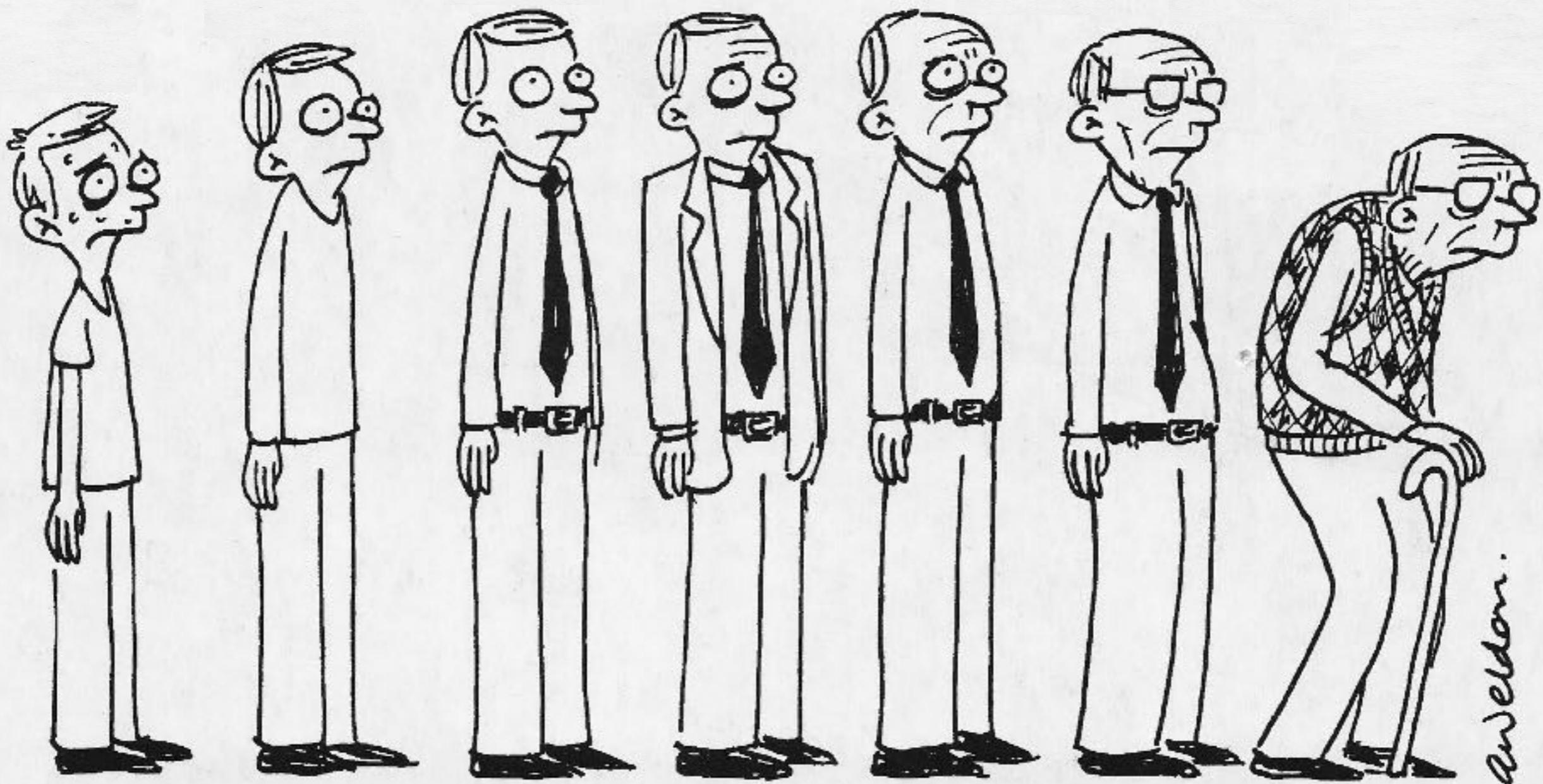




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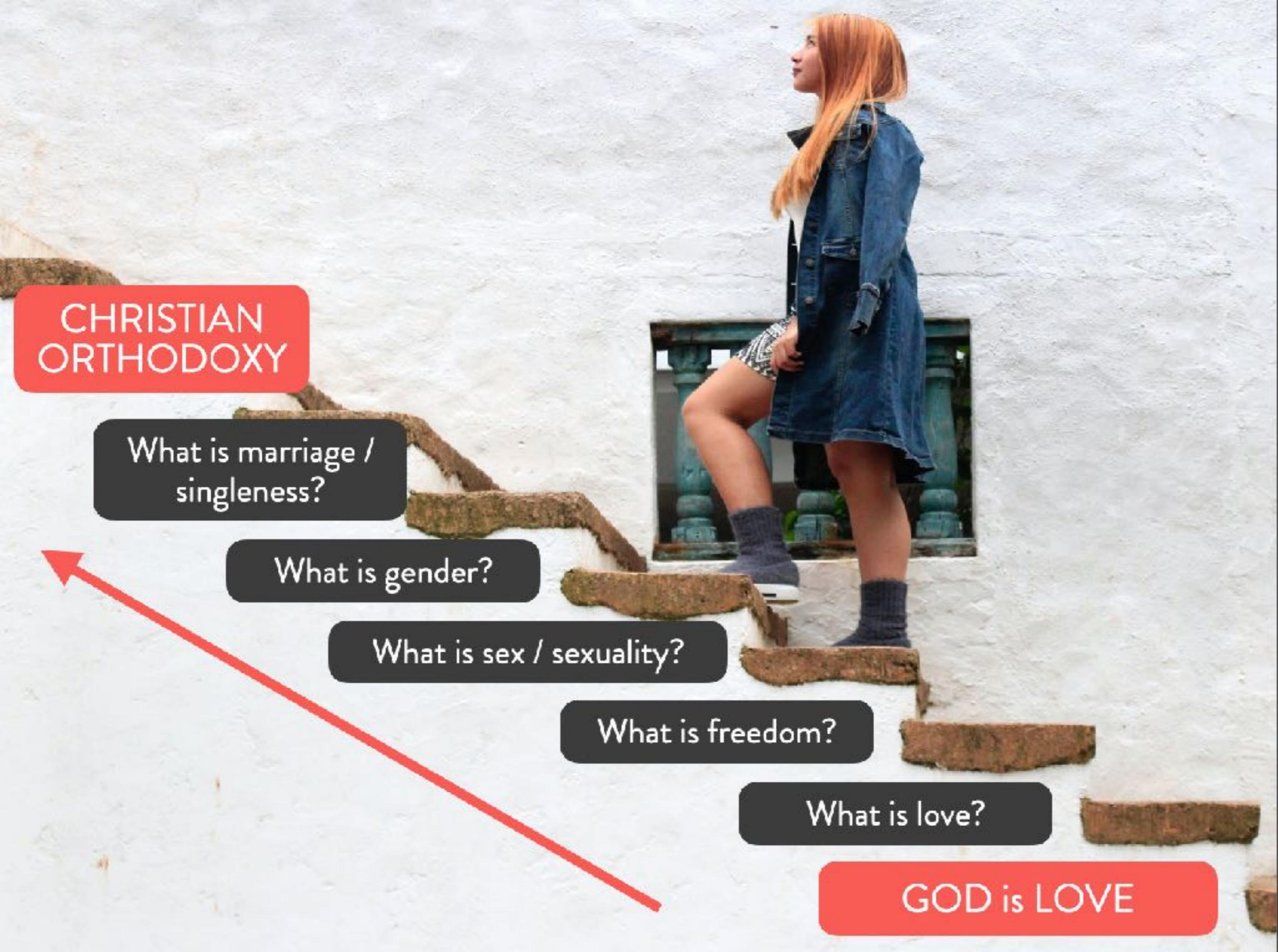


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# LONGING FOR LOVE

A series on love, sexuality and gender





CHRISTIAN  
ORTHODOXY

What is marriage /  
singleness?

What is gender?

What is sex / sexuality?

What is freedom?

What is love?

GOD is LOVE

# WHAT IS SEX?

in a series about love, gender and sexuality



**THE BIBLE HAS A REALLY  
POSITIVE VIEW ABOUT SEX**



A photograph showing a man's feet in black leather shoes on green grass on the left, and a woman's feet in white lace shoes on a white lace fabric on the right. The text "Who invented the orgasm?" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Who invented the  
orgasm?

“In the heavens God  
has pitched a tent for  
the sun.”



“It is like a  
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like a champion  
rejoicing.”









# SEX TIPS

FOR HUSBANDS  
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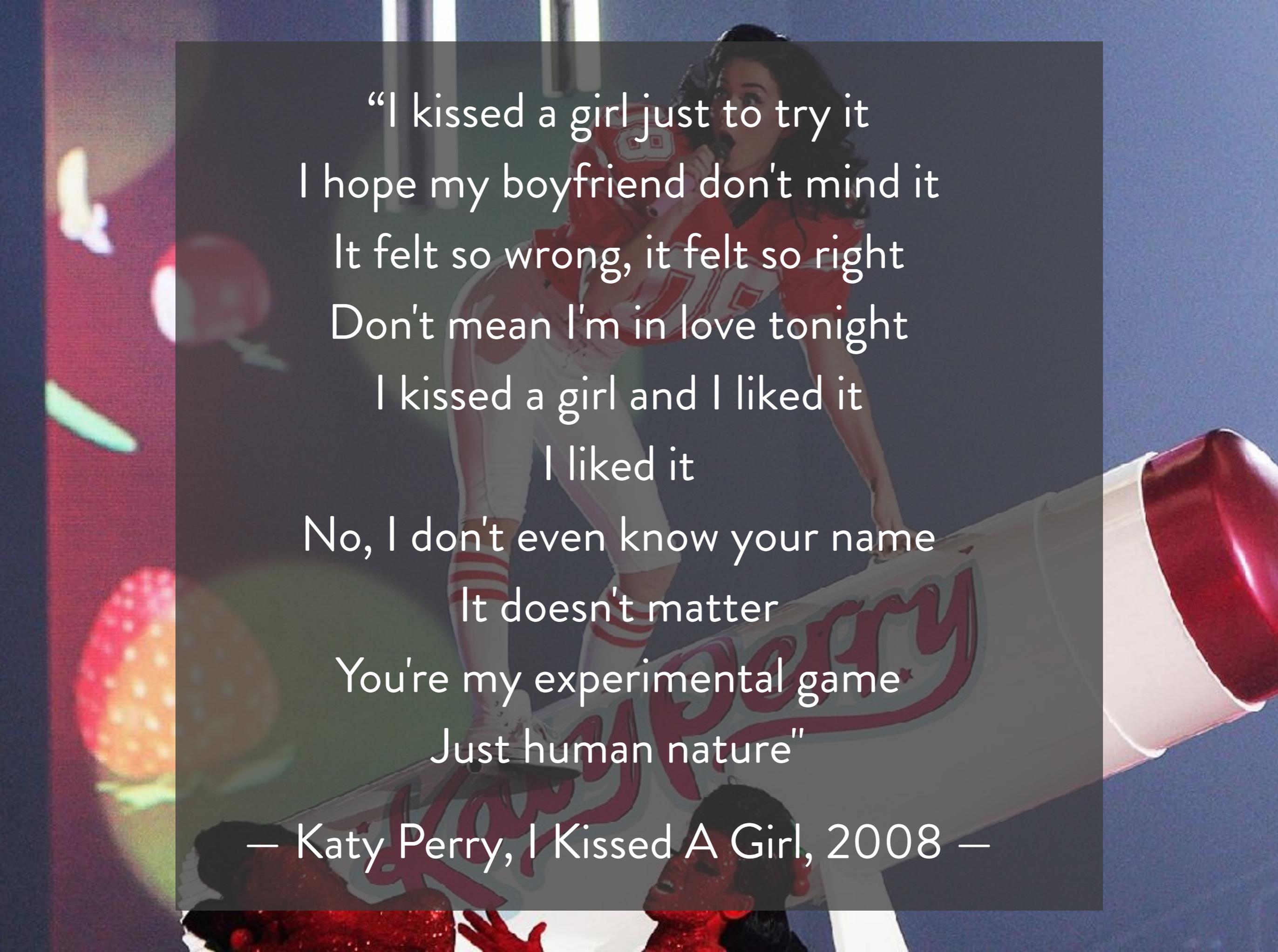


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A photograph of Katy Perry dressed as a cheerleader in a red and white outfit, holding a large white sign with her name 'Katy Perry' written in red cursive. She is kissing a girl who is also in a cheerleader outfit. The background is dark with colorful lights.

“I kissed a girl just to try it  
I hope my boyfriend don't mind it  
It felt so wrong, it felt so right  
Don't mean I'm in love tonight  
I kissed a girl and I liked it  
I liked it  
No, I don't even know your name  
It doesn't matter  
You're my experimental game  
Just human nature”

— Katy Perry, I Kissed A Girl, 2008 —



“If you think that sex is simply an enjoyable physical experience between consenting adults, like tandem sky-diving but without clothes, then God’s restrictions on it won’t make any sense at all.”

— Andrew Wilson —



“In a hook up culture, we underestimate the danger of casual sex. We underestimate how our sexual past will be present in our future relationships.”

— Andrew Heard —

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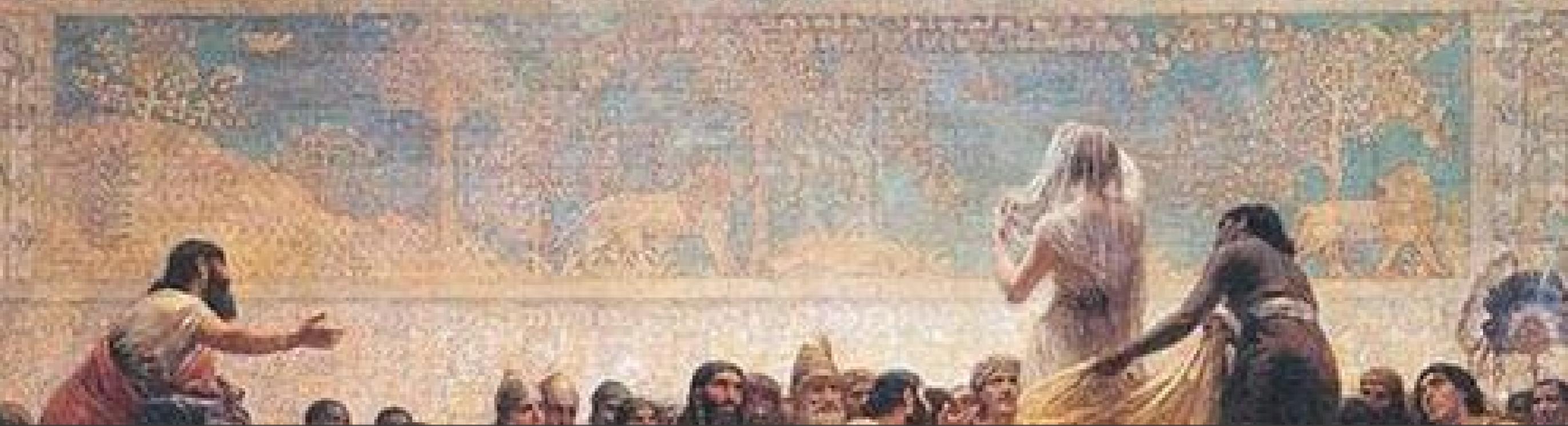
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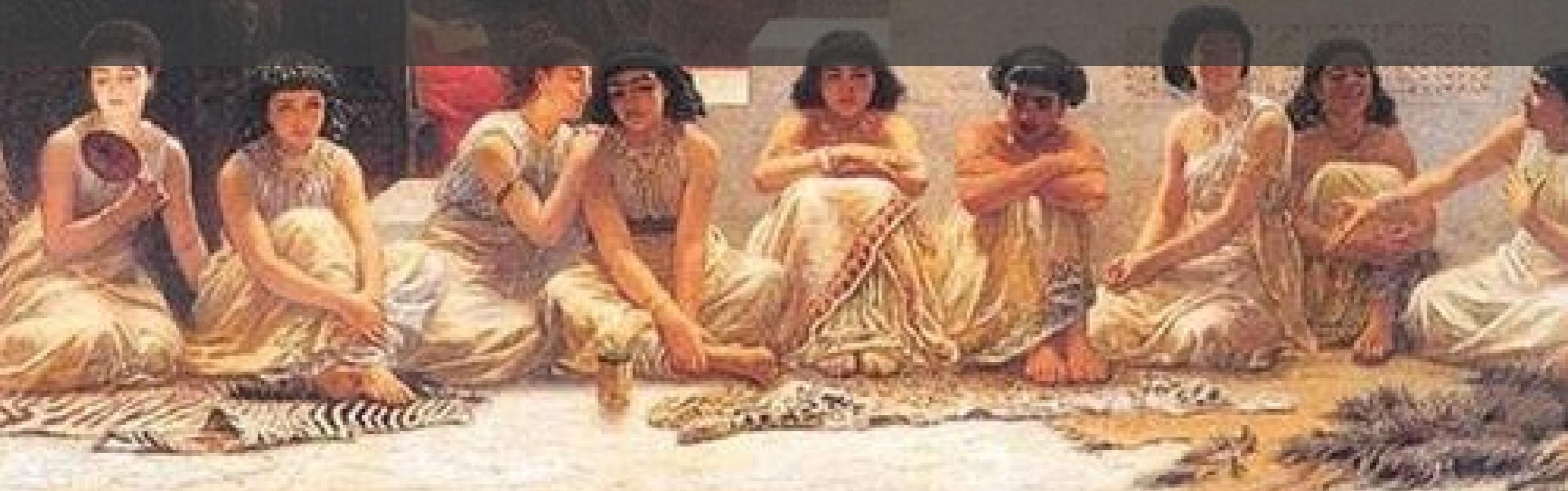
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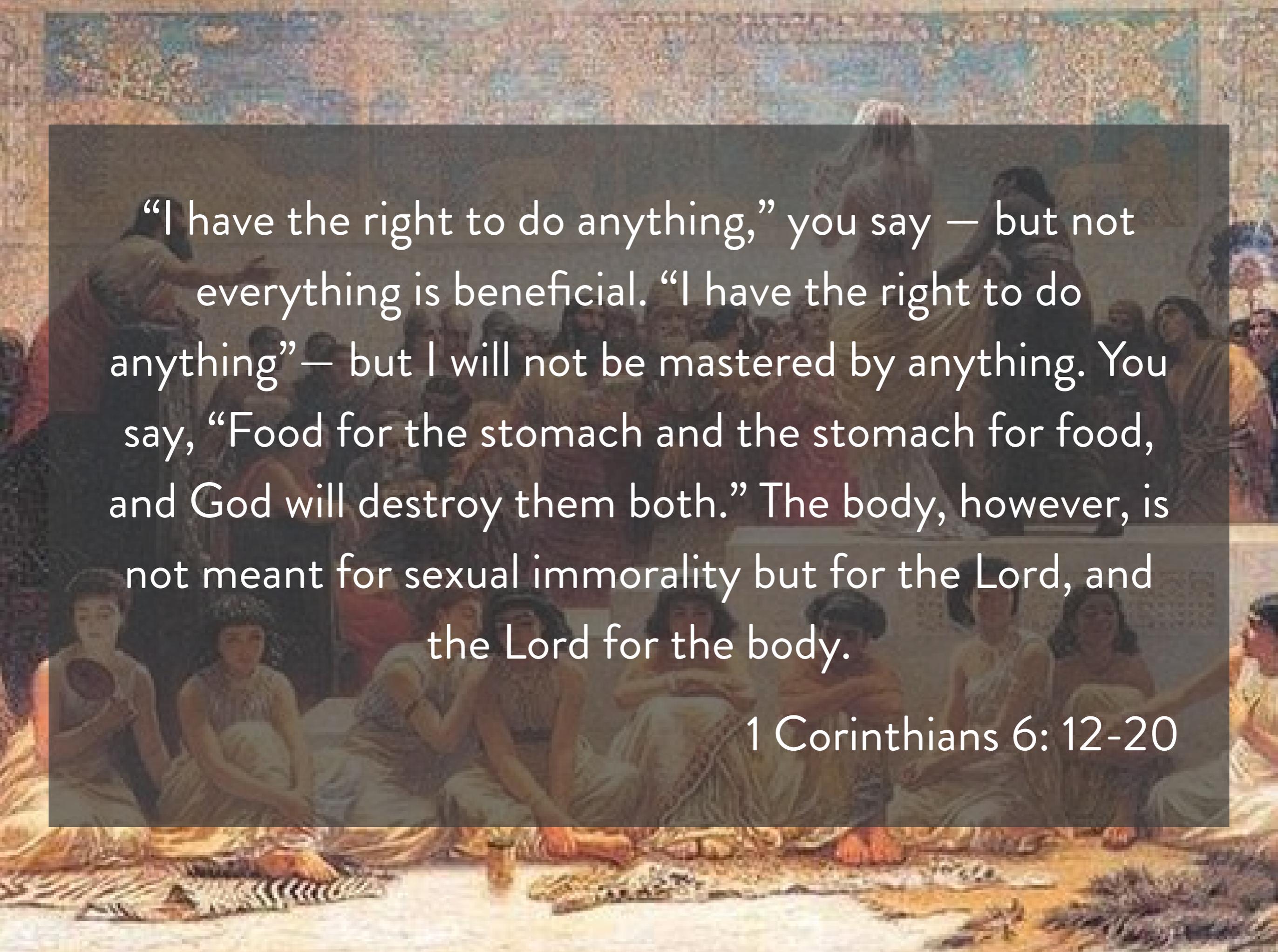






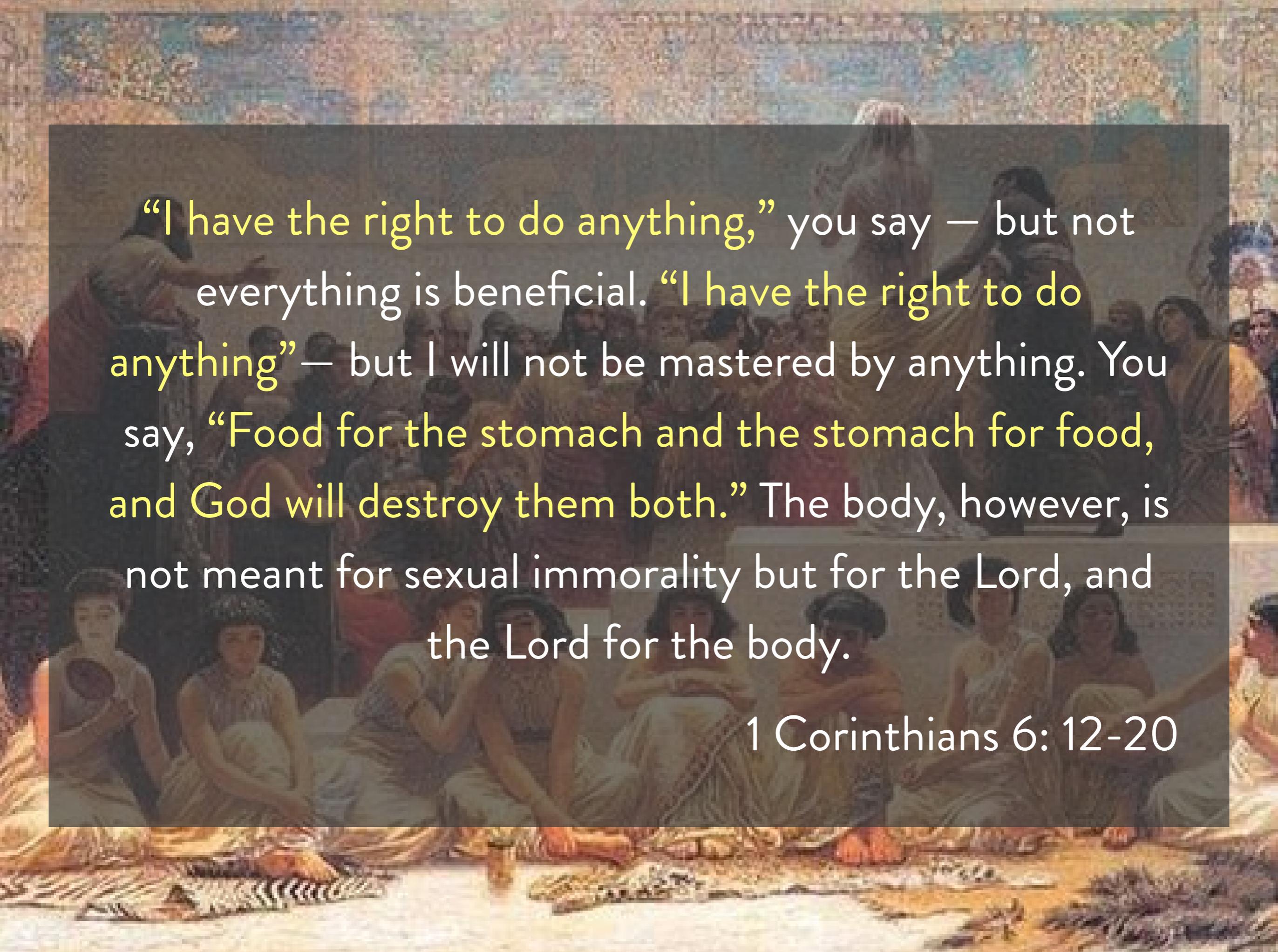
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A painting depicting a large group of people in a room. In the center, a man in a white robe stands with his arms outstretched, addressing the group. The people are seated on the floor, some looking towards the speaker. The scene is set in a room with a patterned floor and a large window in the background. The overall tone is solemn and focused.

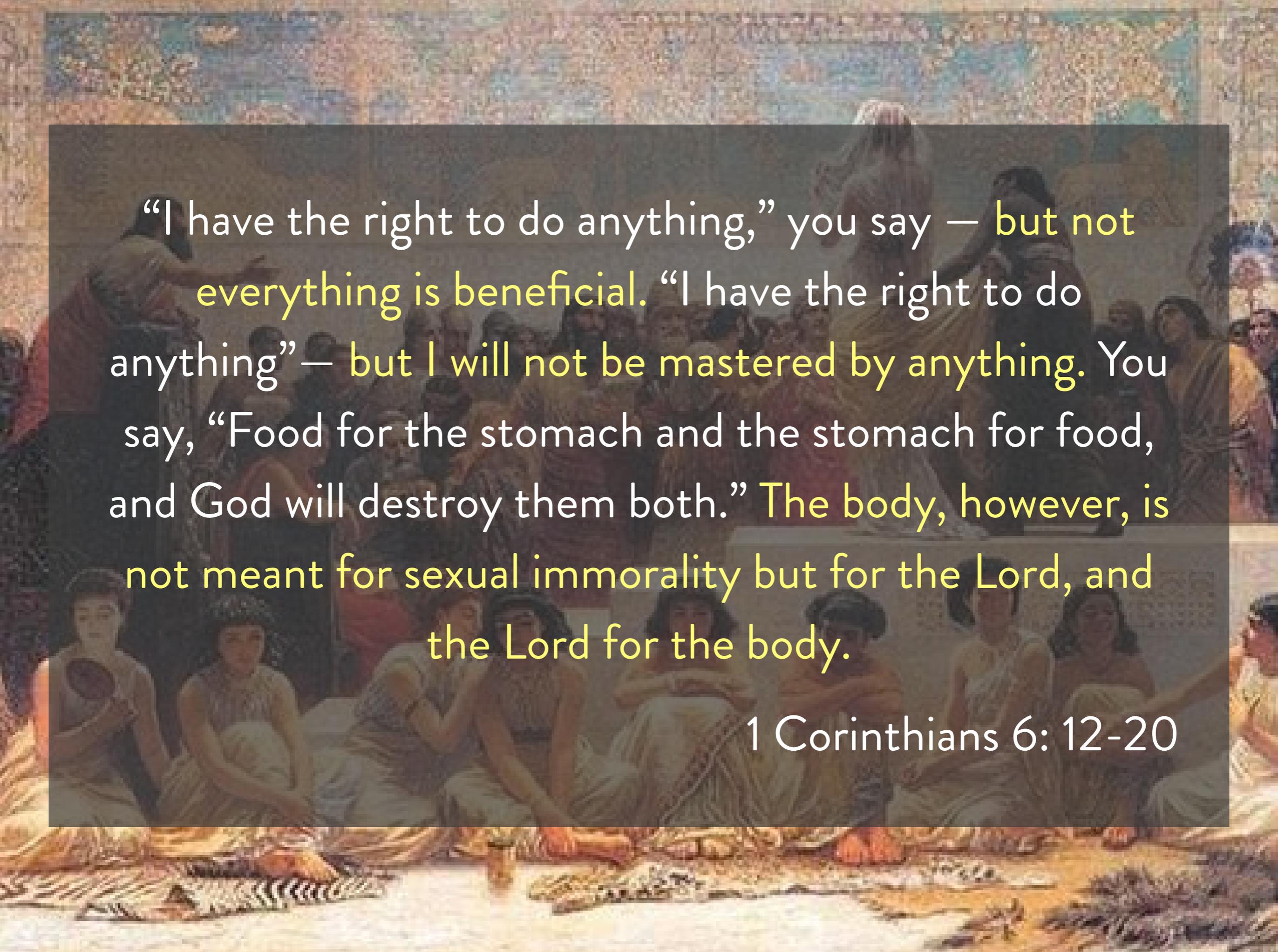
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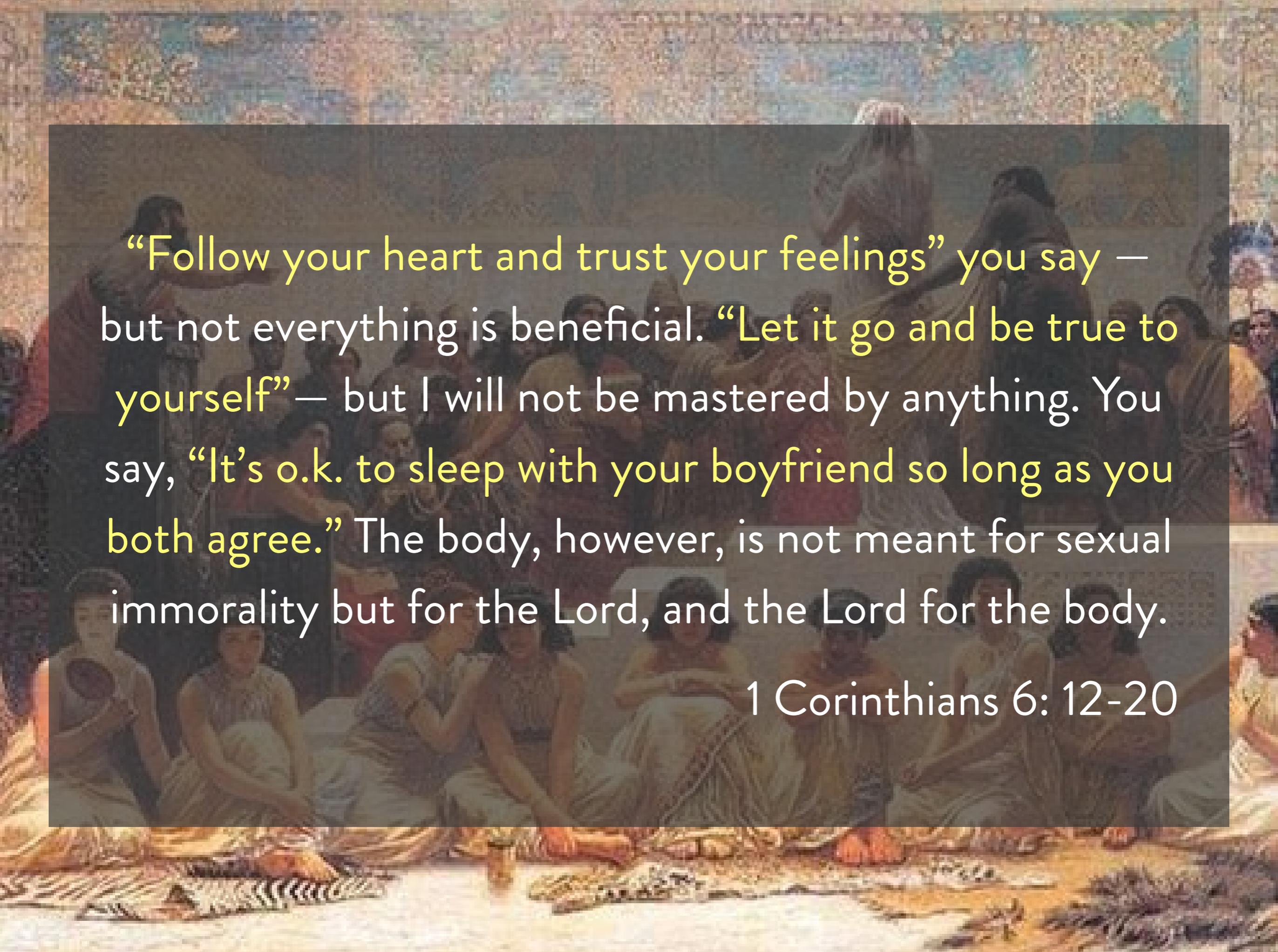
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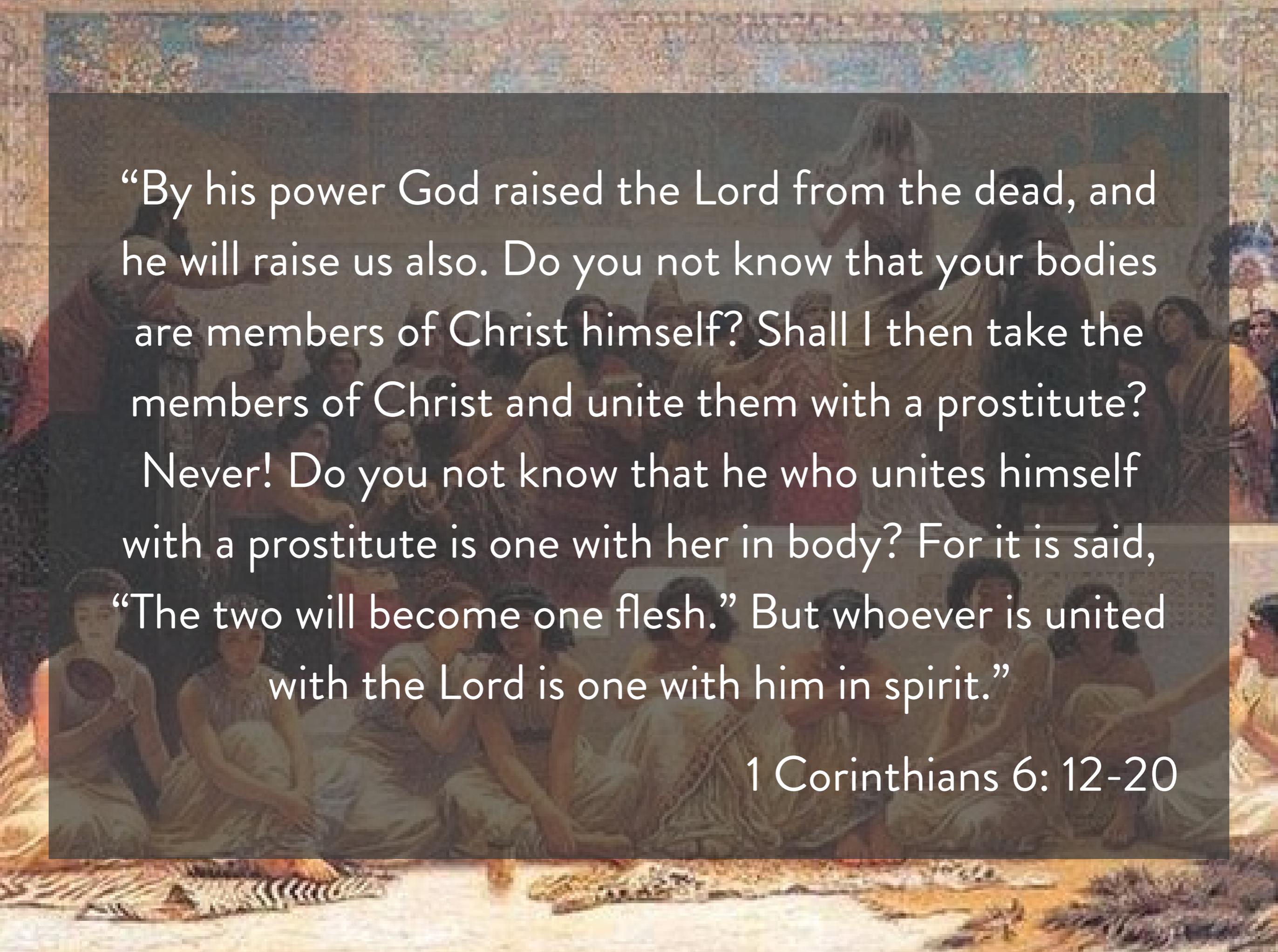
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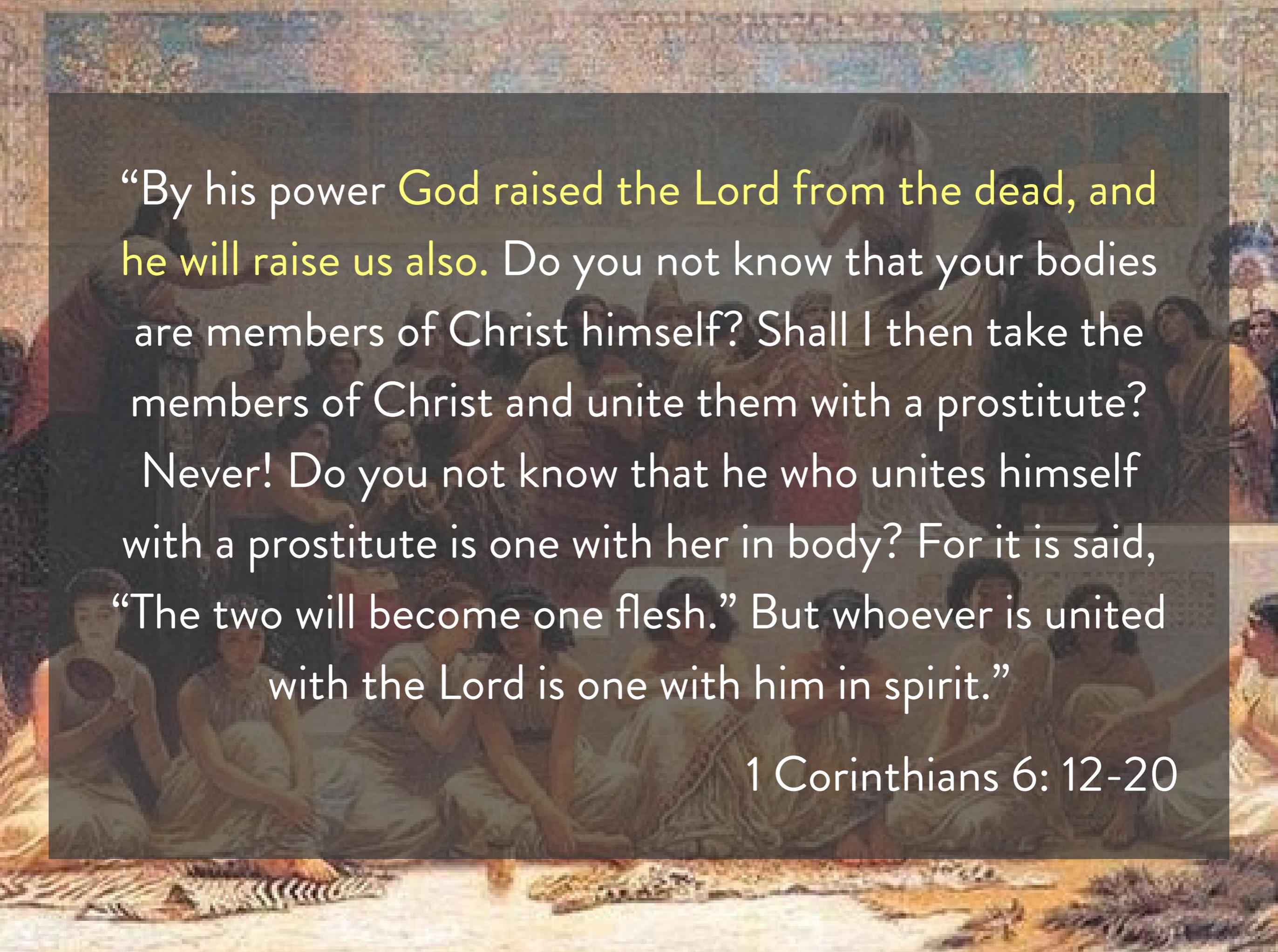
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♡ Eat, Drink and →  
→ Be Married ♡

A background image of a church service. A priest in white vestments is at the altar, and a congregation is seated in pews. The scene is dimly lit, with the altar area being the brightest. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent dark grey box.

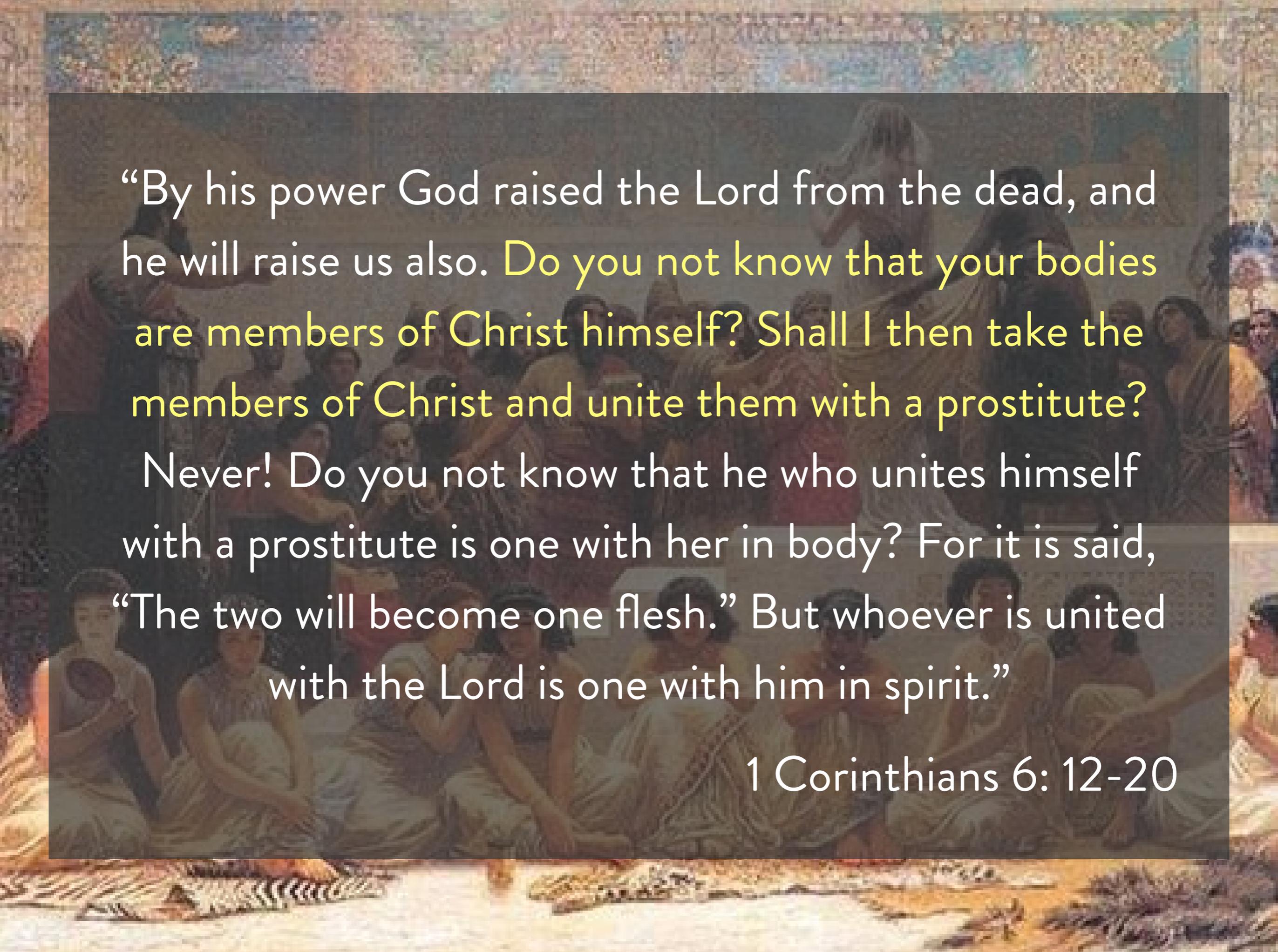
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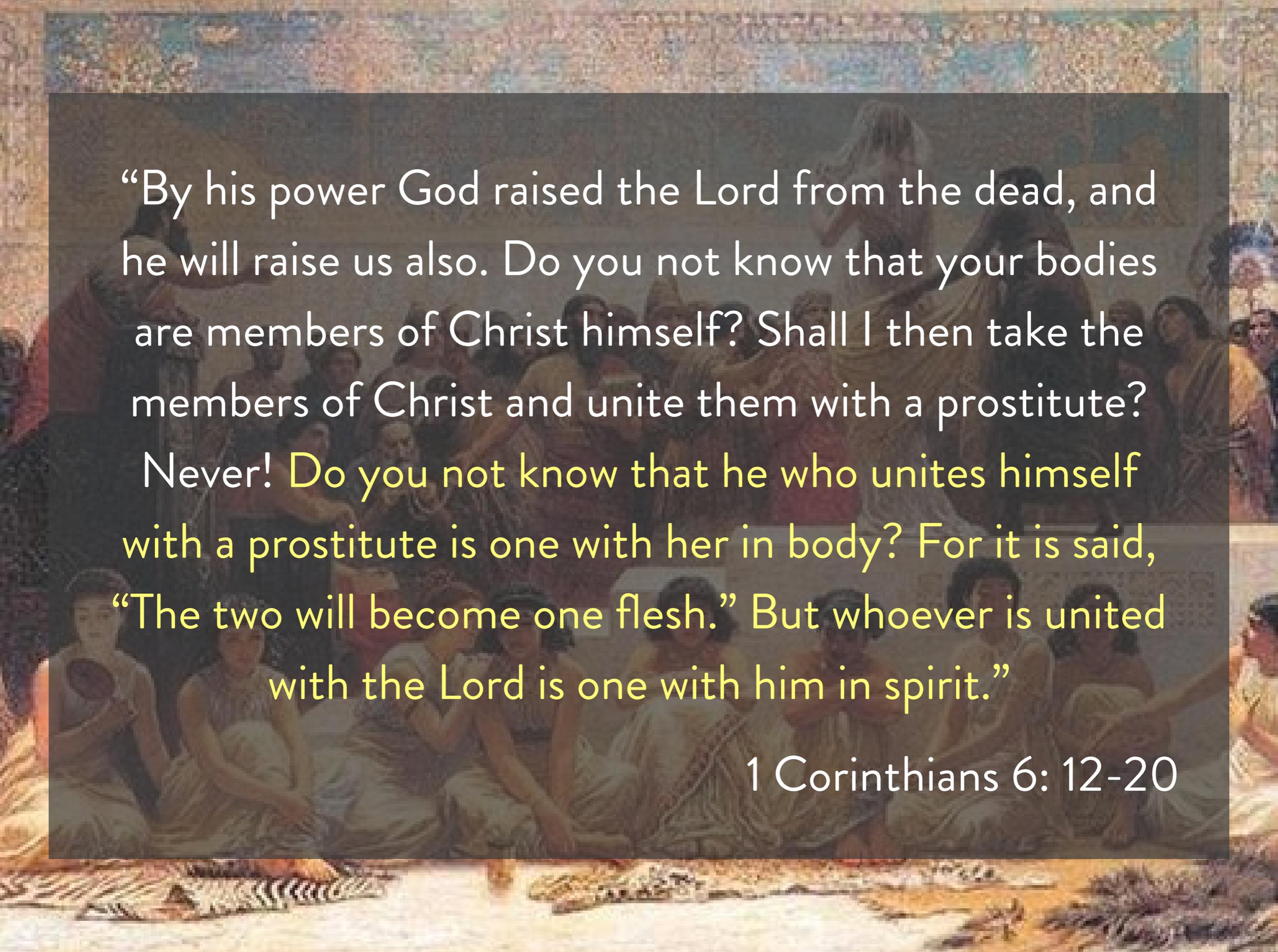
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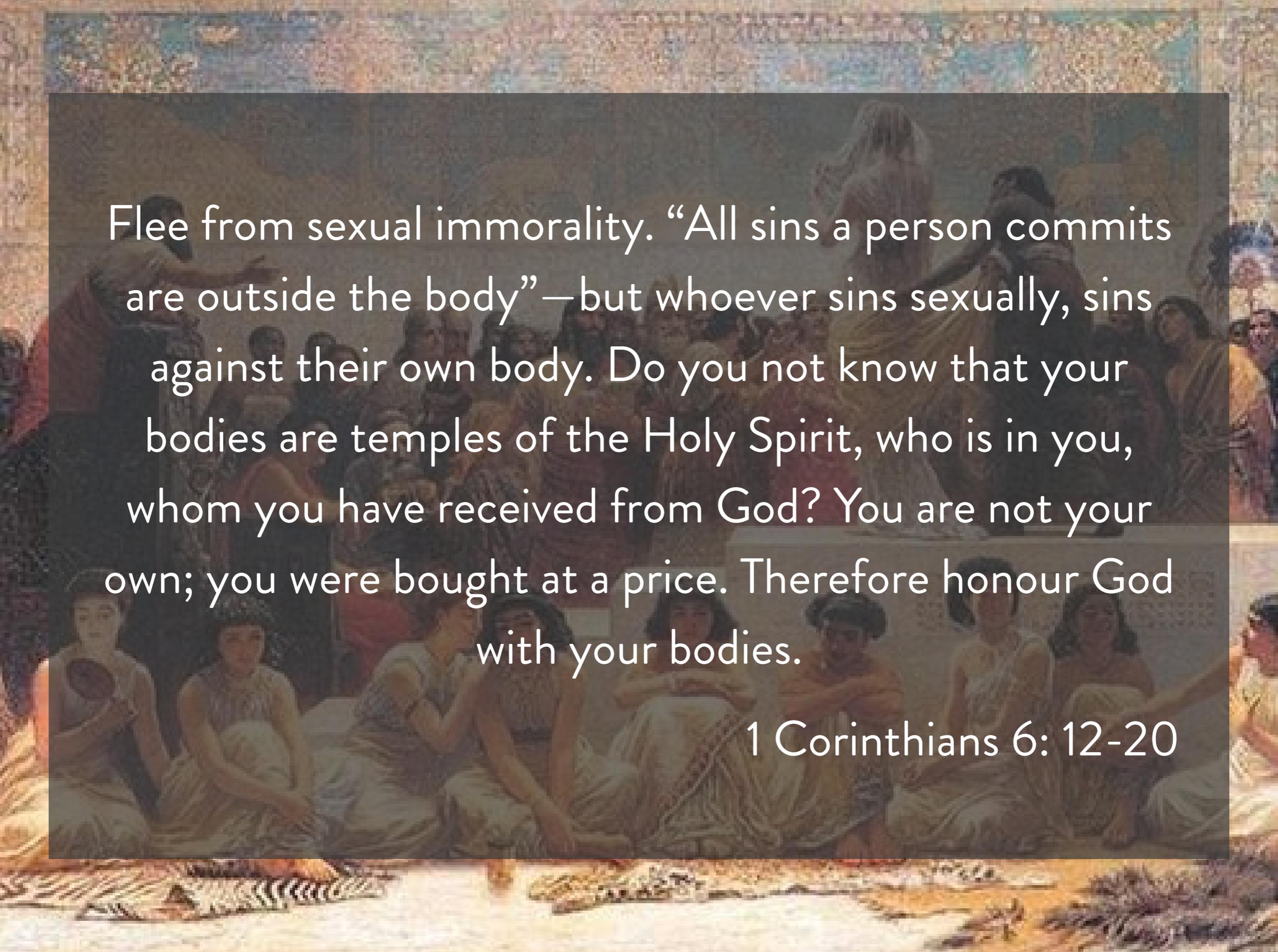
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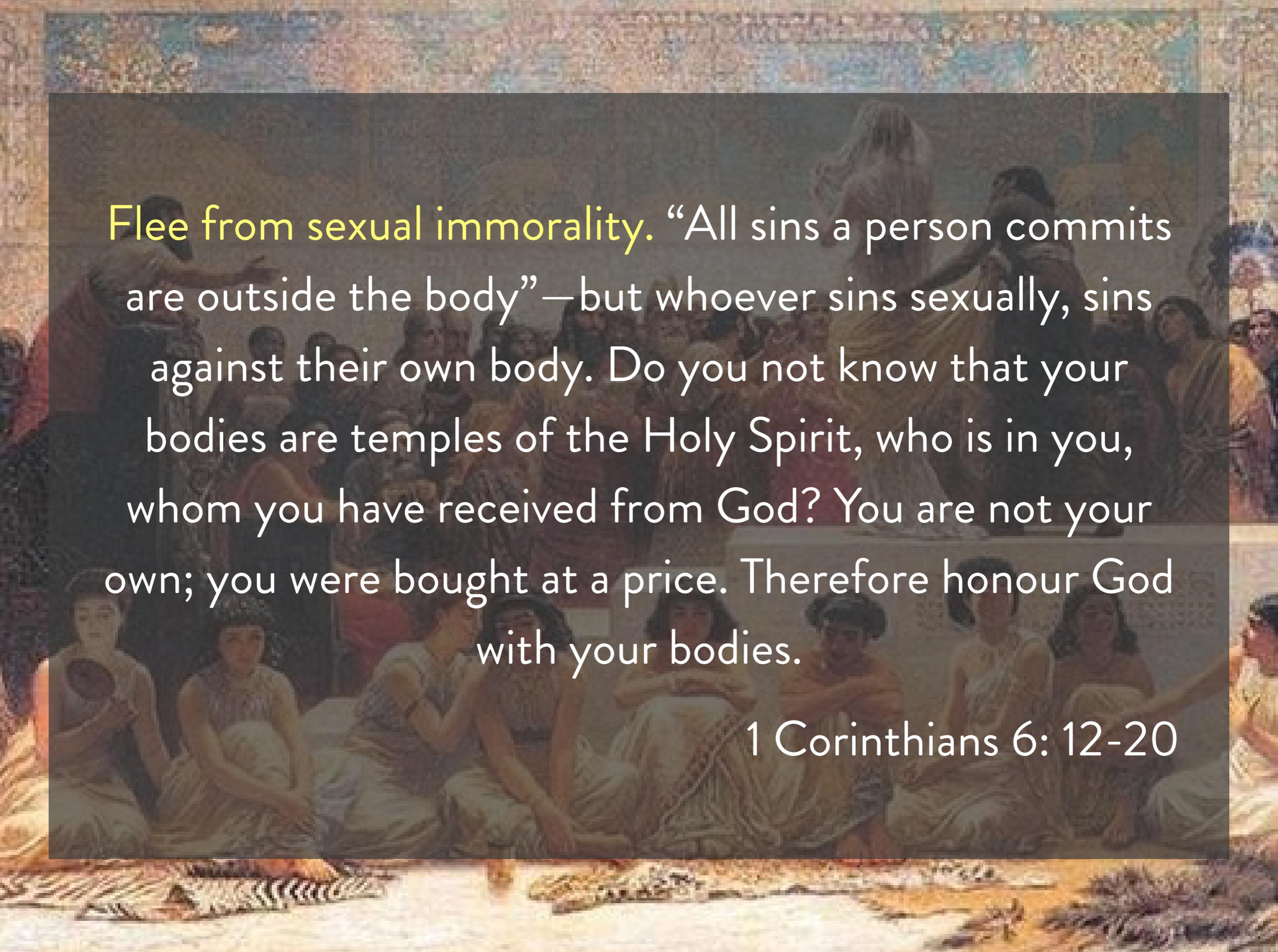
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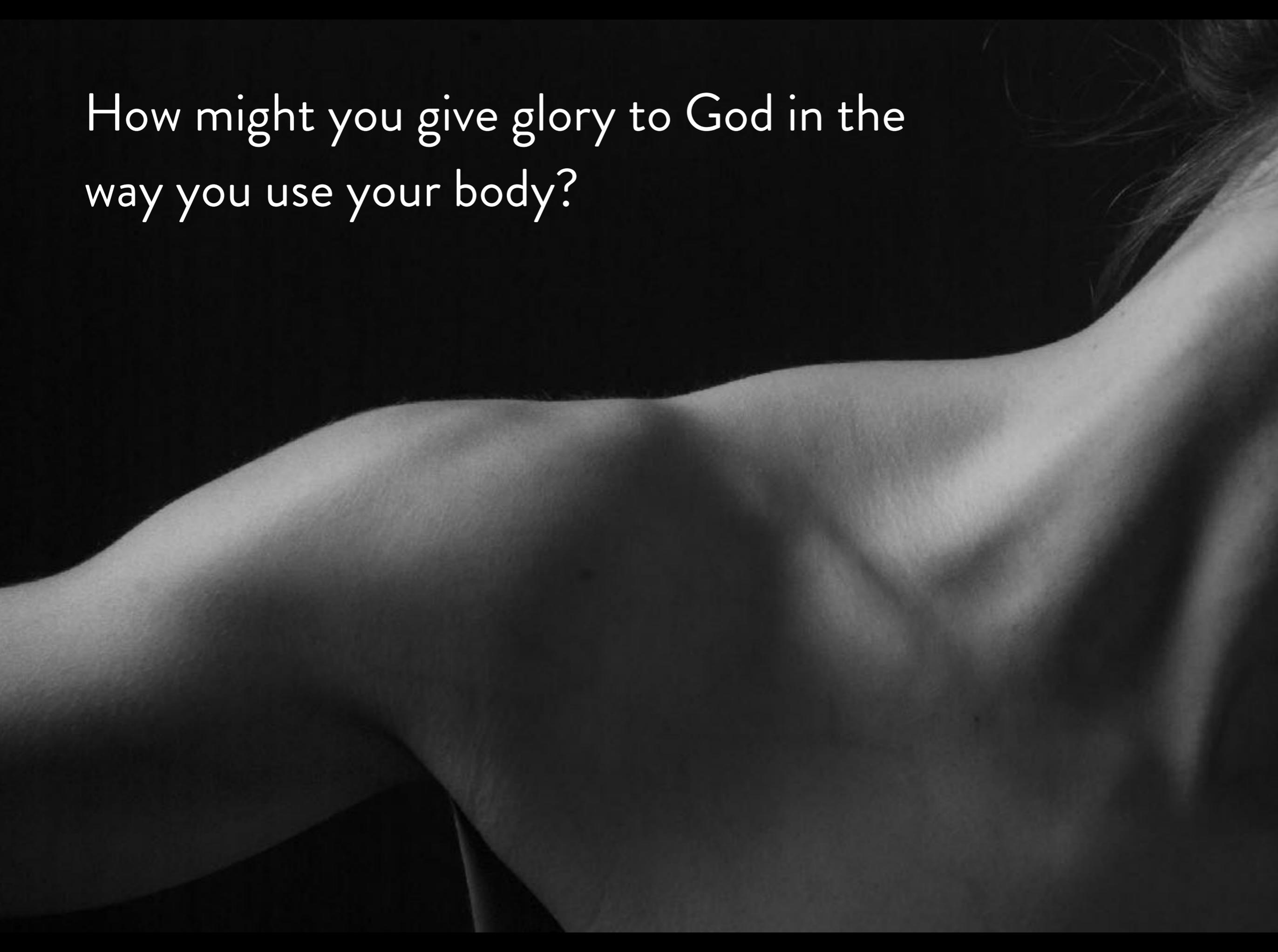


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- A romantic couple is shown from behind, embracing each other in a field. The man is wearing a plaid shirt and the woman is wearing a white top. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing a list of bullet points in white text.
- Sex is good and created by God
  - Sex is not just physical but spiritual
  - Sex creates a spiritual union (oneness)
  - Sex is for pleasure in marriage
  - Sex is for giving and receiving love
  - Sex is for having kids in a stable family
  - Sex represents our union with God
  - Sex is ultimately about the glory of God

How might you give glory to God in the way you use your body?





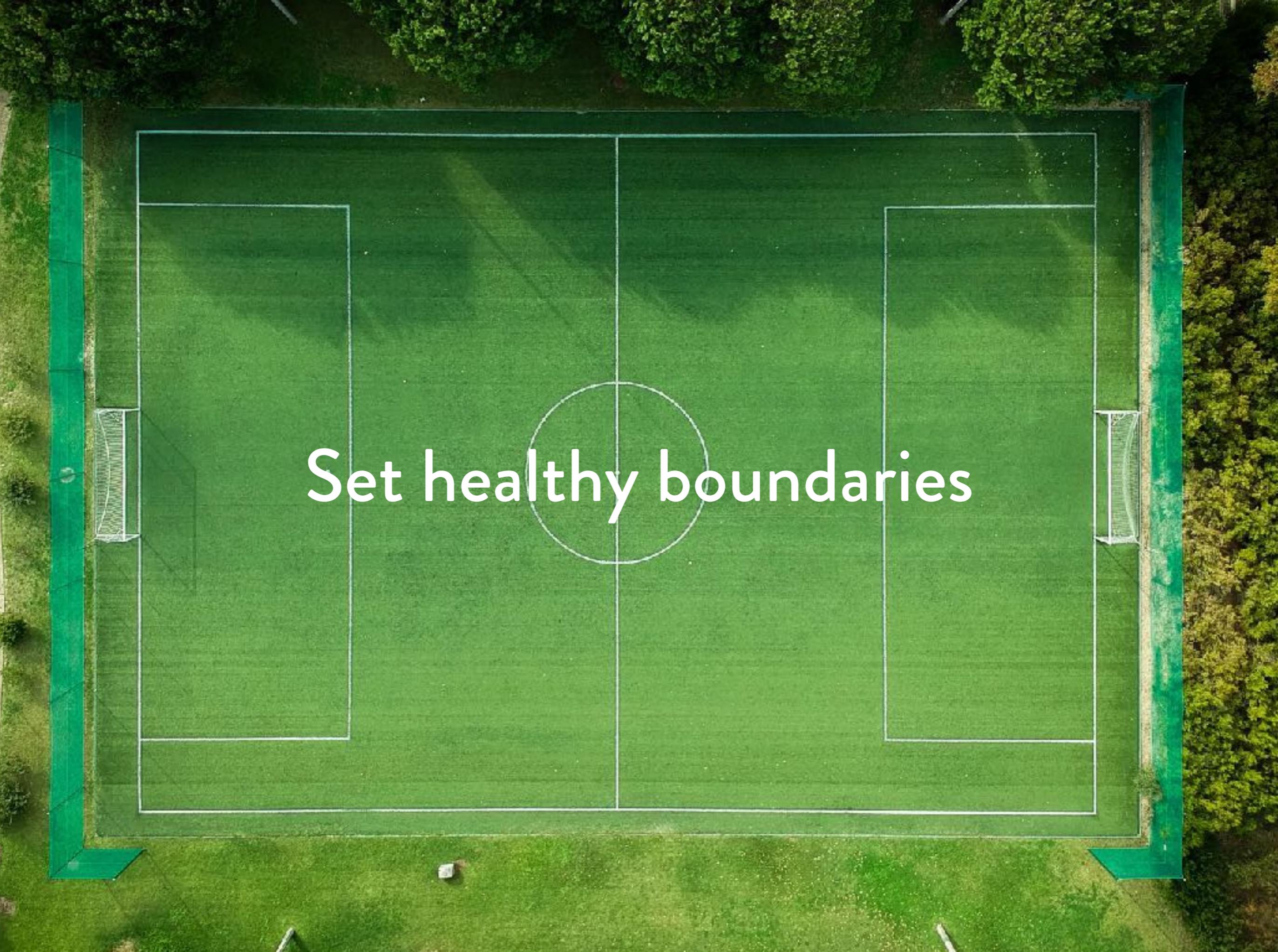
**How do we “flee”  
from sexual sin?**



Don't awaken  
love until it so  
desires

Give your body  
the joy it needs



An aerial photograph of a soccer field with white boundary lines and two goals. The text "Set healthy boundaries" is centered over the field. The field is surrounded by a green safety fence and lush green trees.

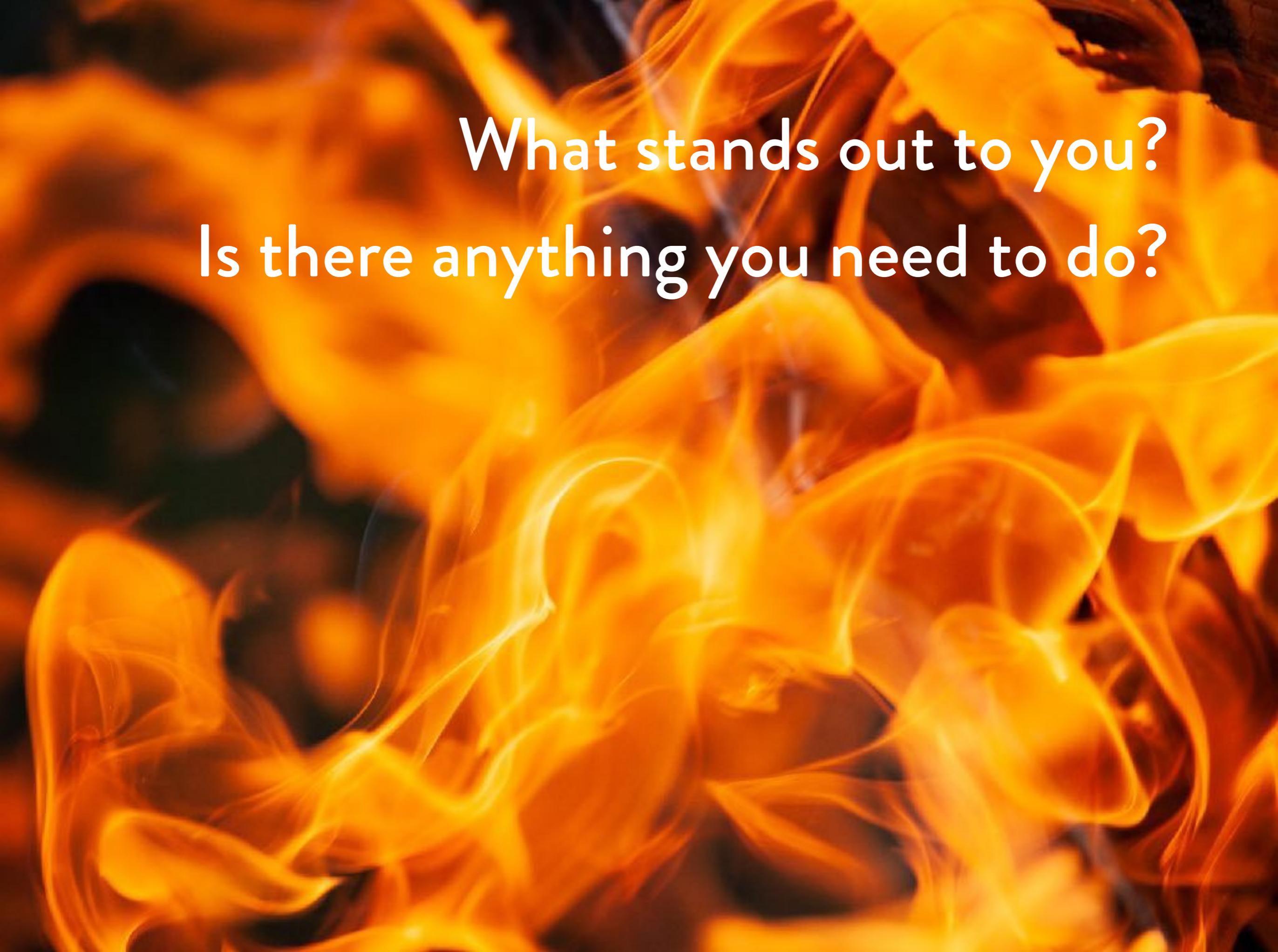
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A beam of warm, golden light enters from the right, illuminating a textured, brownish surface that resembles wood or stone. The rest of the background is dark, creating a strong contrast with the light beam.

Bring to the light what is dark



**Seek healing from bondages  
and soul ties**



What stands out to you?  
Is there anything you need to do?

“The thief comes only to steal  
and kill and destroy;  
I have come to give you life,  
and life to the full.”

— Jesus







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