

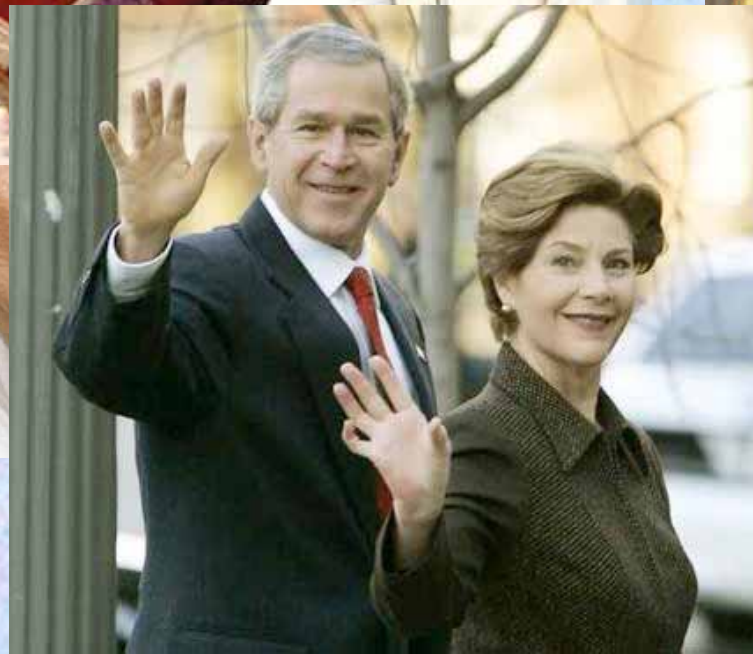
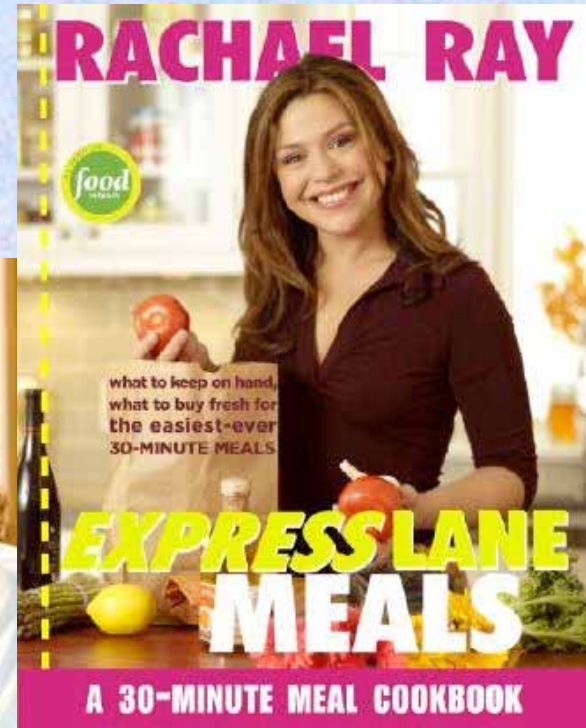
The Proverbs 31 Woman

Valory or Valori?

The verses are in alphabetical order

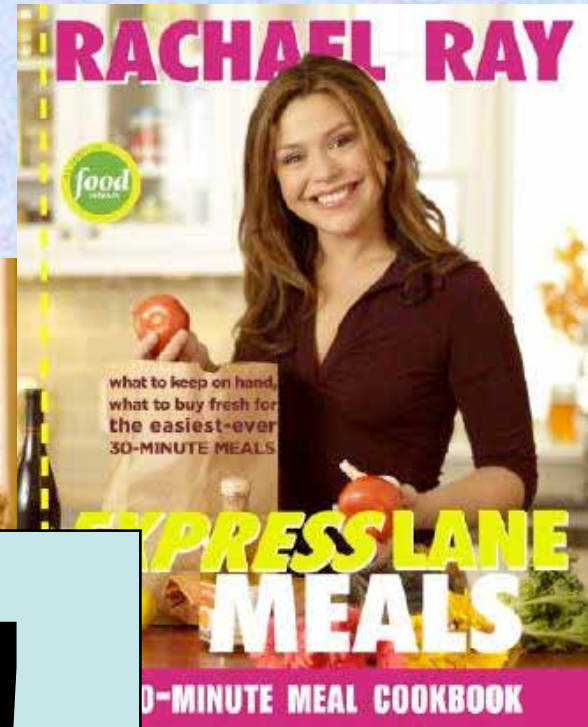


Our Images of the Proverbs 31 Woman





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Help!



Confusion

- An excellent wife, who can find?
- An excellent woman, who can find?
- A virtuous woman, who can find?

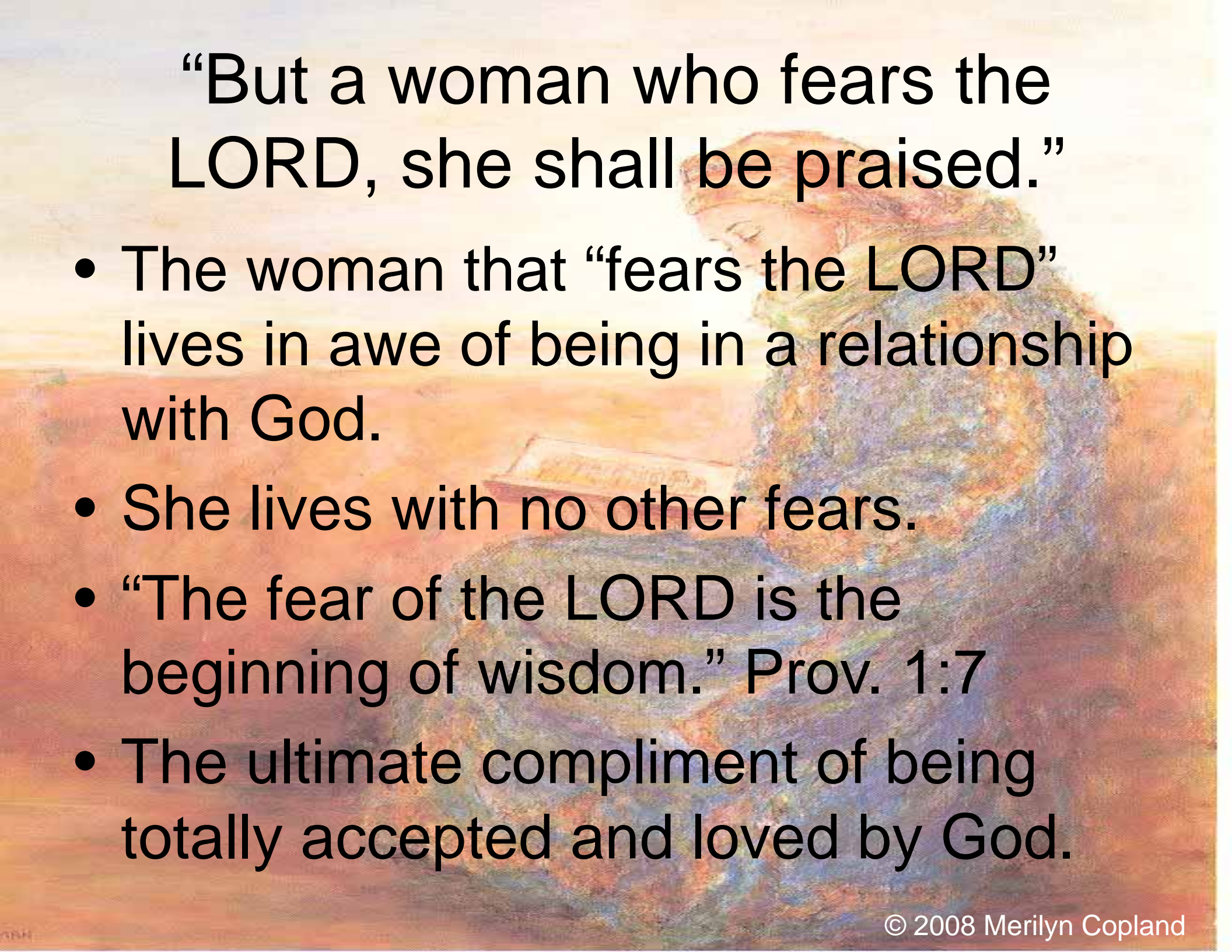


Eshet Hayil

- A woman of valor, courage, guts, nobility
- She is **NOT** the norm; she breaks with convention
- “You are not ready for a Proverbs 31 woman.”
- She is not perfect.
- Her behavior is described; we are left to figure out her character.

Characteristic Behavior

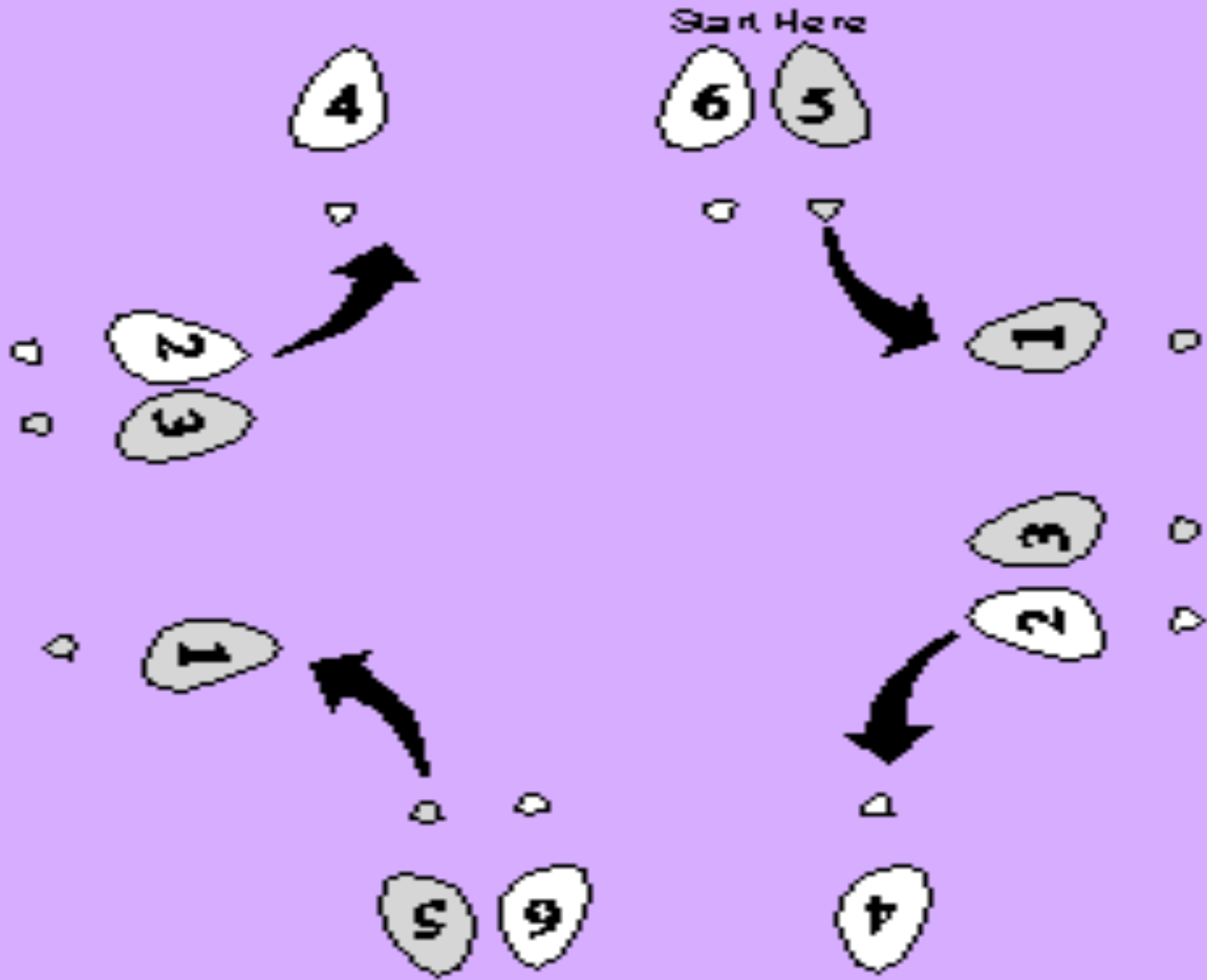
- Integrity - keeps confidences
- Initiative – buys property
- Industrious – busy in many enterprises
- Innovative – a creative entrepreneur
- Compassionate giver
- Beautifies her surroundings
- Speaks wisdom
- Leaves a legacy of praise
- And the key ingredient is...



“But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.”

- The woman that “fears the LORD” lives in awe of being in a relationship with God.
- She lives with no other fears.
- “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.” Prov. 1:7
- The ultimate compliment of being totally accepted and loved by God.

Left Box Turn: Woman's Part



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

- The wonder of being in a relationship with God is best seen (I think) in the Psalms.
- Ruth's (and later David's) pattern of relating to God.
- 1. Accepting the invitation to a personal, covenant relationship with God.
- *"Your God [is] my God" 1:16*
- 2. Assume as a fact that the **LORD** is always with you.
- *"The LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." 2:12*

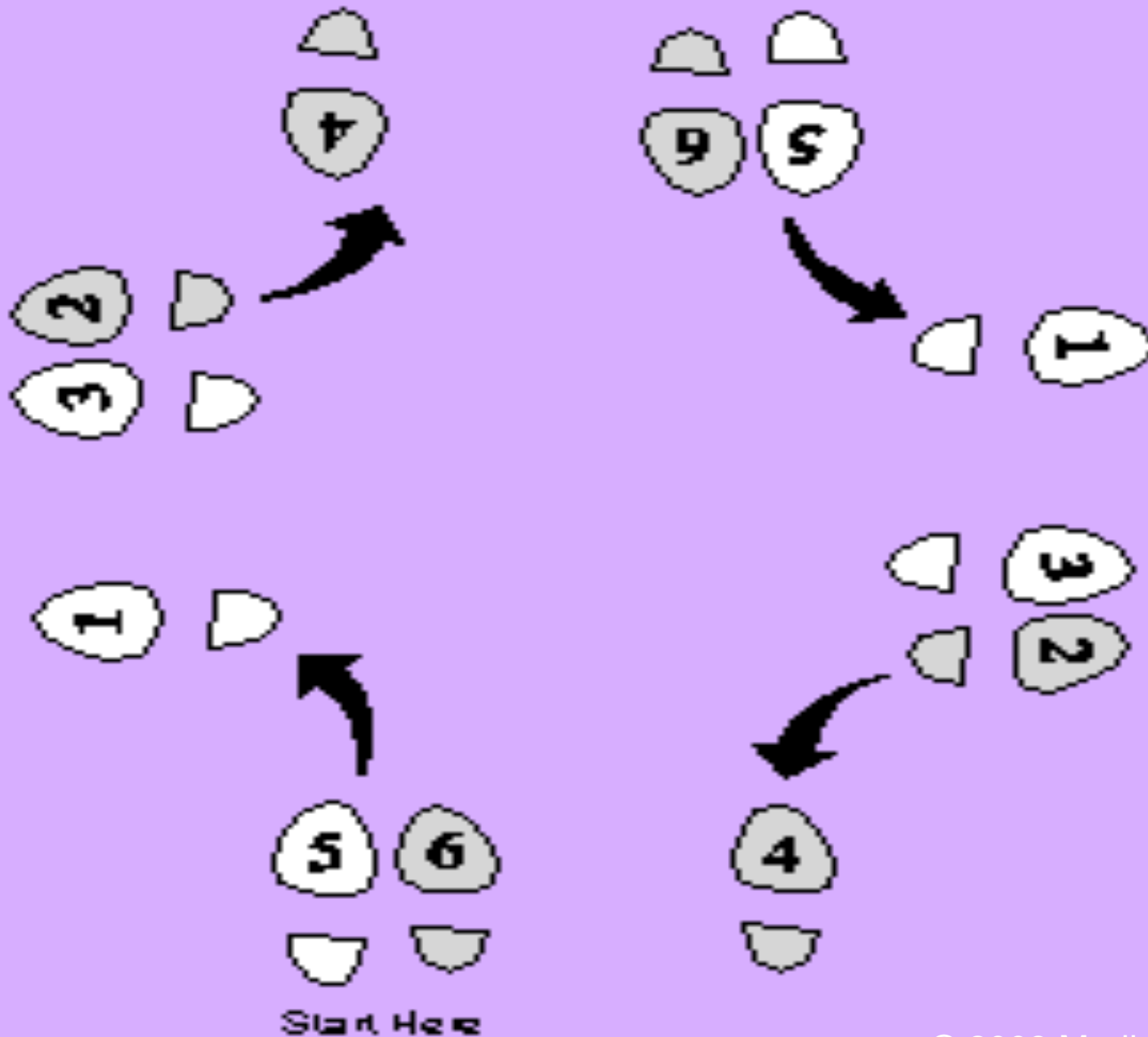
Psalm 23

- **1. Accept the invitation to a personal, covenant relationship with God.**
 - “The LORD is my shepherd”
- **2. Trust Him for your needs.**
 - “I shall not want (lack)”
 - “He makes me lie down in green pastures”
 - “He leads me beside still waters”
 - “He restores my soul”
- **3. Assume as a fact that the LORD is always with you.**
 - “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with me.
- **4. Follow the LORD’s leading.**
 - *“He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”*

David's Pattern of Relating to God

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- 2. so David asked the LORD...
- 3. the LORD replied...
- 4. so David went...
- 5. "The LORD has done it!" exclaimed David...
- 6. once again David asked the LORD what to do...

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Start Here

God came to us

- **Waifs in the dumpster of sin**
- **He asks you to dance.**
- **It is your choice to accept or reject His kind invitation.**
- **Accept the immense compliment.**
- **Follow His lead.**
- **Learn His ways.**
- **Listen to the music**
- **Talk to Him while you dance.**

The **awe** of being asked by the
God of the Universe to dance with
Him.



Dancing with God

- General Rules for Following
 - Whatever you do, don't lead!
 - Be alert to your partner's lead.
 - Support your own weight.
 - Take straight steps, either backward or forward as the case may be.
 - Try not to anticipate your partner's lead.
 - Become familiar with the basic steps a partner is likely to lead.
 - Quoted from <http://www.dancetv.com/tutorial/basics/leading.html>

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- 6. Enjoy the relationship and the music.
 - *“All the earth will worship Thee,
And will sing praises to Thee;
They will sing praises to Thy name.”*

Ps. 66:4

King David not only danced before the LORD; he danced with Him.



Enjoy it so much that others watch
and want to dance too.



See how God danced with others.



Take the first step of trusting Him



Valor and courage starts with stepping out and trusting God.



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Woman of Valor