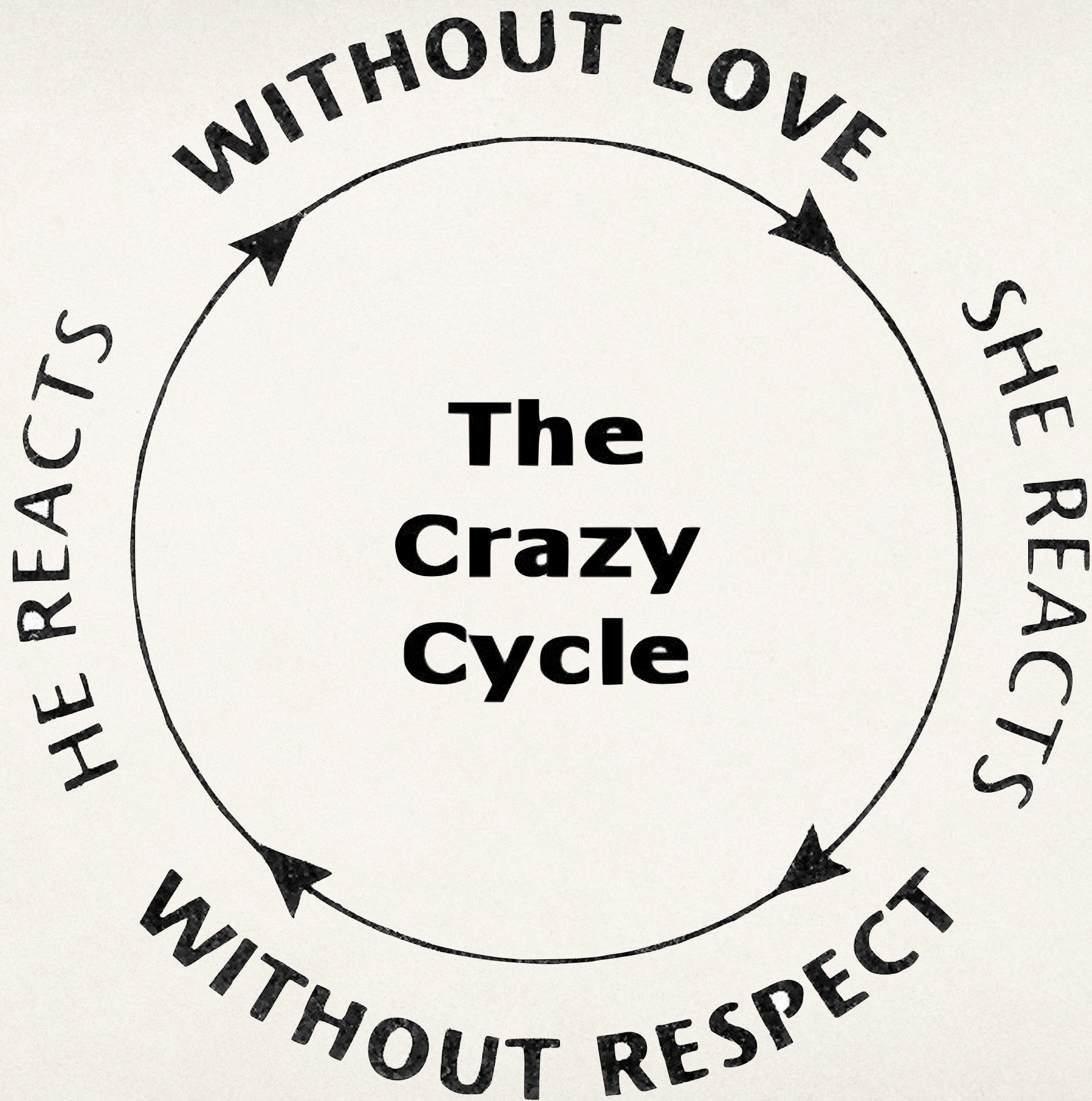


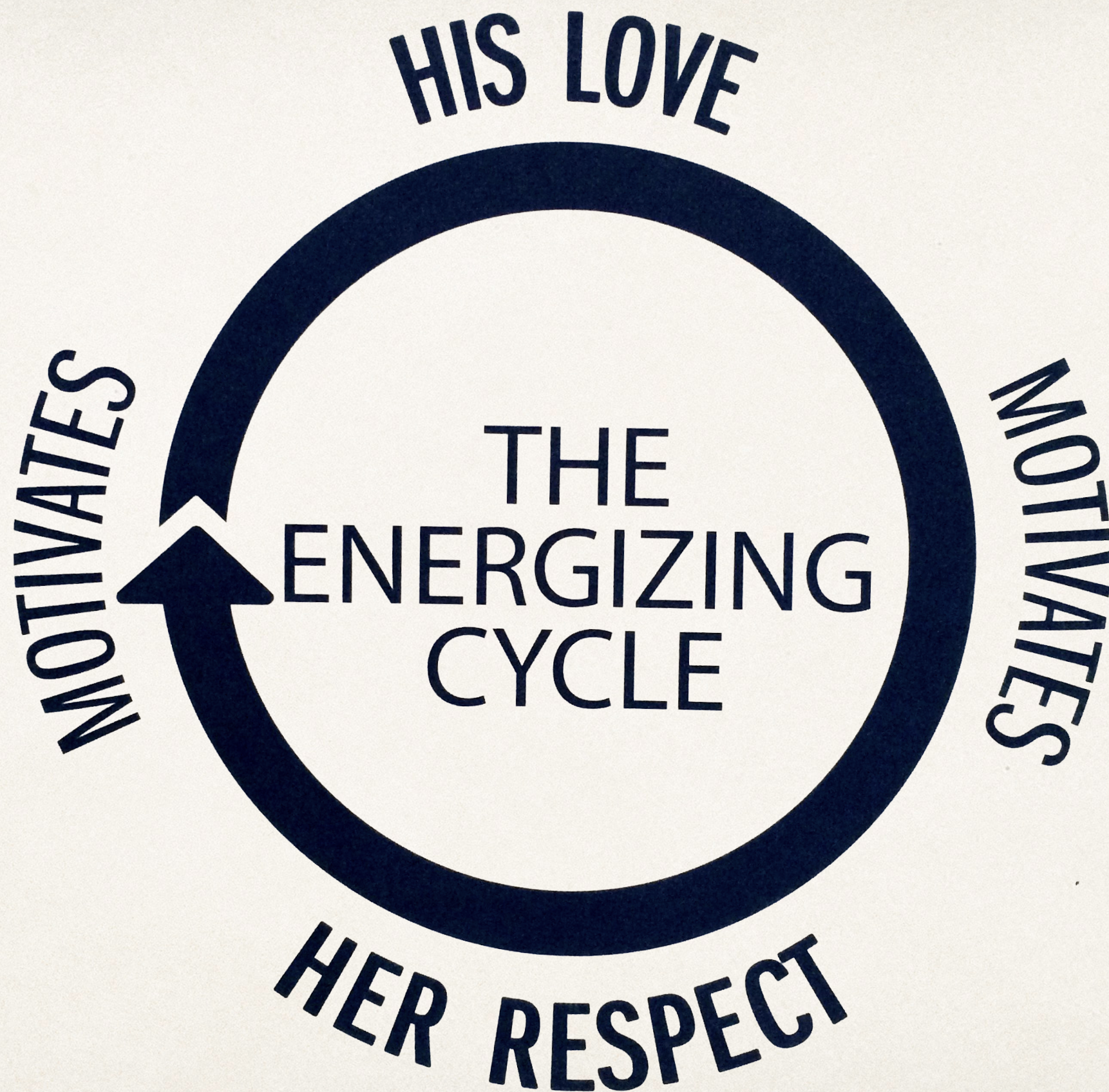


LOVE & RESPECT

The Love she desires.
The Respect he needs.

SO AGAIN I SAY,
EACH MAN MUST *love* HIS WIFE
AS HE LOVES HIMSELF,
AND THE WIFE MUST *respect* HER HUSBAND.
EPHESIANS 5:33, NLT







“

The purpose of marriage is a tool and a test to
deepen and demonstrate our unconditional
love and our reverence for Christ. It is not
about you nor your spouse, it is about Christ...
Our relationship with Christ.

”

—Dr. Emerson Eggerichs



Relationship Gone Sour...

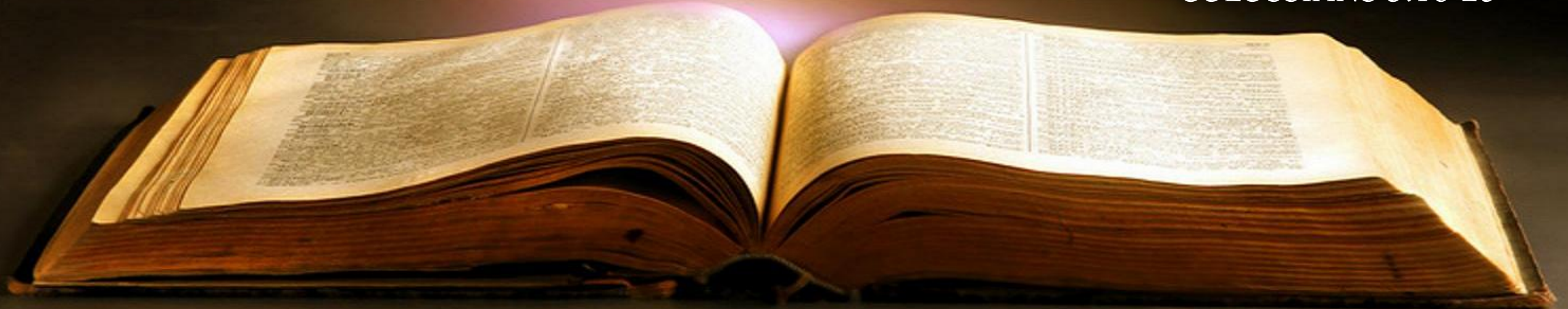
... so what's the point?

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1. WHY?...WHAT IS THE INCENTIVE? DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

*“Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. **Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.** Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:18-25

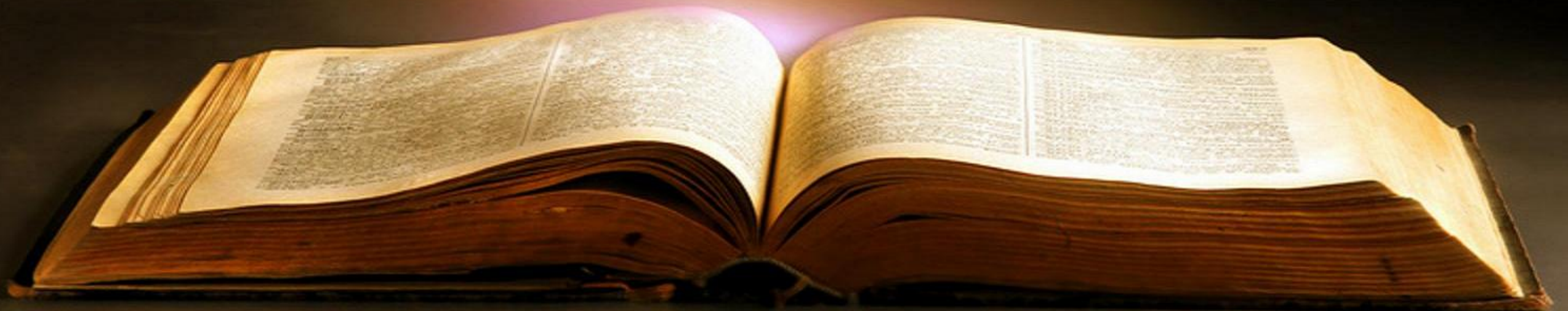


1. WHY? WHAT IS THE INCENTIVE? DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**”*

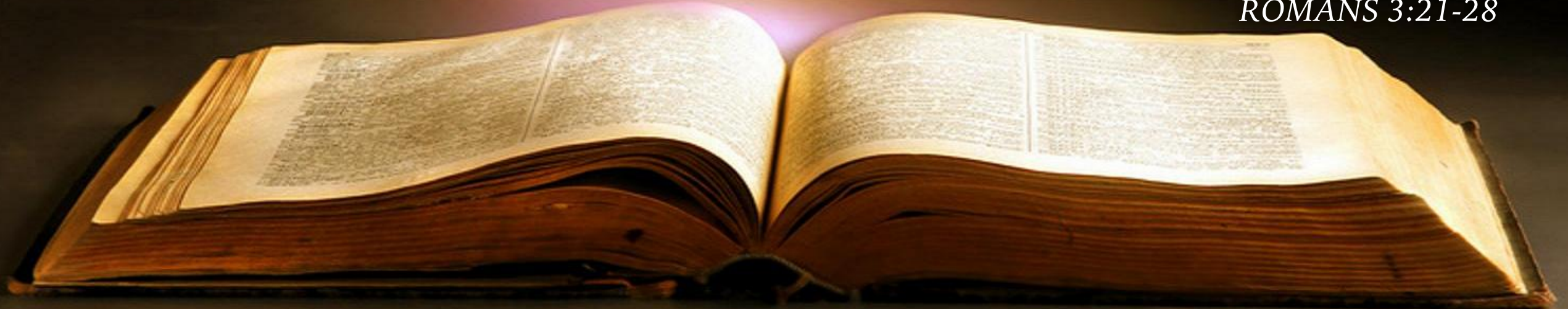
JOHN 15:9-13



2. OUR RESPONSE: WHY TRY TO JUSTIFY YOURSELF?

*... all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and **all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.*

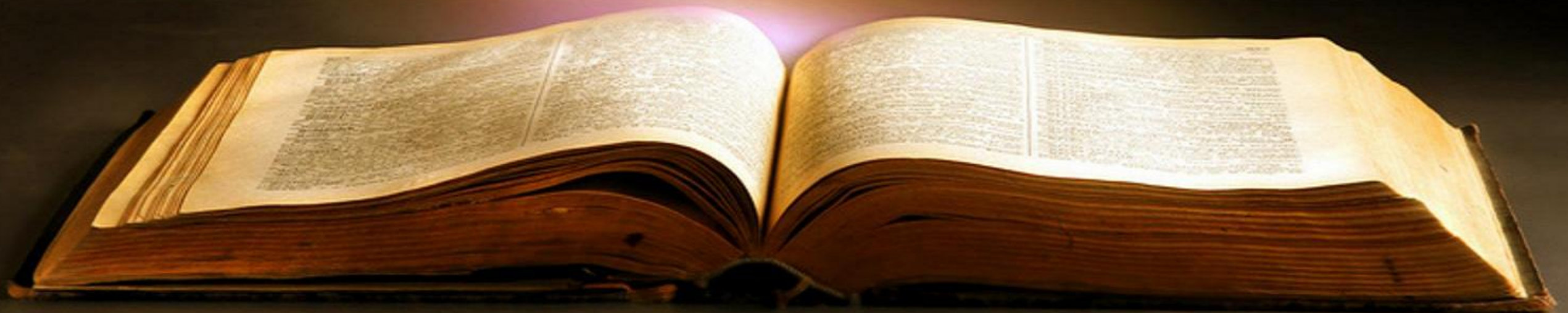
ROMANS 3:21-28



3. SO DOES GOD WANT US TO BE WIMPS?

*“...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. ... **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.***

LUKE 6:27-36



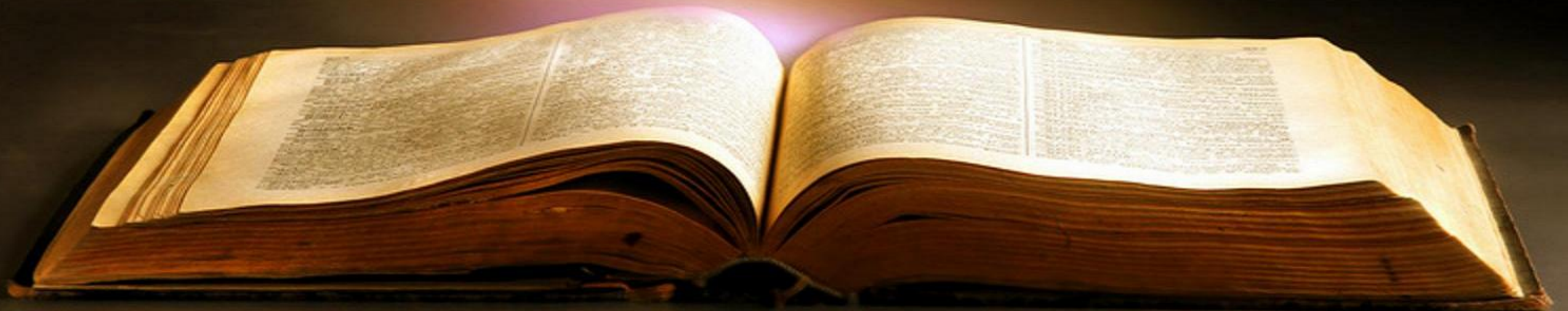
4. THE GOOD NEWS IS: MARRIAGE WILL KILL YOU!

*“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but **whoever loses his life for My sake, will save it**. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?”*

LUKE 9:24-26

*“**I have been crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*

GALATIONS 2:20



TAKE AWAYS: QUESTIONS TO SELF

- ❖ Are my expectations realistic?
- ❖ Is this a marriage crisis or a faith crisis?
Do I really believe what the scriptures say?
- ❖ Am I responding in the best way (i.e. in a loving and respectful manner - the way God commands us to?
Is this how I would respond in His presence?
- ❖ Do I get the point? This is not about me...
Marriage is meant to kill me - so die fast



Faithfilled Relationship

IT TAKES **3** TO MAKE **2** BECOME **1**

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