



Wedding Day

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Song of Songs 3:6–11

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Life Change: We guard the sanctity of marriage

Weddings...

Eccl. 4:9, 12b

Matt. 19:6

The procession

Songs 3:6–7

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- Based on chart in Juli Slattery,
God, Sex, and Your Marriage

The wedding party

Songs 3:7–10

The groom's joy

Songs 3:11

Rev. 19:6–9

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courtesy Camilla Smith



HOLY MARRIAGE
HOLY TRINITY

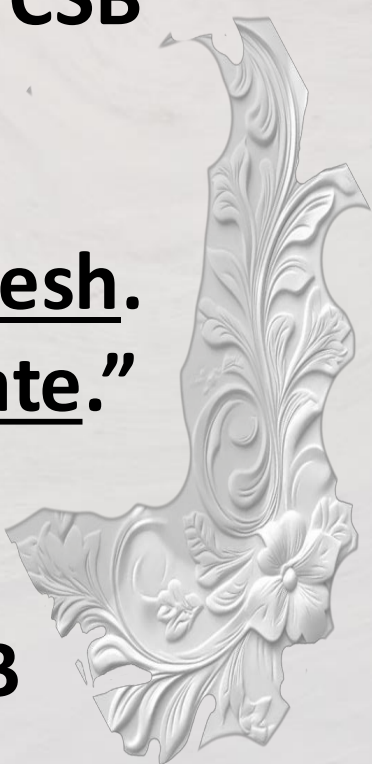


⁹Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their efforts... ¹²A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9, 12b CSB

⁶“So they [husband and wife] are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Matthew 19 CSB





courtesy apracticalwed



courtesy WB



Narrator

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Villa Guilia Felice
Pompeii, AD 1st c.

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**– Based on “Yada (Hebrew for intimate knowing)” in Juli Slattery,
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It's a way to show exactly what is important – the process of doing things God's way as part of being bonded with Him.

The wedding procession
Pieter Brueghel
the Younger
1630

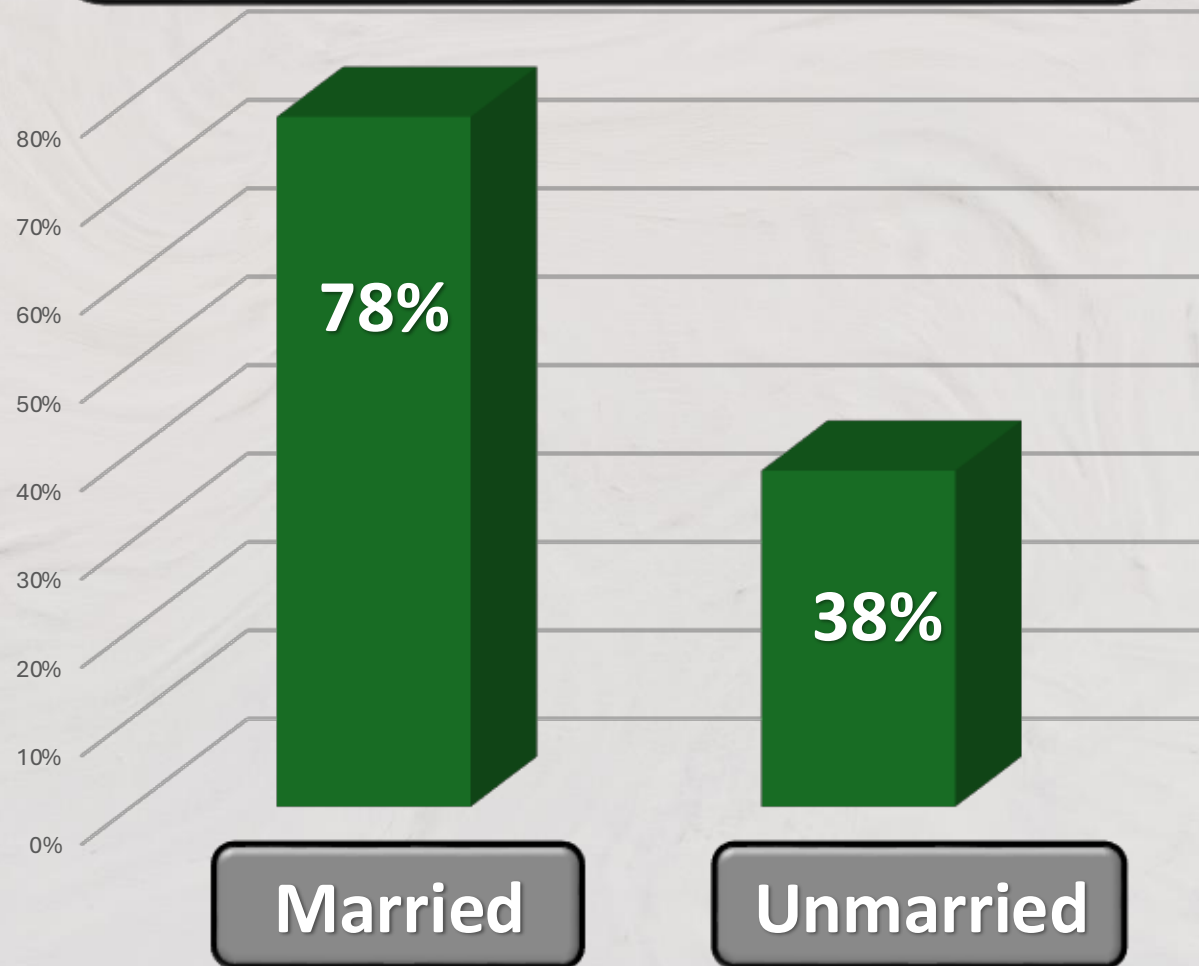


**What makes you think
marriage and weddings
are so important?**



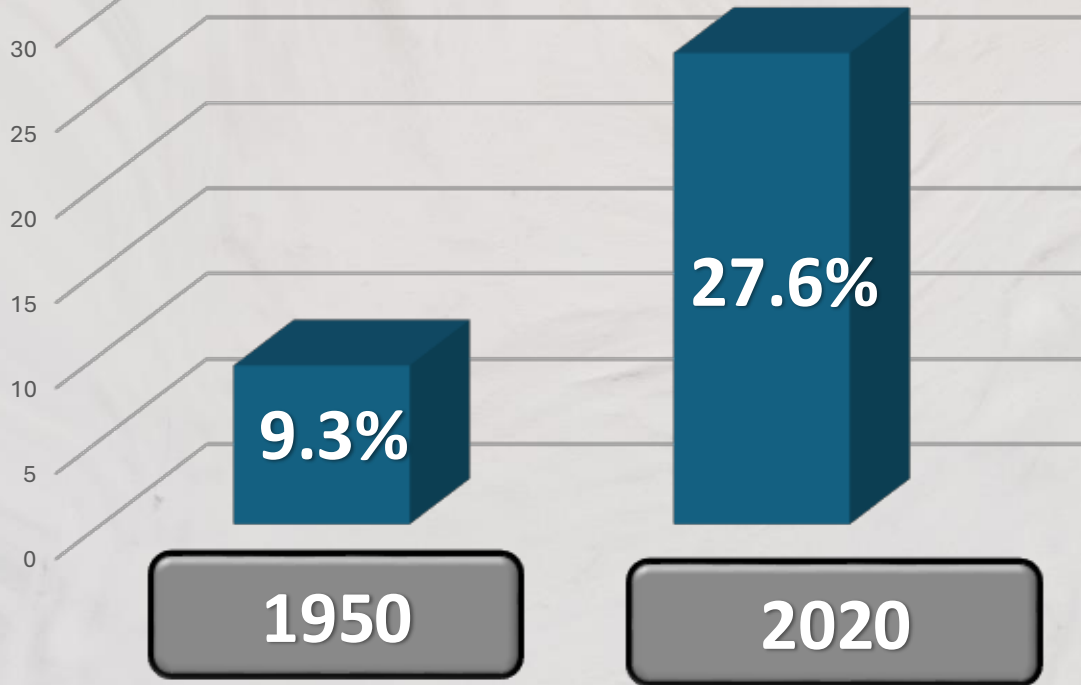
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I am: happy or very happy



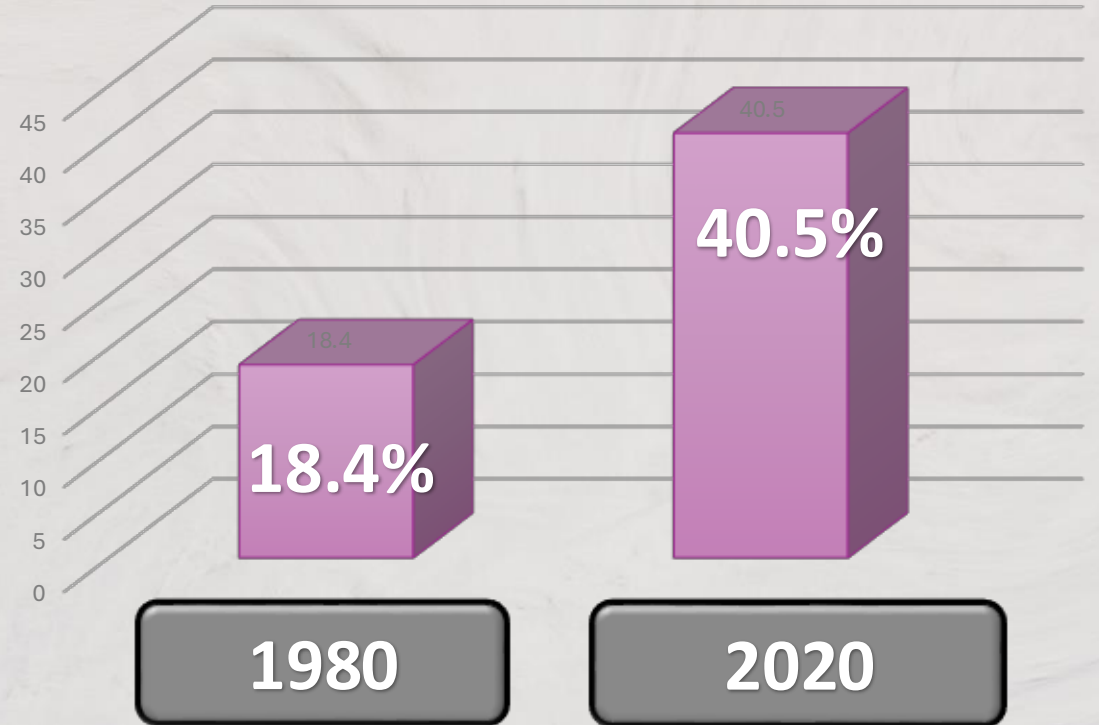
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Households with 1 person



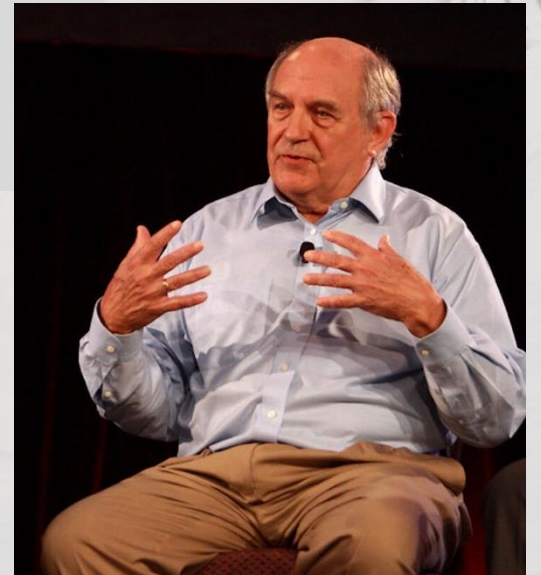
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Children born to unwed mothers

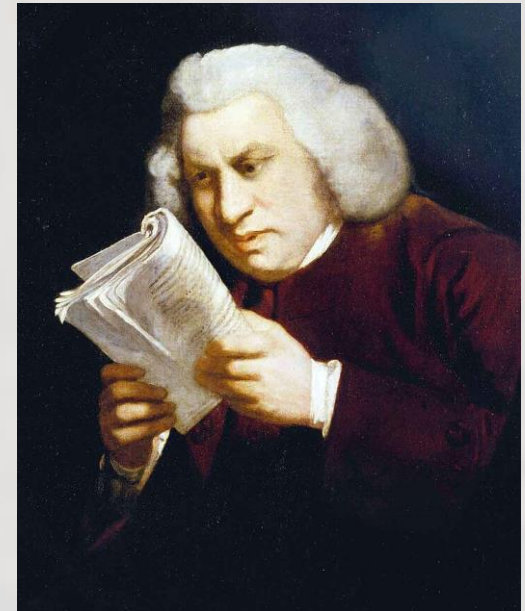


Whether causation or correlation, the decline of marriage arguably leads to many of our current societal problems...I know of no other set of important findings that are as broadly accepted by social scientists who follow the technical literature, liberal as well as conservative, and yet are so routinely ignored by network news programs, editorial writers, and politicians of both major political parties.

– Charles Murray, *Coming Apart*



**How small, of all that human hearts endure;
That part which laws or kings can cure.
– Samuel Johnson,
preface to Goldsmith's *Traveler***



To rescue wedding & marriages:

- **Quit hiding the truth about the connection between marriage & societal health.**
 - **Make personal decisions to guard marriages & exalt weddings.**
 - **Speak truth in love to a culture that needs both.**
- G. Tracy Mehan III, “America’s Domestic Disaster – and How to Fix It”**



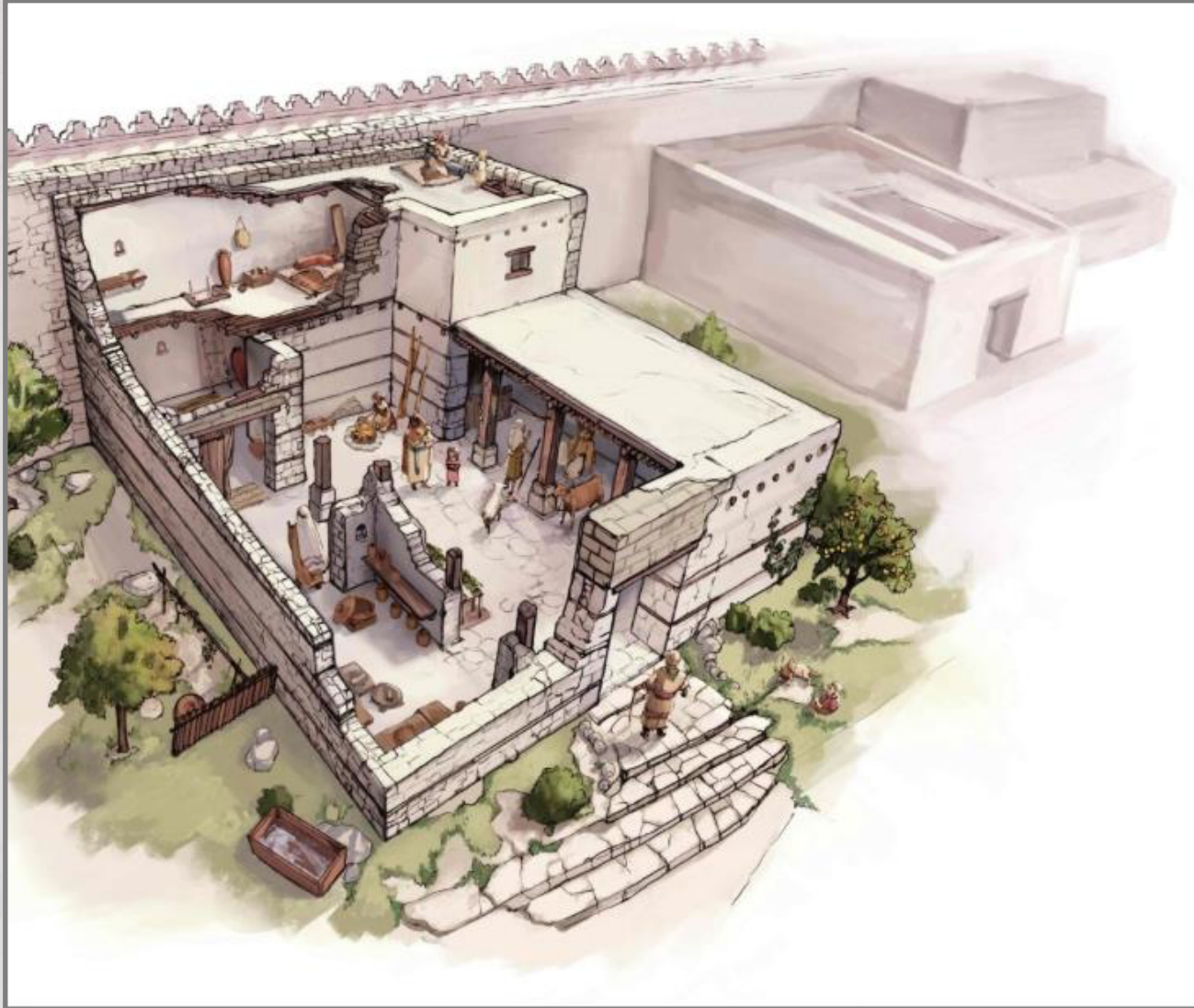


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John 14 CSB

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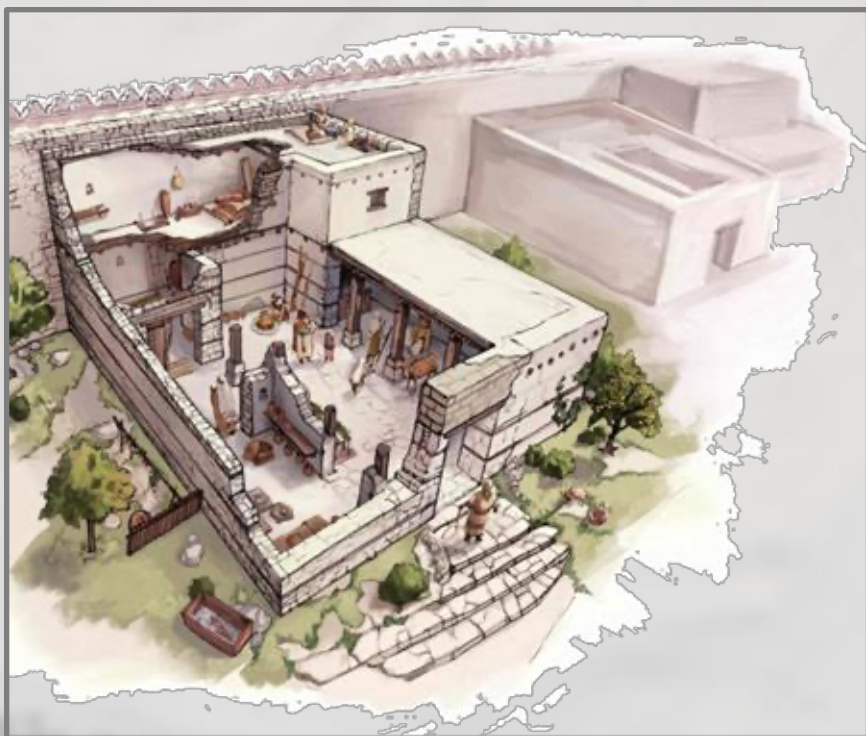


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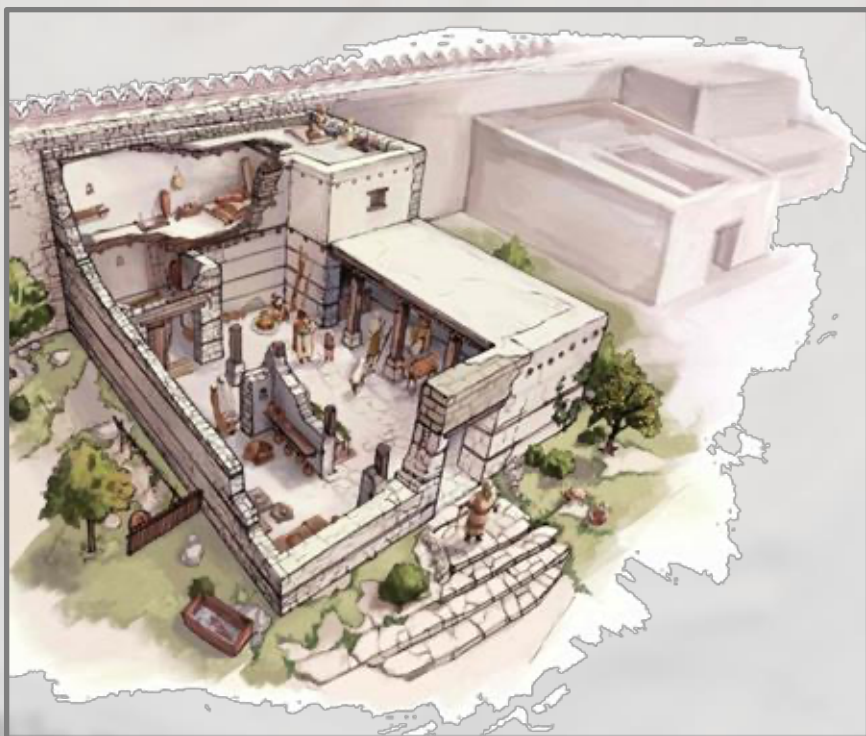




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[It] was a coronation procession with no queen at the centre of it; gestures, gestures about nothing. – CS Lewis, “The Shoddy Lands” in *The Dark Tower*



And then she forgot everything else, because Aslan himself was coming – CS Lewis, *The Last Battle*



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**²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church
and gave himself for her**

Ephesians 5 CSB



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Hebrews 13 NASB



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Wayne, does God's warning against fornication apply to older folks like widows, or is that only for the young?

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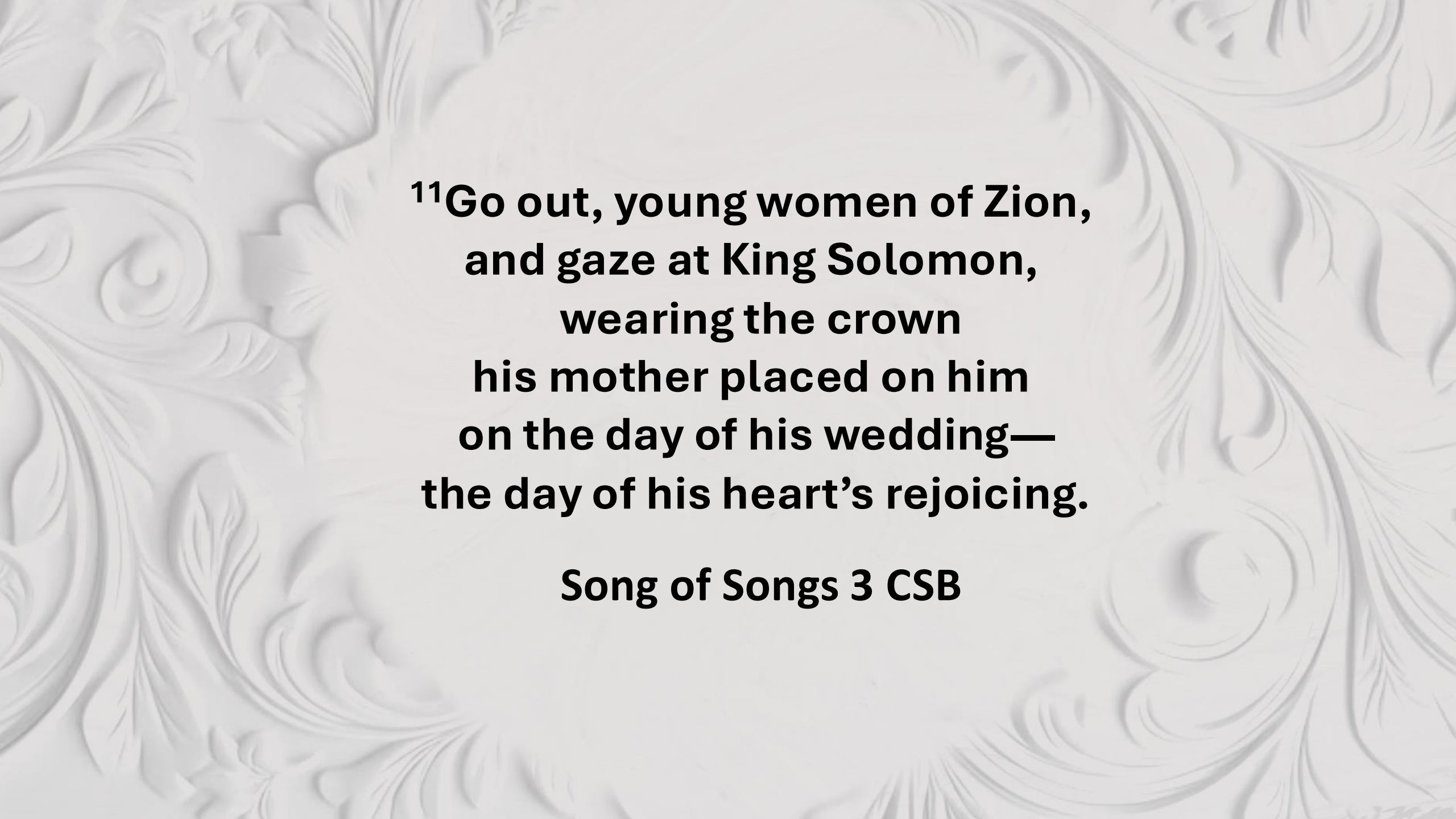


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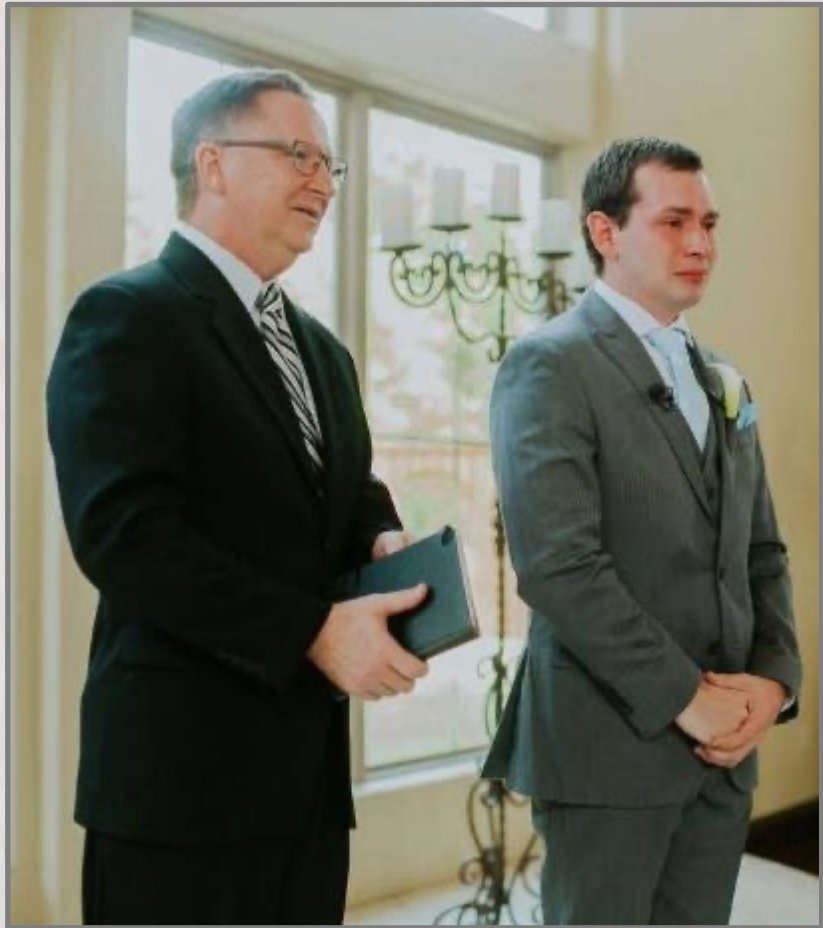
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Revelation 19 CSB

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Joy!

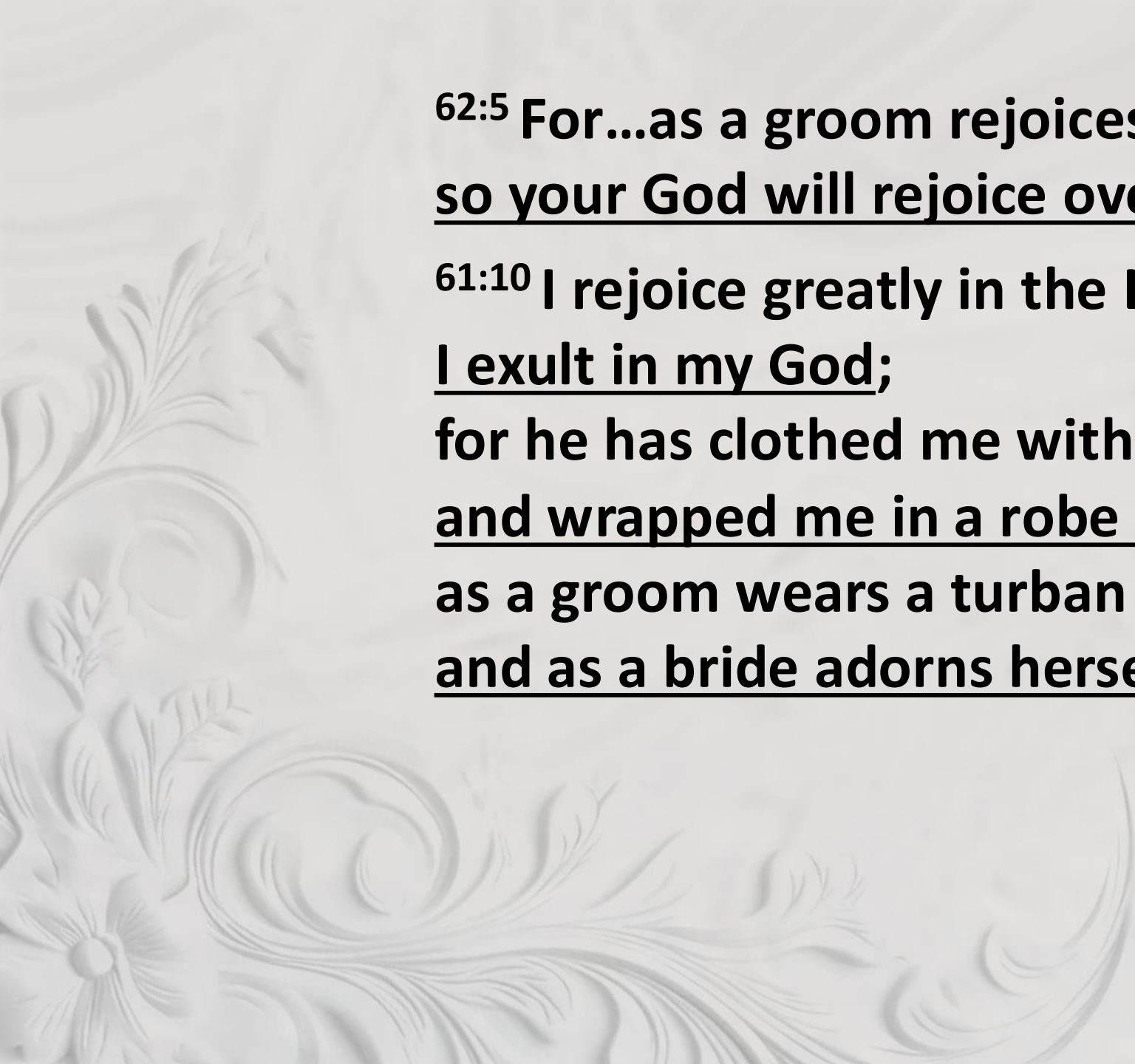
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**It's you, it's you, you make me sing
You're every line, you're every word
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– “Everything” by Michael Bublé**

The Jewish groom

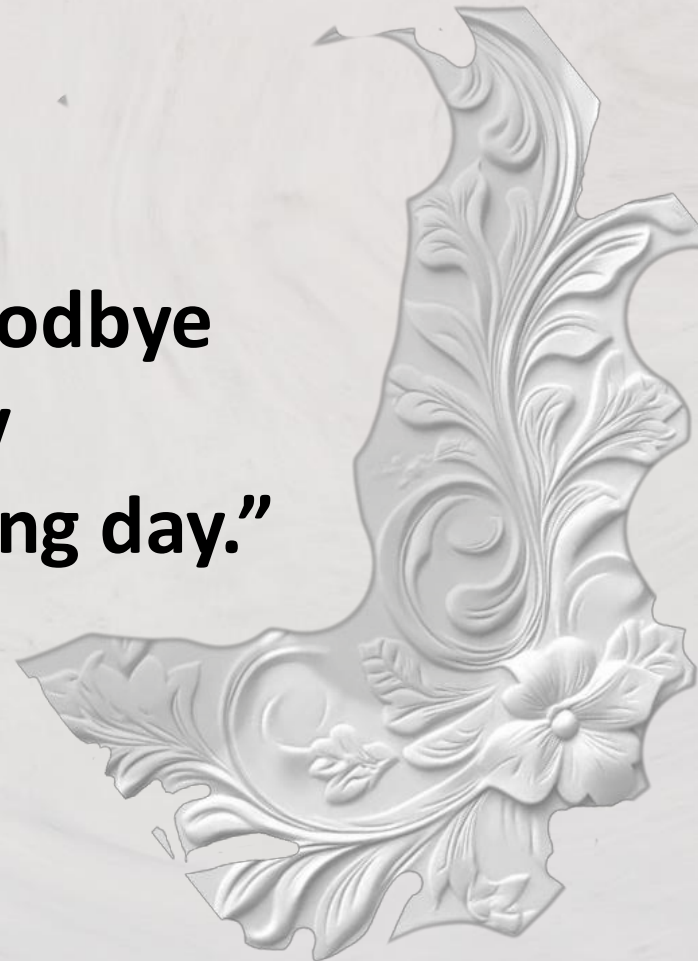
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“The Wedding Day” by Brent Lamb

**Lately I've been thinking as I look all around me
I see by the signs that we're soon going to be leaving
The bridegroom is coming to take us all away
May be tomorrow, but I pray that it's today
And we will fly away in the twinkling of an eye
Leaving all our heartaches and telling them all goodbye
Yes we will fly away when he hears His Father say
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