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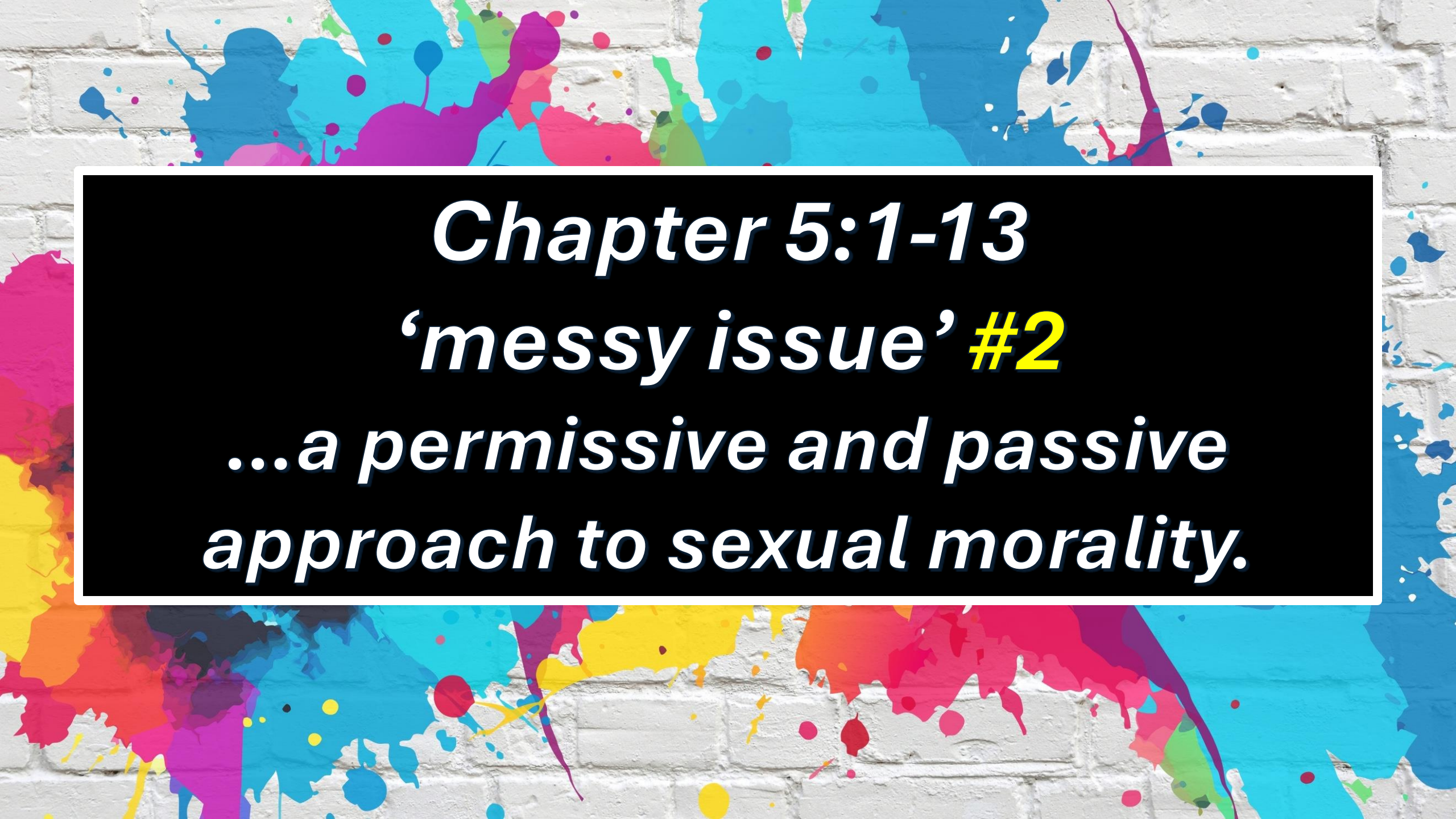
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A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS



***The first 4 chapters address
'messy issue' #1
...divisive factions between
parties in the church.***



Chapter 5:1-13
'messy issue' #2
...a permissive and passive
approach to sexual morality.



Chapter 6:1-11

'messy issue' #3

***...unhealthy patterns of trying to
resolve conflict between people.***



Chapter 6:12-20

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I Corinthians 6:20
“So glorify God in your body.”



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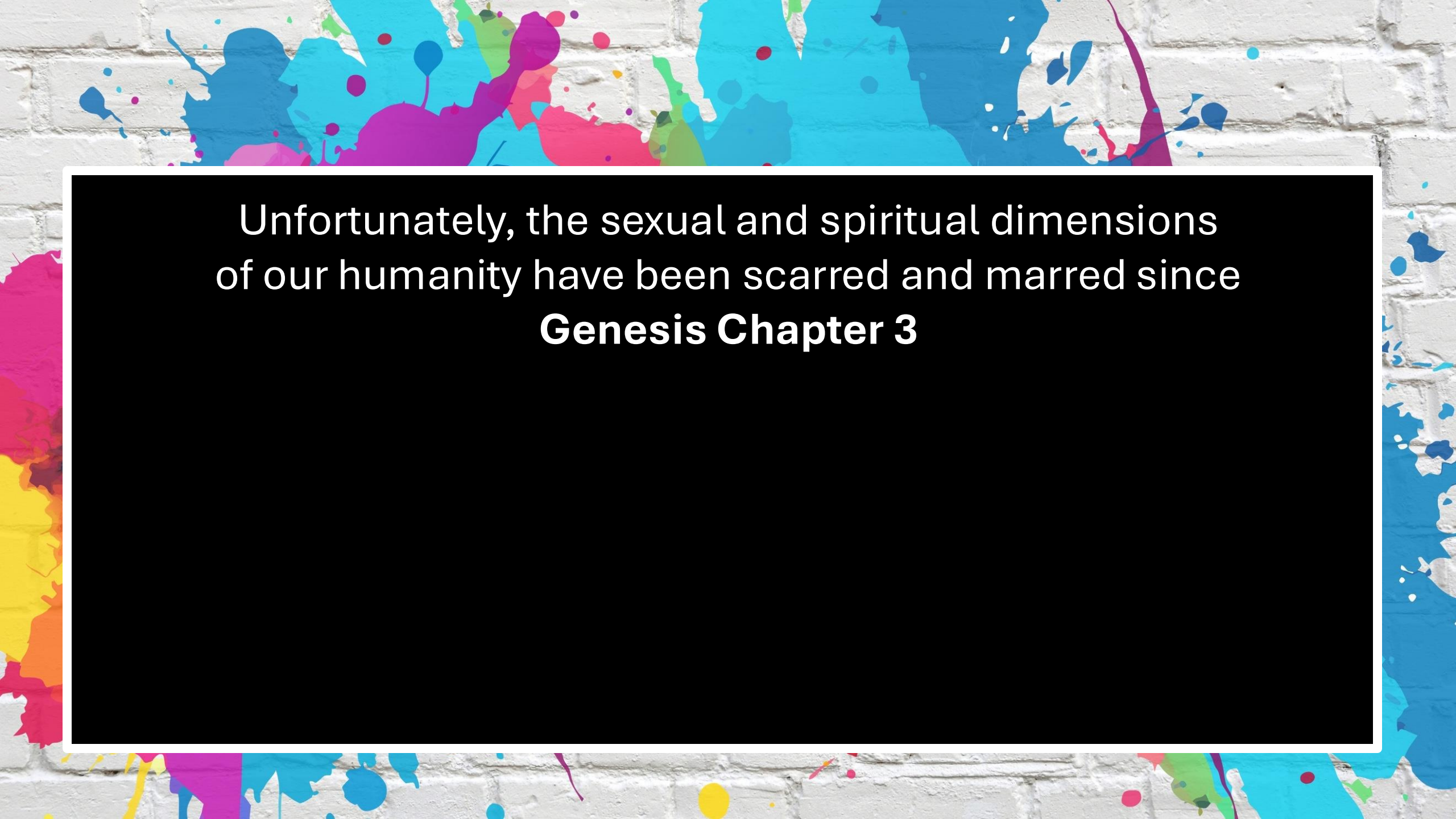


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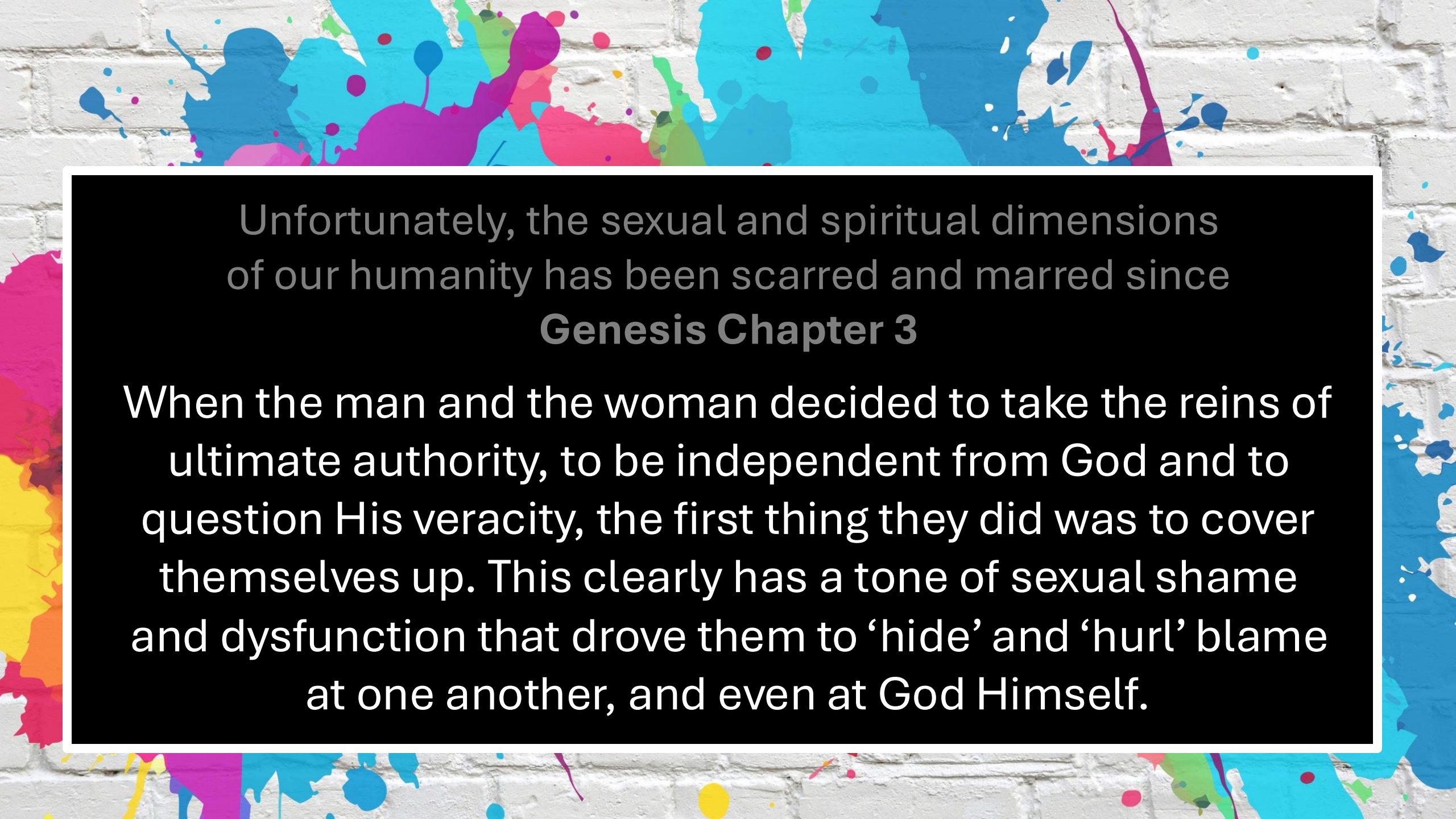
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...no matter what keep yourself in sync with God.



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When the man and the woman decided to take the reins of
ultimate authority, to be independent from God and to
question His veracity, the first thing they did was to cover
themselves up. This clearly has a tone of sexual shame
and dysfunction that drove them to 'hide' and 'hurl' blame
at one another, and even at God Himself.

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I Corin

Greek: guné

Meaning: a woman, a wife, my lady.

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Egalitarian vs. Complementarian

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6 Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.

7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.

9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry.

For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

Foreword by DENNIS RAINEY

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PLEASURE

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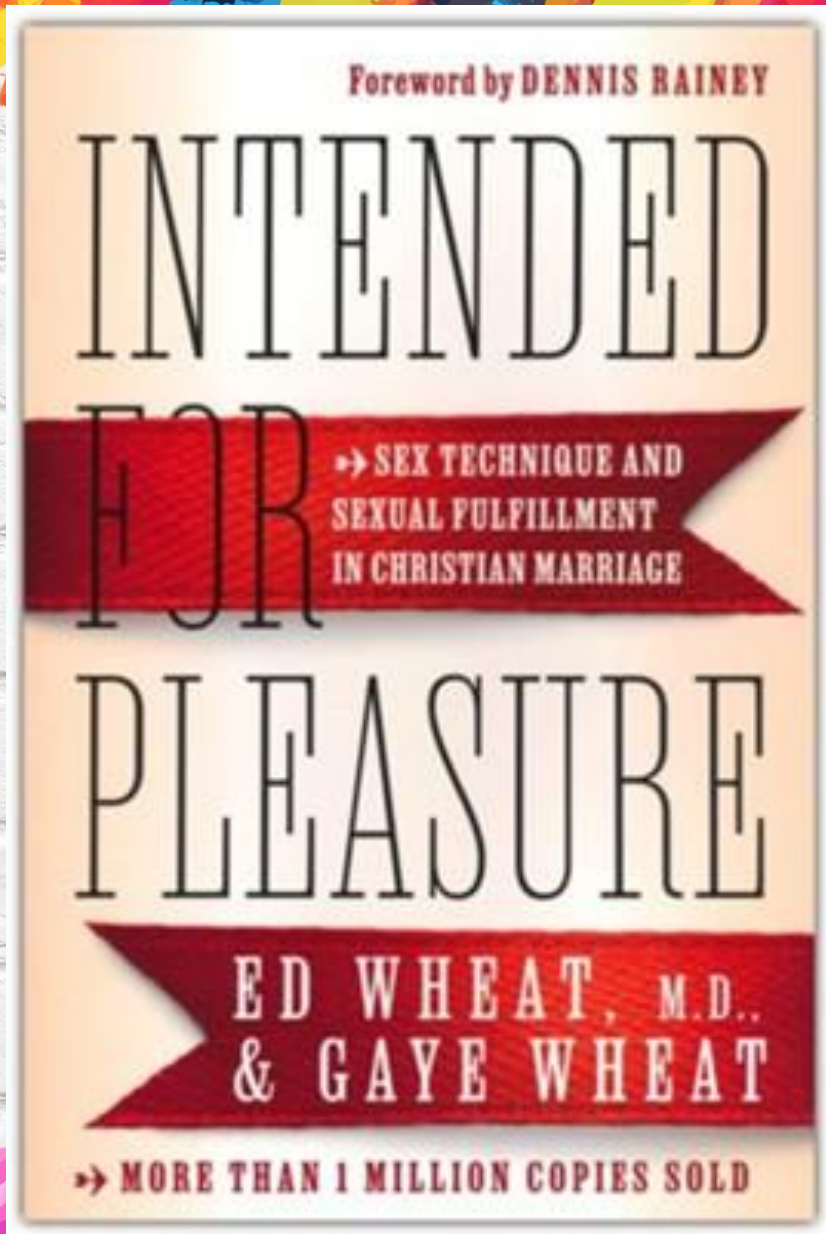
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- Adultery (sexual unfaithfulness)
- Abandonment (rejects responsibility)

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that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever,
and she consents to live with him,
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Greek: hagiázó

Meaning: I make holy,

treat as holy, set apart as holy,
sanctify, hallow, purify.

15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so.
In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved.
God has called you to peace.

16 For how do you know, wife,
whether you will save your husband?
Or how do you know, husband,
whether you will save your wife?

General Principle

17 Only let each person lead the life^l that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him.

This is my rule in all the churches.

18 Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised?

Let him not seek to remove the marks of
circumcision.

Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised?

Let him not seek circumcision.

19 For neither circumcision counts for anything
nor uncircumcision,
but keeping the commandments of God.

20 Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.

21 Were you a bondservant when called?

Do not be concerned about it.

(But if you can gain your freedom,
avail yourself of the opportunity.)

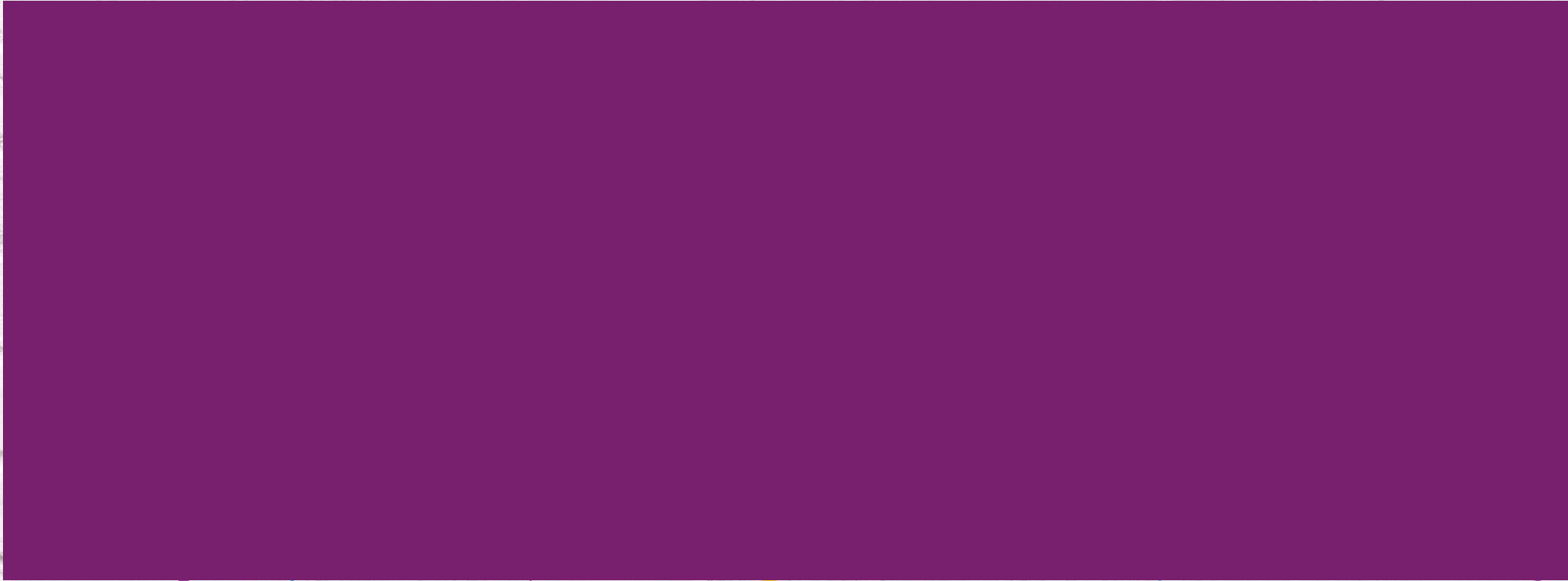
22 For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant
is a freedman of the Lord.

Likewise he who was free when called is a
bondservant of Christ.

23 You were bought with a price;
do not become bondservants of men.

24 So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called,
there let him remain with God.

So...therefore...what now?



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Keep the fire lit,
but keep it in the fire box.

(the enclosed chamber within a fireplace where the fire actually burns)

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Take responsibility for trying to
meet the needs and desires
of your spouse.

So...therefore...what now?

Take responsibility for
communicating with your
spouse concerning your
needs and desires.

So...therefore...what now?

Learn to be content with the
circumstances that unfold
during the various seasons
of your life.

So...therefore...what now?

Keep your relationship with
God central and primary no
matter where you find
yourself in life.