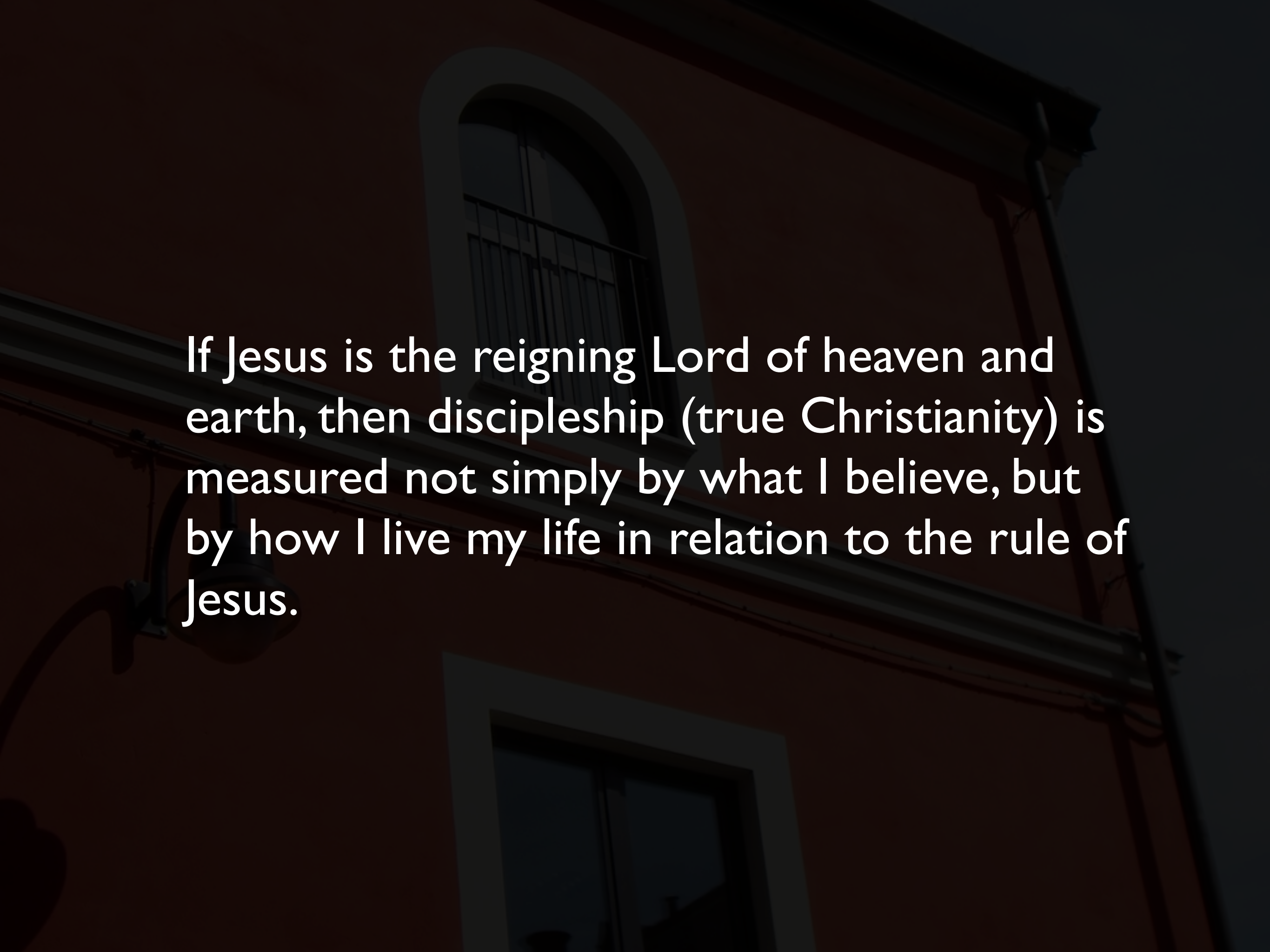


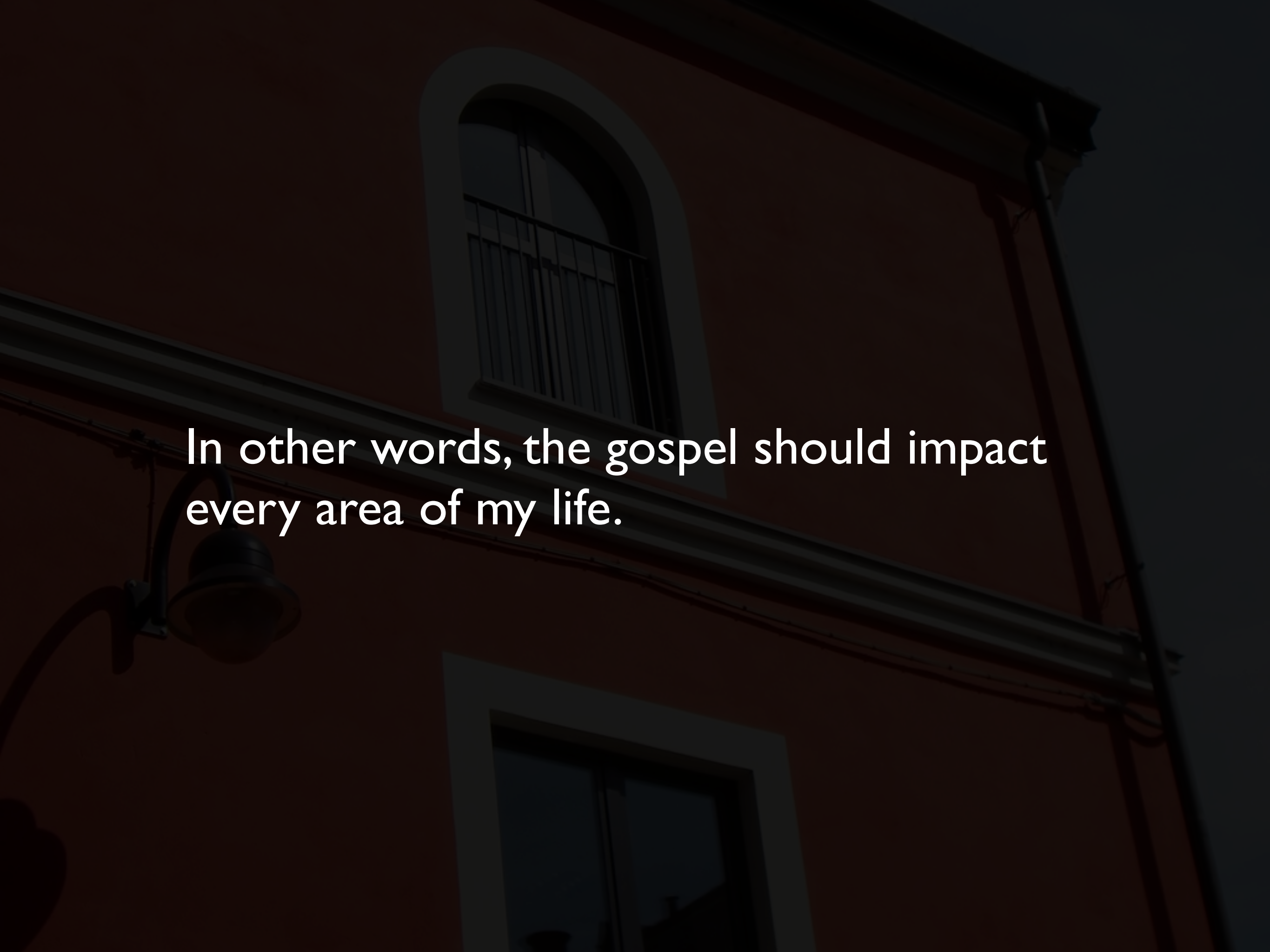


The Gospel-Centered Home

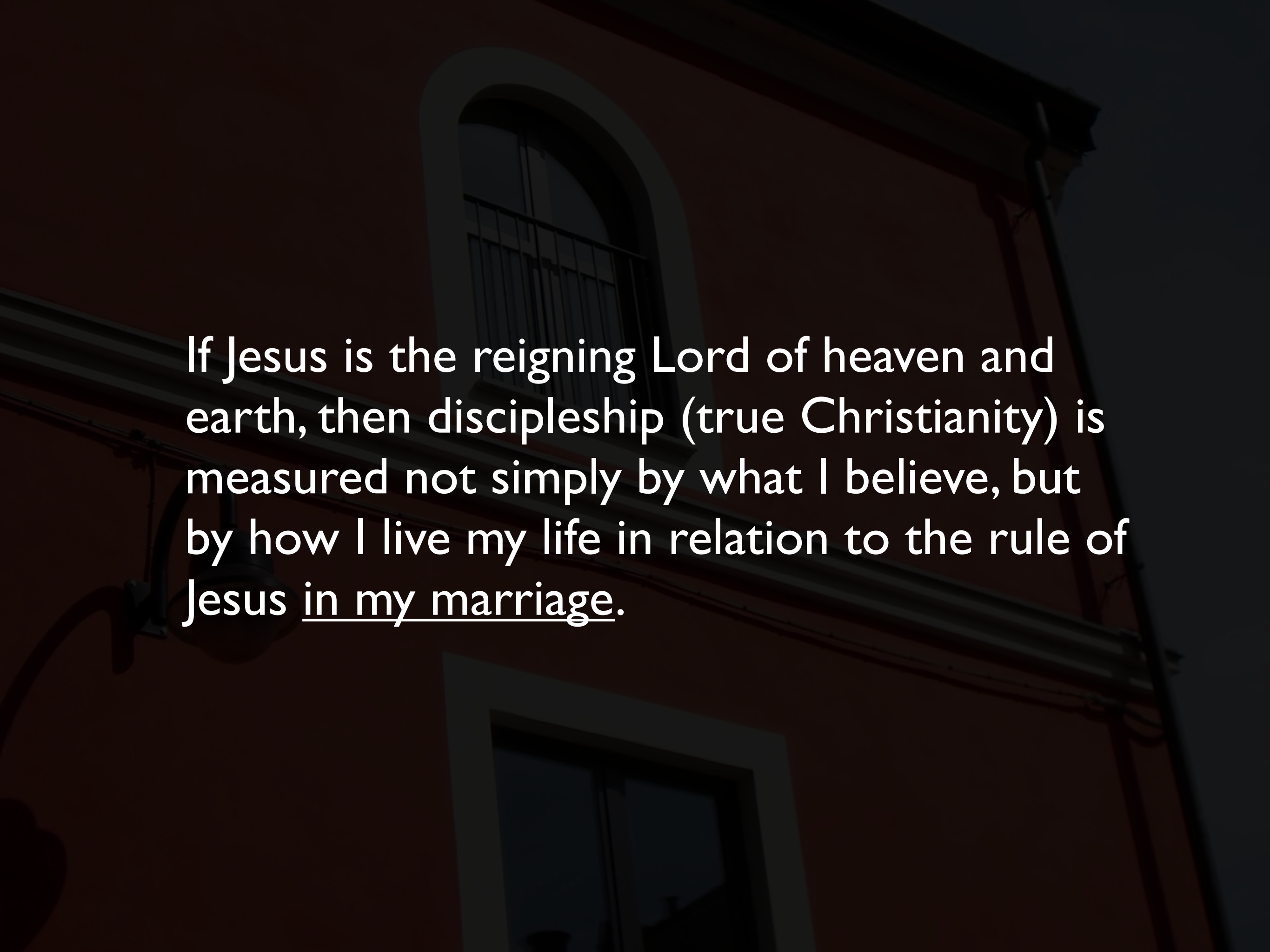
Marriage



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In other words, the gospel should impact every area of my life.

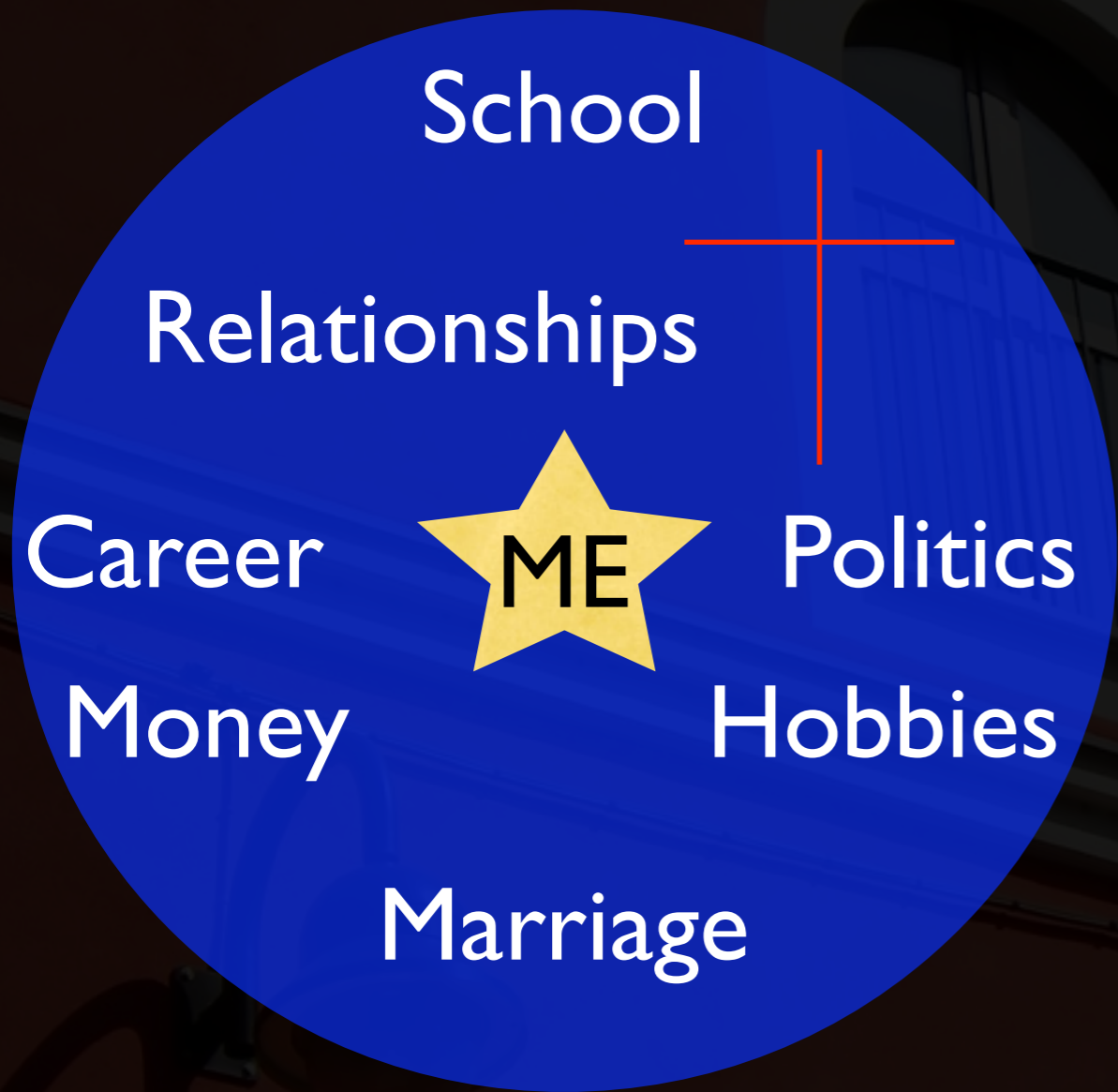


If Jesus is the reigning Lord of heaven and earth, then discipleship (true Christianity) is measured not simply by what I believe, but by how I live my life in relation to the rule of Jesus in my marriage.

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In other words, the gospel should impact my
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Confessional



Functional

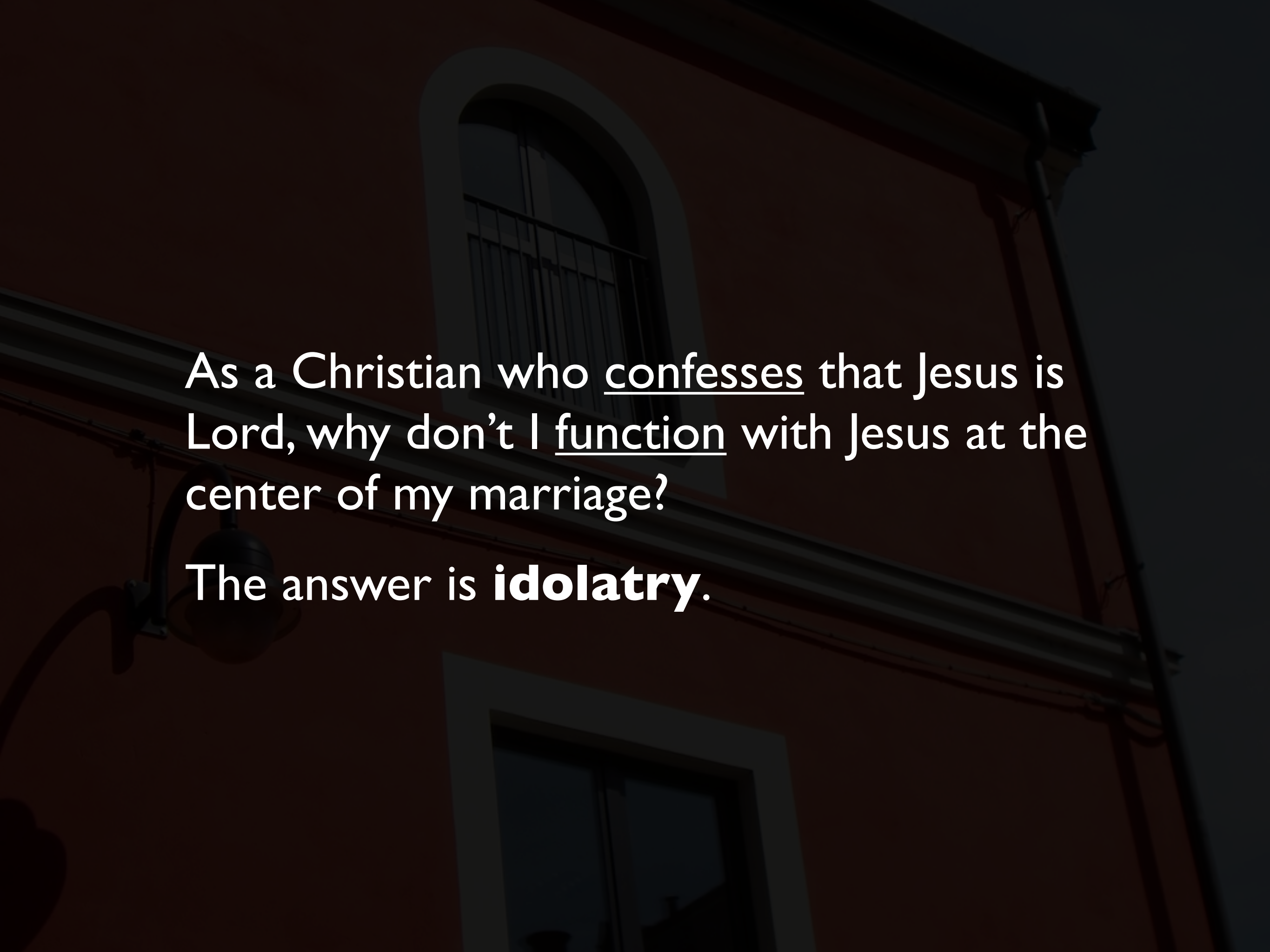


“Confessional” G-C Marriage



“Functional” G-C Marriage



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As a Christian who confesses that Jesus is Lord, why don't I function with Jesus at the center of my marriage?

The answer is **idolatry**.

Idolatry

An idol is anything that receives my worship/
allegiance.

- What I believe/trust determines who/
what I worship/give my allegiance to.

Example: Eve & Serpent

Idols of Marriage

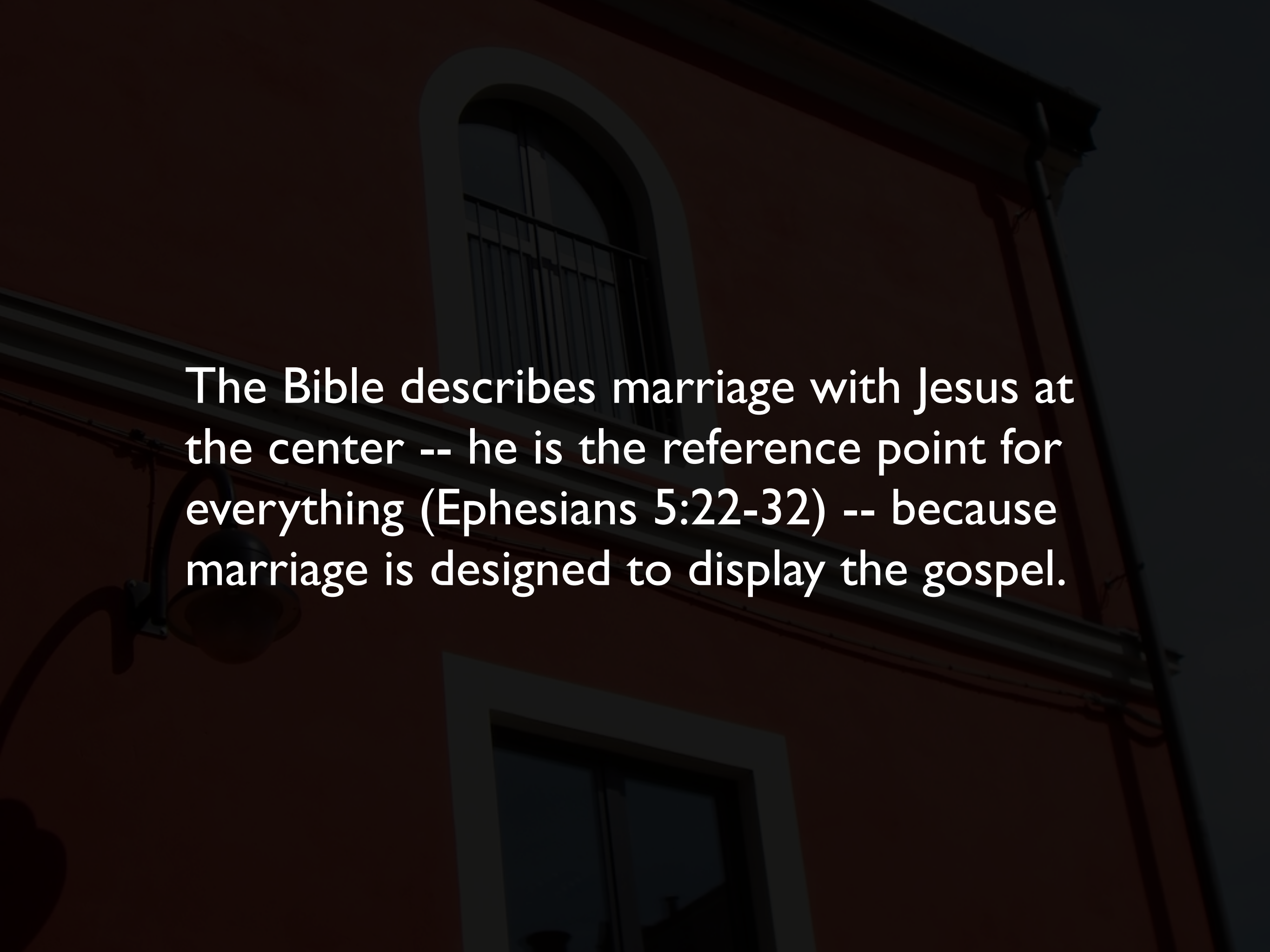
I do not function with Jesus at the center of my marriage because I believe...

- Me-centered marriage is better
- Spouse-centered marriage is better
- Career-centered marriage is better
- Children-centered marriage is better

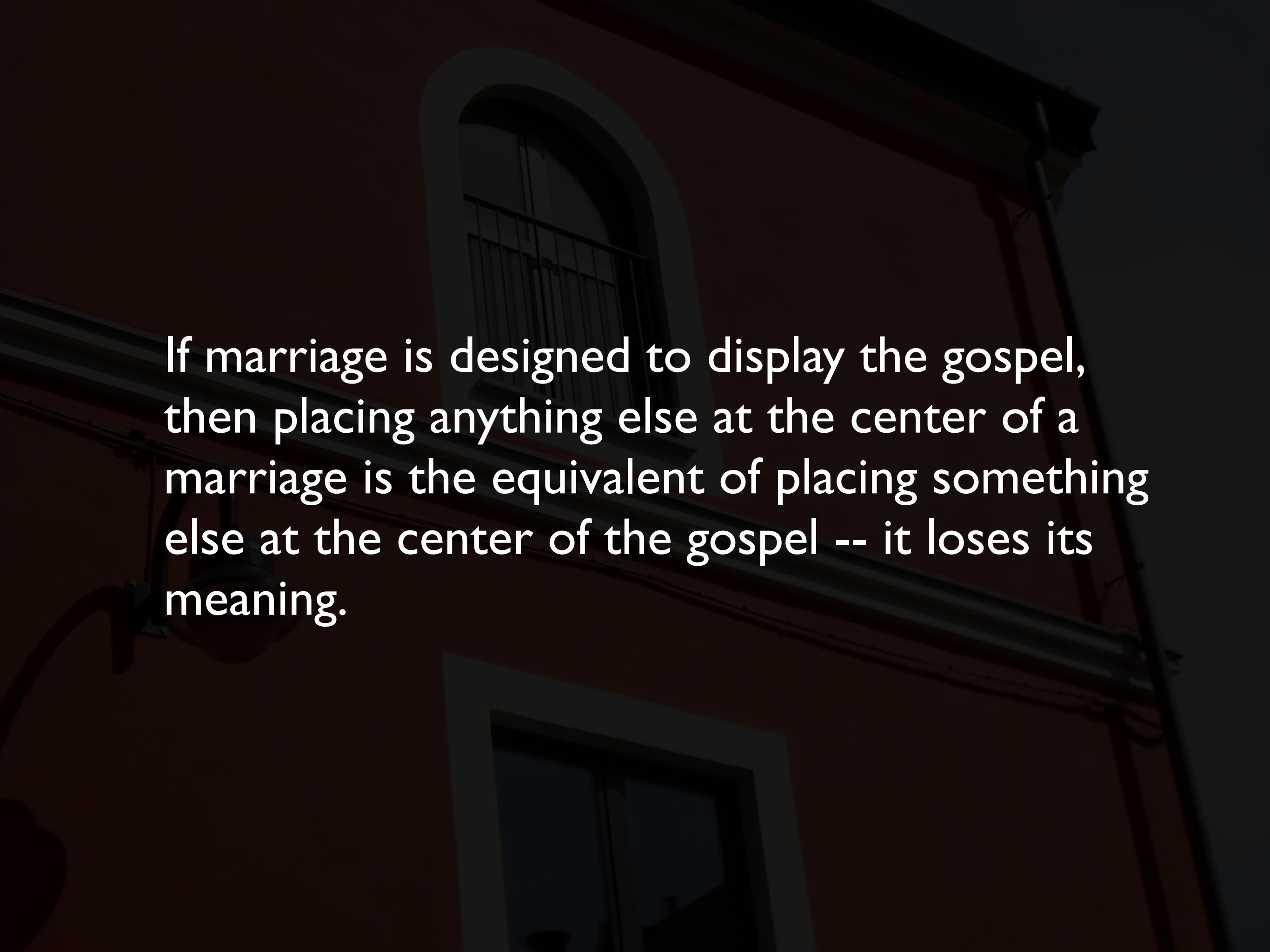
Idols of Marriage

Therefore I worship/give allegiance to...

- Me
- My Spouse
- My Career
- My Children

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The Bible describes marriage with Jesus at the center -- he is the reference point for everything (Ephesians 5:22-32) -- because marriage is designed to display the gospel.



If marriage is designed to display the gospel, then placing anything else at the center of a marriage is the equivalent of placing something else at the center of the gospel -- it loses its meaning.

Reorienting

If your marriage is centered on anything other than Jesus, it has lost its meaning and must be reoriented to Jesus.

This happens through faith and repentance.

Faith

- Stop trusting other interpretations of marriage rather than God's word.
- Trust the word of God concerning marriage -- faith.

Repentance

- Stop worshiping other gods in your marriage rather than God.
- Turn back to the worship of God in your marriage -- repentance.

