

Joy Through Brokenness

Broken Relationships--Shame

1 Peter 5:5; Genesis 2:25 and 3:6-7, 21

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but God has provided you a perfect covering in Christ.

1. What did God intend?
 - a. Clothed in their own _____.
 - b. No _____.
2. What is guilt?

Guilt is the _____, judicial _____ of wrongdoing.
3. What is shame?
 - a. Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of your _____ sin.
 - b. Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of sins _____ you.
 - c. Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of your _____.

A photograph of a broken, light-brown ceramic bowl lying on its side on a bed of dry, brown leaves and twigs. The bowl is cracked and shattered, with several sharp edges and a jagged rim. The background is a soft-focus view of the ground covered in autumn leaves.

Joy Through Brokenness

Help from the Gospel in the Hurts of Life

A broken, cracked, and stained ceramic bowl lies on a rough, textured surface. The bowl is light brown with visible cracks and dark stains, particularly around the rim and base. The background is a mottled, earthy brown.

Broken Relationships: *Shame on You!*

1 Peter 5:5

Genesis 2:25; 3:6-7, 21

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All of you, in reference to one another
clothe yourselves with humility,
because God is opposed to the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.

Genesis 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked
and were not ashamed.

Genesis 3:6-7

She took from its fruit and ate;
and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves loin coverings.

Genesis 3:21

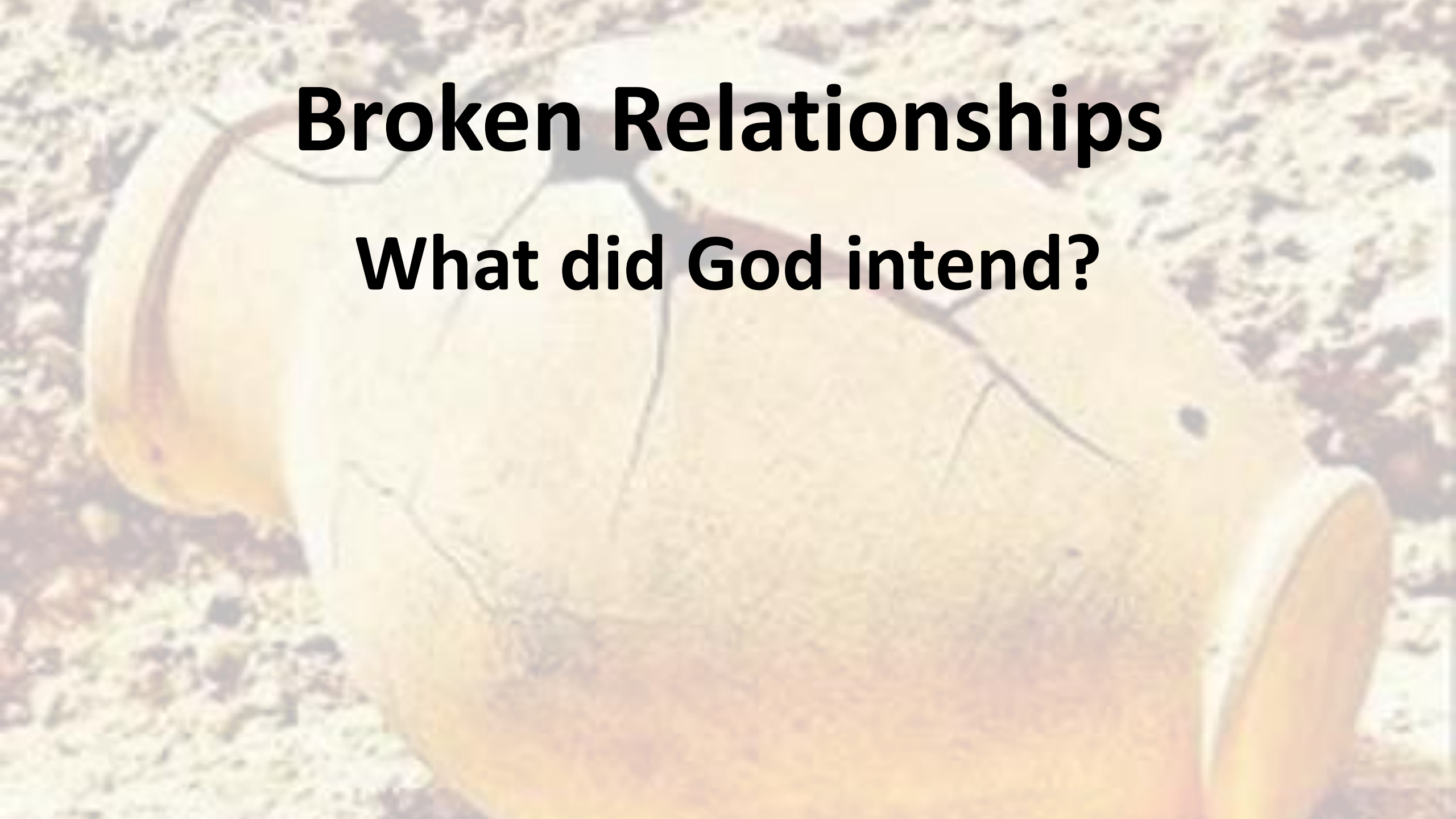
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Theme

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Broken Relationships

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***He intended for us to be clothed
in our own skin.***

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Their nakedness represented innocent vulnerability and fearless exposure.

They had no need of a covering apart from what God had already given them.

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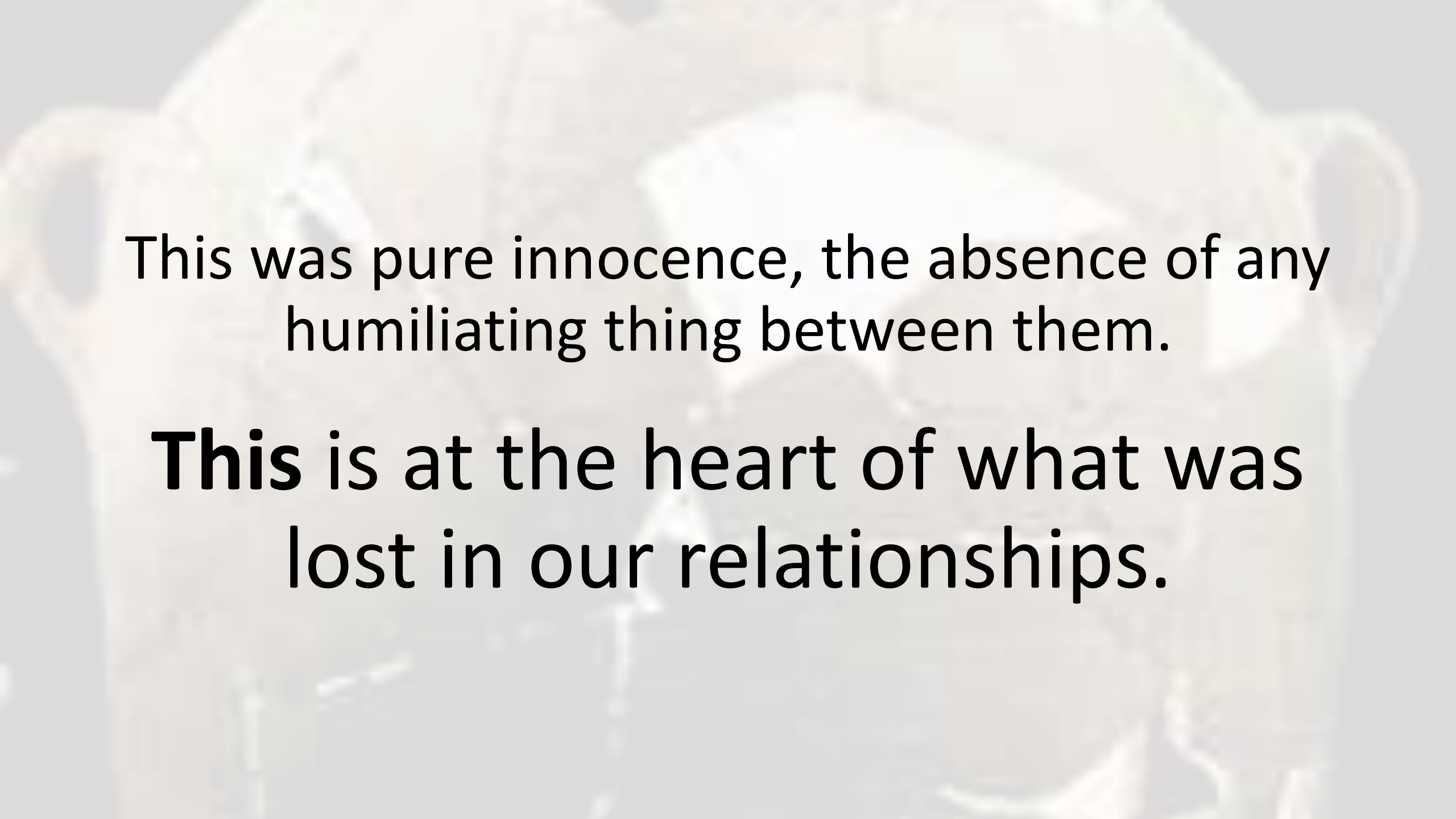
***He intended for us to live
without shame.***

Naked without shame

Genesis 2:25

And the man and his wife were both naked

and were not ashamed.



This was pure innocence, the absence of any humiliating thing between them.

This is at the heart of what was lost in our relationships.

Sin Enters

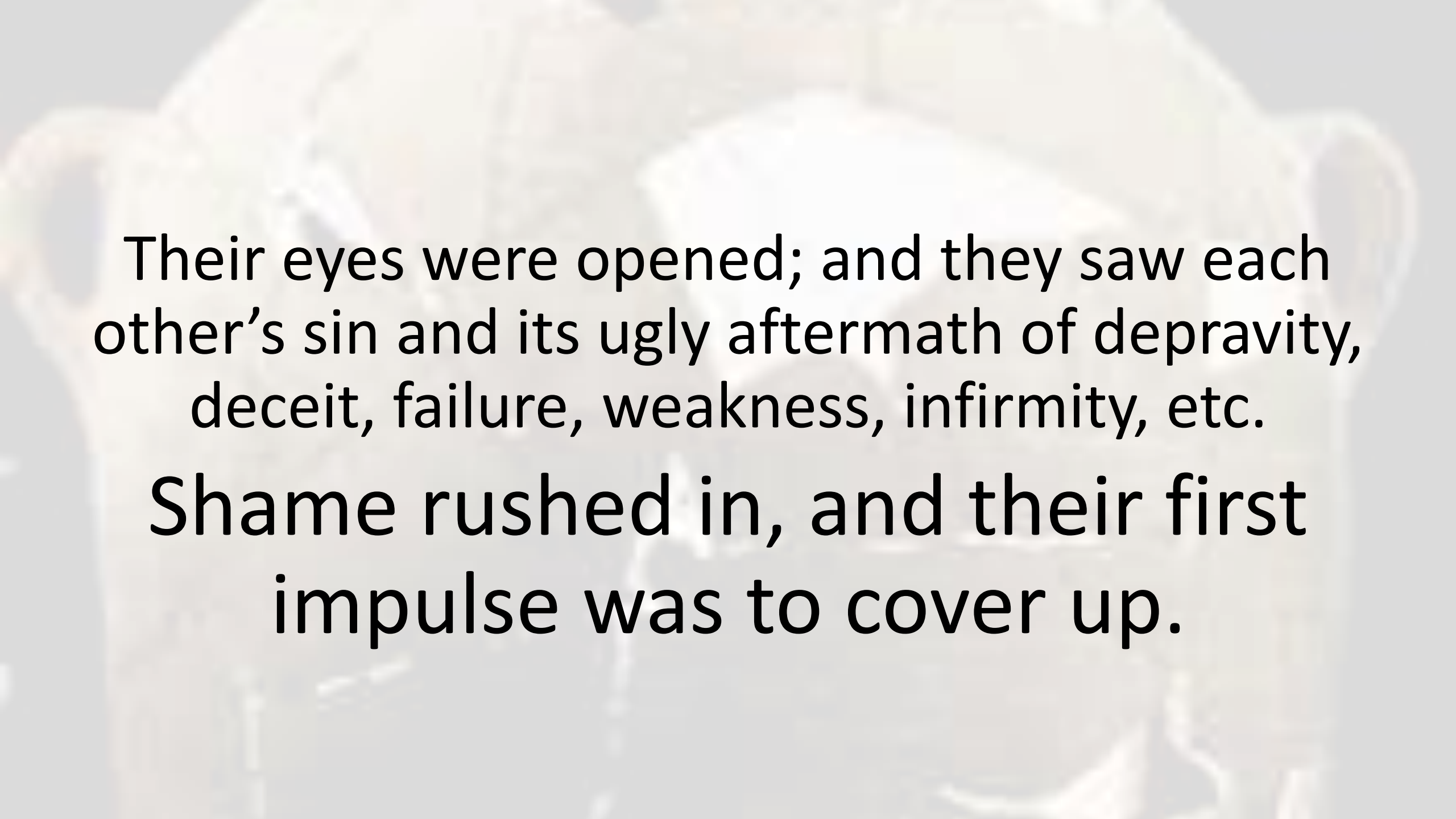
Genesis 3:6

She took from its fruit and ate;
and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

The Aftermath

Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;
and they sewed fig leaves together
and made themselves loin coverings.



Their eyes were opened; and they saw each other's sin and its ugly aftermath of depravity, deceit, failure, weakness, infirmity, etc.

Shame rushed in, and their first impulse was to cover up.

The Cover Up

Genesis 3:7

Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they knew that they were naked;

and **they sewed fig leaves** together
and made themselves **loin coverings**.

This is our heritage!

A photograph of a broken terracotta jar lying on its side on a sandy, textured surface. The jar is light brown and has several cracks and a large hole, suggesting it is broken. The background is a close-up of the sand and the jar's surface.

Broken Relationships

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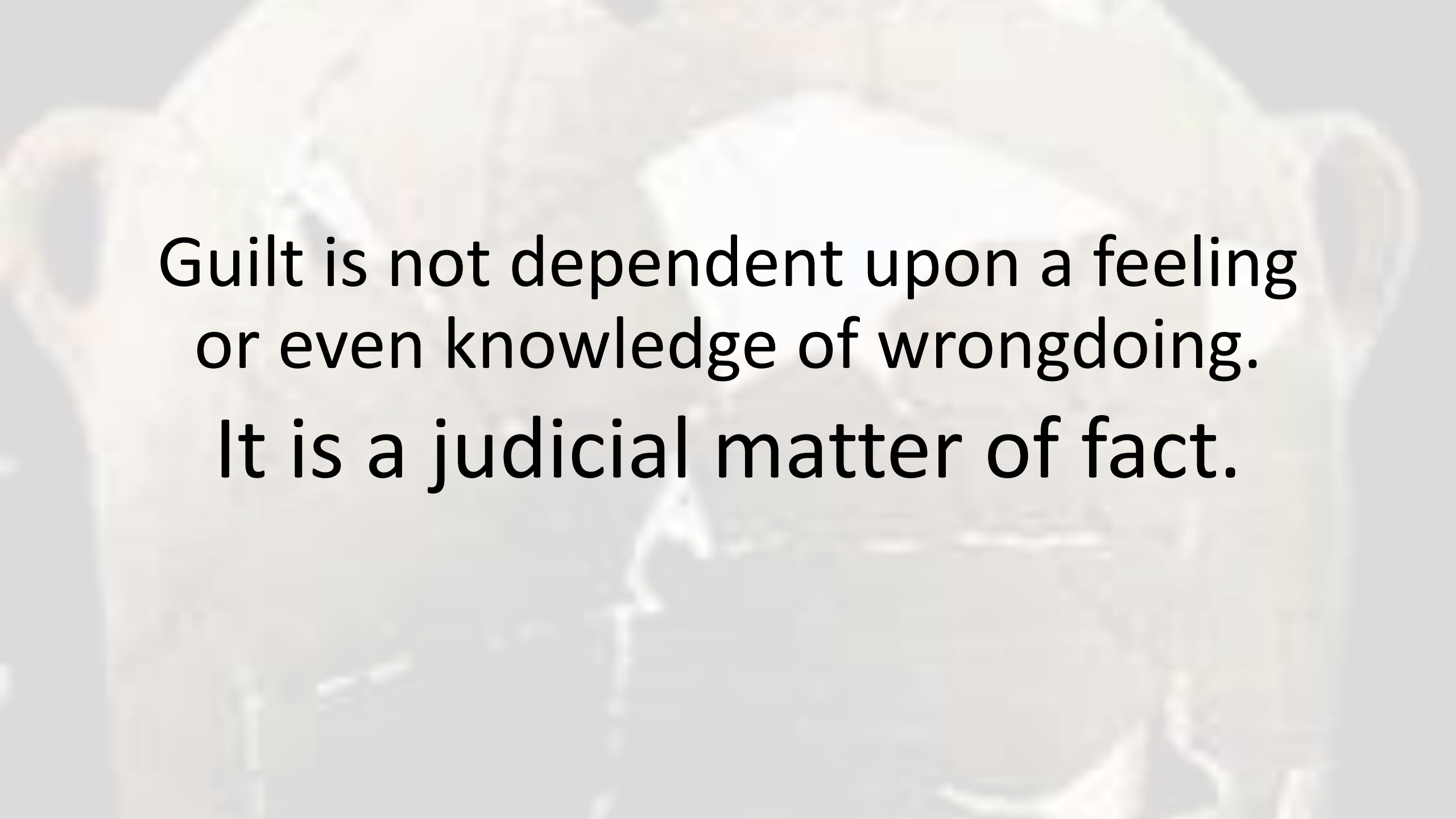
What is guilt?

***Guilt is the objective, judicial
reality of wrongdoing.***

Objective Reality

Leviticus 4:27-28

Now if anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any of the things which the LORD has commanded not to be done, and becomes guilty, if his sin, which he has committed is made known to him, then he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without defect, for his sin which he has committed.



Guilt is not dependent upon a feeling
or even knowledge of wrongdoing.
It is a judicial matter of fact.

Broken Relationships

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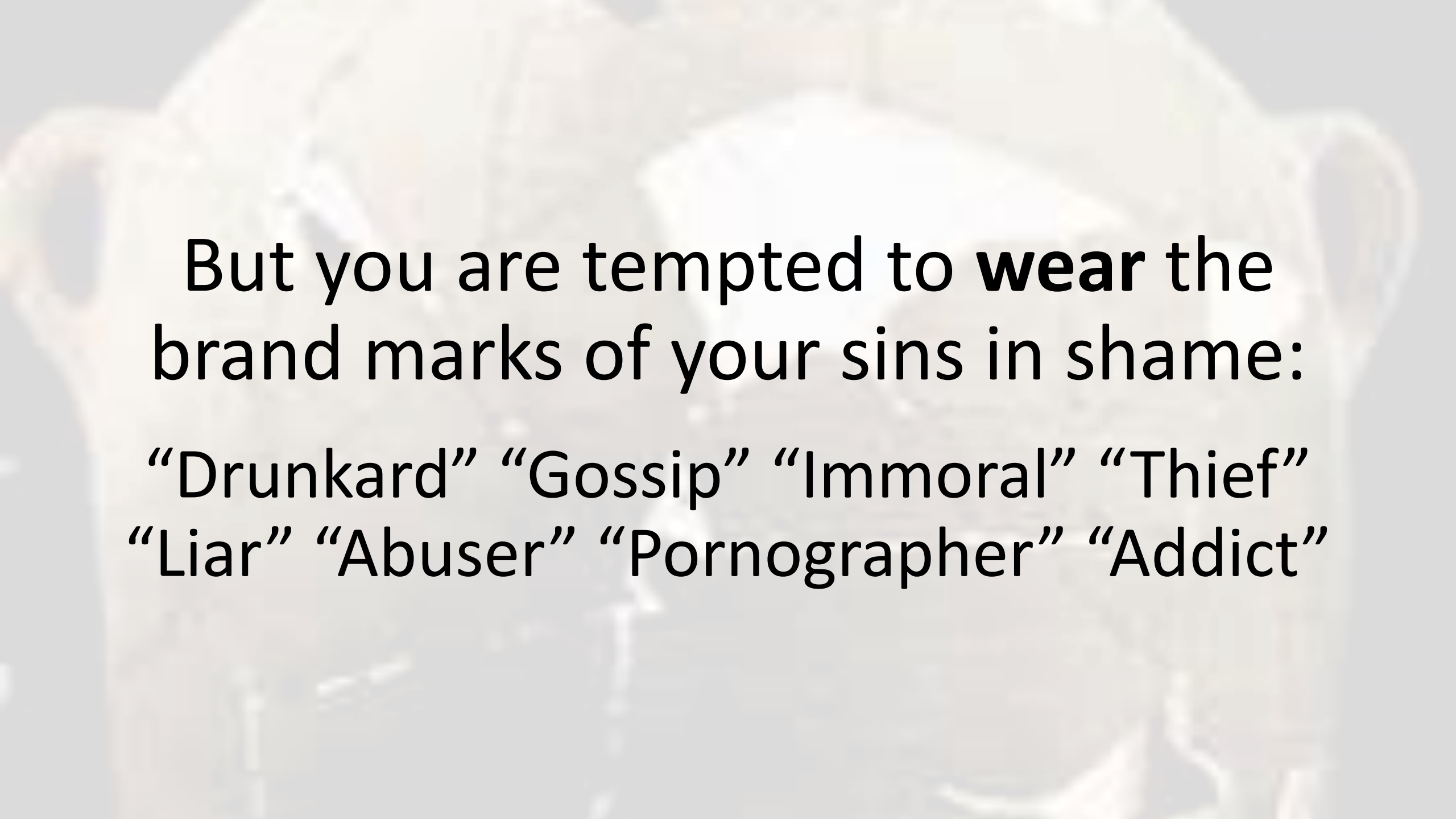
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Identities of Your Sin

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

*Shame is a gift of grace **to the sinner**
and an aid to the gospel.*



But you are tempted to **wear** the
brand marks of your sins in shame:

“Drunkard” “Gossip” “Immoral” “Thief”
“Liar” “Abuser” “Pornographer” “Addict”

But...

1 Corinthians 6:11

...Such **were** some of you.

Shame is not the garment
God intends for you to wear
in reference to your sins.

What is shame?

Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of your sin.

Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of sins against you.

Identities of Sins against Us

1 Samuel 1:1-2

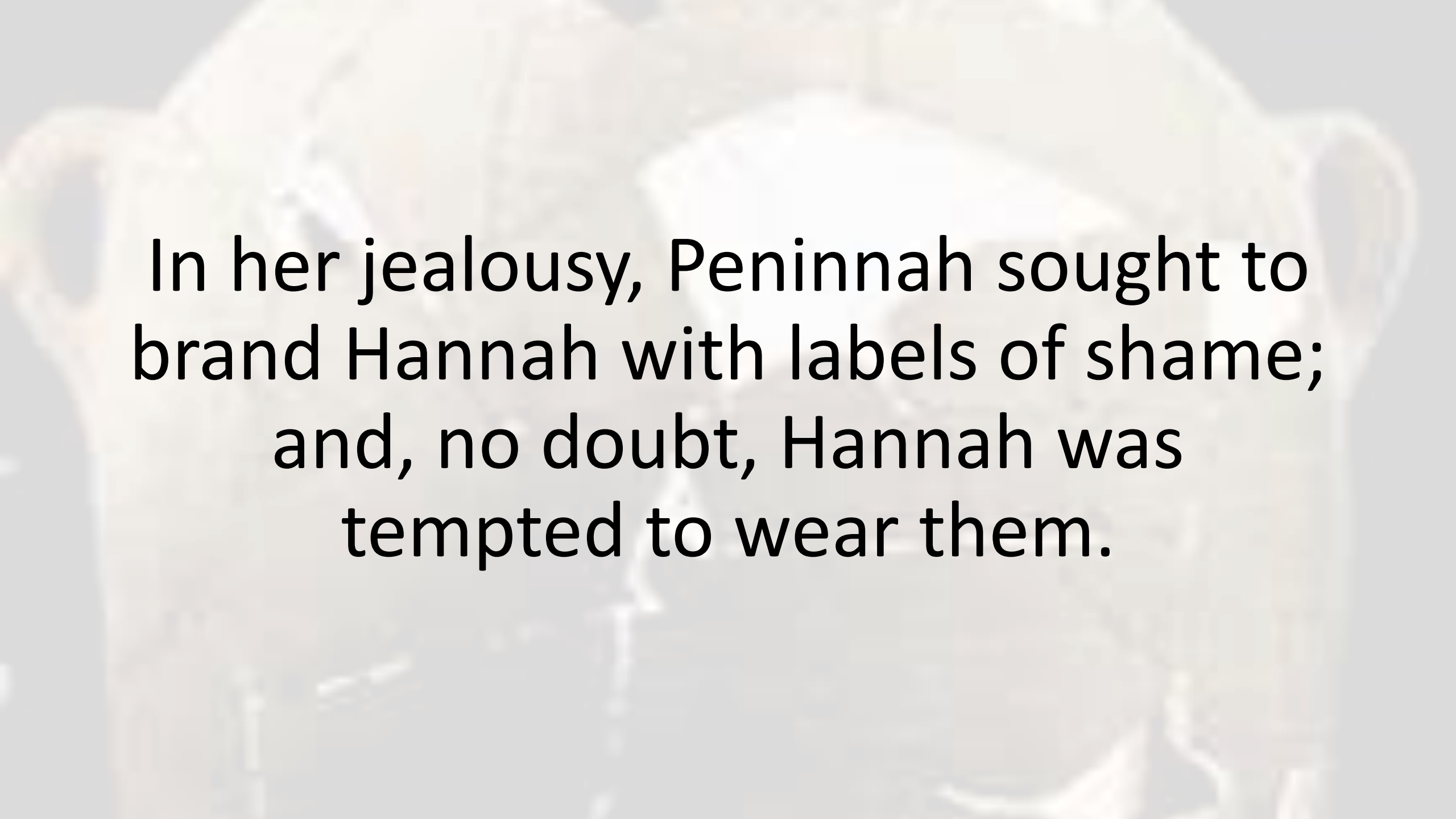
Now there was a certain man...Elkanah...
And he had two wives: the name of one was Hannah
and the name of the other Peninnah;
and Peninnah had children,
but Hannah had no children.

Identities of Sins against Us

1 Samuel 1:4-6

And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed,
he would give portions to Peninnah his wife
and to all her sons and her daughters;
but to Hannah he would give a double portion,
for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had closed her womb.

Her rival, however, would provoke her bitterly to irritate her,
because the LORD had closed her womb.



In her jealousy, Peninnah sought to
brand Hannah with labels of shame;
and, no doubt, Hannah was
tempted to wear them.

Identities of Sins against Us

Luke 7:36-38

Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him. And He entered the Pharisee's house, and reclined at the table. And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.

Identities of Sins against Us

Luke 7:39

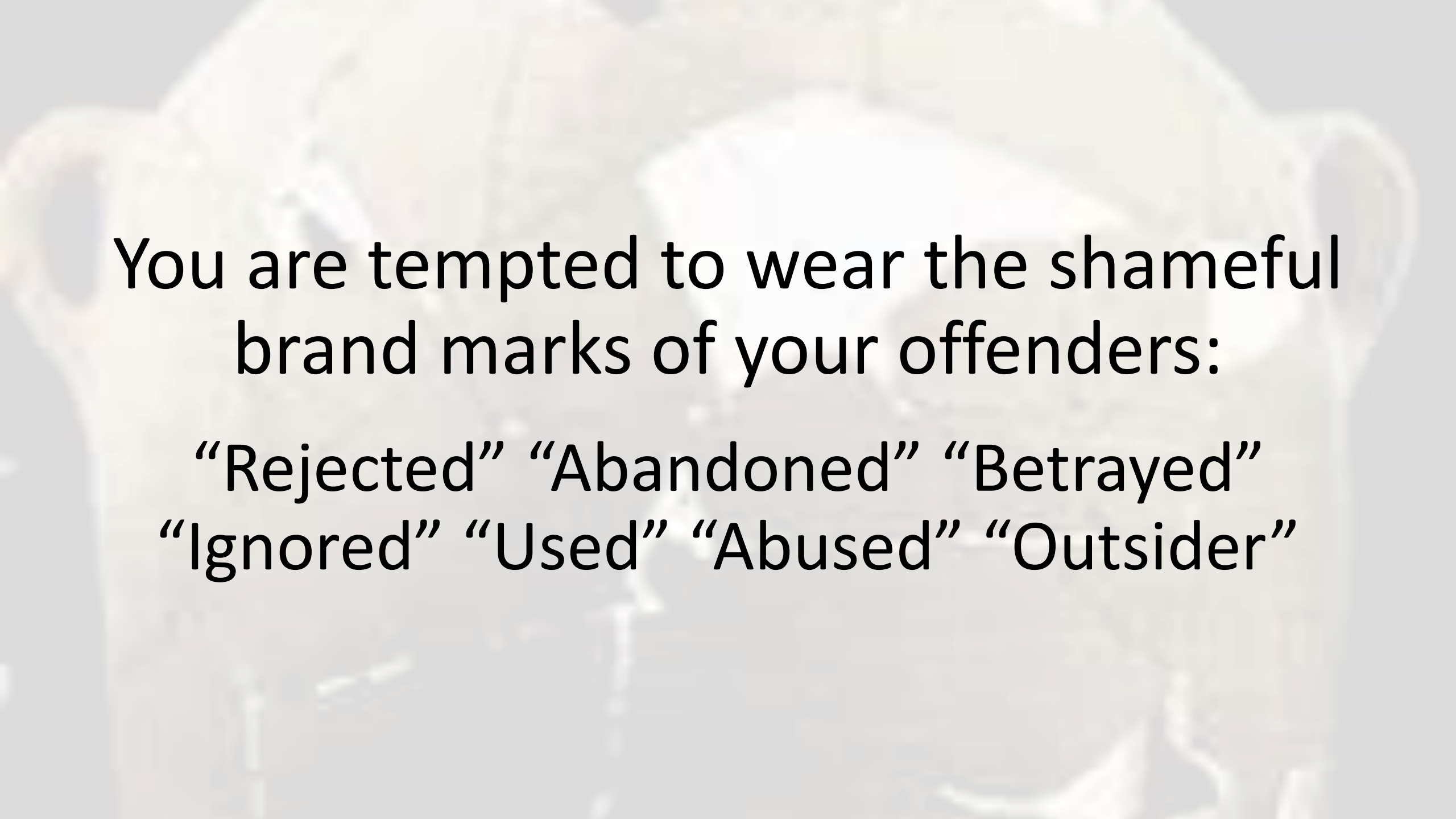
Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”

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Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this,
he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would

know who and **what sort of person this woman is**
who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

She had been branded with labels
of shame; and, no doubt, she was
tempted to wear them.



You are tempted to wear the shameful
brand marks of your offenders:

“Rejected” “Abandoned” “Betrayed”
“Ignored” “Used” “Abused” “Outsider”

But...

Ephesians 2:19

...**but you are** fellow citizens with the saints,
and are of God's household.

You are the beloved of God!

What is shame?

Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of your sin.

Shame is what you feel when you wear the identity of sins against you.

***Shame is what you feel when you
wear the identity of your infirmities.***

An Identity of Infirmary

Leviticus 13:45

As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, “Unclean! Unclean!”

In a culture absent modern medicine, quarantine would be the appropriate response to communicable diseases.



But we are tempted to take on the
identity of our infirmities and to wear
the assigned labels:

“Blind” “Deaf” “Ugly” “Dumb”
“Awkward” “Disabled” “Deformed”

We may even *become* our infirmity.

Leviticus 13:45

As for **the leper** who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, "Unclean! Unclean!"

"The blind man" "The stroke victim" "The diabetic"
"The cancer patient" "The disabled vet"

So What?

The shame of our sins and the shameful labels of sins against us and the shame of infirmities all work together to break our relationships.

A collection of various ceramic pots and vessels, some with intricate patterns, arranged on a surface. The pots are in various sizes and shapes, some with wide mouths and others more rounded. They are arranged in a somewhat haphazard manner, with some in the foreground and others in the background. The colors range from light beige to dark brown, with some having decorative patterns. The overall scene suggests a display of traditional pottery or a collection of ancient vessels.

***But God has provided
the perfect covering...***

God's Provision

Genesis 3:21

And **the LORD God** made garments of skin for Adam
and his wife, and **clothed them.**



Your only sure covering?

Christ Himself

Only Christ covers your sin.

Only Christ clothes you in a new identity.

Only Christ makes you perfect before God.

Conclusion:

**To be clothed in humility is
to own your shame and let
Christ cover you.**