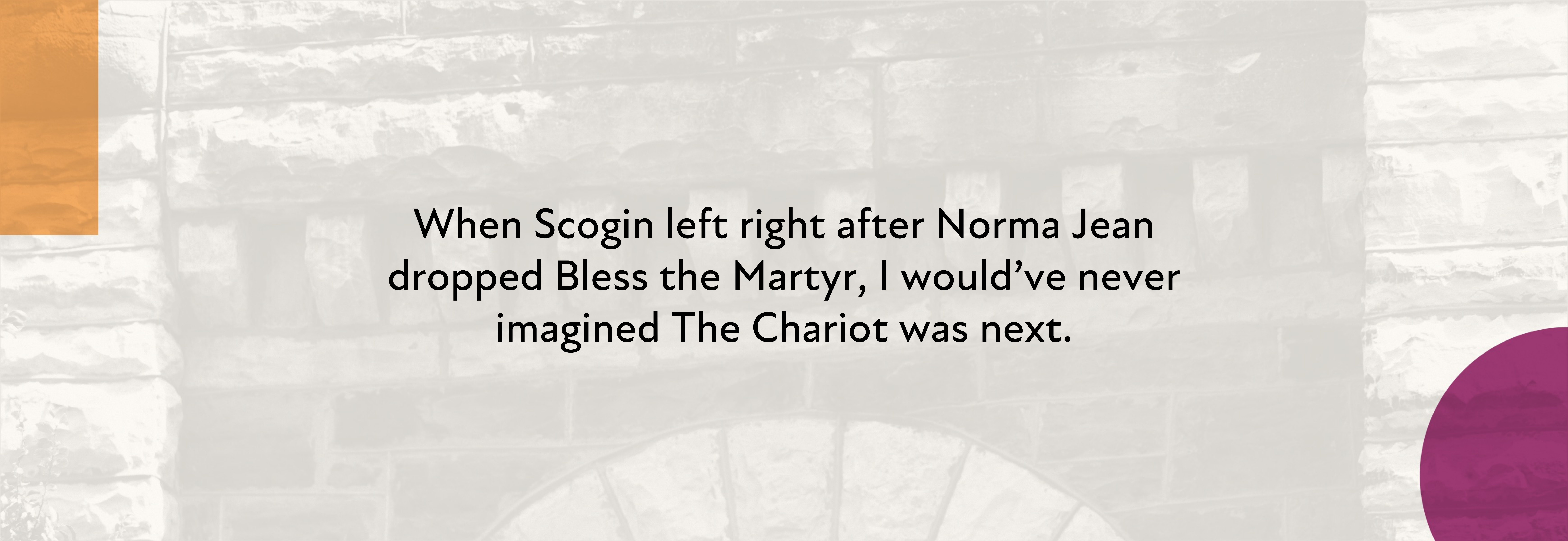




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I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the traditions just as I passed them on to you.



# 1 CORINTHIANS

Paul responds to the church at Corinth

## Responding to issues reported by Chloe:

Divisions, wisdom, and the cross (chapters 1-4)

Immorality, lawsuits, and sexuality (chapters 5-6)

## Responding to issues mentioned in letters from Corinth:

Marriage and singleness (chapter 7)

Freedom, food, and idolatry (chapters 8-11)

Issues in worship (chapters 11-14)

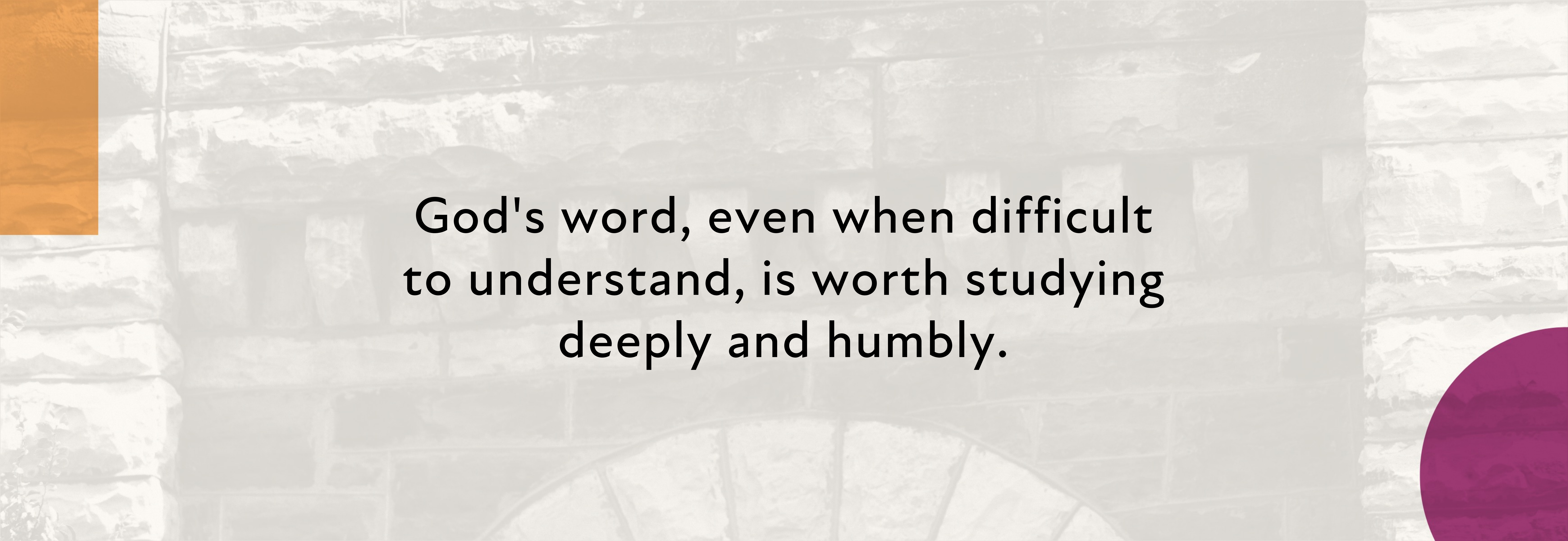
The resurrection (chapter 15)

Generosity and closing (chapter 16)





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deeply and humbly.**

## 1 Corinthians 11:3 <sup>NIV</sup>

But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.





# *kephalē*: “head”

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AUTHORITY/LEADER

SOURCE

PROMINENCE

## 1 Corinthians 11:3 <sup>NIV</sup>

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But I want you to realize that the **prominence** of every man is Christ, and the **prominence** of the woman is man, and the **prominence** of Christ is God.



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But I want you to realize that the **authority** of every man is Christ, and the **authority** of the woman is man, and the **authority** of Christ is God.



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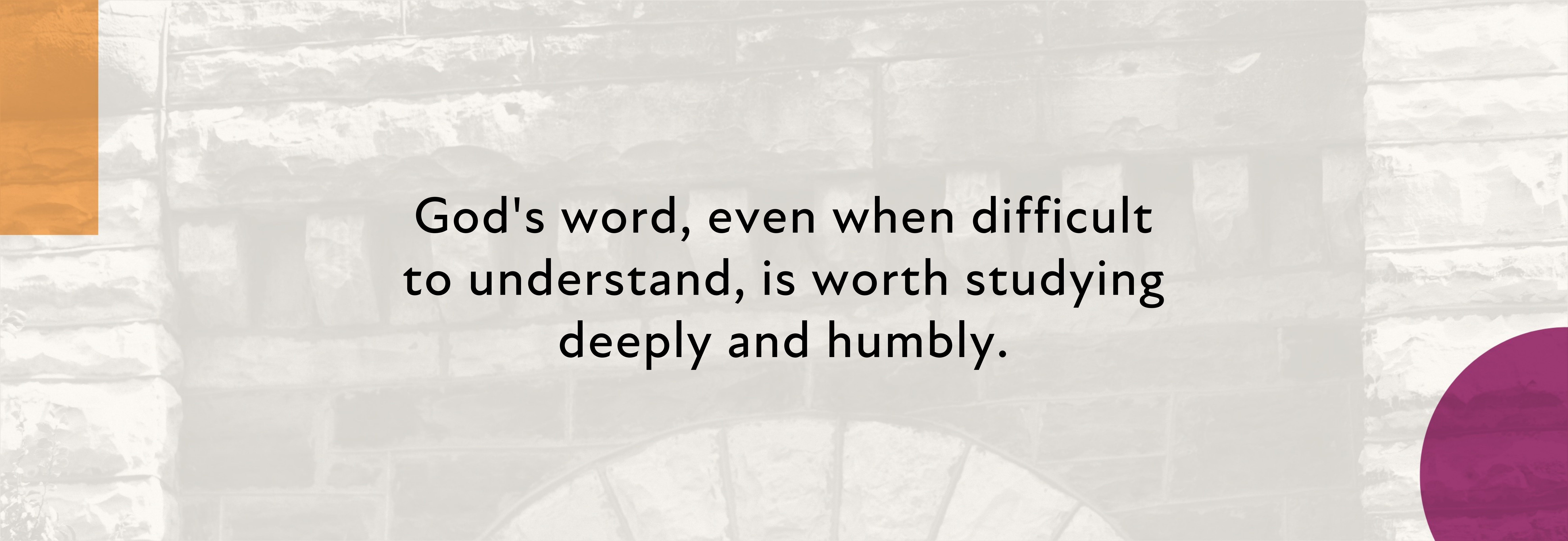
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## 1 Corinthians 11:4-6 \*NOETZEL VERSION

Every man who prays or prophesies with his **skull** covered dishonors his **Christ**.<sup>5</sup> But every woman who prays or prophesies with her **skull** uncovered dishonors her **man**—it is the same as having her **skull** shaved.<sup>6</sup> For if a woman does not cover her **skull**, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her **skull** shaved, then she should cover her **skull**.



## COVERED:

### PAGAN WORSHIP

Head covered during sacrifice in pagan temples. Distinguish Christian worship from pagan worship.

### MARITAL MODESTY

Married women covered their heads to represent the covering of their marriage and to honor their husbands.

### STATUS SYMBOL

Flaunting wealth created a risk for conflict in the gathering.

## UNCOVERED:

### PROMISCUITY

Single or promiscuous women left their head uncovered to communicate availability.

### LIBERATION

High-ranking women rebelled against societal norms to express freedoms.

### HEAD SHAVED

A woman caught in adultery was punished with a shaved head to publicly display her guilt, as a form of shame.

## 1 Corinthians 11:4-6 <sup>NIV</sup>

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## 1 Corinthians 11:7-12 <sup>NIV</sup>

A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. <sup>8</sup> For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; <sup>9</sup> neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup> It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup> Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. <sup>12</sup> For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.



## 1 Corinthians 11:13-15 <sup>NIV</sup>

Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? <sup>14</sup> Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, <sup>15</sup> but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.



**1 Corinthians 11:16** <sup>NIV</sup>

If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God.



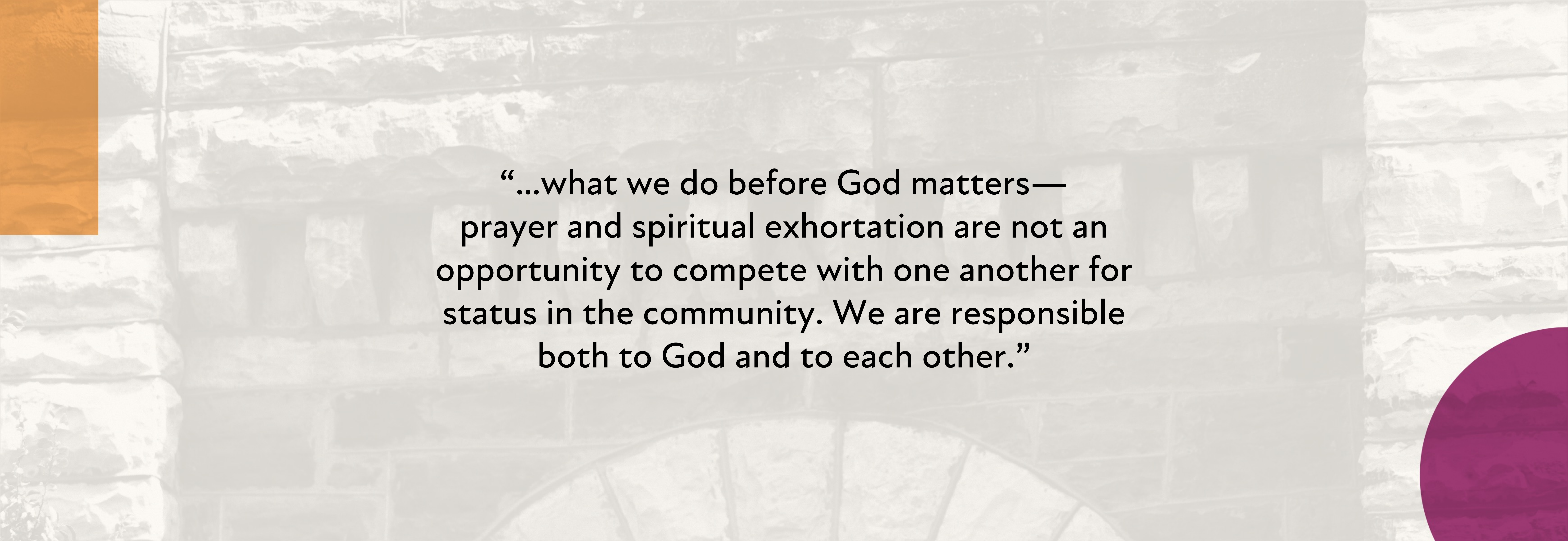


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“...what we do before God matters—  
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status in the community. We are responsible  
both to God and to each other.”