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The Core Challenge

- How do I manage all the hats I am required to wear?
- How do I please the Lord in all of those roles?
- The human struggle of balancing multiple heavy identities.



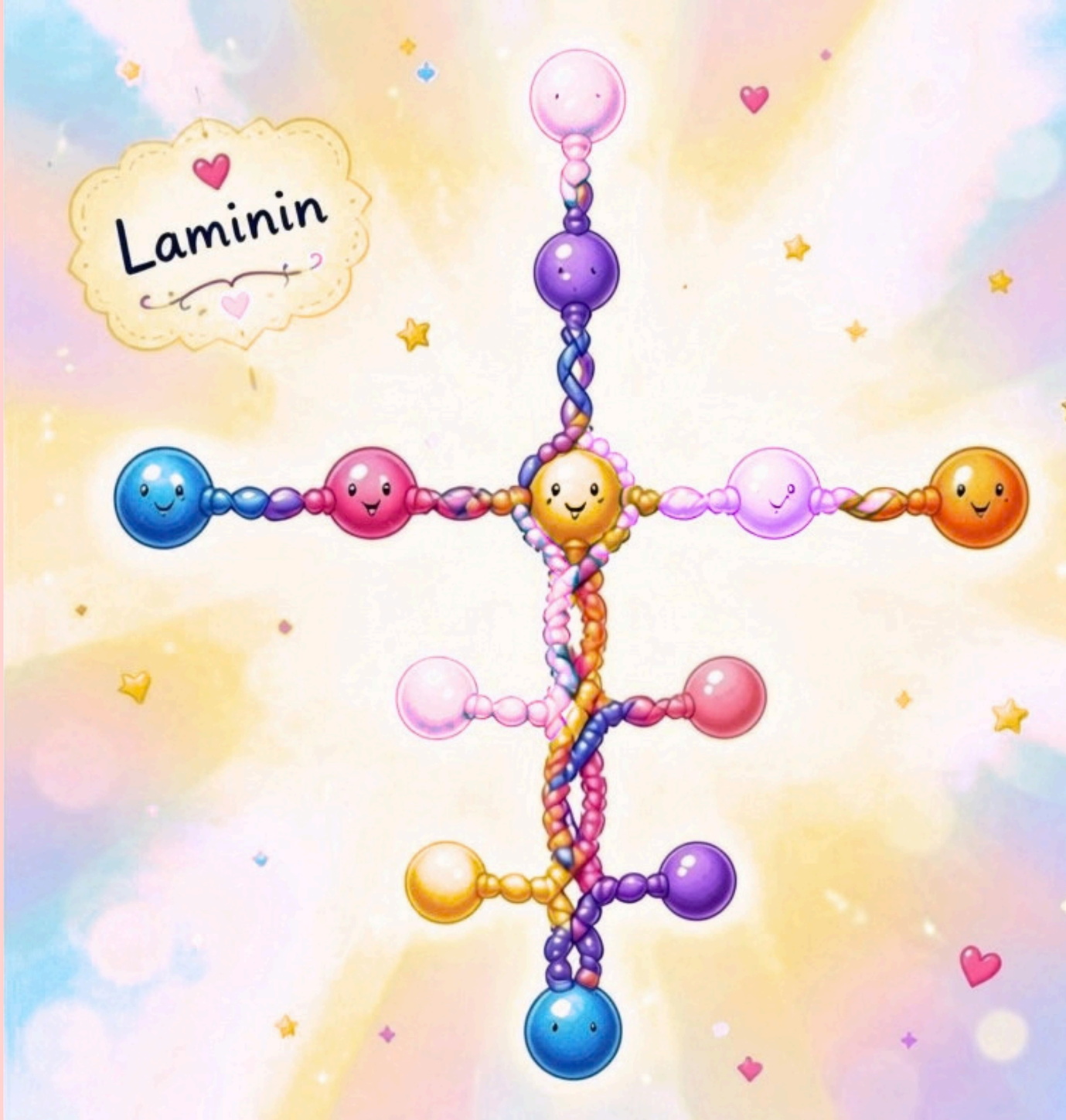
The Laminin Holds it all Together!

Billions of cells working together like a planetary system.

If one part quits working, it affects the whole body.

Every part has its part to make the body work as designed.

He knows *all your hats*. He is the Hat Maker! Way Maker!



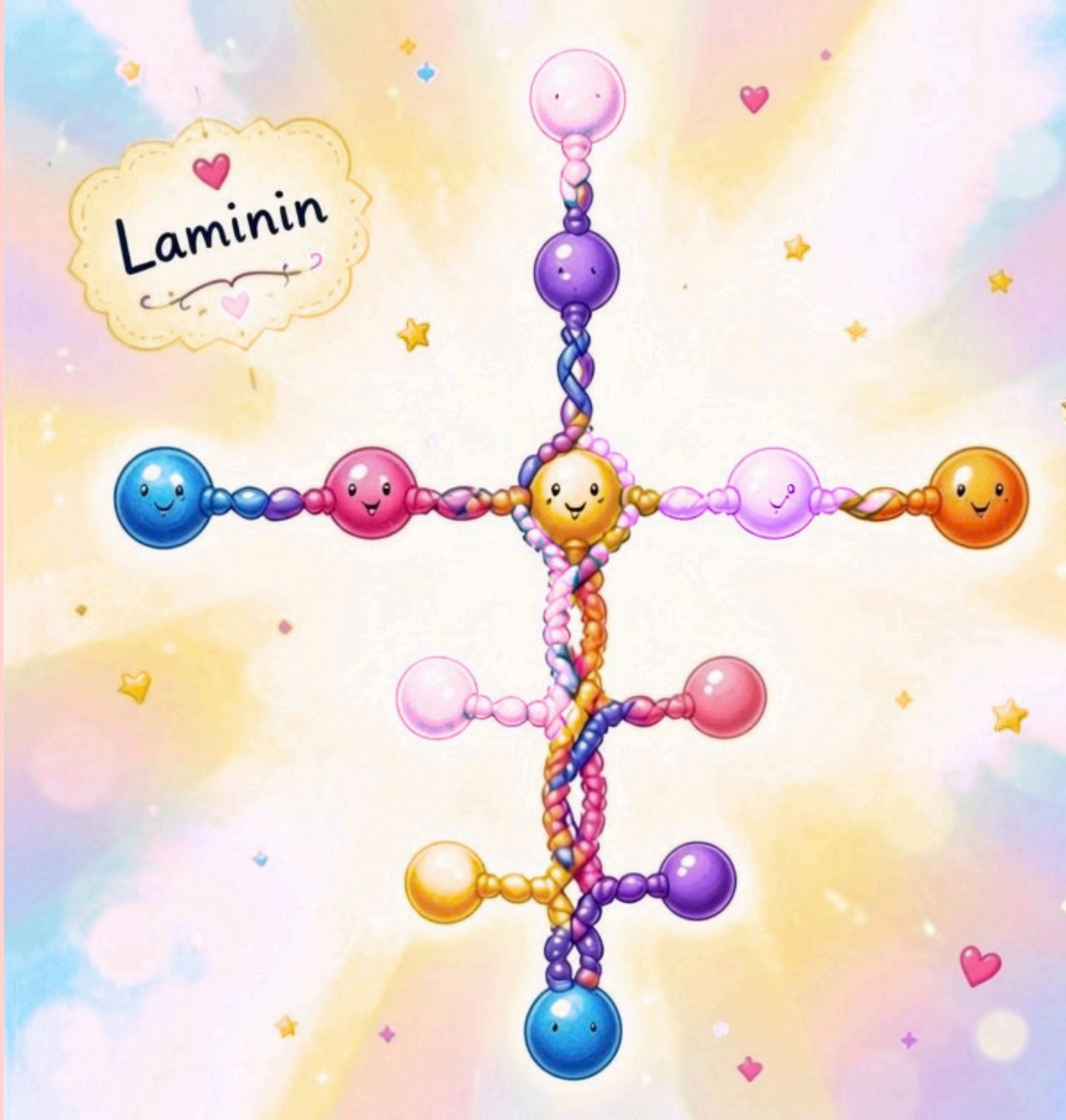
Laminin: What Holds Us Together?

High-molecular weight proteins of the extracellular matrix.

The protein network foundation for most cells and organs.

It holds the billions of cells together!

It is literally in the shape of a cross!



The Cross is our shelf.

CLEAR EVERYTHING ELSE OFF



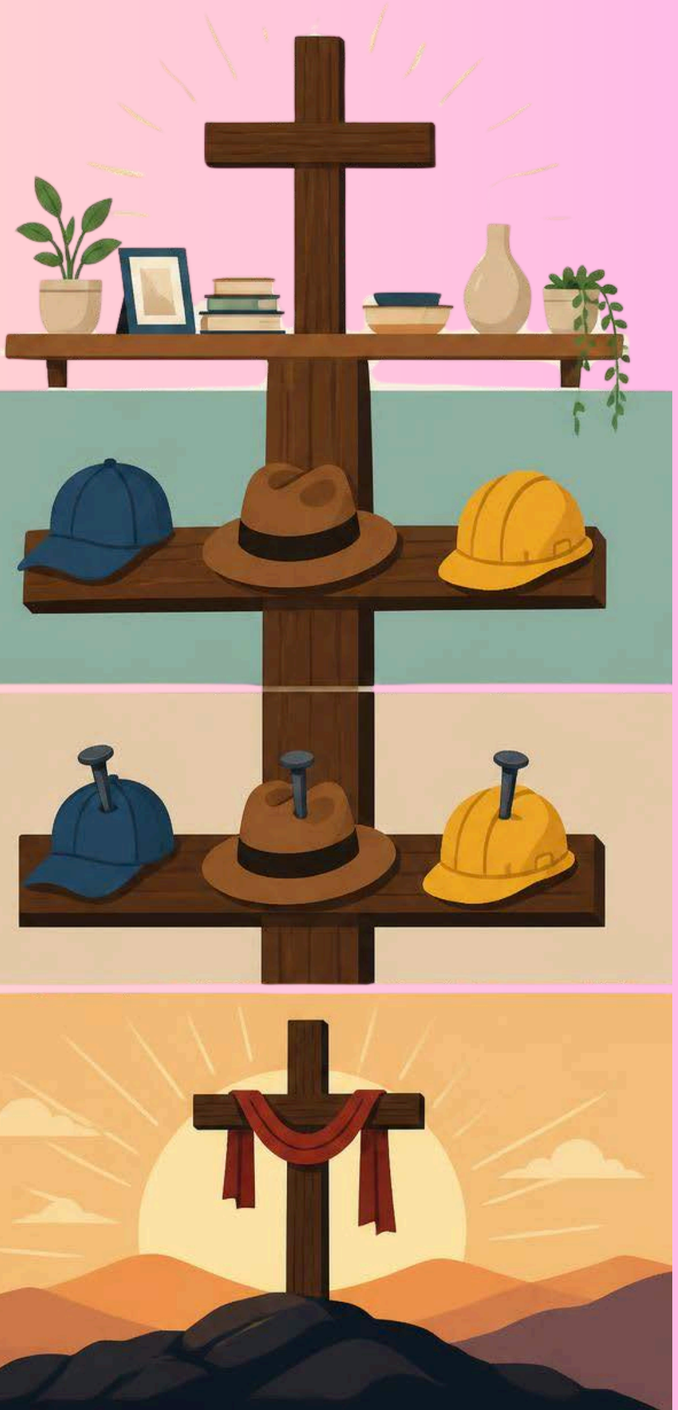
The only way to hold human hats together is the CROSS.



Jesus died for **all hats!** We must **nail** them to the cross.



He knows we can't do it by ourselves; **this is why He died.**



Colossians 3:1–4

Set Your Mind Above



If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above.

Colossians 3:1–4

Set Your Mind Above



Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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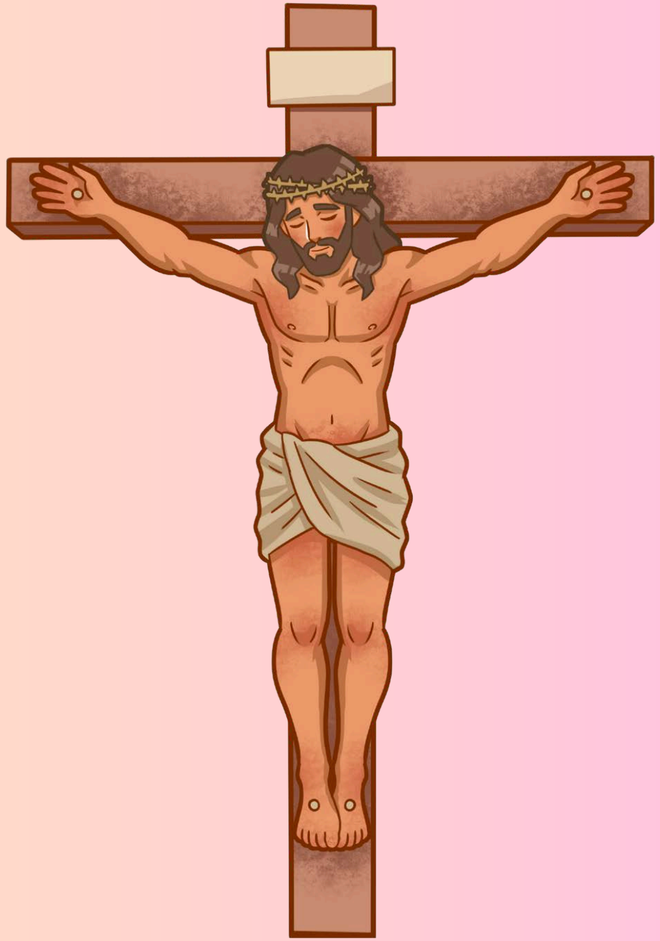


When Christ who is our life appears, you also will appear with Him.

Colossians 3:5–9

Clearing the Shelf







Put to death your members which are on the earth.

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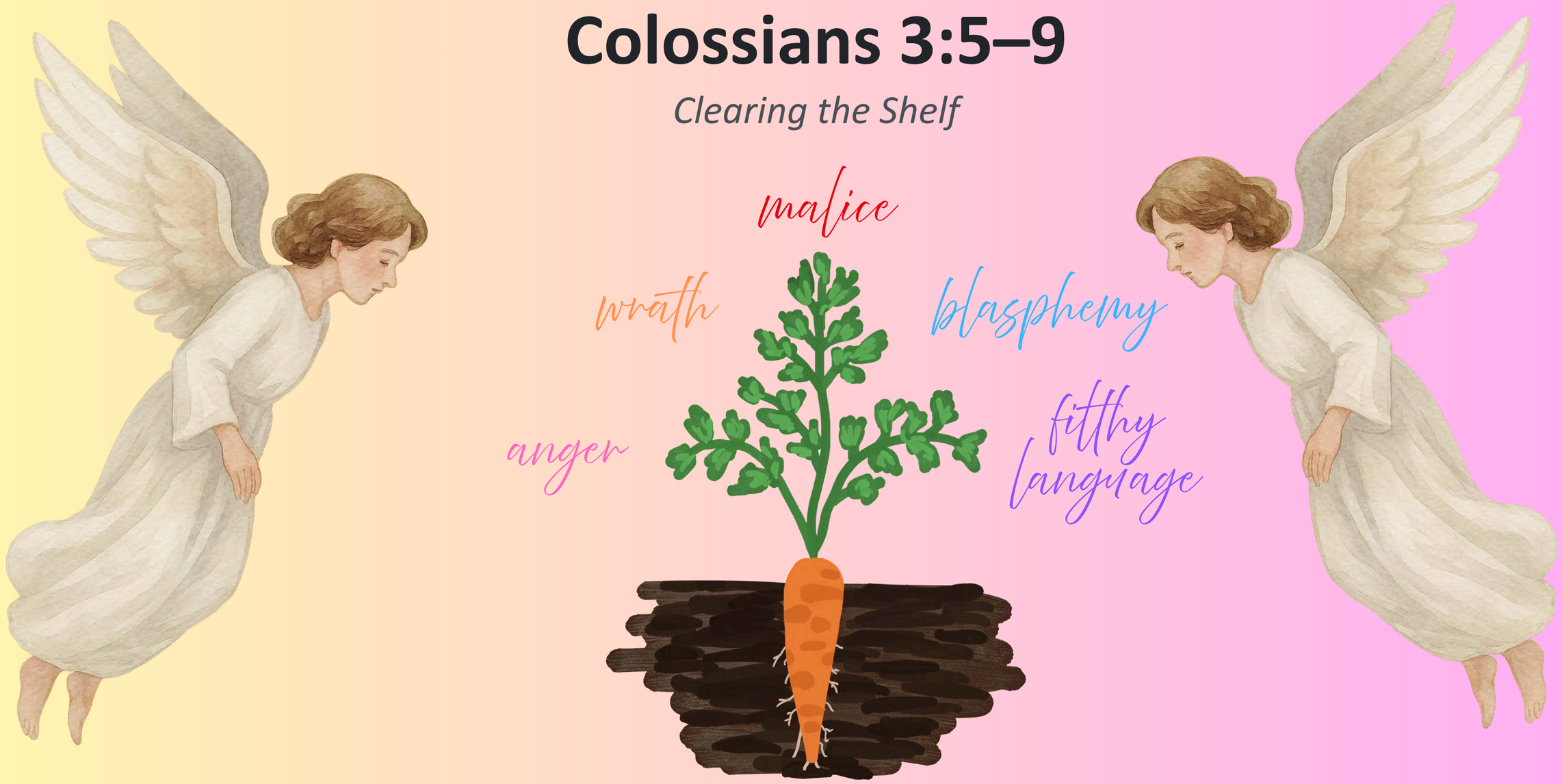




Fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness.

Colossians 3:5–9

Clearing the Shelf



Put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language.

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Clearing the Shelf







Do not lie to one another,
since you have put off the old man.

Colossians 3:10–14

Spiritual Laminin



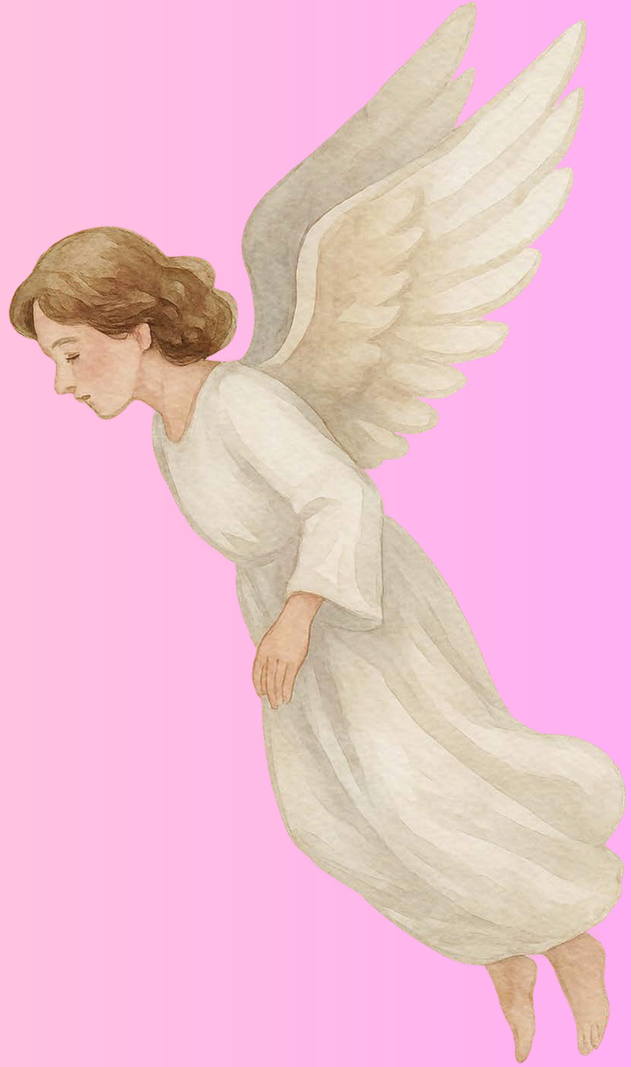
Put on the new man renewed in knowledge after the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:10–14

Spiritual Laminin







Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience.

Colossians 3:10–14

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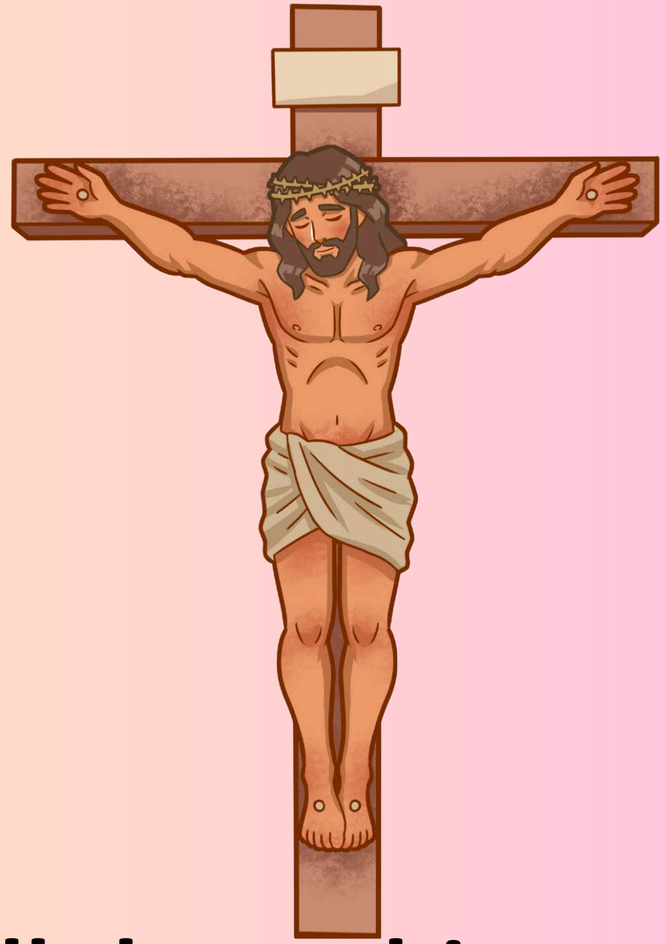


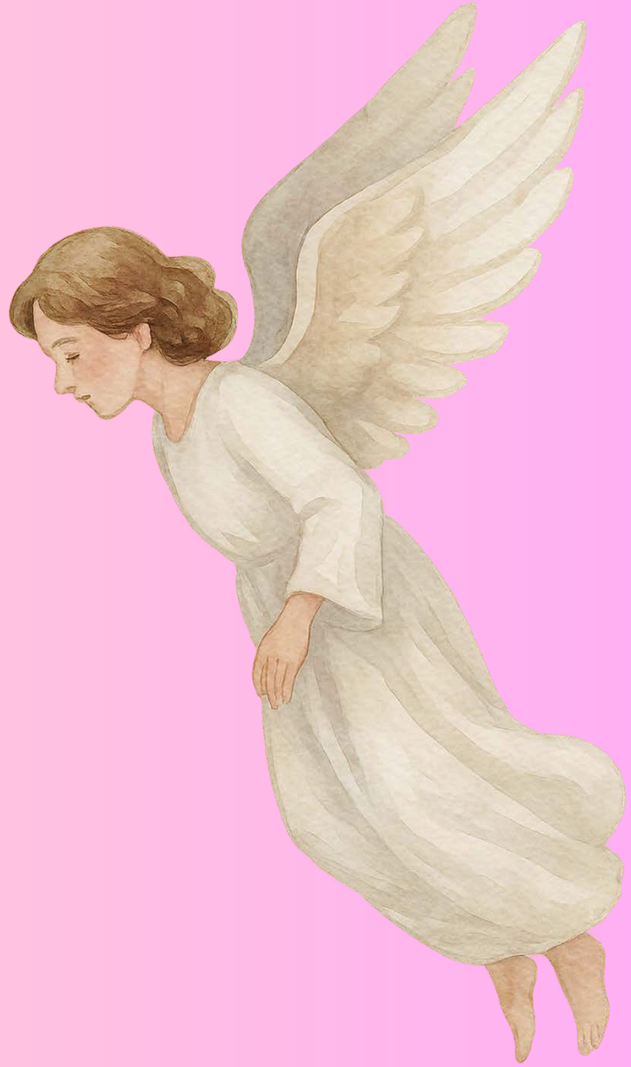
Bearing with one another and forgiving one another.

Colossians 3:10–14

Spiritual Laminin







But above all these things put on love,
which is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:15–17

The Umpire of Peace







Let the peace of God rule in your hearts,
to which you were called.



Colossians 3:15–17

The Umpire of Peace





Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

Colossians 3:15–17

The Umpire of Peace



Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs.

Colossians 3:15–17

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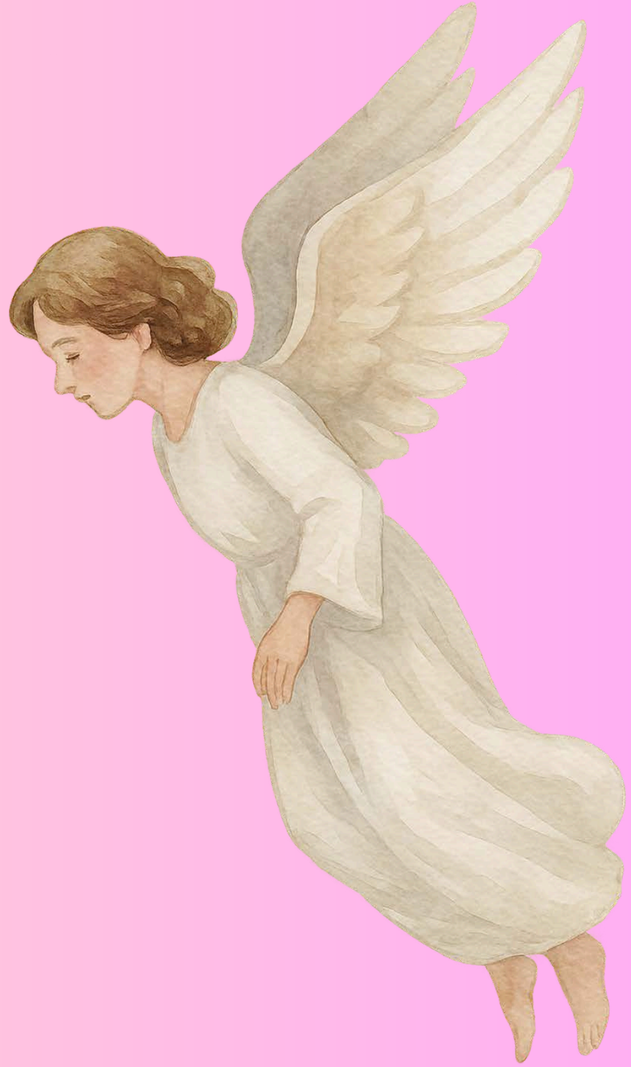
Whatever you do in word or deed,
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3:18–25

The Divine Order for Our Hats







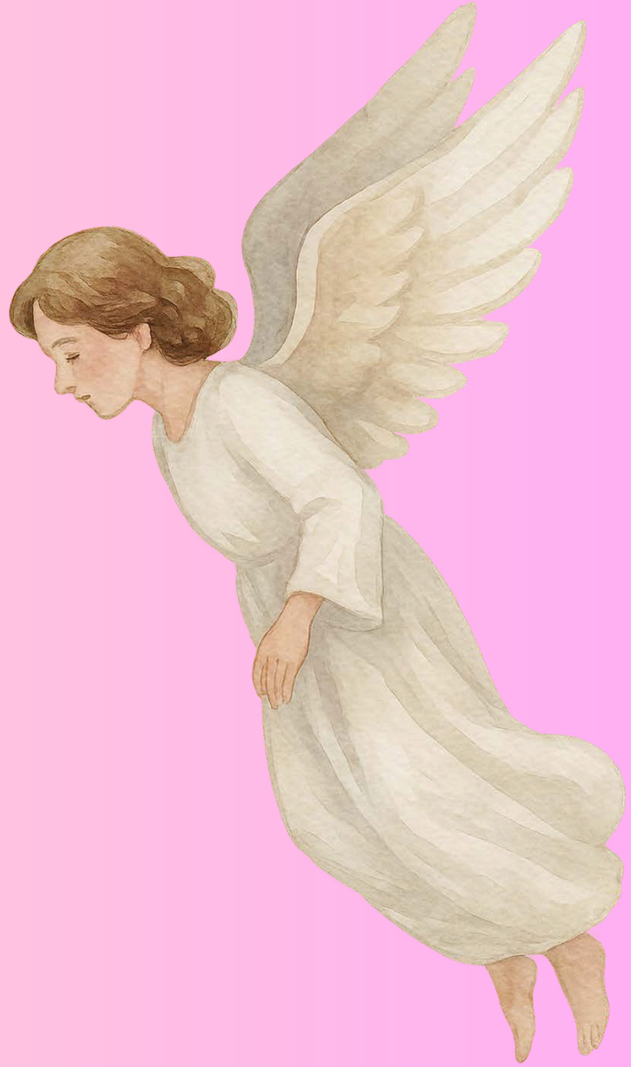
Wives, submit to your own husbands,
as is fitting in the Lord.

Colossians 3:18–25

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Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Colossians 3:18–25

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Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing.

Colossians 3:18–25

The Divine Order for Our Hats







Bondservants, obey in all things...
working heartily as to the Lord.

Hat 1: Woman

Identity Stamped by God

- **The Cultural Struggle: Culture tells you to override God's design.**
- **The Internal Dialogue: 'I would rather be a male because it's easier.'**
- **Jesus' Response: 'Daughter, give Me your hat and I will help you.'**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: Renewed in knowledge after the image of Him.**



Hat 2: Daughter

Honoring Spiritual & Earthly Lineage

- **Walking in humble submission and generational respect.**
- **Nailing parental hurts, expectations, and pride to the cross.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Children, obey your parents in all things.'**
- **Honoring the Father by honoring your lineage.**



Hat 3: Sister

Cultivating Divine Community

- **Guard your speech within your physical and spiritual family.**
- **Put away all comparison, jealousy, and sibling rivalry.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Bearing with one another... forgiving.'**
- **Let the bond of perfection (love) rule your sisterhood.**



Hat 4: Mother

Nurturing the Next Generation

- **The weight of raising children in a broken world.**
- **Avoiding frustration: do not provoke them to discouragement.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Fathers (parents), do not provoke.'**
- **Nail the fear of failing your children to the cross.**



Hat 5: Wife

Submitting to Divine Order

- **Submission is not inferiority; it is a safe, divine alignment.**
- **Nail the urge to manipulate or control your home to the cross.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Wives, submit... as is fitting in the Lord.'**
- **Letting Christ's peace umpire your marriage structure.**



Hat 6: Employee

Working as Unto the Lord

- **Your earthly boss is not your ultimate supervisor.**
- **Eliminate 'eyeservice' (only working hard when watched).**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord.'**
- **Nail job stress, workplace complaints, and anxiety to the cross.**



Hat 7: Christian to the World

The Living Epistle

- **The world is reading your life, actions, and reactions daily.**
- **Strip off malice, blasphemy, and filthy language out of your mouth.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside.'**
- **Nail your public reputation and pride to the cross.**



Hat 8: Called Position

Prophet, Musician, and Minister

- **Operating out of divine anointing, not fleshly performance.**
- **Ministry without the cross quickly leads to deep burnout.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Admonishing one another in psalms and hymns.'**
- **Nail your ministry status and spiritual giftings to the cross.**



Hat 9: Friend

Bearing One Another's Burdens

- **Real friendship requires deep, active, intentional forgiveness.**
- **Put on kindness and long-suffering when offenses happen.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.'**
- **Nail past friendship wounds and betrayals to the cross.**



Hat 10: Neighbor

The Ministry of Proximity

- **Loving the people who are physically closest to your space.**
- **Letting your home and life be an extension of Christ's peace.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.'**
- **Nail territorial isolation and coldness to the cross.**



Hat 11: God's Child / Servant

The Foundation of Identity

- **You are holy, chosen, and dearly beloved by the Father.**
- **Serving out of identity, not serving to achieve an identity.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'Put on... as the elect of God, holy and beloved.'**
- **Nail your performance-driven religion to the cross.**



Hat 12: Bride of Christ

The Eternal Union

- **Preparing your spiritual garments for the ultimate Groom.**
- **Keeping your focus entirely on the eternal wedding day.**
- **Colossians 3 Blueprint: 'When Christ who is our life appears...'**
- **Nail earthly distractions and temporary affections to the cross.**



Altar Call: Clear Your Shelf

- **Which hat is choking or overwhelming you today?**
- **Stop trying to hold your life together with human willpower.**
- **Bring your hats to the altar right now.**
- **Nail them to the cross and let the Hat Maker hold them.**

