



# **Family Faithfulness**

**Family Business Series – Part 6**

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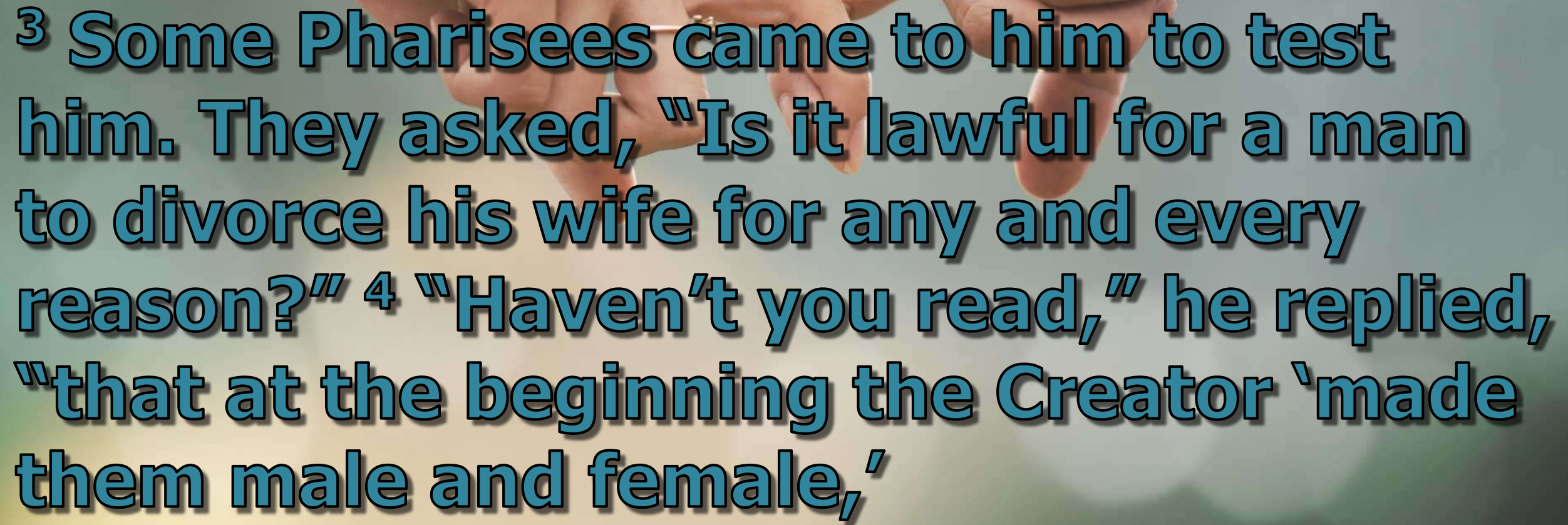
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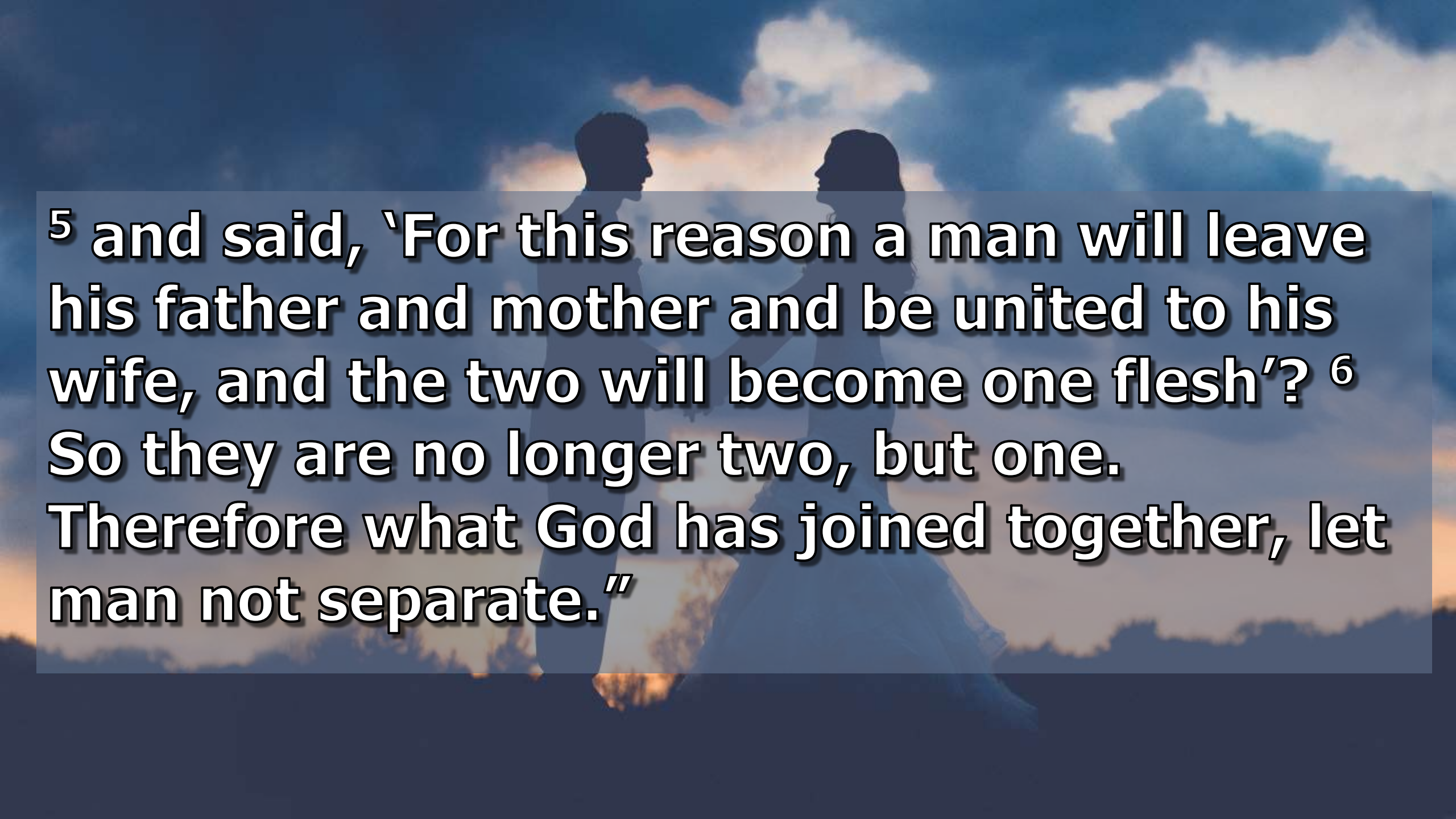
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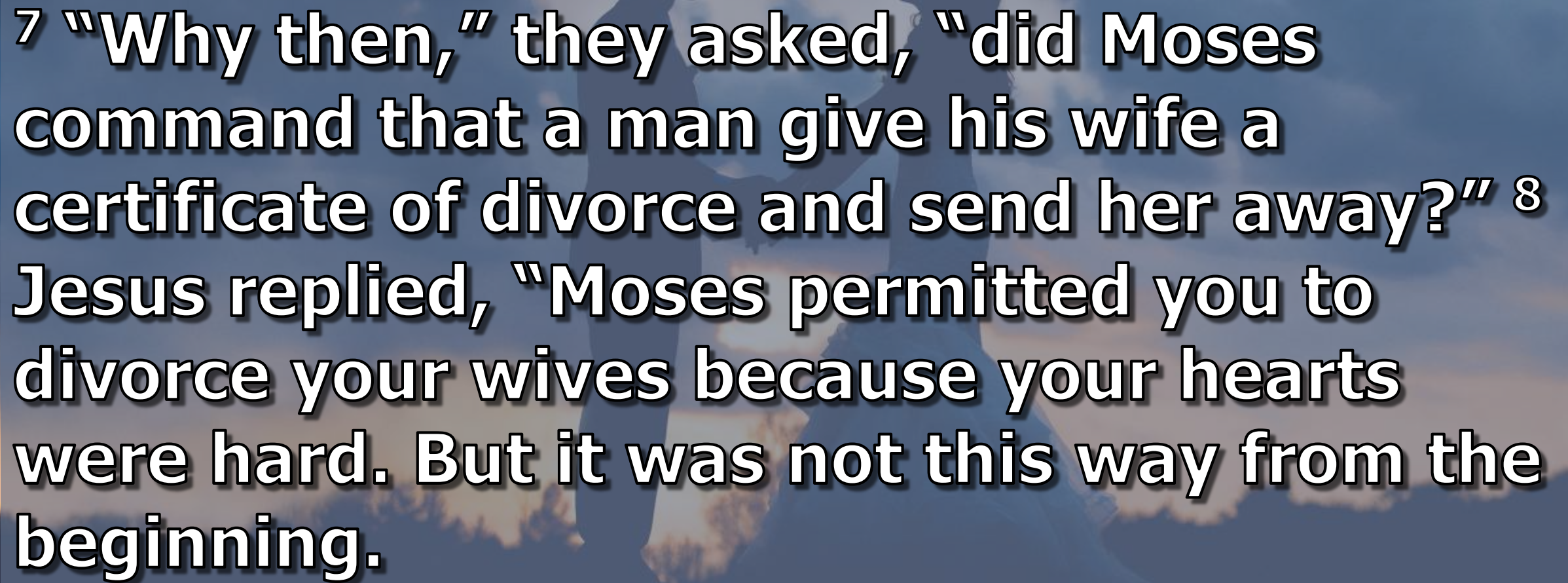
<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. <sup>2</sup> Large crowds followed him, and he healed them there.



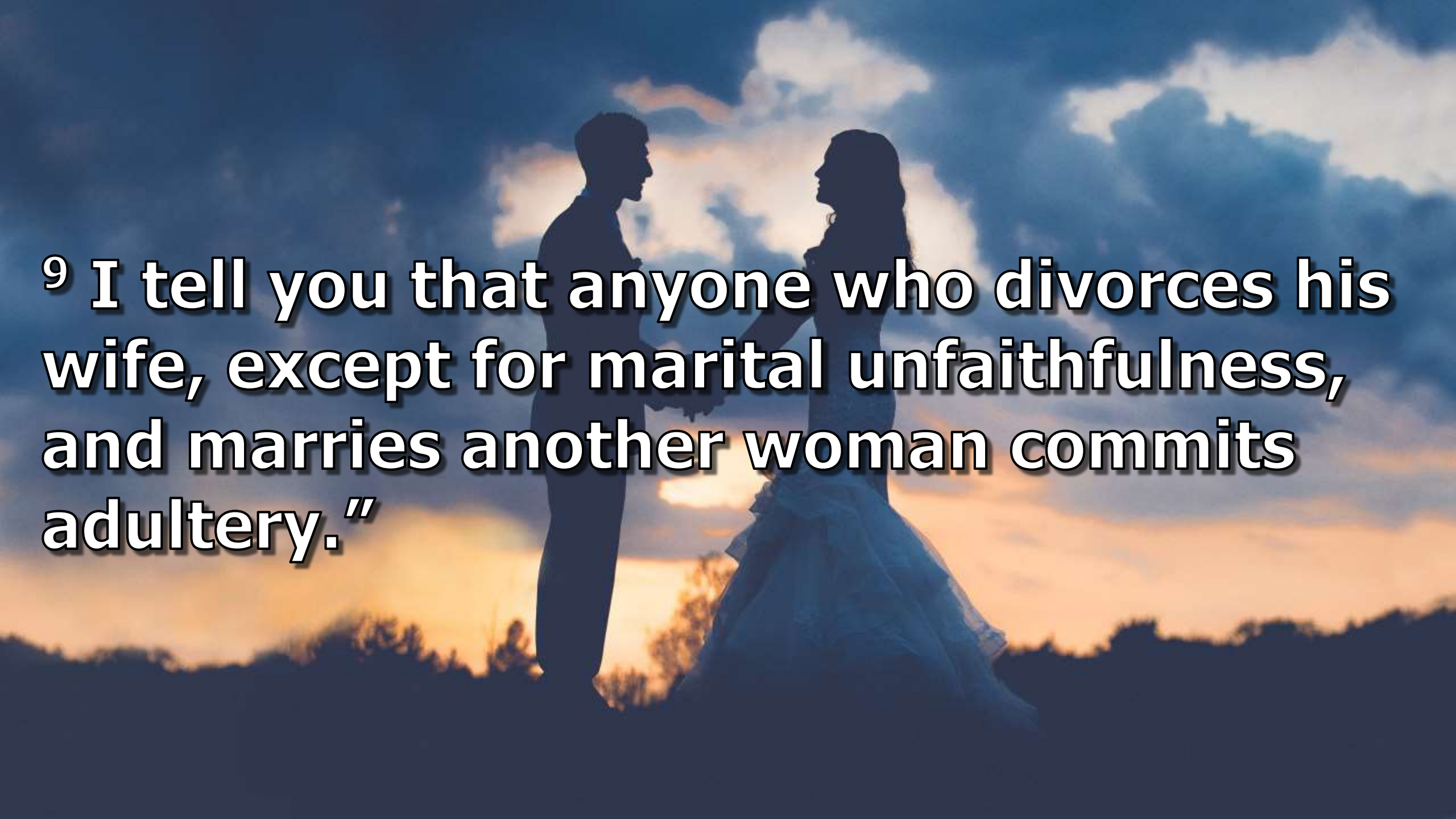
**<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" <sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'**

The background of the image shows the silhouettes of a man and a woman standing and holding hands, facing each other. They are positioned in the center of the frame. The sky behind them is a mix of blue and orange, with scattered white clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is romantic and serene.

**<sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.'"**



**7 “Why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?” 8 Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.**

A silhouette of a man and a woman in wedding attire standing against a dramatic sunset sky with clouds. The man is on the left, facing right, and the woman is on the right, facing left. They appear to be holding hands. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, with large, soft clouds. The overall mood is romantic and contemplative.

**<sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."**

## Exodus 34:6

<sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.


## **Psalm 57:10**

**10 For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. (NIV)**

A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman holding hands, standing against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. The couple is positioned in the center-left of the frame, with the woman's long dress flowing out behind her. The overall mood is peaceful and loving.

A close-up photograph of two hands, one from a woman and one from a man, holding each other. The woman's hand is on the left, wearing a gold ring on her ring finger. The man's hand is on the right, wearing a silver ring on his ring finger. They are holding each other's index fingers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus bokeh of green and yellow light.

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A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman in wedding attire, holding hands and facing each other. They are set against a dramatic sky with soft, glowing clouds from a low sun, creating a warm, golden light. The man is on the left, wearing a suit, and the woman is on the right, wearing a long, flowing wedding dress.

## ***2 Key Ingredients To Family Faithfulness***

1. **A Commitment To Christ**
2. **A Commitment To Marriage**

# 1. The Provision of the Married Life.

Genesis 2:18<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."-- (NLT)

# **A. The Supernatural Creation of Marriage.**

**Matthew 19:4<sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'-- (NIV)**

## **B. The Simple Command of Marriage.**

**Matthew 19:5<sup>5</sup> and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?-- (ESV)**

## **C. The Supreme Commitment of Marriage.**

**Matthew 19:5<sup>5</sup> And because of this, a man leaves father and mother and is firmly bonded to his wife, becoming one flesh—no longer two bodies but one.-- (The Msg)**

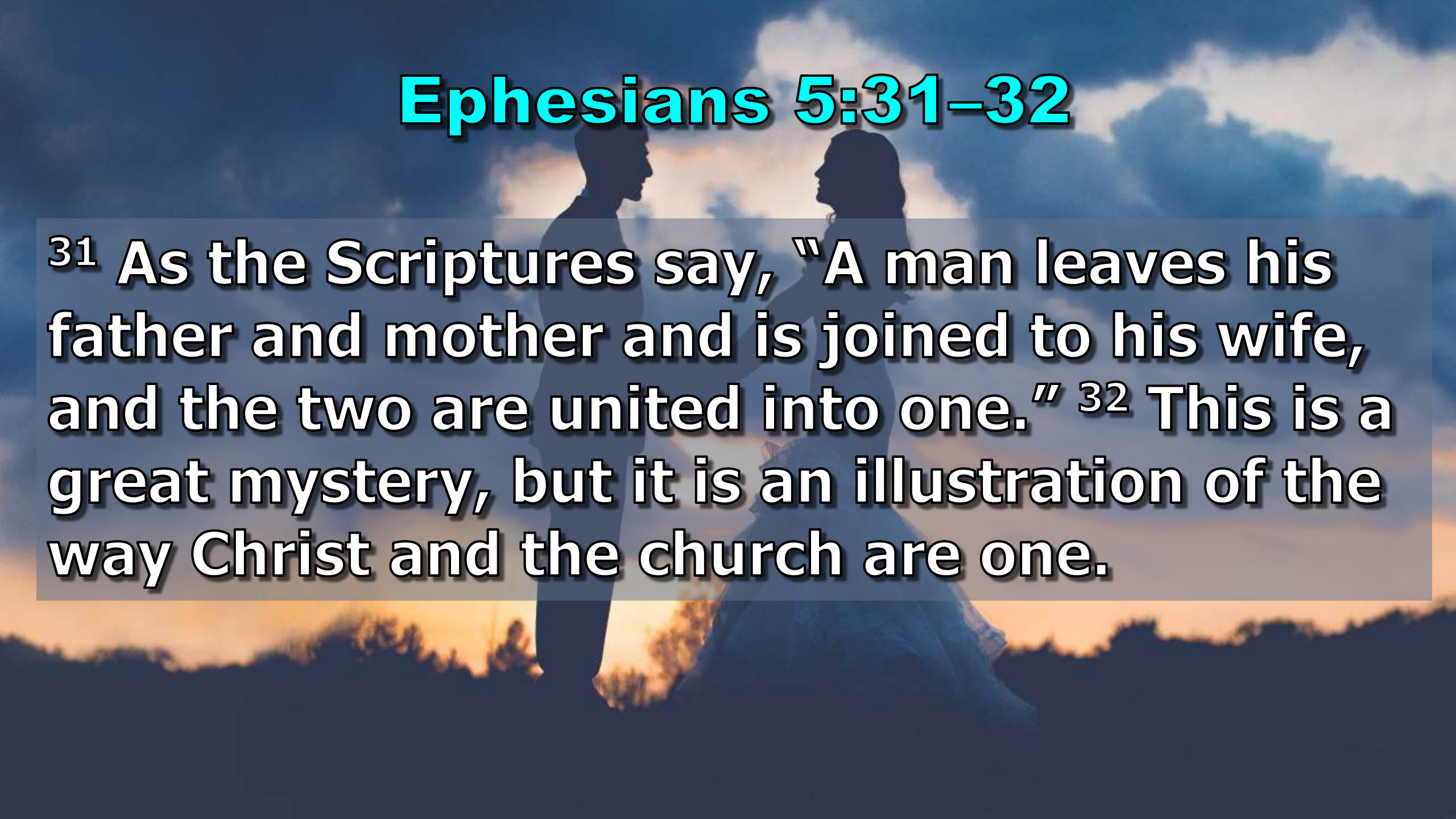
A romantic scene of a couple in wedding attire, silhouetted against a dramatic sunset sky with soft clouds. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, both looking towards each other. The overall mood is serene and celebratory.

## **D. The Supernatural Consummation of Marriage.**

**Matthew 19:5<sup>5</sup> And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.'-- (NLT)**

## **Ephesians 5:31–32**

**<sup>31</sup> As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” <sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.**

The background of the slide features a romantic sunset scene. In the center, the silhouettes of a man and a woman are visible. The man is on the left, wearing a suit, and the woman is on the right, wearing a wedding dress. They are facing each other, suggesting a wedding ceremony or a moment of union. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, with soft clouds catching the low light of the sun. The overall mood is serene and intimate, which complements the biblical text about marriage and the church.

## **2. The Pollution of Married Life.**

**Matthew 19:7–8<sup>7</sup> They said to him, “Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?”<sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.-- (ESV)**

## **A. Violators Sin Against Themselves.**

**1 Corinthians 6:18<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.-- (NIV)**

## **B. Violators Sin Against Their Family.**

**Ephesians 5:28<sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.**

## **C. Violators Sin Against The Church .**

**1 Corinthians 12:26<sup>26</sup> If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.-- (TEV)**

## **D. Violators Sin Against The Nation .**

**Proverbs 14:34<sup>34</sup> Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.-- (ESV)**

## **F. Violators Sin Against God.**

**Psalm 51:4<sup>4</sup> Against you, and you alone,  
have I sinned; I have done what is evil  
in your sight. . . . (NLT)**

## Hebrews 13:4

**<sup>4</sup> Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.-- (NASB)**

## **Proverbs 6:27–29**

**<sup>27</sup> Can a man take fire in his bosom And his clothes not be burned? <sup>28</sup> Or can a man walk on hot coals And his feet not be scorched? <sup>29</sup> So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her will not go unpunished.-- (NASB)**

### 3. The Preservation of the Married Life.

**Matthew 19:6<sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”-- (ESV)**

# **A. Make A Decision To Follow Jesus.**

**Mark 12:30<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ (NIV)**



## **B. You Depend On Christ For Power.**

**Luke 1:37<sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God."**

**Matthew 17:20<sup>20</sup>. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."**

A romantic scene featuring the silhouettes of a man and a woman in wedding attire. The man is on the left, facing right, and the woman is on the right, facing left. They are positioned against a dramatic sky with soft, glowing clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is intimate and celebratory.

## C. Renew Your Devotion Regularly.

**Ephesians 5:33<sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.**

A romantic scene of a couple in wedding attire silhouetted against a sunset sky. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, both facing each other. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **D. Receive and Give Forgiveness As Needed.**

**Colossians 3:13<sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman in wedding attire holding hands against a dramatic sunset sky with scattered clouds. The man is on the left, wearing a suit, and the woman is on the right, wearing a long, flowing wedding dress. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow that contrasts with the deep blue of the upper sky. The overall mood is peaceful and celebratory.

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A romantic silhouette of a man and a woman shaking hands against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and blue clouds. The man is on the left, wearing a suit, and the woman is on the right, wearing a wedding dress. The word "GOODBYE" is written in large white letters across the center, enclosed in a thin white rectangular border.

# GOODBYE

— SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY —