

LIFE : *IN CHRIST*

A study in Colossians



Uncommon Humility



How far are we willing to go to integrate what we believe and practice?



Relationships in Colossians 3

*18 Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands
19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them
20 Children, obey your parents in everything
21 Fathers, do not embitter your children
22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything
1 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair*

Wives > Husbands

Husbands > Wives

Children > Parents

Fathers > Children

Slaves > Masters

Masters > Slaves

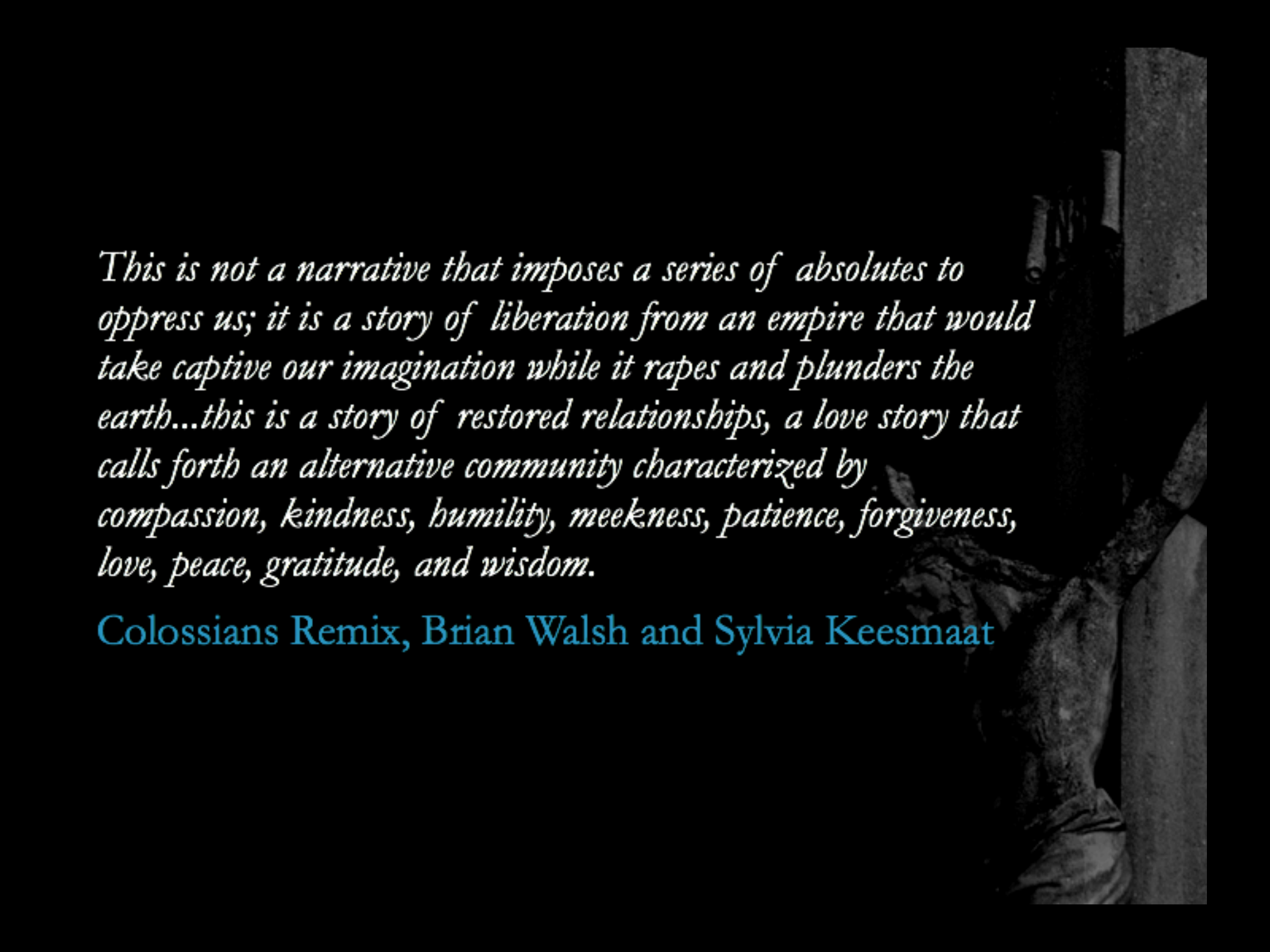


When are we most truly ourselves?



TWO CHOICES:
Submission or Subversion

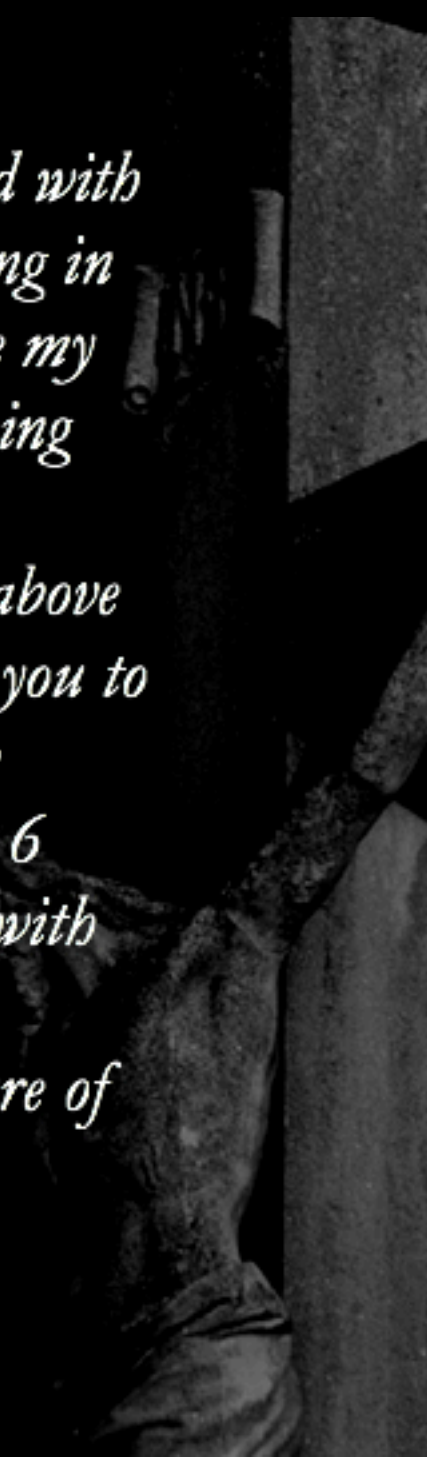




This is not a narrative that imposes a series of absolutes to oppress us; it is a story of liberation from an empire that would take captive our imagination while it rapes and plunders the earth...this is a story of restored relationships, a love story that calls forth an alternative community characterized by compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness, love, peace, gratitude, and wisdom.

Colossians Remix, Brian Walsh and Sylvia Keesmaat

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same attitude of mind Christ Jesus had: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



8 And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death; even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:1-11



An exercise in subversion

