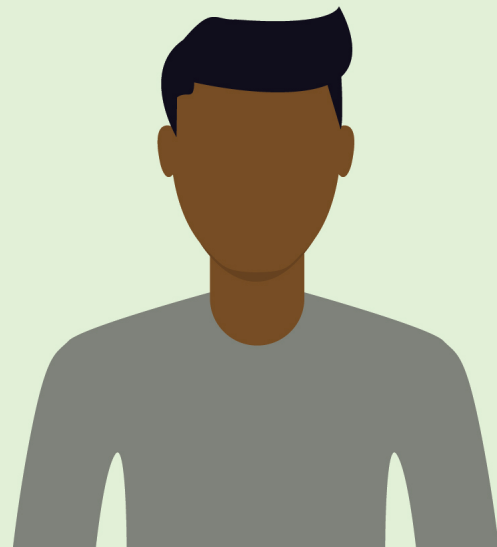
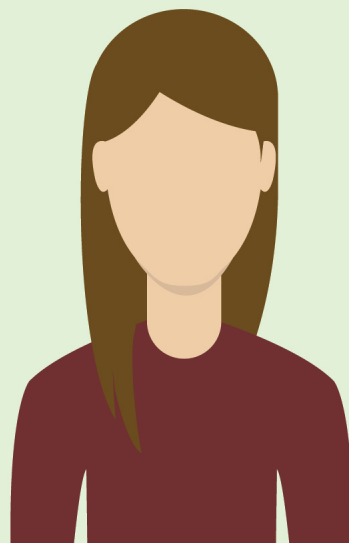
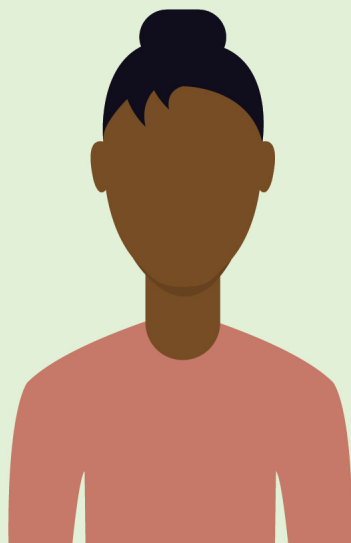
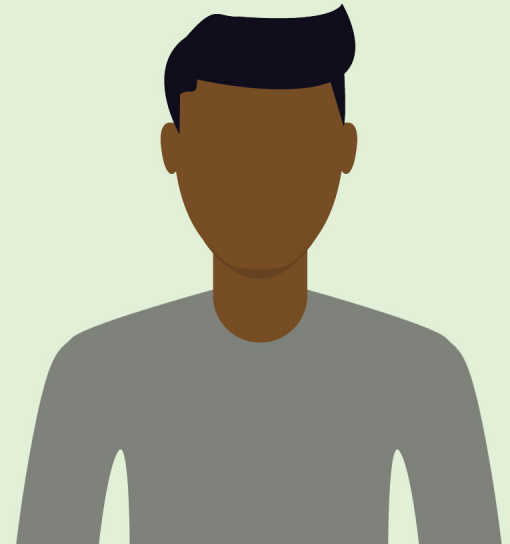
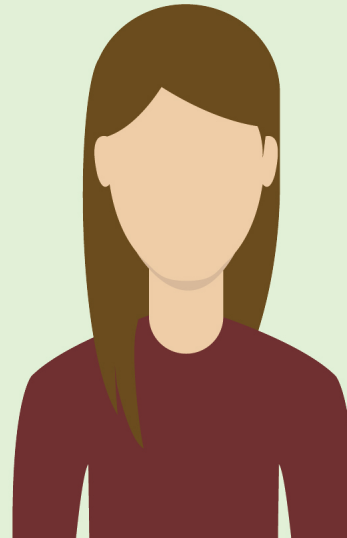
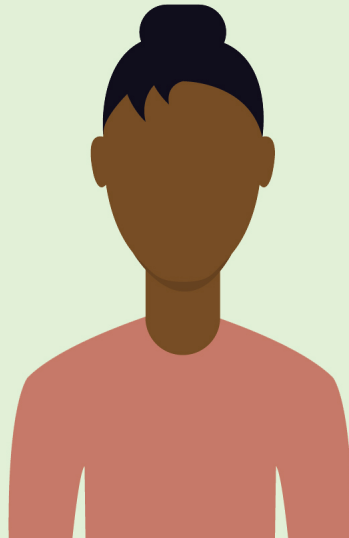
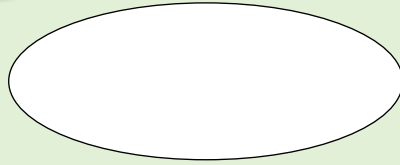


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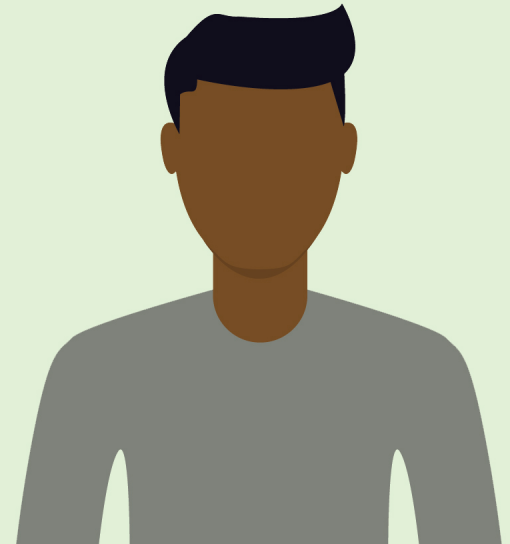
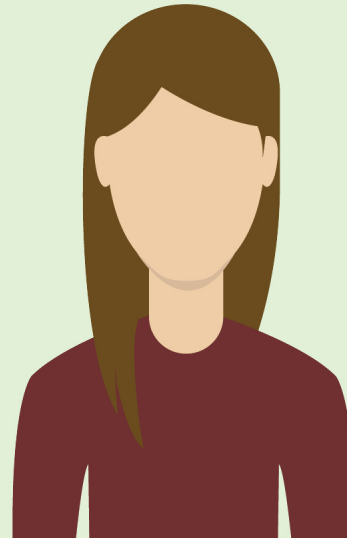
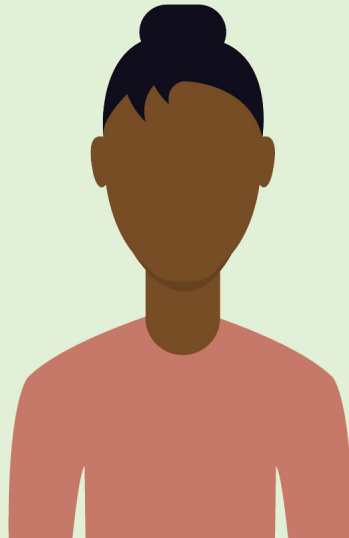


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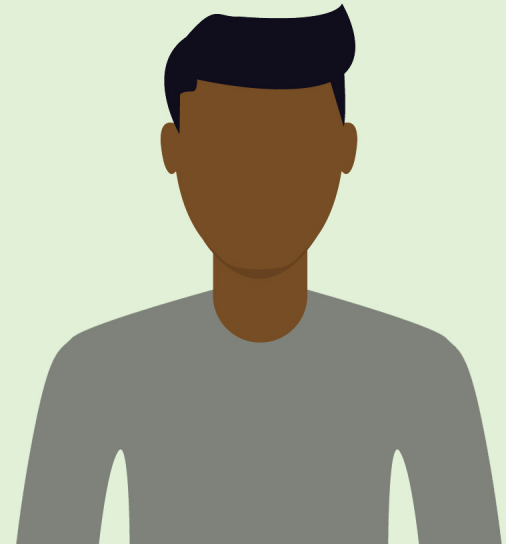
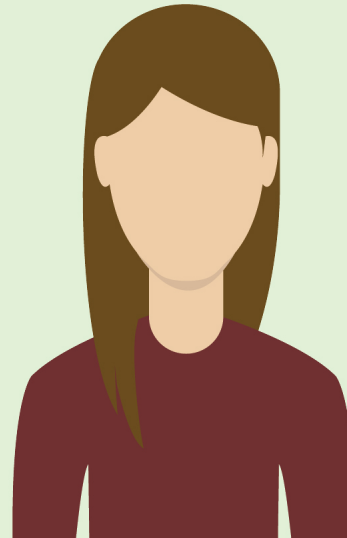
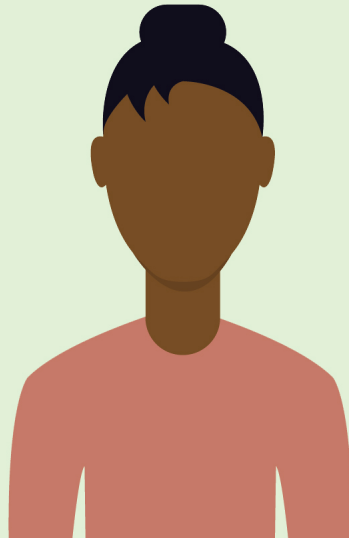
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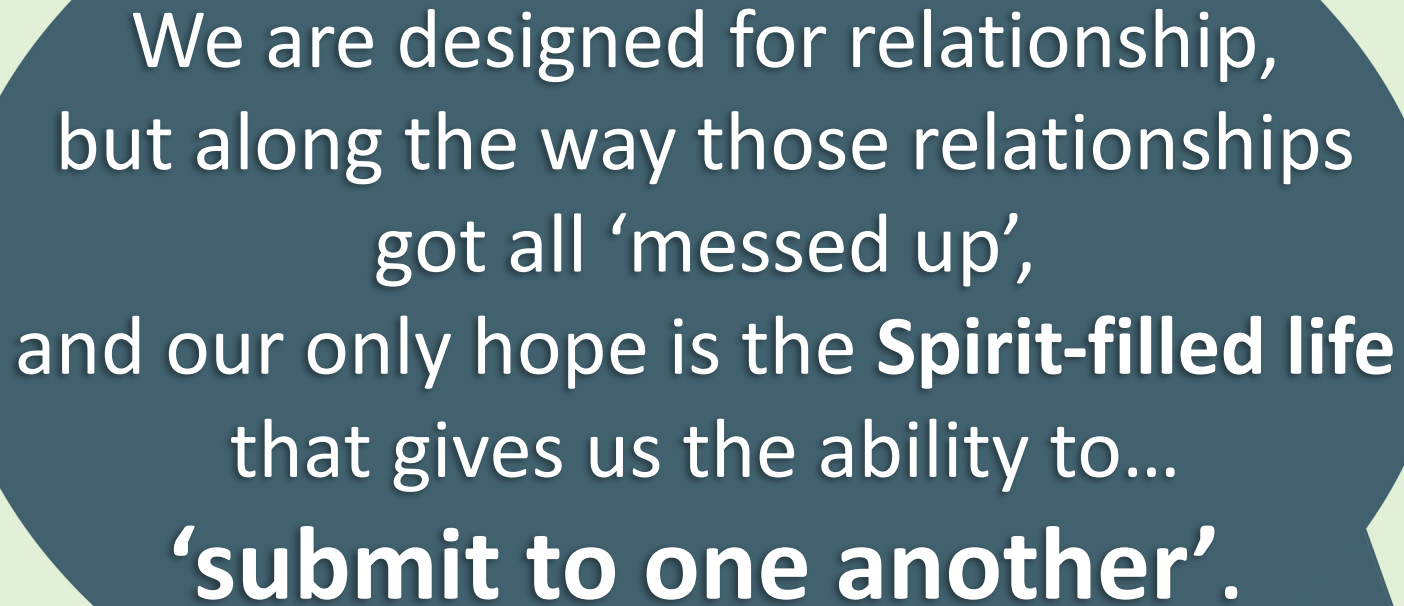


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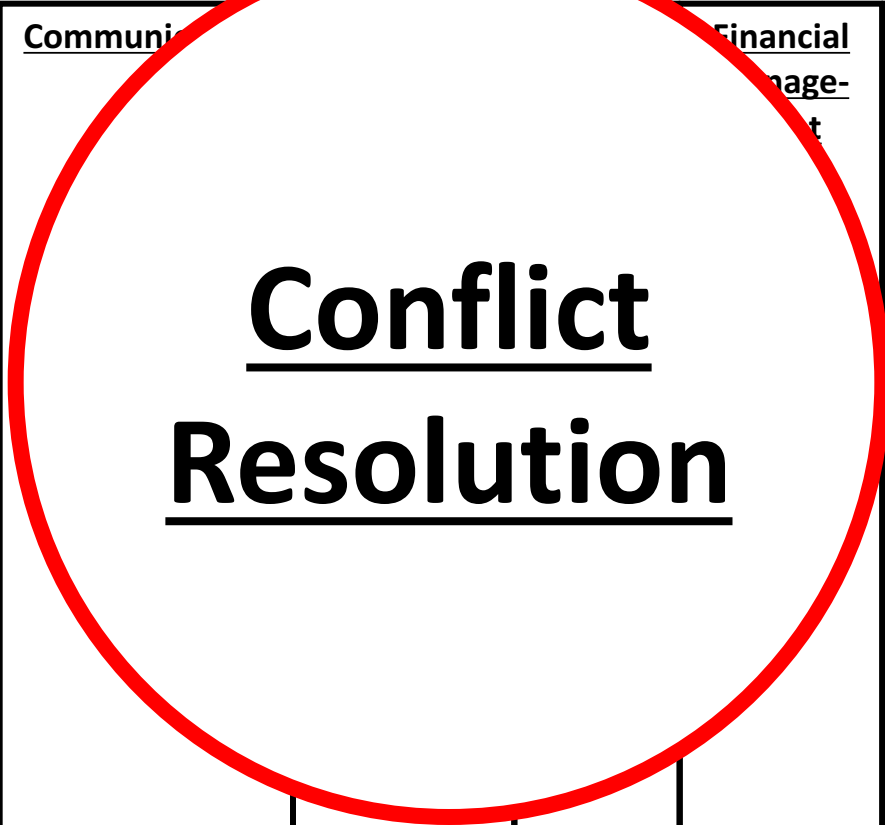
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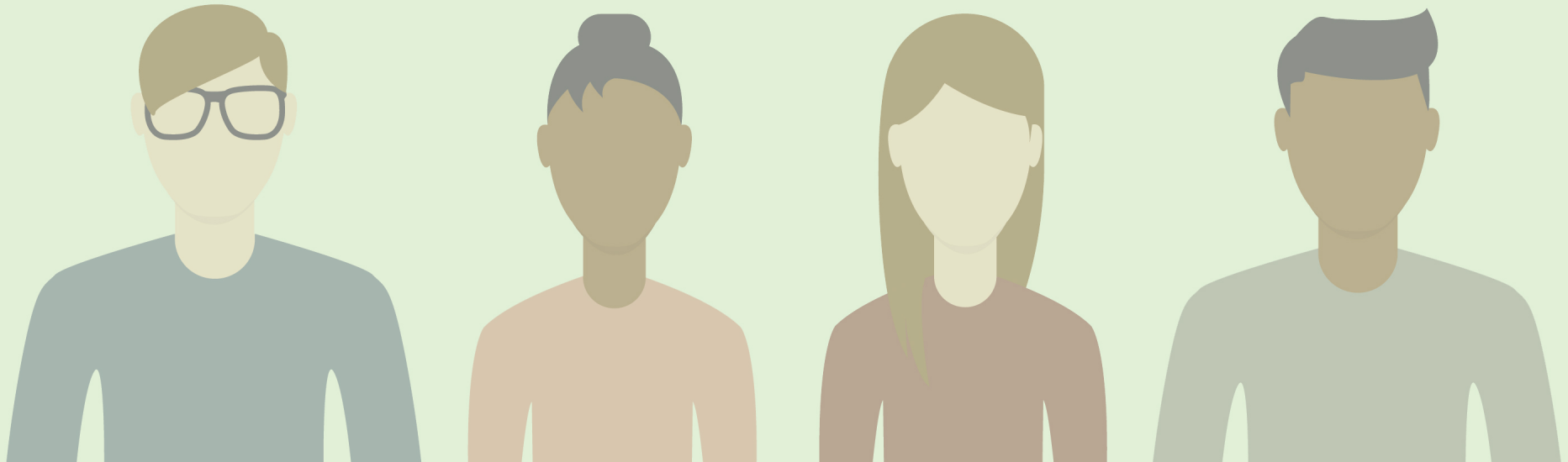
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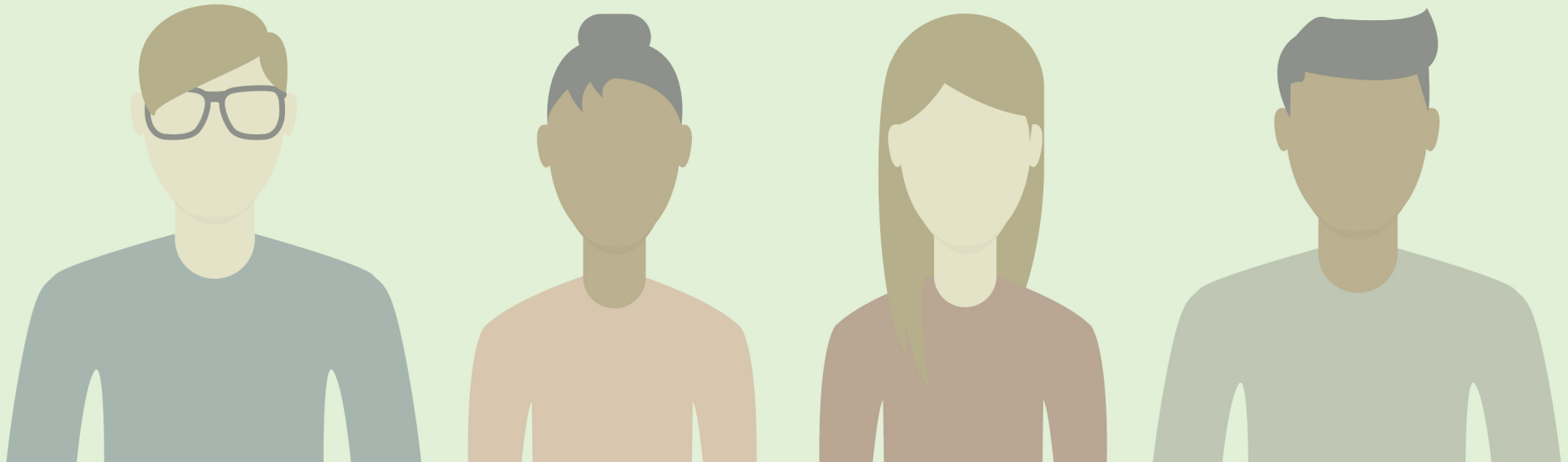
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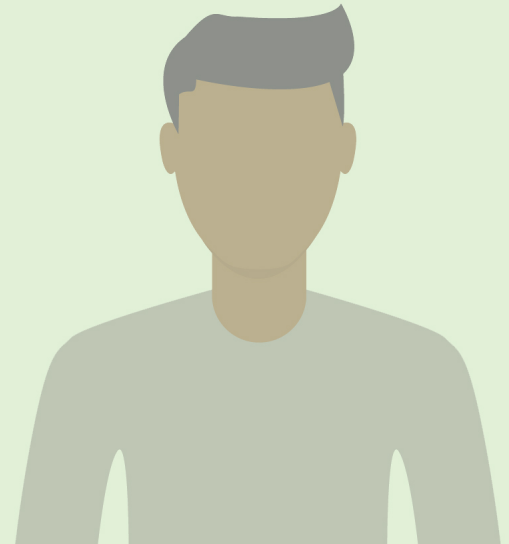
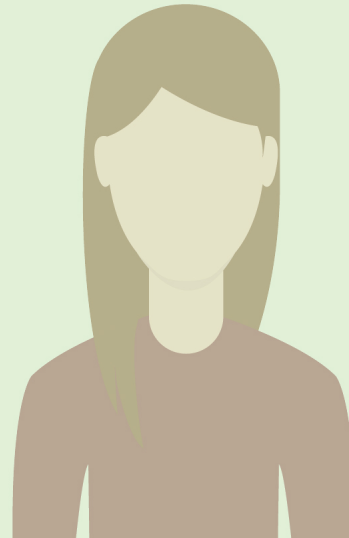
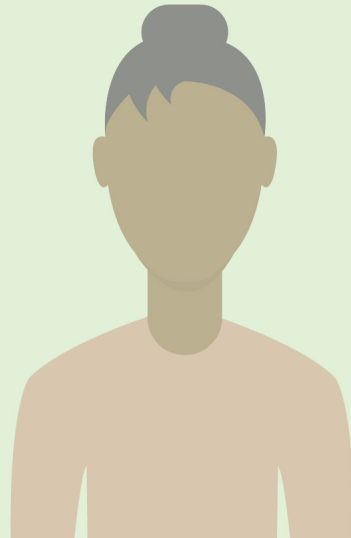
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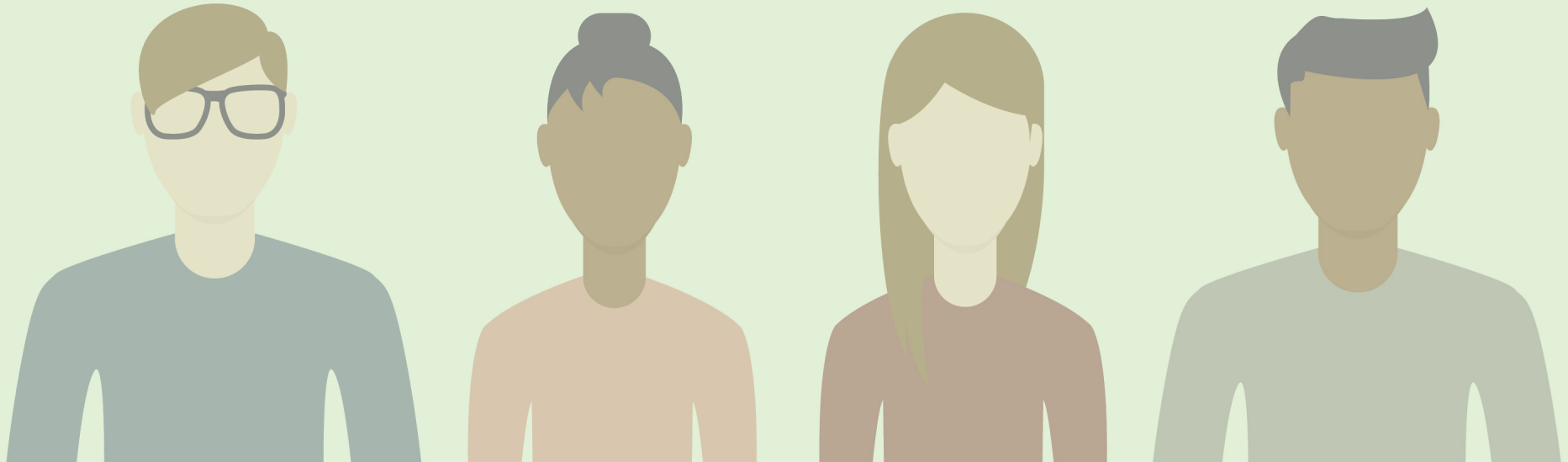
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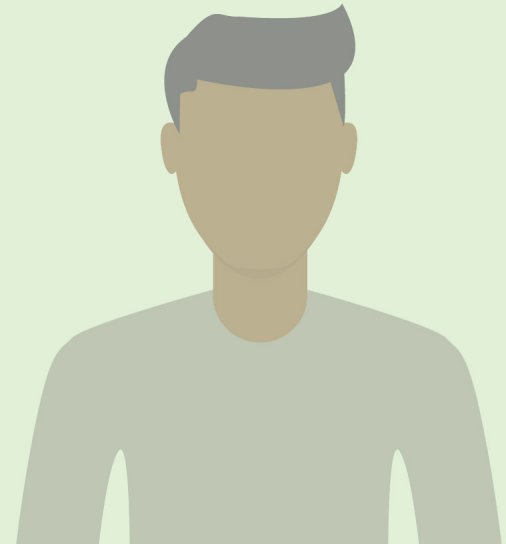
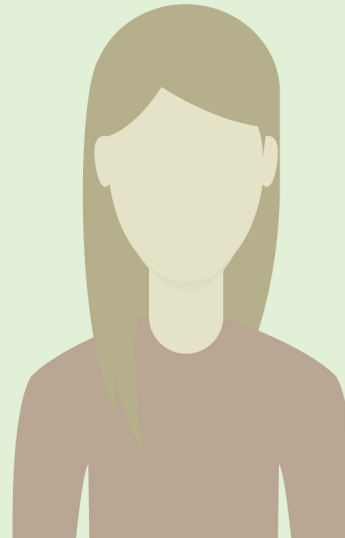
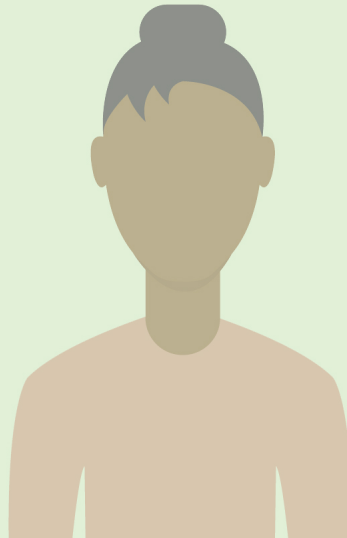


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Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
- 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



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MARRIAGE

v. 22-33 Husbands and Wives

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He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

30 because we are members of His body.

31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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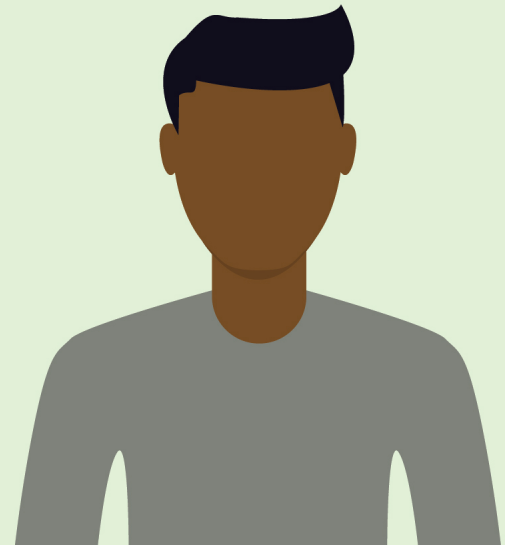
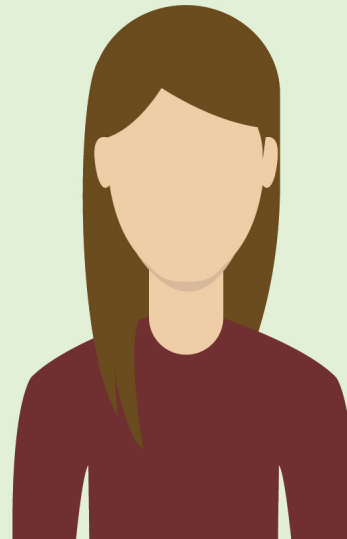
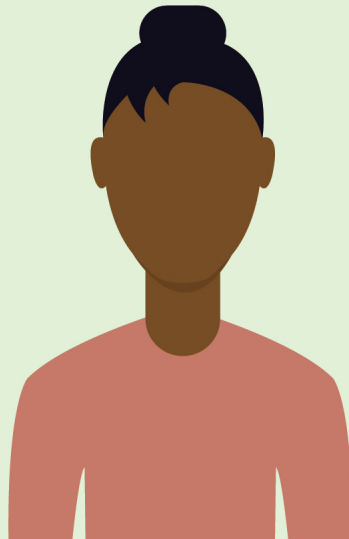
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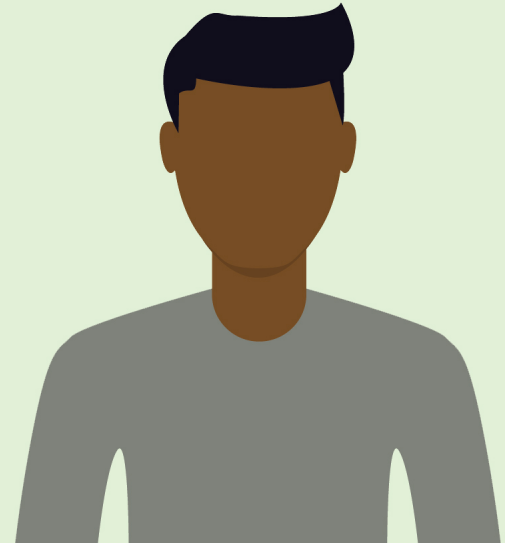
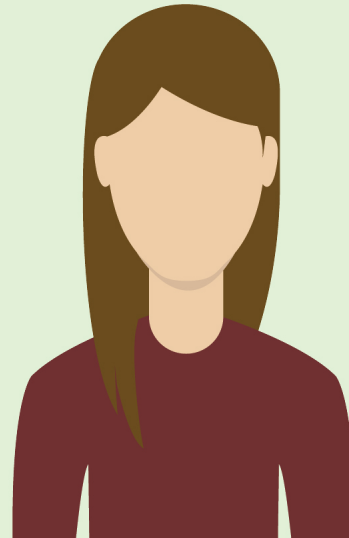
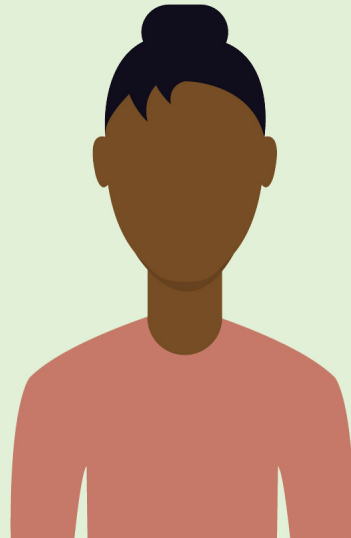
So...therefore...what now?



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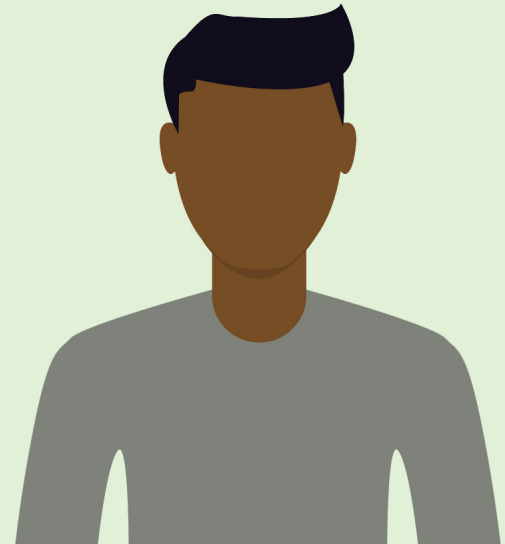
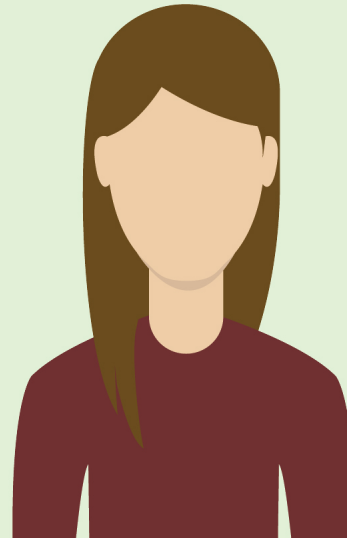
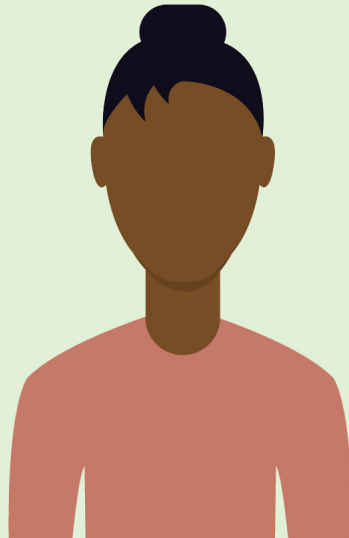


Love and Respect
can be, and ought to be,
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Neglect of...

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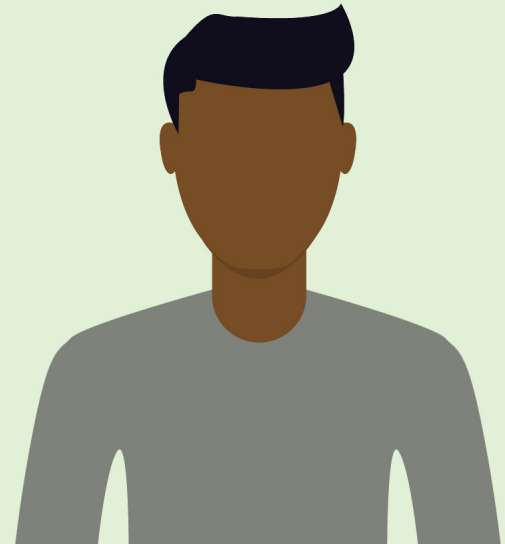
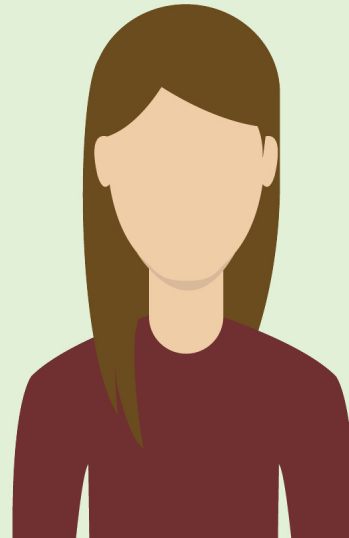
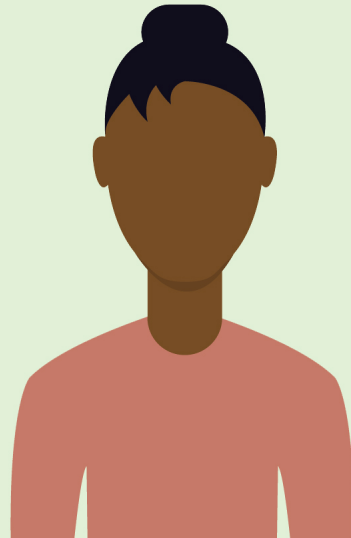


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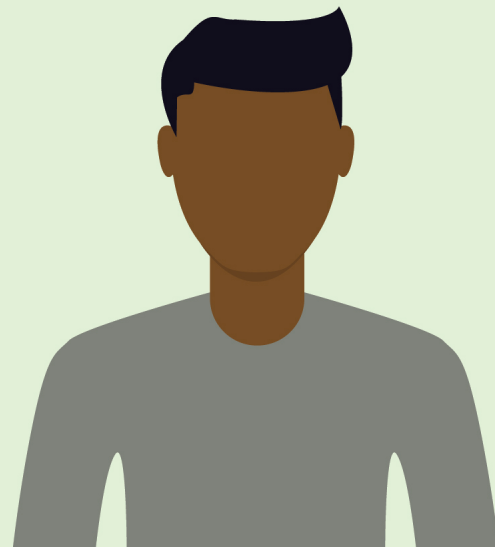
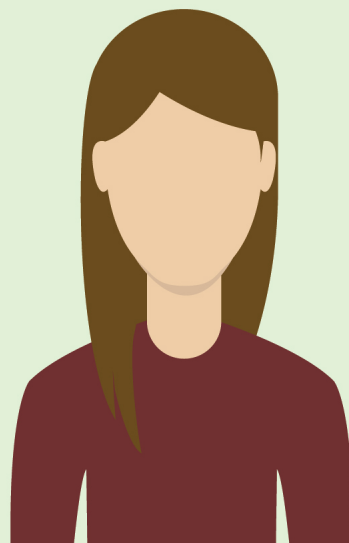
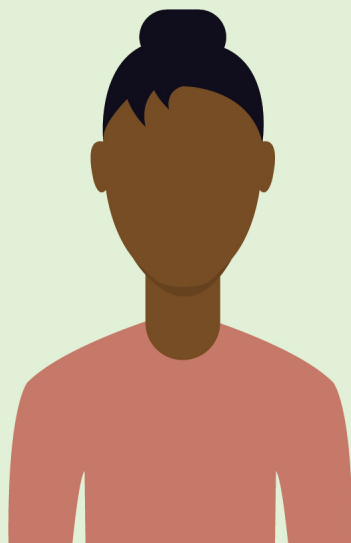
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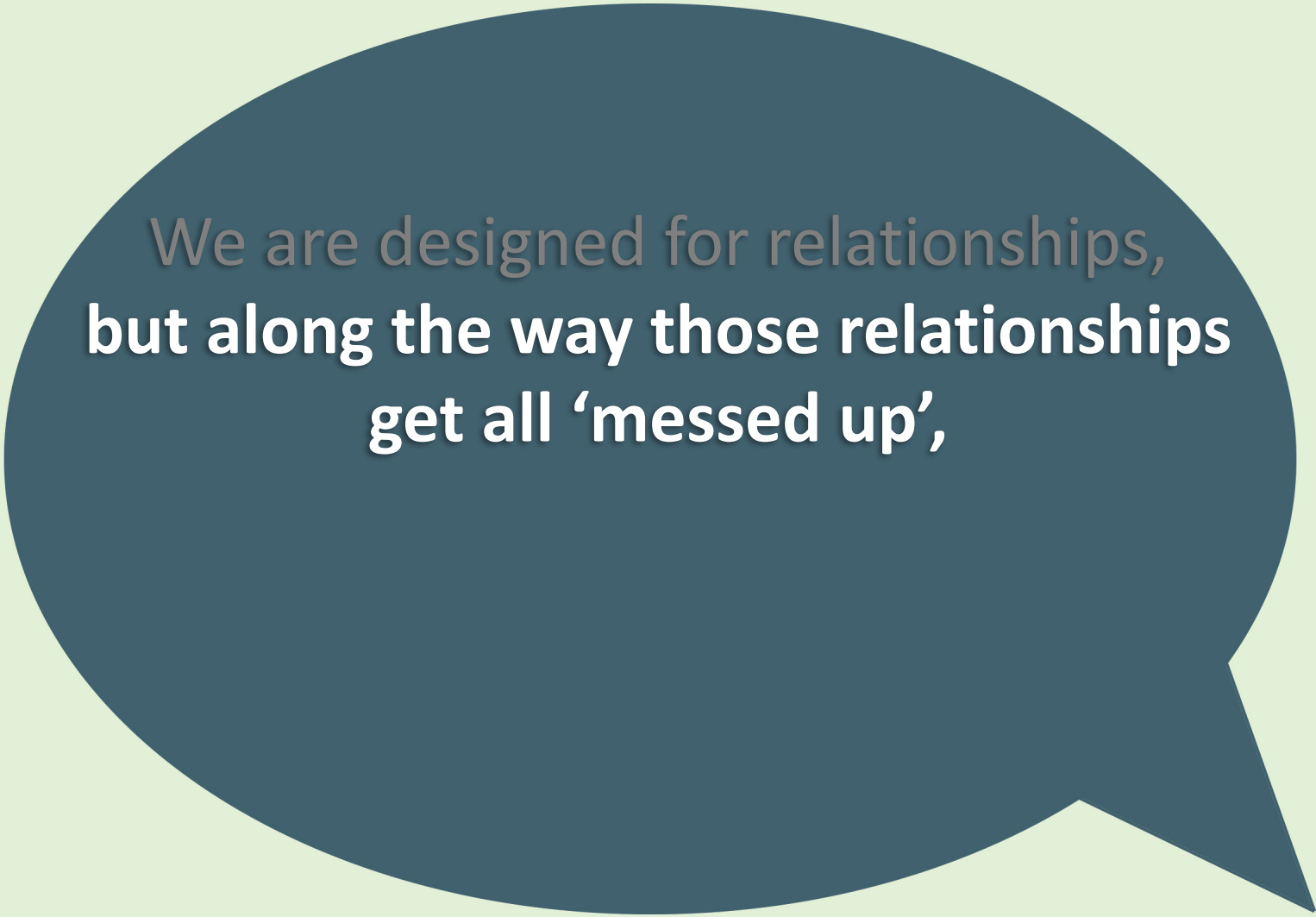


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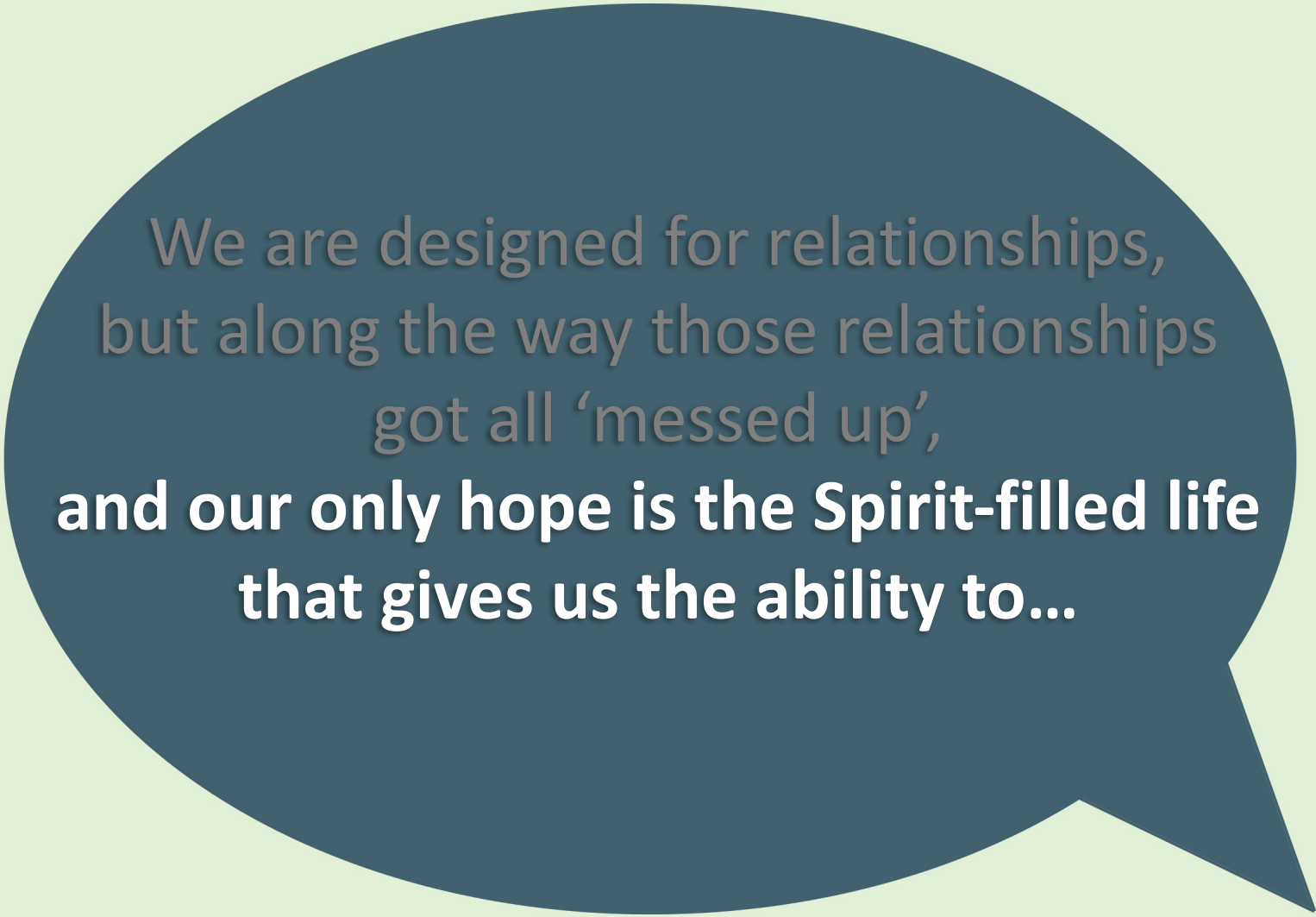




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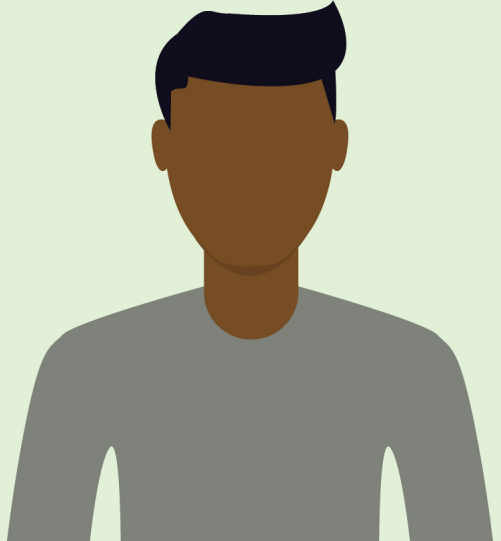
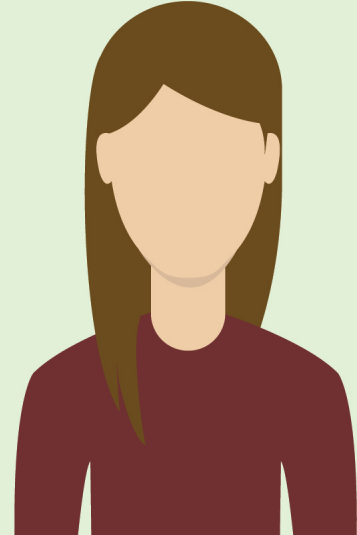
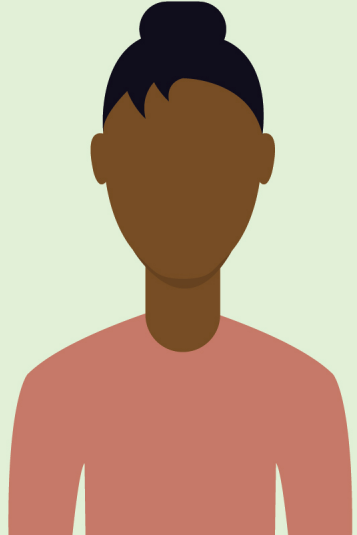
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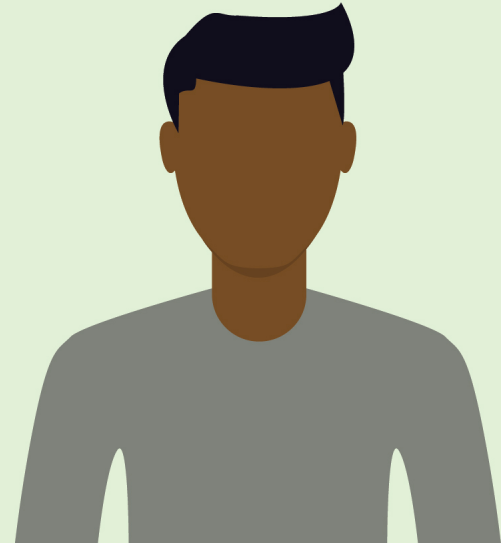
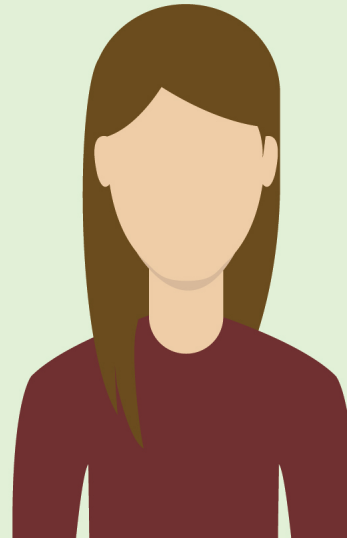
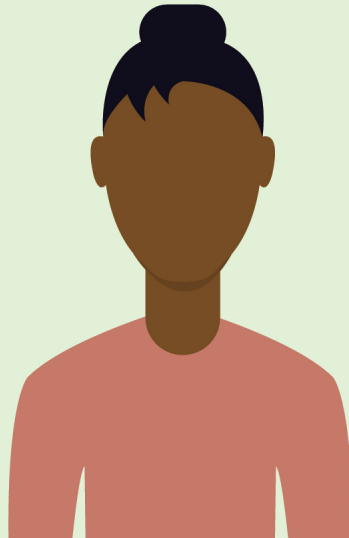
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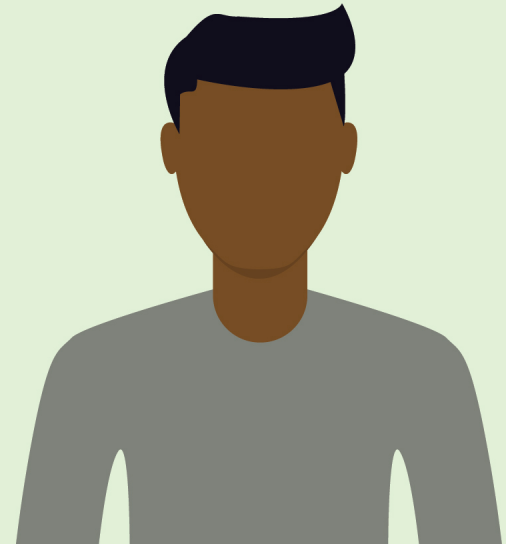
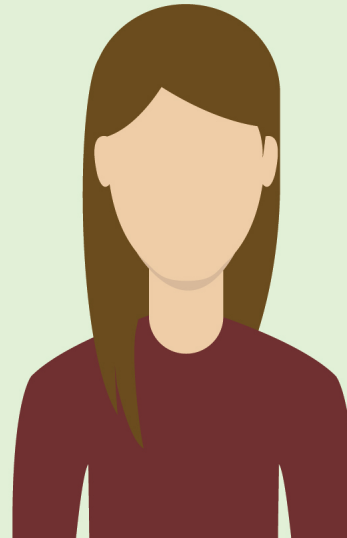
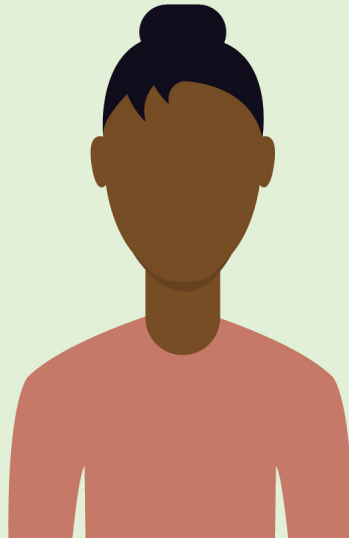



I think we've
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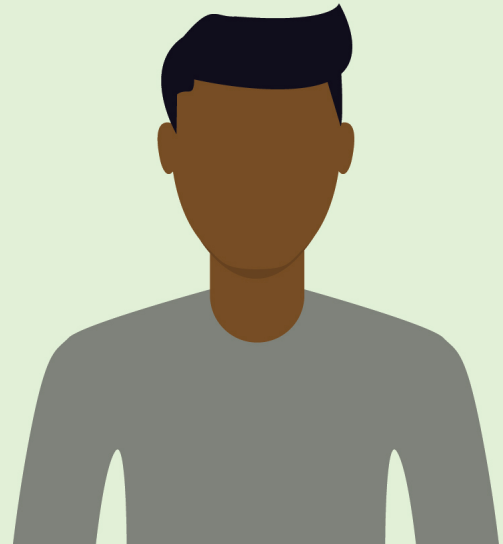
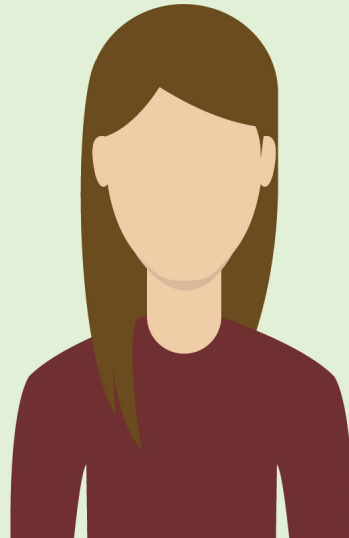
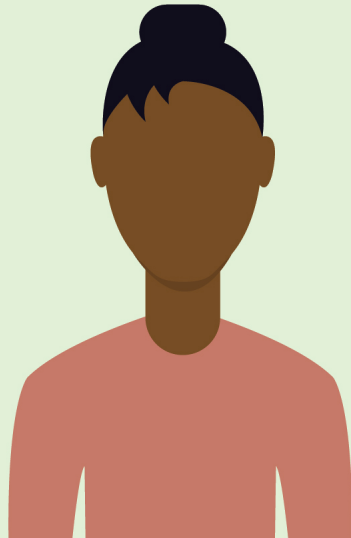


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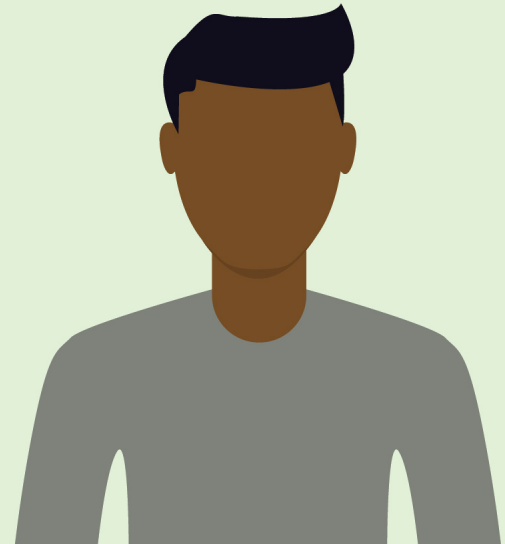
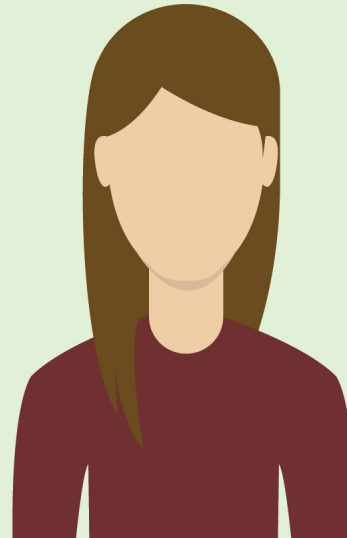
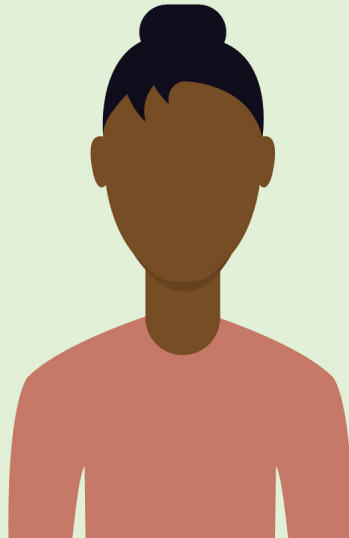




I've become so
painfully bitter
toward my
wife....



If we want to cycle up... maybe we need to start by having a reverence toward Christ!





"EXACTLY"....

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*...a relationship with Christ is the
cornerstone and the starting
line for all other relationships...*

"EXACTLY"....

...come and worship Him.

