

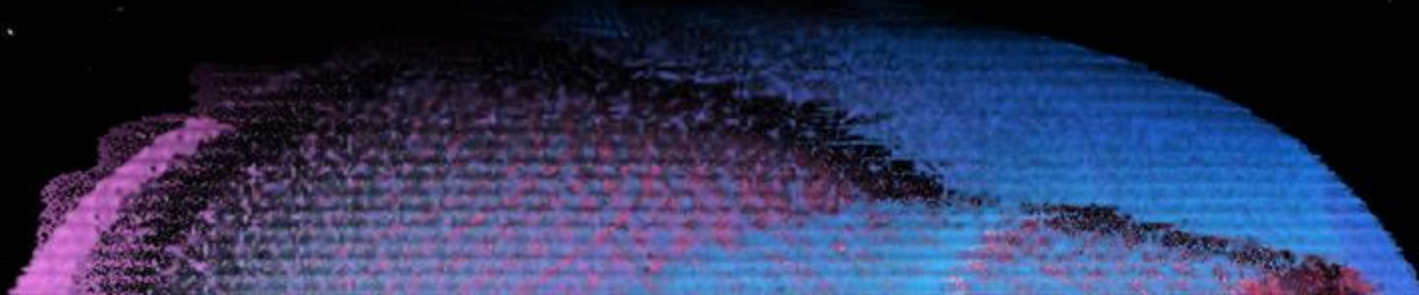
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BROKEN BODY

1 CORINTHIANS

It's All a Gift

1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-16

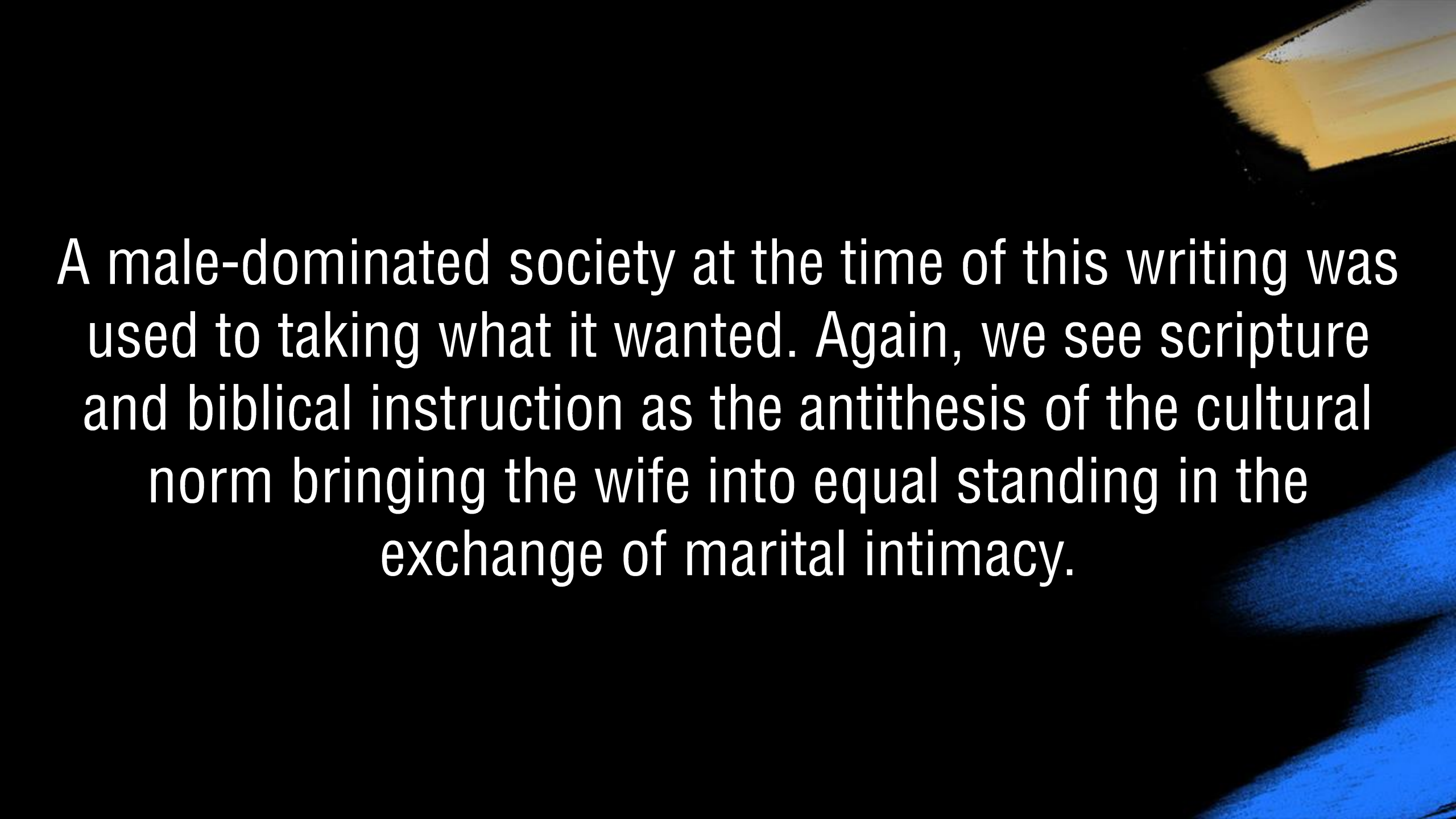


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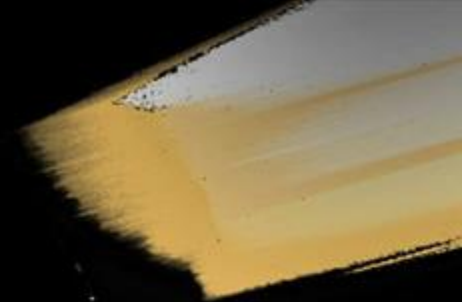
"Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: 'It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.' But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband..."

For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:1-5

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A male-dominated society at the time of this writing was used to taking what it wanted. Again, we see scripture and biblical instruction as the antithesis of the cultural norm bringing the wife into equal standing in the exchange of marital intimacy.




"Wives, submit to your own husbands,
as to the Lord."

EPHESIANS 5:22

"When a husband submits to the Lord, leading his wife
with a servant's heart and nurturing her God-given
talents, she can confidently submit to him, lean on
him and trust him."

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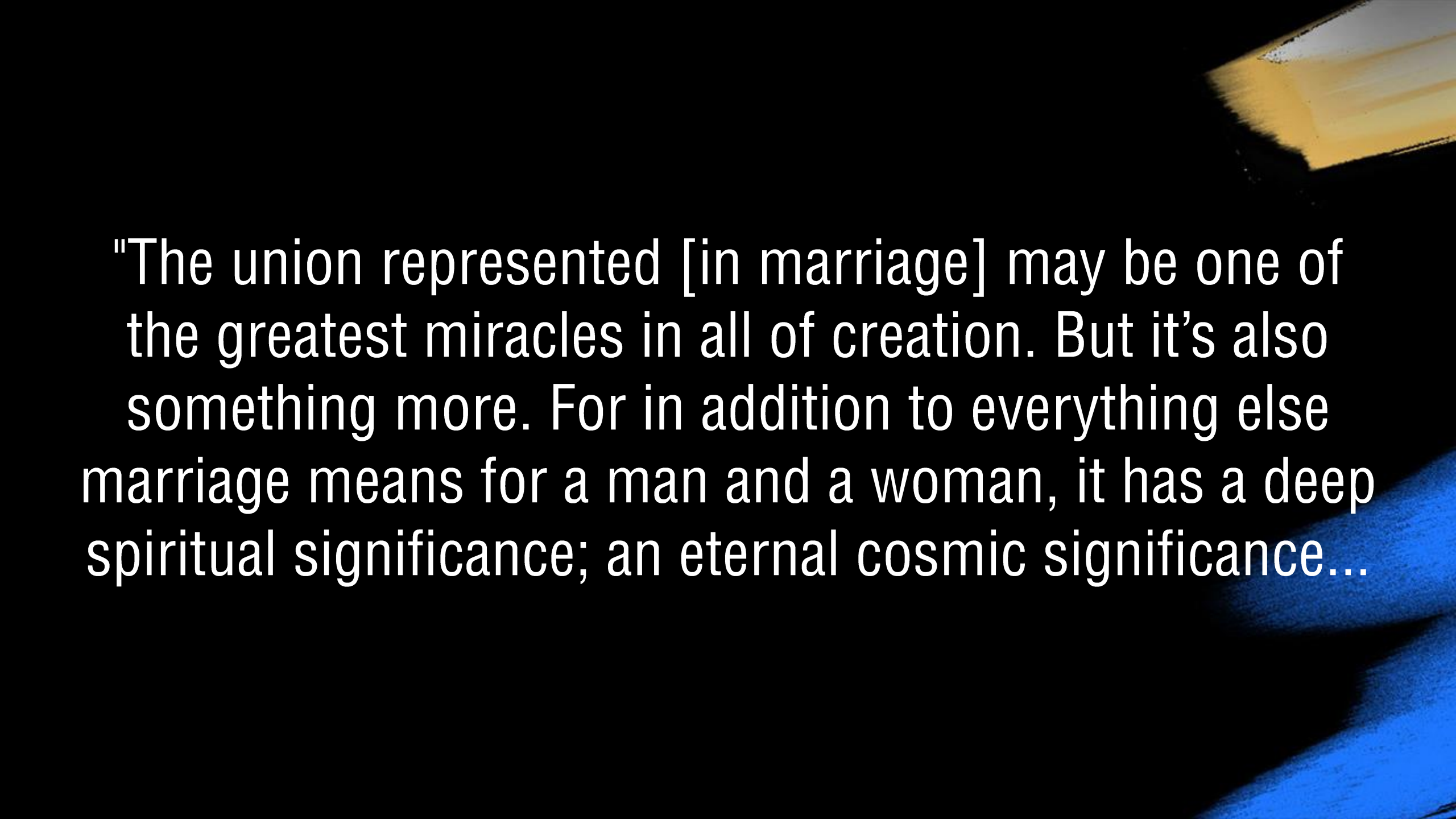
"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

EPHESIANS 5:25

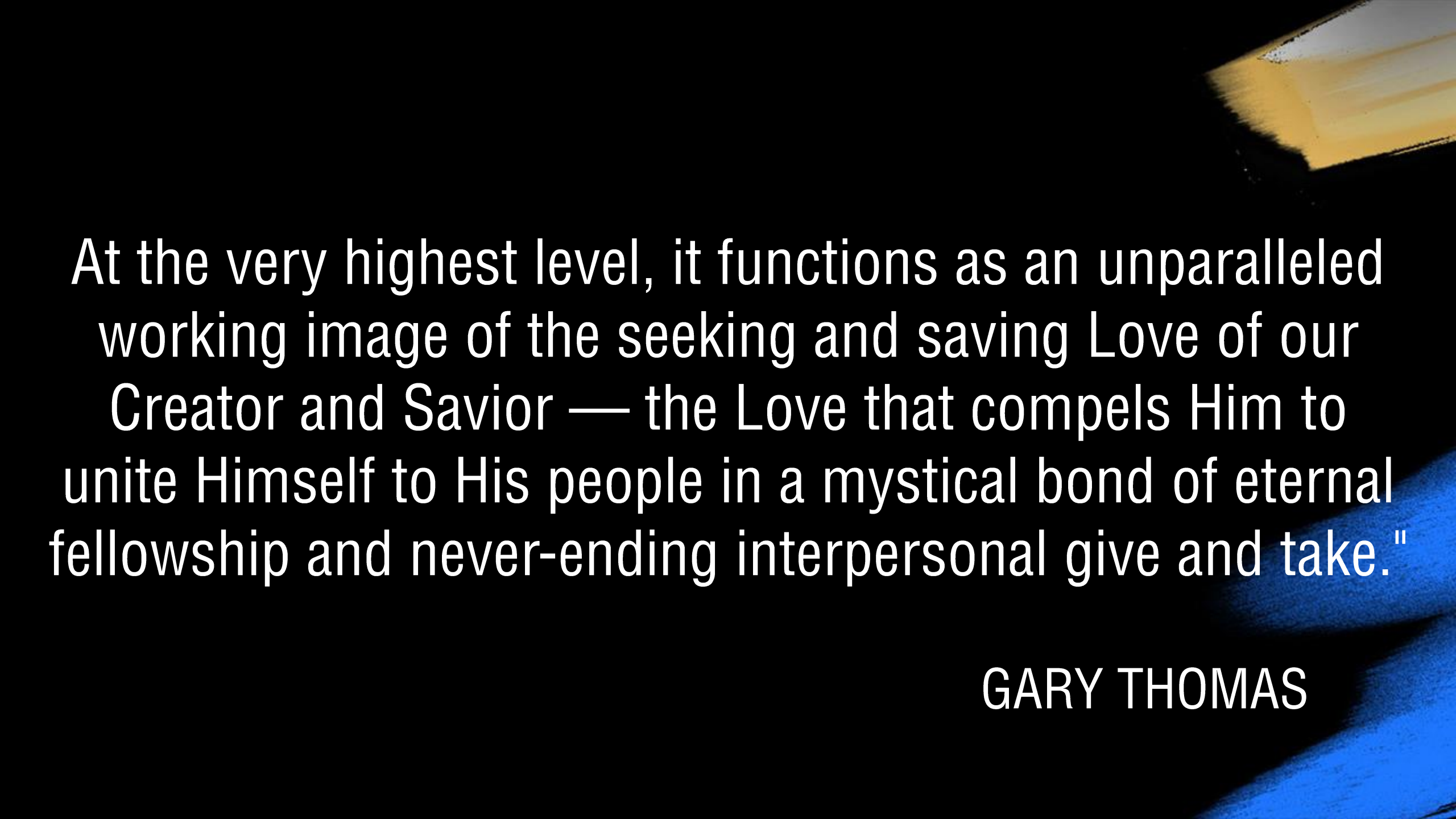
"However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

EPHESIANS 5:33



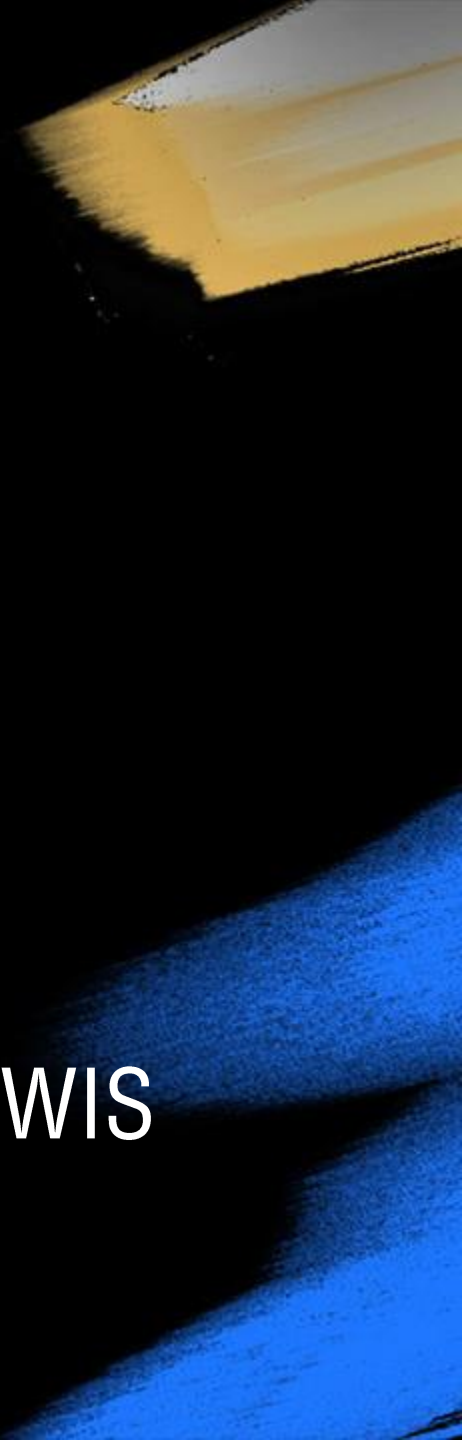
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"The union represented [in marriage] may be one of the greatest miracles in all of creation. But it's also something more. For in addition to everything else marriage means for a man and a woman, it has a deep spiritual significance; an eternal cosmic significance..."



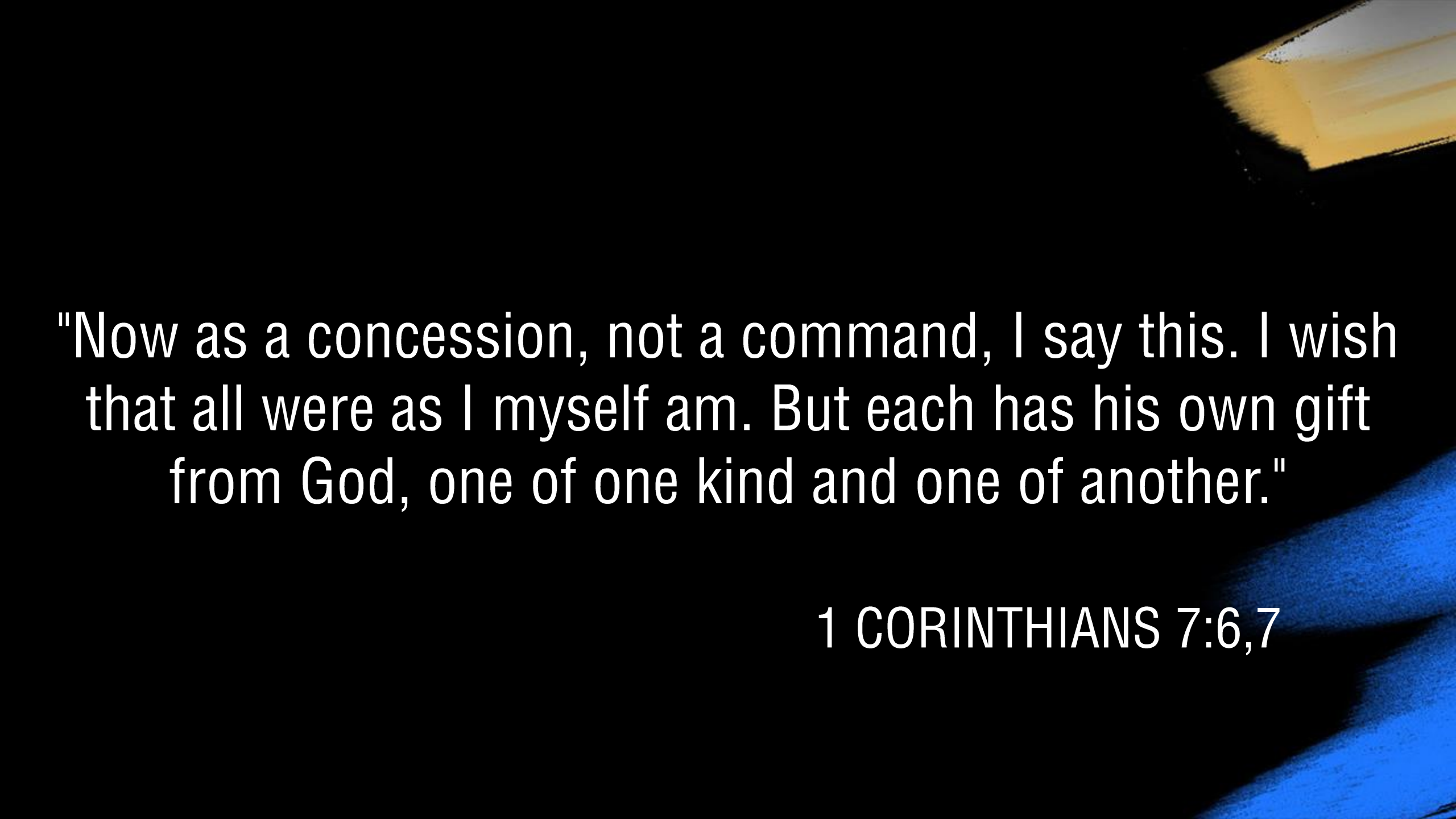
At the very highest level, it functions as an unparalleled working image of the seeking and saving Love of our Creator and Savior — the Love that compels Him to unite Himself to His people in a mystical bond of eternal fellowship and never-ending interpersonal give and take."

GARY THOMAS

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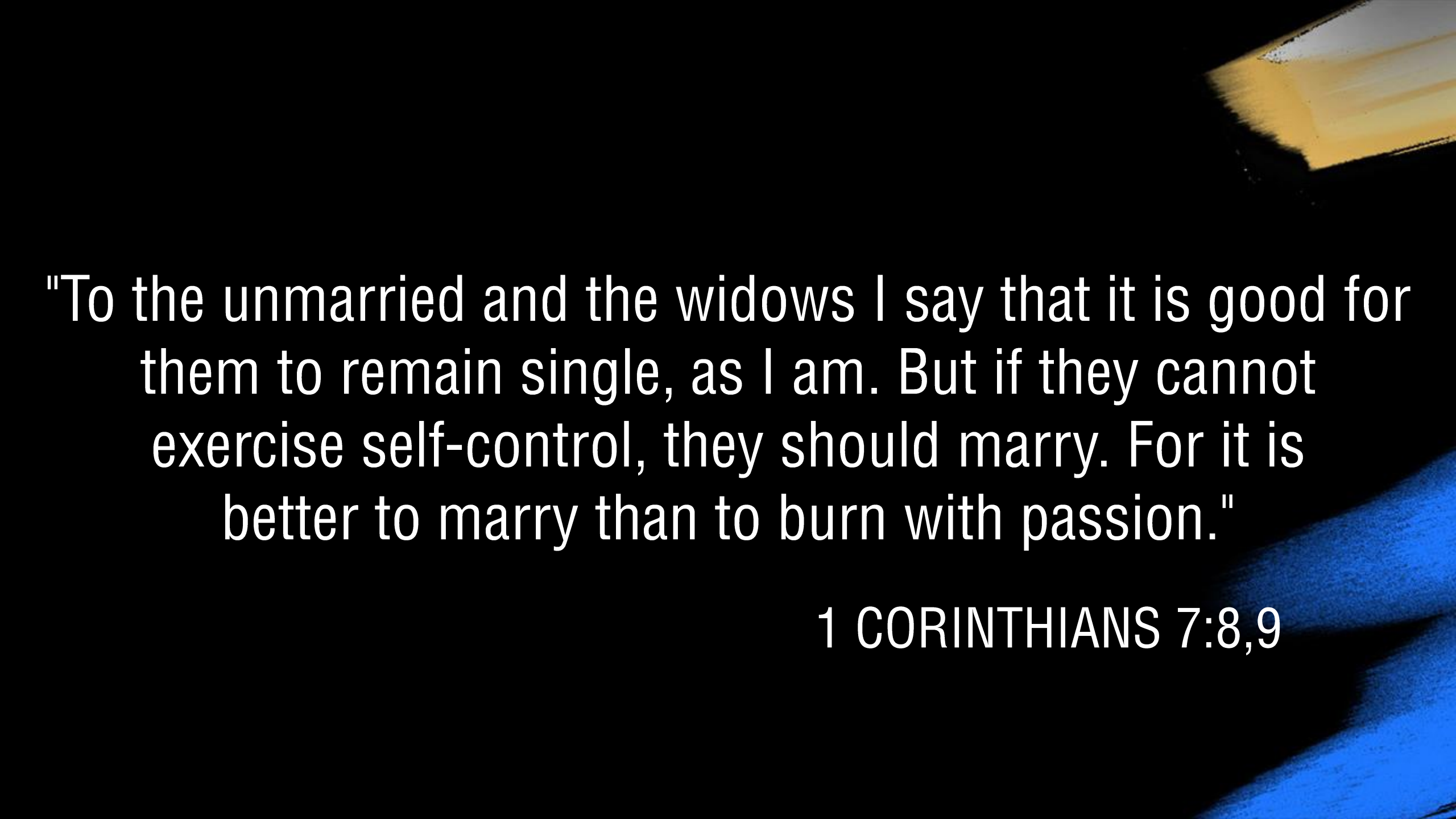
"Lust is going after the body. Love is
going after the person."

C.S. LEWIS

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"Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:6,7

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"To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am. But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion."

1 CORINTHIANS 7:8,9

Singleness is good.

"Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

MATTHEW 19:11-12

Singleness is a gift.

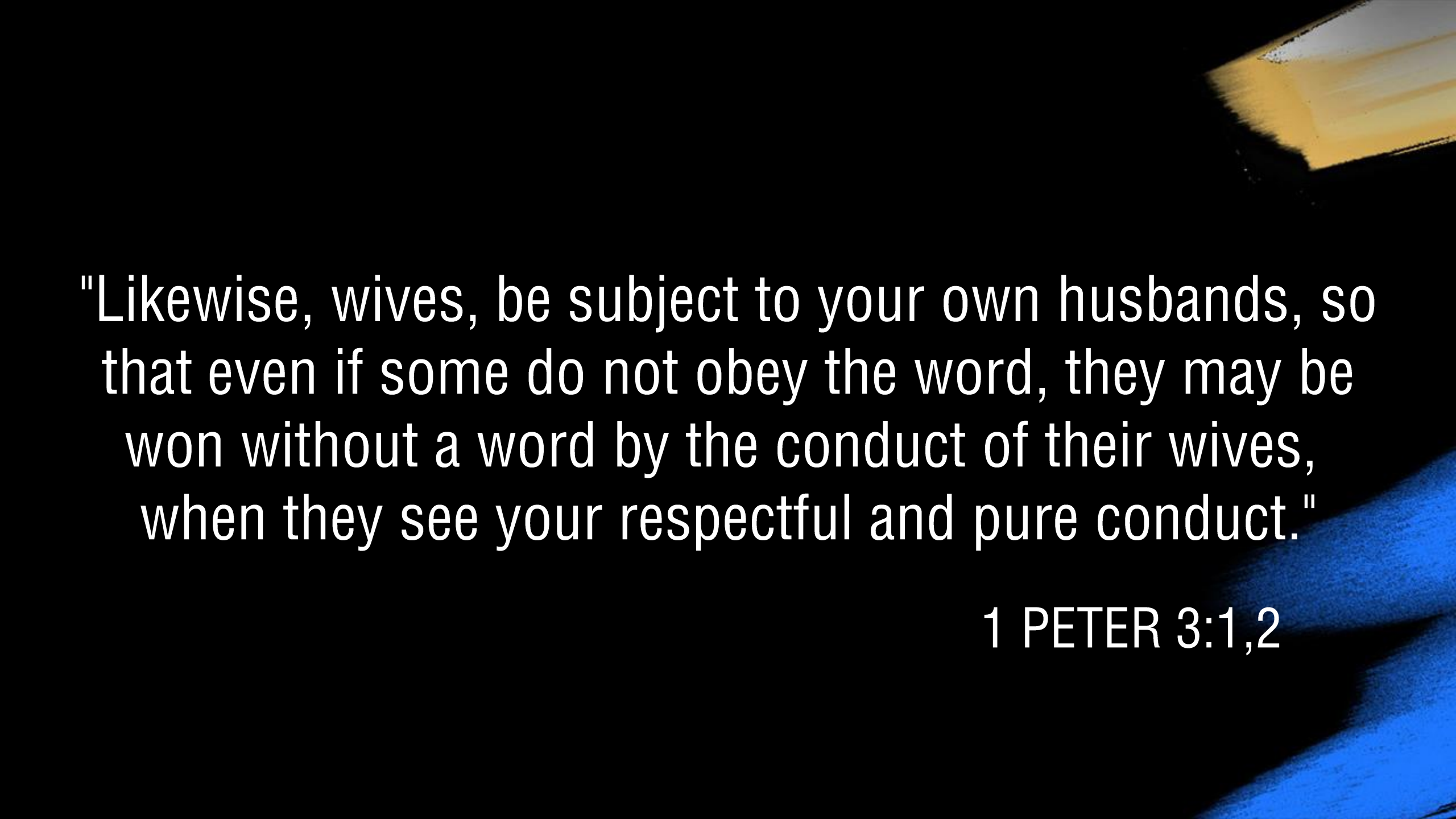
"Some of us have the gift of marriage at this moment and some of us have the gift of singleness, though not necessarily a gift of singleness that will last 60 years. That may be a possibility, but maybe there's a day that comes when God exchanges the gift of singleness in your life for the gift of marriage, and it's not exchanging one inferior gift for a superior gift."

DAVID PLATT

Singleness is for God's glory.

"God promises spectacular blessings to those of you who remain single in Christ, and he gives you an extraordinary calling for your life. To be single in Christ is, therefore, not a falling short of God's best, but a path of Christ-exalting, covenant-keeping obedience that many are called to walk."

JOHN PIPER

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"Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct."

1 PETER 3:1,2

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A gift