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Addresses the most...

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Prince Charming and Sleeping Beauty

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- **Growing apart due to different life goals and interests**

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I Corinthians 7:25-28

25 Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

26 I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

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Trust isn't a grand gesture....

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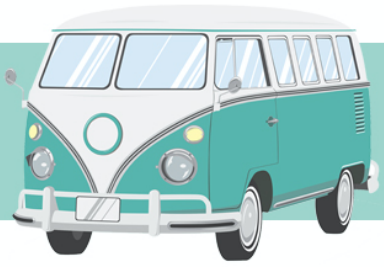


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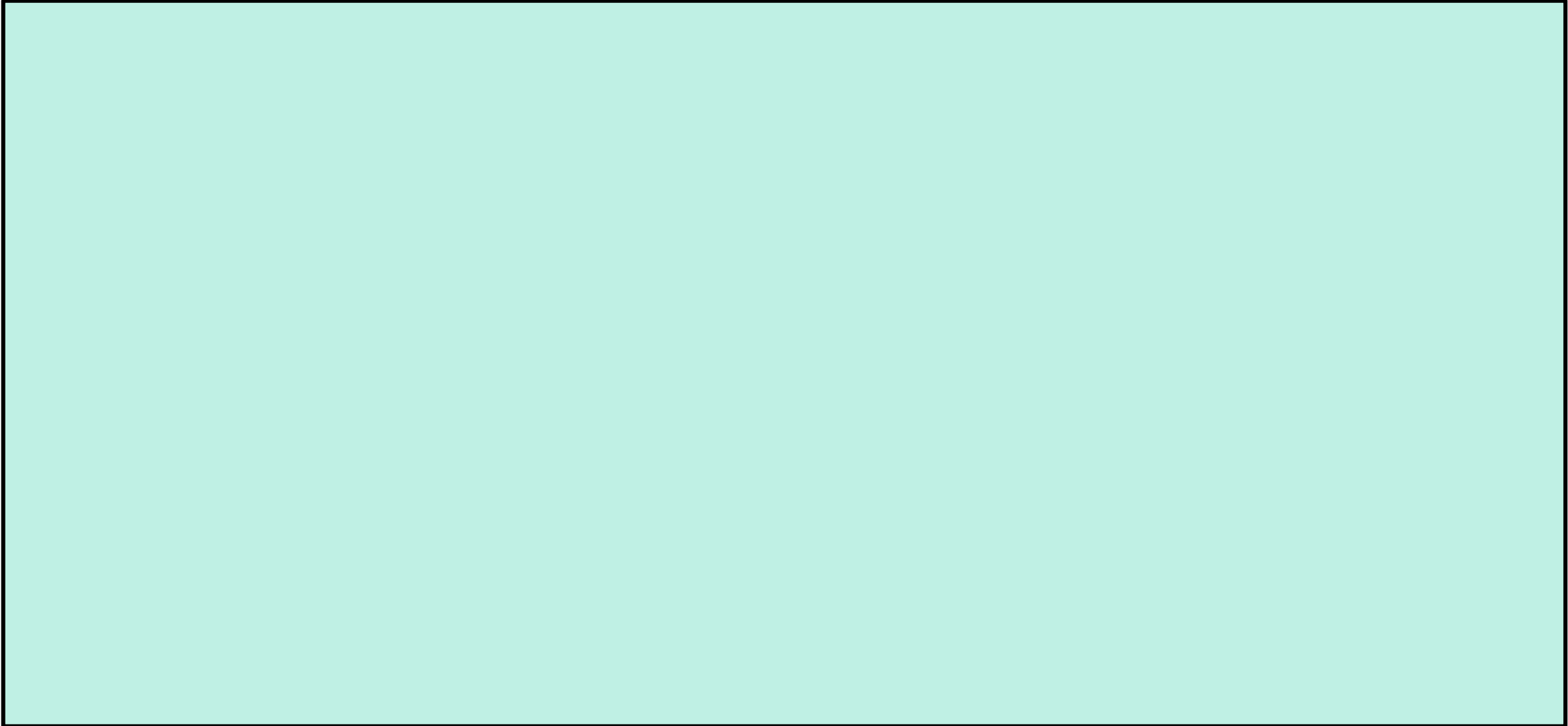
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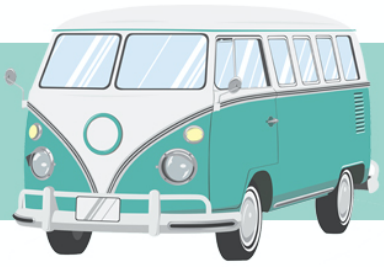
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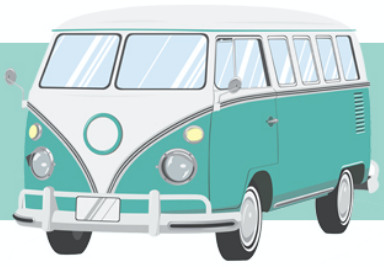
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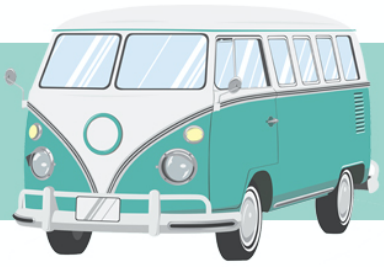
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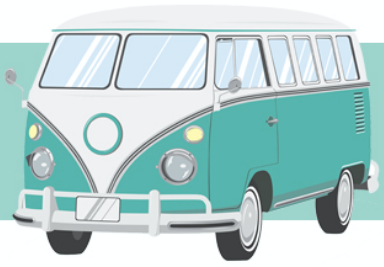
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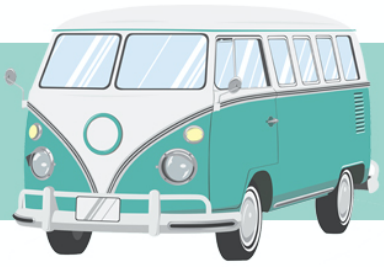
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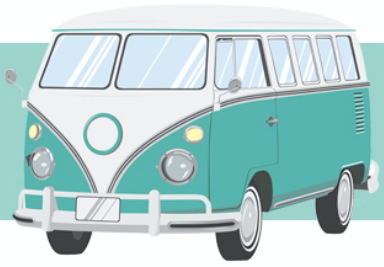
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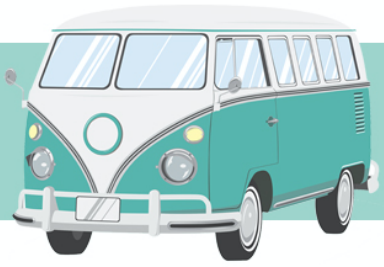
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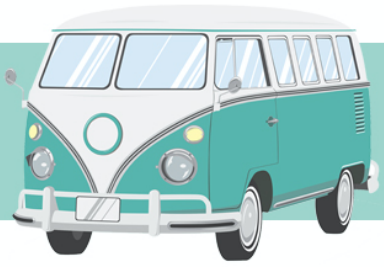
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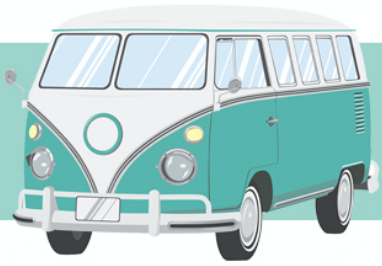
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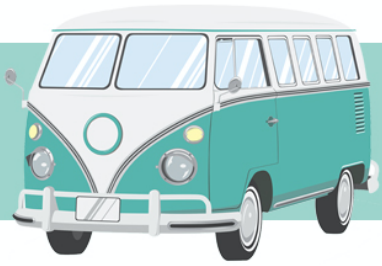
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"I went skydiving
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I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named
Fu-man-chu
And I loved deeper
And I spoke sweeter
**And I gave forgiveness I'd been
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"Someday I hope you get the chance
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"I was finally the husband
that most of the time I wasn't
And I became a friend a friend
would like to have
And all of a sudden going fishin'
wasn't such an imposition
And I went three times that year I
lost my dad
I finally read the Good Book, and I
took a good, long, hard look
At what I'd do if I could do it all again



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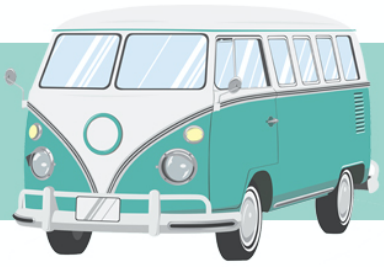
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Panera Theology

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