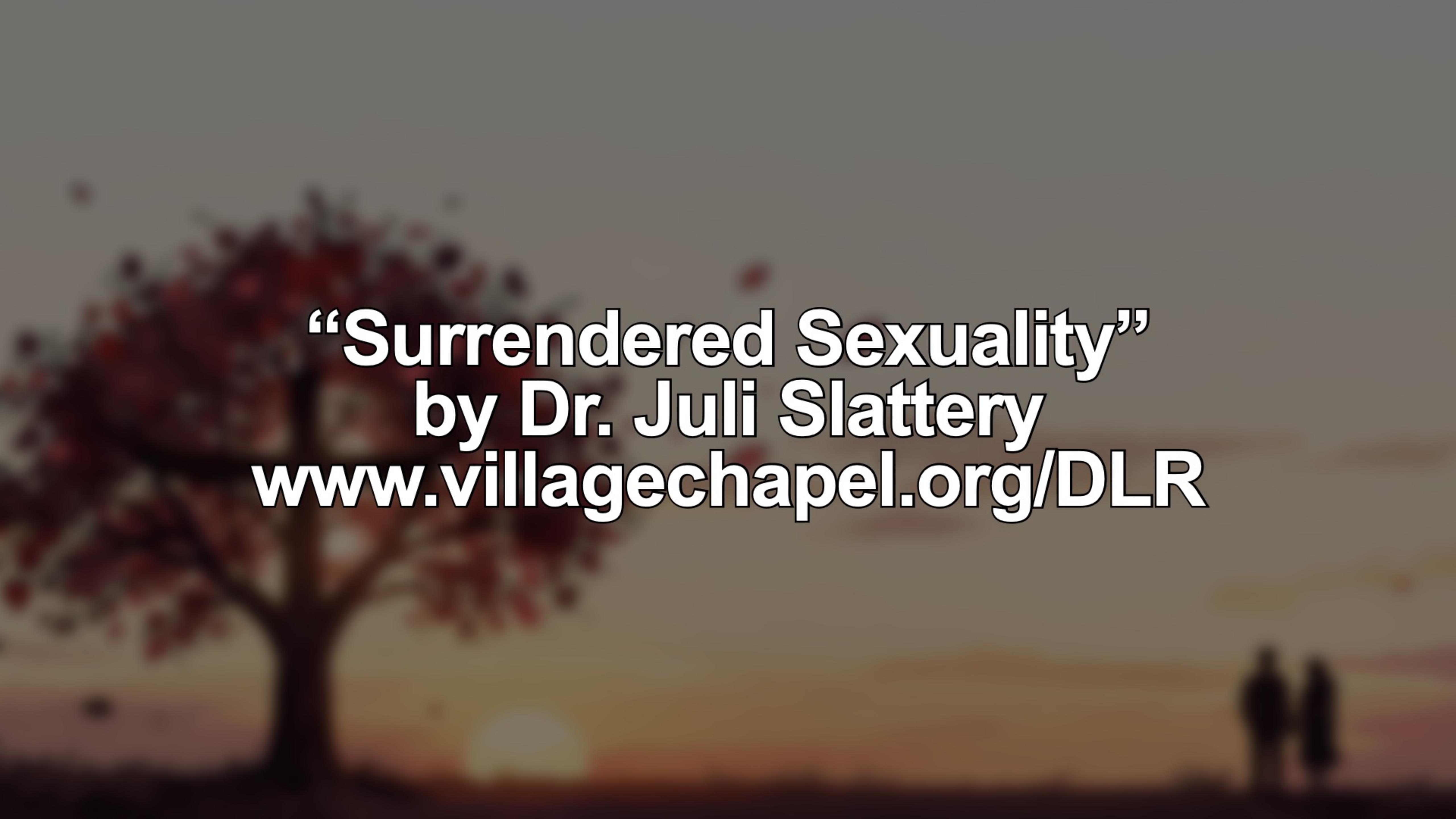




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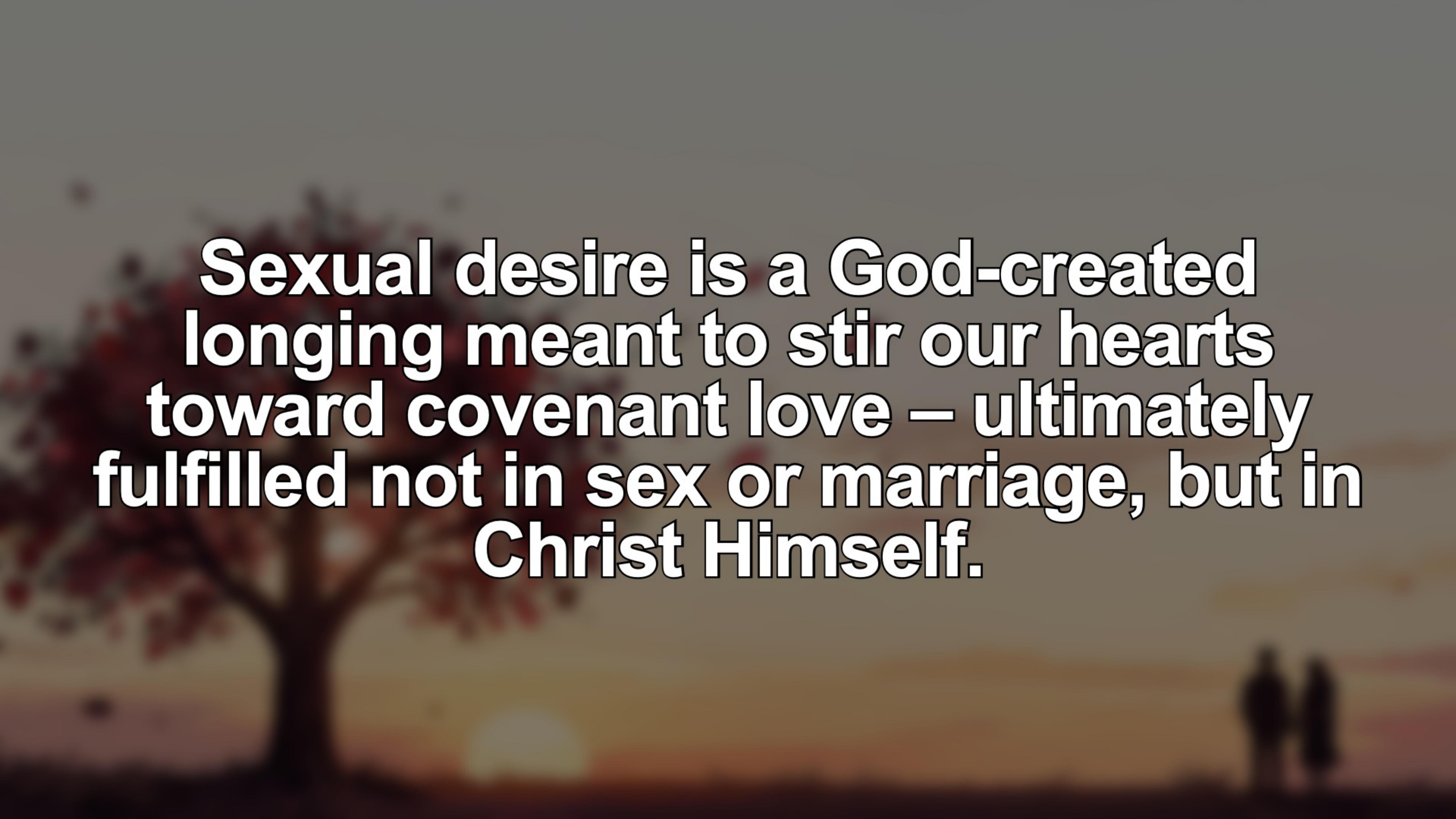




“Surrendered Sexuality”
by Dr. Juli Slattery
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The Good News of Jesus Christ is
written into our sexuality.

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Sexual desire is a God-created
longing meant to stir our hearts
toward covenant love – ultimately
fulfilled not in sex or marriage, but in
Christ Himself.

A blurry, out-of-focus photograph of a landscape. On the left side, there is a large, dark, textured tree. In the background, a person is walking away from the viewer on a path. The overall image has a soft, hazy quality.

Wholly Holy

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV)

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**When we are all in for Jesus,
when are wholly holy for Jesus, we
say,
“I will do what you tell me to do,
Lord.”**

Song of Solomon 2:8 NLT



SoS 2:8-9

Ah, I hear my lover coming! He is
leaping over the mountains bounding
over the hills...

SoS 2:10

My lover said to me, “Rise up, my darling! Come away with me, my fair one!”

SoS 2:11-13

**Look, the winter is past and the rains
are over and gone. The flowers are
springing up...**

SoS 2:15

**Catch all the foxes, those little foxes,
before they ruin the vineyard of love,
for the grapevines are blossoming!**

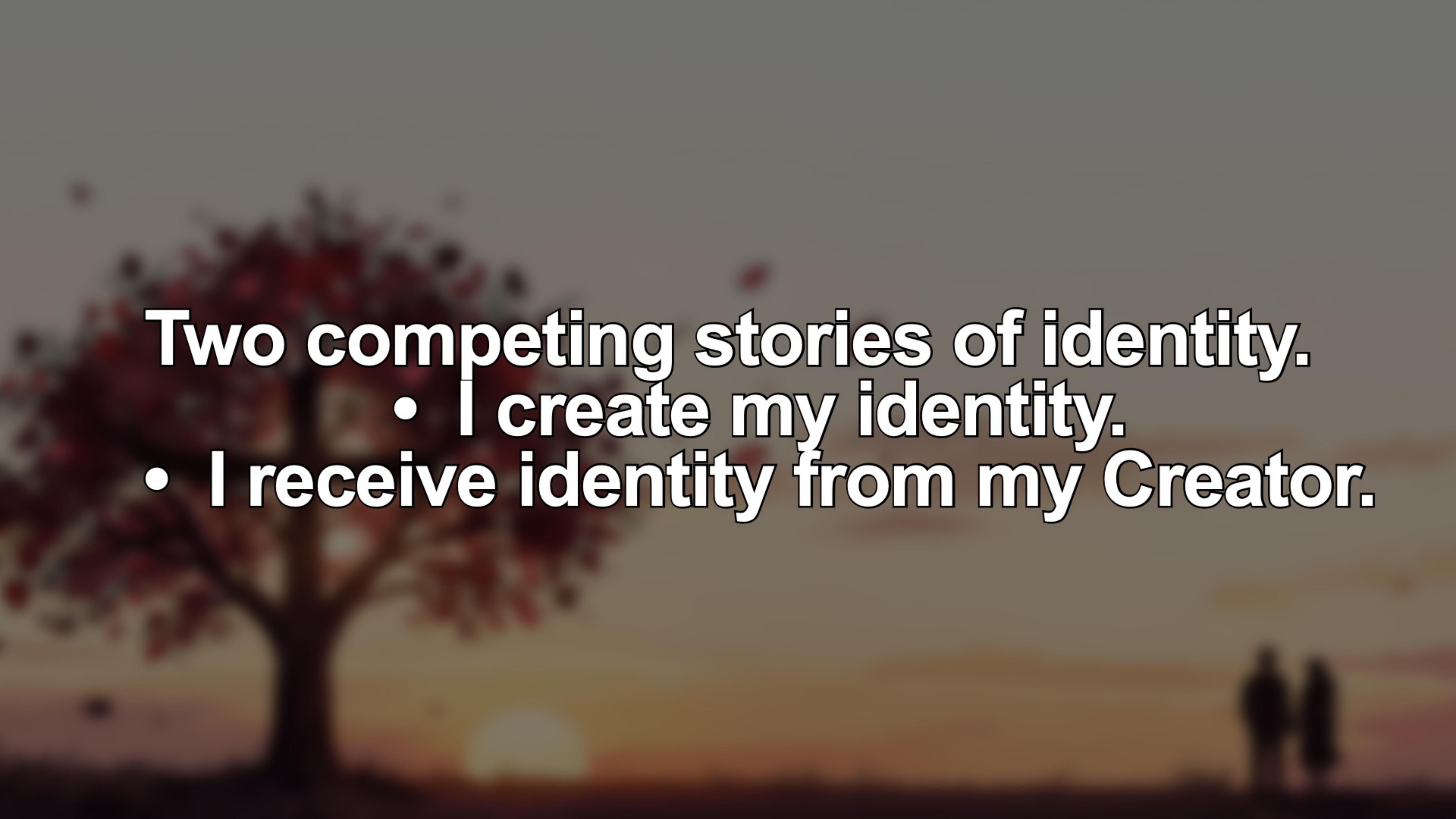
SoS 2:16-17
My lover is mine, and I am his...

A dark, atmospheric landscape featuring a large, gnarled tree with deep red and brown bark on the left. In the bottom right corner, a dark silhouette of a person stands in a field. The background is a hazy, dark brown.

SoS 3:1-4 - A Nightmare

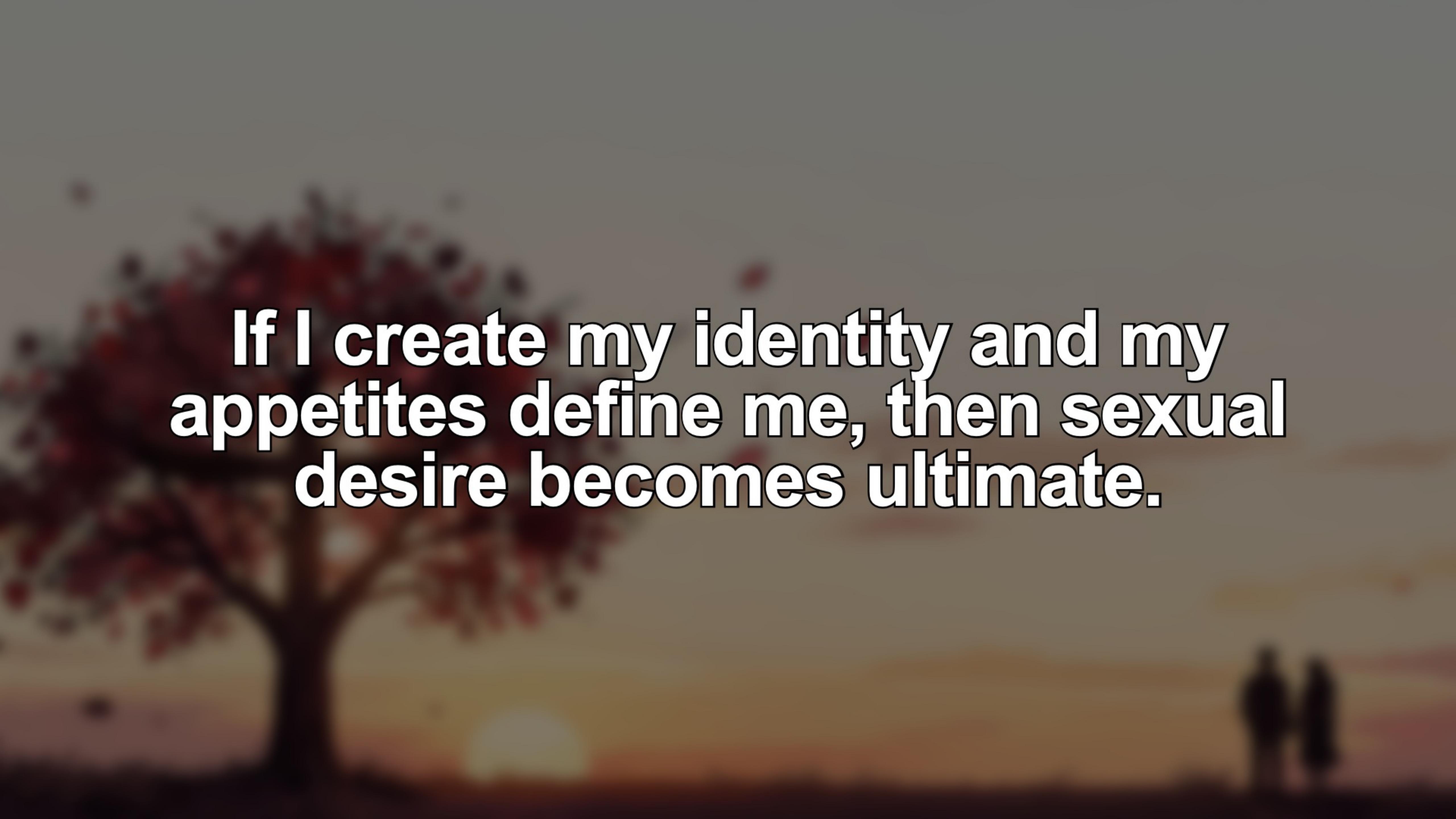
SoS 3:5

Promise me, O women of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles and wild deer, not to
awaken love until the time is right.

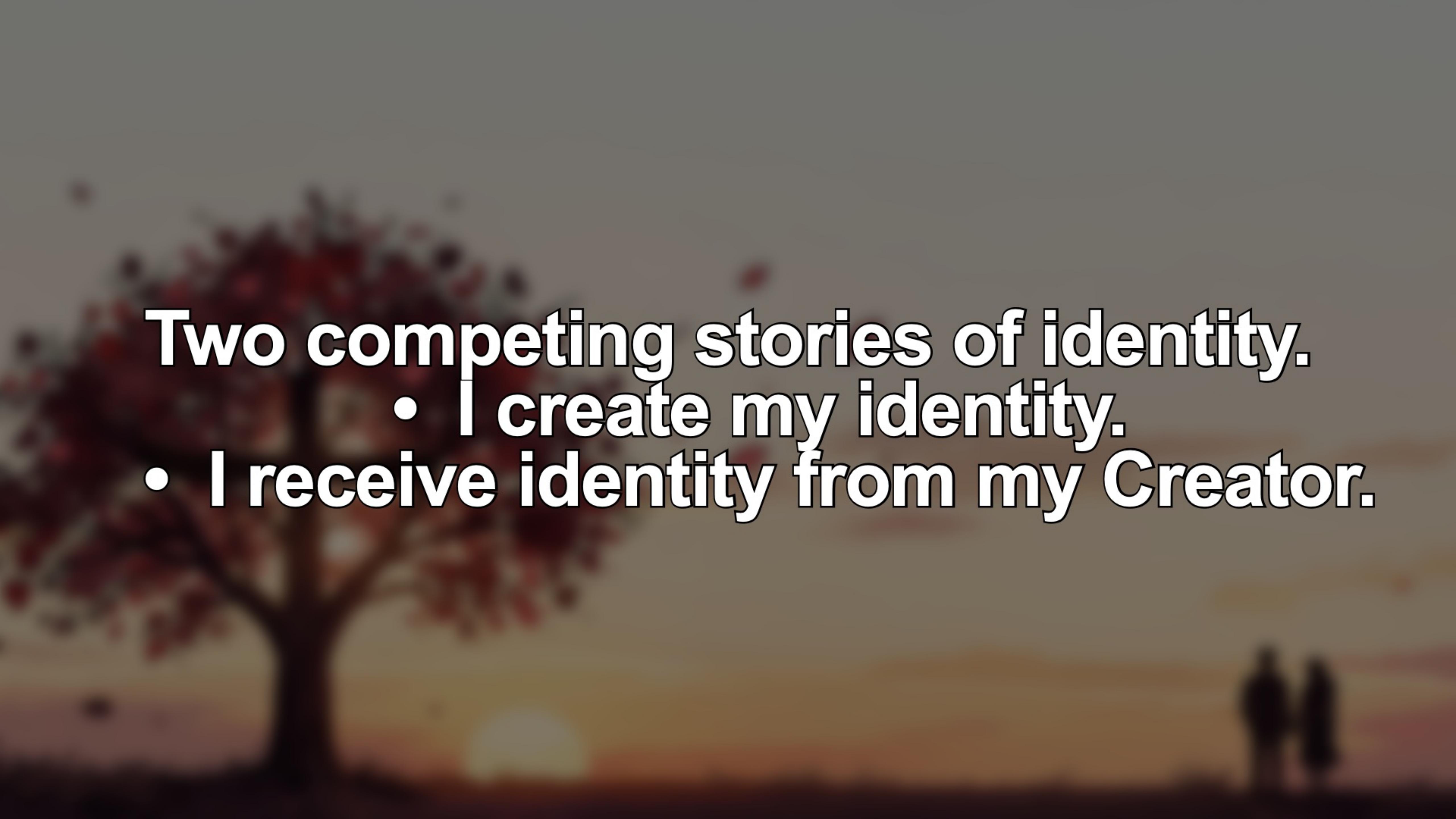
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Two competing stories of identity.

- I create my identity.
- I receive identity from my Creator.

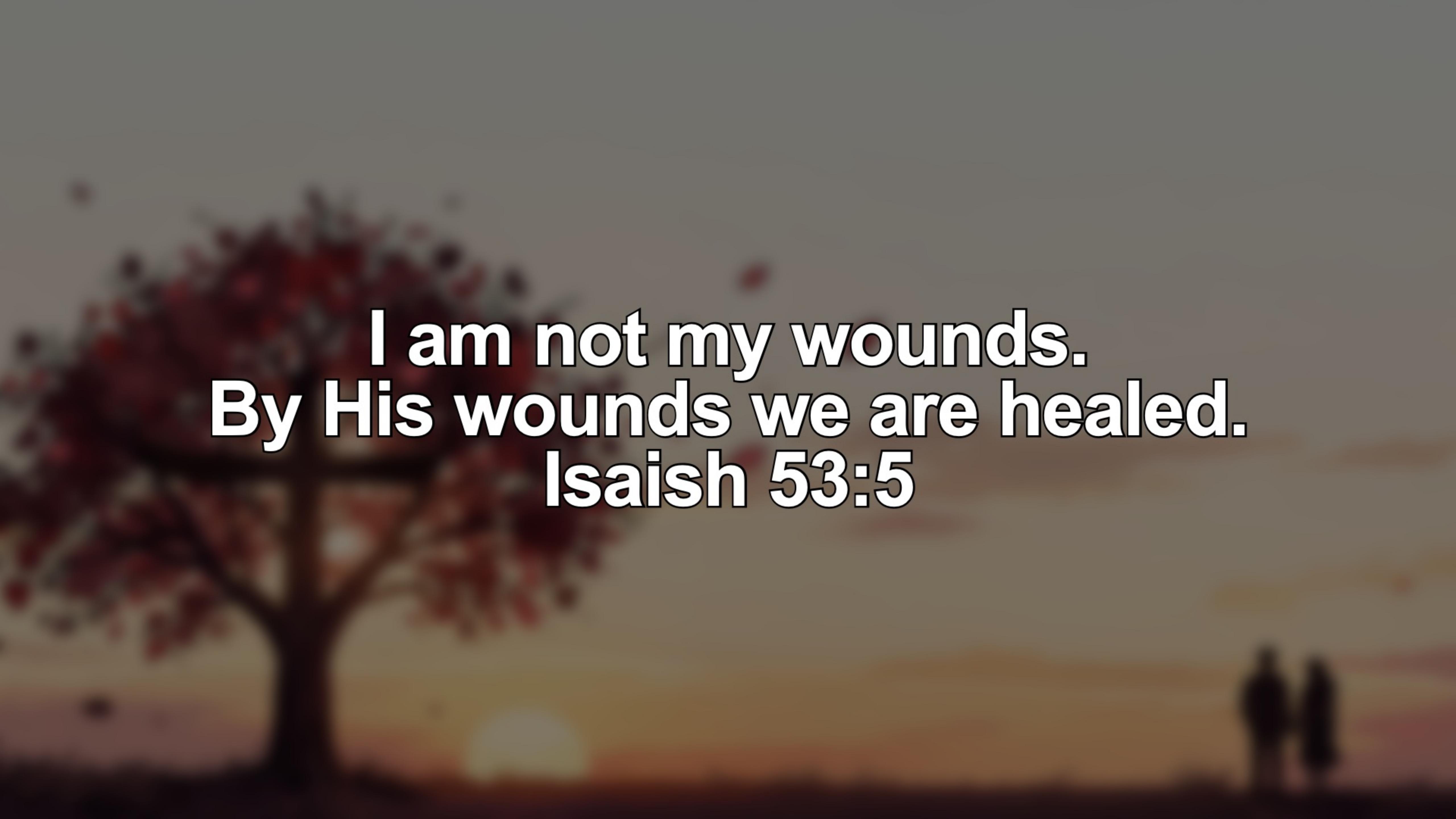
A person in a red robe stands in a desert landscape, facing away from the camera. The sun is setting in the background, casting a warm glow over the sand dunes. The person's silhouette is visible against the bright sky.

If I create my identity and my appetites define me, then sexual desire becomes ultimate.

A person is sitting on a beach, looking out at the ocean at sunset. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues, transitioning into a darker blue. The ocean waves are visible in the distance. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

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**I am not my wounds.
By His wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5**

**I am not my sin.
God made Him Who had no sin to be
sin for us, so that in Him we might
become the righteousness of God.
2 Corinthians 5:21**

**I am not my shame.
There is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:1**

I am not my sexual desires.
Do not live the rest of [your] earthly
lives for evil human desires, but
rather for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:2

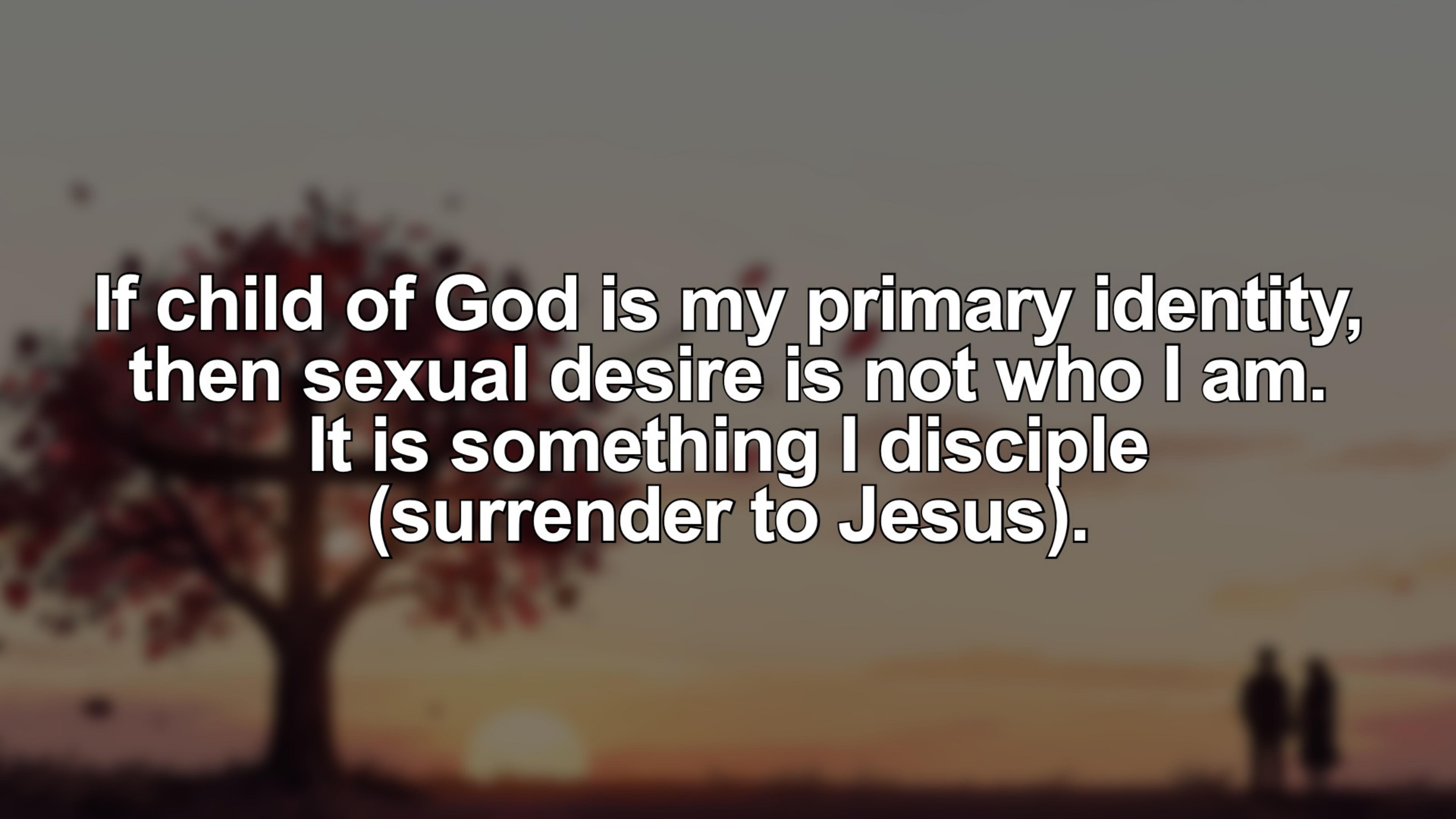
I am not my purity.
While we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

I am not my relational status.

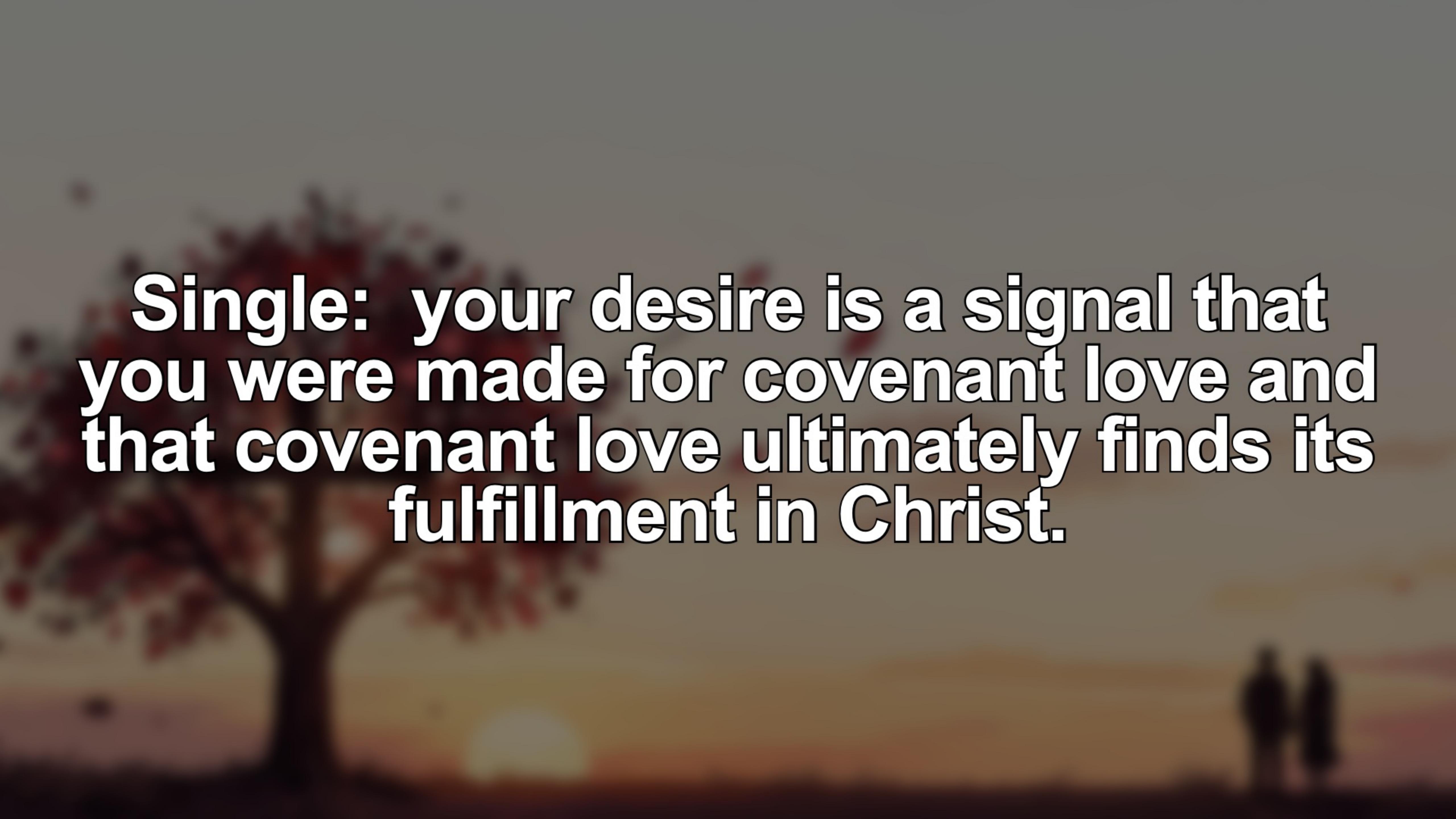
I am God's child.

**The Spirit Himself testifies with our
spirit that we are God's children.**

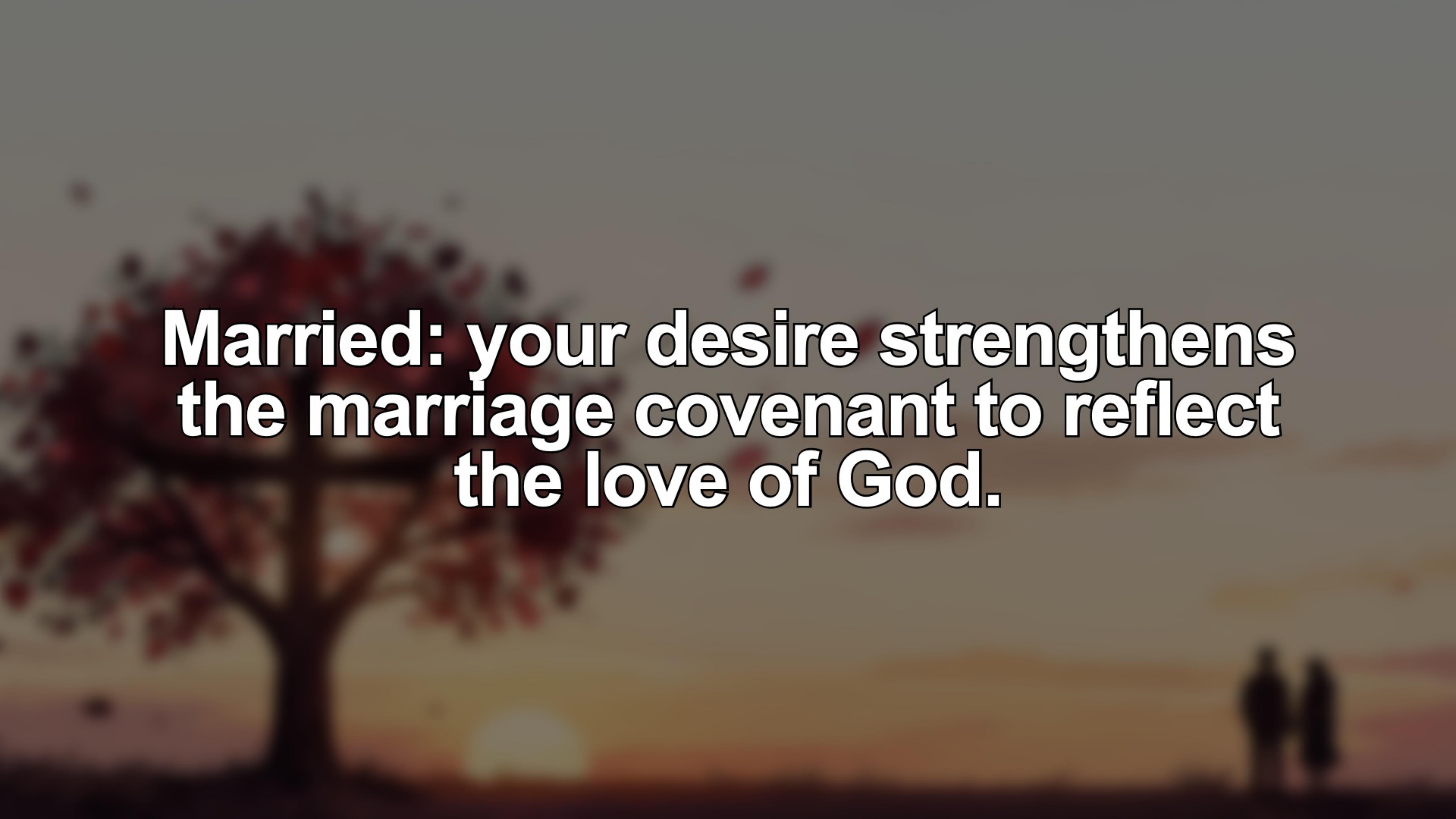
Romans 8:16



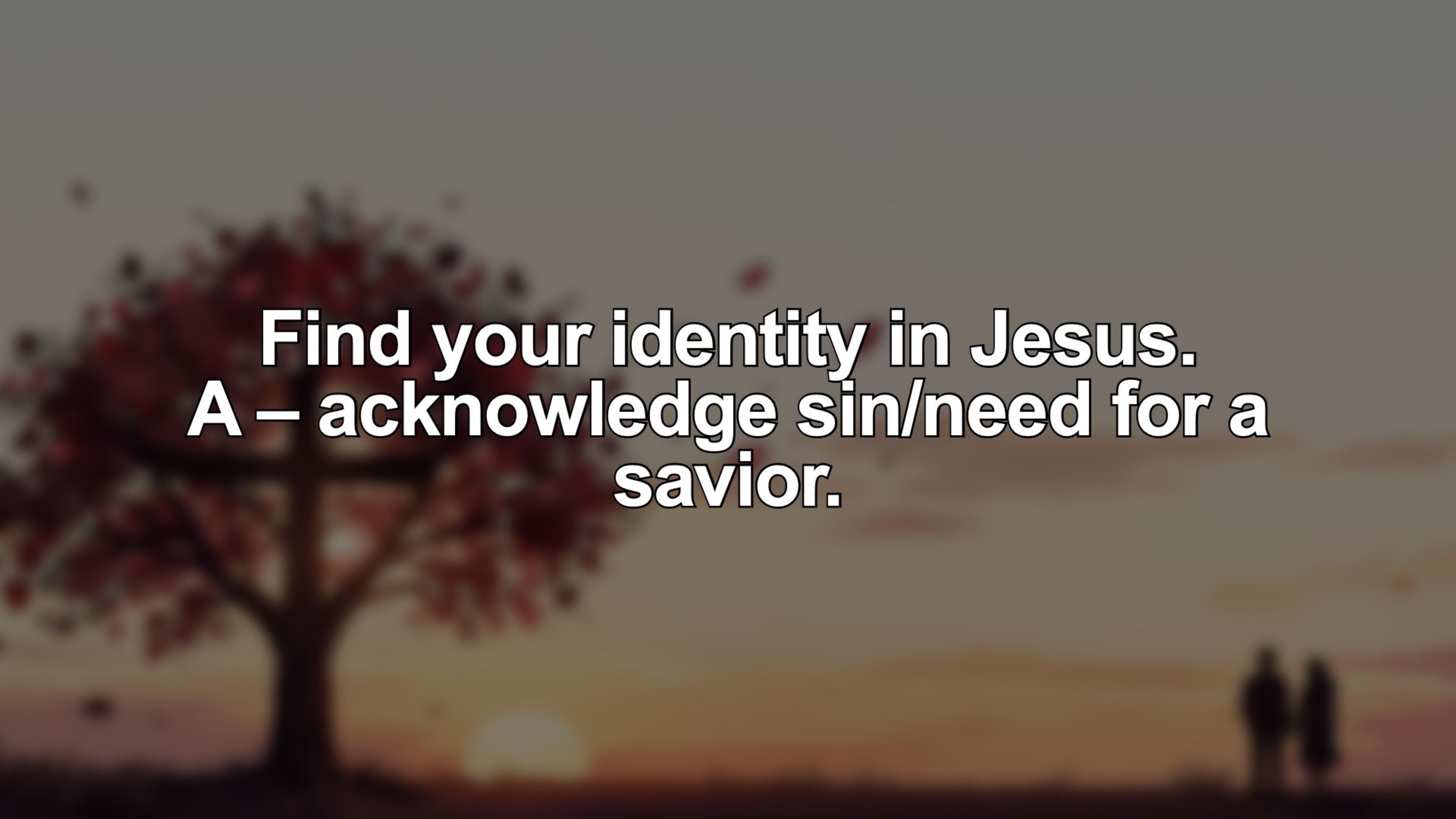
**If child of God is my primary identity,
then sexual desire is not who I am.
It is something I discipline
(surrender to Jesus).**

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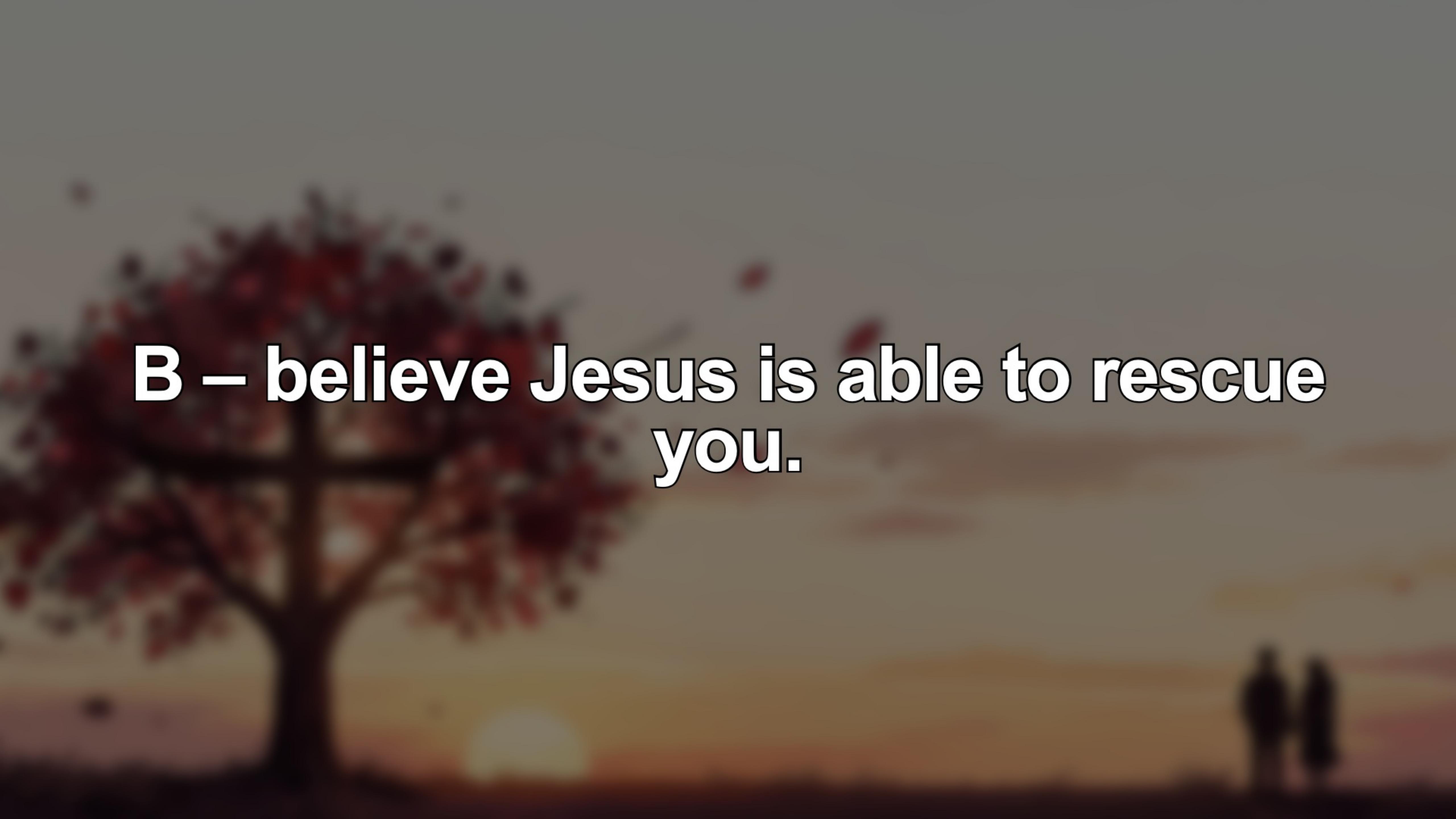
**Single: your desire is a signal that
you were made for covenant love and
that covenant love ultimately finds its
fulfillment in Christ.**



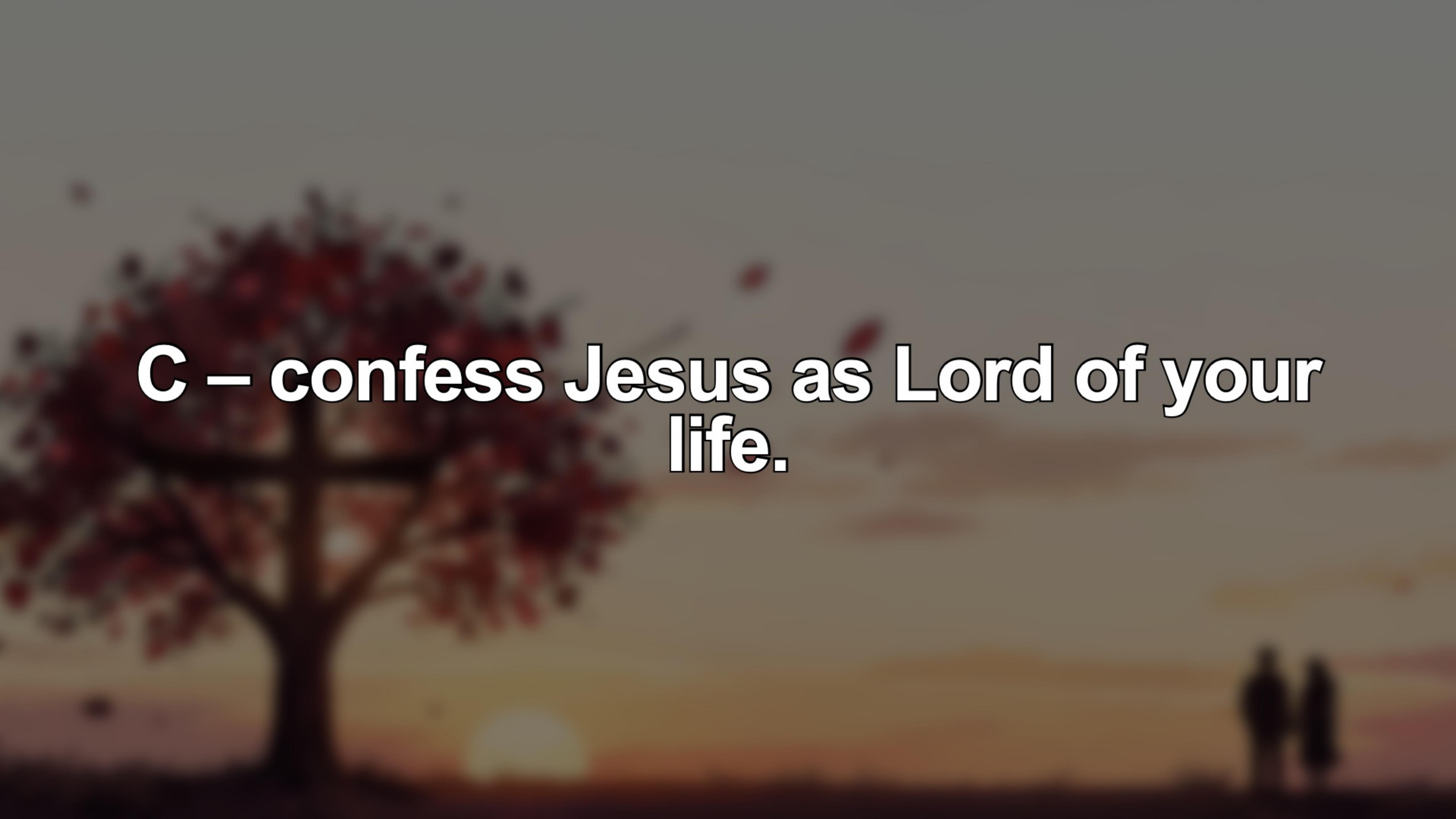
**Married: your desire strengthens
the marriage covenant to reflect
the love of God.**



**Find your identity in Jesus.
A – acknowledge sin/need for a
savior.**

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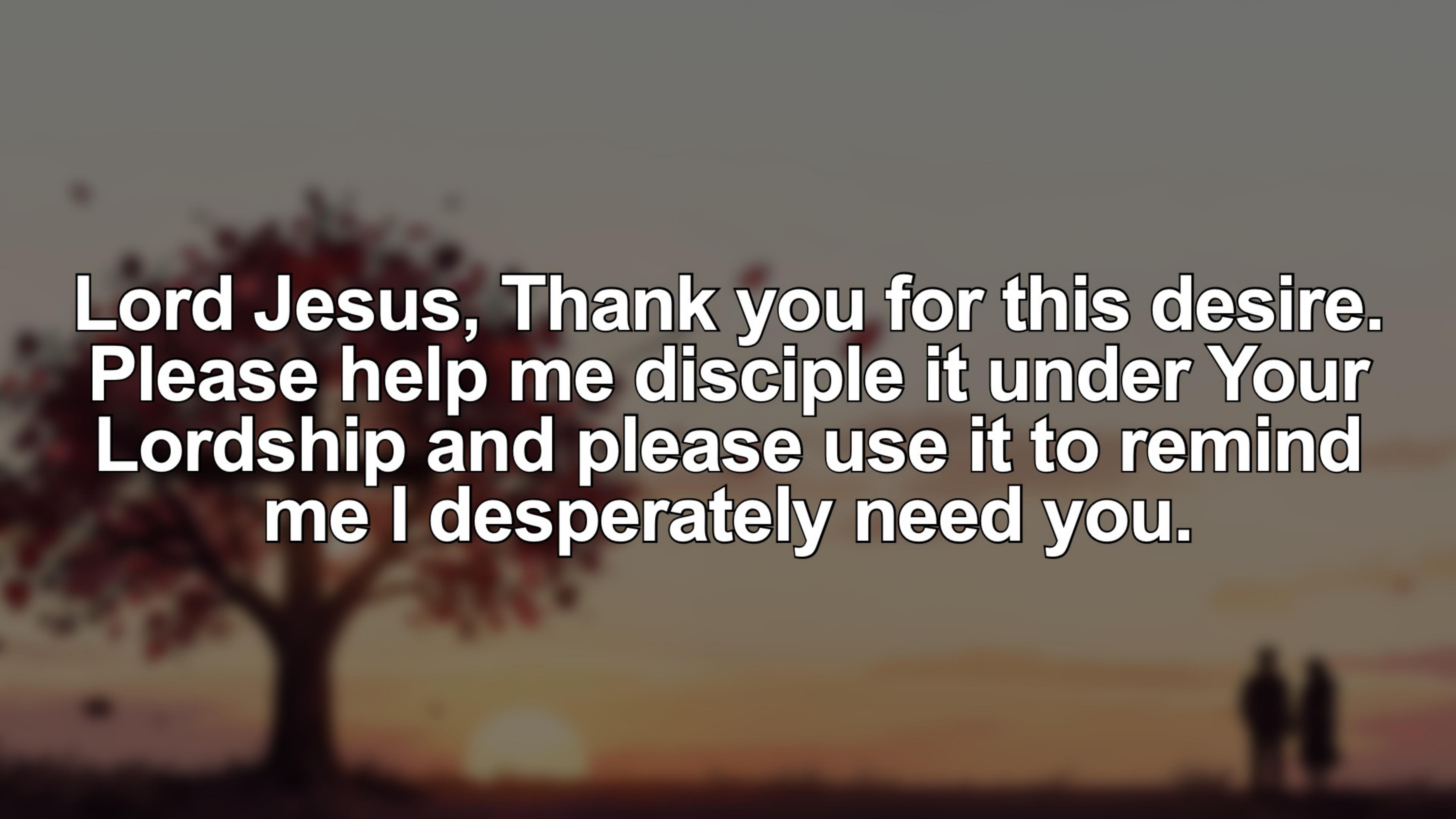
**B – believe Jesus is able to rescue
you.**

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**C – confess Jesus as Lord of your
life.**



**Disciple Love - This week focus on
surrendering your desires to Jesus.**



**Lord Jesus, Thank you for this desire.
Please help me disciple it under Your
Lordship and please use it to remind
me I desperately need you.**



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