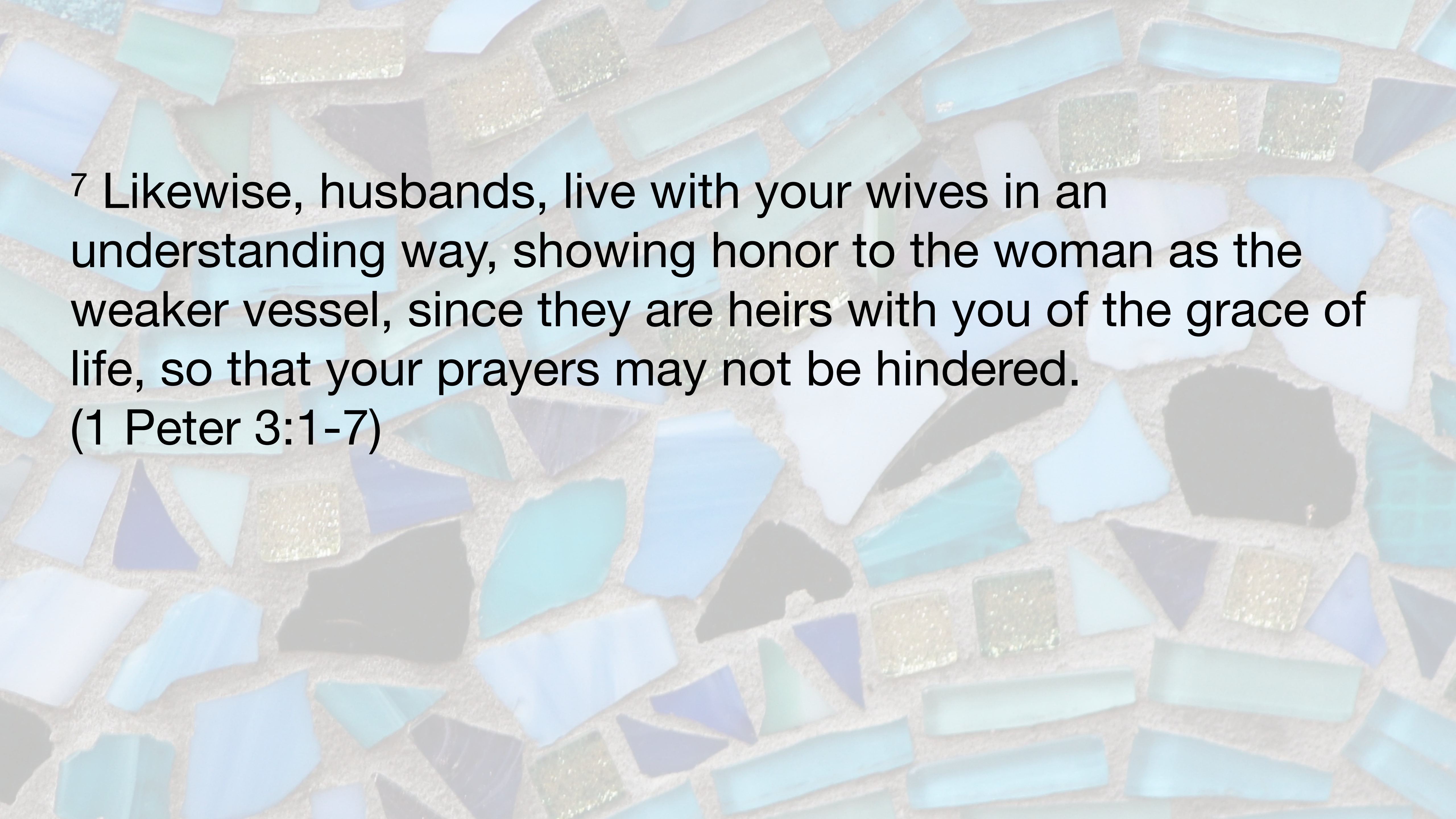




Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:1-7

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⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.
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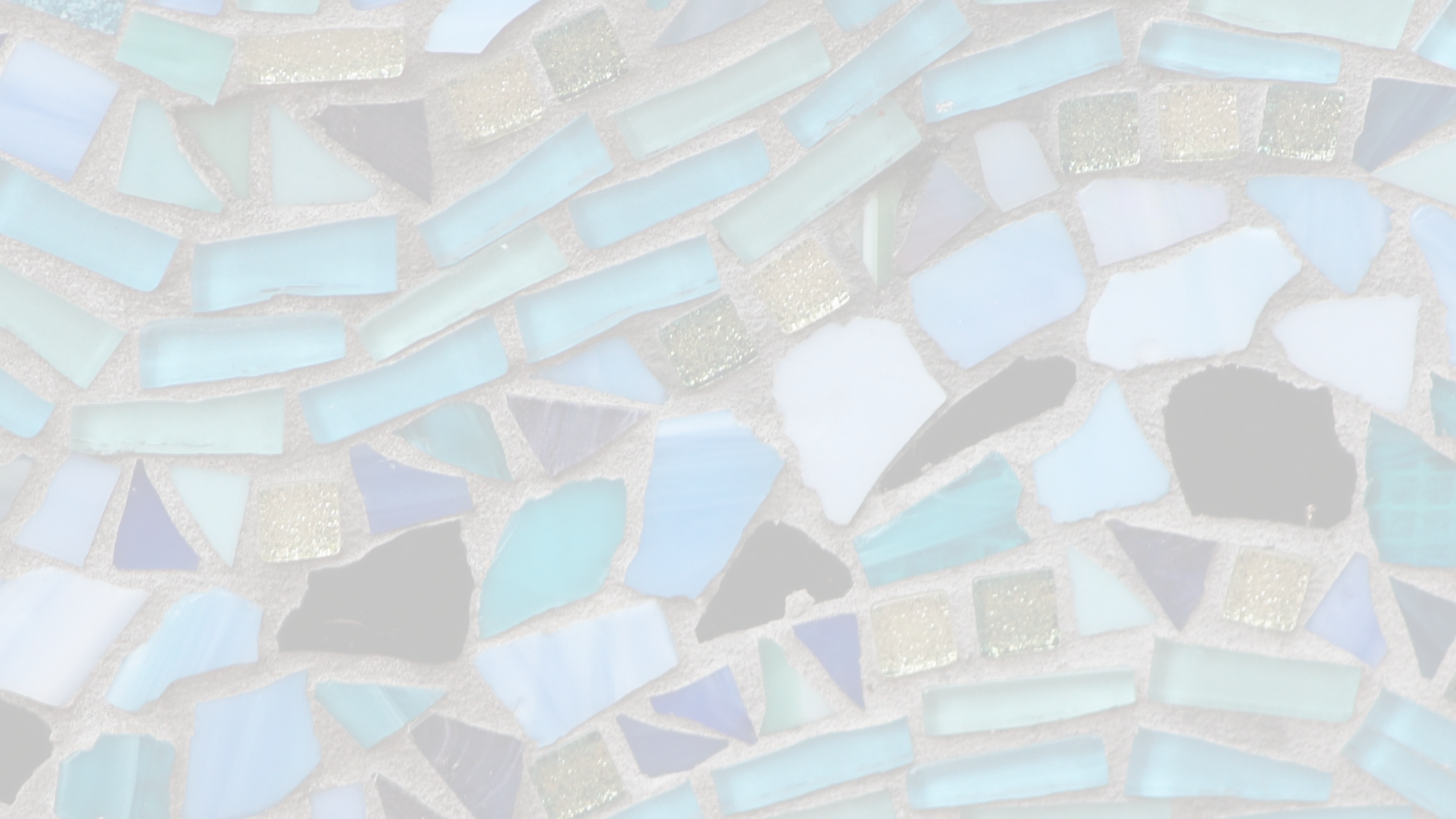
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1. The Beauty of the Dance of Marriage

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2:18, 24)

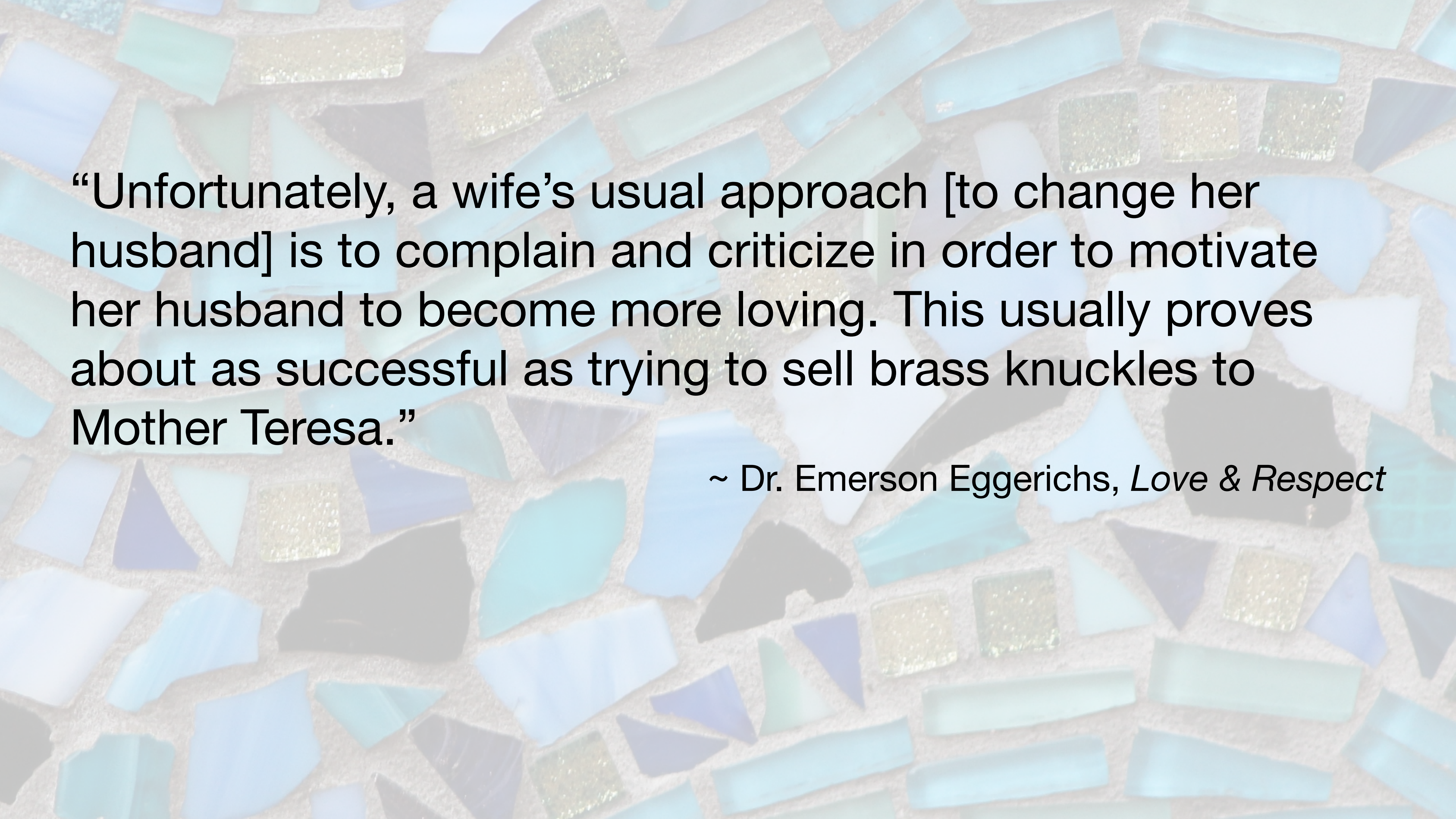
2. The Perversion of the Dance of Marriage

¹⁶ “Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.” (Genesis 3:16)

3. The Restoration of the Dance of Marriage

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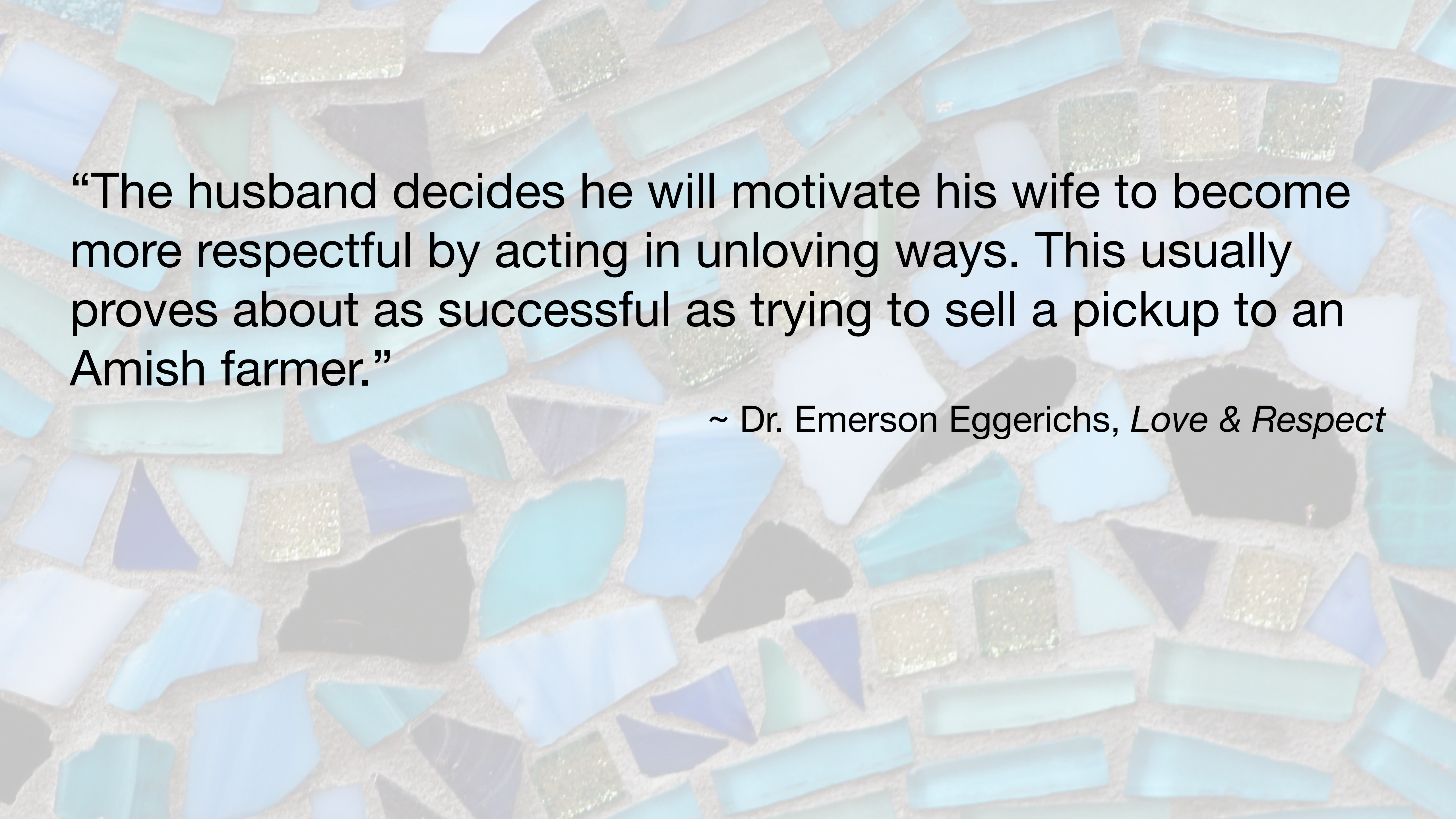
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3. The Restoration of the Dance of Marriage

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- b. The Dance of the Husband - learn to lead your wife with understanding and honor!

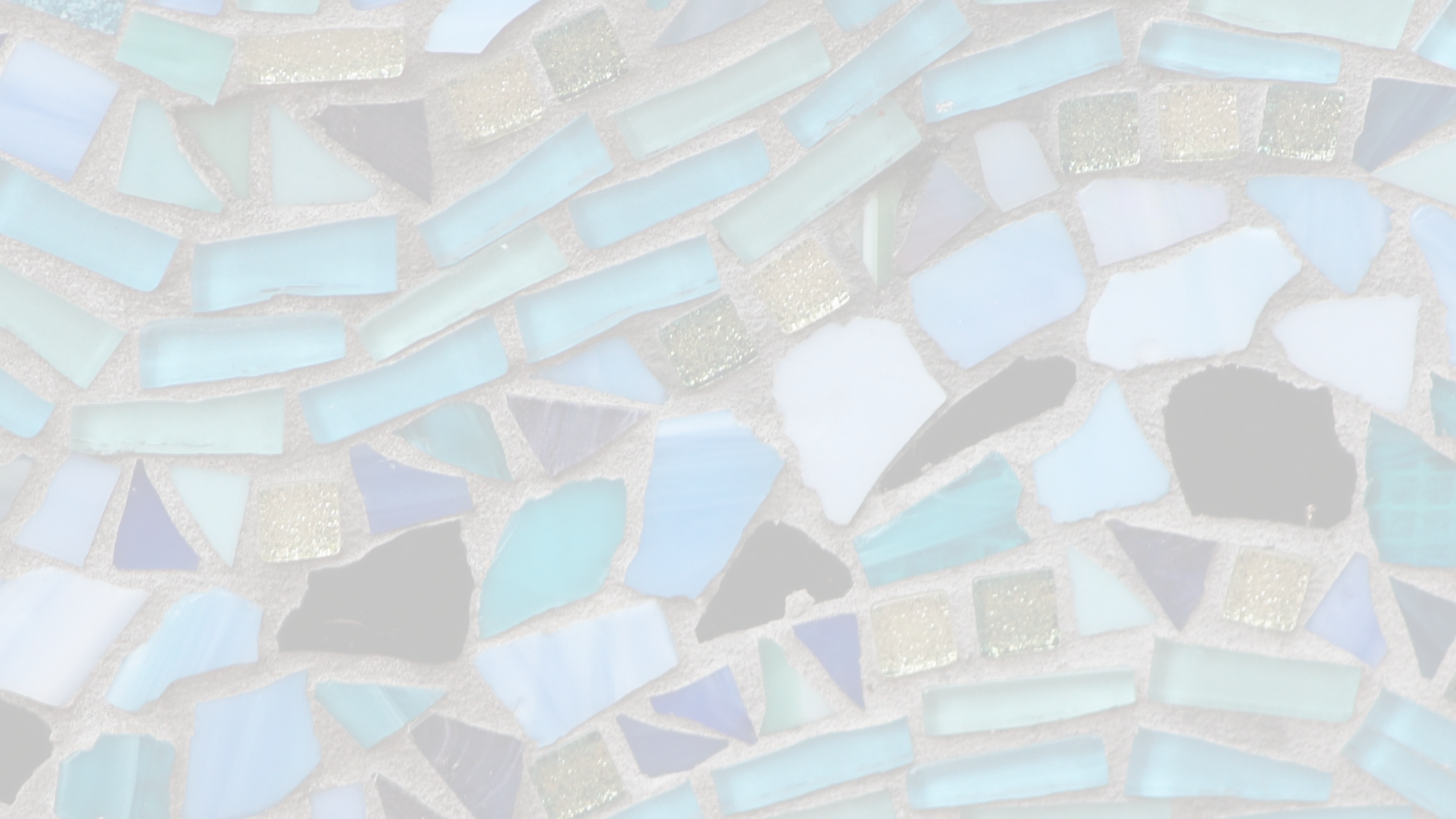
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²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28)



“The husband decides he will motivate his wife to become more respectful by acting in unloving ways. This usually proves about as successful as trying to sell a pickup to an Amish farmer.”

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