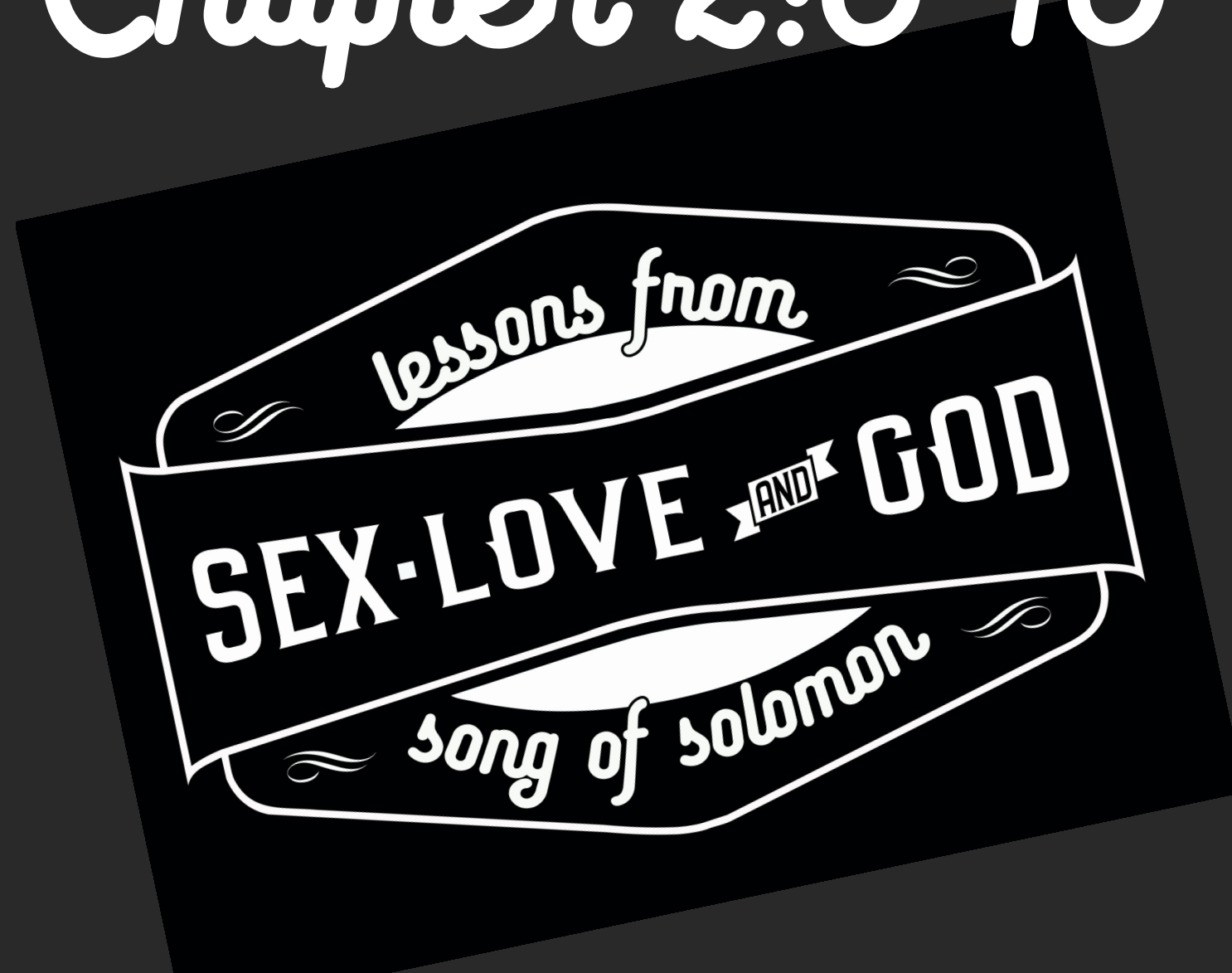


Song of Solomon

Chapter 2:8-16



Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

New International Version

She: Listen! My beloved! Look! Here he comes, leaping across the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹ My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look! There he stands behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattice.

Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

New International Version

¹⁰ My beloved spoke and said to me,
“Arise, my darling, my beautiful one,
come with me.

Babylonian Love Poem 18 Century BC



Schøyen Collection: MS 2866

*My beloved knows
my heart*

*My beloved is sweet
at honey*

*She is as fragrant to
the nose as wine*

Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

New International Version

¹¹ See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. ¹² Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. ¹³ The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”

Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

New International Version

He: ¹⁴ My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

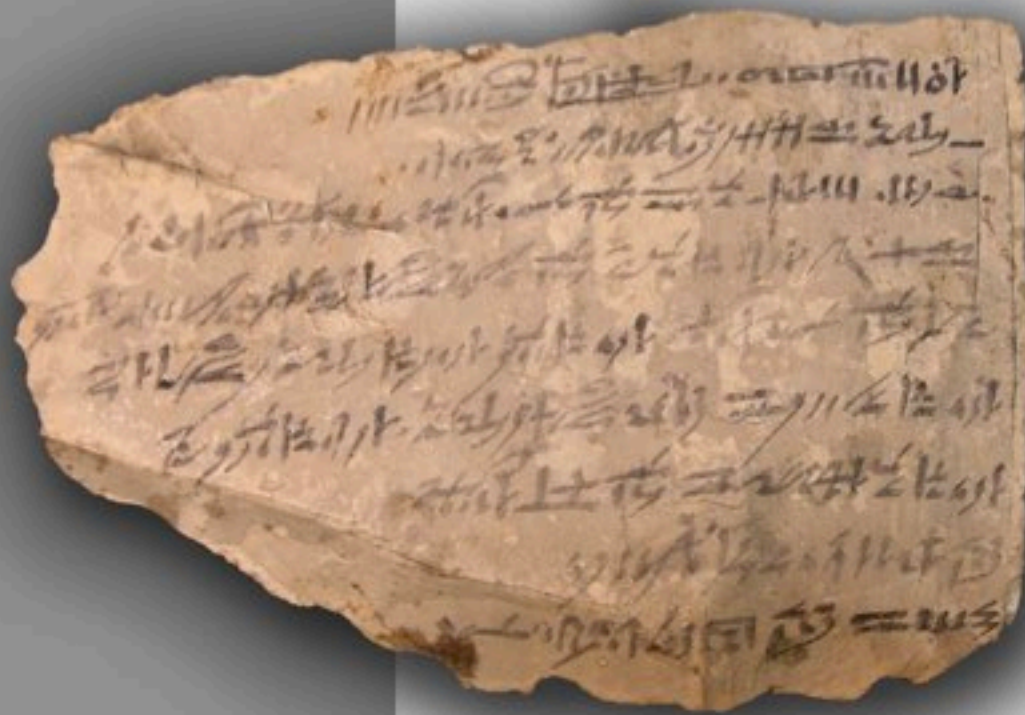
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She: ¹⁵ Catch for us the
foxes, the little foxes that
ruin the vineyards, our
vineyards that are in bloom.

*"I love a girl,
but she lives over there,
On the far side of the river,*

*A whole Nile in
flood rages
between,*

*With a crocodile
hunched on the
sand."*



From the
Cairo Ostrakon 25218
1100-1300 BC

*“I hate the brush-tail foxes,
that soon as day declines,
come creeping to
spoil the vineyard...”*

-Theocritus 270 BC



Genesis 1

...was good. 6 times (verse 4,10,12,18,21&25)

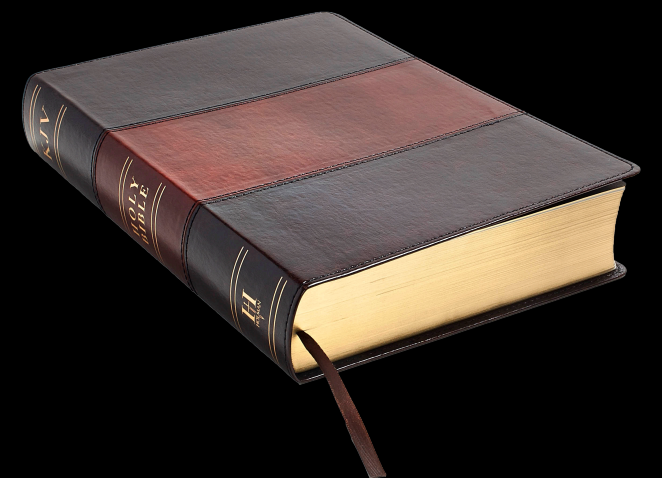
...was very good. (verse 31)

Genesis 1:27 & 28

God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

“...people were created in the image of God, embodying his qualities and doing his work. They are symbols of his presence and act on his behalf as his representatives.”

-Zondervan NIV pg. 8



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First Instructions: *“Be fruitful and
increase in number; fill the earth...”*

Genesis 2:7

Then the Lord God
formed a man from the
dust of the ground and
breathed into his
nostrils the breath of life

“a-dam”

אָדָם

אָדָמָה

“a-dam-a”

Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Hebrew = ezer

“help” (God’s Help to Israel)

Genesis 2:22

Then the Lord God made a woman
from the rib he had taken out of the
man...

Hebrew = tsela

"side"

Genesis 2:23

The man said, “This is
now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called

***‘woman,’ for she was
taken out of man.”***

אִשָּׁה
אֵינֶנּוּ

“an alike
opposite”

Genesis 3:8

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God.

FOX #1: HIDING FROM OUR SIN

Genesis 3:12

“The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

FOX #2: BLAMING OTHERS

Genesis 3:16

I will make your pains in childbearing
very severe; with painful labor you
will give birth to children

The blessing of a growing family

becomes:

a challenge rather than fulfilling.

Genesis 3:16

Your desire will be for your
husband, and he will rule over you.

A mutually supportive, transparent partnership
becomes:
a power struggle.

Genesis 3:16

Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

Experiencing fulfillment from work

becomes:

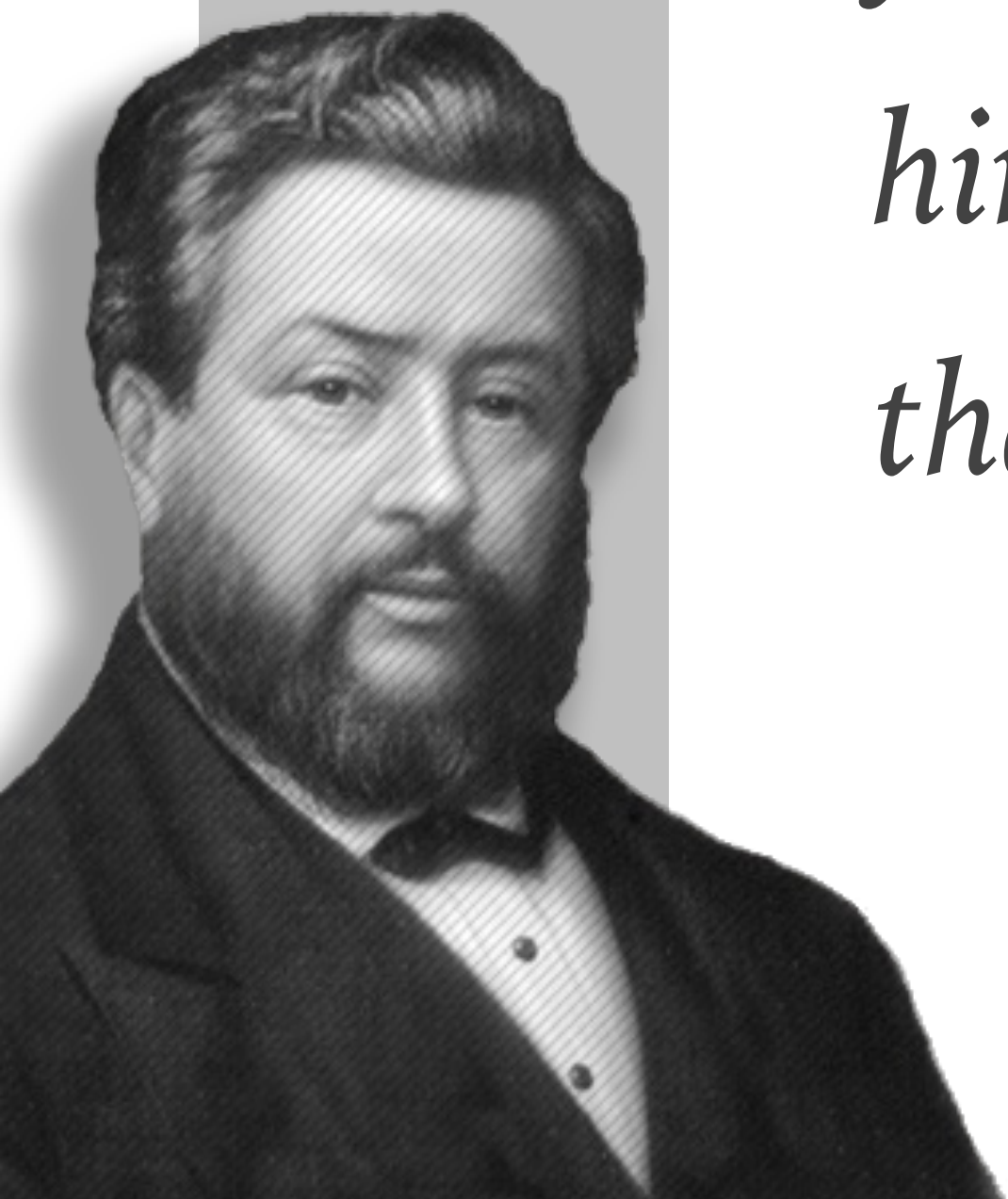
difficult & yields meager rewards.

Good News?

***God thwarts our efforts to
find life apart from Him.***

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” -Acts 4:12

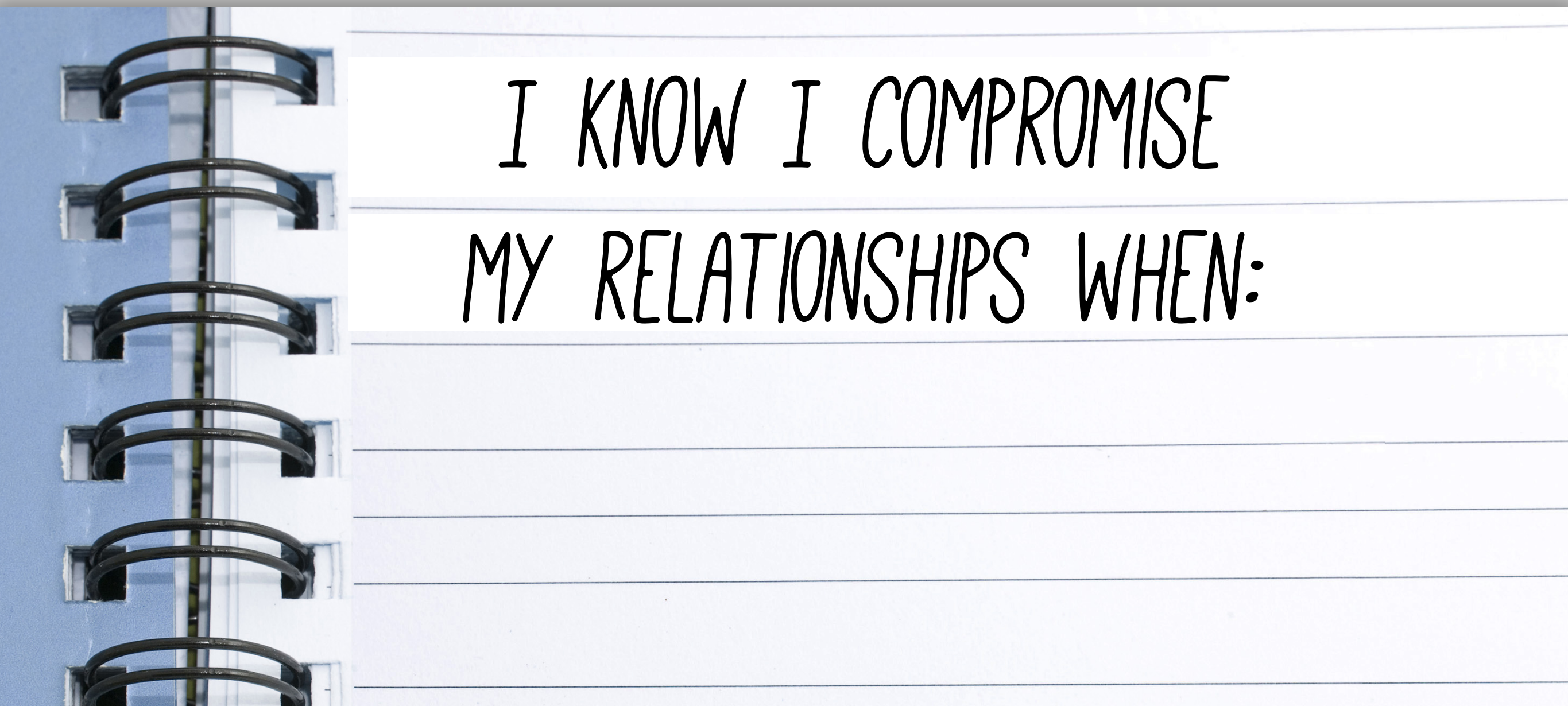
*If any man thinks ill of
you, do not be angry with
him; for you are worse
than he thinks you to be.*



Charles Spurgeon 1834 – 1892

Face your Foxes

“little foxes that ruin the vineyards”



I KNOW I COMPROMISE
MY RELATIONSHIPS WHEN:

**IF SOMEONE IS CRITICIZING
YOU AND THE CRITICISM IS
MOSTLY MISTAKEN, IDENTIFY
THE 20 PERCENT OF THE
INDICTMENT THAT IS FAIR.
WITHOUT EXCUSE BE WILLING
TO TAKE IT TO HEART. THE
STRONGEST CHRISTIANS ARE
THE ONES MOST WILLING TO
REPENT.**

TIM KELLER


Song of Songs - Chapter 2:8-16

New International Version

¹⁶ My beloved is mine
and I am his; he browses
among the lilies.

Face your Foxes

*“catch for us the little foxes
that ruin the vineyards”*



THIS WEEK I'LL SIT DOWN WITH
_____ & TALK ABOUT THE
DESTRUCTIVE HABITS THAT
COMPROMISE MY/OUR RELATIONSHIP.