



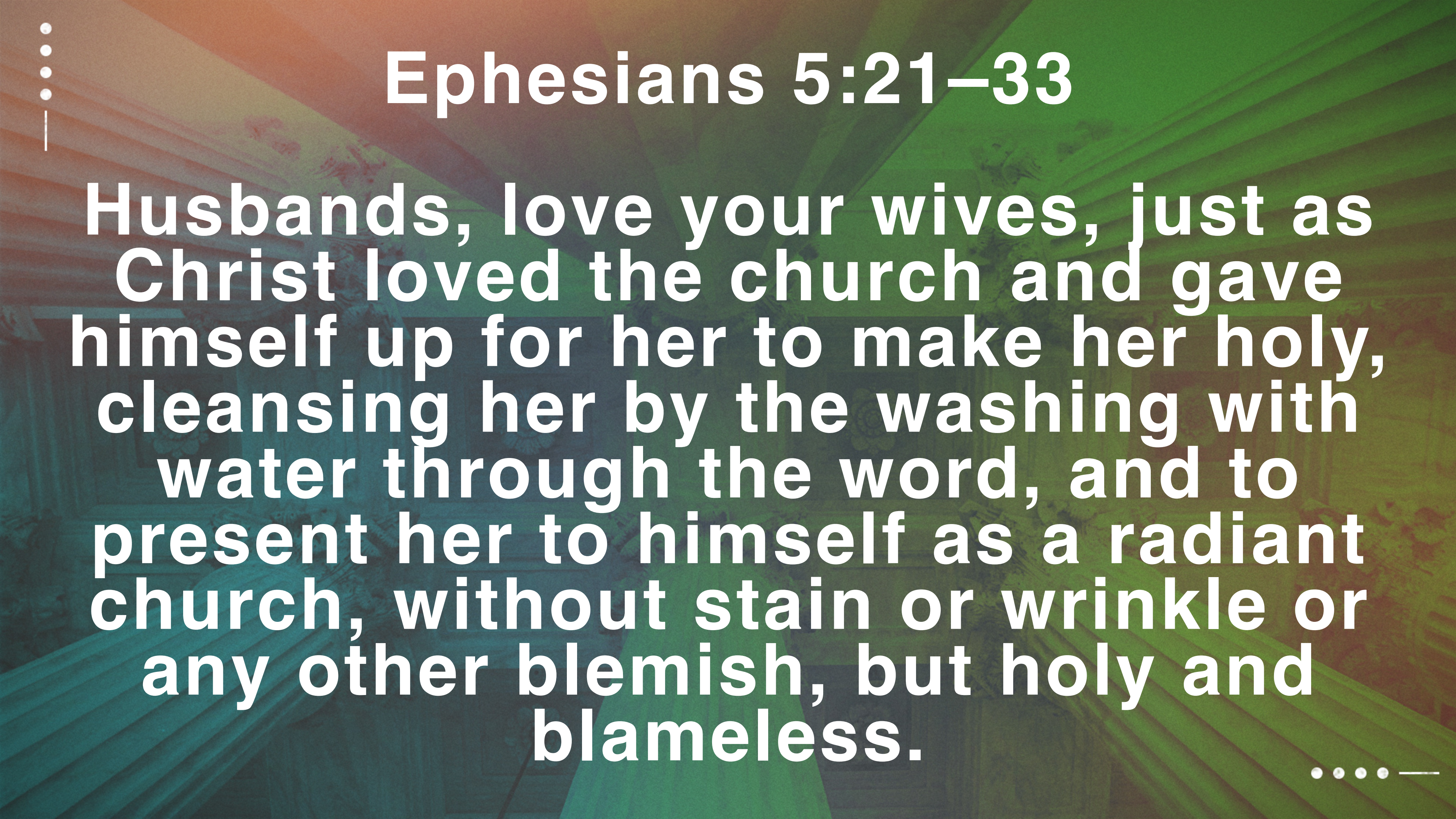
Strong Foundations

MARRIAGE THAT REFLECTS CHRIST



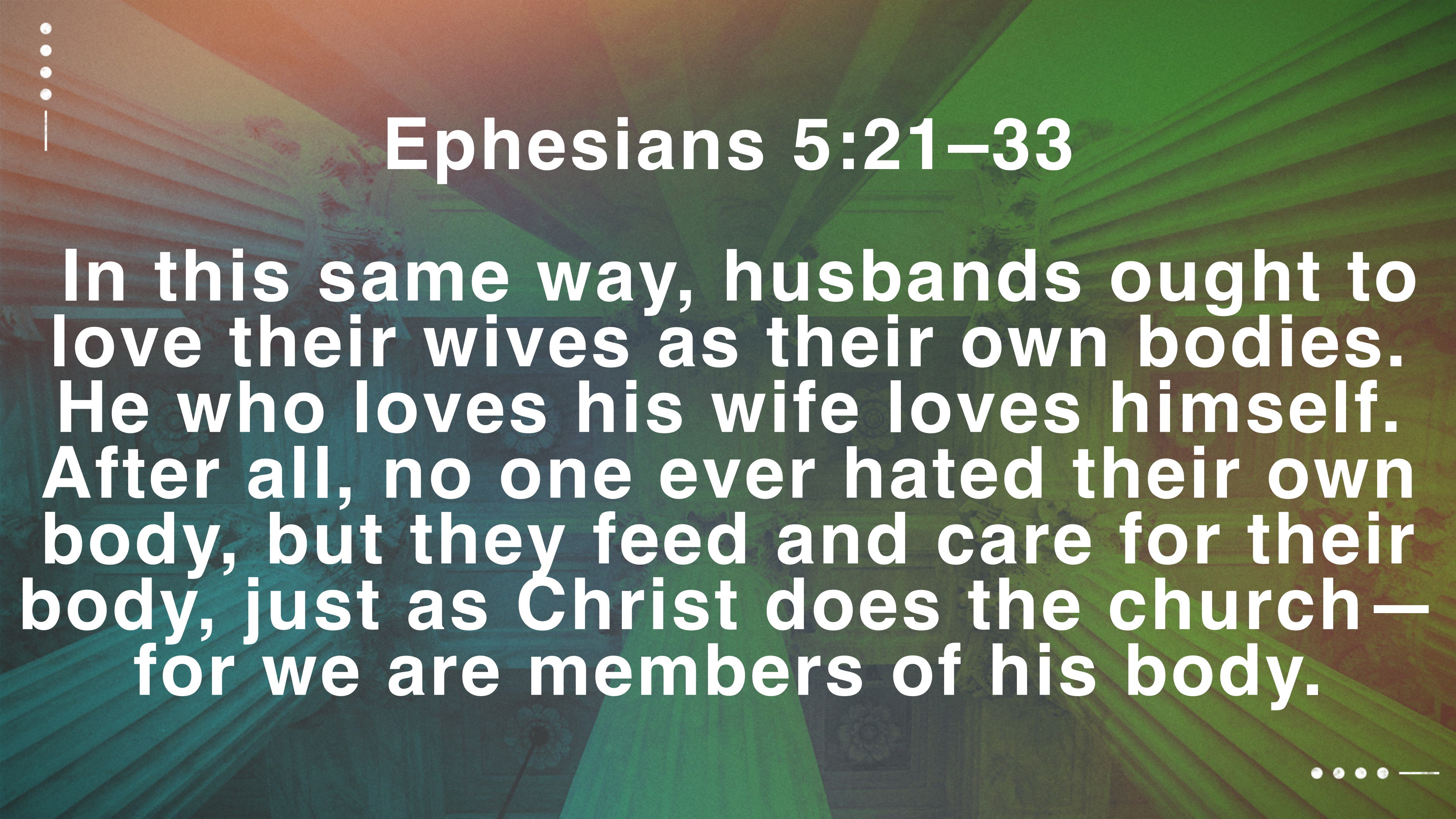
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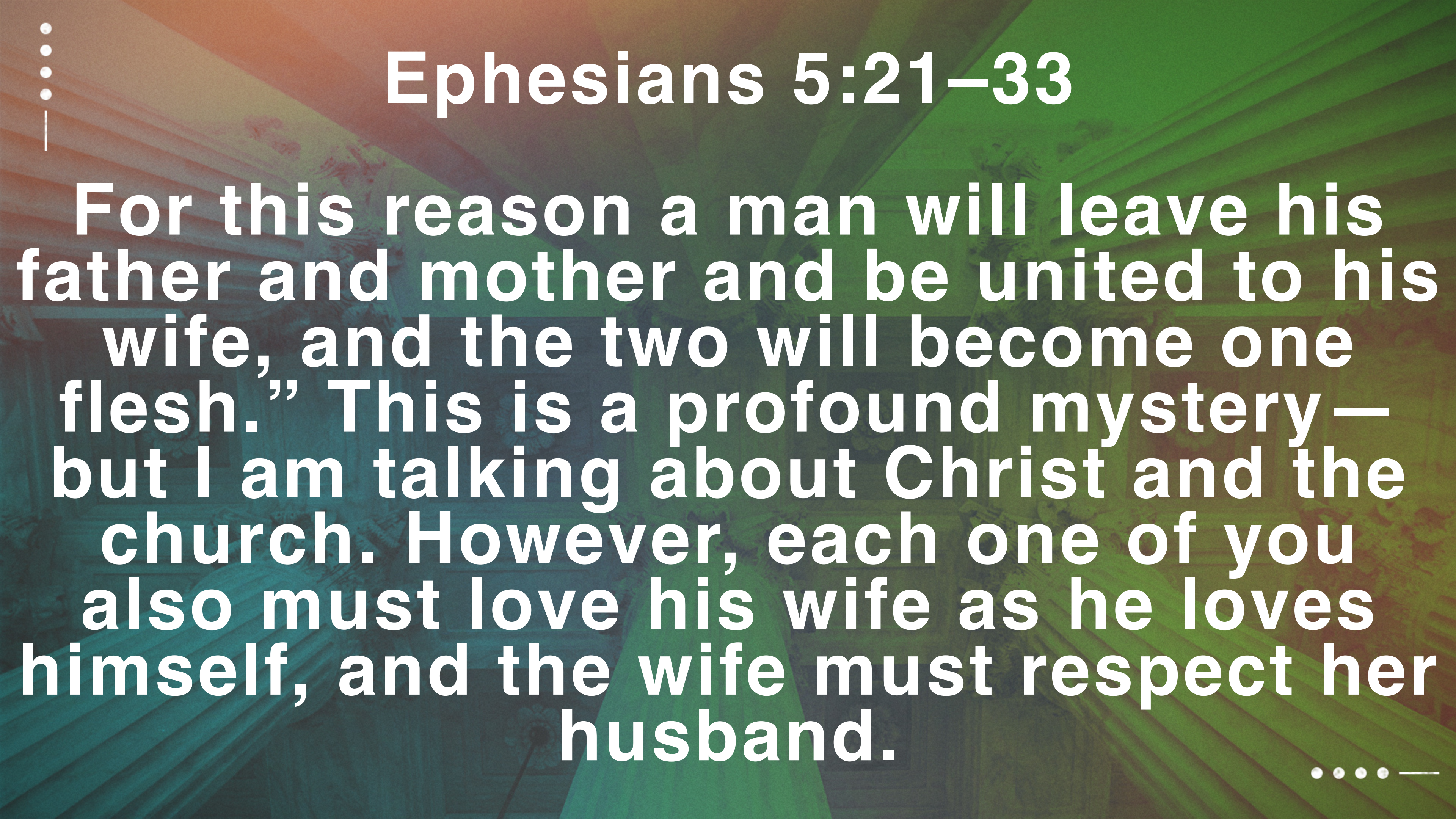
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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.



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In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.



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For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



Mutual Reverence

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"Submit to one another out of
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Husbands: Sacrificial, Gentle Love

Ephesians 5:25

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Colossians 3:19

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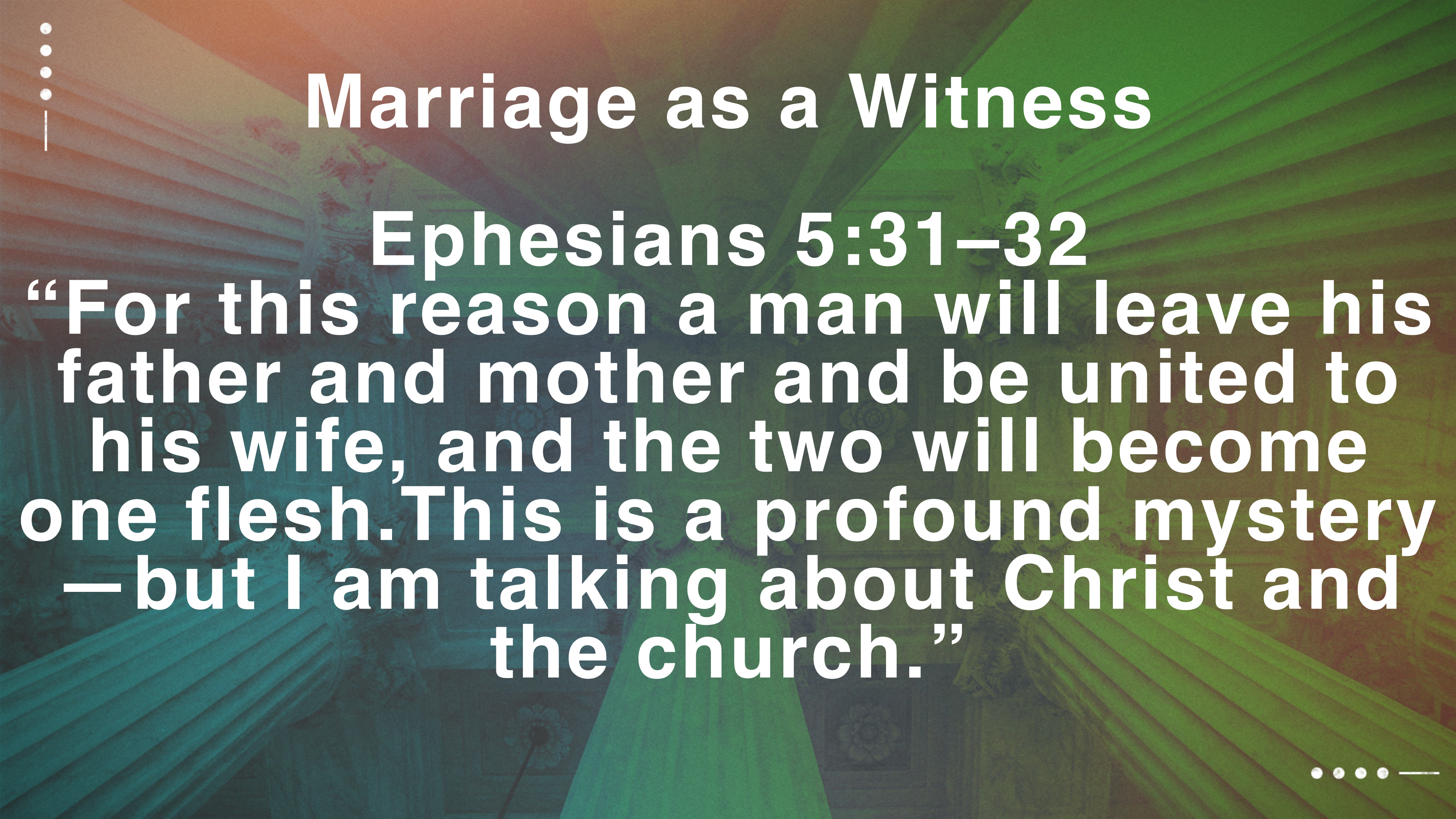
Wives: Respect and Partnering Love

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Where Is Your Marriage Right Now?

Thriving / Peaceful

Routine / Drifting

Hurting / Struggling