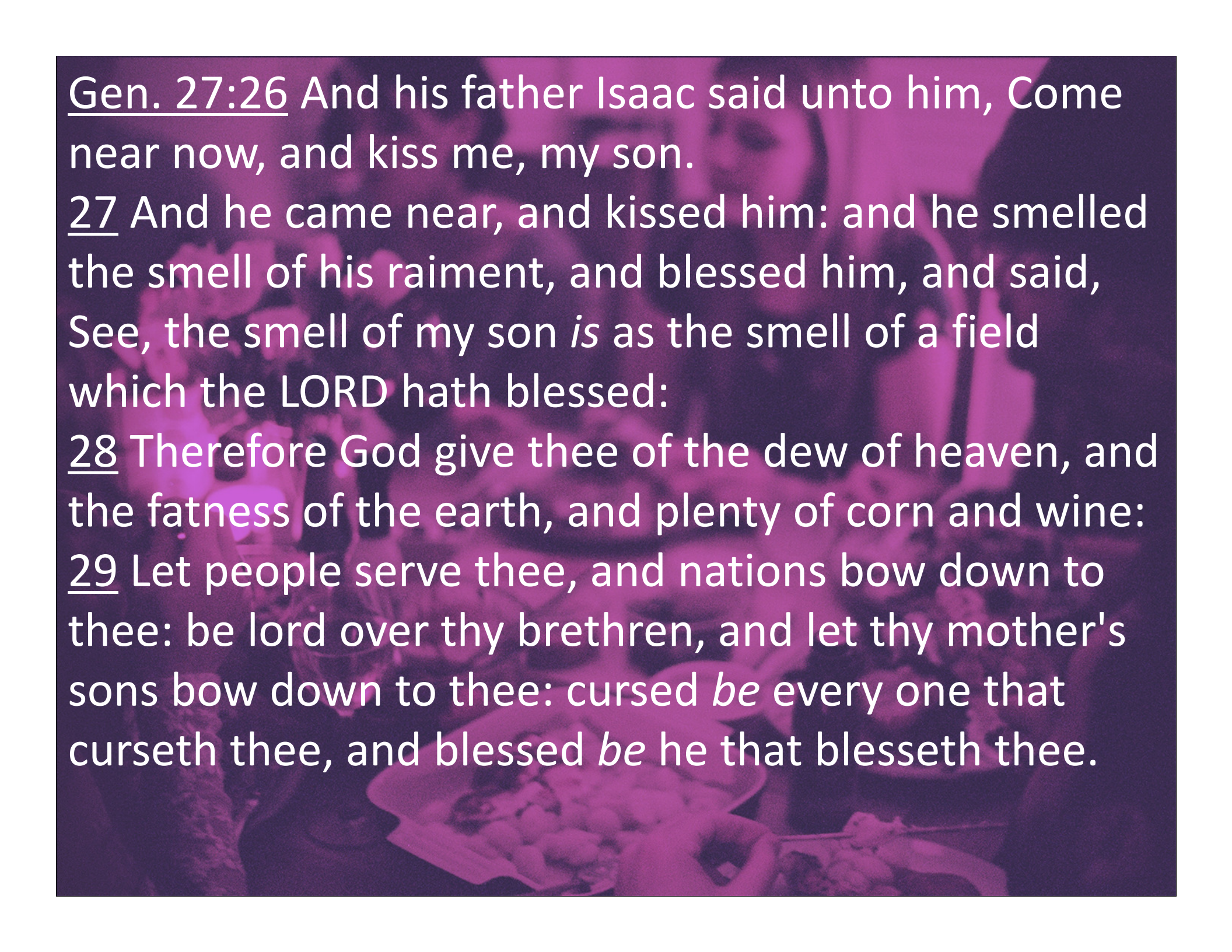


A photograph of a group of people dining at a restaurant. The scene is dimly lit with warm, ambient lighting. In the foreground, a person's hand is visible holding a fork over a plate of food. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of dumplings, a glass of wine, and a dark bottle. In the background, several other diners are seated at the table, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The overall atmosphere is intimate and social.

Glorify the Creator

Gen. 27:26-29

*“The Role of a Husband in
Glorifying the Creator”*



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27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

Review

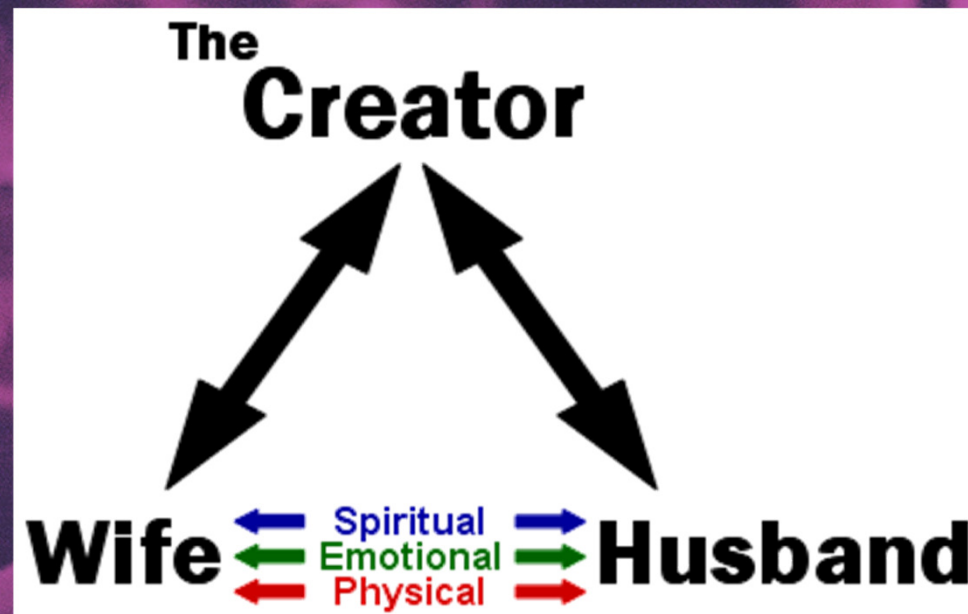
- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God's glory.

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

- A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship
 - B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity
 - C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness
- God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

Rightly understood, therefore, a marriage entered into before God involves three persons:

1. A husband
2. A wife
3. God.



D. Marriage was Designed for Comprehension

II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. CHOOSE A MATE

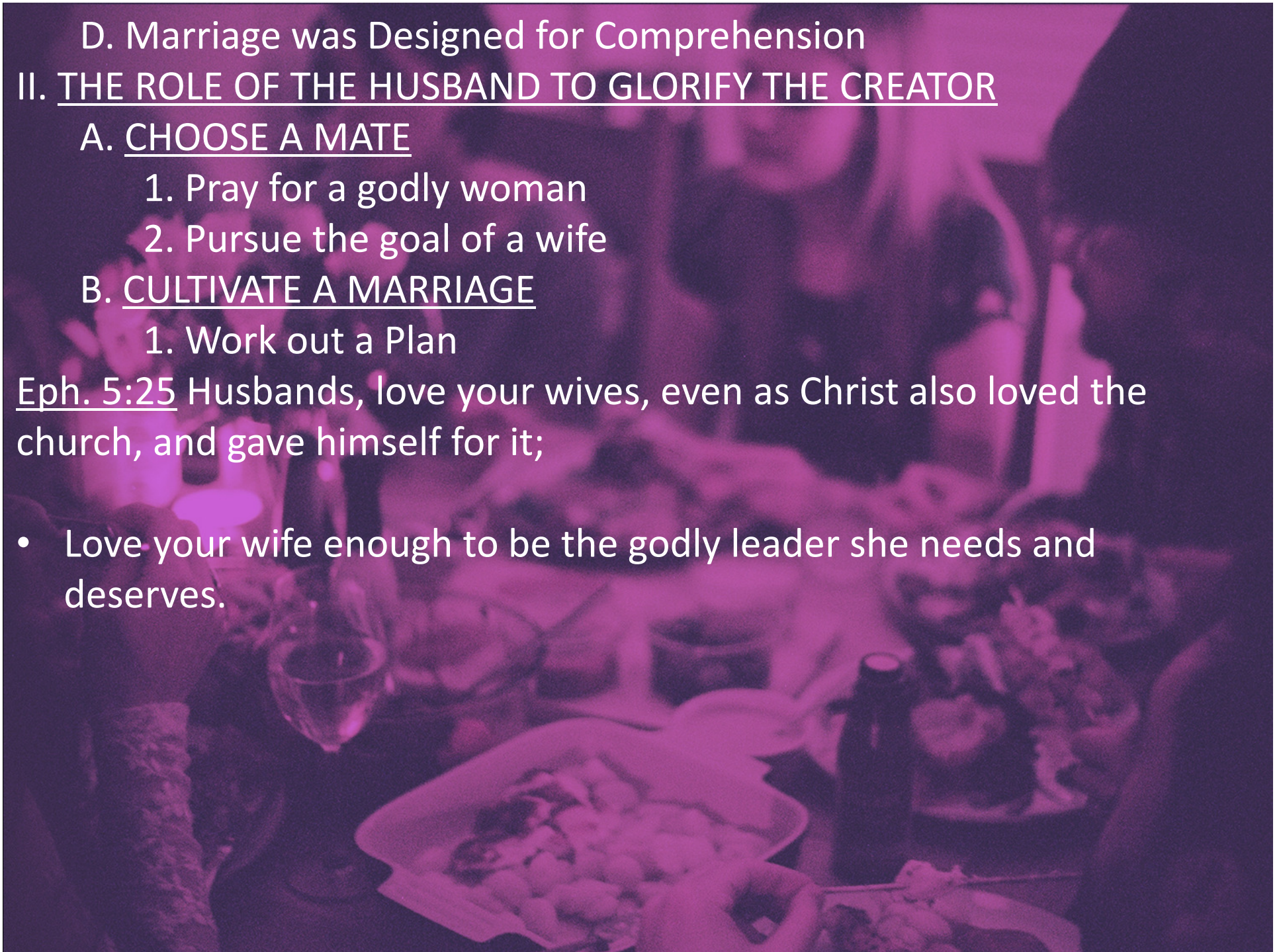
1. Pray for a godly woman
2. Pursue the goal of a wife

B. CULTIVATE A MARRIAGE

1. Work out a Plan

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

- Love your wife enough to be the godly leader she needs and deserves.





- Take the initiative to follow Scriptural principles:

- Read your Bible
- Pray
- Witness
- Attend church faithfully
- Tithe
- Serve
- Live for Christ – DAILY!

2. Work the Plan

C. CORRECT ANY MISTAKES

1. Anticipate the Challenges

- Marriage is a marathon – develop the mentality to be in it for the long-run, for life.

2. Address the Conflict

What Makes Love Last? by John Gottman

The Four Horsemen

*Criticism

*Defensiveness

*Contempt

*Stonewalling

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In order to correct the mistakes, husbands must learn to communicate.

D. COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE

1. Seek Clarity and Compassion

- Resolving conflicts begin with a “bid”

Text

Subtext

2. Send Comments of Care

Eph. 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, dining. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. In the foreground, there are plates of food, including what appears to be a large platter of dumplings or small pastries, and several glasses. In the background, a woman with long dark hair is looking towards the camera. The overall atmosphere is social and relaxed.

Last week we considered that marriage is like running a marathon race.

- Marriage is a marathon – develop the mentality to be in it for the long-run, for life.
- Husbands need to be committed to this “marathon mentality” with a commitment to continue the mission.

E. CONTINUE THE MISSION



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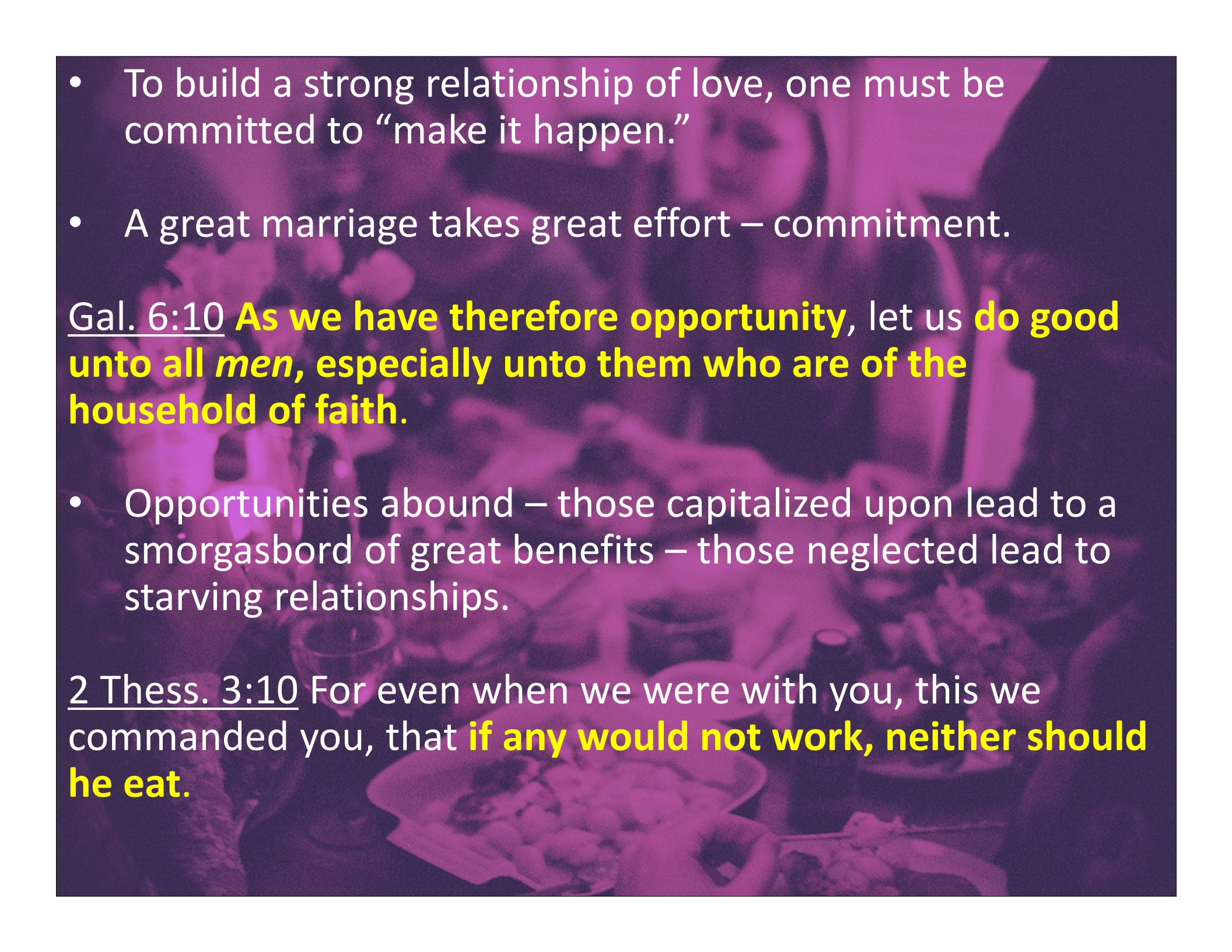
S = “see potential”

S = “say it”

1. B = “be committed” – “...Come near now...” =
active commitment

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

Jn. 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, **if ye have love one to another.**

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- A group of people are seated at a dining table in a restaurant. The table is set with plates of food, glasses, and silverware. The background shows other diners and the interior of the restaurant. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple color.
- To build a strong relationship of love, one must be committed to “make it happen.”
 - A great marriage takes great effort – commitment.

Gal. 6:10 **As we have therefore opportunity**, let us **do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.**

- Opportunities abound – those capitalized upon lead to a smorgasbord of great benefits – those neglected lead to starving relationships.

2 Thess. 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that **if any would not work, neither should he eat.**

- Being a husband is a full-time job. Get to work!
- Those who take their wife for granted may end up paying more alimony!
- If it's important to your wife, make it important to you, too.

2. L = “lovingly touch” – “...and kiss me, my son...And he came near, and kissed him...” =
meaningful touch

- Touch is the first sense we acquire and the secret weapon in many a successful relationship.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/articles/201303/the-power-touch>

Touch has been found, among other things, to reduce stress, heart rate and blood pressure. Touch has even been found to lower the level of cortisol in the body (especially in women) which, when elevated, impedes our working memory and, most critically, the immune system's resiliency.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/05/well/family/gender-men-touch.html>

- A tender touch expresses unselfish concern, benefitting the gift and the giver.

3. E = “express high value” – “...which the LORD hath blessed:” = **attach high value**

- What is your wife's estimation of her value.....in your eyes?
- A wife's perception of your love for her IS her reality of such estimation.
- A husband must project a deep love for his wife that is perceived to be beyond his love for himself.

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

4. S = "see potential" – "...Therefore God give thee..." = **special future**

- During the wedding vows couples are asked if they take each other to have and to hold, in sickness and in health...
"...until death do you part?"

- When a husband sees the potential of his wife for the future, and expresses such foresight, he in fact builds the foundation for her confidence, for the future.

5. S = “say it” – “...and blessed him, and said...” =
spoken message

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is **good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**

- Song of Solomon – forty times in eight short chapters the husband praises his wife and turns her self-pity into self-confidence and a powerful display of a loving relationship.

Conclusion

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S = “see potential”

S = “say it”

What makes you attractive to your wife?

Song of Solomon 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: **for thy love is better than wine.**

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