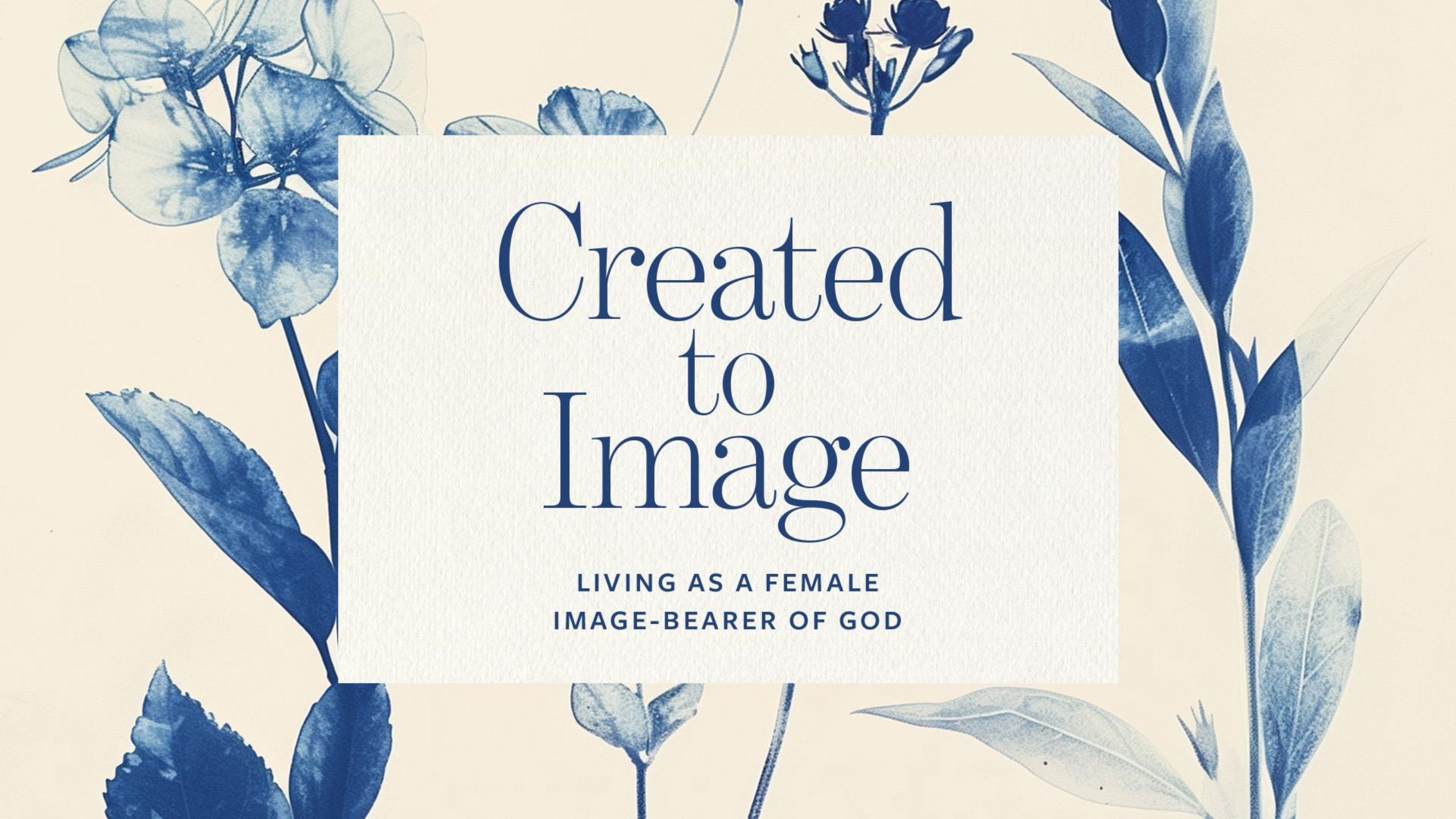


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LIVING AS A FEMALE
IMAGE-BEARER OF GOD

It's The Inside That Counts

1 Peter 3:3-4

God Values Inner Beauty

Inner Beauty is “Real Beauty”

- We should not simply be focused on hair, jewelry and clothes.
- This is not how one is beautiful in the most important way
- True beauty is inward, it is a matter of the heart, the heart- this is what is most important

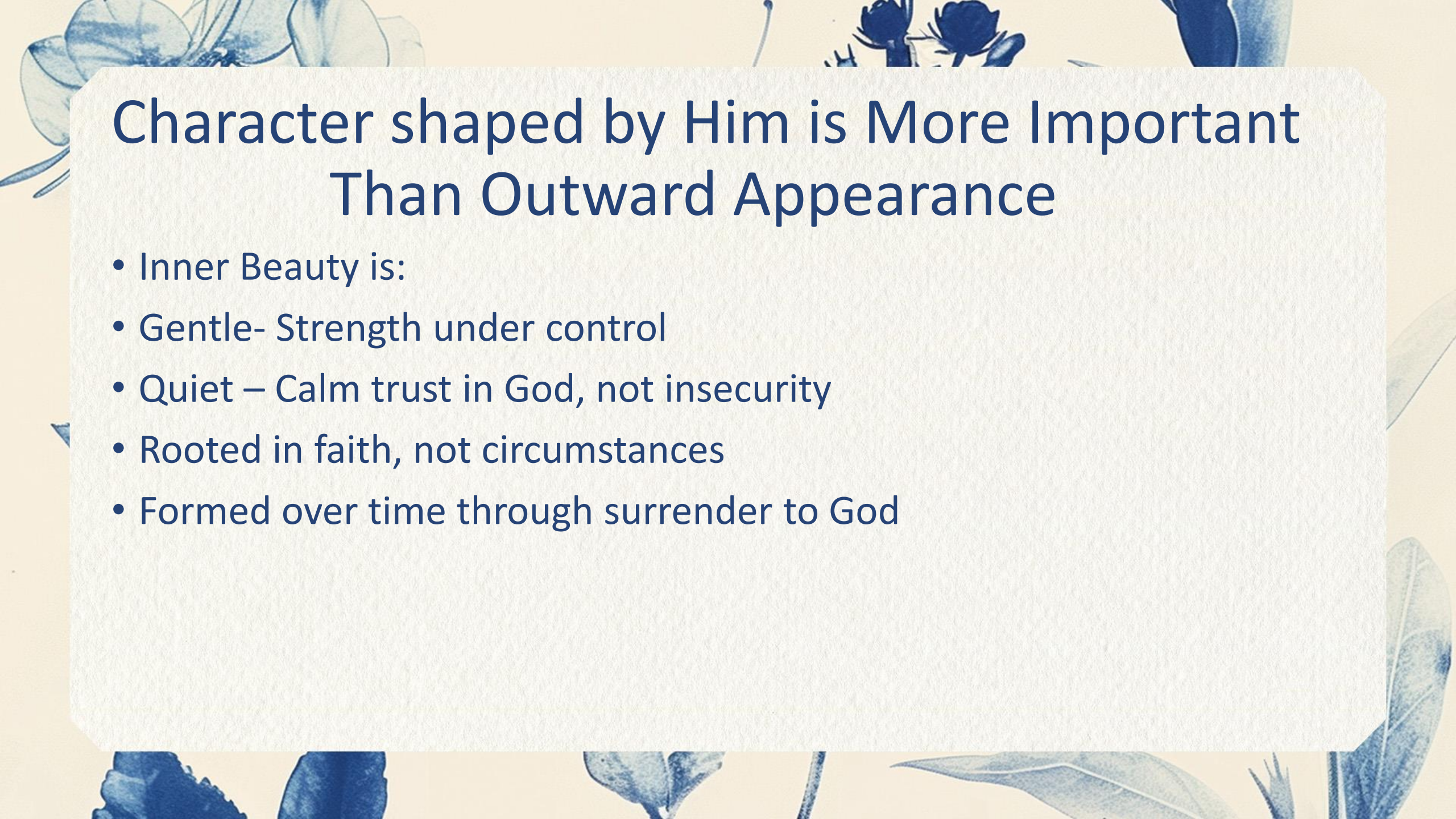


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God's Heart for Women

- God values character that reflects Him more than cultural standards of beauty.
- Cultural standards of beauty are trendy and fading; however,
- Inner beauty – a gentle and quiet spirit is precious to God
- This kind of beauty is imperishable and last through eternity

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Character shaped by Him is More Important Than Outward Appearance

- Inner Beauty is:
- Gentle- Strength under control
- Quiet – Calm trust in God, not insecurity
- Rooted in faith, not circumstances
- Formed over time through surrender to God

Faith vs. Fashion

- Style is how I express myself, it is not my identity
- My identity and confidence flows from Christ
- Spiritually pretty women are those who are inwardly transformed by the Spirit of God (Romans 12:2)

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Called and Chosen to Public Service

- 30 years of Public service as a law enforcement officer
- Balancing the Cop vs Christian mentality

Police Officer Prayer

- A Gentle and Controlled Spirit. God uses every season to form strength, wisdom and humility.
- This gentleness is strength surrendered daily and prayer without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

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God Refines Our Character

- God refines our character in
- Public leadership (Romans 13: 1-7)
- Private relationships: Allow the Spirit to produce fruit (Galatians 5: 22—23)

Imaging God to Others

- Women reflect God through integrity, humility and love, carrying oneself with grace and not needing external validation (2 Corinthians 3: 18)

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Women of Every Background

- Women of Every Background have Giftings Led by the Holy Spirit
- Discover and Deploy your Unique Gifts
- Live Intentionally and Righteously
- Serve others and the Church
- Be Bold Witnesses
- Pray and Seek God (Ephesians 6:18)
- Reflect Gods Character (Galatians 5:22-23)

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Living out 1 Peter 3:3-4

- SUMMARY

- Live lives that reflect His character
- Serve others and advance His Kingdom
- Daily Surrender allows God to shape the heart
- Psalm 139: 23-24 “Search me, God and know my heart.. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”

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