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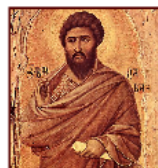


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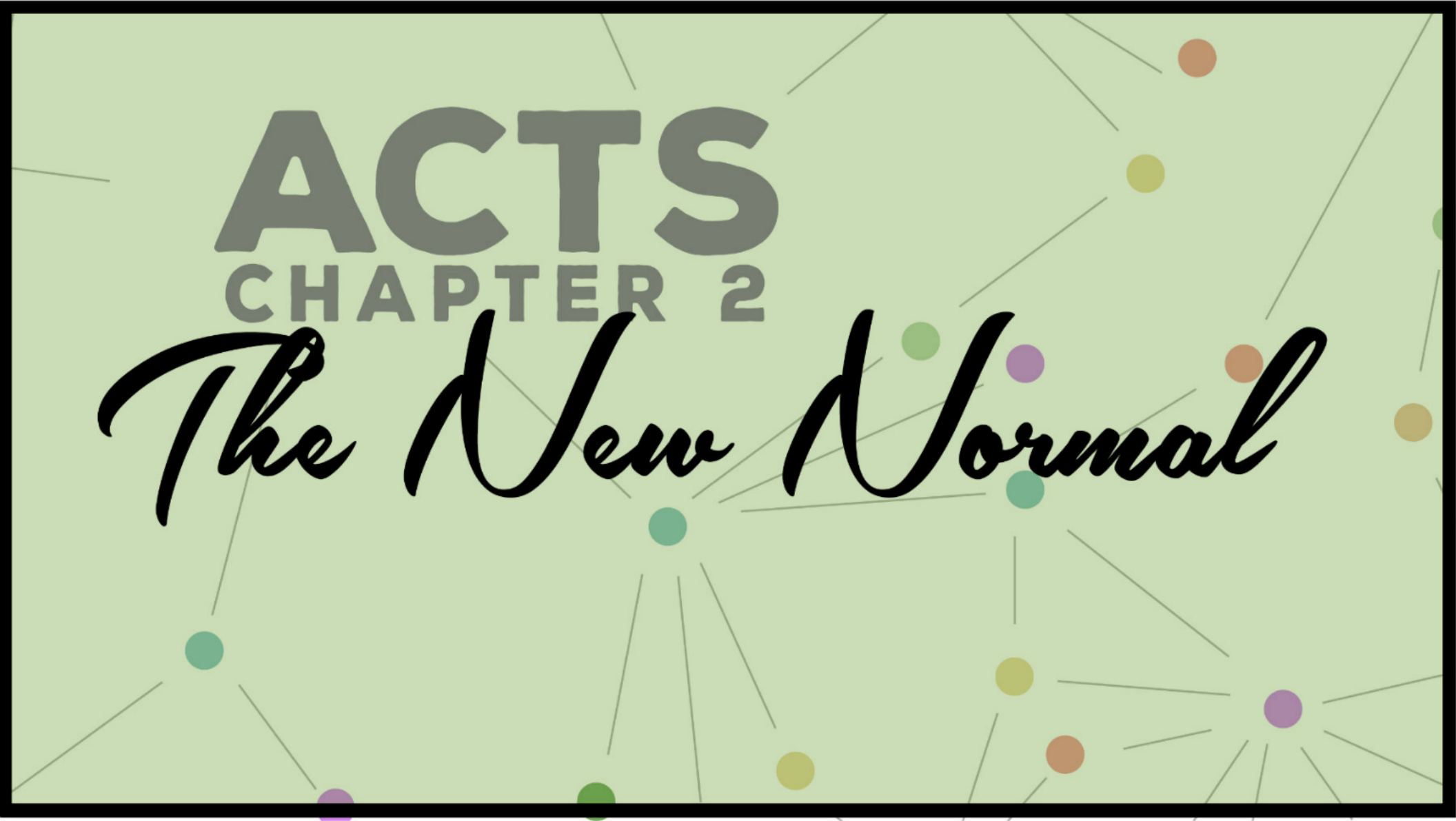


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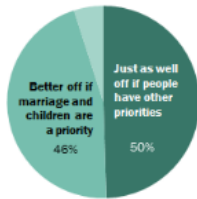
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Source: Pew Research Center survey, Jan. 23-Mar. 16, 2014 (N=10,013)

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(RNS) Fueling debates over marriage and religious freedom, a federal judge declared on Dec. 13 Utah laws criminalizing polygamy are unconstitutional, ruling on a case involving the Brown family from TLC's reality series "Sister Wives."

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French women don't just tolerate their husbands' affairs - they expect them

By LUCY WADHAM FOR MAILONLINE

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When Lucy Wadham married her charming French lover, she discovered more about the Gallic way of living - and loving - than she had bargained for.

Lucy, 44, a writer, was about to step onto a sexual merry-go-round where casual adultery was the norm.

Here Lucy, who now lives with her English second husband and four children, tells TESSA CUNNINGHAM why the French are so different from us.



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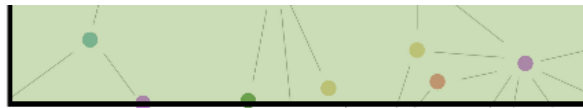
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So do you think you're an apostle?

3 ways

Apostle vs. Apostolic...

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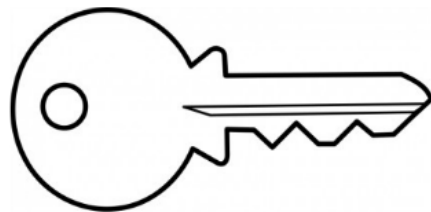
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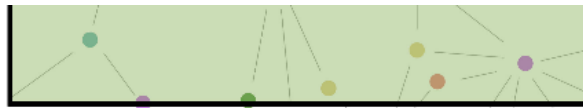
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