

Lesson 22

Gender in the Family— Male Headship in the Home



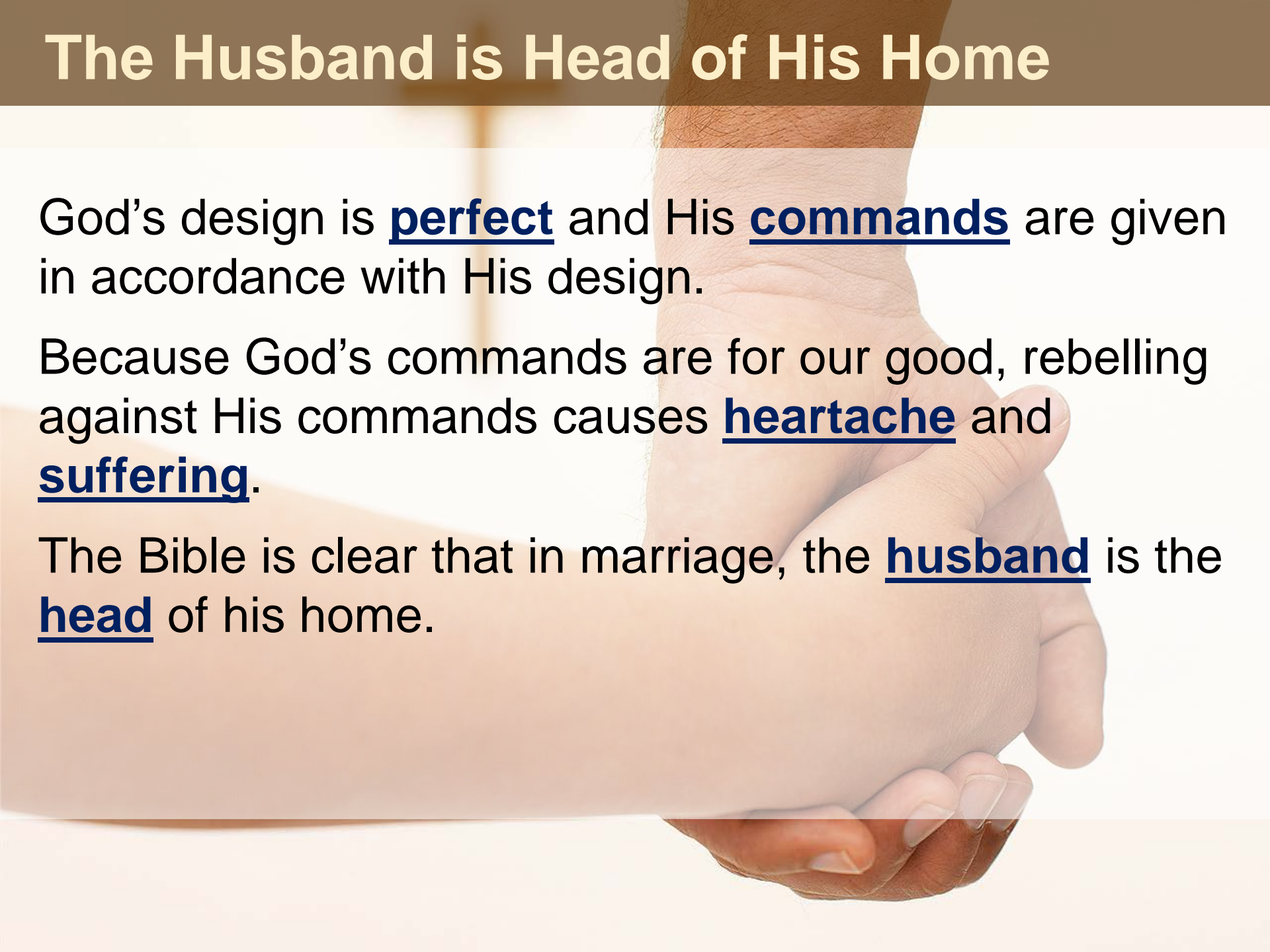
Rejoicing in God's Good Design

The Husband is Head of His Home

God's design is perfect and His commands are given in accordance with His design.

Because God's commands are for our good, rebelling against His commands causes heartache and suffering.

The Bible is clear that in marriage, the husband is the head of his home.



God's Word

1 Corinthians 11:3

- Christ submits to God the Father
- The husband must submit to God the Father and Christ
- The wife must submit to God the Father, Christ, and her husband

God's Authority Structure

God

Christ

Husband

Wife



1 Corinthians 11:3

“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.”

Not a statement about worth but about God-given roles.

God's design and commands are not suggestions we can ignore if we don't like them.

They are for our good.

Marriage Reflects the Relationship of Christ and His Church

Ephesians 5:22-33

Christ



Husband
Headship
and loving
authority



Church



Wife
Respectful
submission
and **joyful**
obedience

Fathering: A Unique Role of Men



Providing for...

Protecting...

Leading...

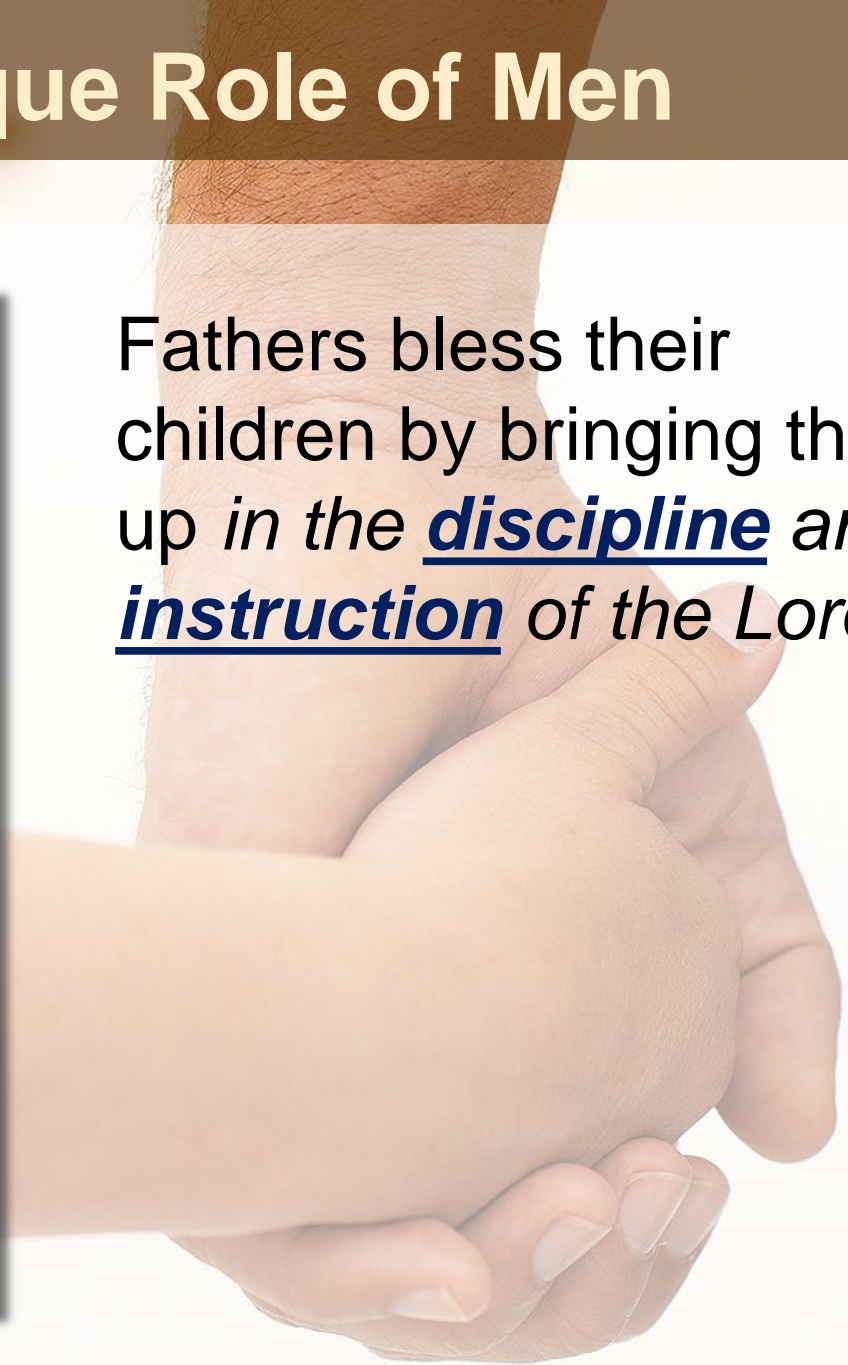
with his children

Some responsibilities are shared with his wife, but the man has ultimate responsibility because of his headship role.

Fathering: A Unique Role of Men



Fathers bless their children by bringing them up *in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*





Being the head of a household means...

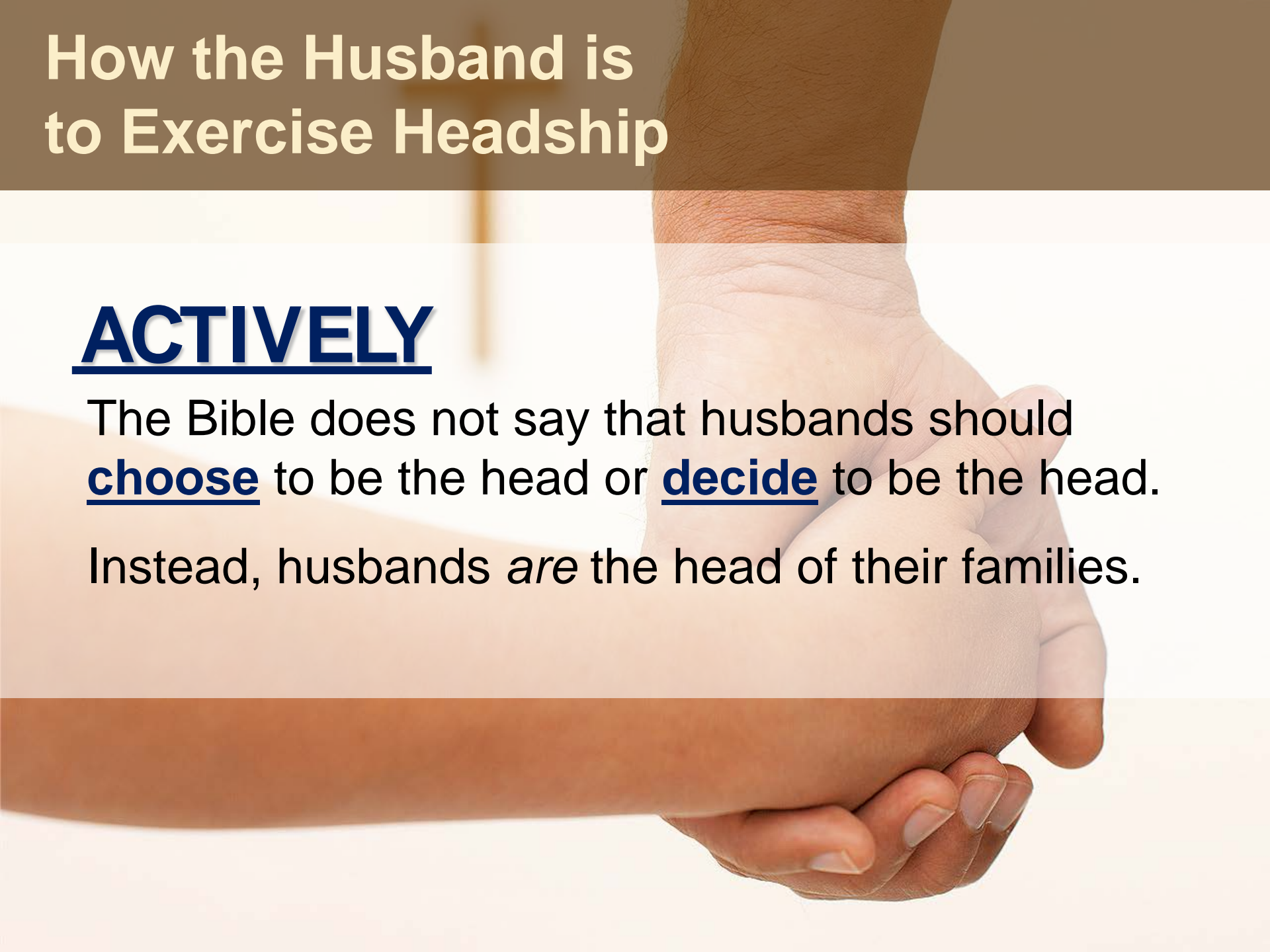
- Responsibility
- Authority
- Grace

The man who depends on God for grace is a blessing to his family, and will himself receive great blessing from God and his family.

How the Husband is to Exercise Headship

ACTIVELY

The Bible does not say that husbands should choose to be the head or decide to be the head. Instead, husbands *are* the head of their families.



How the Husband is to Exercise Headship

LOVINGLY

Christ is the model for husbands:

Ephesians 5:25-27

Ephesians 5:28-30

Husband + Wife = “one flesh”

*He who loves his wife
loves himself.*



How the Husband is to Exercise Headship: Lovingly

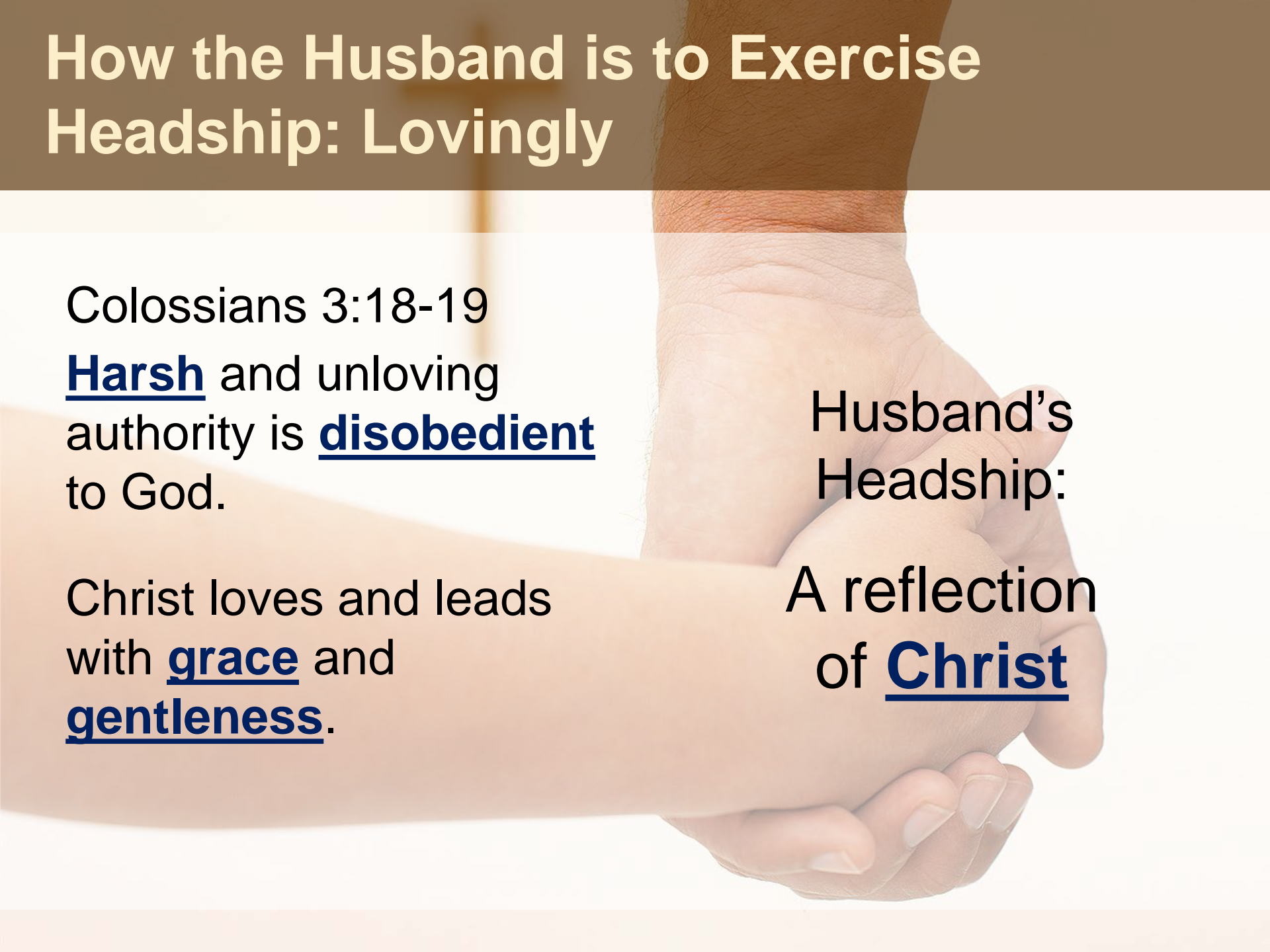
Colossians 3:18-19

Harsh and unloving authority is disobedient to God.

Christ loves and leads with grace and gentleness.

Husband's Headship:

A reflection of Christ



How the Husband is to Exercise Headship

SACRIFICIALLY

Sacrifice =
a man's duty and a
man's privilege



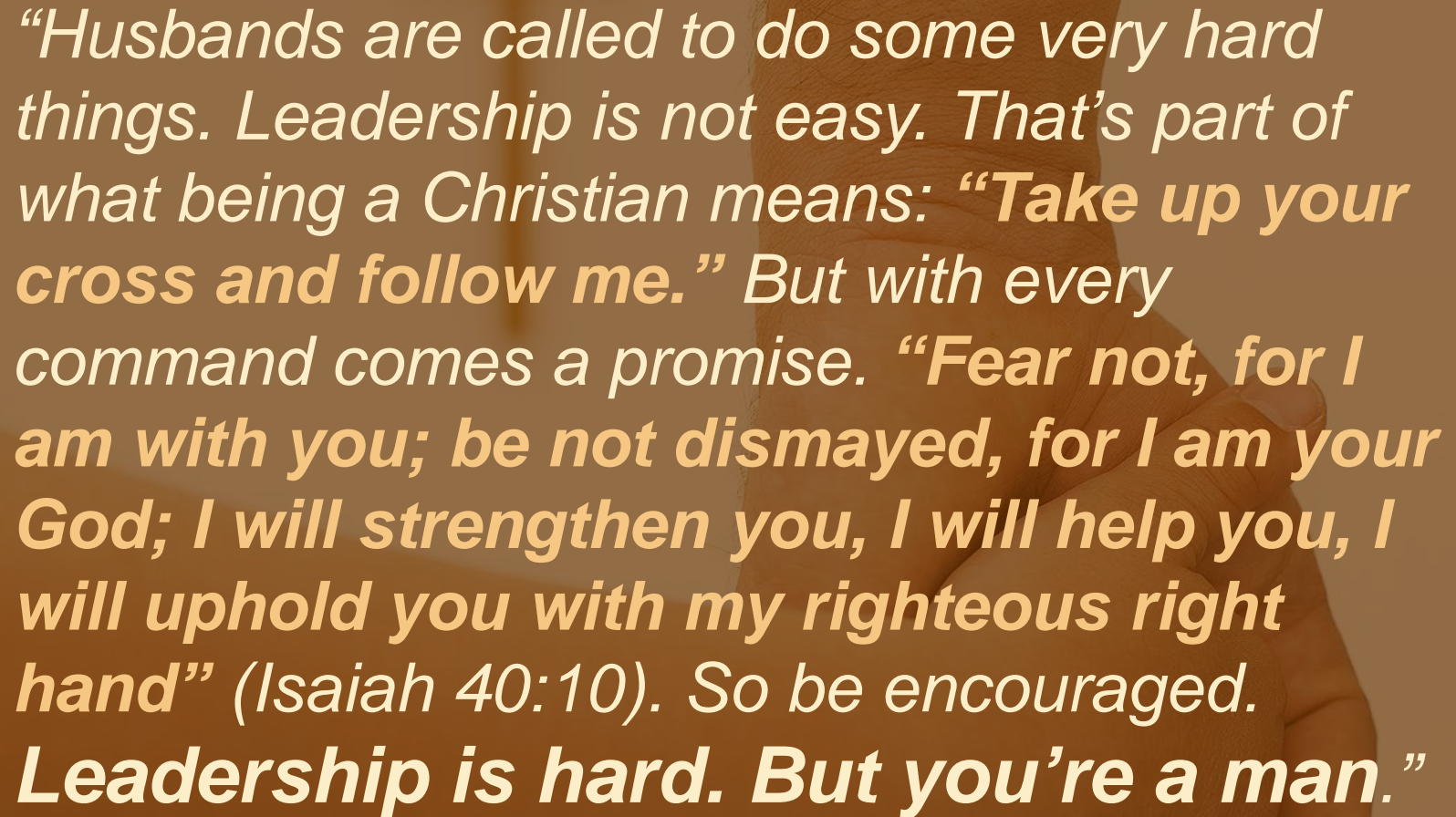
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WITH UNDERSTANDING

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands are to exercise great care as they live with their wives in a role of headship and authority.



*“Husbands are called to do some very hard things. Leadership is not easy. That’s part of what being a Christian means: **“Take up your cross and follow me.”** But with every command comes a promise. **“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”** (Isaiah 40:10). So be encouraged. **Leadership is hard. But you’re a man.”***

John Piper



A close-up photograph of a hand holding a child's foot. The hand is light-skinned and appears to be an adult's, with fingers gently gripping the heel and toes of a small, pink, chubby foot. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

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