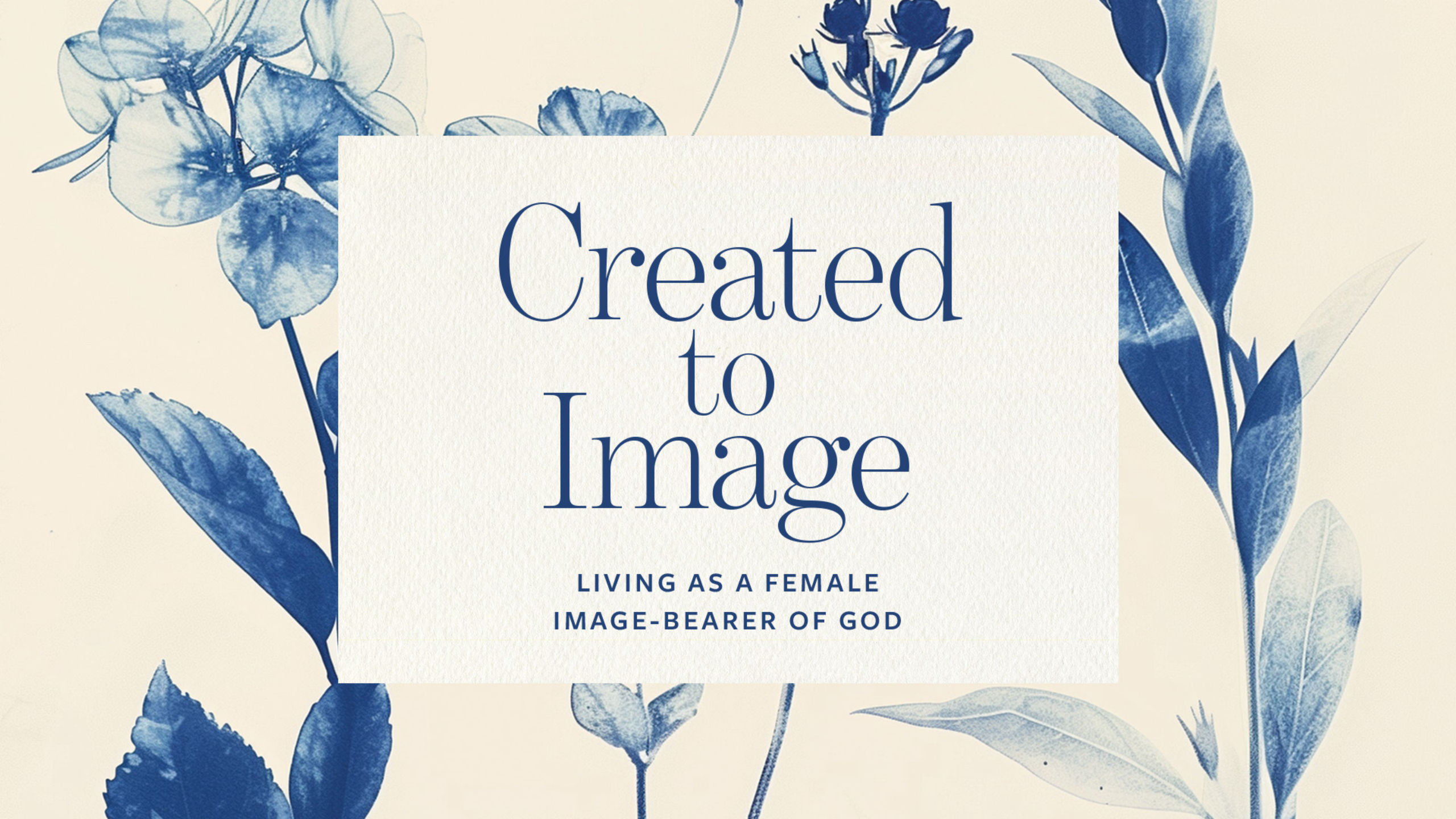

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Proverbs 31:10-31 The Message

A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.

Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it.

Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.

She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing.

She’s like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises.

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She’s up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day.

She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she’s put aside, plants a garden.

First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started.

She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day.

She’s skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking.

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She’s quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor.

She doesn’t worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear.

She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks.

Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers.

She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops.

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Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile.

When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly.

She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.

Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise:

“Many women have done wonderful things, but you’ve outclassed them all!”

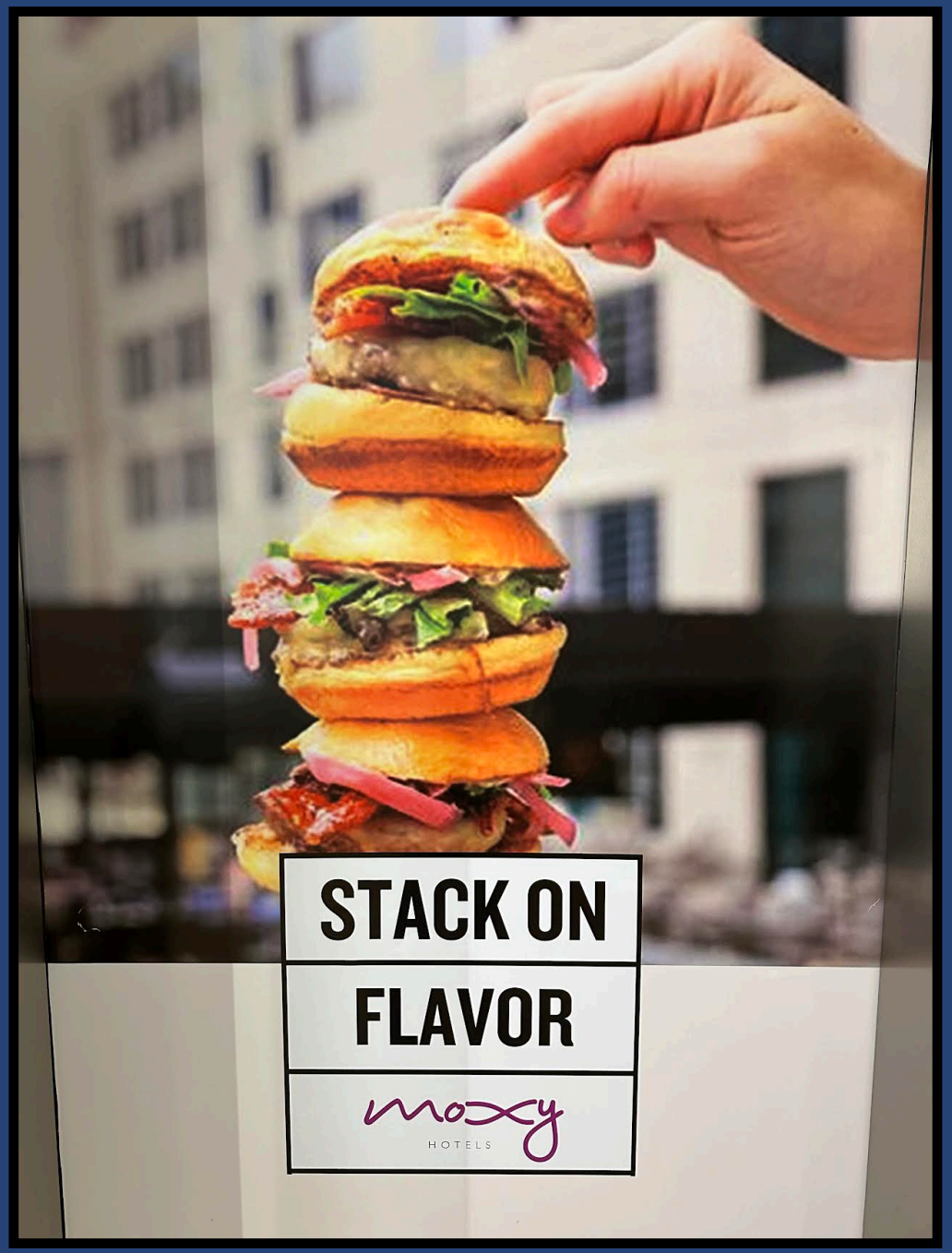
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Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the fear of God.

Give her everything she deserves! Adorn her life with praises!

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Eshet -“woman”

Hayil - strong and courageous when facing danger, steel spine, a tough character, true grit, resolve

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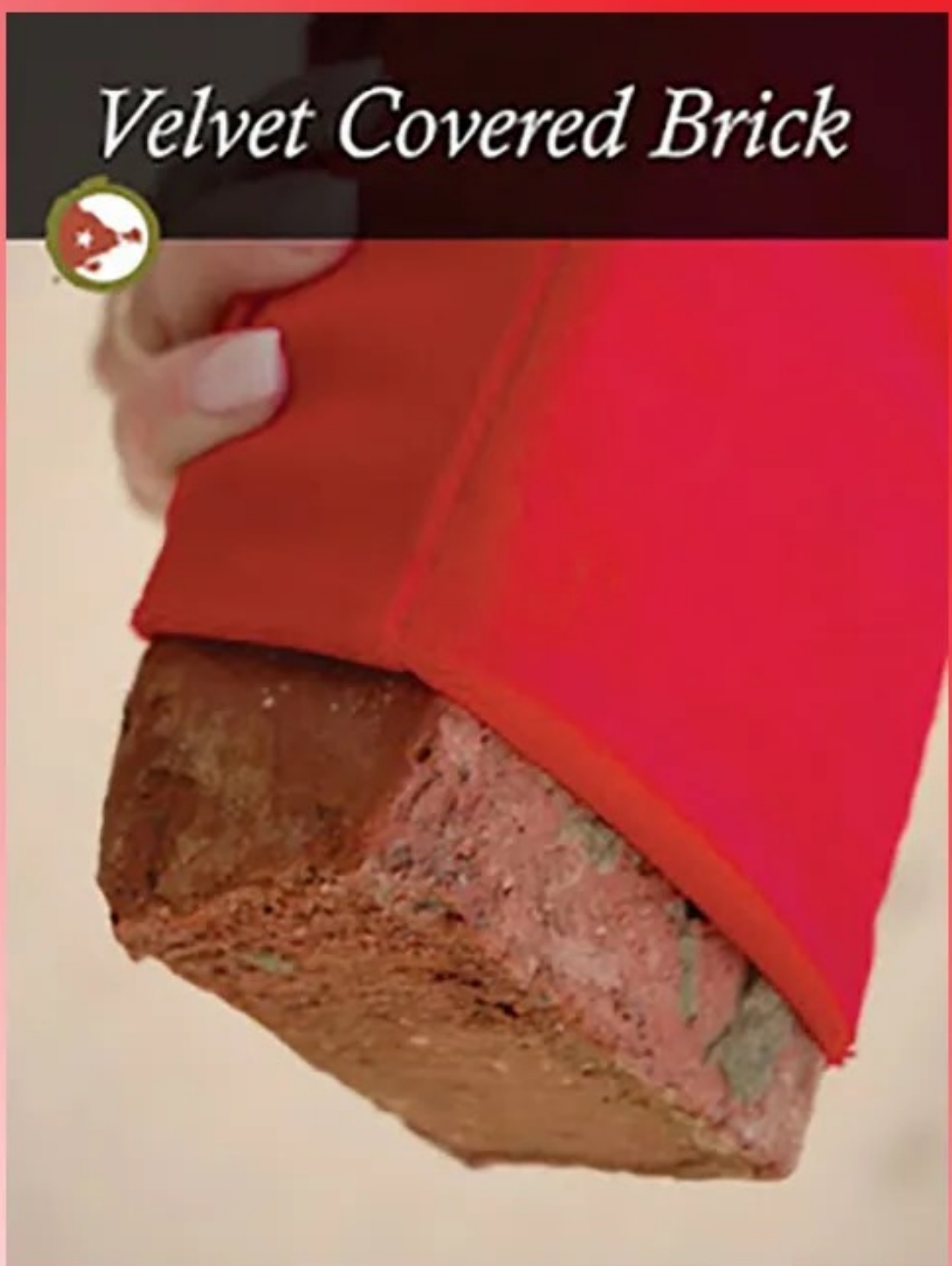
The bottom of the sandwich

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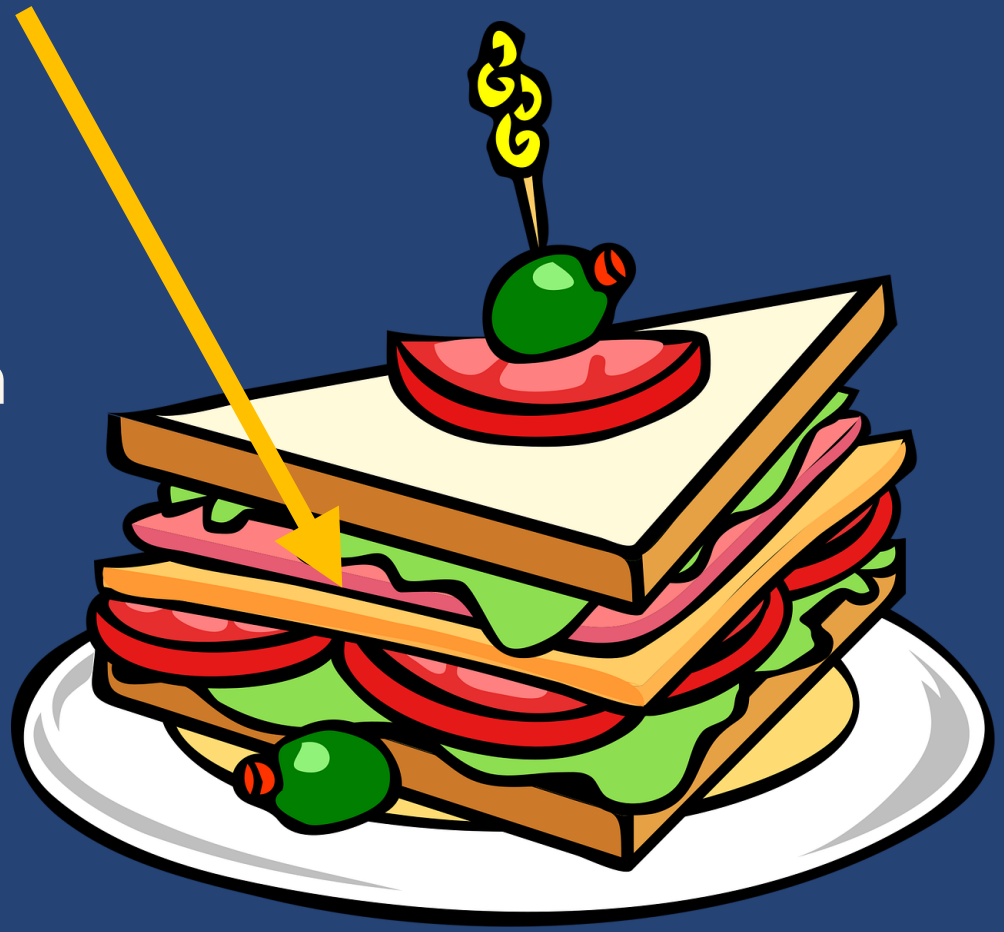



Velvet Covered Brick

The Filling of the Sandwich

Proverbs 31:11-27 Descriptors of this virtuous woman:

- Industrious
- Savvy about finances
- Good home manager
- Cares for her husband and children
- Creative with her hands
- Kind to the poor and needy



Serving unselfishly:

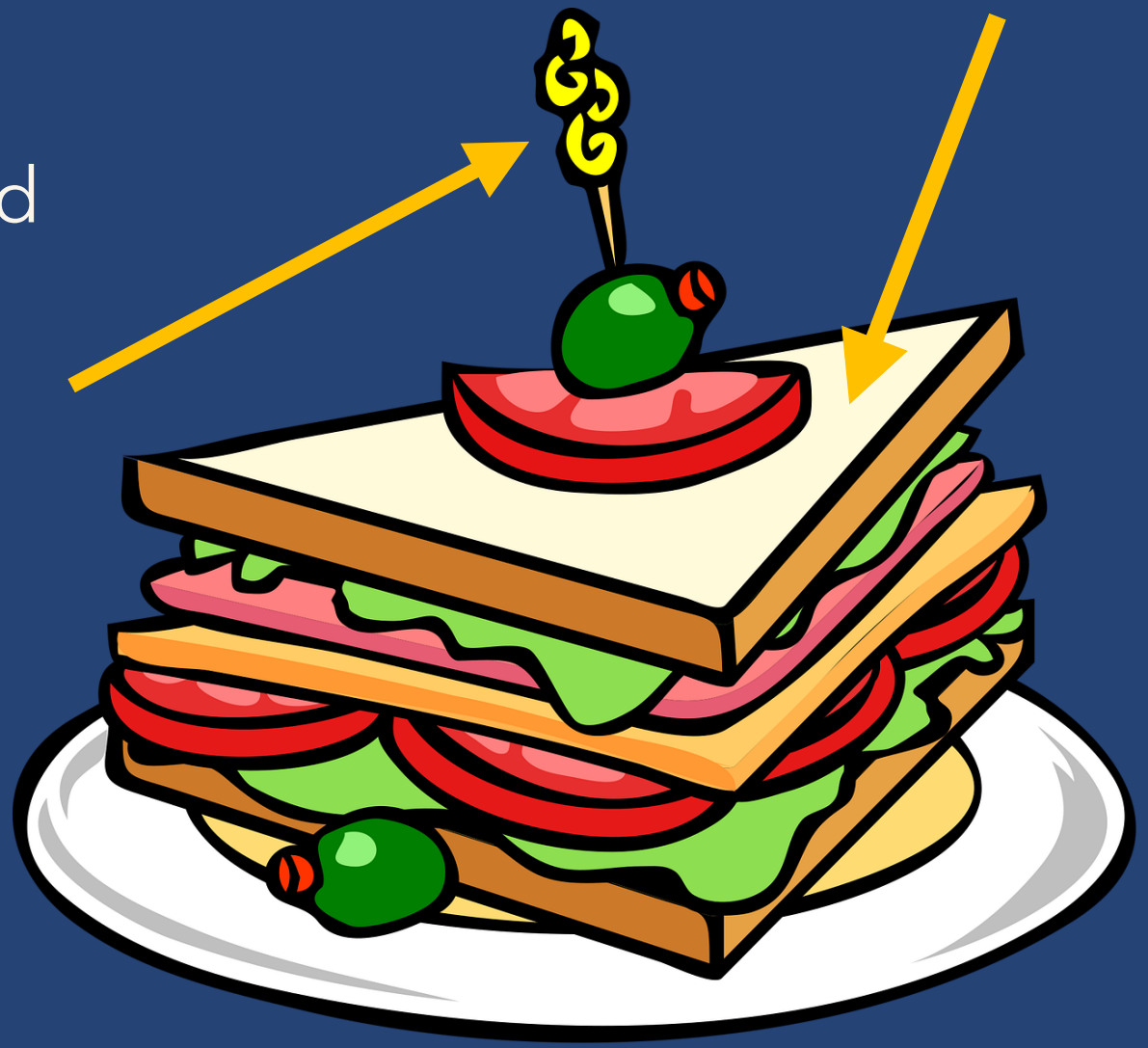
Luke 22:24-27 (NLT)

Jesus said, “But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant…For I am among you as one who serves.”

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The top of the sandwich, with skewer to hold it together:

Fear the Lord



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Fear the Lord

What it does not mean: being afraid to approach God

What it does mean: to have a reverence and respect for Him that leads to worship and humble, obedient living.

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Levels of service

1.) Banana bread service

- Good
- Easy and appreciated
- Start of a relationship
- Important but not a big risk or investment



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2.) Ministry of presence

- Requires some time
- Takes a little planning
- May require some change in schedule
- Conversation happens
- Listening happens
- May share deeper thoughts



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3.) “Whatever it takes” service

- Hard
- Requires time
- Requires sacrifice
- Can be raw and painful
- Can be draining
  physically, emotionally, and spiritually
- Gift to one you love



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Matthew 5:44-45 (NLT)

“But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven.”

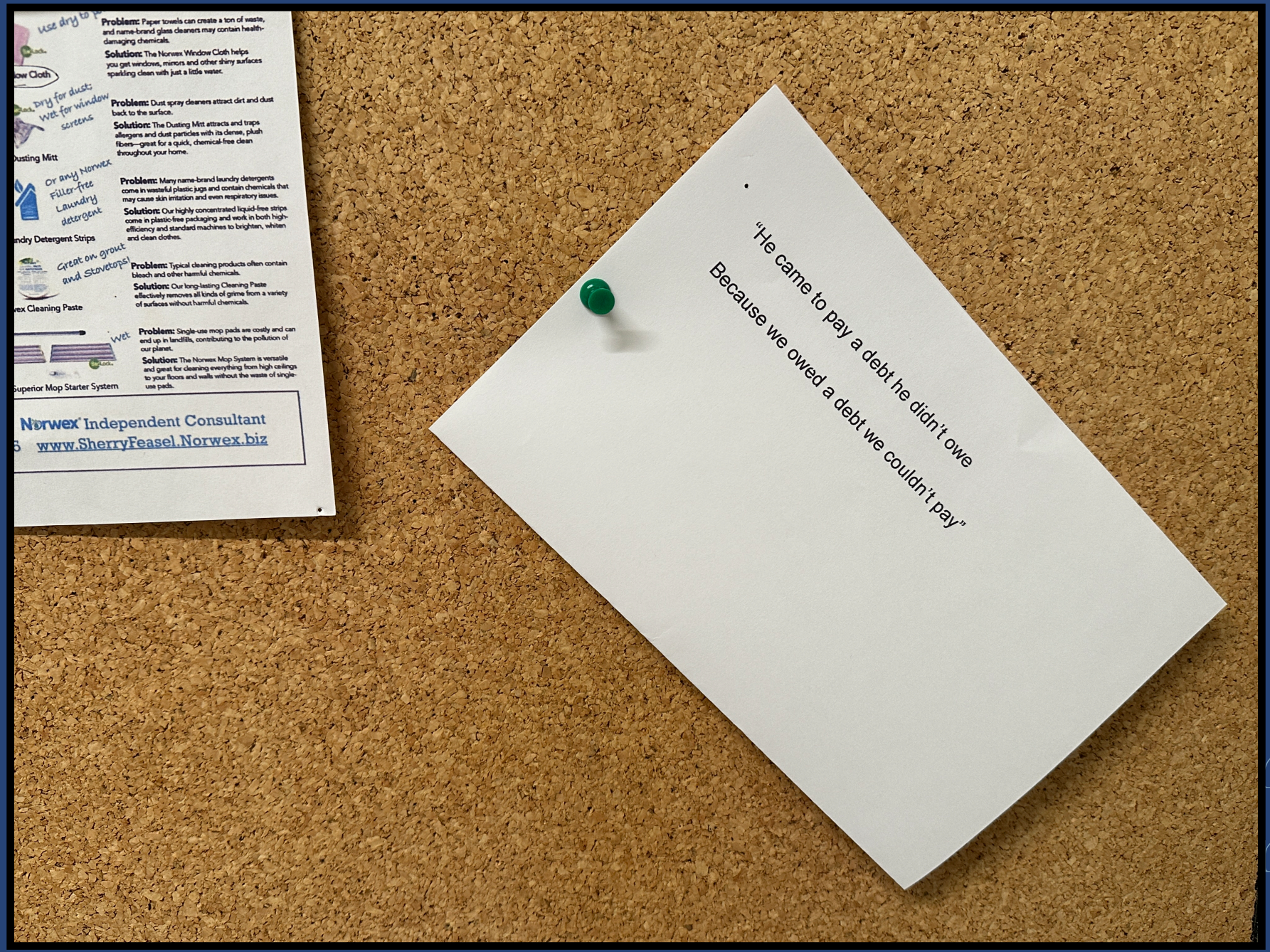
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“The more we love those who do not love us, the more we display the family traits of our Father.”

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“He came to pay a debt he didn’t owe
Because we owed a debt we couldn’t pay”

Two warnings for those who serve

1.) Service can be messy.



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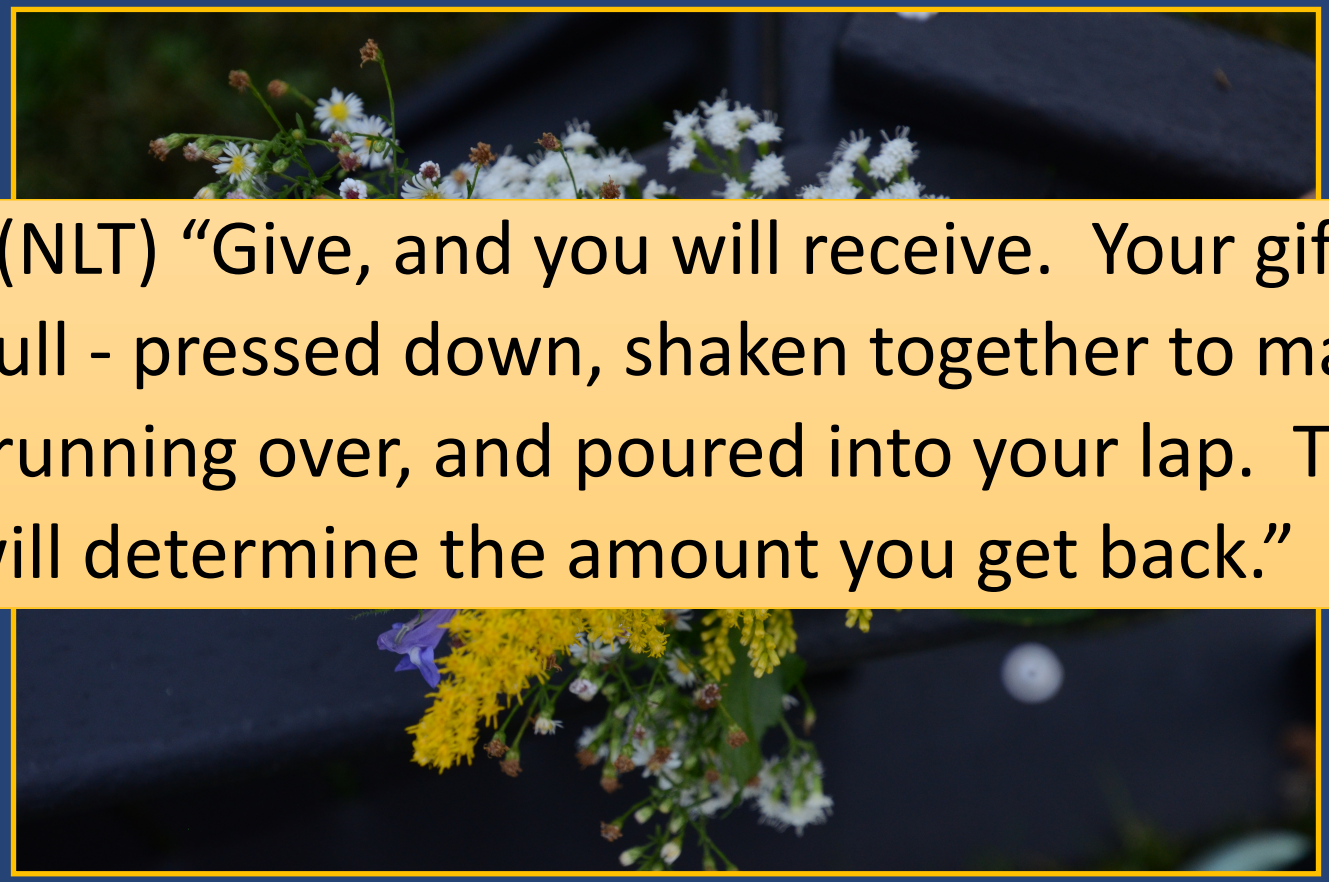
2.) Strength is in the struggle.



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Two blessings for those who serve

1.) Satisfaction and joy return to the giver because of her service.



Luke 6:38 (NLT) “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”

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2.) Serving is a means to glorify God.

"We are not the point. We are the pointer!"

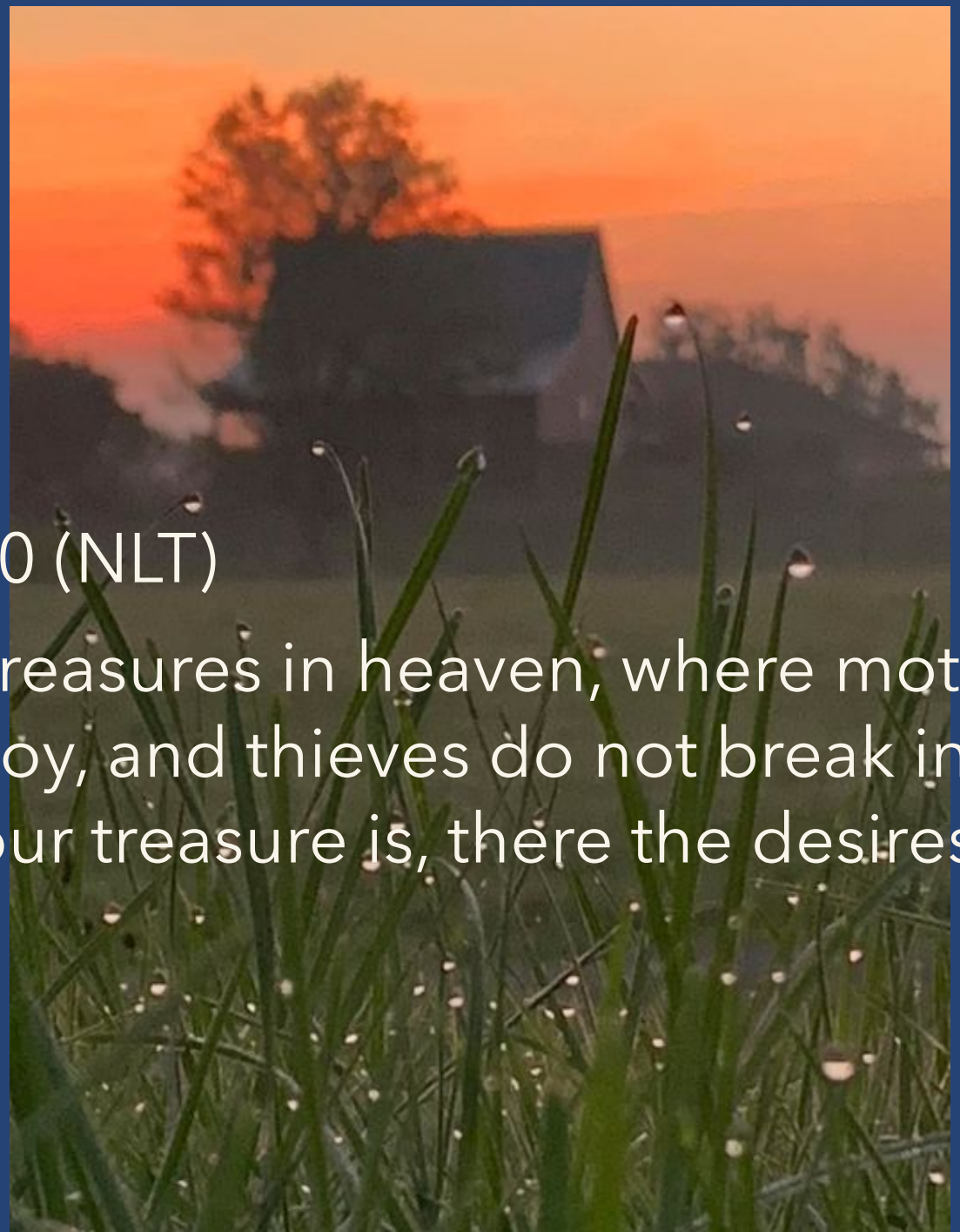
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Matthew 6:20 (NLT)

“Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

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