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Song of Songs 1:1-8

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Living God's values of love...

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The Song of Songs

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Just a girl trying to find a place in this world

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Ain’t Misbehavin’

7–8

Priority order for my needed relational work (vineyard care): ____

Understanding self

____ Eliminating human comparison

____ Sexual purity above reproach

____ Knowing what characteristics to seek

____ Following God’s ways (trail marked on your Father’s map)

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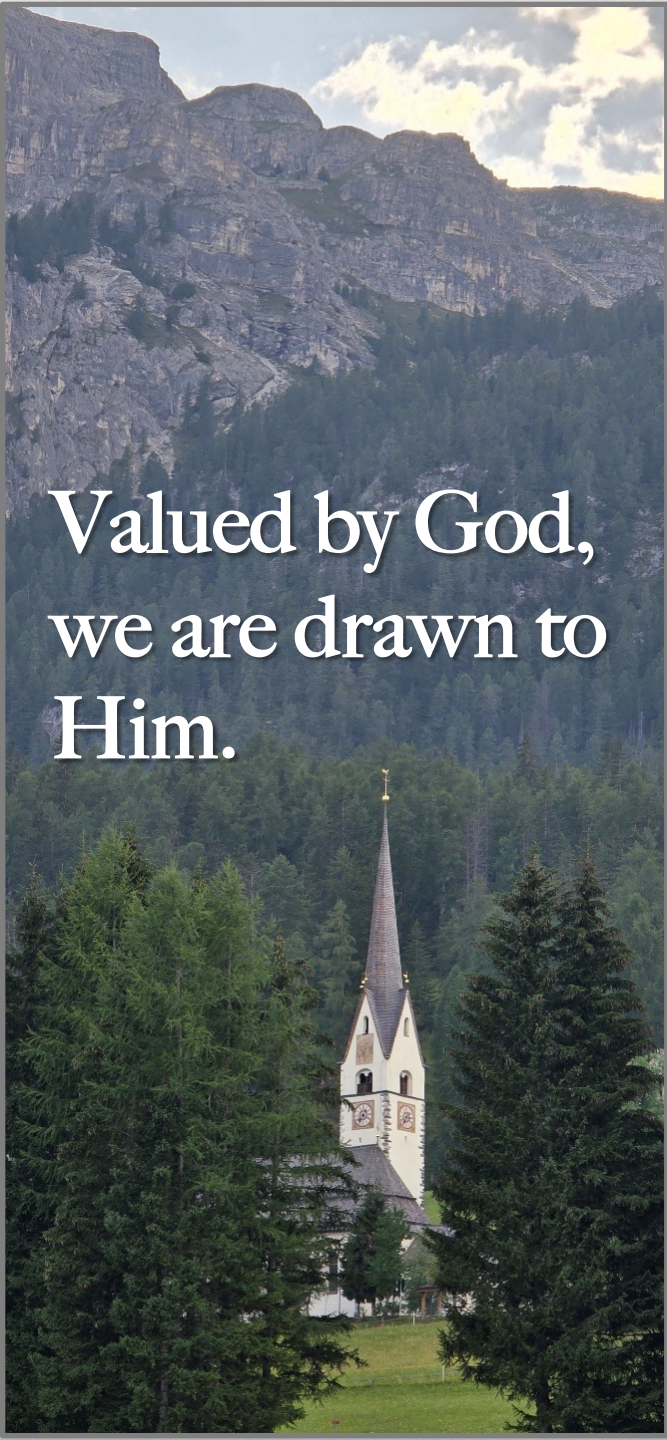


A SONG OF VIRTUE



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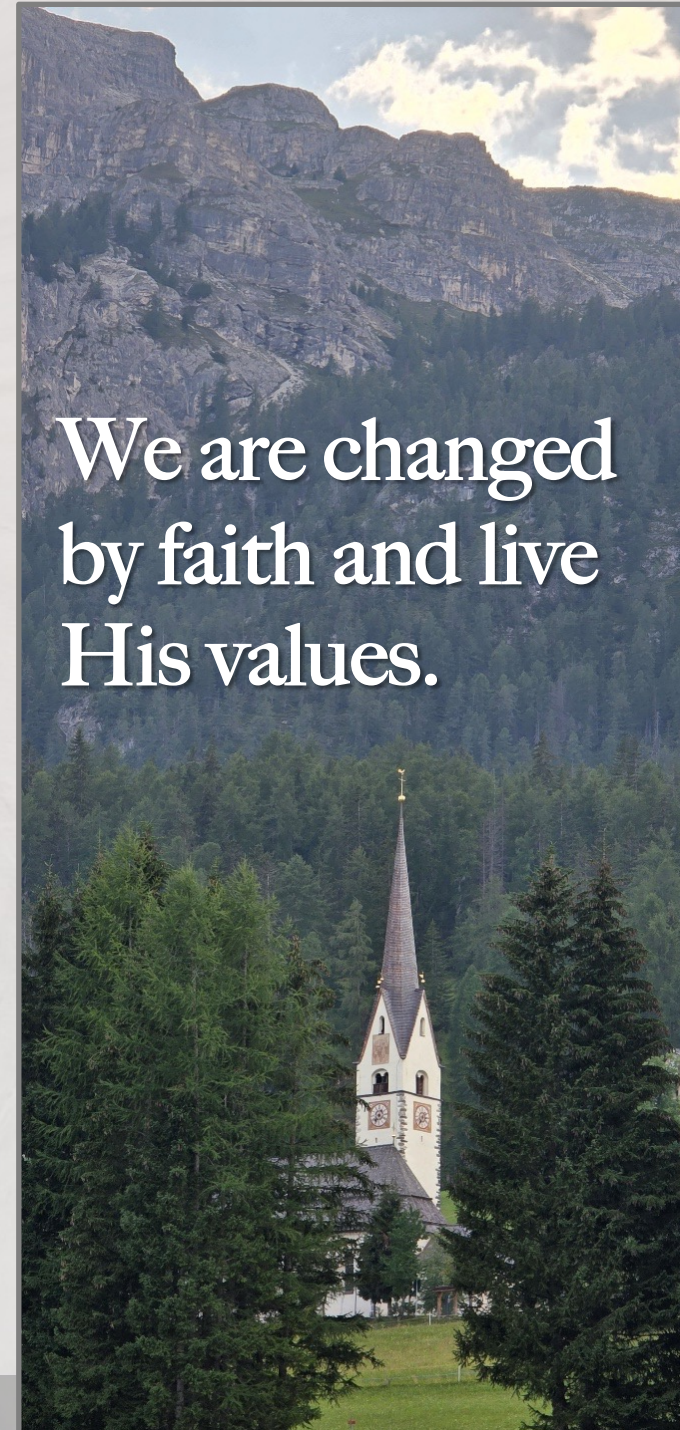


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The mowed path invites you to come through the trees to the beautiful old church. Valued by God, we are drawn to Him. The trees sacrifice to make a path somewhat as Jesus sacrificed on the tree to make a way for us to God.

We experience the power of God's values. In His creation and in His scripture, God has revealed Himself to humanity. Drawn to Him, we are changed by faith to reach upward and live His values.

**We are changed
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His values.**





We create things
of lasting value.

Living God's values, we create things of lasting value. Like this church, we stand strong in the beautiful, harsh climate of this world. And like this old church, we – the living church of God – establish a legacy that lasts a very long time.



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VALUE

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A branch with two vibrant red hibiscus flowers and green leaves is positioned behind the word 'LOVE'. The flowers are in full bloom, with one slightly above and to the left of the other. The leaves are dark green and serrated.

LOVE

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Objective. We love as God intends.



A S O N G O F V I R T U E

Why should we go
through *The Song of
Solomon*?



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Premise. Christians are not immune to false and detrimental concepts about love. Our relationships are shot through with unfair and unvoiced expectations, unkind fighting, weak commitment, and lack of personal development. Whether currently married or not, we need the wisdom of God's Solomonic love song to show us what romantic love should be. This text prepares us to fight for valuable, virtuous love in our lives and the lives of those around us.



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Songs I



King Solomon
Simeon Solomon
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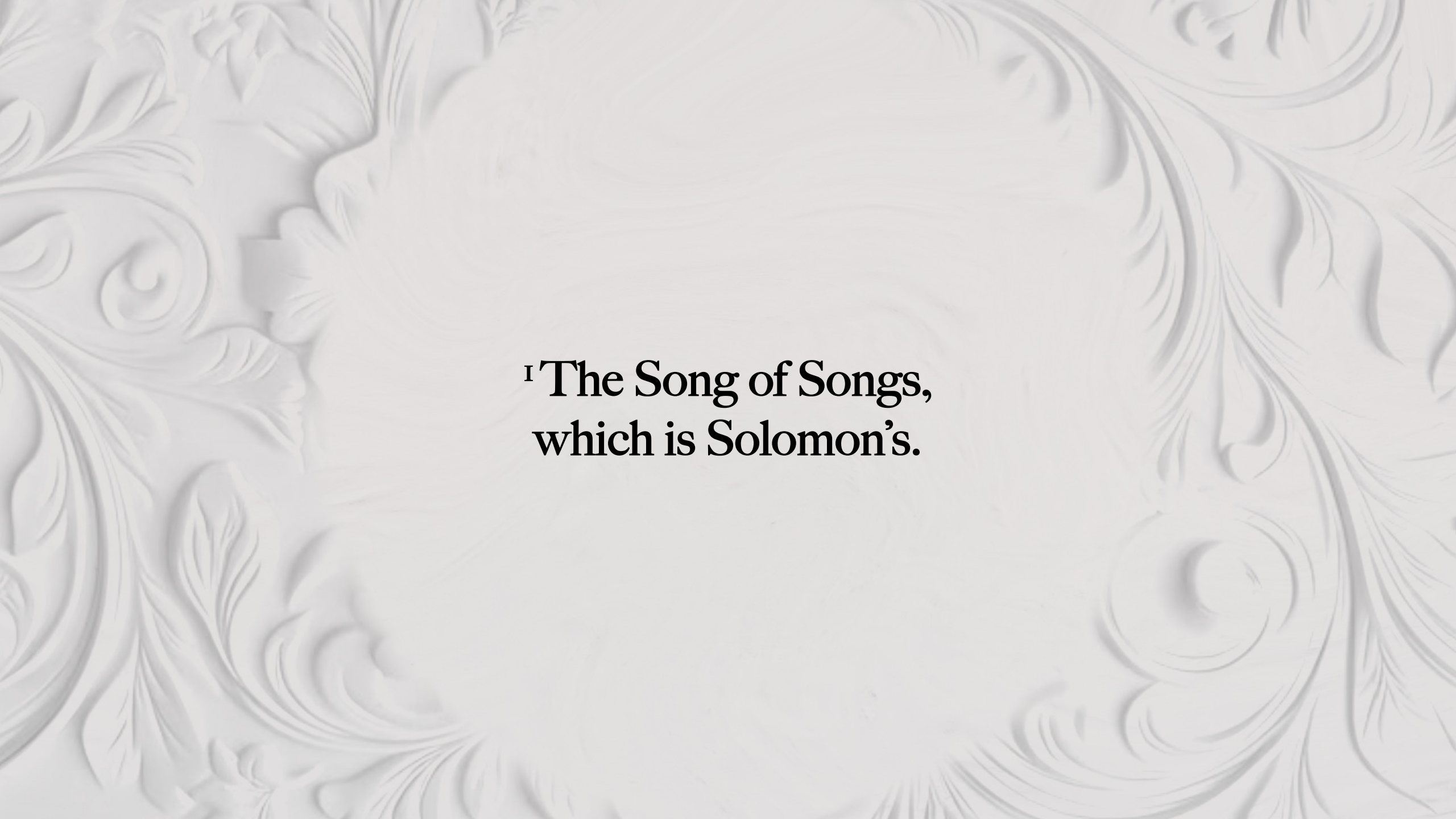
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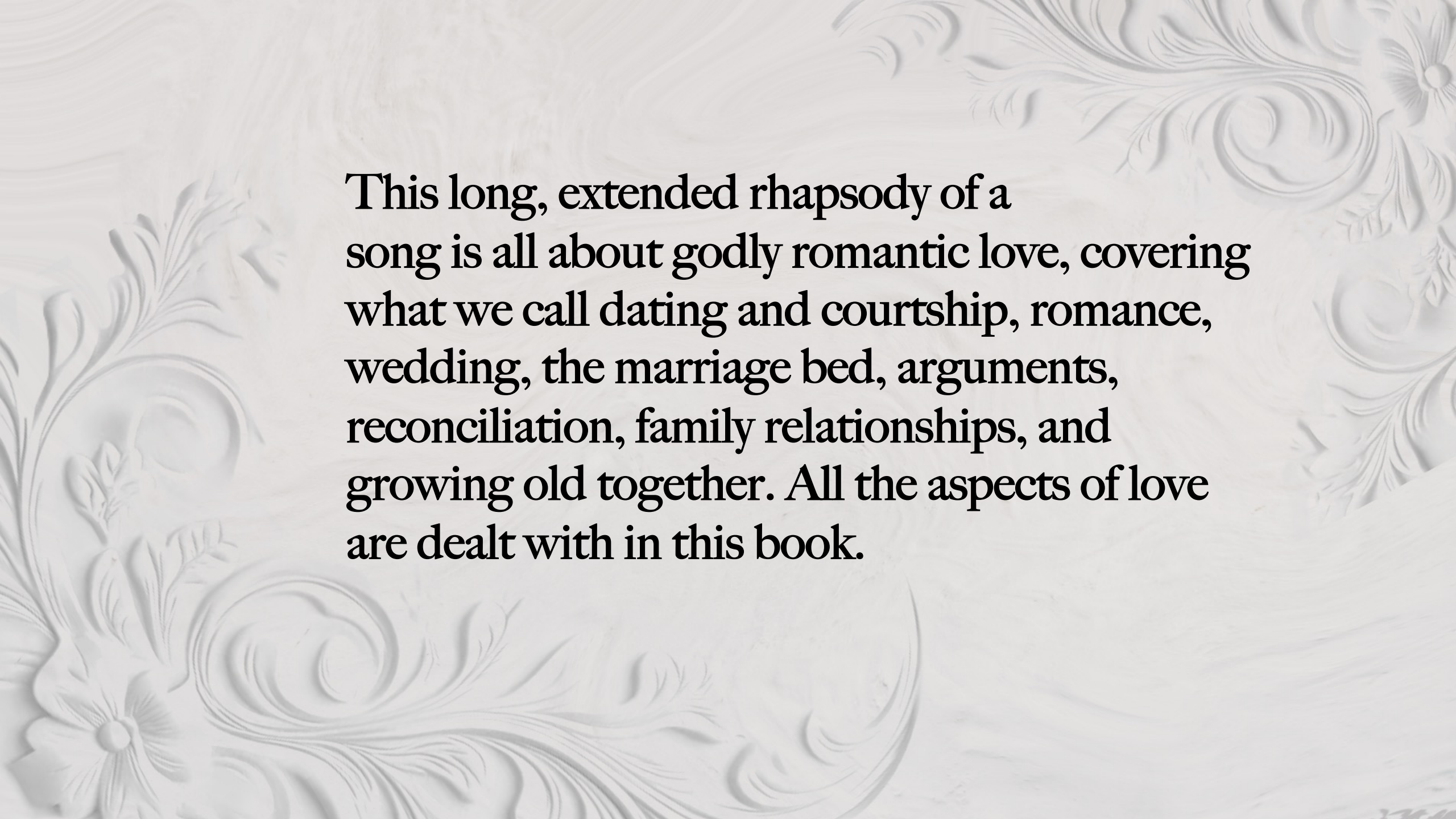
²⁹ God gave Solomon wisdom, very great insight, and understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore.

³² Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs, and his songs numbered 1,005. ³⁴ Emissaries of all peoples, sent by every king on earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to listen to Solomon's wisdom.

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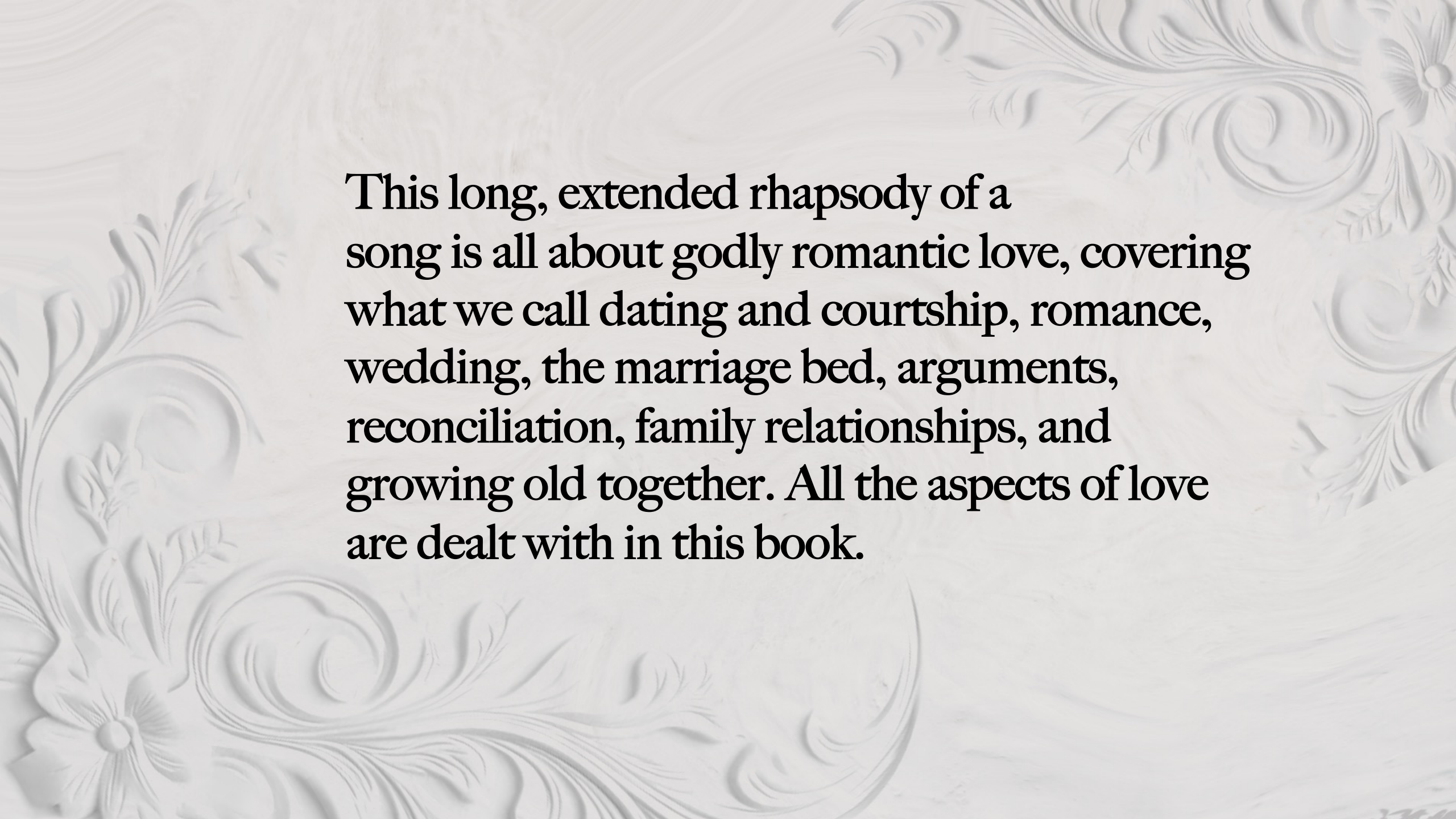
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But I'm
[single/divorced/
widowed/14 years
old/etc.]. How does
this relate to me?



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Song of Songs 3 NET

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In NT (Eph/Hebrews) the sword = the Spirit applying the Word of God

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I wish someone had given me biblical counsel in my early life, because I was clueless and blinded by passion. Thankfully the Lord blessed me despite myself, and I can't imagine a better soulmate than my wife over these many years. I'm praying for all the younger people to hear and learn. – a Christian friend wed for over 60 years

Woman

² Oh, that he would kiss me with the kisses of his mouth!

For your caresses are more delightful than wine.

³ The fragrance of your perfume is intoxicating;
your name is perfume poured out.

No wonder young women adore you.

⁴ Take me with you—let's hurry.

Oh, that the king would bring me to his chambers.

Young Women

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Woman

It is only right that they adore you.



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Why do birds suddenly appear
Every time you are near
Just like me, they long to be
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“Close to You” by Burt Bacharach/Hal David



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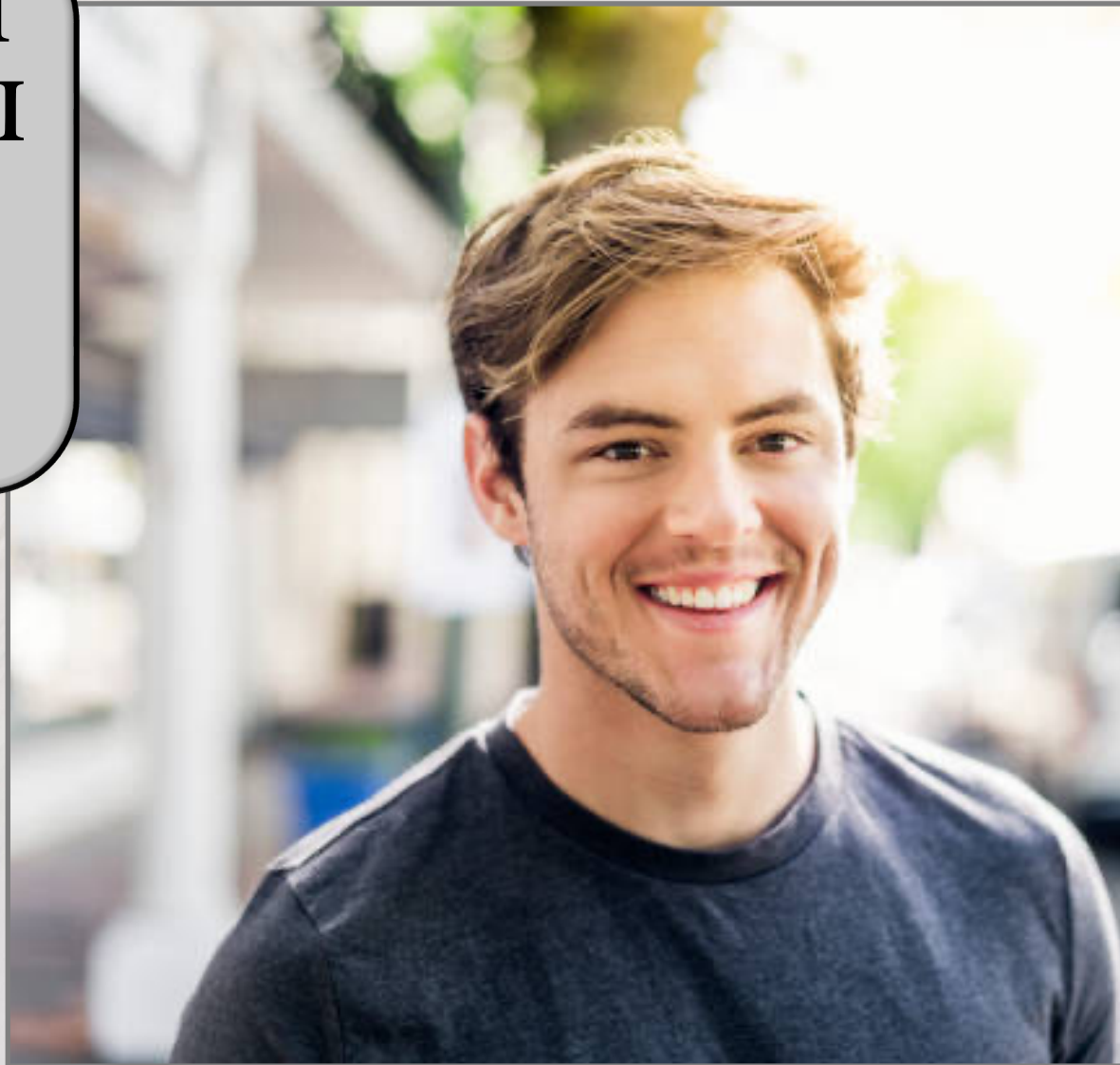
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Michael, either she & I
see life more alike than I
thought possible, or
she's the best-coached
date I ever had. – WB



You'll have to keep
meeting and find out. I'm
excited for you. – Mike



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PARENTAL ADVISORY

**August 23 – Parents with
youngsters in service should
experience *delightful*
conversations on the way home.**



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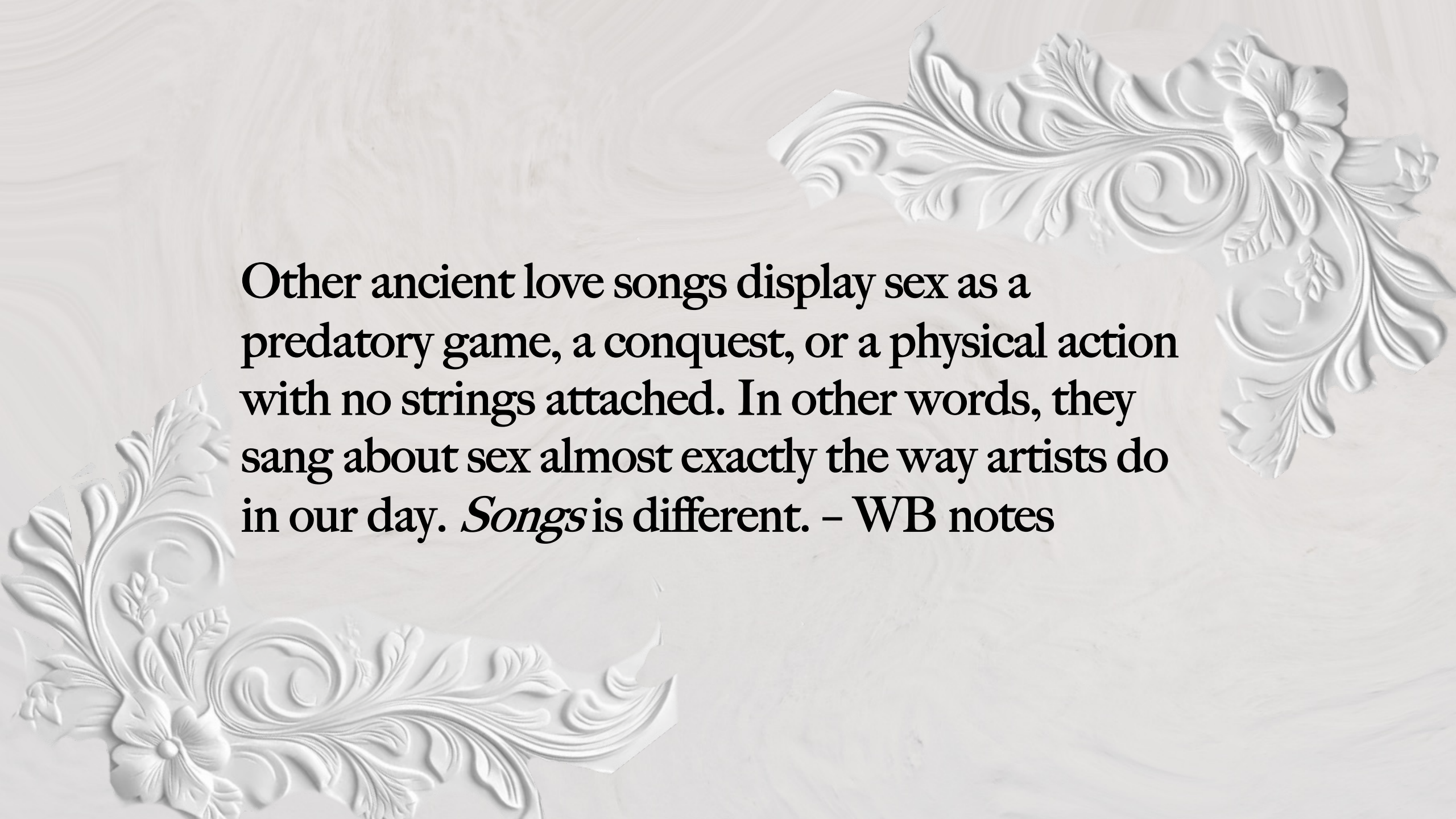
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The earliest lists of canonical writings available to us all contain *Song of Songs*. Rabbi Akiba, at the Council of Jamnia in A.D. 90, is reported to have described it as “the Holy of Holies.” – Graham Ogden & Lynelle Zogbo,
A Handbook on the Song of Songs



Other ancient love songs display sex as a predatory game, a conquest, or a physical action with no strings attached. In other words, they sang about sex almost exactly the way artists do in our day. *Songs* is different. – WB notes

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*She is tan in a culture
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Song of Songs 1 CSB



Could you tell me what more do I need?
And tomorrow's just a mystery, oh, yeah
But that's okay
Oh, I'm just a girl trying to find a place in this world
“A Place in This World” by Angelo Petraglia, Robert Ellis
Orrall & Taylor Swift



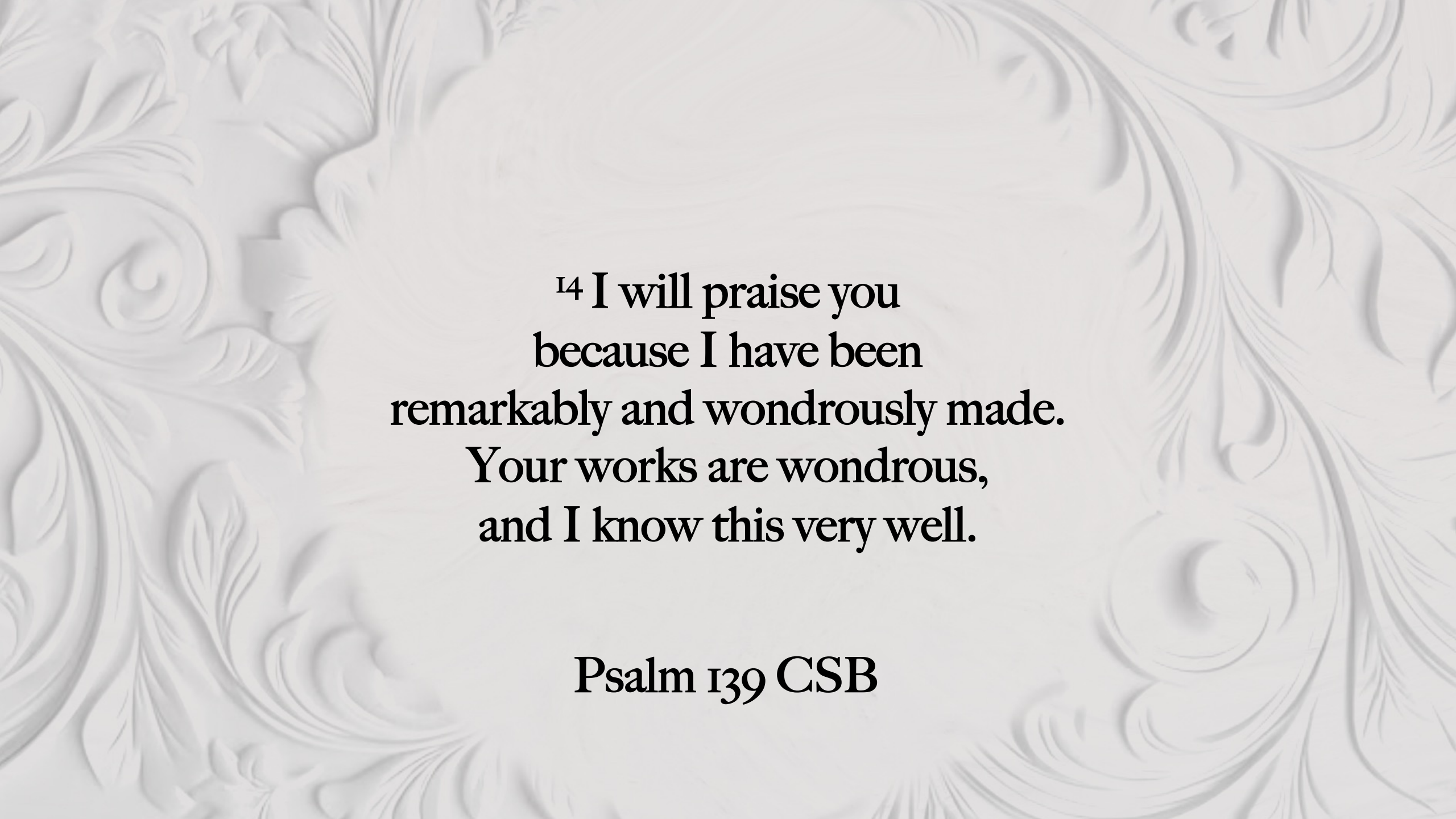


Listen to me. That is very dangerous thinking. You are not a 25-year-old wrestler anymore, and wanting to resemble one is a trap. You are completely healthy by every measure. Your bloodwork is perfect. You are made just the way God intended and need to be content in that. *I'm* the doctor here! If you are ever unhealthy, I will tell you.



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Song of Songs 1 CSB



¹⁴ I will praise you
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remarkably and wondrously made.
Your works are wondrous,
and I know this very well.

Psalm 139 CSB



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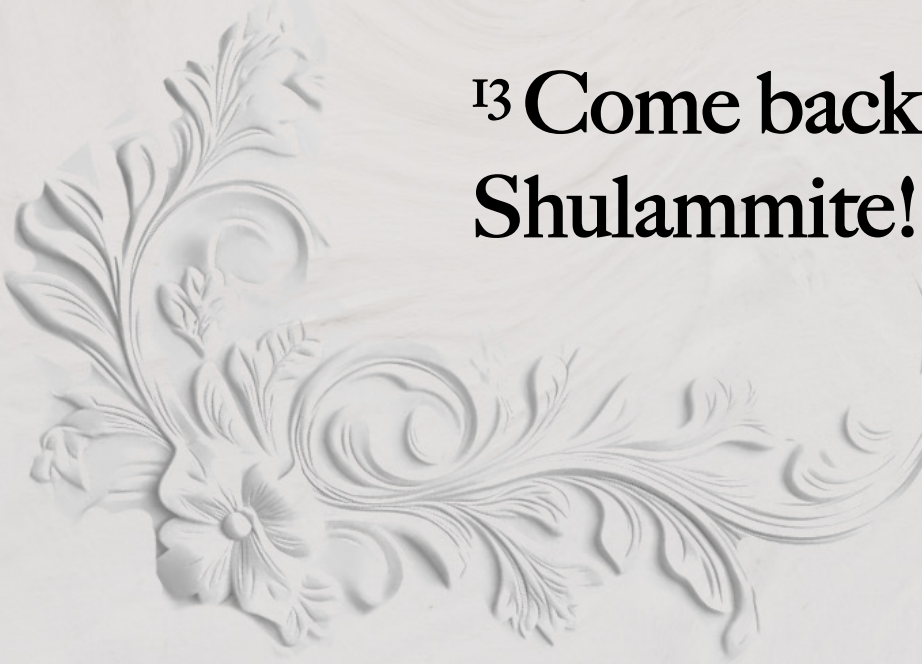
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She may be Naamah, an Ammonite lady who married teenage Solomon and bore their son Rehoboam. (2 Chronicles 12:13). Naamah is likely one of those who joined Israel in YHWH faith after David conquered Ammon. [One of those Ammonites, Zelek, even became one of King David's "mighty men."] – WB notes



**¹³ Come back, come back,
Shulammite!**

Song of Songs 6 CSB

6:13 Come back, come back, Shulammite!

Shulammite seems to be a play on the verb
שלם (*shalem*), which means to be or make
complete; at peace.



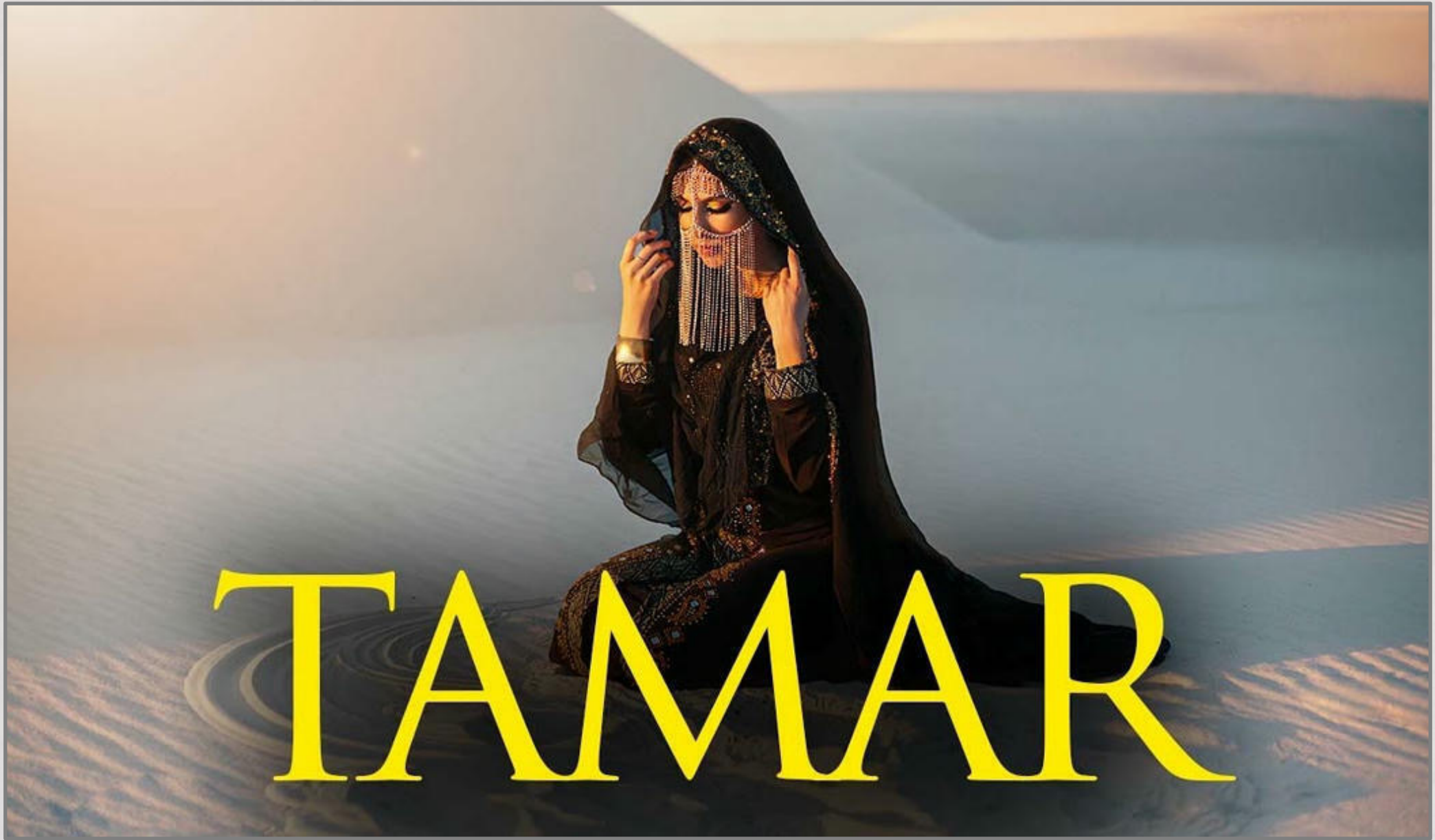


Woman

⁷ Tell me, you whom I love:
Where do you pasture your sheep?
Where do you let them rest at noon?
Why should I be like one who veils herself
beside the flocks of your companions?

Man

⁸ If you do not know,
most beautiful of women,
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No one to talk with
All by myself
No one to walk with
But I'm happy
On the shelf
Ain't misbehavin'
I'm savin' my love for you

I know for certain
The one I love
I'm through with flirtin'
It's you that I'm thinkin' of
Ain't misbehavin'
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“Ain't Misbehavin” by Fats Waller, Andy Razaf & Harry Brooks





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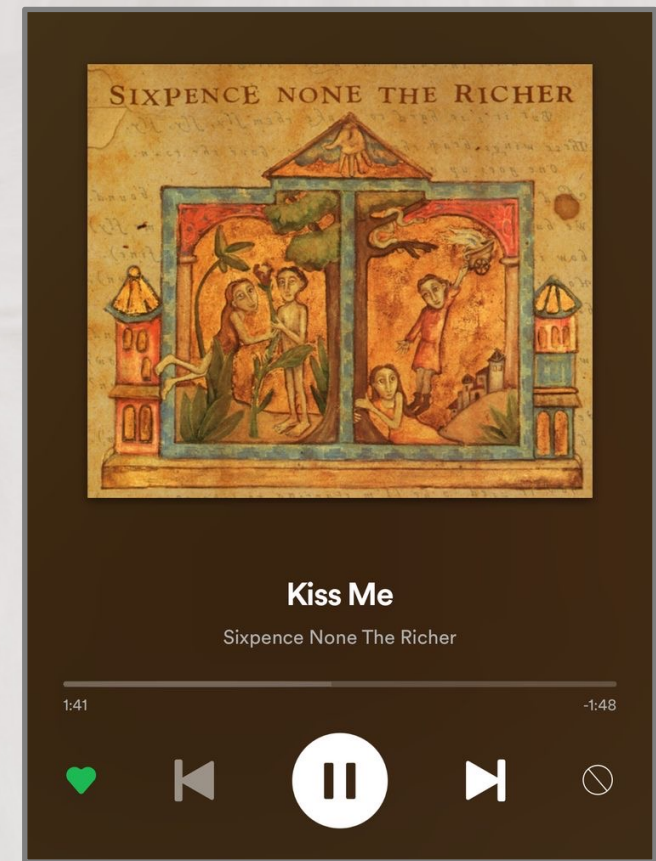
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Jeremiah 6 ESV



Kiss me down by the broken tree house
Swing me upon its hanging tire
Bring, bring, bring your flowered hat
We'll take the trail marked on your Father's map
Oh, kiss me beneath the milky twilight
Lead me out on the moonlit floor
Lift your open hand, strike up the band
And make the fireflies dance, silver moon sparkling
So kiss me
“Kiss Me” by Matt Slocum, sung by Leigh Nash



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WB: You know, this would be a very appropriate moment to kiss. But I have learned through error that a kiss carries responsibility and commitment, so I won't kiss you until we understand all it means.

JP: It's wonderful to know a man who is committed to right. That's what I am seeking. Do I seem to be what you are seeking?

WB: Yes, ma'am. Most definitely!

JP: In that case, let me remind you that I drove here to work with you this weekend. I am a big girl and understand what's at stake here. You should kiss me.



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