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I. It Takes Three To Have A Happy Marriage



⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

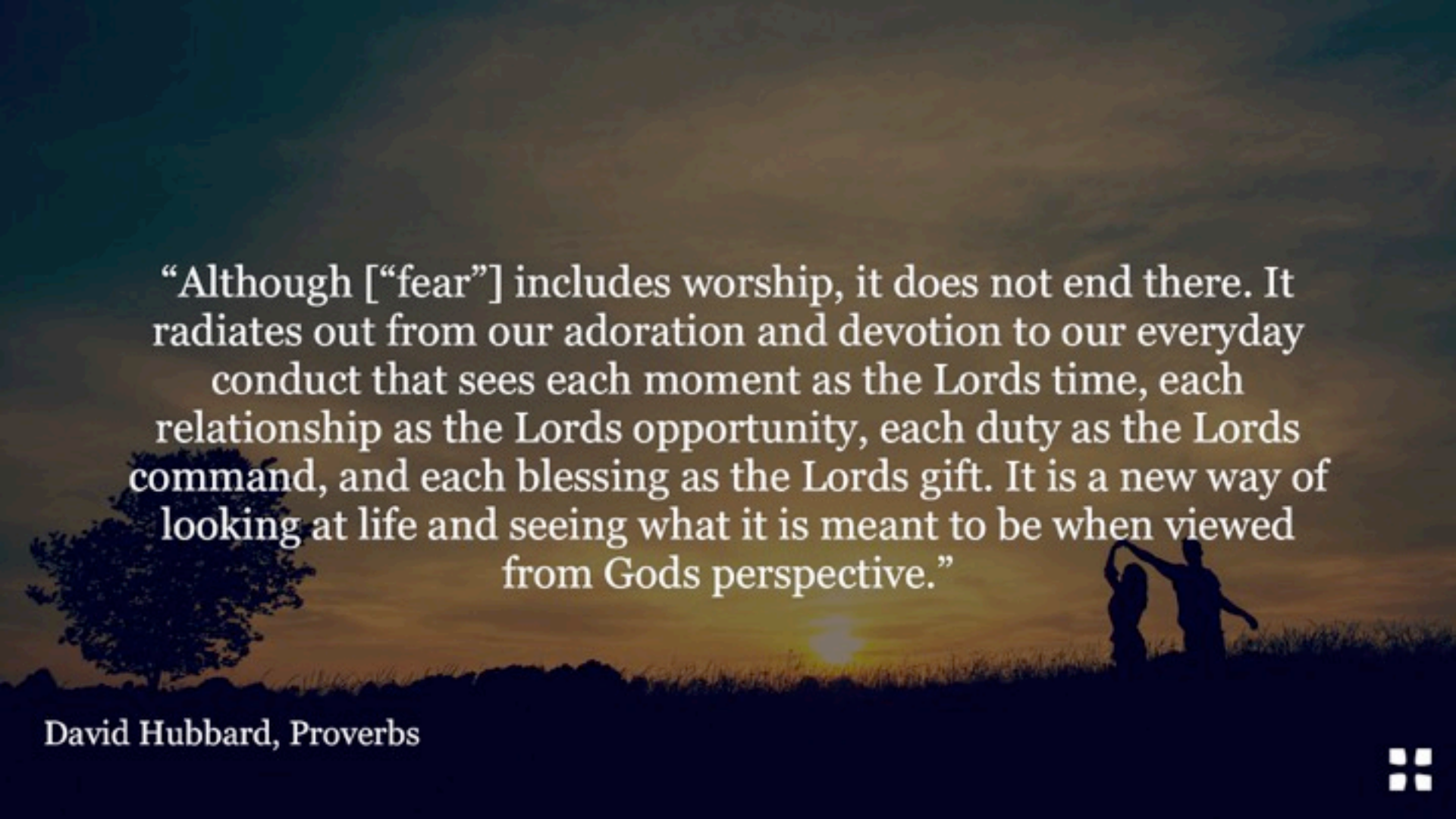
Proverbs 1:7



¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 9:10





“Although [“fear”] includes worship, it does not end there. It radiates out from our adoration and devotion to our everyday conduct that sees each moment as the Lords time, each relationship as the Lords opportunity, each duty as the Lords command, and each blessing as the Lords gift. It is a new way of looking at life and seeing what it is meant to be when viewed from Gods perspective.”

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- II. Speak As If Your Words Matter

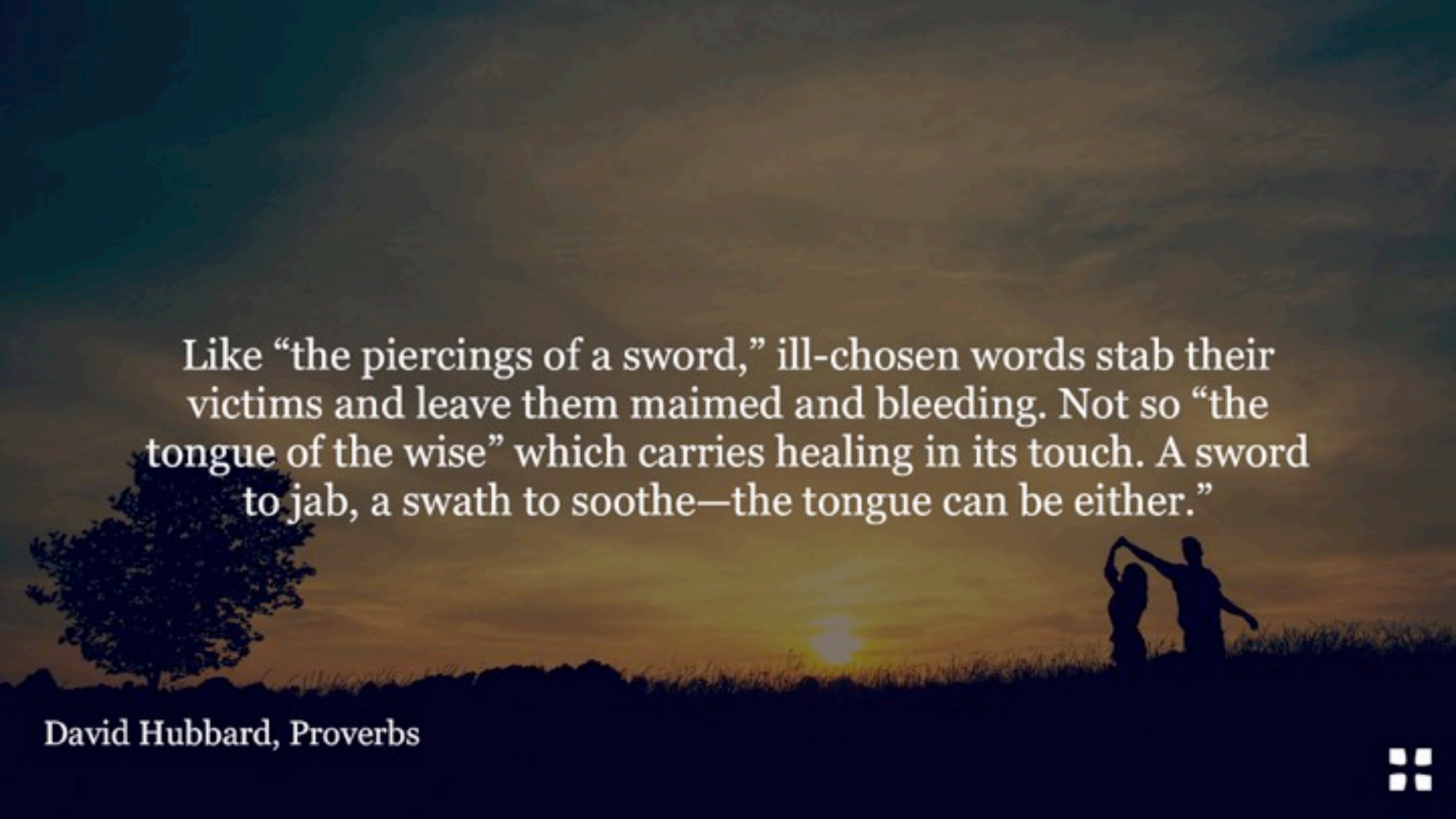


For Him:

¹⁸There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Proverbs 12:18



A sunset scene with silhouettes of a tree and a couple. The background is a gradient of orange and yellow, with the sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of a tree on the left and a couple standing on the right, with the man's arm around the woman's shoulder.

Like “the piercings of a sword,” ill-chosen words stab their victims and leave them maimed and bleeding. Not so “the tongue of the wise” which carries healing in its touch. A sword to jab, a swath to soothe—the tongue can be either.”

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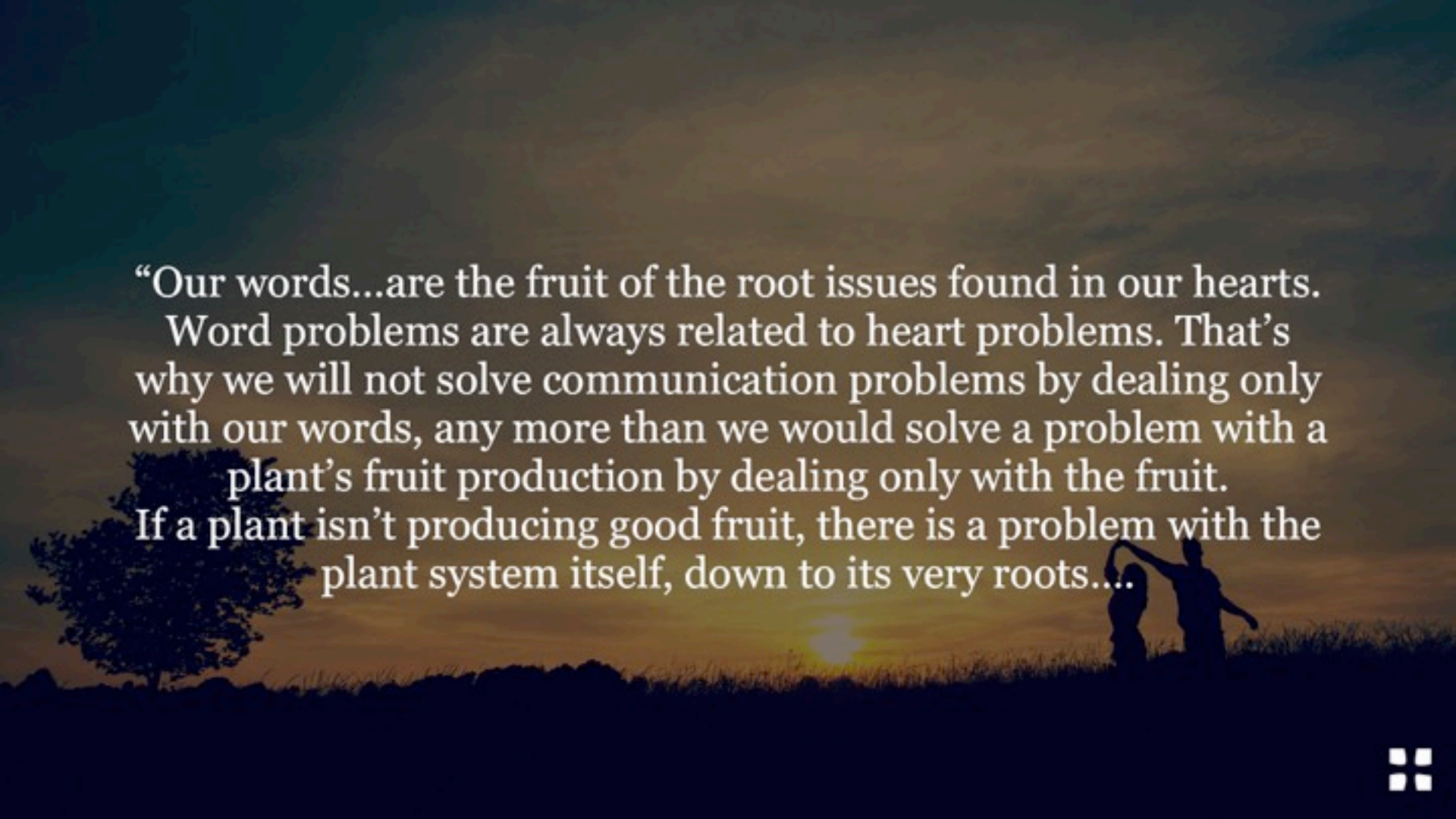


For Her:

⁹It is better to live in a corner of the
housetop than in a house shared with a
quarrelsome wife.

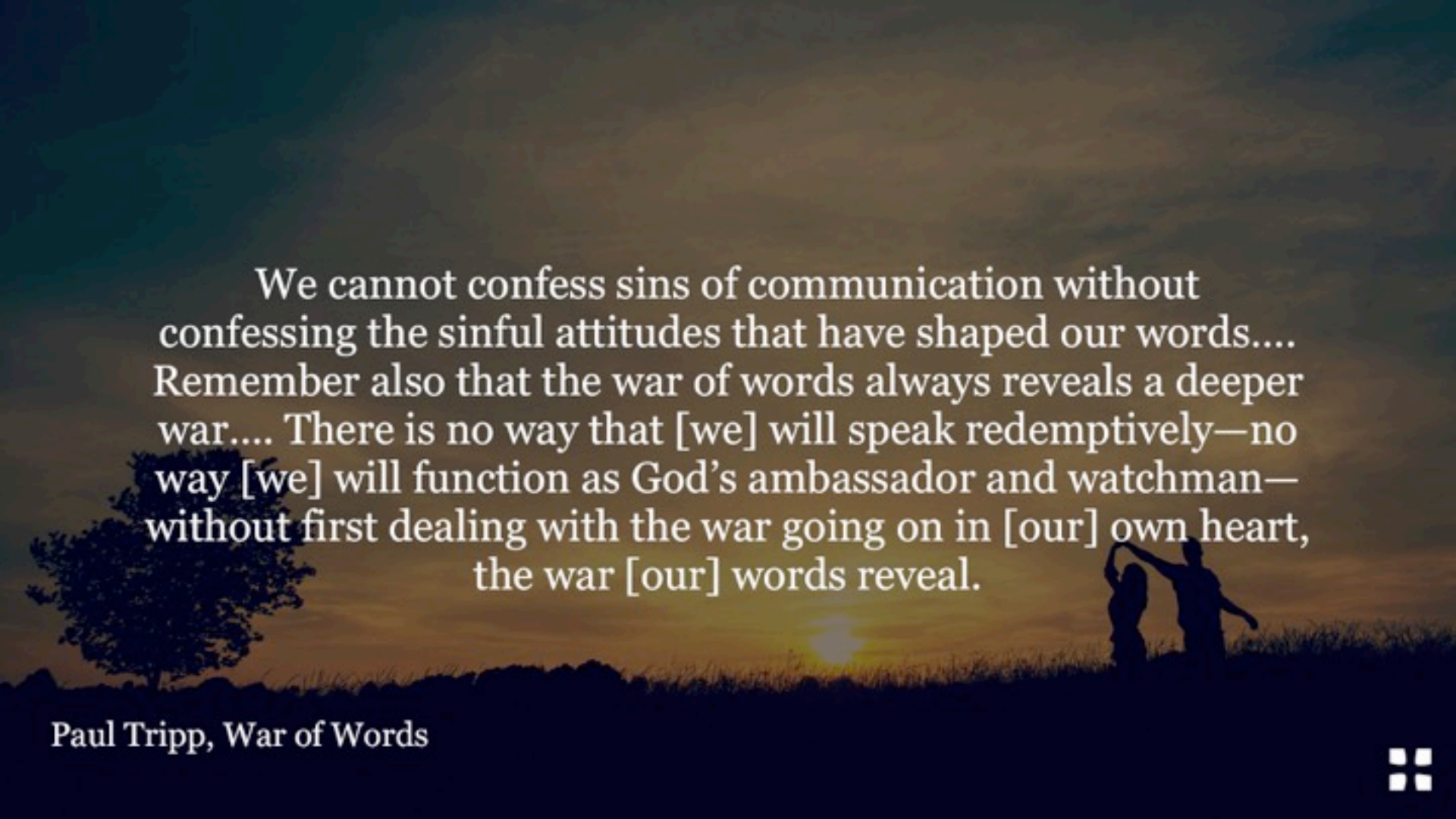
Proverbs 21:9



A sunset scene with silhouettes of a tree and a couple on a hill. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The silhouettes are dark against the bright background.

“Our words...are the fruit of the root issues found in our hearts.
Word problems are always related to heart problems. That’s
why we will not solve communication problems by dealing only
with our words, any more than we would solve a problem with a
plant’s fruit production by dealing only with the fruit.
If a plant isn’t producing good fruit, there is a problem with the
plant system itself, down to its very roots....”





We cannot confess sins of communication without confessing the sinful attitudes that have shaped our words.... Remember also that the war of words always reveals a deeper war.... There is no way that [we] will speak redemptively—no way [we] will function as God’s ambassador and watchman—without first dealing with the war going on in [our] own heart, the war [our] words reveal.



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- III. You Can Be A Marriage Builder Or Destroyer



For Him:

³By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; ⁴by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

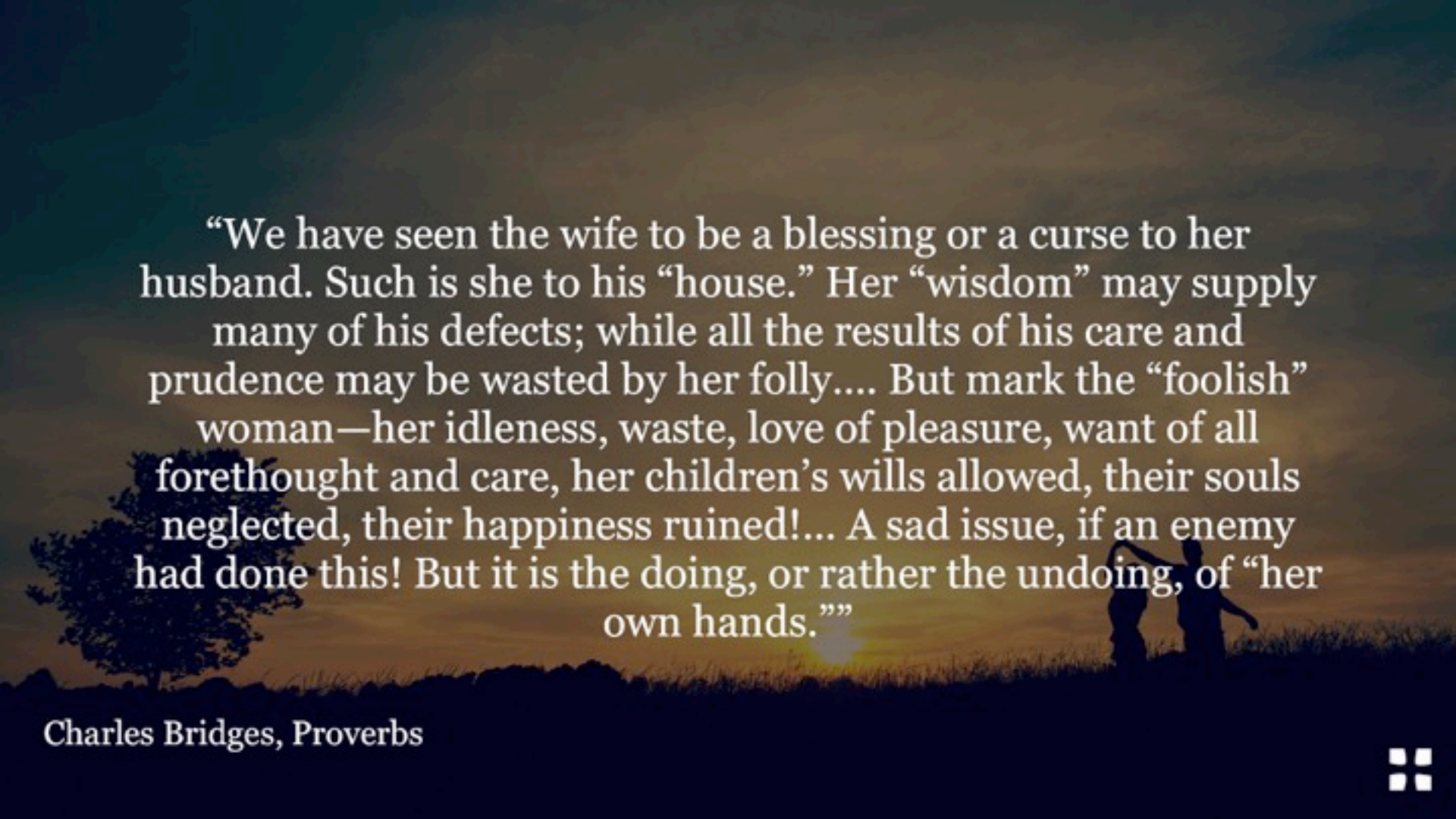


For Her:

'The wisest of women builds her house, but
folly with her own hands tears it down.

Proverbs 14:1

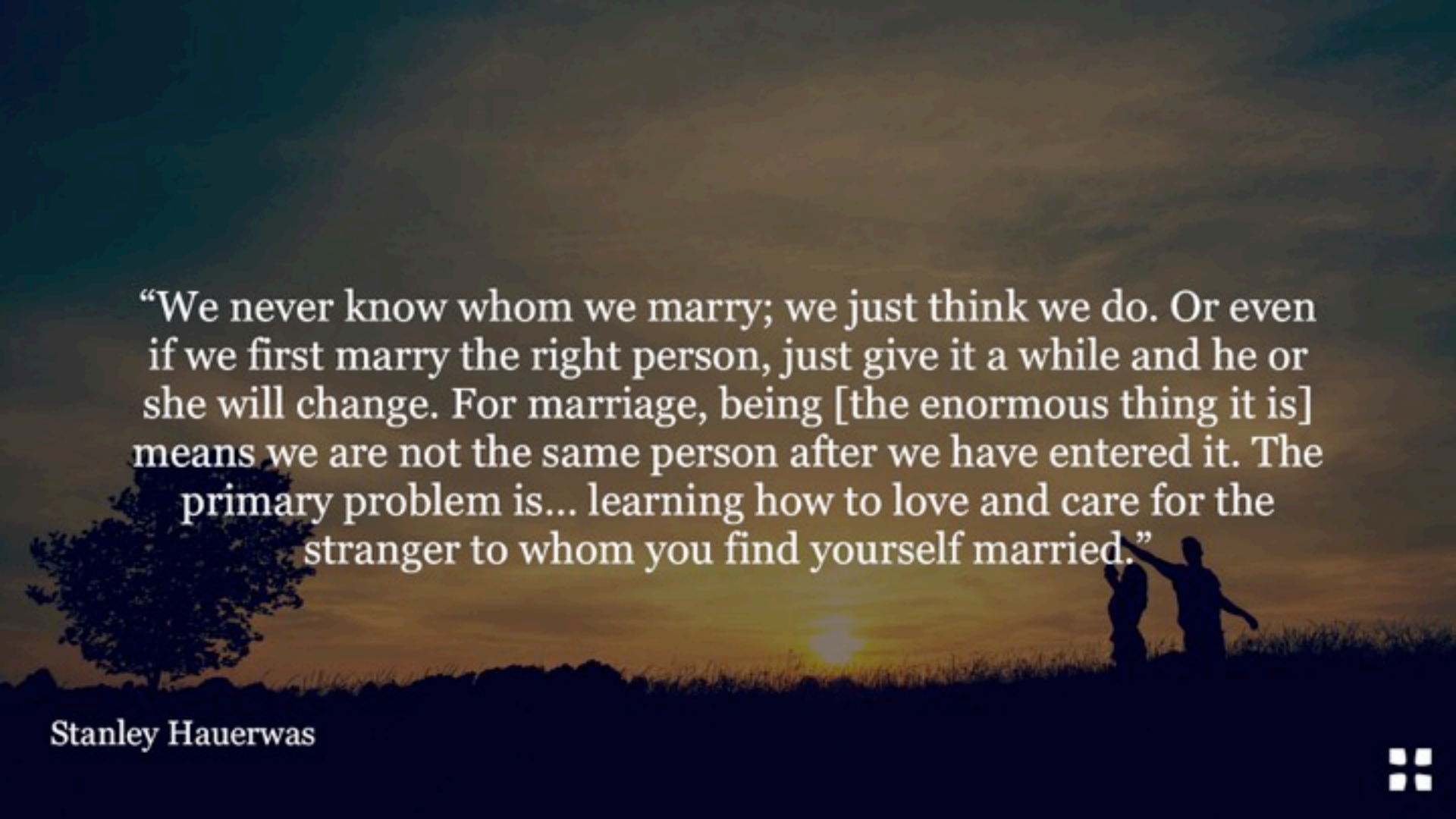




“We have seen the wife to be a blessing or a curse to her husband. Such is she to his “house.” Her “wisdom” may supply many of his defects; while all the results of his care and prudence may be wasted by her folly.... But mark the “foolish” woman—her idleness, waste, love of pleasure, want of all forethought and care, her children’s wills allowed, their souls neglected, their happiness ruined!... A sad issue, if an enemy had done this! But it is the doing, or rather the undoing, of “her own hands.””

Charles Bridges, Proverbs

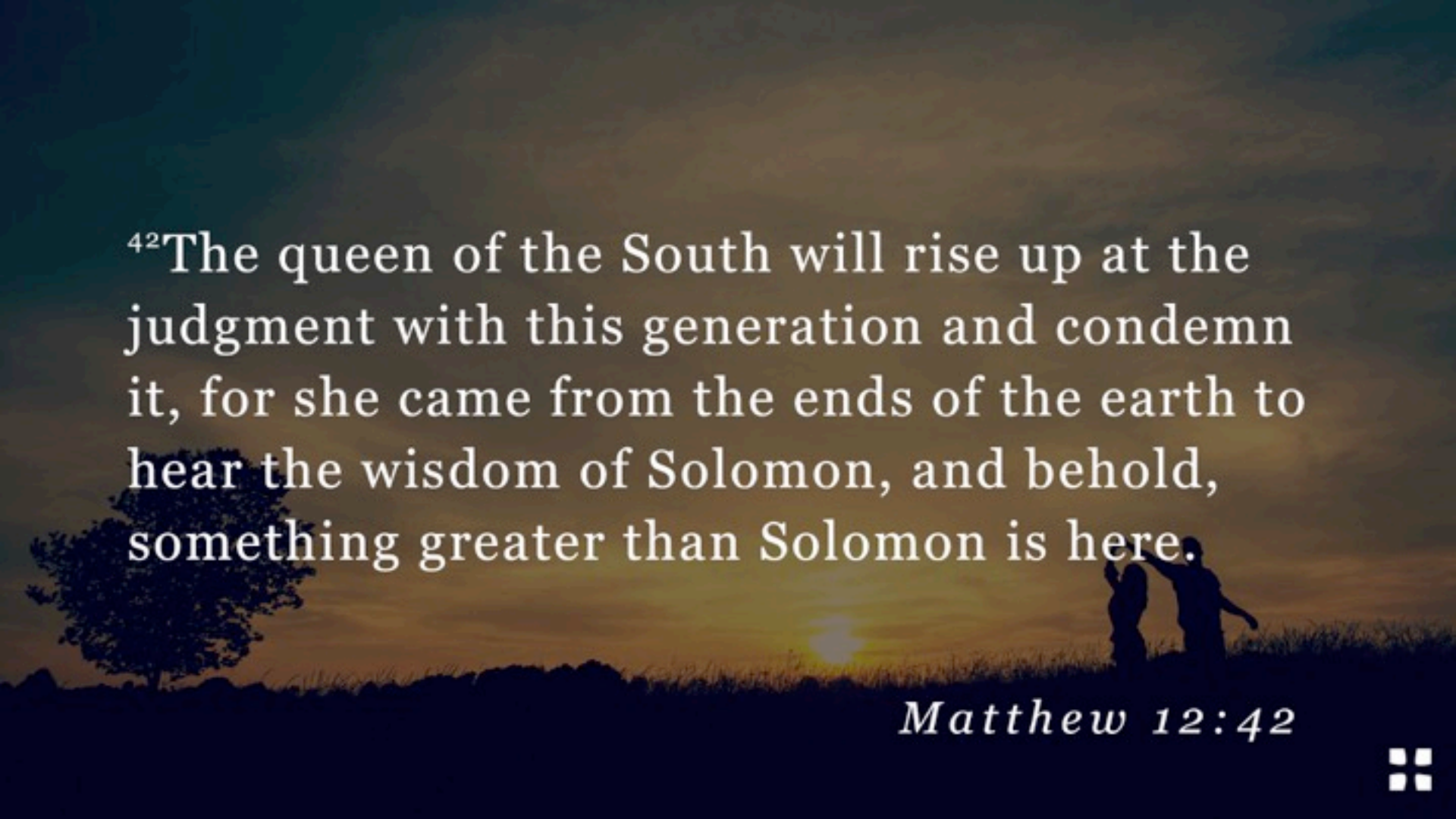




“We never know whom we marry; we just think we do. Or even if we first marry the right person, just give it a while and he or she will change. For marriage, being [the enormous thing it is] means we are not the same person after we have entered it. The primary problem is... learning how to love and care for the stranger to whom you find yourself married.”

Stanley Hauerwas



A sunset scene with silhouettes of a tree and two people on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange near the horizon. The silhouettes of a tree on the left and two people on the right are dark against the bright background.

⁴²The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

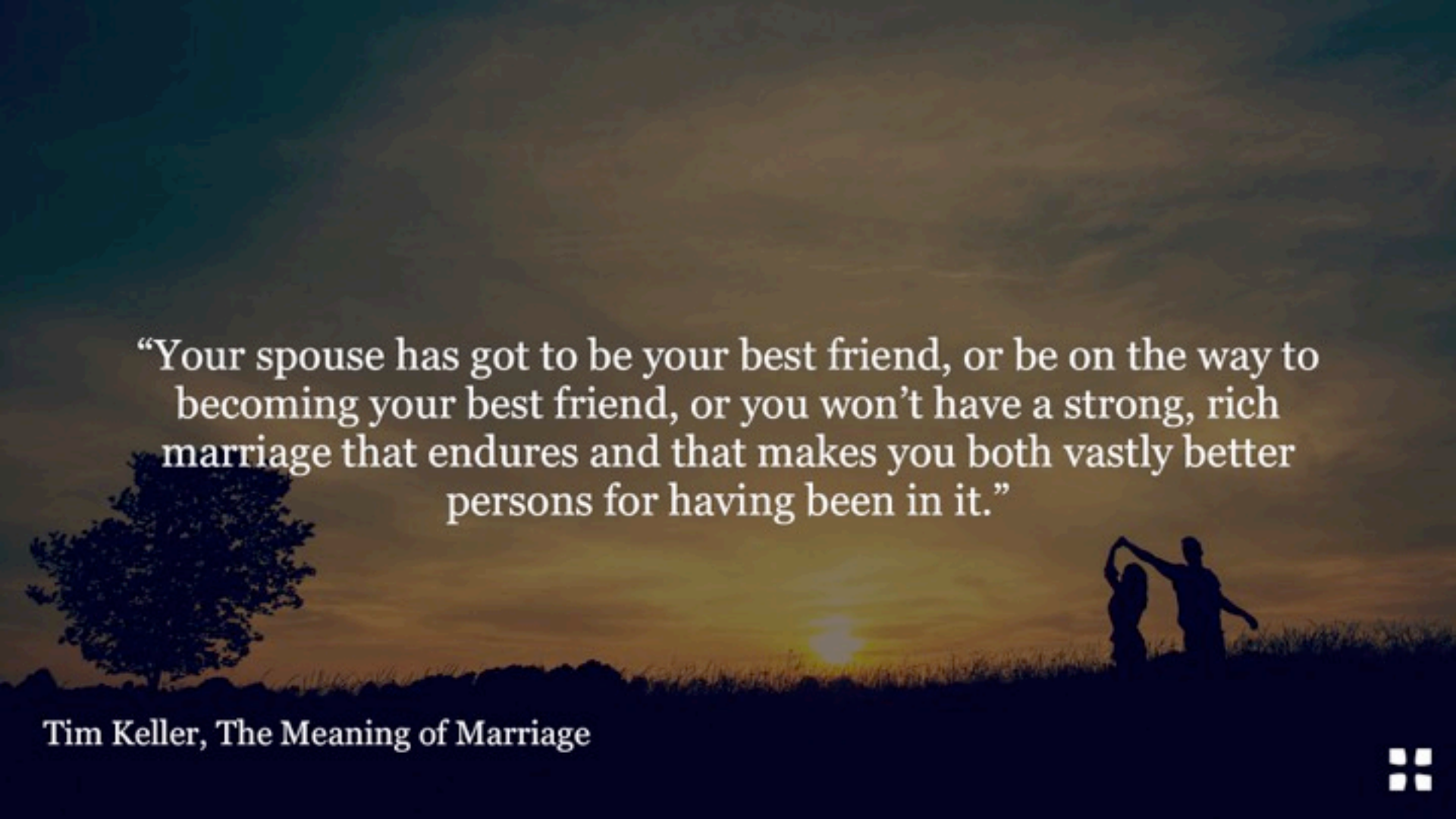
Matthew 12:42



⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth and with
the firstfruits of all your produce;

Proverbs 3:9



A romantic sunset scene with a couple dancing on a hill. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The couple is silhouetted against the bright sky, with the man's arm around the woman. A large tree is visible on the left side of the frame.

“Your spouse has got to be your best friend, or be on the way to becoming your best friend, or you won’t have a strong, rich marriage that endures and that makes you both vastly better persons for having been in it.”

Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

