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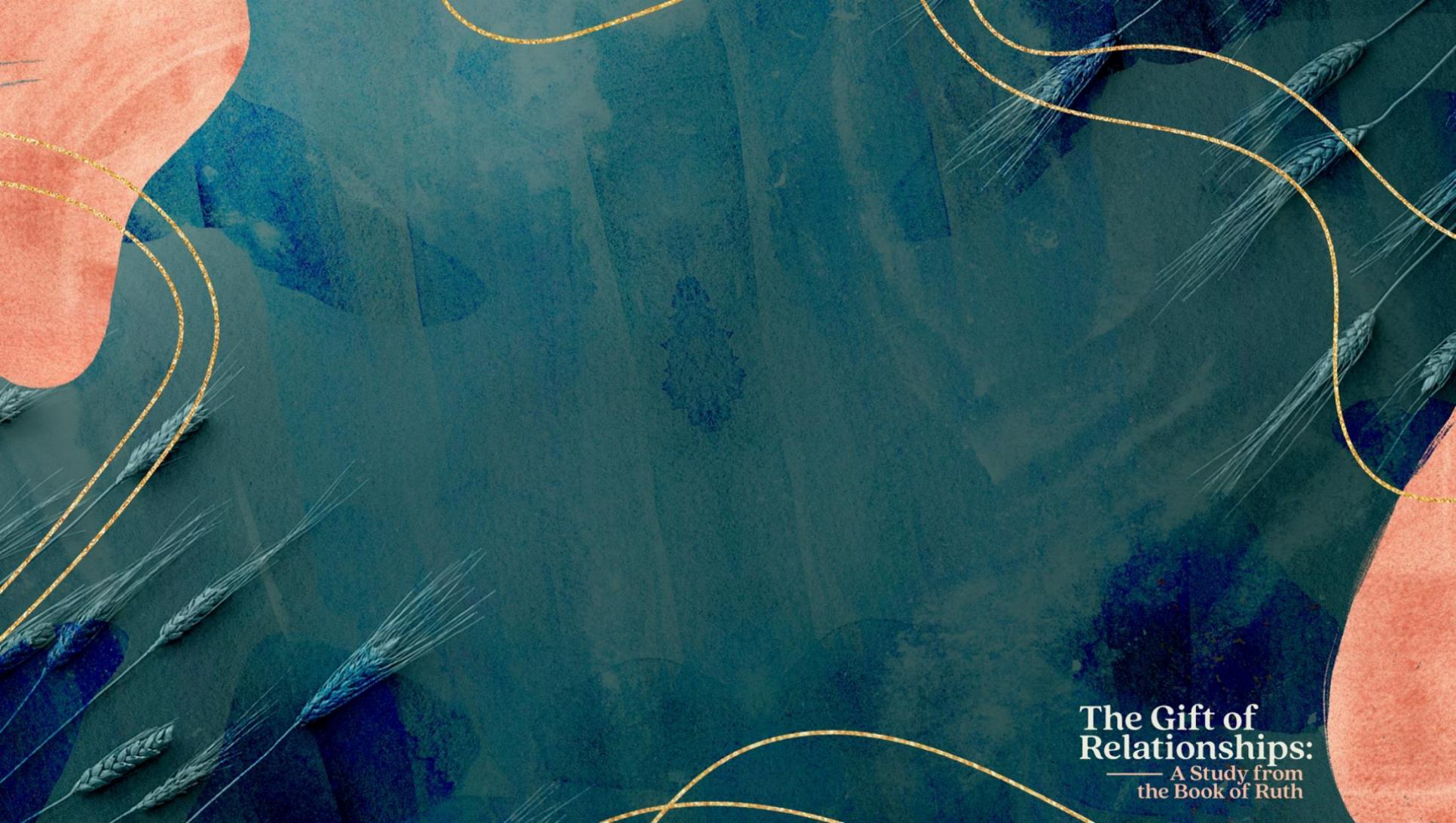


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The Gift of Relationships:

— A Study from
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Ruth 2 (select verses)

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side. He was a prominent man of noble character from Elimelech's family. His name was Boaz.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

So Ruth left and entered the field to gather grain behind the harvesters. She happened to be in the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Boaz asked his servant who was in charge of the harvesters, “Whose young woman is this?”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

The servant answered, “She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

She asked, 'Will you let me gather fallen grain among the bundles behind the harvesters?'

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen, my daughter. Don’t go and gather grain in another field, and don’t leave this one, but stay here close to my female servants.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

See which field they are harvesting, and follow them. Haven't I ordered the young men not to touch you?

Ruth 2 (select verses)

She fell facedown, bowed to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor with you, so that you notice me, although I am a foreigner?”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Boaz answered her, “Everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband’s death has been fully reported to me:

Ruth 2 (select verses)

how you left your father and mother and your native land, and how you came to a people you didn't previously know.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

May the Lord reward you for what you have done,
and may you receive a full reward from the Lord
God of Israel, under whose wings you have
come for refuge.”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

When she got up to gather grain, Boaz ordered his young men, “Let her even gather grain among the bundles, and don’t humiliate her.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Pull out some stalks from the bundles for her and leave them for her to gather. Don't rebuke her."
So Ruth gathered grain in the field until evening.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

She picked up the grain and went into the town,
where her mother-in-law saw what she had
gleaned. She brought out what she had left over
from her meal and gave it to her.

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you gather barley today, and where did you work? May the Lord bless the man who noticed you.”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Ruth told her mother-in-law whom she had worked with and said, “The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz.”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law,
“May the Lord bless him because he has not
abandoned his kindness to the living or the dead.”

Ruth 2 (select verses)

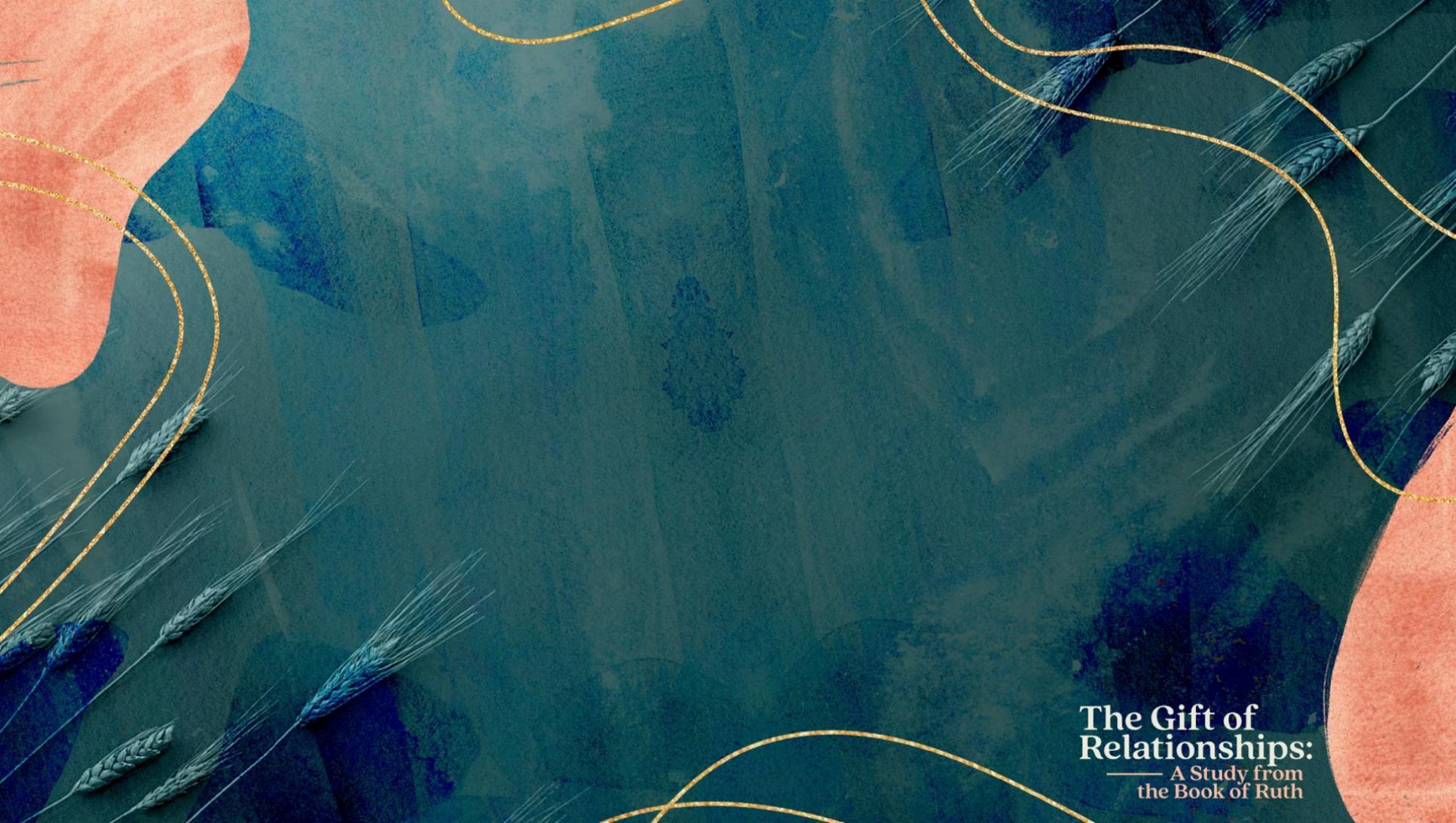
Naomi continued, “The man is a close relative.
He is one of our family redeemers.”



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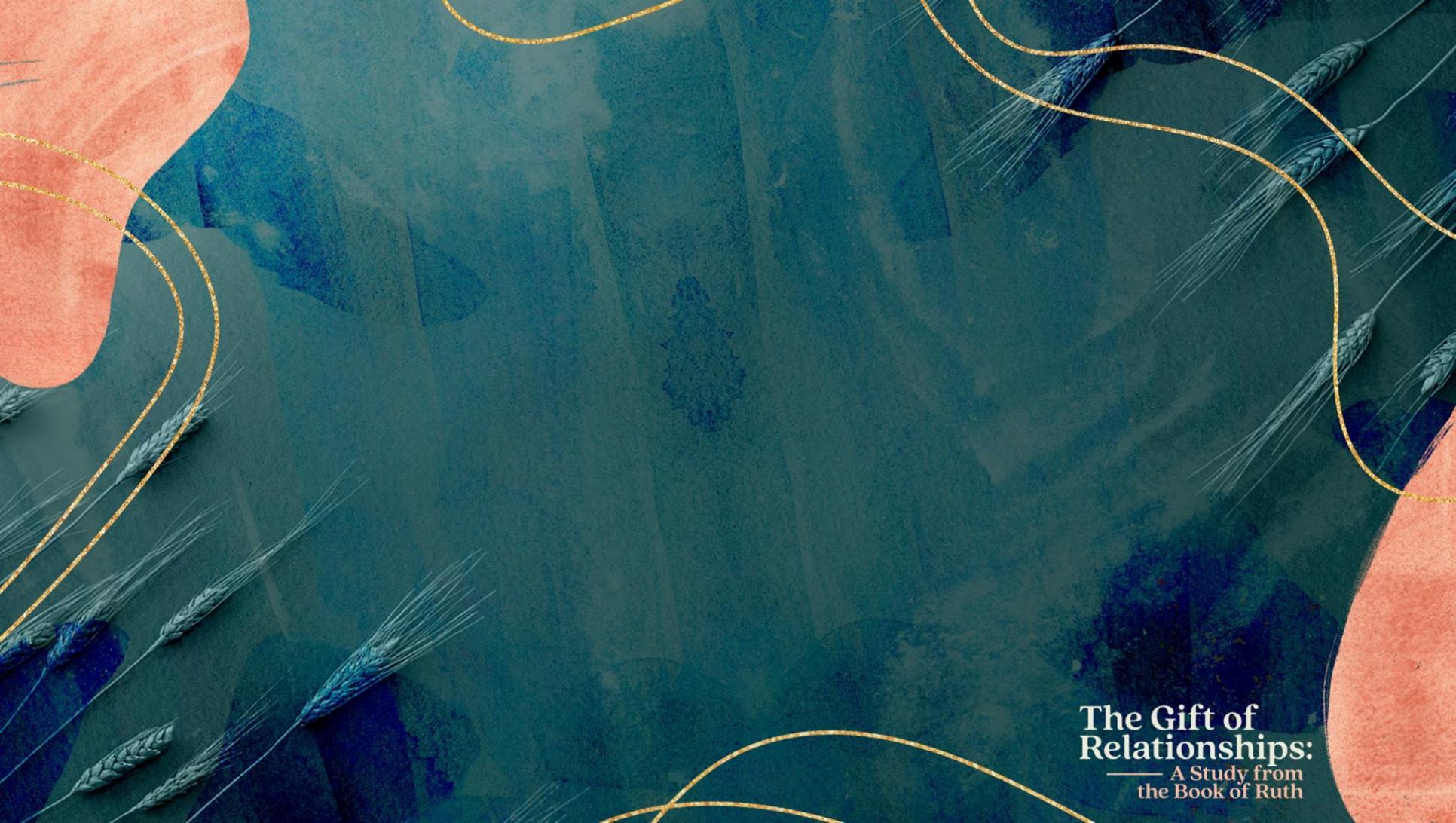
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God's sovereignty in our relationships: He orders every detail

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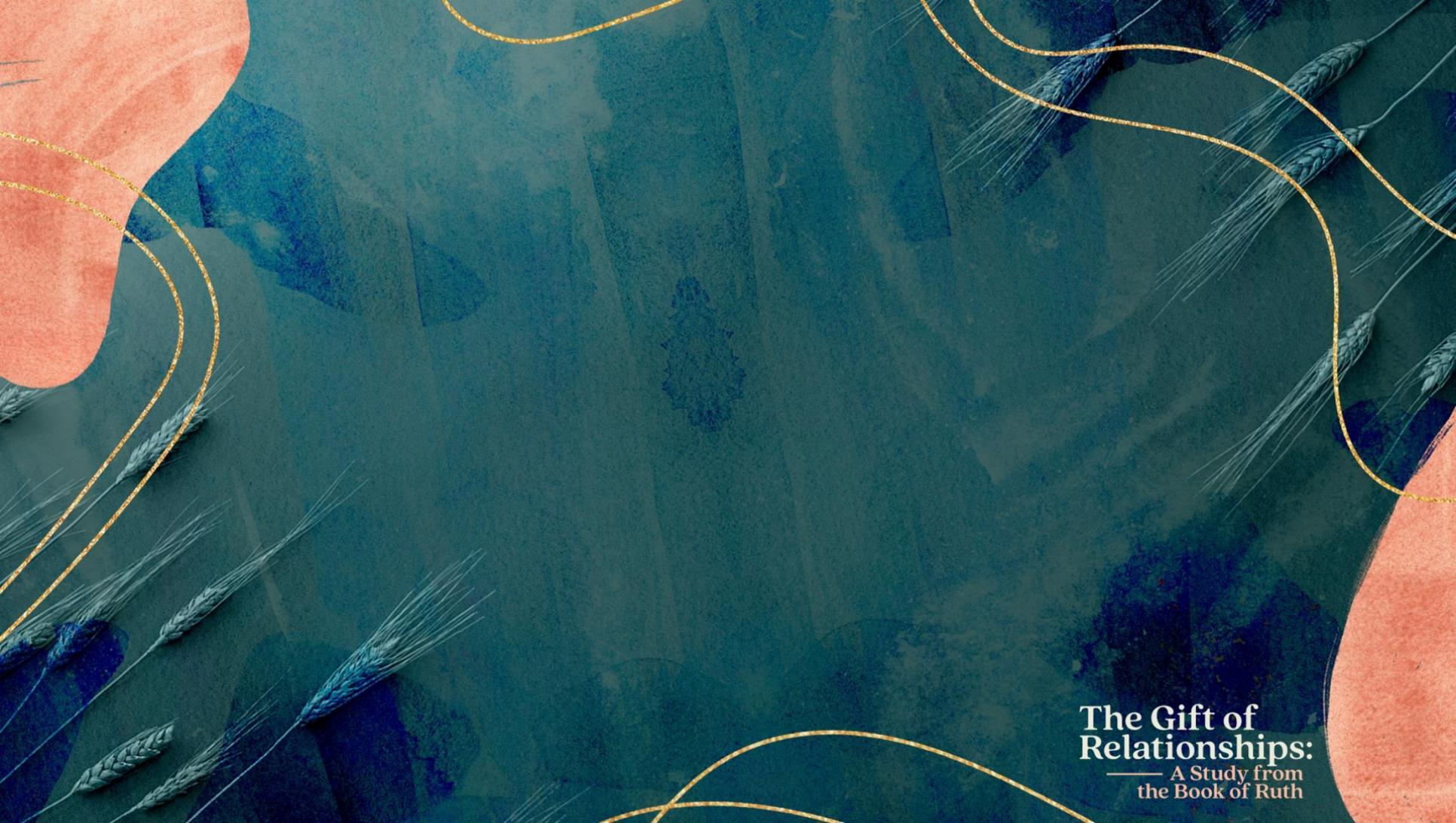
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The key to all good relationships: **humility**

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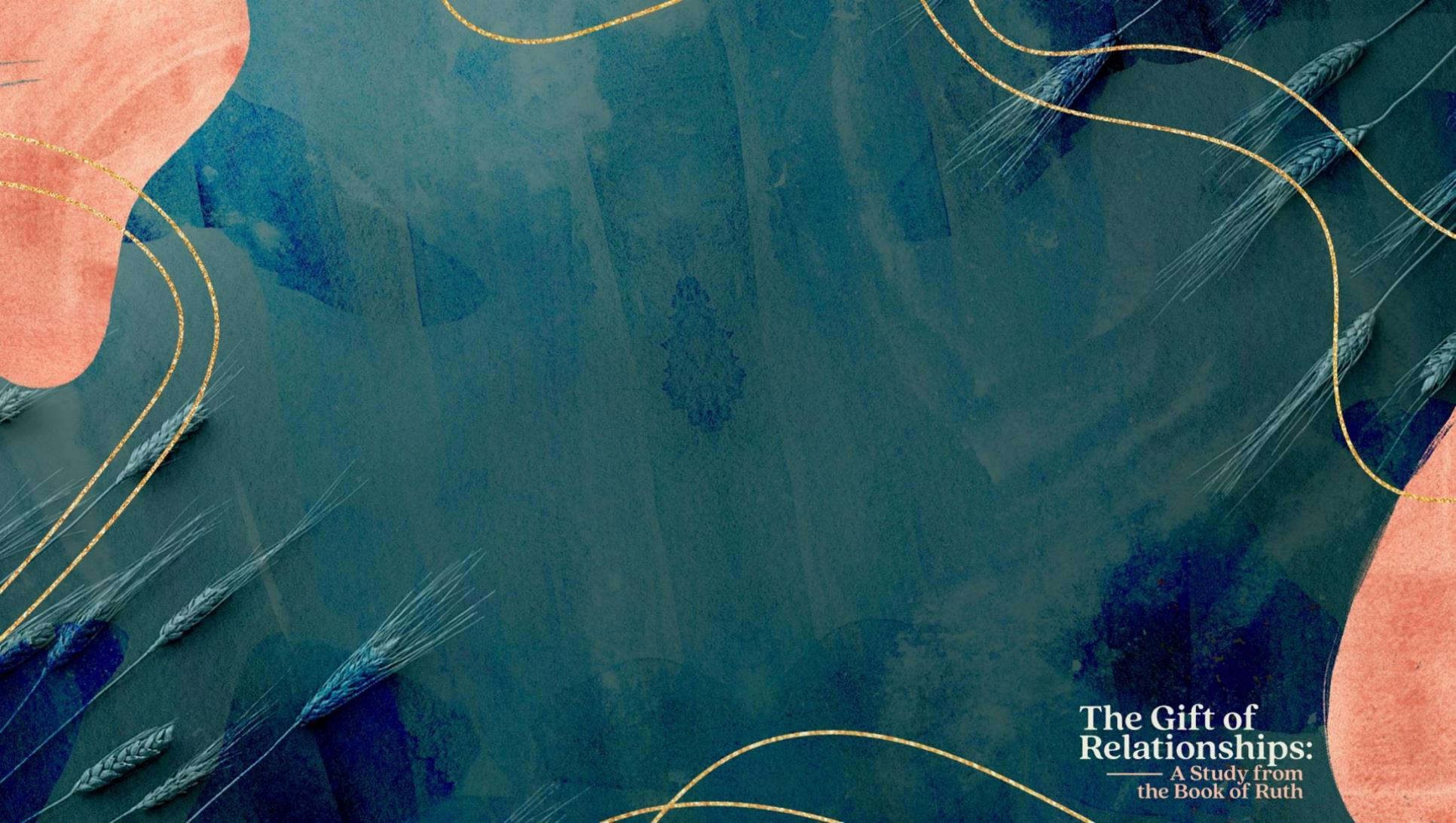
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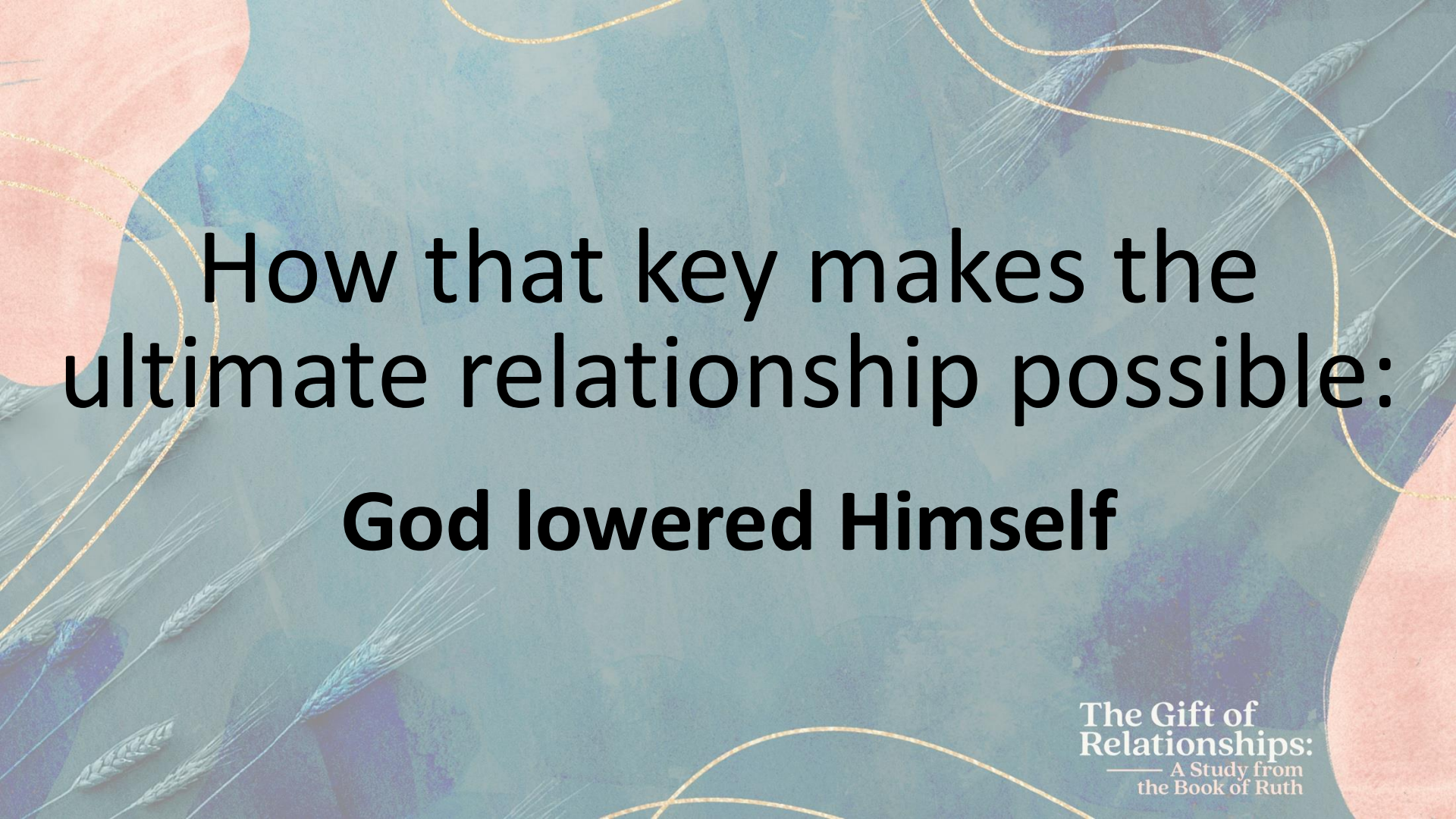
Philippians 2:3

In humility consider others
as more important than yourselves.



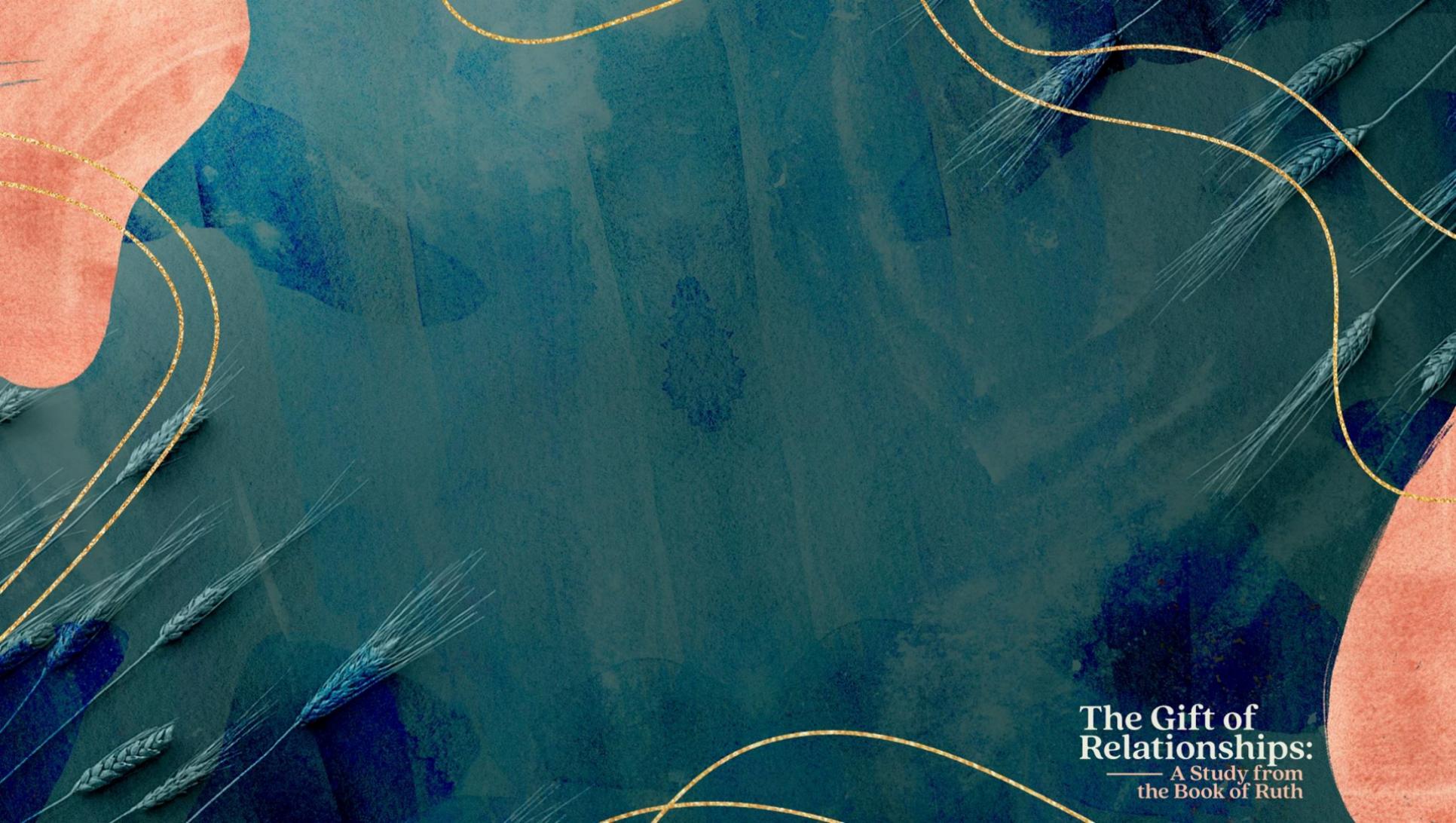
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How that key makes the ultimate relationship possible: **God lowered Himself**

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