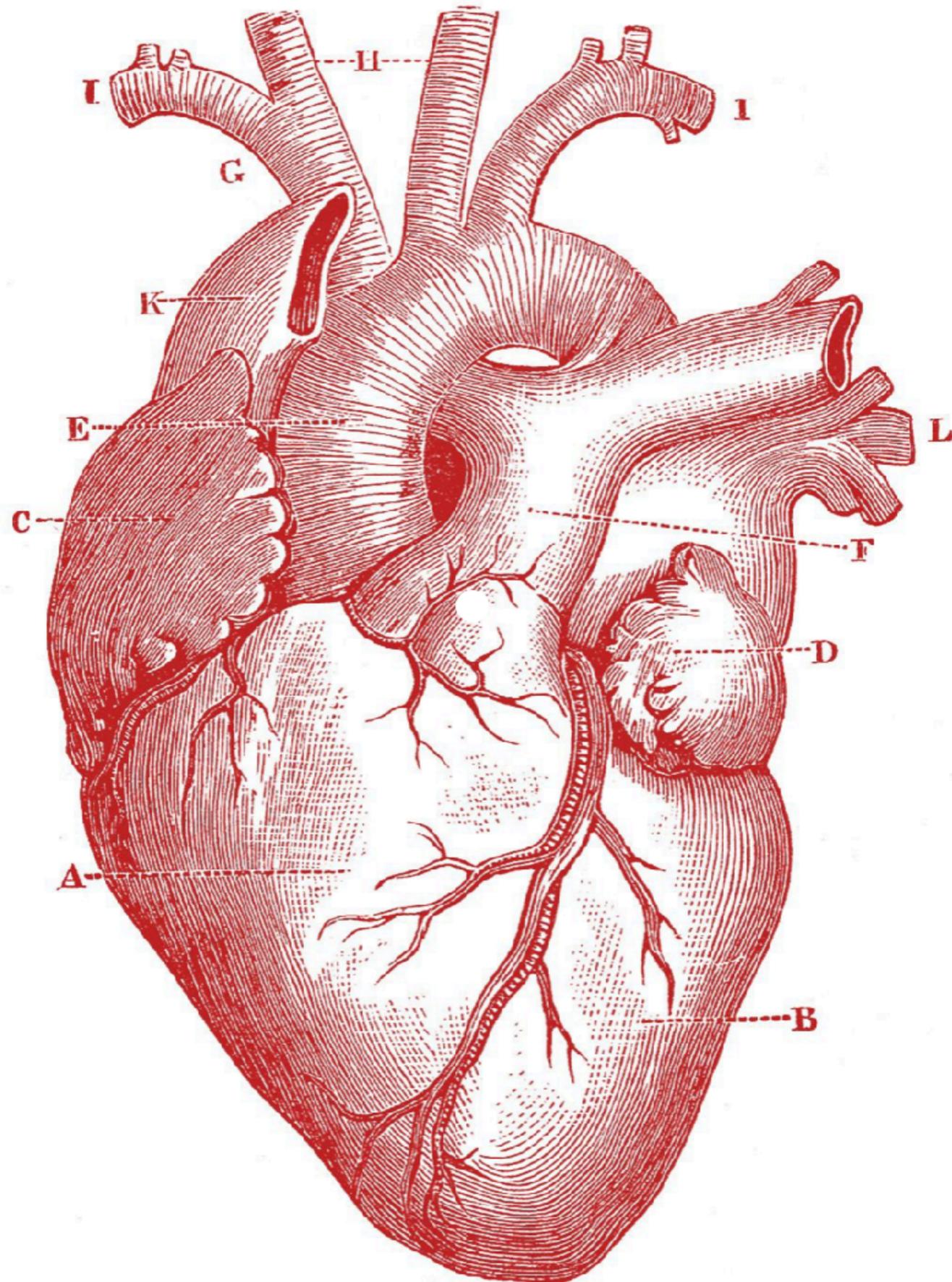


Fig. 37.



# The heart of the matter

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GOD'S ANATOMY OF OUR HEARTS

# The rejoicing heart

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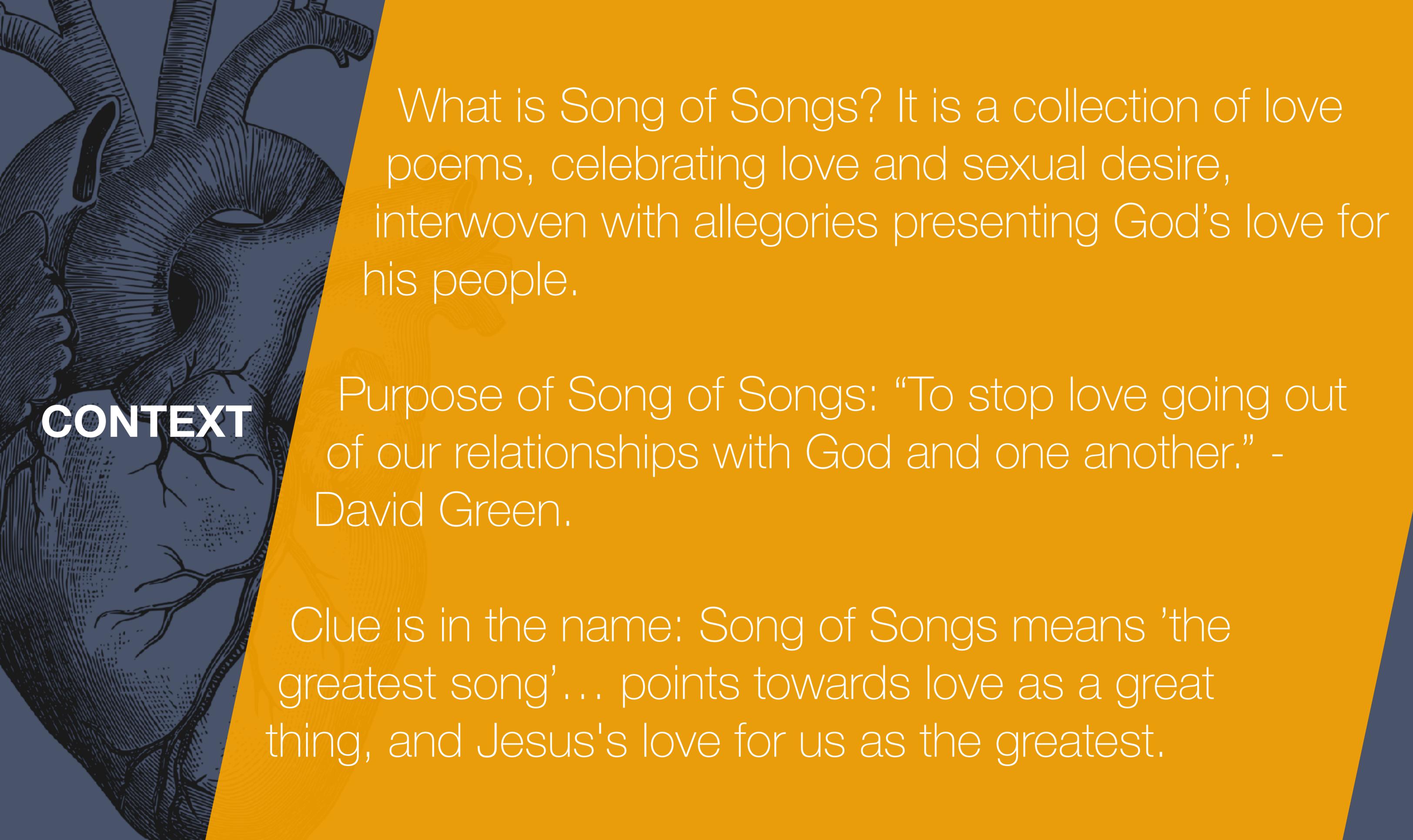
SONG OF SONGS 3:11





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## CONTEXT

What is Song of Songs? It is a collection of love poems, celebrating love and sexual desire, interwoven with allegories presenting God's love for his people.

Purpose of Song of Songs: "To stop love going out of our relationships with God and one another." - David Green.

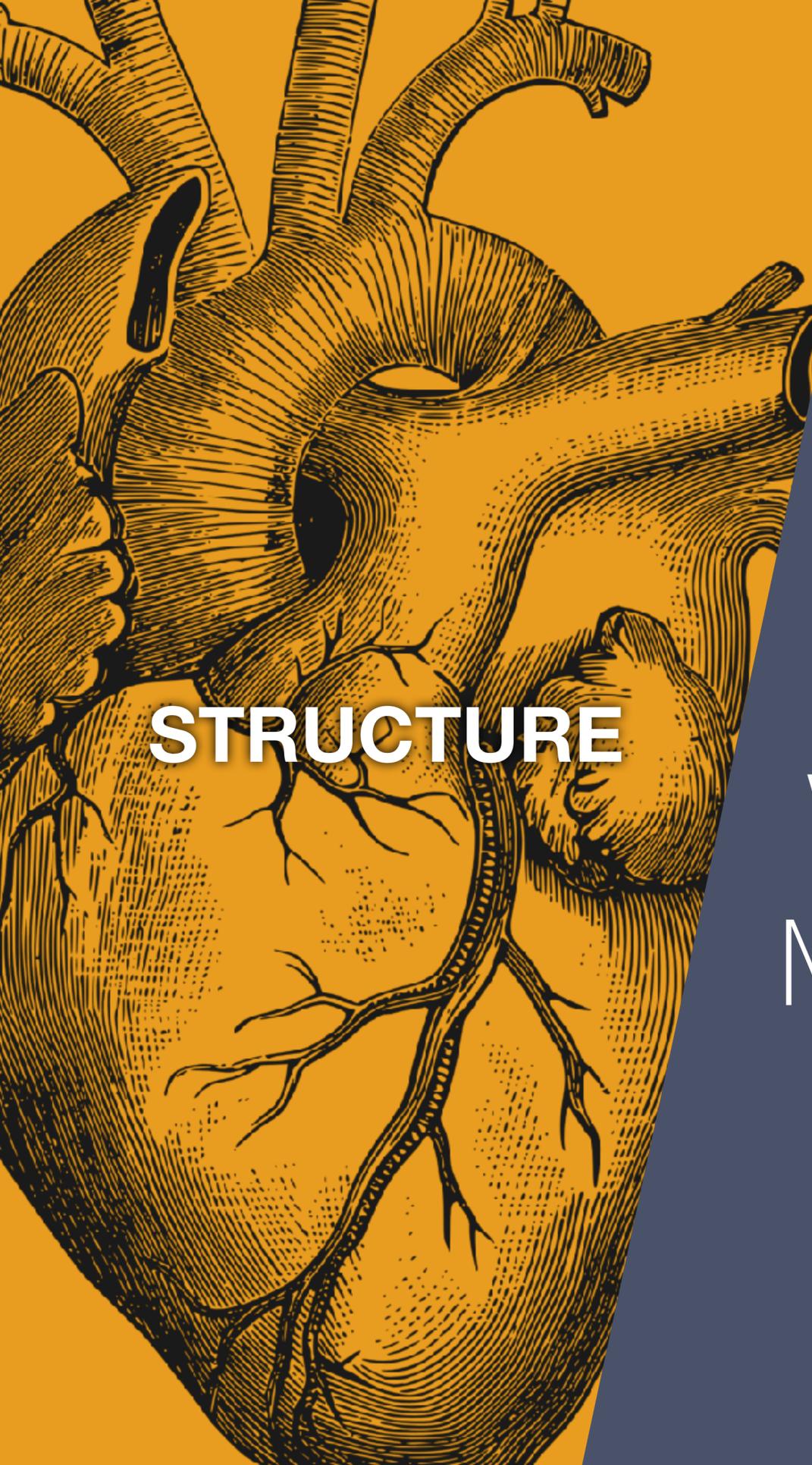
Clue is in the name: Song of Songs means 'the greatest song'... points towards love as a great thing, and Jesus's love for us as the greatest.



## CONTEXT CONT.

Re. sexual desire, Bible Project says "though both lovers are immensely captivated by each other, the woman methodically reminds the readers to wait for this special passion at the right time." i.e. the right time for sex is marriage.

Its genre is poetic wisdom literature. It uses sentences and devices such as parallelism (developing ideas through near repetition), assonance (resemblance of sound between syllables of nearby words), alliteration, simile, metaphor and refrain. It is highly imaginative and artistic and beautiful.



**STRUCTURE**

## Basic narrative structure

Courtship (1:1–3:5)

Wedding (3:6–5:1)

Married life (5:2–8:14)



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**NIV**

"Oh, sisters of Zion, don't miss this! My King-Lover, dressed and garlanded for his wedding, his heart full, bursting with joy!"

**MSG**

"Gaze on King Solomon with the crown with which his mother has crowned him On the day of his wedding, And on the day of his gladness of heart."

**NASB**



25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

31 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'

32 This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.

**EPHESIANS 5:25, 31-31**



Let us rejoice and be glad  
and give him glory!  
For the wedding of the Lamb has  
come,  
and his bride has made herself  
ready.

**REVELATION 19:7**



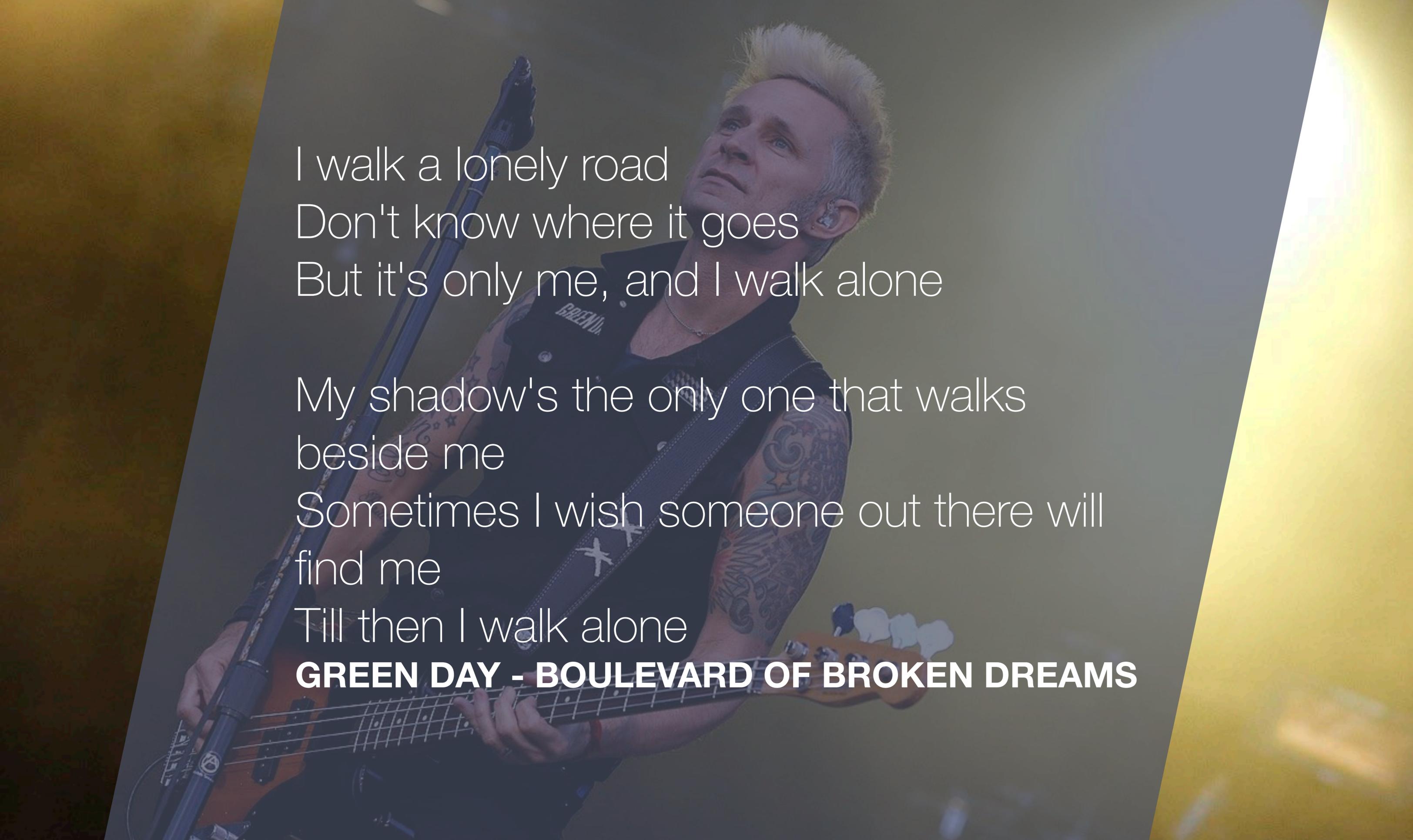
I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

**2 CORINTHIANS 22:2**



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My shadow's the only one that walks  
beside me  
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**GREEN DAY - BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS**

“The greatest happiness of life is  
the conviction that we are loved.”

**VICTOR HUGO**

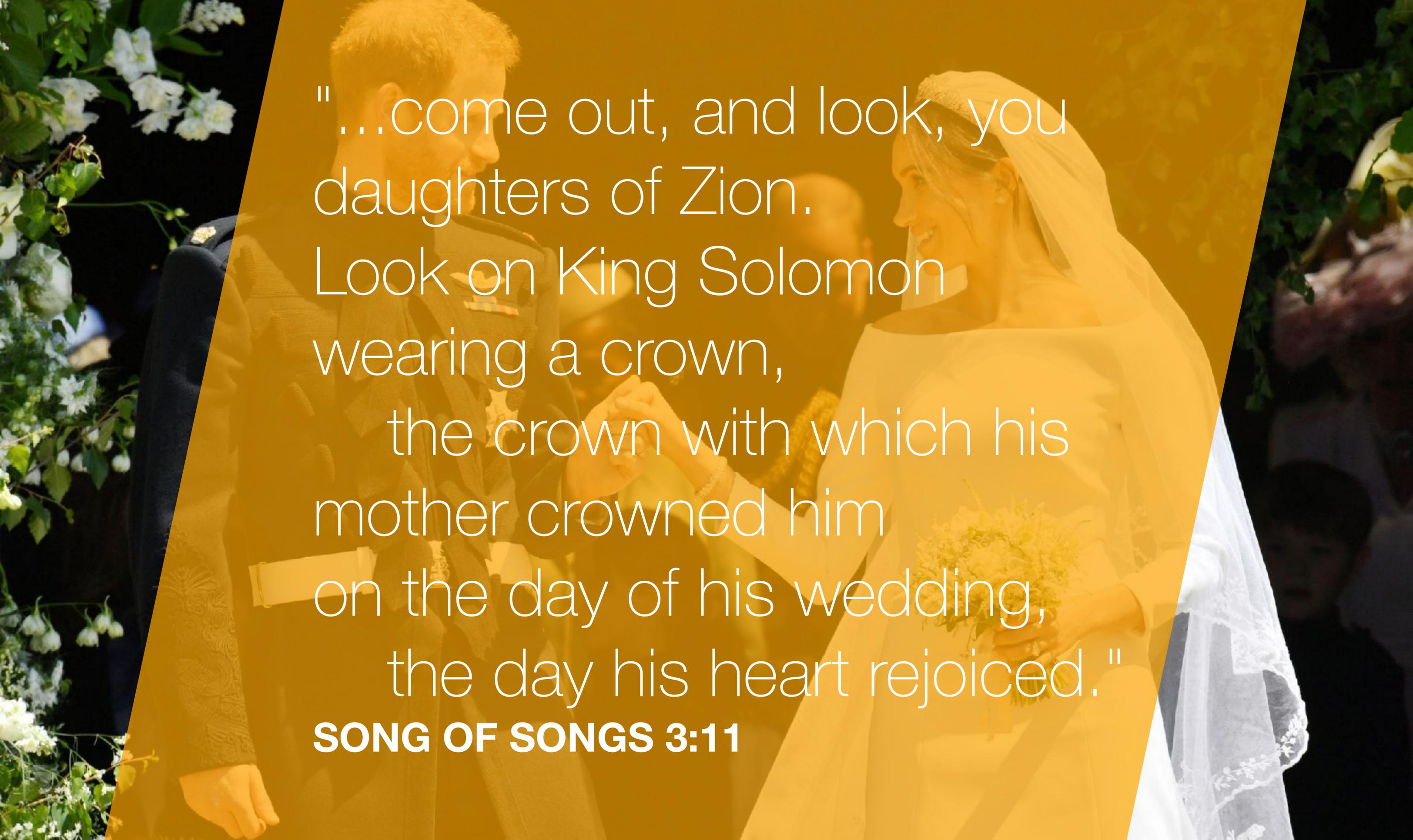


“They shoulder intolerable burdens of self-disgust, self-contempt, shame and self-consciousness. They are excruciatingly aware of their own faults and inadequacies, and ashamed and doubtful of their own value.”

**JORDAN B. PETERSON - 12 RULES FOR LIFE**



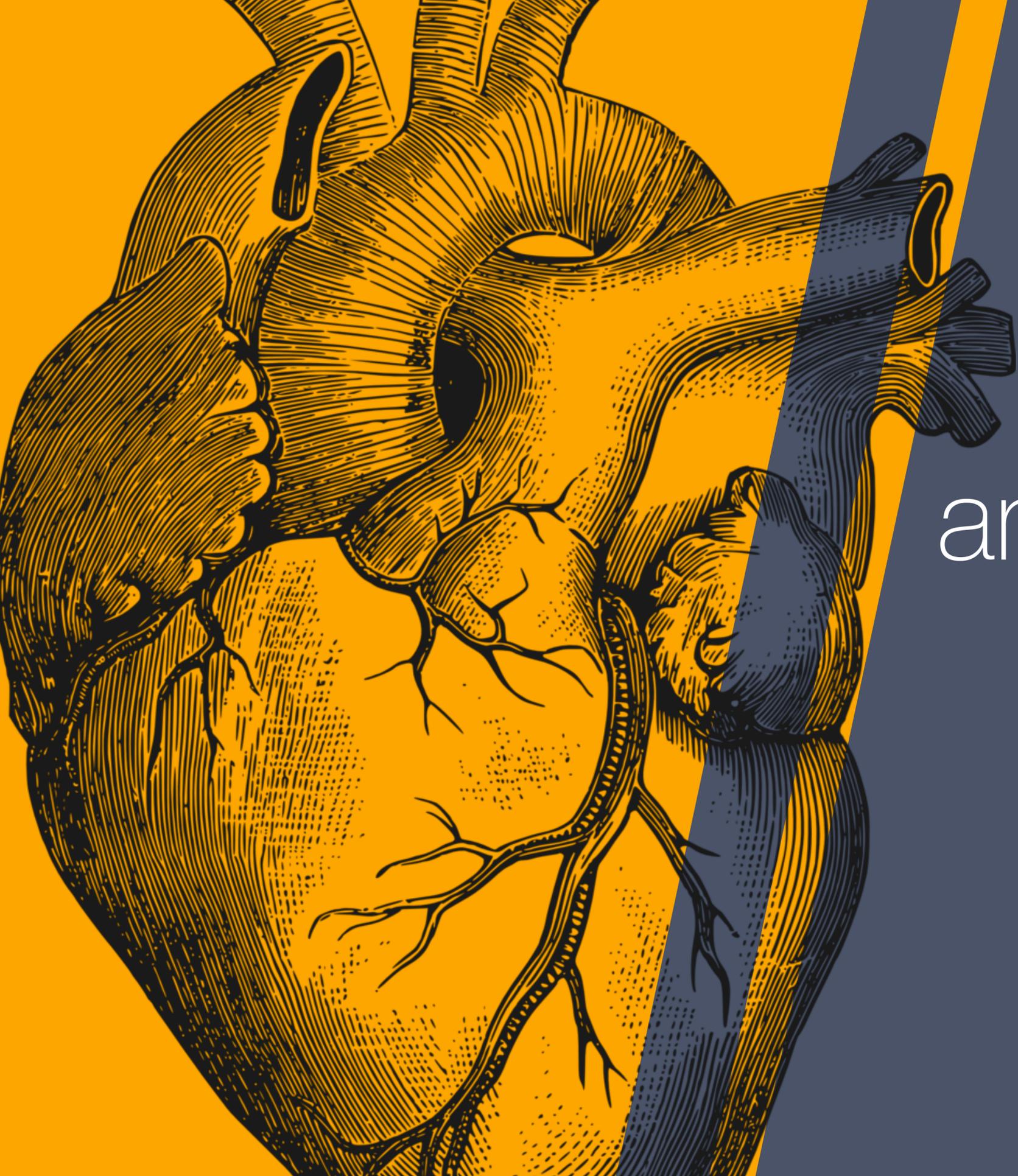
I belong to my beloved,  
and his desire is for me.  
**SONG OF SONGS 7:10**

A photograph of a bride and groom at their wedding, overlaid with a semi-transparent yellow filter. The bride is on the right, wearing a white dress and veil, holding a bouquet of flowers. The groom is on the left, wearing a dark suit. They are looking at each other and smiling. The background shows other guests and floral arrangements.

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**SONG OF SONGS 3:11**

<https://youtu.be/wf94J3xGIOs?t=210>



Enjoy and be  
amazed by Christ's  
love for you, and  
for us!



"...love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire,  
like a mighty flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give  
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