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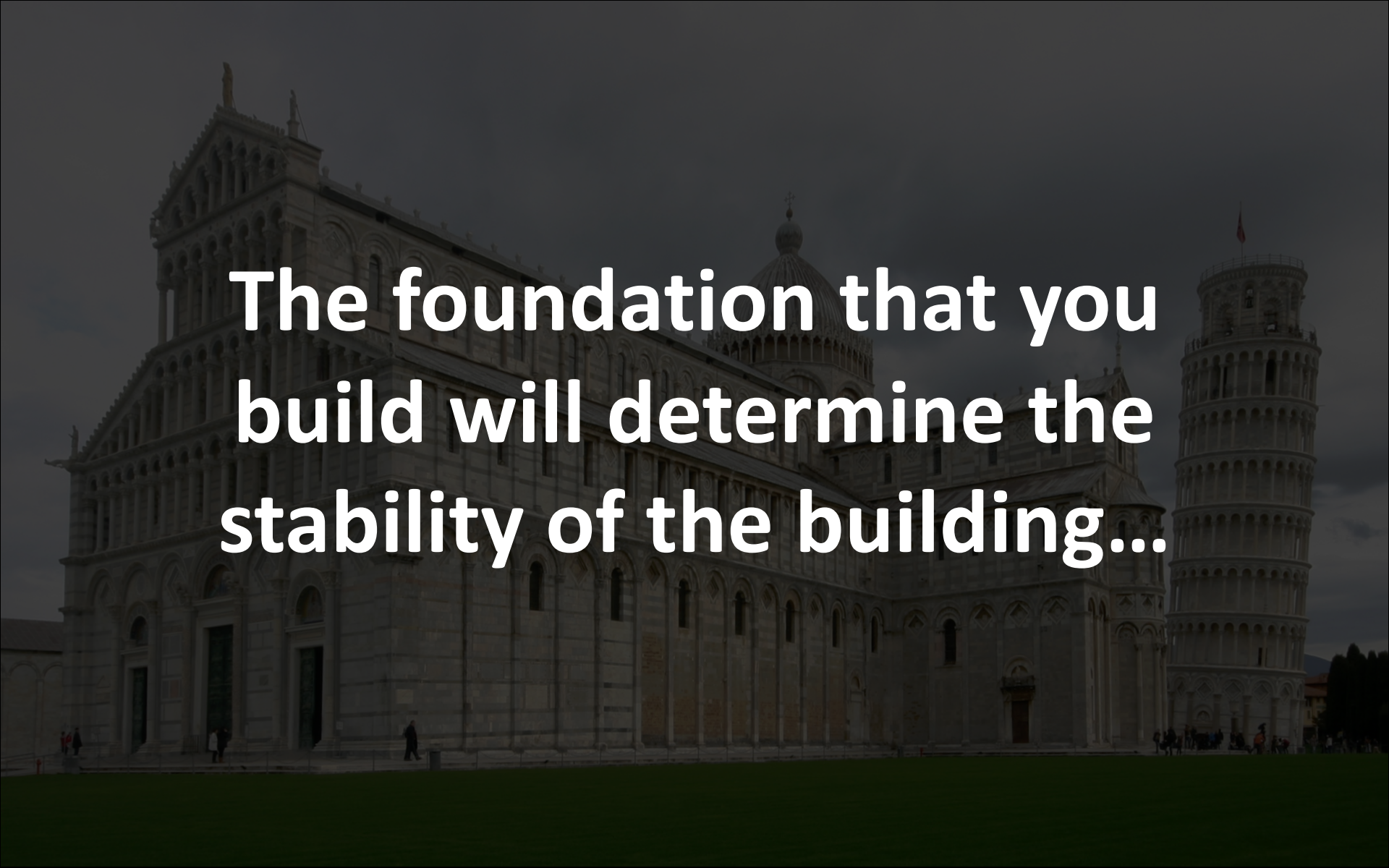
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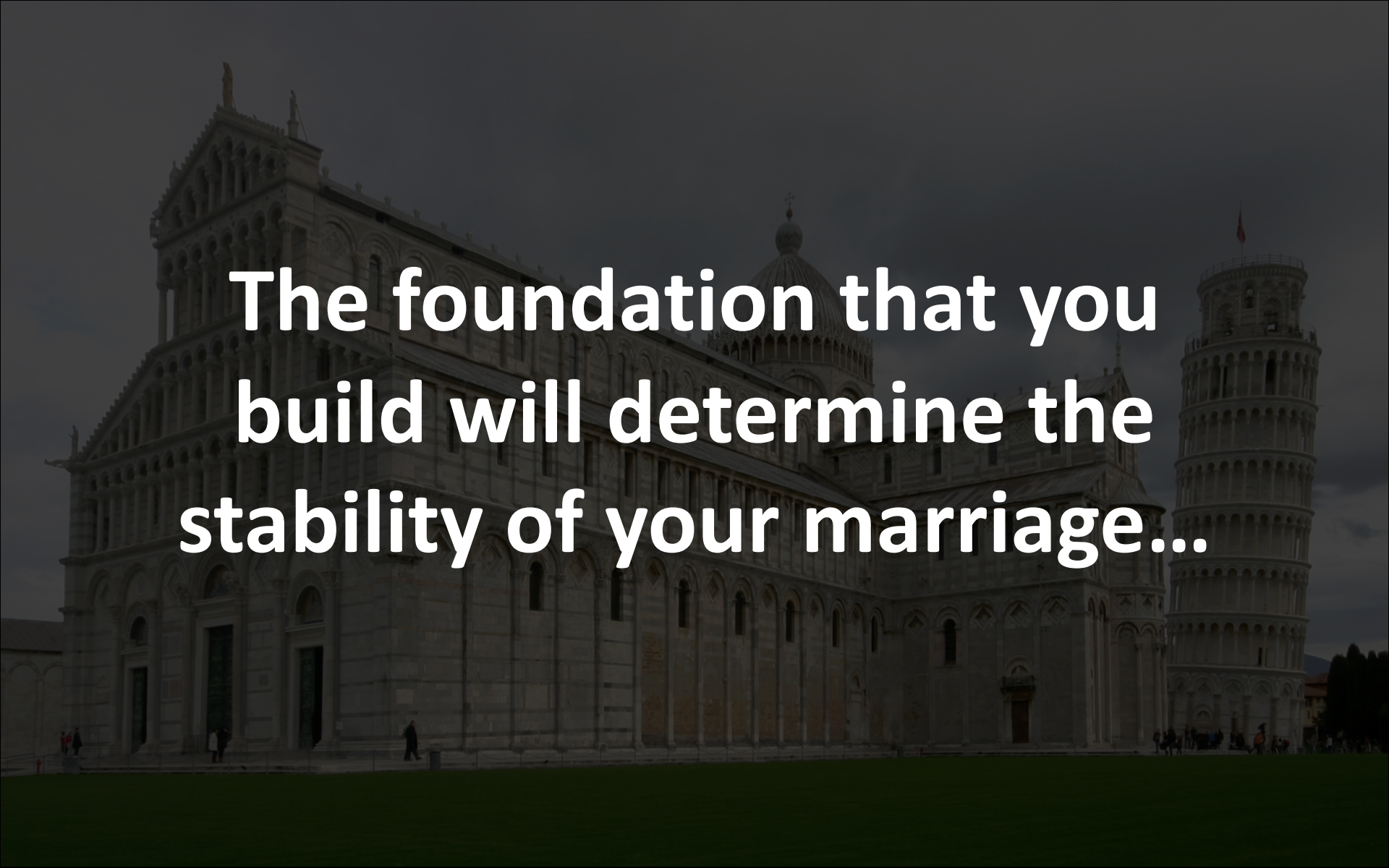
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The problem is **the foundation**,
discovered from the beginning of
construction...
in the 12th century!





**The foundation that you
build will determine the
stability of the building...**



**The foundation that you
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stability of your marriage...**



COME ONE

COME ALL

**FAMILY
CIRCUS**

-A SERMON SERIES ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY-



Setting the Stage

Our *Sunday morning focus* will be on **discovering and examining the Biblical paradigms for marriage and family** without avoiding the cultural collisions that will entail, but also without looking for a fight.

Setting the Stage

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that by testing you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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for God's creation.
- **Mankind**
... reveals the image of God in the united yet unique
expression of male and female.
... defeats 'aleness' in covenant with one another
so that intimacy can unfold in the rich environment
of safety and commitment.

Genesis 3-4

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- **Our shame drives us to hide from one another and from God Himself, and it turns us against each other. Consequently, we reject our responsibility to love.**

The substance of marriage...

(next week)

The foundation of marriage...



Ephesians 5:15-21

- 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, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- 18** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,
20 giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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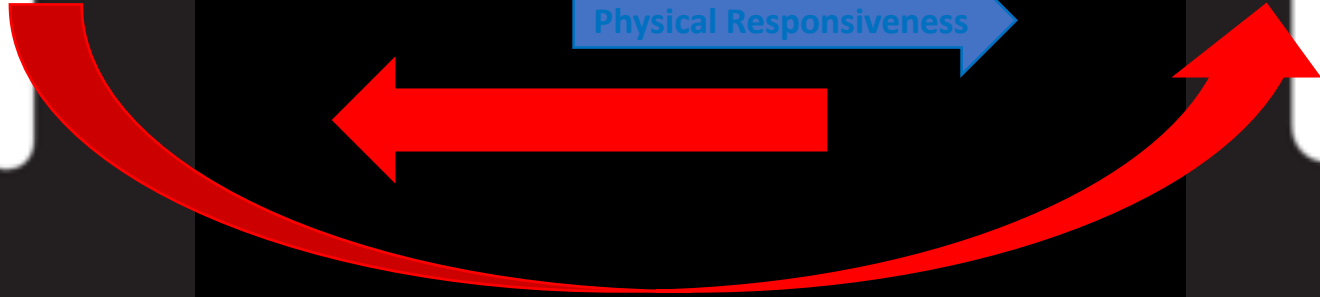
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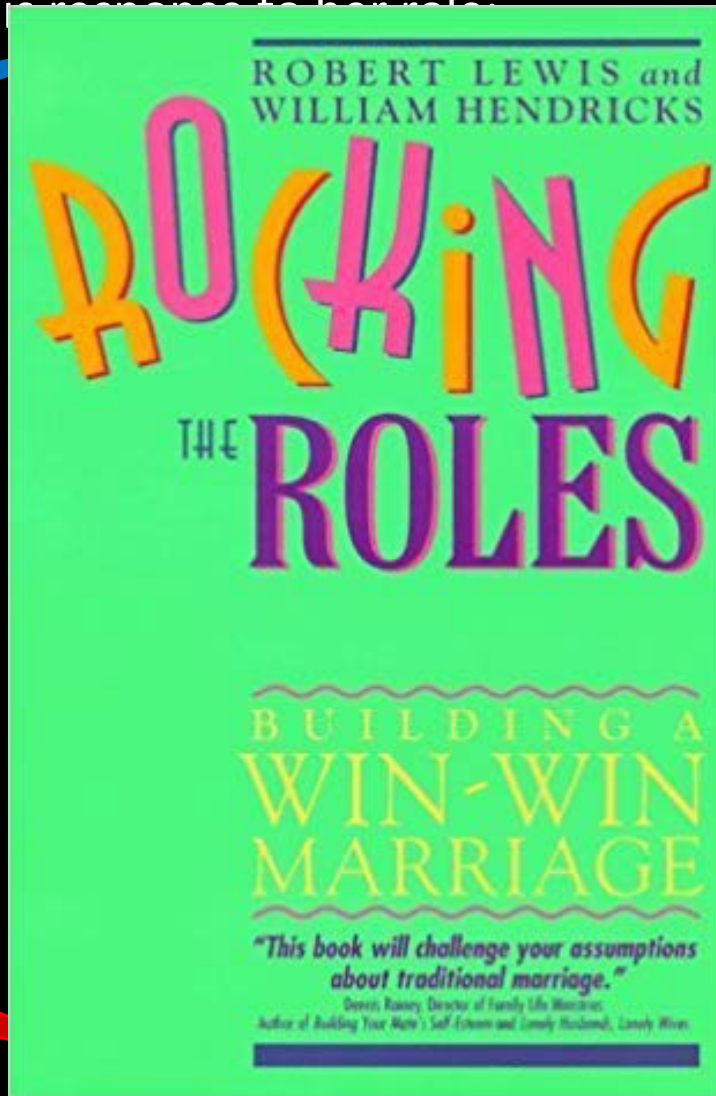
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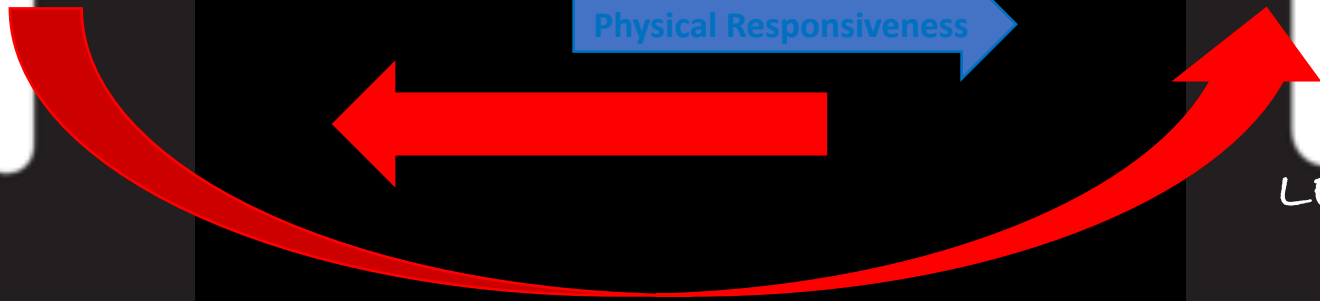
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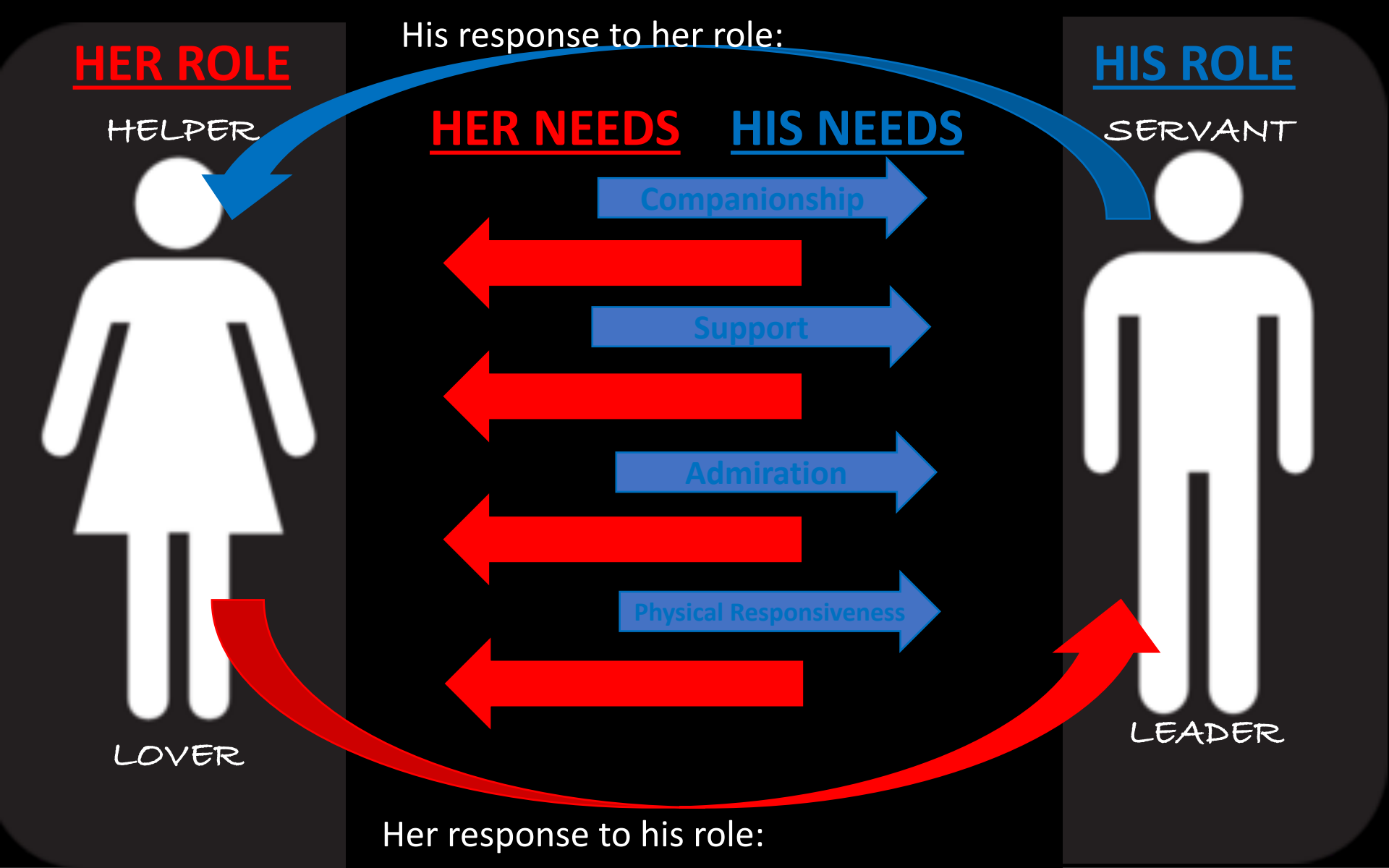
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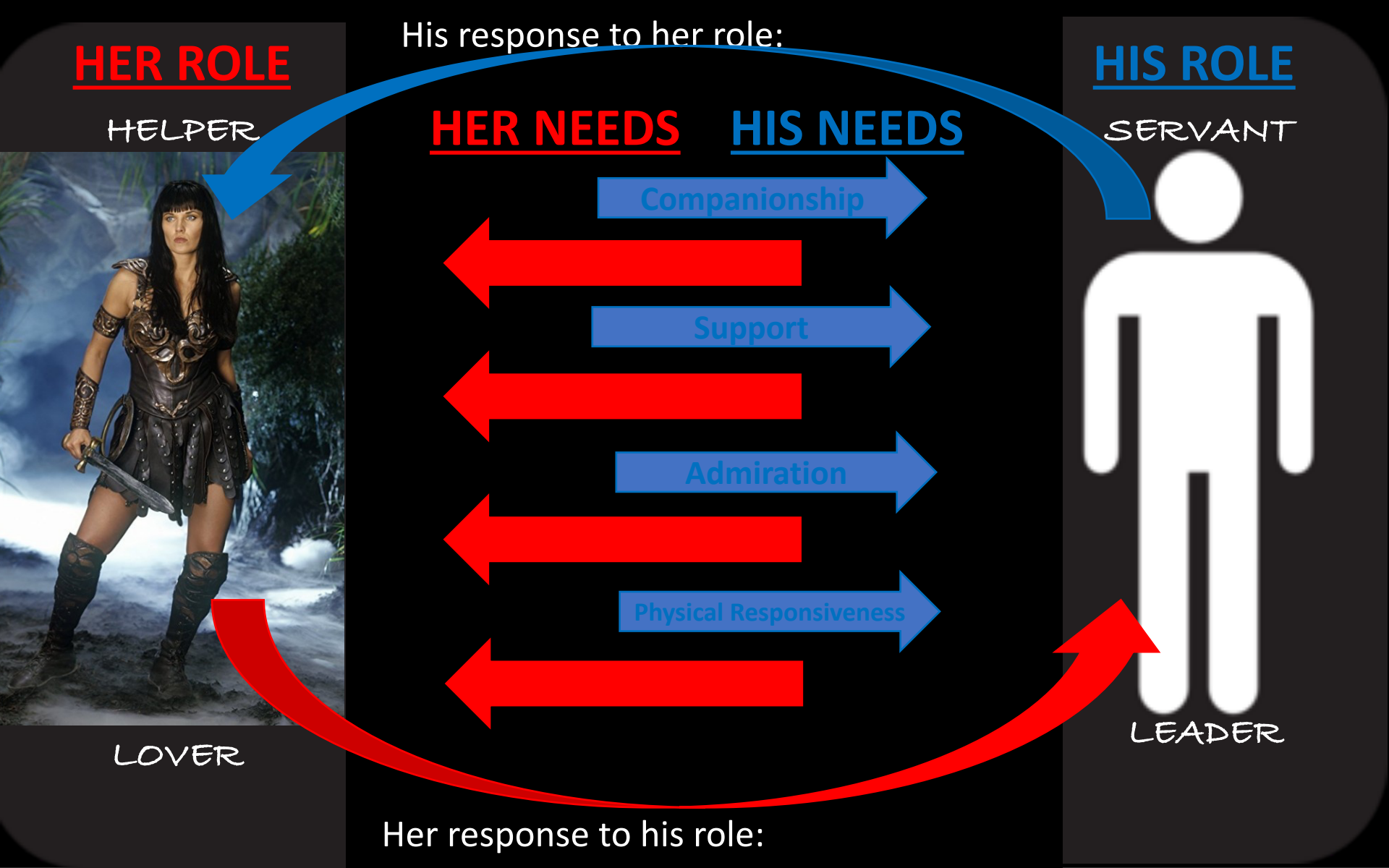
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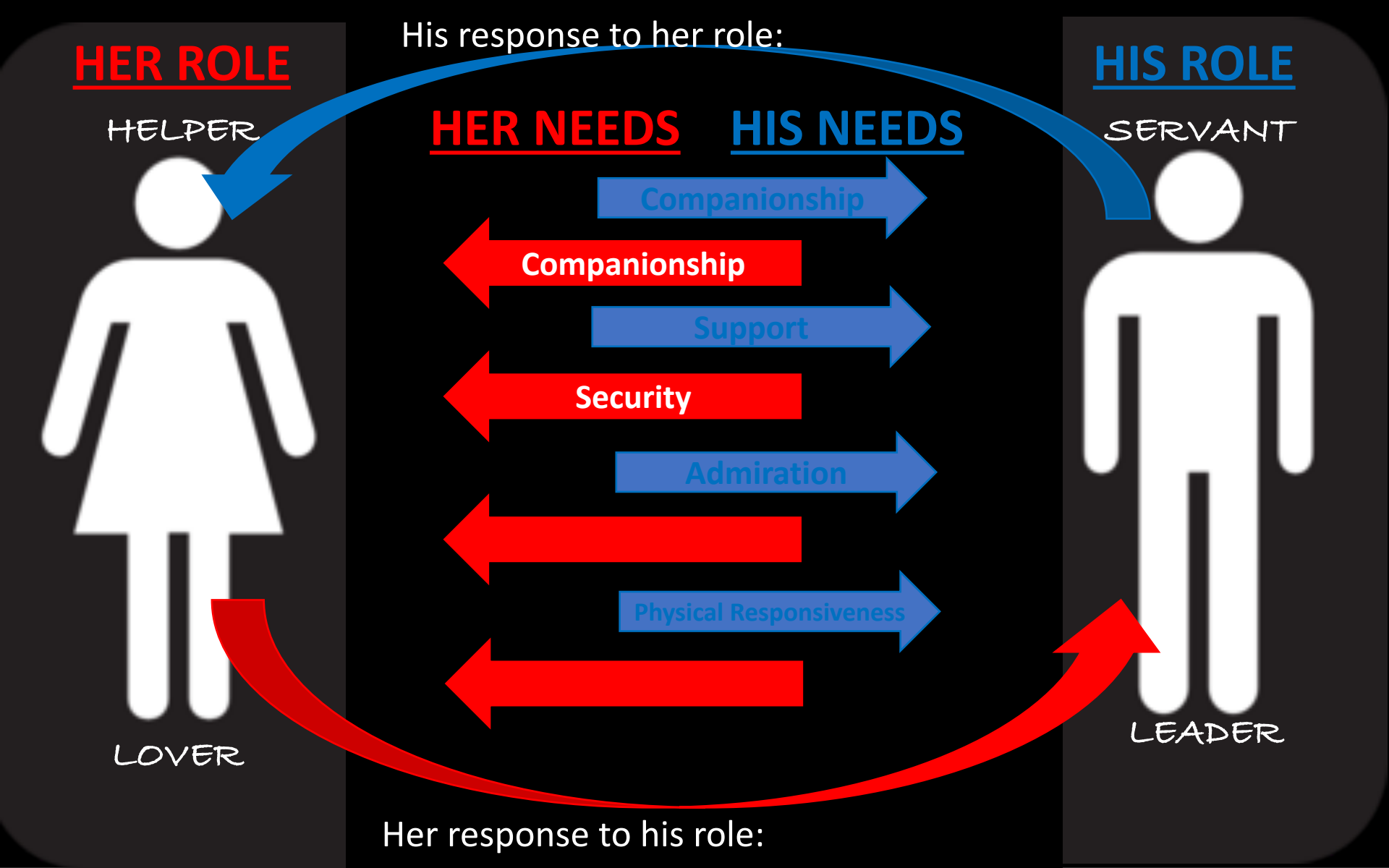
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**This morning we together
remember and celebrate as God's people
the Lordship of a crucified and resurrected Christ
in order to be able to live out
in every arena of our lives
what it looks like to be filled with the Spirit.**