



I'M GOING TO BE A  
**BIG**  
SISTER



It's *all* about  
Jesus.

*All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16*

**Created for Him!**

**God's Blueprint for Marriage!**

**Part II**

**Colossians 3:19**




**Husbands, love your wives,  
and do not be harsh with them.**

# MIGHTY MEN






Love your wives: *apapate* - A verb of continuous action. A willing love, not the love of passion or emotion. "Keep on loving!"



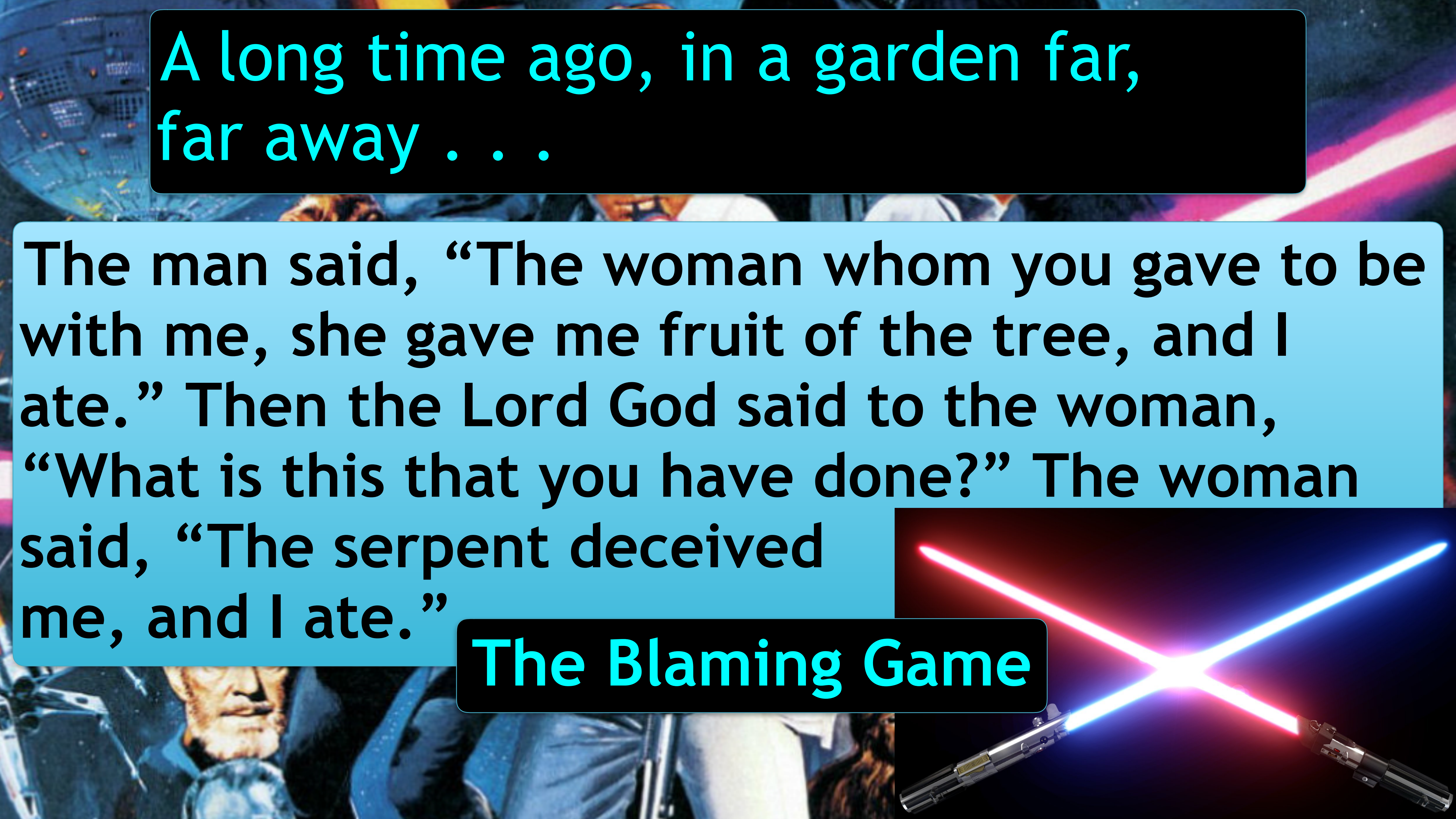
Do not be harsh: *pikrainesthe* - Not embittered against; something bitter in taste. Free from harshness, temper, or resentment.



In spite of the failures of the church, Jesus has continually loved her with forgiving grace and mercy, and has never become bitter due to the church's many sins. Eph. 5:25



Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. James 1:19,20



A long time ago, in a garden far,  
far away . . .

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**The Blaming Game**



At the heart of each relationship is the friendship factor  
- the essential ingredient of warmth and caring.

Key to success:  
A Coffee Cup marriage

Biblical reset needed?

First - Adjust expectations

✓ To listen carefully

✓ To forgive unconditionally

✓ To serve joyfully

✓ To love sacrificially