

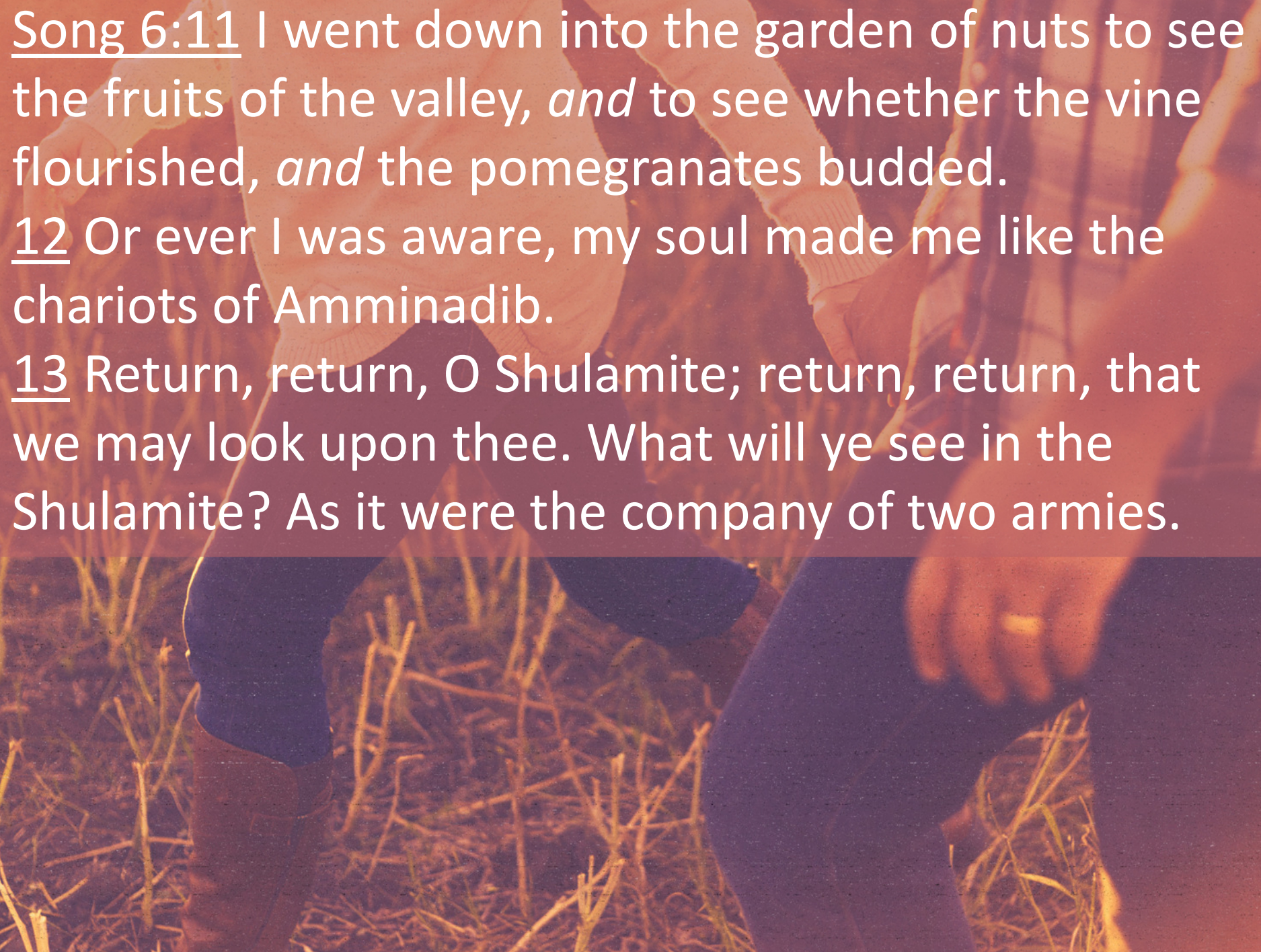
A romantic scene of a couple walking through a field of tall grass at sunset. The person on the left is wearing a light-colored sweater and dark pants, while the person on the right is wearing a plaid shirt. They are holding hands, and the warm, golden light of the setting sun bathes the entire scene.

Love Story



A STUDY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

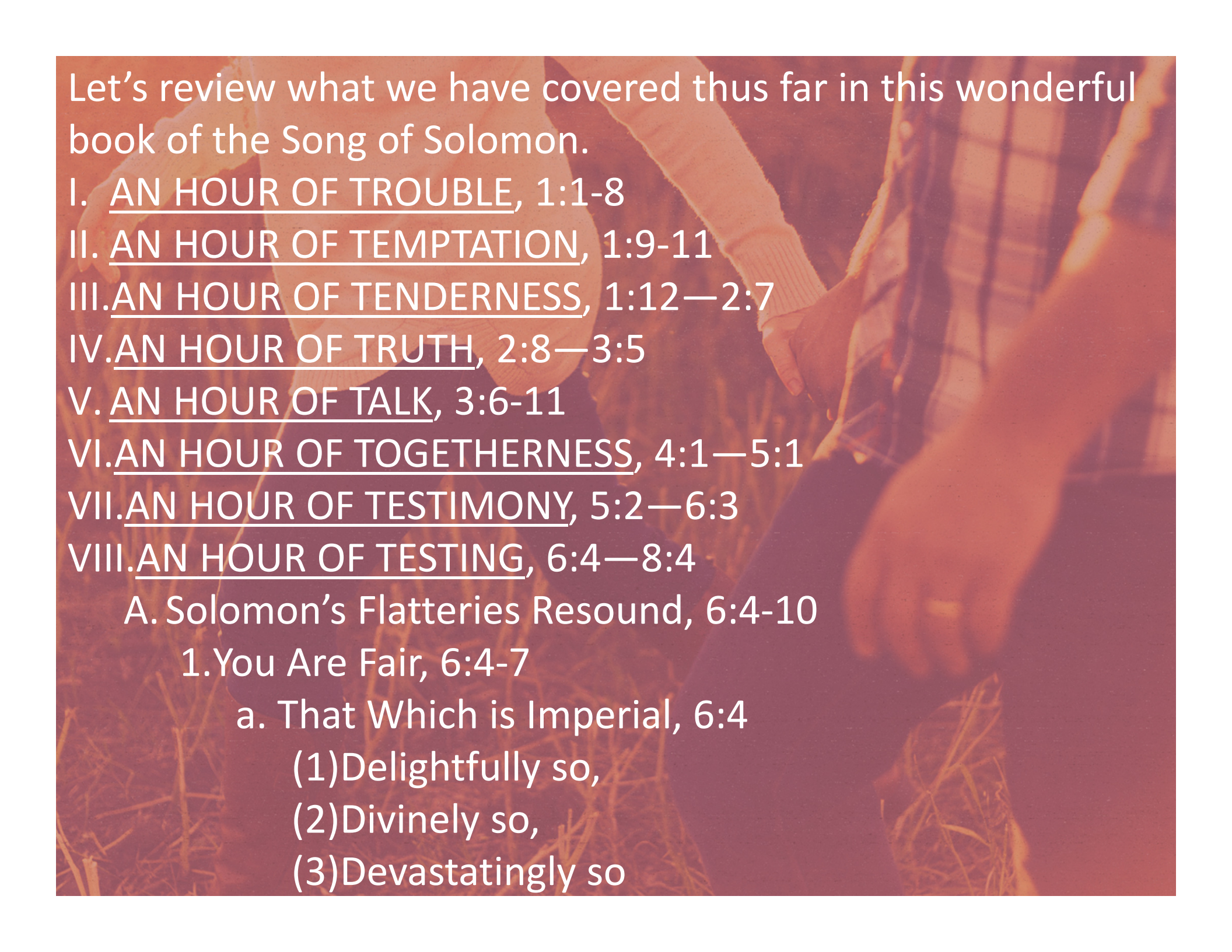
6:11-13



Song 6:11 I went down into the garden of nuts to see the fruits of the valley, *and* to see whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.

12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.

13 Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee. What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it were the company of two armies.



Let's review what we have covered thus far in this wonderful book of the Song of Solomon.

I. AN HOUR OF TROUBLE, 1:1-8

II. AN HOUR OF TEMPTATION, 1:9-11

III. AN HOUR OF TENDERNESS, 1:12—2:7

IV. AN HOUR OF TRUTH, 2:8—3:5

V. AN HOUR OF TALK, 3:6-11

VI. AN HOUR OF TOGETHERNESS, 4:1—5:1

VII. AN HOUR OF TESTIMONY, 5:2—6:3

VIII. AN HOUR OF TESTING, 6:4—8:4

A. Solomon's Flatteries Resound, 6:4-10

1. You Are Fair, 6:4-7

a. That Which is Imperial, 6:4

(1) Delightfully so,

(2) Divinely so,

(3) Devastatingly so



b. That Which is Impossible, 6:5a

c. That Which is Impeccable, 6:5b-7

(1)She is Impeccable in Her Glory,

(2)She is Impeccable in Her Gladness

(3)She is Impeccable in Her Goodness

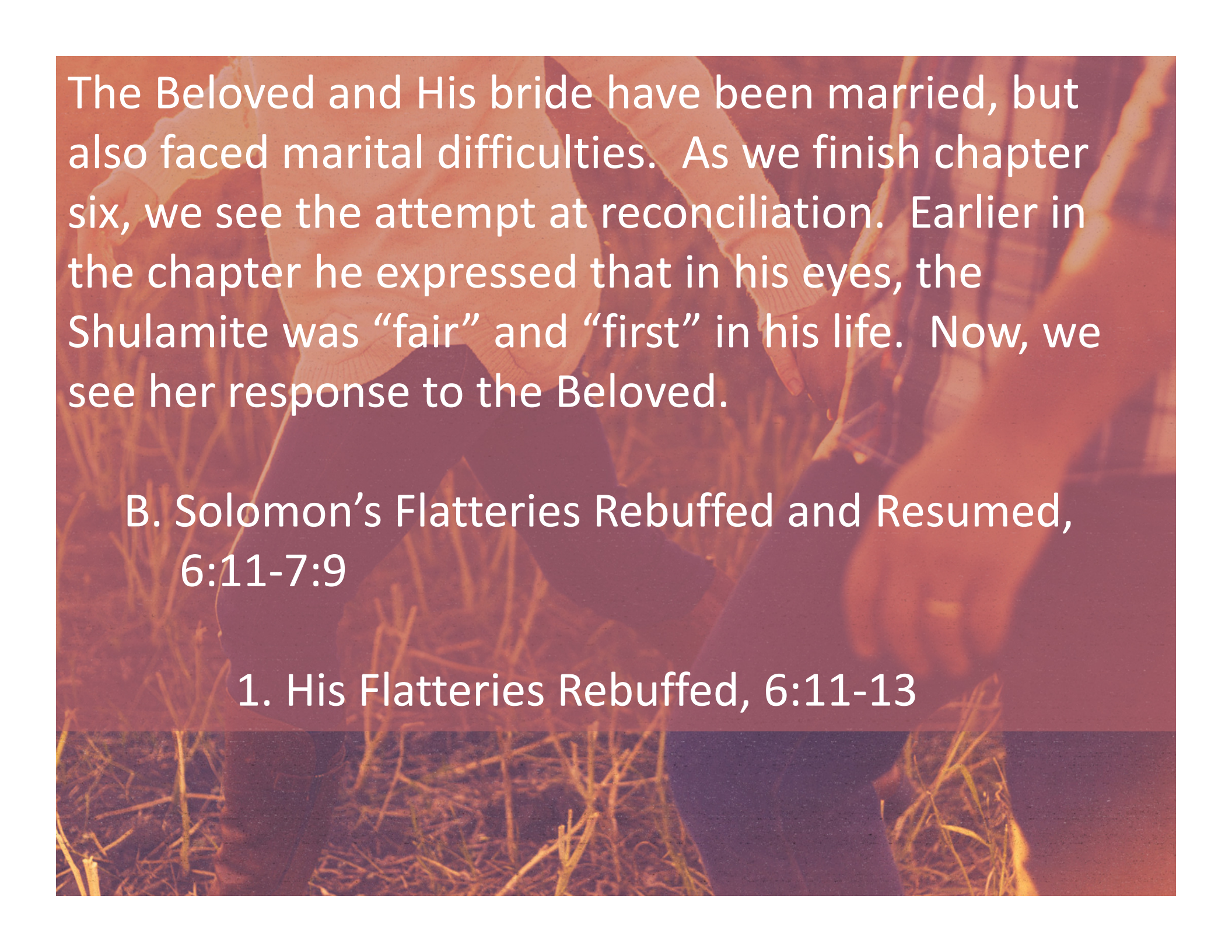
2. You Are First, 6:8-10

a.By Count, 6:8

b.By Contrast, 6:9a

c.By Confession, 6:9b

d.By Conquest, 6:10



The Beloved and His bride have been married, but also faced marital difficulties. As we finish chapter six, we see the attempt at reconciliation. Earlier in the chapter he expressed that in his eyes, the Shulamite was “fair” and “first” in his life. Now, we see her response to the Beloved.

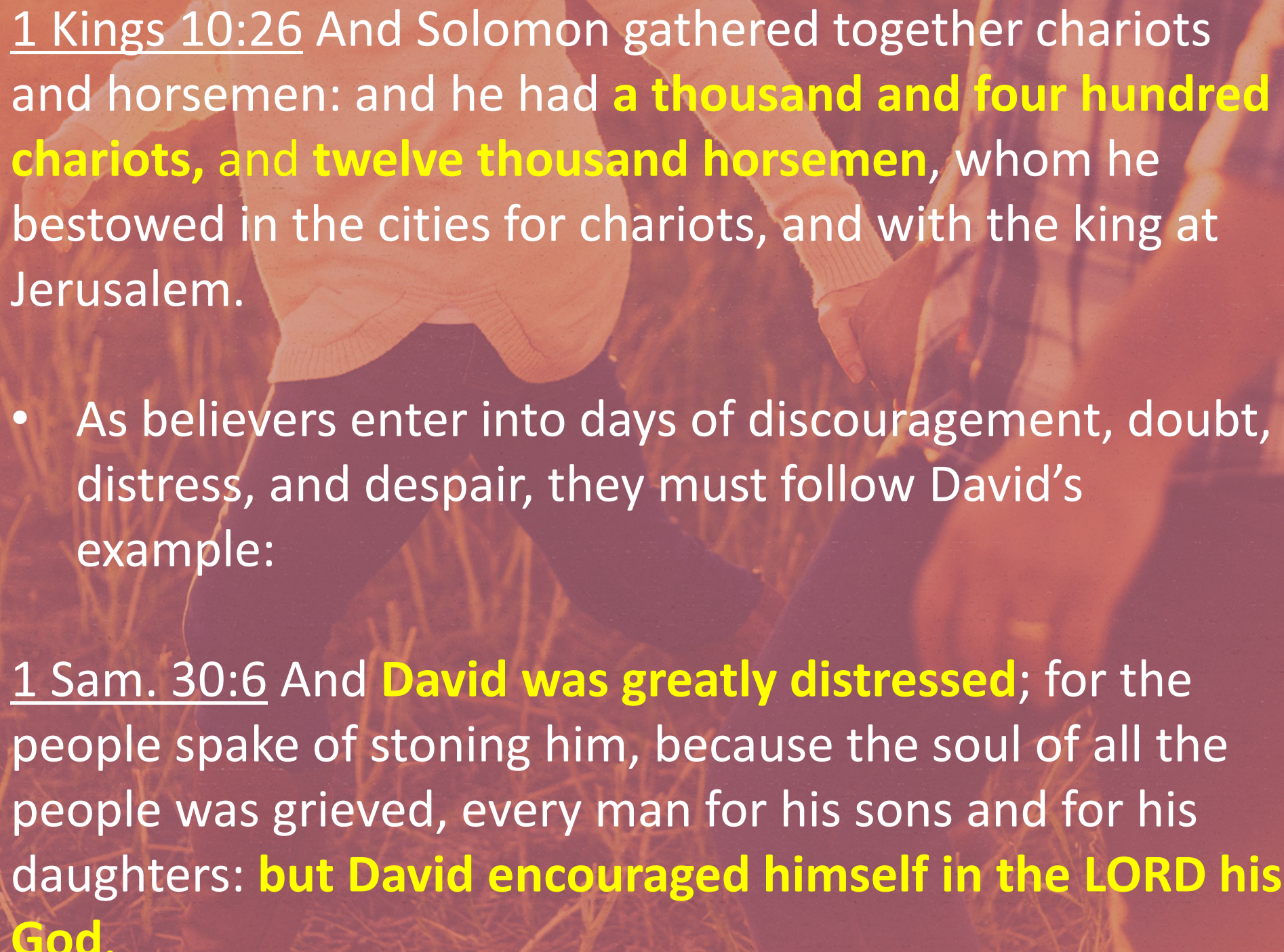
B. Solomon's Flatteries Rebuffed and Resumed, 6:11-7:9

1. His Flatteries Rebuffed, 6:11-13

a. The Shulamite's Explanation, 6:11-12

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12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.

- She had gone down to Solomon's garden (v. 2), more to see if his love for her was still in bloom, than to examine the natural foliage (v. 11).
- Immediately, because of his affirmation of his love (vv. 4-10), she felt elevated in her spirit, as though she were chief over all the 1,400 chariots in Solomon's great army (1 Kings 10:26).



1 Kings 10:26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had **a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen**, whom he bestowed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem.

- As believers enter into days of discouragement, doubt, distress, and despair, they must follow David's example:

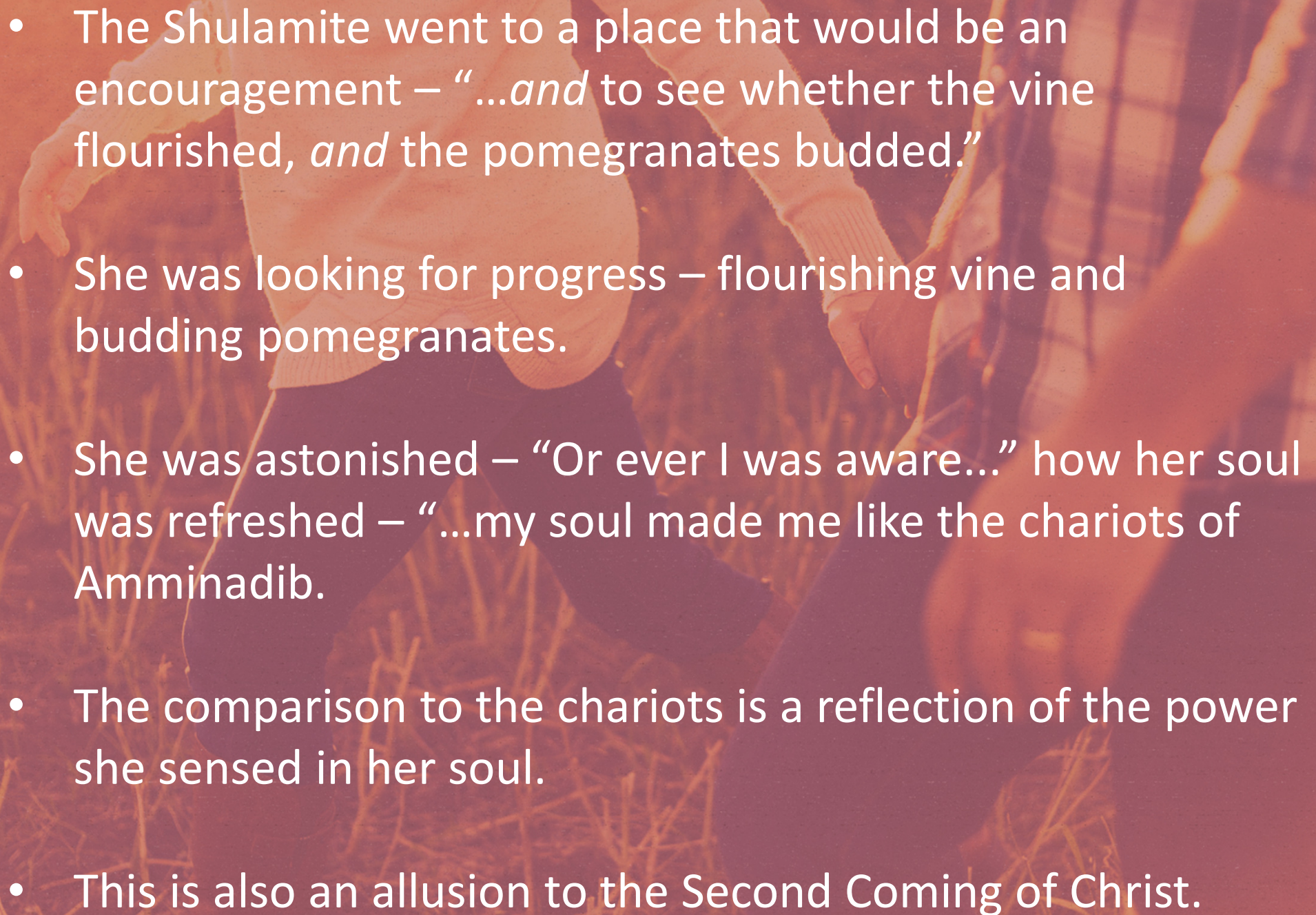
1 Sam. 30:6 And **David was greatly distressed**; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: **but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

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- During those troubling times, the best encouragement is be reminded of the Savior's love.

1 Jn. 4:19 We love **him, because he first loved us.**

1 Jn. 3:1 **Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God:** therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Rom. 5:8 But **God commendeth his love toward us,** in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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- The Shulamite went to a place that would be an encouragement – “...*and* to see whether the vine flourished, *and* the pomegranates budded.”
 - She was looking for progress – flourishing vine and budding pomegranates.
 - She was astonished – “Or ever I was aware...” how her soul was refreshed – “...my soul made me like the chariots of Amminadib.
 - The comparison to the chariots is a reflection of the power she sensed in her soul.
 - This is also an allusion to the Second Coming of Christ.



Psa. 68:17 **The chariots of God are twenty thousand,**
even thousands of angels: the Lord *is* among them, *as in*
Sinai, in the holy *place*.

Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,
prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh**
with ten thousands of his saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that
are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which
they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard
speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their
own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling
words, having men's persons in admiration because of
advantage.



2 Thess. 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

b. The Seducer's Exclamation, 6:13a "Return, return, O Shulamite; return, return, that we may look upon thee..."

- The call to return represents the world's enticement to compromise.

1 Jn. 2:15 **Love not the world, neither the things *that are in the world*.** If any man love the world, **the love of the Father** is not in him.

- The bride focuses upon loving the Beloved and expresses exasperation at such a thought.

c. The Shulamite's Exasperation, 6:13b –
“...What will ye see in the Shulamite? As it
were the company of two armies.”

Gen. 32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels
of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This *is* God's
host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

Original Word: מַחֲנַיִם

Transliteration: Machanayim

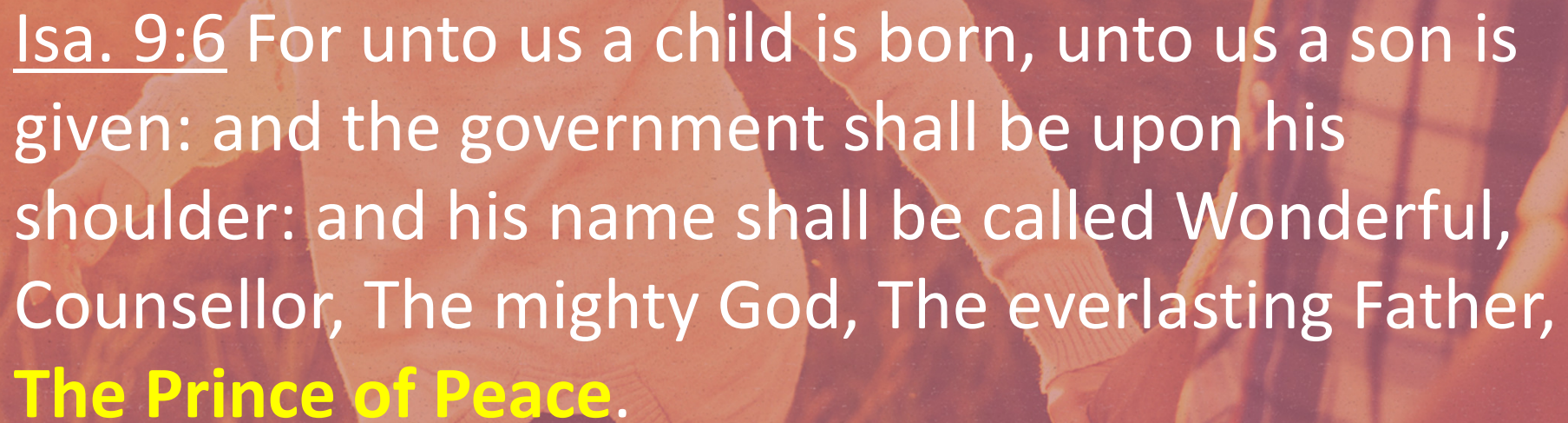
Definition: "two camps", a place East of the Jordan

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Rev. 19:13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God.**

14 And **the armies** *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

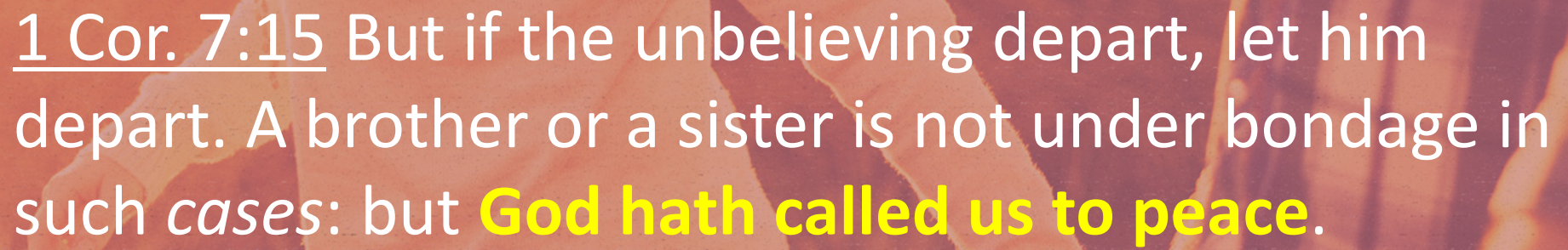
- The word “Shulamite” means “peace, the perfect, peaceful” and is a derivative of “Solomon” – indicating the oneness of the Beloved and His bride.

A person wearing a white sweater is holding a small plant in a field. The background is a warm, orange-toned image of a field with tall grass.

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

Eph. 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;

Jn. 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.**
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



1 Cor. 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but **God hath called us to peace.**

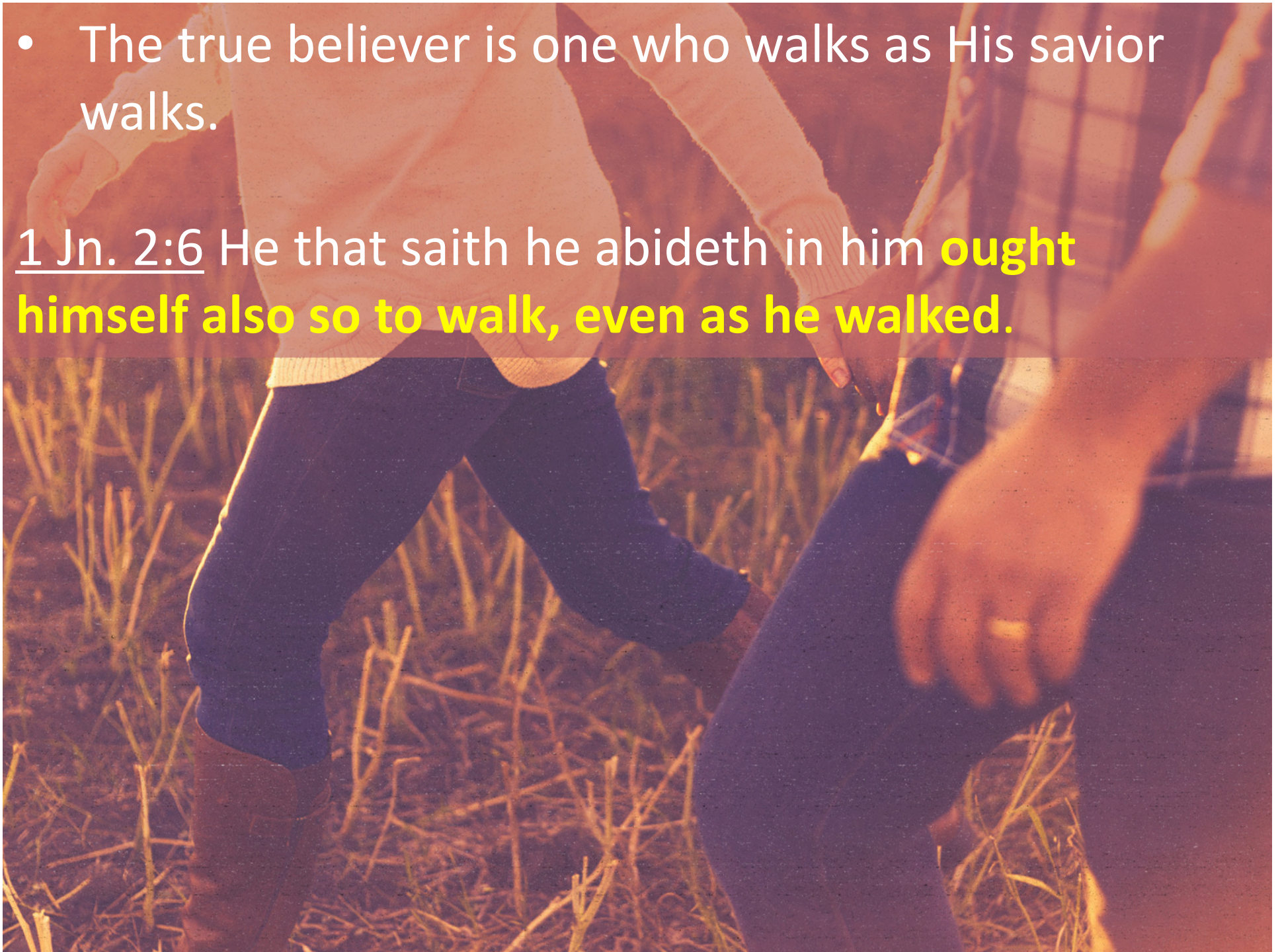
2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, **live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Eph. 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of **the gospel of peace;**

- The true believer is one who walks as His savior walks.

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

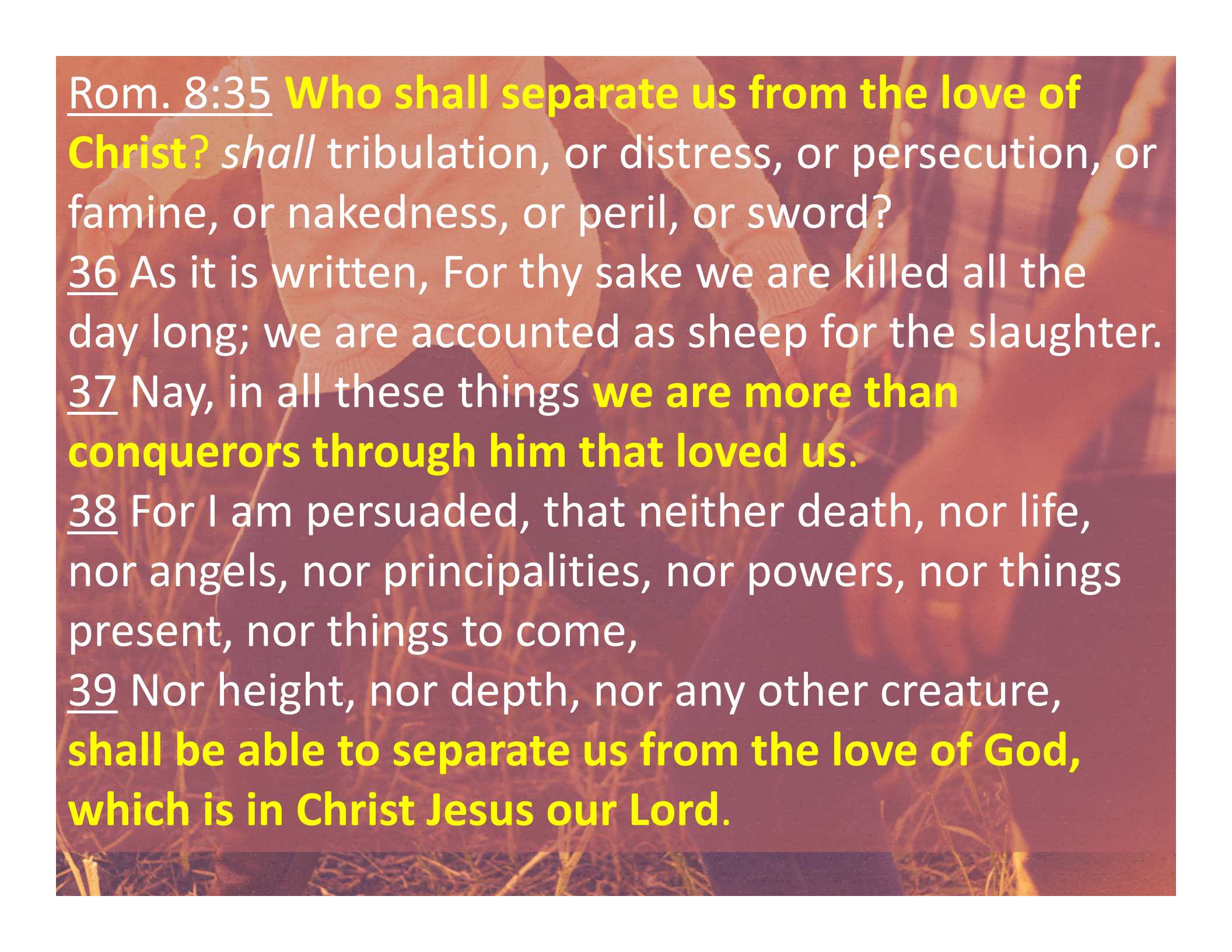


Conclusion

- How did the Beloved and His bride face their marital difficulties? Each of them made an attempt at reconciliation. It usually takes two to fight and the same two to “make up.” A focus upon love helps to overcome marital difficulties and lead to reconciliation.

Prov. 10:12 **Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.**

1 Pet. 4:8 **And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**



Rom. 8:35 **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**