

RELATIONSHIPS

# MARRIAGE & SINGLENESS

PART 1

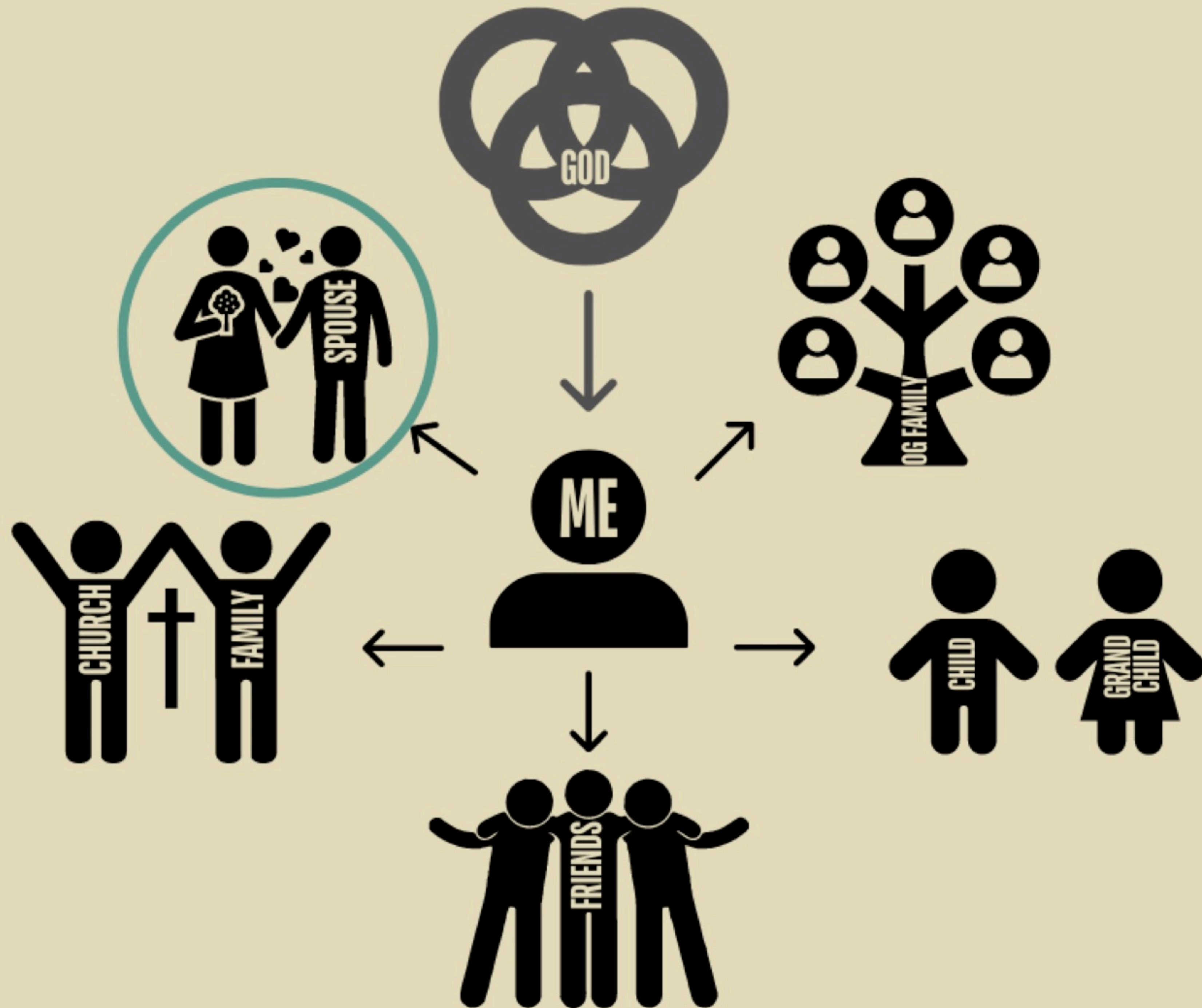
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**PROV 4:23 - ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART, FOR  
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# **WORLDVIEW CLASH: HUMAN FLOURISHING? THE GOOD LIFE?**



**A BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC IS AN EXTREMELY RADICAL BELIEF  
IN MODERN SECULAR AUSTRALIA**

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ORIGINS:

Where do we come from?

God Created The universe



2.

PROBLEM:

What has gone wrong?

Fall: Sin corrupted the world

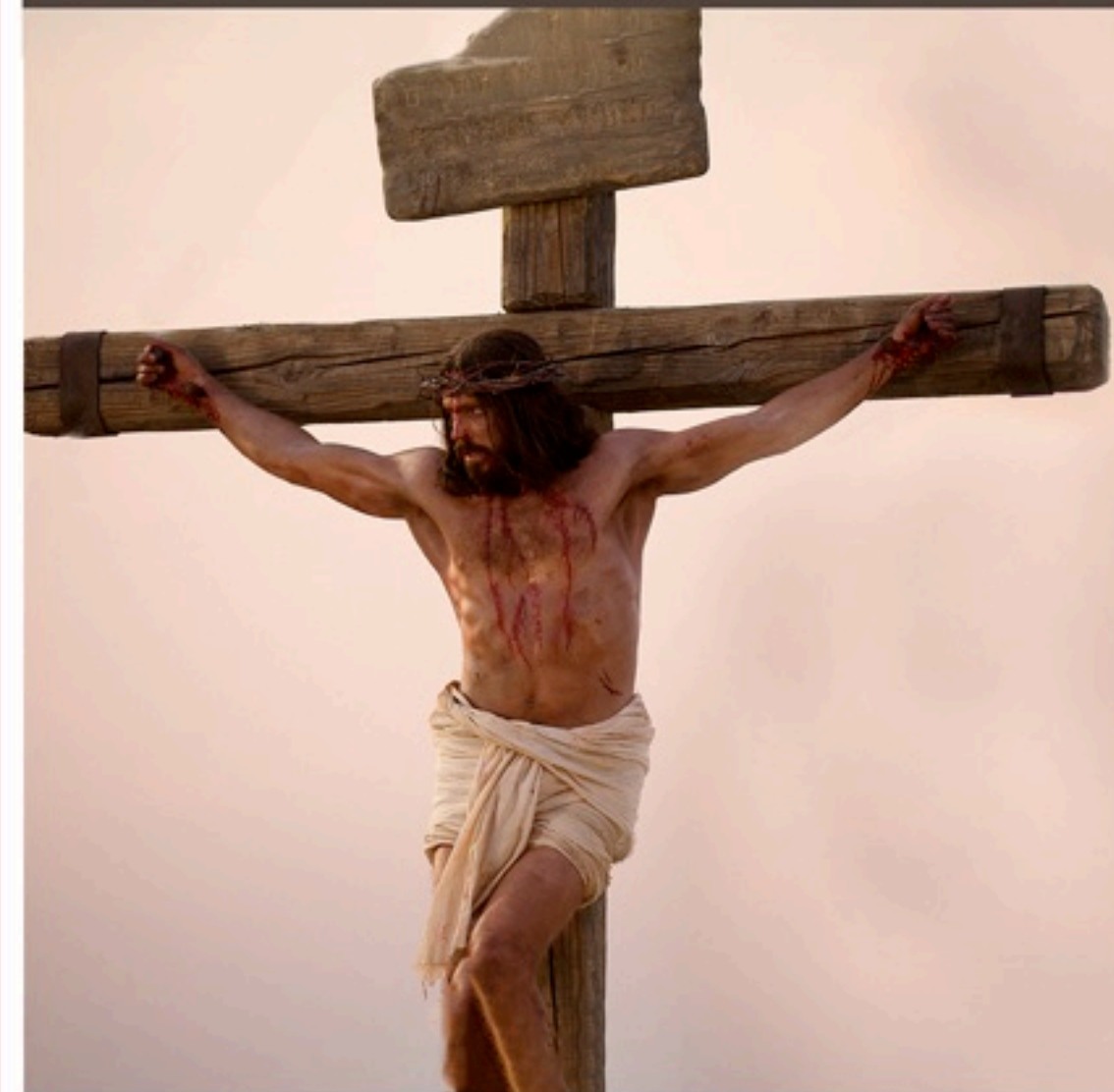


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SOLUTION:

How do we fix it?

Redemption through Jesus



4.

NOW:

How do we live?

Restoration of all things



NOTHINGNESS

CONSUMMATION

Gospel of Jesus

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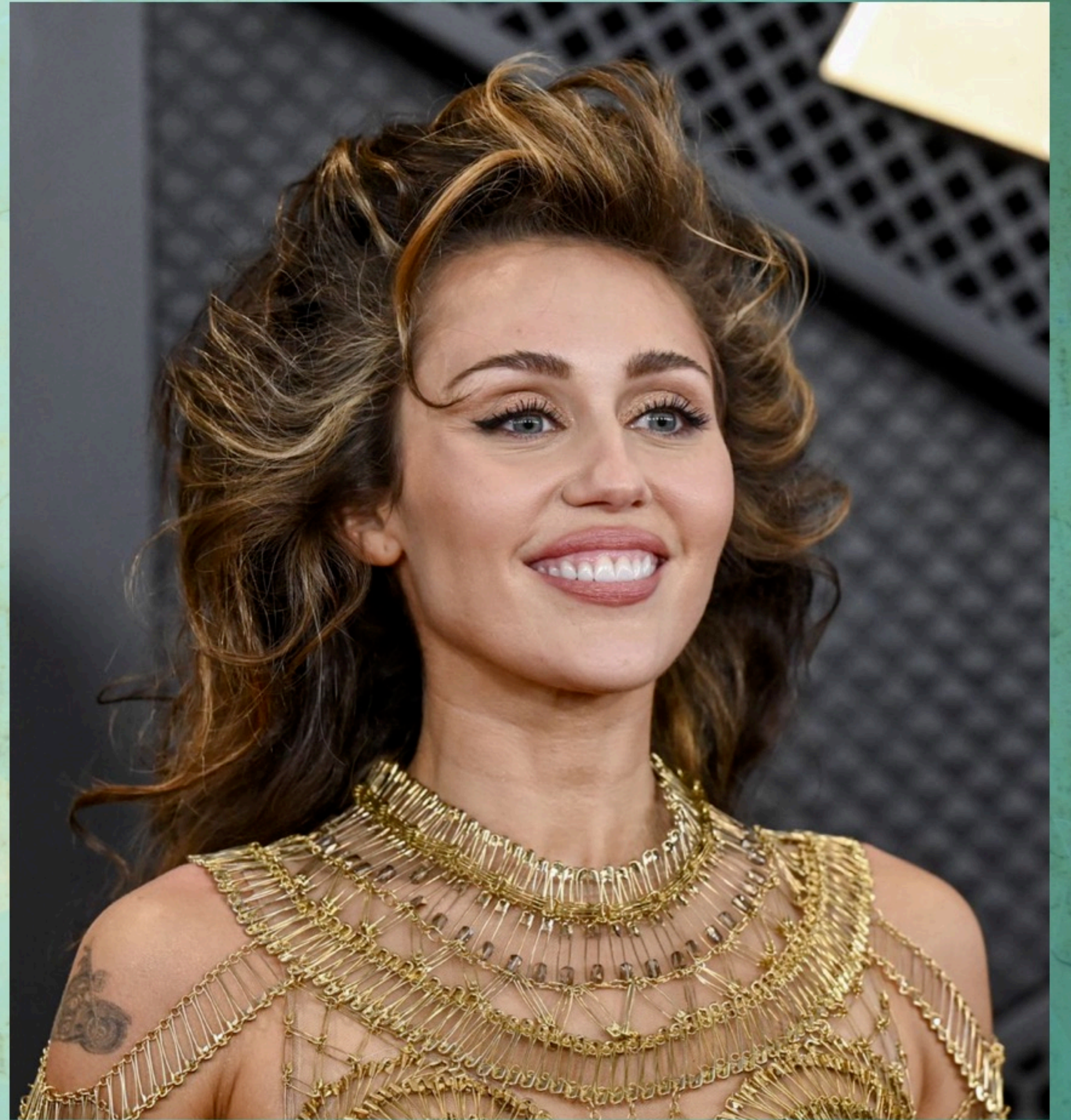
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<b>Leave family to start another family with my new spouse</b>	<b>Forever dating, casual sex and break-ups</b>



# **Divorce & Hard Hearts**

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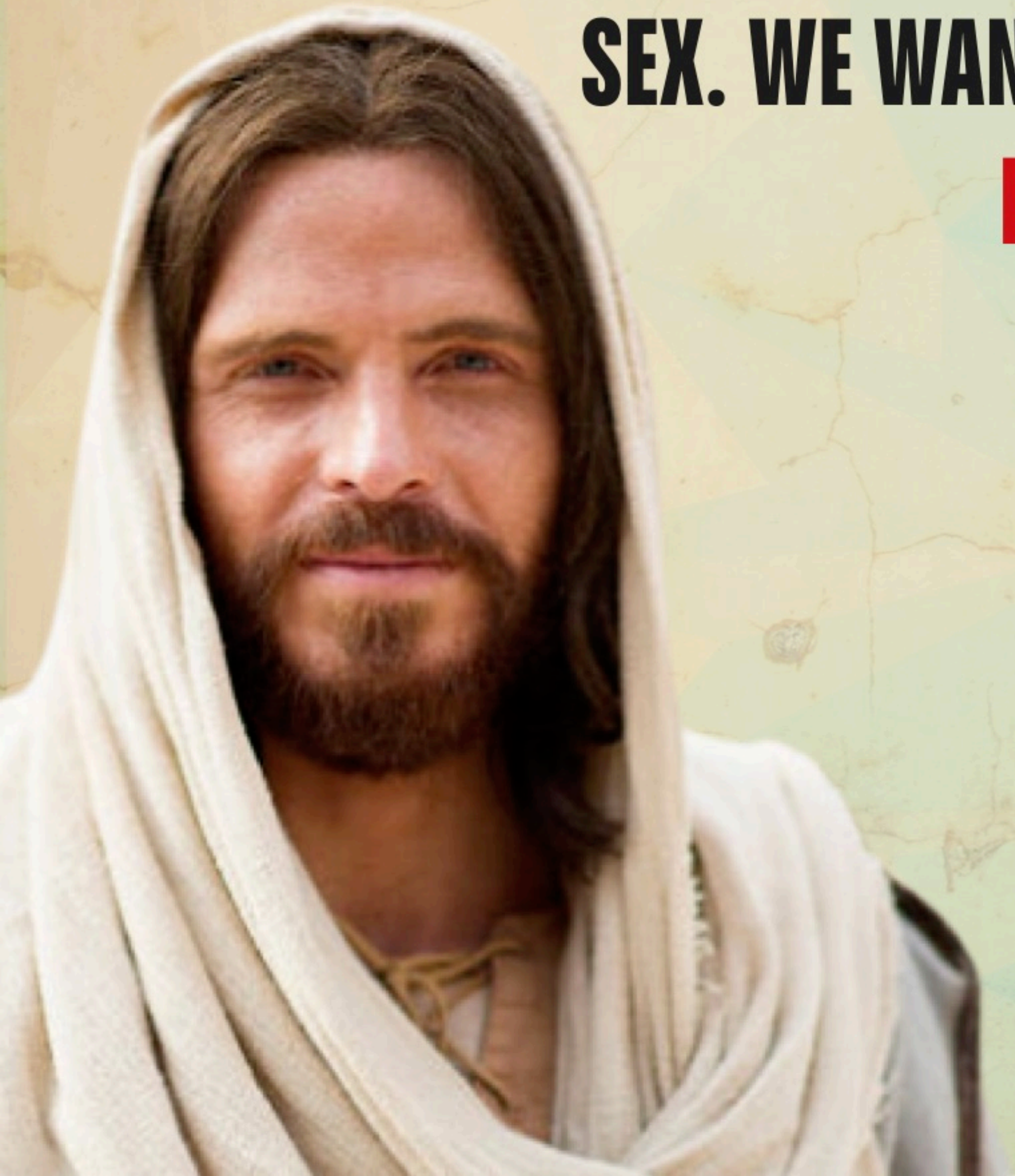
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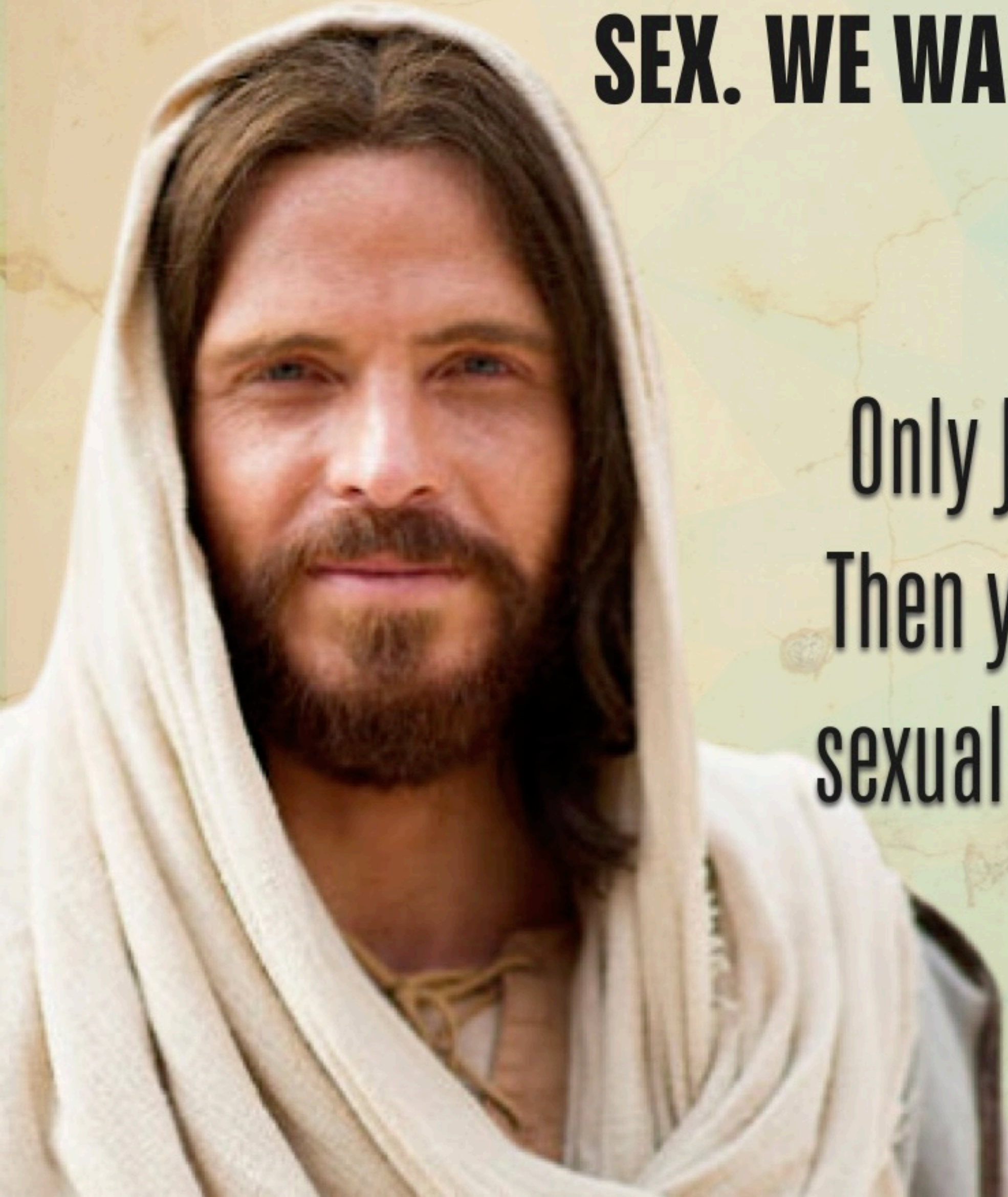
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# **Biblical Singleness - Live from it, not for it**

- **IT IS BETTER (IF YOU CAN)**
- **IT IS A GIFT**
- **VOWED AND DEDICATED CELIBATES**
- **AN UNMARRIED JESUS-FOLLOWER IS COMMITTED TO SINGLENES WITHOUT SEX**

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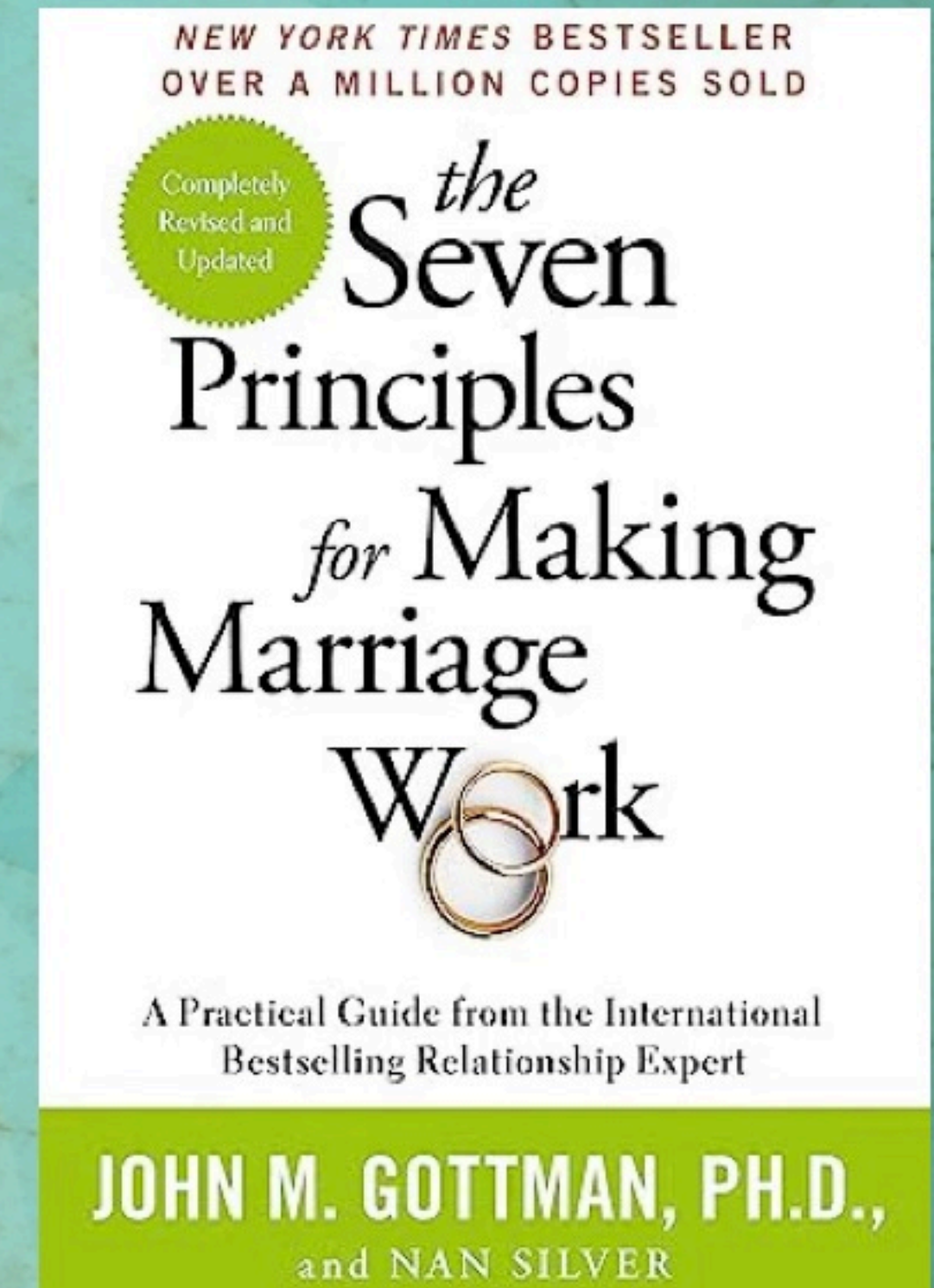
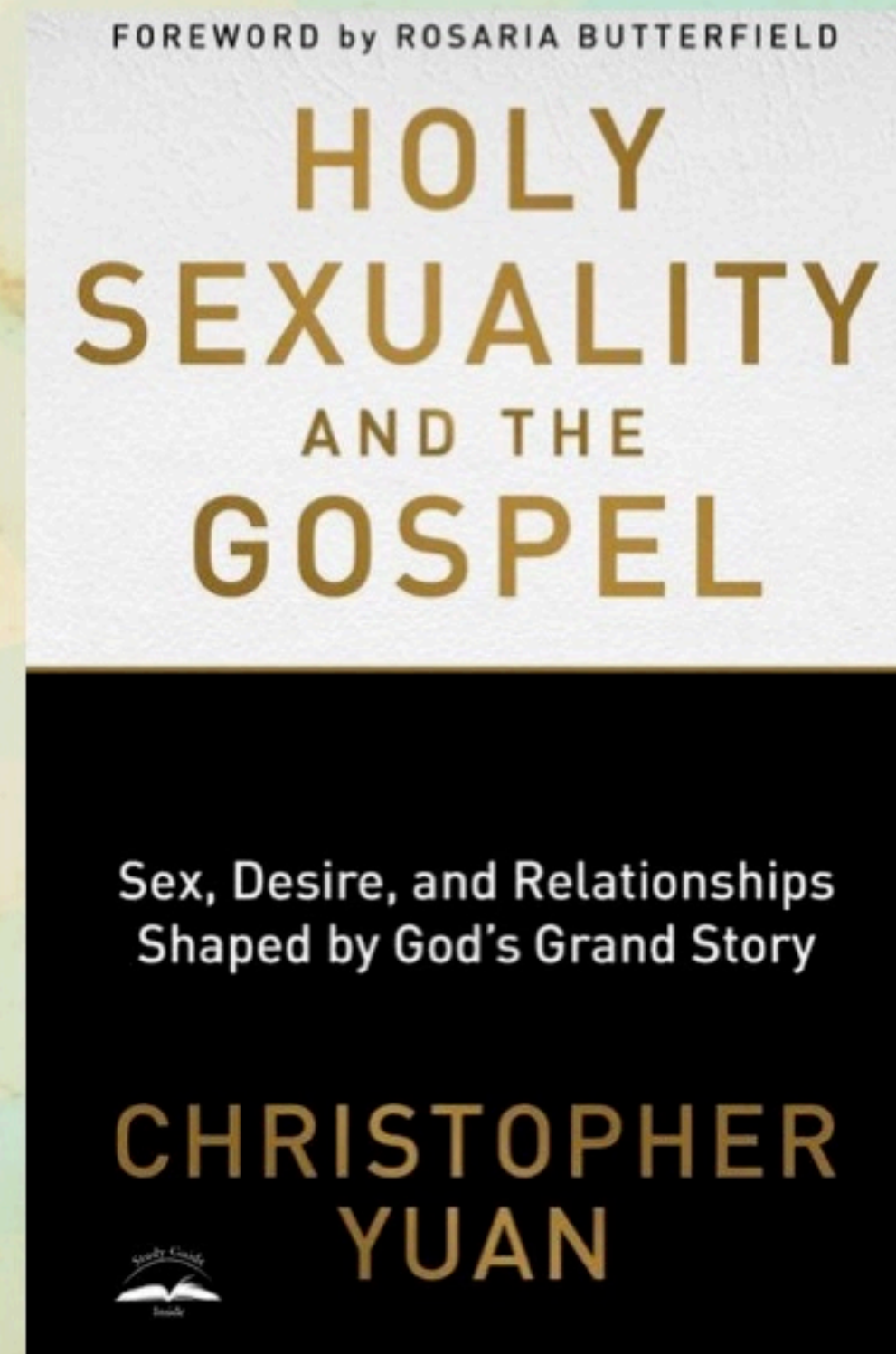
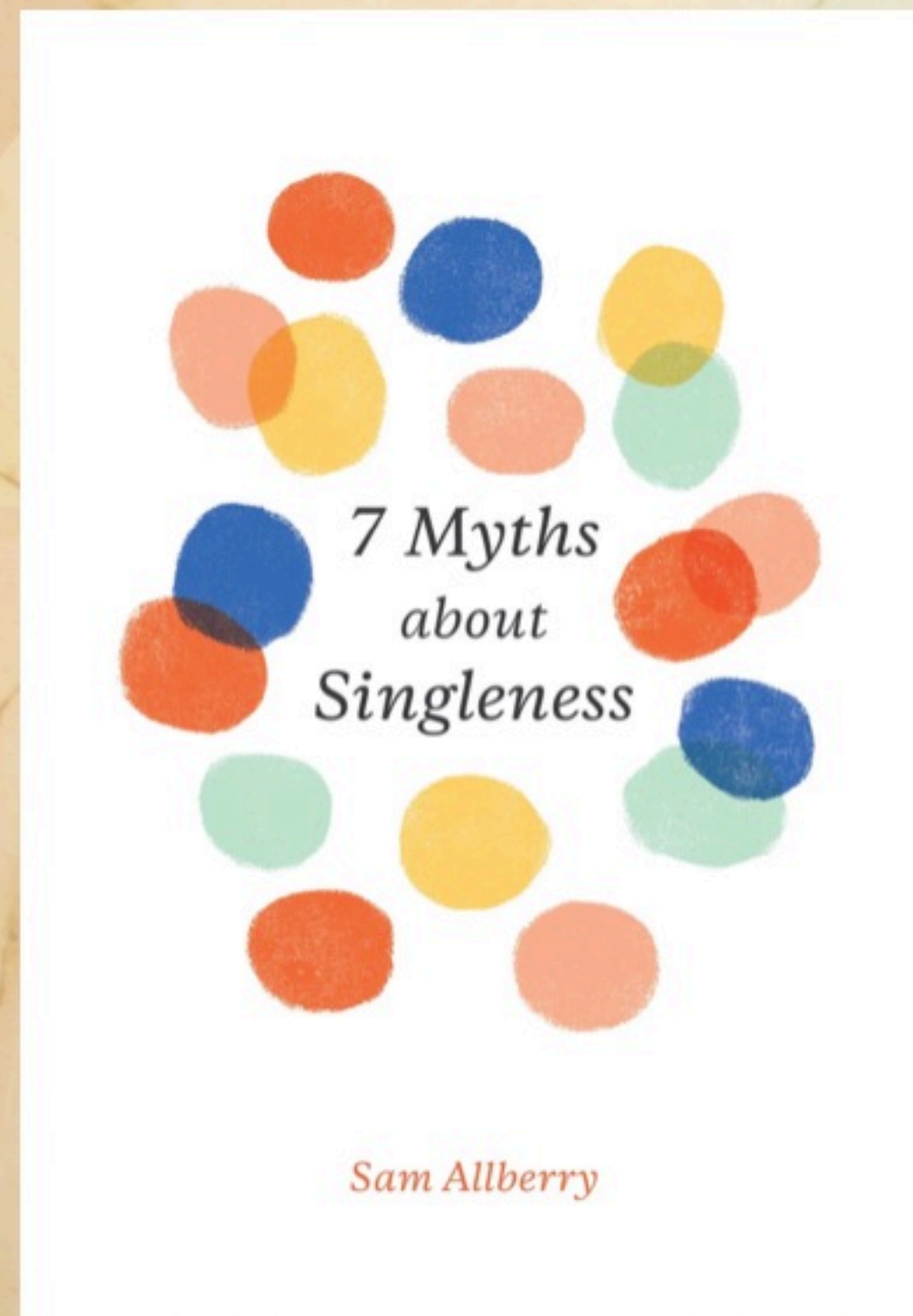
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Only Jesus can fulfill the deepest desires of your heart. Then you can stop filling your unfulfilled heart with sex, sexual identity, romance, kids & grand-kids, divorce and everything that will never satisfy.



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# RESOURCES:





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REALLY MEET JESUS.”**

**SAM ALLBERY**

# **CONNECT TO JESUS**

**THIS WEEK BY...**

**Read Matt 19:3-12 and also 1 Corinthians 7.**

**What is God saying to you about sex,  
singleness or marriage?**

# **DISCUSSION**

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1) Ps Caleb proposed, “The Biblical view on sex, singleness and marriage is radically different to the view of our Australian secular culture.” Do you agree?**
- 2) Read Matt 19:3-12. How does a hard heart (v8) obscure a godly approach to all things sex, singleness and marriage?**
- 3) Take a moment to be vulnerable together – Would anyone like to share their past or current struggles with sex, singleness and marriage? Which of these areas require change, support, prayer or healing?**