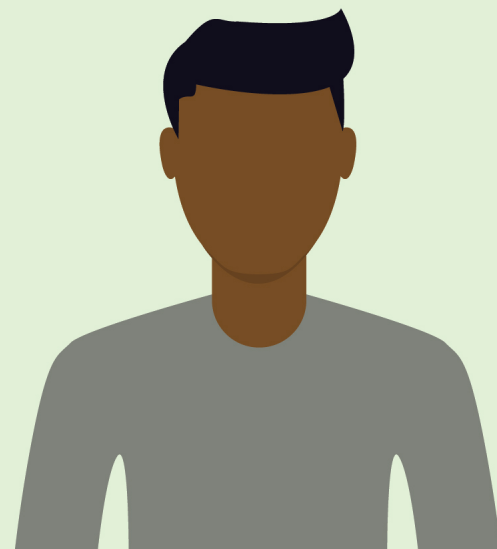
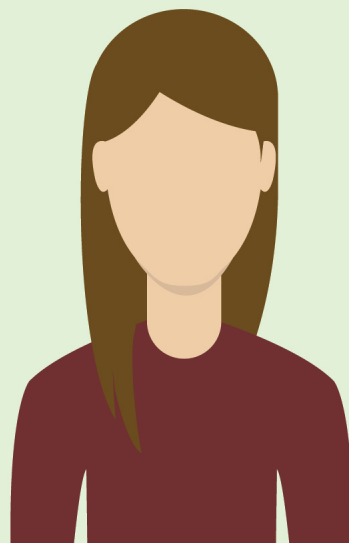
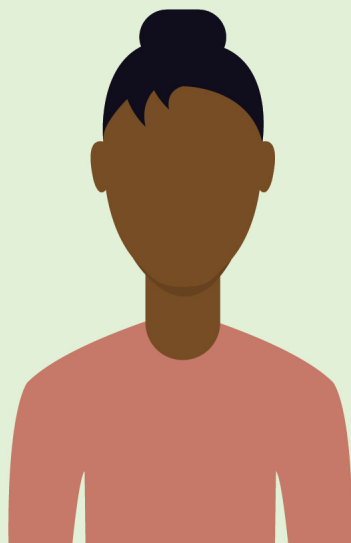
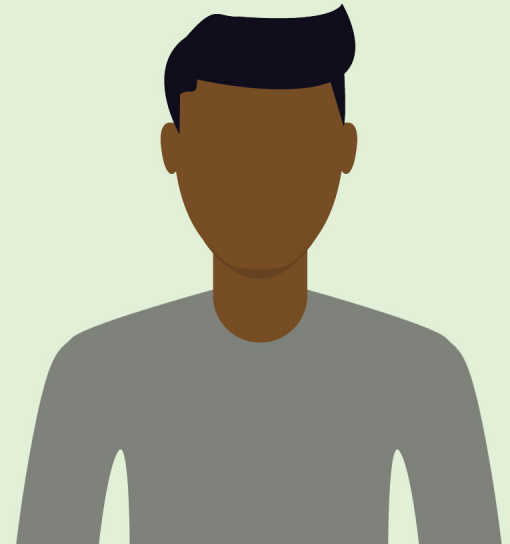
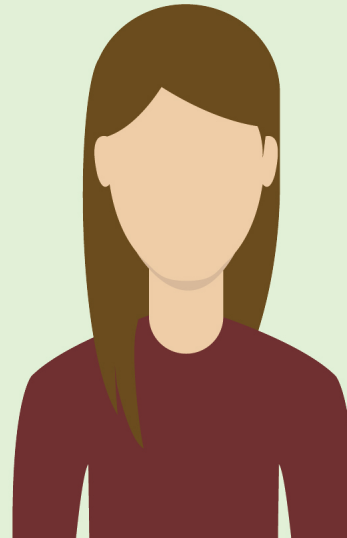
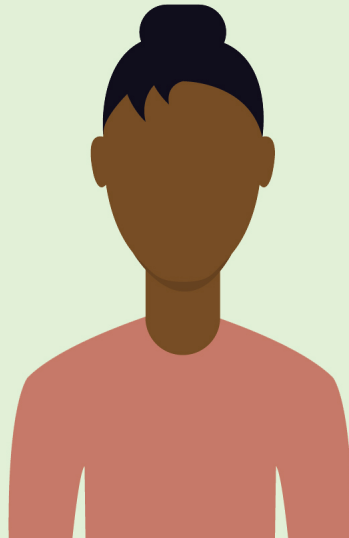
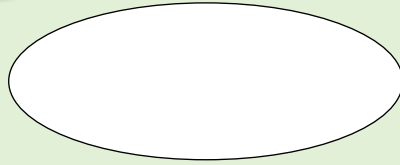


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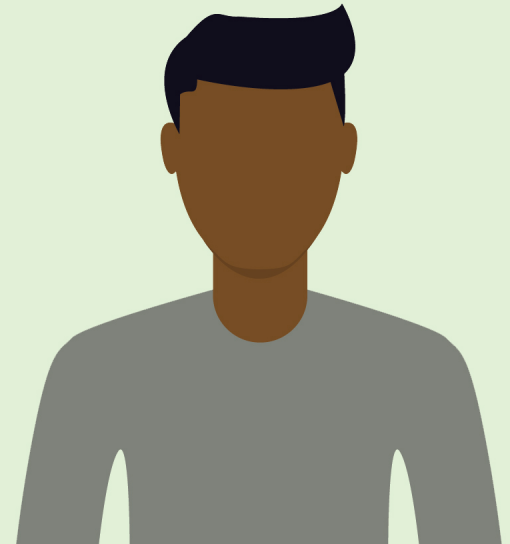
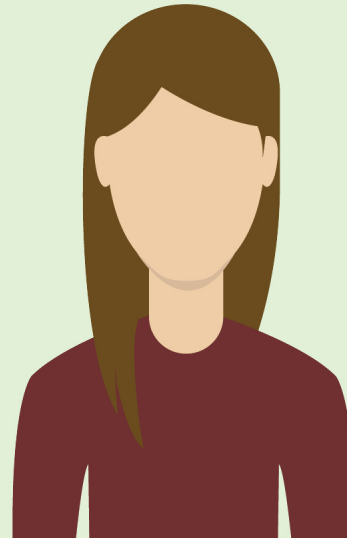
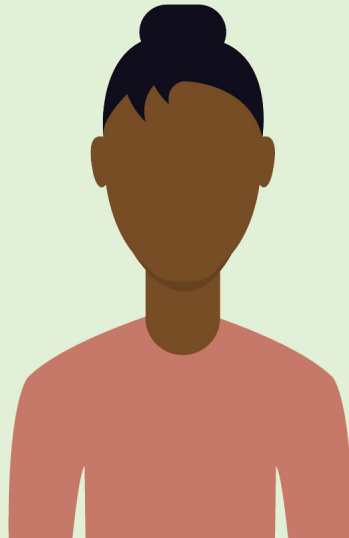


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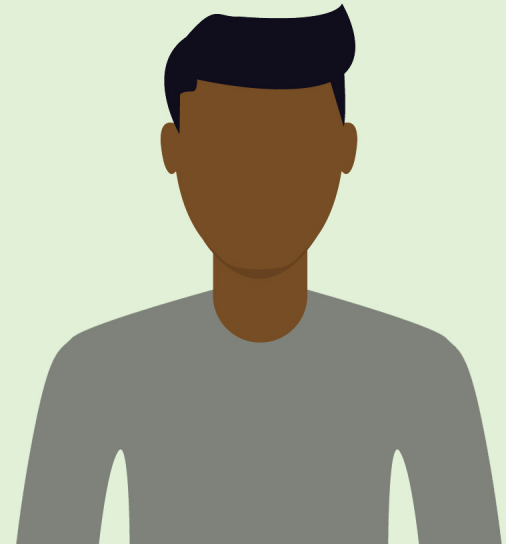
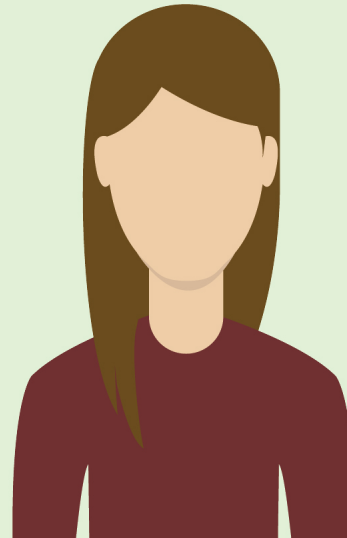
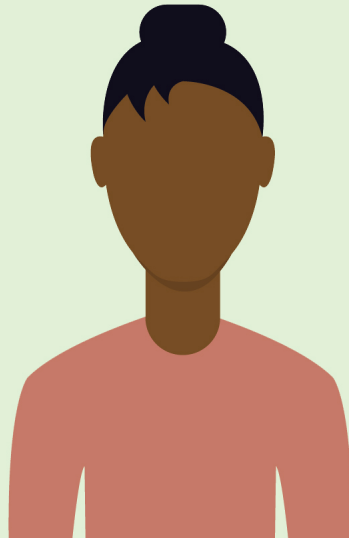
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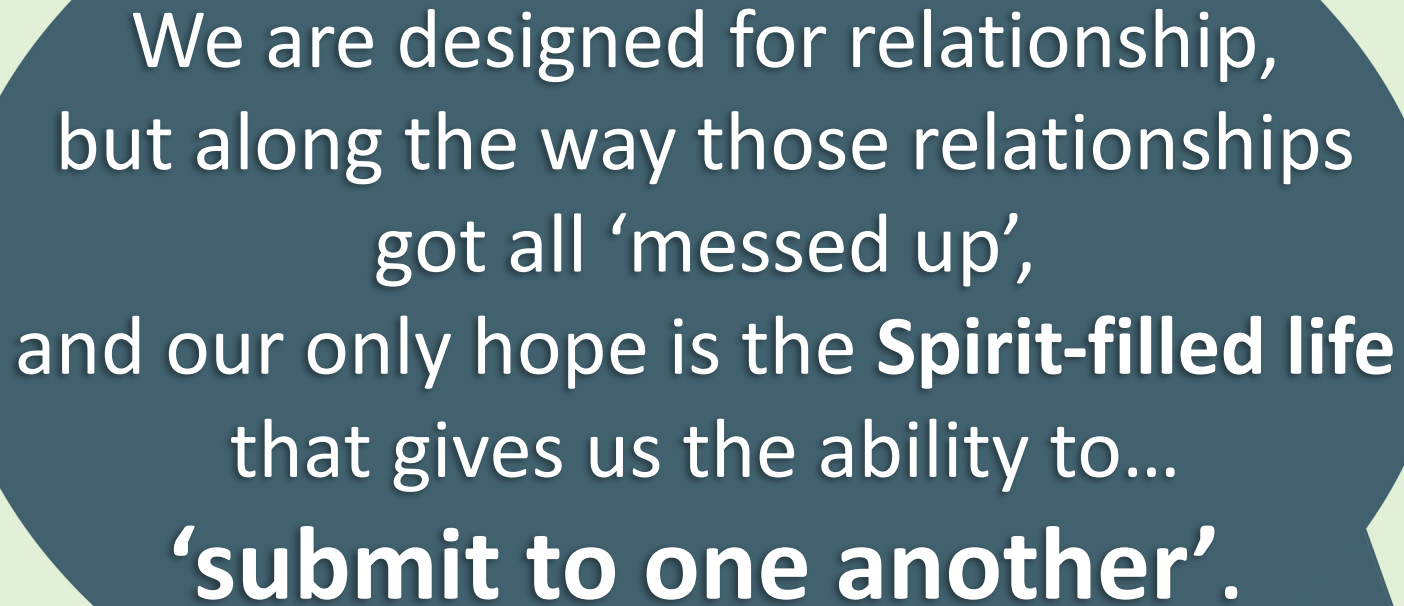


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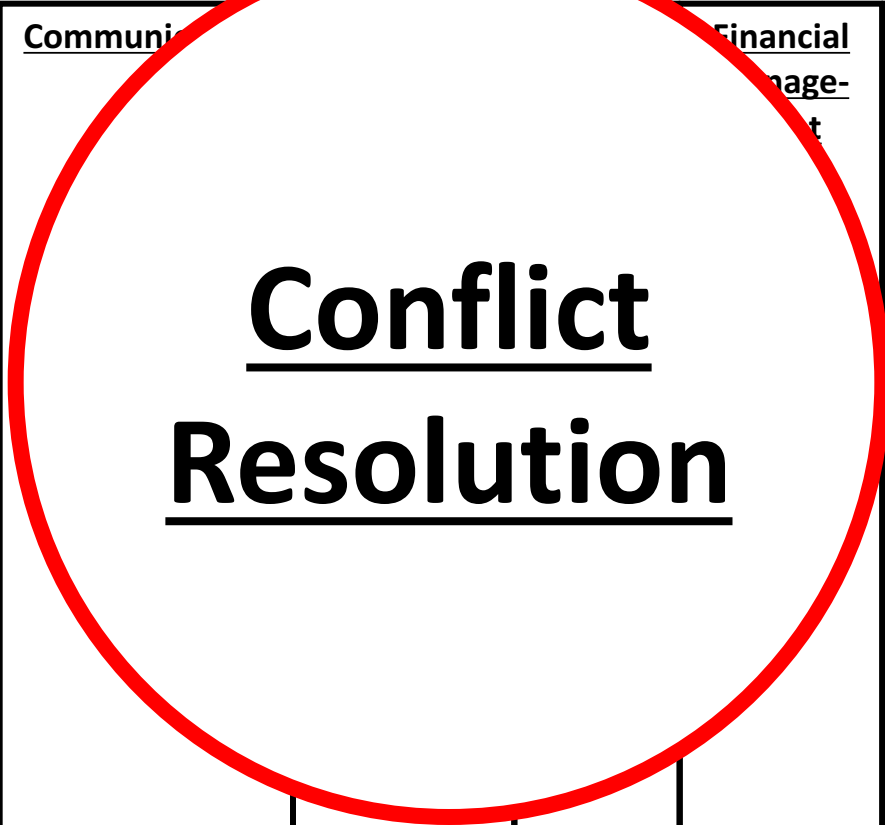
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We are designed for relationship,  
but along the way those relationships  
got all 'messed up',  
and our only hope is the **Spirit-filled life**  
that gives us the ability to...  
**'submit to one another'.**

# Prepare/Enrich: Relational Assessment

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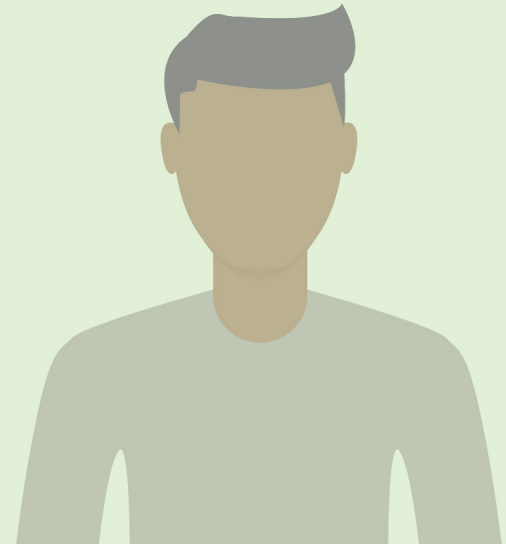
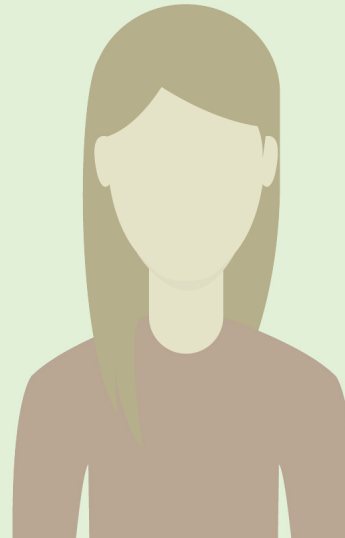
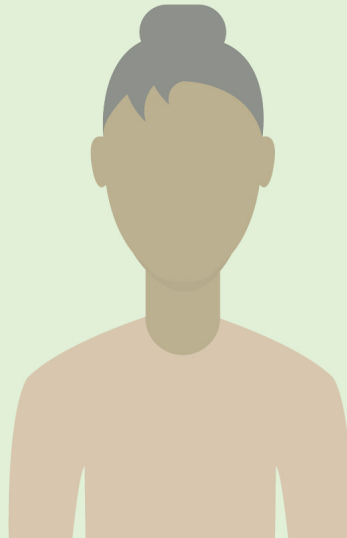
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# Communication

- 1 *Speak to be understood.*
- 2 *Listen in order to understand.*
- 3 *Speak & Listen in order to heal.*

## 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.



- 15 Look carefully then how you walk,**  
not as unwise but as wise,
- 16** making the best use of the time,  
because the days are evil.
- 17** Therefore do not be foolish,  
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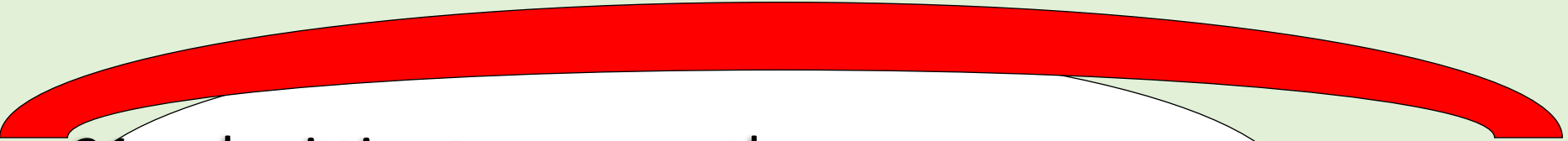
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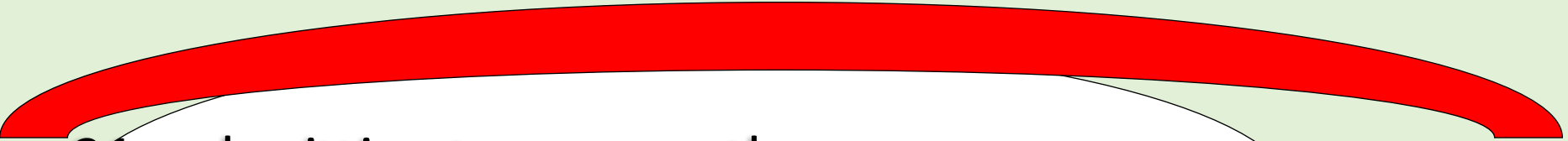


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MARRIAGE  
Husbands and wives

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MARRIAGE

Husbands and Wives

**Ephesians 5:33** - Love and Respect

33 However,

let each one of you love his wife as himself,  
and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



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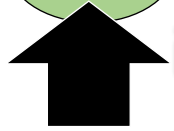
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- 24 He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree,  
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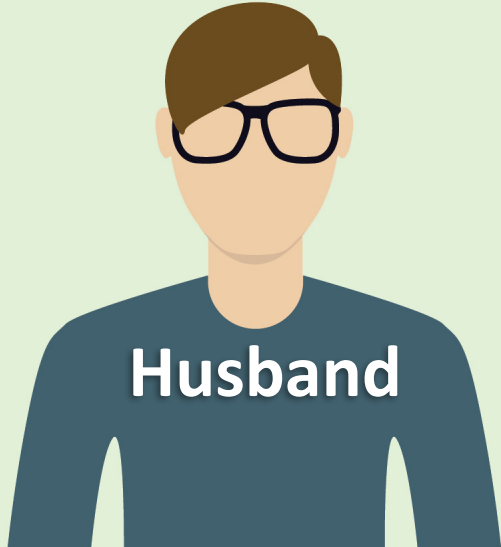


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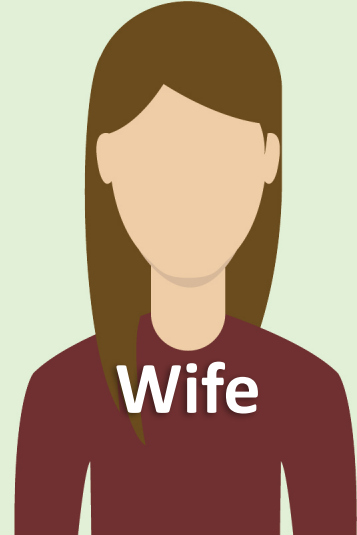
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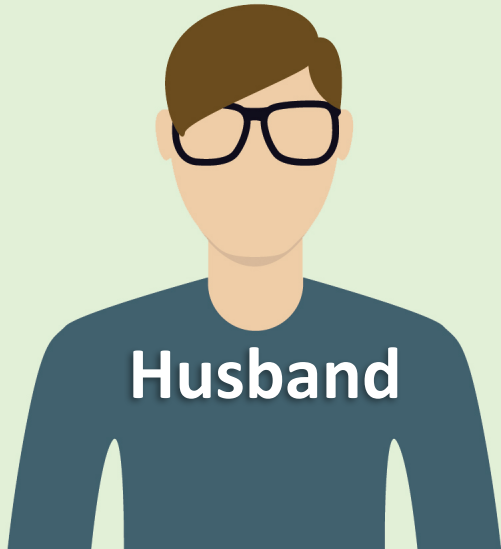


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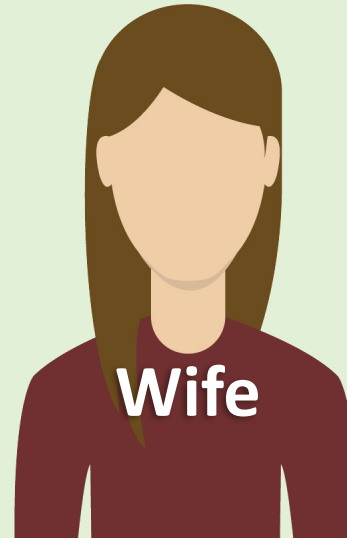


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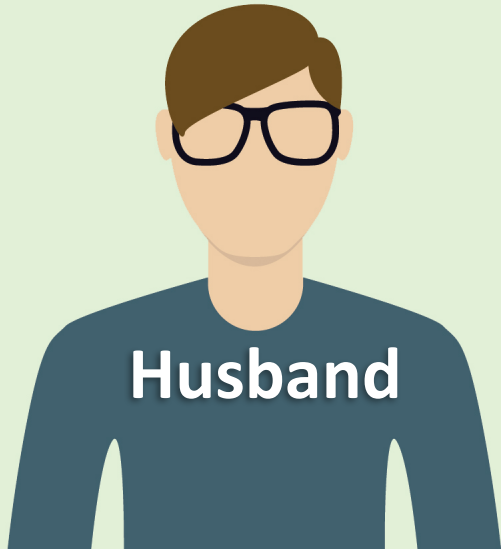


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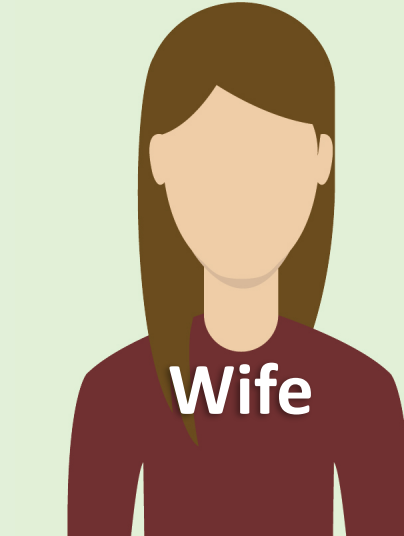
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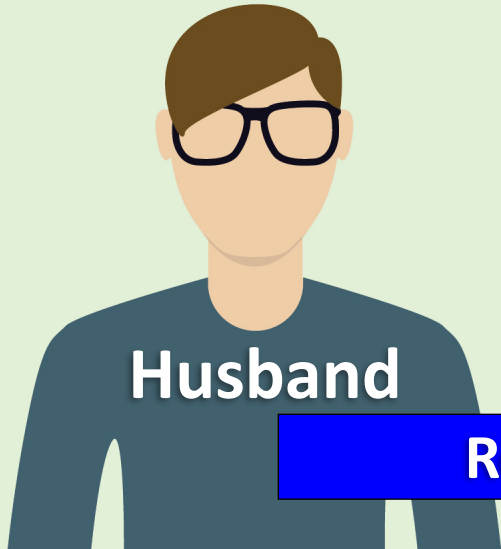


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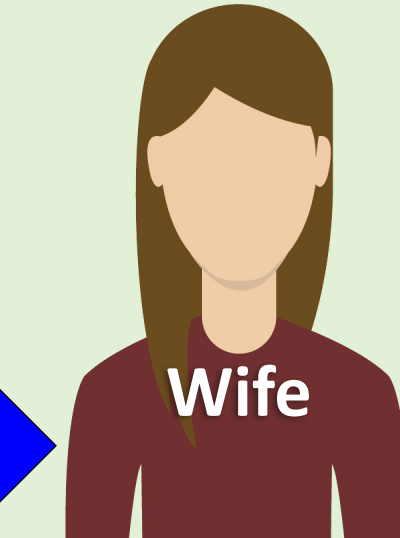


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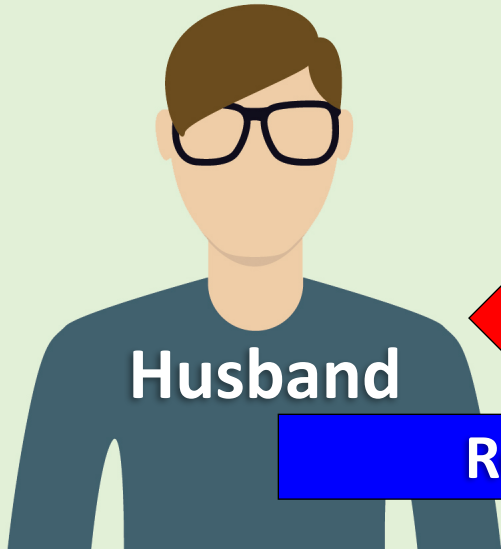
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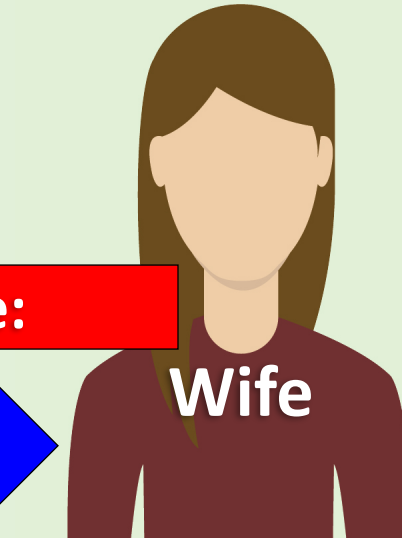


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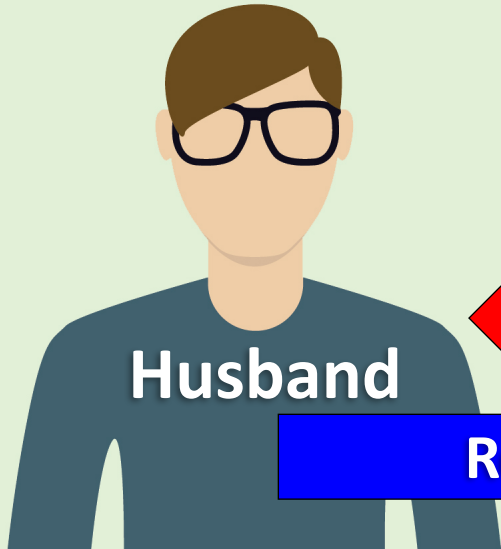


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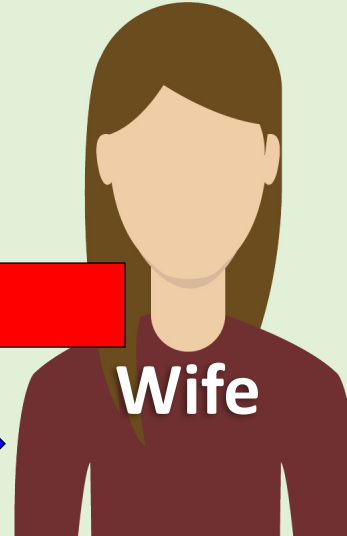
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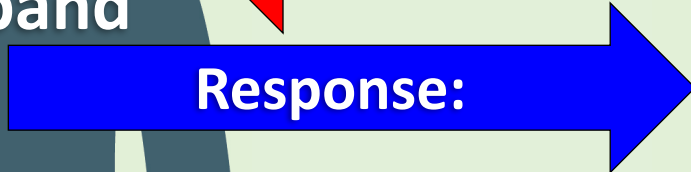
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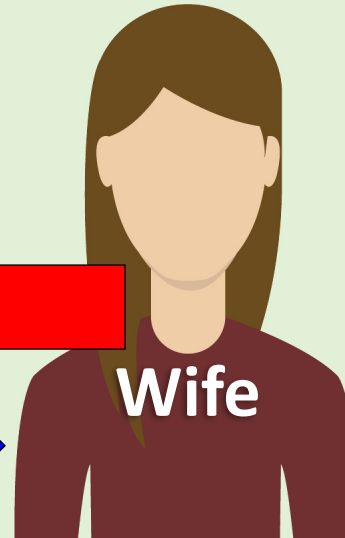
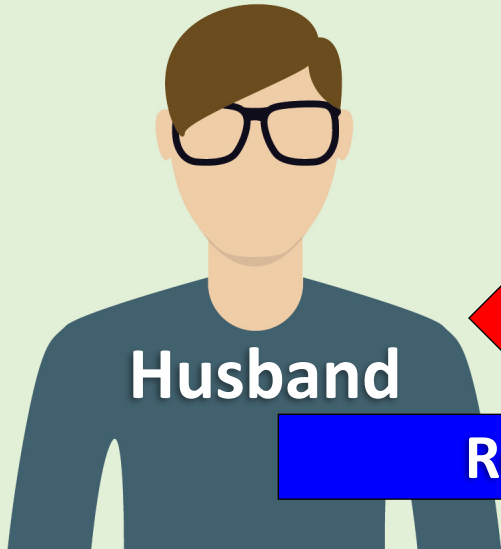
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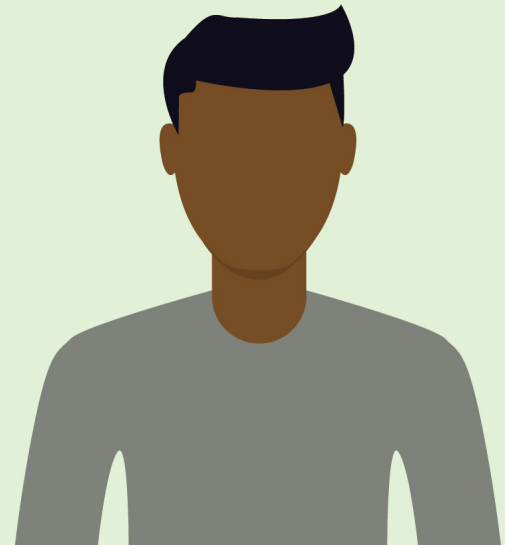
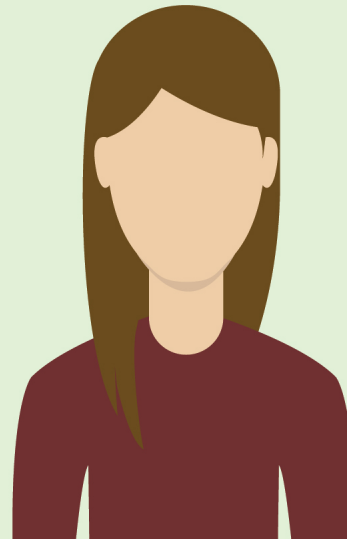
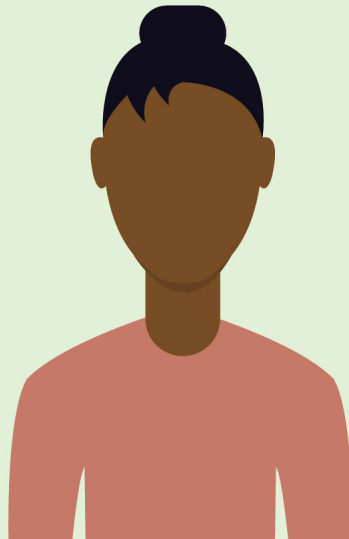
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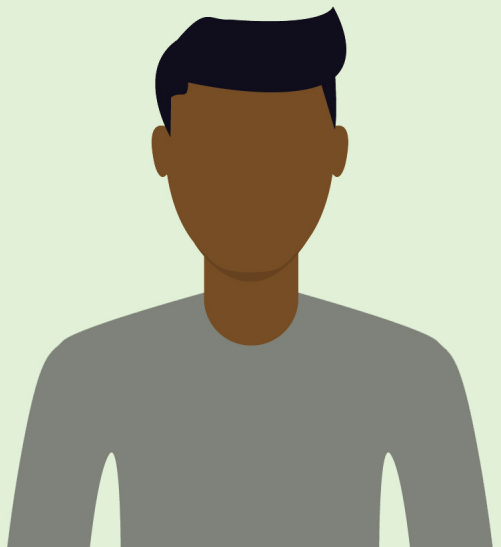
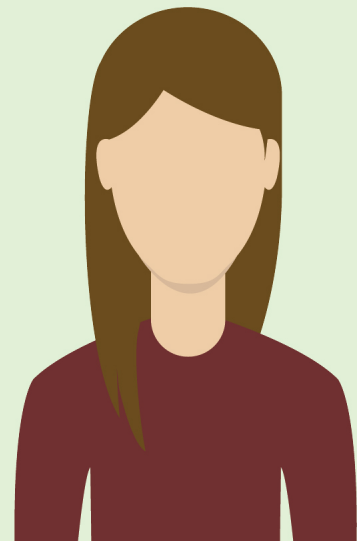
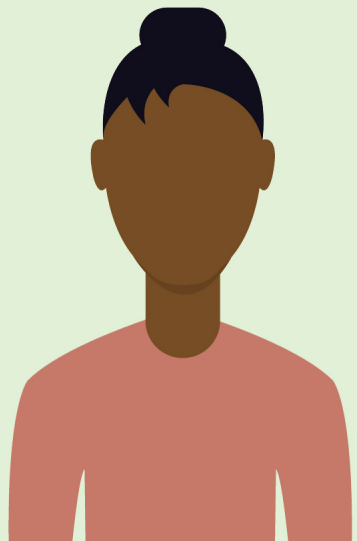
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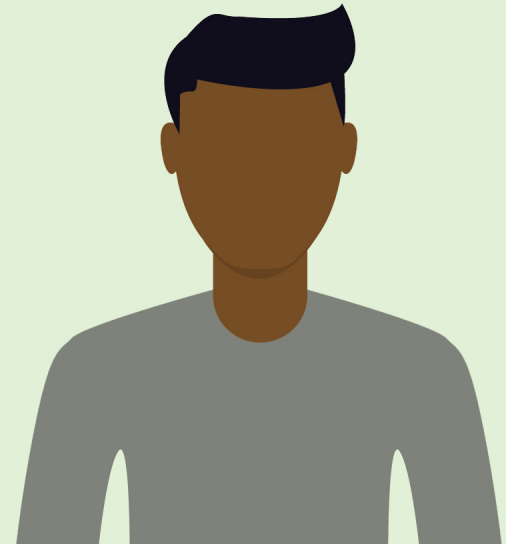
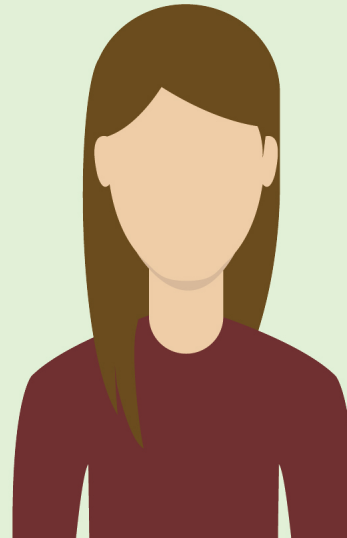
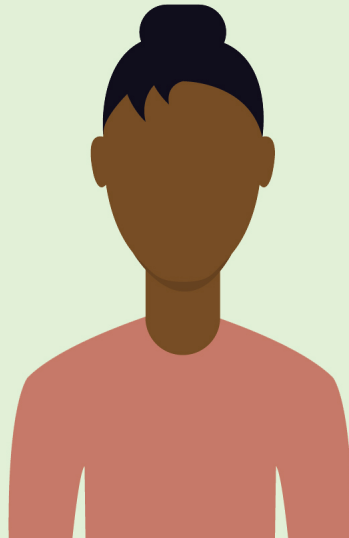


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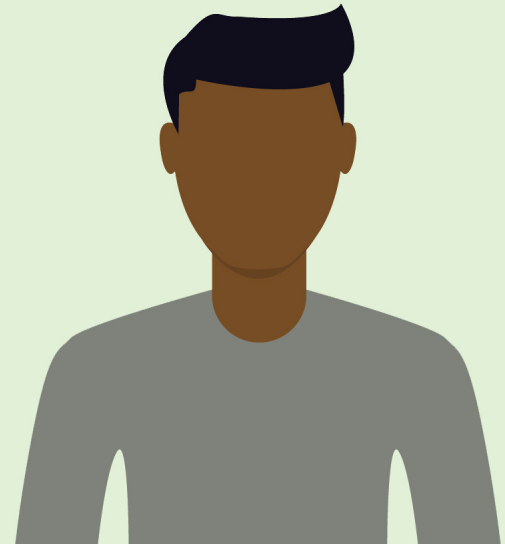
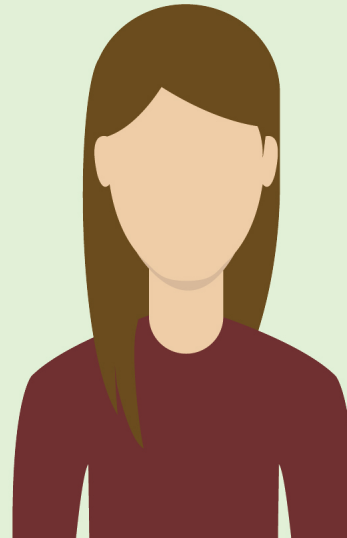
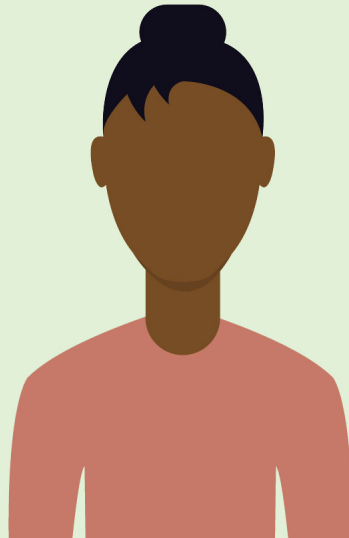
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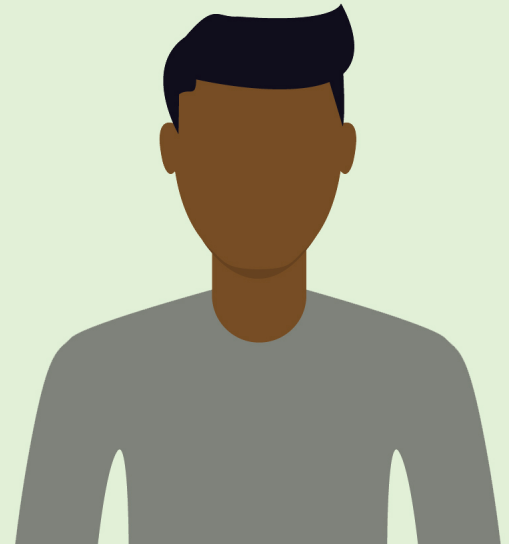
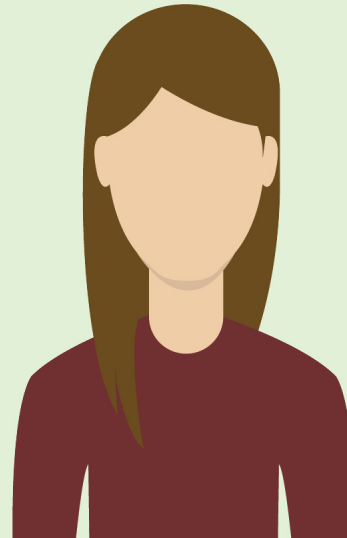
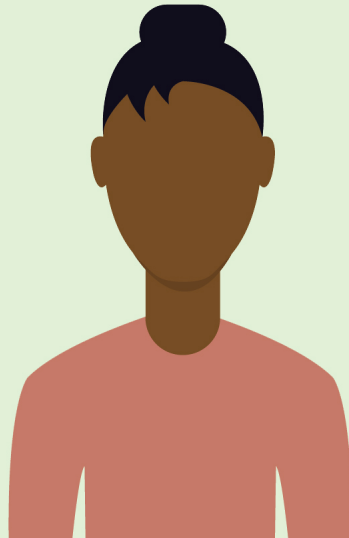


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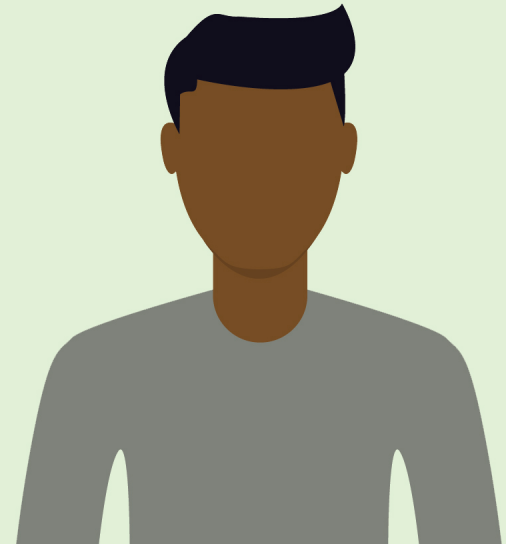
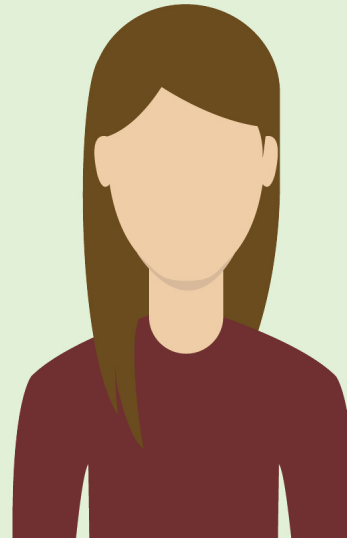
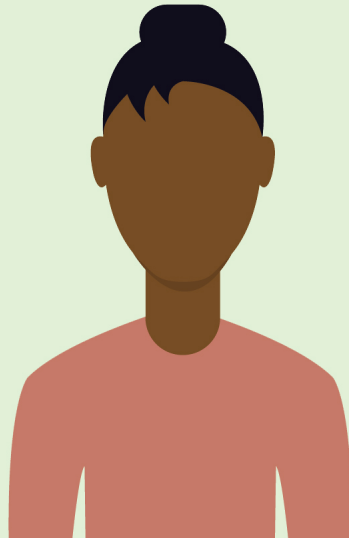


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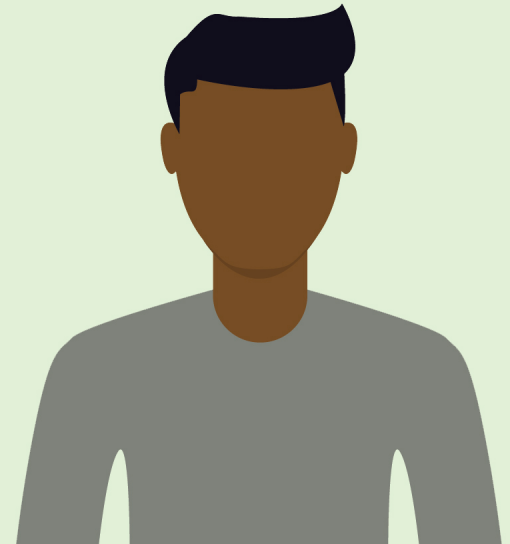
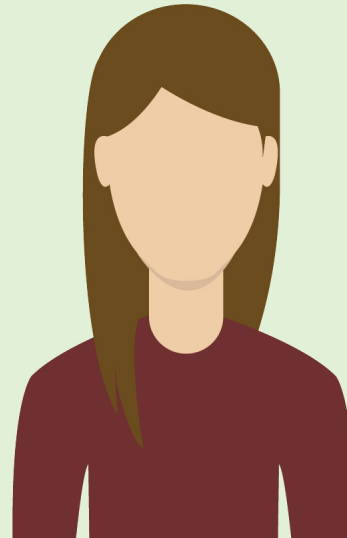
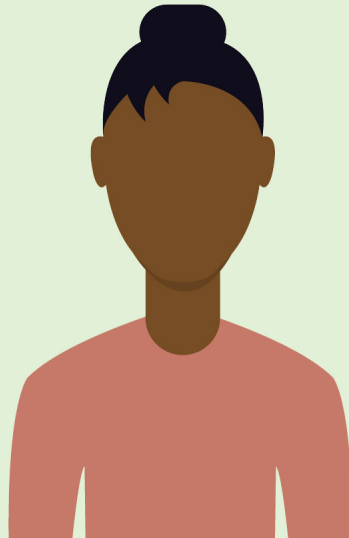
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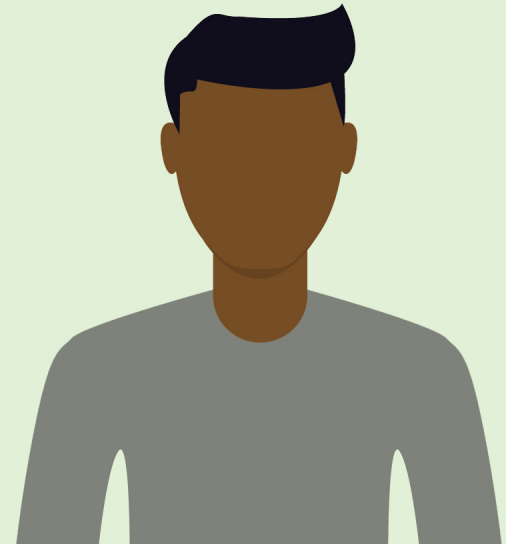
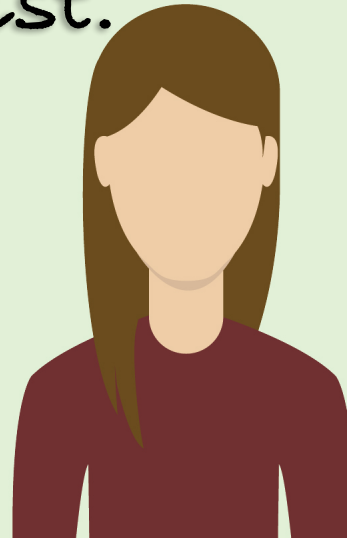
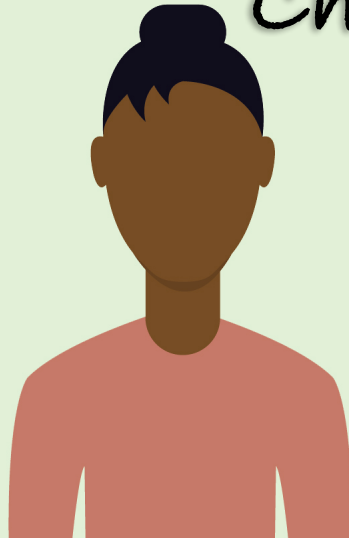
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- that is modeled after Jesus,
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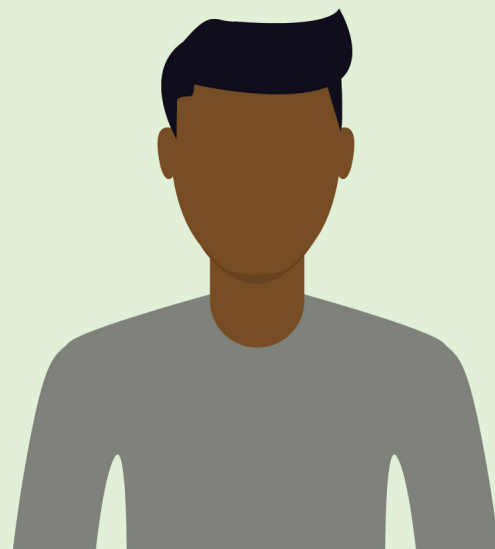
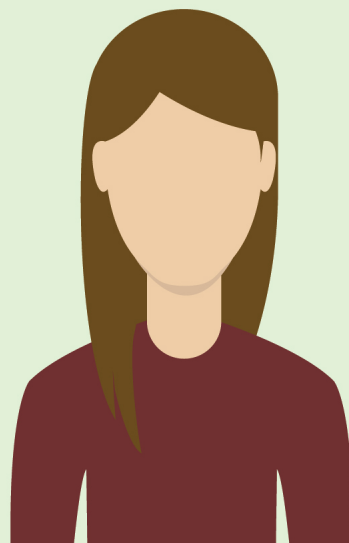
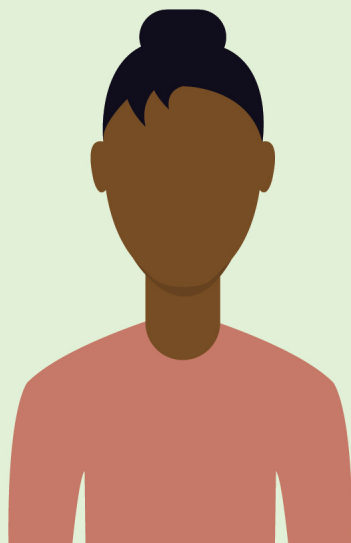


# Is a life...

- that is modeled after Jesus,
- that builds a healthy marriage,
- that is gracious in the sight of God,
- we can live as co-heirs of the riches of Christ.



#The Struggle is Real  
#RELATIONSHIPS

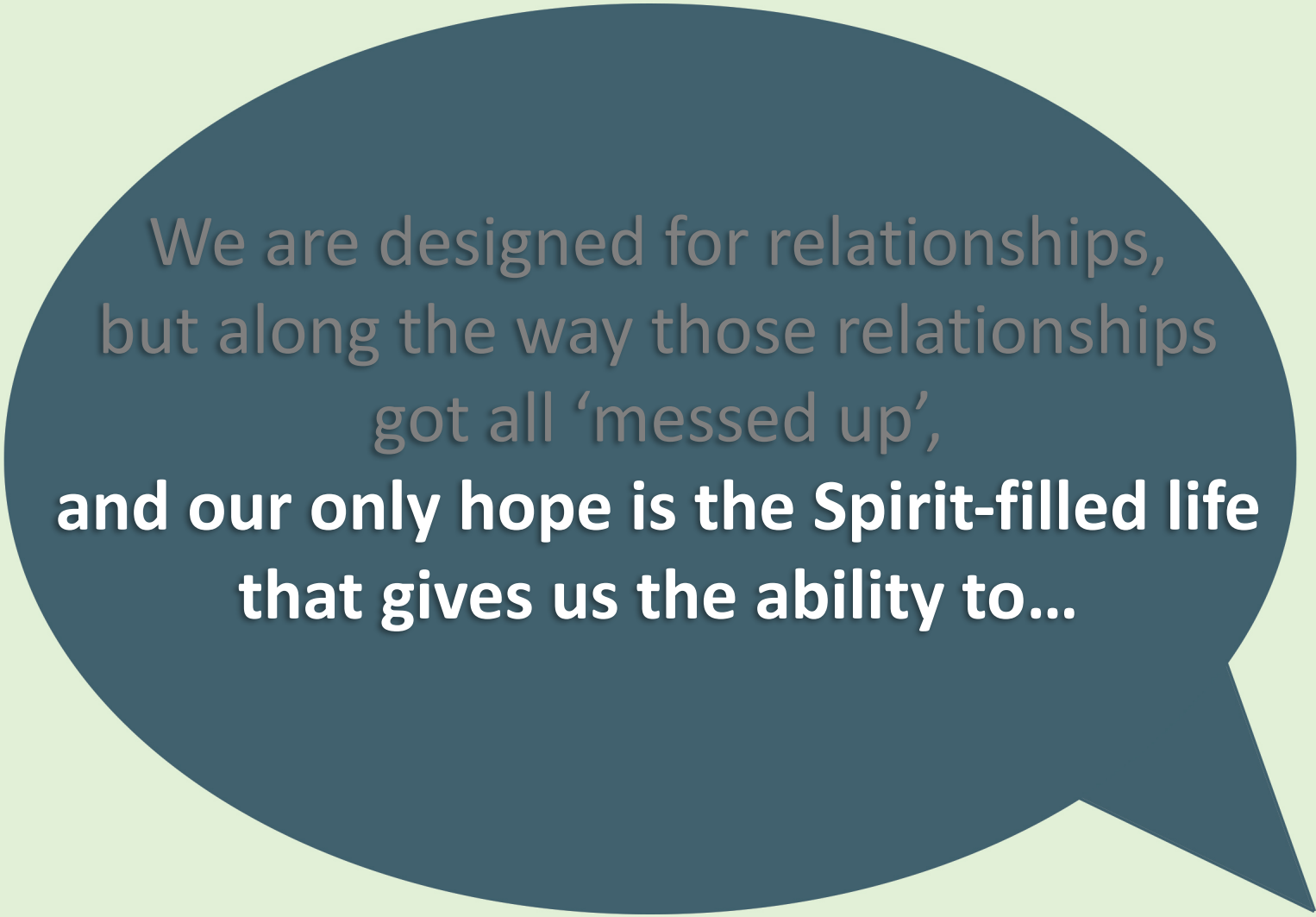




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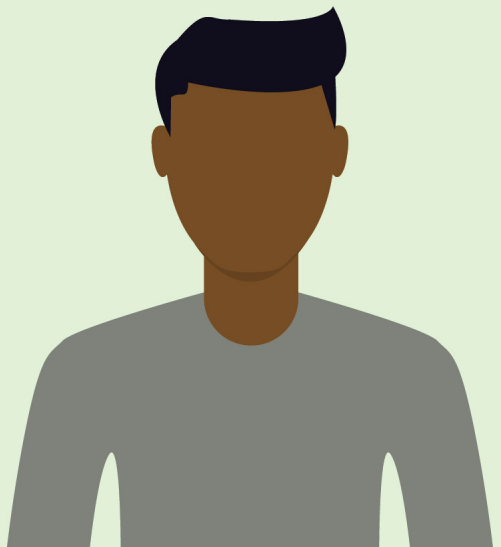
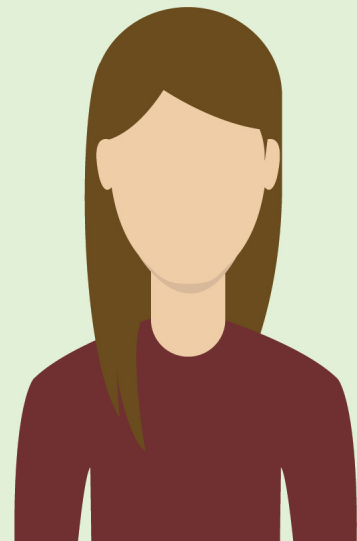
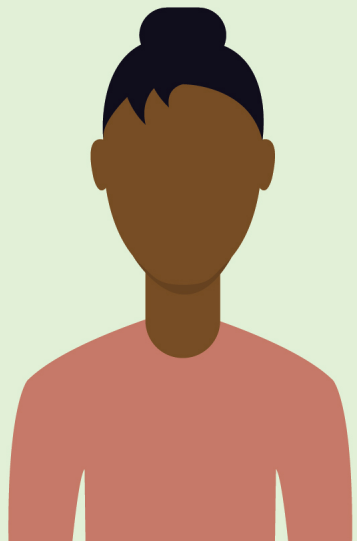
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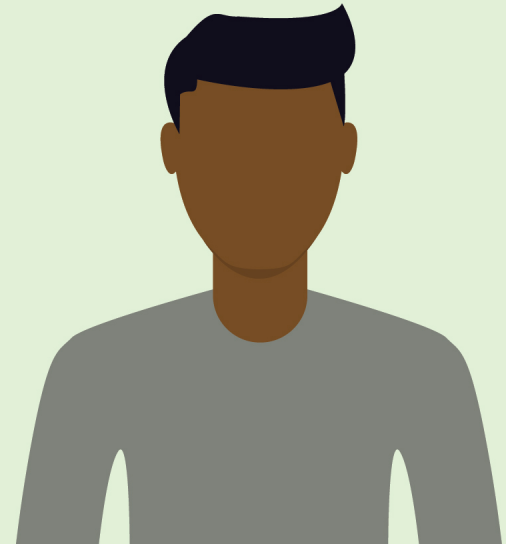
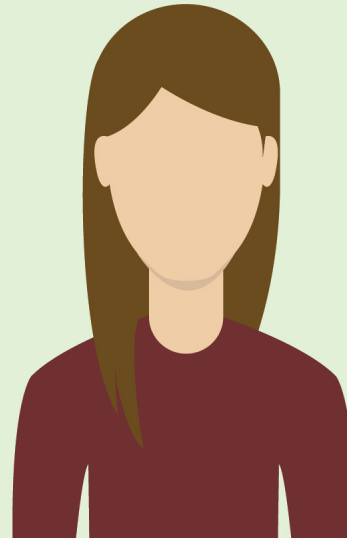
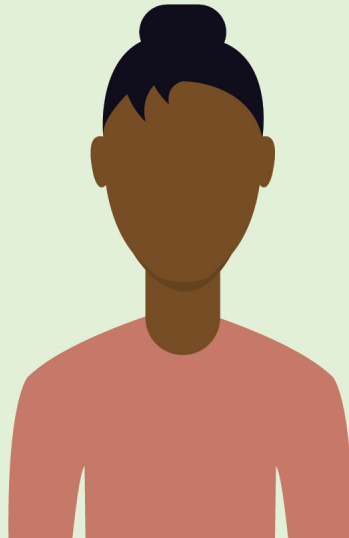
**'submit to one another'.**





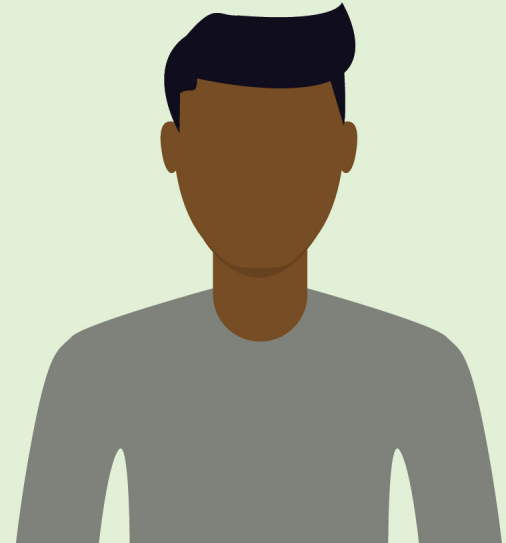
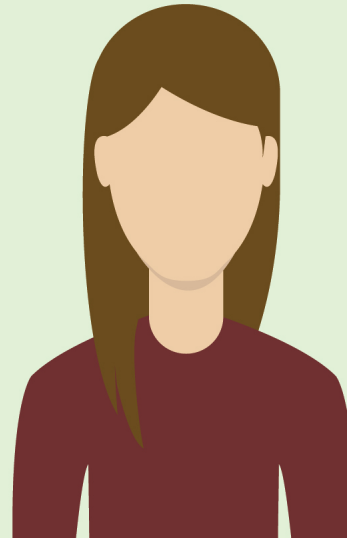
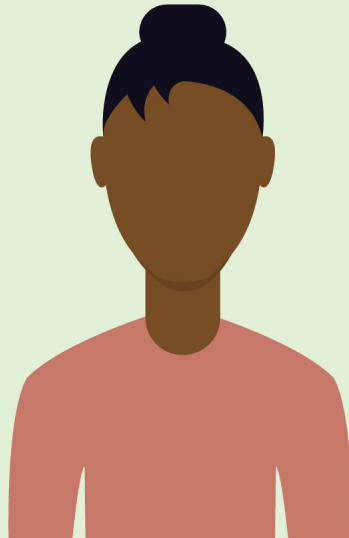


I think I might  
need to die to my  
selfishness!

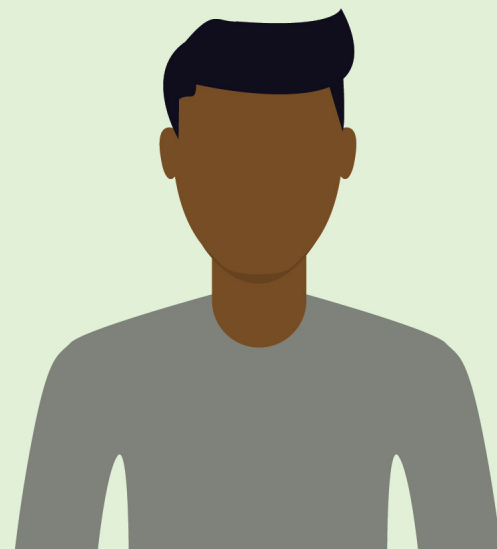
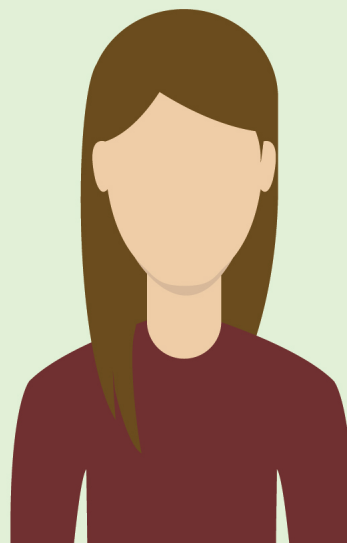
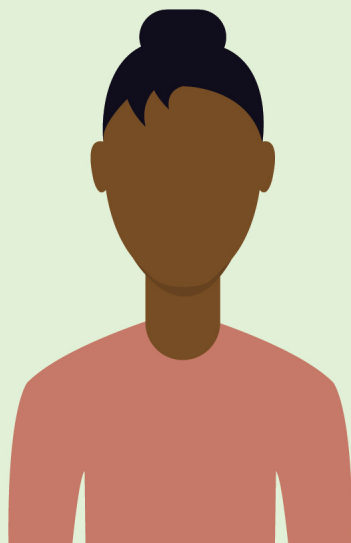





I need to see  
my wife with  
new eyes,  
better eyes!

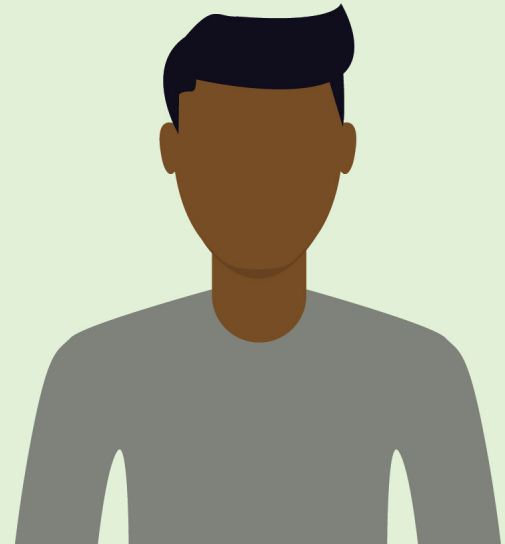
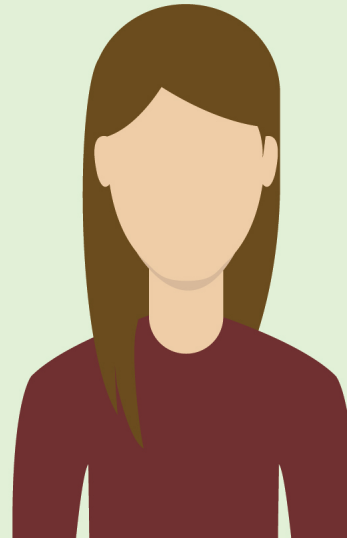
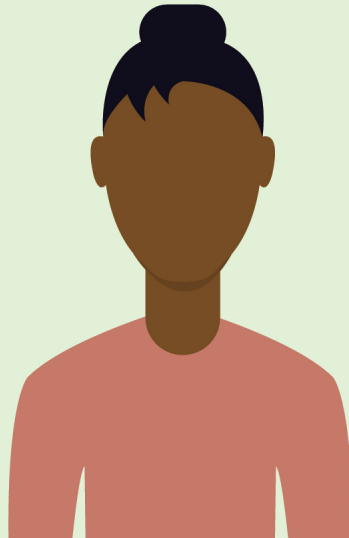


I need to let  
God mold my  
heart to be more  
like Christ.





I still think  
it will be a  
miracle of God  
to accomplish  
this!





*"EXACTLY"....*

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*...that is why 'mutually submissive'  
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*...that is why 'mutually submissive'  
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...our surrender to Christ  
day by day.*

