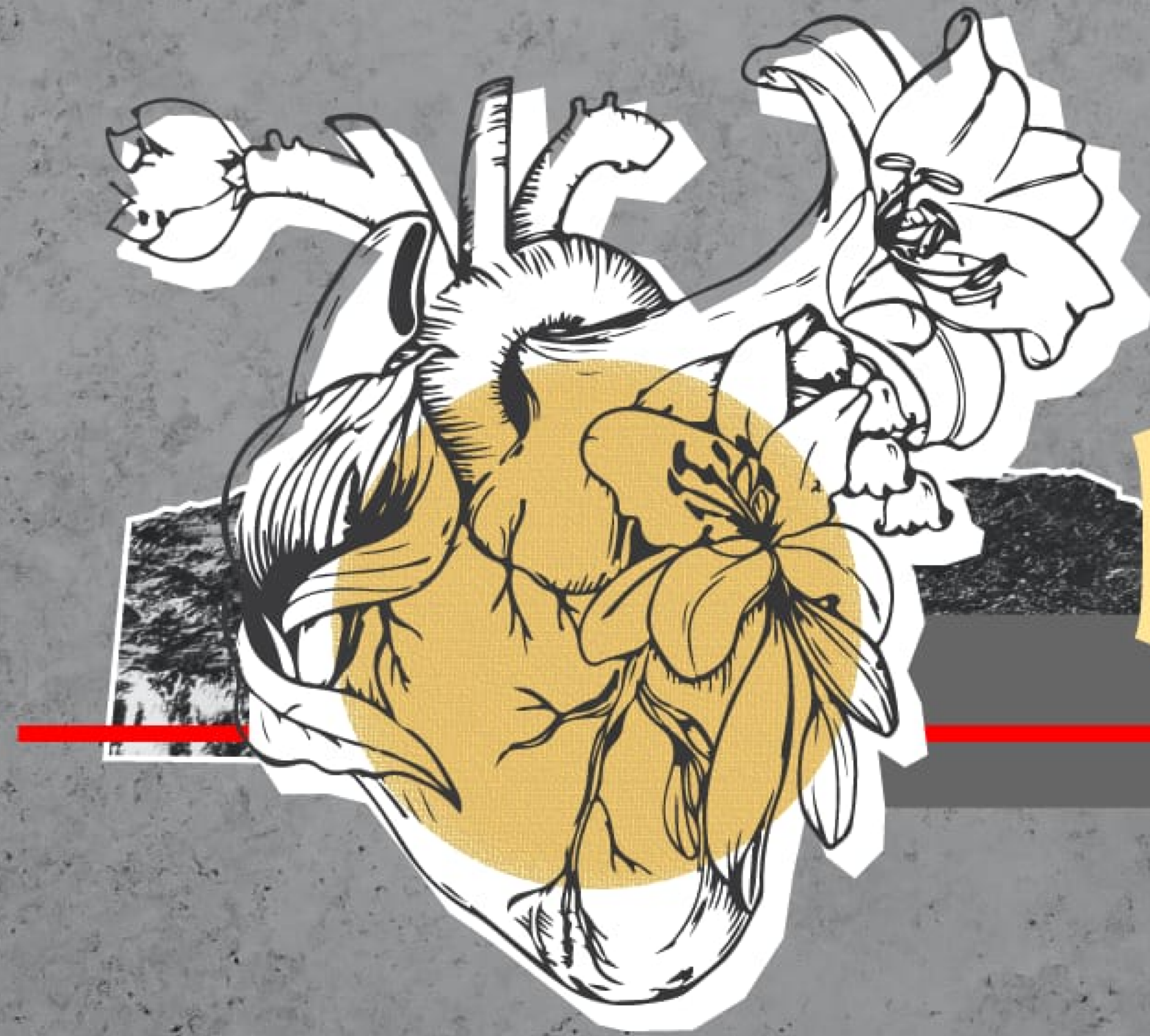




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EZEKIEL 3:16-27



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A "KAREN" MOMENT





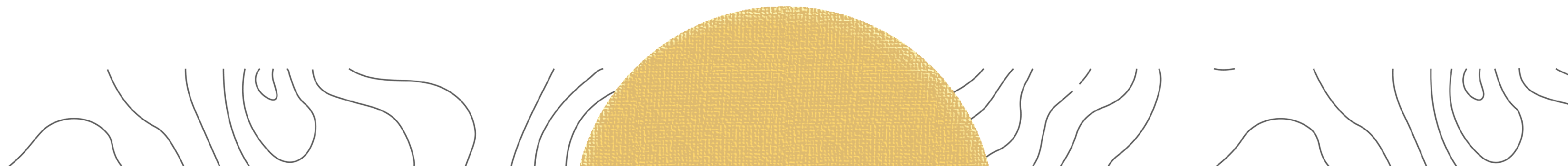
**A WATCHMAN MUST
GIVE WARNING**

BECAUSE:

**A WARNING CAN
CHANGE EVERYTHING**

3 THINGS WATCHMEN MUST UNDERSTAND:

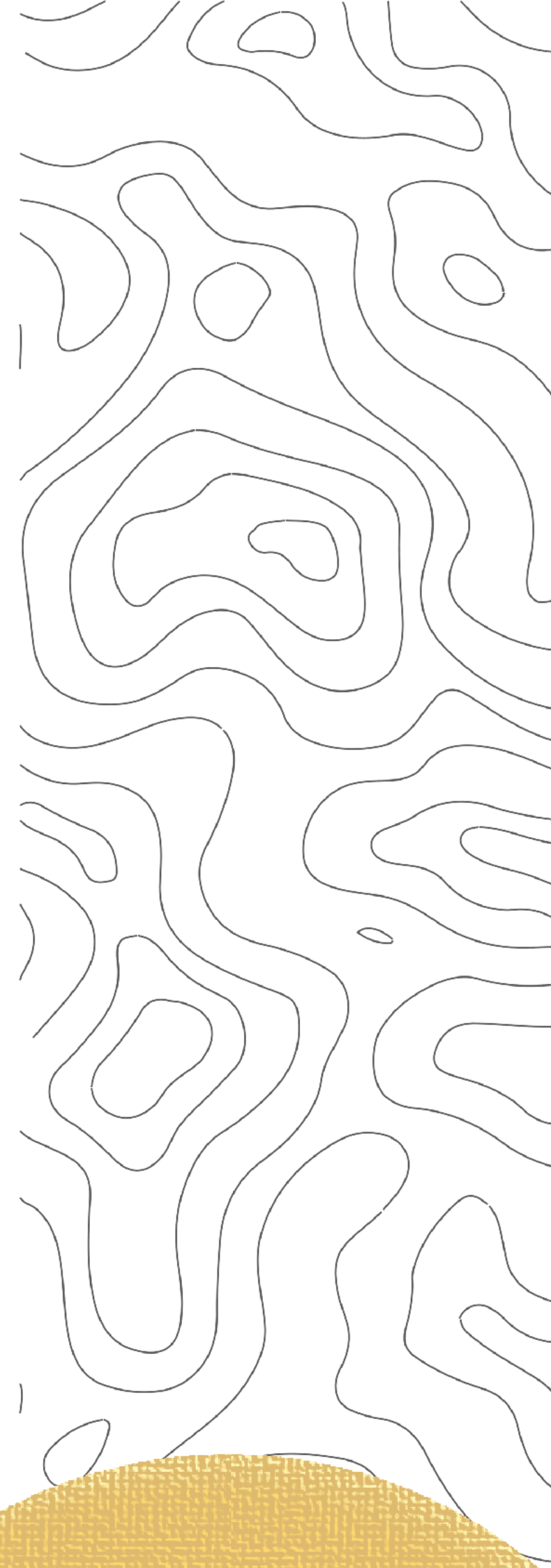
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2. Warnings are an absolute responsibility
3. Warnings are delivered, not defended



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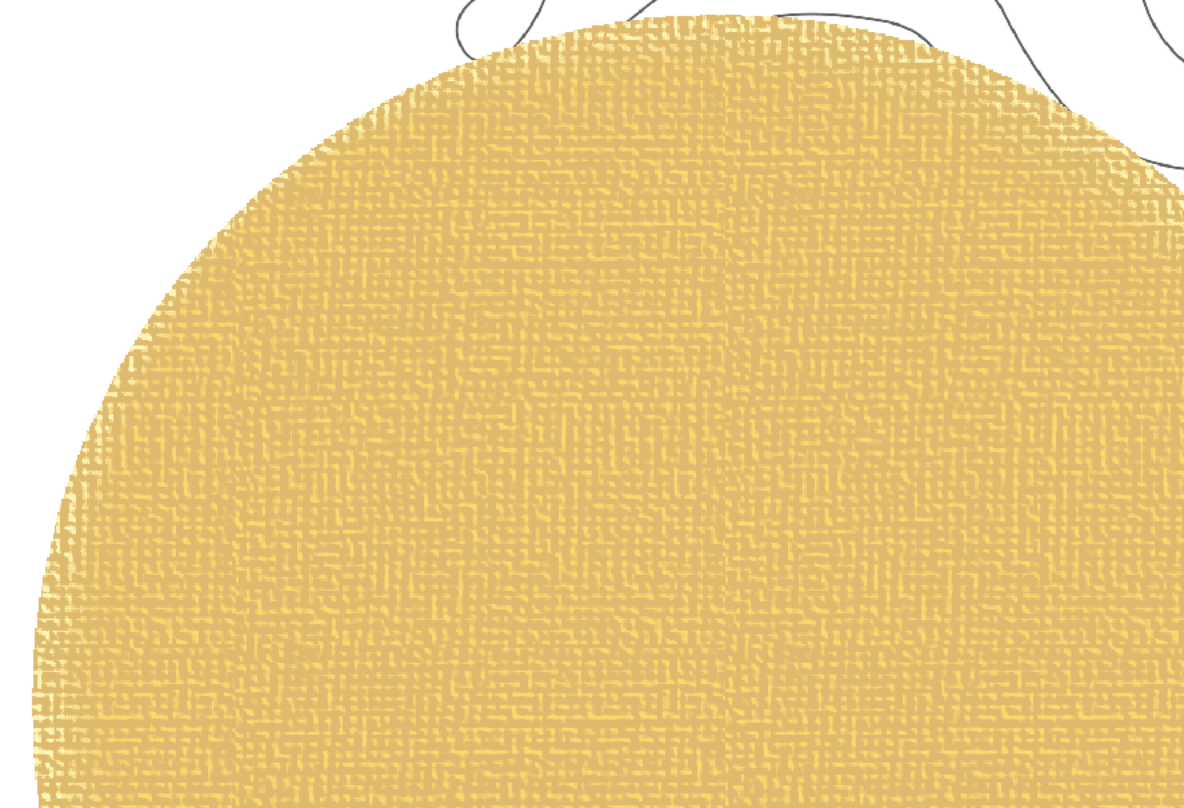
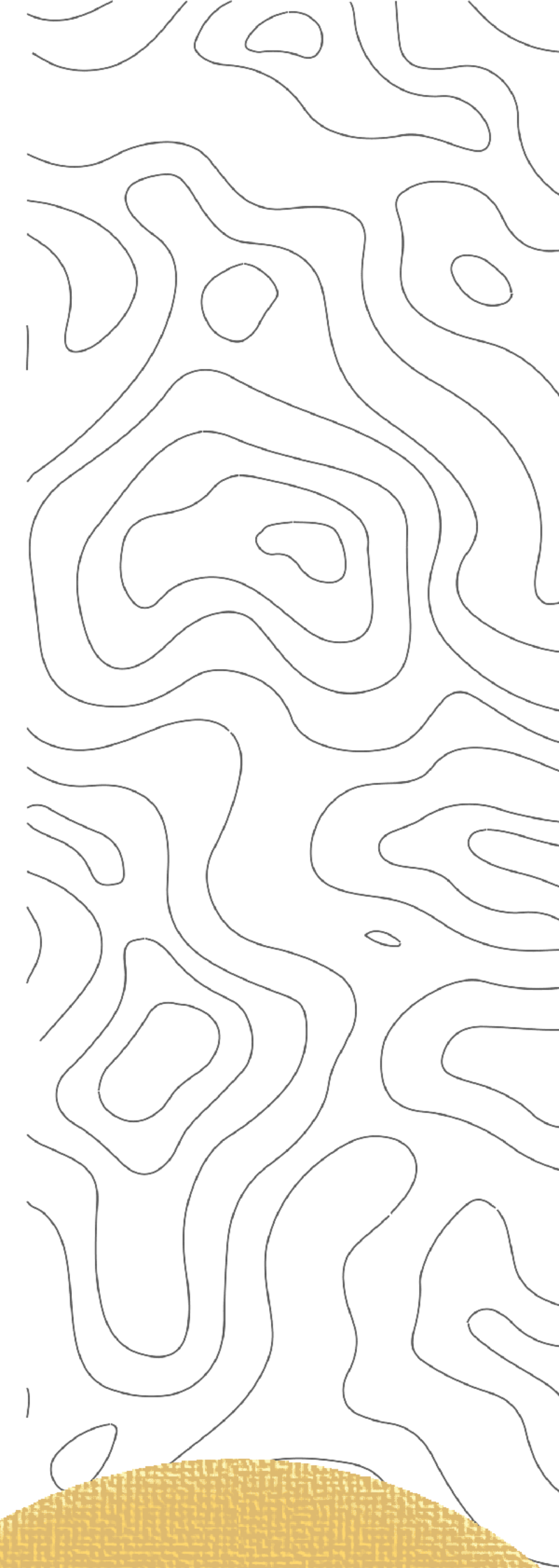
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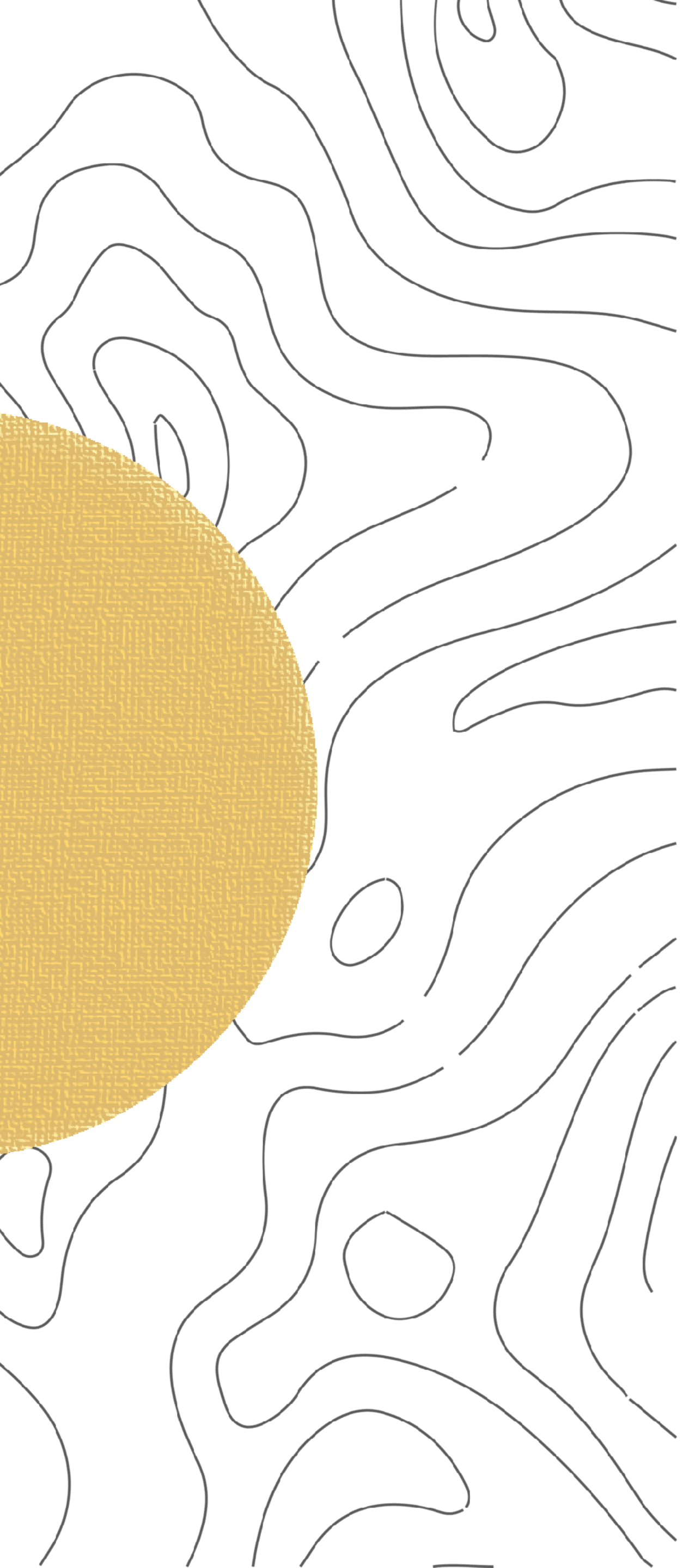
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"Dissuade him...in order to save his life."



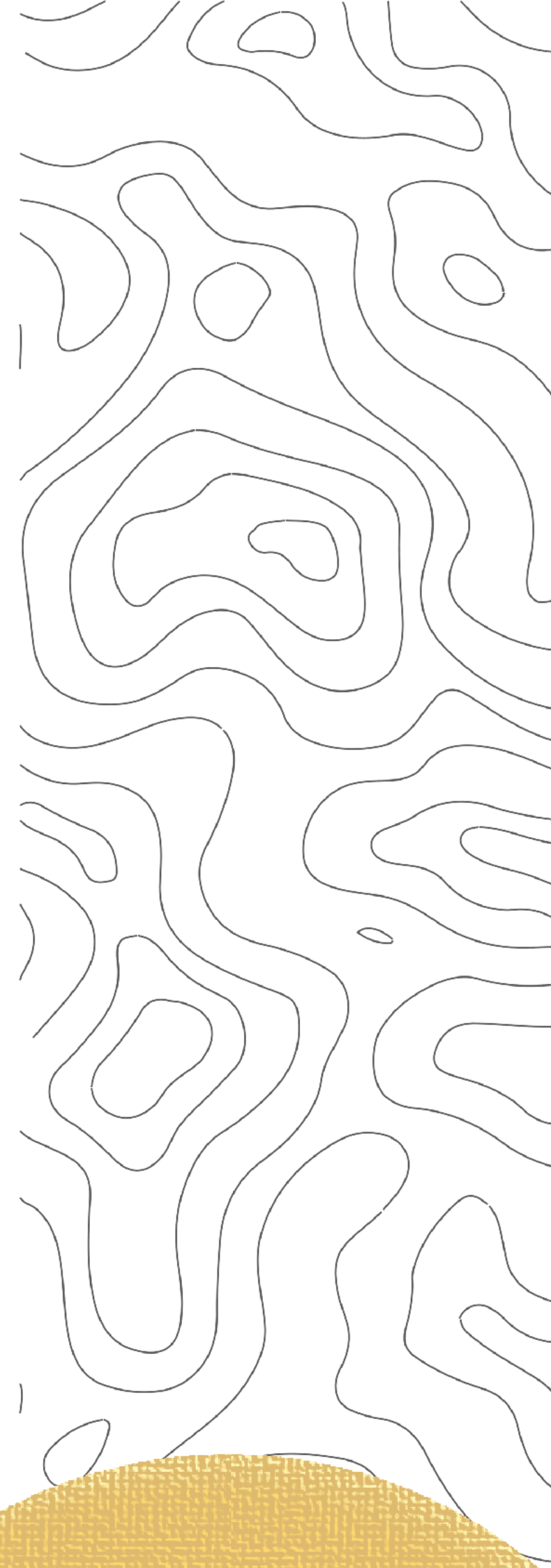


**God saves by identity,
not history.**

**2. WARNINGS ARE
AN ABSOLUTE
RESPONSIBILITY**

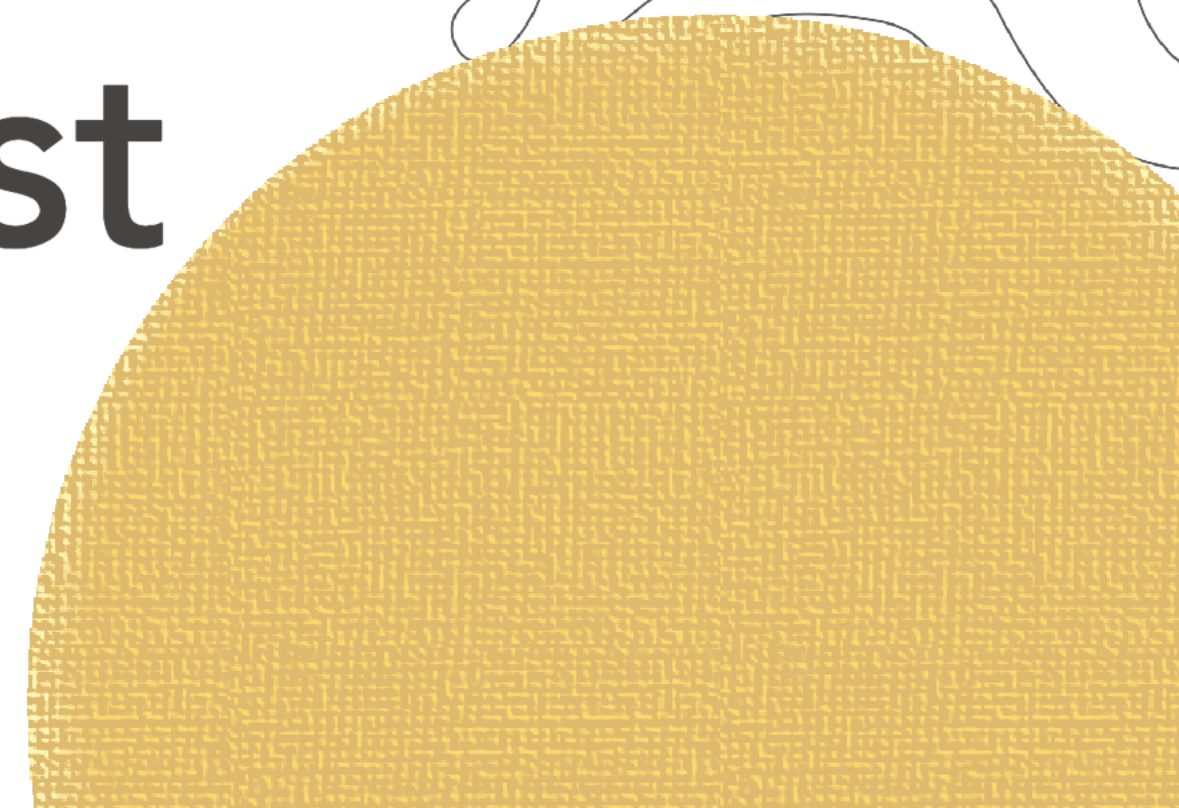
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WATCHMAN VS. SAVIOR

A watchman sounds a warning; she doesn't do the saving. The warned person must take responsibility to act.

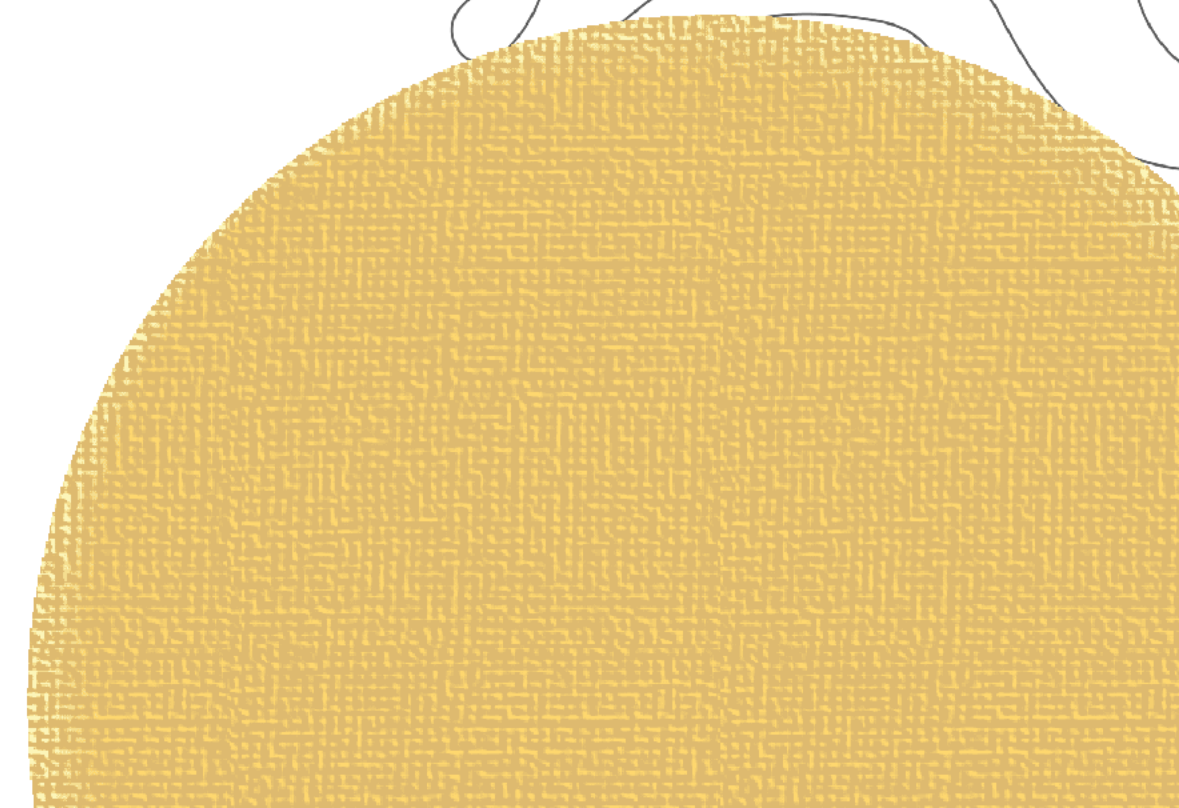


NEEDED MOTIVATION

See an evil math materialist style...



Benefit of warning
Cost of warning —
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Decision about acting

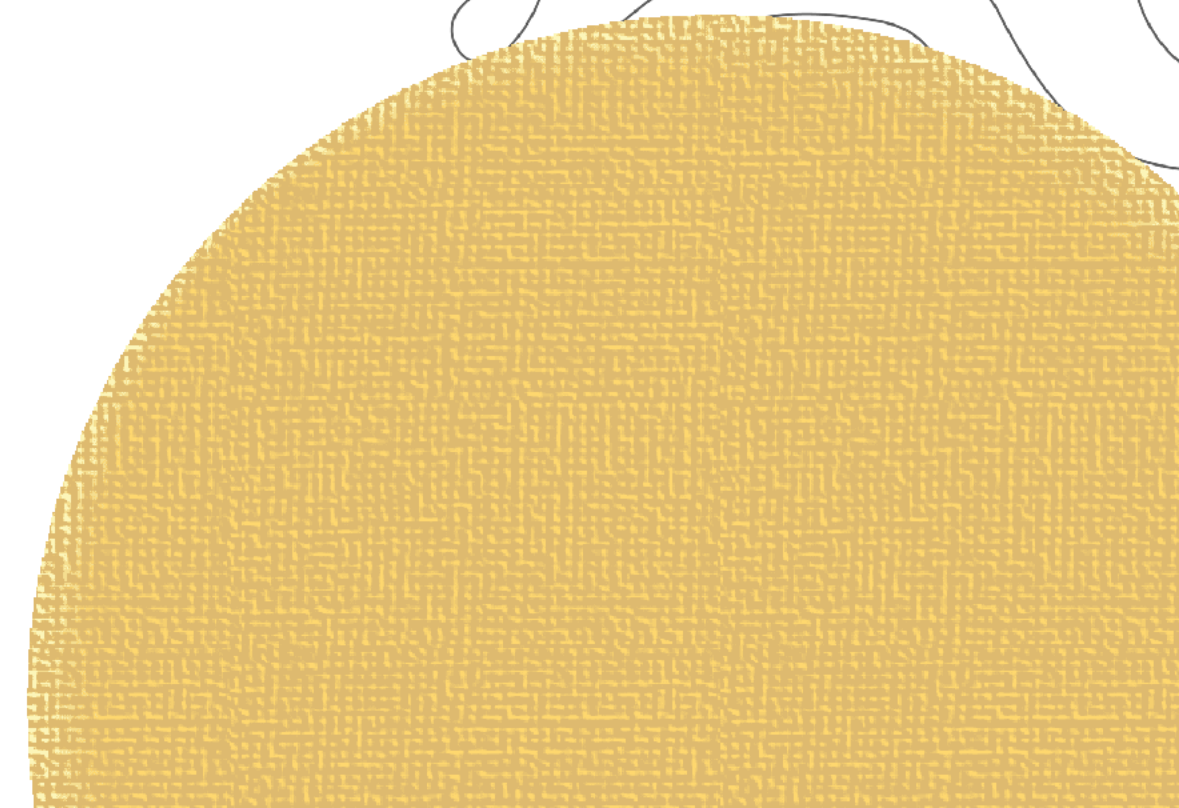


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You'll intervene
when you stand to
personally gain



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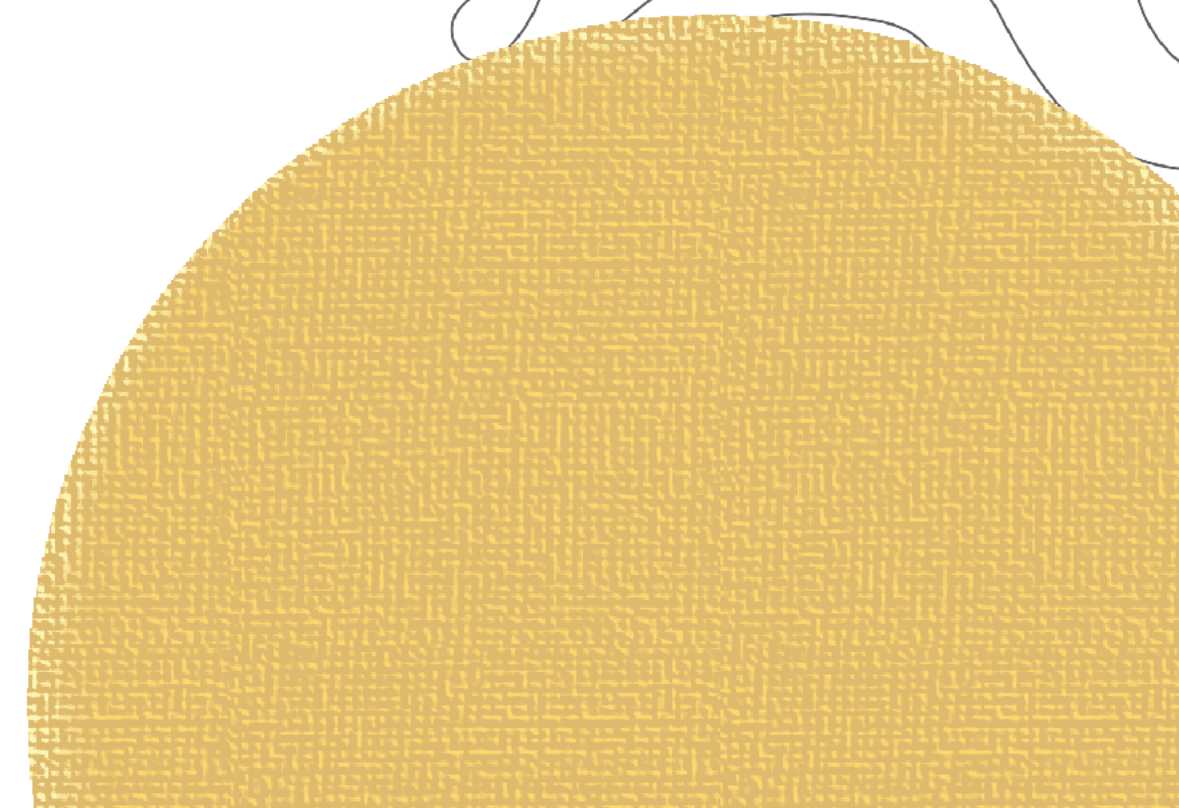
Benefit of warning

Cost of warning

Glory of God

Blood accountability

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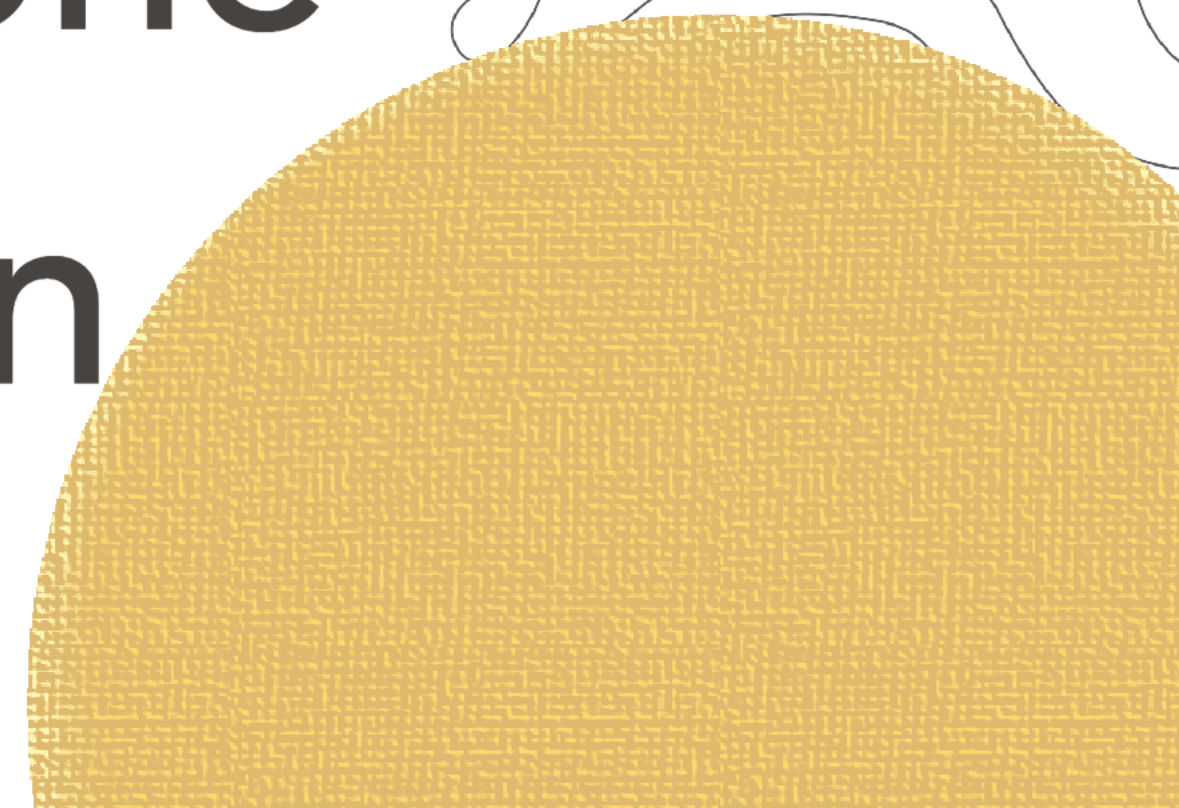


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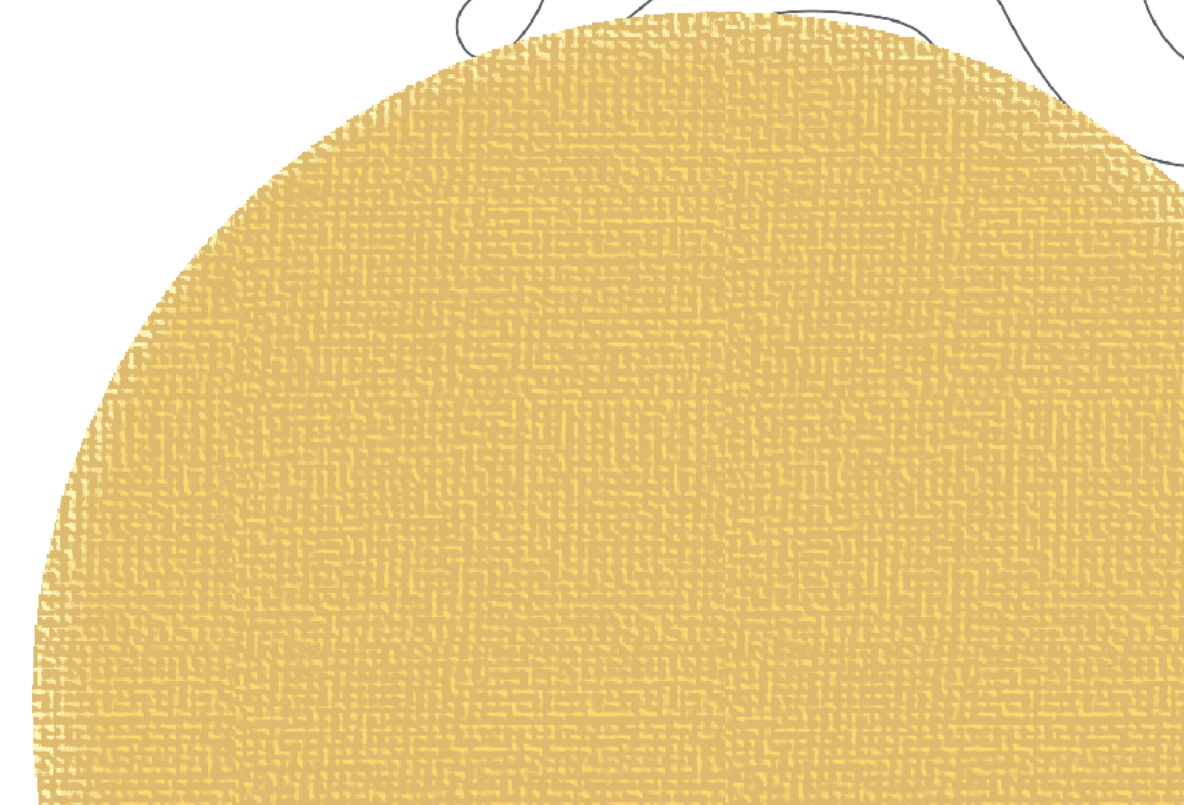
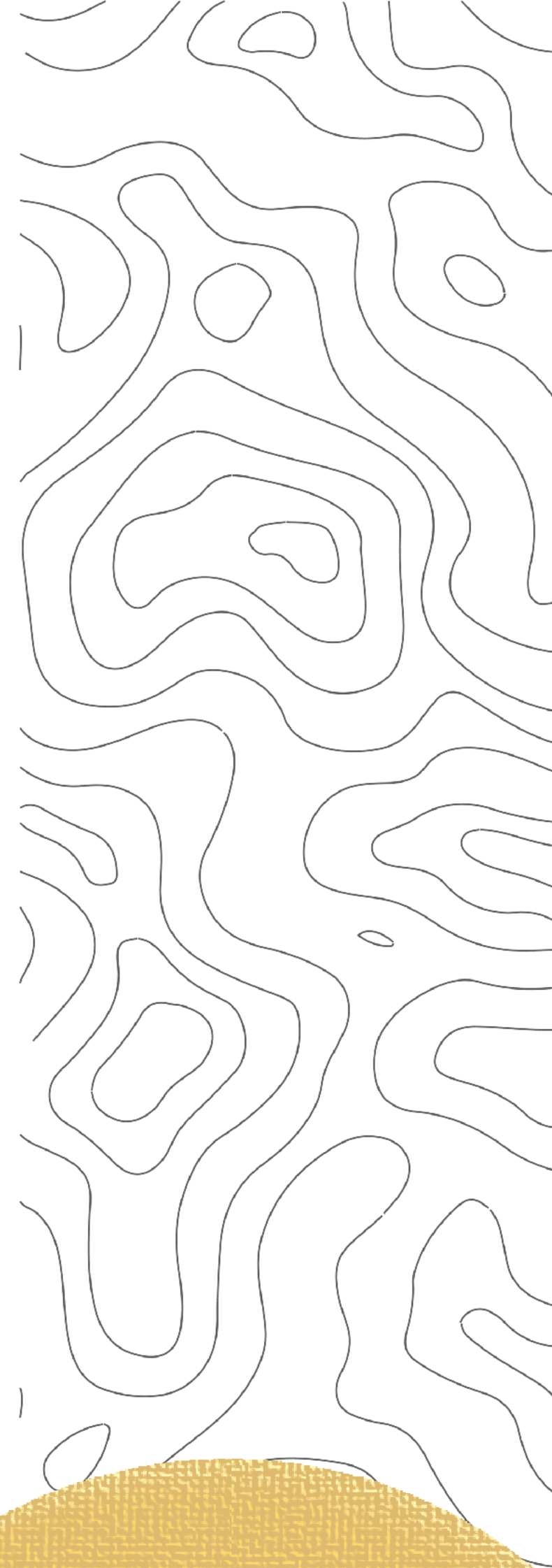


You'll intervene
when you must to
dissuade someone
from destruction



SCOPE:

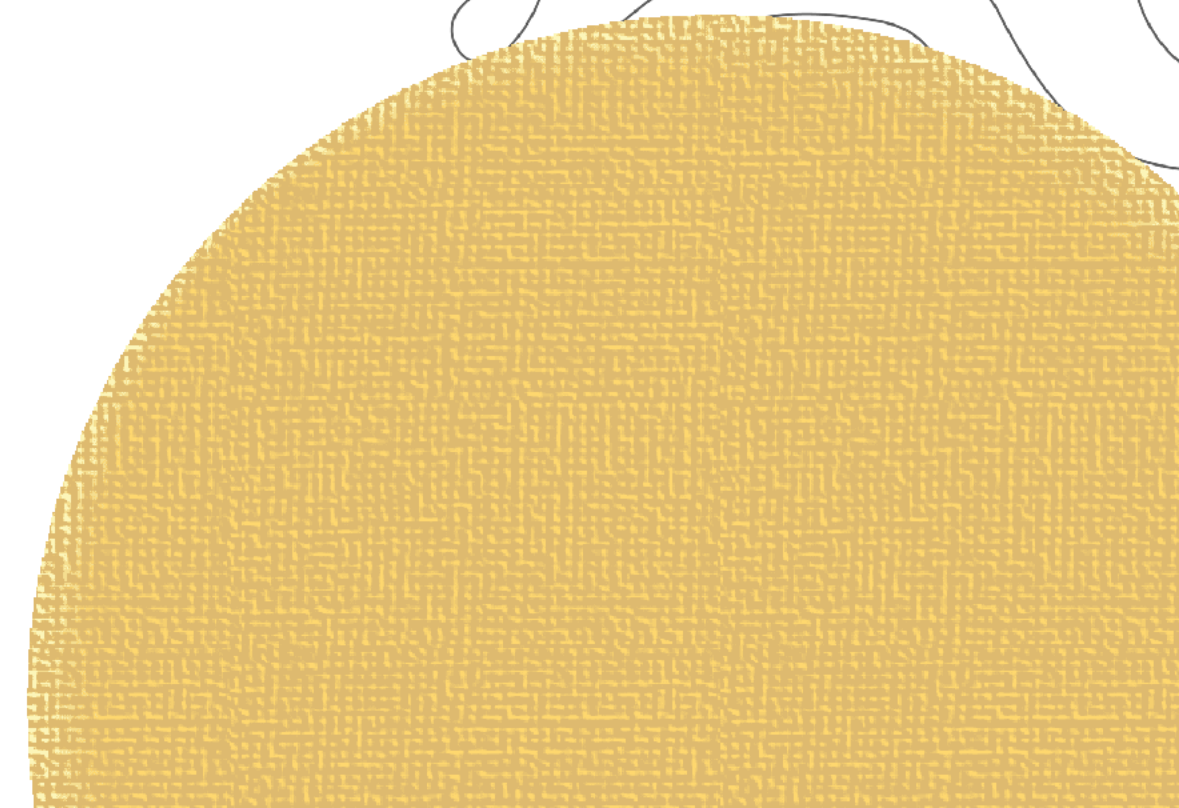
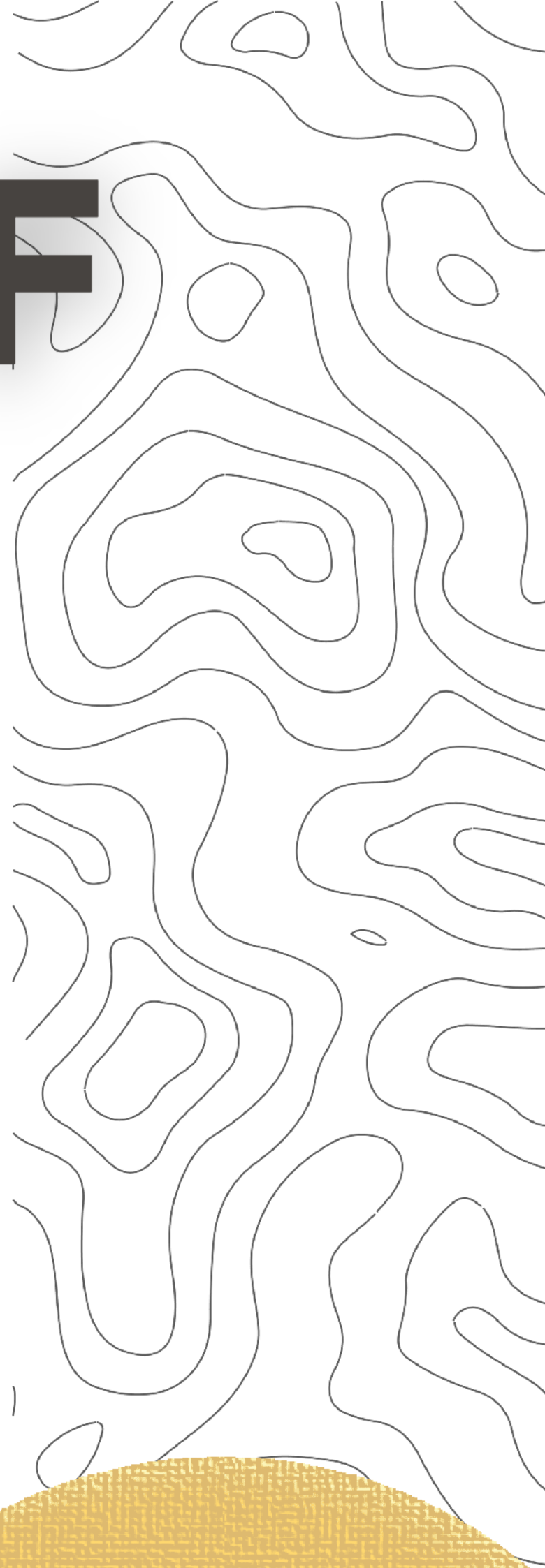
So am I supposed to warn
everyone about everything?



WARNING SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

- It is needed for their good
- It is my responsibility

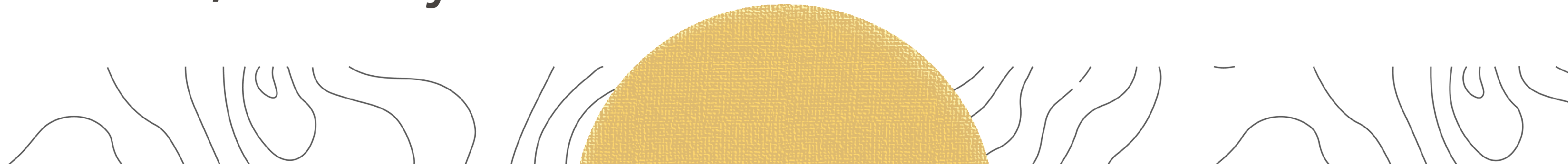
Scriptural baseline—watch over:
yourselves, your stewardship, your
influences.



**3. A WARNING IS A
DELIVERY, NOT
A DEFENSE.**

EZEKIEL 3:26-27

I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth so that you will be *silent and unable to rebuke them, [for] they are a rebellious house.* But when *I speak* to you, I will open your mouth and *you shall say to them,* 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' Whoever will listen let him listen, and whoever will refuse let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

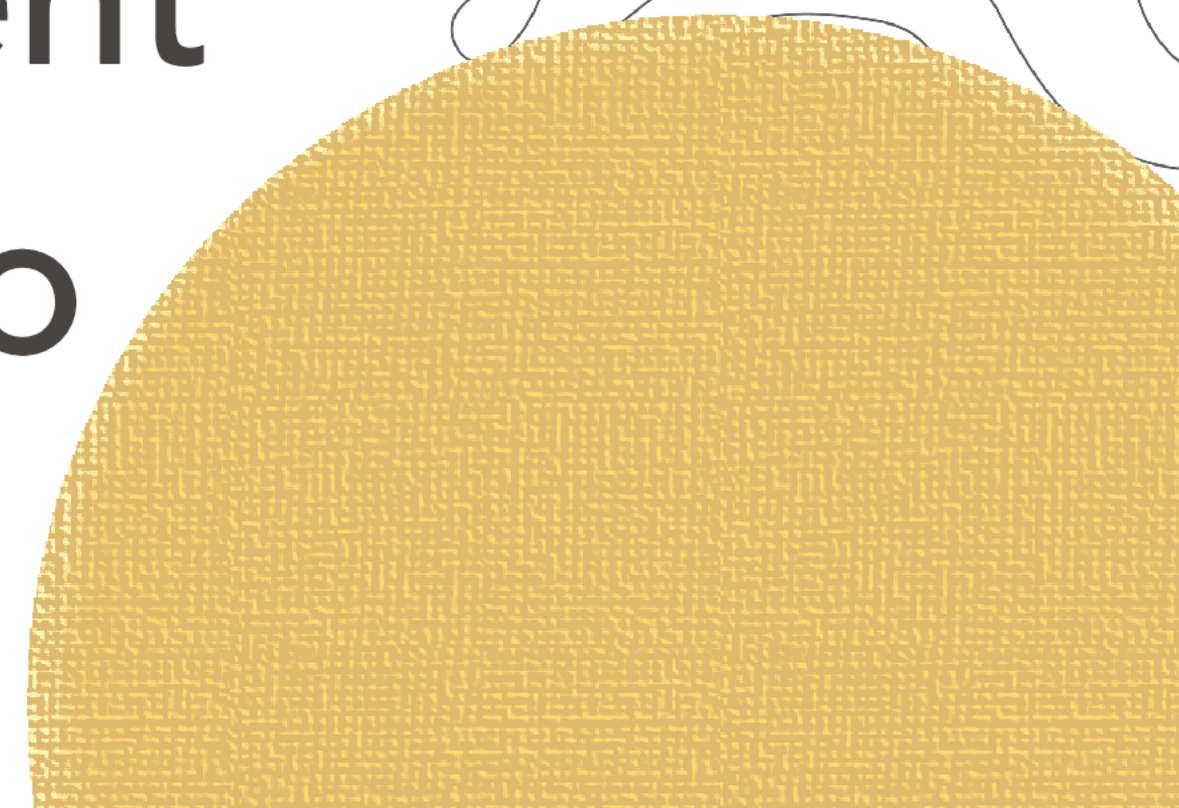
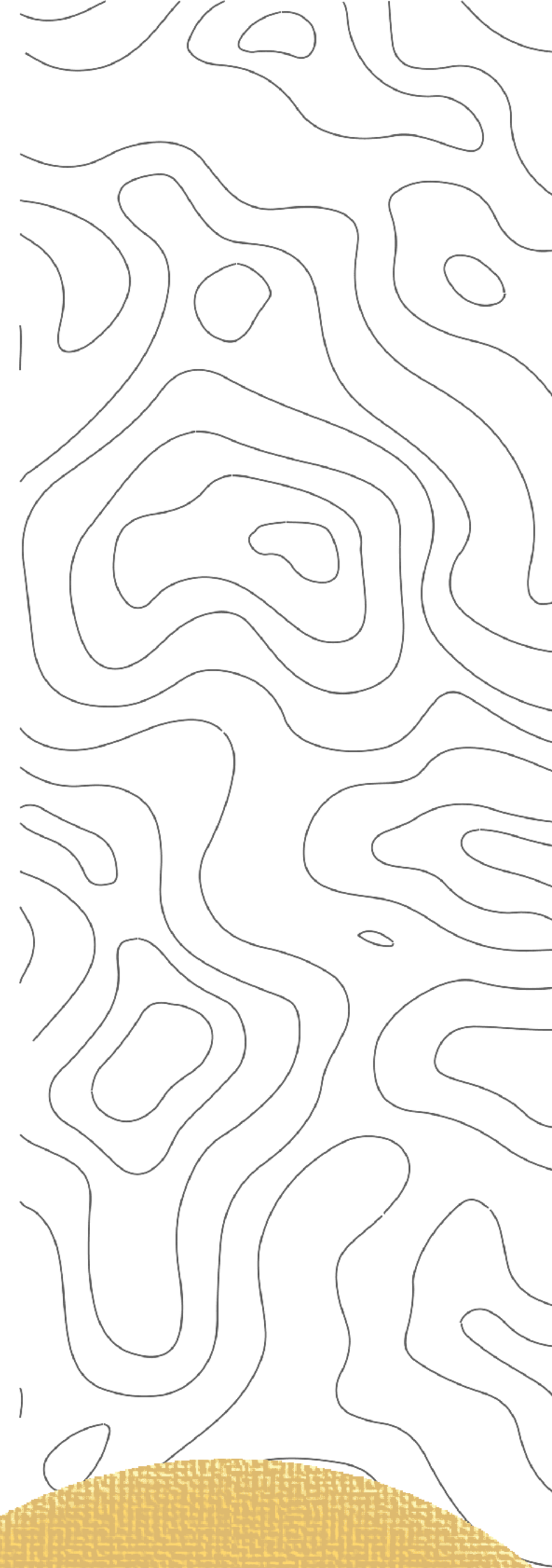


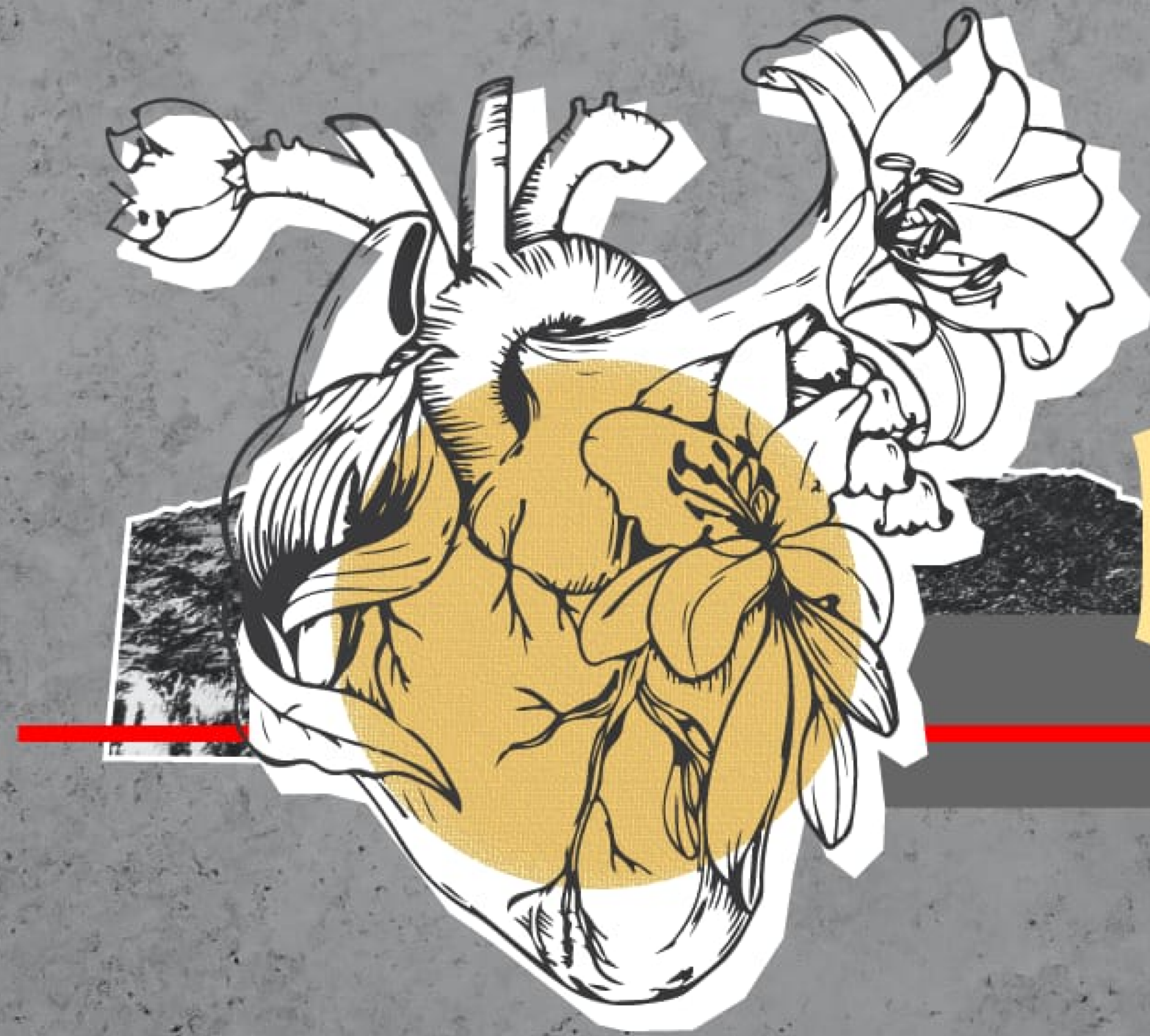
"ARBITRATOR"

"Unable to reprove them..."

NIV Proverbs 25:12

Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear.





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