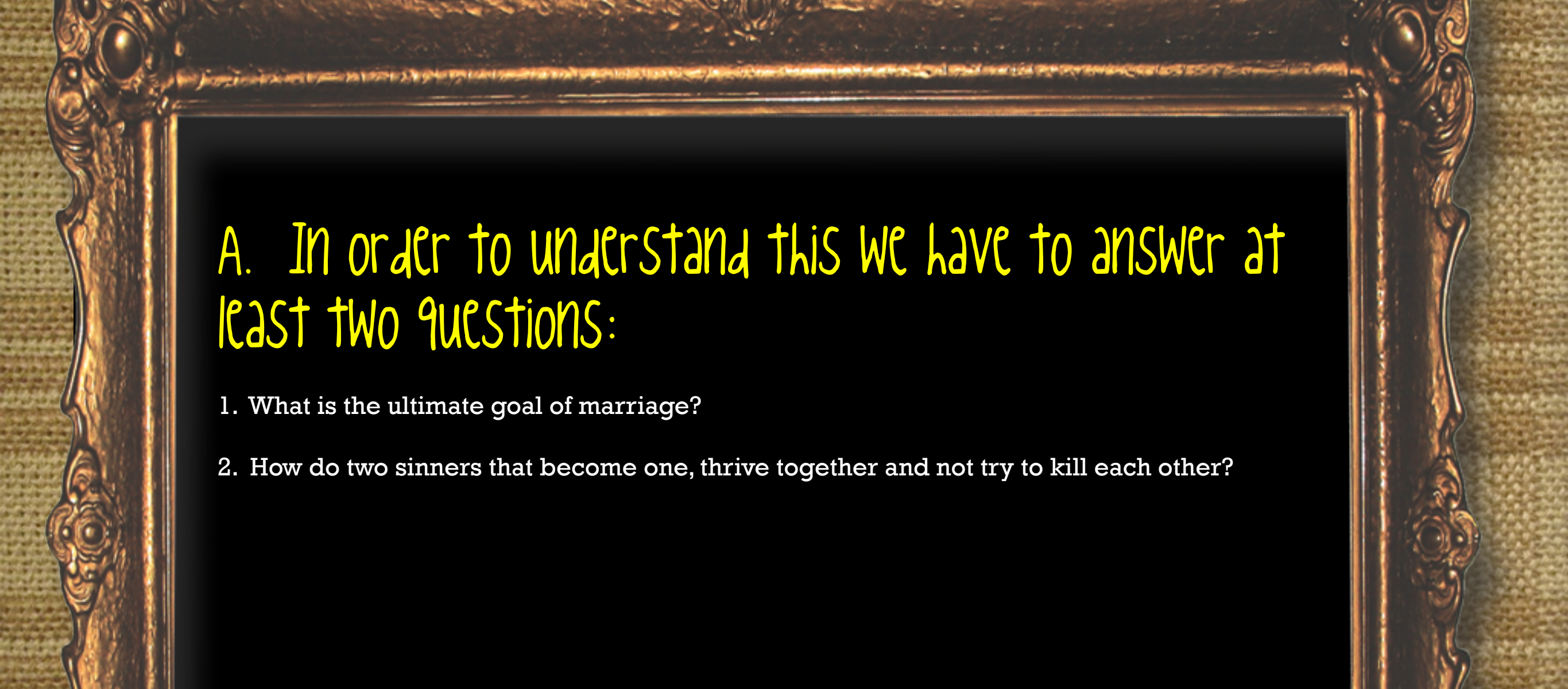


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“You Know I Love You Baby” - Ephesians 5:25-33

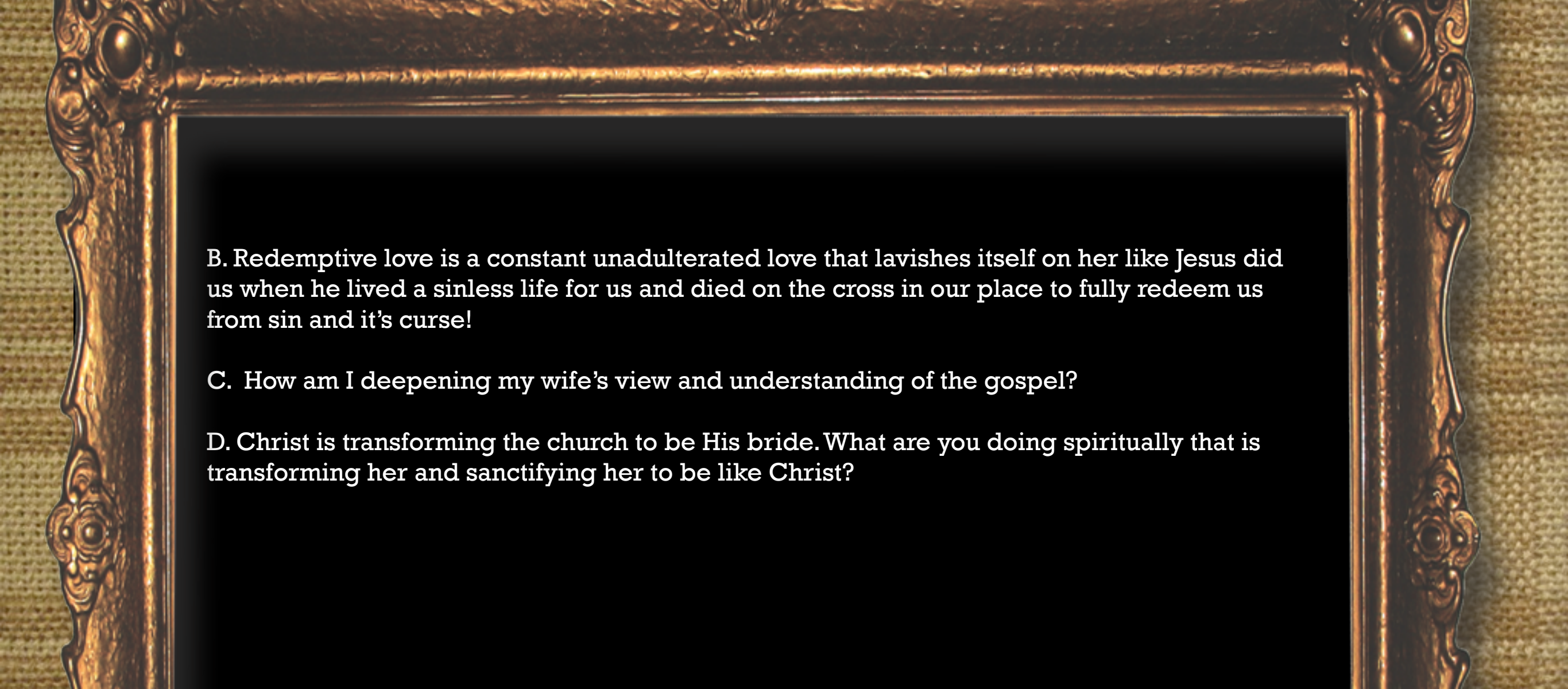
LOVE YOUR WIFE REDEMPTIVELY (V. 25-27)

The kind of love a man is to have for his wife is powerful because it is given through the gospel, but it also is an experience of how God redeems and transforms us to be like Christ. It's a tool God uses to help us experience and understand HIS plan in redeeming us to be like Him.



A. In order to understand this we have to answer at least two questions:

1. What is the ultimate goal of marriage?
2. How do two sinners that become one, thrive together and not try to kill each other?

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B. Redemptive love is a constant unadulterated love that lavishes itself on her like Jesus did us when he lived a sinless life for us and died on the cross in our place to fully redeem us from sin and it's curse!

C. How am I deepening my wife's view and understanding of the gospel?

D. Christ is transforming the church to be His bride. What are you doing spiritually that is transforming her and sanctifying her to be like Christ?

II. Love Your Wife Distinctively (v. 28-30)

A man takes care of himself with every good and convenient thing. So, the expression of his love for his wife ought to be with the kind of distinctive care he gives to himself.

A. Love for Her is distinctive in that it:

1. Prevails over all other affections.

Are your affections toward her prevailing over all other desires, even those desires concerning the care for yourself?

A. "Nourishes" (v. 29)

B. "Cherishes" (v. 29)

2. It is Peculiar. She is a member of the body of Jesus!

The way you show your love to her is peculiar. That means you show love to her unlike you show it to anything or anyone else!

3. It is noticeably Sincere.

4. It is Singular in focus. Don't express love to her primarily because of what she does but for who she is.

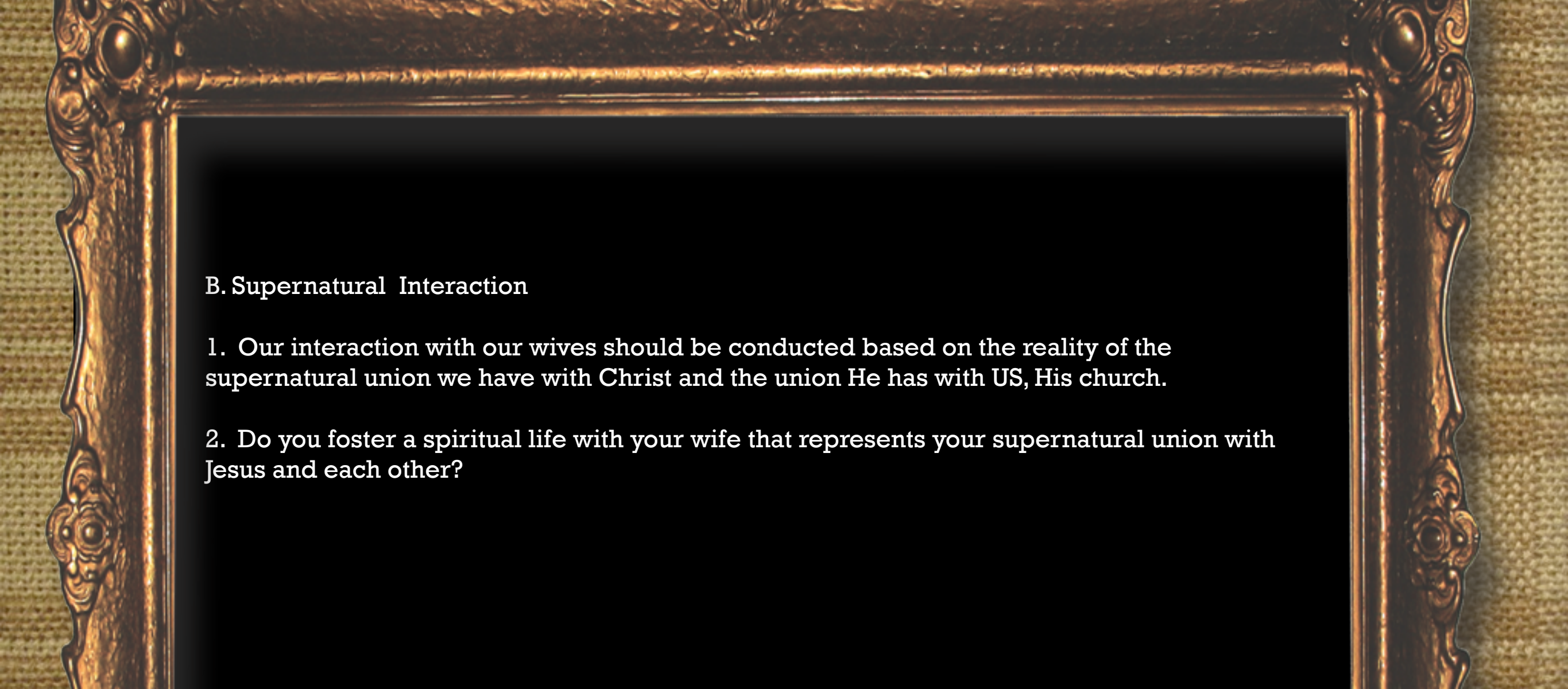
B. IS Your love for Your Wife the most dominate expression of love You offer up in Your daily life?

III. Love Your Wife Mysteriously (v. 30-33)

“This mystery is great” (v. 32)

A. Supernatural Union

Christ's union with the church reflects that character of God. God is seen through the expression of the gospel through the church. Thus, love must be expressed through the supernatural union so that the character of God can be reflected to each other and the world. His character is most clearly reflected to the world when we love like God. God is Love. (1 John 4:7-10)

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B. Supernatural Interaction

1. Our interaction with our wives should be conducted based on the reality of the supernatural union we have with Christ and the union He has with US, His church.
2. Do you foster a spiritual life with your wife that represents your supernatural union with Jesus and each other?