

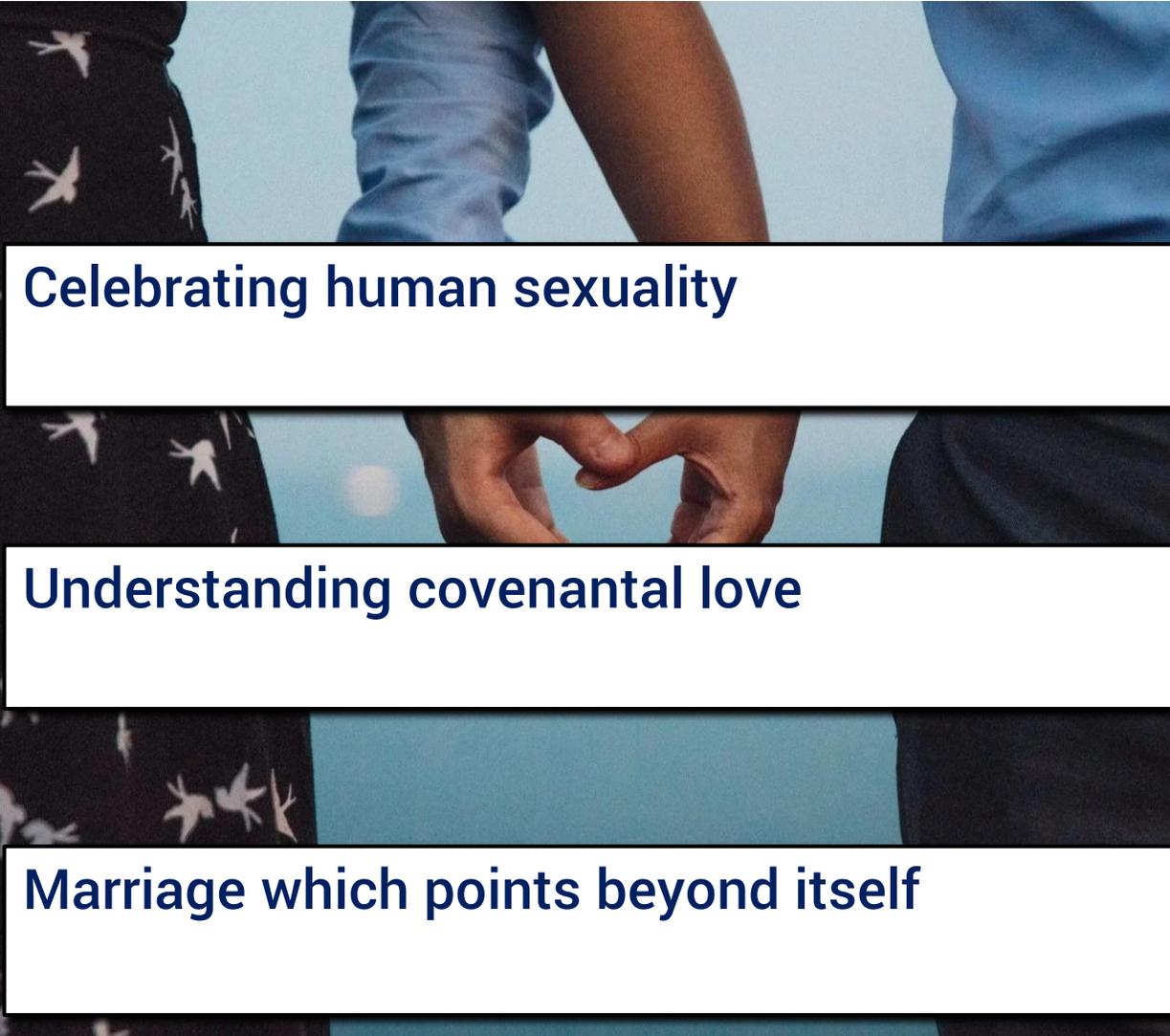
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Chapter 1

7 Tell me, my love, where are you leading your flock today? Where will you rest your sheep at noon? For why should I wander like a prostitute among your friends and their flocks?

8 If you don't know, O most beautiful woman, follow the trail of my flock, and graze your young goats by the shepherds' tents.

9 You are as exciting, my darling, as a mare among Pharaoh's stallions.

10 How lovely are your cheeks; your earrings set them afire! How lovely is your neck, enhanced by a string of jewels.



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14 My dove is hiding behind the rocks, behind an outcrop on the cliff. Let me see your face; let me hear your voice. For your voice is pleasant, and your face is lovely.

15 Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!

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I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

2nd Corinthians 11:2

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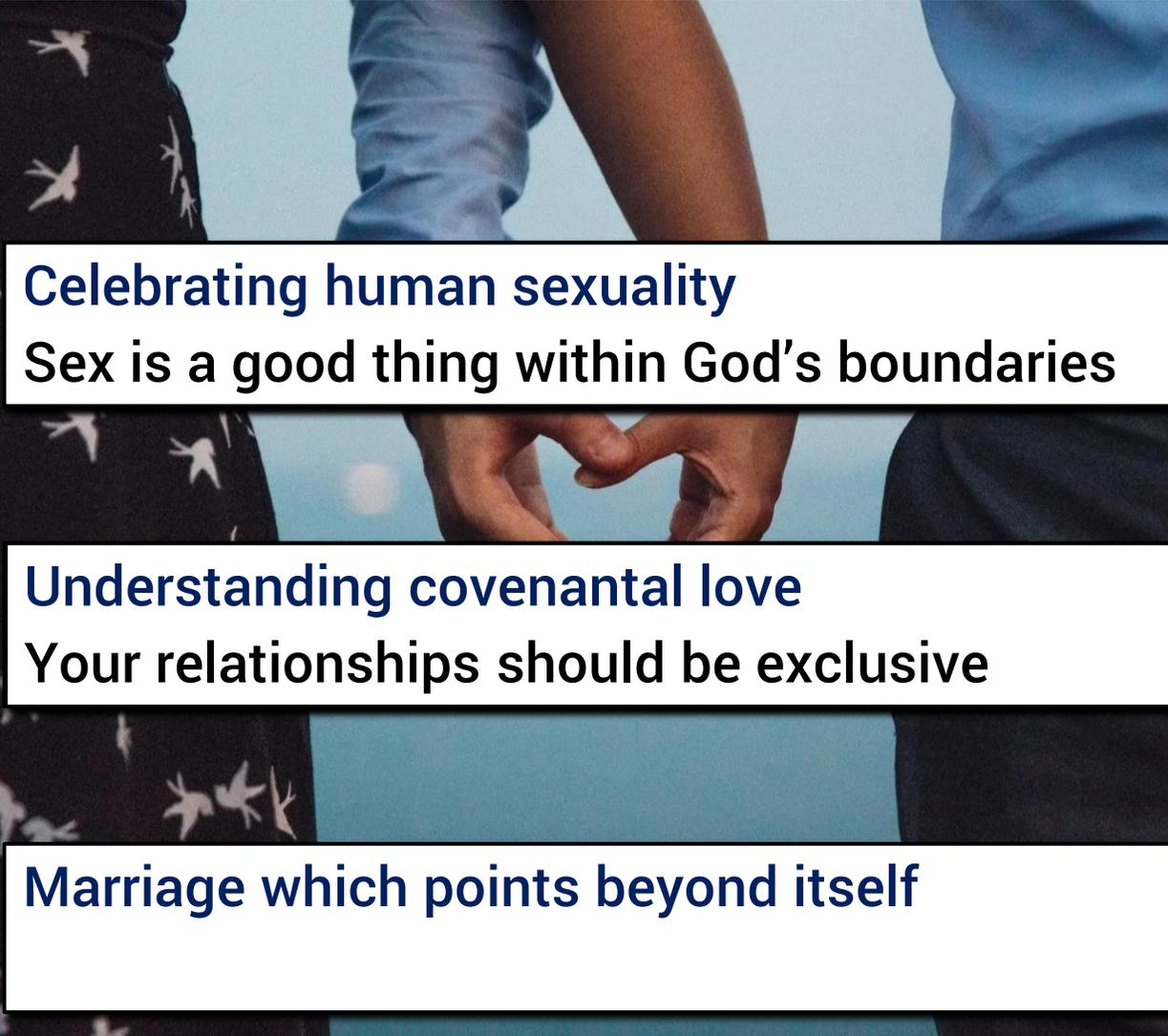
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11 Solomon has a vineyard at Baal-hamon, which he leases out to tenant farmers. Each of them pays a thousand pieces of silver for harvesting its fruit.

12 But my vineyard is mine to give, and Solomon need not pay a thousand pieces of silver. But I will give two hundred pieces to those who care for its vines.



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A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
1 Corinthians 7:39

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10 Your love delights me, my treasure, my bride. Your love is better than wine, your perfume more fragrant than spices.

11 Your lips are as sweet as nectar, my bride. Honey and milk are under your tongue. Your clothes are scented like the cedars of Lebanon.

12 You are my private garden, my treasure, my bride, a secluded spring, a hidden fountain.

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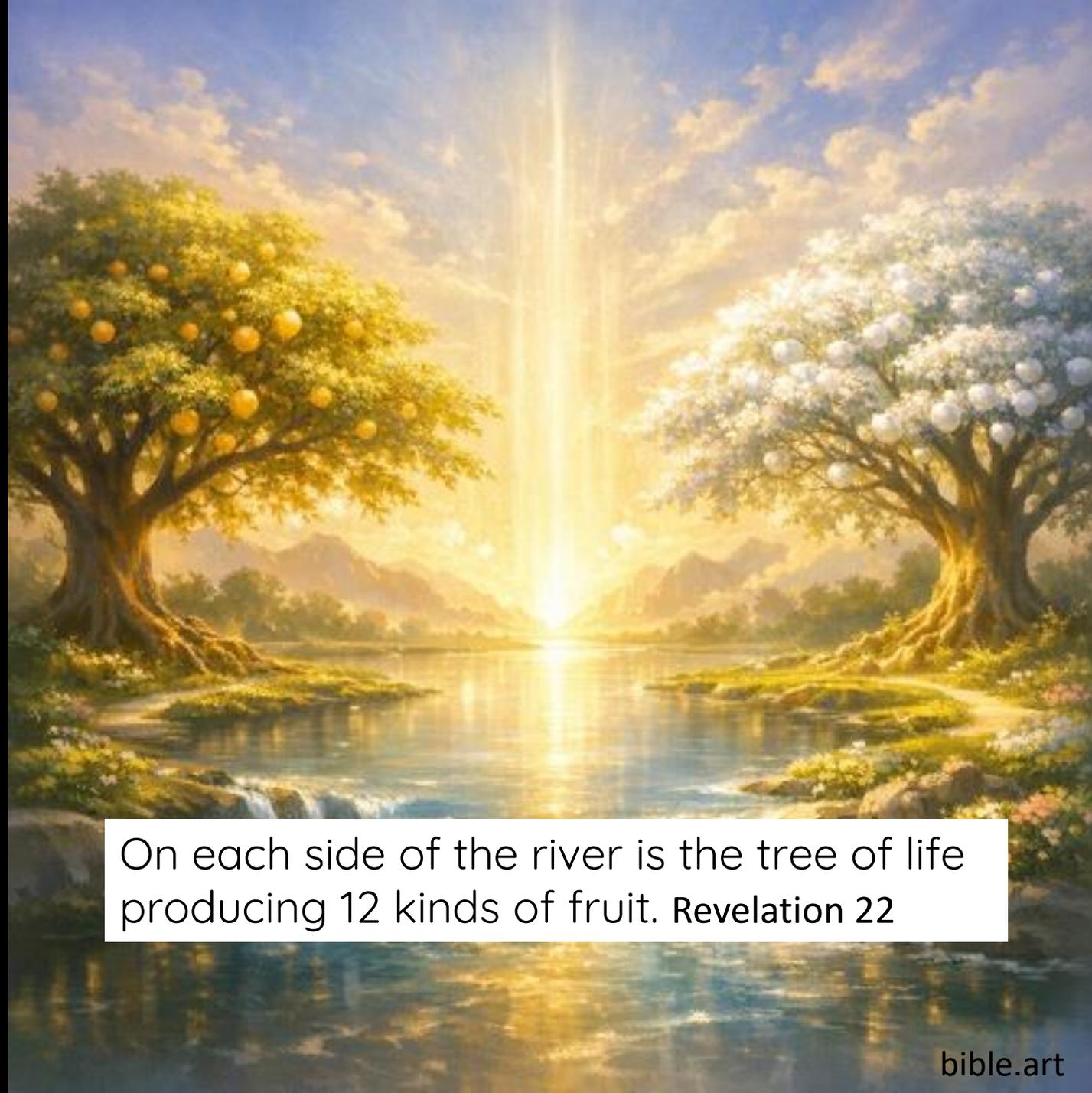
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On each side of the river is the tree of life producing 12 kinds of fruit. Revelation 22

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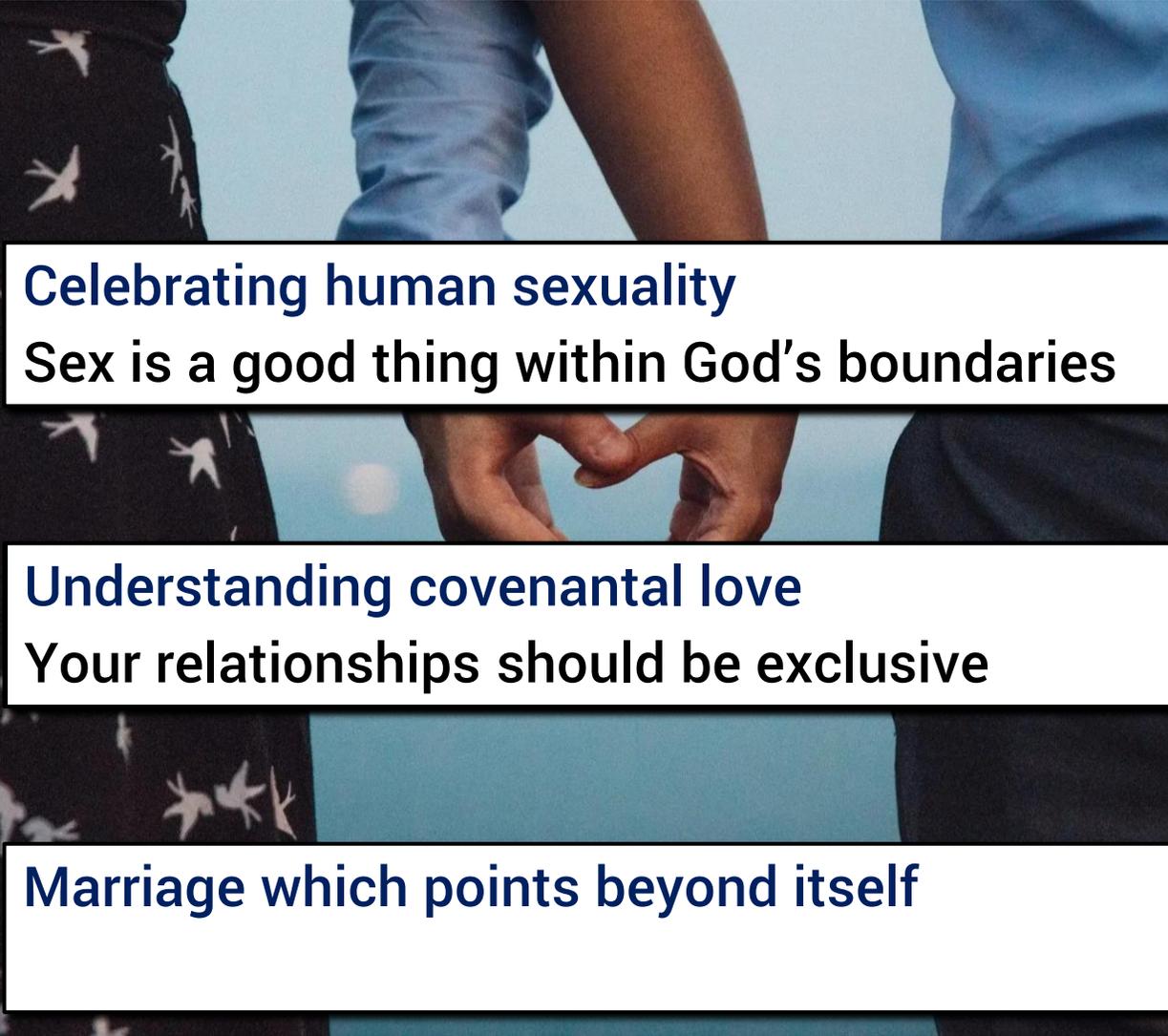
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24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.

25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her

26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.

27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

A photograph of a couple's hands clasped together, forming a heart shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue. The woman is wearing a dark patterned dress, and the man is wearing a light blue shirt.

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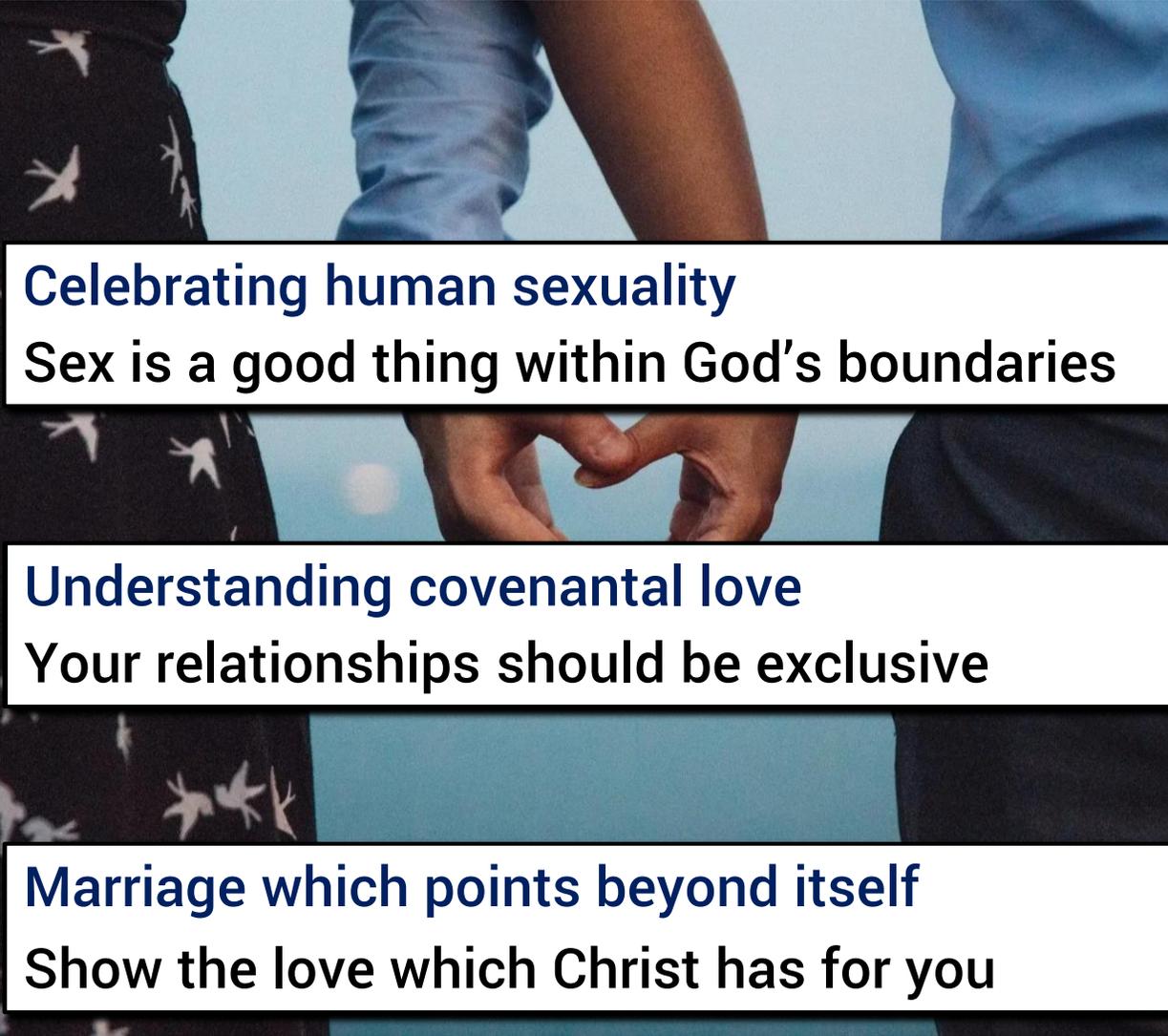
28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself.

29 No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church.

30 And we are members of his body.

31 As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”

32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

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