



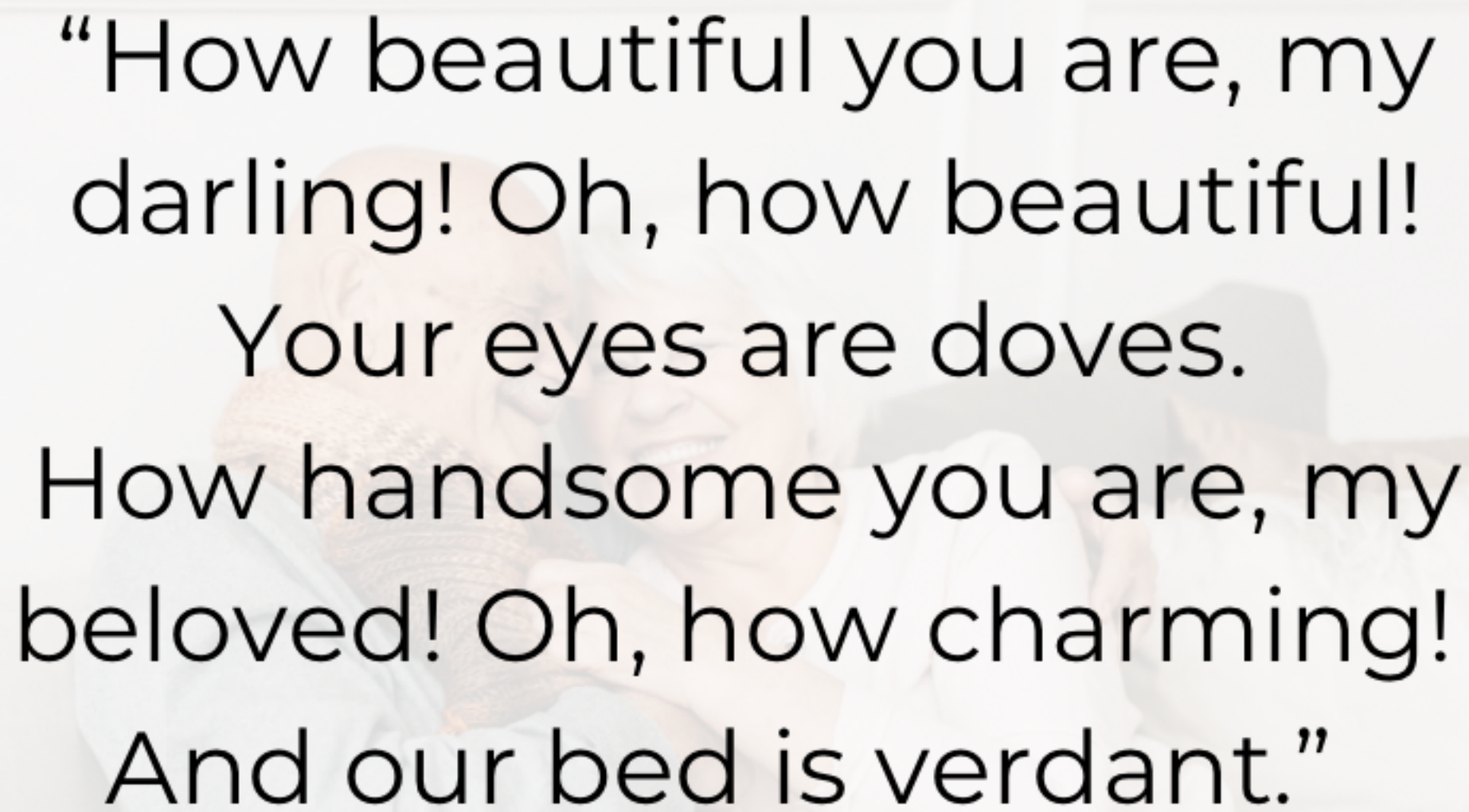
It Takes Two:  
Thriving Biblical  
Relationships



Last week:  
No More Excuses  
in Relationships!

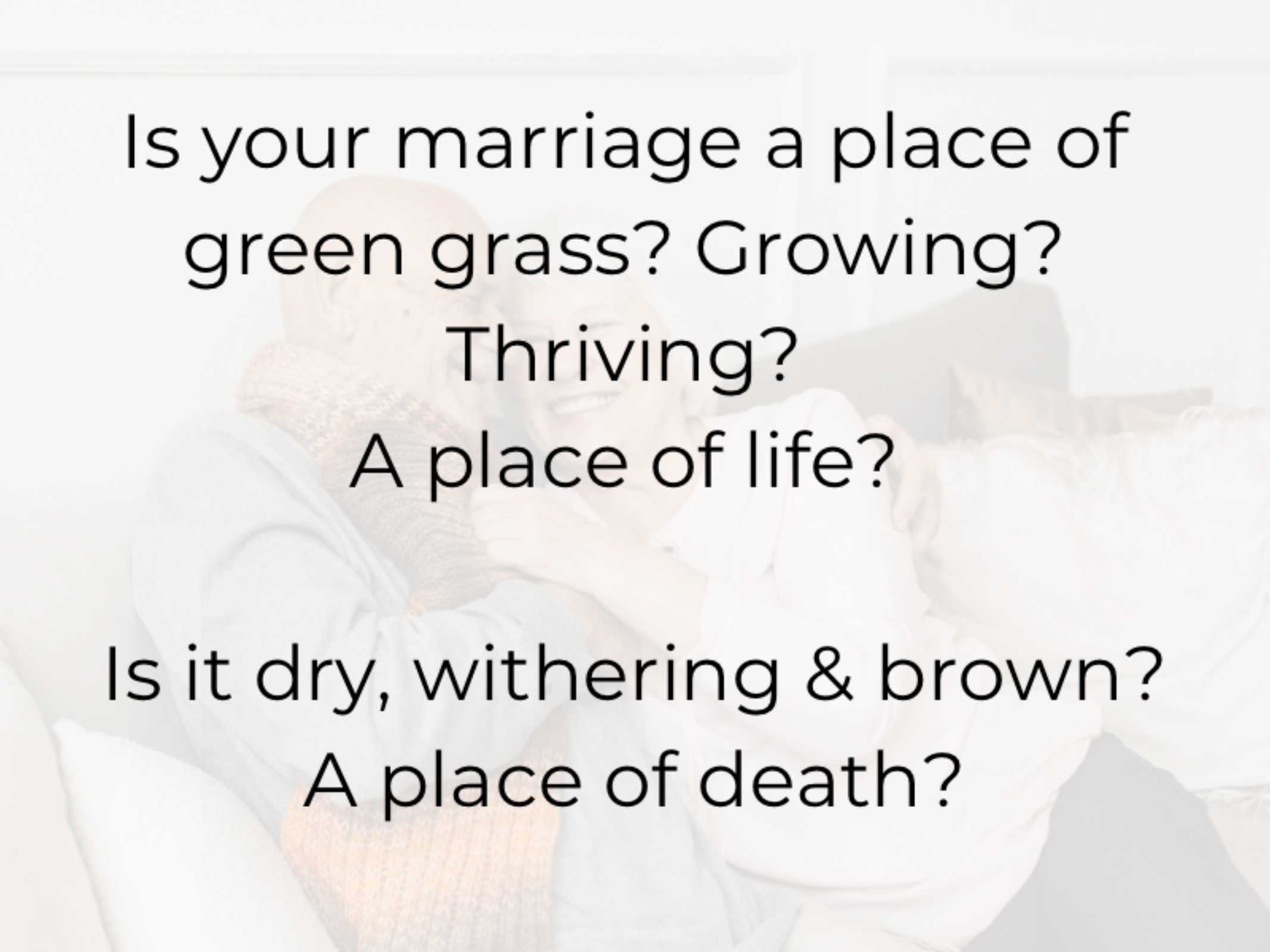


Cultivating the Soil  
for Sexual Intimacy!

A soft-focus background image of a man and a woman in a romantic embrace. The man is wearing a white shirt and a brown patterned vest, and the woman is wearing a white top. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The text is overlaid on this image.

“How beautiful you are, my  
darling! Oh, how beautiful!  
Your eyes are doves.  
How handsome you are, my  
beloved! Oh, how charming!  
And our bed is verdant.”

Song of Songs 1:15-16 NIV

A photograph of a man and a woman sitting together and laughing heartily. The man is on the left, wearing a blue jacket and a brown patterned scarf. The woman is on the right, wearing a white shirt. They are both looking towards each other and laughing. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Is your marriage a place of  
green grass? Growing?  
Thriving?  
A place of life?

Is it dry, withering & brown?  
A place of death?



Scripture:

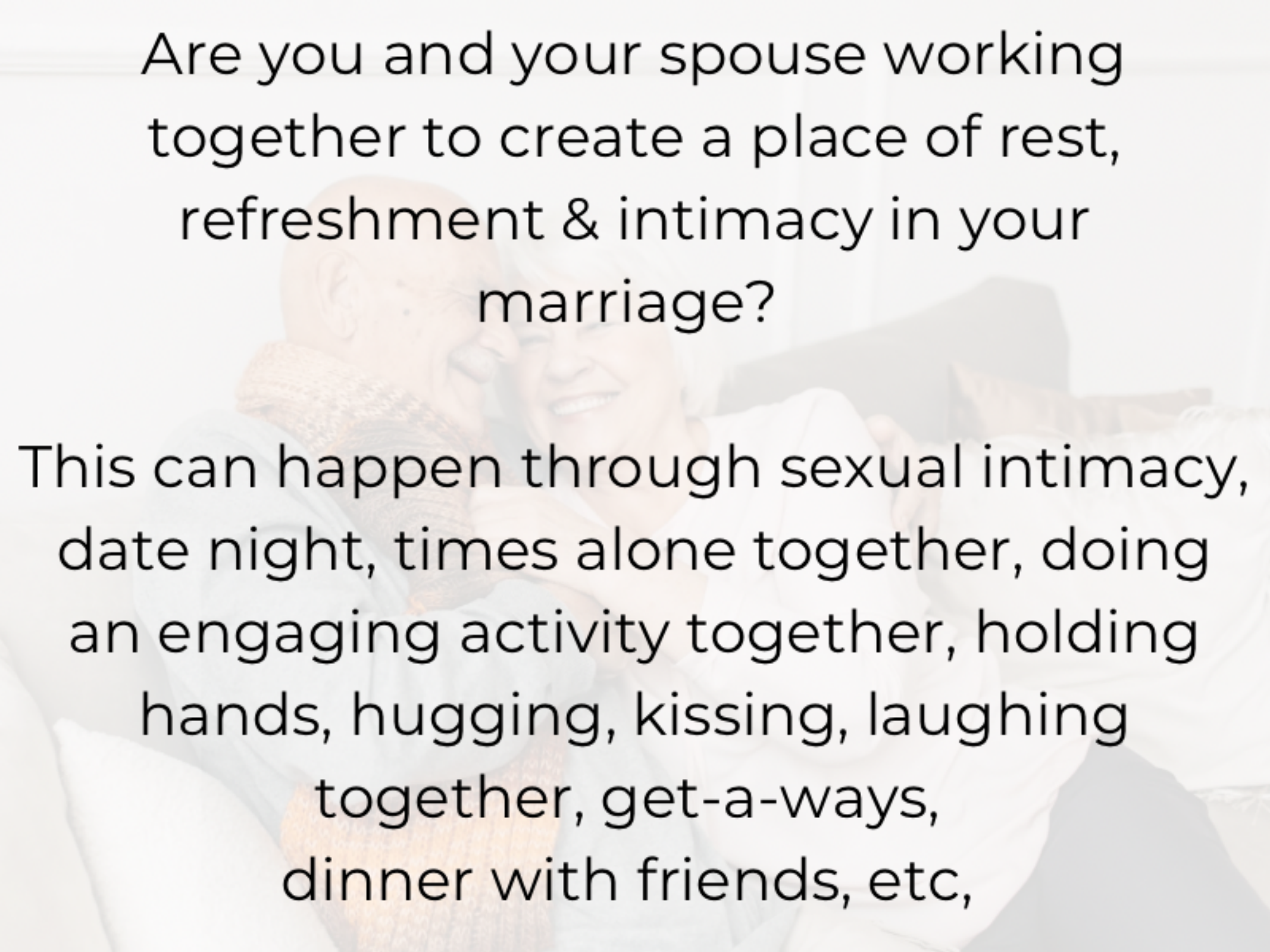
Genesis 1:26-31

Genesis 2:24-25

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

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- Does this mean on-demand sex: no
- Does this mean I have an permanent veto card: no
- Does this mean it's ok for seasons of no sexual intimacy: yes
- Does the Bible say how often sexual intimacy should happen in a marriage: no
- Is sex good & needed in marriage: yes

A soft-focus photograph of a man and a woman in bed, embracing and smiling. The man is on the left, wearing a blue shirt and a brown sweater, and the woman is on the right, wearing a white shirt. They are both looking towards the camera with warm expressions. The background is a light, neutral color, and the overall mood is intimate and romantic.

Are you and your spouse working together to create a place of rest, refreshment & intimacy in your marriage?

This can happen through sexual intimacy, date night, times alone together, doing an engaging activity together, holding hands, hugging, kissing, laughing together, get-a-ways, dinner with friends, etc,