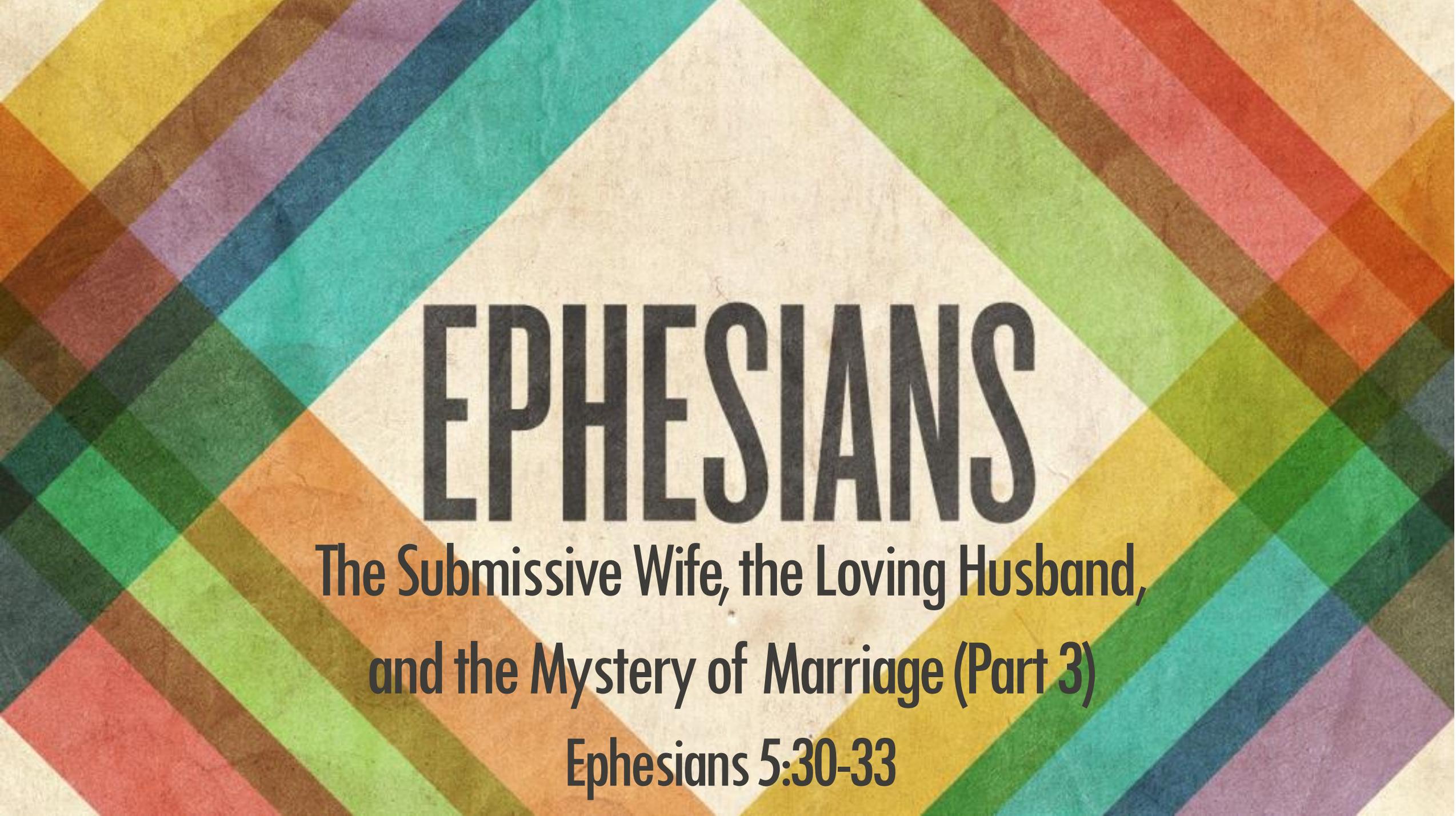




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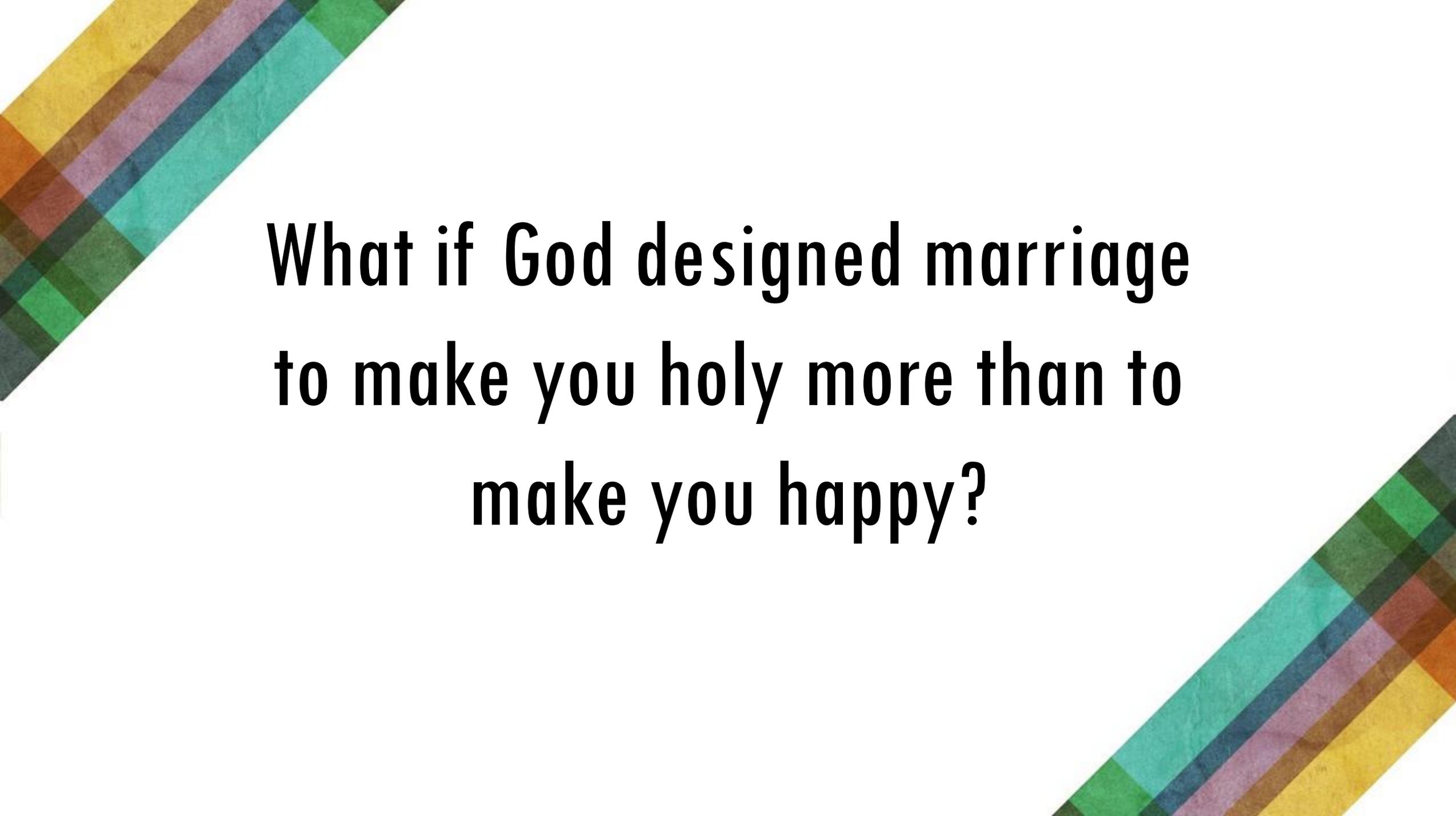
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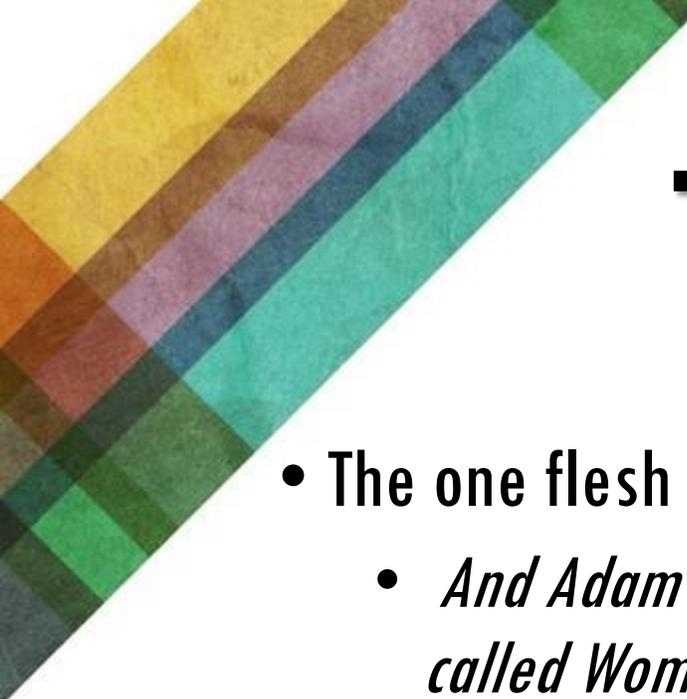
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**The Submissive Wife, the Loving Husband,
and the *Mystery of Marriage* (Part 3)**

Ephesians 5:30-33



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The Power of One Flesh

- The one flesh union was God's plan

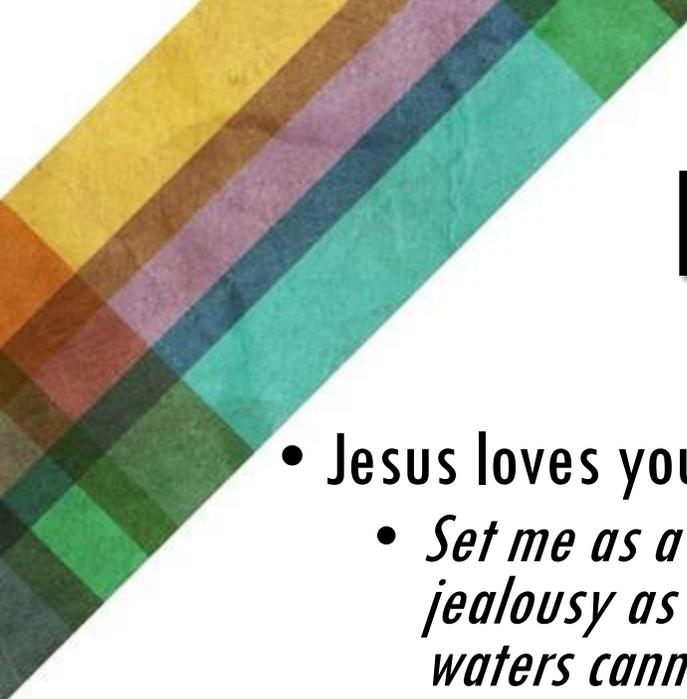
- *And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Genesis 2:23-24

- We are united with Christ

- *A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.*

John 14:19-20



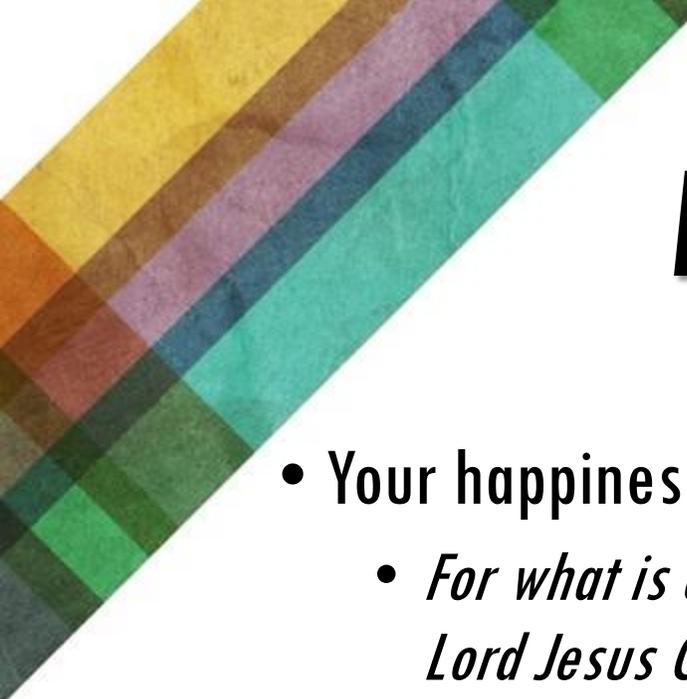
How He Loves Us

- Jesus loves you passionately

- *Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised.* Song of Solomon 8:6-7

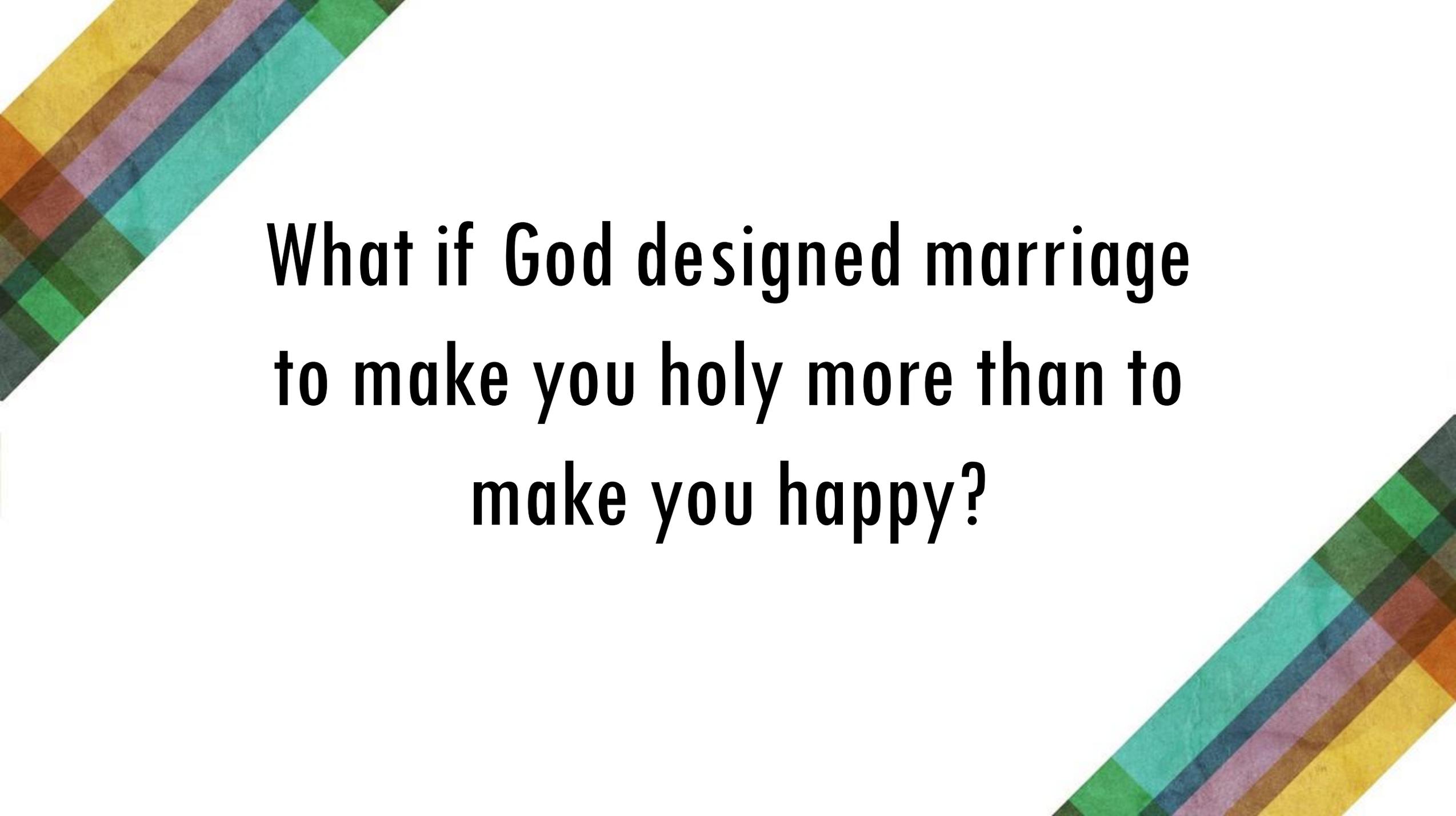
- He loves you unconditionally

- *For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* Ephesians 3:14-19



Marriage is about Jesus

- Your happiness is not your spouse's responsibility
 - *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy.* 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20
- Your motivation to submit to your husband or to love your wife is your submission and love for Jesus
 - *Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.* John 14:22-24



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