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*Whose Dream
Is It?*



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Ephesians 5:25-30

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.



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What we've Always Done



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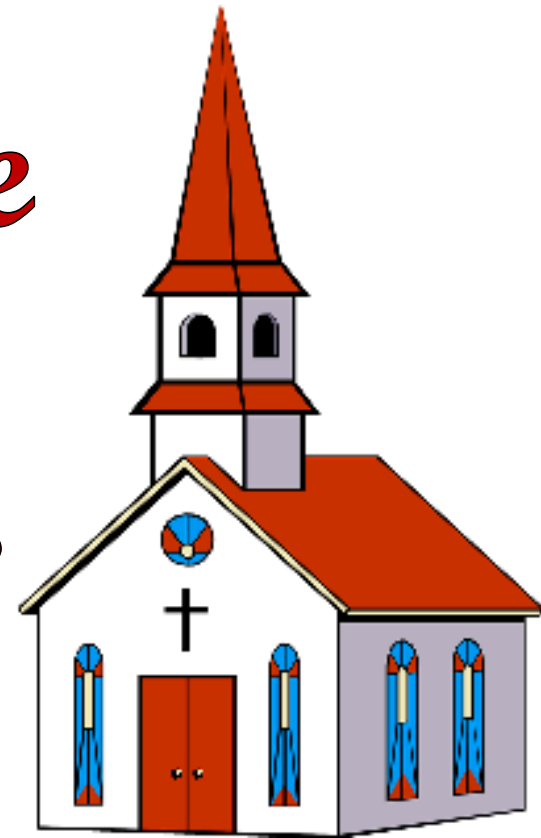


What we've Always Done

**The way we've done
it worked great so
why do it differently?**



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What we've Always Done

**Jesus was never
about normal**



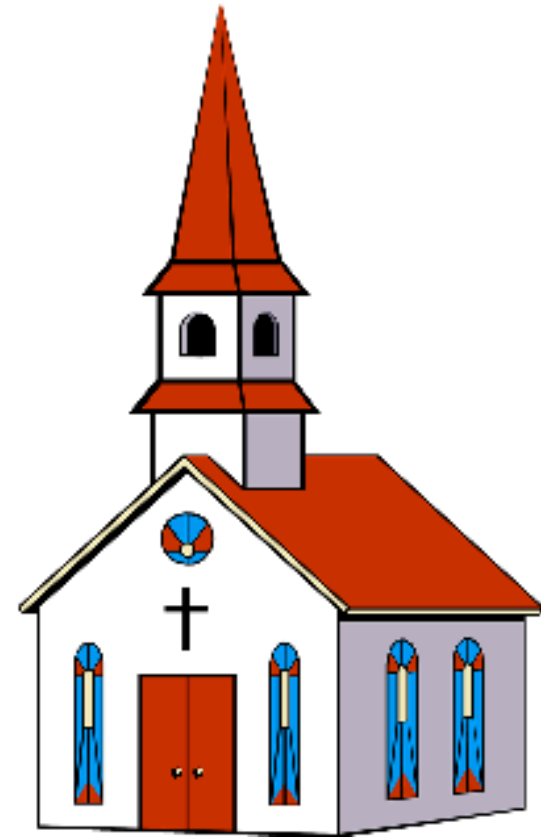
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*What is
comfortable
for me*



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Our Vision

**The problem is our vision
of what faith is all
about does not exactly
line up with how
the relationship was
designed to work**



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What to Expect from Living Faith

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



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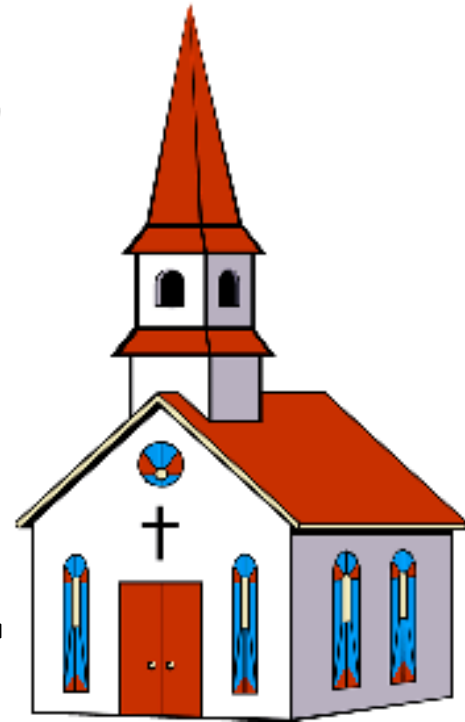
Ephesians 5:15-21

*The marriage analogy
in relationship
to the church (v. 32)*

**This is a profound
mystery—but I am
talking about
Christ and the church.**



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Be Wise



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Wisdom

**The quality of having
experience, knowledge,
and good judgment**



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Wisdom

**The soundness of
an action or decision
regarding the application
of experience, knowledge,
and good judgment**



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Wisdom

**Living faith begins
with wisdom**



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Practical Wisdom

**Making the most
of every opportunity,
because the days
are evil**



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Practical Wisdom

Opportunity:

**a set of circumstances
that makes it possible
to do something**



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Understanding the Lord's Will



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*Understanding
the Lord's Will*

**Establish our
relationship
with Him**



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Understanding the Lord's Will

**Use our time, gifts, talents
and other resources to spread
the gospel and help
others establish that
same relationship**



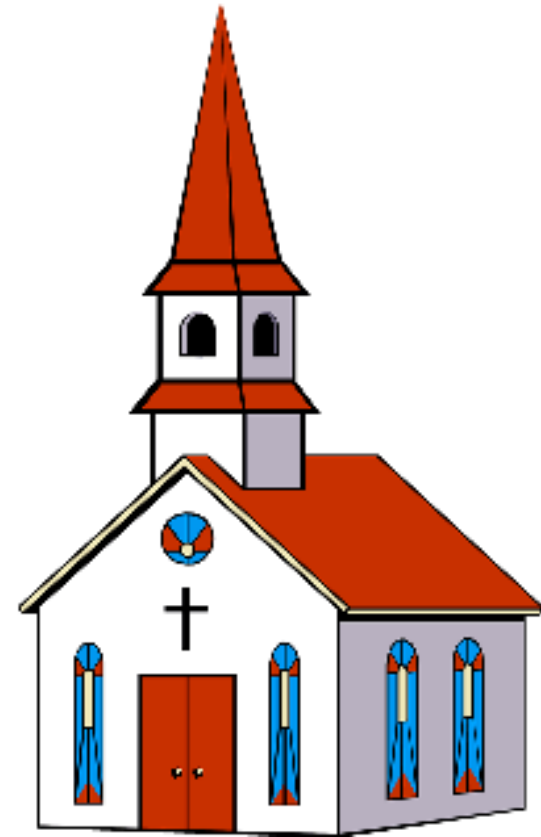
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Be Spirit Controlled



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Spirit Controlled

Lazy

Greedy

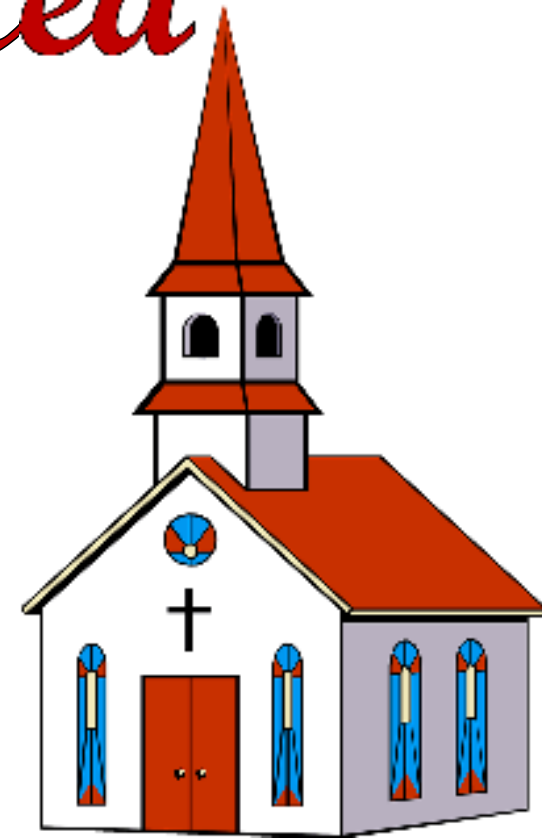
Selfish

Rude

Divisive



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Spirit Controlled

**The idea of not
allowing external
things to influence
our actions**



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Spirit Controlled

**To live in this
relationship you
are going to allow his
spirit to fill
and guide**



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Be Worshipful



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Be Worshipful
**Worship should
encourage us**



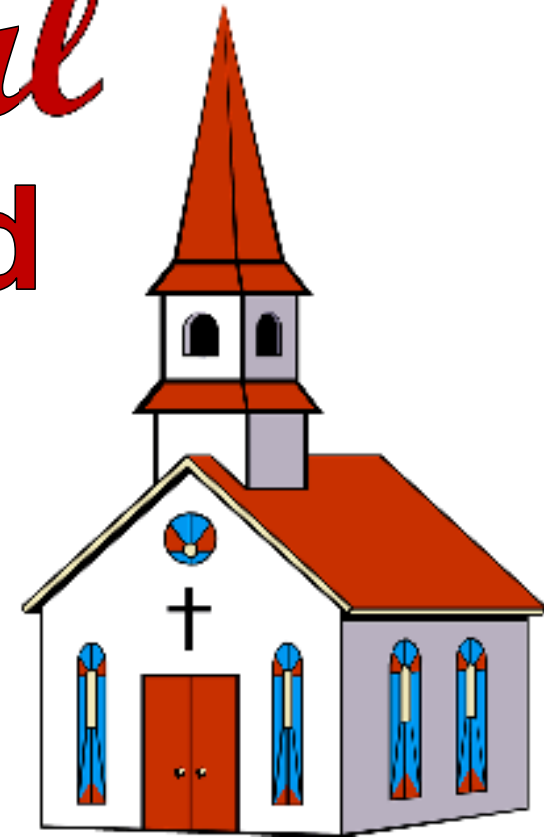
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Be Worshipful
Worship should
focus us
“to the Lord”



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**I can't help but wonder
if the reason people
struggle with worshiping
God is the sterile
attitude we
have created**



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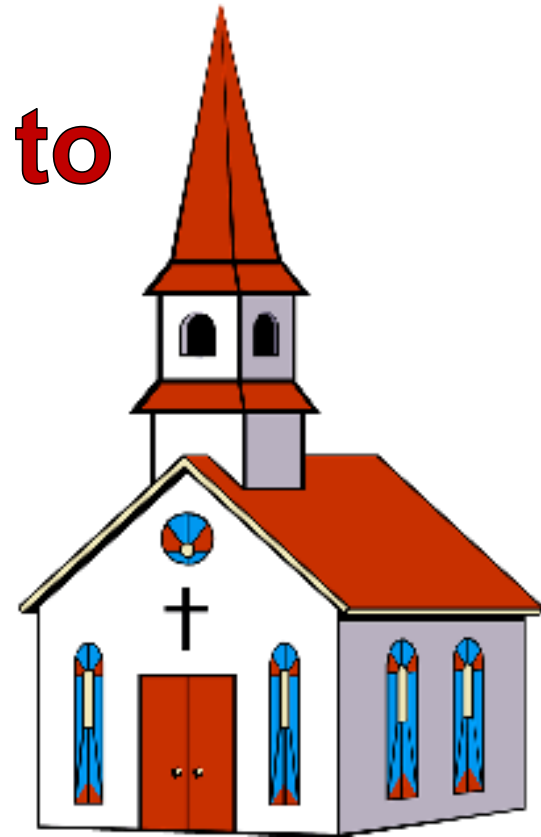


Be Grateful

**Always giving thanks to
God the Father for
everything, in the
name of our
Lord Jesus Christ**



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Like George, they are usually stuck on what's comfortable for me, so they are not interested in grateful because its expected



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*Be Submissive
to one another*



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Be Submissive to one another

**With all the other pieces
in place now we are
supposed to care
about one another**



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Be Submissive to one another

**I am supposed to care
to the point that I
place your needs
above my own**



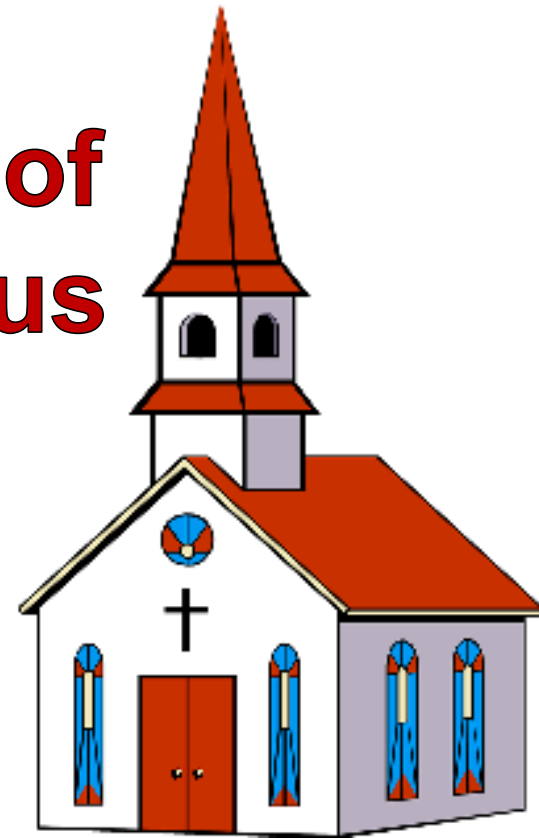
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**One of the main goals of
the church is to teach us
to work together for
a common goal**



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Be Submissive to Christ



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Be Submissive to Christ

**But in this picture the
“husband” Jesus
has already loved**



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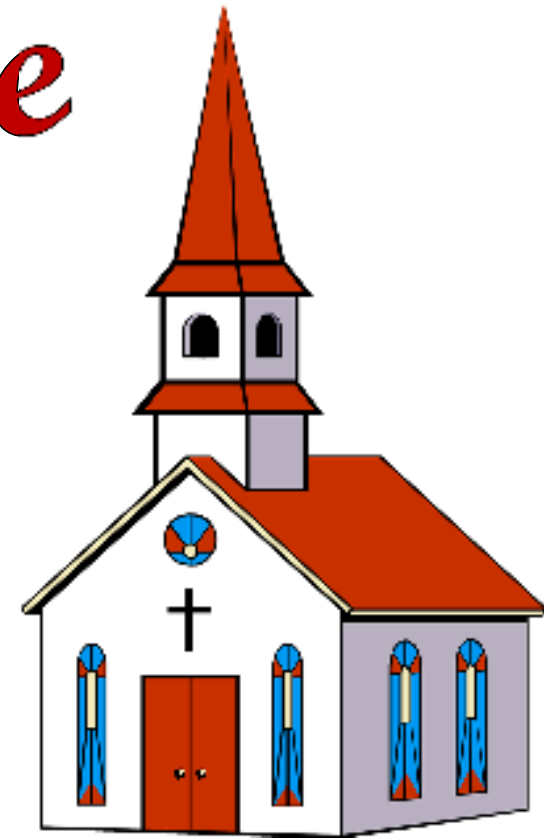


Be Submissive to Christ

**Thus “the bride”
or the church
submits to Christ”**



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How Do I Submit?

Being Wise

Being Understanding

Being Spirit Led

Being Worshipful

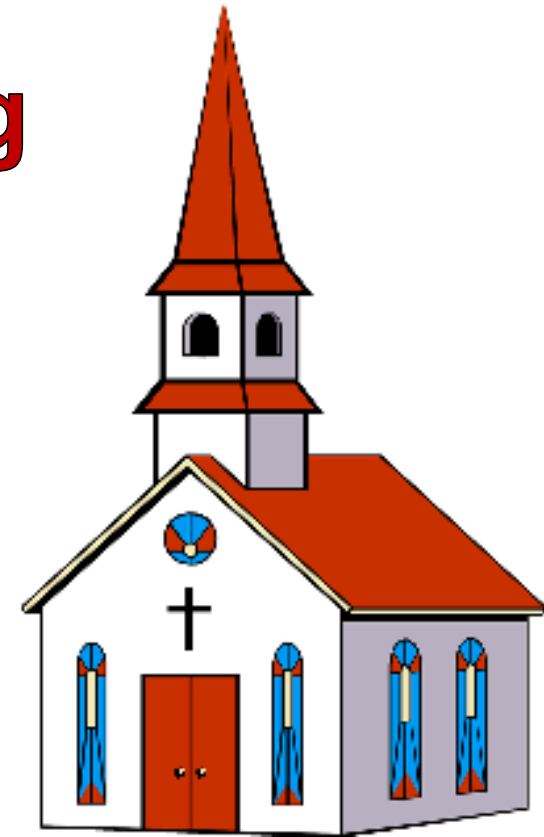
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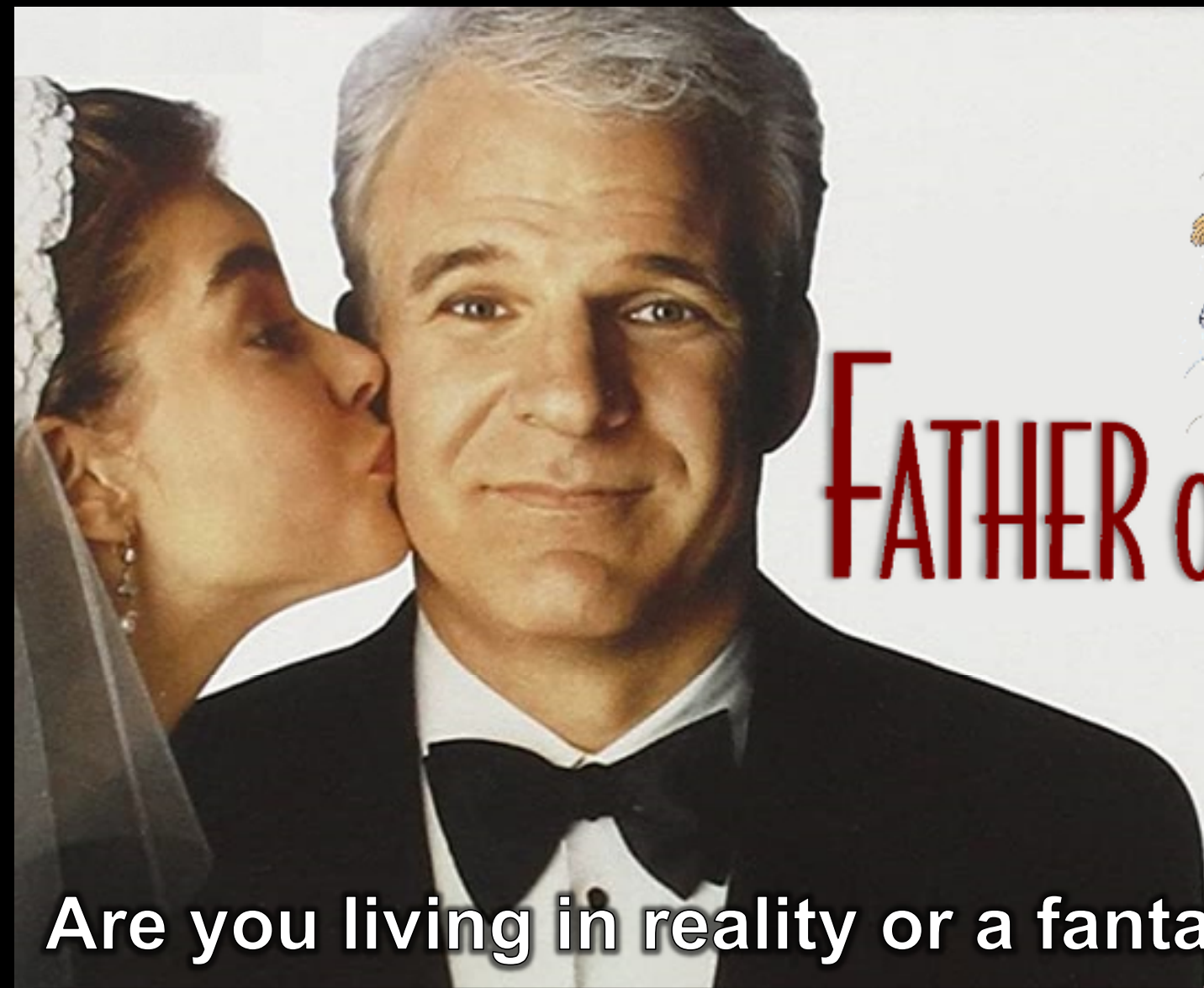
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Are you living in reality or a fantasy?