

for
HOW TO LIVE WITH YOUR SPOUSE





MARRIAGE

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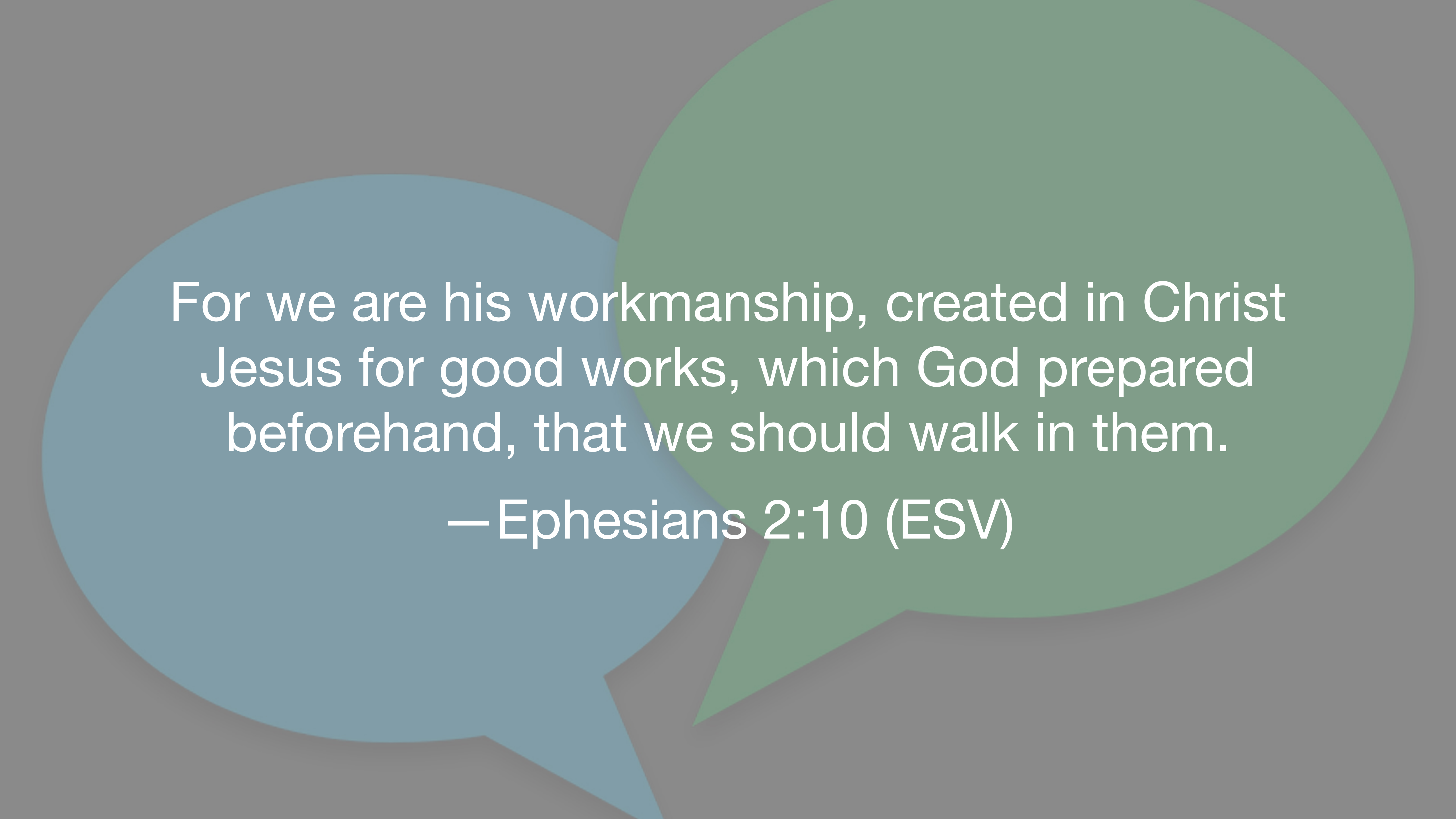
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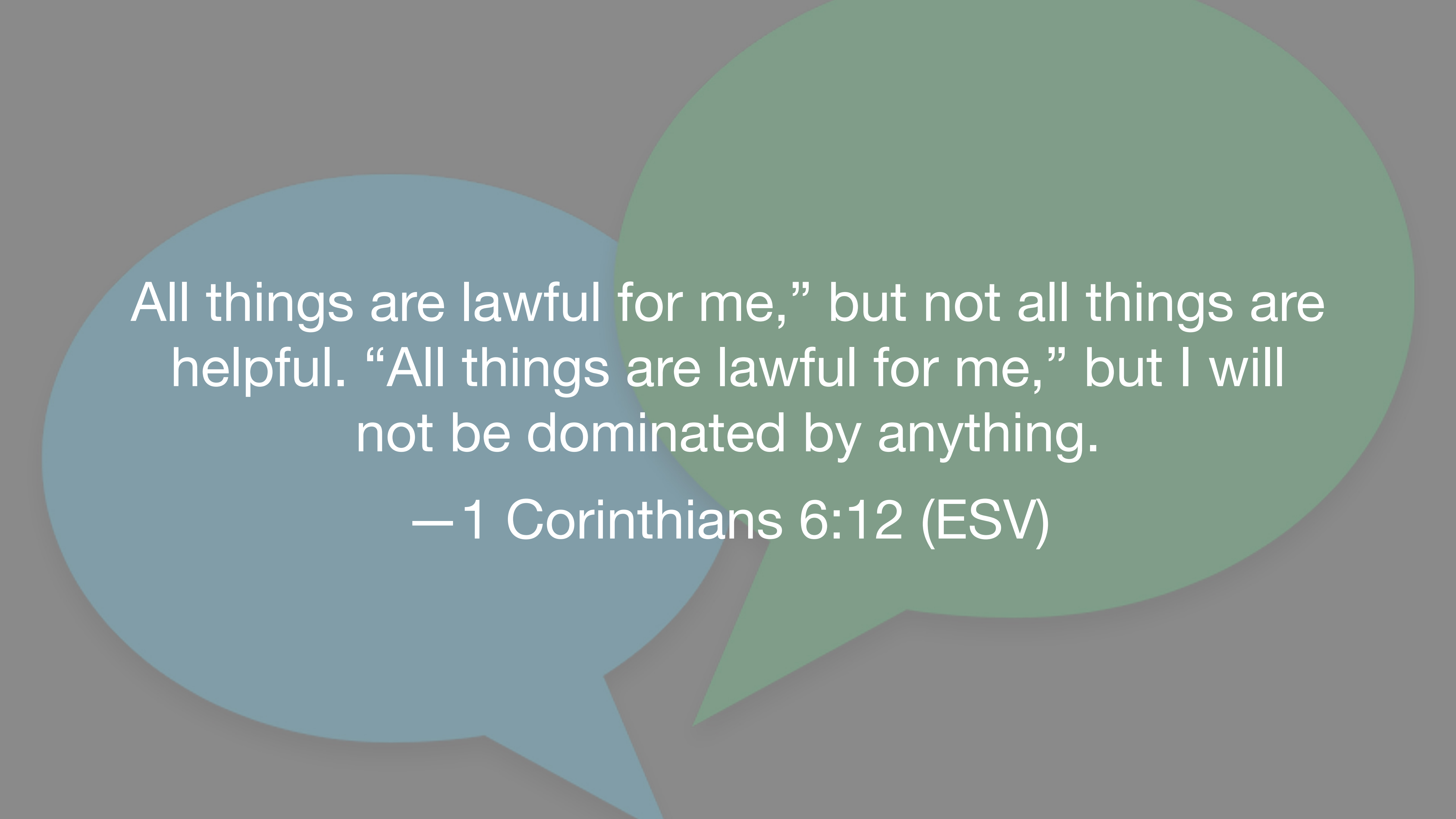
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Make you feel like you should be someone else.



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus for good works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in them.

—Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)



All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

— 1 Corinthians 6:12 (ESV)

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Make your marriage everything you want it to be.

Make you feel like you should be someone else.

Beat you up for your short-comings or mistakes.

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Make your marriage everything you want it to be.

Make you feel like you should be someone else.

Beat up on you for your short-comings or mistakes.

Make you feel bad about your marriage.

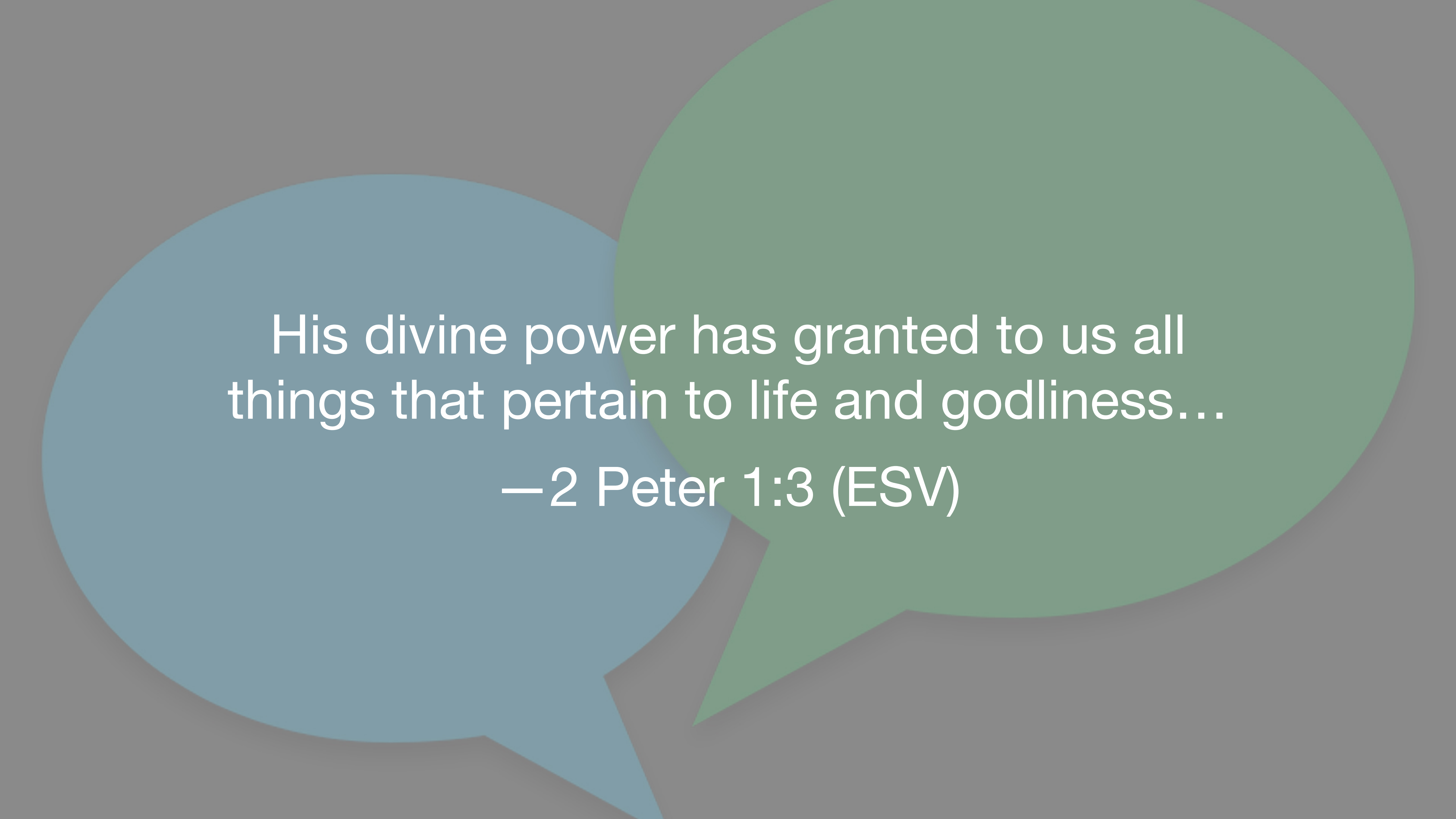
First response to ban...

“I can’t because _____.”



I can do all things through him who
strengthens me.

—Philippians 4:13 (ESV)



His divine power has granted to us all
things that pertain to life and godliness...

—2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Second response to ban...

“But you don’t know my spouse!”

³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

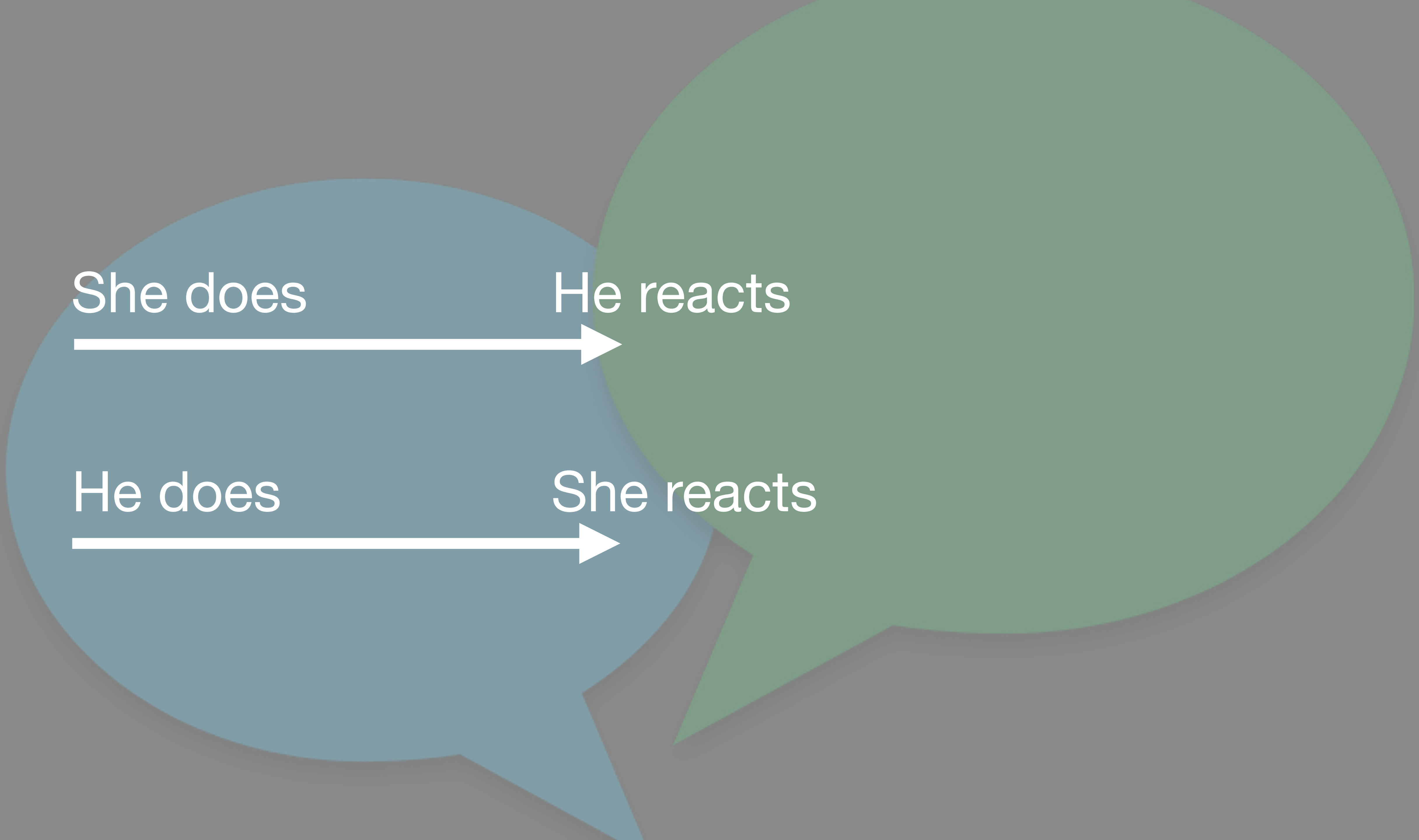
—Matthew 7:3-5 (ESV)

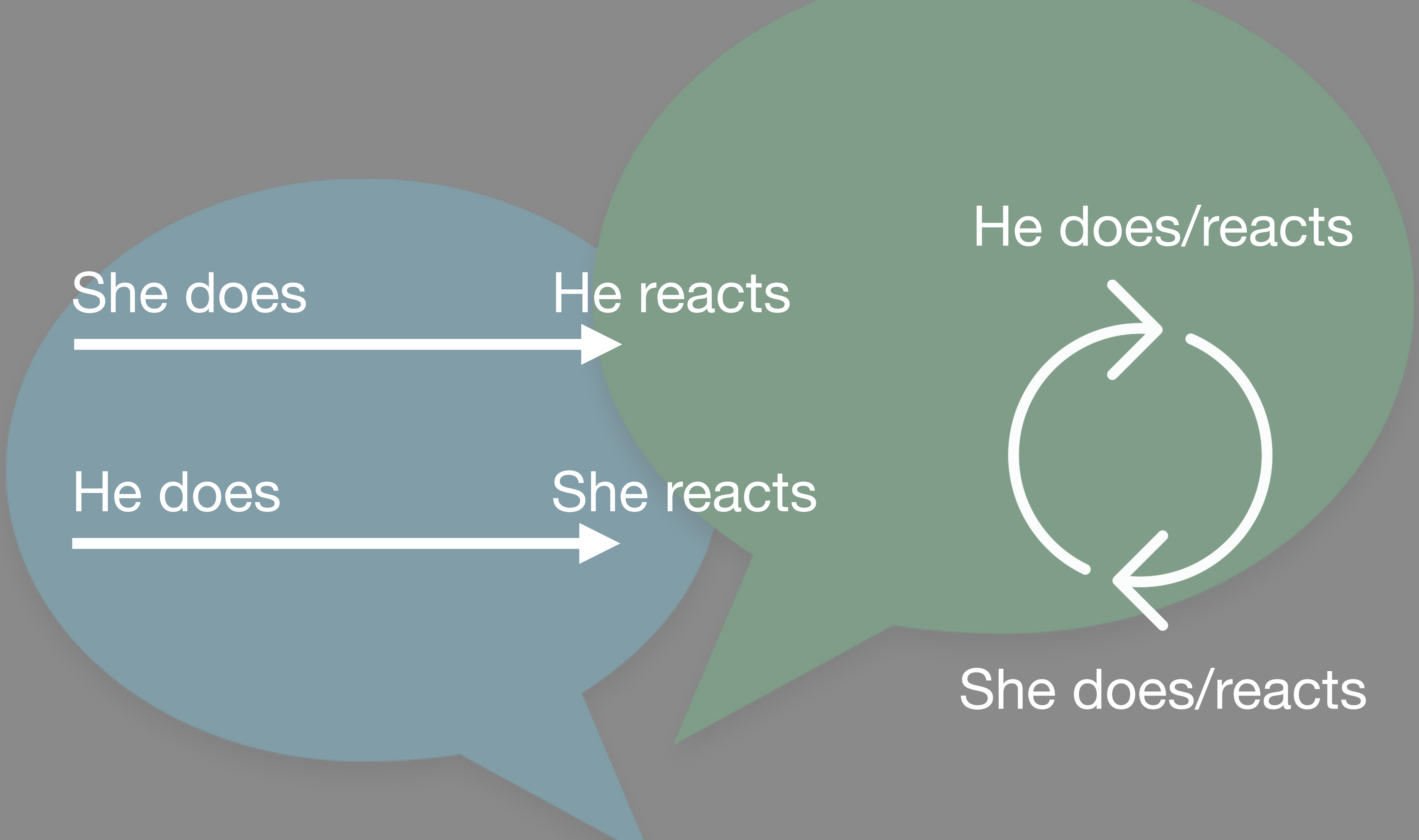
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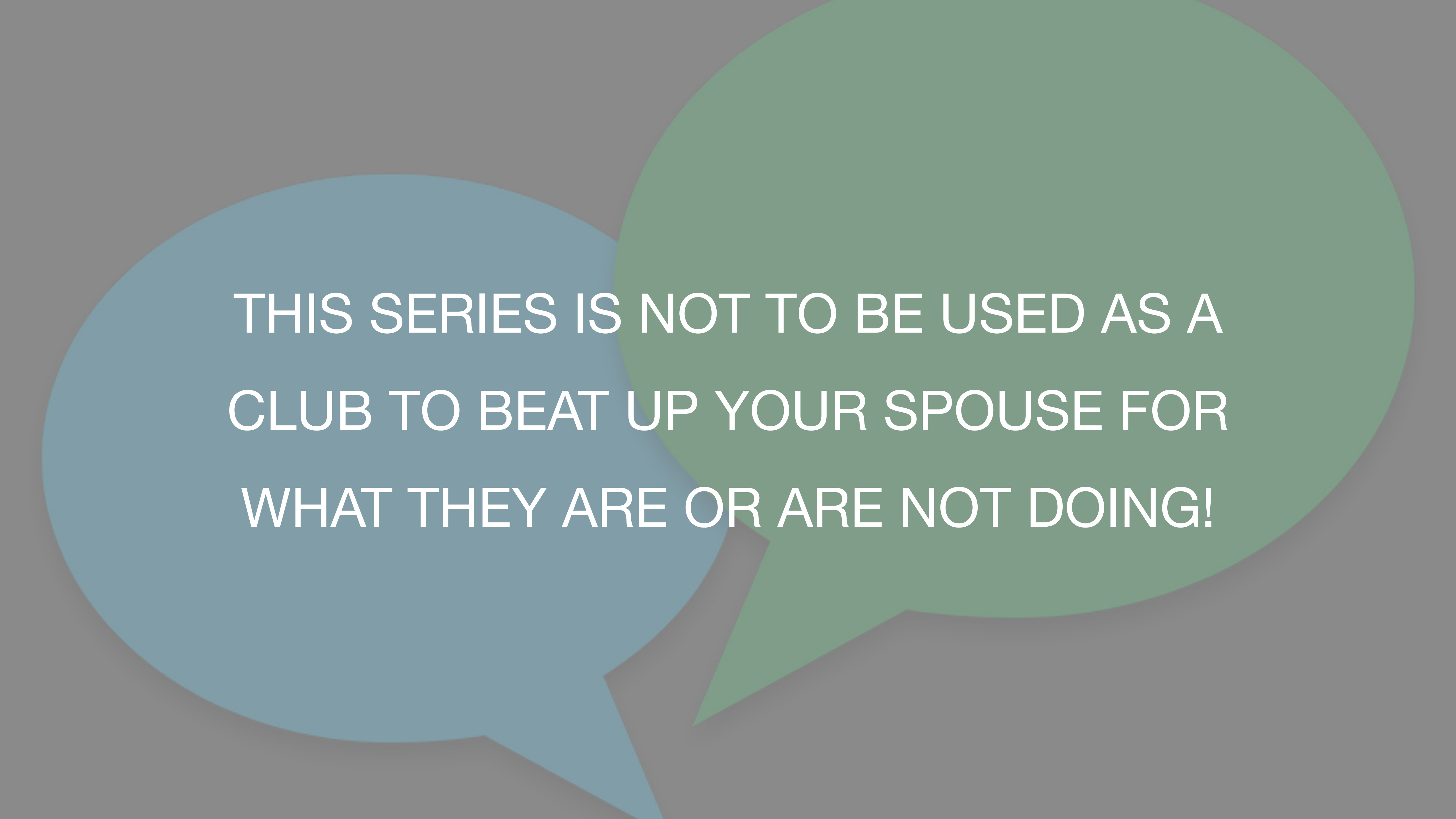
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Third response to ban...

“See, I told you!”



THIS SERIES IS NOT TO BE USED AS A
CLUB TO BEAT UP YOUR SPOUSE FOR
WHAT THEY ARE OR ARE NOT DOING!



Pray for them. Work on you.



HUSBANDS



Lead Like The King.

Lead Like The King.

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

— Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

1. Love.

Lead Like The King.

²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.

—Ephesians 5:28-29 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

- Feed yourself
- Care for yourself
- Protect yourself
- Meet your wants and needs
- Dress yourself up

Lead Like The King.

2. Let Go.

Lead Like The King.

FEAR OF...

- Losing our position
- Losing our stuff
- Losing our time
- Losing ourselves

Lead Like The King.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

— Matthew 16:25 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

—Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone
lay down his life for his friends.

—John 15:13 (ESV)

Lead Like The King.

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)



WIVES



Submit Like a Queen.

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- Mistrust
- Past hurts
- Control issues
- Competitive nature
- Stubbornness

Submit Like a Queen.

Pride

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—Philippians 2:3-8 (ESV)

Submit Like a Queen.

Protection

Submit Like a Queen.

Pessimism

Submit Like a Queen.

Submission is not about being...

- Mindless
- Speechless
- Helpless
- Less-than

Submit Like a Queen.

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

—Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

Submit Like a Queen.

Submission is about...

being an equal partner who is willing to let go of some personal rights (when helpful, needful, and safe) in order to demonstrate trusting loyalty to Christ and their spouse.

REGARDING ABUSE AND ABUSE HISTORIES

WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING THAT YOU SHOULD QUICKLY OR EASILY GET OVER YOUR PAST ABUSE, NOR ARE WE SUGGESTING YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUBMIT YOURSELF TO ANY CURRENT ABUSE!

REGARDING ABUSE AND ABUSE HISTORIES

Abuse is... “the attempt of an individual or group to impose its will on others through any nonverbal, verbal, or physical means that inflicts psychological or physical injury.”

—Leo. D. Lefebure Professor, Georgetown University

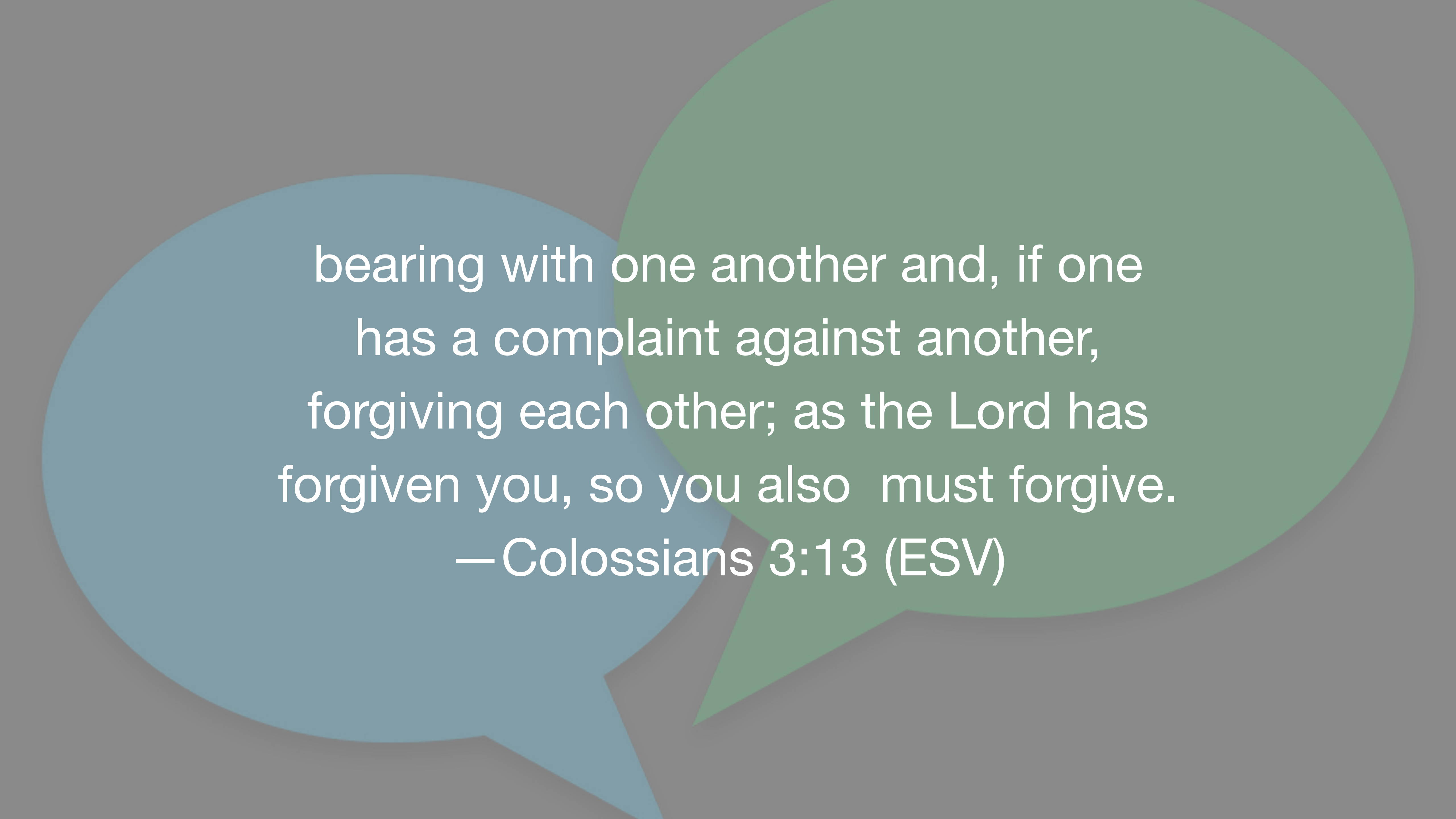
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Abuse is...

- NEVER RIGHT!
- NEVER YOUR FAULT!
- SHOULD NEVER BE TOLERATED!



RELEASING

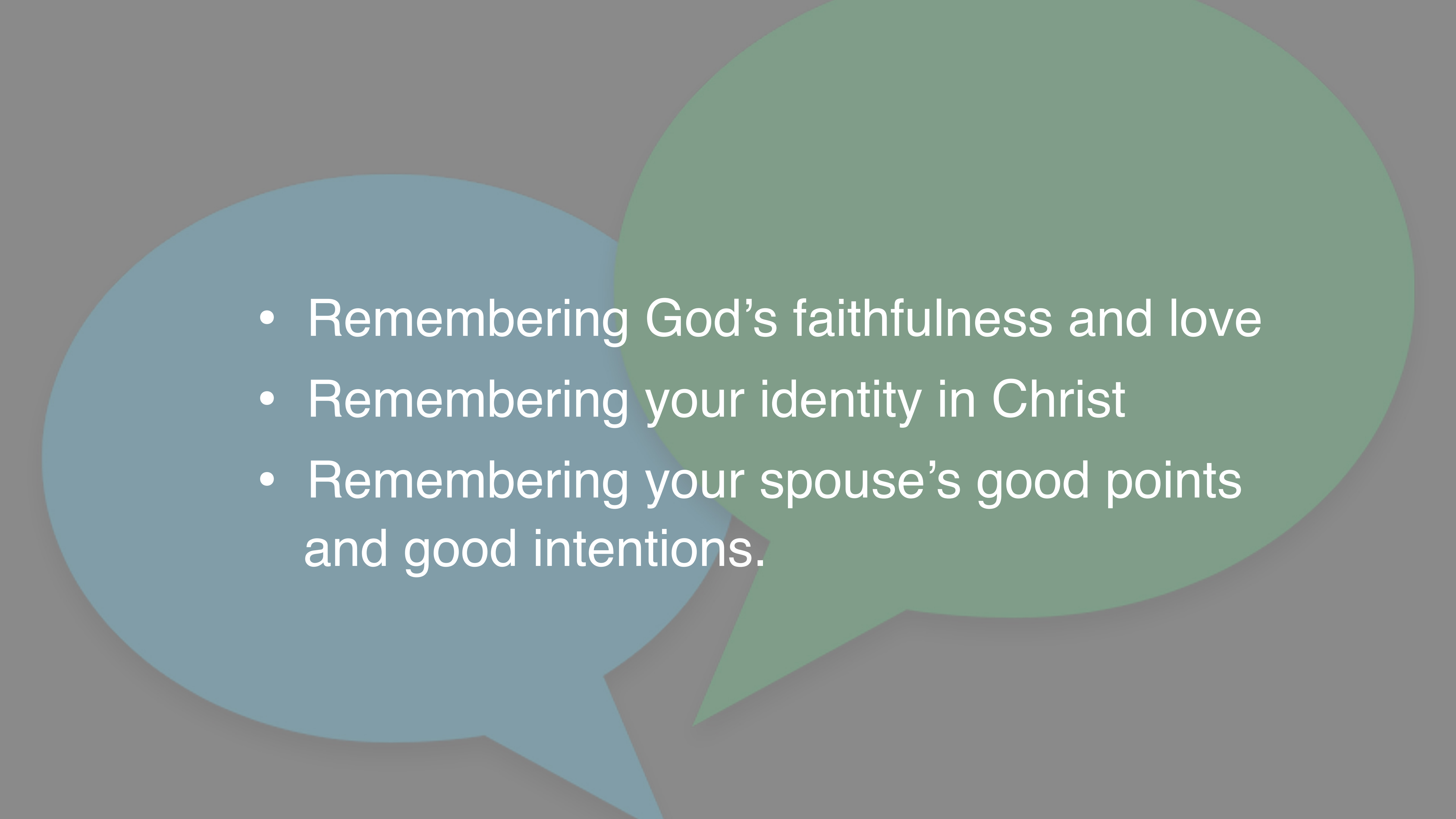


bearing with one another and, if one
has a complaint against another,
forgiving each other; as the Lord has
forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

—Colossians 3:13 (ESV)



RELEASING
REMEMBERING

- 
- Remembering God's faithfulness and love
 - Remembering your identity in Christ
 - Remembering your spouse's good points and good intentions.



RELEASING
REMEMBERING
RECIPROCATATION



**RELEASING
REMEMBERING
RECIPROCATATION
REMEDIAL STEPS**



Husbands are to LEAD LIKE THE KING.

Wives are to SUBMIT LIKE THE QUEEN.

Lovingly Serve

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:4-8 (ESV)

Respectfully Submit

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
—Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

GOD

SUBMISSION



← Wife Submits

CHRIST

SUBMISSION



← Husband Submits

PEOPLE

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