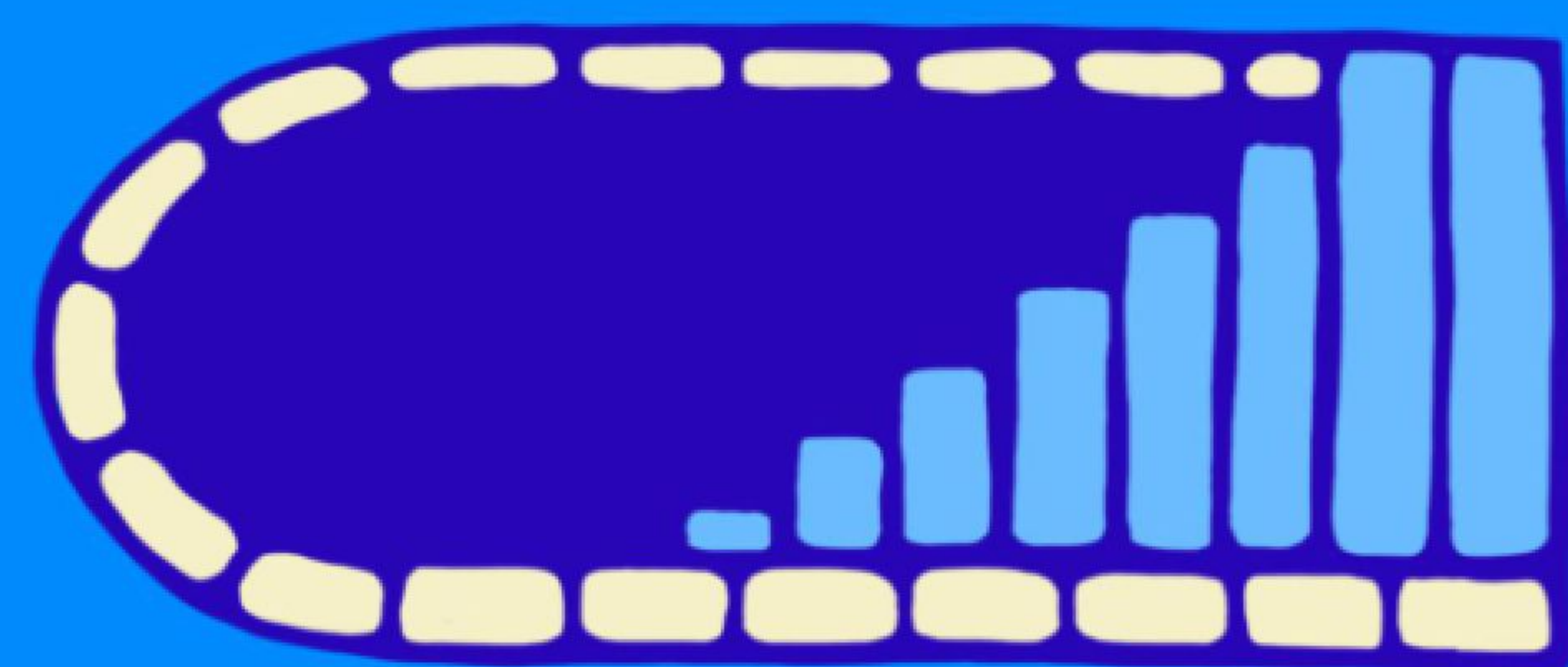
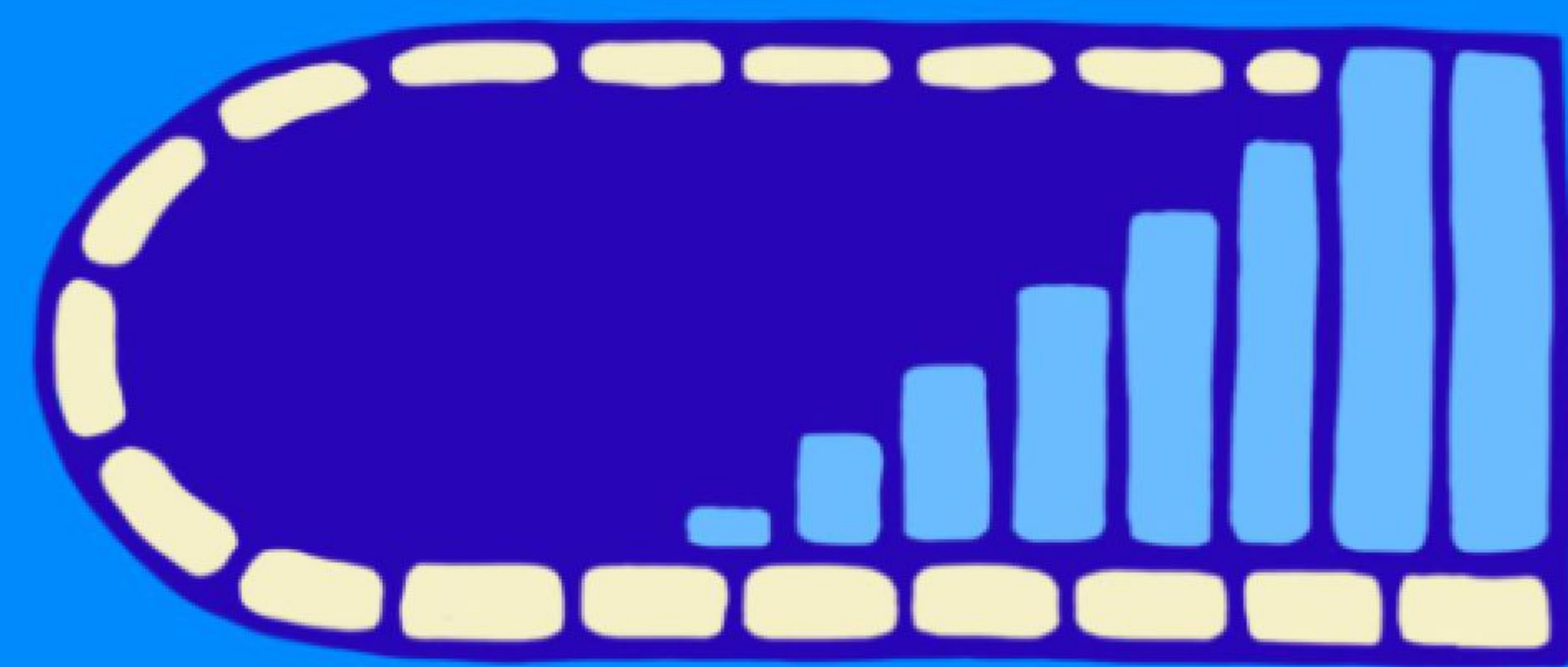


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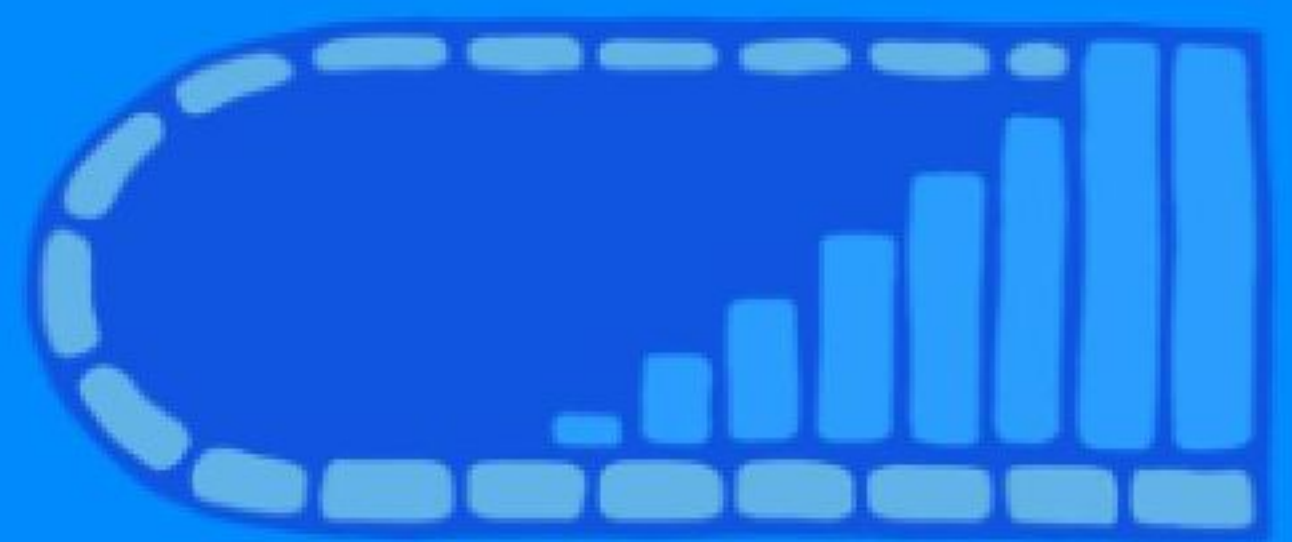
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A
sense of humor,
and
perspective
are necessary
virtues.

When kids are young things seem manageable.
But when adolescence hits, things get absurd
for both parents and children.



Harmony is a great gift

Development always creates conflict

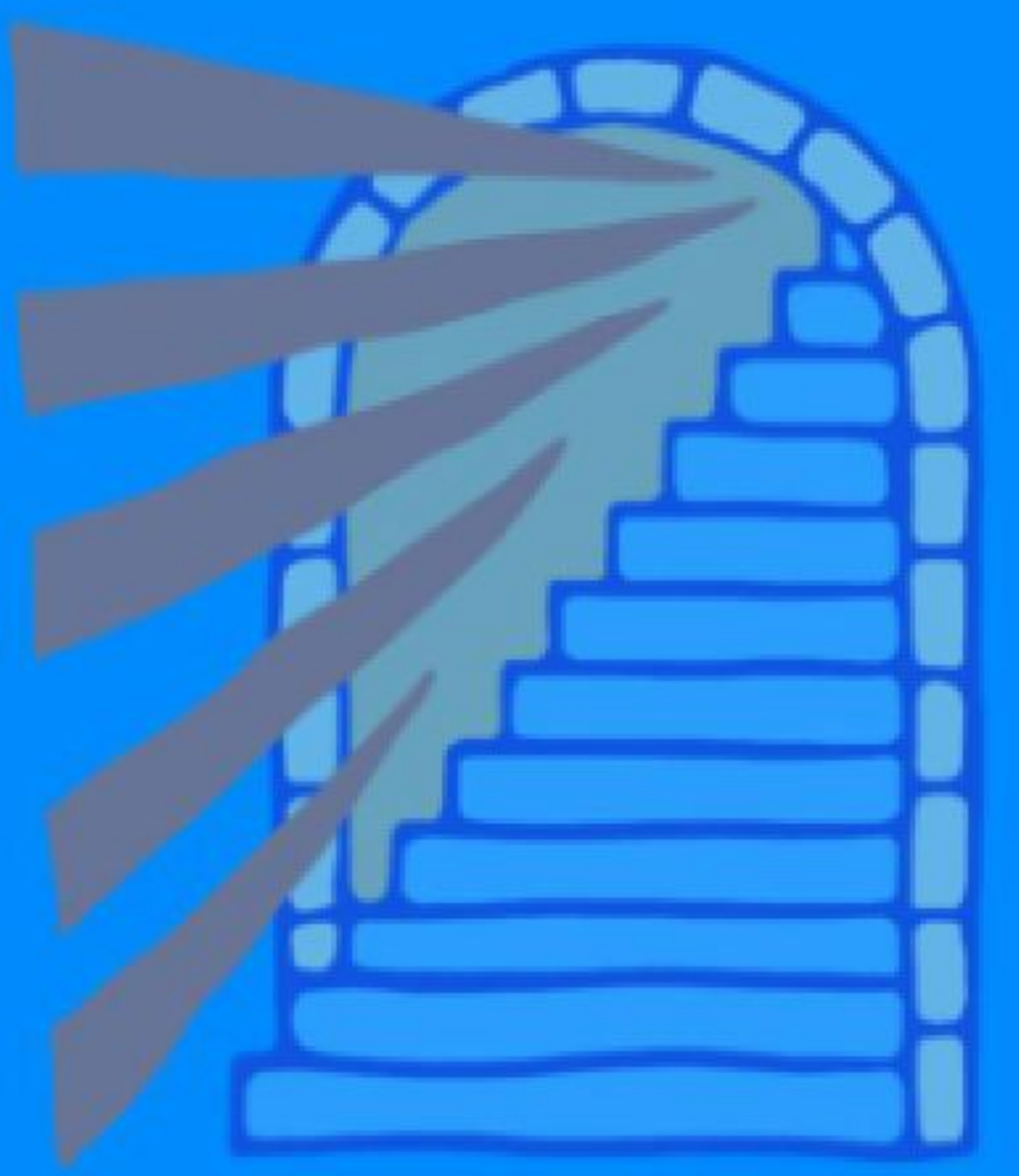
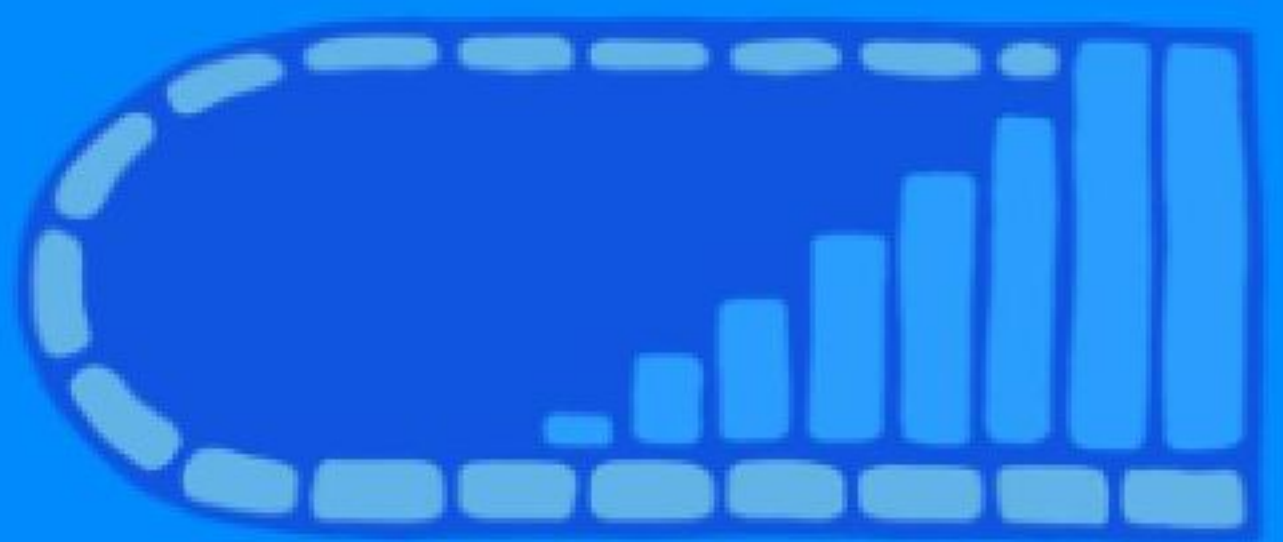
Making adulthood is inherently dramatic

Loving families can still be the norm

You may not be experiencing this

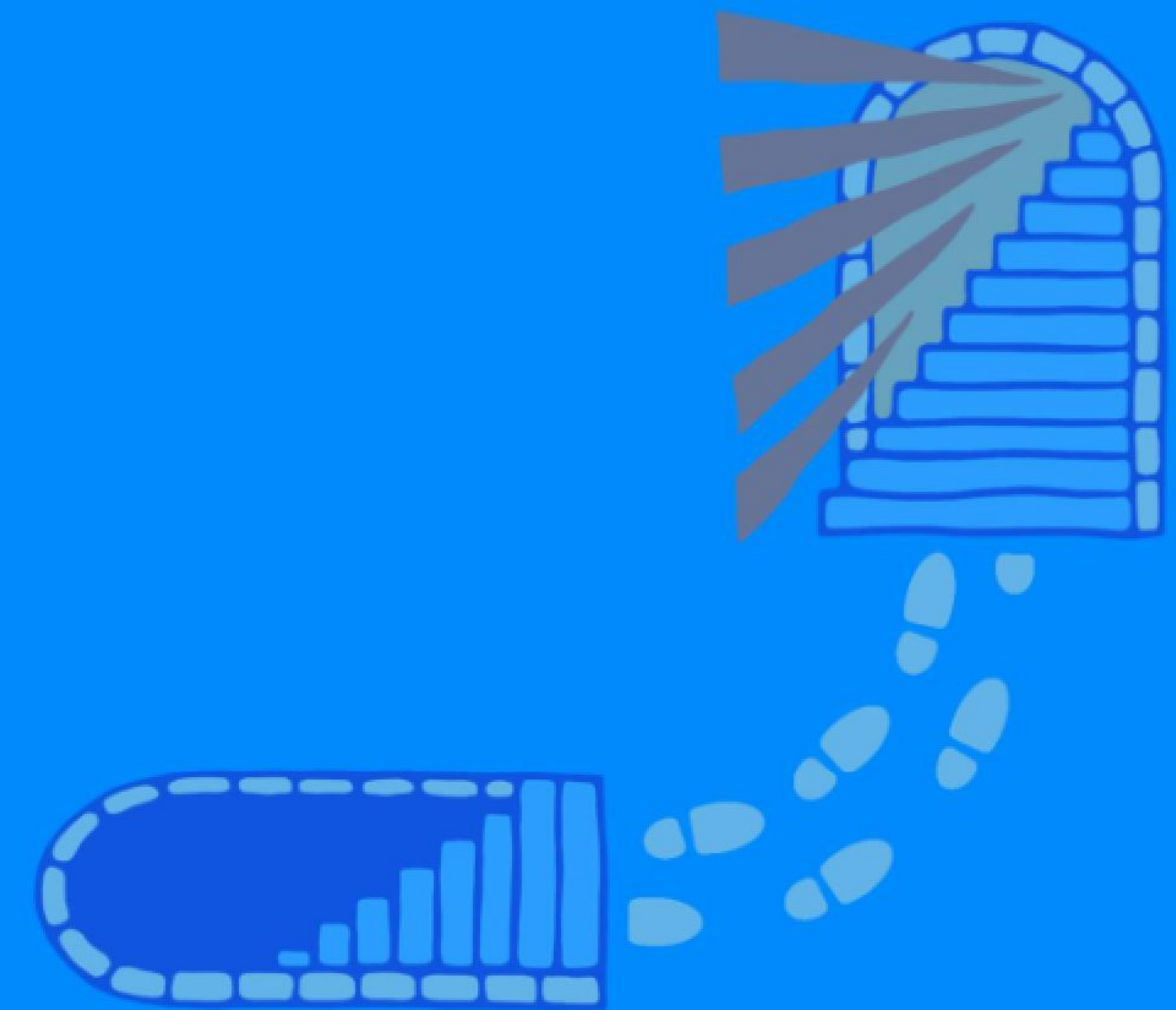
You will be defined and judged by what you pursue...

...failing in the right direction through
gracious striving

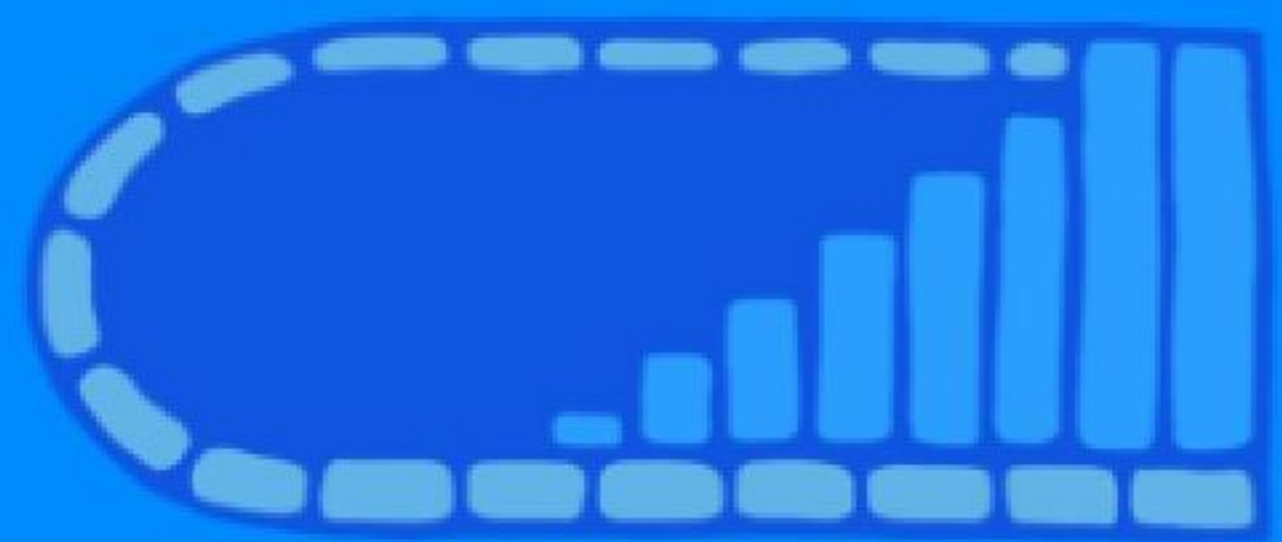


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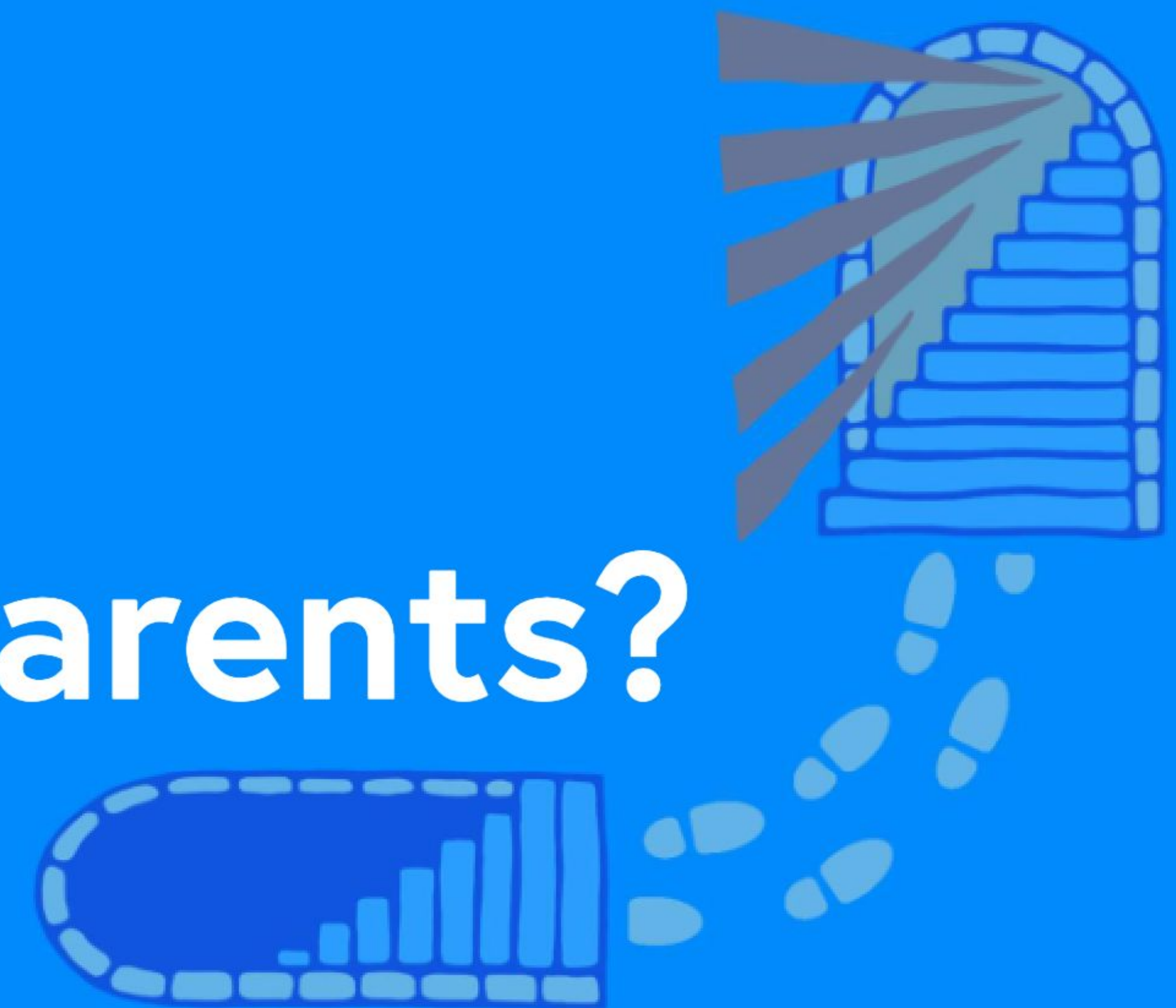
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Children, obey your parents



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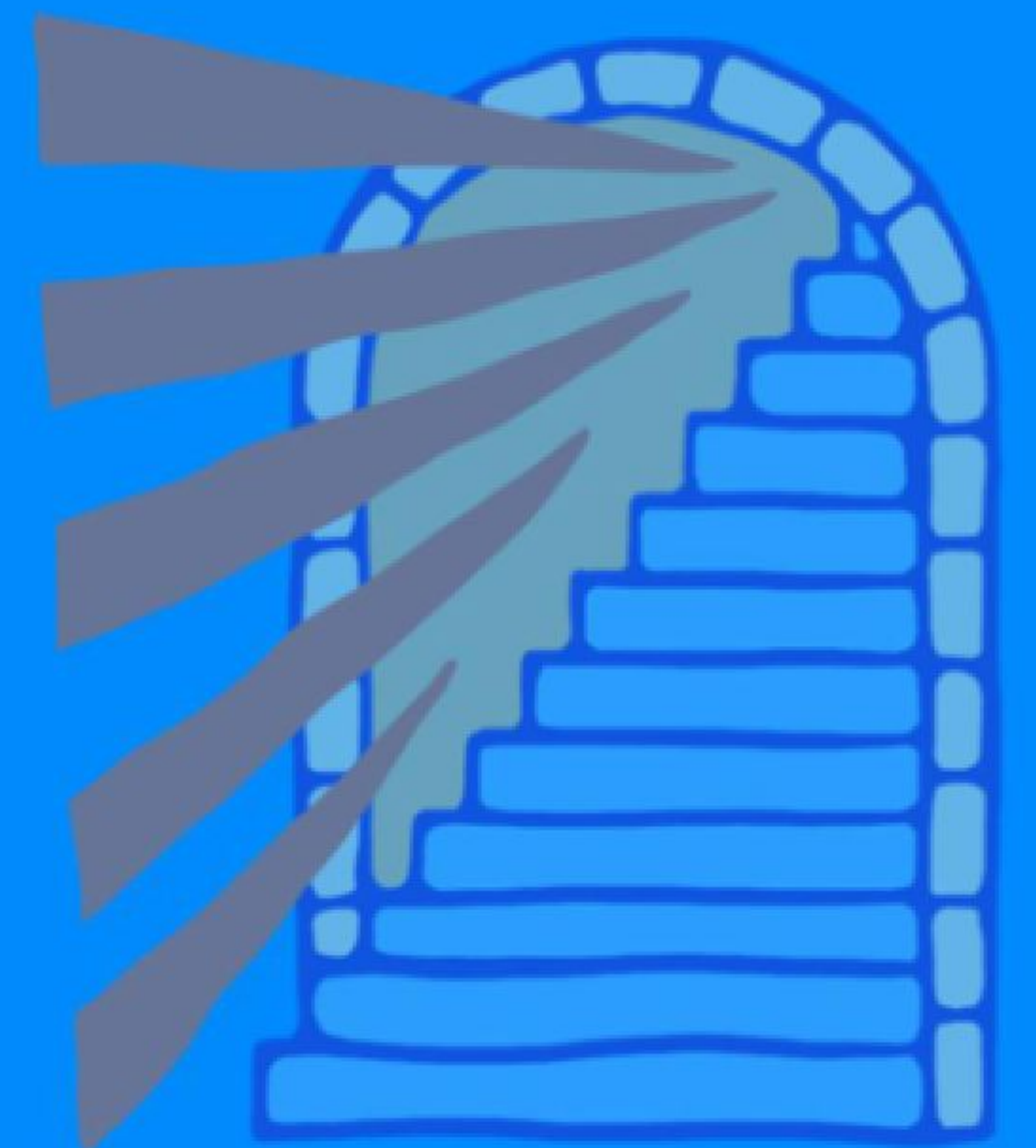
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for **this is right.**

"Honour your father and mother"



2. Obedience has promise for good— "the first command with a promise."

"It will go well with you."
and
"You'll live long in the land"



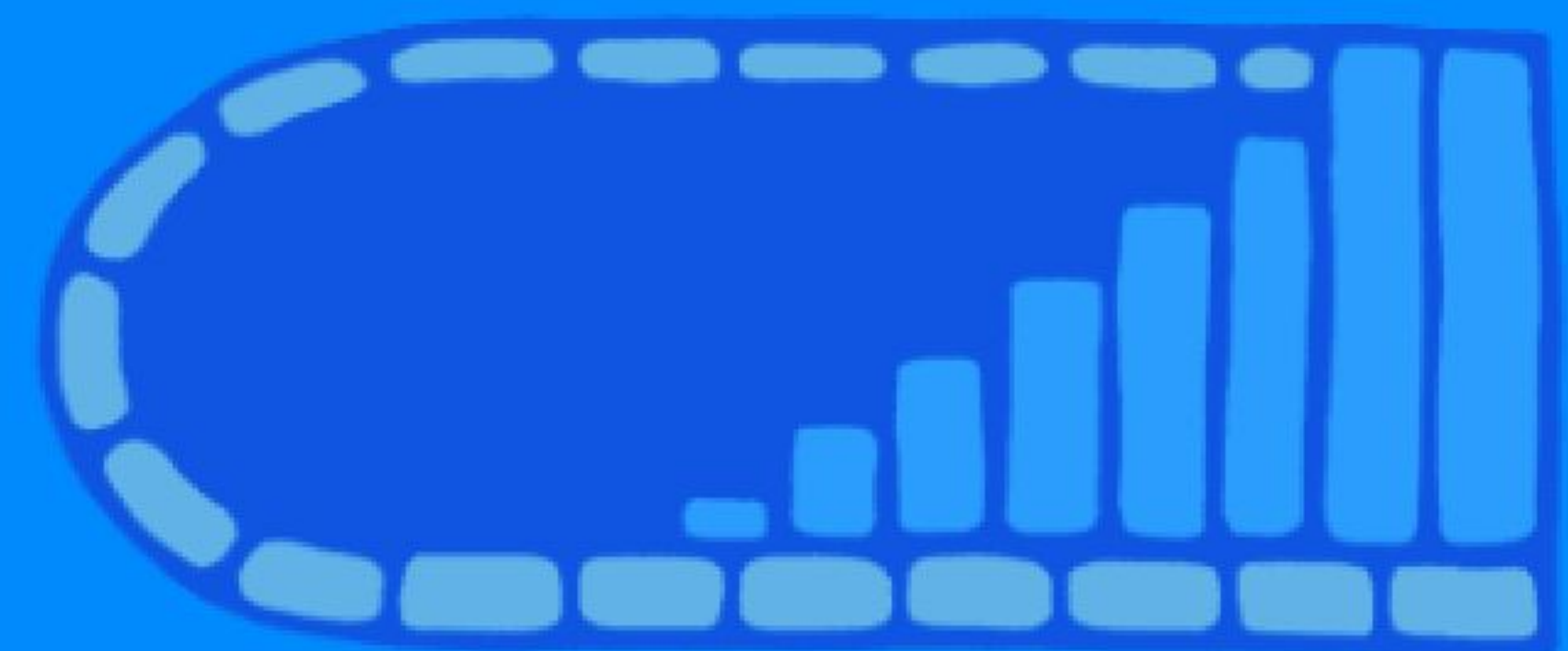
3. The command can save you from the normal pitfalls of youth.

"I know better" – Ignorance

"It won't happen to me" – Inexperience

"I don't want to" – Laziness

"I'm going to do what I like!" – Selfishness

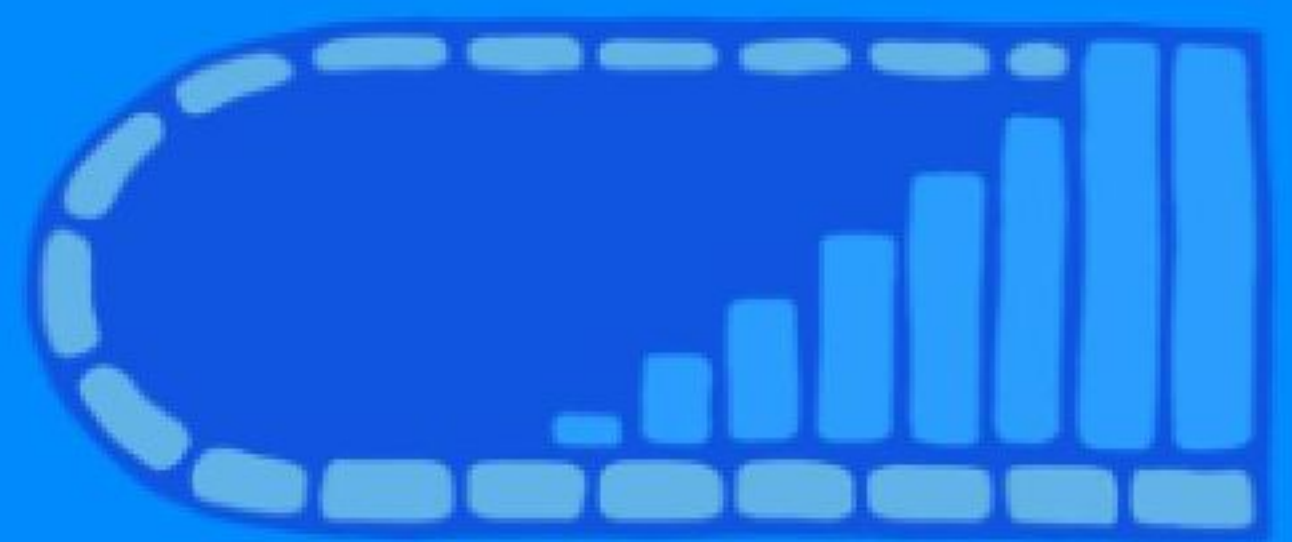


(Also pitfalls of adulthood if you don't grow out of them.)

4. Should you ever disobey your parents?

1. Adulthood changes what 'honoring' is.

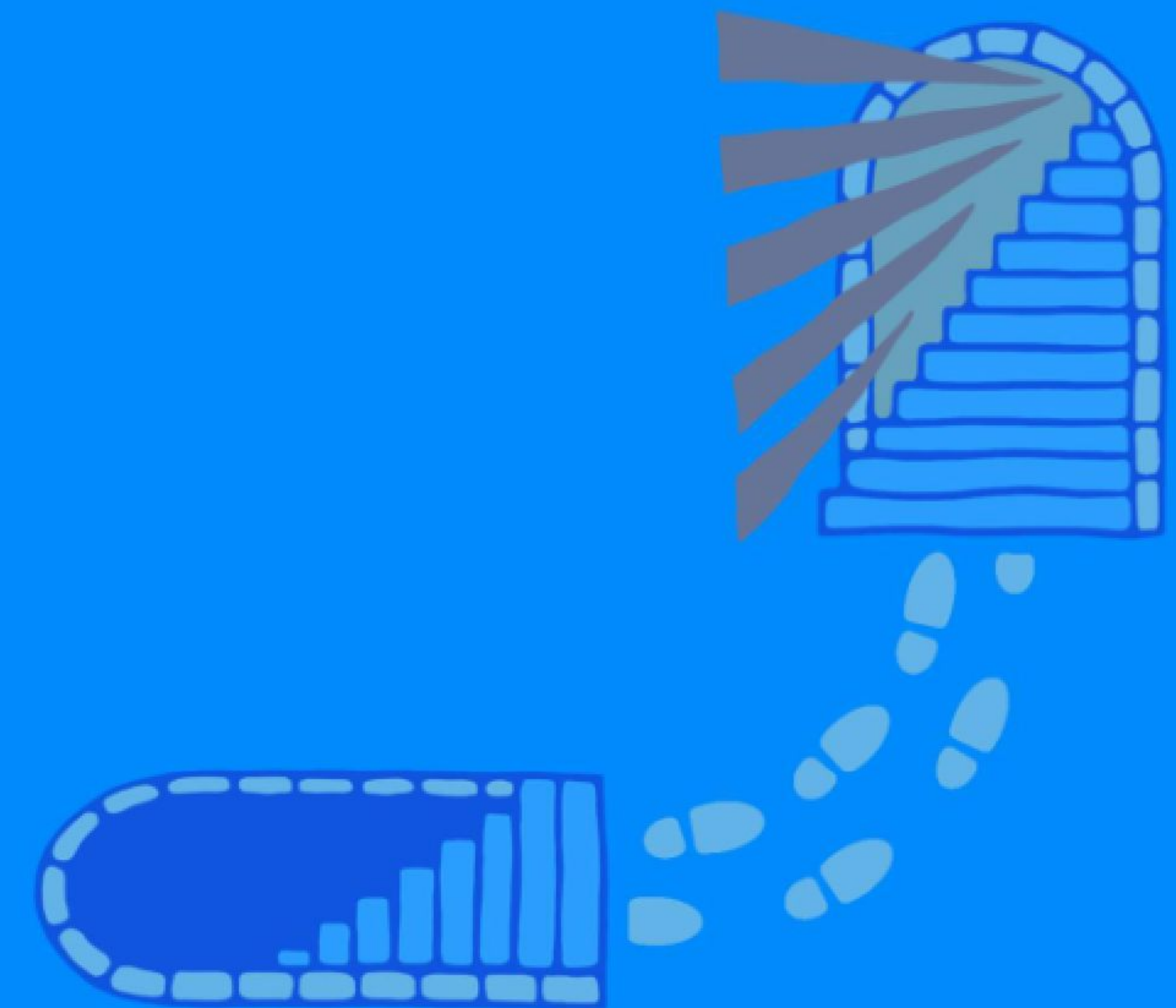
2. When you are absolutely certain it's worse to obey than disobey to God.



Parents, nurture your children in the Lord



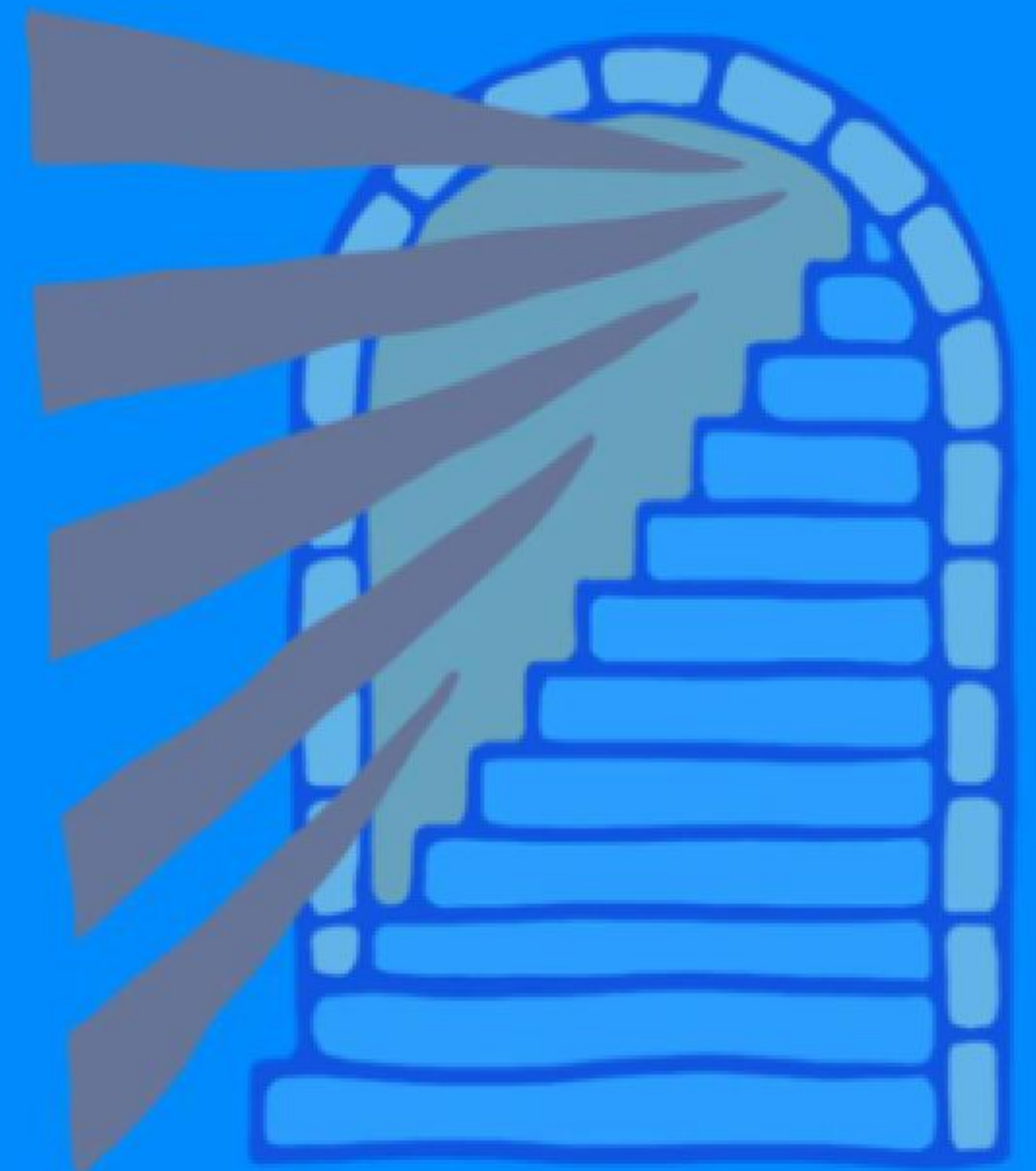
1. "Bring them up"—Nourish and Nurture
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1. "Bring them up"—Nourish and Nurture

NIV Ephesians 5:29 "After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they **feed** and care for their body, just as Christ does the church..."

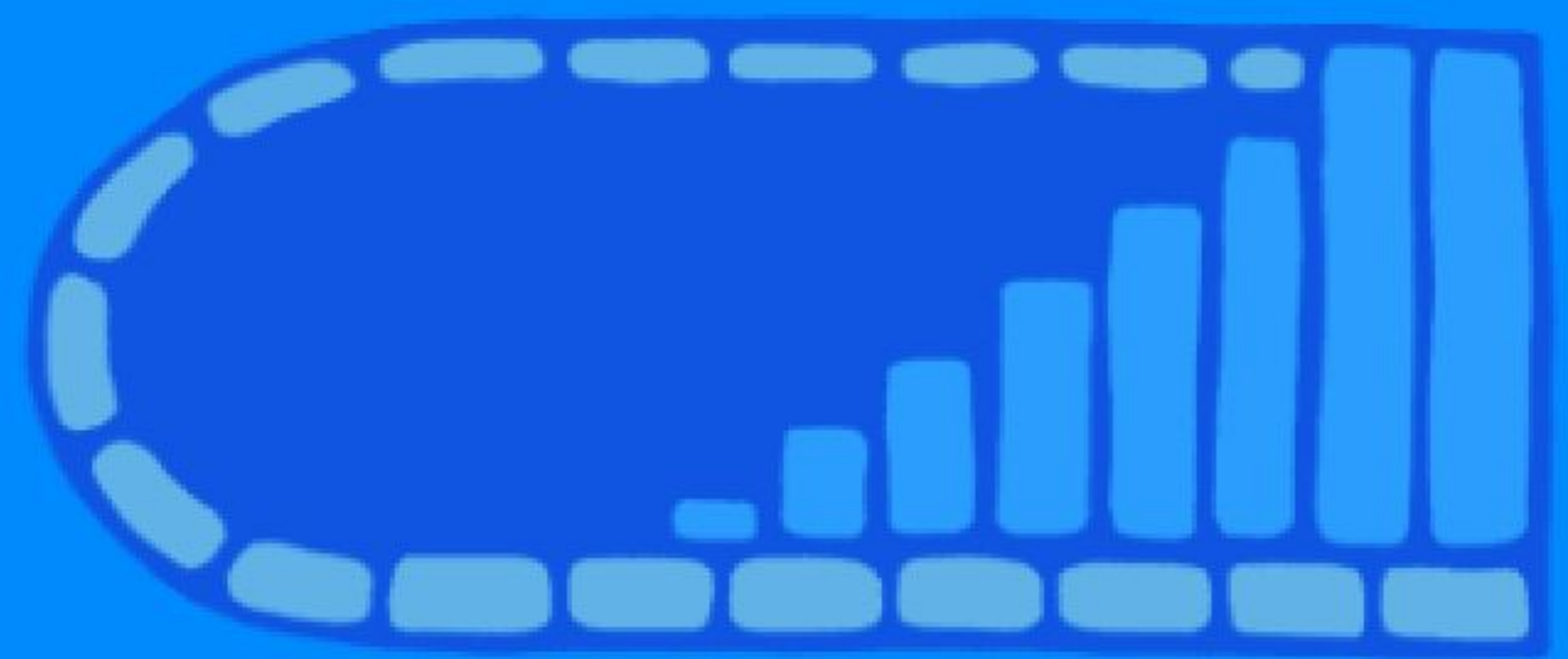
NAS Ephesians 5:29 "For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes** and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church..."



2. "Don't provoke" your children.

Don't underestimate how much you resent your kids or you won't know you're provoking them.

Provoke - "Tempt someone through negative emotion to do something destructive."



3. "Training and Admonition"

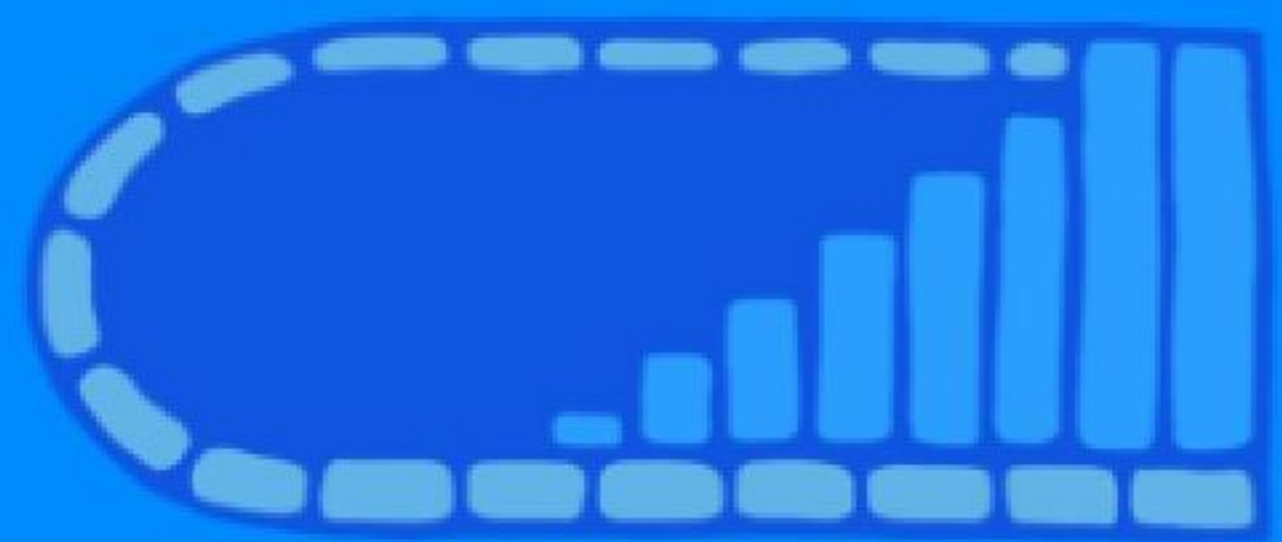
The goal is their honorable adulthood.

Training: the experiential mastery of a set of abilities.

Admonition: "To counsel about the avoidance or cessation of an improper course of conduct."



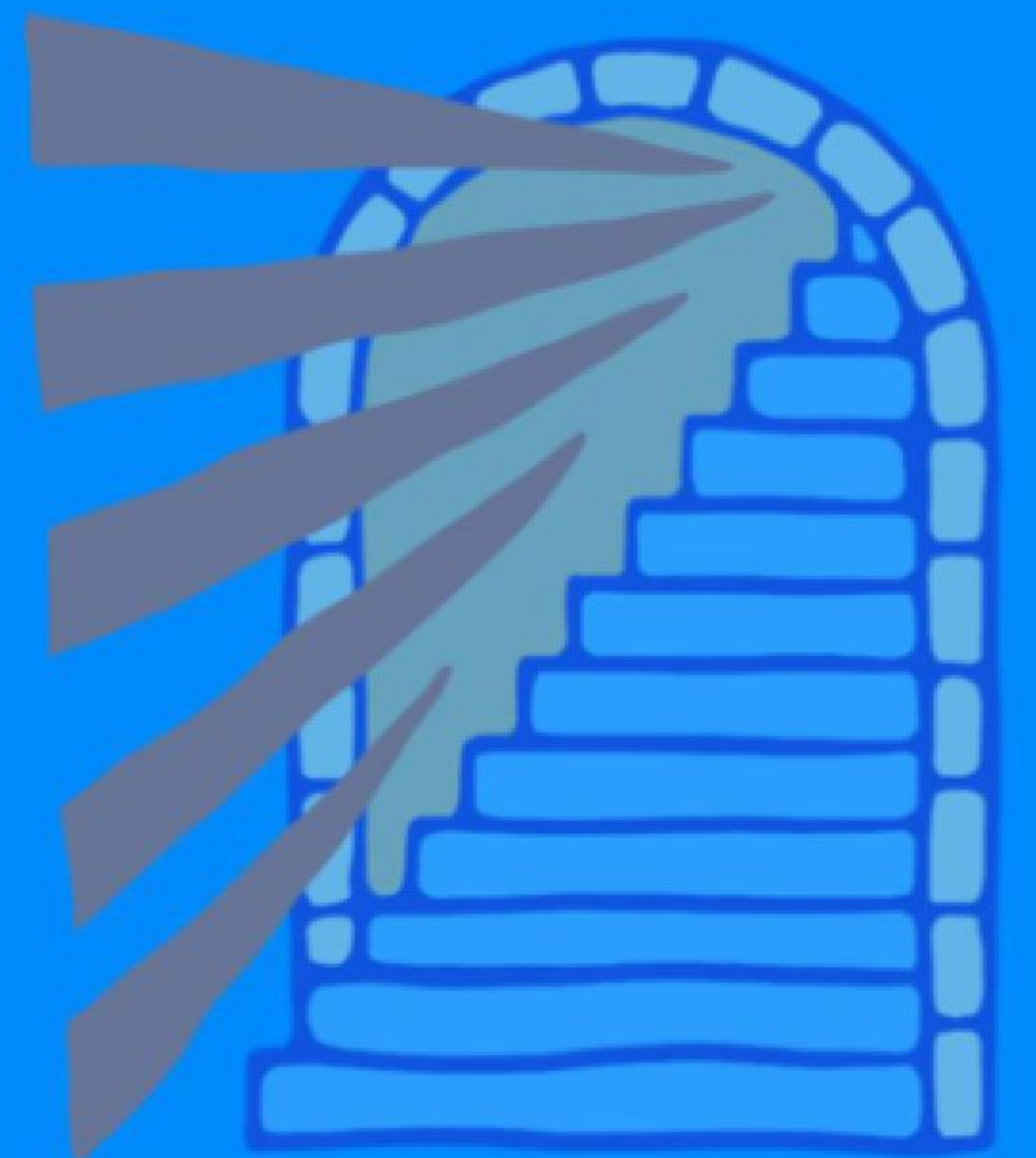
"Provoke" vs. "Admonition"



4. "Of the Lord"

Children are not our clones, they are in HIS image and he is their LORD.

To become themselves,
like Christ,
through our influence.



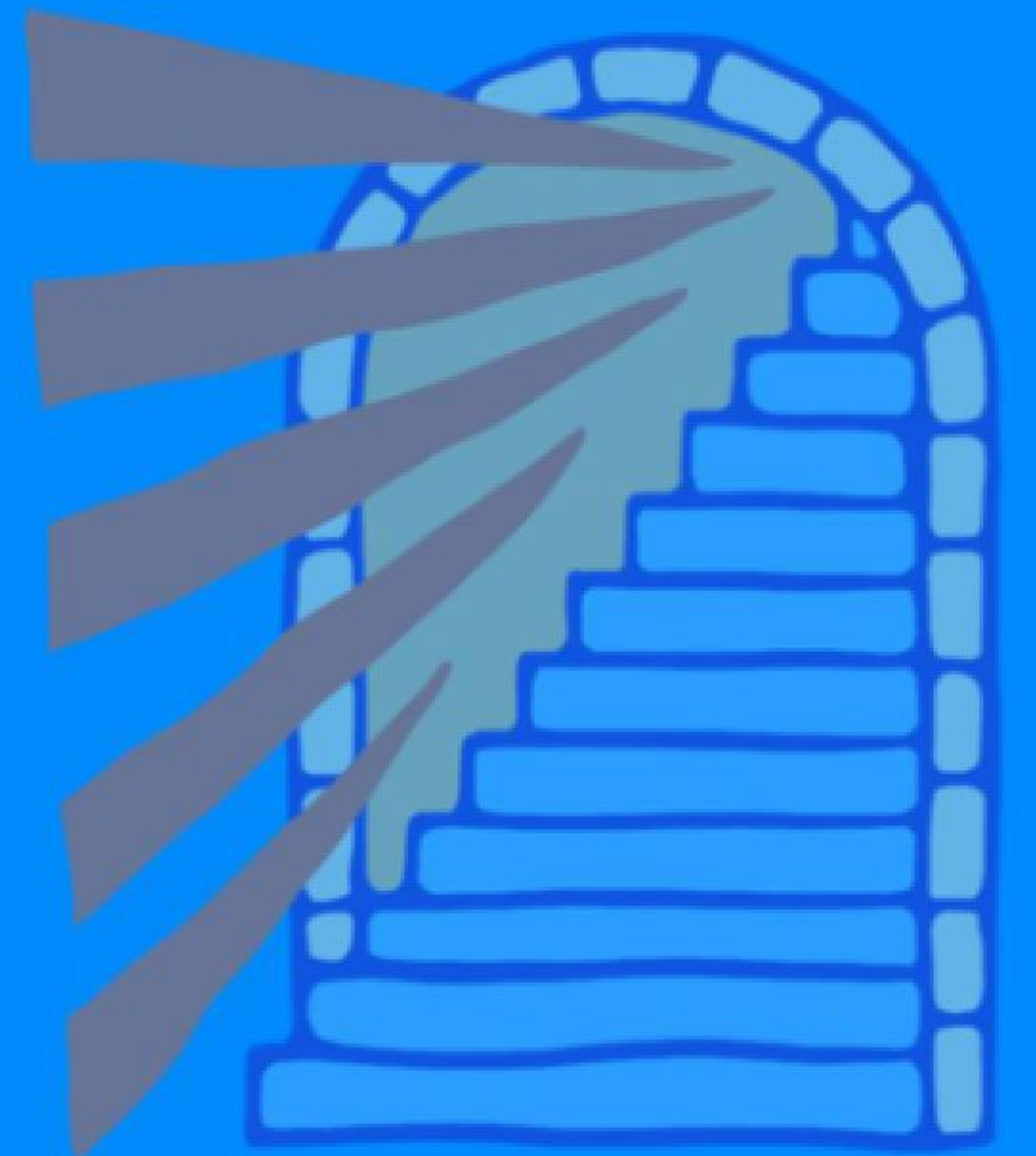
Ephesians 4:22–24

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to **be made new in the attitude of your minds**; and to **put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**"

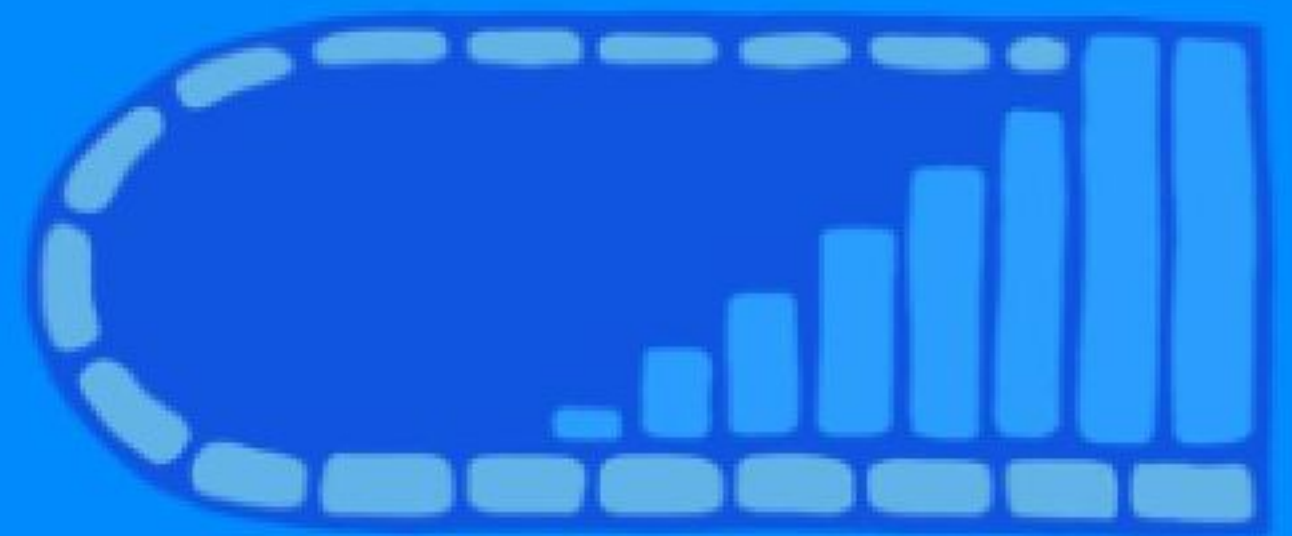


Luke 1:17

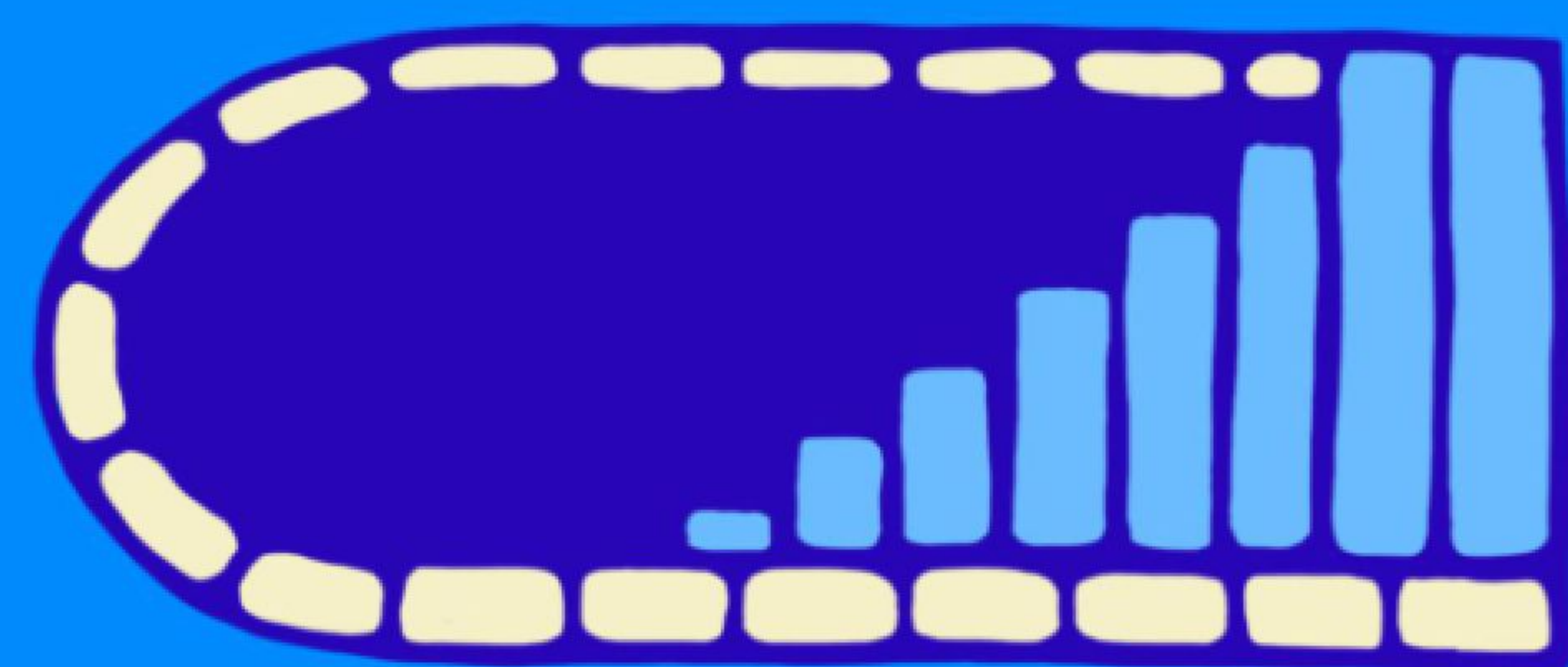
And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, **to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous**—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."



What is your part in God's people
experiencing "it ... [going] well with
you and ... [enjoying] long life on
the earth"?



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