

#### Song Of Solomon INTERPRETATION METHODS

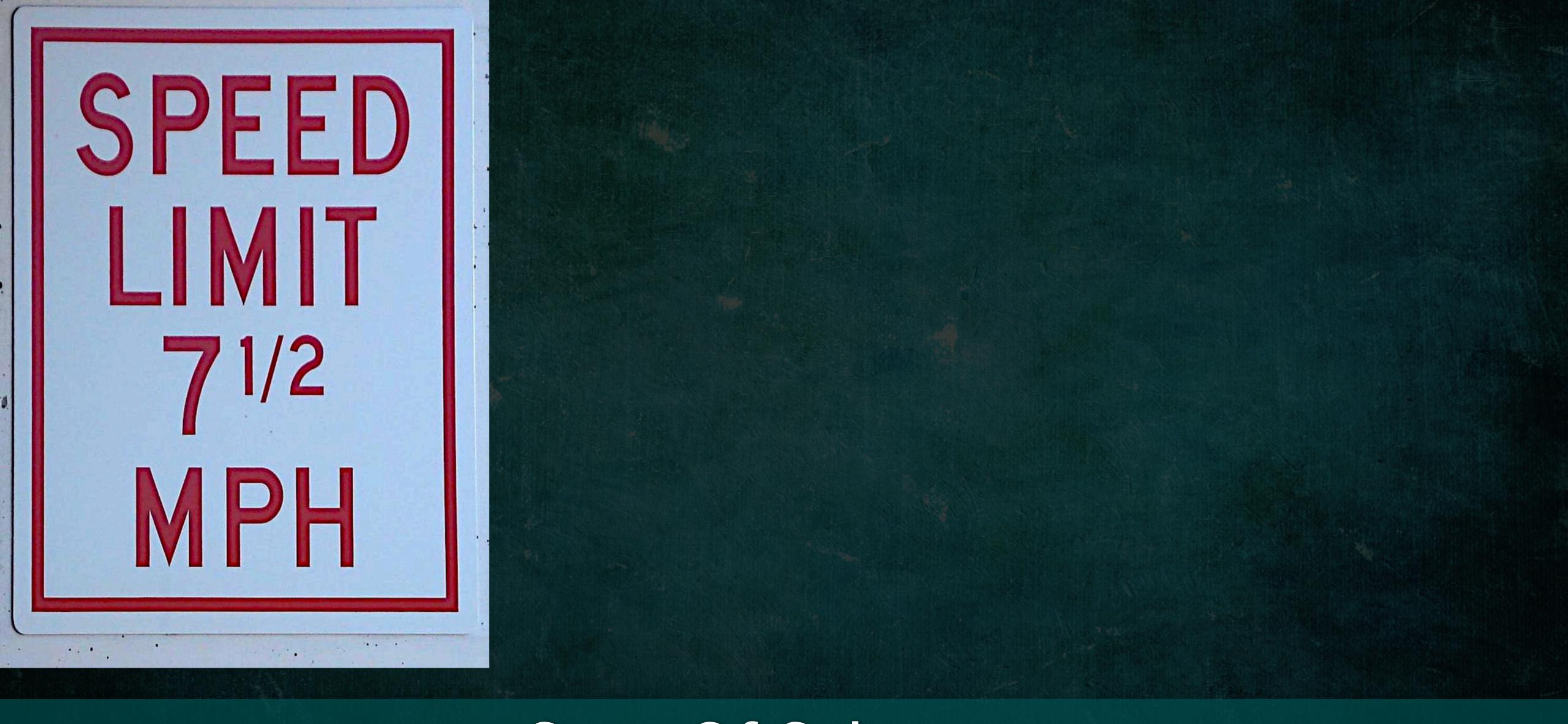
**ALLEGORY** 

Pictures God's love for Israel

Pictures Christ's love for the church

Poetically portrays LOVE STORY a couple's romance

#### and marriage Song Of Solomon Poetic Lessons For Your Garden Of Love



ACT 1 Courtship
Song of Solomon 1:1-3:5

ACT 2 Wedding
Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1

ACT 3 Song of Solomon 5:2-8:14

Song Of Solomon THE CAST

The Shulamite

Bride from Northern Israel

The Beloved

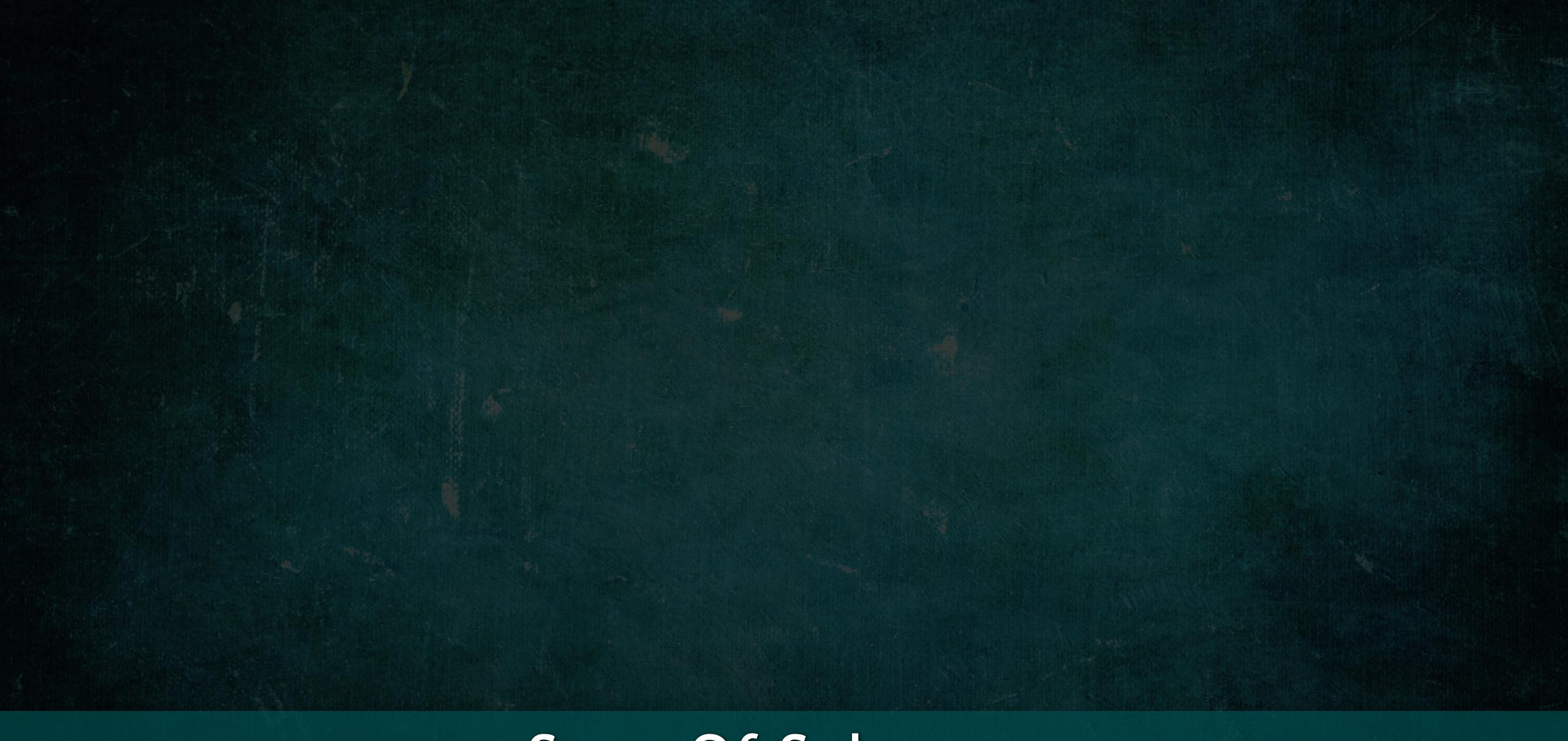
King Solomon

Daughters of Jerusalem

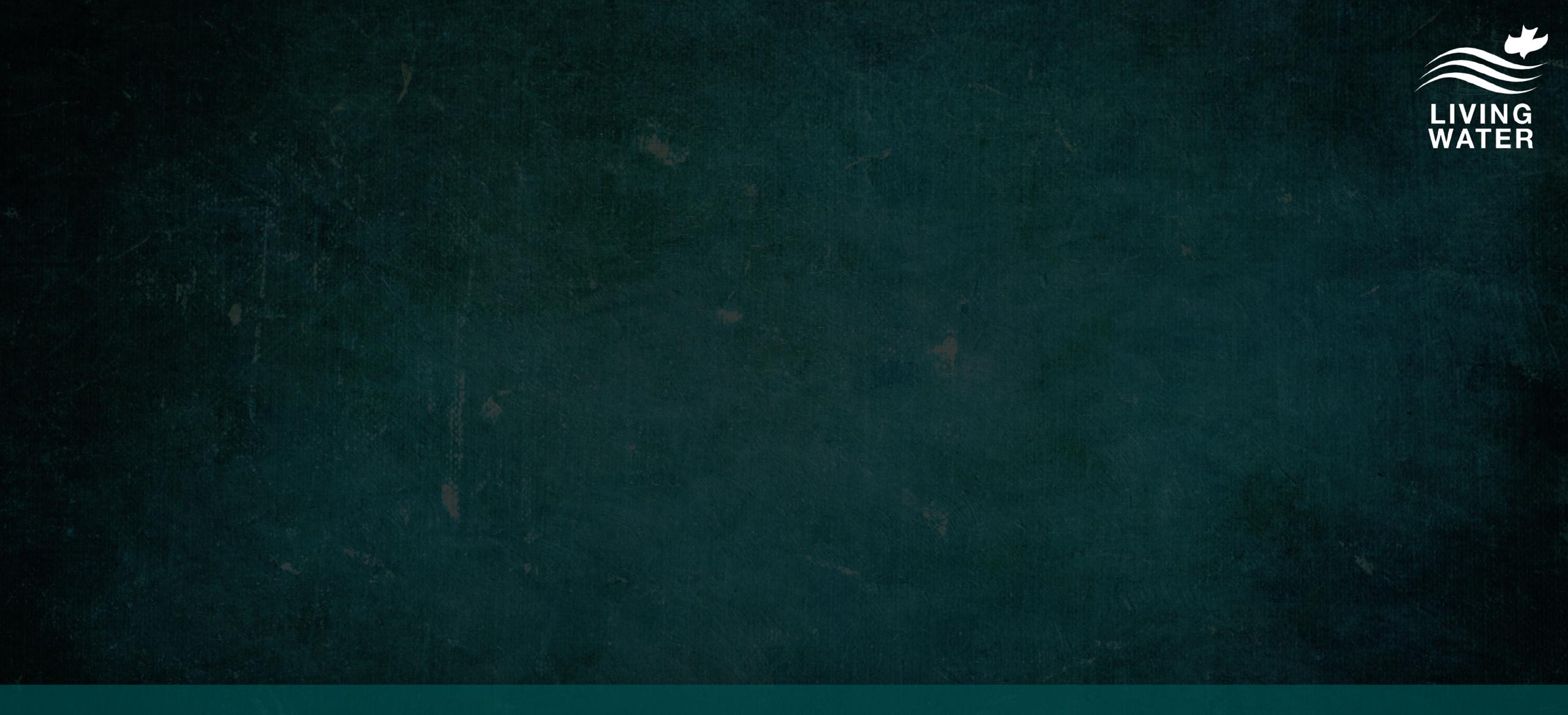
**Female Chorus** 

Shulamite's Brothers

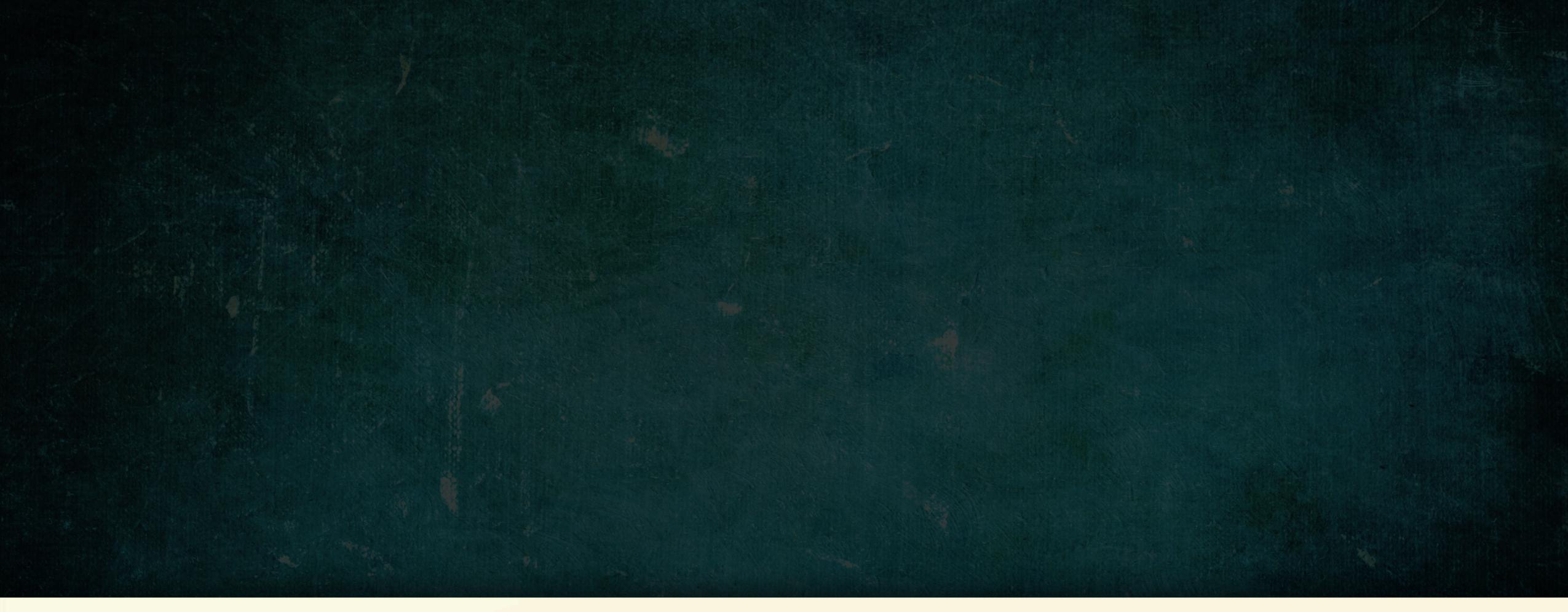
Male Chorus





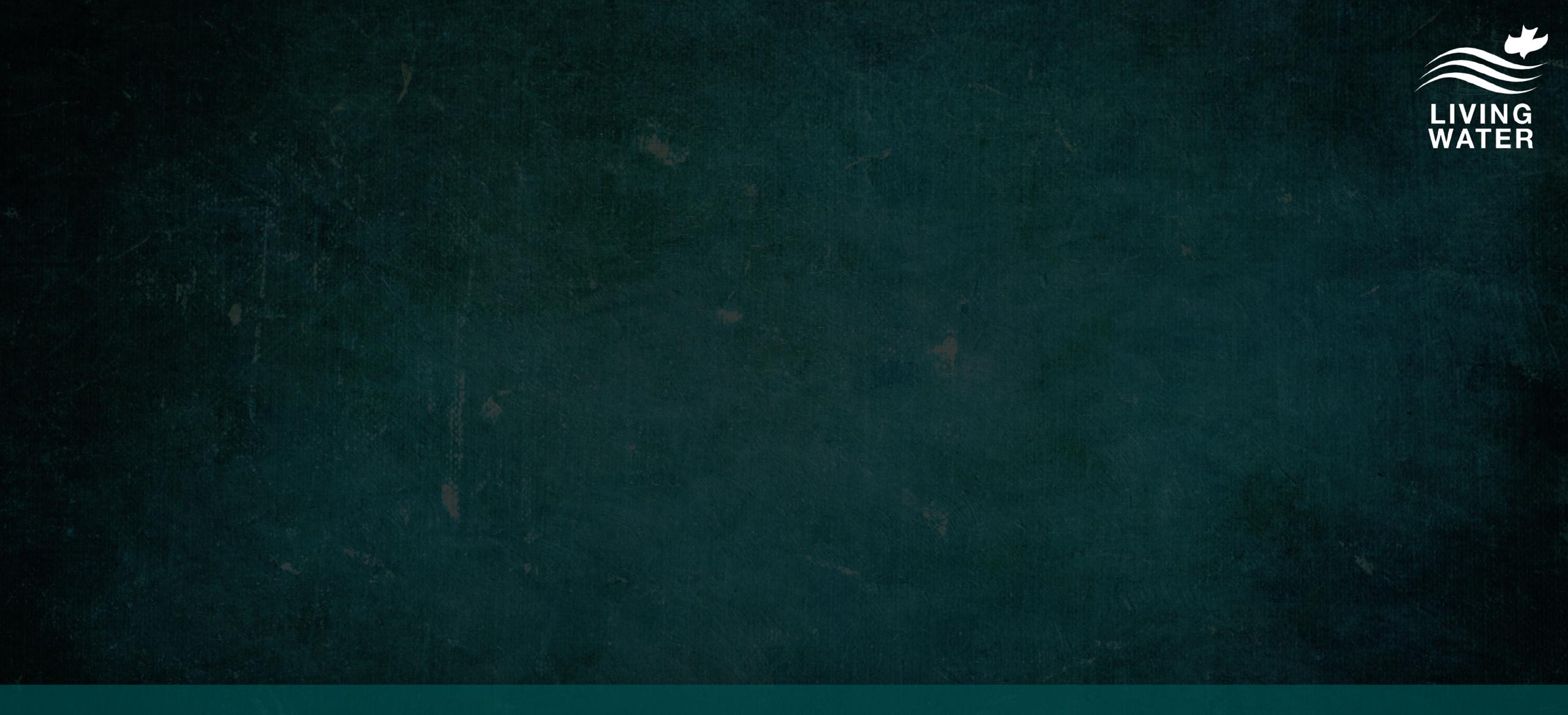


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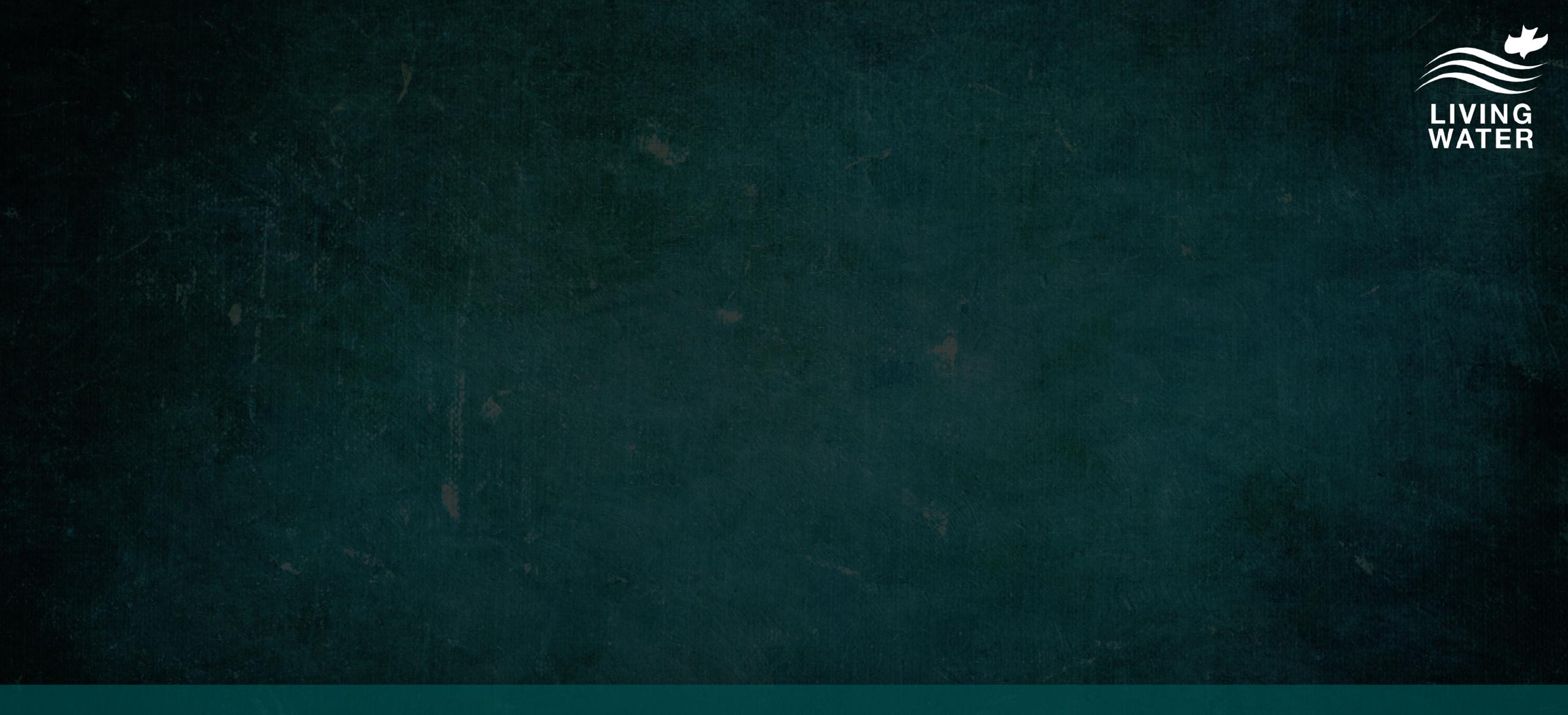
Perhaps the outstanding characteristic of this first major section of the book is the sexual restraint that is evident during the courtship. This restraint contrasts with the sexual intimacy that characterizes the lovers after their wedding.

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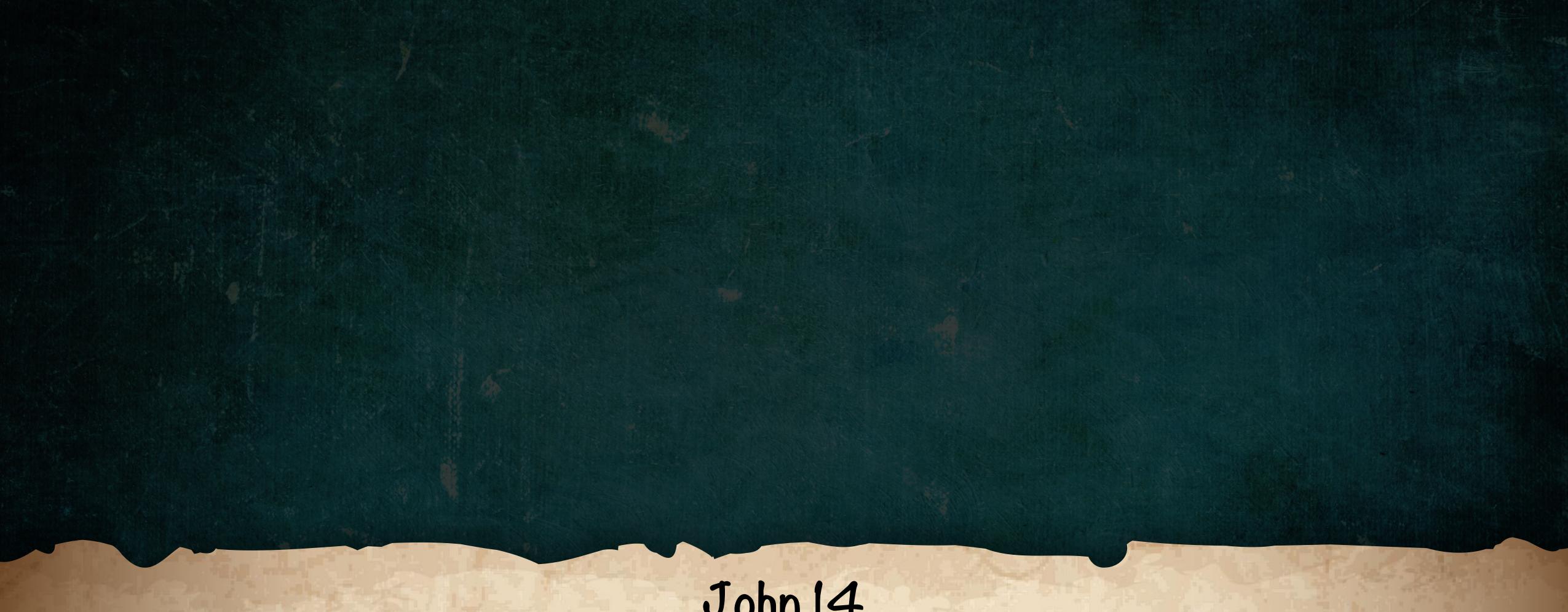
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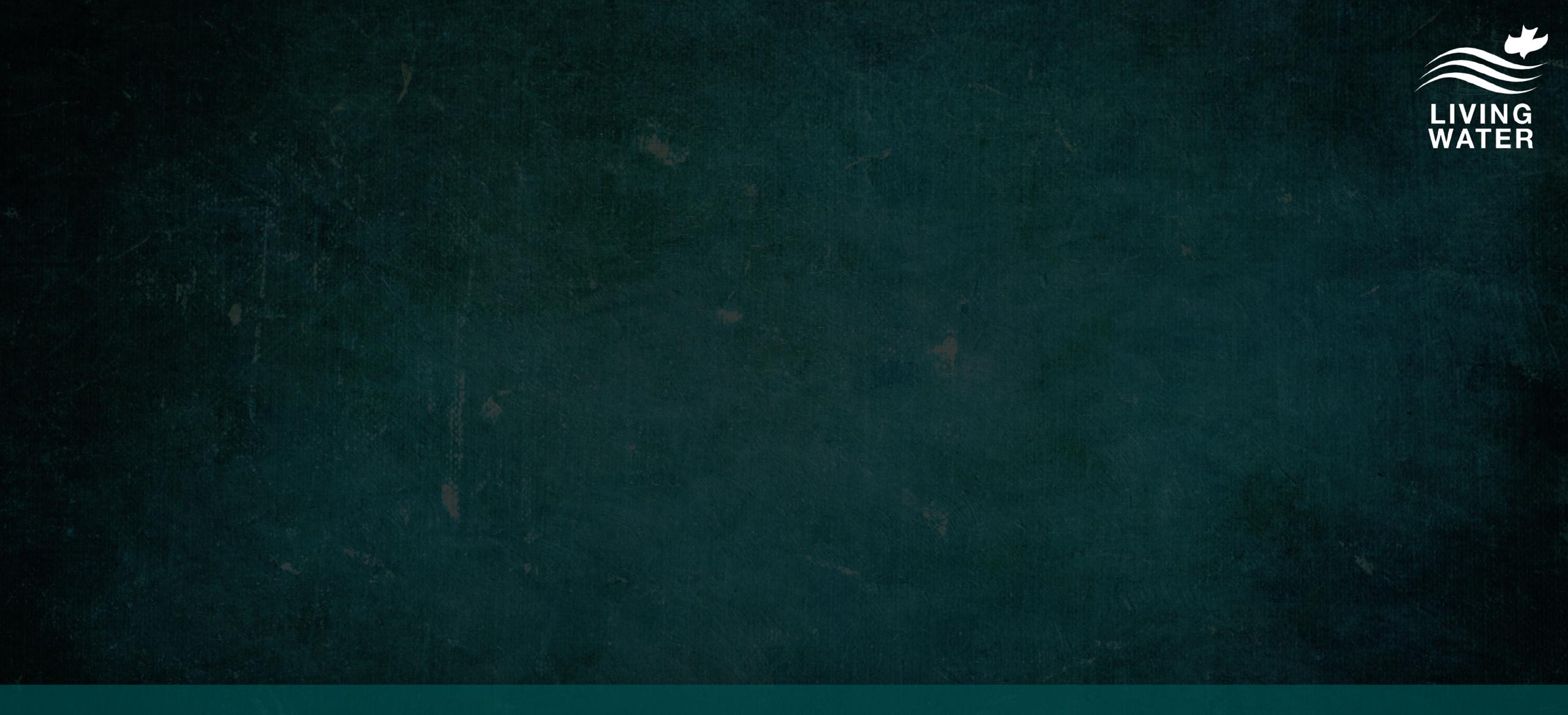
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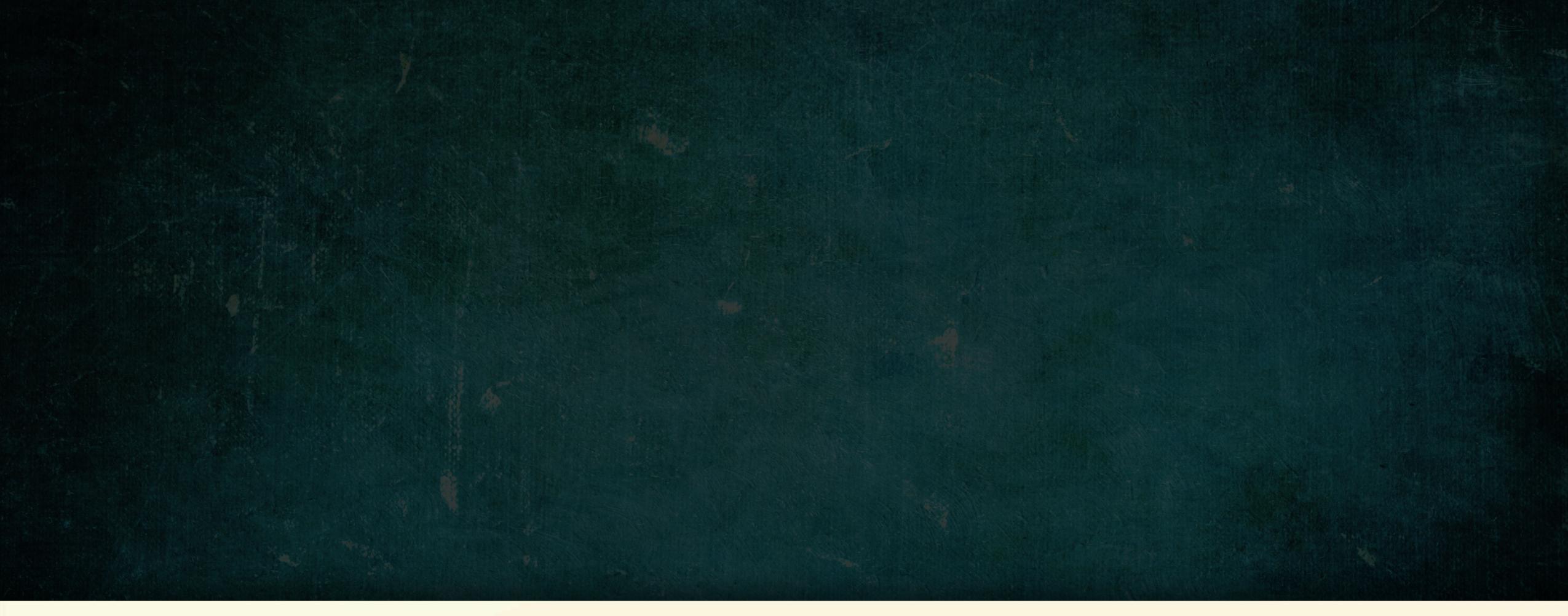
#### John 14

- 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.



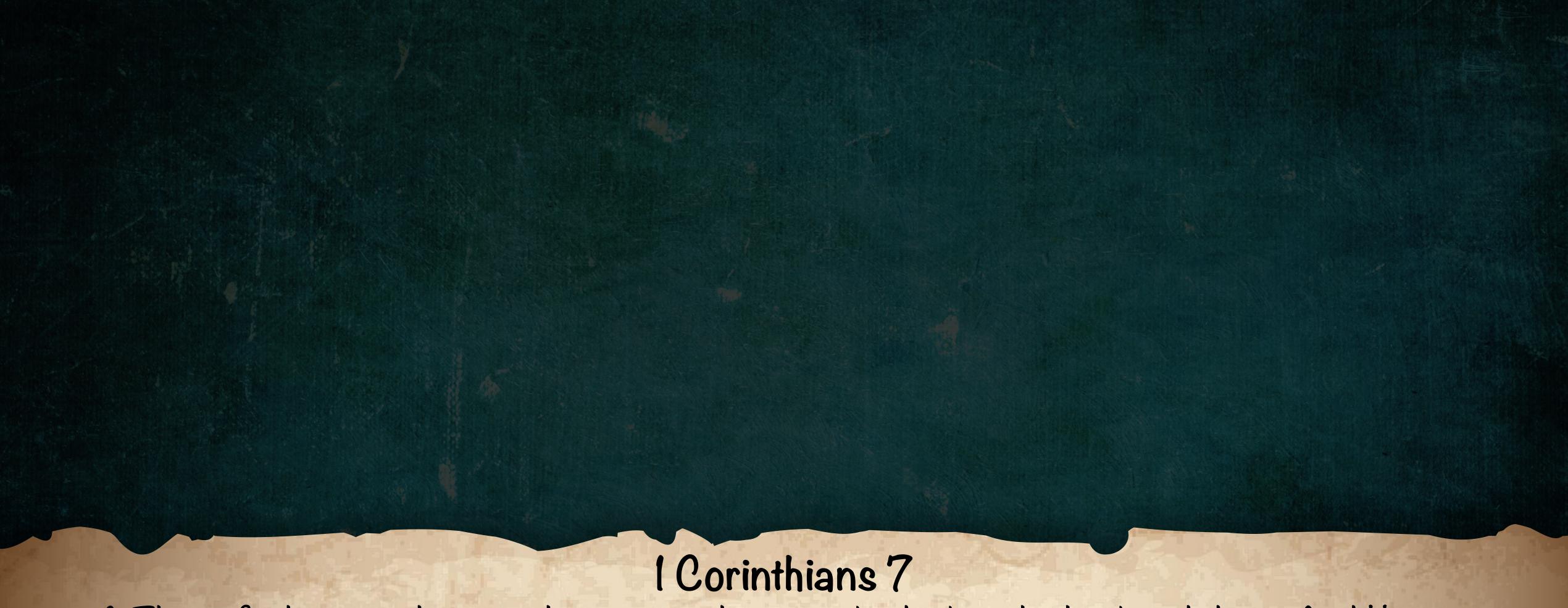
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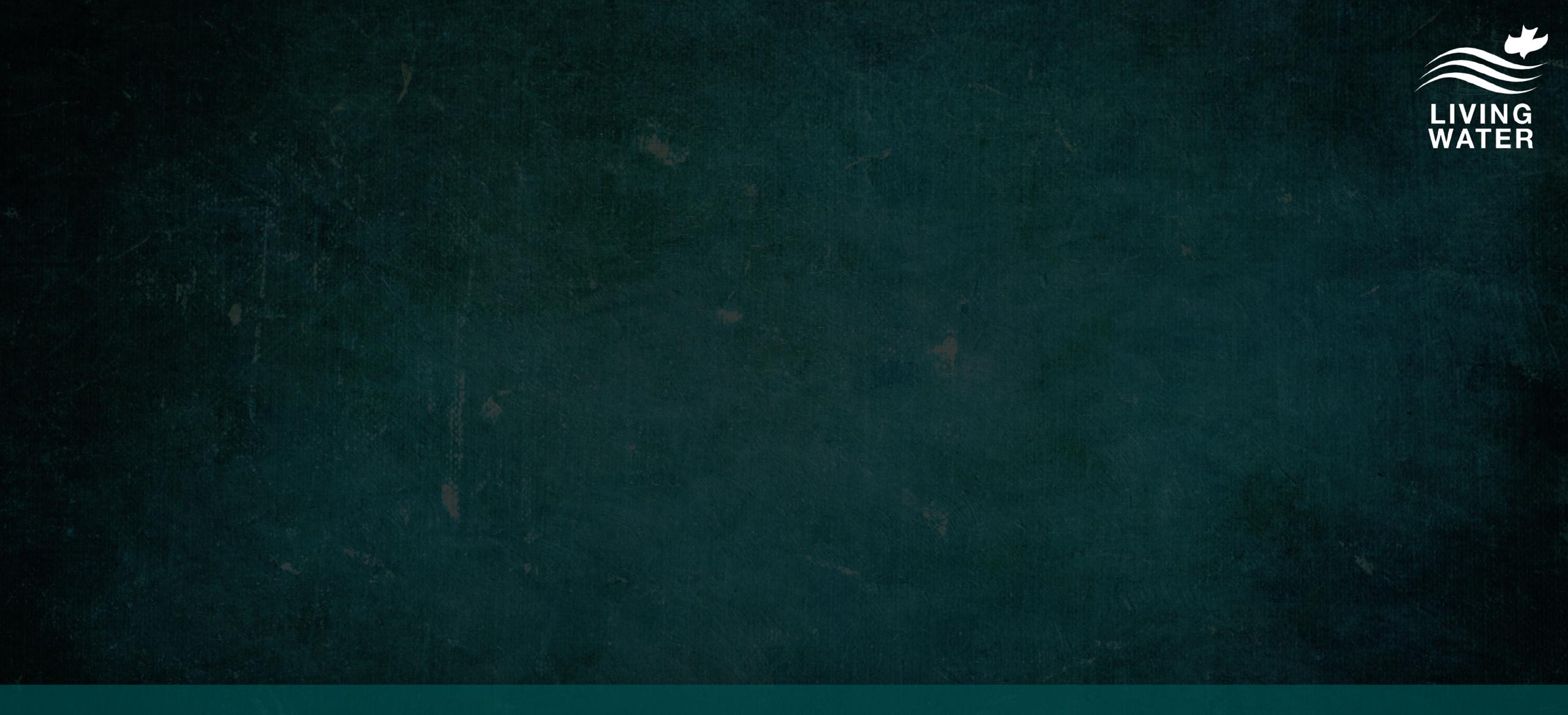
This is the moment of yielded virginity, where the beloved is invited to enjoy the previously protected and sealed sexuality of the maiden. A line before, the maiden called it "my garden"; now it was his garden.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary



4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.



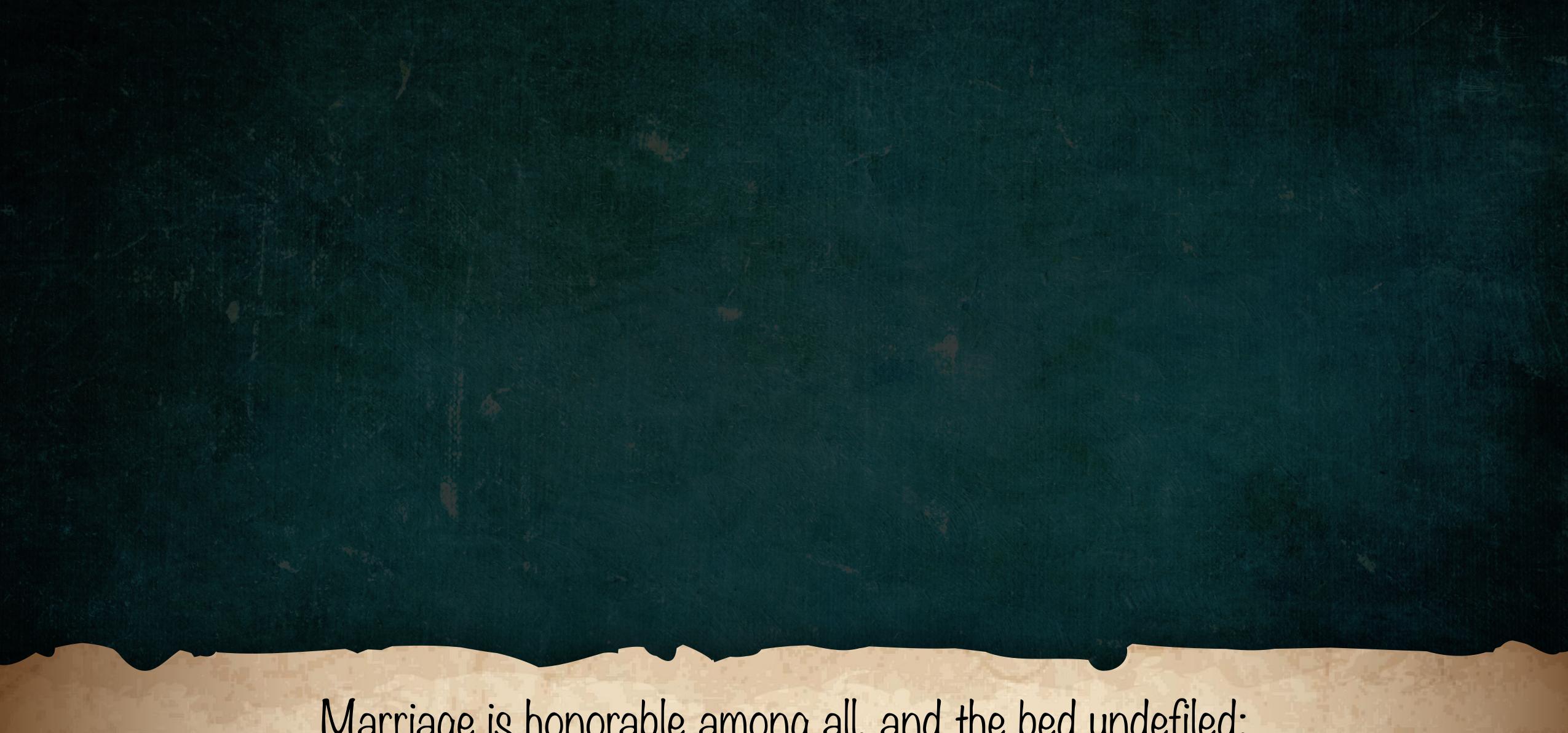
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Though she had kept her most intimate parts from others in the past, they were now open to Solomon, and he experienced full satisfaction with her love.

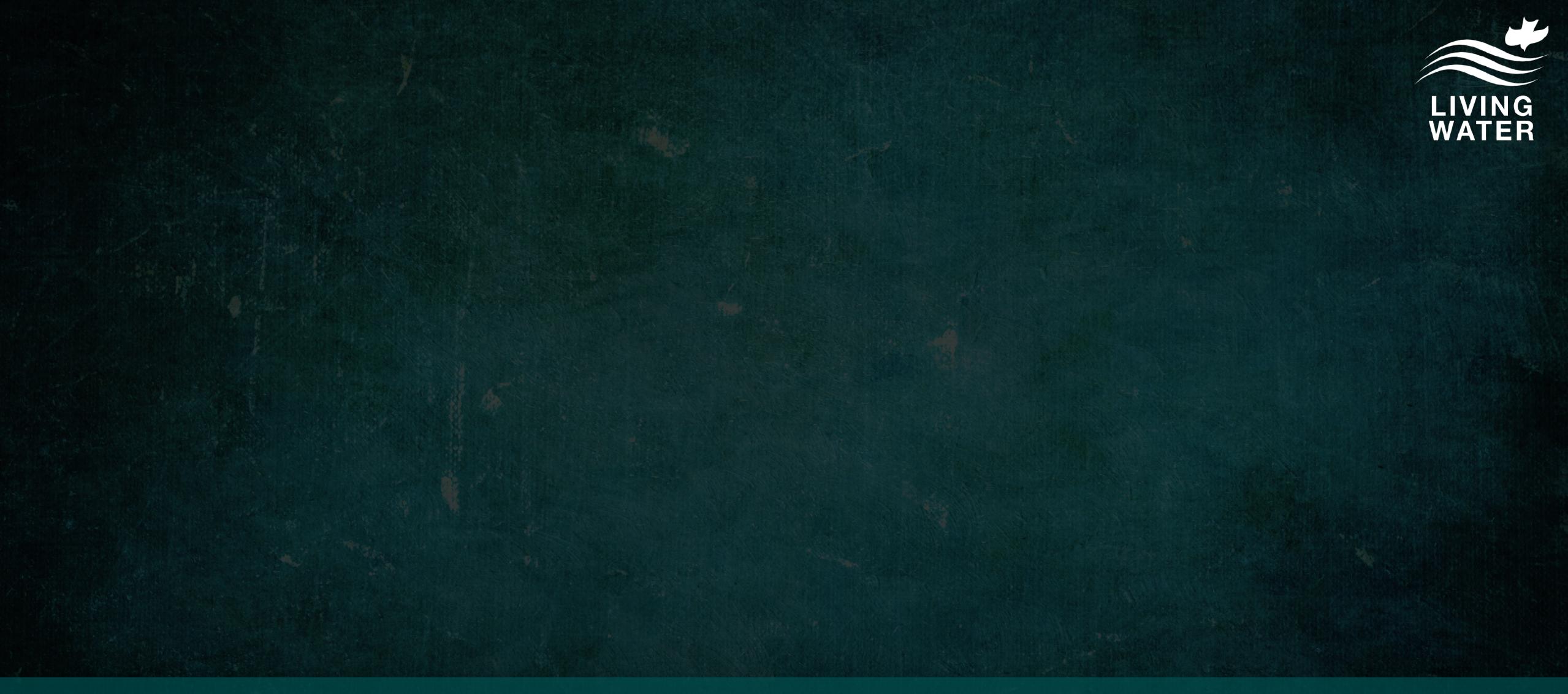
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Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Hebrews 13:4





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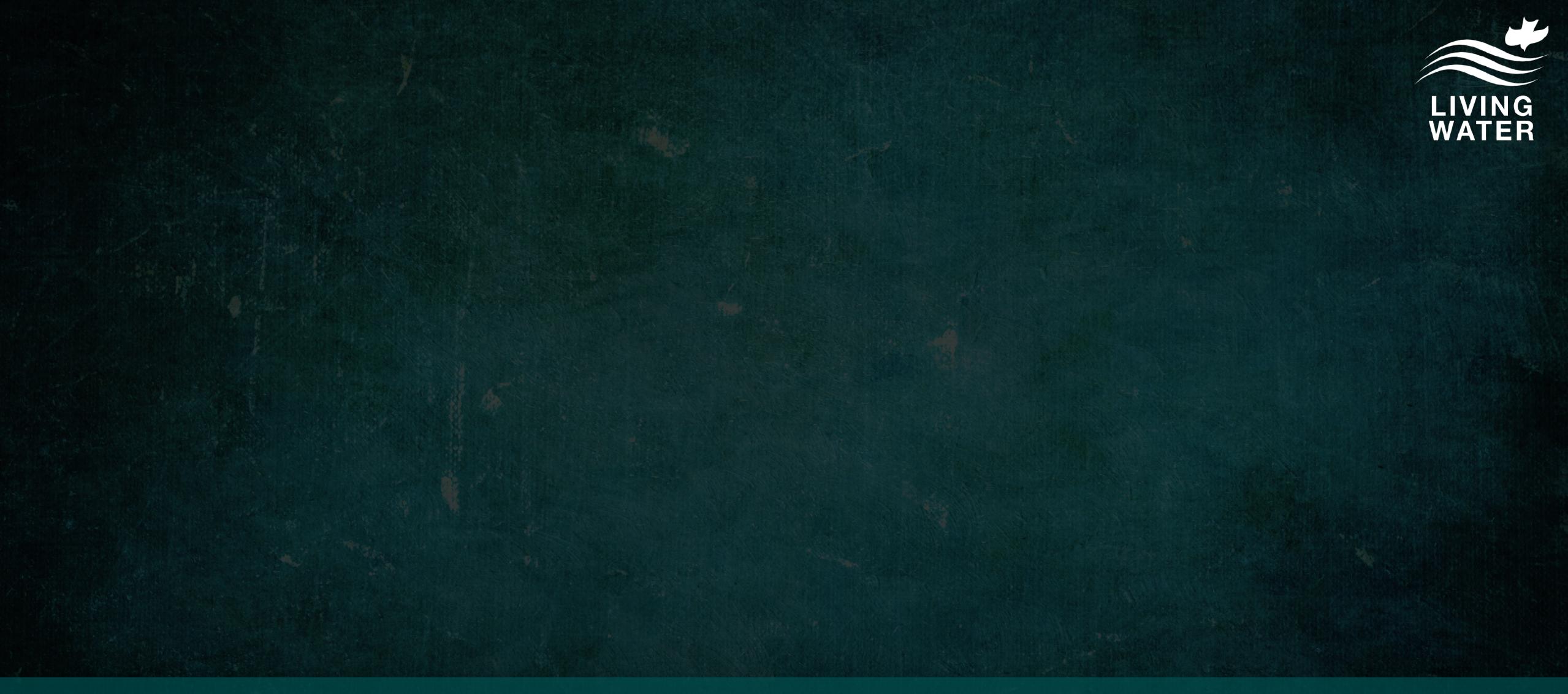
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ACT 3: Maintain Your Garden With Your Spouse



Here the writer gave us an emotionally accurate picture of the dynamic of conflict in a relationship, especially in marriage.

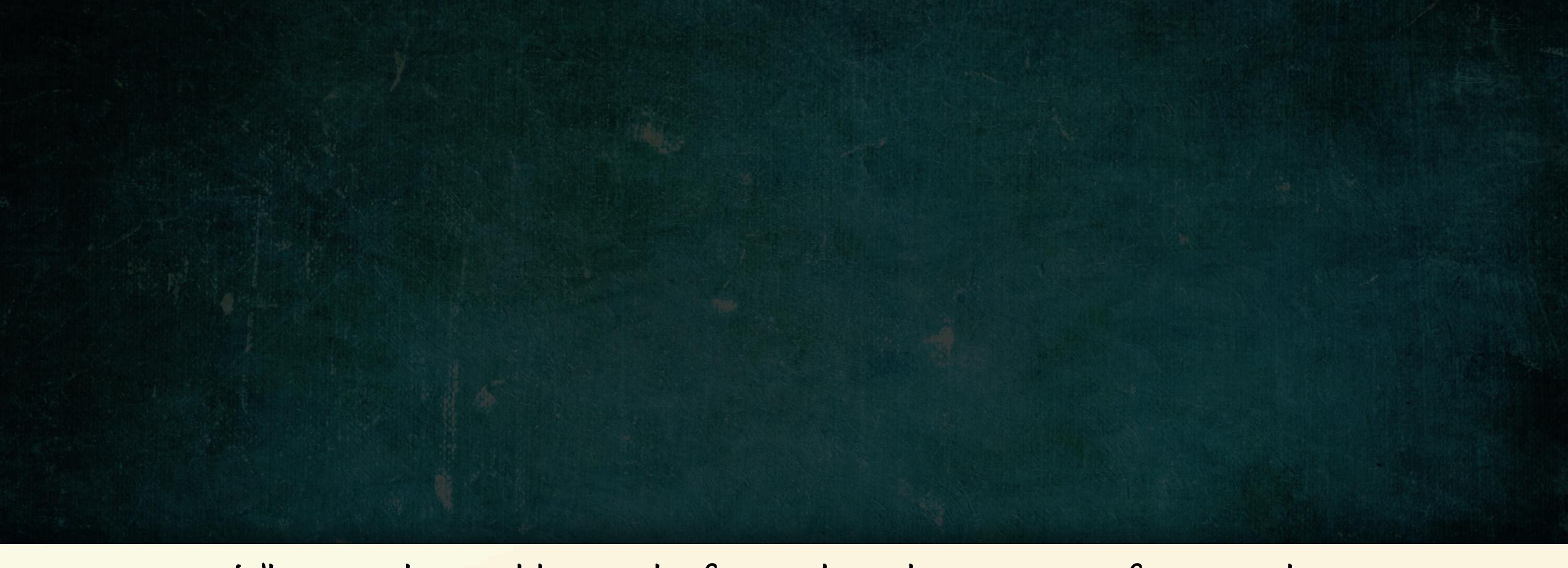
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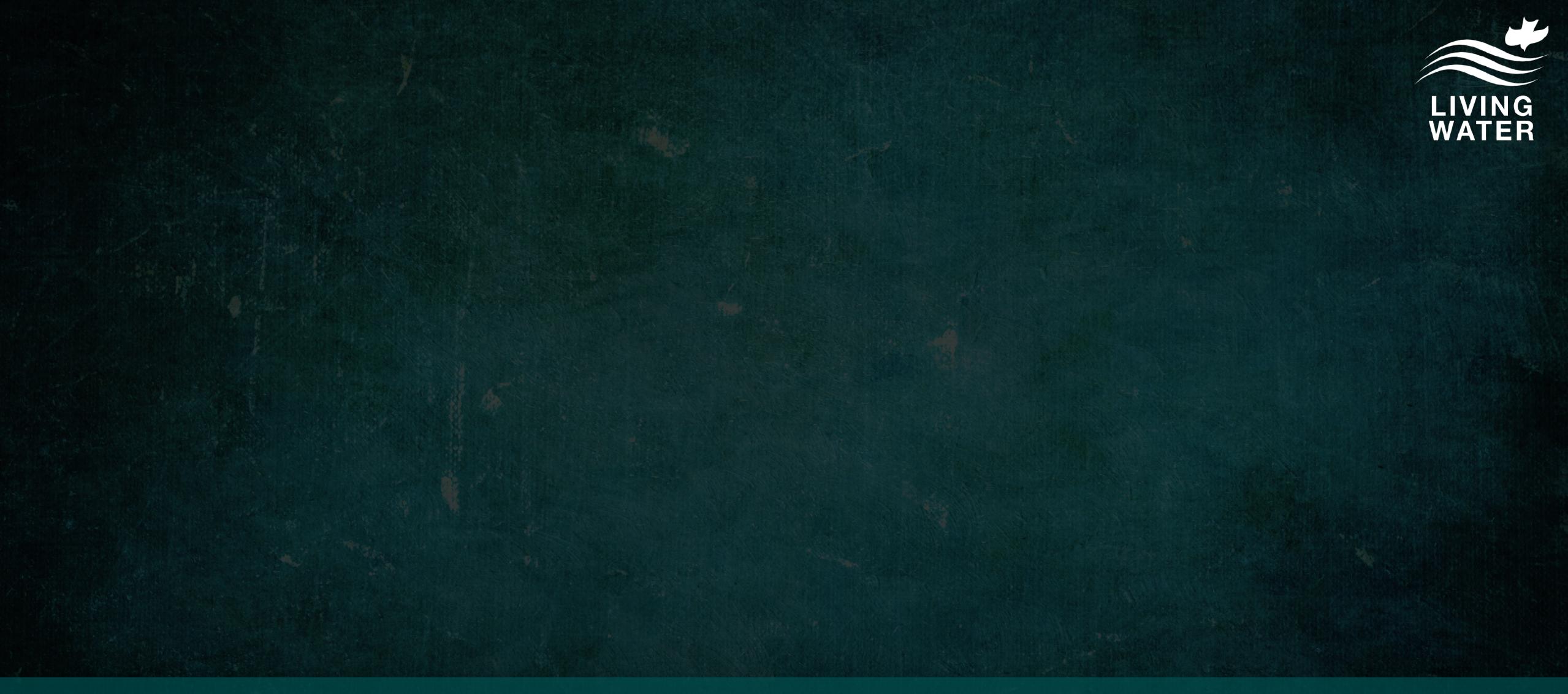
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Whereas the wedding night focused on the purpose of sex as the consummation of marriage, this night focuses on the purpose of sex as the nourishment of marriage. As they fell asleep the last kiss lingered in each other's minds like the aftertaste of good wine.

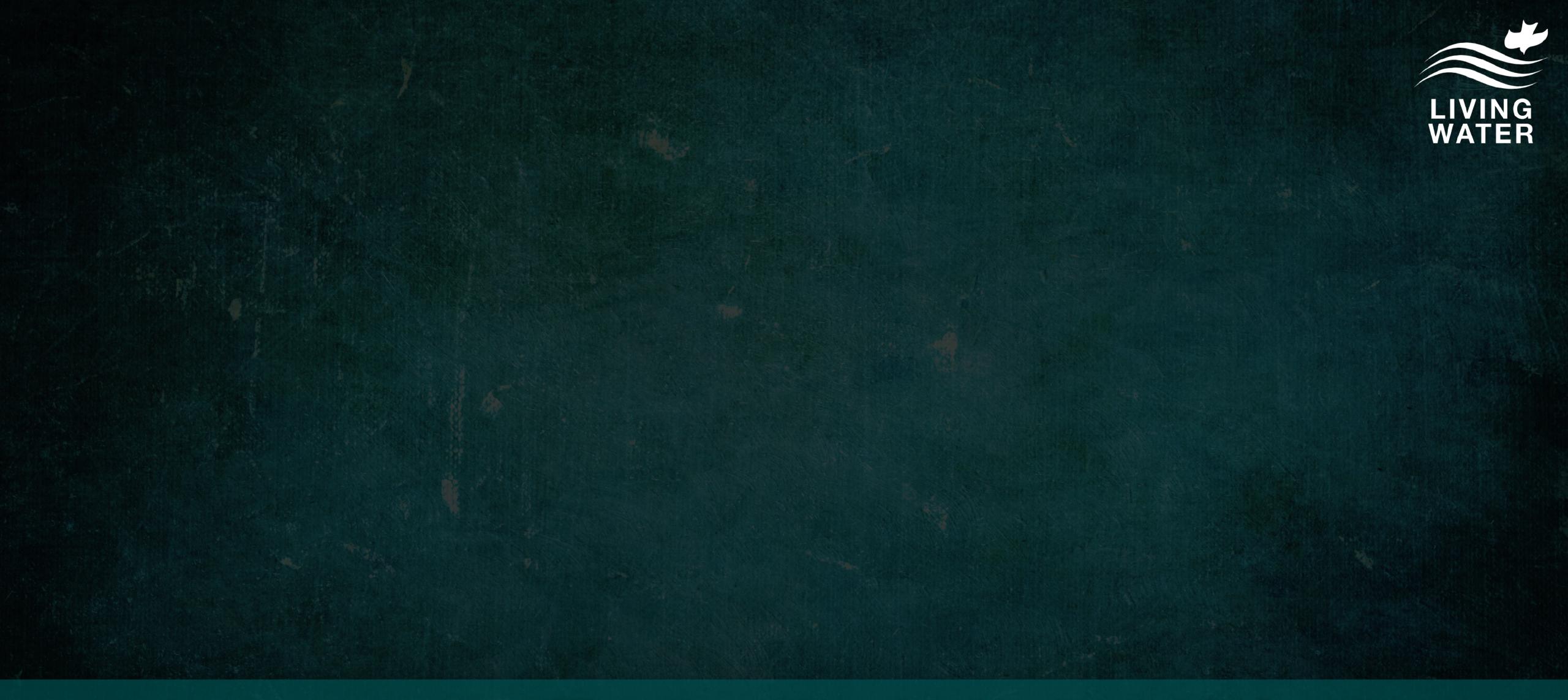
Craig Glickman, Solomon's Song of Love



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