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HEART MATTERS

WHAT PEOPLE DO WHEN IT COMES TO THE LAW:

1. REDEFINE IT

2. EXPLOIT IT

3. LOOPHOLE IT

4. ABANDON IT

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MARK 7:21-22

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

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MATTHEW 15:8

These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

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MATTHEW 6:21

For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

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JEREMIAH 17:9 ESV

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

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PROVERBS 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

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1 SAMUEL 16:7

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

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MATTHEW 22:37

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

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MATTHEW 5:21-22

You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, “You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.” But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, “Raca,” is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, “You fool!” will be in danger of the fire of hell.

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**“IN DANGER OF THE
FIRE OF HELL”**

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HELL (GEHENNA):
A CURSED VALLEY OF
BURNING GARBAGE.

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ANGER:

IT IS SEEN IN THE HOLDING OF A GRUDGE, IN THE SMOLDERING BITTERNESS THAT REFUSES TO FORGIVE. IT IS THE ANGER THAT CHERISHES RESENTMENT AND DOES NOT WANT RECONCILIATION.



**“THE ANGER OF TODAY IS THE
REMORSE OF TOMORROW.”**

– Anonymous

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**“ANGER IS TEMPORARY
INSANITY.”**

– C.H. Spurgeon

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RACA:
WORTHLESS, EMPTY OF VALUE
AND DIGNITY, TO BE SPAT UPON.

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FOOL (MOROS):
TO HAVE NO CHARACTER
OR PERSONAL VALUE

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MATTHEW 5:23-24

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

EPHESIANS 4:26-27

In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.

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THREE STRONGHOLD SPIRITS:

1. OFFENDED SPIRIT

2. CRITICAL SPIRIT

3. UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

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OFFENDED SPIRIT

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**A NON-FORGIVING
CULTURE IS BASED IN
AN OFFENDED CULTURE.**

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MATTHEW 24:10 KJV

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

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PROVERBS 19:11

A person's wisdom yields patience;
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

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**OFFENSE IS BY CHANGE.
OFFENDED IS BY CHOICE.**

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OFFENSES CREATE FENCES.

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RESENTMENT

OFFENSES

CREATE

FENCES

CRITICAL

SUSPICION

AVOIDANCE



**THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CARRYING AN OFFENSE AND
COVERING AN INJUSTICE.**

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CRITICAL SPIRIT:

ROOTED IN PRIDE

ROOTED IN HURT

ROOTED IN SUSPICION OR MISTRUST

ROOTED IN COMPARISON

ROOTED IN ENTITLEMENT

ROOTED IN INSECURITY OR BLINDNESS

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**A CRITICAL SPIRIT IS
ALWAYS BUILDING A CASE
AND COLLECTING EVIDENCE.**

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UNFORGIVING SPIRIT:

UNFORGIVENESS ALWAYS KEEPS SCORE.

UNFORGIVENESS ALWAYS BOASTS OF ITS OWN RECORD.

UNFORGIVENESS ALWAYS COMPLAINS.

UNFORGIVENESS HAS A MARTYR SYNDROME.

UNFORGIVENESS ALWAYS ALIENATES, DIVIDES, AND SEPARATES.

**UNFORGIVENESS IS ALWAYS ENVIOUS AND JEALOUS WHEN ANGRY
AT SOMEONE WHO**

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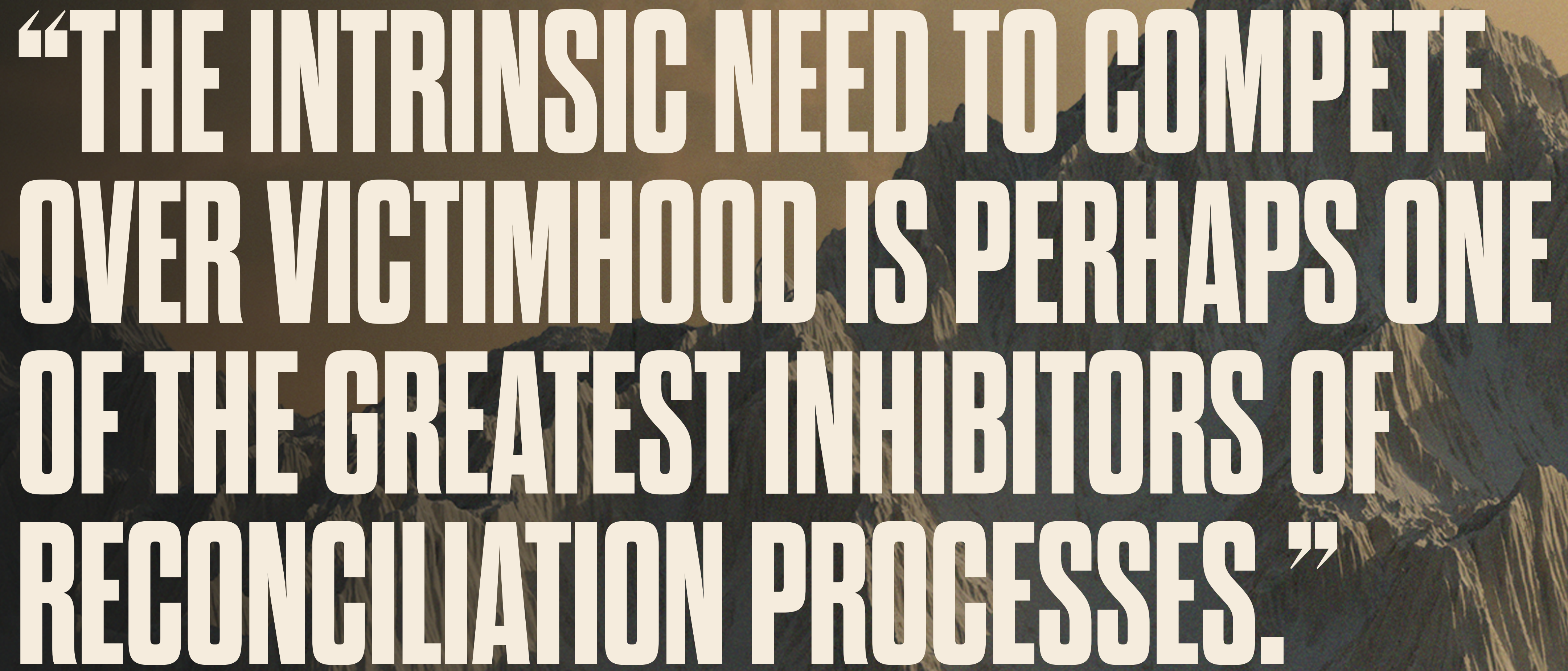
**THE GREATEST VIRTUE IN A CANCEL
CULTURE IS VICTIMHOOD.**

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**VICTIMHOOD CULTURE CREATES
COMPETITIVE VICTIMHOOD.**

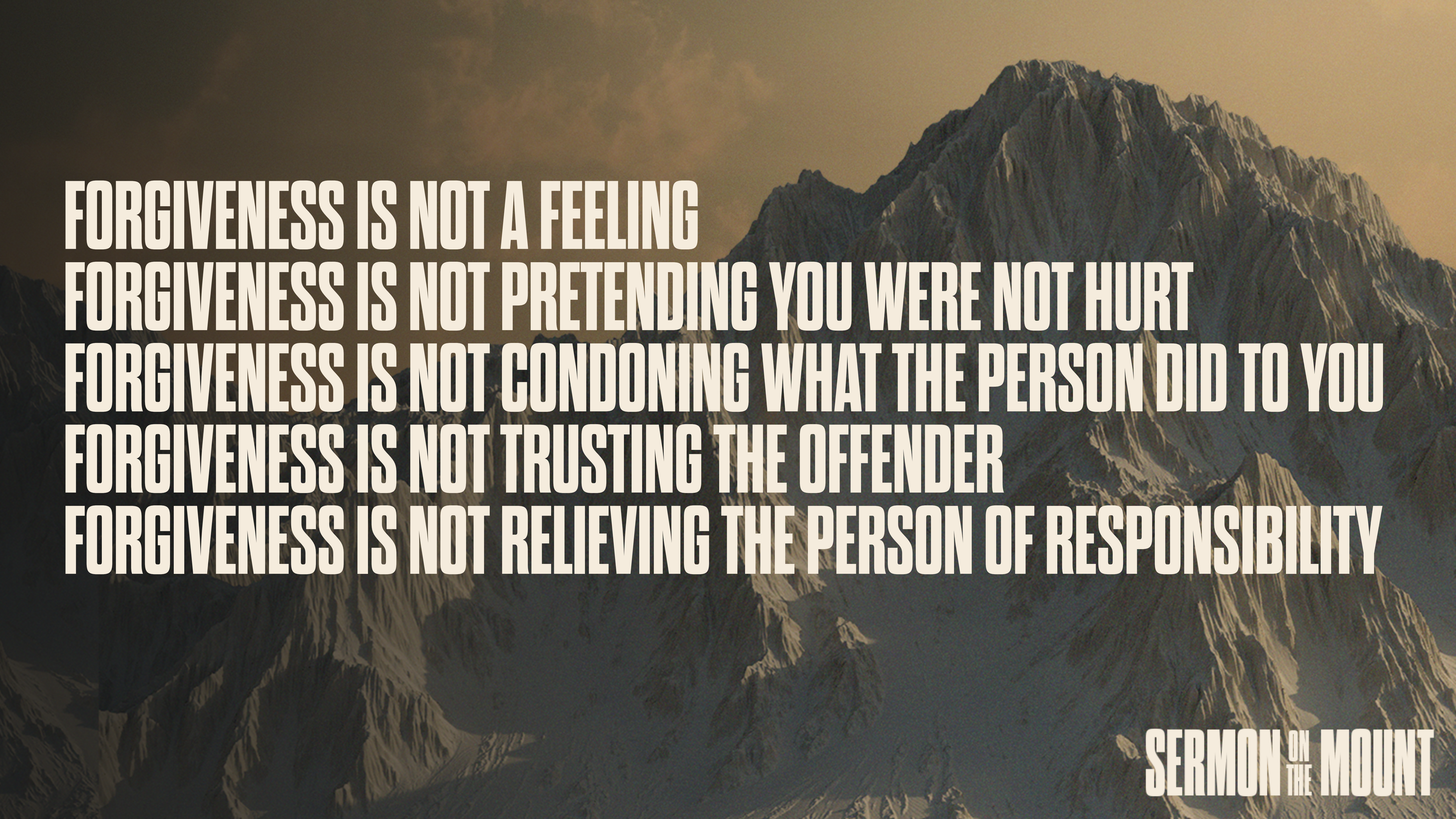
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**“THE INTRINSIC NEED TO COMPETE
OVER VICTIMHOOD IS PERHAPS ONE
OF THE GREATEST INHIBITORS OF
RECONCILIATION PROCESSES.”**

— Luca Andrighetto

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FORGIVENESS IS NOT A FEELING
FORGIVENESS IS NOT PRETENDING YOU WERE NOT HURT
FORGIVENESS IS NOT CONDONING WHAT THE PERSON DID TO YOU
FORGIVENESS IS NOT TRUSTING THE OFFENDER
FORGIVENESS IS NOT RELIEVING THE PERSON OF RESPONSIBILITY

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**FORGIVENESS MEANS
ERASING ALL DEBTS.**

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**FORGIVENESS MEANS NO
RELATIONAL SCOREBOARDS.**

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**UNFORGIVENESS TURNS
“SPIRIT” RECEIVING INTO
“SPIRIT” GRIEVING.**

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**FORGIVENESS RELEASES,
WHILE UNFORGIVENESS
RESTRAINS.**

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OFFENSE (SKANDALÍZŐ):
TO TRAP OR SNARE.

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MATTHEW 5:27-30

You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

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LOOKS (BLEP'-O):
TO MOVE FROM A GLANCE TO A GAZE.

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LUST:

**A DEEP DESIRE FOR. TO UNDRESS
IN ORDER TO POSSESS.**

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MODESTY:

**MODERATION, SENSE OF HONOR, A
PROPER REFLECTION OF ONESELF.**

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MATTHEW 5:31-32

It has been said, “Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.” But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

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MALACHI 2:16

“For I hate divorce,” says the Lord.

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MATTHEW 19:8

Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.”

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SEXUAL IMMORALITY (PORNEIA):
PORNEIA IS THE MOST GENERAL GREEK
WORD FOR ILLICIT SEXUAL INTERCOURSE.

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**DIVORCE CONFUSES THE CHURCH
TODAY BECAUSE MARRIAGE CONFUSES.
MARRIAGE CONFUSES BECAUSE
LOVE CONFUSES.**

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**YOU HAVE TO HAVE A RIGHT
THEOLOGY OF MARRIAGE
BEFORE YOU HAVE A RIGHT
THEOLOGY OF DIVORCE.**

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MARK 10:8-9

“And the two will become one flesh.”

So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

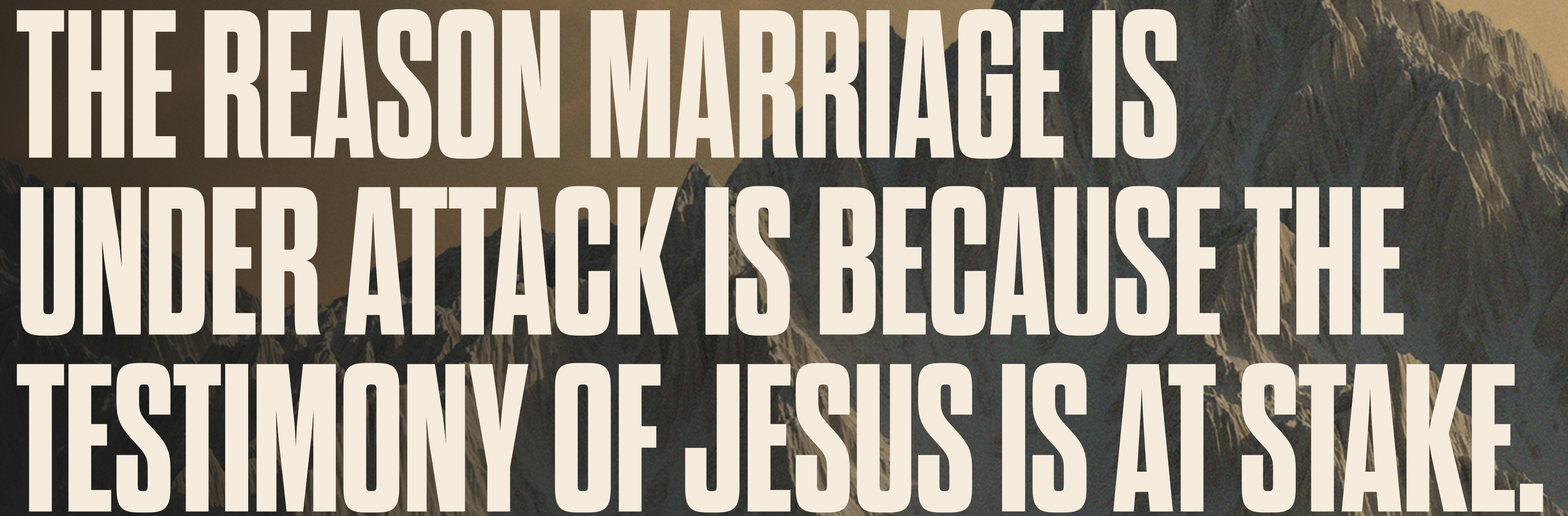
Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate.

MARRIAGE COVENANT:
**“ONE FLESH FORMATION” . THE INTIMATE
MERCING OF TWO LIVES BECOMING MORE
LIKE JESUS, LIVING DISTINCTLY FOR JESUS.**

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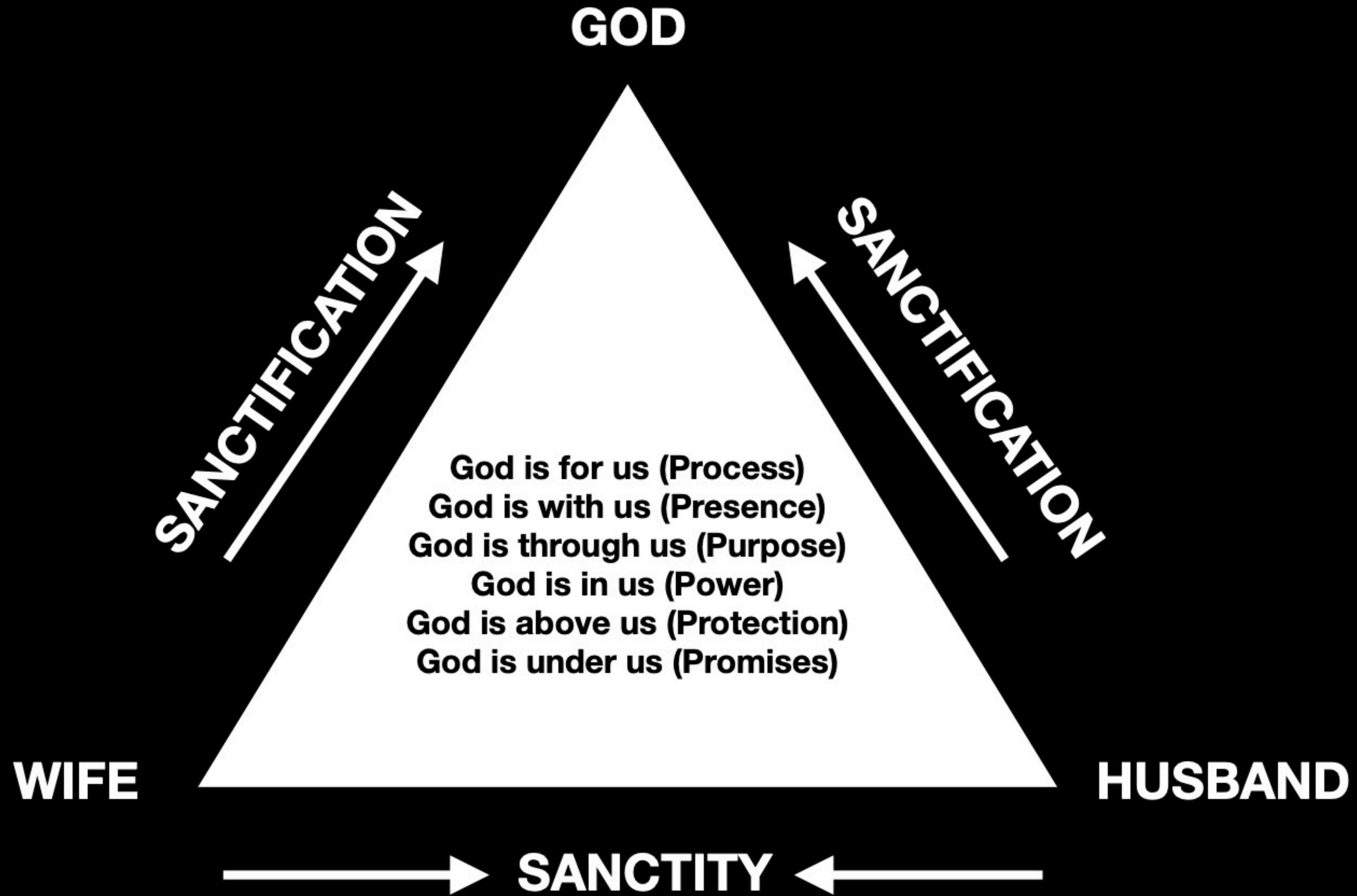
ONE FLESH FORMATION:
WHAT IF I SAW MY SPOUSE AS
AN ASSET, NOT A LIABILITY,
TO MY TRANSFORMATION.

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**THE REASON MARRIAGE IS
UNDER ATTACK IS BECAUSE THE
TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS AT STAKE.**

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**THE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE THRIVES THROUGH
THE SANCTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE.**

**THE SANCTIFICATION OF MARRIAGE HAPPENS WITHIN
THE SACRIFICES OF MARRIAGE.**

**THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE GETS REPLACED BY
THE INSPIRATION OF MARRIAGE.**

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**YOUR LASTING IN MARRIAGE
COMES FROM YOUR ELASTICITY
IN MARRIAGE.**

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FIVE KEYS TO INTIMACY - PUTTING ELASTICITY IN YOUR MARRIAGE:

- 1. SOCIAL INTIMACY: ENJOYING LIFE TOGETHER**
- 2. EMOTIONAL INTIMACY: FEELING TOGETHER**
- 3. INTELLECTUAL INTIMACY: THINKING AND TALKING TOGETHER**
- 4. PHYSICAL INTIMACY: TOUCHING TOGETHER**
- 5. SPIRITUAL INTIMACY: EXPERIENCING AND EXPRESSING GOD TOGETHER**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What makes you angry and how do you handle your anger?
2. What have you done to work on any anger in your life?
3. What is the difference between righteous anger and sinful anger?
4. What areas of your life do you need forgiveness or reconciliation?
5. Are you easily offended and why or why not?
6. In what ways can marriages avoid the pain of divorce?



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