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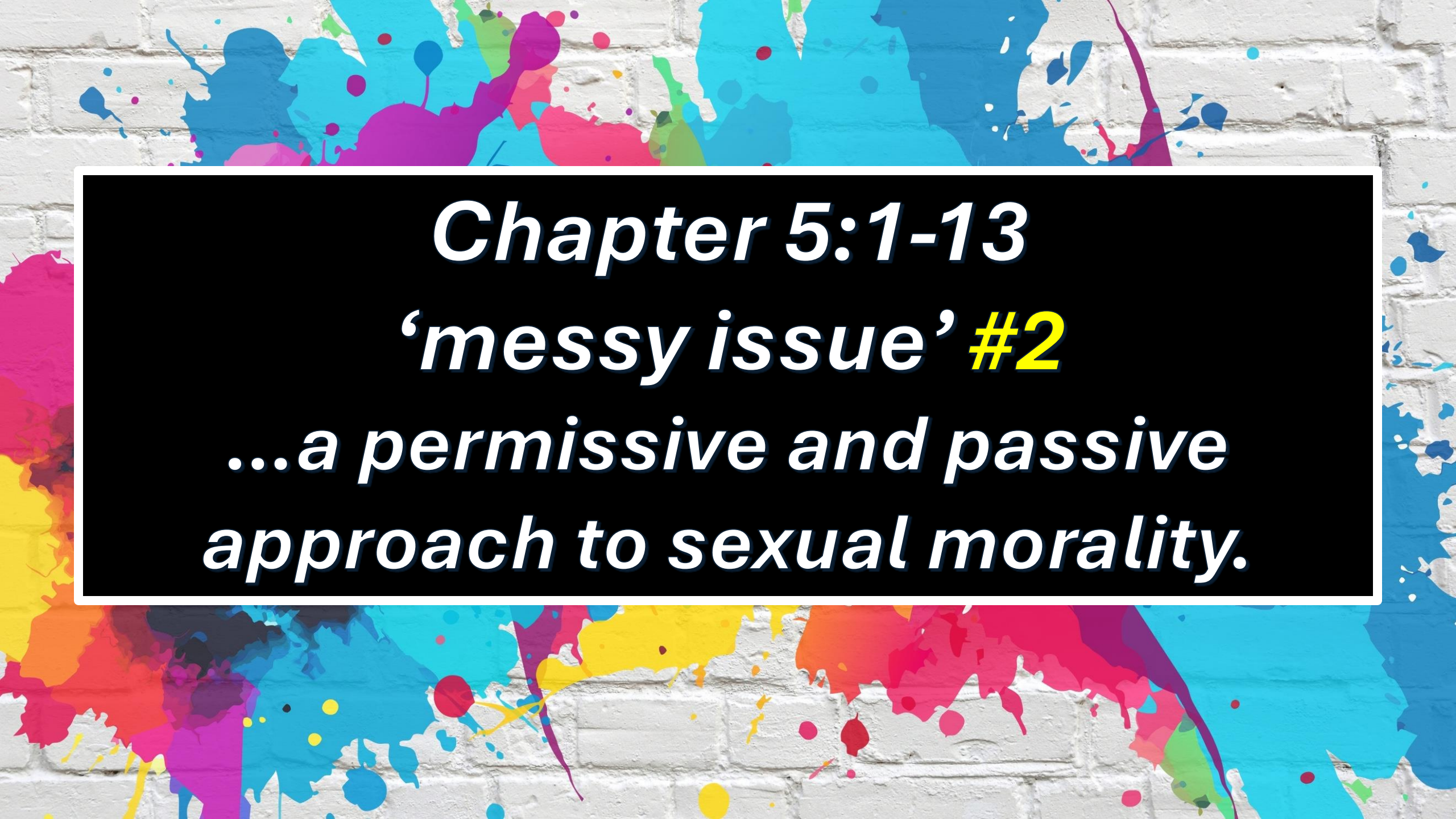
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A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS



***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

'messy issue' #4

***...wrestling with sexual temptation.
A wise and brave person runs away.***



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



Chapter 7:1-24

'messy issue' #5

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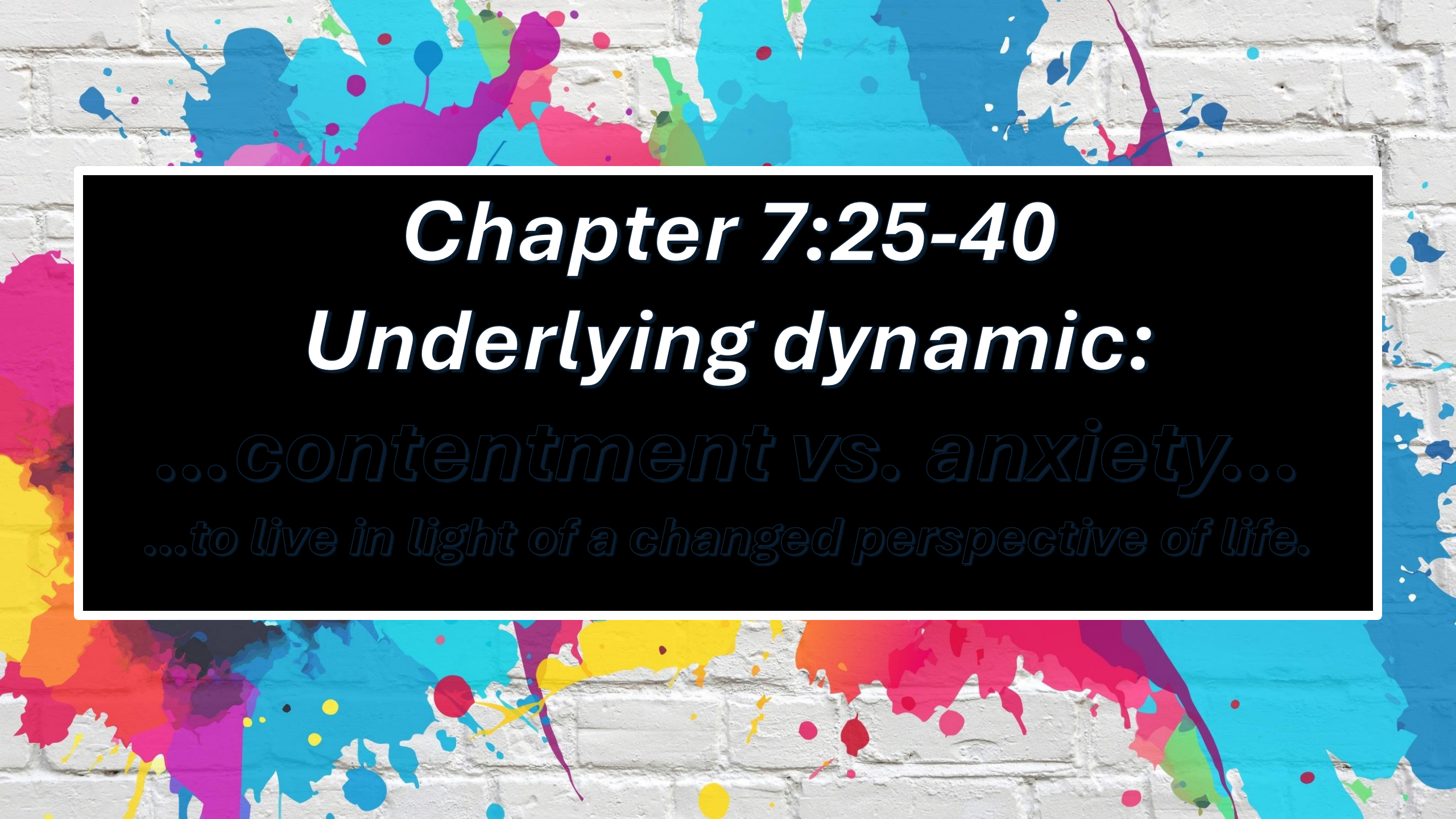


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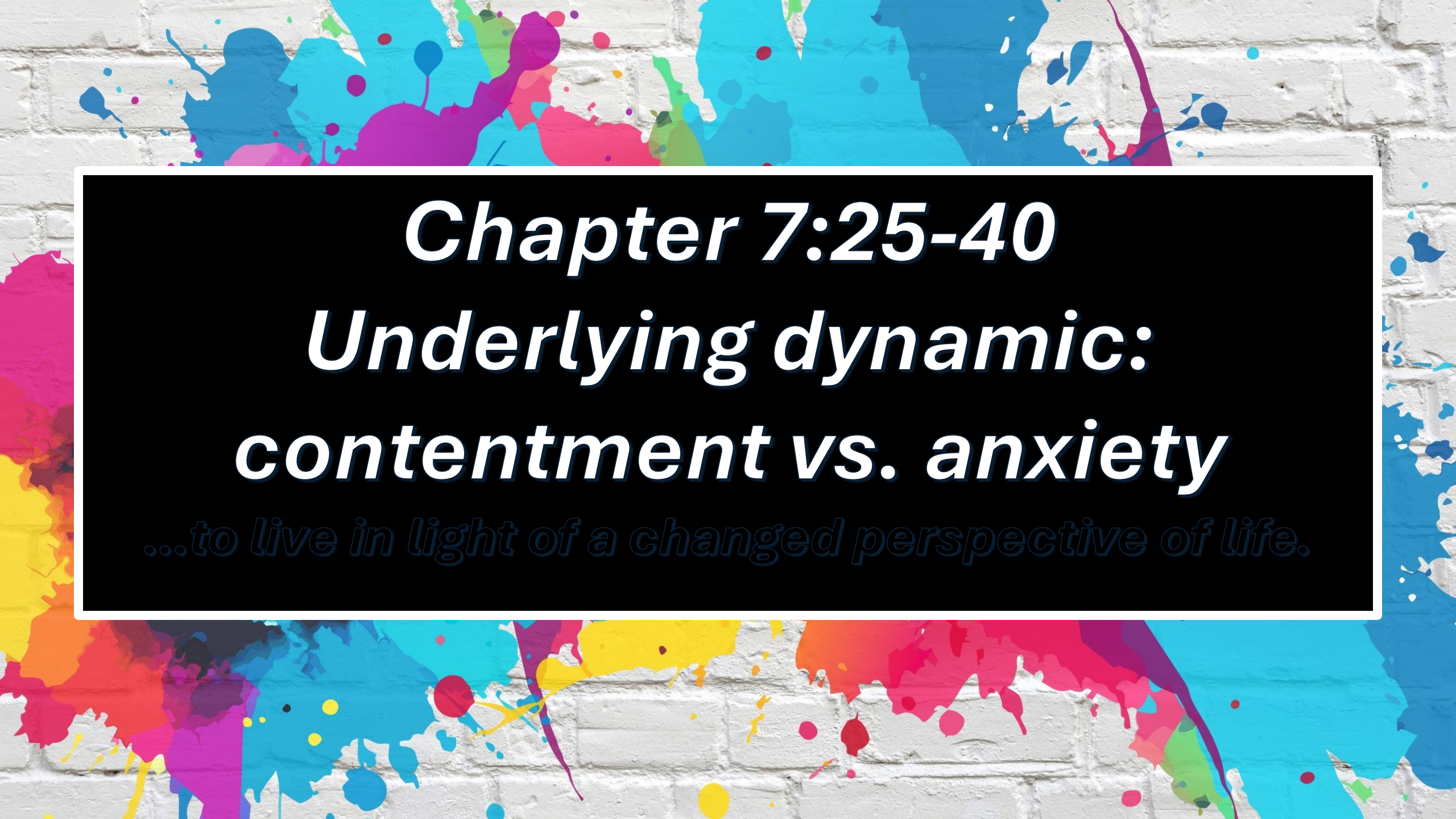
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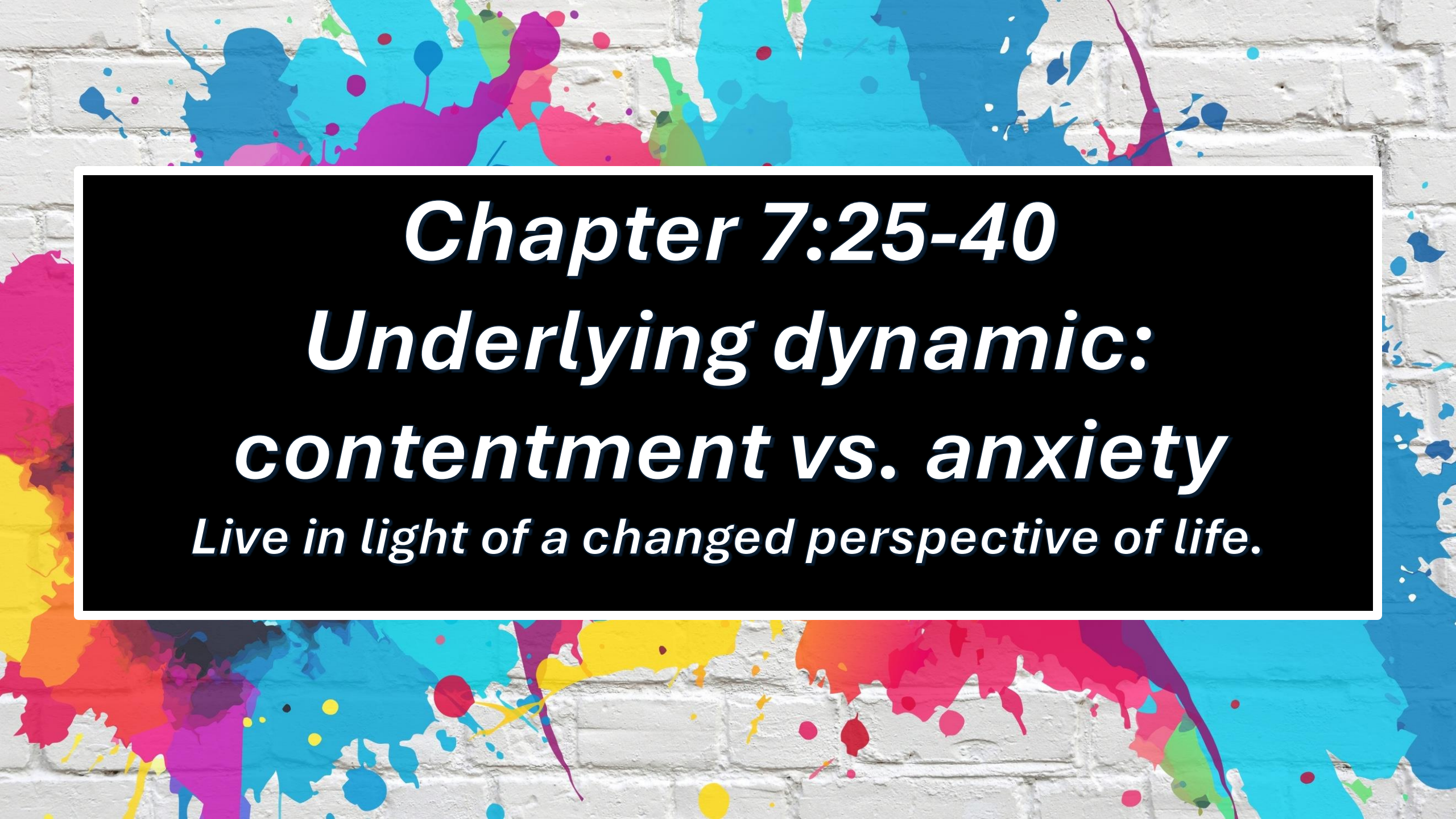
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Greek: parthenos

Definition: Virgin, a maiden; extended to men who have not known women.

Usage: The Greek word "parthenos" primarily refers to a virgin, typically a woman who has not engaged in sexual relations. In the New Testament, it is used to describe both literal and metaphorical purity. **The term can also refer to a young woman of marriageable age, emphasizing her chastity and purity.**

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But if you do marry, you have not sinned,
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Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles,
and I would spare you that.

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Be soberly mindful
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with your life
because your time is limited.

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Determine in your heart
to keep first things first
without abdicating
the responsibilities
that are yours.

