



# *Lights in the Home*

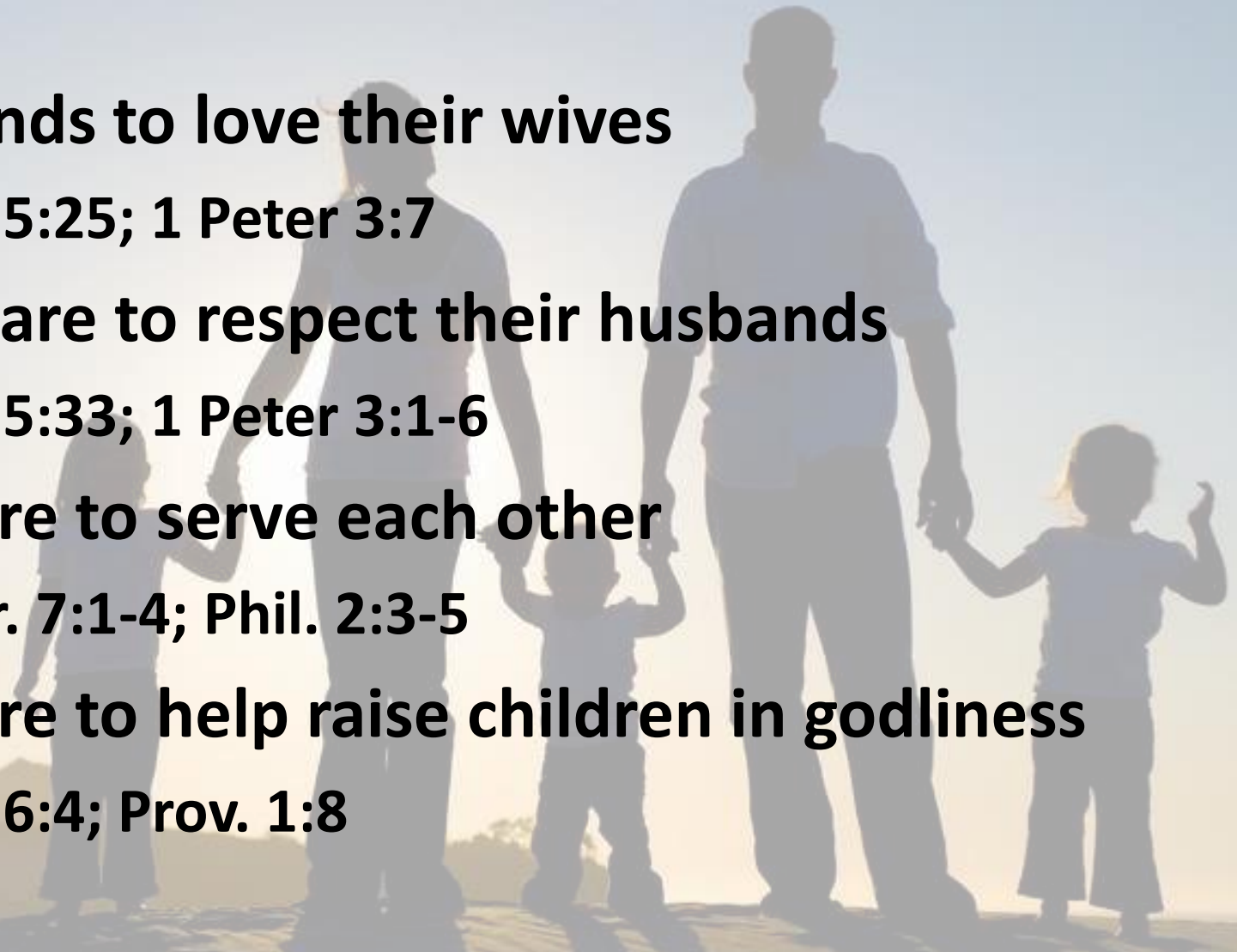
**Understanding the Significance and  
Sanctity of Marriage**

# ***The Marriage Relationship***

- **Ordained by God from the beginning**
  - **Genesis 2:18, 22-24**
- **Holy and honorable**
  - **Hebrews 13:4**
- **A picture of God's relationship with His people**
  - **Ephesians 5:22-33; Hosea 2:19-23**
- **Marriage is a covenant for life**
  - **Romans 7:2-3**

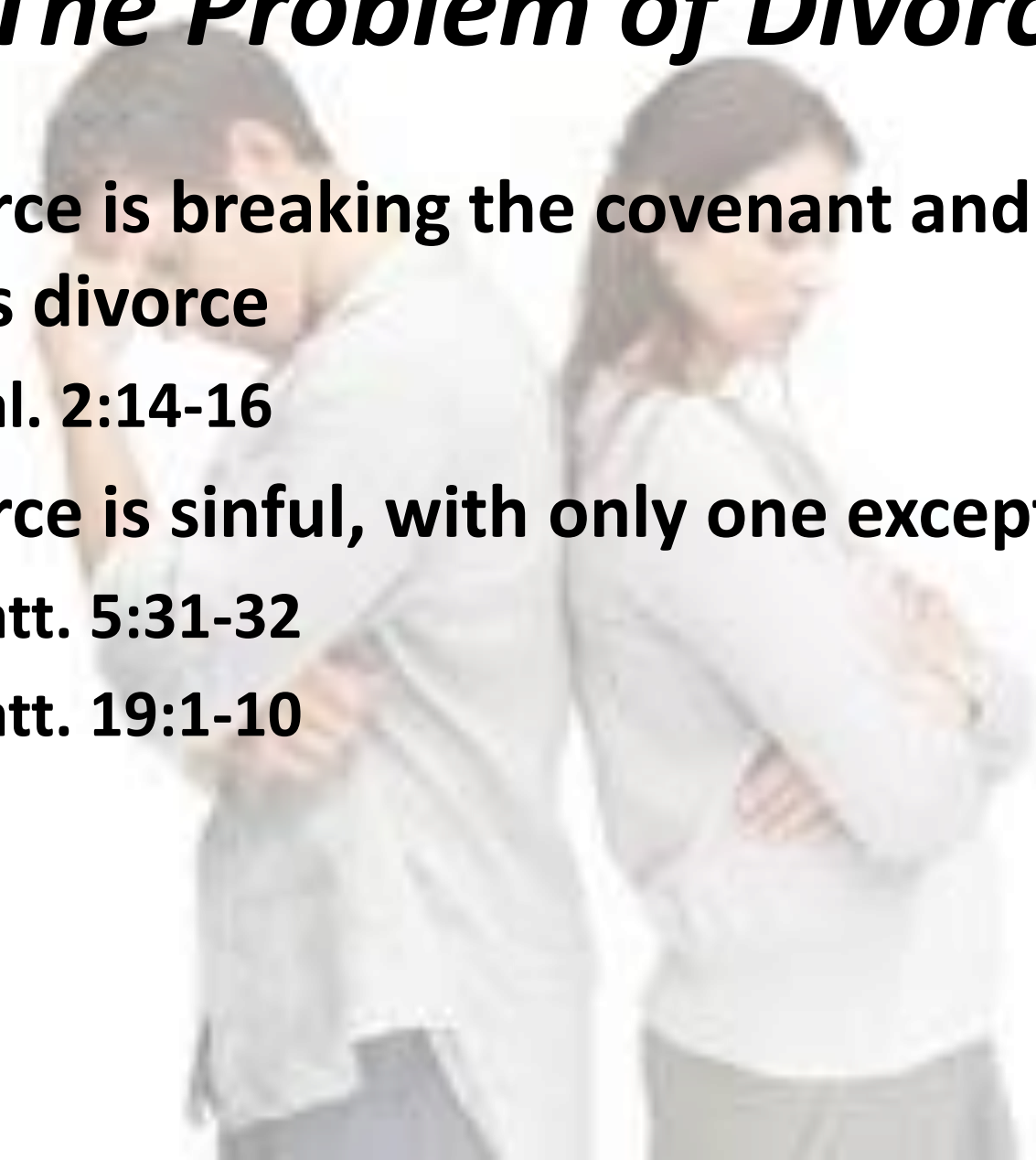
# *Responsibilities in Marriage*

- **Husbands to love their wives**
  - Eph. 5:25; 1 Peter 3:7
- **Wives are to respect their husbands**
  - Eph. 5:33; 1 Peter 3:1-6
- **Both are to serve each other**
  - 1 Cor. 7:1-4; Phil. 2:3-5
- **Both are to help raise children in godliness**
  - Eph. 6:4; Prov. 1:8



# ***The Problem of Divorce***

- **Divorce is breaking the covenant and God hates divorce**
  - **Mal. 2:14-16**
- **Divorce is sinful, with only one exception**
  - **Matt. 5:31-32**
  - **Matt. 19:1-10**



# ***The Divorce Argument***

- **There is but one cause for divorce (fornication) that allows an innocent party the right to remarriage. However, there are situations in which a person may have to leave a marriage in order to serve the Lord (see Luke 14:26; 18:29).**

**– Mike Willis, *Truth Magazine*, Jan. 2007**

# ***What About Divorce Without Remarriage?***

- **What about 1 Corinthians 7:11?**
- **What is the Law in this passage?**
  - Vs. 10 “The wife should not leave”
  - Vs. 11 “The husband should not divorce”
- **The option of remaining unmarried in verse 11 does not justify the act of divorce**
  - Vs. 10 and 11 clearly show that the law is that divorce is sinful.

# ***God's Law on Divorce***

- **Matt. 5:32** “Whoever divorces his wife...makes her commit adultery...”
- **Matt. 19:6** “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”
- **Mark 10:9** “What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”
- **1 Cor. 7:10** “The wife should not leave her husband.”
- **1 Cor. 7:11** “The husband should not divorce his wife.”
- **1 Cor. 7:12** “And she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.”
- **1 Cor. 7:13** “She must not send her husband away”

# **God's Law**

**One Man, One Woman, For  
Life, With One Exception**

**Matthew 19:1-9**

