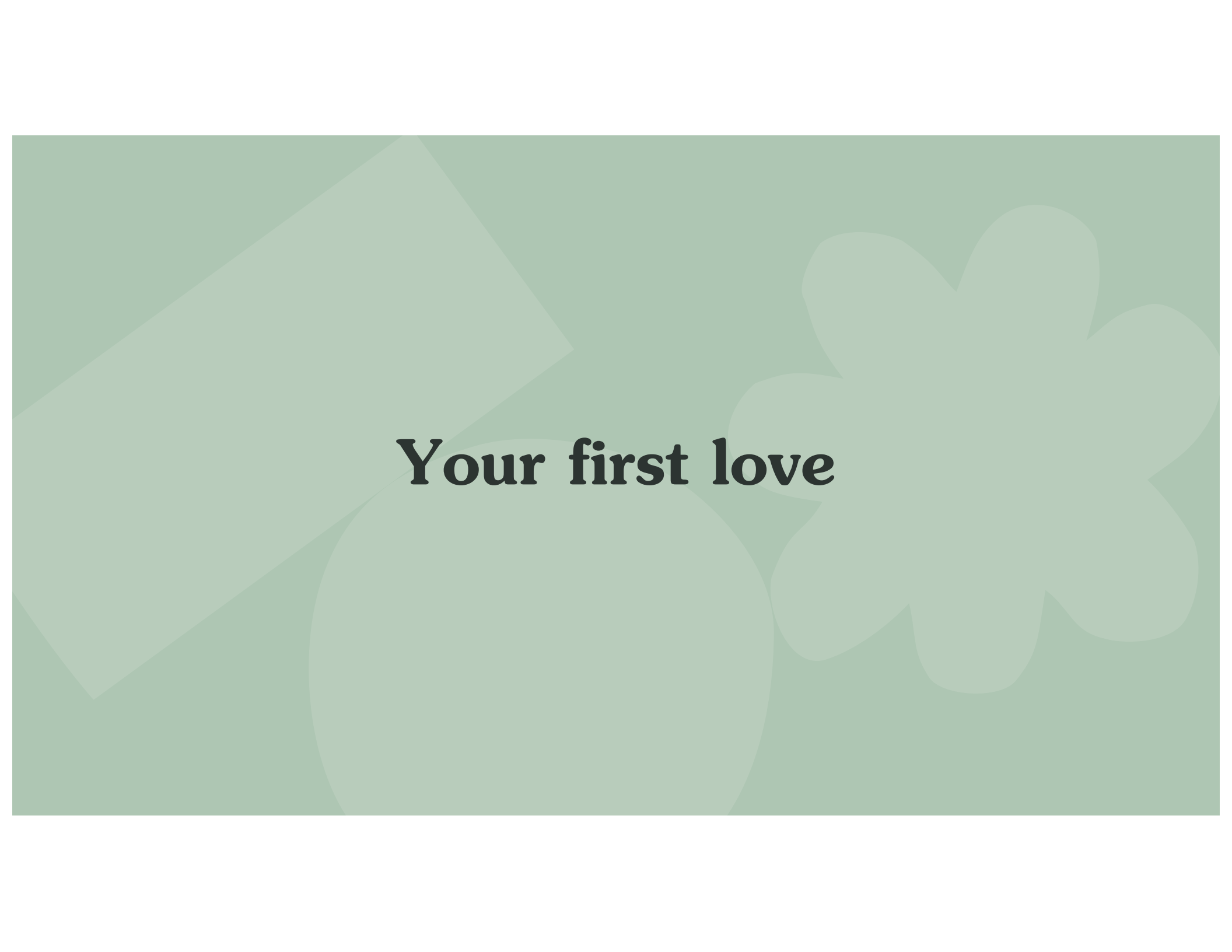
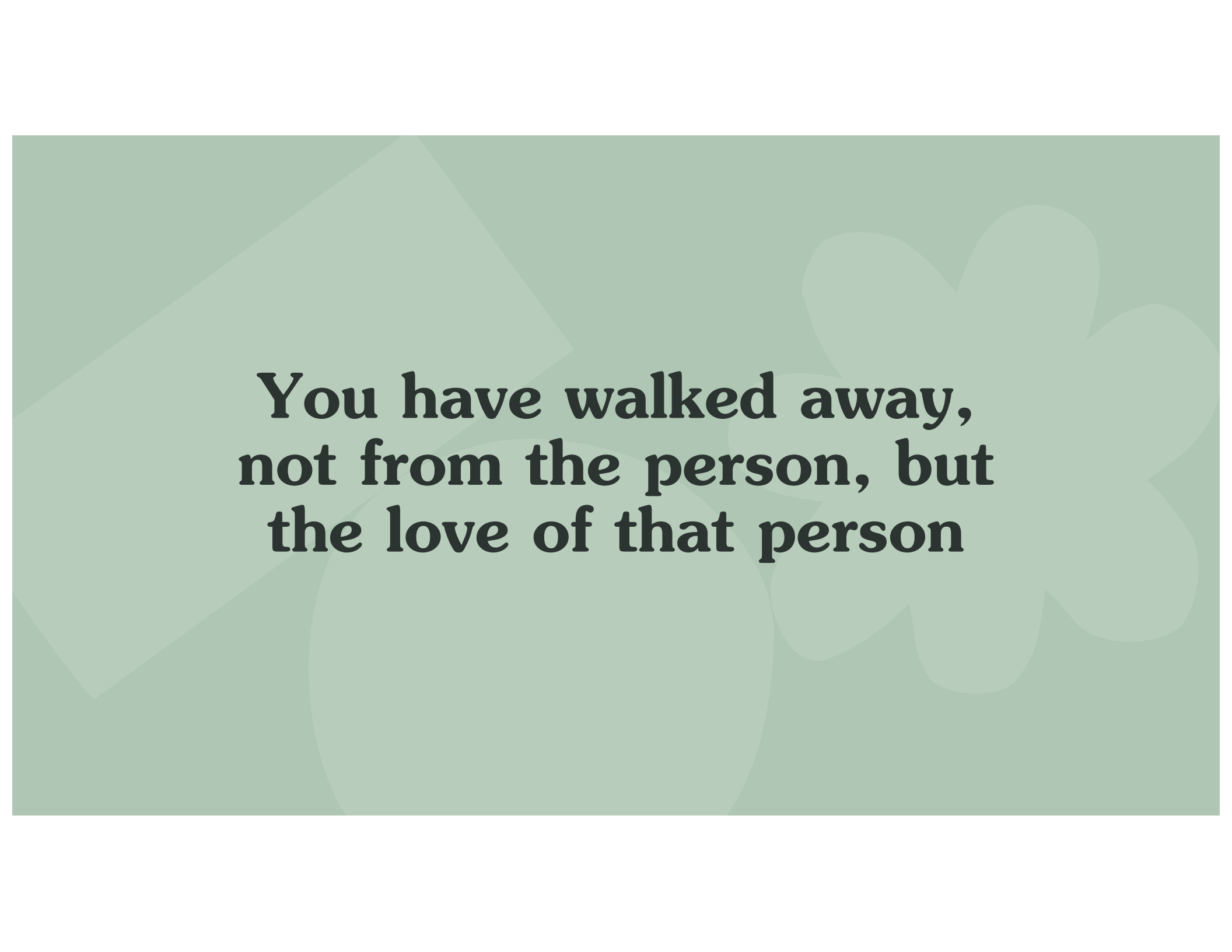


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Your first love

Revelations 2

4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **5** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.



**You have walked away,
not from the person, but
the love of that person**

Matthew 22:36-37

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

How would I abandon the love of my wife?

- By desiring other things more than her
- By allowing other things to love me instead of her loving me
- By falling into a performance mindset – checklist love

Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Psalm 27:4 New King James Version

4 One thing I have desired of the Lord,
That will I seek:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life,
To behold the beauty of the Lord,
And to inquire in His temple.

Relationship is about love flowing both ways

For God's love to work in our lives, love must flow both ways.

- **Showing love**
- **Receiving love**

How does love work?

- living and enjoying (time spent together)
- talking (about feelings, thoughts, challenges, opportunities)
- working (partnering)
- thinking (meditating)
- showing (demonstrating love)
- receiving

Foster a love for God and what He has to offer. Desire the pure ingredients of heaven, that only God can provide. And don't demand an earthly source for these things. Whet your appetite for God.

Peace, strength, favor, confidence, solutions, provision, righteousness, security, inheritance, justification, mercy, joy, satisfaction

Jude 21

21 keep yourselves in God's love ...

John 15

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.**10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

1 John 4:10

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.