



no greater love

John 15:13



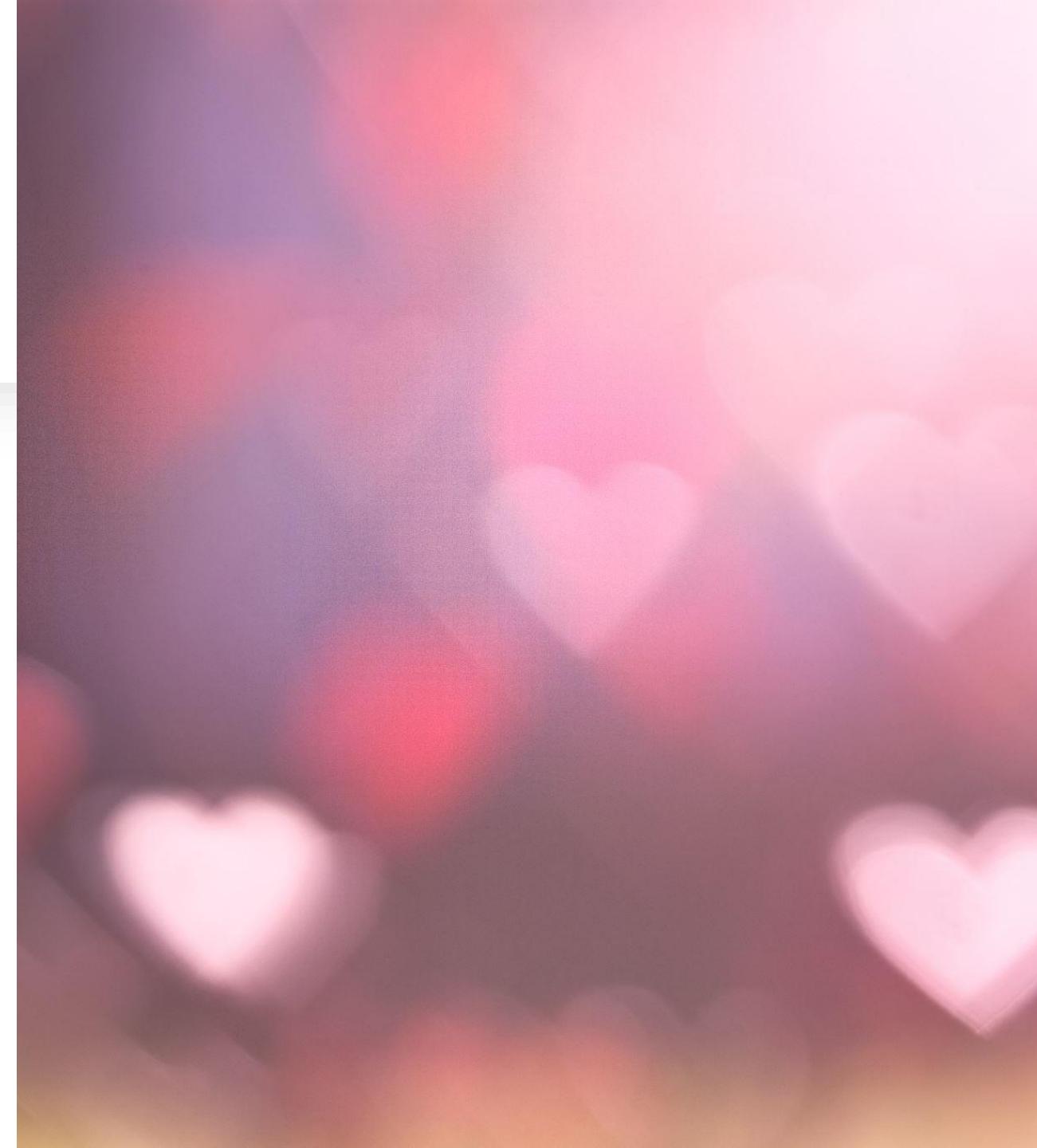
EROS LOVE:

LUST, LOVE, & BIBLICAL ROMANCE

- The Greek term *eros* (erotic/physical love) does not appear in the New Testament, nor is it explicitly found in the original Hebrew Old Testament. While *eros* was a common term for romantic, physical desire in ancient Greek culture, it is not used in the Bible, though the concept is portrayed within the context of marriage, particularly in the Song of Solomon.
- The New Testament writers, including Paul, favored terms like *agape* (sacrificial love) and *philia* (brotherly love) over *eros*, which was often associated with self-centered desire.

God's design for Eros Love

Genesis 2:23-25 | Matthew 19:1-6 |
Ephesians 5:31-33



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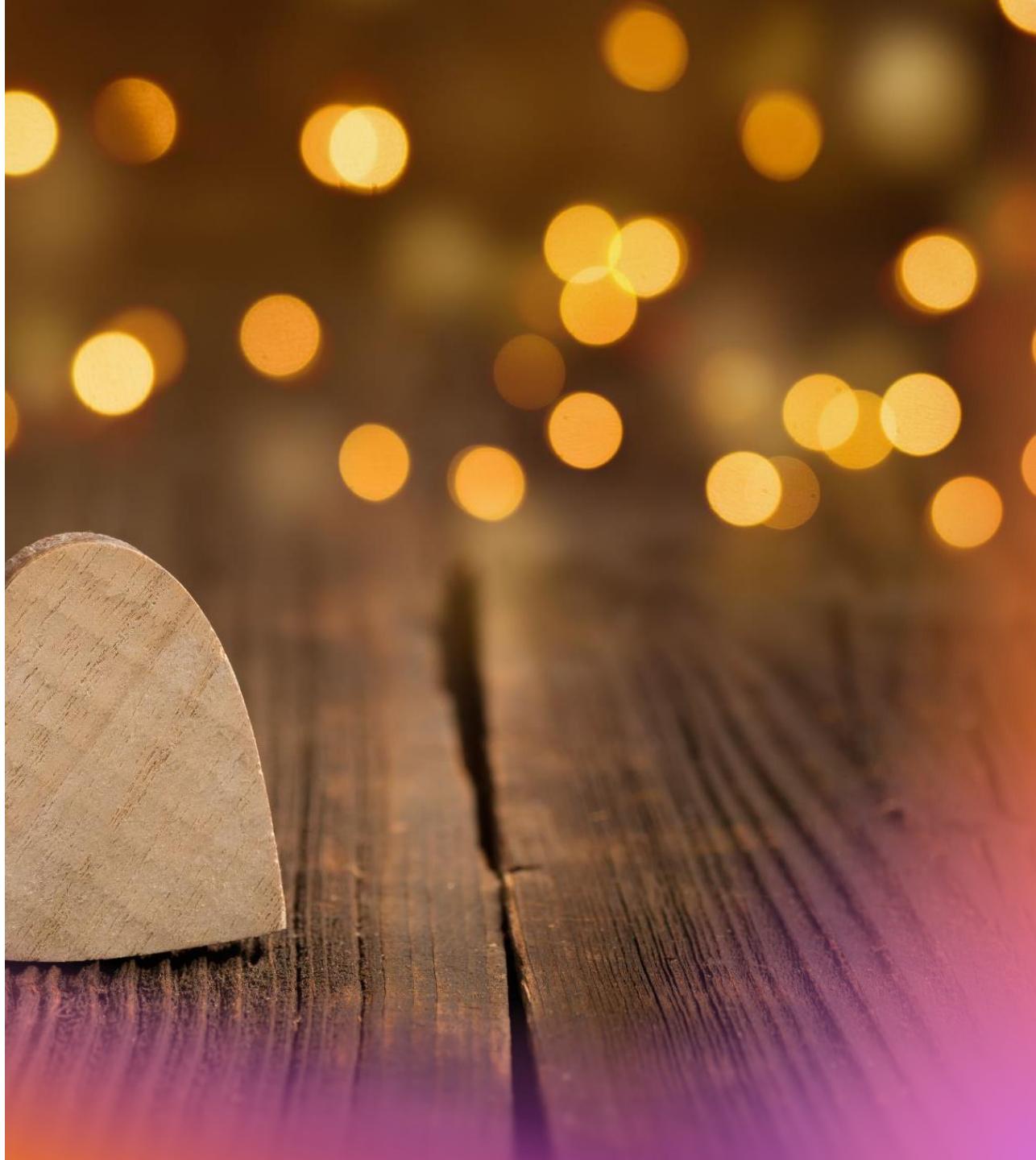
Questions for discussion

#1 – What messages about romance and sex did you absorb growing up—from culture or family?

#2 – How is God’s design different and better?

God's boundaries for Eros love

Job 31:1 | Matthew 5:27–32 | 1
Corinthians 6:12–20



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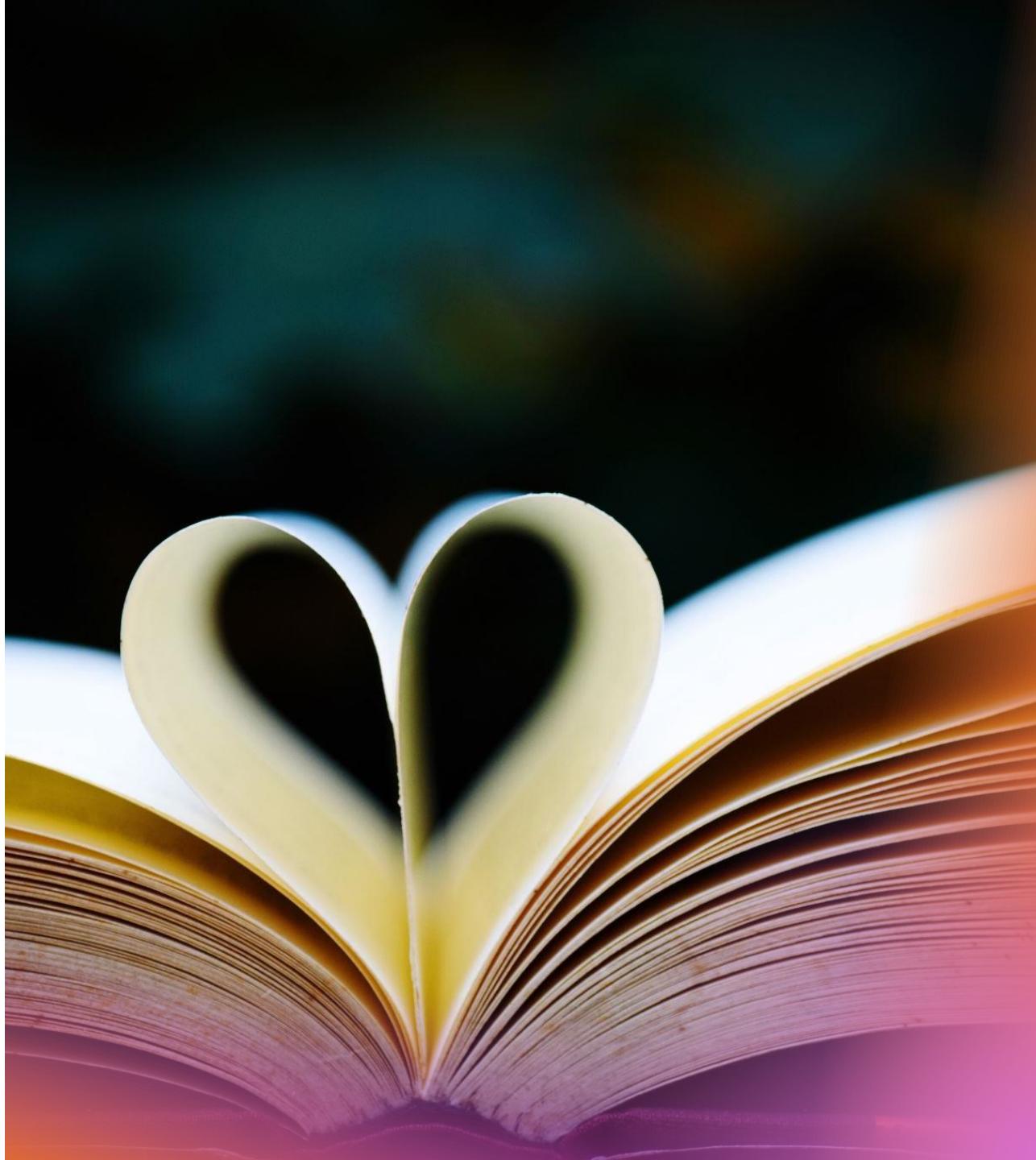
Questions for discussion

#1 – What practical
boundaries help protect
your mind and heart?

#2 – Is there any sexual
sin that you need to bring
into the light (lust,
impurity, infidelity, etc)?

God's timing for Eros love

Song of Solomon 2:7; 3:5;
8:4



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Questions for discussion

#1 – Why is patience part of love—not just passion?

#2 – How does waiting (e.g. “delayed gratification”) shape character?



God's provision for Eros love

Ephesians 5:21-33

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

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God commands husbands and wives to not deprive each other due to their lack of self-control (1 Cor 7:5). This is a warning to us from God Himself!



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Men's Love Language Is Sex. You can call it shallow, primitive, or unfair. But sex is how most men feel desired, chosen, and bonded. Neglect it long enough and don't be shocked when distance, resentment, or temptation shows up. You don't keep a man by controlling him. You keep him by wanting him. (FlourishWithLaurin)

Husband's position in marriage is not to enforce a coercive leadership, instead it's a calling to love the wife as CHRIST loved the church sacrificially, resulting in a deep friendship with the wife.

4 x 4 x 4 x 4 “rule”

Every 4 days:
physical
intimacy

Every 4
weeks: a
well planned
date night

Every 4
months: a
weekend
getaway

Every 4
years: an
extended
vacation
without kids



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Homework

#1 – Marrieds: Carve out some time for a date night in the next two weeks.
(HINT: Valentine’s Day is on Saturday this year)

#2 – Marrieds: Have a talk and a time of prayer about how things are going with your emotional and sexual intimacy

#3 – Singles: Have a time of prayer about contentment in singleness, your purity, but also about your desires for what you would want in a spouse.