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> *1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

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> [23] *The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."*

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> [18] *The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

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> *Romans 5:8*
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> *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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> "The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe,
> yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."
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> Tim Keller

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Romans 12:1–2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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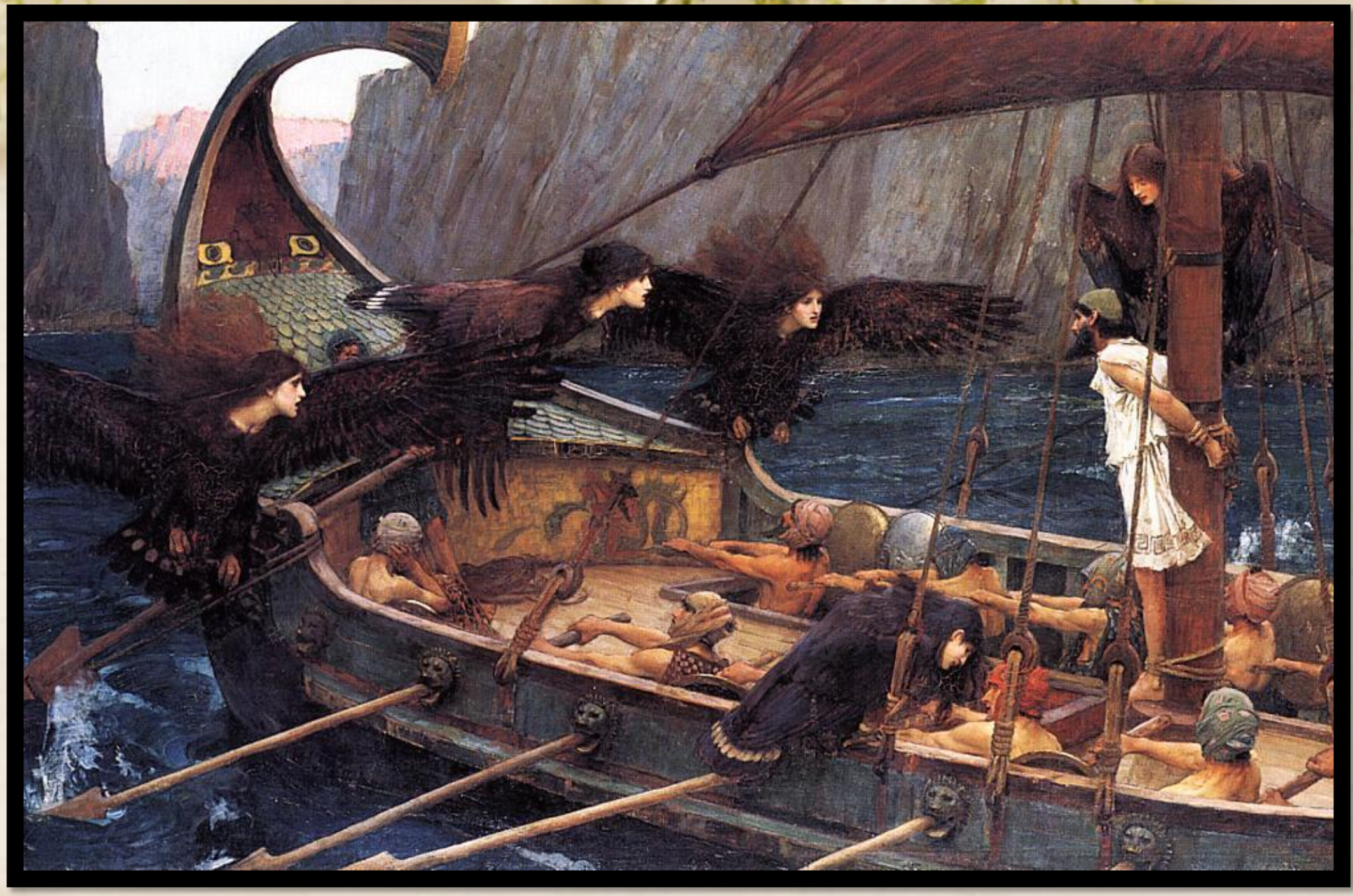
Matthew 19:4–6

"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 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'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."



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Romans 8:38–39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.