



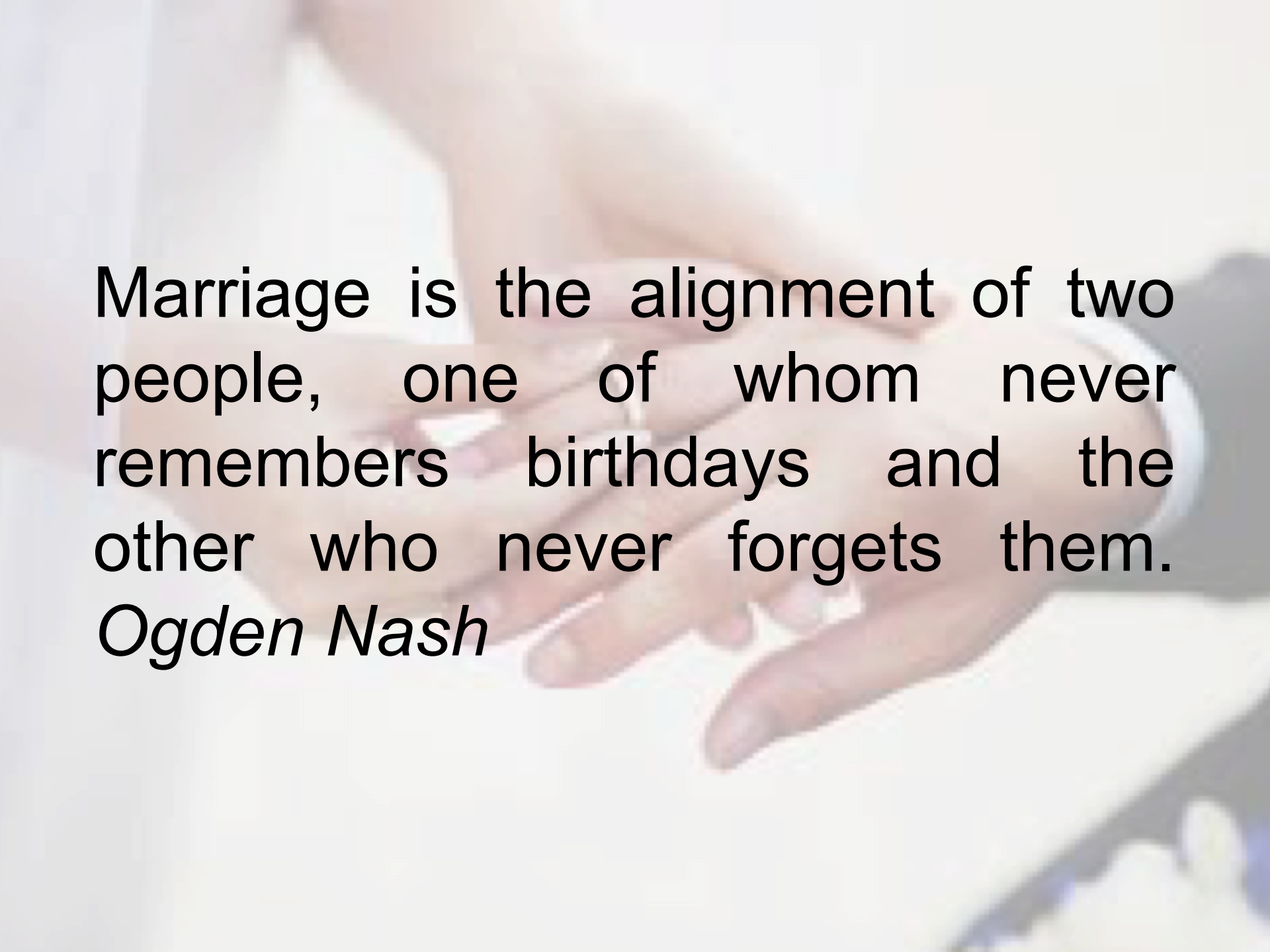
“I DO”



Happily ever after is not a  
fairy tale. It's a choice.

*Fawn Weaver*



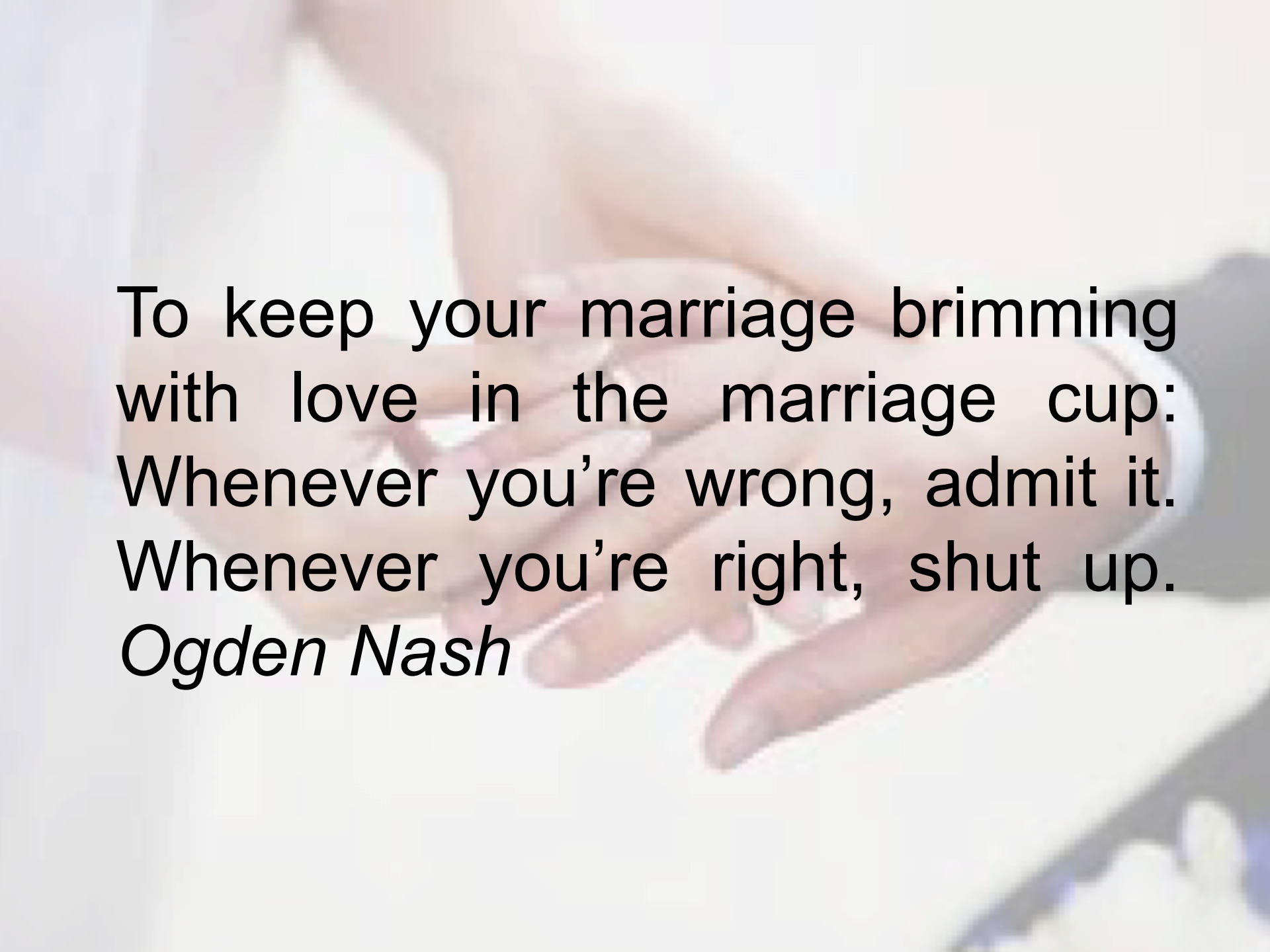


Marriage is the alignment of two people, one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other who never forgets them.

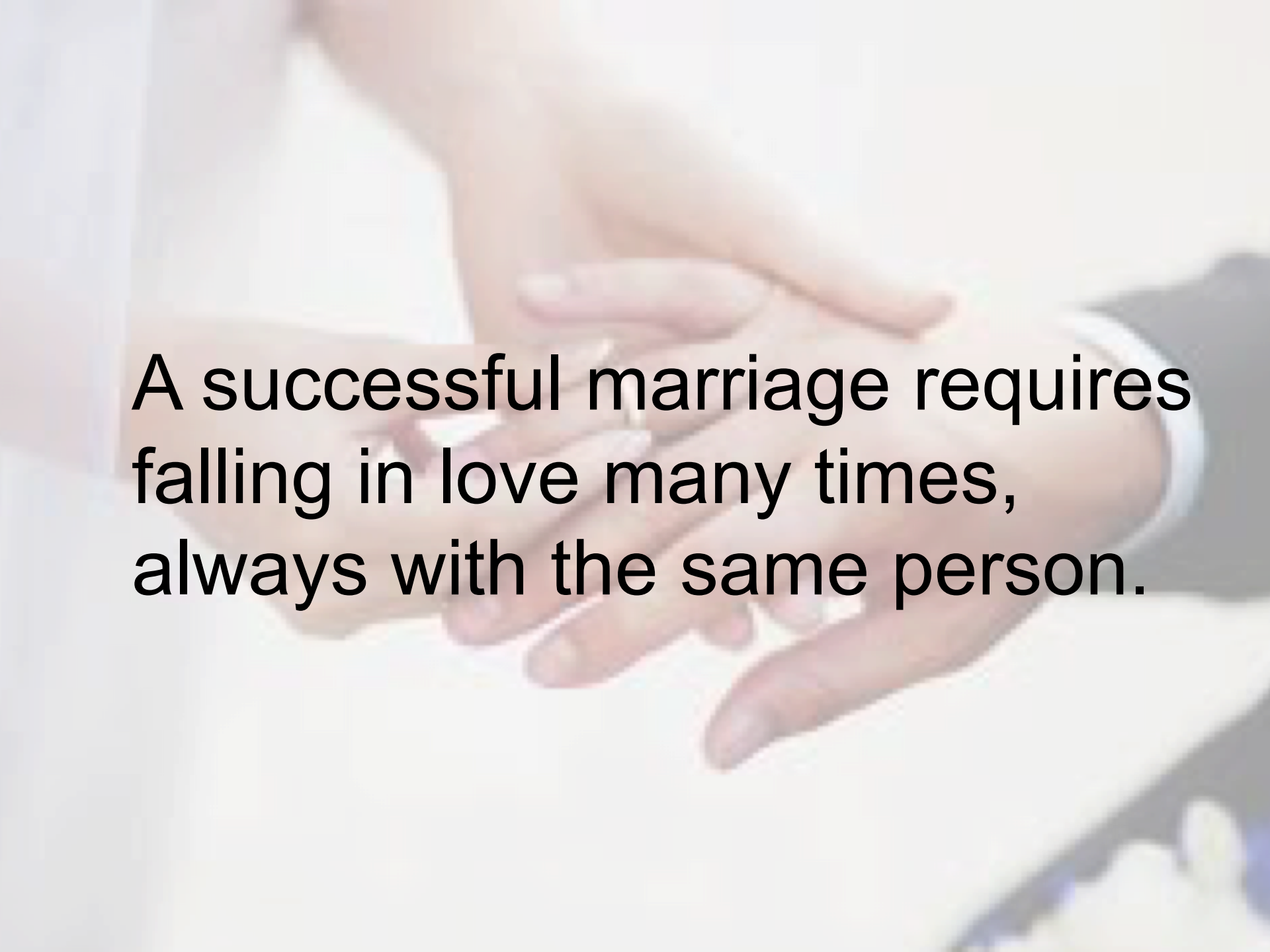
*Ogden Nash*



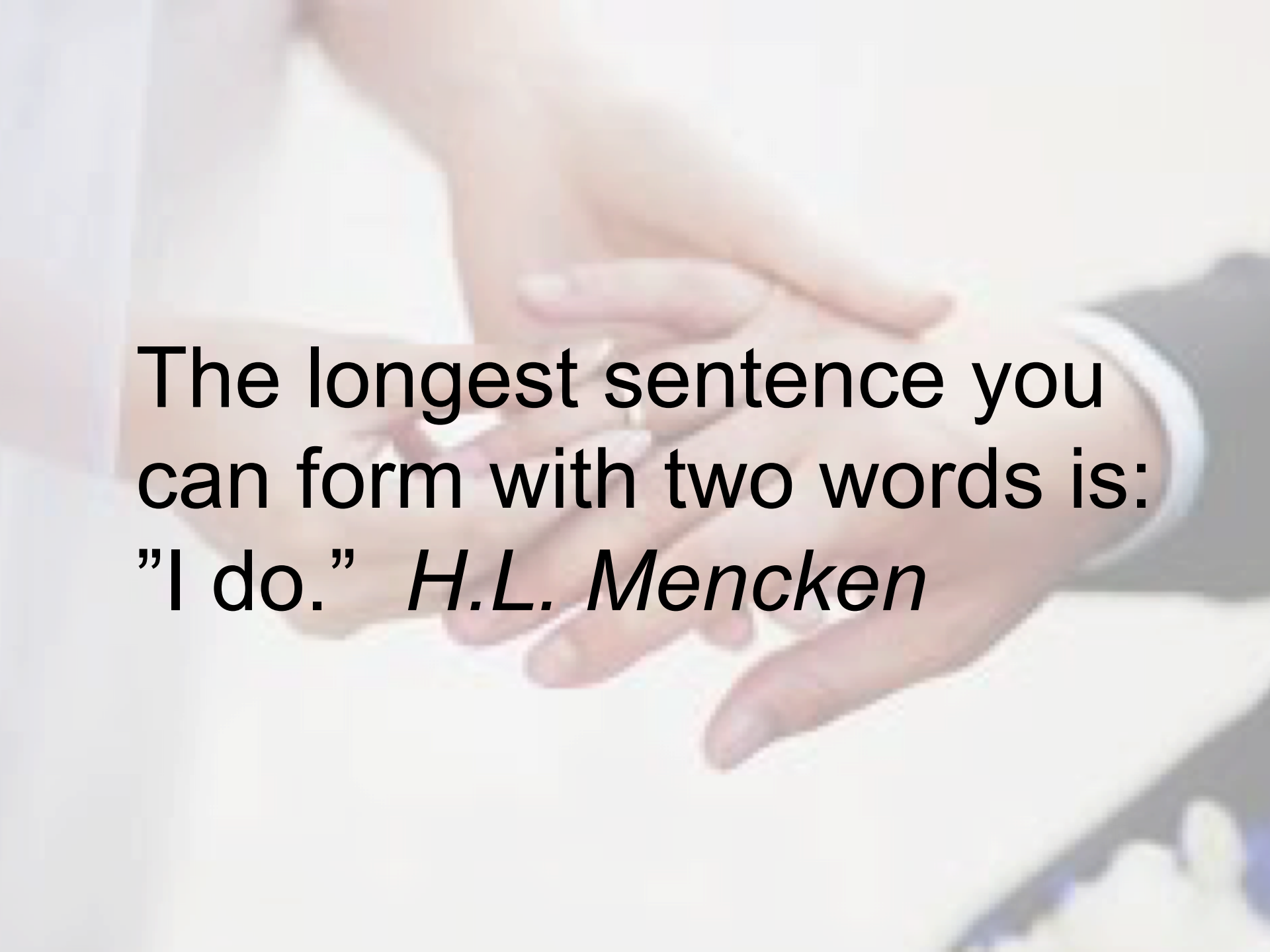
**The secret of a happy marriage  
remains a secret.**



To keep your marriage brimming  
with love in the marriage cup:  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it.  
Whenever you're right, shut up.  
*Ogden Nash*

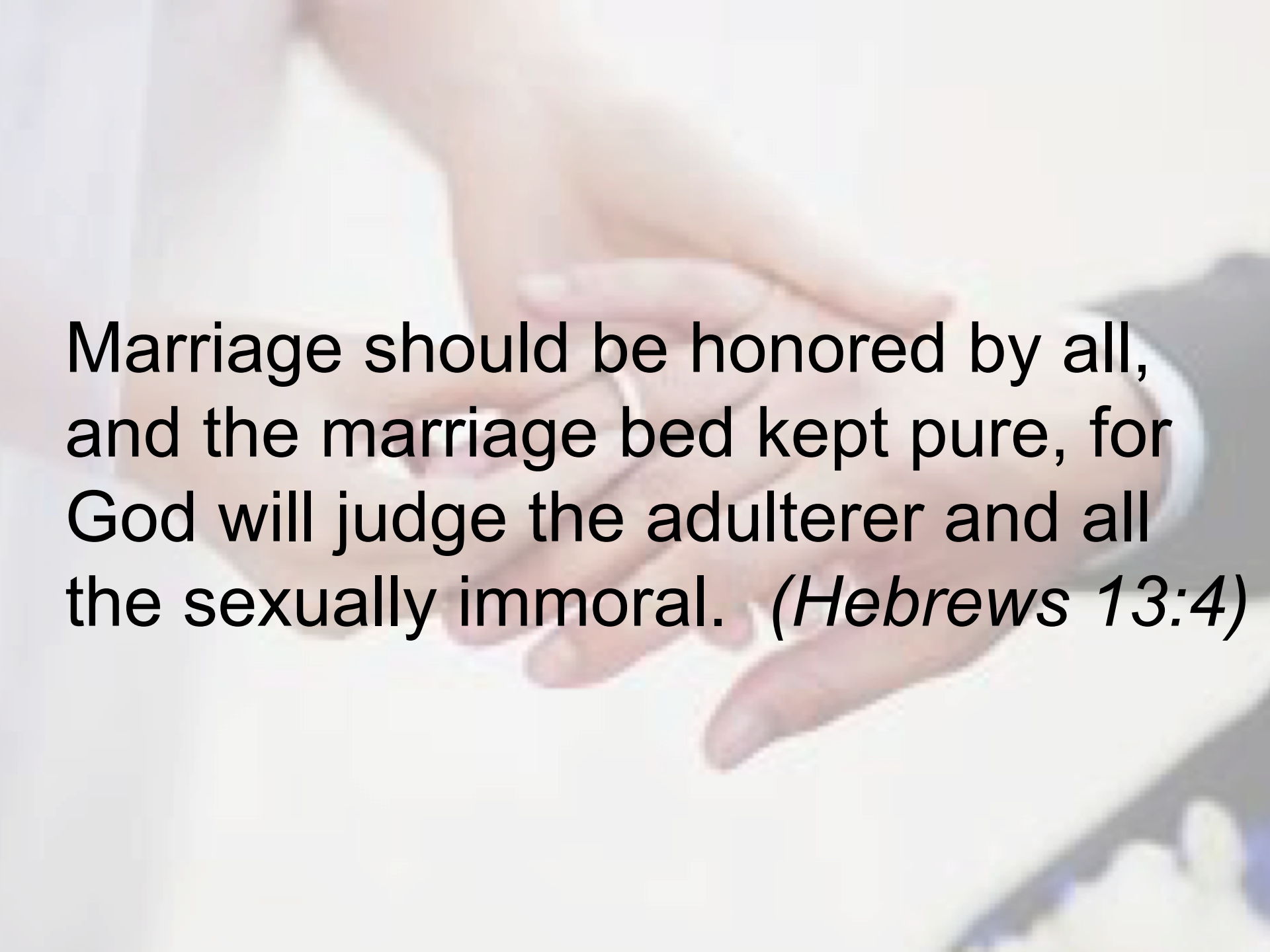


**A successful marriage requires  
falling in love many times,  
always with the same person.**



The longest sentence you  
can form with two words is:  
"I do." *H.L. Mencken*

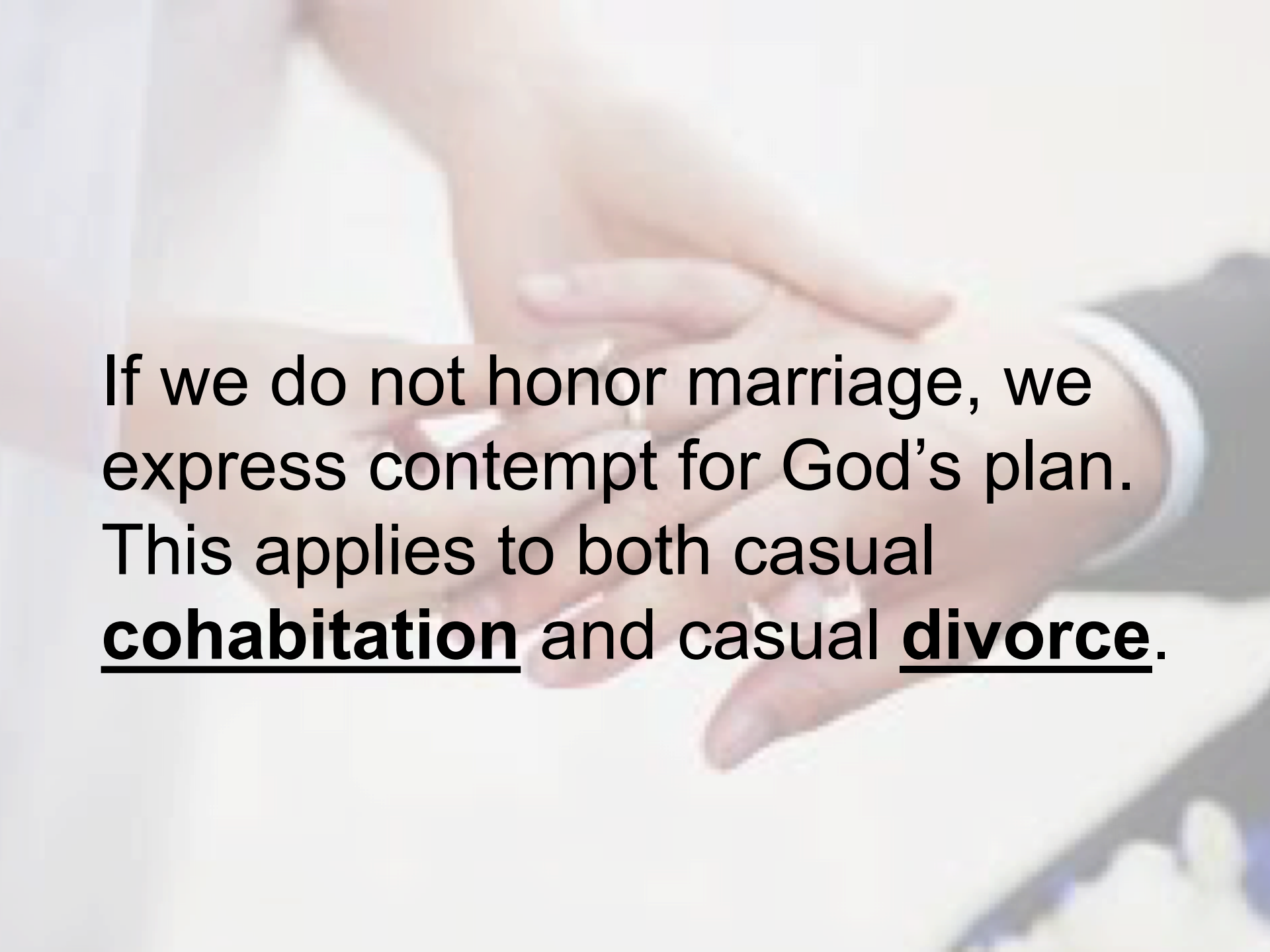




Marriage should be honored by all,  
and the marriage bed kept pure, for  
God will judge the adulterer and all  
the sexually immoral. (*Hebrews 13:4*)



**God HAS honored marriage!**



If we do not honor marriage, we express contempt for God's plan. This applies to both casual **cohabitation** and casual **divorce**.



What does the Bible say about  
God's PURPOSE for MARRIAGE?

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a supportive grip. One hand is resting on top of the other, with fingers interlaced. The skin is light-toned, and the background is a soft, out-of-focus white. The hands are positioned centrally, with the text overlaid on the left side.

# **1. COMPANIONSHIP**

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. (*Genesis 2:18*)



## 2. SEXUAL FULFILLMENT

But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife's body does not belong to her alone ... do not deprive each other except by mutual consent ...  
*(1 Corinthians 7:2-5)*

### 3. CHILDREN

Has not the Lord made them one?  
In flesh and spirit they are his.  
And why one? Because he was  
seeking godly offspring. So guard  
yourself in your spirit and do not  
break faith with the wife of your  
youth. (*Malachi 2:15*)



## 4. CLASSROOM

This is a profound mystery ...  
Christ and the church ... husband  
loving his wife as much as he  
loves himself ... wife respecting  
her husband. (*Ephesians 5:33*)

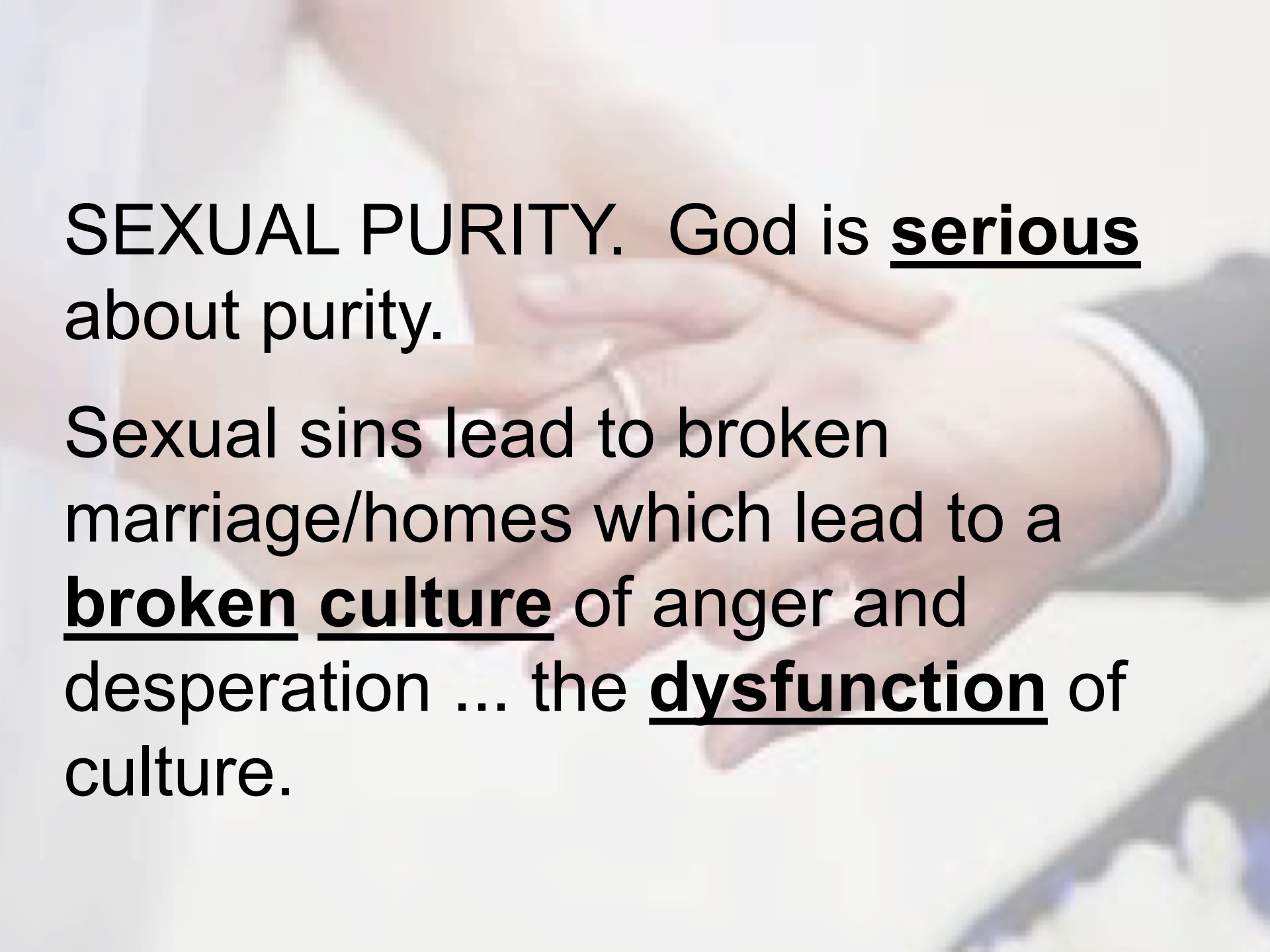
## 5. COVENANT

Why do we profane the covenant of our fathers by breaking faith with one another? Judah has broken faith ... married the daughter of a foreign god ... “I hate divorce” says the Lord God of Israel. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith. **(Malachi 2)**

# HOW CAN I HONOR MARRIAGE?

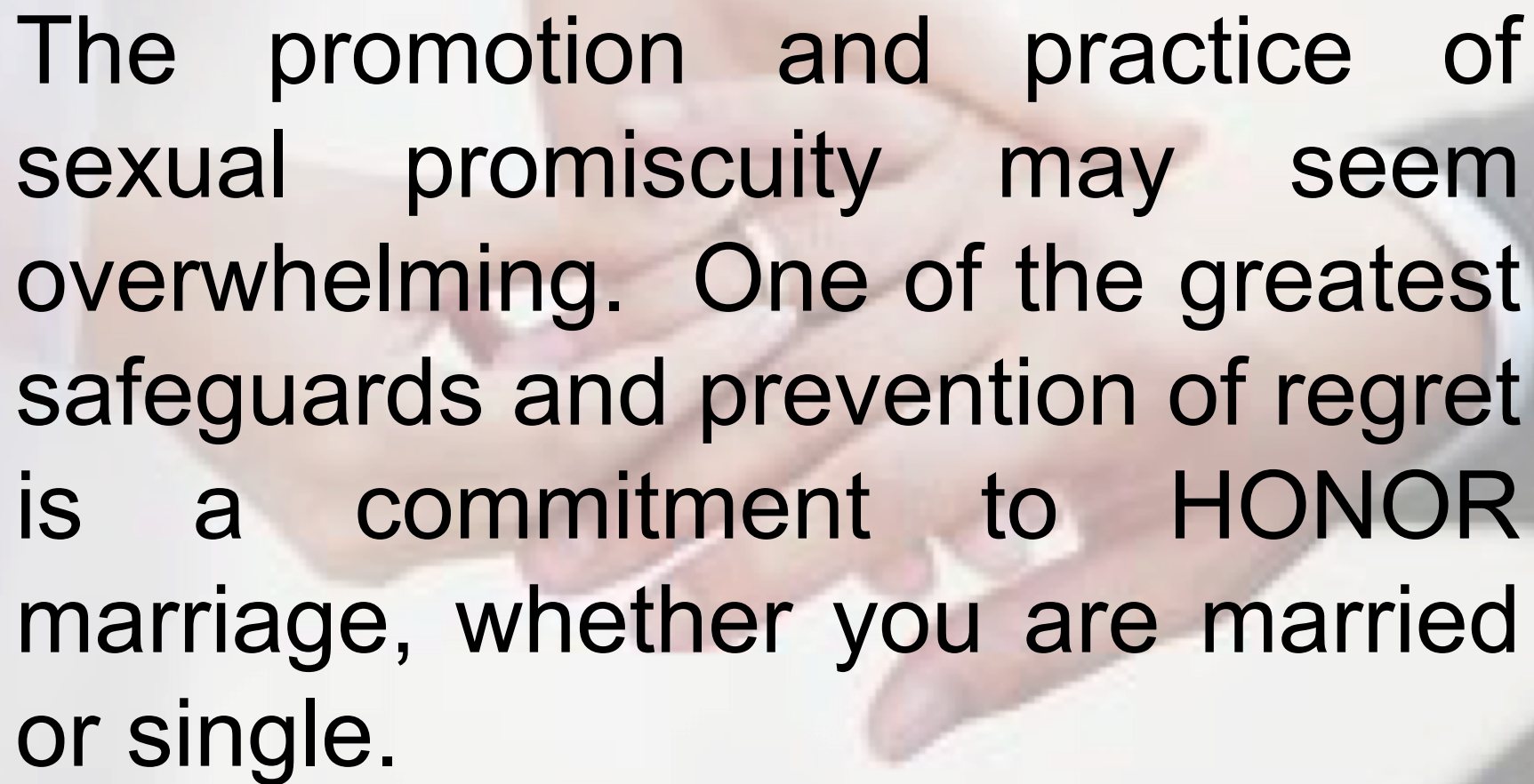
- ✓ Honor the **permanence**  
(support/encouragement)
- ✓ Honor the **plan**  
(headship/submission)
- ✓ Honor the **priority**  
(time/tenderness)
- ✓ Honor the **person**  
(service/sacrifice)





SEXUAL PURITY. God is **serious** about purity.

Sexual sins lead to broken marriage/homes which lead to a **broken culture** of anger and desperation ... the **dysfunction** of culture.



The promotion and practice of sexual promiscuity may seem overwhelming. One of the greatest safeguards and prevention of regret is a commitment to HONOR marriage, whether you are married or single.