

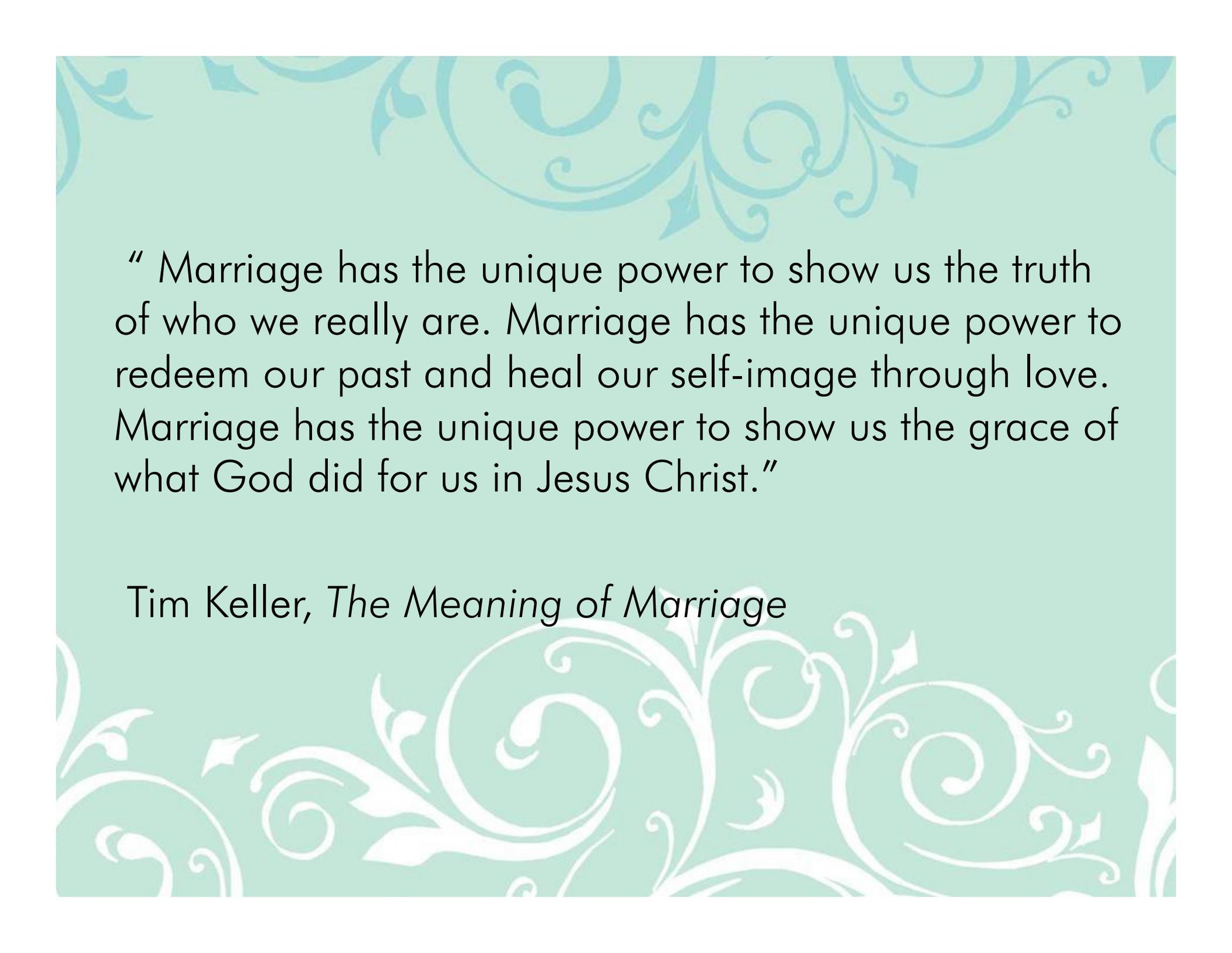
Welcome to
Heart-to-Heart!



Bringing Submission Back Into The Light

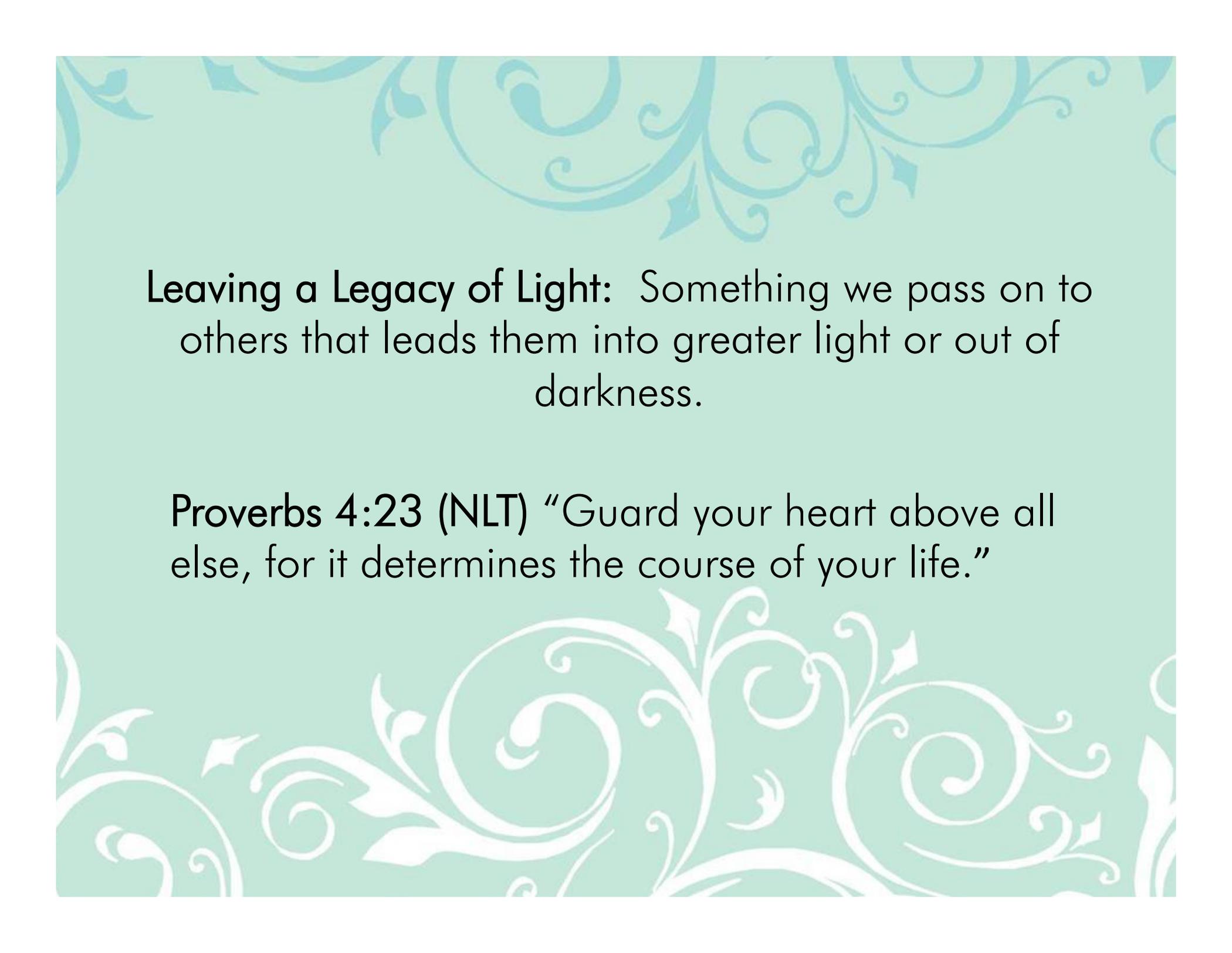
Embracing a Biblical View

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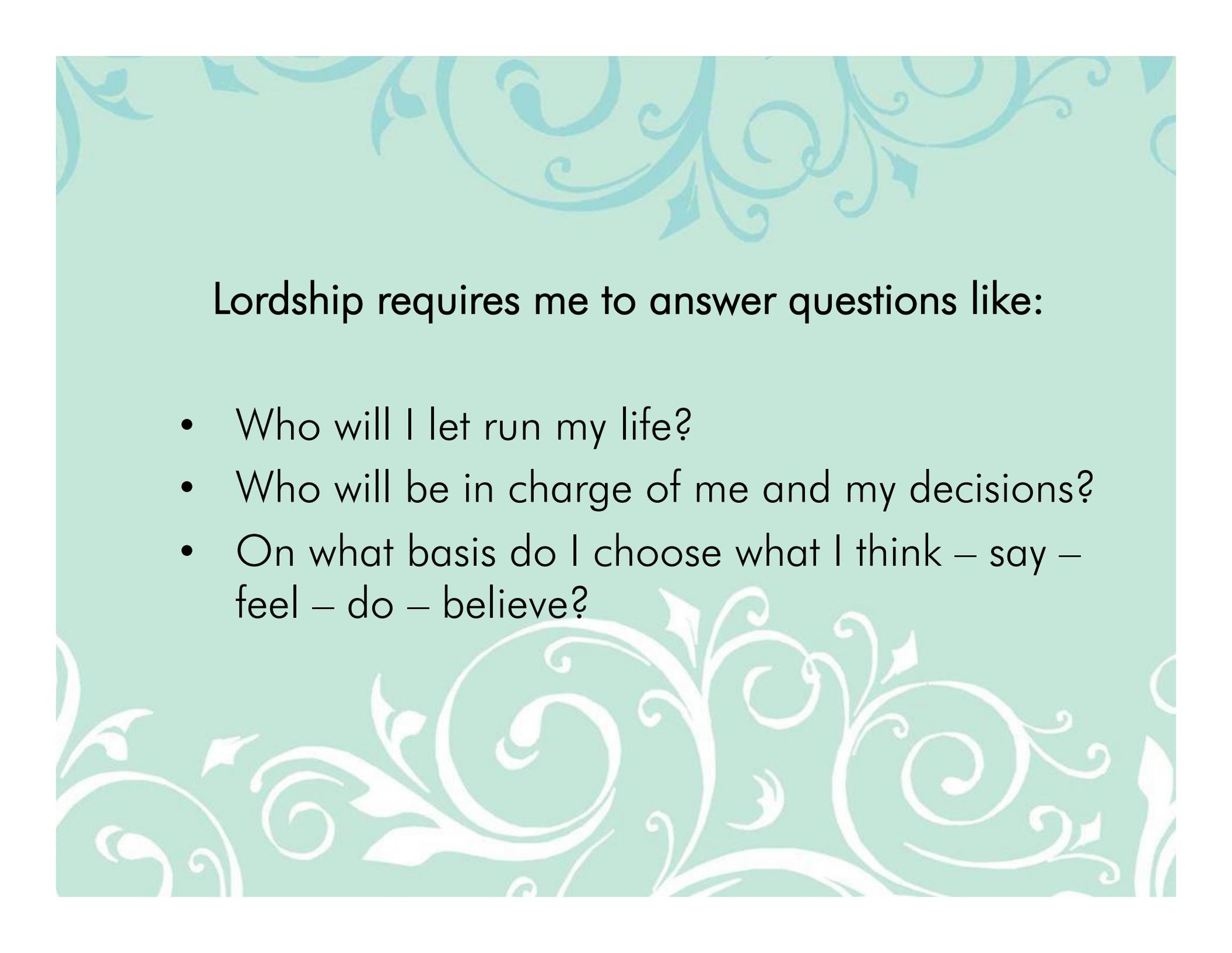
“ Marriage has the unique power to show us the truth of who we really are. Marriage has the unique power to redeem our past and heal our self-image through love. Marriage has the unique power to show us the grace of what God did for us in Jesus Christ.”

Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*



Leaving a Legacy of Light: Something we pass on to others that leads them into greater light or out of darkness.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”



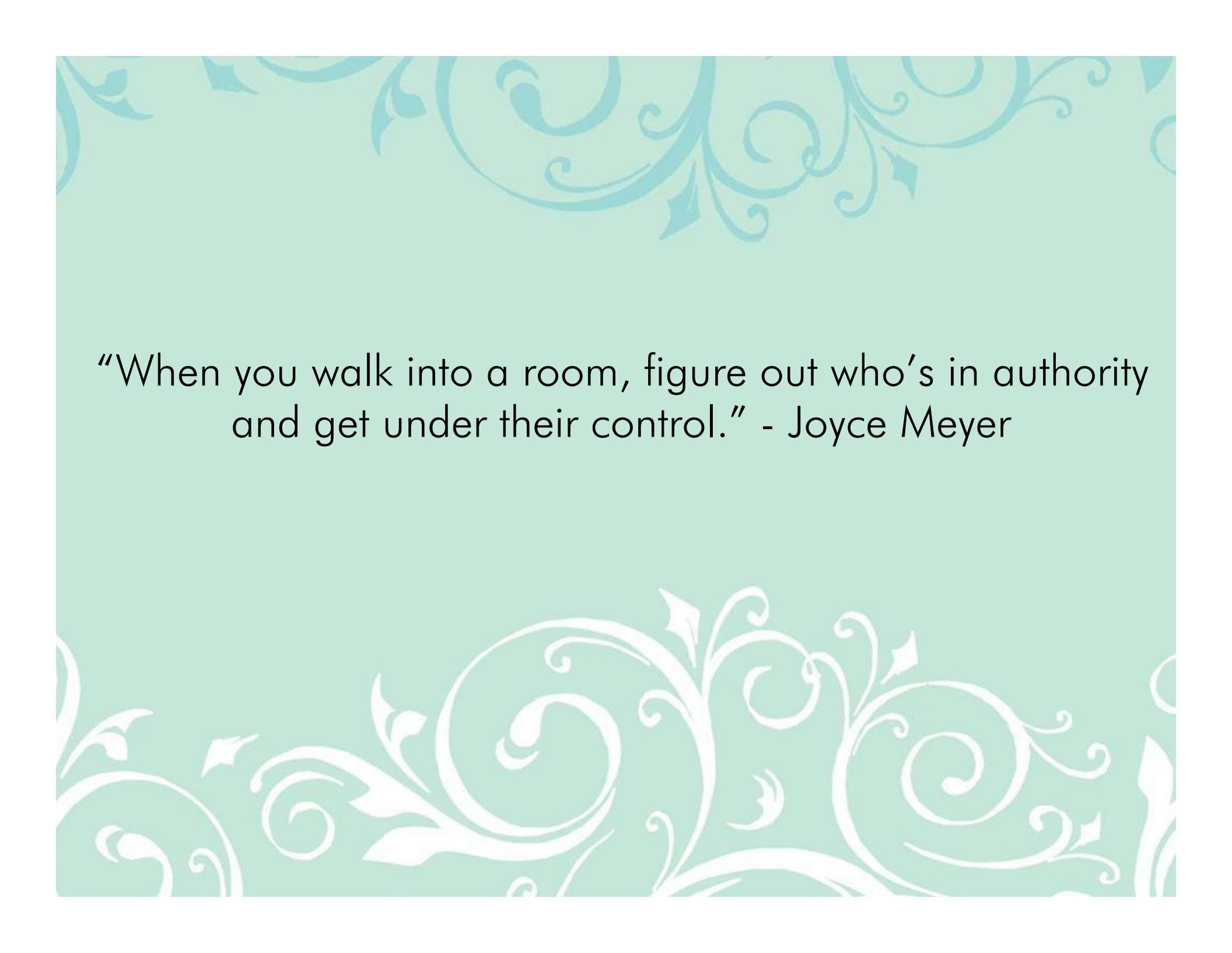
Lordship requires me to answer questions like:

- Who will I let run my life?
- Who will be in charge of me and my decisions?
- On what basis do I choose what I think – say – feel – do – believe?

Following Jesus

- to cleave steadfastly to Him
- to conform wholly to His example in living
- to conform wholly to His example if need be, in dying

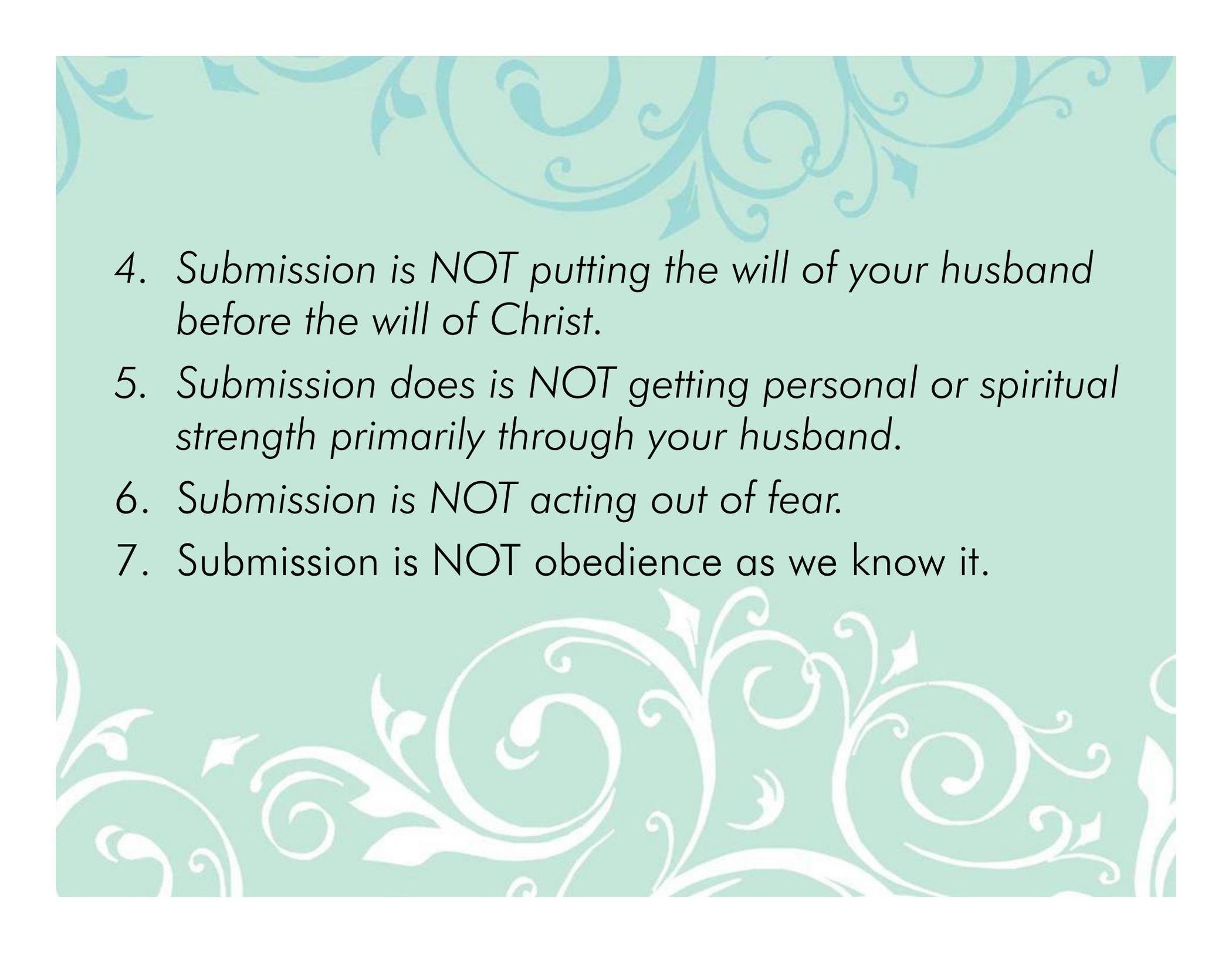
(based on John 12:26 AMP)



“When you walk into a room, figure out who’s in authority and get under their control.” - Joyce Meyer

What Biblical Submission IS NOT

1. *Submission is NOT agreeing with everything your husband says.*
2. *Submission is NOT leaving your brain or your will at the wedding altar*
3. *Submission is NOT avoiding every effort to change your husband.*

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4. *Submission is NOT putting the will of your husband before the will of Christ.*
 5. *Submission does is NOT getting personal or spiritual strength primarily through your husband.*
 6. *Submission is NOT acting out of fear.*
 7. *Submission is NOT obedience as we know it.*



What Biblical Submission IS

... yielding to another's desires without resistance

hupakouo is the Greek word typically used for obedience in the New Testament.

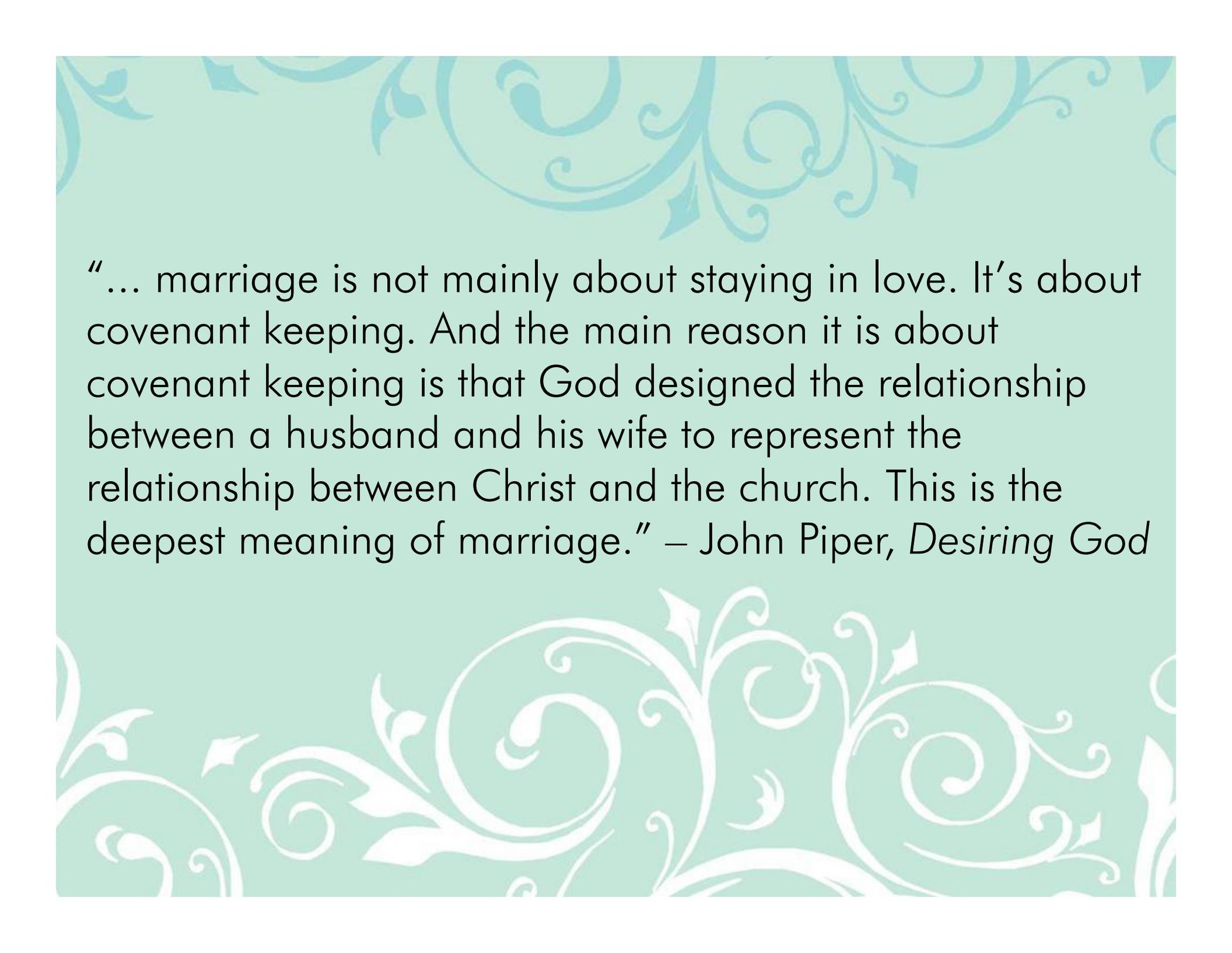
It literally means to be under the hearing of commands.

hupotasso is the Greek word for submission in the New Testament.

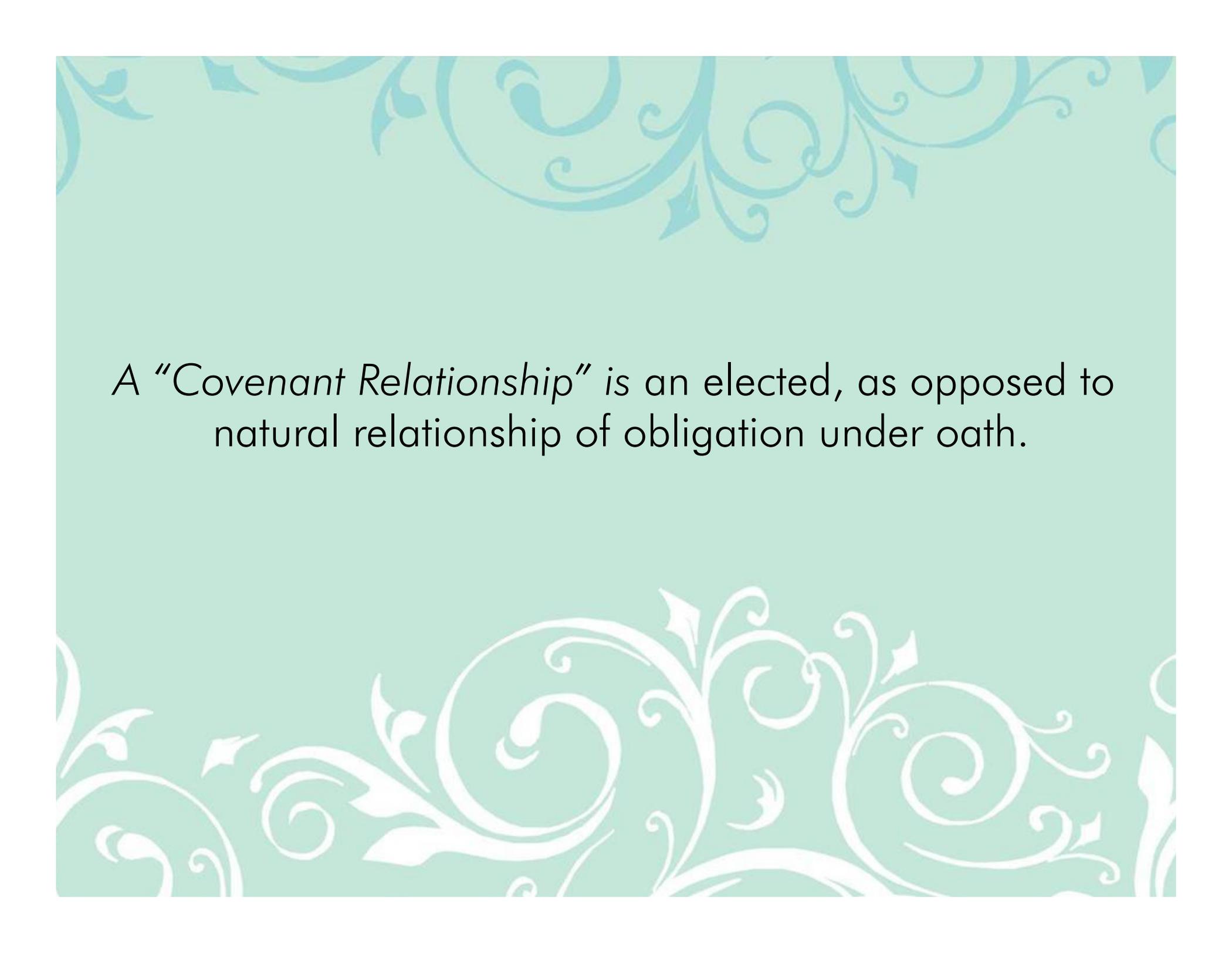
It literally means to place under in position, status or rank.

The Difference Between Obedience and Submission:

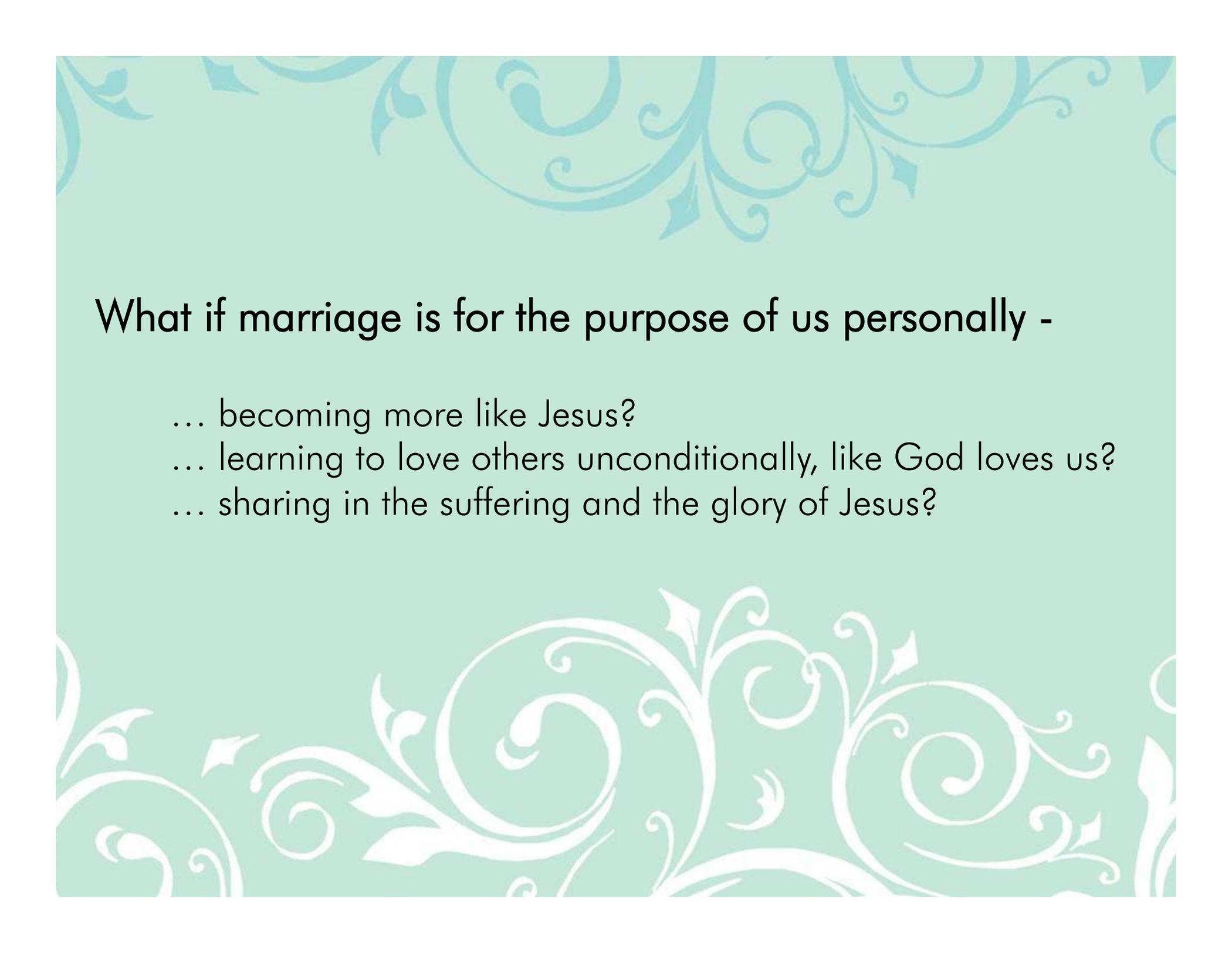
- Obedience is an external act of compliance, typically to “rules.”
- Obedience involves consequences; good or bad.
- Submission is a respectful attitude before, during and after all actions.
- Submission involves freedom of choice.



“... marriage is not mainly about staying in love. It’s about covenant keeping. And the main reason it is about covenant keeping is that God designed the relationship between a husband and his wife to represent the relationship between Christ and the church. This is the deepest meaning of marriage.” – John Piper, *Desiring God*



A “*Covenant Relationship*” is an elected, as opposed to natural relationship of obligation under oath.



What if marriage is for the purpose of us personally -

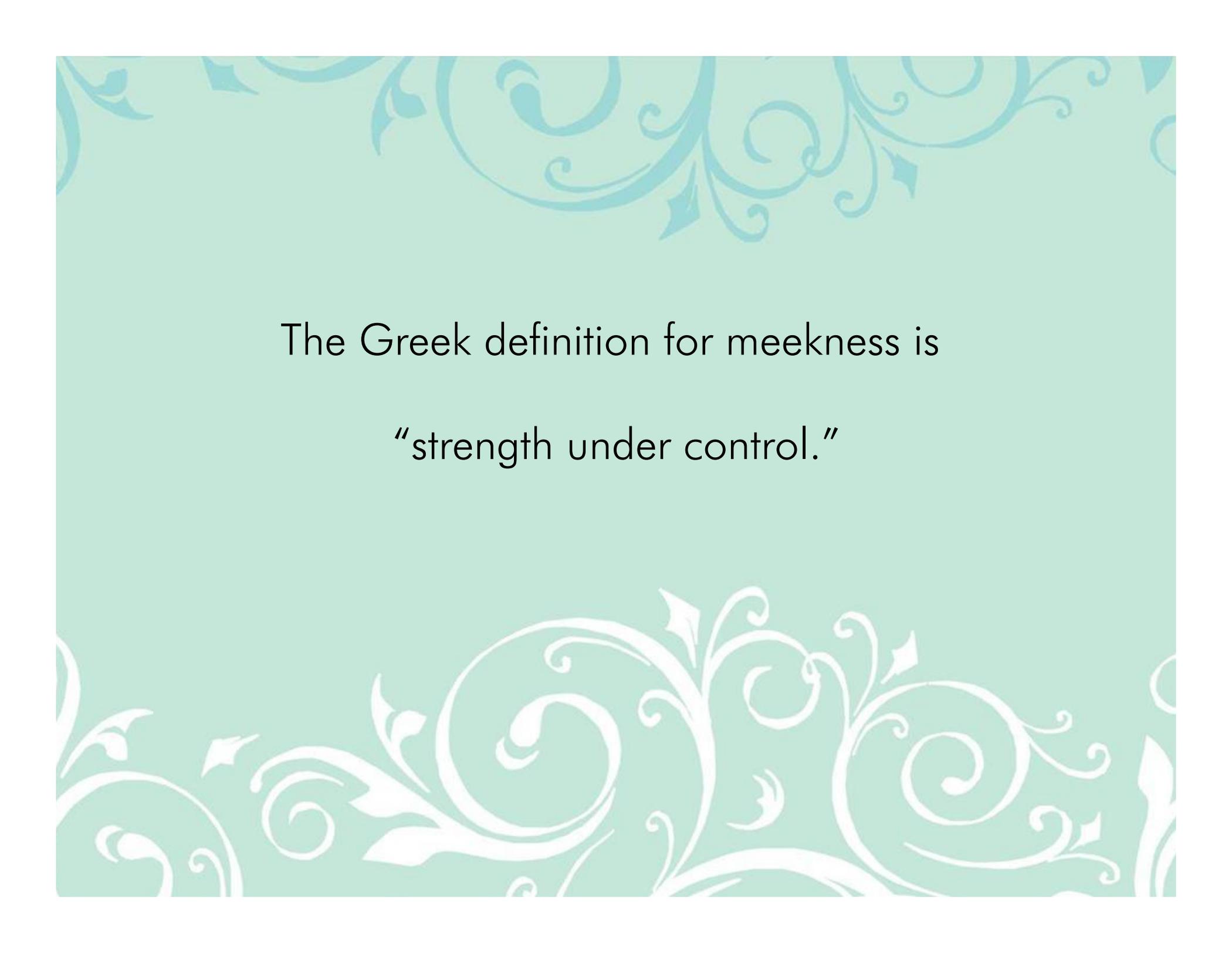
... becoming more like Jesus?

... learning to love others unconditionally, like God loves us?

... sharing in the suffering and the glory of Jesus?

“It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].”

1 Peter 3:6 (AMP)



The Greek definition for meekness is

“strength under control.”



Submission; to *adapt* ourselves to our husband

“ ... you are to feel for (your husband) all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him--to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and *enjoy* your husband.”

I Peter 3:2b (AMP)

