



Sacred Trust: Children

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Biblical Foundations



Covenant with Abraham

Behold, children are a
heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a
reward.

Psalm 127:3



Blessing includes...

Gift

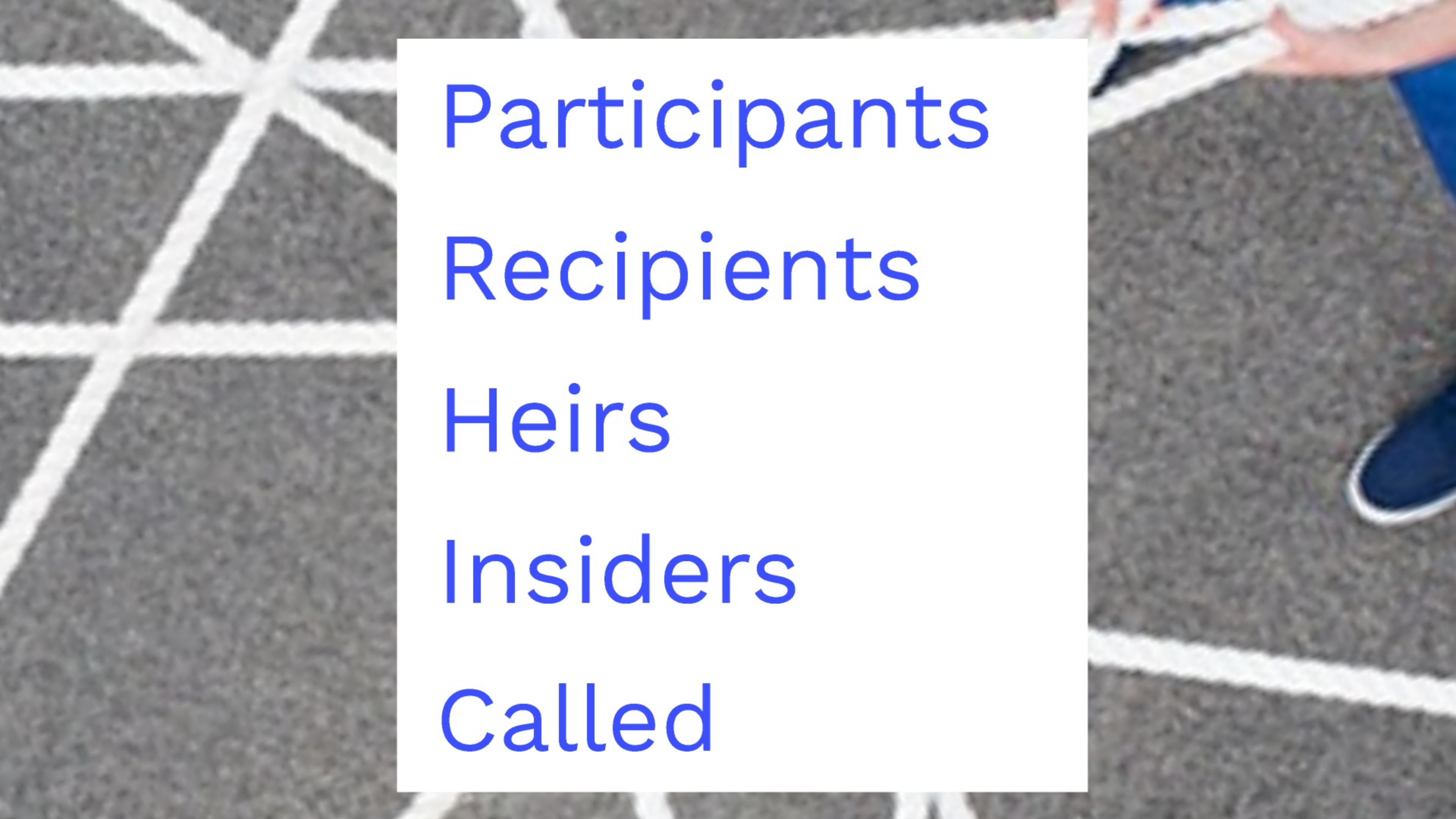
Hope

Participation

Responsibility

Continuity

Covenant Grace:
A Reformed
Understanding



Participants

Recipients

Heirs

Insiders

Called

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Privilege is
not
presumption

Blessing

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promise of
earthly
prosperity

What covenant blessing means...

Hear the Gospel
from infancy

Teach Scripture & be
brought into worship

Receive Covenant sign

Surrounded by
godly community

TEACH about suffering

Life is hard, but
God is GOOD.

Life is unjust,
but God is
SOVEREIGN.

Life of Joseph

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21-23

Parents as covenant stewards

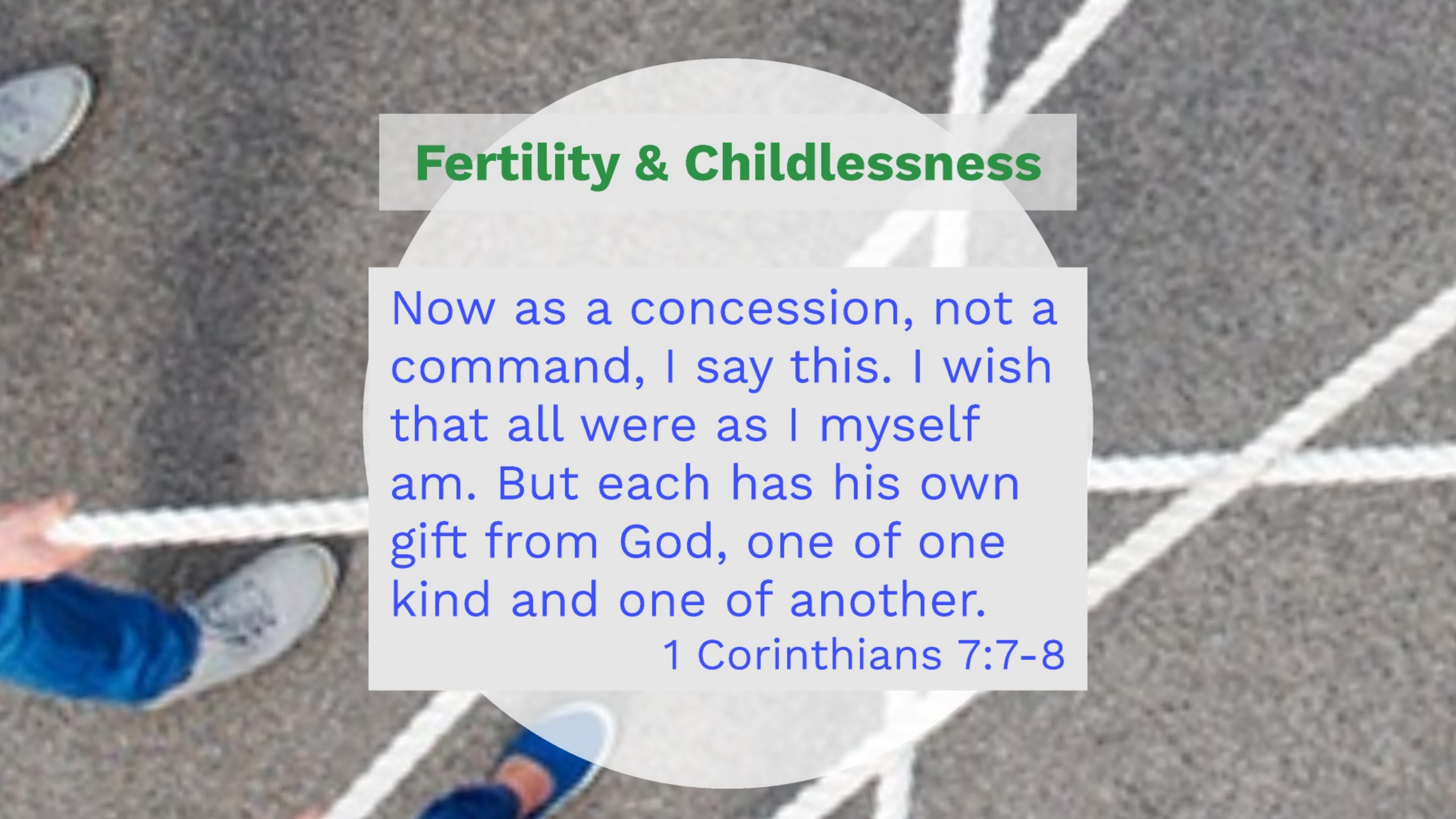
Teach

Be an
Example

Discipline

Participate

Pray



Fertility & Childlessness

Now as a concession, not a command, I say this. I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

1 Corinthians 7:7-8

Fertility & Childlessness

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35



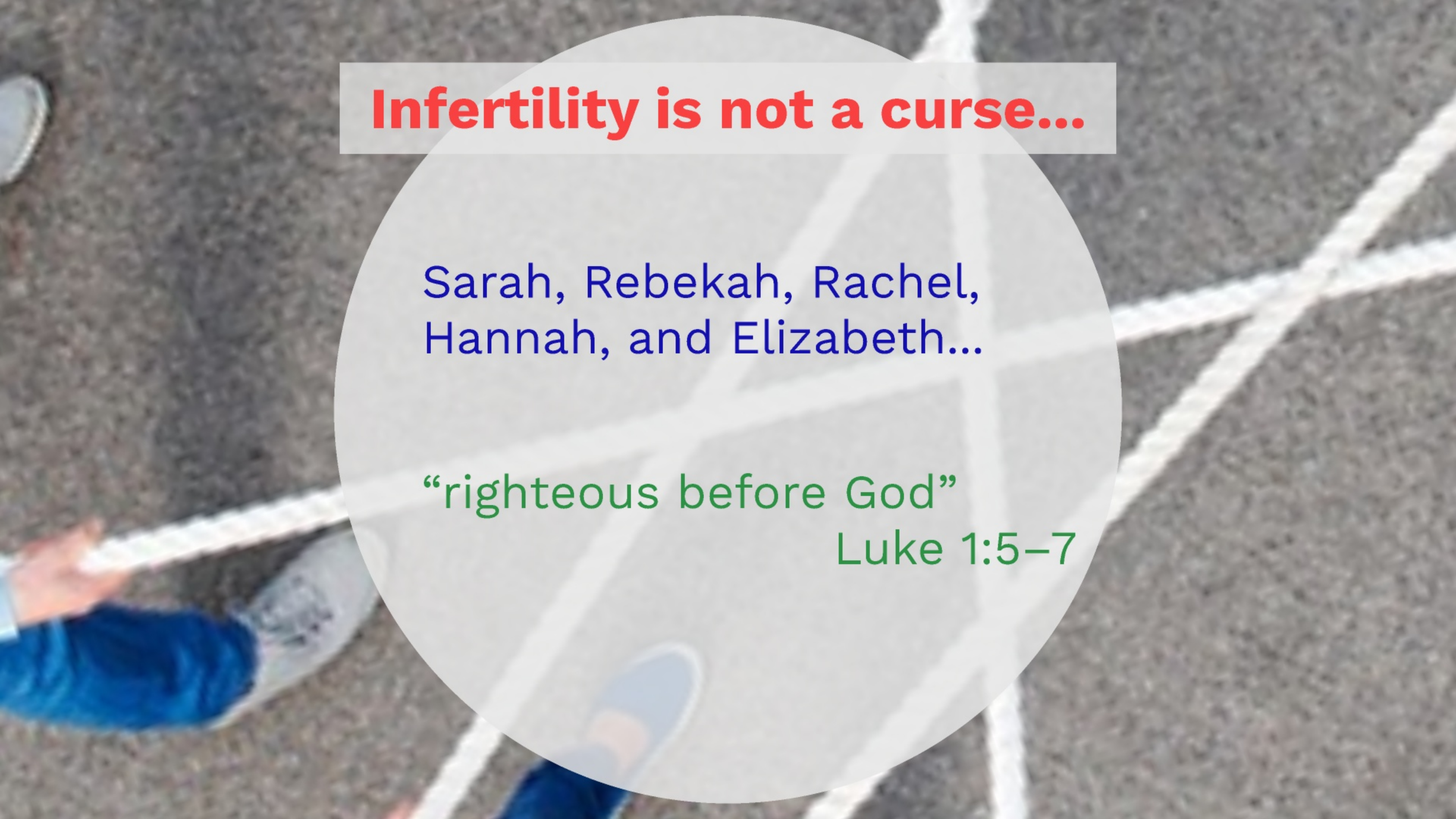
Fertility is a good gift

“be fruitful and multiply”
Gen 1:28

“a heritage from the LORD”
Psalm 127:3

“...eunuchs”
Matthew 19:11-12

remain single, as I am
1 Corinthians 7:6-11



Infertility is not a curse...

Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel,
Hannah, and Elizabeth...

“righteous before God”
Luke 1:5–7



Voluntary childlessness

A permissive view...

A more restrictive view...

A mediating view...



Biblically, motives matter

Responsible stewardship

A desire to serve God

Personal inhibitions

Peer pressure

Fruitfulness beyond biology

those who do God's
will as his family

Mark 3:31–35

bringing spiritual children
to maturity

1 Cor. 4:14–17; Gal. 4:19

Fruitfulness beyond biology

Childless couples — hospitality, mentoring, adoption, foster care, discipleship, care for relatives, and service to the church—though adoption or foster care should never be imposed as a compulsory substitute for biological children.



IVF

ONE-flesh union

Biblical & ethical
constraints

“Can this be done without violating biblical duties toward marriage, parenthood, and unborn life?”

Q & A

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