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God's Design for Sex

-God made sex to
be **good** and a
blessing
(Genesis 2:24)

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God's Design for Sex

-Sex is
inextricably
designed for
marriage.

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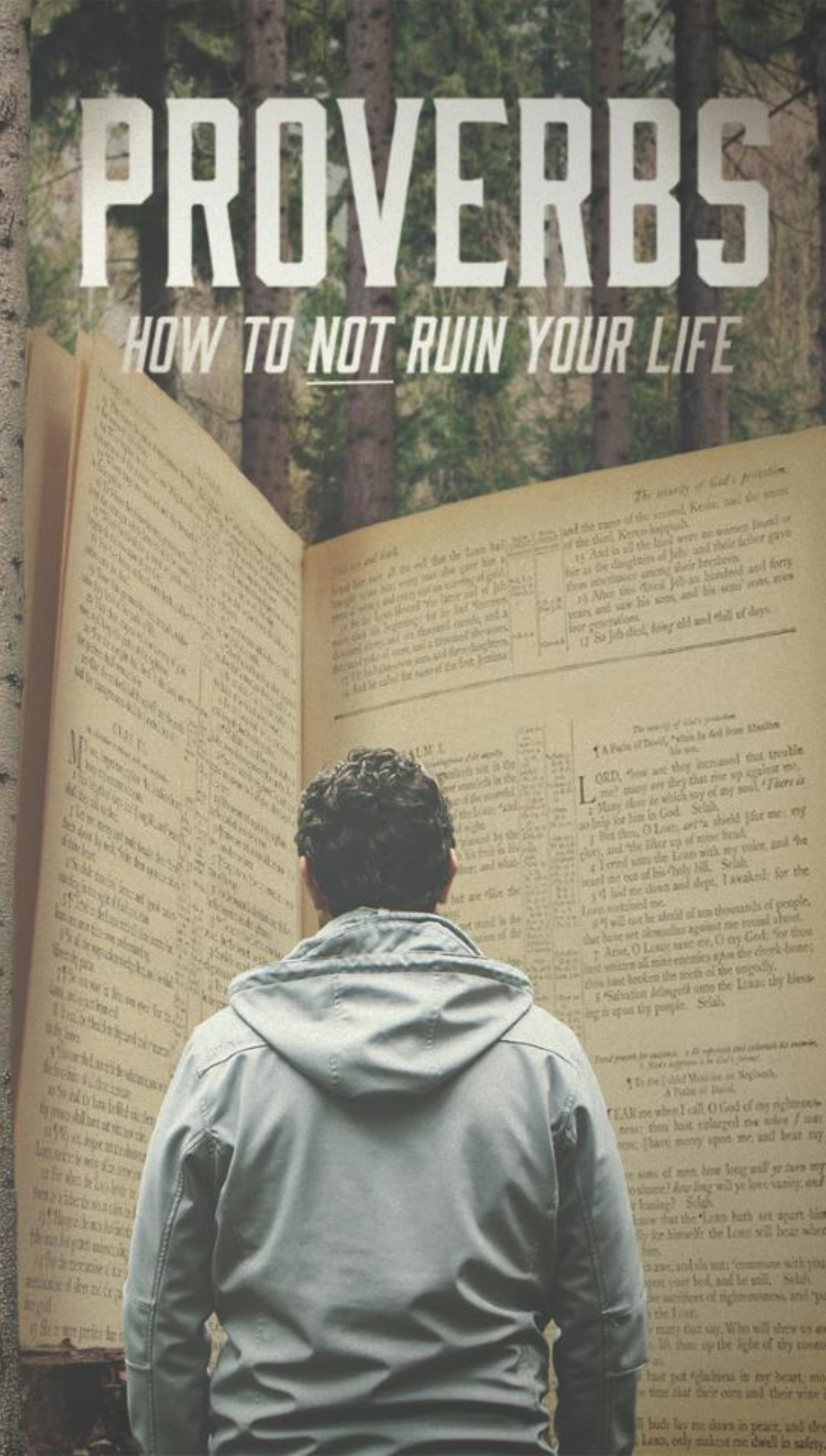


God's Design for Sex

-Sexual Immorality
encapsulates any and all
sexual activity outside of
the God-ordained
marriage relationship
between husband and
wife.

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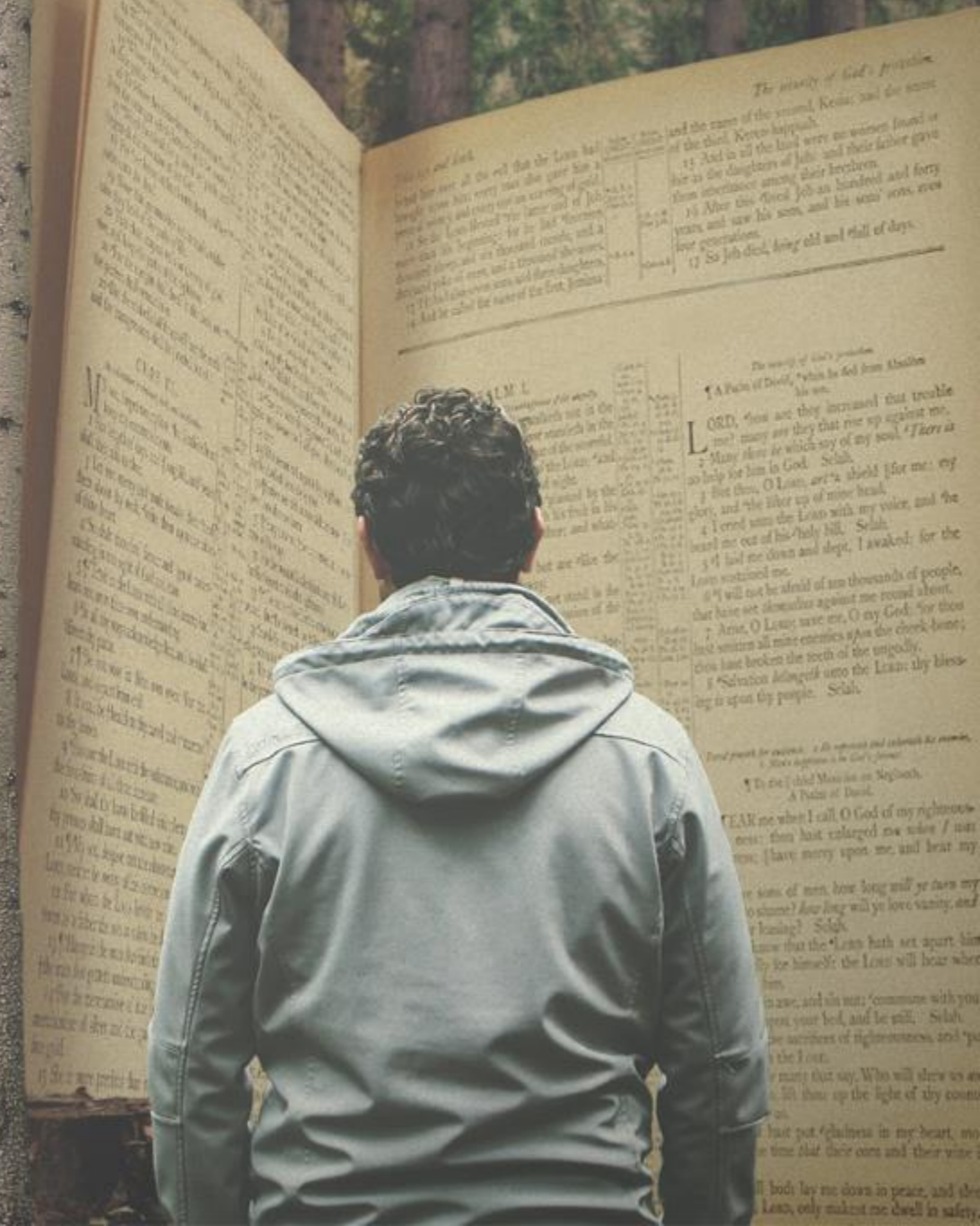


God's Design for Sex

-Sexual sin begins in our **hearts**.

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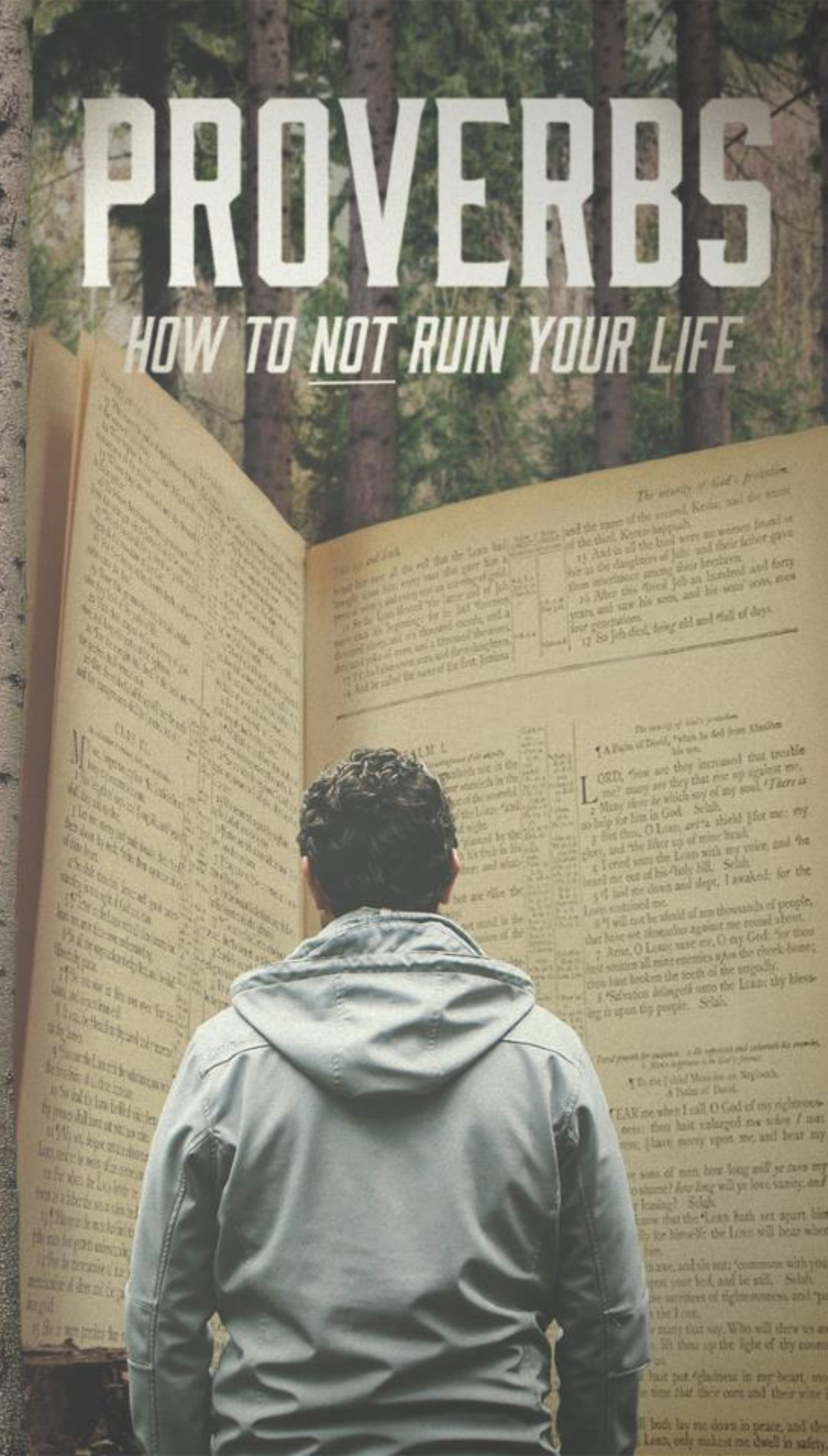


Matthew 5:27-29

*You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I tell you that anyone who **looks** at a woman **lustfully** has already committed adultery with her in his **heart**.*

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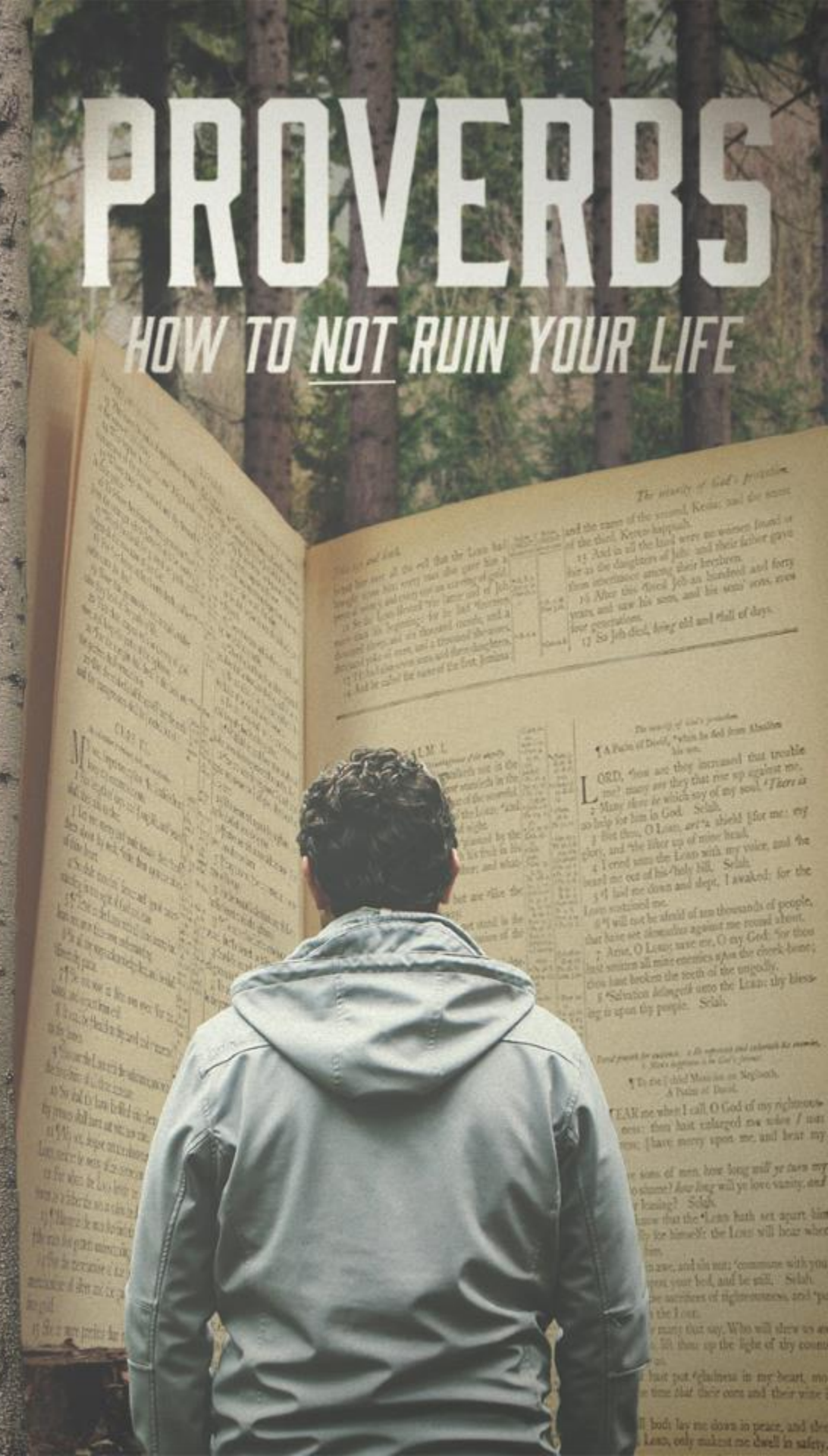


Key Passages on Sexual Temptation

Proverbs 5-7

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Sexual Temptation Its **Danger** Its **Deception** Our **Defense**

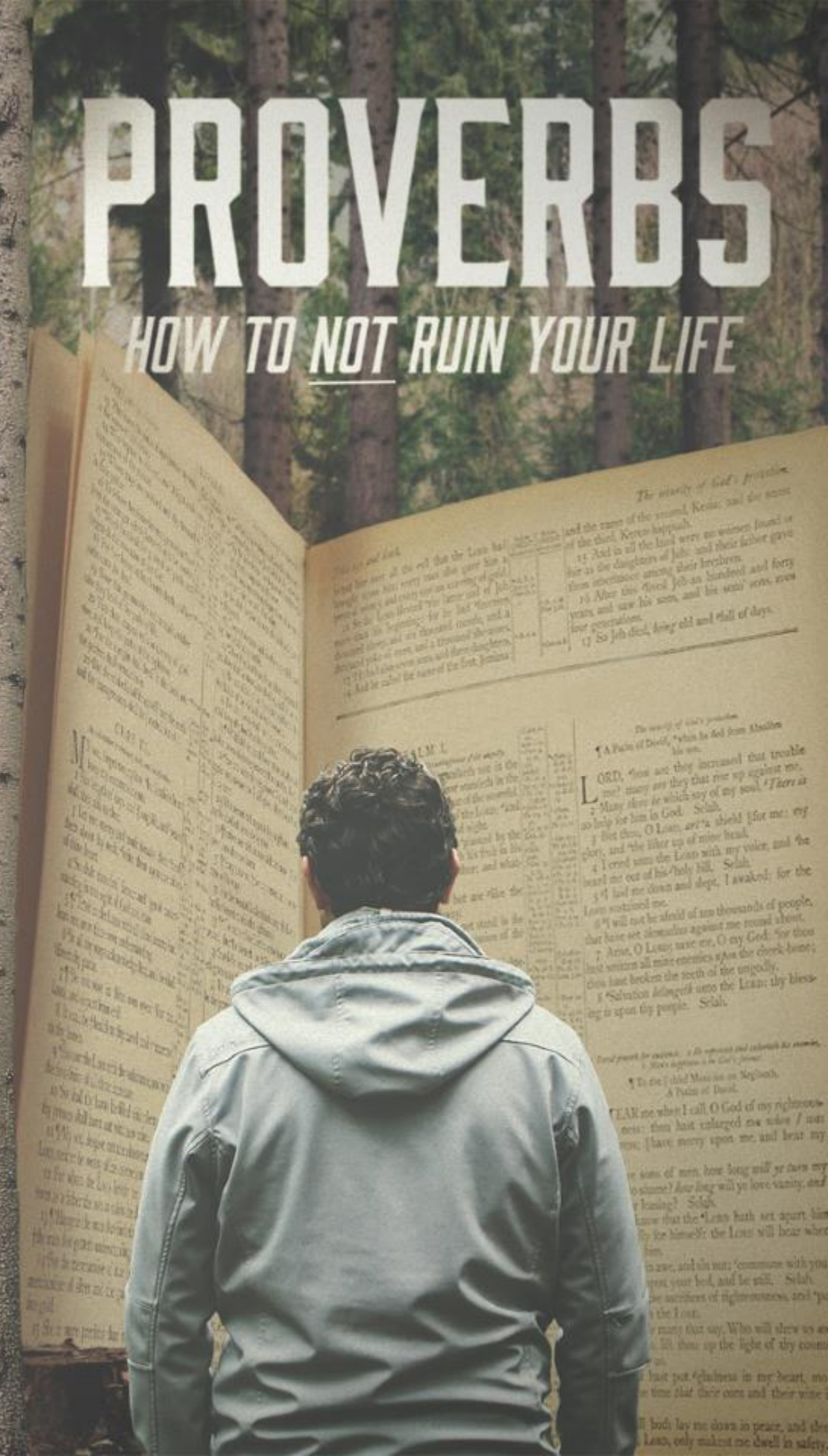
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Its Danger

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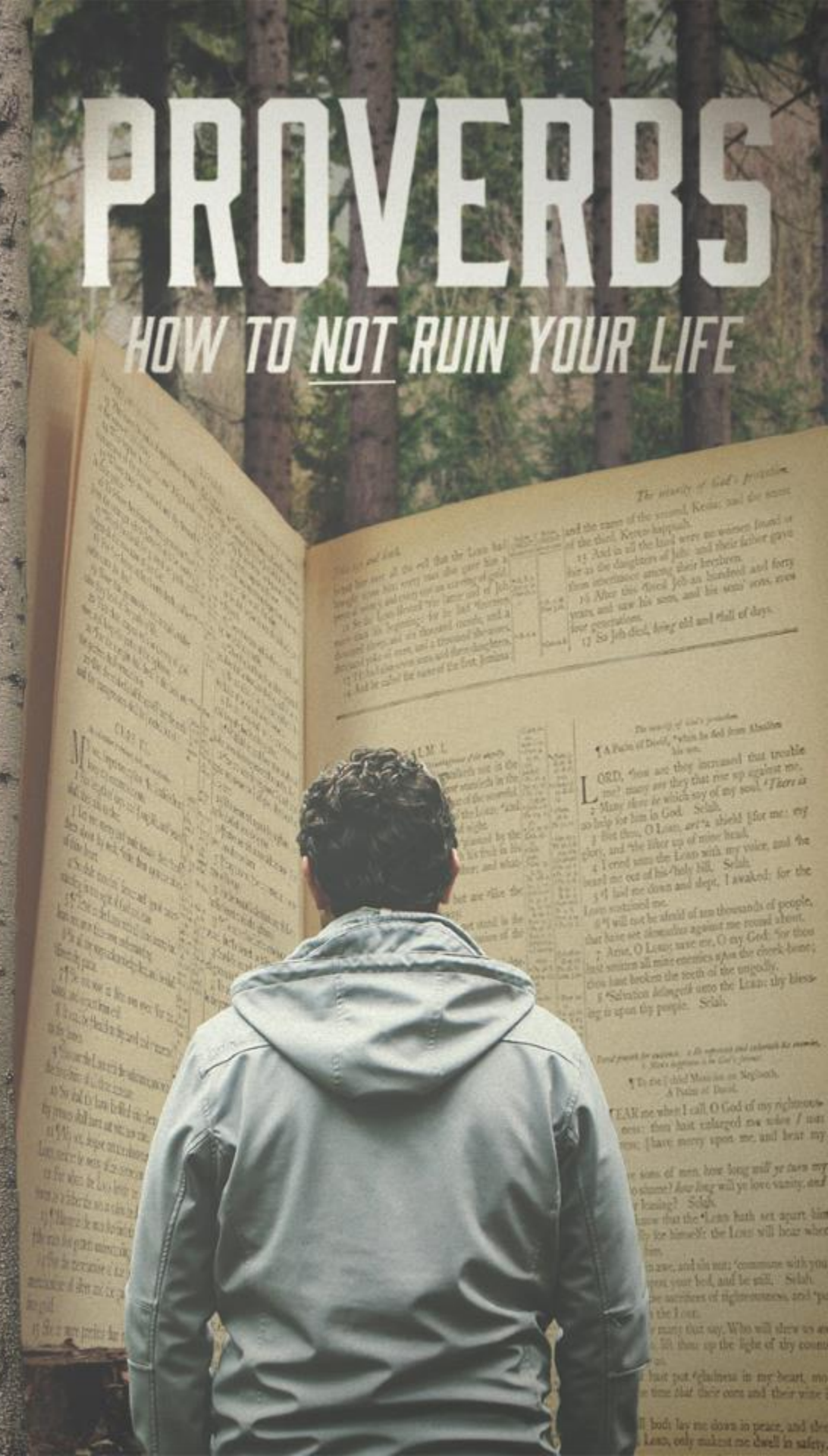
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Proverbs 6:27-28
Can a man scoop
fire into his lap
without his clothes
being burned? Can a
man walk on hot
coals without his
feet being scorched?

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Brings Shame, Loss and Regret

Proverbs 5:9-14

Lest you lose your honor to others and your dignity to one who is cruel. Lest strangers feast on your wealth and your toil enrich the house of another. At the end of your life you will groan, when your flesh and body are spent. You will say, "How I hated discipline! How my heart spurned correction! I would not obey my teachers or turn my ear to my instructors. And I was soon in serious trouble in the assembly of God's people."

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Brings Enemies

Proverbs 6:32-35

But a man who commits adultery has no sense; whoever does so destroys himself. Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away. For jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse a bribe, however great it is.

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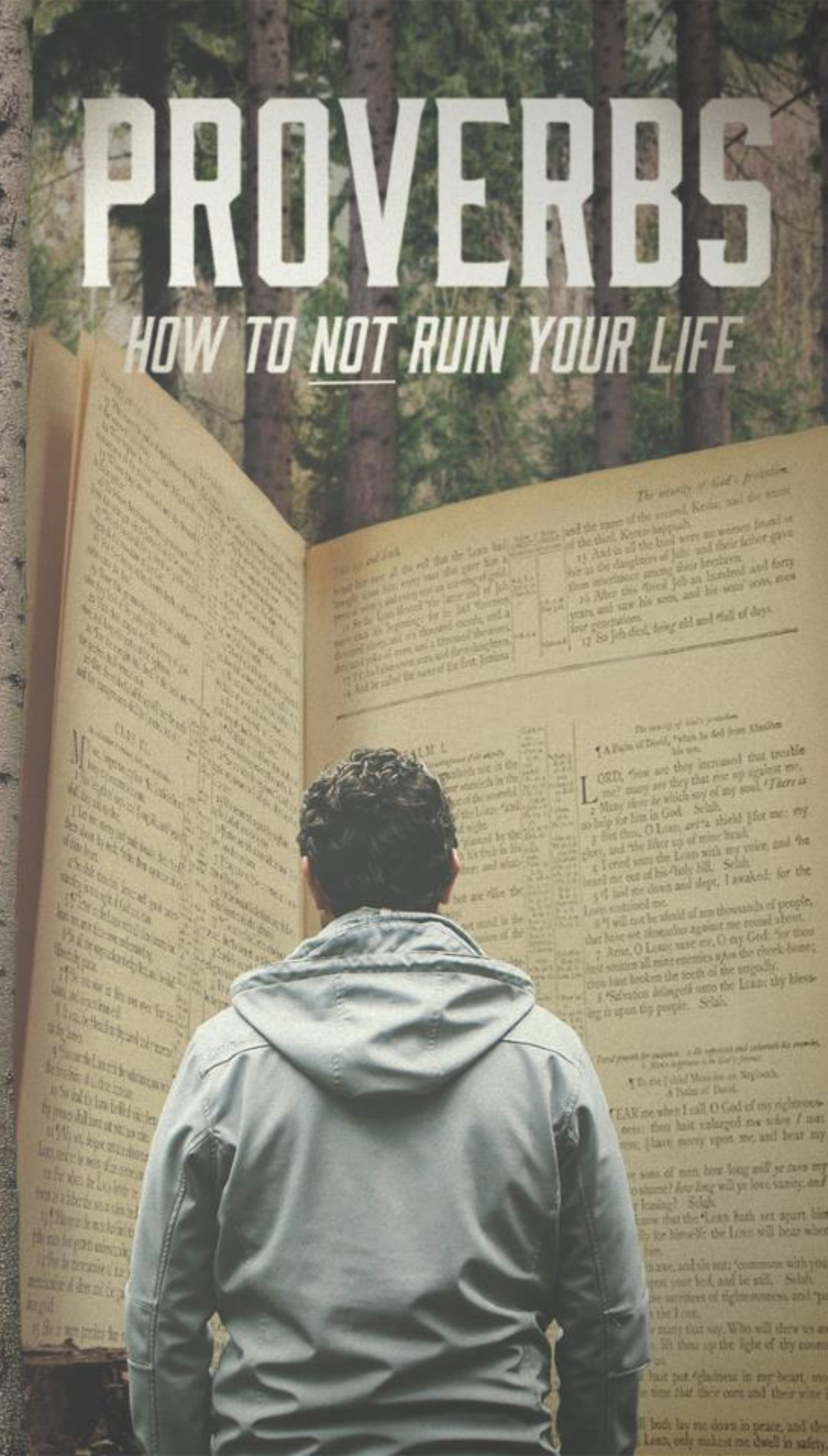
Brings Ruin

Proverbs 5:4-5

But in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

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Brings Ruin

Proverbs 5:22-23

The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast. For lack of discipline they will die, led astray by their own great folly.

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Its **Deception**

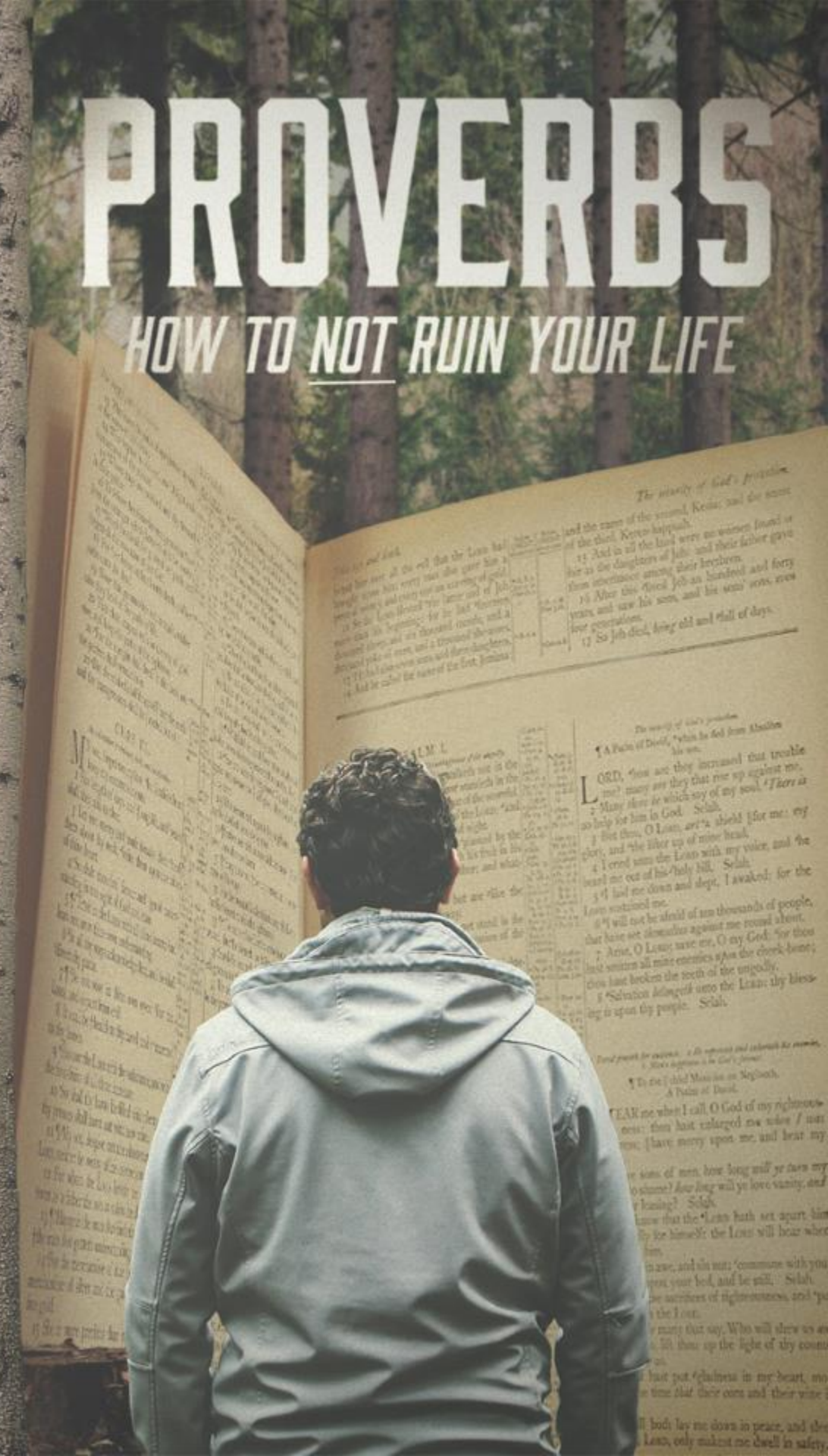
Looks

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Looks

Proverbs 7:25

Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes.

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Language

Proverbs 5:3

*For the lips of the
adulterous woman
drip honey, and her
speech is smoother
than oil.*

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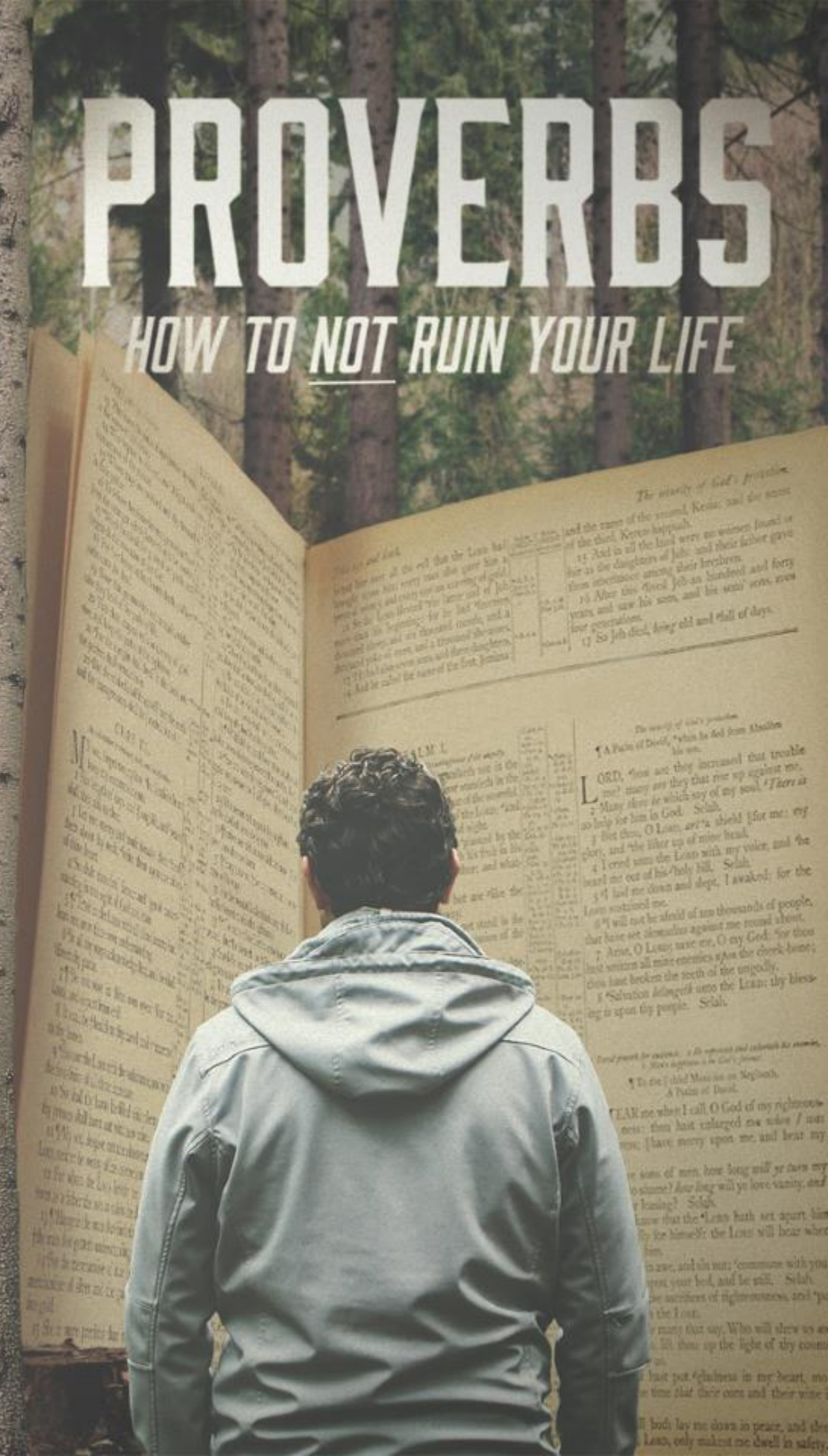


Proverbs 7:13-21

She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home. So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey. He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon." With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk.

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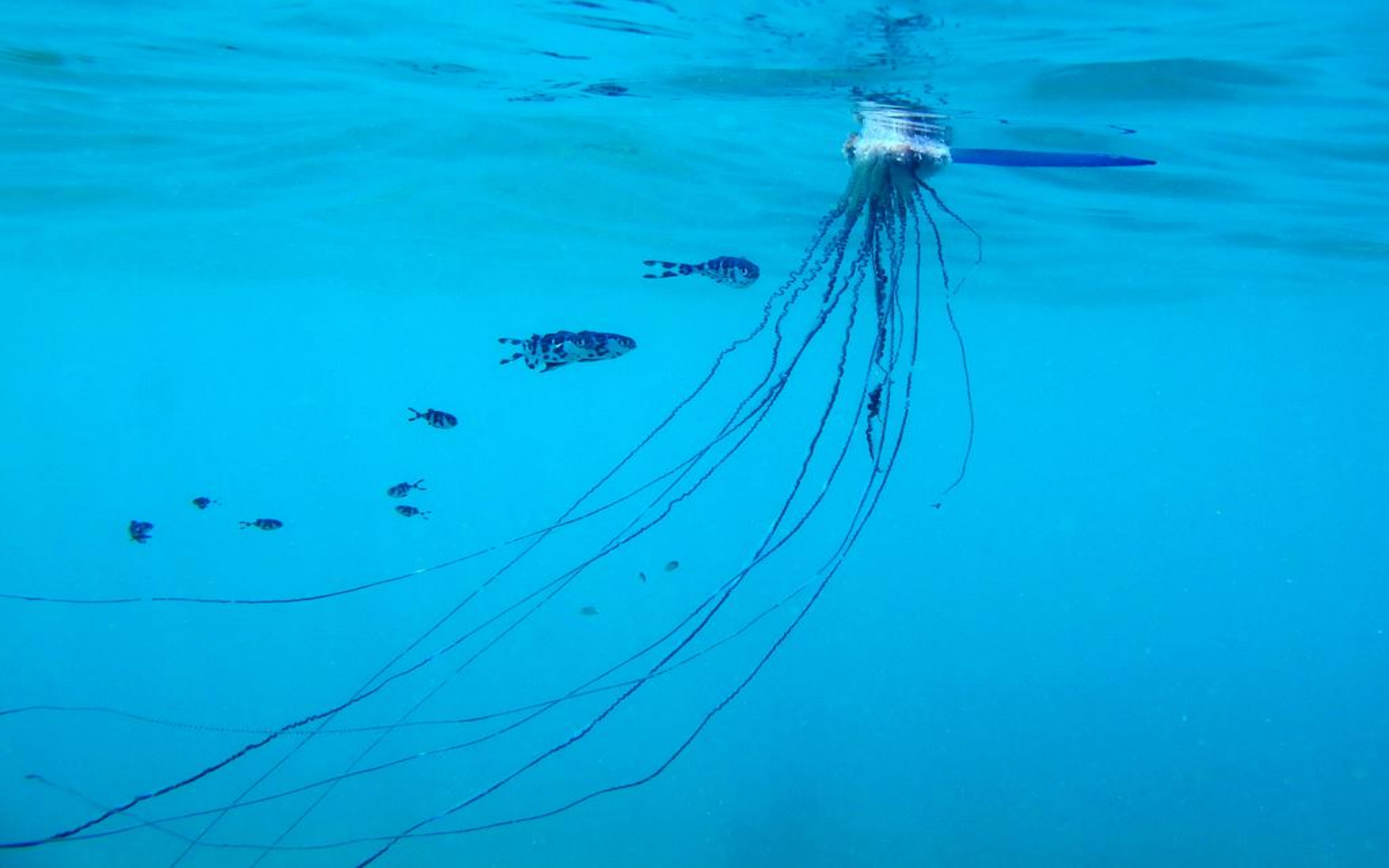
Proverbs 7:6-23

At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice. I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense. He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in. Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

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Our Defense

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Listen!

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LISTEN!

5:1-2 My son, *pay attention* to my wisdom, *turn your ear* to my words of insight.

v. 7 Now then, my sons, *listen* to me; do not turn aside from what I *say*.

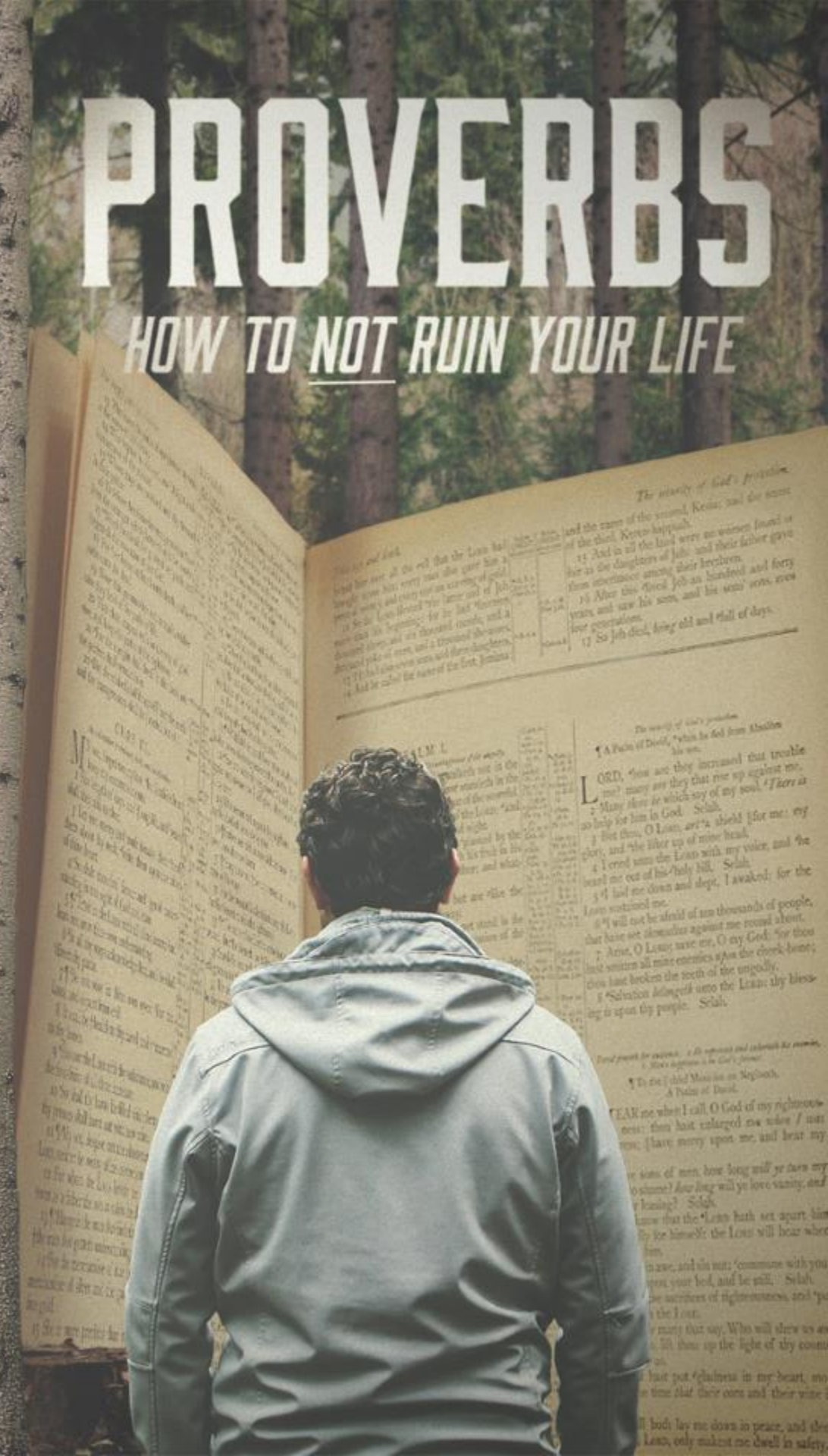
6:20-23 My son, *keep* your father's command and *do not forsake* your mother's teaching.

7:1 My son, *keep* my words.

7:24 Now then, my sons, *listen* to me; *pay attention* to what I say.

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(For Married Couples)
Focus on your Love Life

Proverbs 5:15-20

*Drink water from your own cistern,
running water from your own well.
Should your springs overflow in the
streets, your streams of water in the
public squares? Let them be yours alone,
never to be shared with strangers. May
your fountain be blessed, and may you
rejoice in the wife of your youth. A
loving doe, a graceful deer—may her
breasts satisfy you always, may you
ever be intoxicated with her love. Why,
my son, be intoxicated with another
man's wife? Why embrace the bosom of
a wayward woman?*

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Set Boundaries

Proverbs 5:8

*Keep to a path far
from her, do not go
near the door of her
house.*

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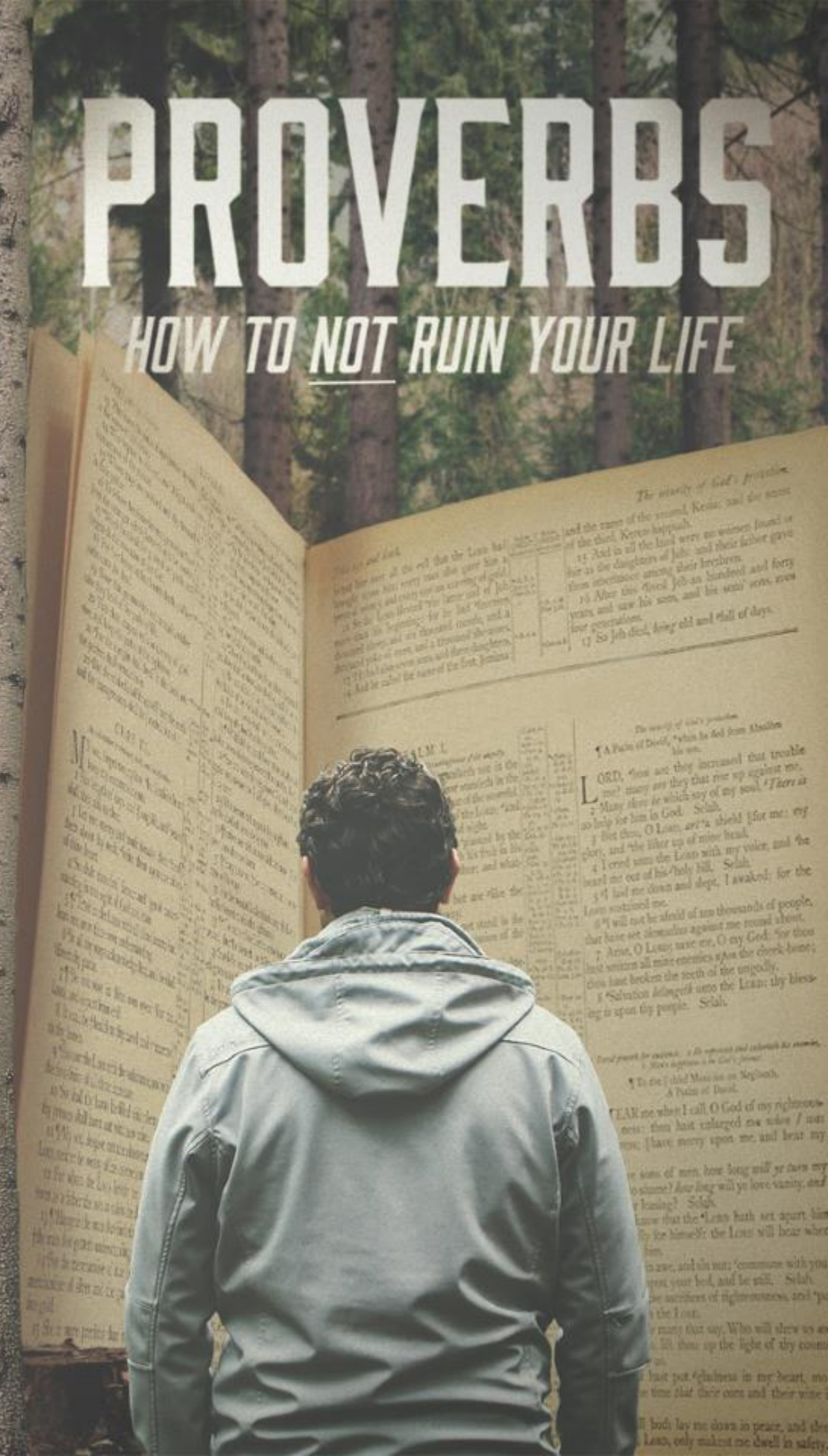
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The Gospel is:
God Loves
God Forgives Fully
God Restores
Ultimately
Through Jesus

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BOUNDARIES