

## **Lesson 9:**

# **The Continuing Rebellion Against God's Design: Female Rejection of Submission**



**Rejoicing in God's Good Design**

# The Curse

Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

Man cursed in his work

Woman cursed in her relationships



# The Curse

**Genesis 3:16, Genesis 4:7**

Instead of delighting in and yielding to the leading and headship of her husband, the woman would now desire to conquer and control her husband.

**“Desire”:**

**Enslave    Control  
Capture    Conquer**

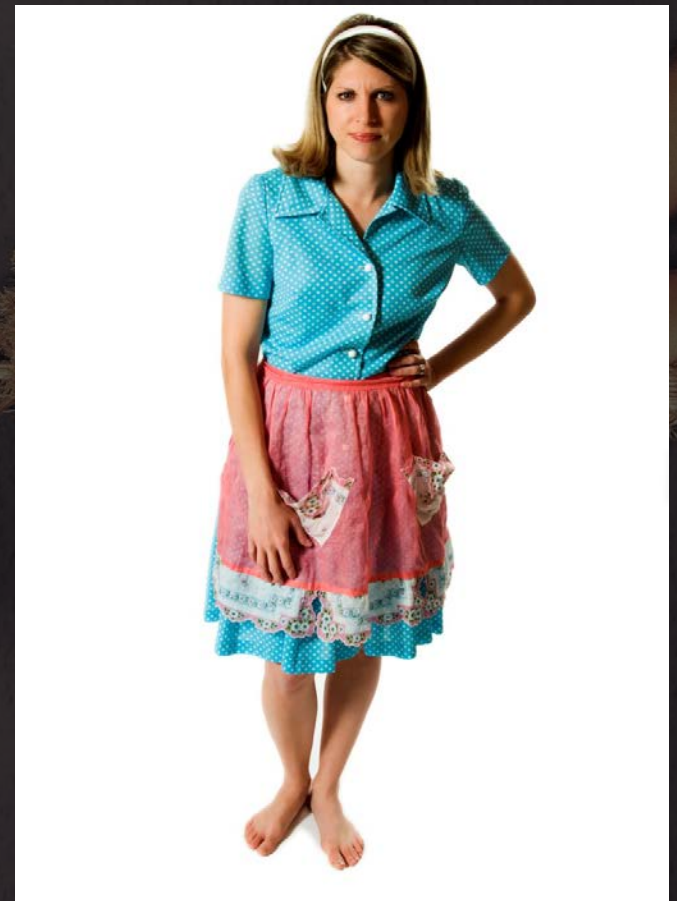


# Feminism

Woman's desire to control and conquer men

“Feminine Mystique” =  
Unrealistic Ideal of  
Femininity

Unattainable so that  
women feel “trapped,  
bored, and  
depressed.”





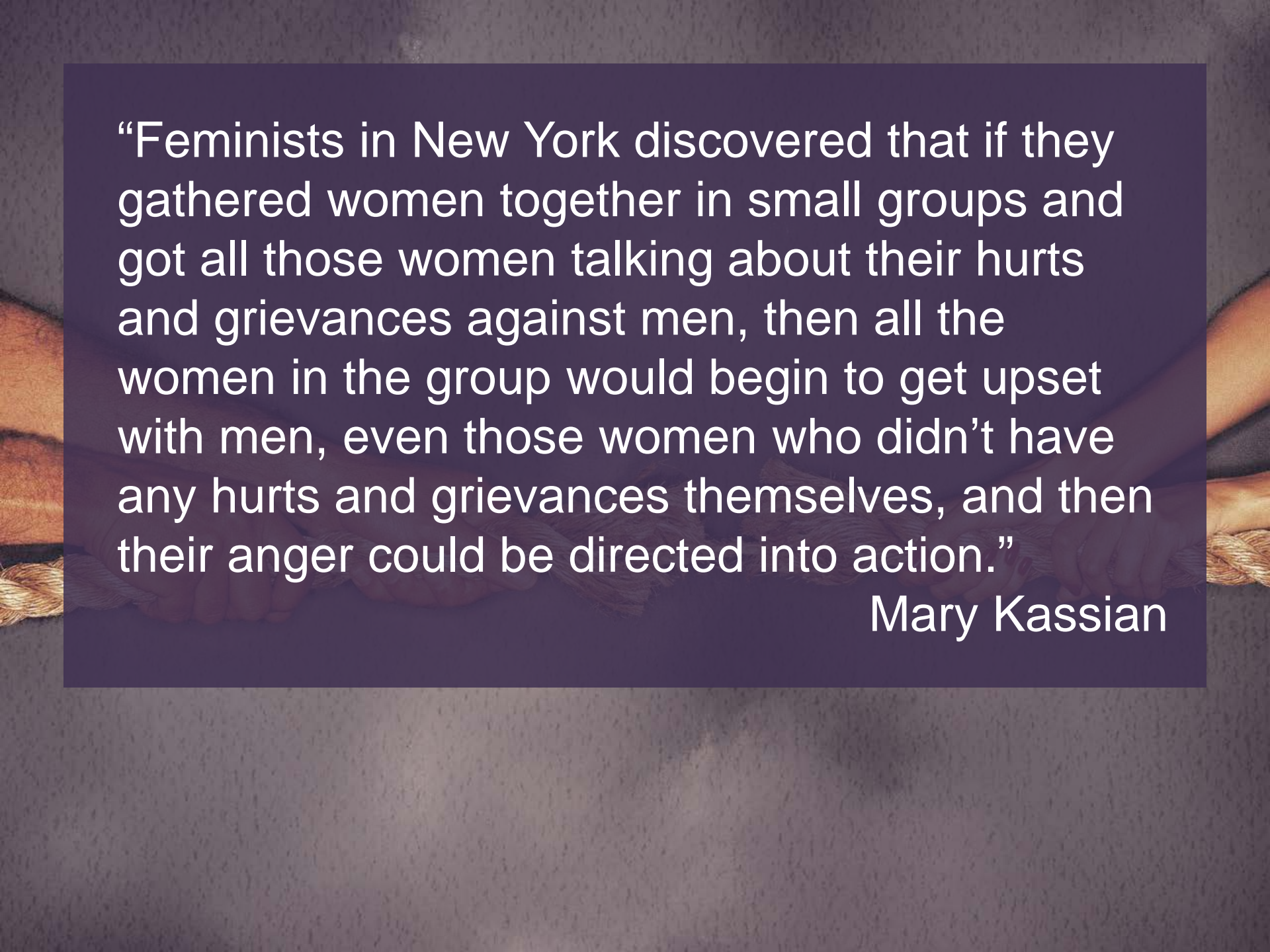
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MEN are the Problem!



Spread through gossip  
 (“consciousness-raising”)



“Feminists in New York discovered that if they gathered women together in small groups and got all those women talking about their hurts and grievances against men, then all the women in the group would begin to get upset with men, even those women who didn’t have any hurts and grievances themselves, and then their anger could be directed into action.”

Mary Kassian



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EMPOWERMENT  
Aggressive rejection  
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Truth = some are  
enslaved to perversion,  
leave the protection of  
men and marriage

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Claiming to be wise,  
they became **fools**...  
therefore God gave  
them up in the lusts of  
their hearts to impurity.

**(Romans 1:22, 24a)**



# Feminism

Feminism is a reflection of Eve's desire to control, rooted in rebellion against God's authority and the wisdom of His design.

Feminists, like Eve, have fallen for a lie of the enemy.



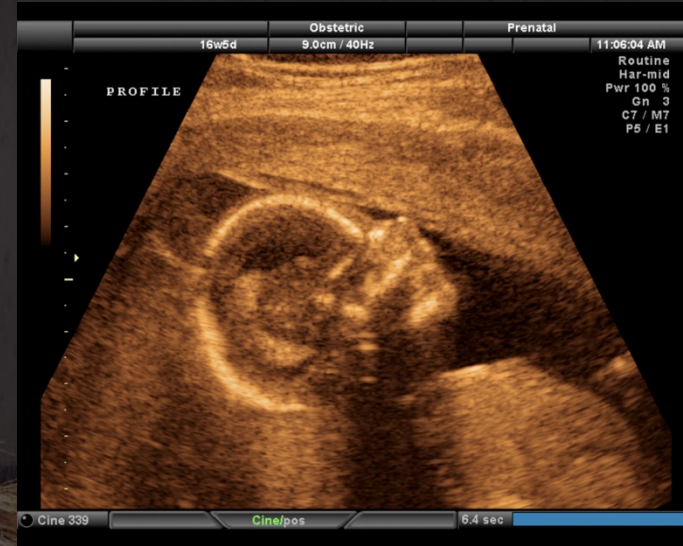
# Feminism and Abortion

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**Roe vs. Wade**



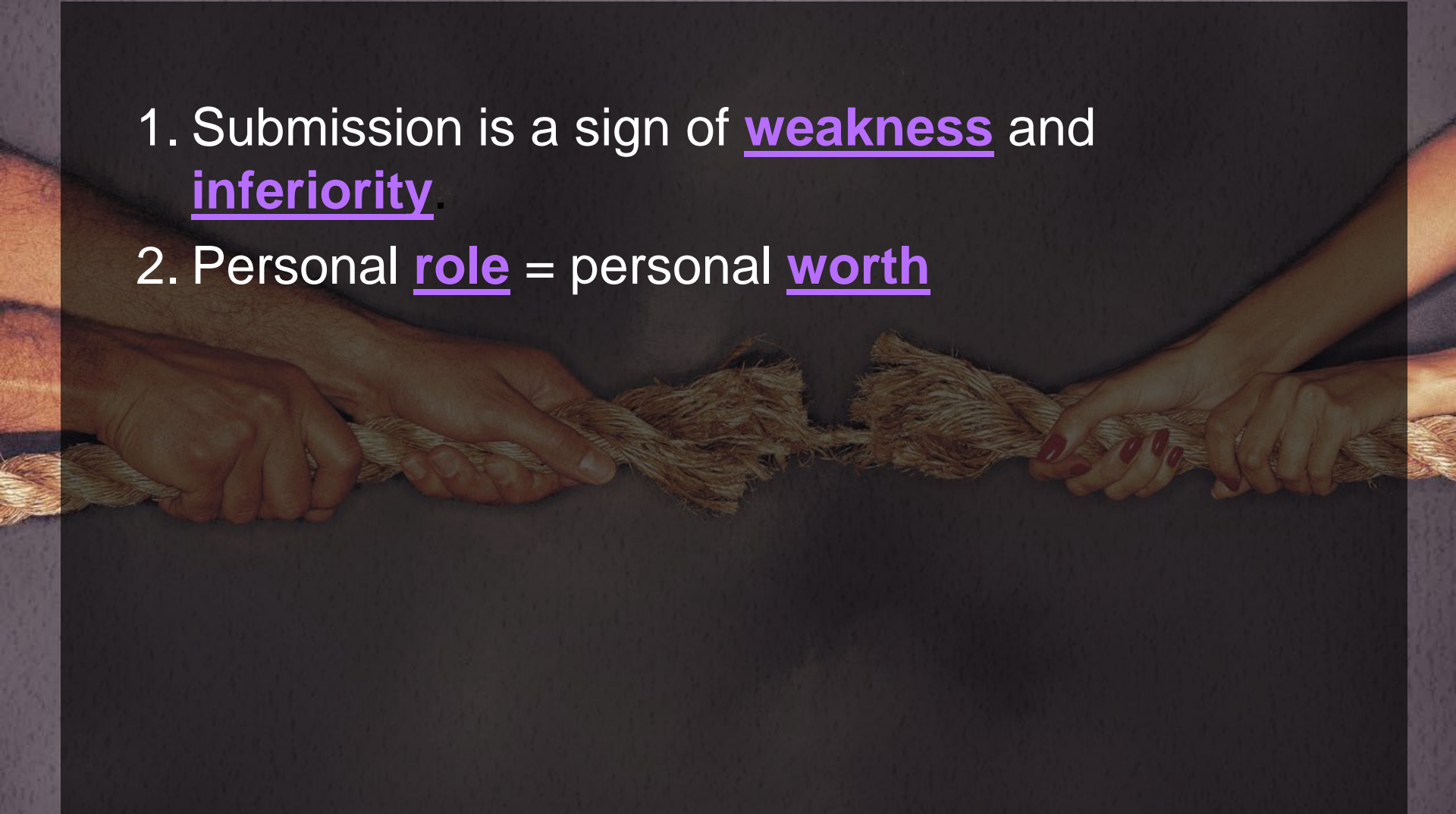
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Abortion, like feminism,  
harms men, women, and  
children and is a rejection  
of God's good design for  
families.



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1. Submission is a sign of weakness and inferiority.
2. Personal role = personal worth
3. “Dependency is shameful and independence is the best choice for women.”
4. “Others are to blame for my insecurity, discontent, and unhappiness.” This is a general denial of personal responsibility.
5. “I am most important”—another expression of self-centeredness.



# Lies Believed in Feminism

## Men Sin

“Women sin against men, and men sin against women, and everyone sins against God and falls short of His standard of holiness and perfection. Sin is the reason men have oppressed women and women have usurped men.”

Carolyn McCulley

## Women Sin

# Be Transformed by the Renewing of the Mind

Success in the feminist movement



People rejected God's truth and instead redefined truth according to personal feelings.

**LIE: "Truth is how you feel about something."**



# Be Transformed by the Renewing of the Mind

Test all things against the standard of the absolute, unchanging Word of God.



Renew our minds by testing it against a standard.



Keep from falling into the lies of the world by renewing our minds.

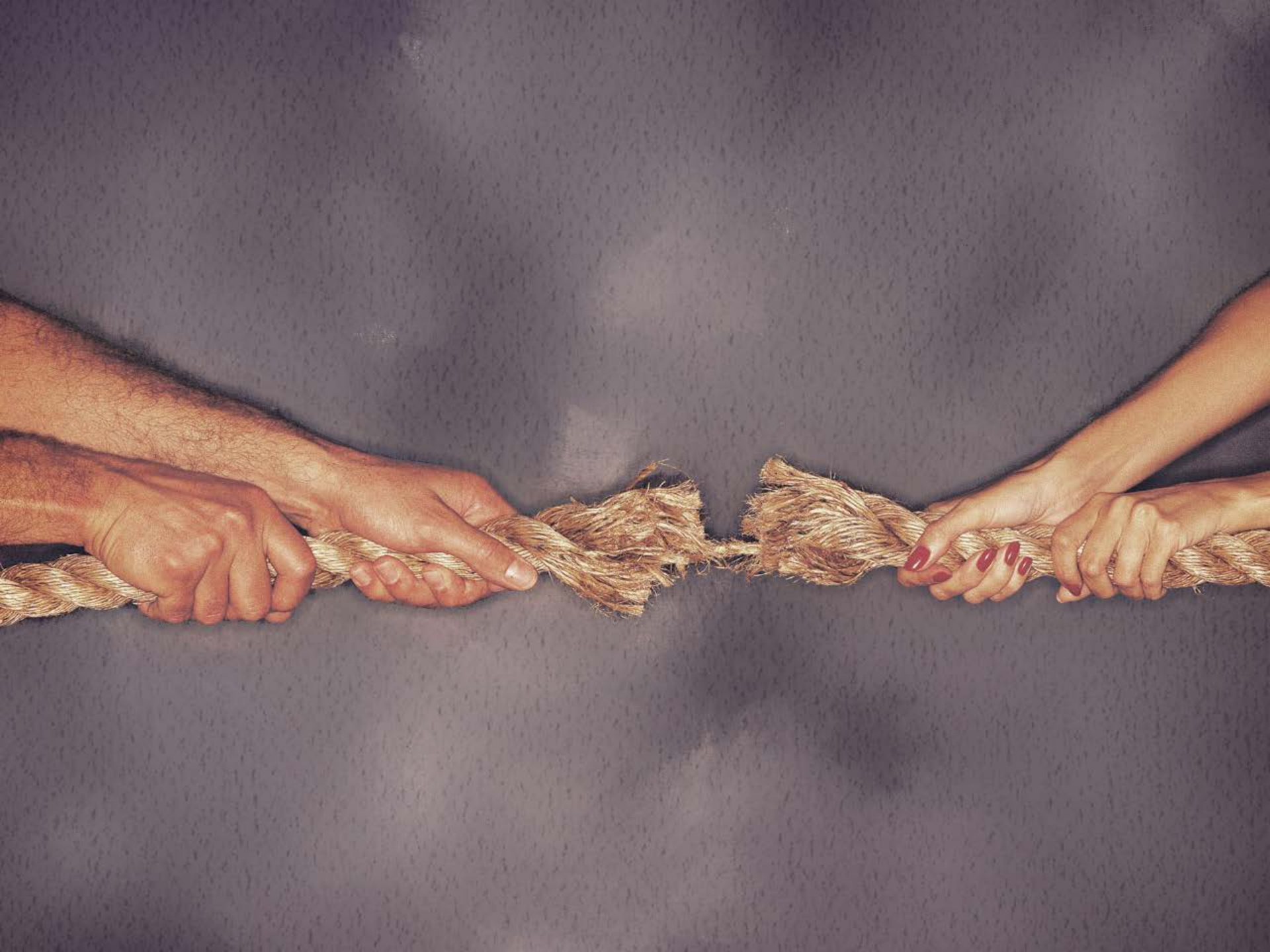


**Romans 12:2**



**Philippians 2:5-11**





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