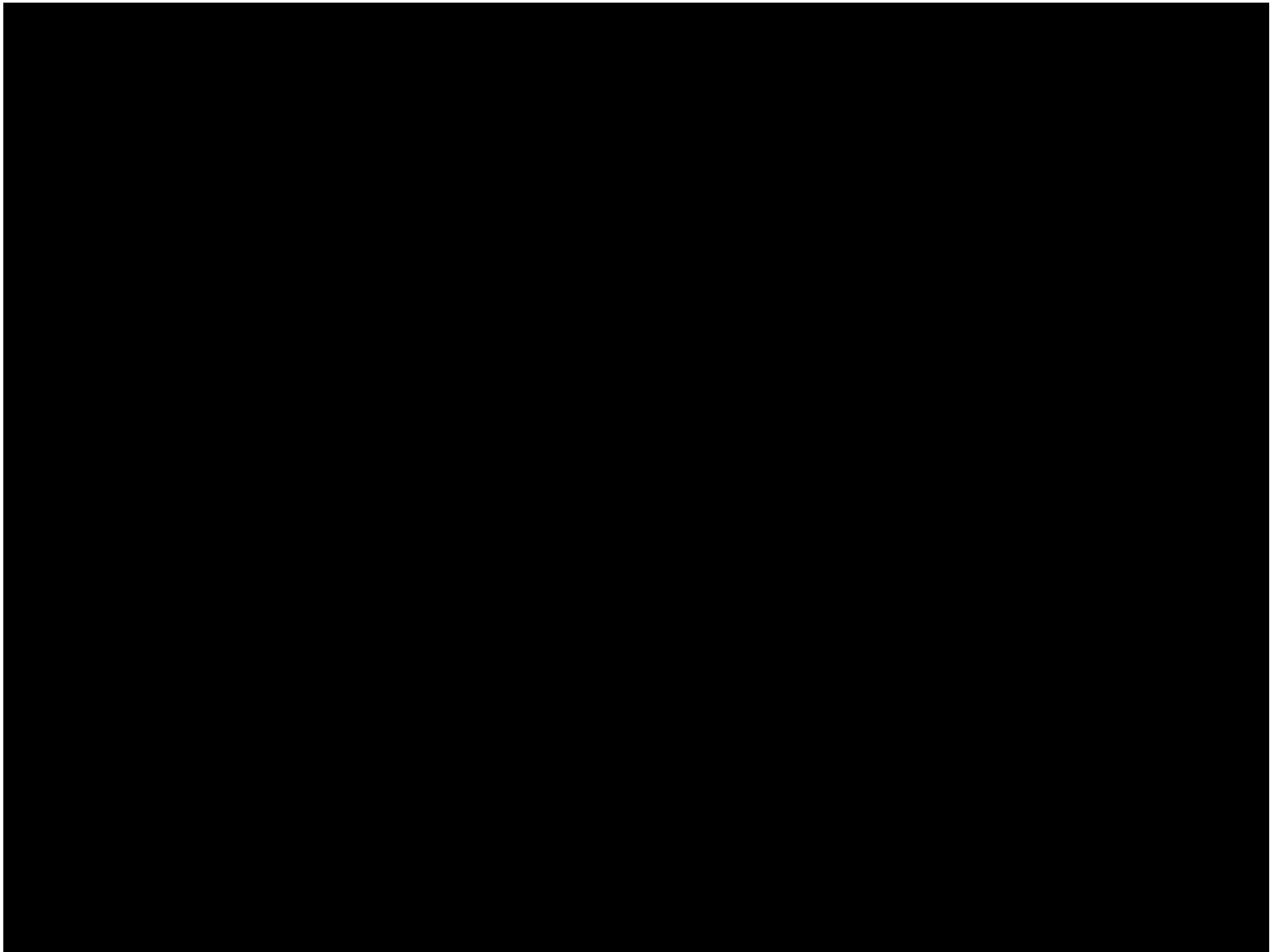


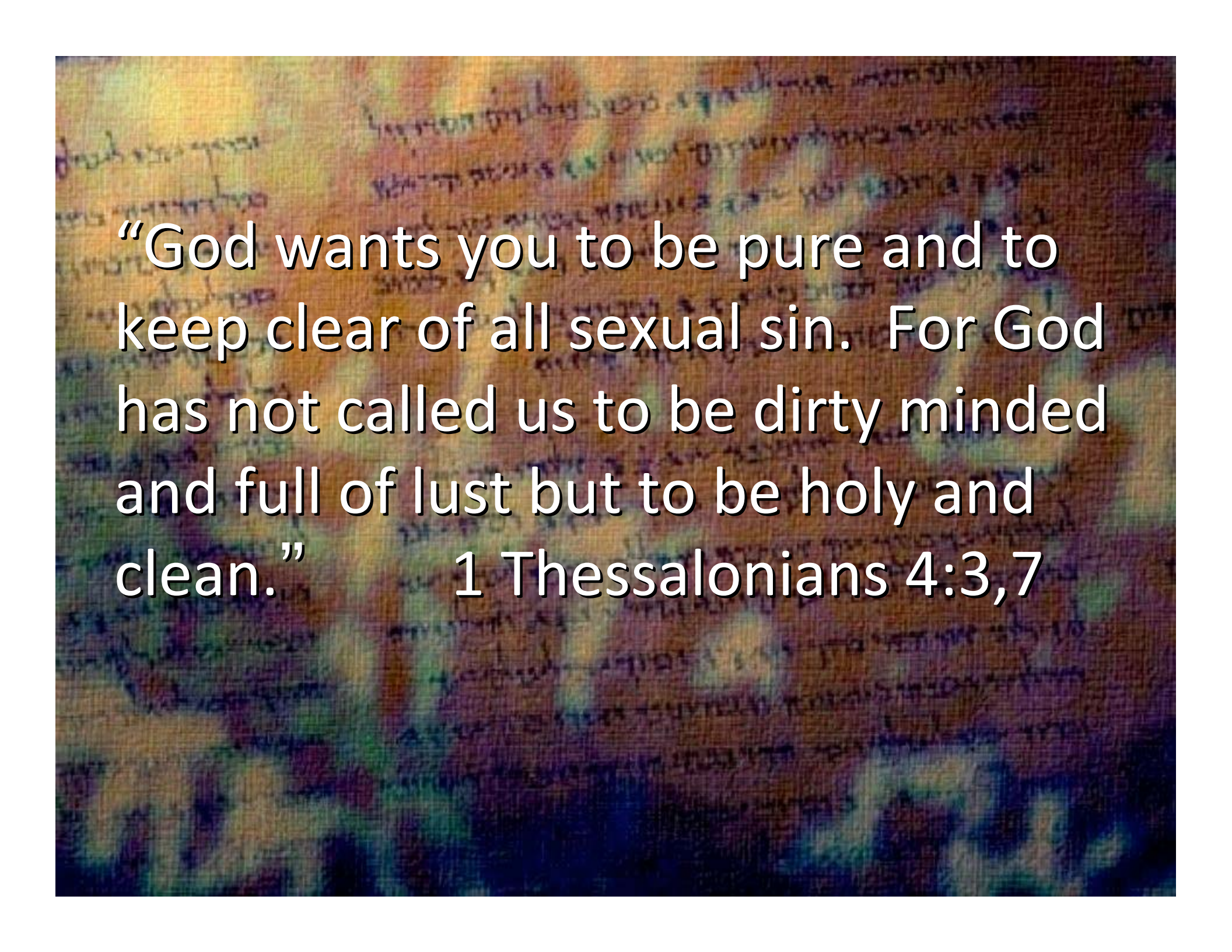
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Today as I joined my family at the first of the memorial services, I felt grief at his passing. But, as I stood over the casket this morning I was comforted in knowing that with all of the gifts that my father had given to the nation that the greatest gift he had given to me was knowing that at one o'clock Saturday afternoon when my father closed his eyes for the last time he went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A finer gift cannot be given to a son.



Michael Reagan speaking about
his father, President Ronald Reagan





“God wants you to be pure and to keep clear of all sexual sin. For God has not called us to be dirty minded and full of lust but to be holy and clean.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3,7

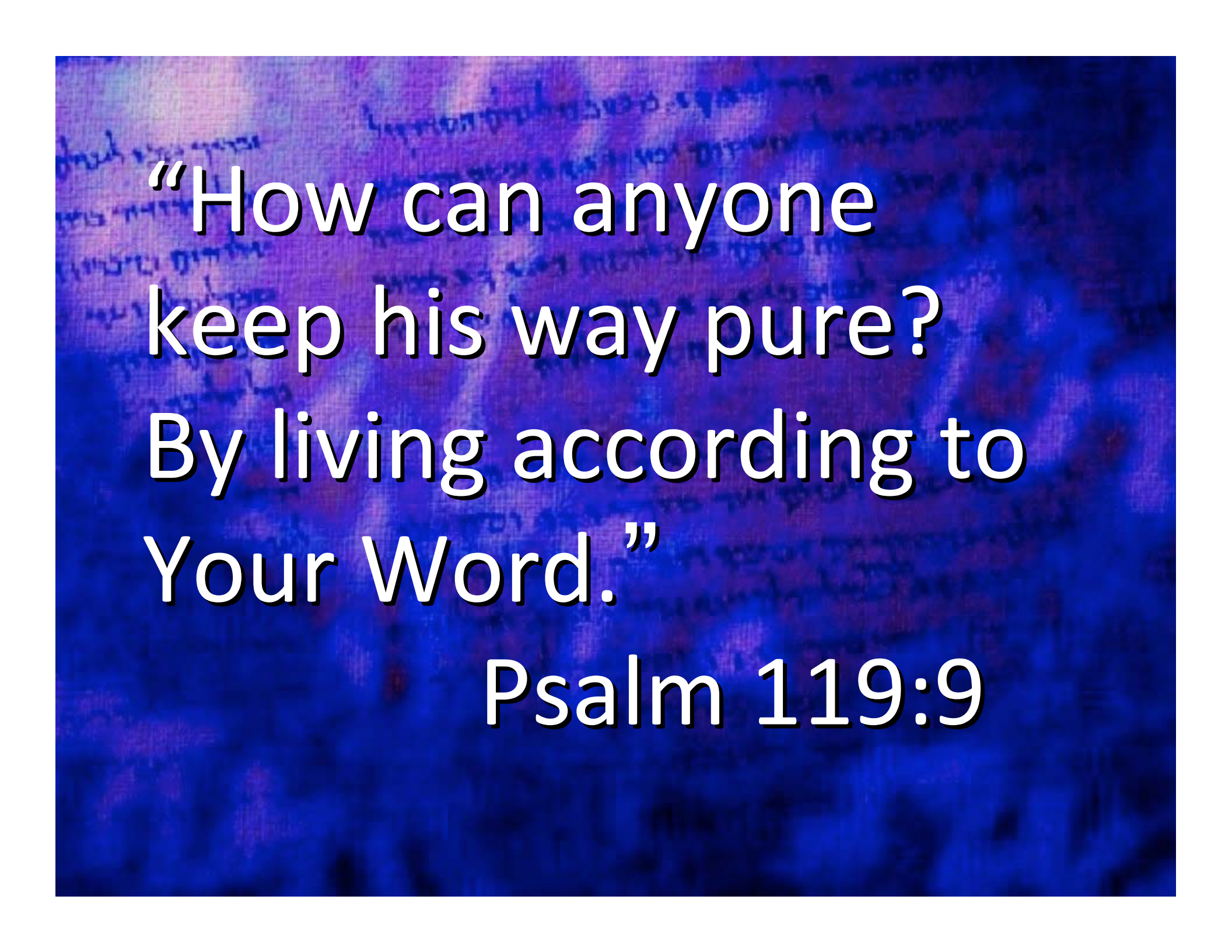
HOW TO STAY PURE IN A SEX-SATURATED WORLD



I. Make a commitment to God's Standard

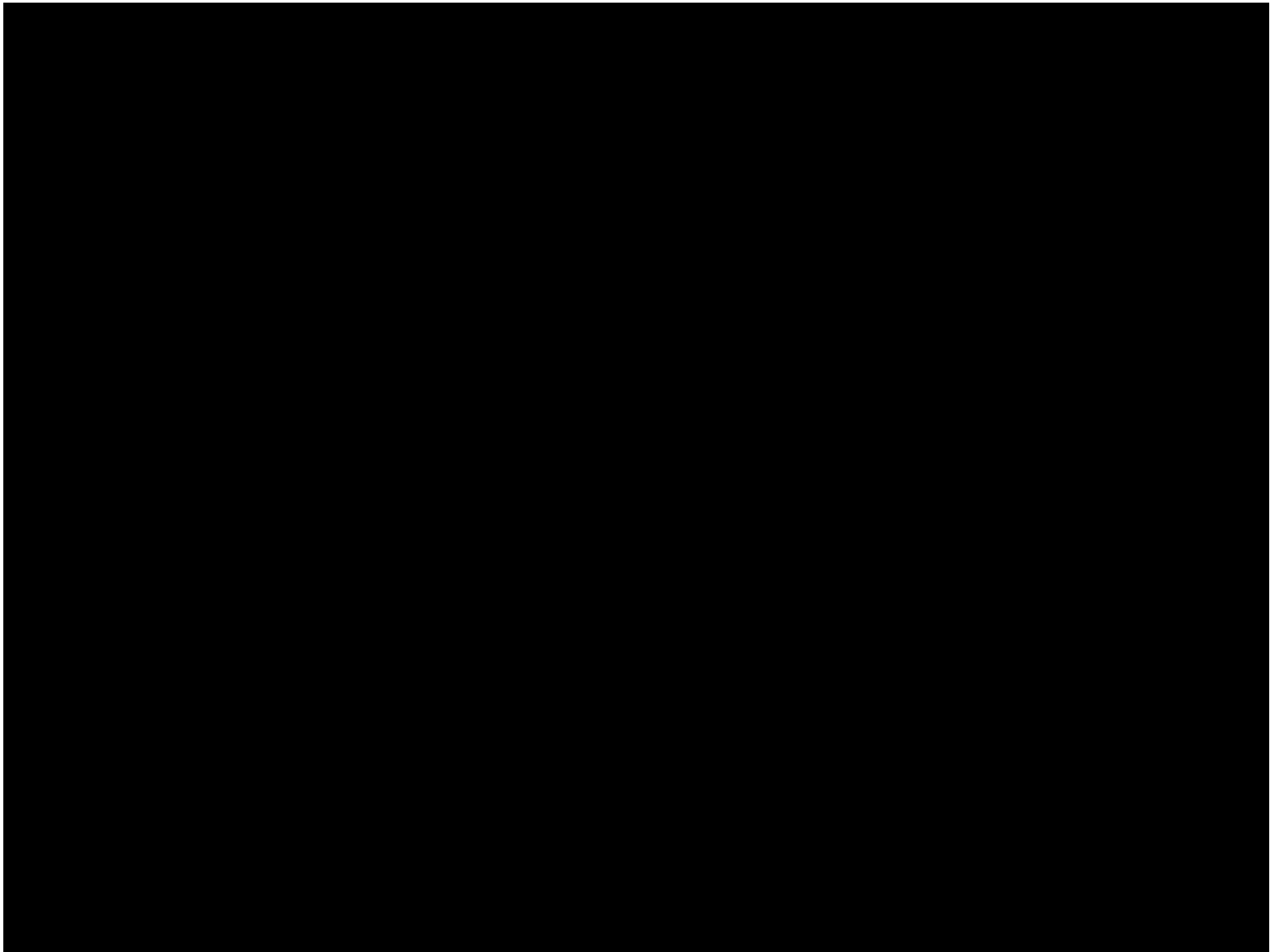
Remember, there is only one foundation, the one already laid: Jesus Christ. Take particular care in picking out your building materials. Eventually there is going to be an inspection. If you use cheap or inferior materials, you'll be found out. The inspection will be thorough and rigorous.

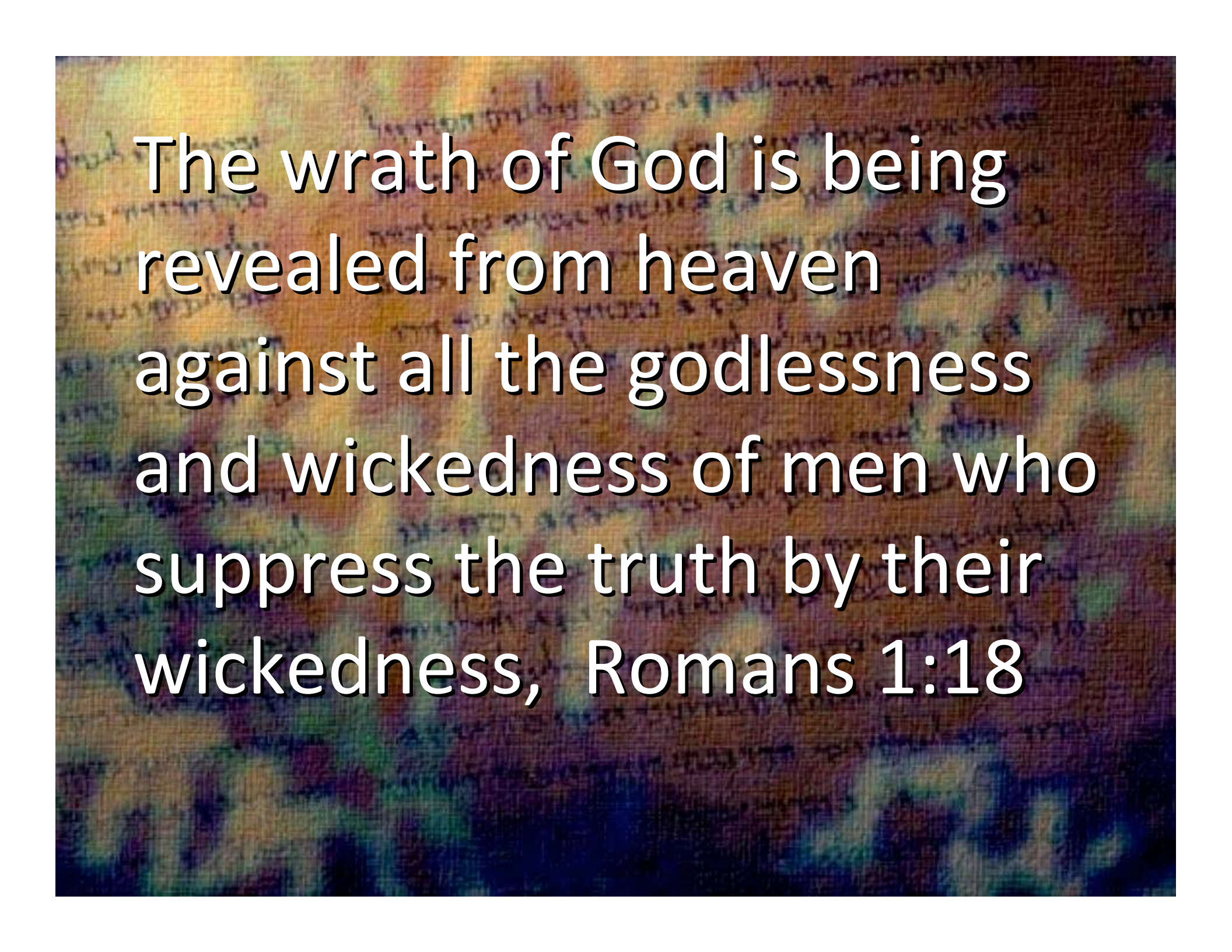
1 Corinthians 3:13,14 the Message



“How can anyone
keep his way pure?
By living according to
Your Word.”

Psalm 119:9





The wrath of God is being
revealed from heaven
against all the godlessness
and wickedness of men who
suppress the truth by their
wickedness, Romans 1:18

God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

Romans 1:26,27

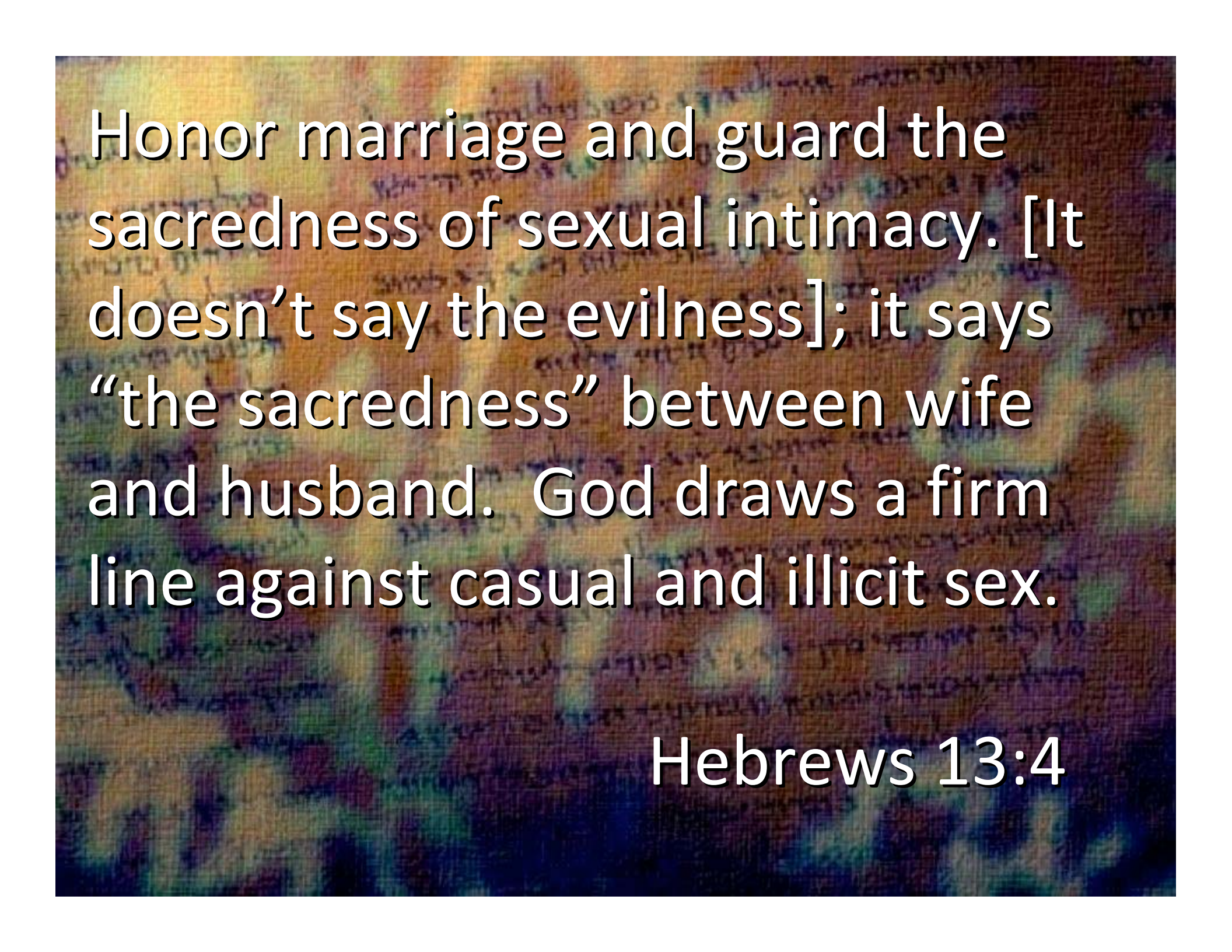
God Created Sex for Three Purposes.

**1. For pleasure
between a
husband and wife**



Why, God, did You
create sex just for
marriage?





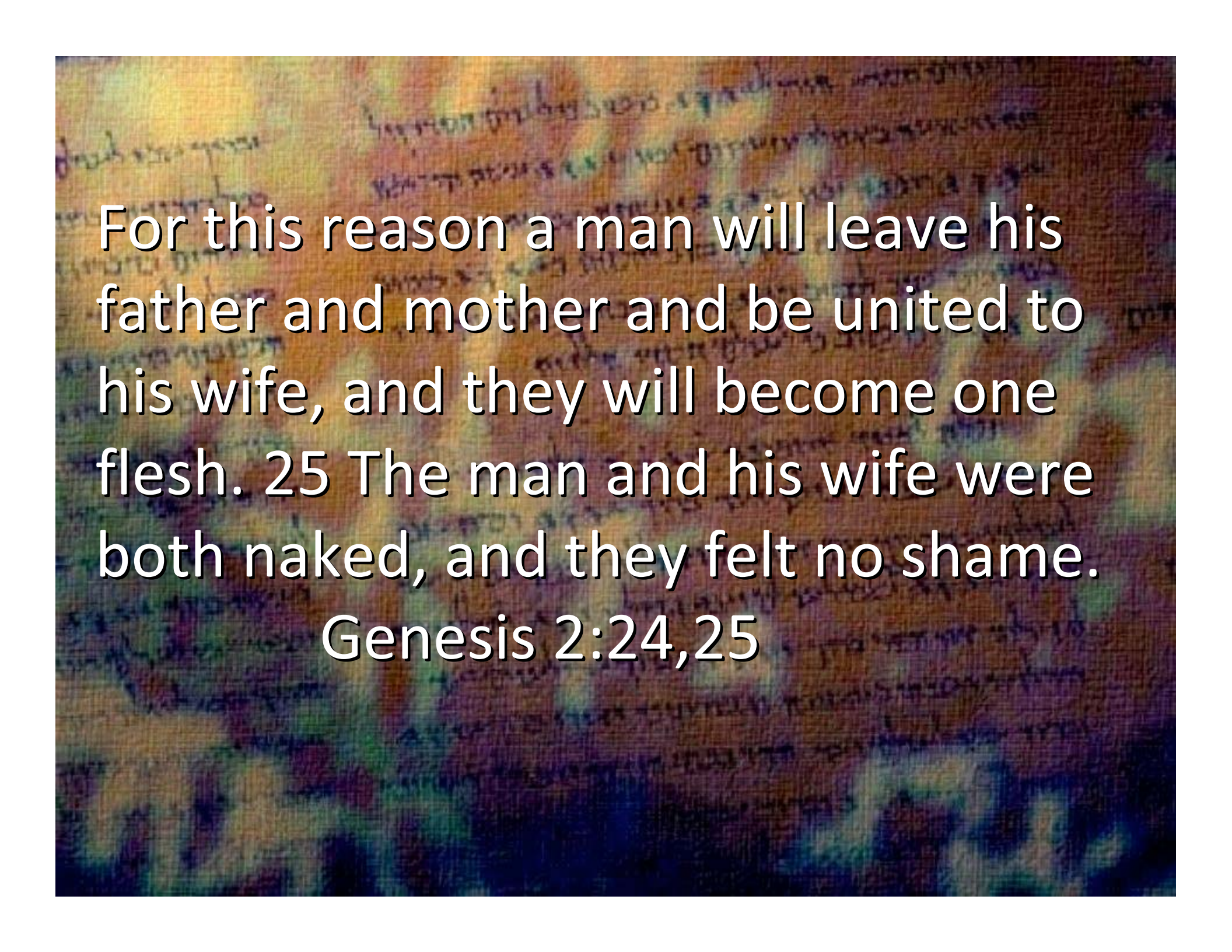
Honor marriage and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy. [It doesn't say the evilness]; it says "the sacredness" between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.

Hebrews 13:4

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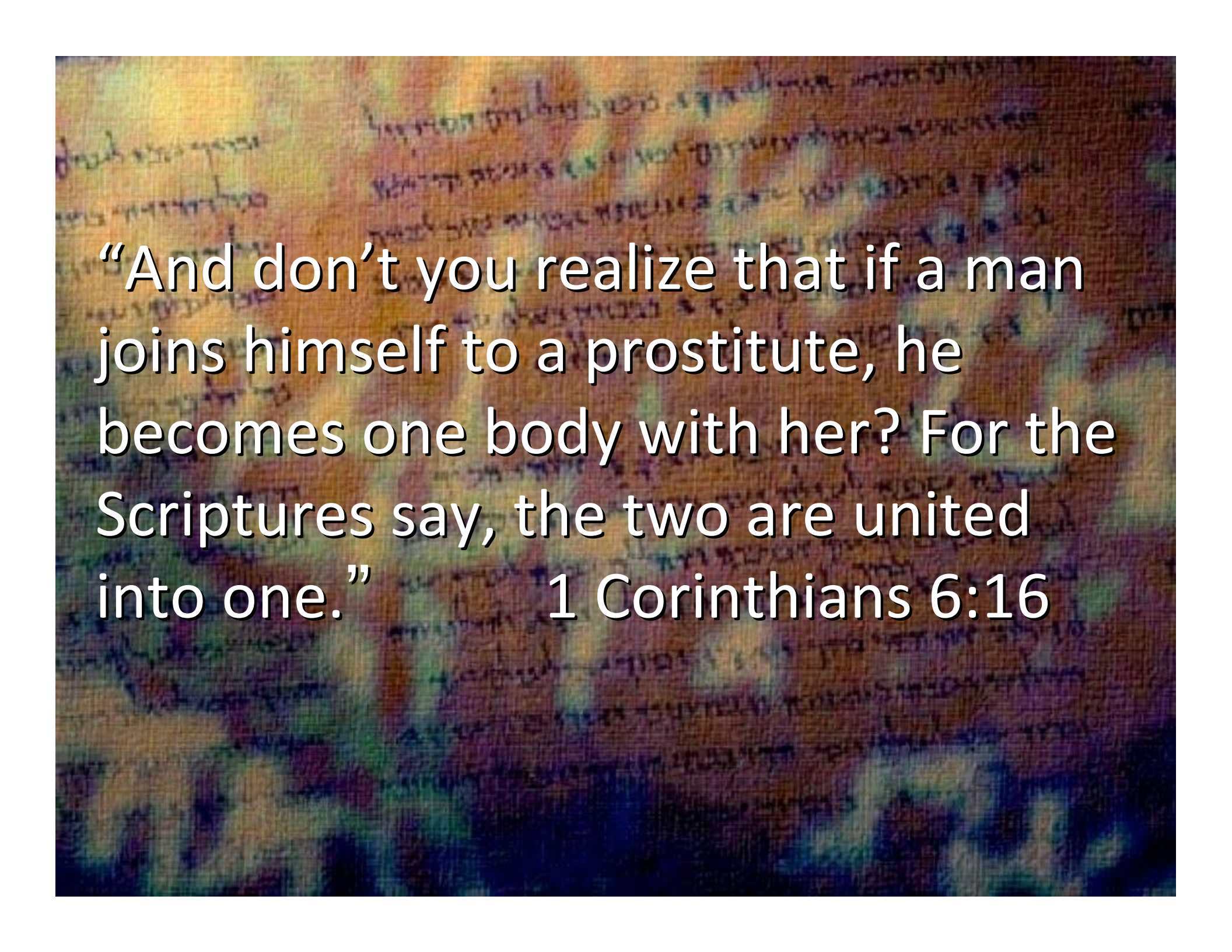
**2. For physical,
emotional and
spiritual bonding**





For this reason a man will leave his
father and mother and be united to
his wife, and they will become one
flesh. 25 The man and his wife were
both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:24,25



“And don’t you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, the two are united into one.”

1 Corinthians 6:16

God Created Sex for Three Purposes.

3. For procreation





“Be fruitful and multiply.”

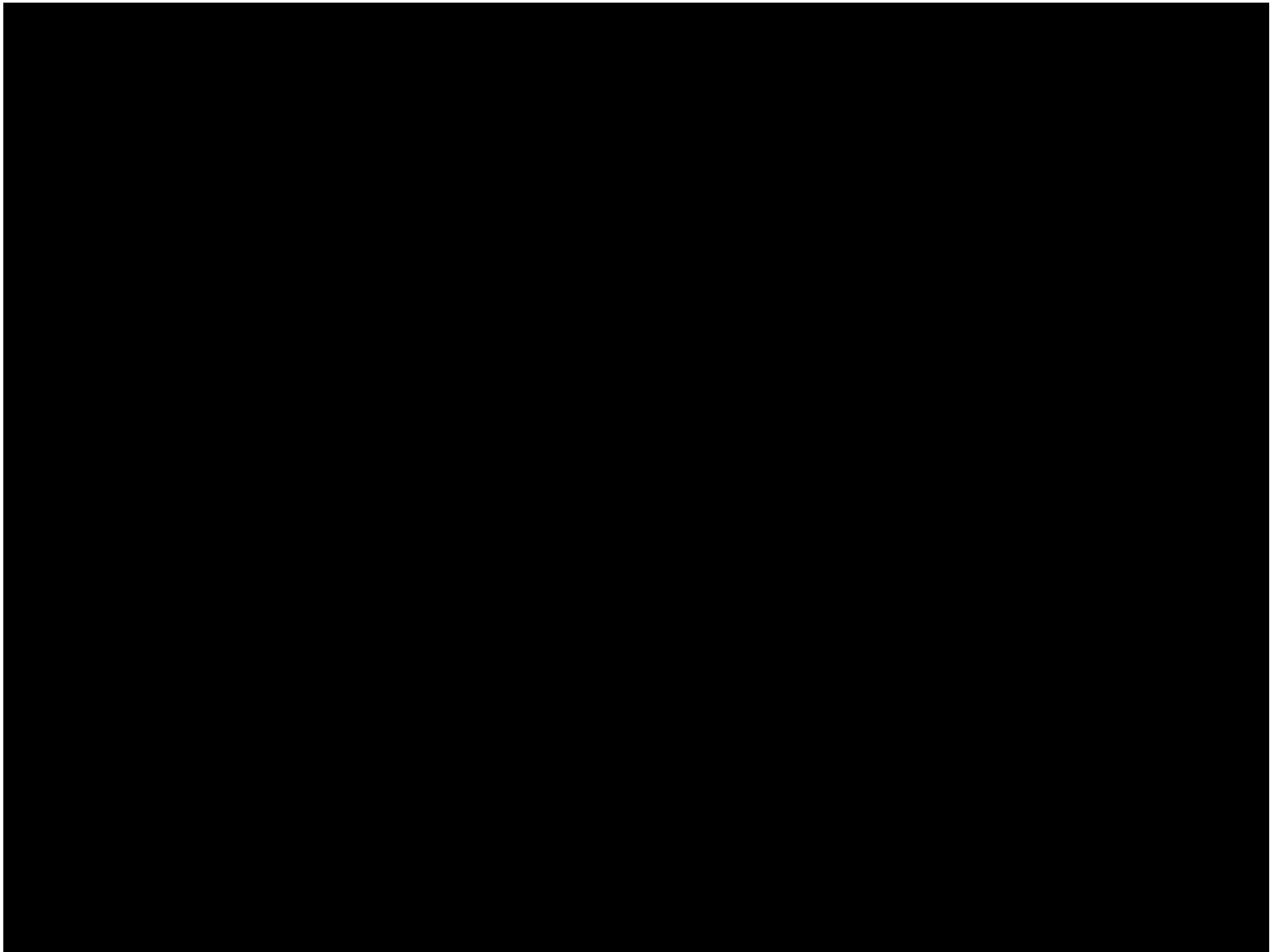
Genesis account:

To Adam and Eve and later to Noah
and his family.

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II. Manage your mind.



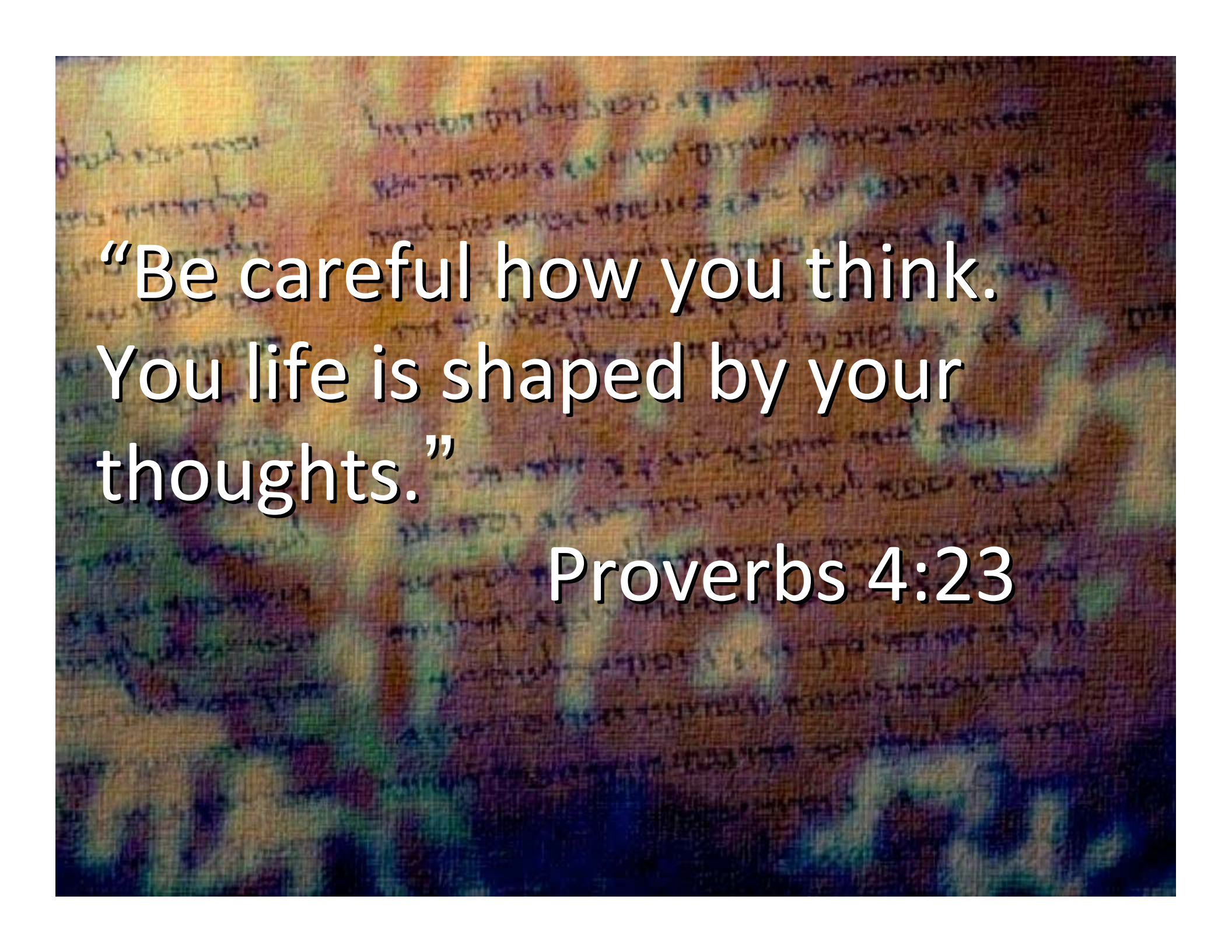


1st Pitfall to avoid:

- 1. Don't allow sinful thoughts into your mind**

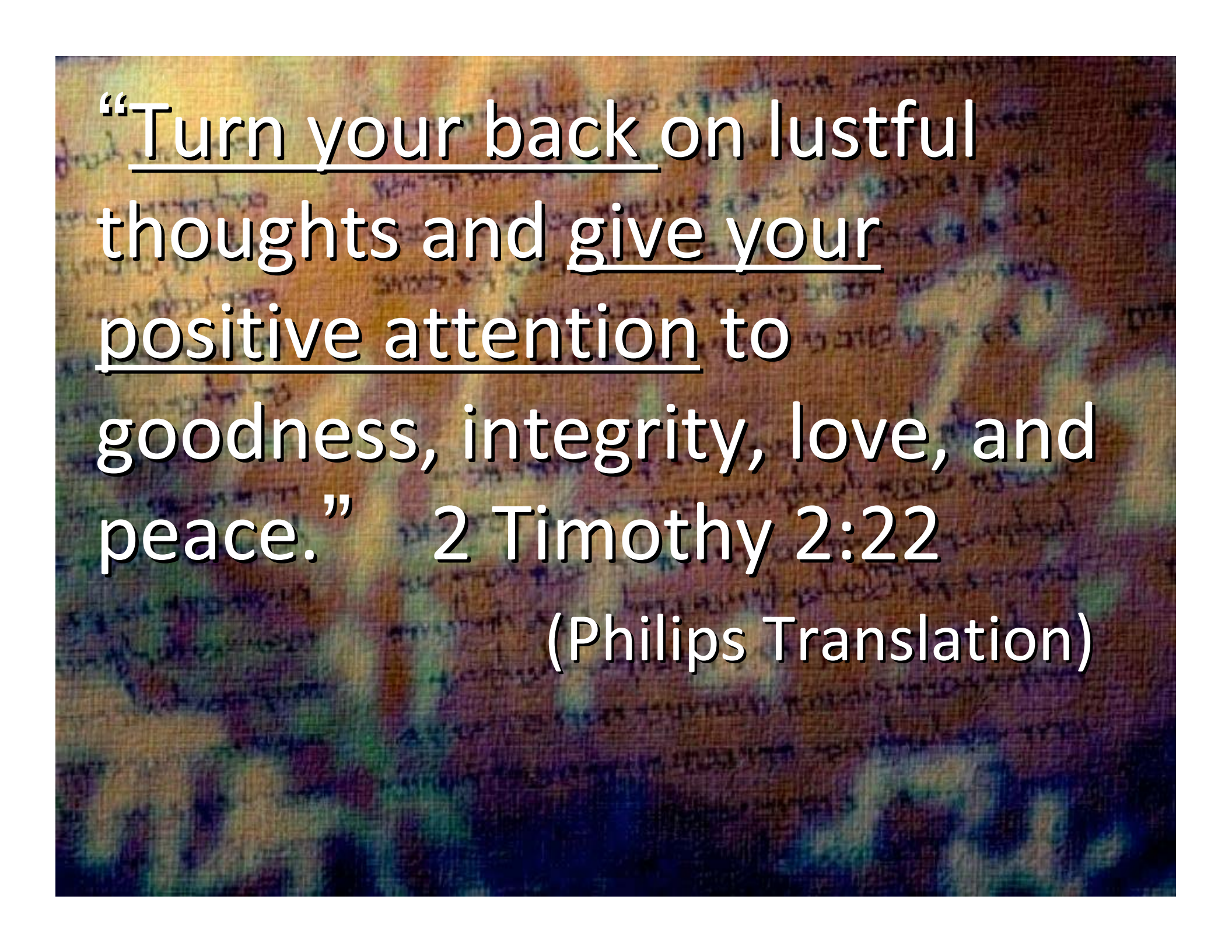
Principal:

What you think about will eventually effect how you feel and how you feel will eventually somehow come out in your behavior or how you act.



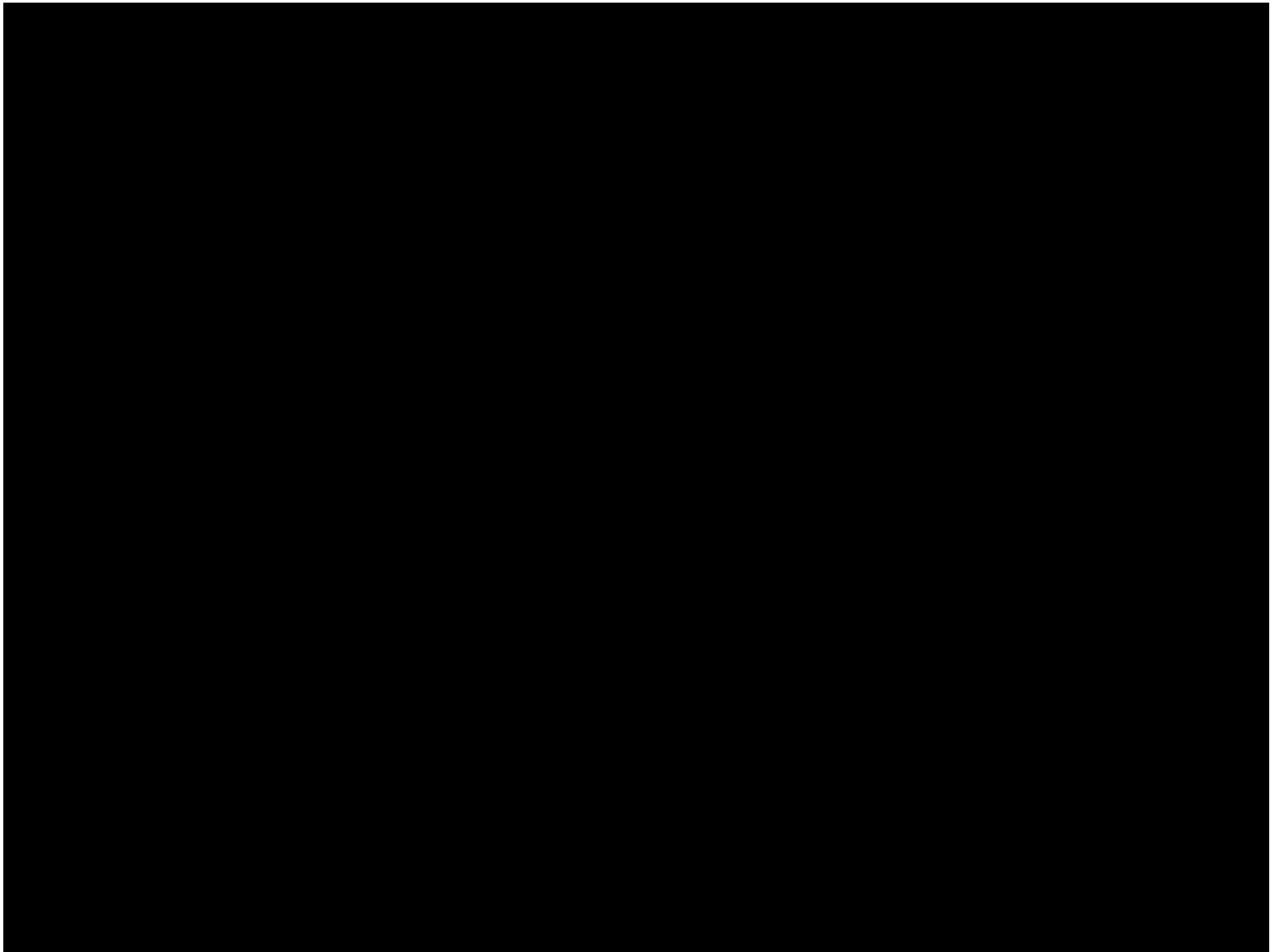
“Be careful how you think.
Your life is shaped by your
thoughts.”

Proverbs 4:23



“Turn your back on lustful
thoughts and give your
positive attention to
goodness, integrity, love, and
peace.” 2 Timothy 2:22

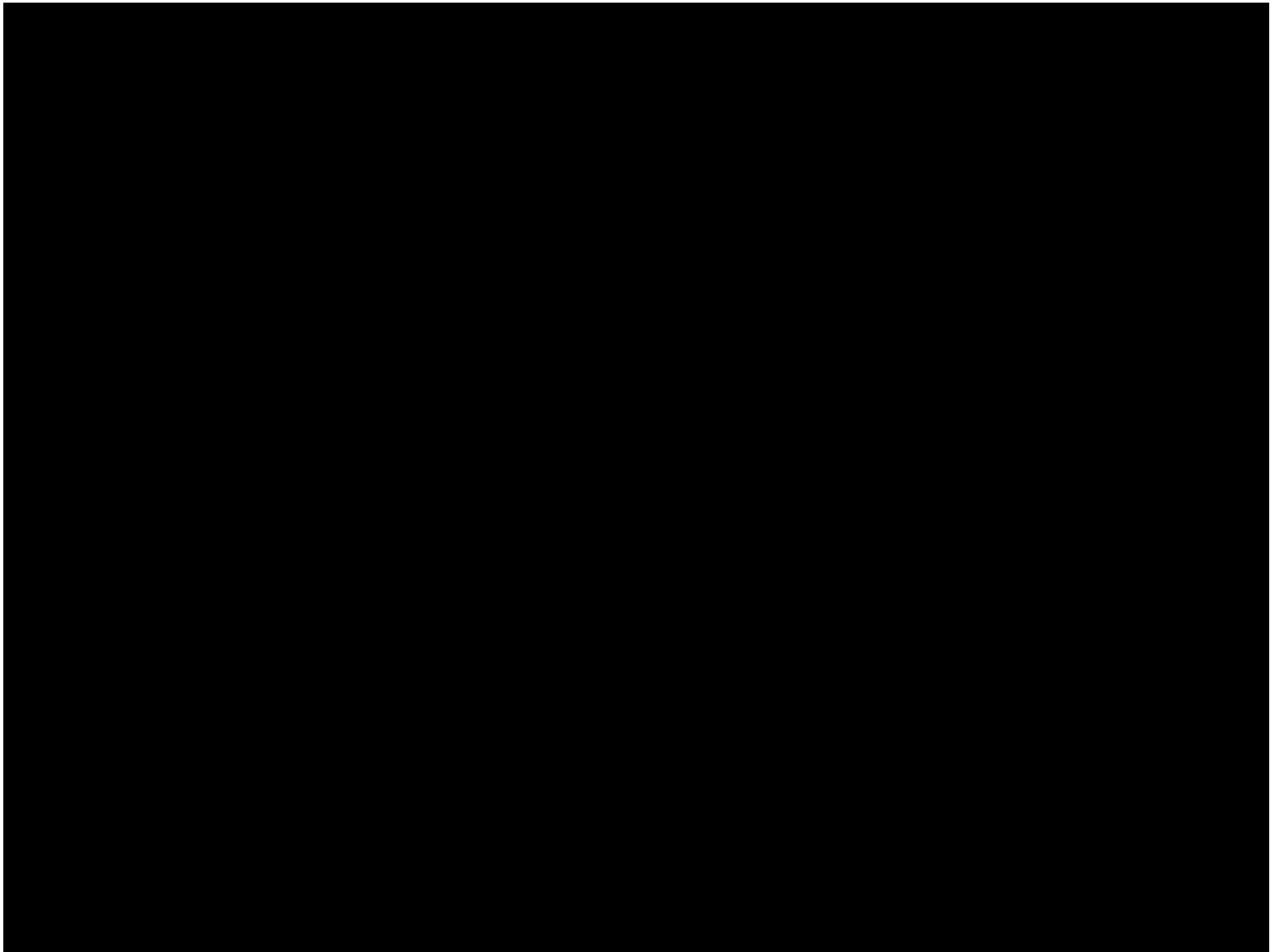
(Philips Translation)





2nd Pitfall to avoid:

**2. Avoid emotional, non-physical
involvement**





3rd Pitfall to avoid:

**3. Avoid physical
involvement**



These Pitfalls will lead:

rationalizations of behavior

“The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. Who can know it?” Jeremiah 17:9



My Recovery Model:

Do I embrace my sin
or am I ashamed?



My Recovery Model:

Find a trusted friend,
make your confession,
and be accountable



My Recovery Model:

Keep confessing!!!



My Recovery Model:

Control your thought life
with all that you are



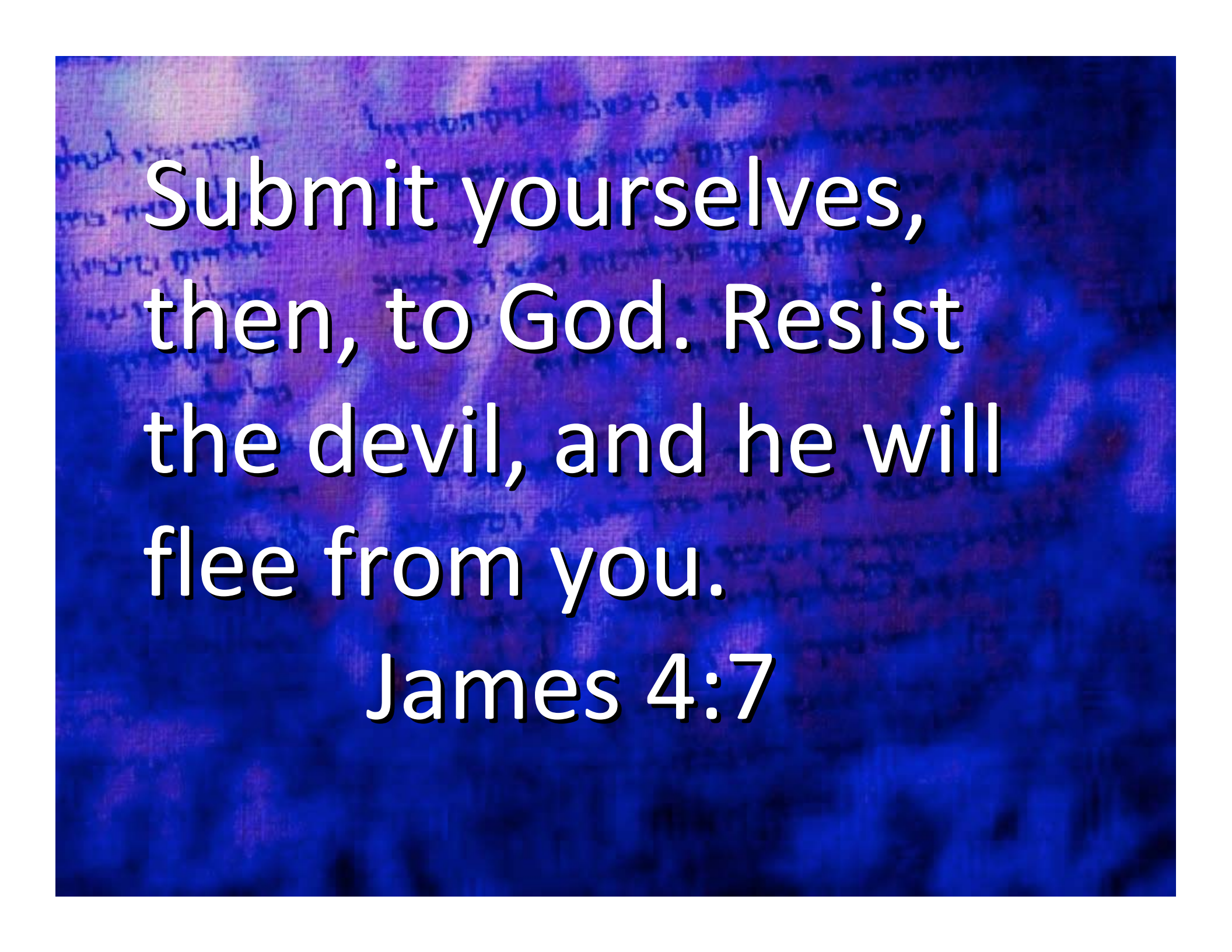
My Recovery Model:

Ask for God's help
with temptation



My Recovery Model:

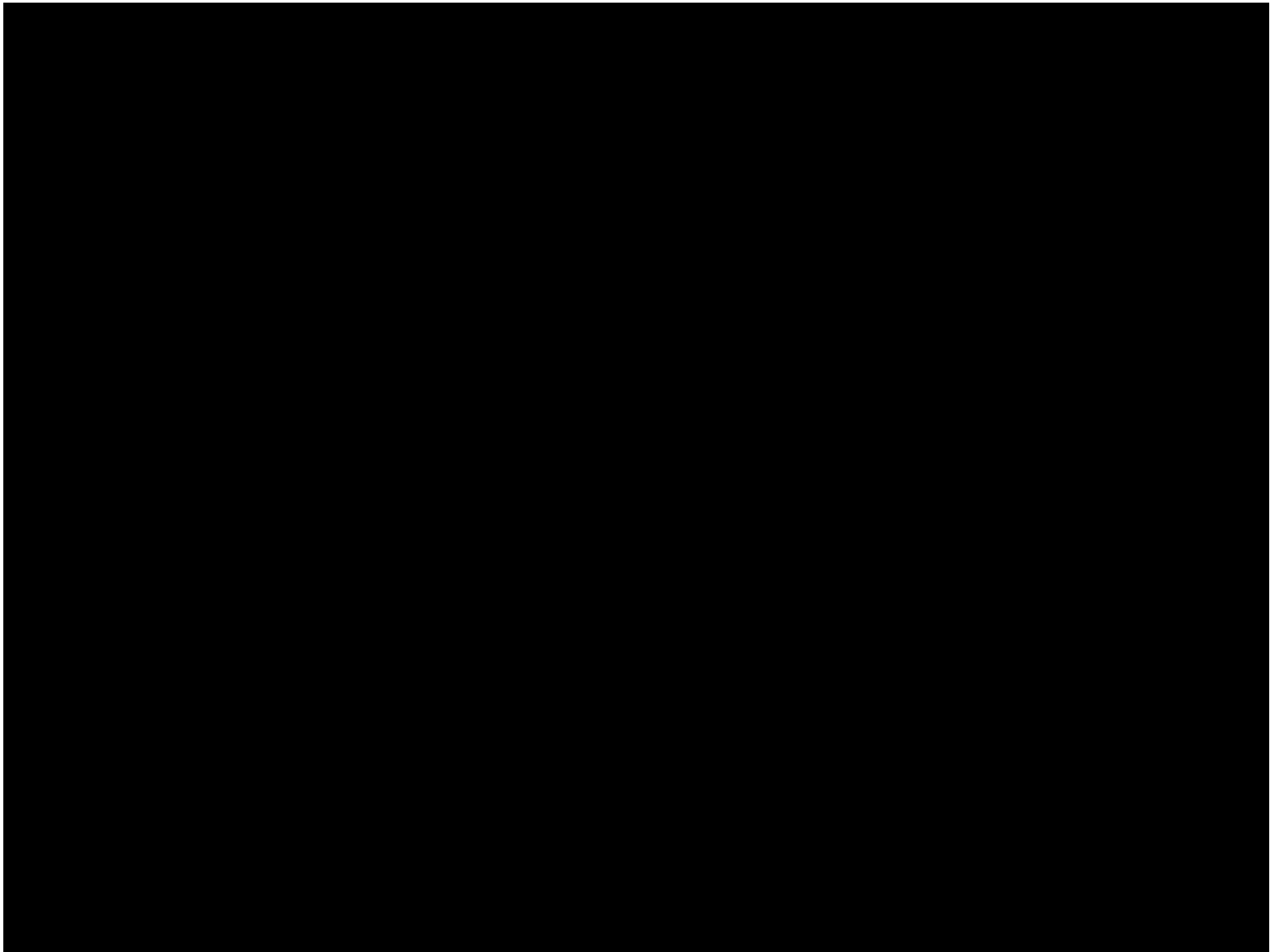
Fast after failure



Submit yourselves,
then, to God. Resist
the devil, and he will
flee from you.

James 4:7

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13





**What is the path back
to God look like if I've
failed?**

1st and foremost:

BE REPENTANT



**What is the path back
to God look like if I've
failed?**

2. You receive
forgiveness

David in Psalm 51 A Cry of Repentance


1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin. 3 For I know my
transgressions, and my sin is always before
me. Psalm 51:1-3

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed
rejoice.

12 Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:8,12



12 Restore to me the joy of
your salvation and grant me
a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Psalm 51:12



**What is the path back
to God look like if I've
failed?**

3. You love God and
others.

Jesus with the Pharisee named Simon

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." ...41"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more? 43Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 7:40-47

