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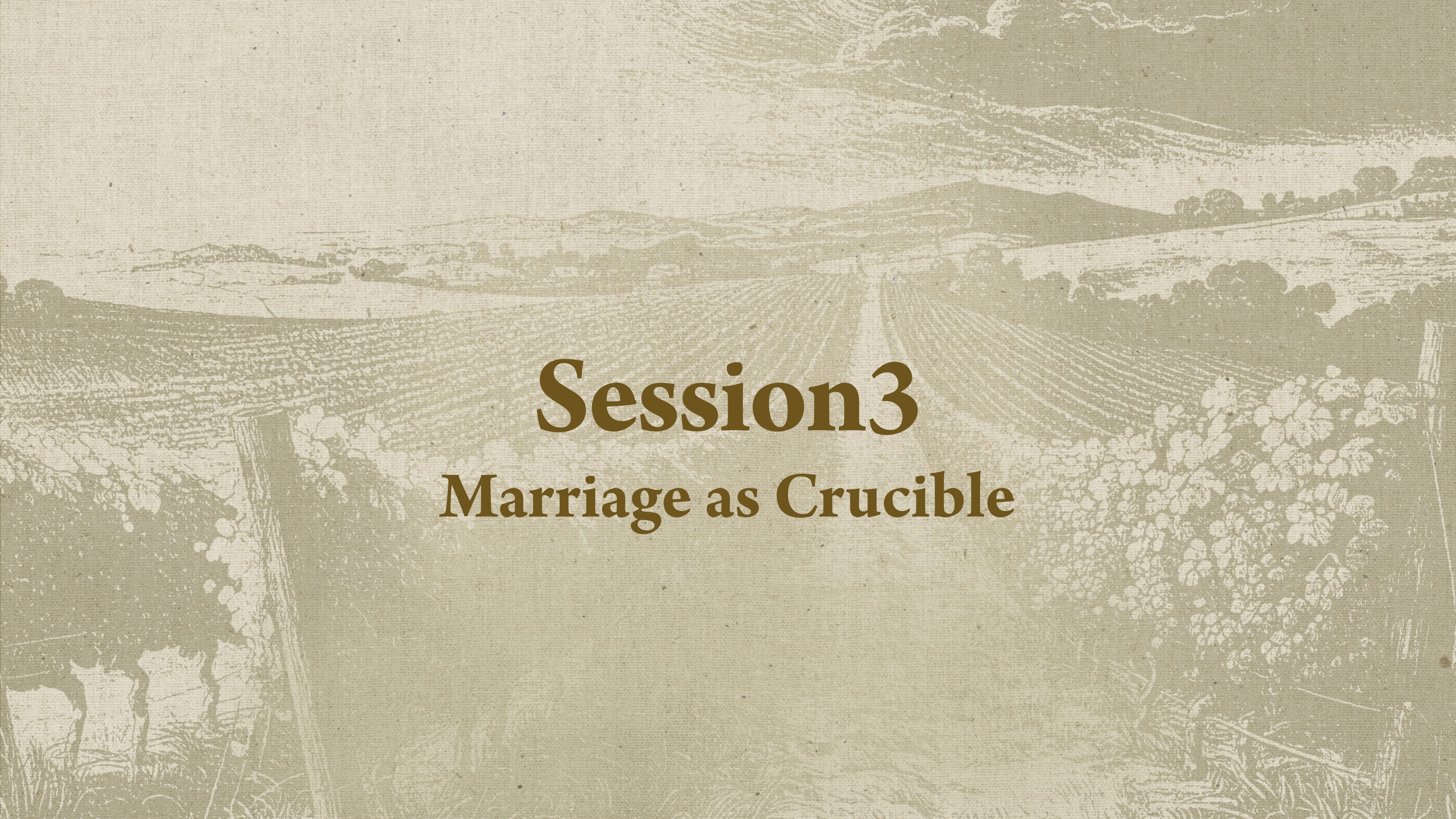
MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

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Welcome

Discussion

1. Where do you find yourself being ruled by what you want? Where might God be inviting you to repent of your innate love language and empty love tank?
2. What has your marriage revealed to you about your sinful attitudes, selfish behaviors, and other character flaws? Why do you think marriage brings so many character issues to the surface?

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Session3

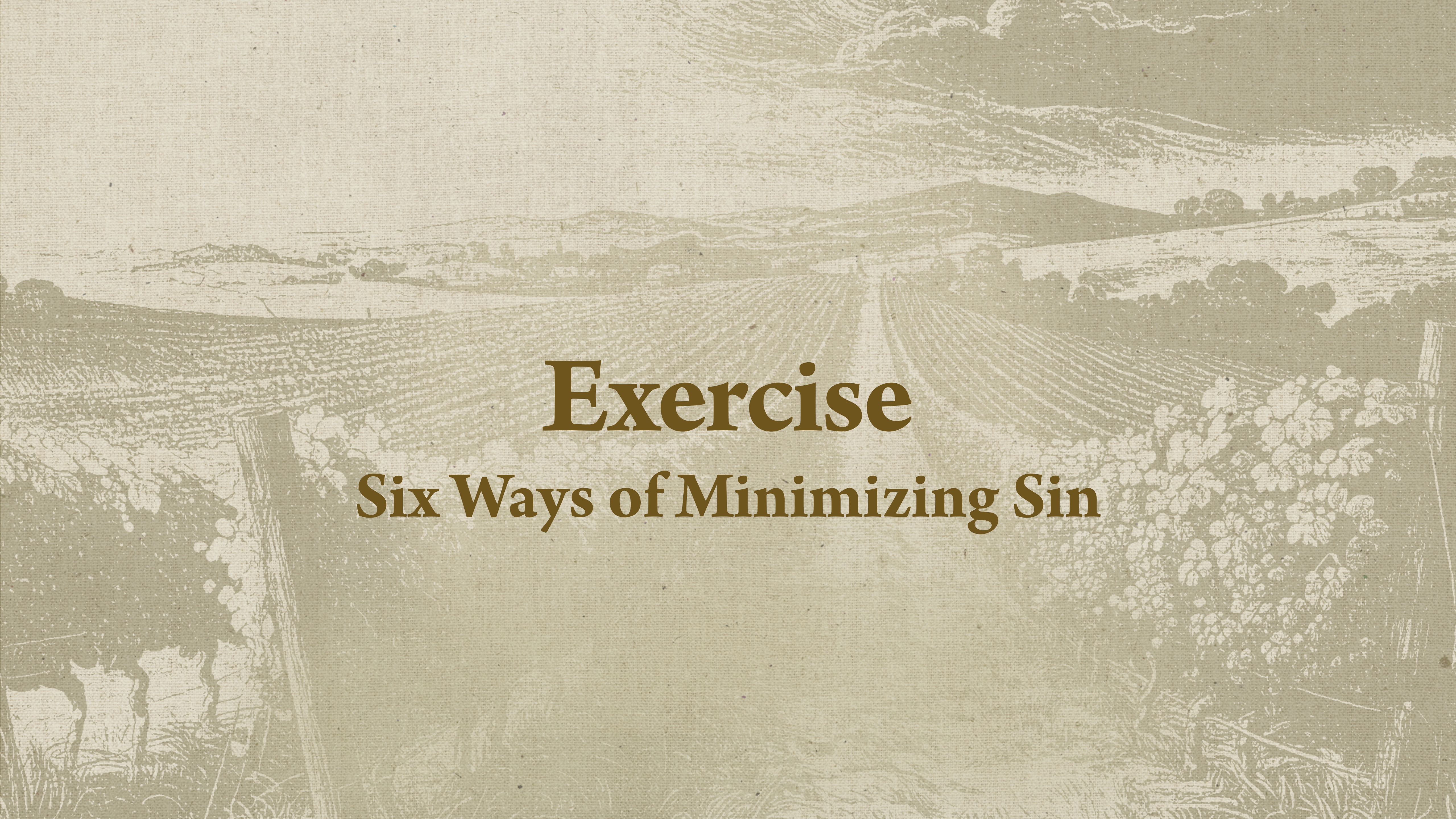
Marriage as Crucible

“Any situation that calls me to confront my selfishness has enormous spiritual value, and I slowly began to understand that the real purpose of marriage may not be happiness as much as it is holiness. Not that God has anything against happiness, or that happiness and holiness are by nature mutually exclusive, but looking at marriage through the lens of holiness began to put it into an entirely new perspective for me.”

Gary Thomas - *Sacred Marriage*



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Exercise

Six Ways of Minimizing Sin

“⁴Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.”

Proverbs 17:4

“¹⁴Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:14

“¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

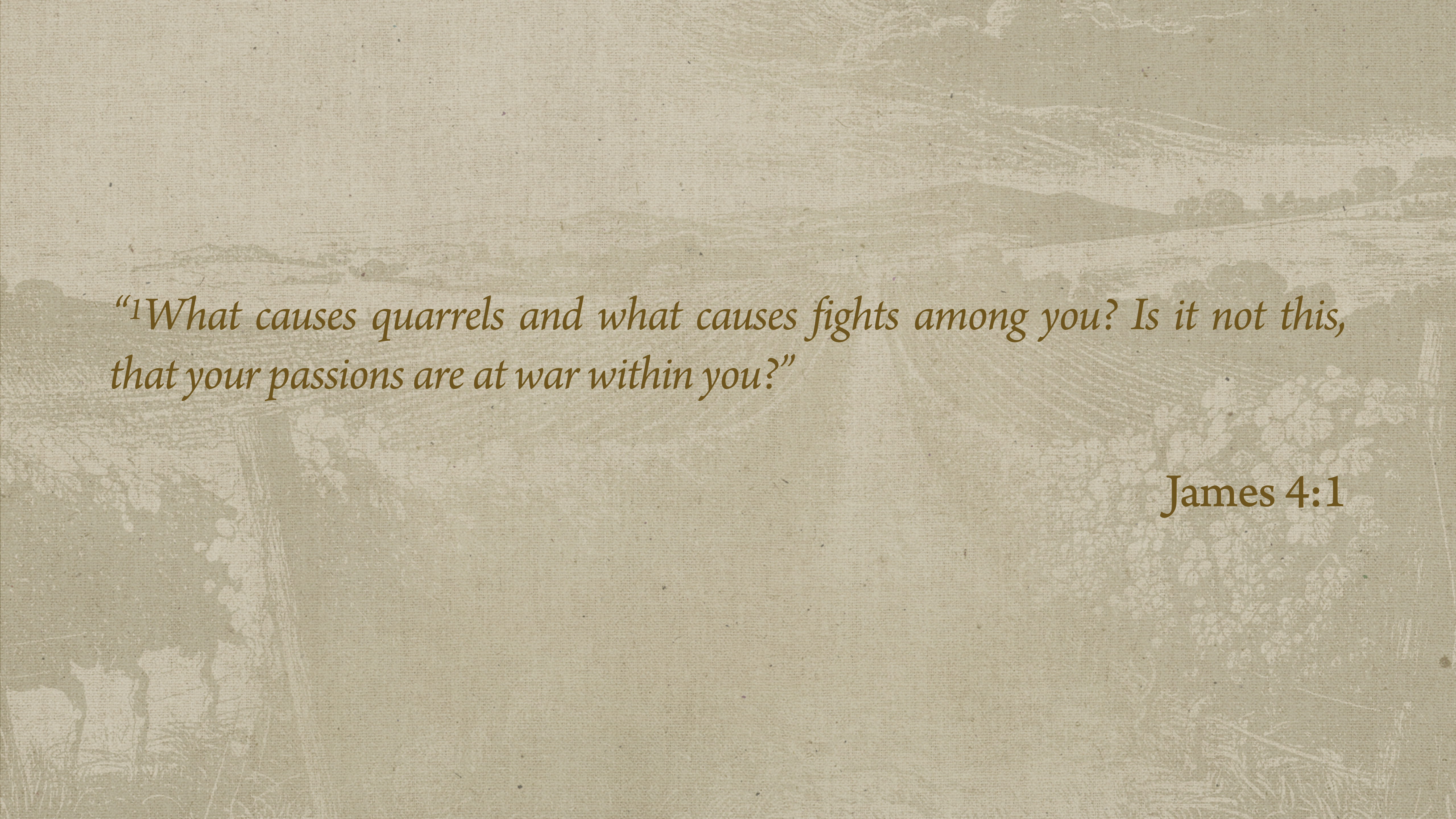
Genesis 3:15

“Where are you most tempted to be selfish? Callous? Impatient? Home is usually one of the places we let our guard down, where we’re most likely to be ourselves around people we no longer feel the need to impress—the people who are stuck with us anyway! At home we find the people we depend on most to meet our expectations and to serve the desires of our hearts. So home is where the enemy finds ample opportunity to strike, attacking when we don’t see life through a spiritual lens but through our own sense of entitlement.”

Winston Smith



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James 4:1

“¹¹ ... Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

Genesis 3:11b

*“¹²The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree,
and I ate.”*

Genesis 3:12

“¹⁹A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.”

Proverbs 18:19

“¹Judge not, that you be not judged. ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

Matthew 7:1-5

“Have you ever told your spouse, in a sinful way, that he or she was sinning against you? Have you ever used a murderous tone to tell your spouse that he or she hurt you? Have you ever rejected your spouse for rejecting you? Yelled at your spouse for yelling at you? Jesus’ point isn’t that you’ve no right to address your spouse’s sin if you’ve ever sinned. His point is that you need to deal with your own sin first.”

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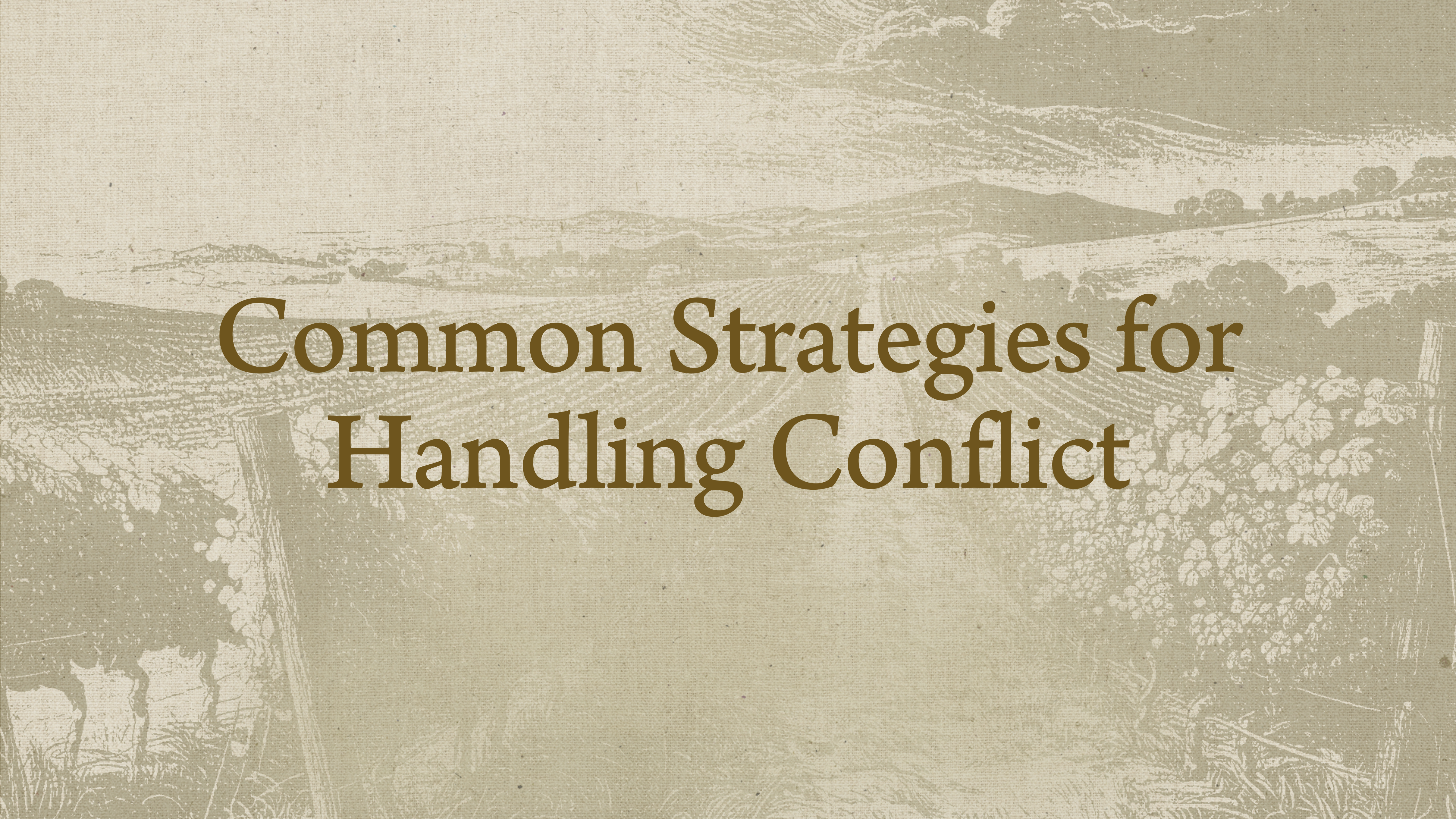


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James 4:1-2

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Matthew 7:5

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- Yield

³It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel..”

Proverbs 20:3

Biblical Strategies for Handling Conflict:

- Yield
- Wait

¹⁷Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt. ¹⁸Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.”

Leviticus 19:17-18

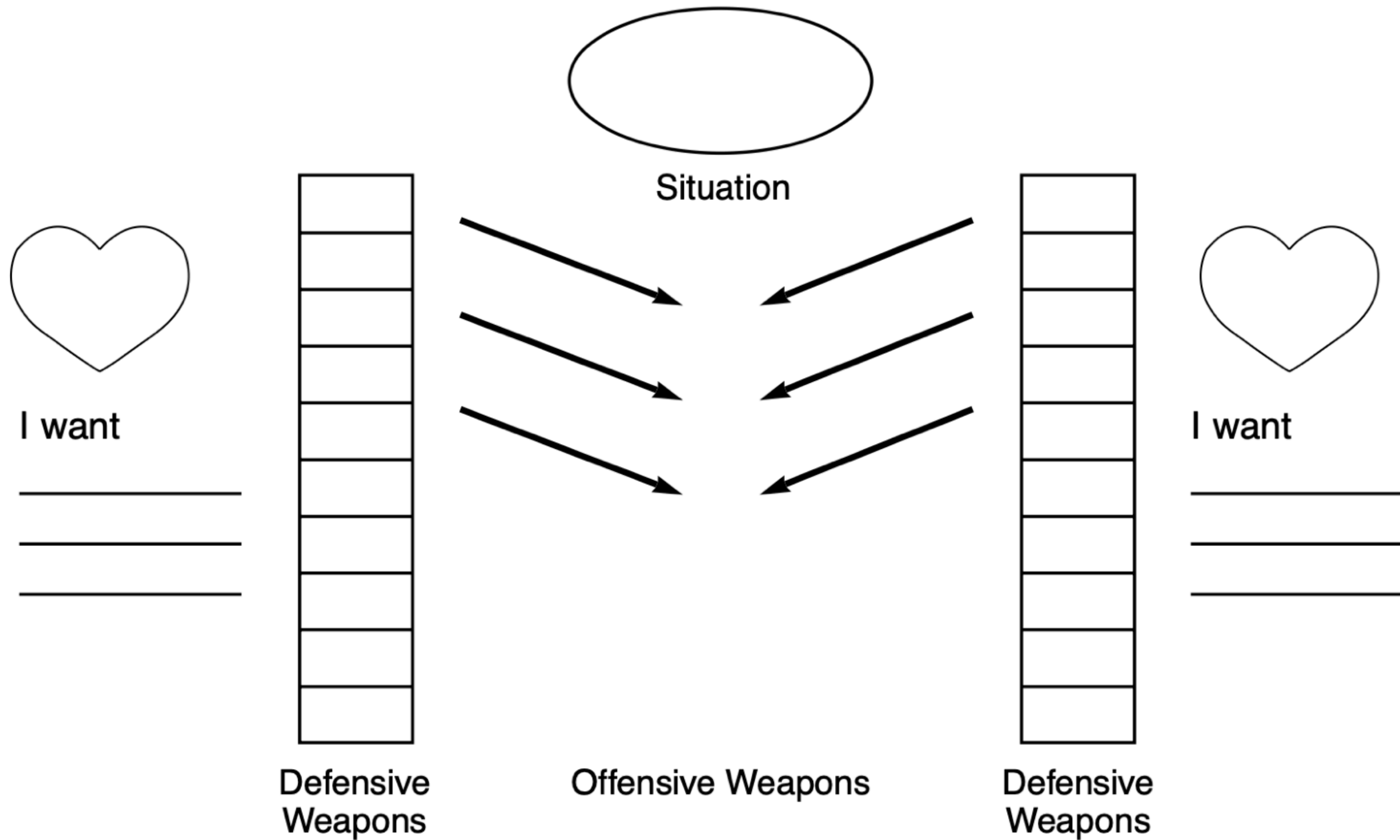
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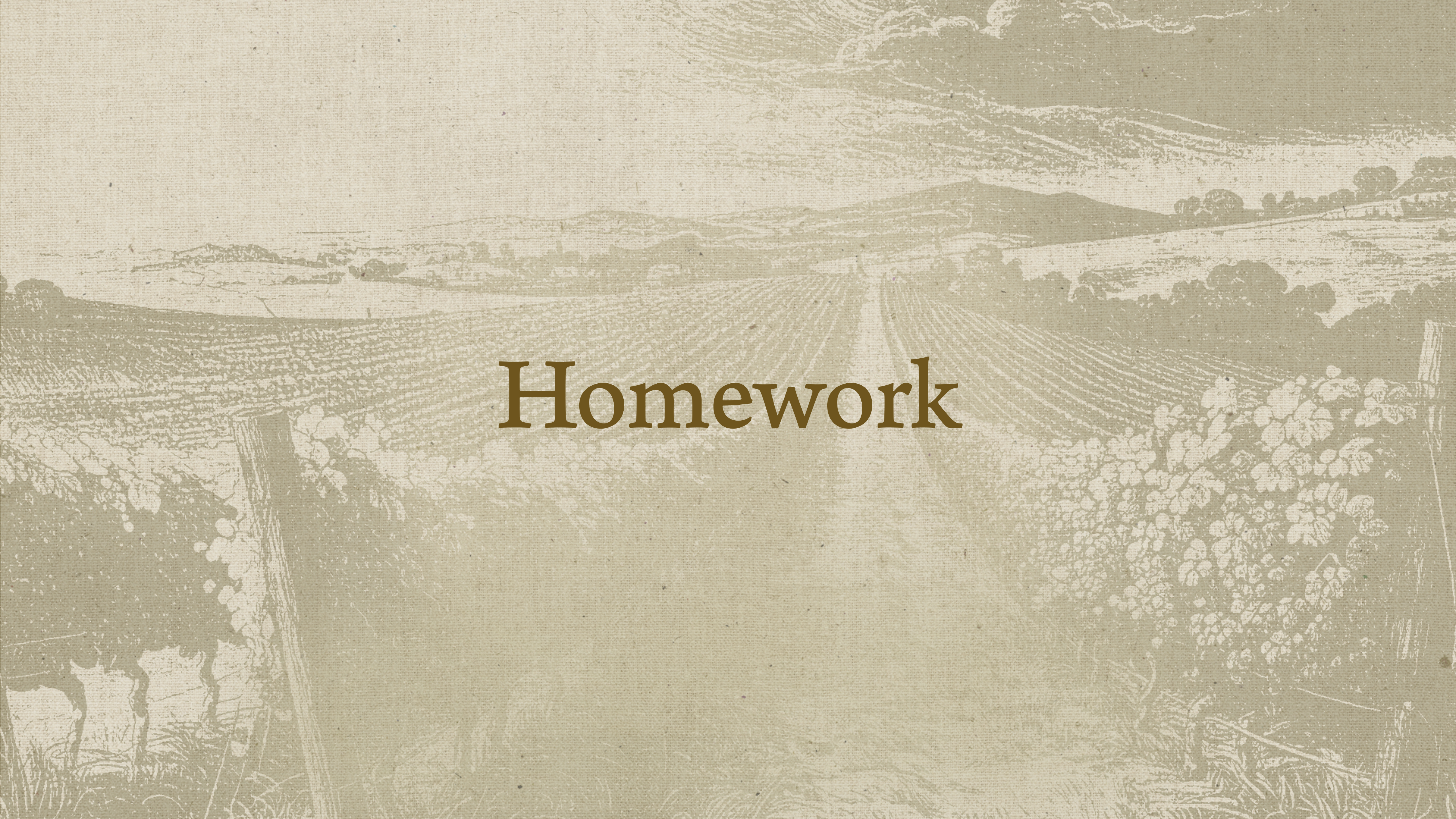
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- Confront

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Exercise

“What causes quarrels and conflicts?” (James 4:1)





Homework

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1. Read Timothy Keller's *Meaning of Marriage* (Chapter 4).

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