13-15

Proverbs 5:15-23

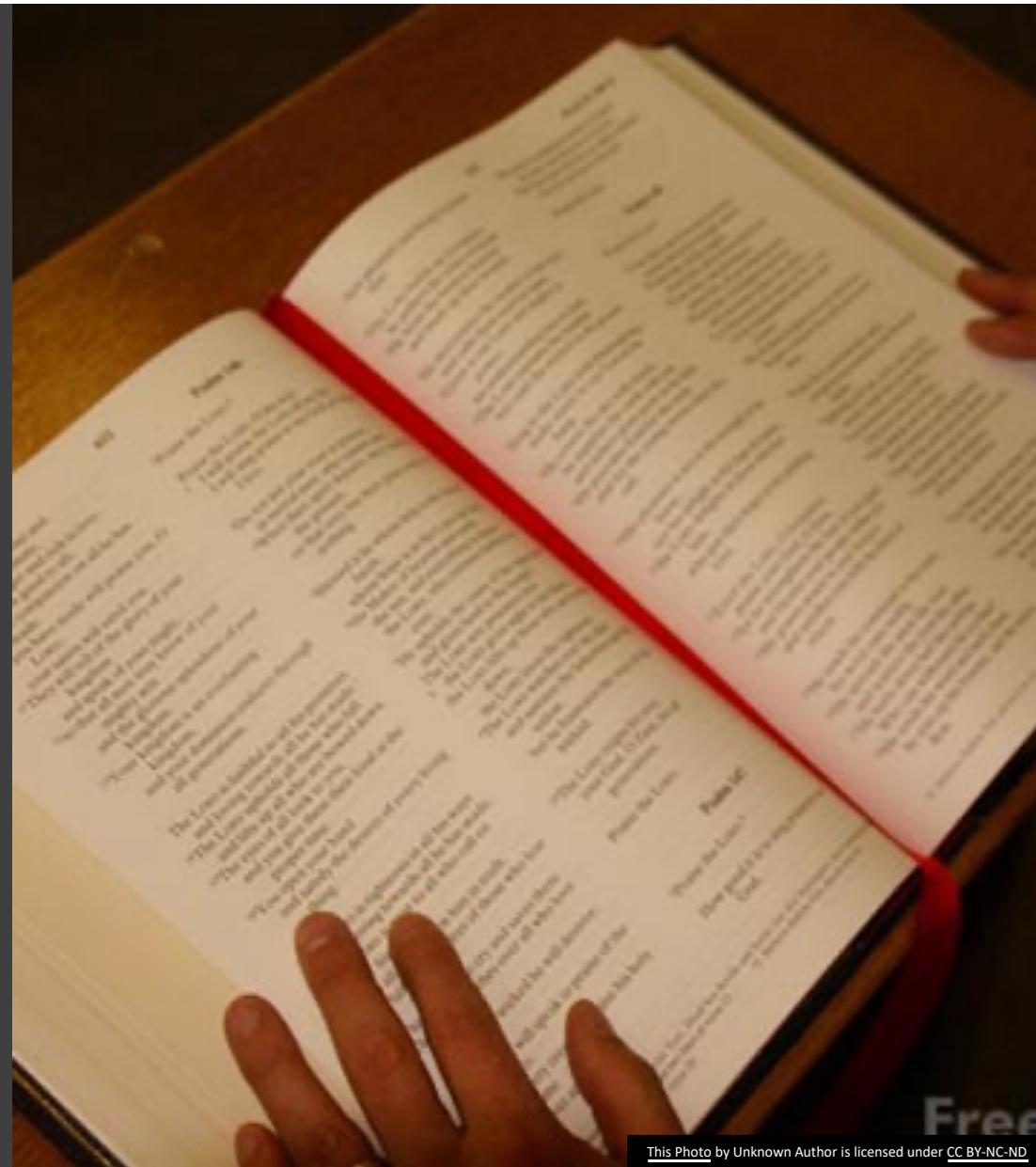
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MAINTAINING A HEALTHY MARRIAGE



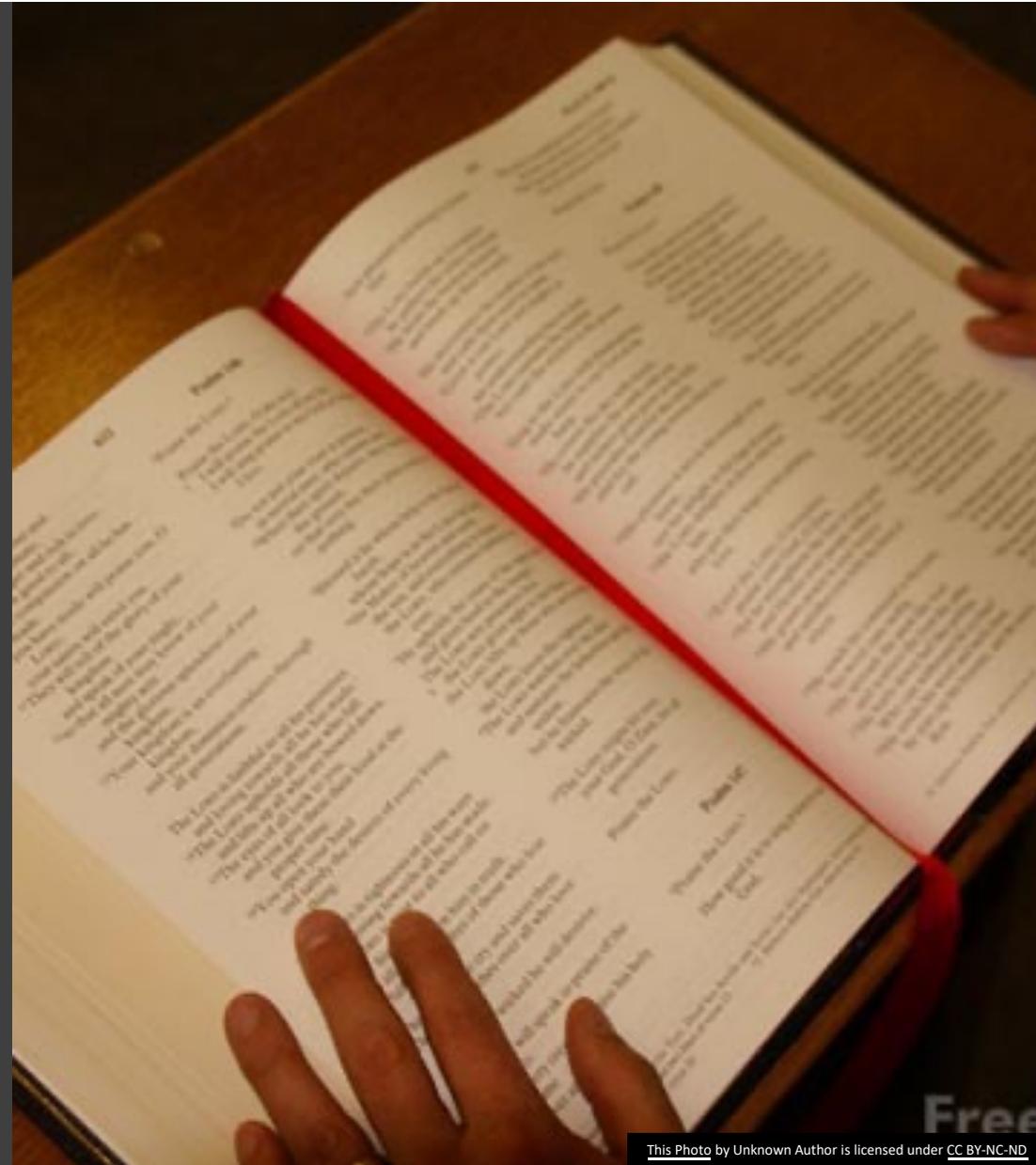
THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MARRIAGE

GRACE – God's grace is sufficient to sustain our marriage through any adversity.



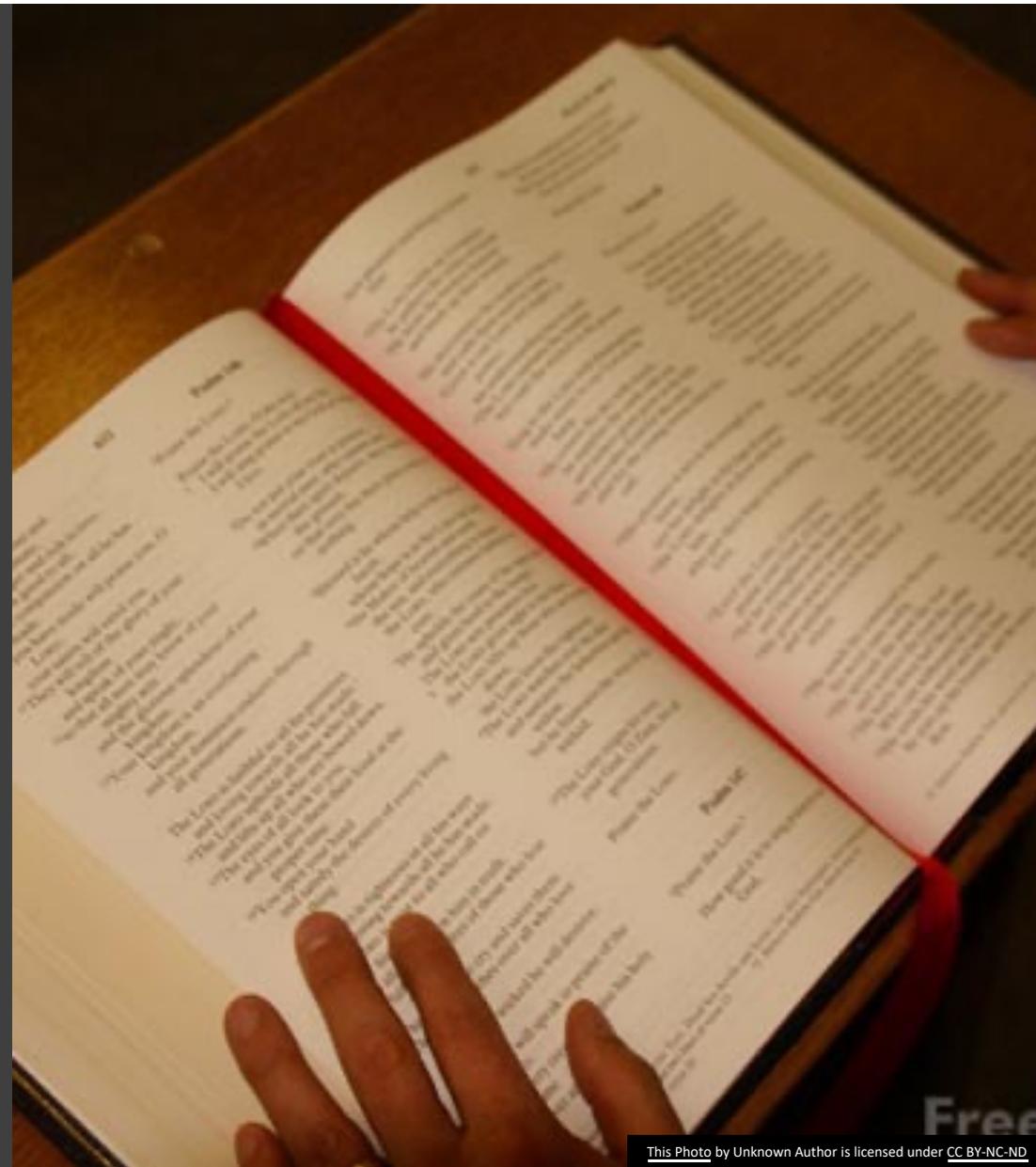
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**COMMITMENT – We will
obey God and honor our
commitment to our spouse.**



THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MARRIAGE

**ACCEPTANCE – We accept
our spouse as God accepts us.**



MATCH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGES WITH THE BIBLE BOOK THAT MOST CLEARLY DESCRIBES IT.

- Sarah submitted to Abraham
- God told a prophet not to marry
- God told a prophet his wife would die
- God told a prophet He hates divorce
- The wife of this prophet was a prophetess
- God told a prophet to marry the daughter of Diblaim
- Jezebel encouraged Ahab when he was feeling gloomy
- 1 Peter 3:1-6
- Jeremiah 16:1
- Ezekiel 24:15-18
- Malachi 2:16
- Isaiah 8:3
- Hosea 1:2-3
- 1 Kings 21:5-10

MATCH EACH OF THE MEN IN THE BIBLE WITH HIS WIFE

- Isaac
- Moses
- Joseph
- Lappidoth
- Abraham
- Elkanah
- Chuza
- Boaz
- Nabor
- Rebekah
- Zipporah
- Asenat
- Deborah
- Keturah
- Hannah
- Joanna
- Ruth
- Milcah

MATCH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGES WITH THE BEST DESCRIPTION OF THAT MARRIAGE

- **Aquila and Priscilla**
- **Peter and his wife**
- **Abraham and Sarah**
- **Solomon and the Shulammite**
- **Had a church in their house (Romans 16:3-5; 1 Corinthians 16:9)**
- **Had a right to go on ministry trips together (1 Corinthians 9:5)**
- **She obeyed her husband (1 Peter 3:1-6)**
- **She delighted in her husband (Book of Solomon)**

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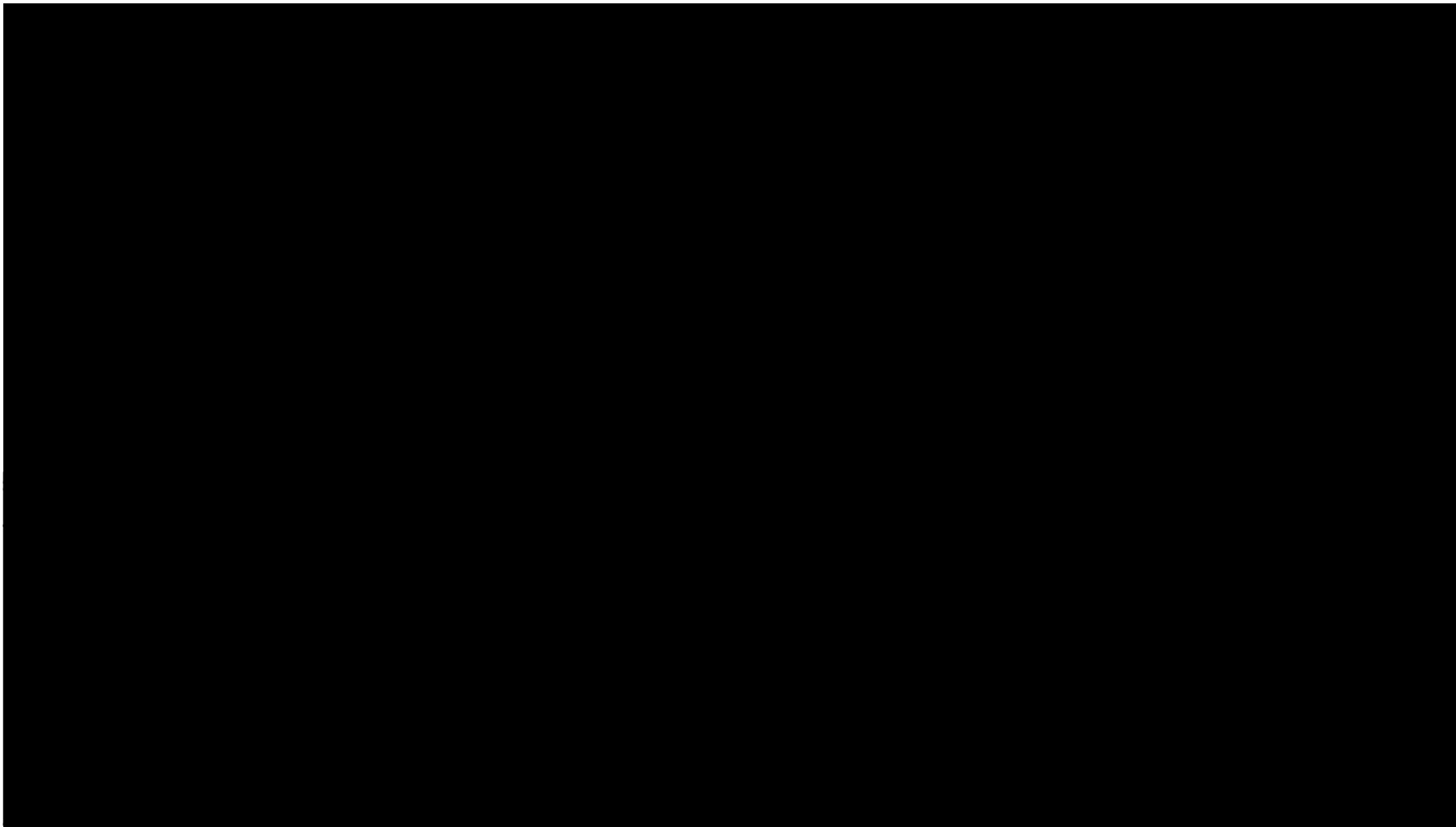
- **Job and his wife**
- **David and Michal**
- **Ahab and Jezebel**
- **She asked her husband if he was still keeping his integrity (Job 2:9)**
- **She later despised her husband (2 Samuel 6:16)**
- **She listened to her husband as he talked about Elijah (1 Kings 19:1)**

MATCH THE FOLLOWING FALSE TEACHING WITH THE BOOK THAT TEACHES AGAINST IT

- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Timothy 4:1-3
- 1 Corinthians 6:13
- Revelation 2:20-22
- Matthew 19:1-12
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-5
- Proverbs 30:18-19
- Marriage is impure.
- Marriage should be forbidden.
- Just like the stomach is for food, the body is for sex.
- Following Jezebel and committing immorality.
- There are many reasons for divorce.
- Lustful ungodly passion is permitted within marriage.
- The way of a man with a woman is easily understood.

CONCLUSION





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