

TRUMPET CALL

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

JOEL 2:15-16

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
consecrate a fast;
Call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation;
assemble the elders;
Gather the children,
even nursing infants.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her chamber.



GOOD MORNING! MARANATHA!

Please check your bulletin for more announcements and information.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17–19; 1 Corinthians 2:14

PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15; Leviticus 19:17-18*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father,
who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



For Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 150

PROFESSION OF FAITH

“Faithful Saying”

2 Timothy 2:11-13, Romans 11:36

PASTOR

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him,

PEOPLE

We shall also live with Him.



PASTOR

If we endure,

PEOPLE

We shall also reign with Him.



PASTOR

If we deny Him,

PEOPLE

He also will deny us.



PASTOR

If we are faithless,

PEOPLE

He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.



EVERYONE

For from Him
and through Him
and to Him
are all things.
To Him be glory forever.
Amen.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-3

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14

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DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your
strength.’



This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

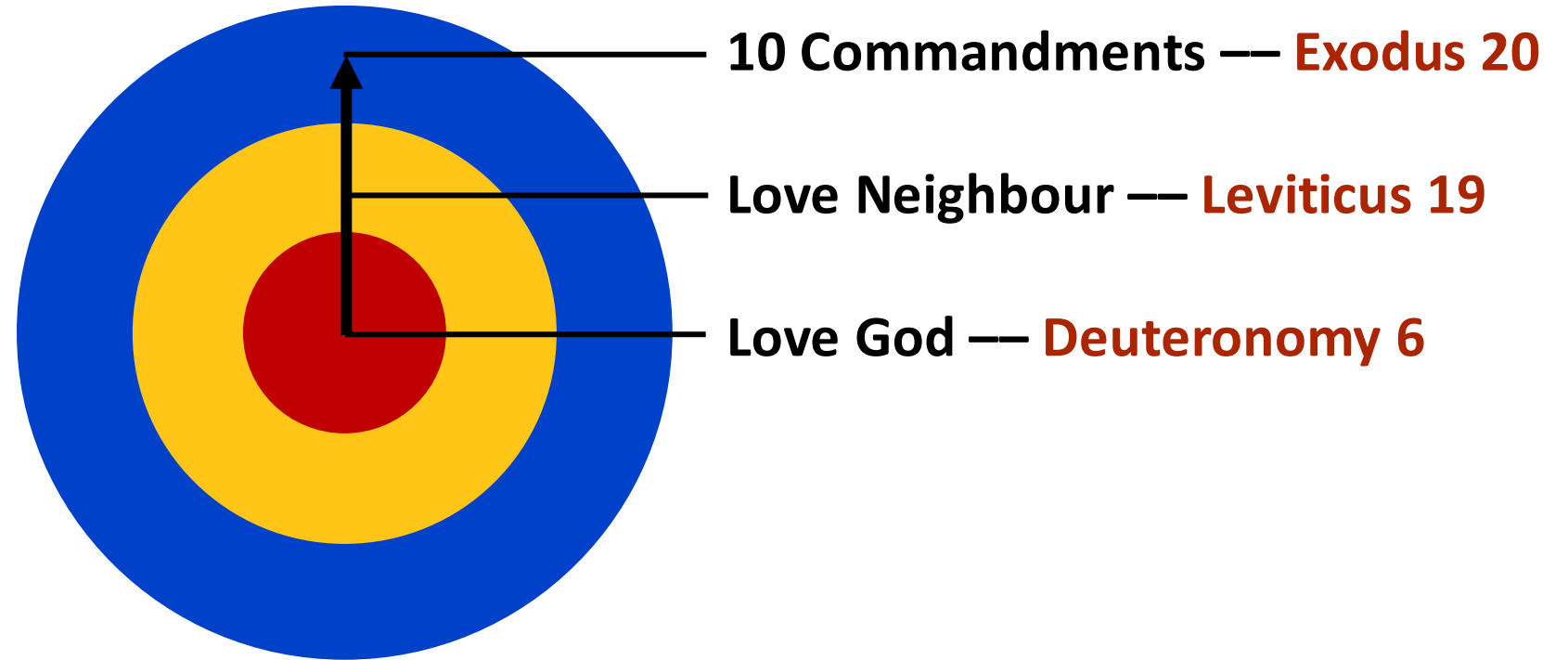
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.



NO ADULTERY

Understanding the Decalogue, Part VII

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give false testimony (lie).
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



NO ADULTERY

Exodus 20:14 — You shall not commit adultery.

Deuteronomy 5:18 — You shall not commit adultery.

- In Hebrew, adultery refers to sexual intercourse or practices with another person's spouse, rather than every form of sexual sin. There are other terms for fornication, incest, or other illicit acts like harlotry or broader sexual immorality (**Leviticus 18**)... why?
- Emphasizes the severity of violating a marriage covenant



NO ADULTERY

- This command is concerned with marriage first and foremost, because sexuality is reserved for marriage — man and woman.
- Sexuality is reserved for having children.
- All sexual practices expressed outside a marriage covenant is sexual immorality.
- Rigid reading of this law would exclude fornication, prostitution, and lust, but Christ deepened this understanding...



MATTHEW 5:27-30

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

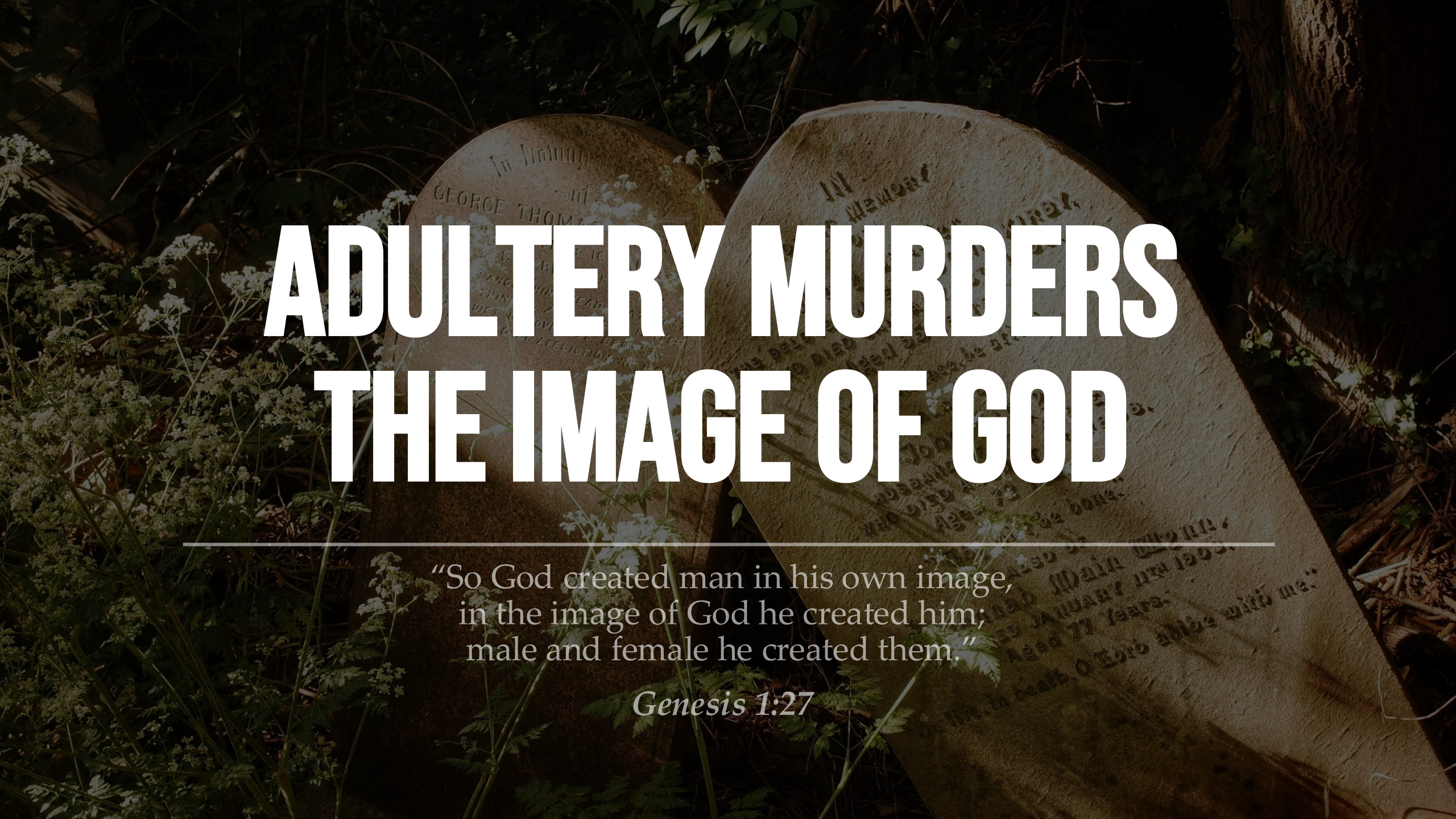
If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.”



NO ADULTERY

- Lusting after a person who is not your spouse is a desire to violate marriage before it happens... a family before it is formed...
- Practicing fornication, prostitution, and lust (while not adultery *per se*) can spiritually destroy a marriage and family... sowing seeds of distrust and discord in advance.
- Adultery is the pinnacle of sexual evil — it destroys a marriage, damages society, and profanes God's holy name. Lust is the beginning stage.

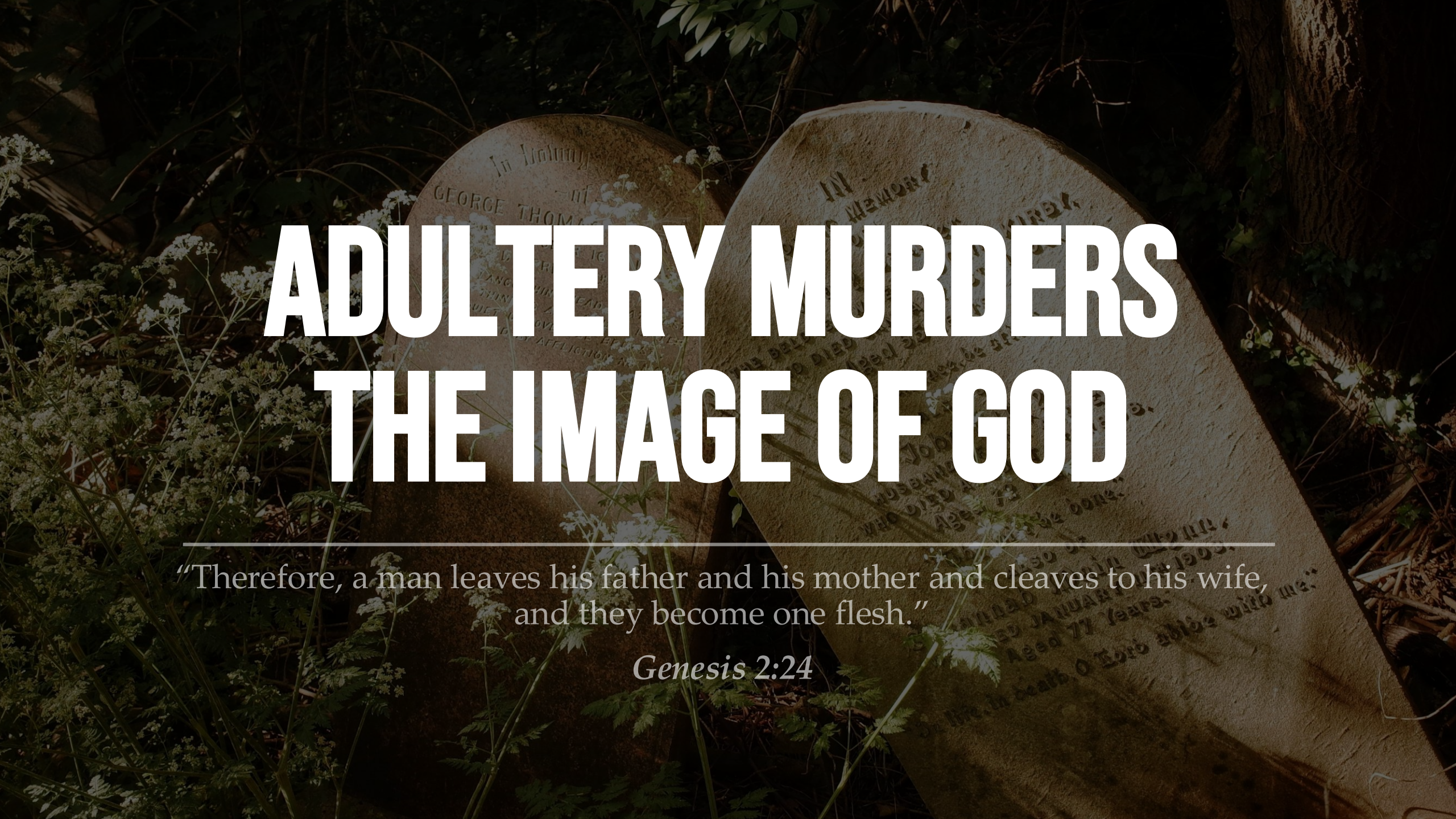


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ADULTERY MURDERS THE IMAGE OF GOD

“So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:27

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ADULTERY MURDERS THE IMAGE OF GOD

“Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife,
and they become one flesh.”

Genesis 2:24

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ADULTERY MURDERS MARRIAGE

“So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

Matthew 19:6

ROOT OF ADULTERY

This is the deeper reality of committing adultery:

- You are the bride of Christ (**Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:6-9**). The Church is engaged to Christ awaiting His return and consummation at the marriage supper of the Lamb, to be fully conformed to His image.
- Adultery reveals unfaithfulness to God: Lust reveals your lack of faithfulness to God, and it expresses itself in sexual immorality. In other words, our desire to cheat on our spouse stems from our lack of intimacy and unfaithfulness to God: **Idolatry**.



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- If sexuality conforms you to the person you're with... that is why sexual sin makes you feel worthless... because it is making yourself into an idol of self-worship after your own image...
- The two become one flesh... they conform to idols of themselves...empty and void of purpose (**Psalms 115:4-8; Isaiah 44:9-20**)



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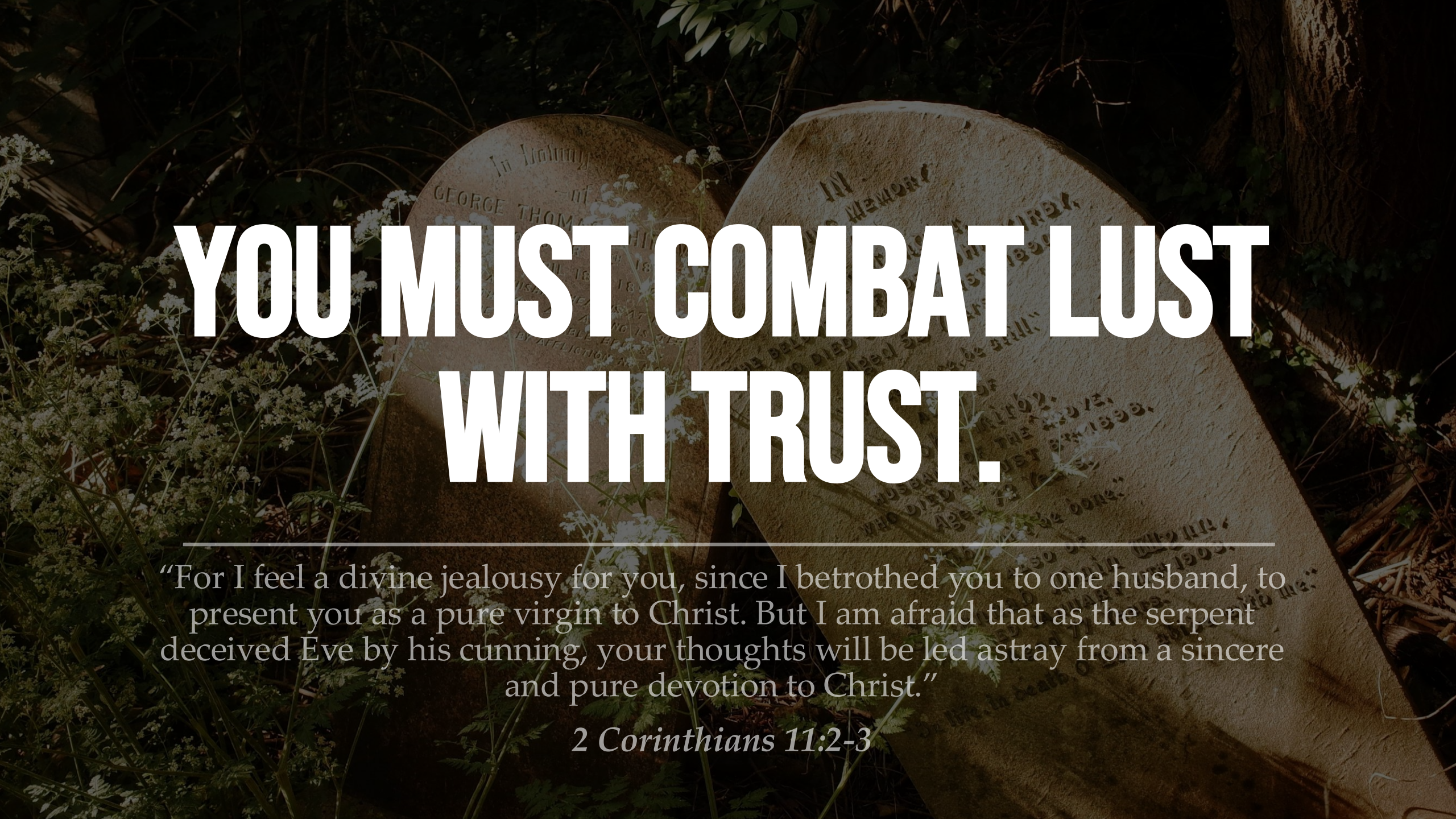
- Adultery is compared to idolatry because the church is the bride of Christ, adultery is being intimate with other gods (Jeremiah 2:23–5:19, 3:8-9; Ezekiel 16:32, 23:35; Hosea 4:12-13).
- As marriage reflect and points to new creation, children reflect the summation of the two becoming one flesh.



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2 Corinthians 11:2-3 — “For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”





YOU MUST COMBAT LUST WITH TRUST.

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!



1 CORINTHIANS 6:16-20

Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

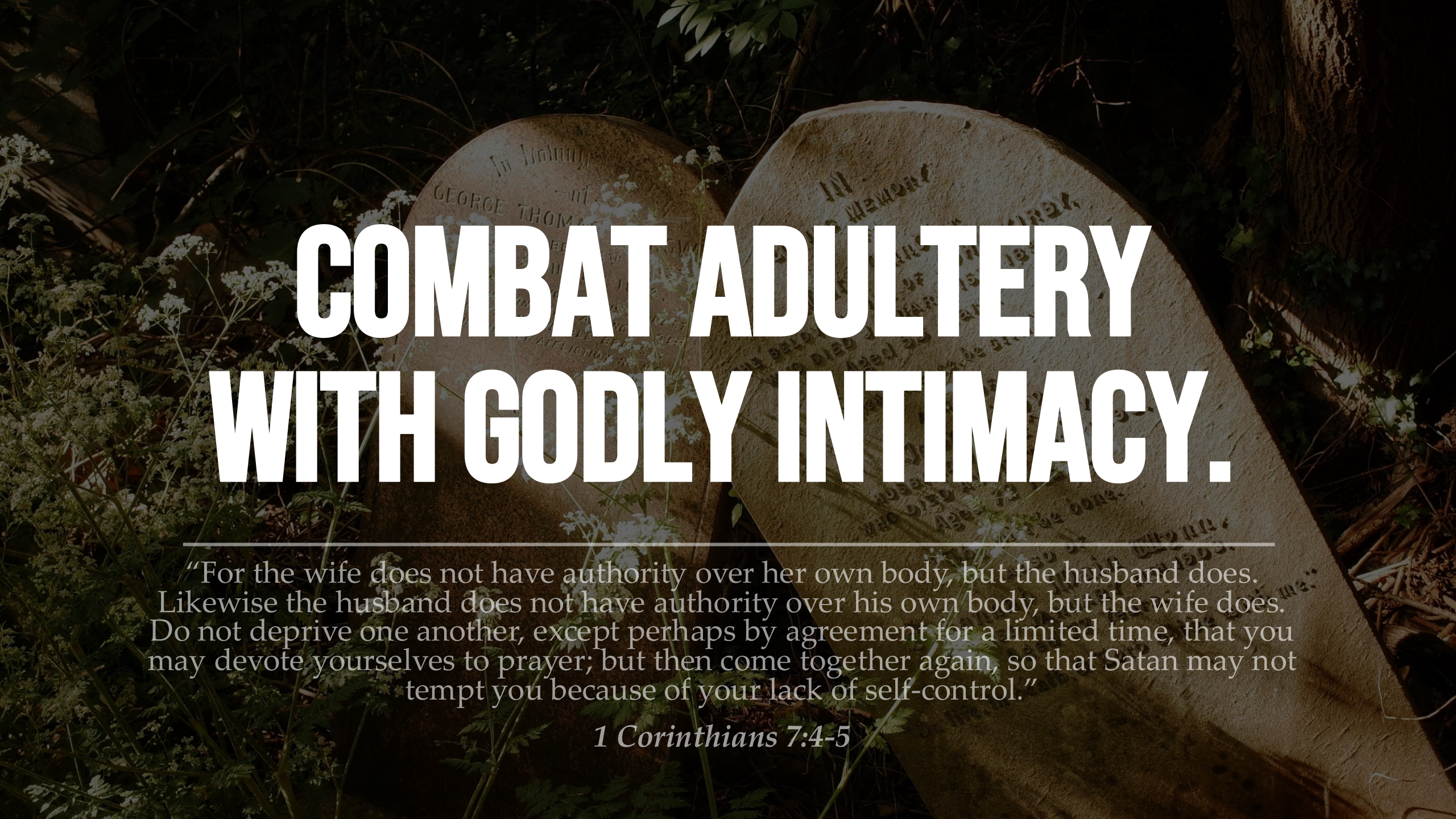


1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

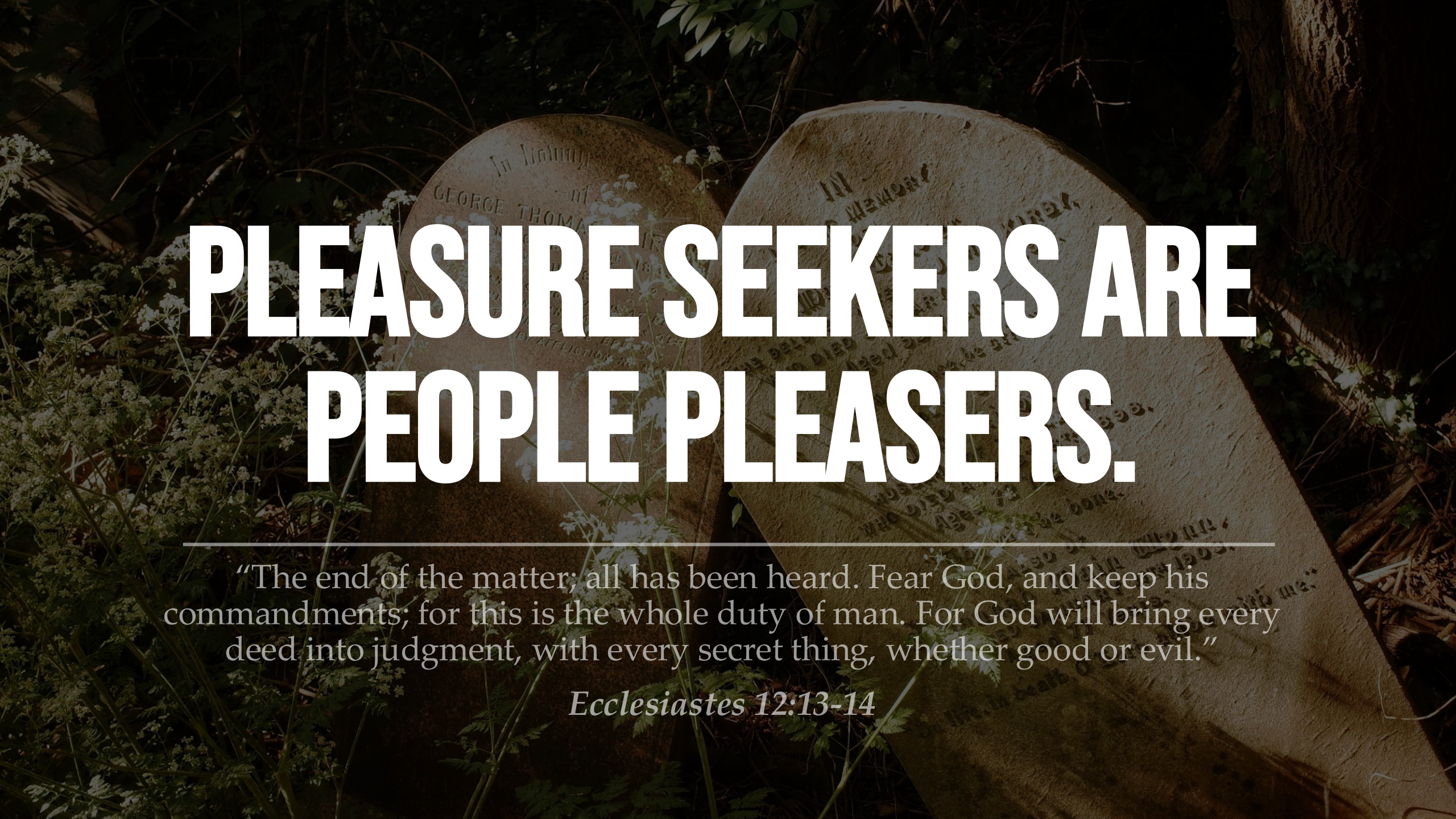




COMBAT ADULTERY WITH GODLY INTIMACY.

“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.”

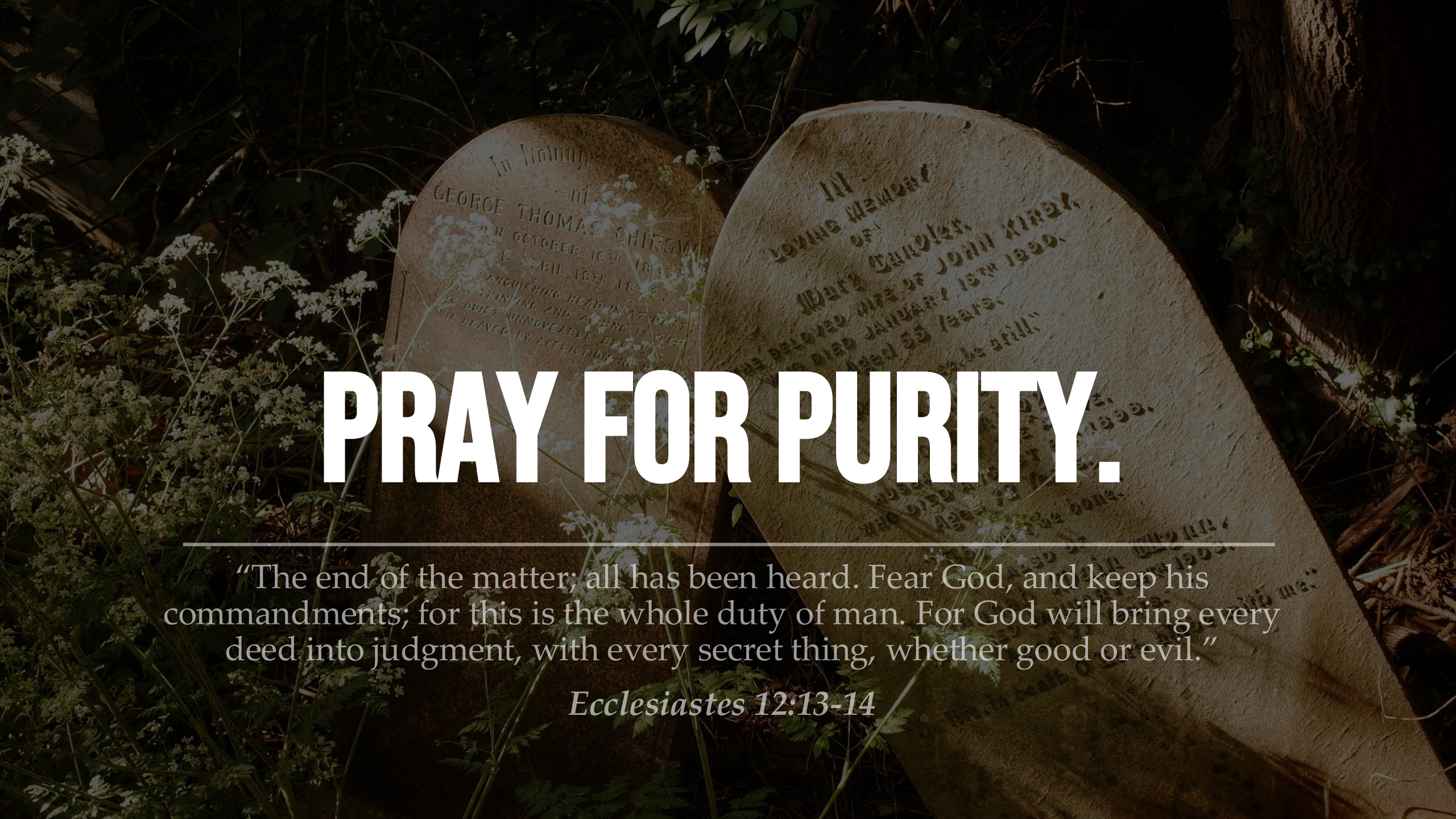
1 Corinthians 7:4-5



PLEASURE SEEKERS ARE PEOPLE PLEASERS.

“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

The background image shows two weathered, upright gravestones in a cemetery. The stone on the left is for George Thomas Chirgwin, born October 16th 1845, died April 18th 1920. The stone on the right is for Mary Caroline, wife of John Kirtland, died January 15th 1920. The stones are surrounded by green foliage and small white flowers. A large, bold, white text overlay reads "PRAY FOR PURITY." with a horizontal line underneath.

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PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,



PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.



JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



THE SENDING SONG

The final song of service before we are sent out to spread the good news.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6

BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing

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May the glory and love of God the Father,
And the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the power and communion of the Holy Spirit,
Conform you into the image of His Son this week
Go in the joy that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14, Philippians 4:7



FELLOWSHIP

Please check your bulletin for services this week.

