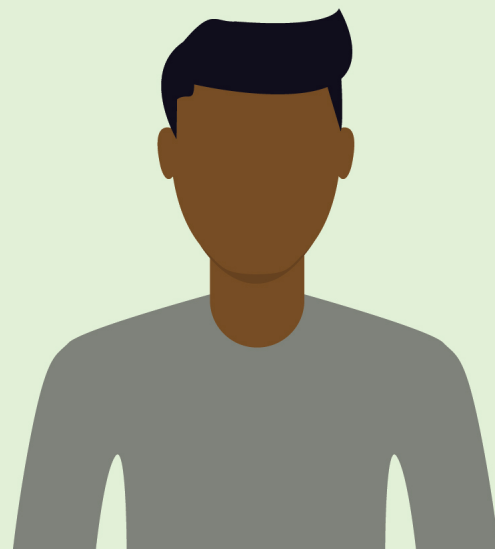
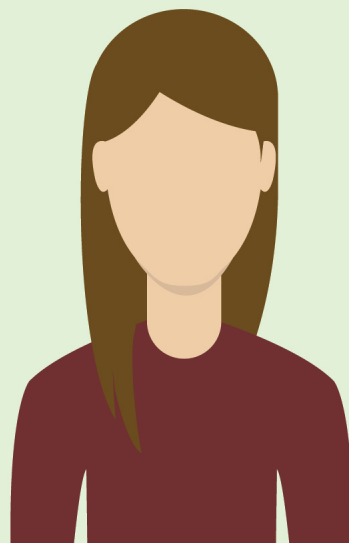
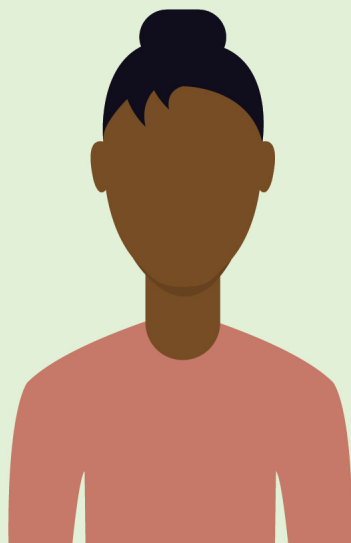
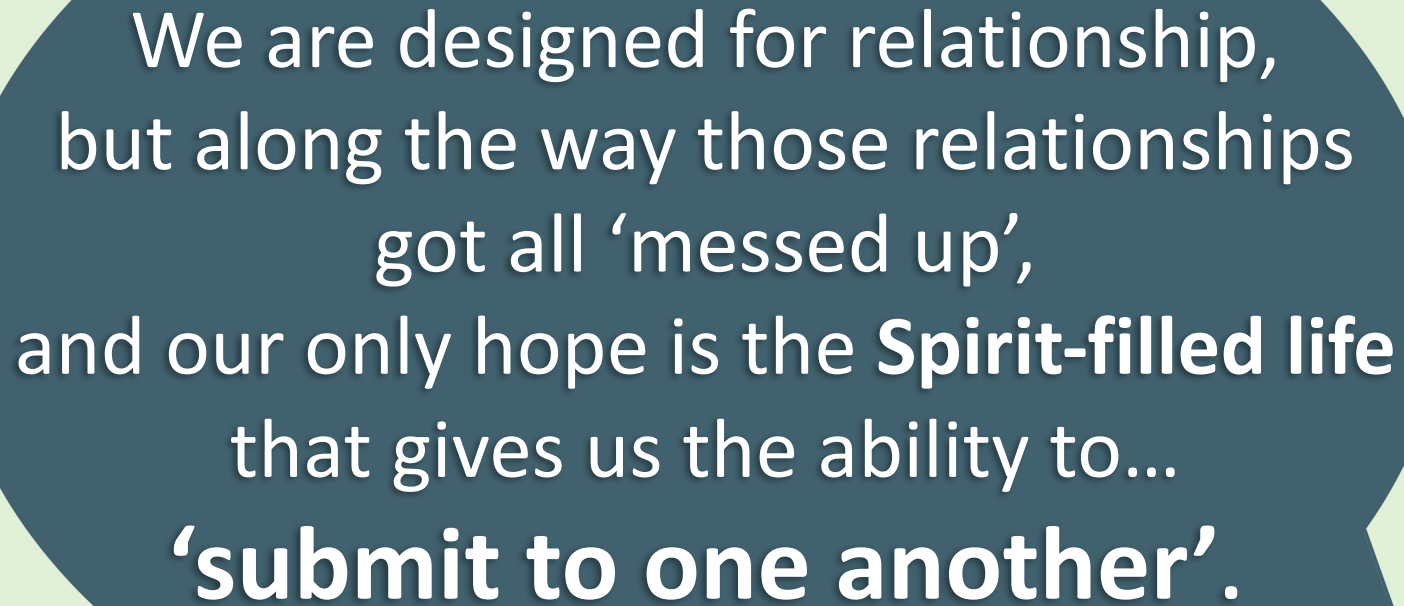


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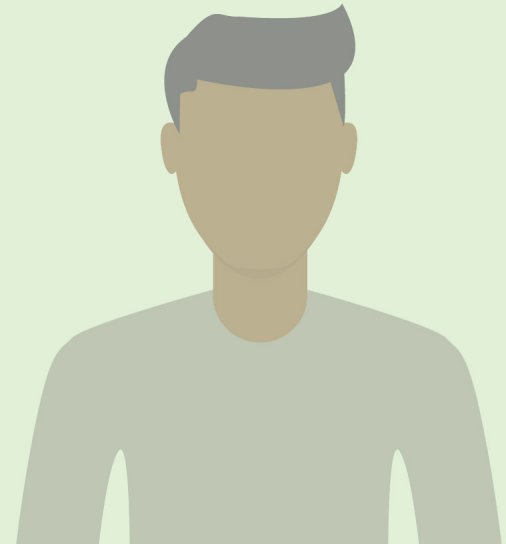
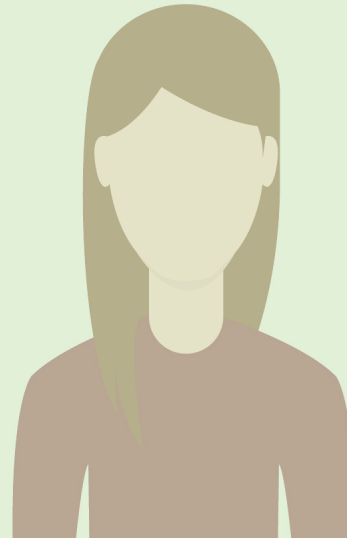
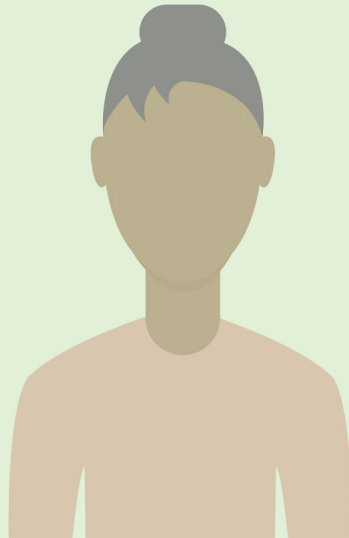
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Today I have a **challenge** for you that will help you get to the place where you are more effective in relationships...
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Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

- 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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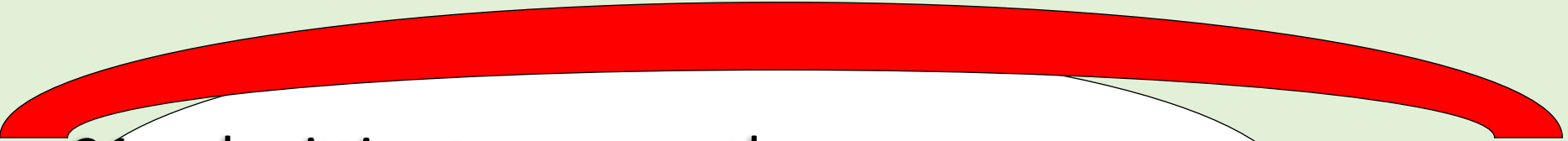
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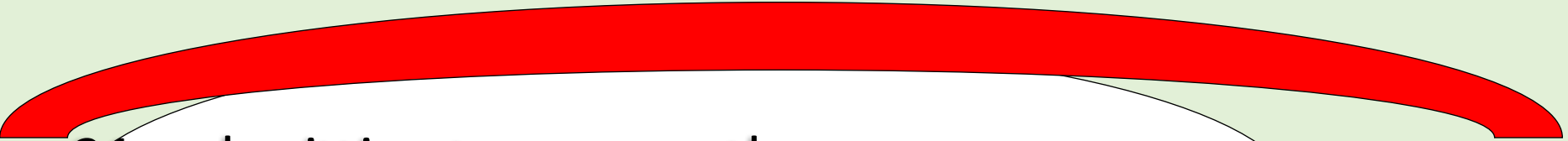
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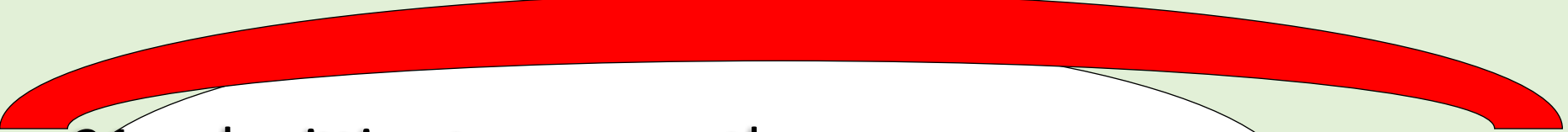


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...to offer...



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MARRIAGE

Husbands and Wives

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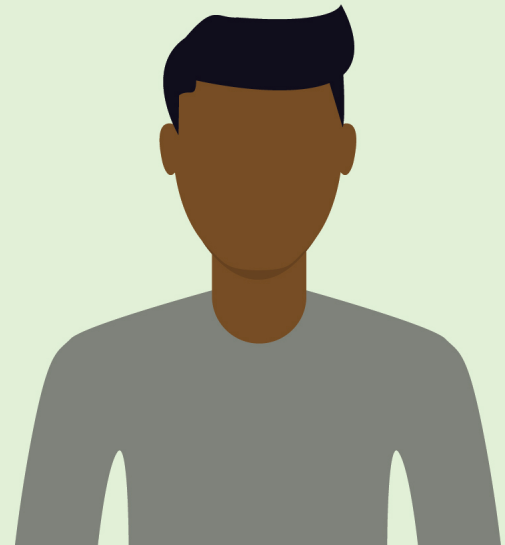
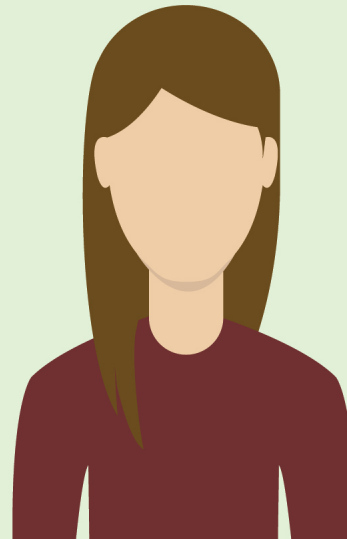
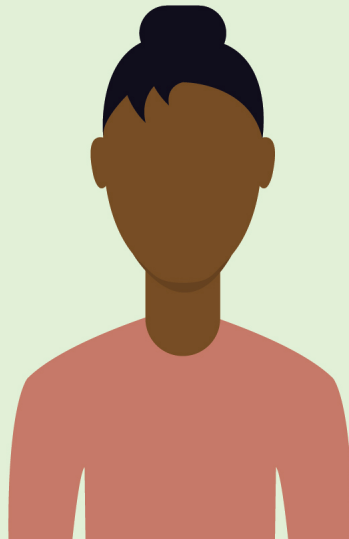
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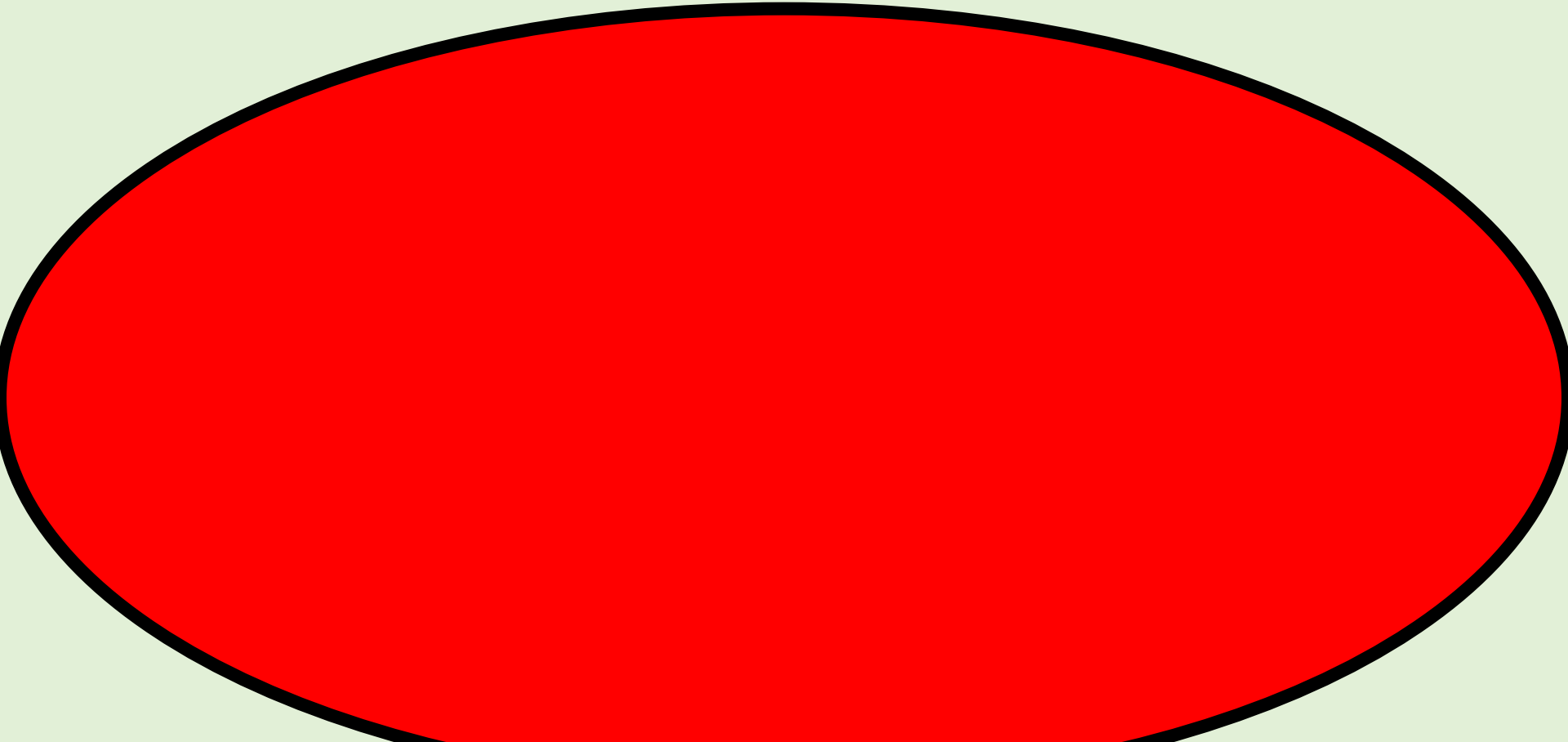
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So...therefore...what now?



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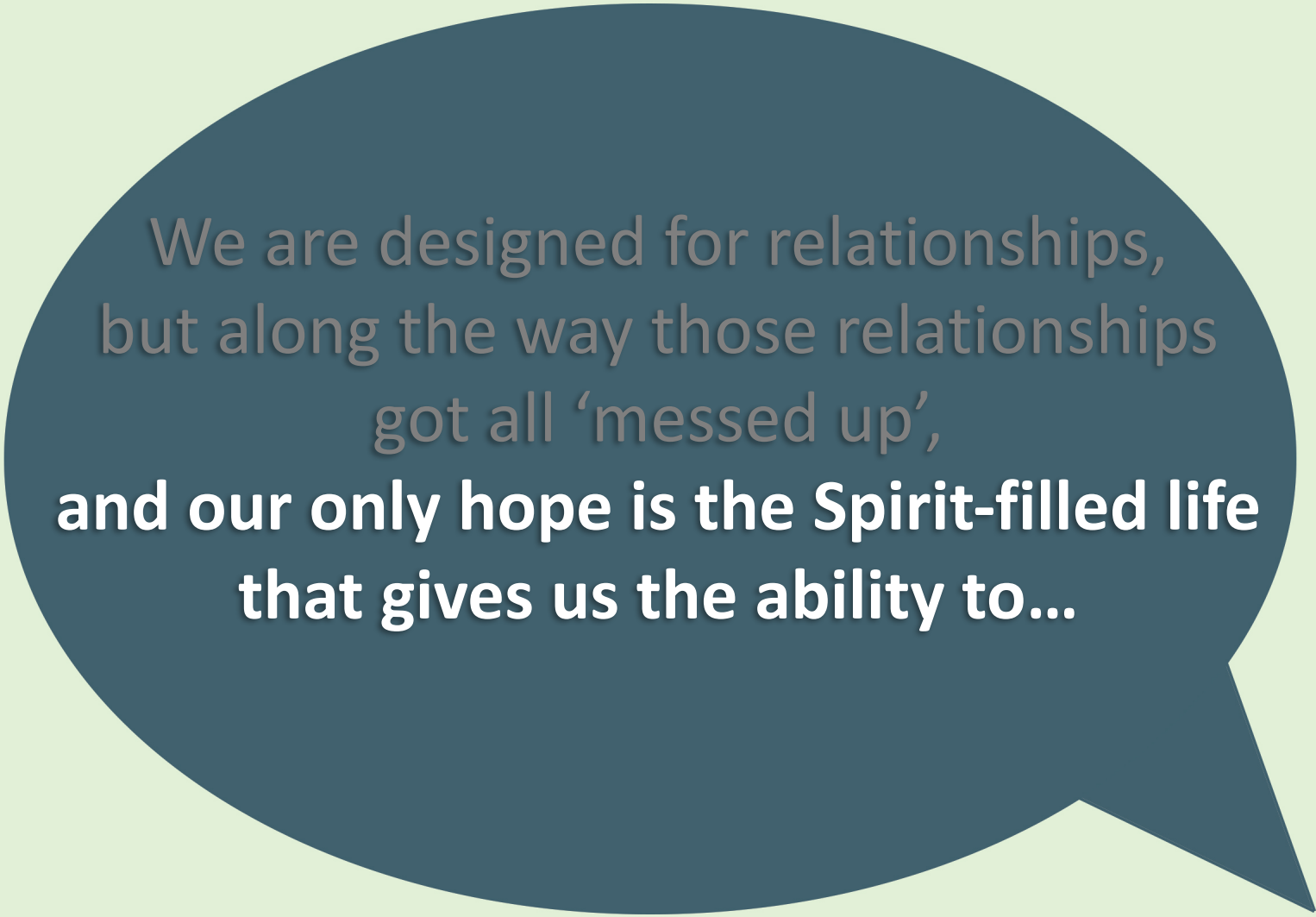
Water for your soul!



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Spirit-filled life
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by Eugene H. Peterson

One aspect of our world (*the mood of the culture*) that I have been able to identify as harmful to Christians is the assumption that anything worthwhile can be acquired at once. We assume that if something can be done at all, it can be done quickly and efficiently. Our attention spans have been conditioned by thirty-second commercials. Our sense of reality has been flattened by thirty-page abridgments.

It is not difficult in such a world to get a person interested in the message of the gospel; it is terrifically difficult to sustain the interest. Millions of people in our culture make decisions for Christ, but there is a dreadful attrition rate.

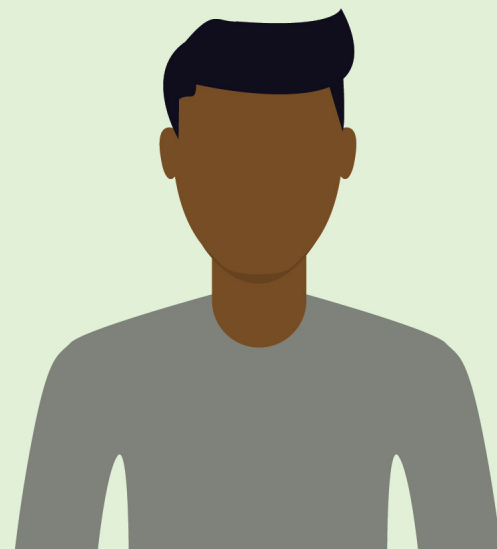
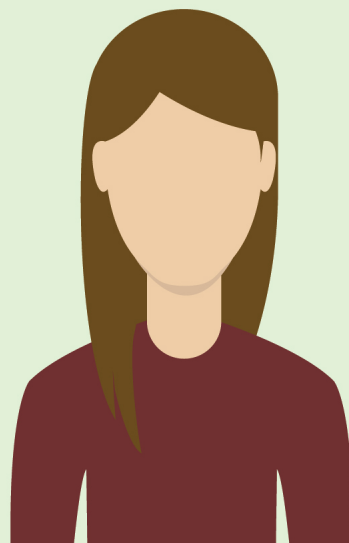
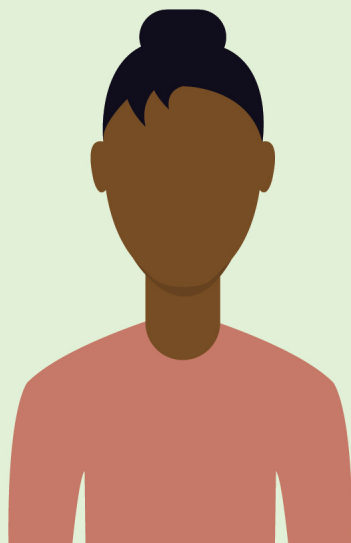
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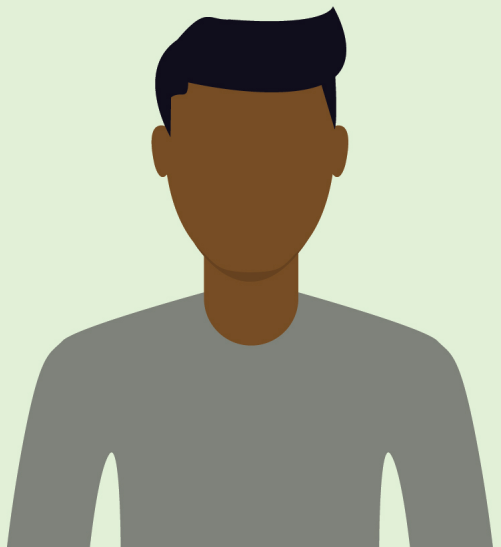
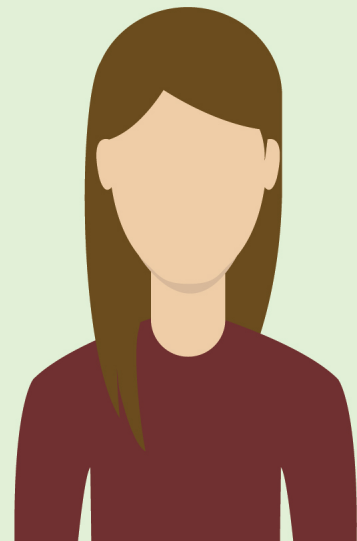
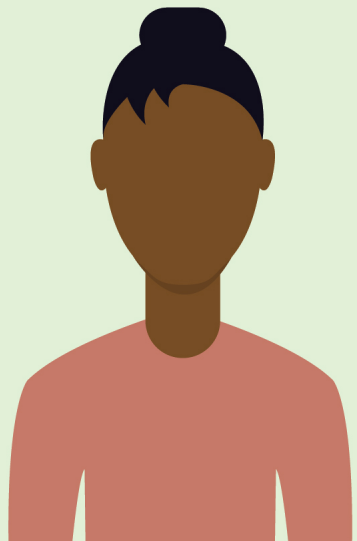
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Many claim to have been born again, but the evidence for mature Christian discipleship is slim. In our kind of culture anything, even news about God, can be sold if it is packaged freshly; but when it loses its novelty, it goes on the garbage heap.

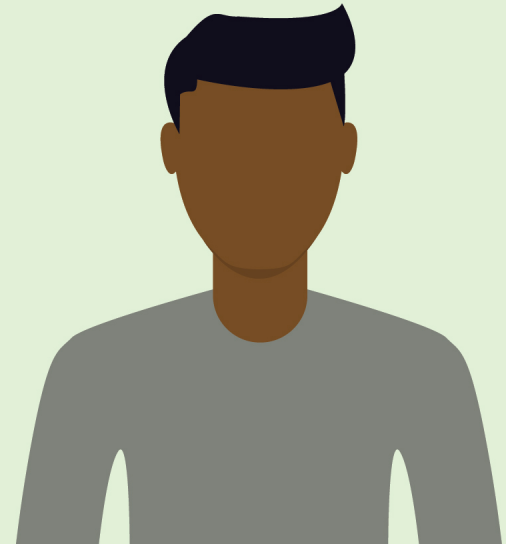
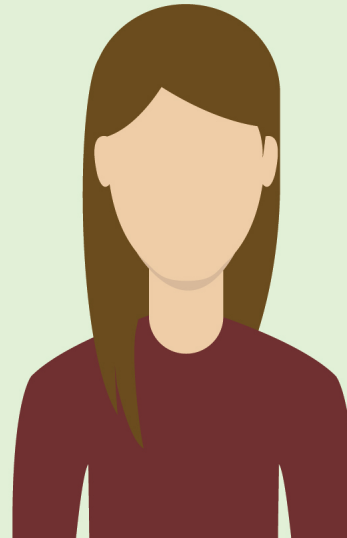
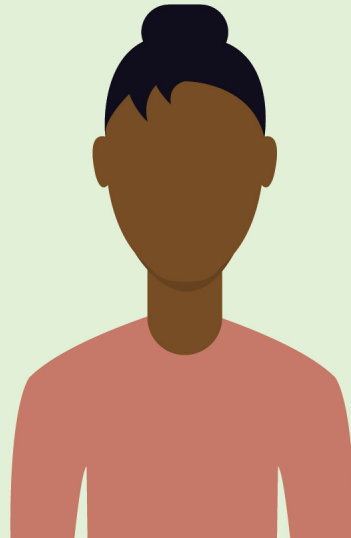
There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.

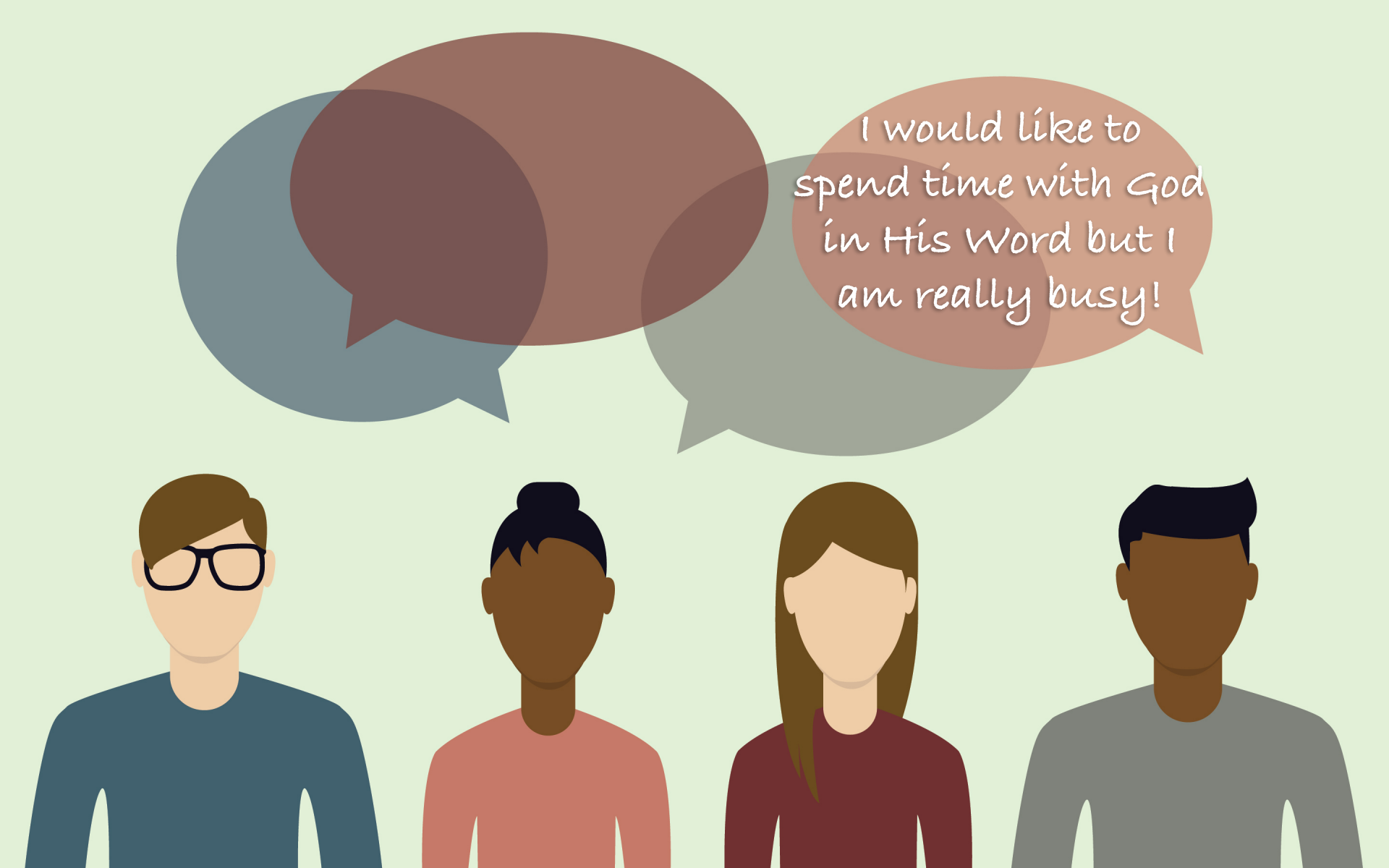
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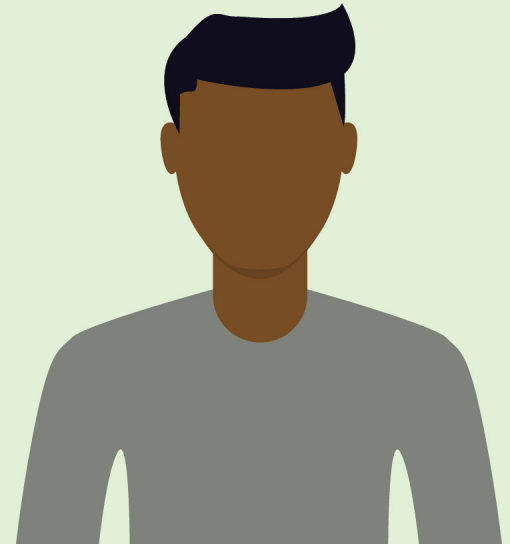
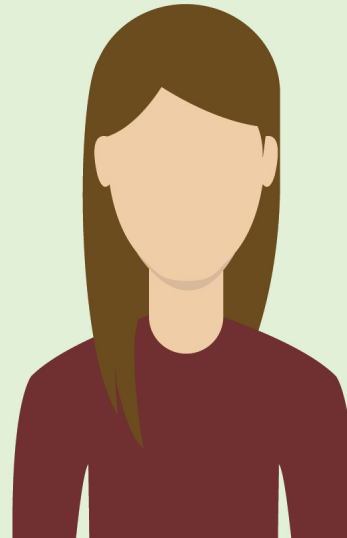
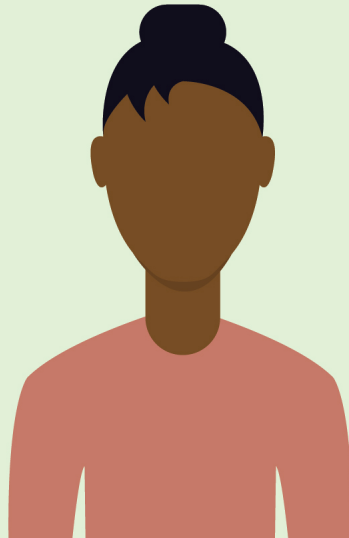



I realize
that my heart is like a
parched desert that has
little interest in God
and His kingdom!



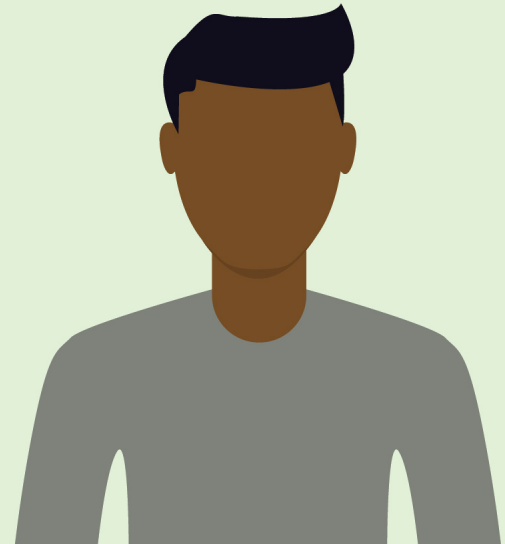
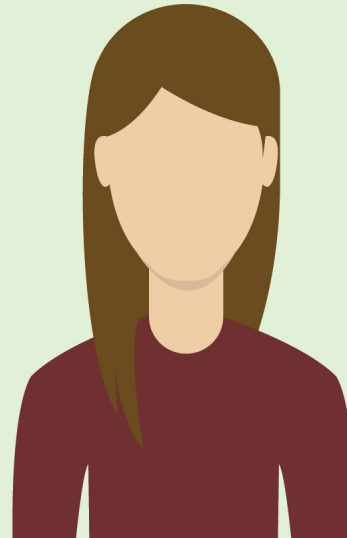
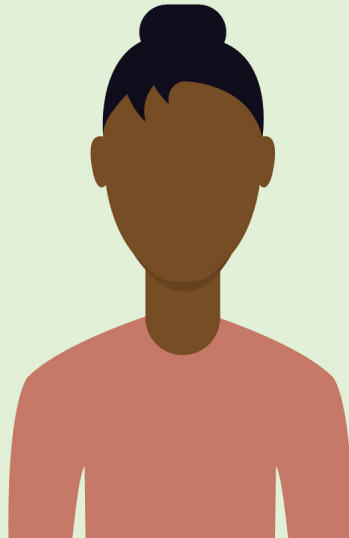



I would like to
spend time with God
in His Word but I
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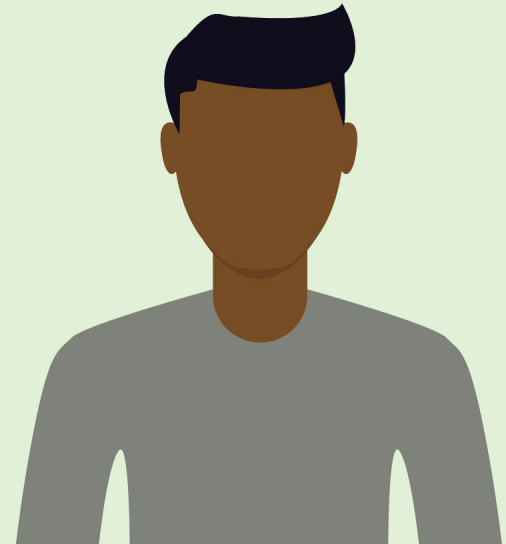
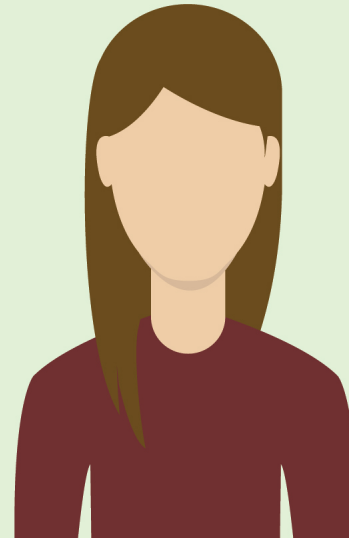
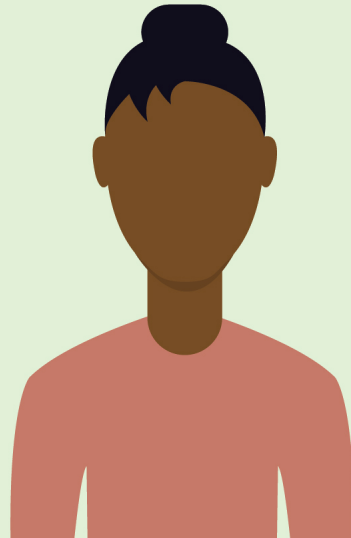



I have good intentions to do this 40 day thing but those intentions don't always translate into reality.



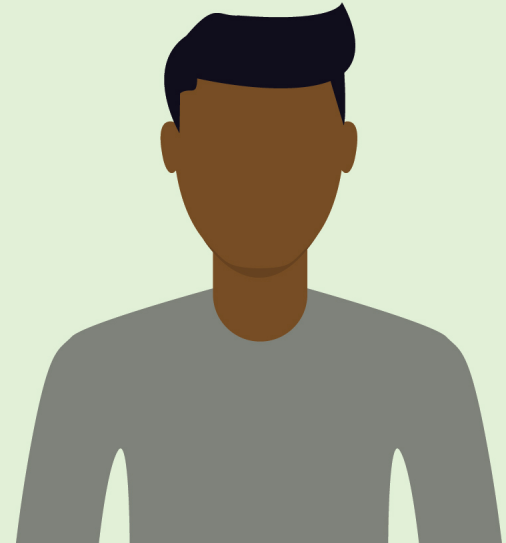
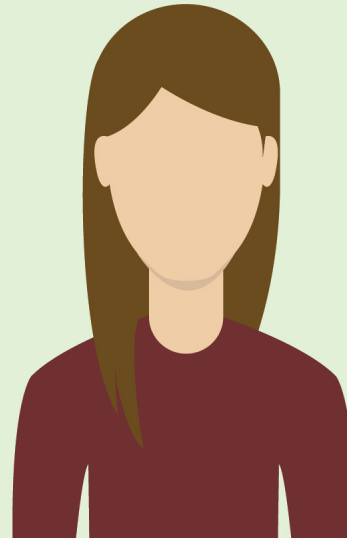
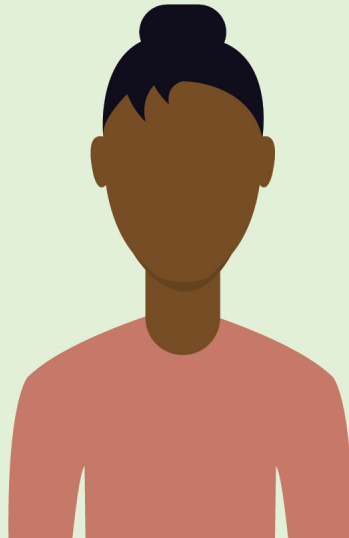


This would be
a new adventure for
me...and probably
one I need to
embrace!





I think it would
be a miracle if I
spent 40 days
listening to and
engaging God!





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...SO...

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