

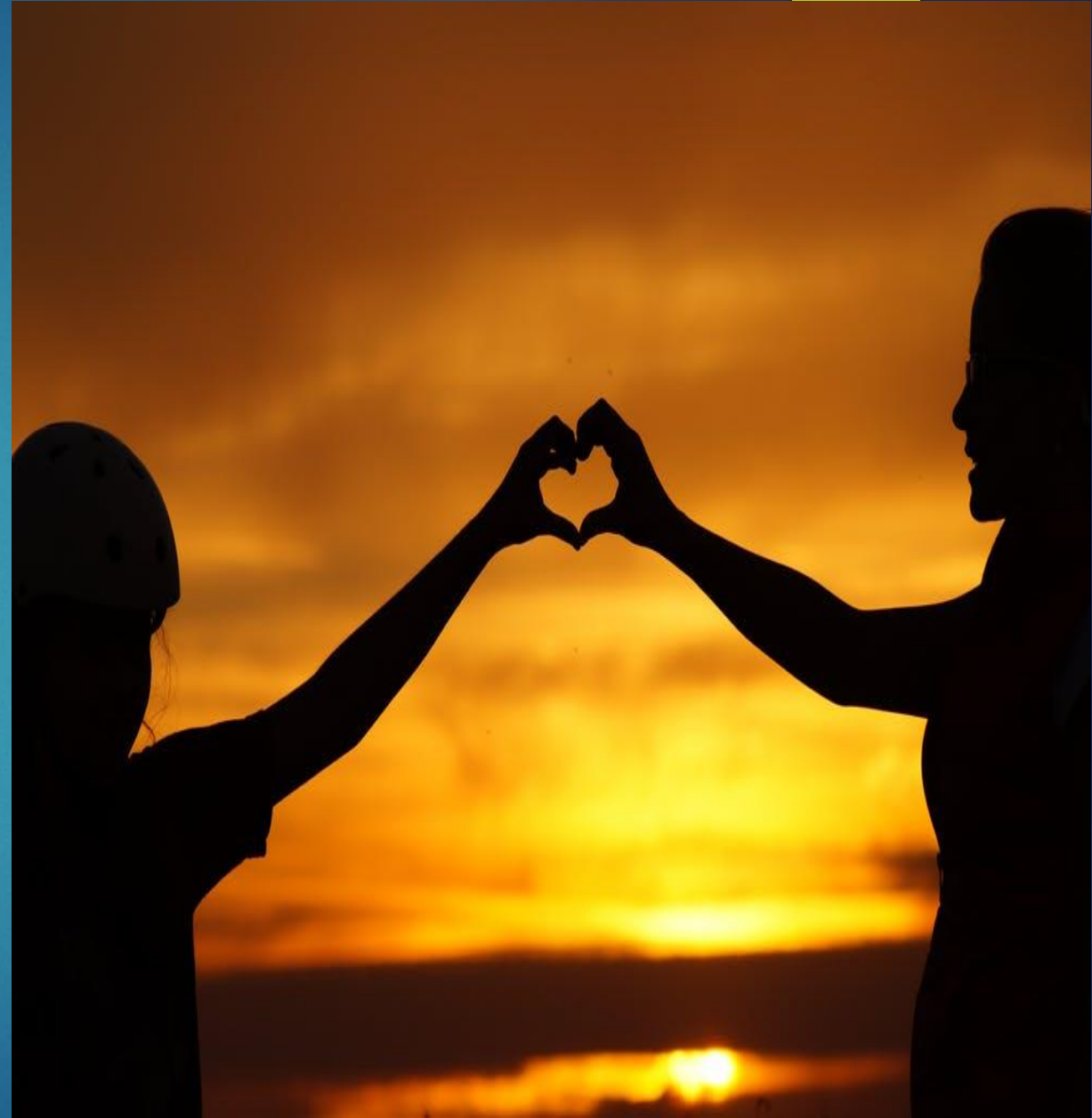
# The broken-hearted



10 Do we not all have one  
Father<sup>[a]</sup>? Did not one God  
create us? why do we  
profane the covenant of our  
ancestors by being  
unfaithful to one another?



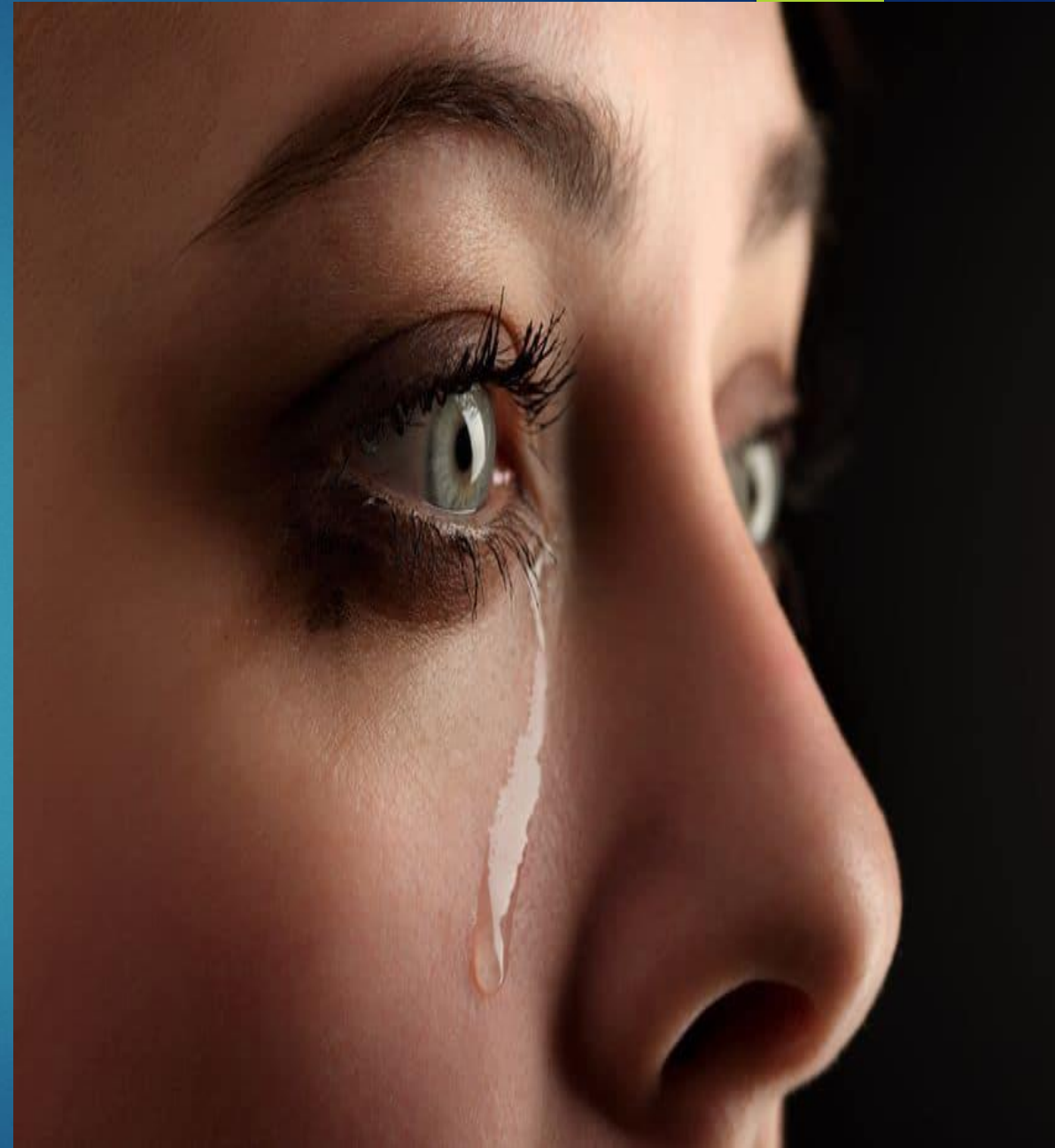
<sup>11</sup> Judah has been  
unfaithful. A  
detestable thing has been  
committed in Israel and in  
Jerusalem: Judah has  
deseccrated the sanctuary  
the Lord loves by  
marrying women who worship  
a foreign god.



<sup>12</sup> As for the man who does this,  
whoever he may be, may the Lord  
remove him from the tents of  
Jacob—even though he brings an  
offering to the Lord Almighty.



<sup>13</sup> Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands.



14 You ask, “why?” It is because the Lord is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.



15 Didn't God create you and your wife to become like one person? And why did he do this? It was so you would have children, and then lead them to become God's people. Don't ever be unfaithful to your wife.



16 "For *I hate divorce*," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, *that you do not deal treacherously*."





Matthew 19:3

<sup>3</sup> Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”



24 If a man marries a woman who becomes displeasing to him because he finds something indecent about her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, gives it to her and sends her from his house,

Deuteronomy 24:1



A. The House of Shammai say, "A man should divorce his wife only because he has found grounds for it in unchastity,

B. Since it is said, Because he has found in her indecency in anything (Deut. 24:1)."

C. And the House of Hillel say, "Even if she spoiled his dish,

D. Since it is said, Because he has found in her indecency in anything."

E. R. Aqiba says, "Even if he found some one else prettier than she,

F. Since it is said, And it shall be if she find no favor in his eyes (Deut. 24:1)."<sup>1</sup>

4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ [a] 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’ [b]? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let *no one separate.*”



7 “why then,” they asked, “did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?”



<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. <sup>9</sup> I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”



<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup> Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:7-8

