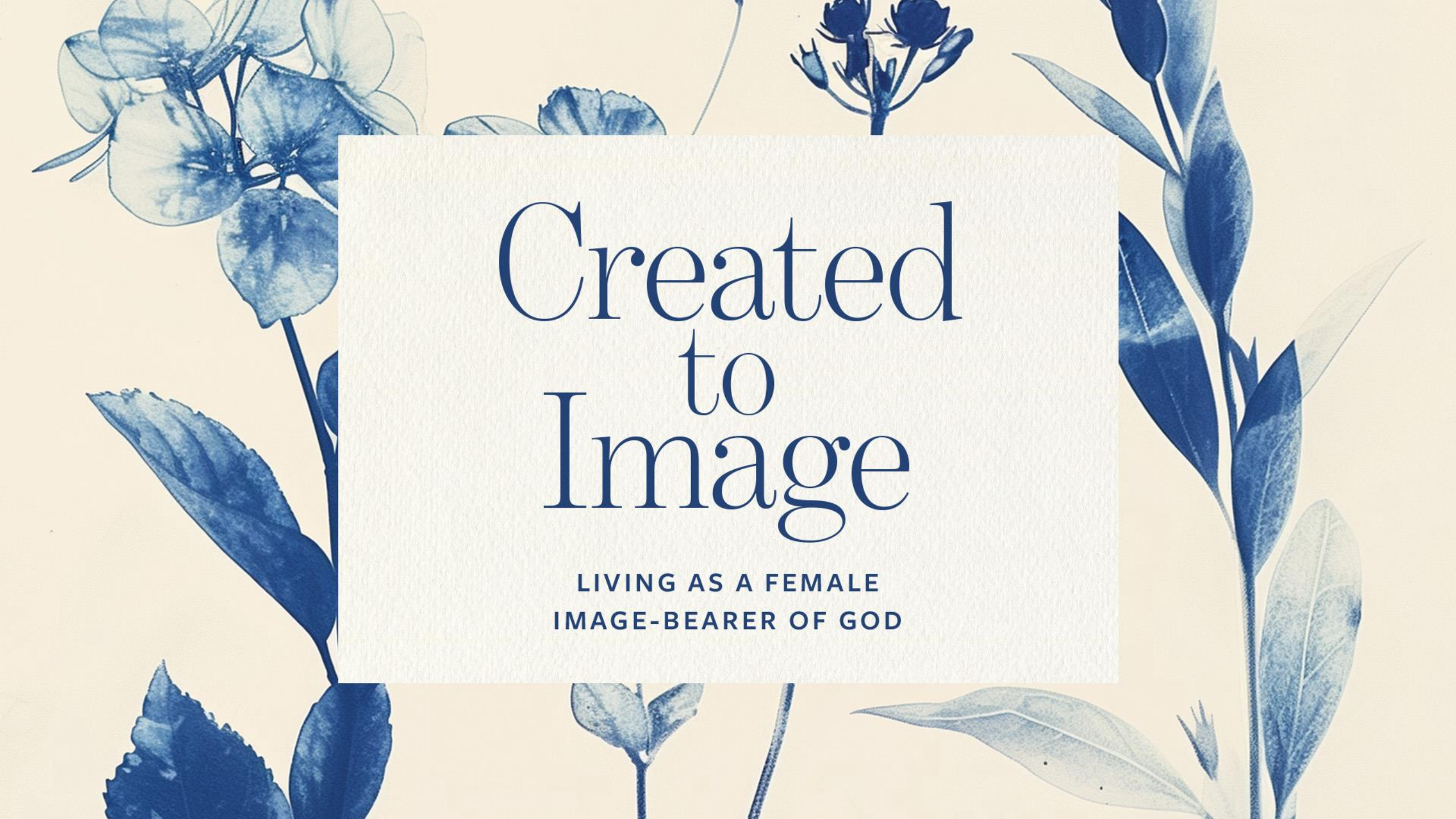


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Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

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*So God created man in His own image, in
the image of God He created him; male
and female
He created them.
Genesis 1:26-27*

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Noun

A physical likeness or representation of a person, animal or thing

Verb

To picture or represent; to reflect the likeness of, to mirror

Both Male and Female:

- Are created in the image and likeness of God – *imago dei*
- Both are blessed and given the Creation Mandate – Genesis 1:28

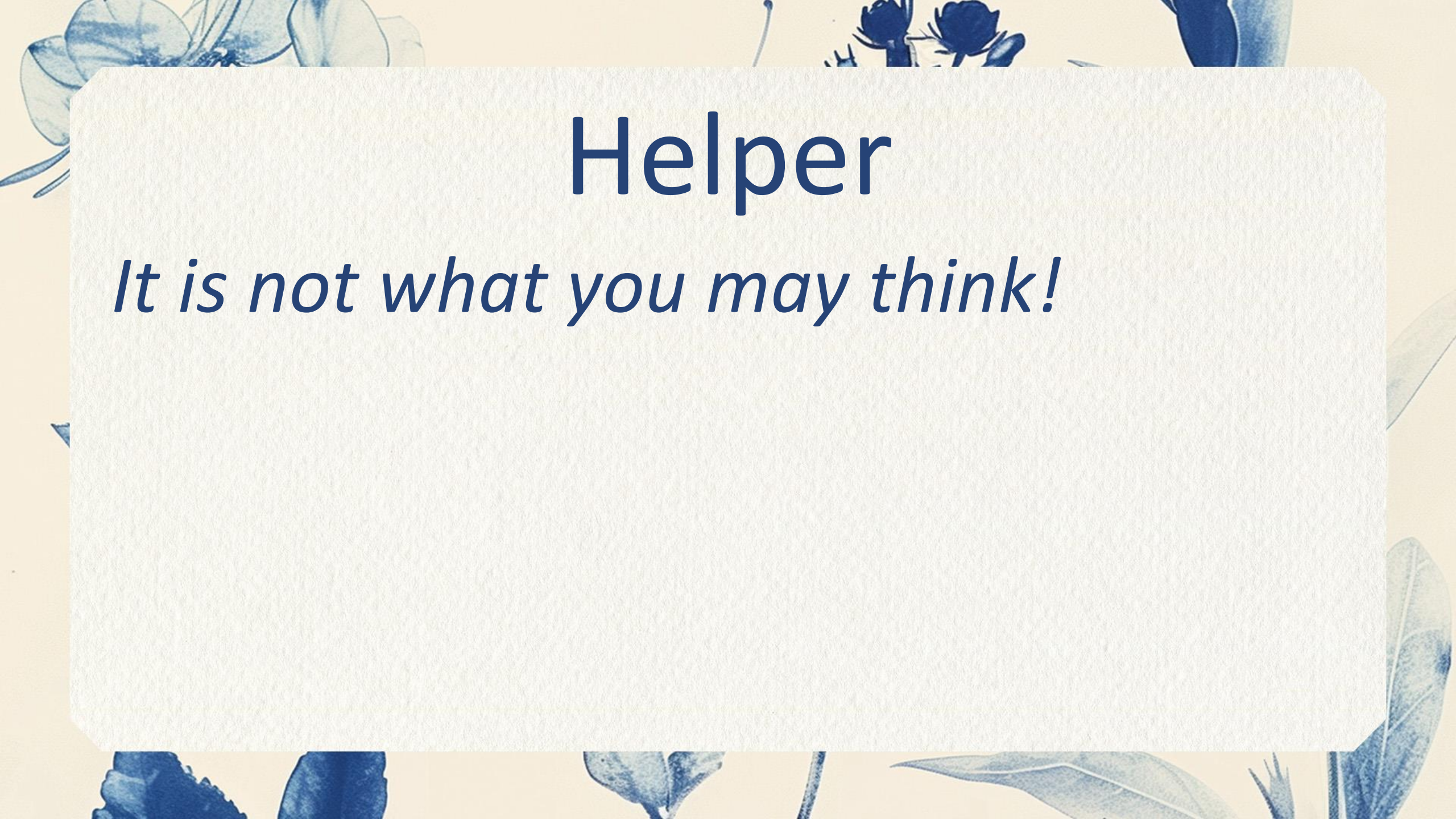
And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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Both Male and Female:

- Are created in the image and likeness of God – *imago dei*
- Both are blessed and given the Creation Mandate – Genesis 1:28
- Both are necessary to fulfill the mandate
- Equal participants in God-human relationship
- Equal stewards of divinely delegated authority over creation



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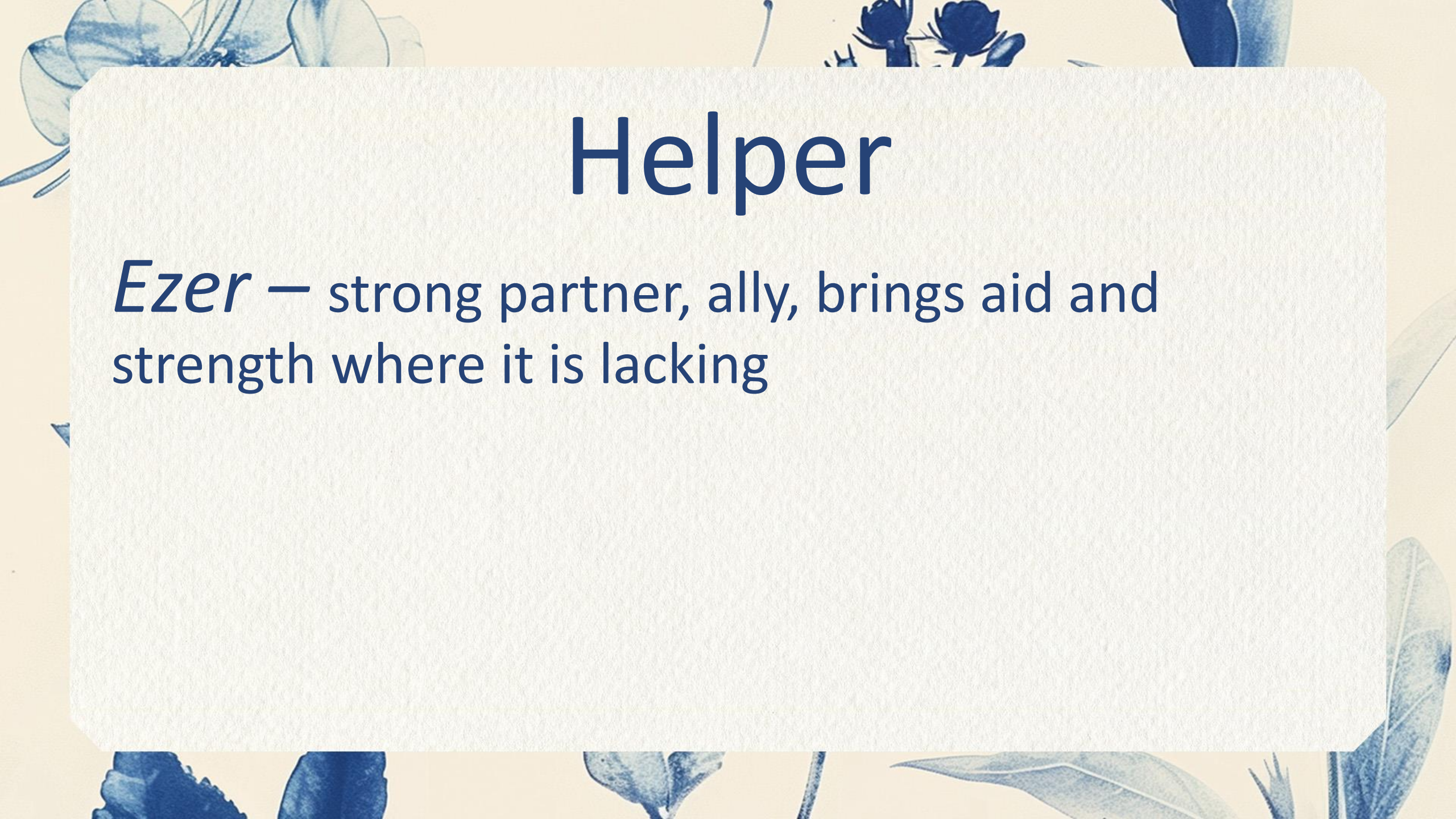
It is not what you may think!

*Then the LORD God formed the man of dust
from the ground and breathed into his
nostrils the breath of life, and the man
became a living creature. Genesis 2:7*

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*“It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper fit for him.”* Genesis
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Helper

Ezer — strong partner, ally, brings aid and strength where it is lacking



Suitable Helper

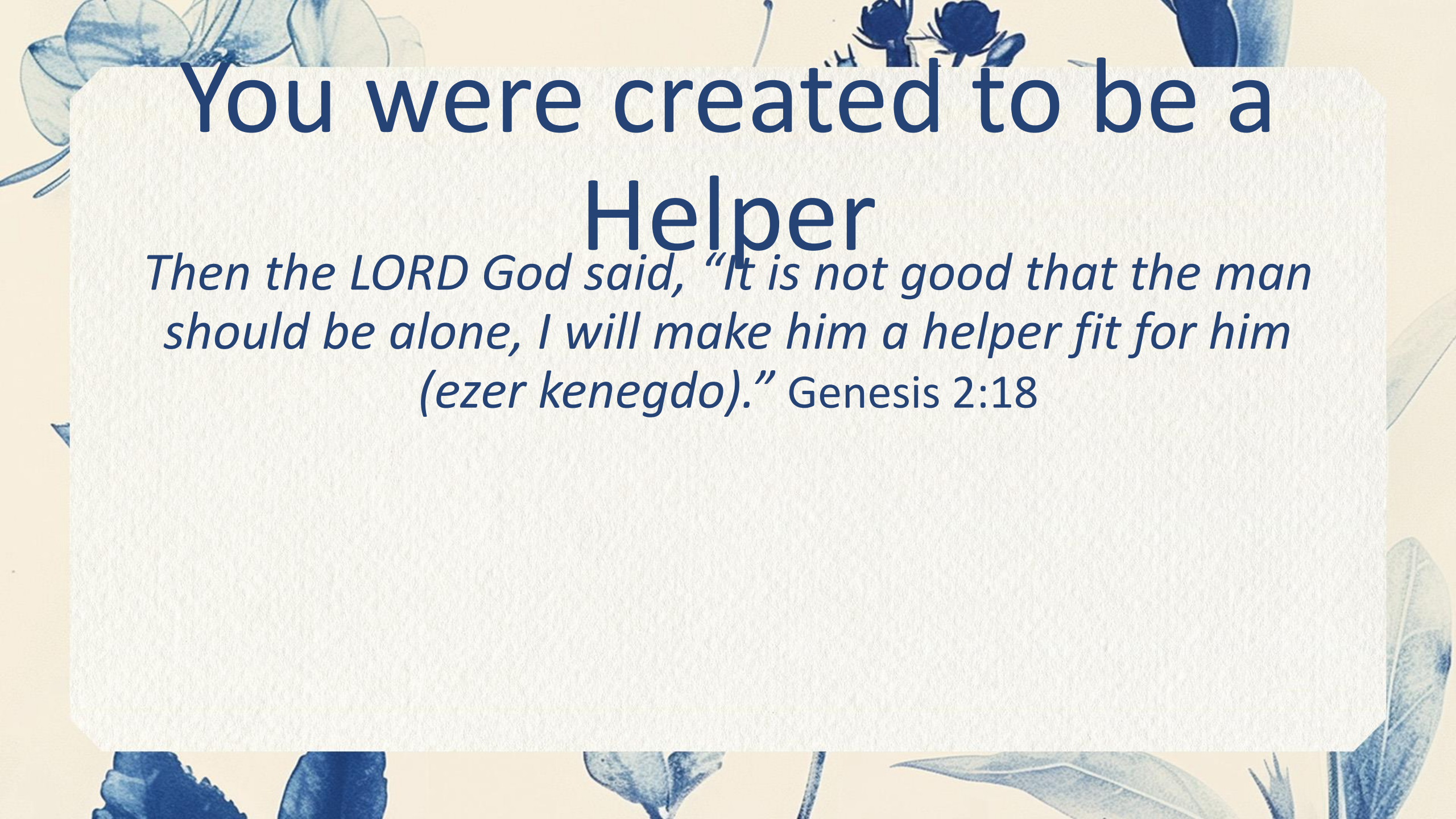
Ezer — strong partner, ally, brings aid and strength where it is lacking

Kenegdo — a perfect match, essential counterpart

God as Helper

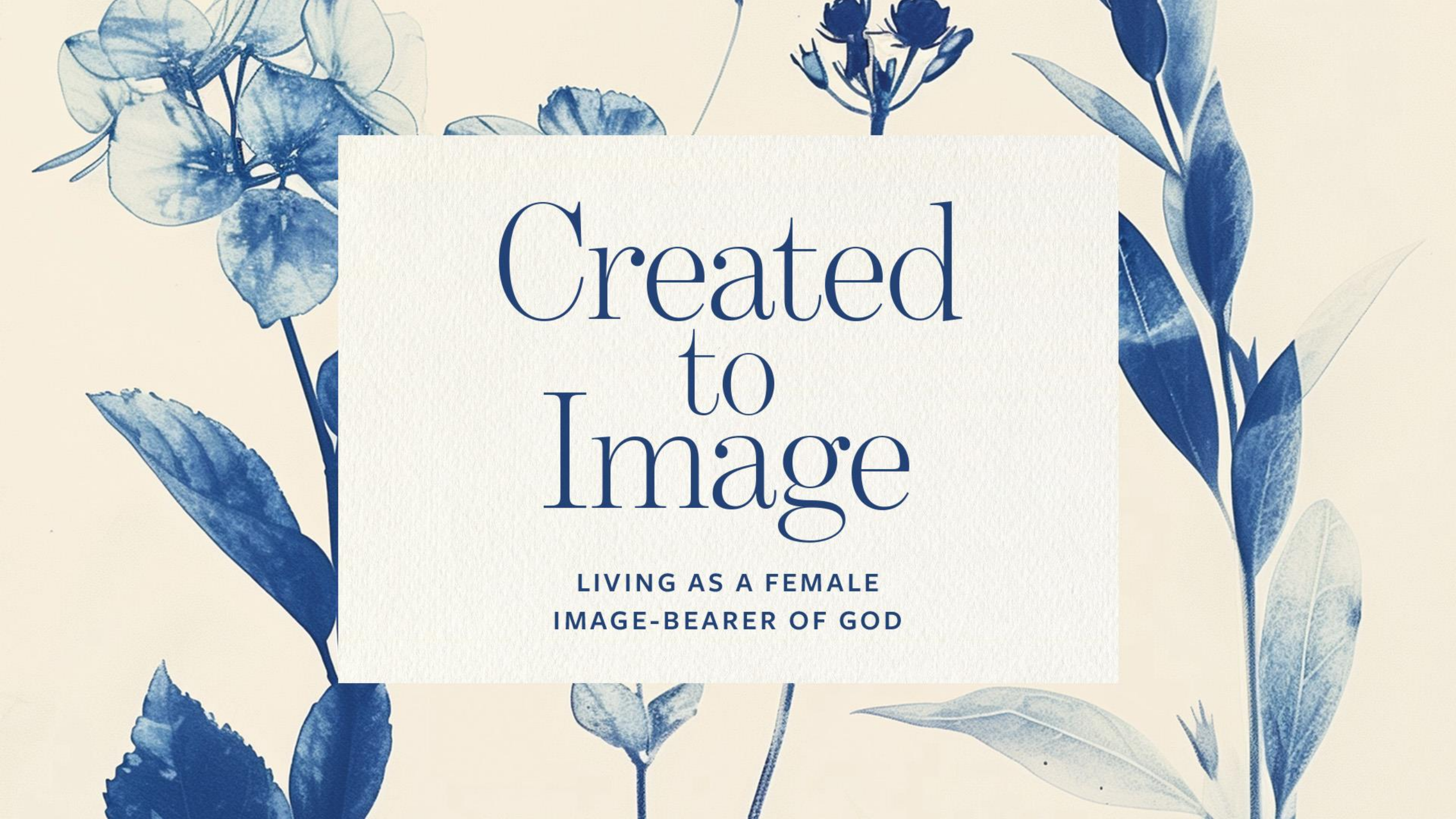
*My help (ezer) comes from the LORD, who made
heaven and earth. Psalm 121:2*

God is essential to the success and well-being of His
people.



You were created to be a Helper

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper fit for him (ezer kenegdo)." Genesis 2:18

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