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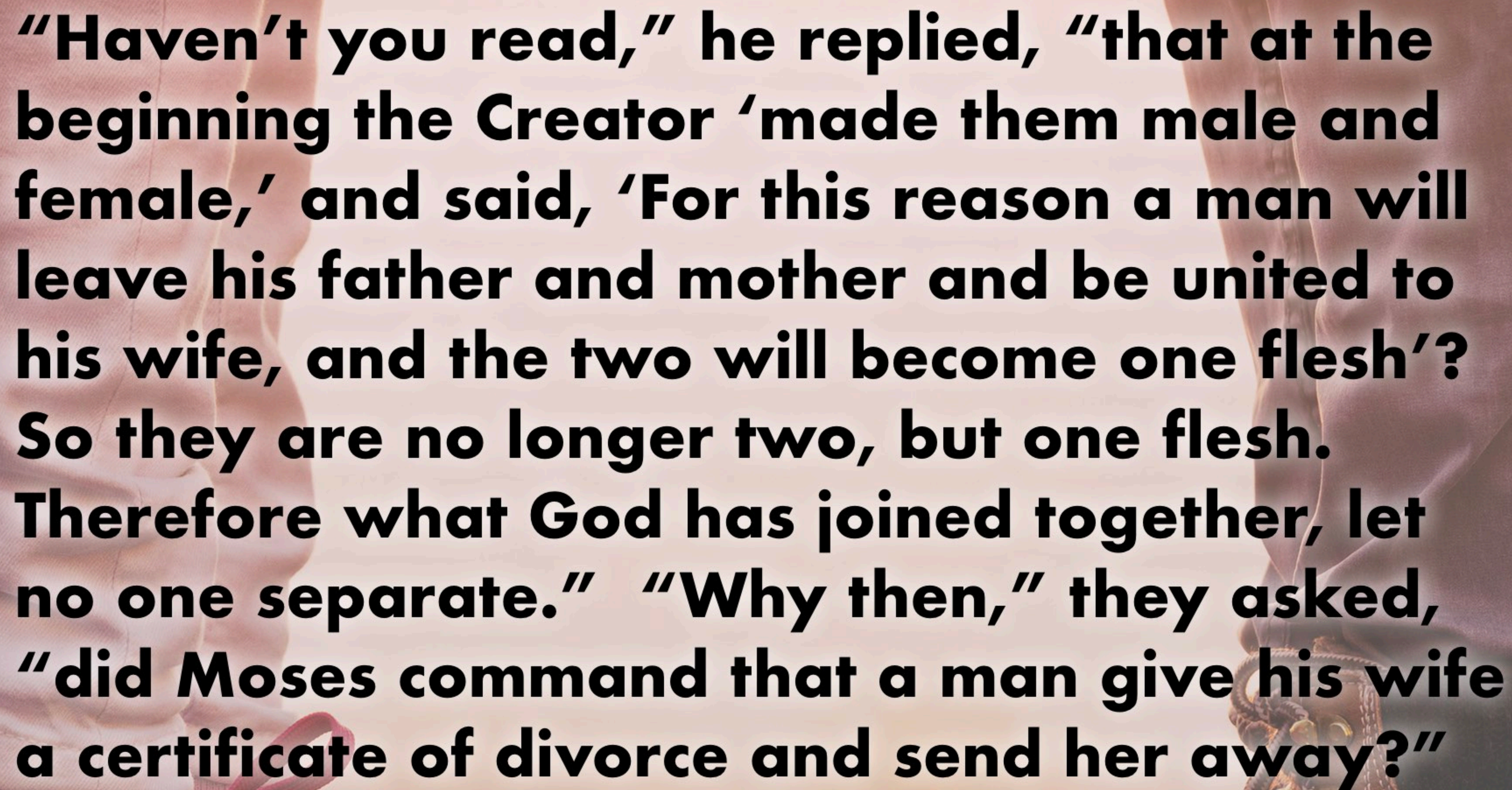




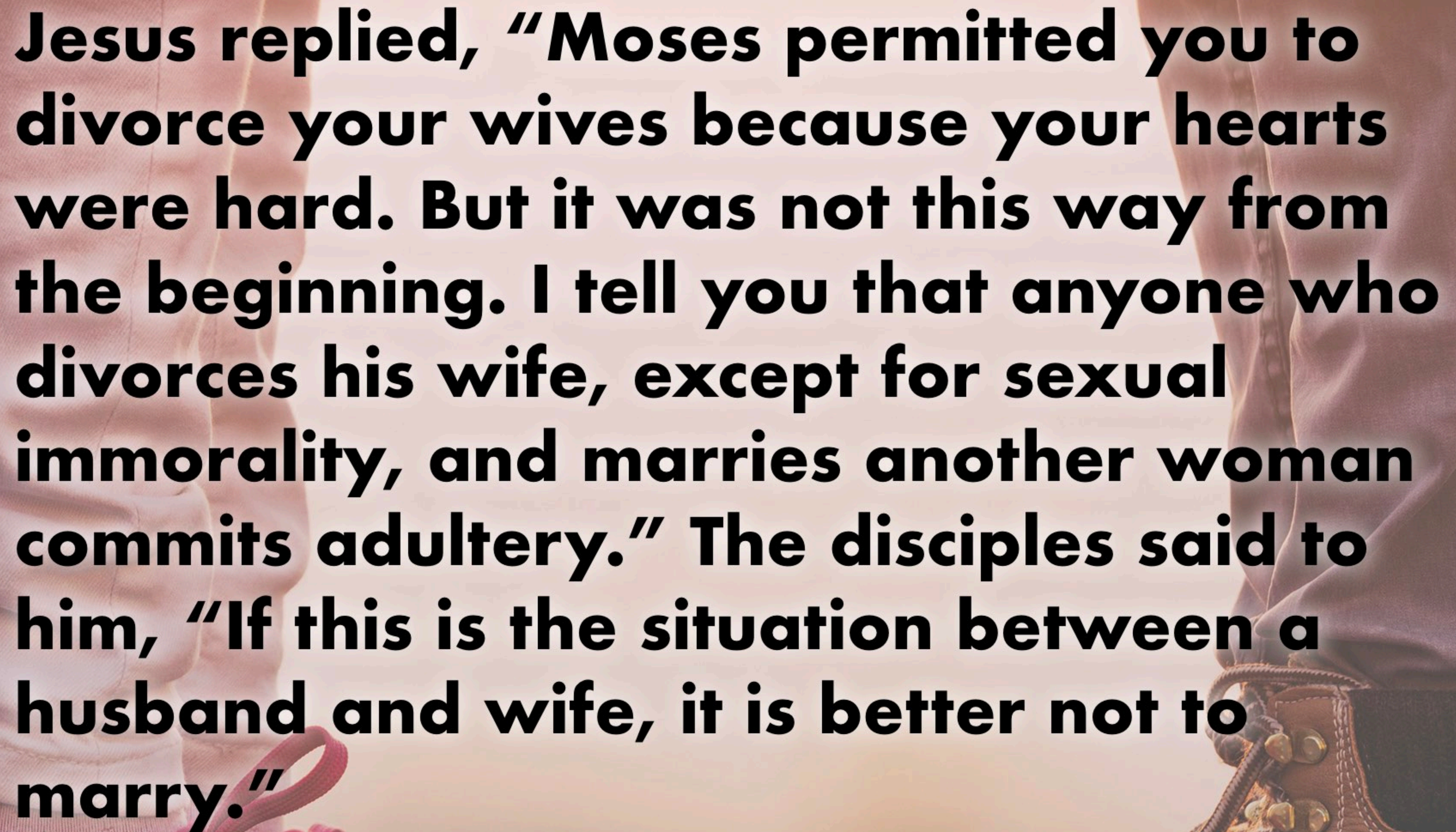
Matthew 19:1-12 (Pg. 986)

When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.

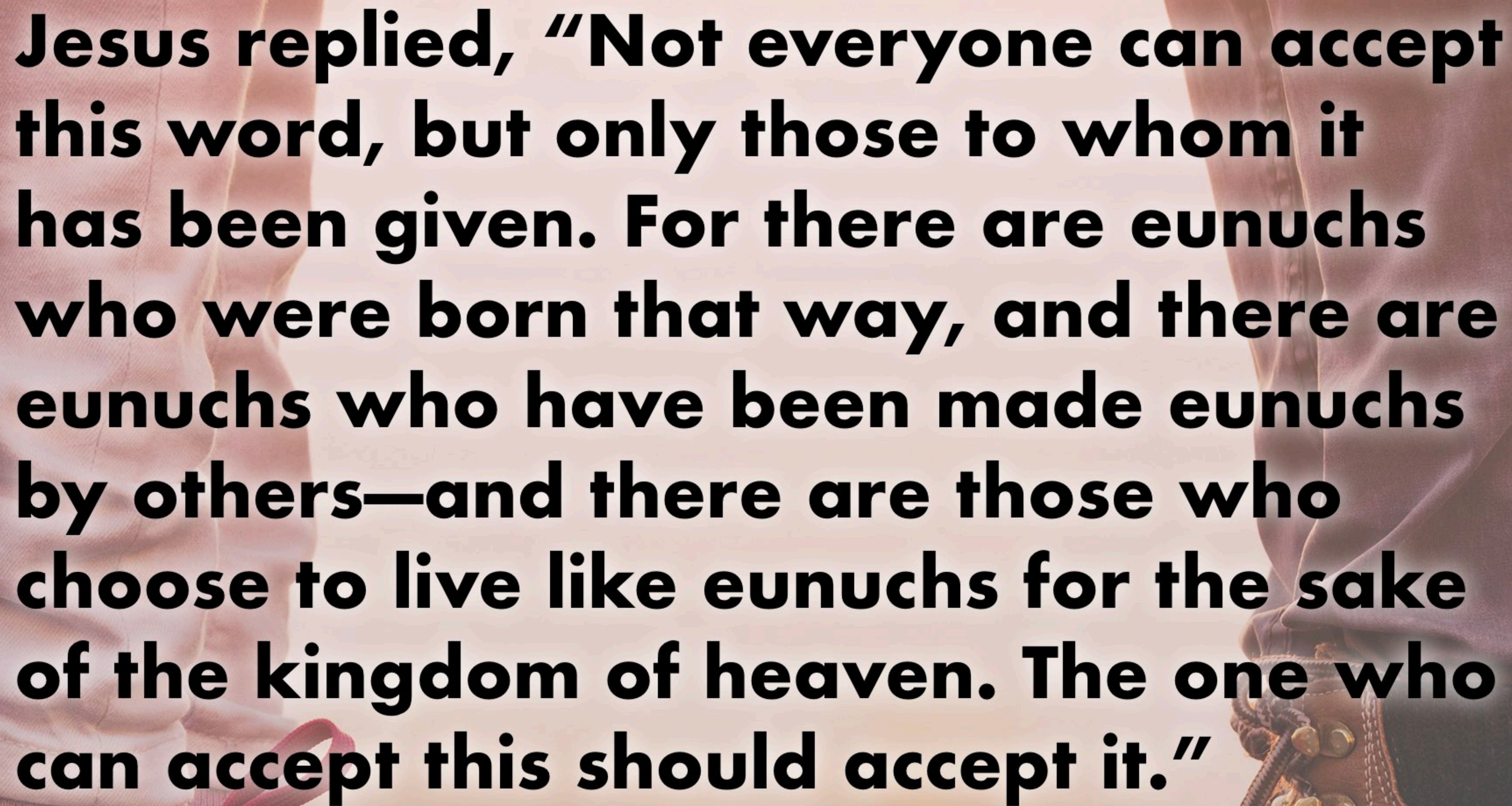
Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"



“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”

A background image showing a person's legs in blue jeans and brown boots, with a hand holding a pink ribbon.

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery." The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."



Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”

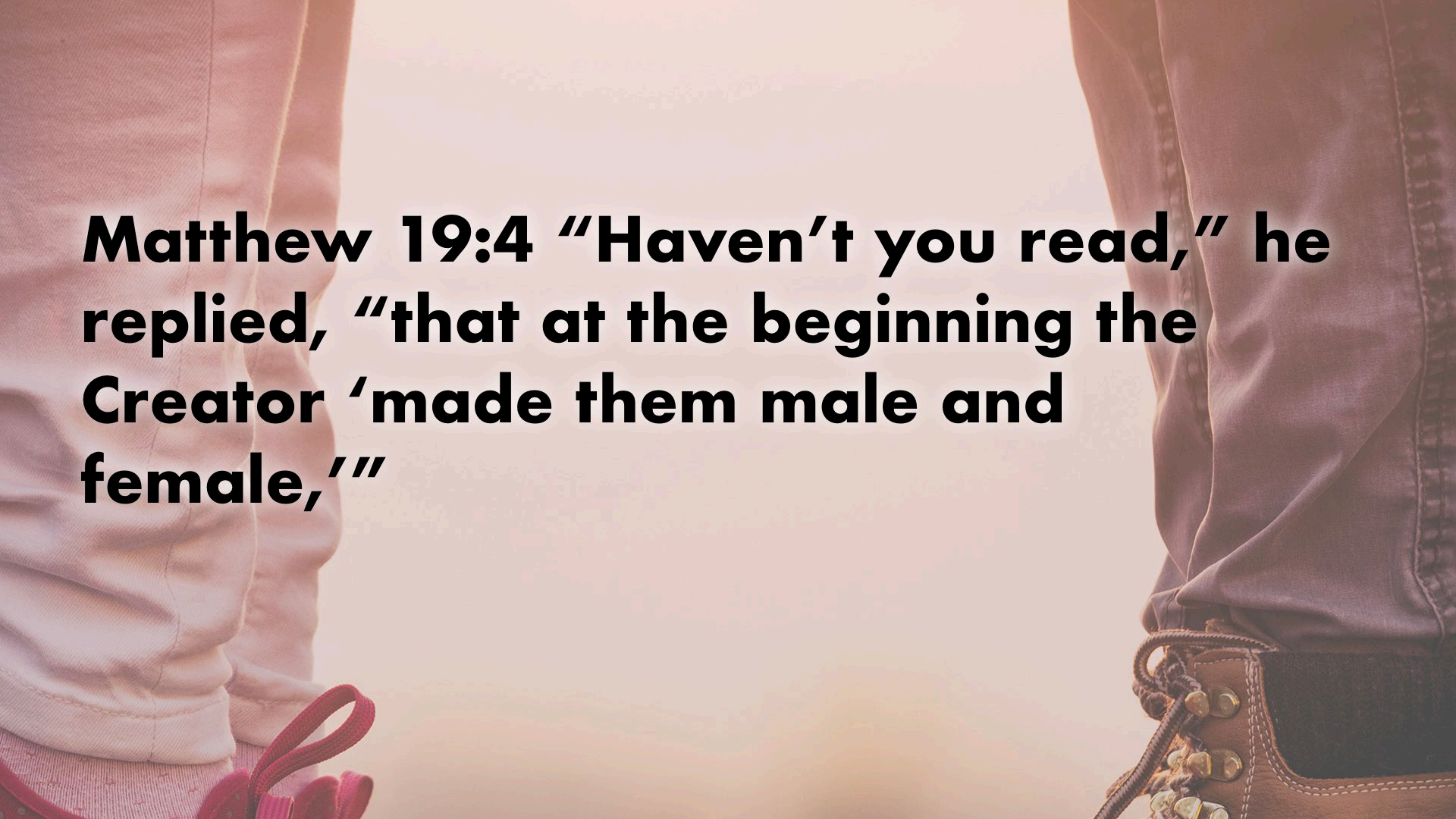
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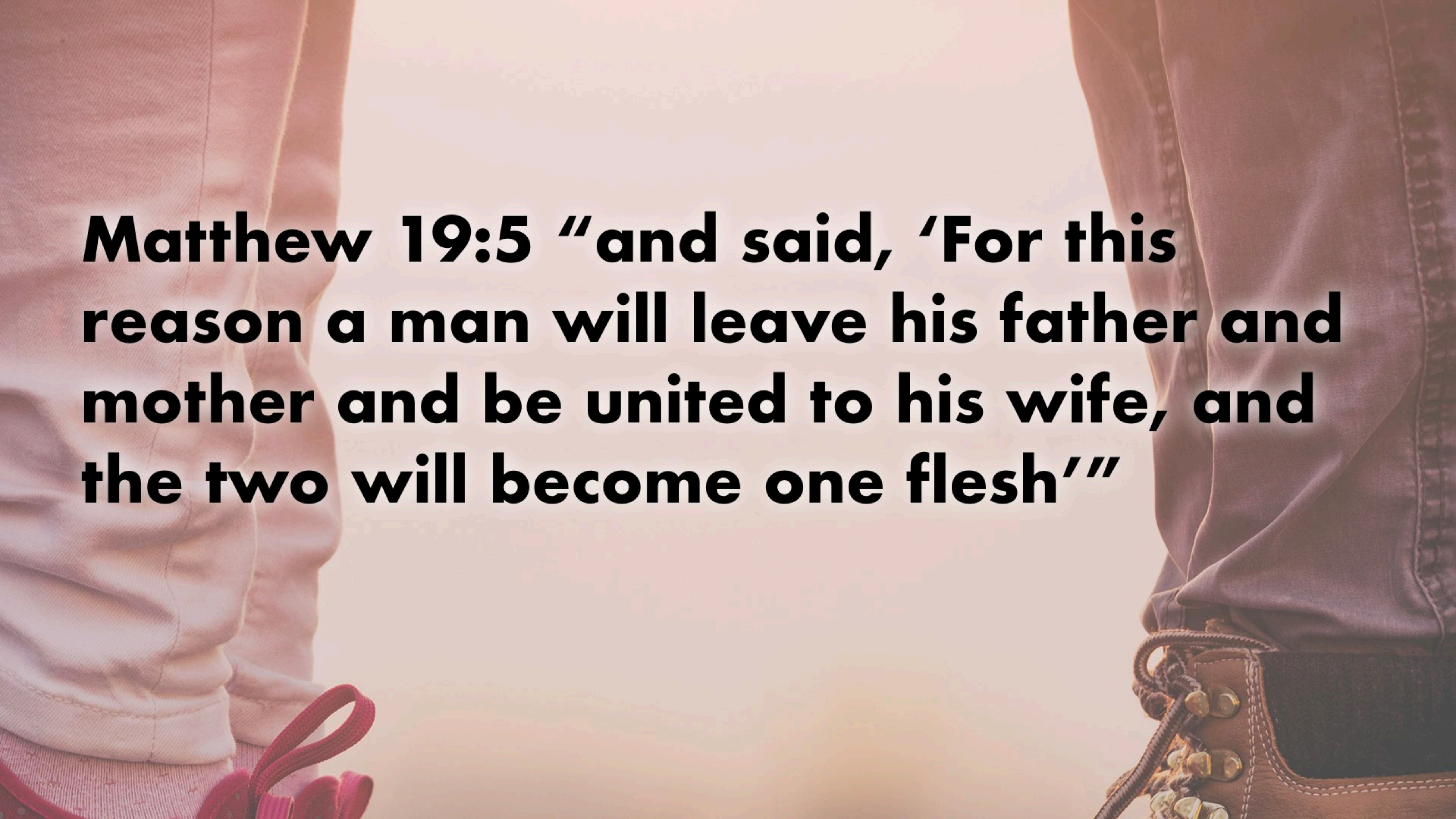


A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of two people standing side-by-side. The person on the left is wearing a light pink long-sleeved shirt and red sneakers. The person on the right is wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and brown leather boots with laces. The background is a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise over a landscape, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Jesus give us his clear perspective on gender and marriage

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of two people standing side-by-side. The person on the left is wearing a pink hoodie and red sneakers. The person on the right is wearing brown pants and brown leather boots with laces. The background is a soft, warm sunset or sunrise sky. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Matthew 19:4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'" "



Matthew 19:5 “and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’”



Remember Jesus said,

Matthew 19:19 “love your neighbor as yourself”

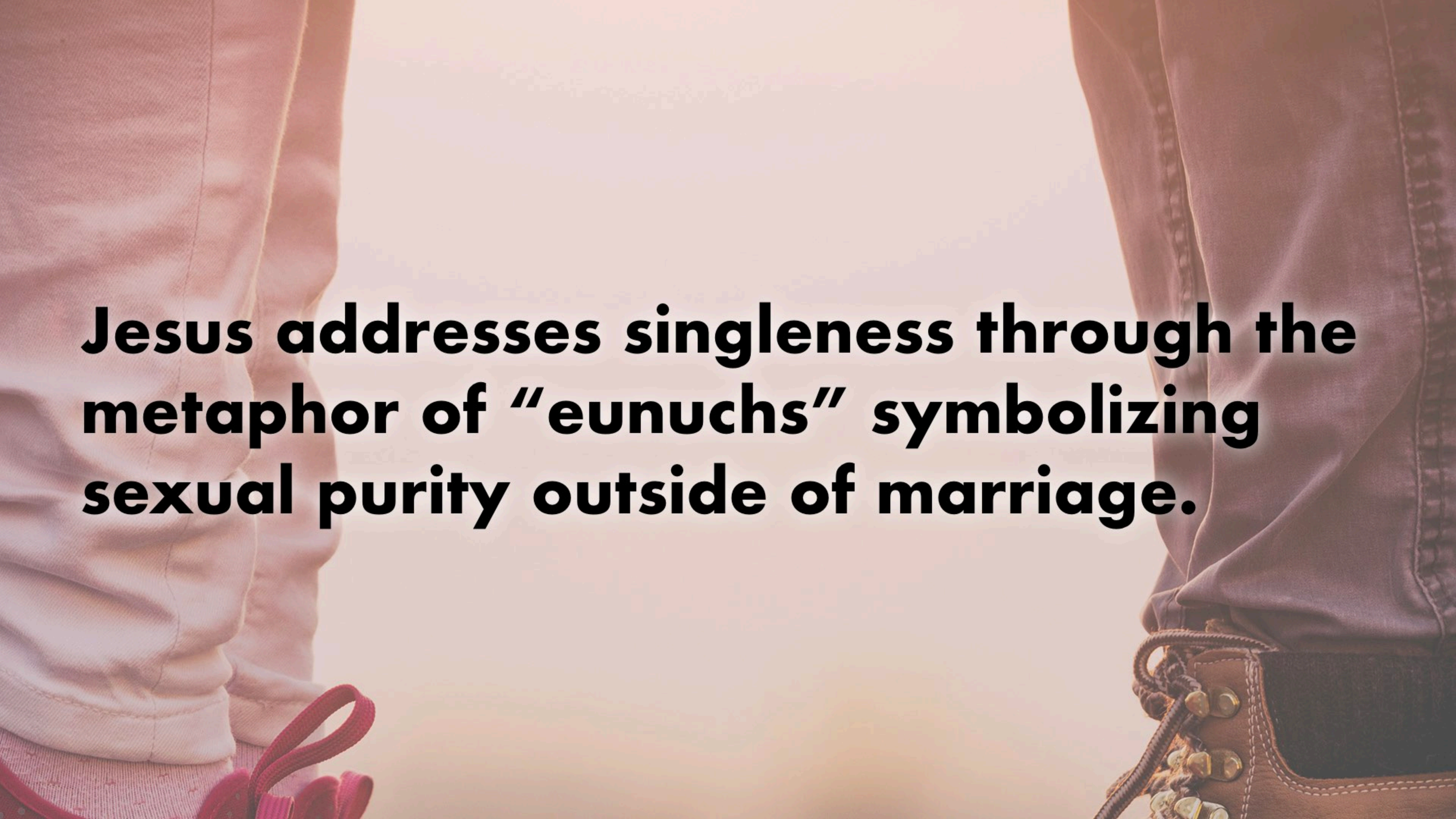
and

Luke 6:27 “Love your enemies”

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Jesus addresses singleness through the metaphor of “eunuchs” symbolizing sexual purity outside of marriage.

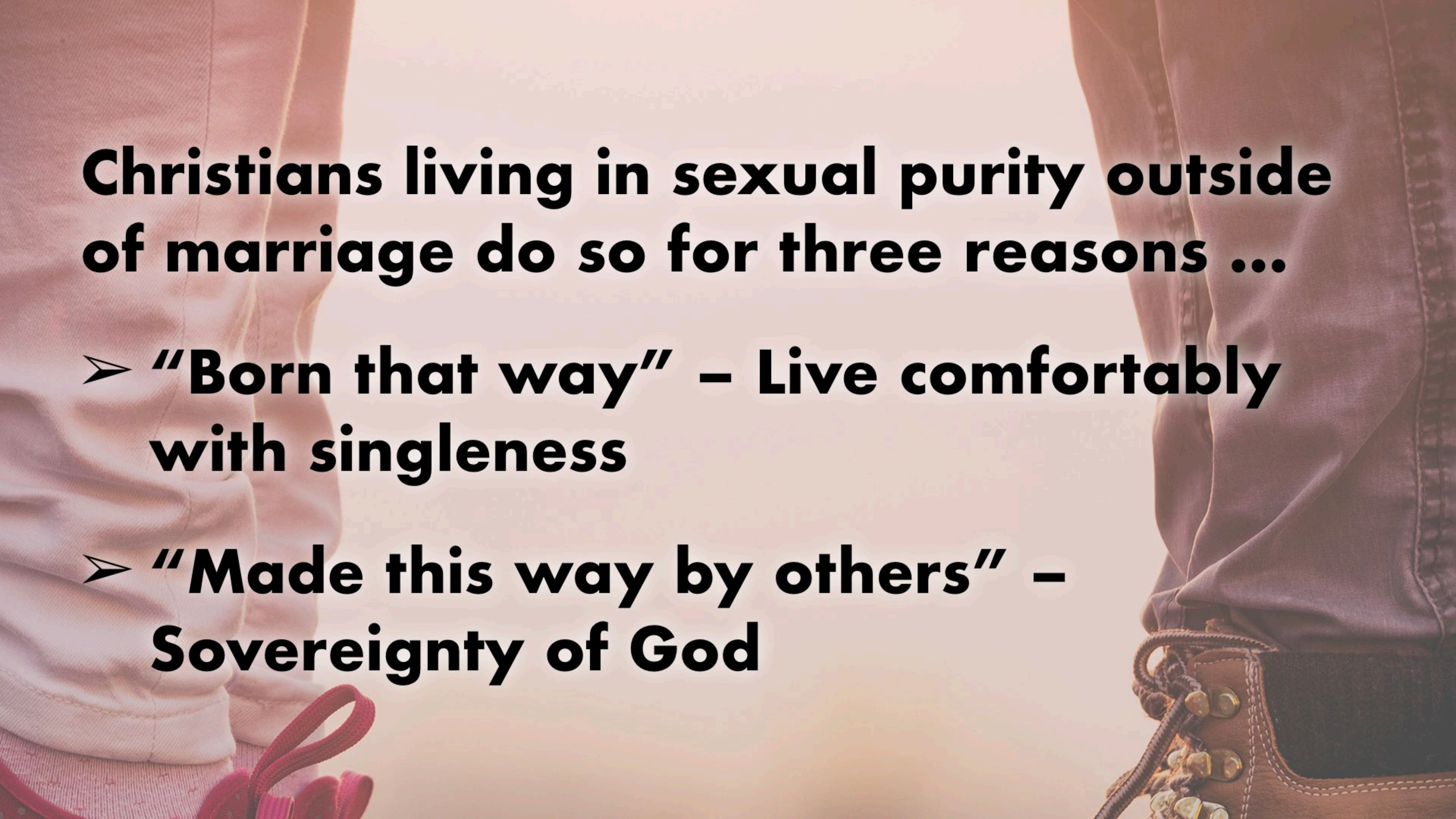


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➤ **“Made this way by others” – Sovereignty of God**



Christians living in sexual purity outside of marriage do so for three reasons ...

- **“Born that way” – Live comfortably with singleness**
- **“Made this way by others” – Sovereignty of God**
- **Choose singleness for the Kingdom of God**

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A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of two people standing side-by-side. The person on the left is wearing a pink hoodie and red sneakers. The person on the right is wearing brown pants and brown leather boots with laces. They are looking out over a hazy, mountainous landscape under a bright, overcast sky. The text "What is God's perspective on divorce?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

What is God's perspective on divorce?



What is God's perspective on divorce?

Malachi 2:16

For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." NKJV

A person's legs are shown from the waist down, wearing a light pink hoodie and brown leather boots with laces. They are walking on a path, with the background being a bright, hazy outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image.

What is God's perspective on divorce?

- **Culture tends to lower the bar for divorce**
- **Jesus raises the bar – because of the pain it causes**
- **Recovery and forgiveness are ours in Christ from the reality of divorce**

Surviving the Holidays

DIVORCE *Care*.



Tonight, November 04, 2018, Here in Manhasset 5:00 PM - 7:45 PM

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A photograph of a couple standing on a mountain peak. The image is taken from a low angle, focusing on the lower legs and feet of the individuals. On the left, a person is wearing light-colored, possibly white or cream, pants with a gathered waistband and red laces. On the right, a person is wearing dark brown leather pants and brown leather hiking boots with yellow laces. The background is a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills or mountains under a soft, warm light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and romantic.

Jesus' recipe for a great marriage

A person in a white hoodie and red shoes is walking on the left side of the frame. On the right side, a person in a brown jacket and brown boots is walking. The background is a bright, hazy outdoor setting, possibly a path or a field. The text is overlaid on the image.

Matthew 19:4-6

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”



Jesus' recipe for a great marriage

Leave

Matt 19:5 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife"

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Leave

- 1) Respect your spouse's wishes over your parent's wishes.**
- 2) Establish holiday traditions for your new family.**
- 3) Be prepared to grieve.**
- 4) Share your feelings and your heart's desires with your spouse, not your parents, sisters, or brothers.**
- 5) Be willing to establish boundaries with your parents.**



Jesus' recipe for a great marriage

Leave

Cleave (and Cleave again)

Matt 19:5,6 "and the two will become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one flesh"

A person is standing on a mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The person is wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt and purple pants. The scene is illuminated by the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The person's feet are visible, wearing brown leather hiking boots with laces. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky with a few wispy clouds.

Cleave (and Cleave again)

Relationally

Physically

Emotionally

Financially

Spiritually

Geographically



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**Steer clear of those who want to separate you
(Cling to the encouragers)**

**Matt 19:6 "Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate."**

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Steve Wedding Clip

**Located in presentations dropbox for
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