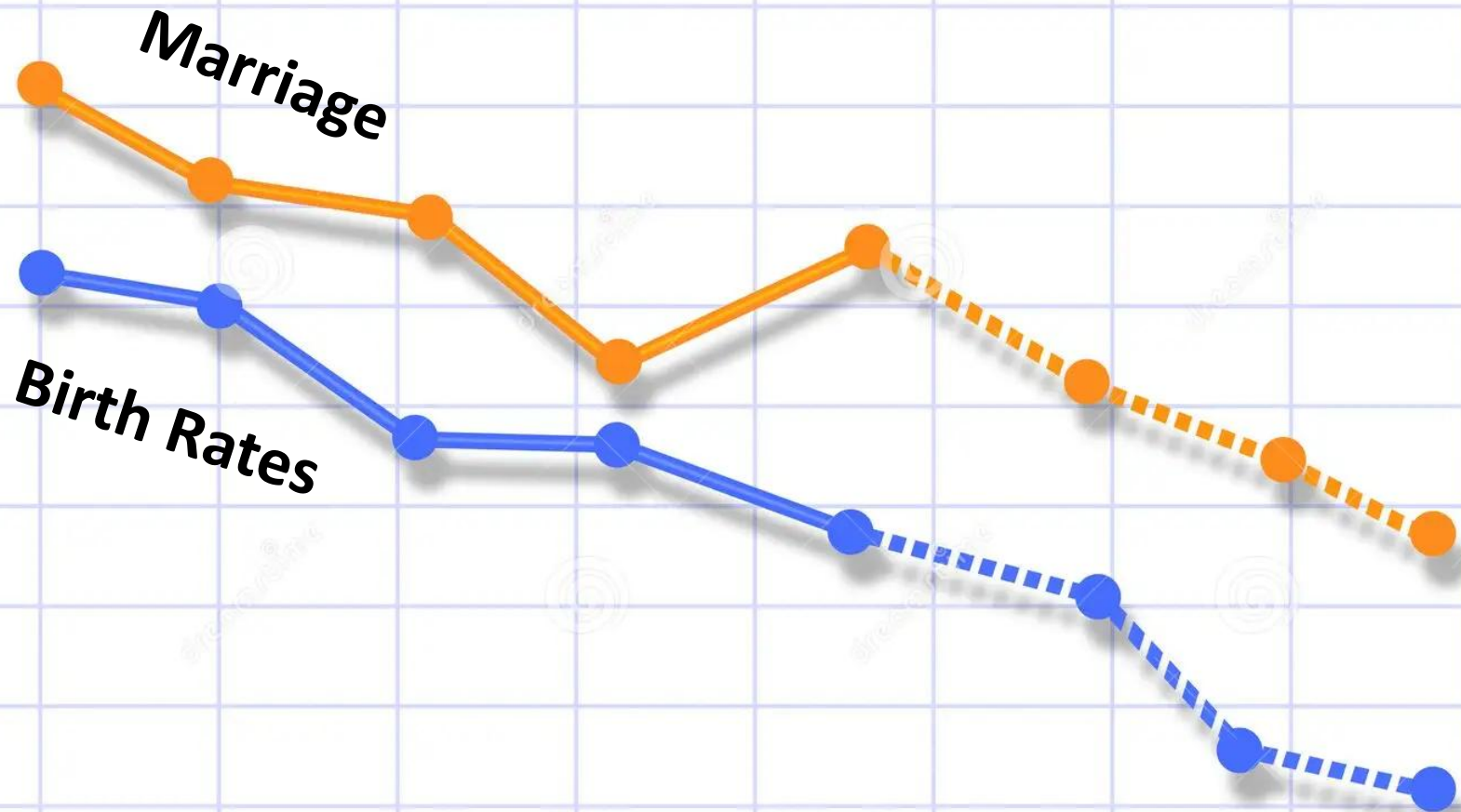
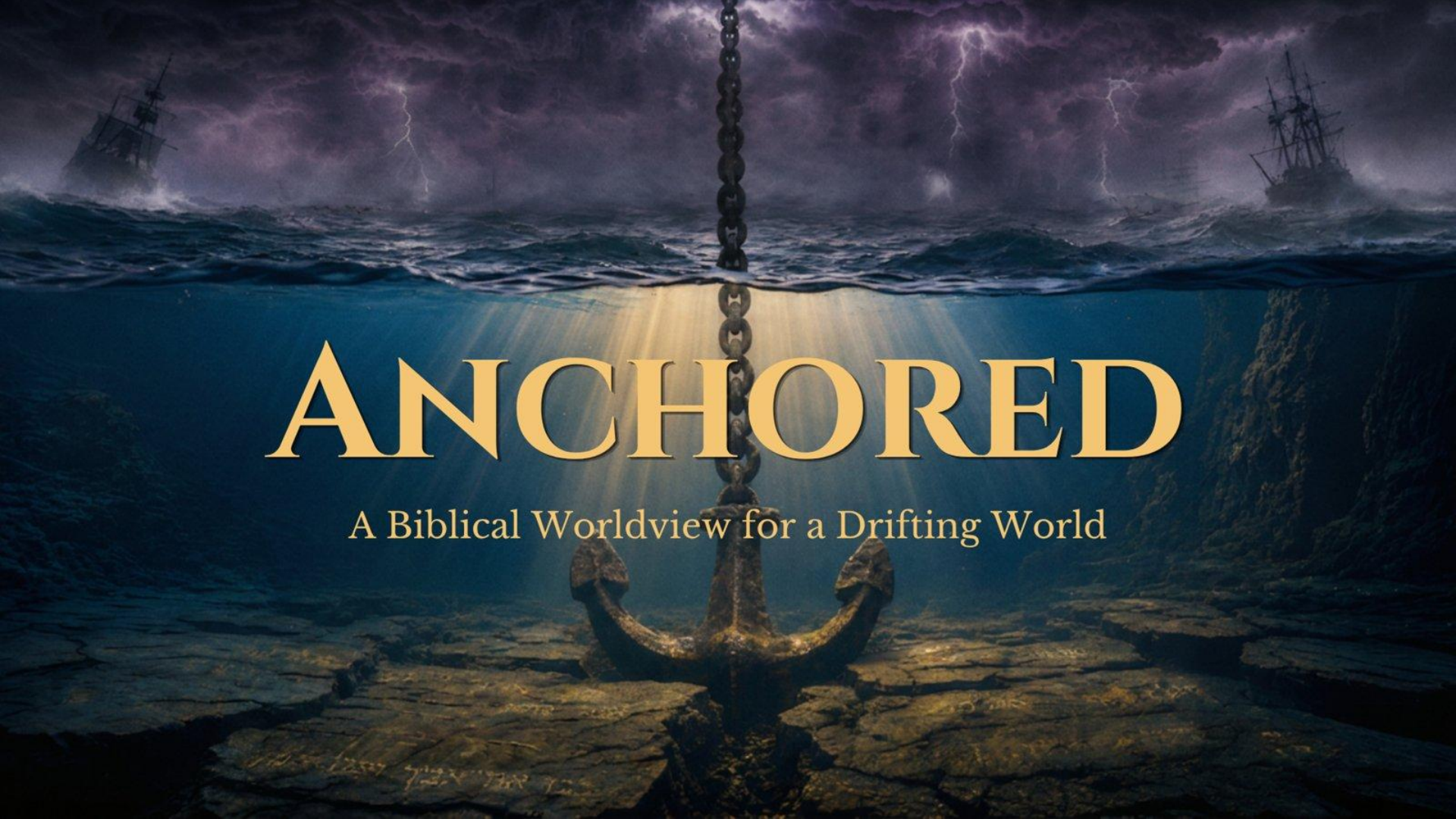








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A Biblical Worldview for a Drifting World

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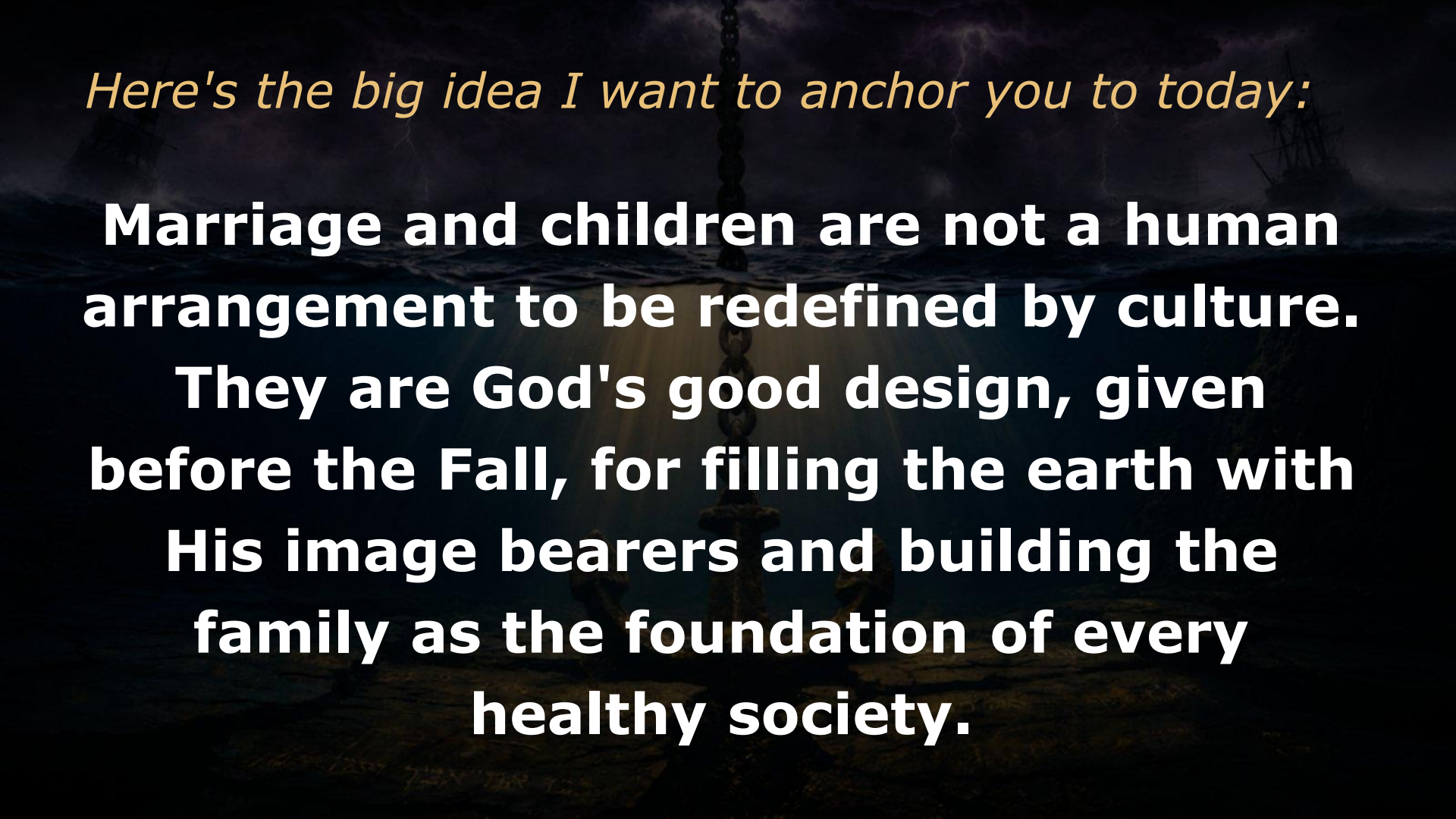
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Here's the big idea I want to anchor you to today:

Marriage and children are not a human arrangement to be redefined by culture.

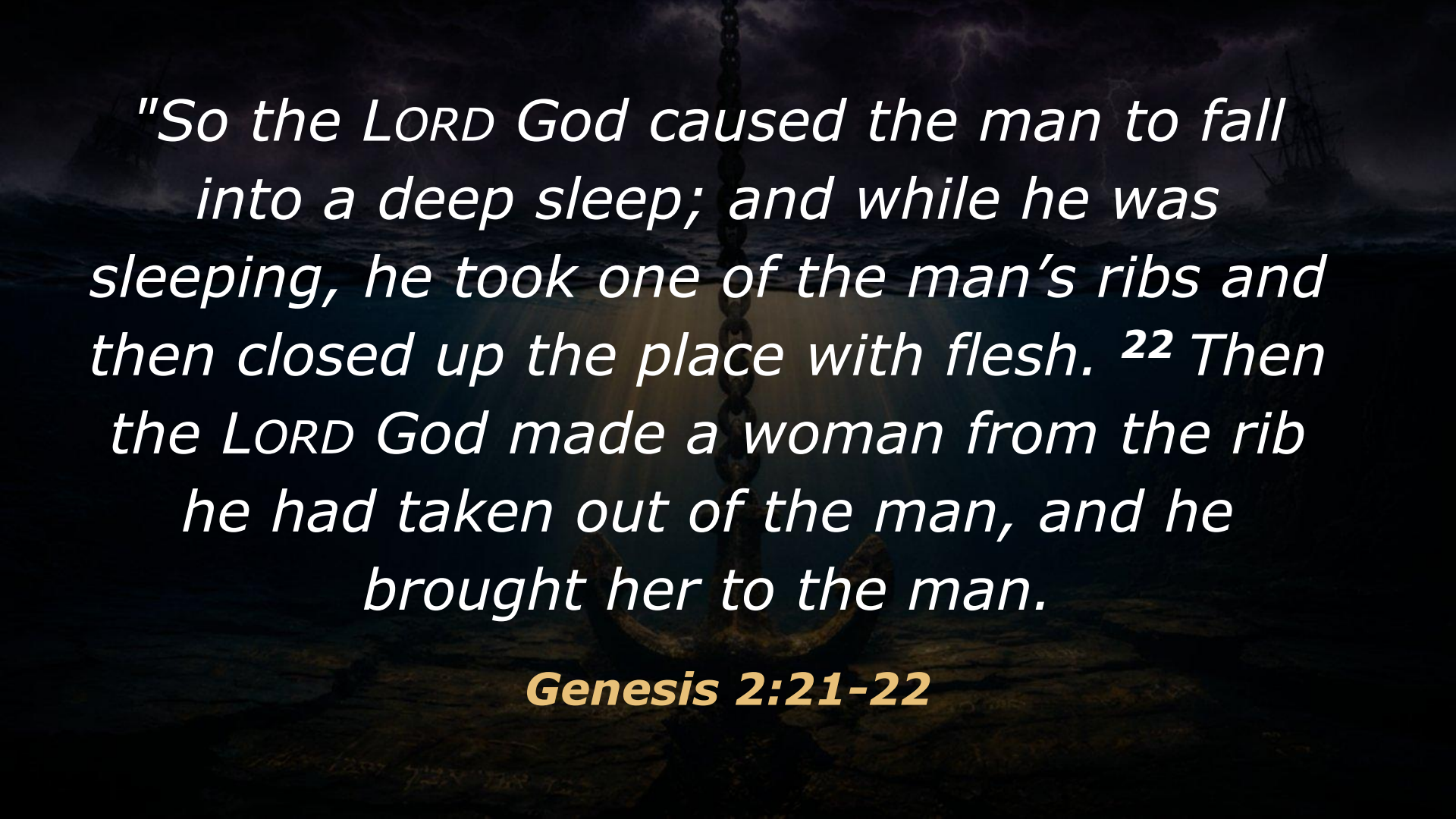
They are God's good design, given before the Fall, for filling the earth with His image bearers and building the family as the foundation of every healthy society.



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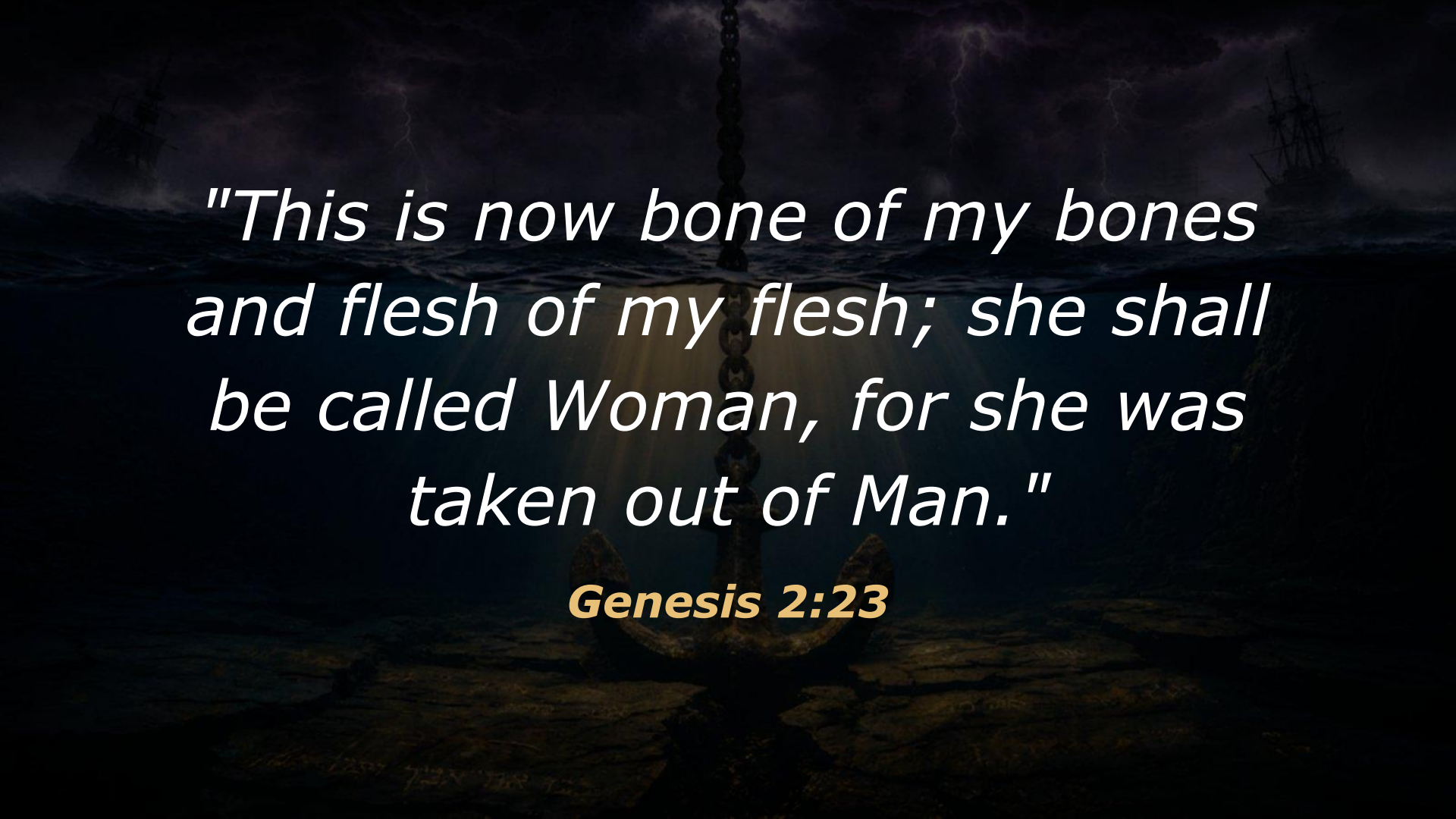
*"The Lord God said, 'It is not good for
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helper suitable for him.'"*

Genesis 2:18

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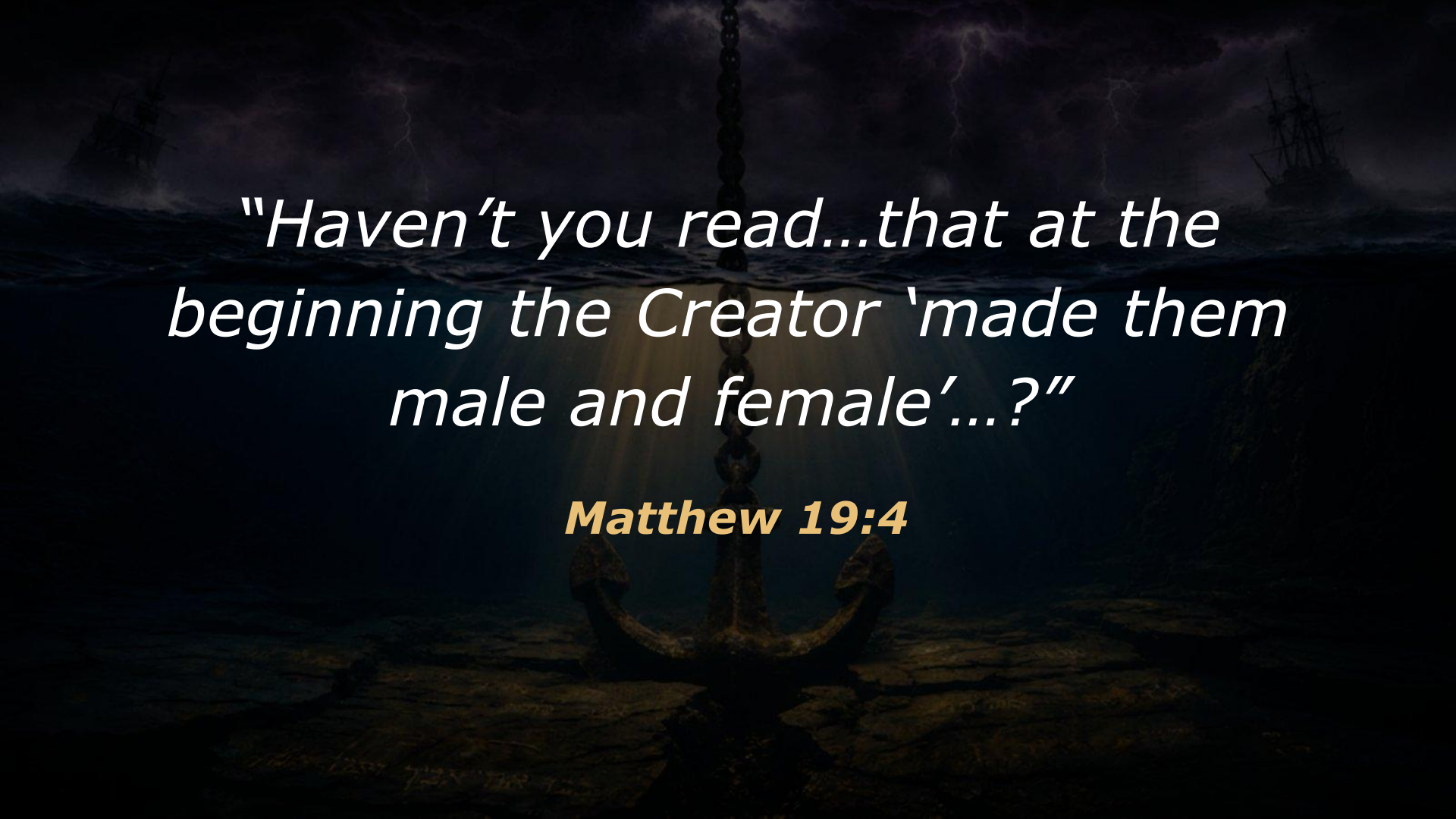
"So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:21-22



*"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh; she shall
be called Woman, for she was
taken out of Man."*

Genesis 2:23



*"Haven't you read...that at the
beginning the Creator 'made them
male and female'...?"*

Matthew 19:4

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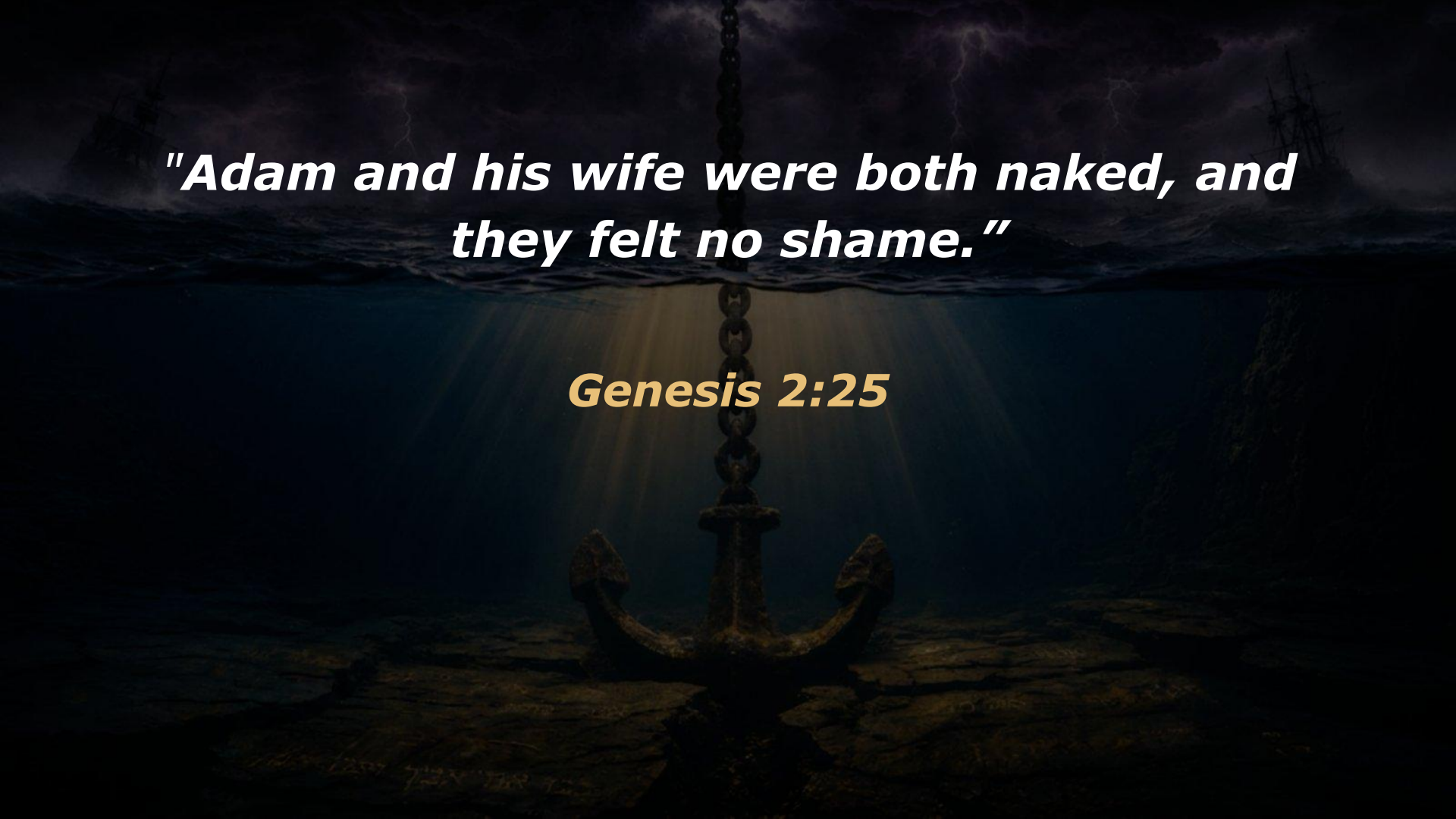
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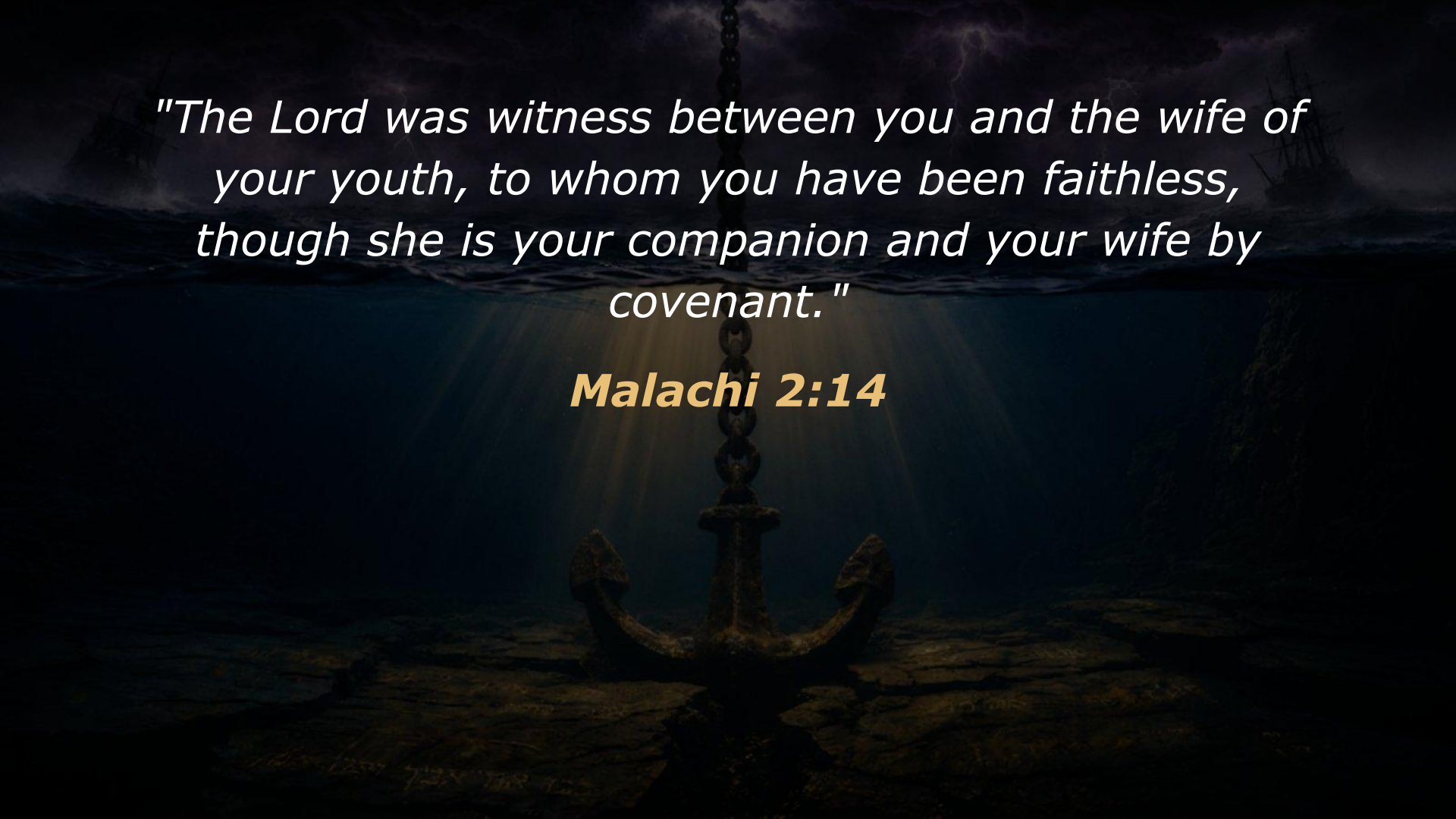
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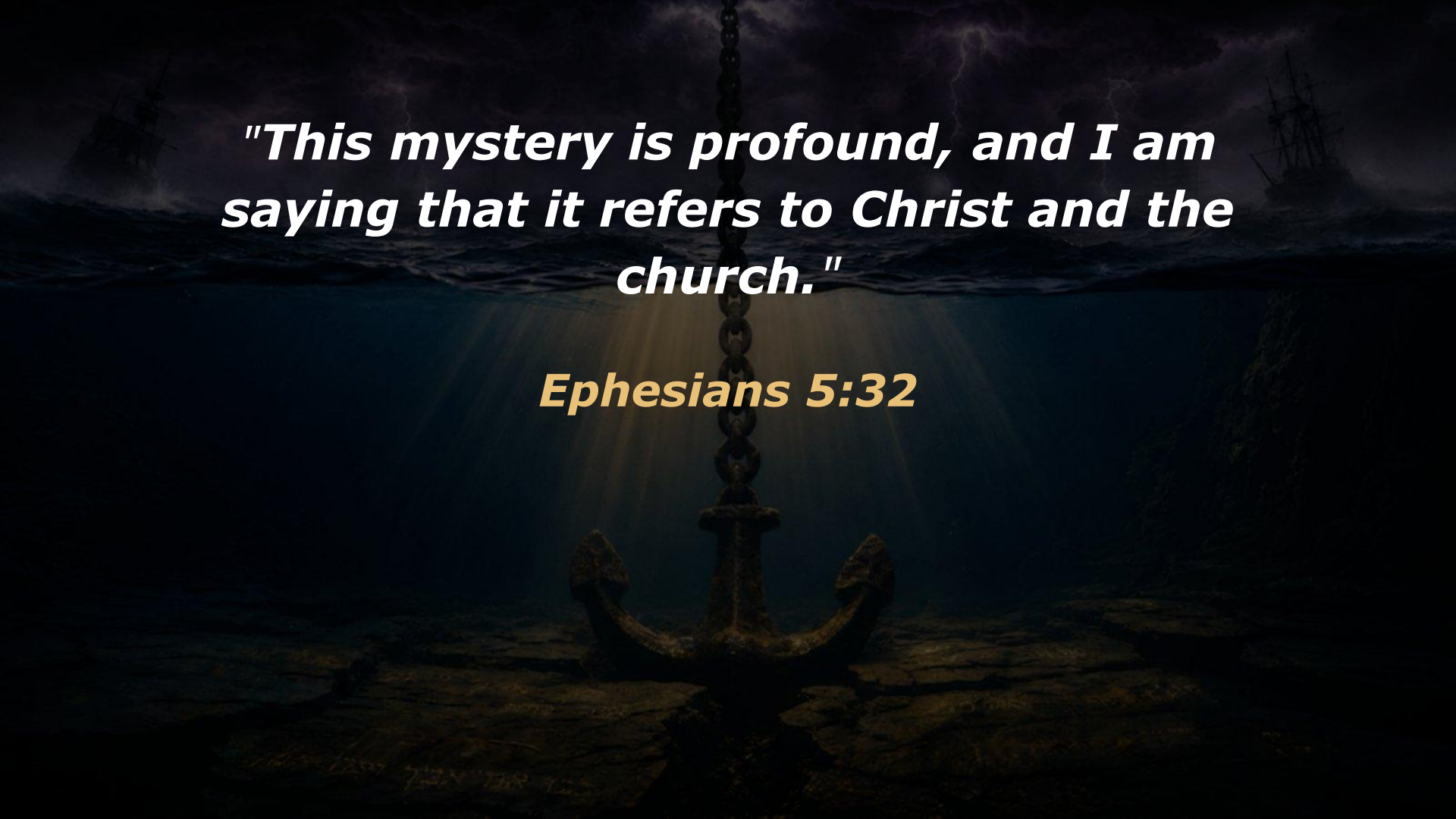
***"Adam and his wife were both naked, and
they felt no shame."***

Genesis 2:25



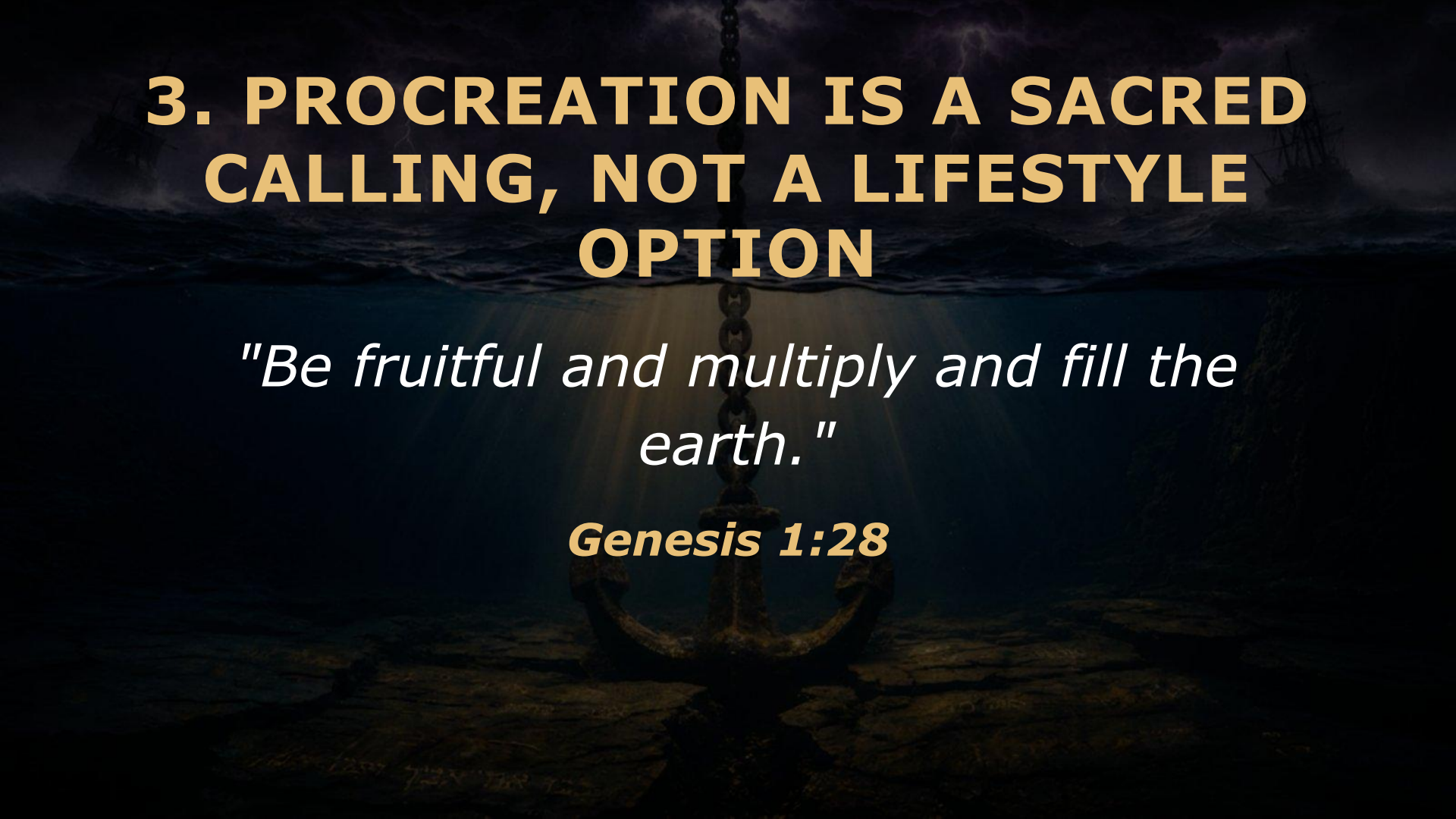
*"The Lord was witness between you and the wife of
your youth, to whom you have been faithless,
though she is your companion and your wife by
covenant."*

Malachi 2:14



***"This mystery is profound, and I am
saying that it refers to Christ and the
church."***

Ephesians 5:32



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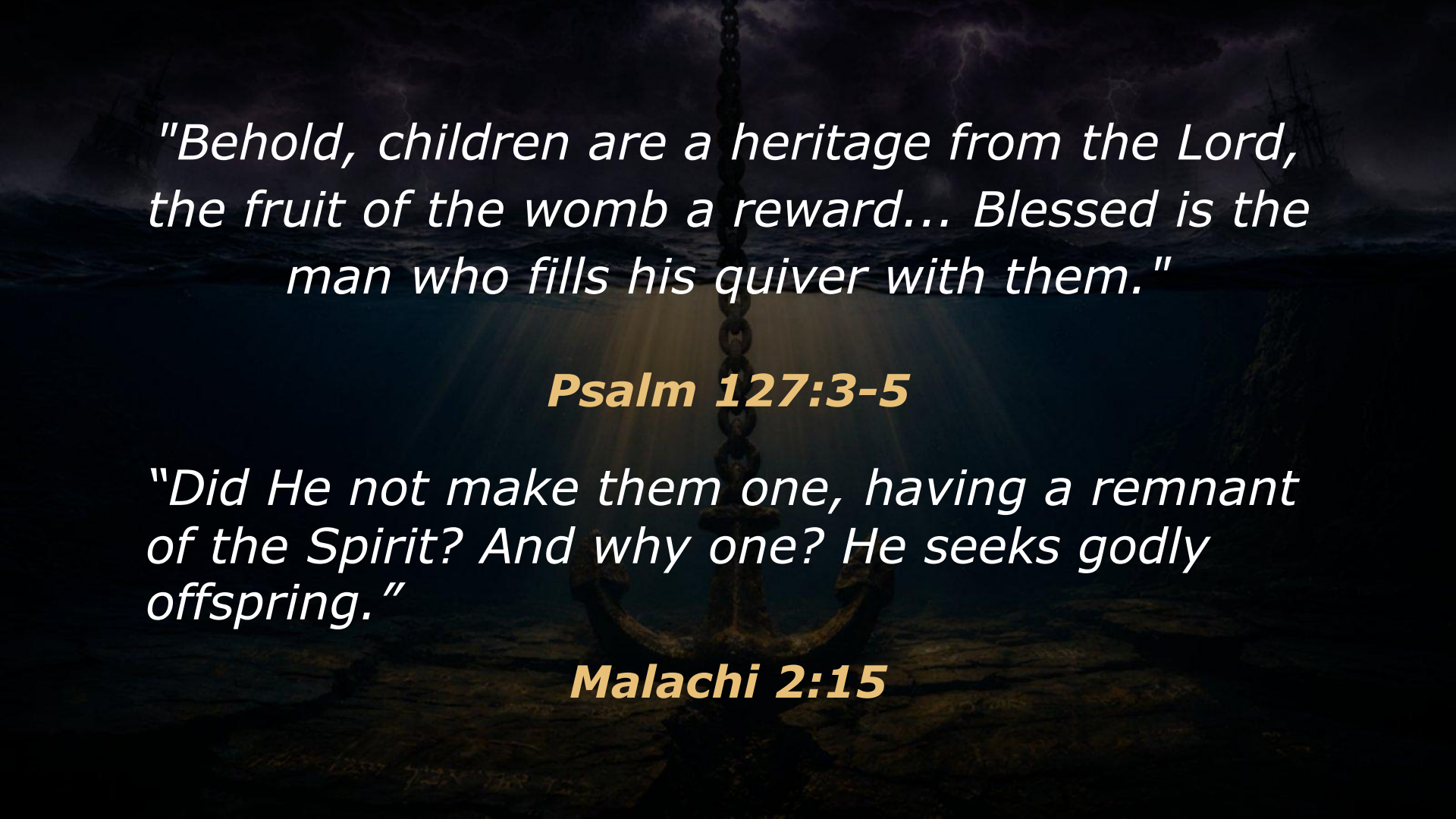
*"I have gotten a man with the help of the
Lord."*

Genesis 4:1



*"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
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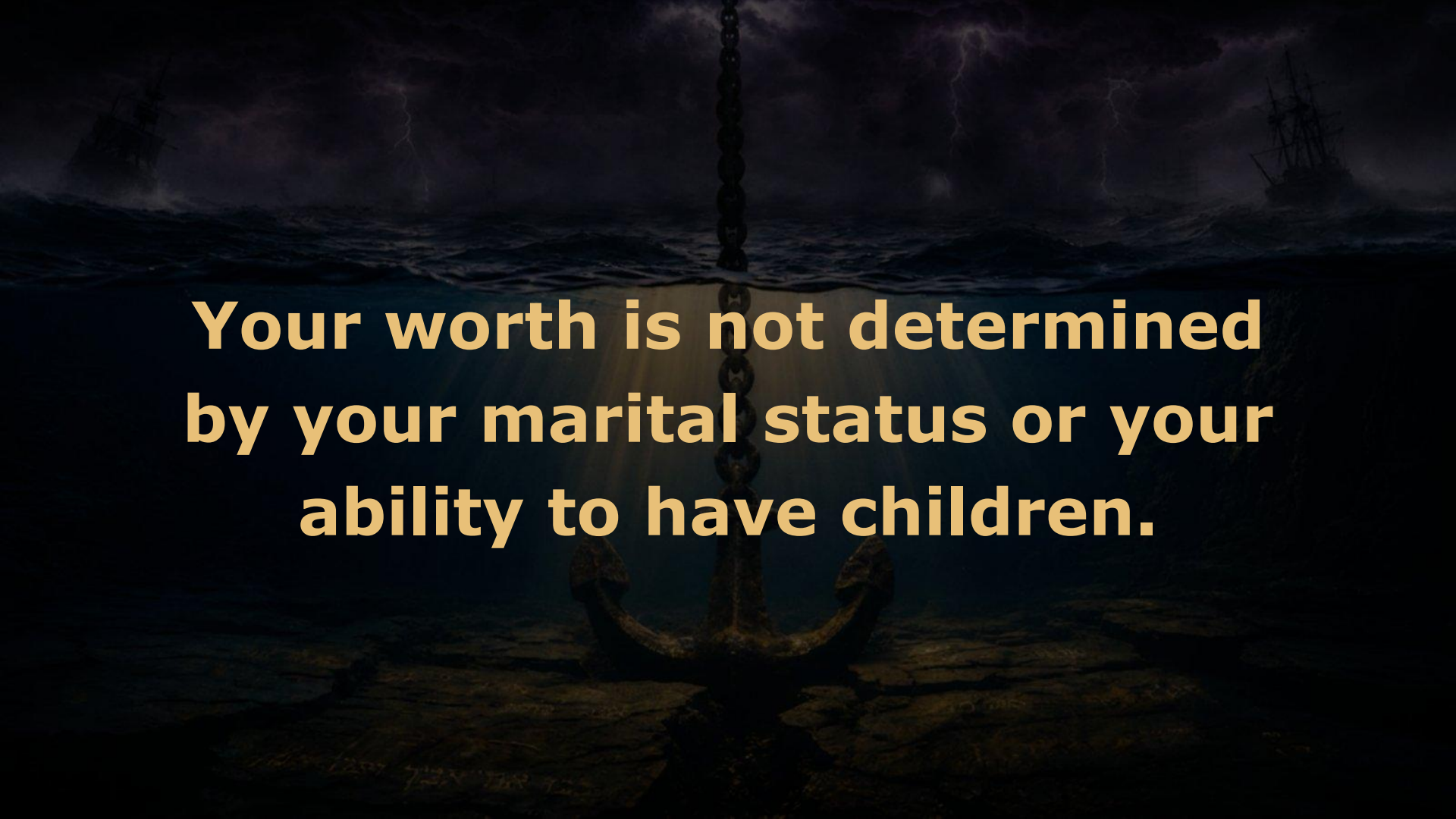


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*"Did He not make them one, having a remnant
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Malachi 2:15



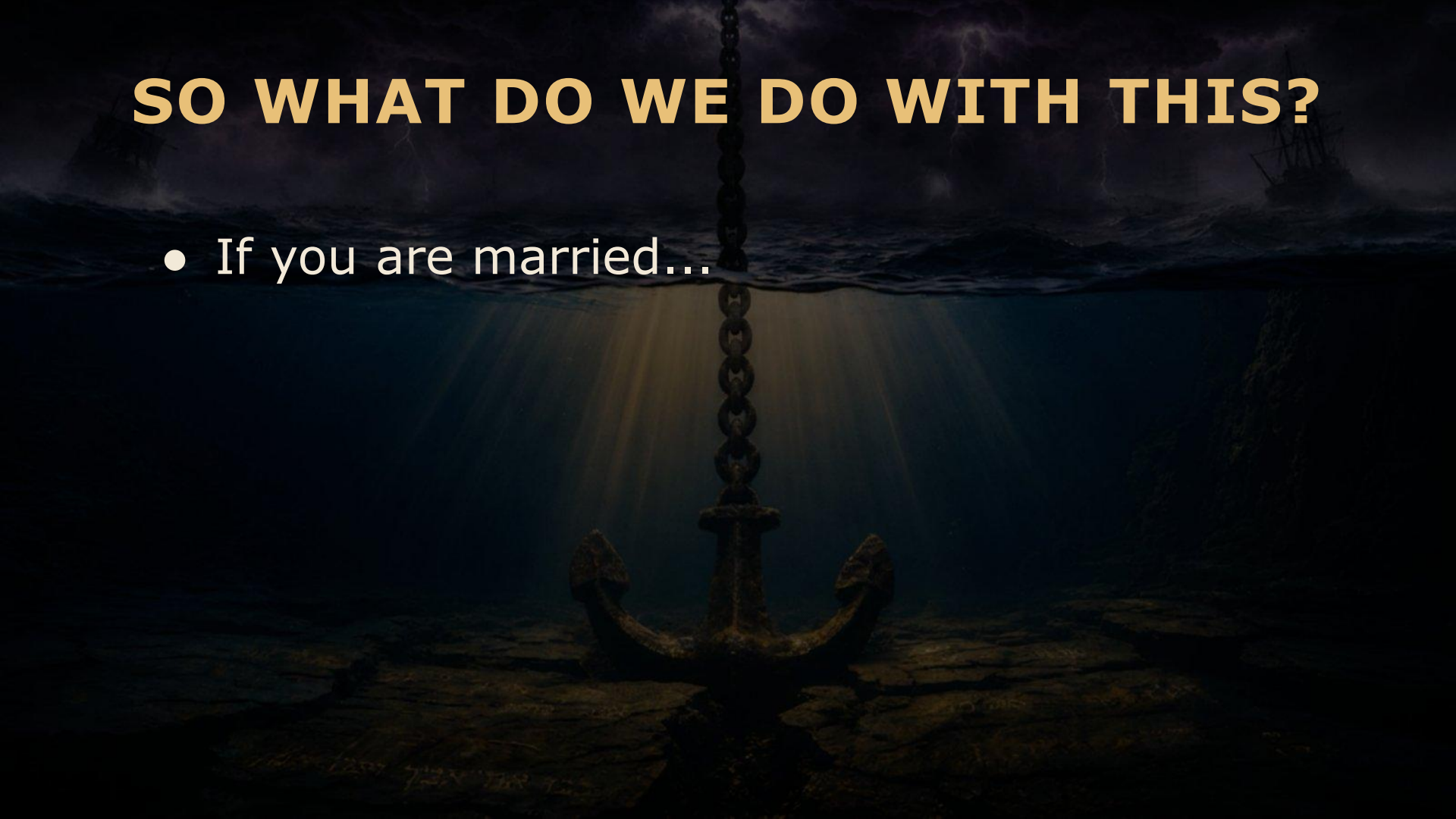
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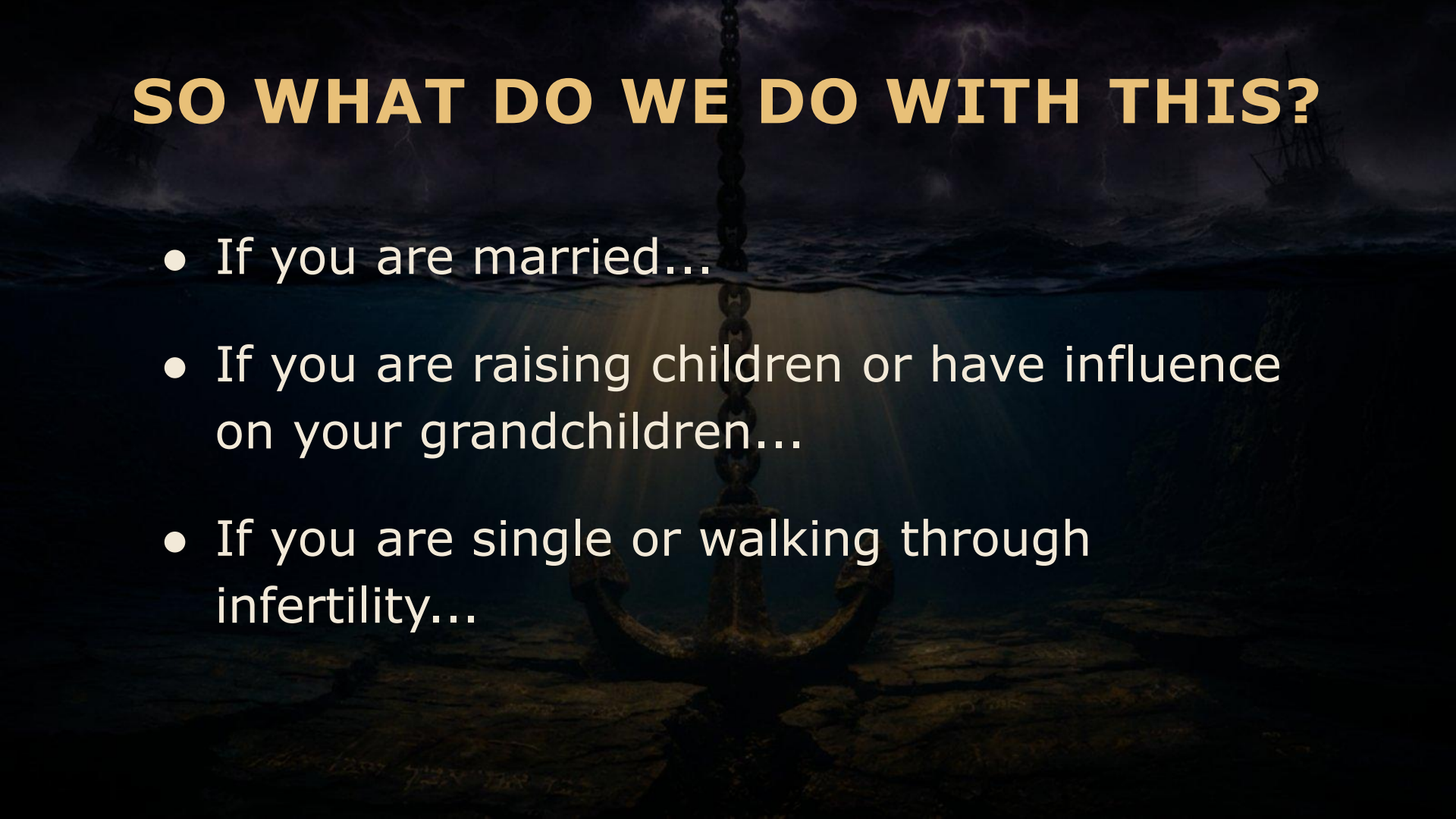


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- If you are single or walking through infertility...



And all of us:

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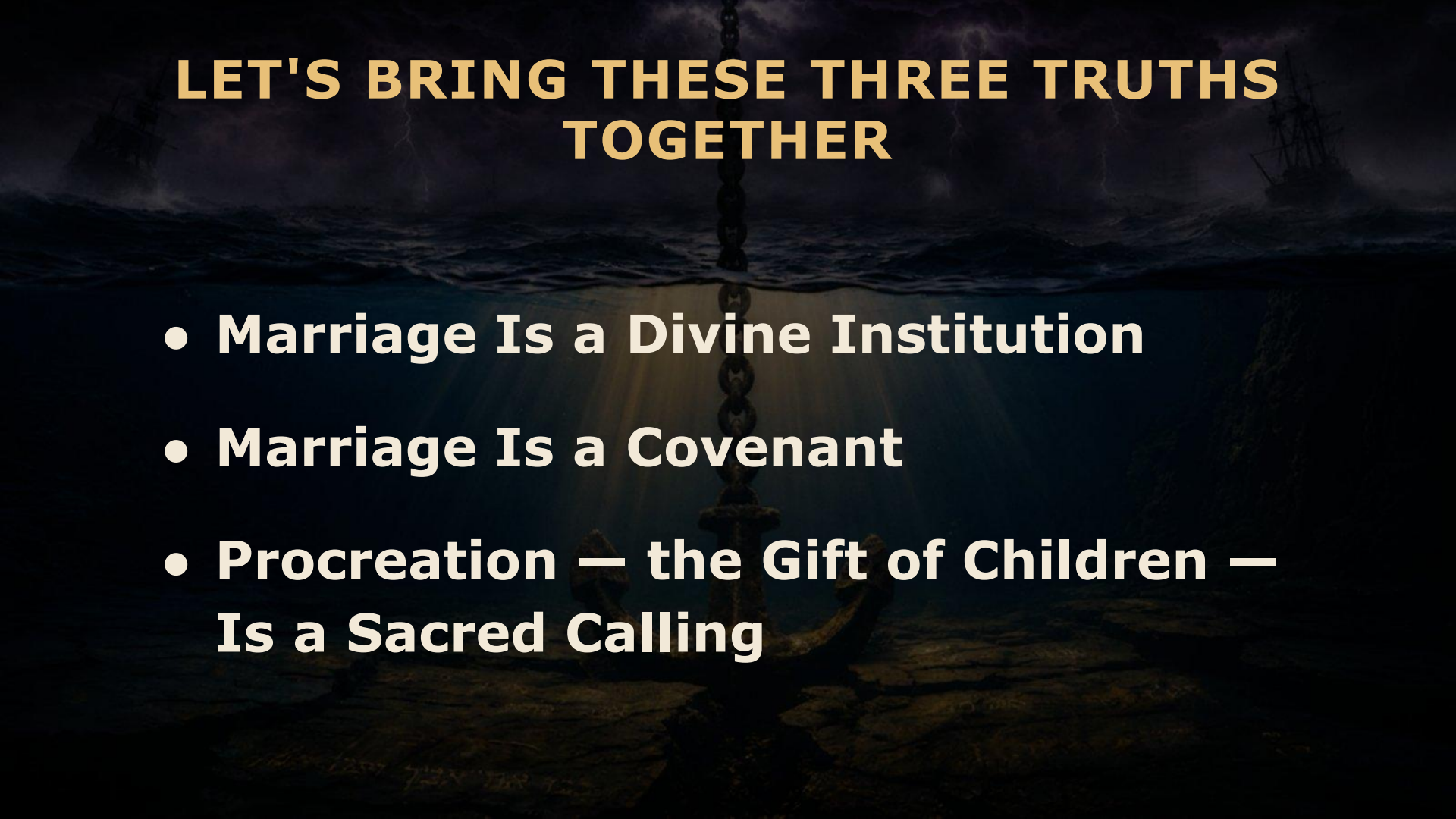


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