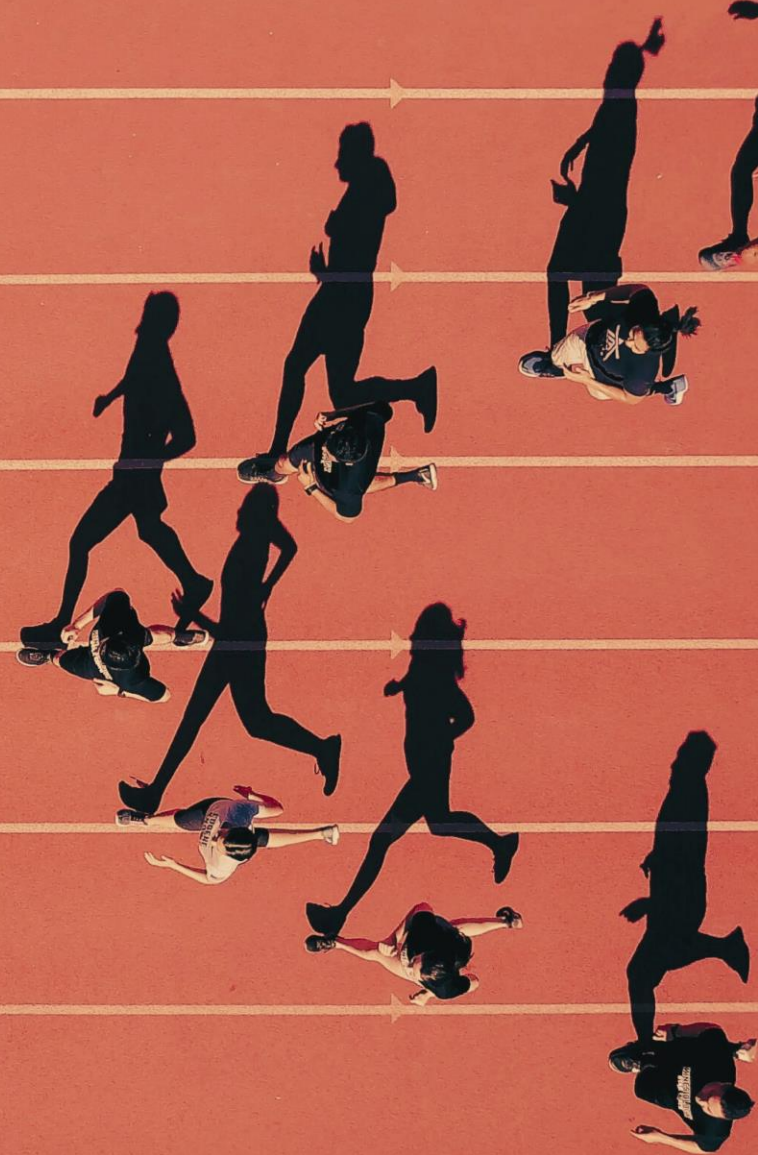


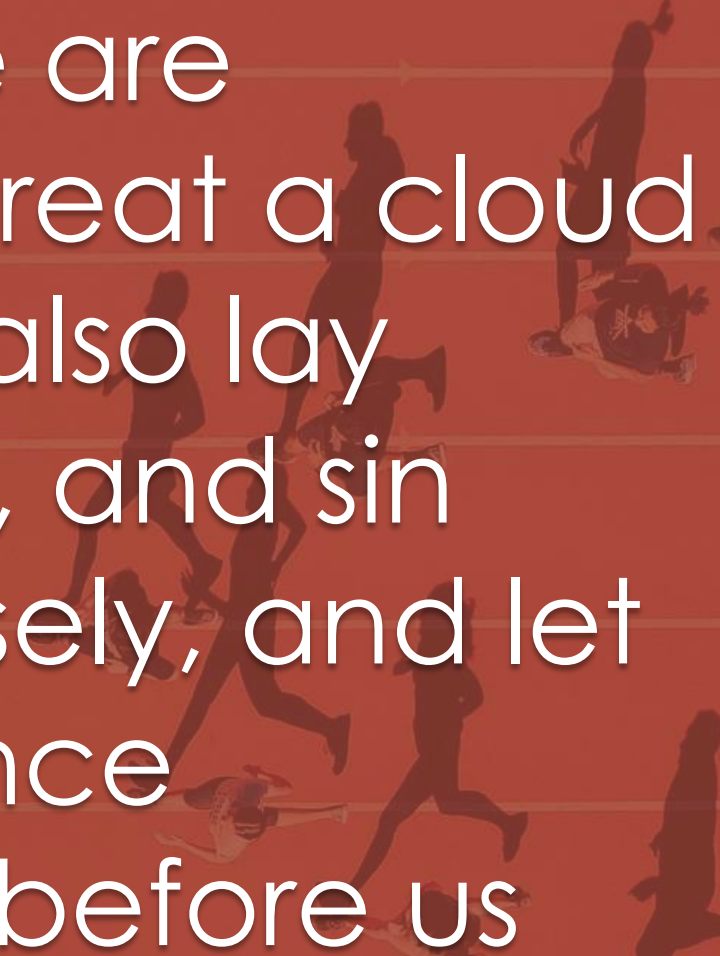
*2024 Congregational Theme*

# THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US

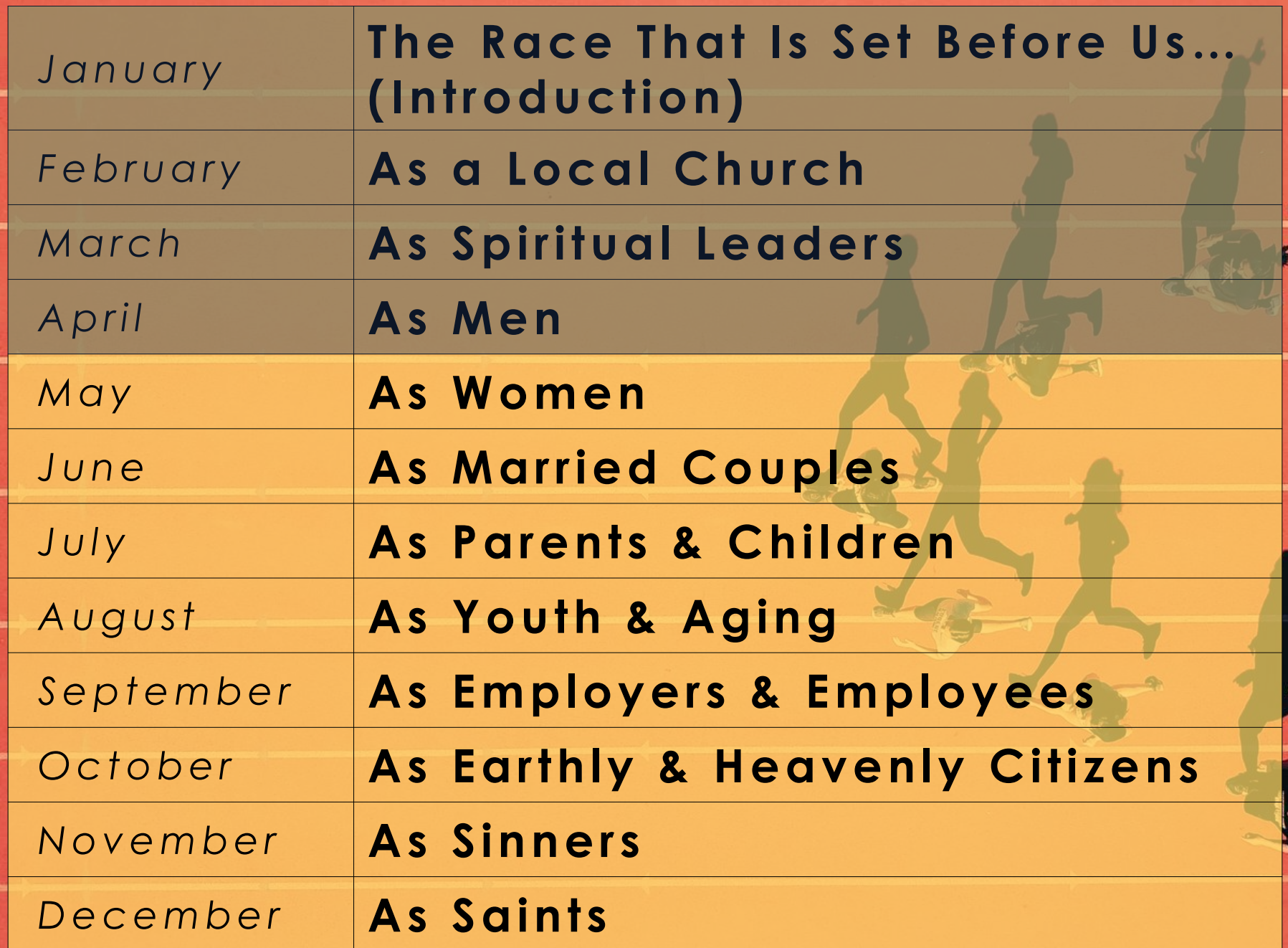
*As Women*



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

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*Hebrews 12:1*



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[26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

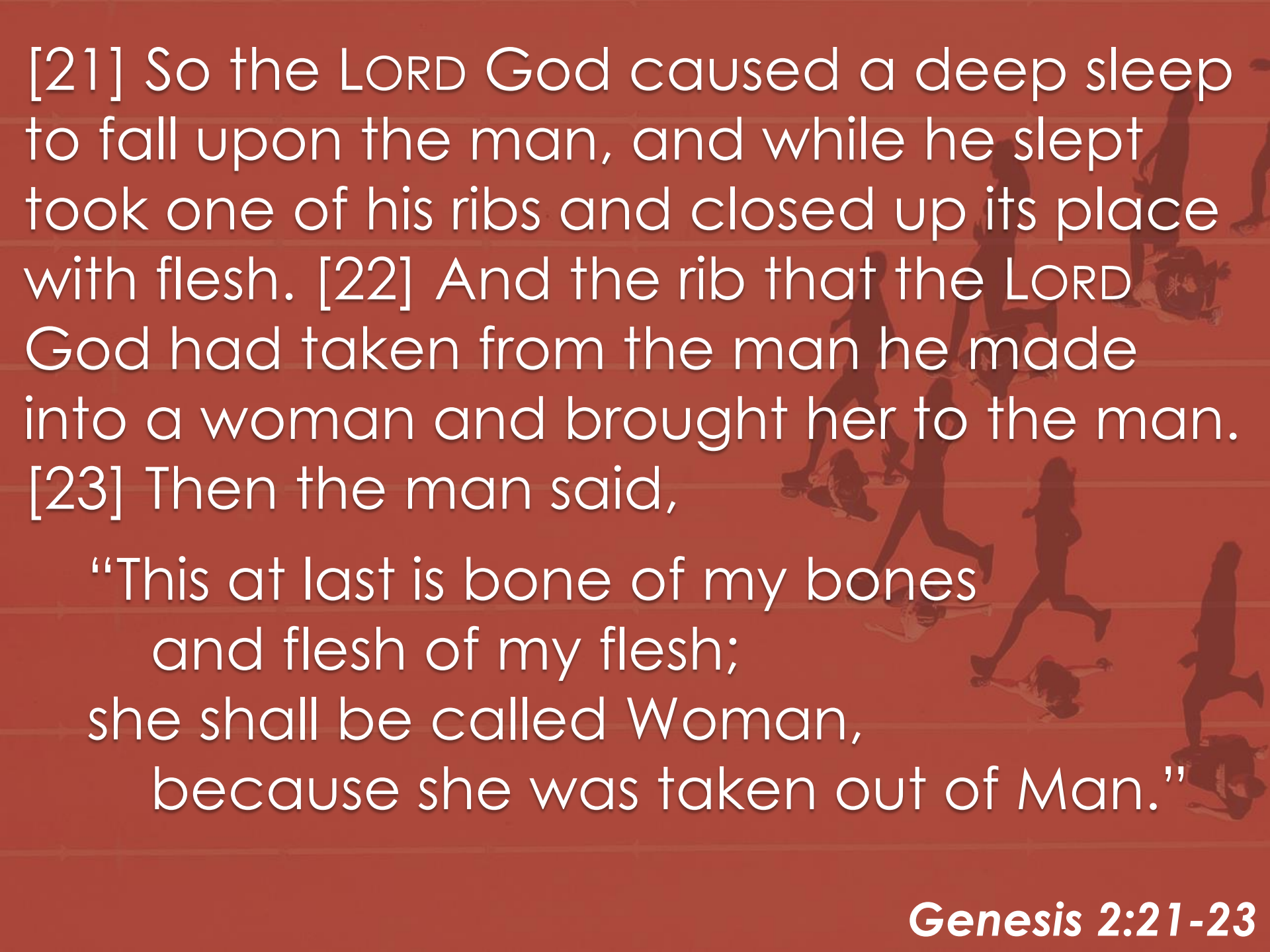
[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God has specifically  
designed **women** to be  
supporters and nurturers.

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[18] Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” [19] Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20] The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

***Genesis 2:18-20***

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[21] So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22] And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23] Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

***Genesis 2:21-23***

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a **helper** fit for him” (Gen. 2:18)

“Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our **help** and our shield” (Psalm 33:20)

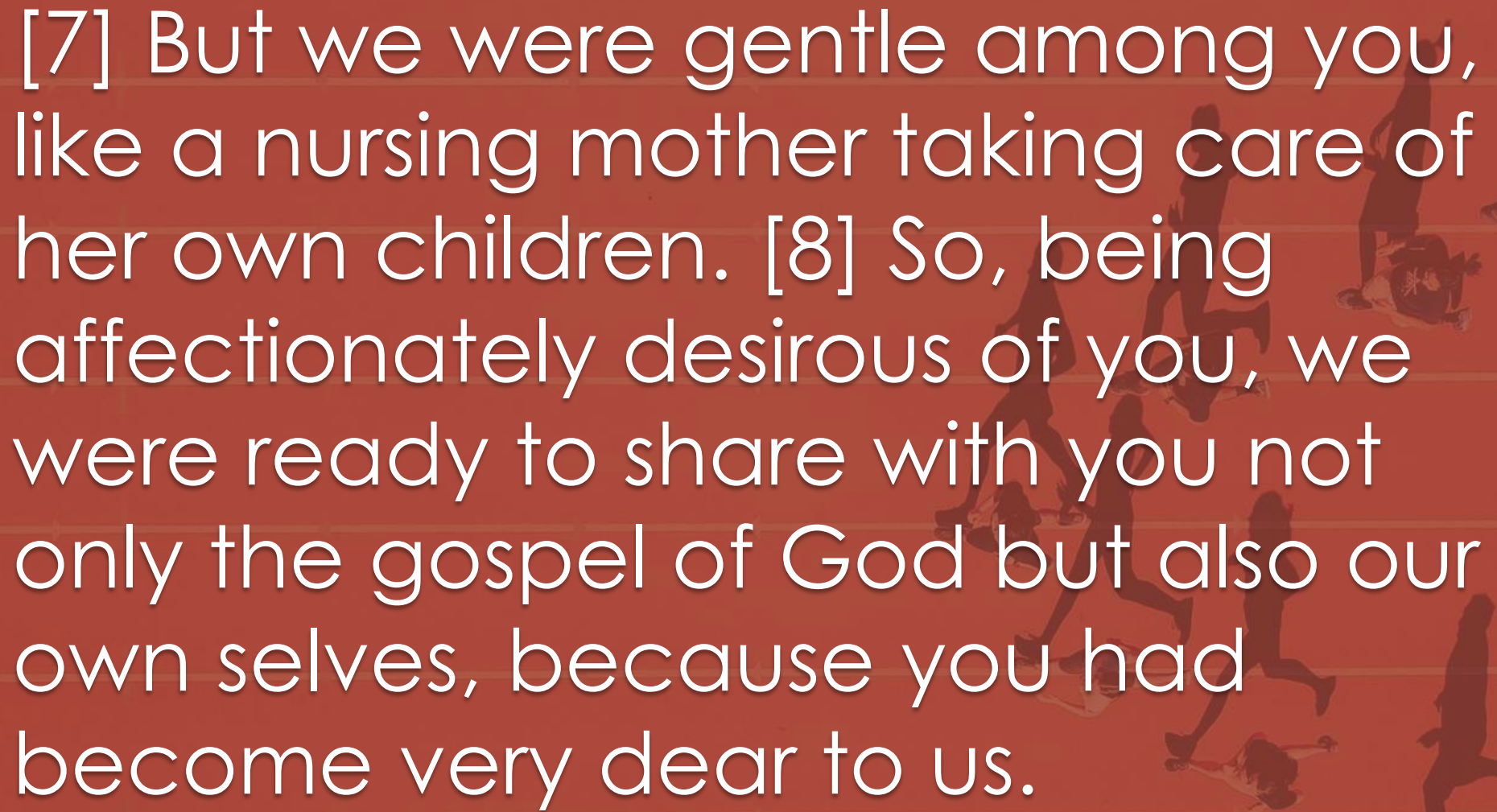
“But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my **help** and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!” (Psalm 70:5)

“I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my **help** come? My **help** comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1–2)



# Proverbs 31:10-31 – “A Virtuous Woman”

- She works hard to support her family (vv. 13-14; 16; 18-19; 24).
- Her primary focus is on her household (vv. 15; 21; 27-29).
- She cares for others and provides for their wellbeing (vv. 11-12; 20; 26).
- A godly woman is willing to serve others because of the compassion she has for those who need her.
- In both her work and her words, she teaches, instructs, and encourages the ones in her care.



[7] But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. [8] So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

***1 Thessalonians 2:7-8***

[8] I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; [9] likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, [10] but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. [11] Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. [12] I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. [13] For Adam was formed first, then Eve; [14] and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. [15] Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

***1 Timothy 2:8-15***

[3] Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, [4] and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, [5] to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

***Titus 2:3-5***

**1. Women ought to act as supporters and nurturers without becoming misled or complacent.**

- *1 Cor. 11:2-5; Acts 5:29*

**2. Women ought to present themselves in a way that embraces their femininity.**

- *Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:13-16*

**3. Women ought to find their model for womanhood in Jesus Christ.**

- *1 Cor. 11:3; 1 Pet. 3:1-7; Gal. 3:27-28*

[27] For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

***Galatians 3:27-28***