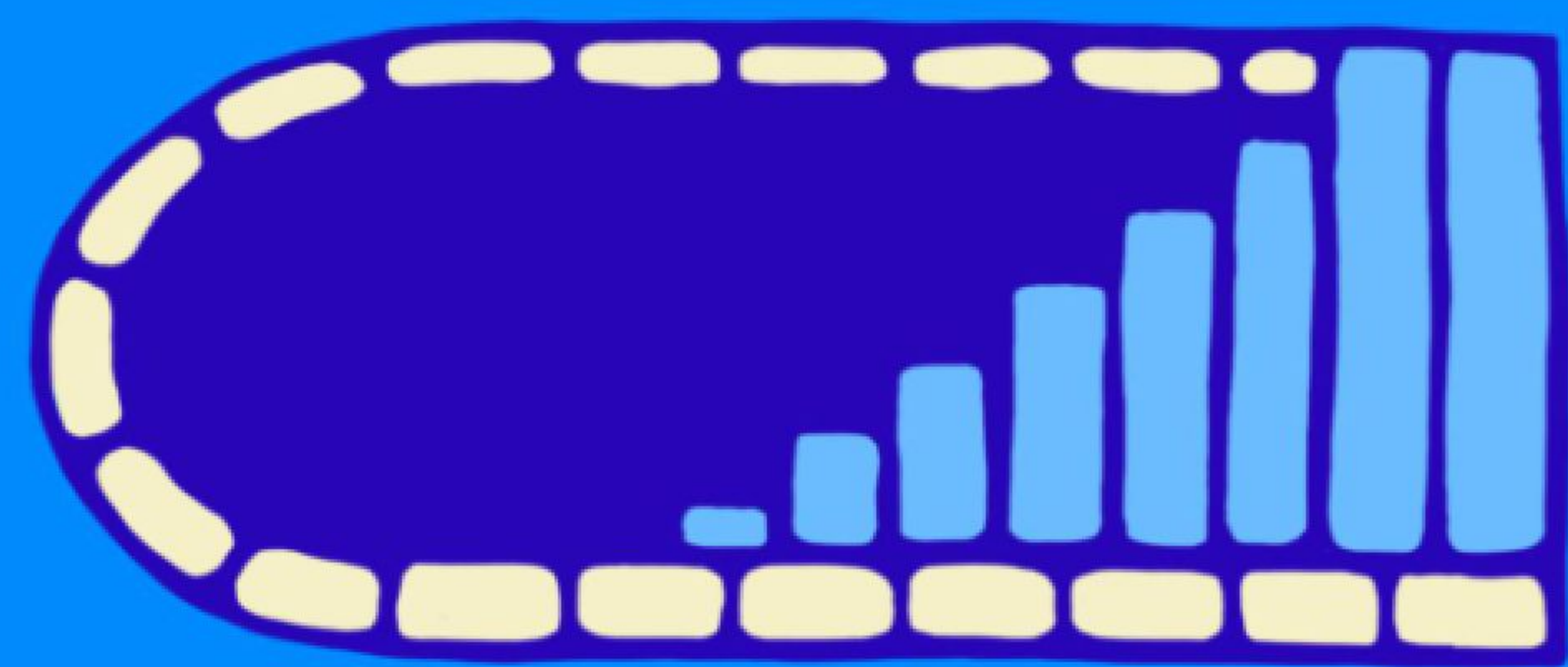


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# Ephesians 5:15 – 18

**15** Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,



# Ephesians 5:19 – 20

**19** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



# Ephesians 5:21 – 24

**21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.



# Ephesians 5:25 – 27

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.



# Ephesians 5:28 – 30

**28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—  
**30** for we are members of his body.



# Ephesians 5:31 – 33

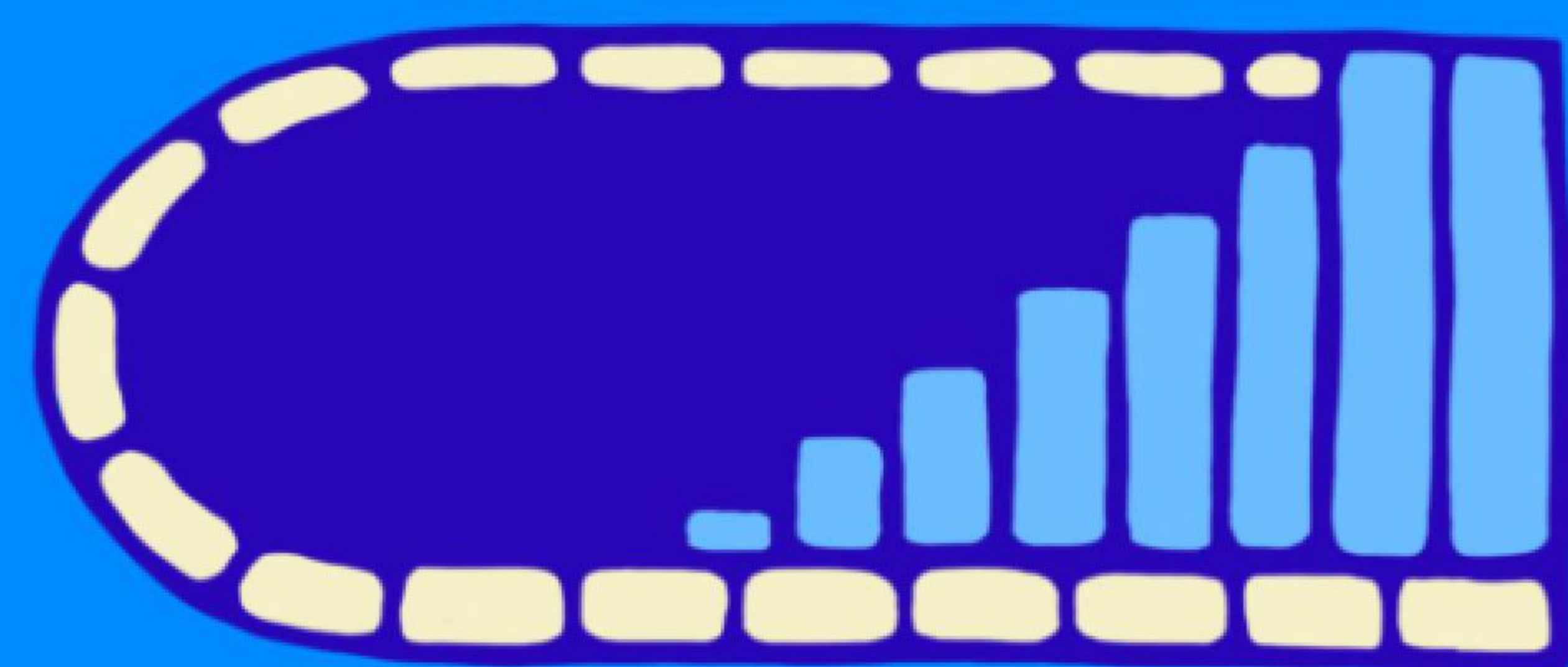
**31** "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

**32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

**33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



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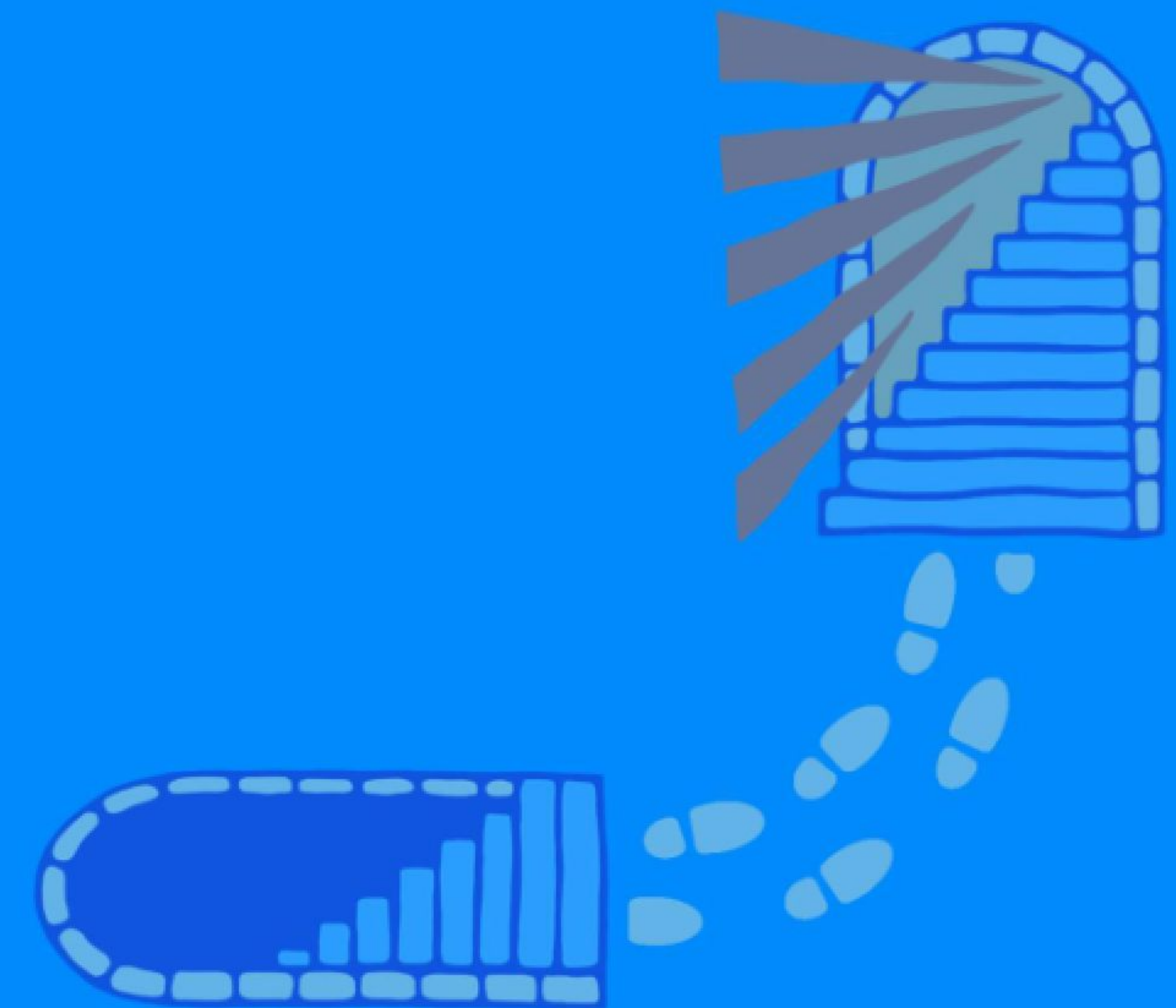
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Because when you are out of step with your enemies and allies, and working against Flesh, and Devils, you'd better know exactly what you're doing and why.





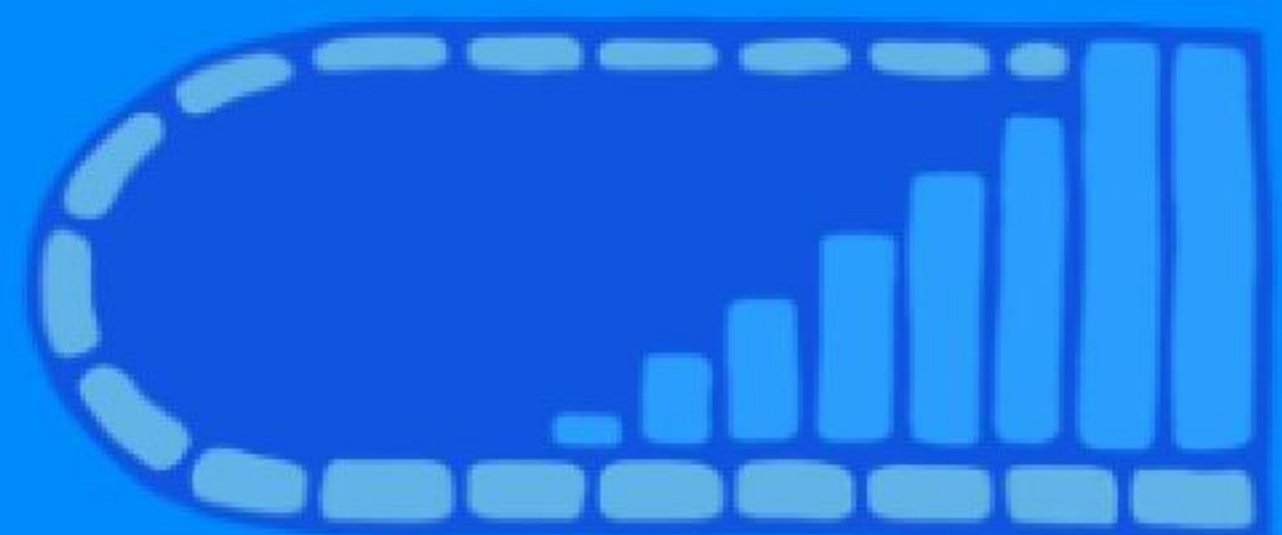
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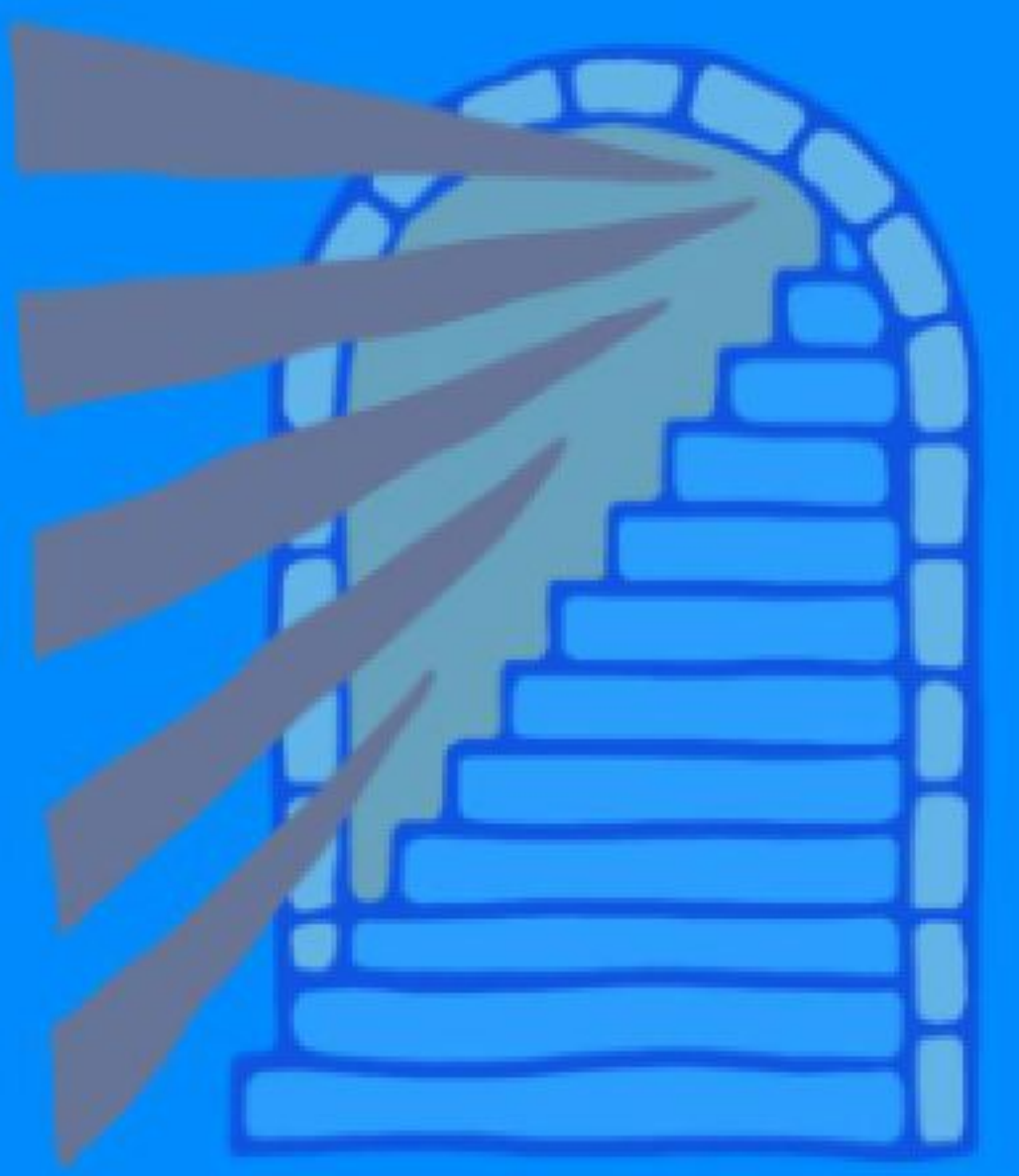
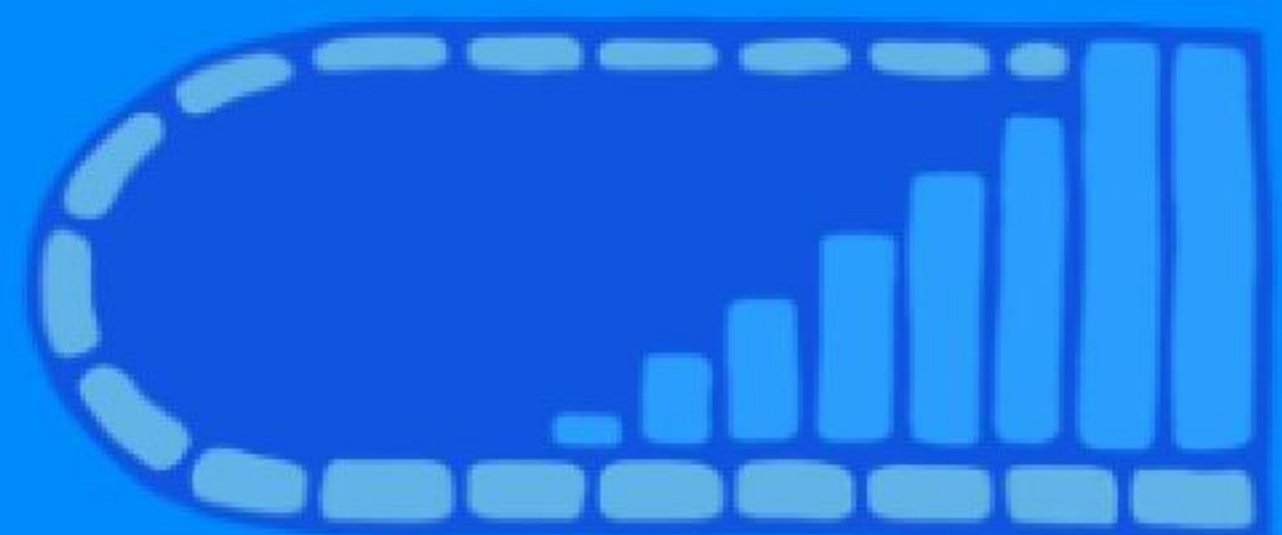
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## 3 Things this AM:

1. Big Picture theologically
2. Close reading syntactically
3. Apply substantially





# Big picture theologically

## Christ and his body, the Church, is the Big picture.

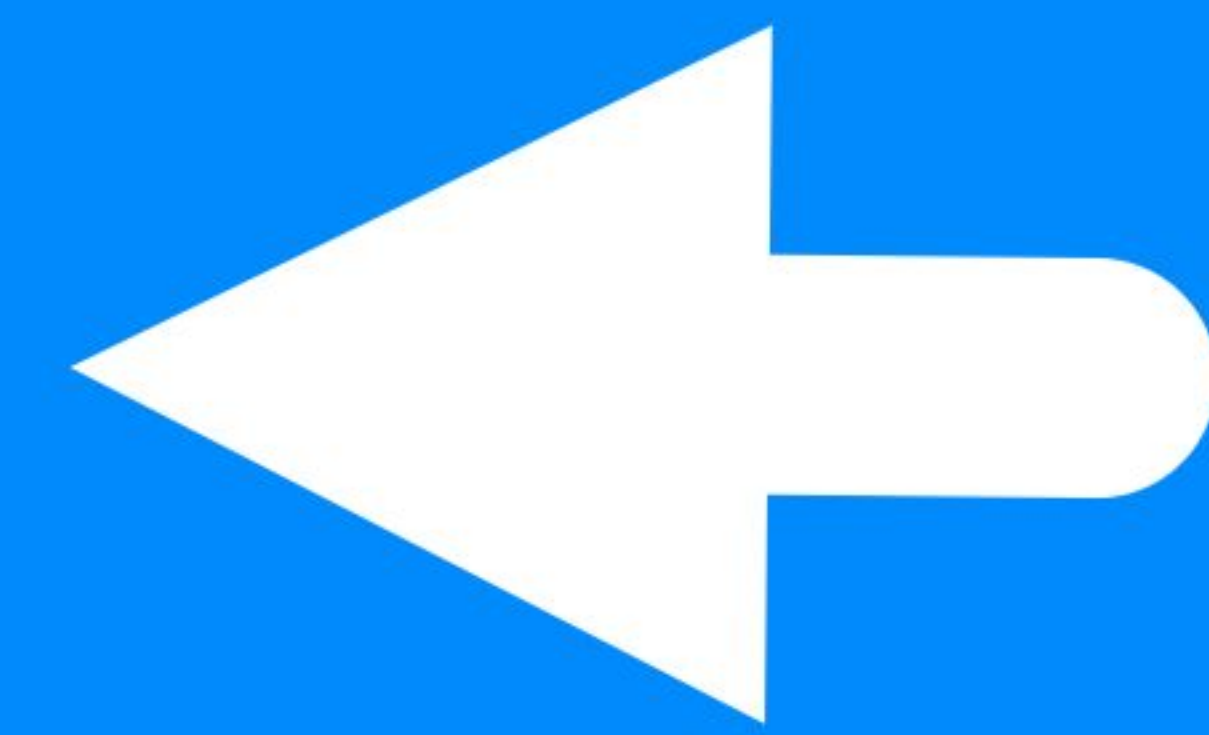




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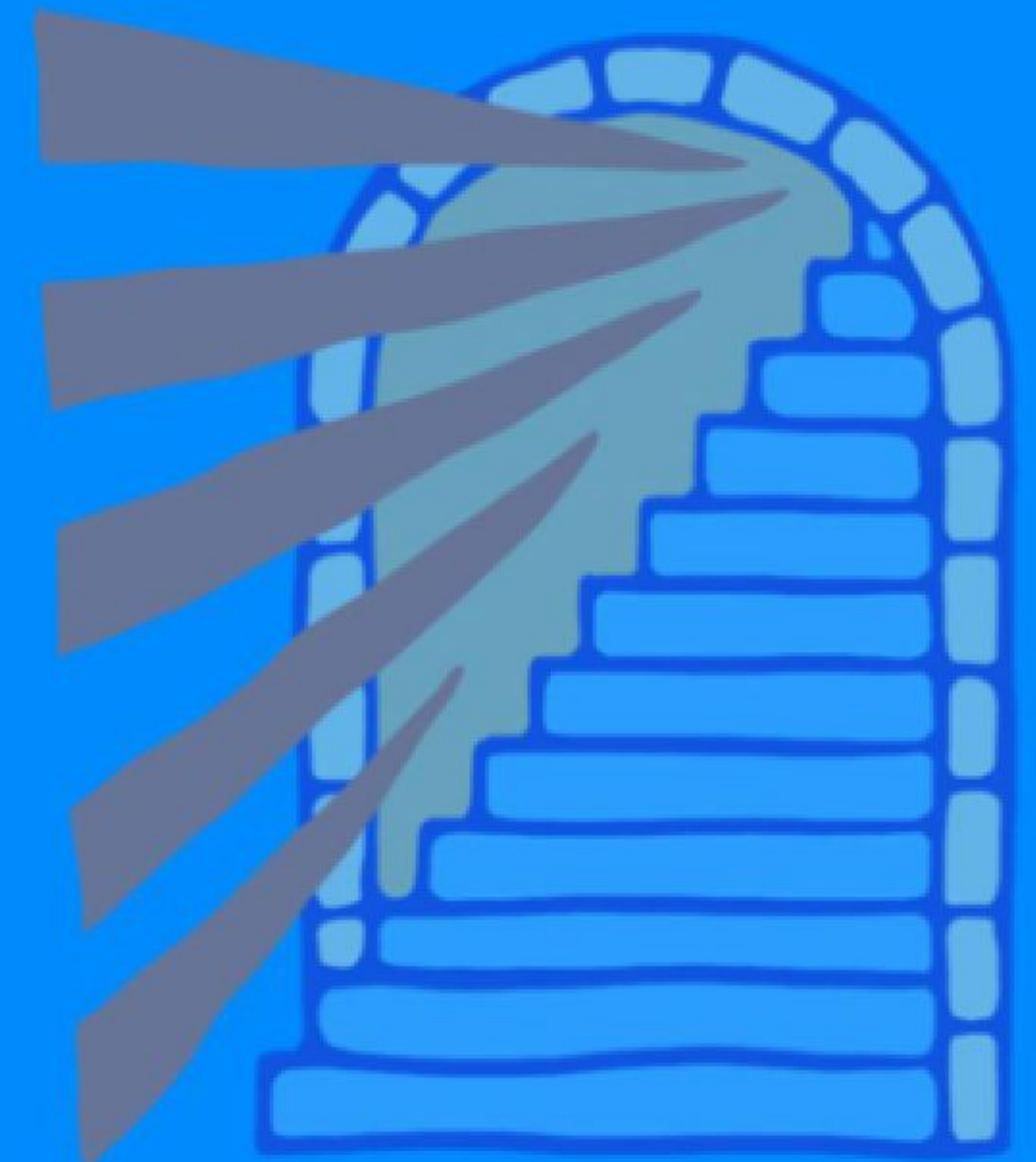
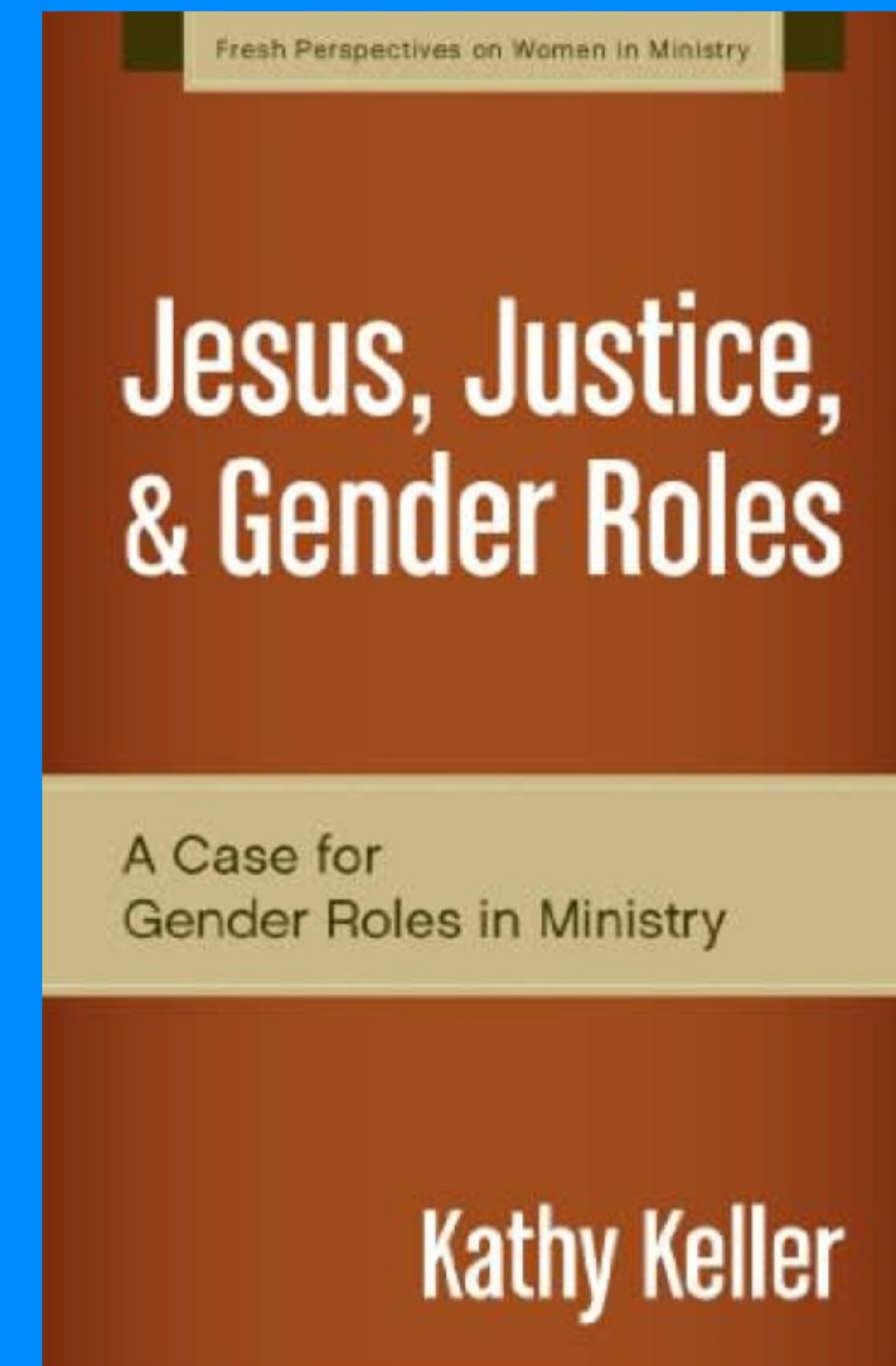
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# 3 Things we review in this passage:

(Claire Smith's Summary)

1. Christ is the head of the Church
2. The Church is subject to Christ (vs 24)
3. Christ Loves his Church (vs 25–32)





# Close Reading Syntactically

What this passage really can't say.





1. This passage is not teaching "mutual submission".
2. The parallels between Christ and church are comprehensive to their purpose
3. The comprehensive parallel is also a mystery of union
4. 'Respect' is not enough—maybe 'Revere'?



# Pt 3: Apply Substantially

## No Art is easy

(I'm going to talk about the exceptions to these commands last, but I will talk about them.)





1. Embrace Jesus more  
as your living head

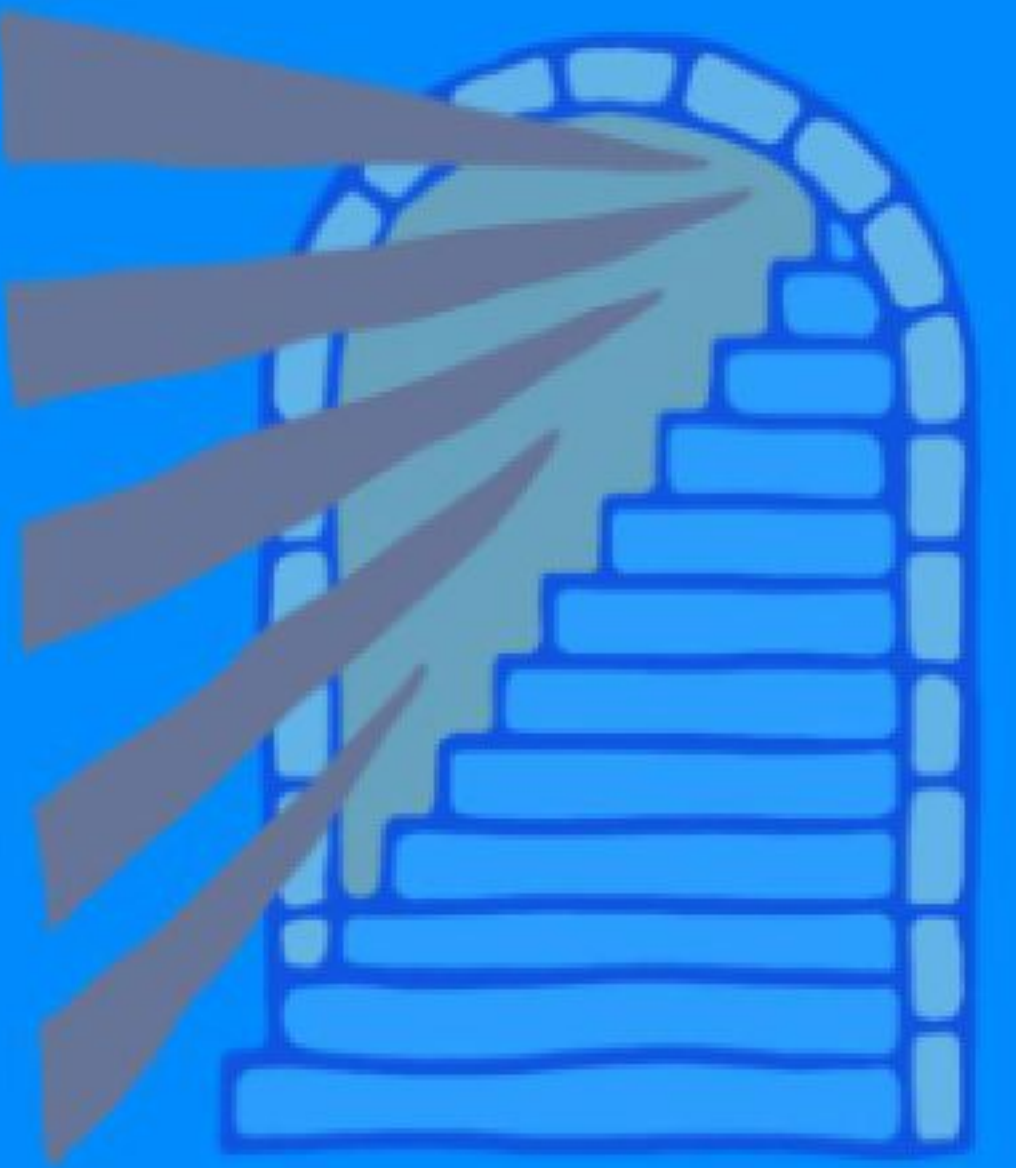
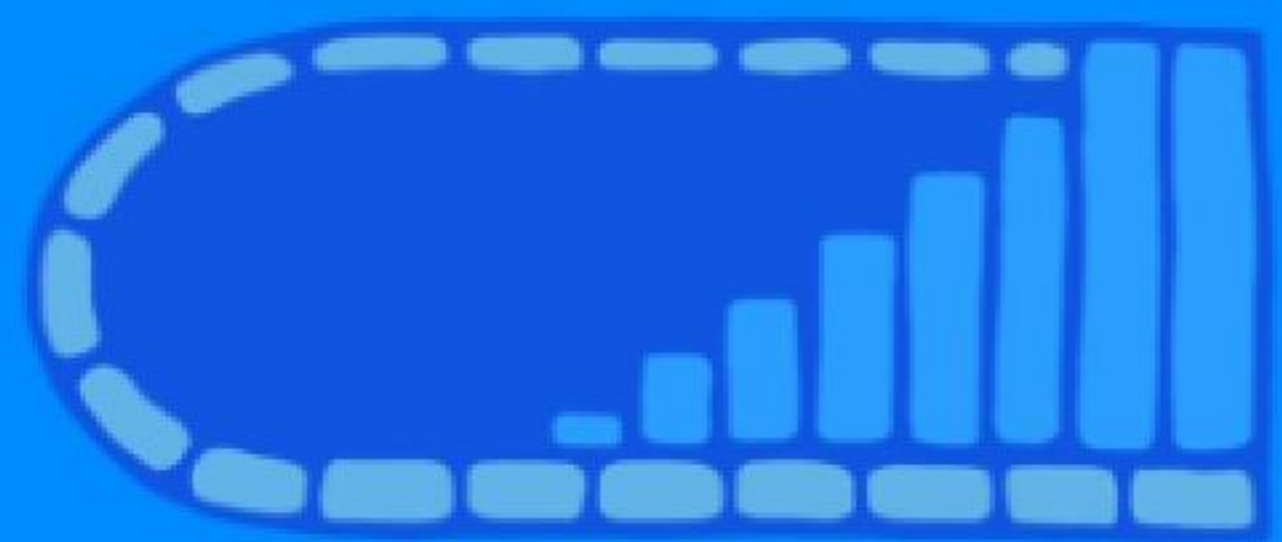
(regardless of your  
marriage status.)





**Without reference to husbands or wives,  
how would you answer this question:**

**Do you submit to Christ in everything?  
If not, where not and why not?**





## 2. Living in profound harmony takes maturity and strength.

What your authority-response  
relationships needs more than  
anything is your growth in Godliness.

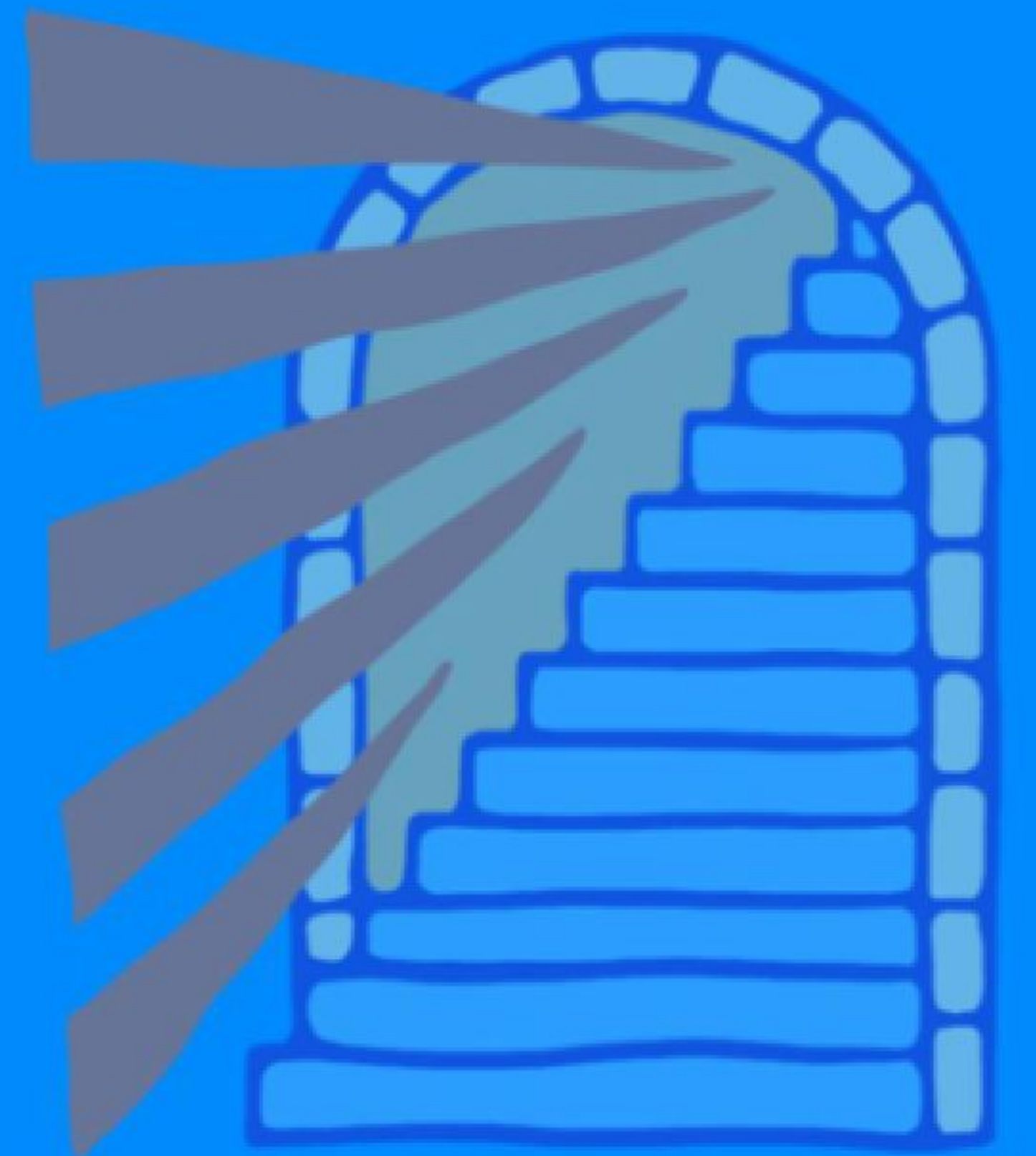




3. Every robust system is  
susceptible to corruption.

Rejecting the system for anarchy  
and tyranny is not the answer.

Instead...





To avoid corruption, you must always see your responsibility and trust (sovereign) before taking up your duty (authority or submission). It keeps you grounded.





# 4. Fear is our greatest obstacle to living out being a household well.

1 Pet. 3:5–6 NIV82

For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.





5. Neither the taking of leadership,  
or giving of submission are a  
conditional requirement.

They are a self-imposed discipline  
chosen in obedience to Christ.





6. There is no biblical recourse for a man or woman whose spouse is not living up to these commands

except appealing to the shepherding ministries of the church.

Passages...





Colossians 3:19 "husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them."

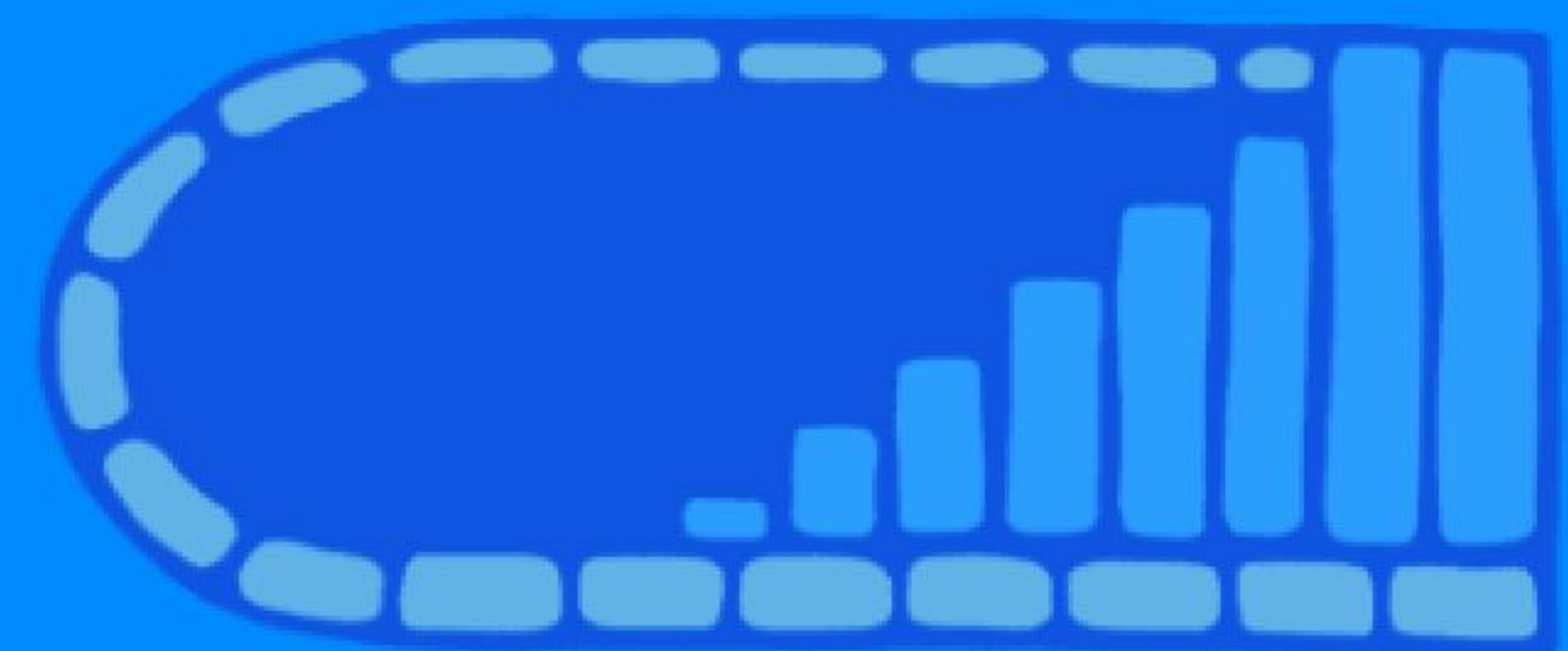
1 Pet. 3:7 "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life..."





The limits of these commands:

(They don't control when they  
function to their opposite purpose)





7. Loving your wife doesn't mean appeasing her or accepting unreasonable expectations.

It means caring for your wife's sanctification; for her spiritual, moral and personal flourishing.

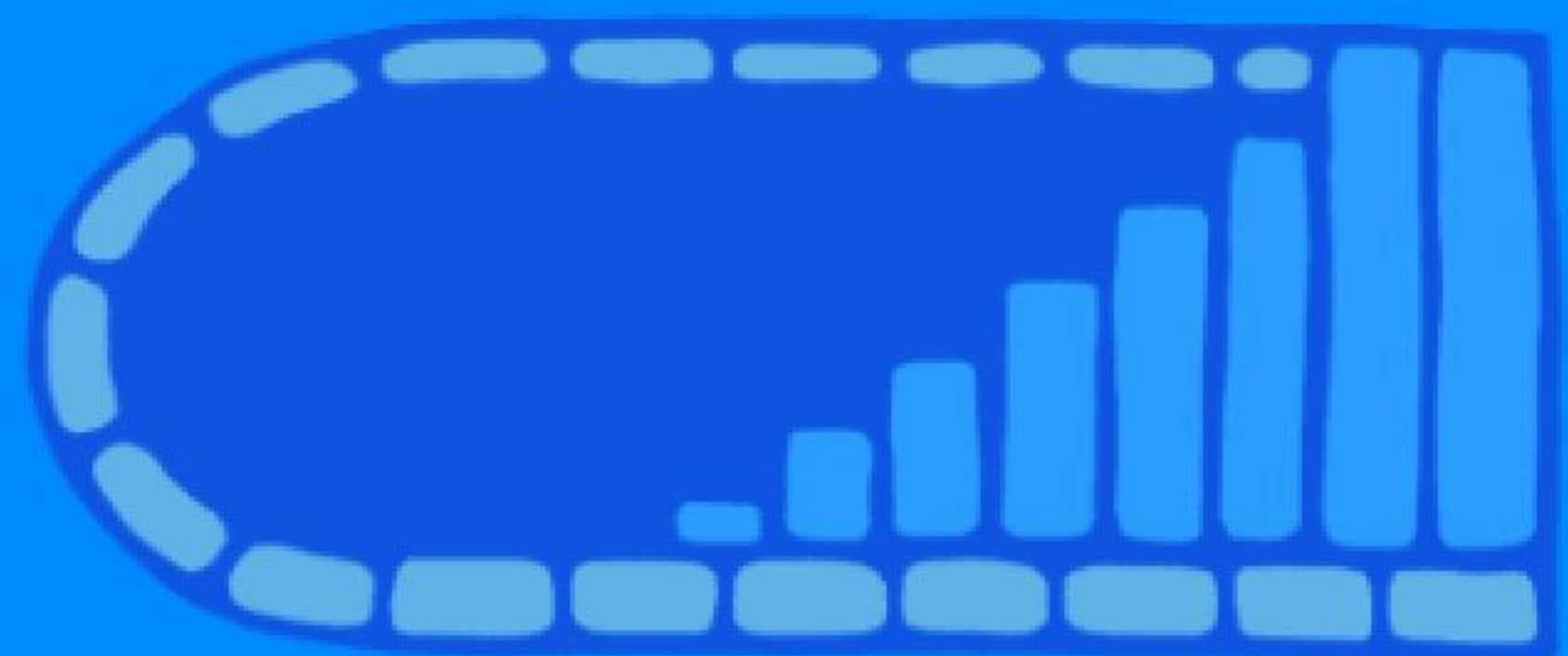
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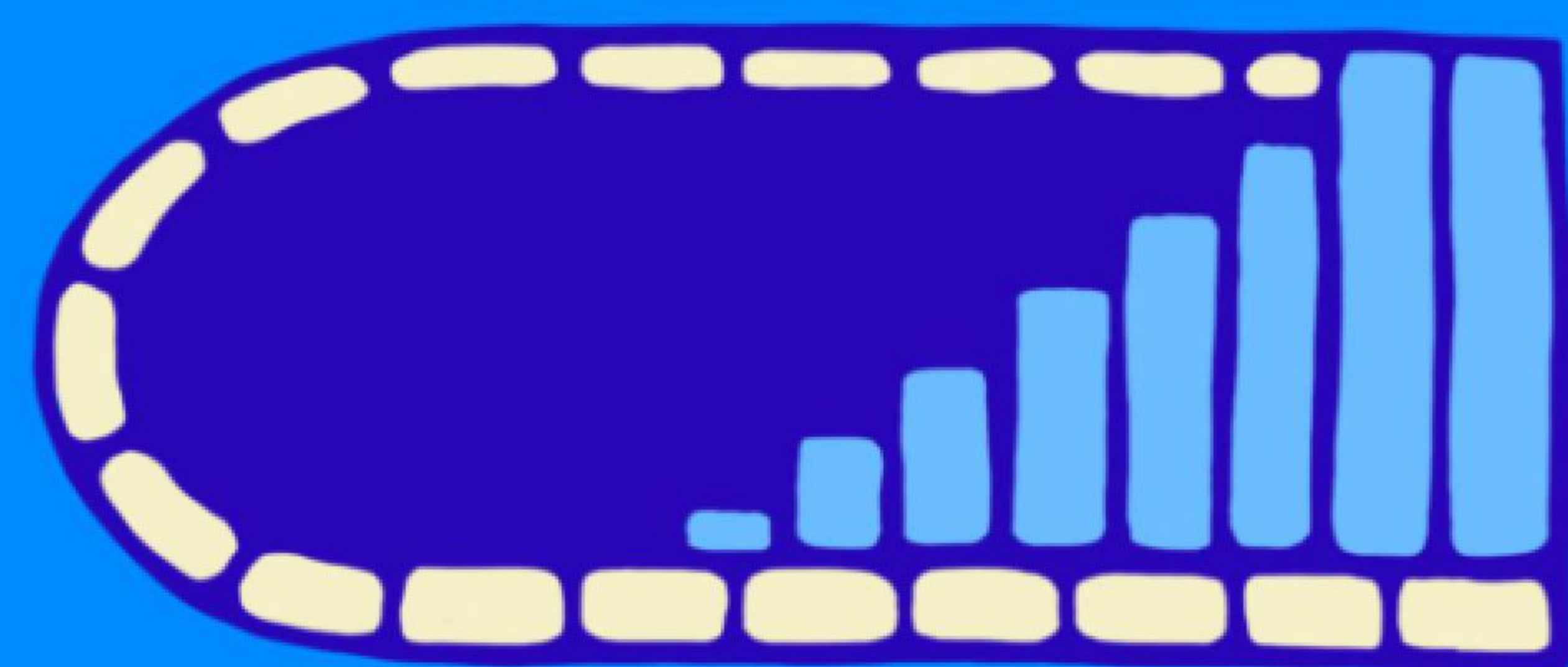
8. Submission changes objects when obedience is a dishonor to Christ the greater head.

**Abuse:** the clear choice of the husband to pursue something other than his wife's (and family's) spiritual flourishing.





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