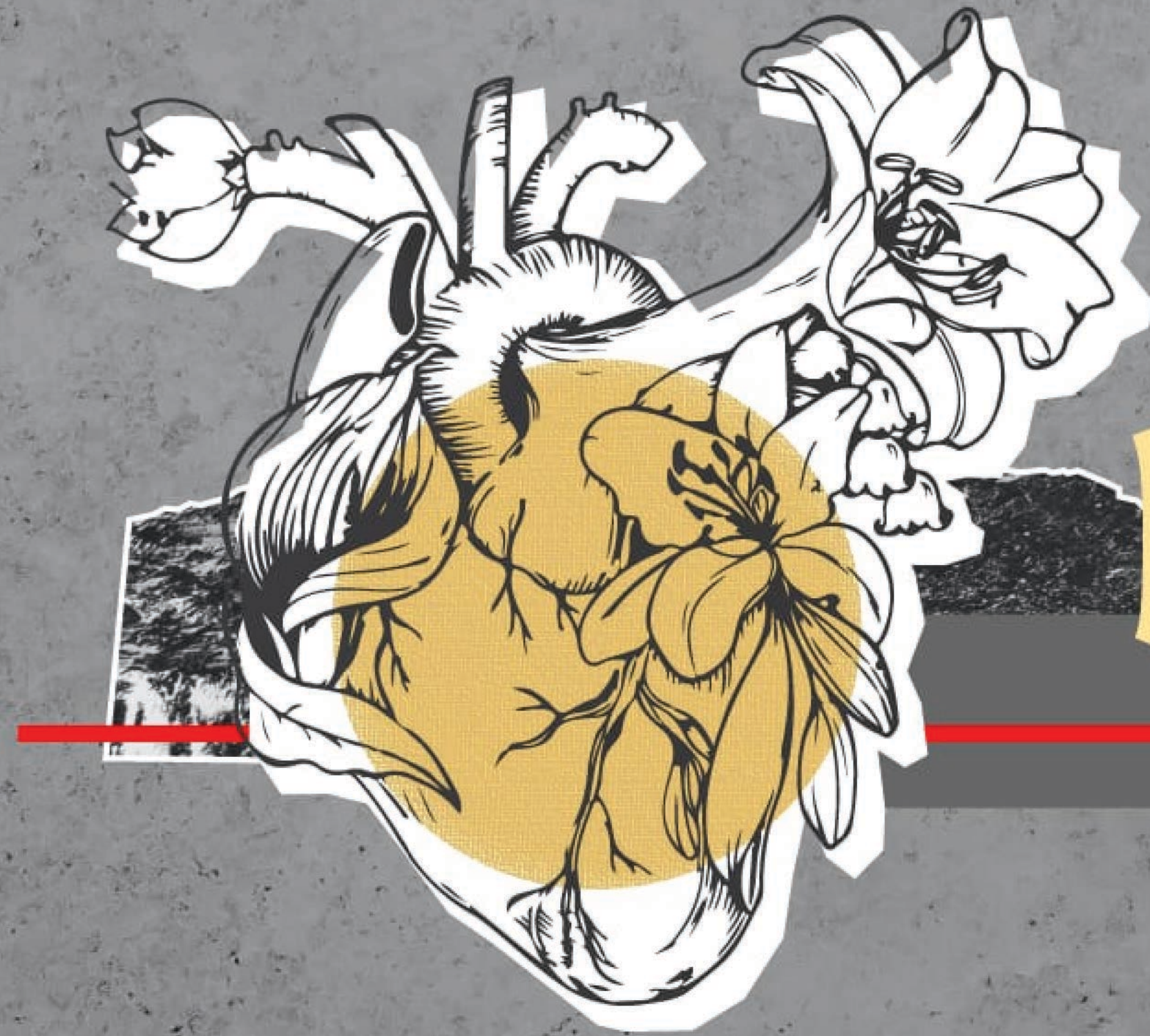


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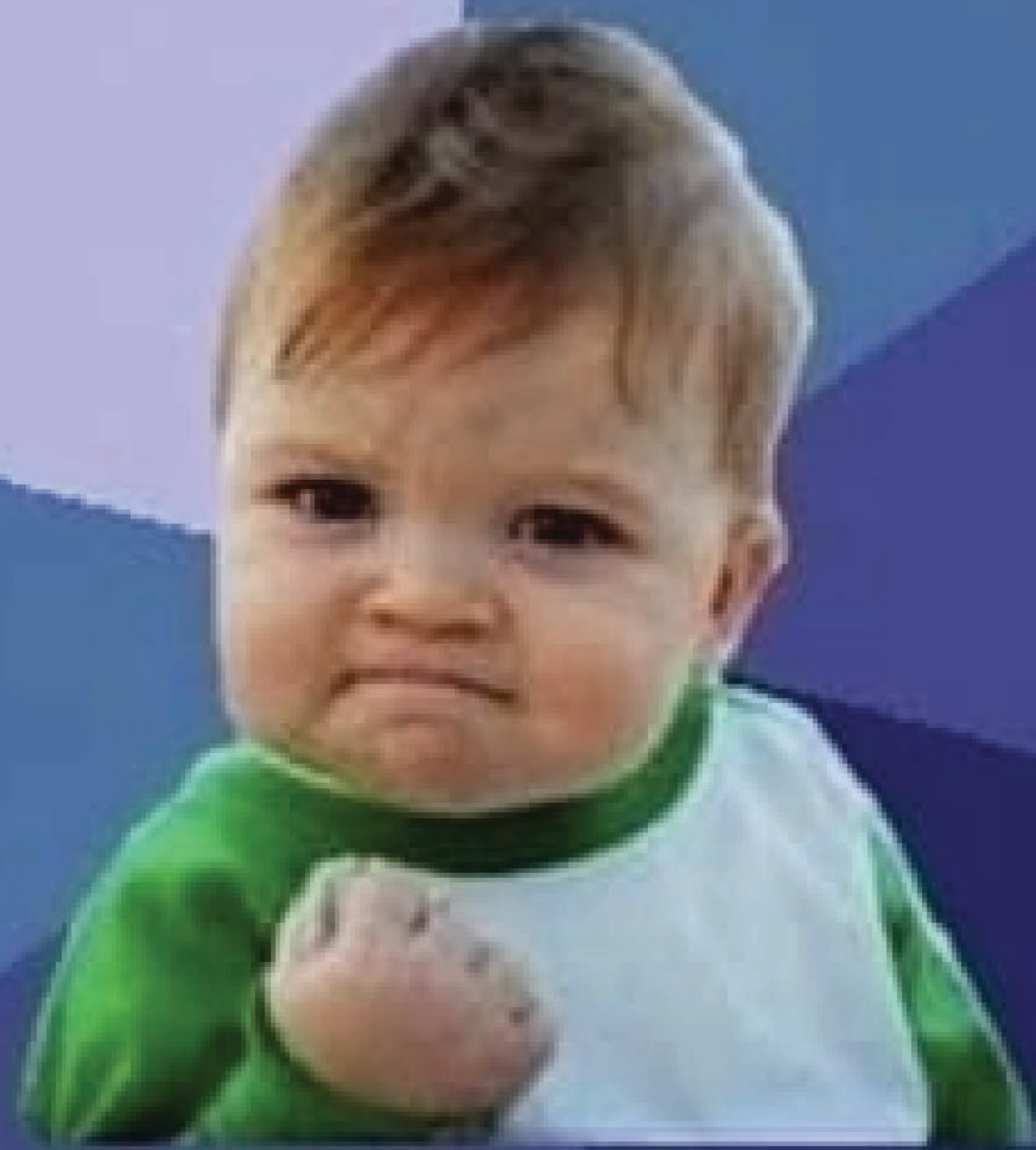
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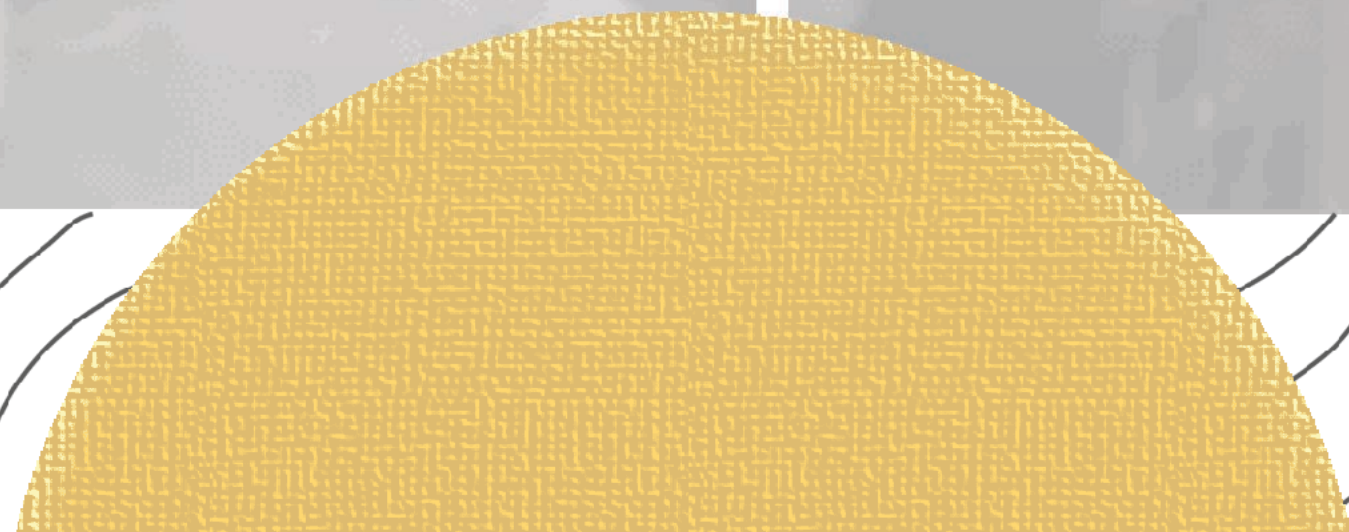
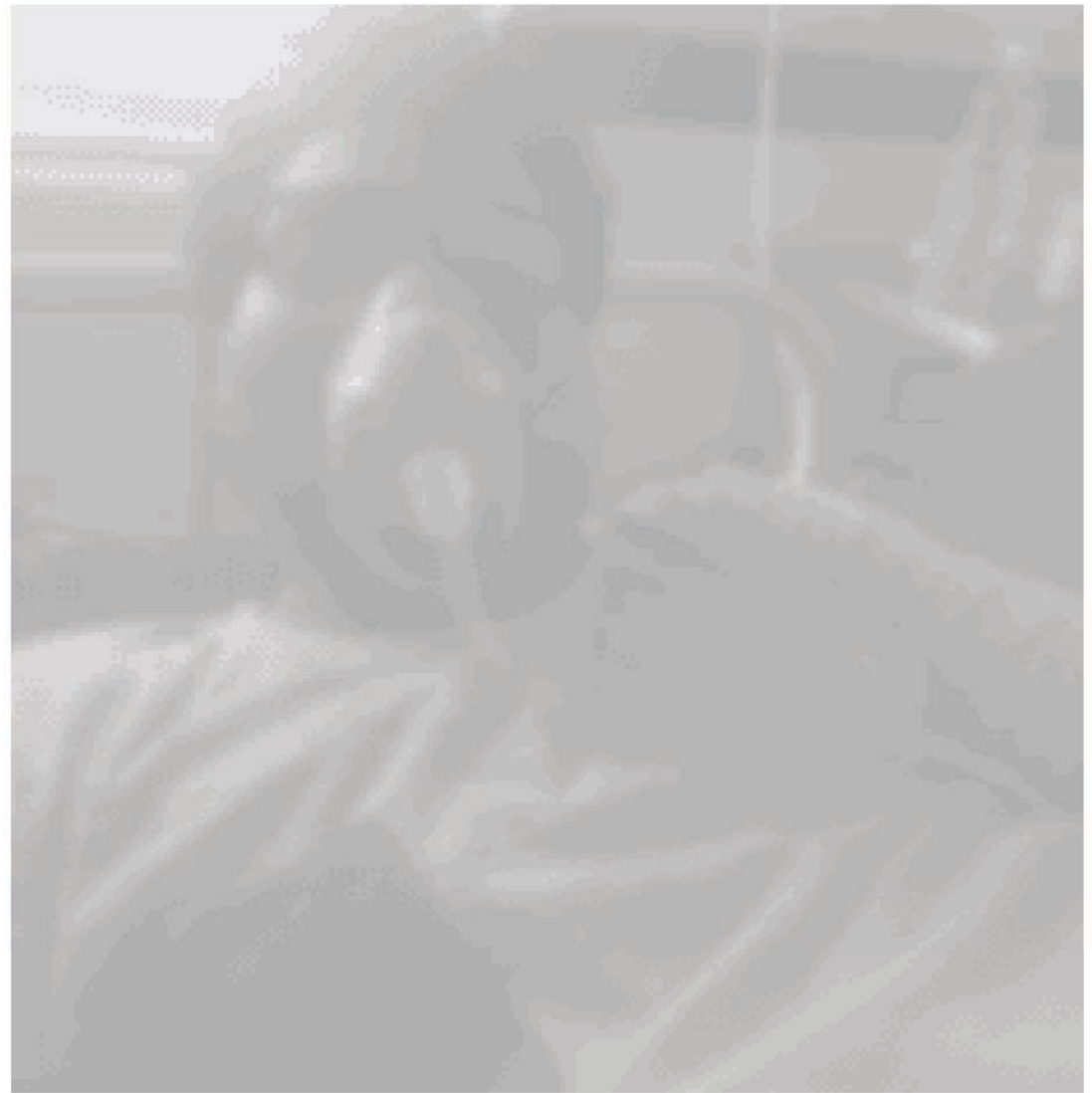


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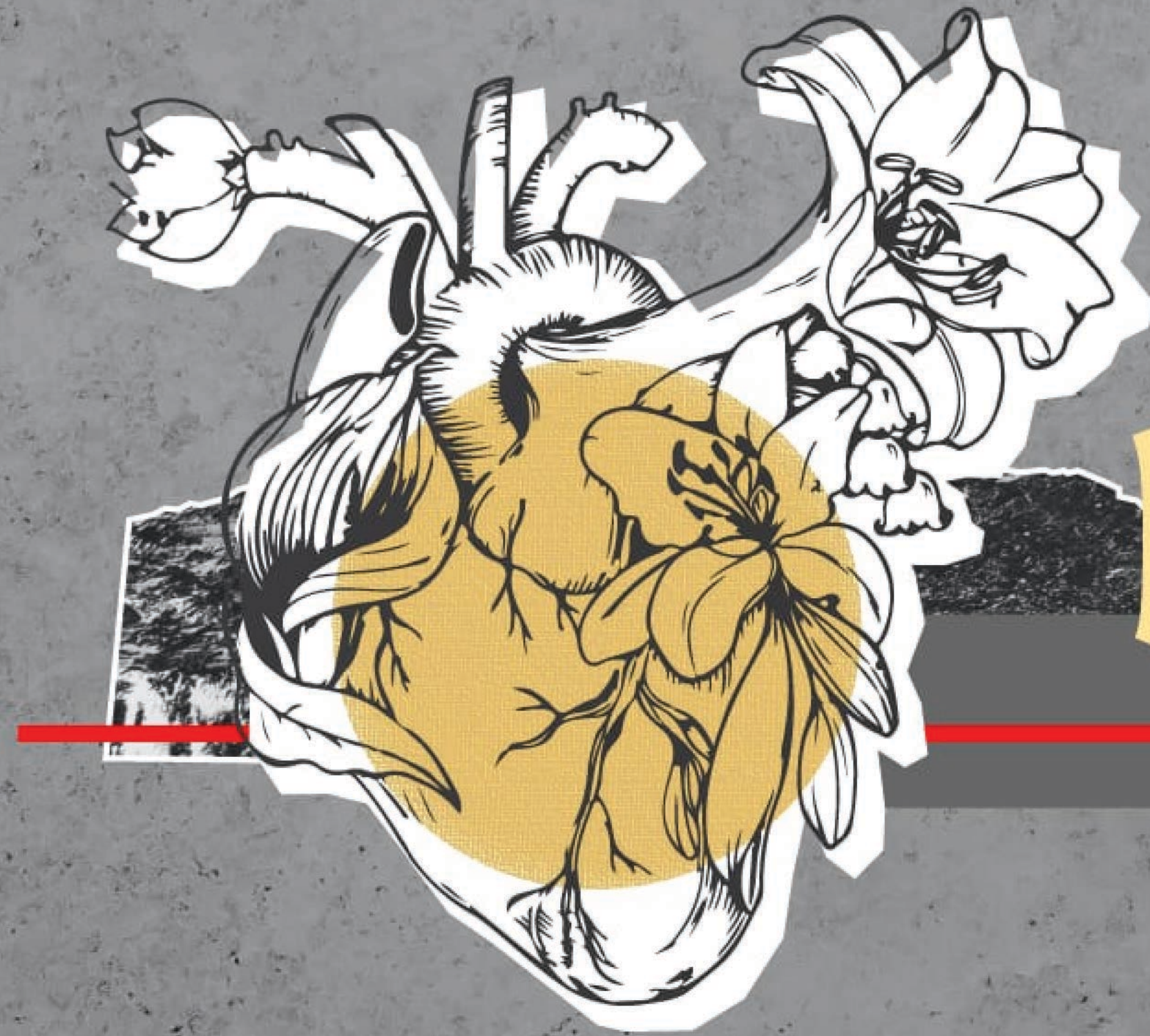


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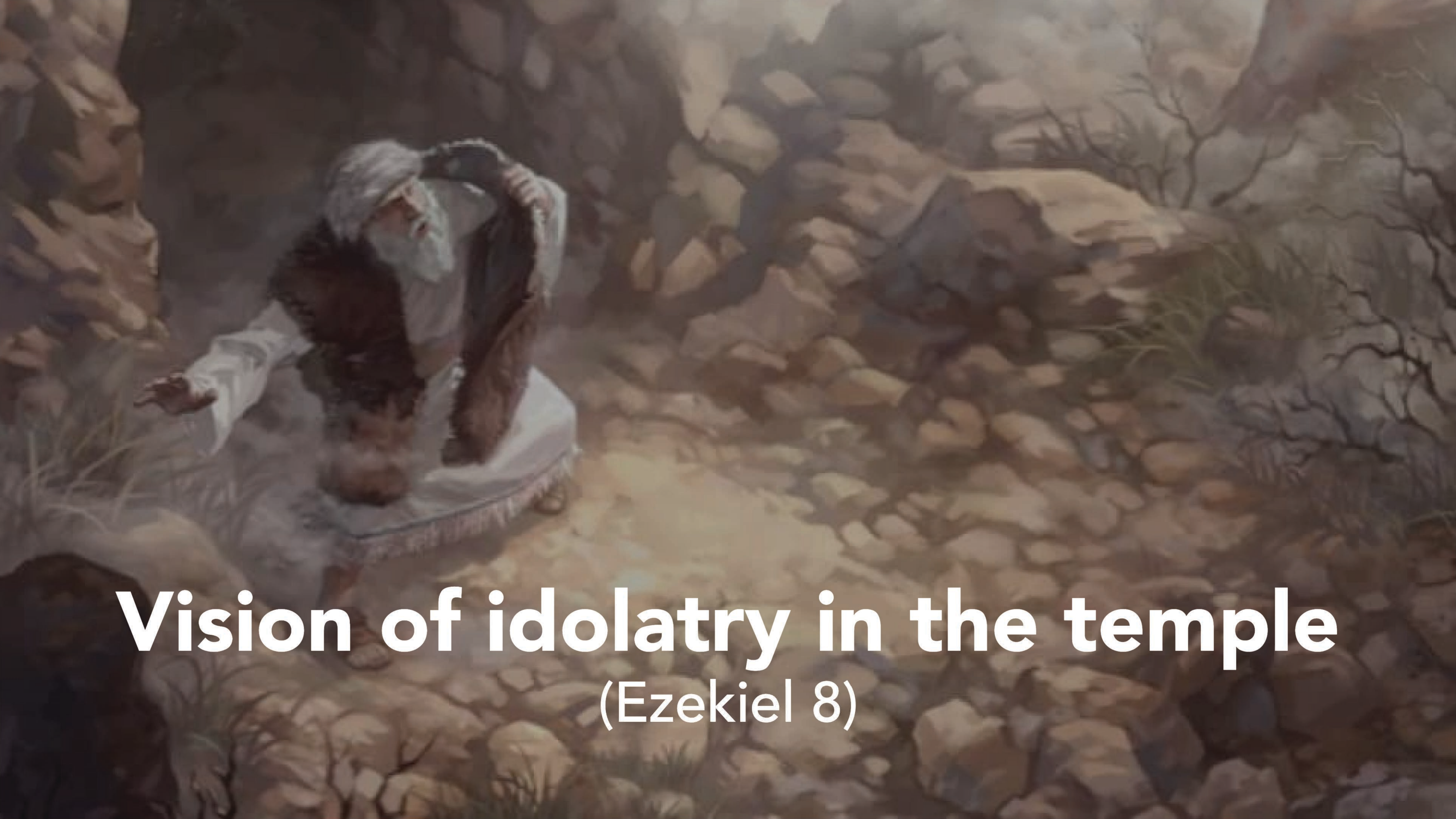
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Vision of idolatry in the temple

(Ezekiel 8)

**“SON OF MAN,
DO YOU
SEE THIS?”**

SEE PARAGRAPHS 7-18

The four disgusting things that
Ezekiel saw in the courtyard
and the temple. (Ezek. 8:5-16)

1

IDOLATROUS
SYMBOL OF
JEALOUSY



2

70 ELDERS
OFFERING INCENSE
TO FALSE GODS



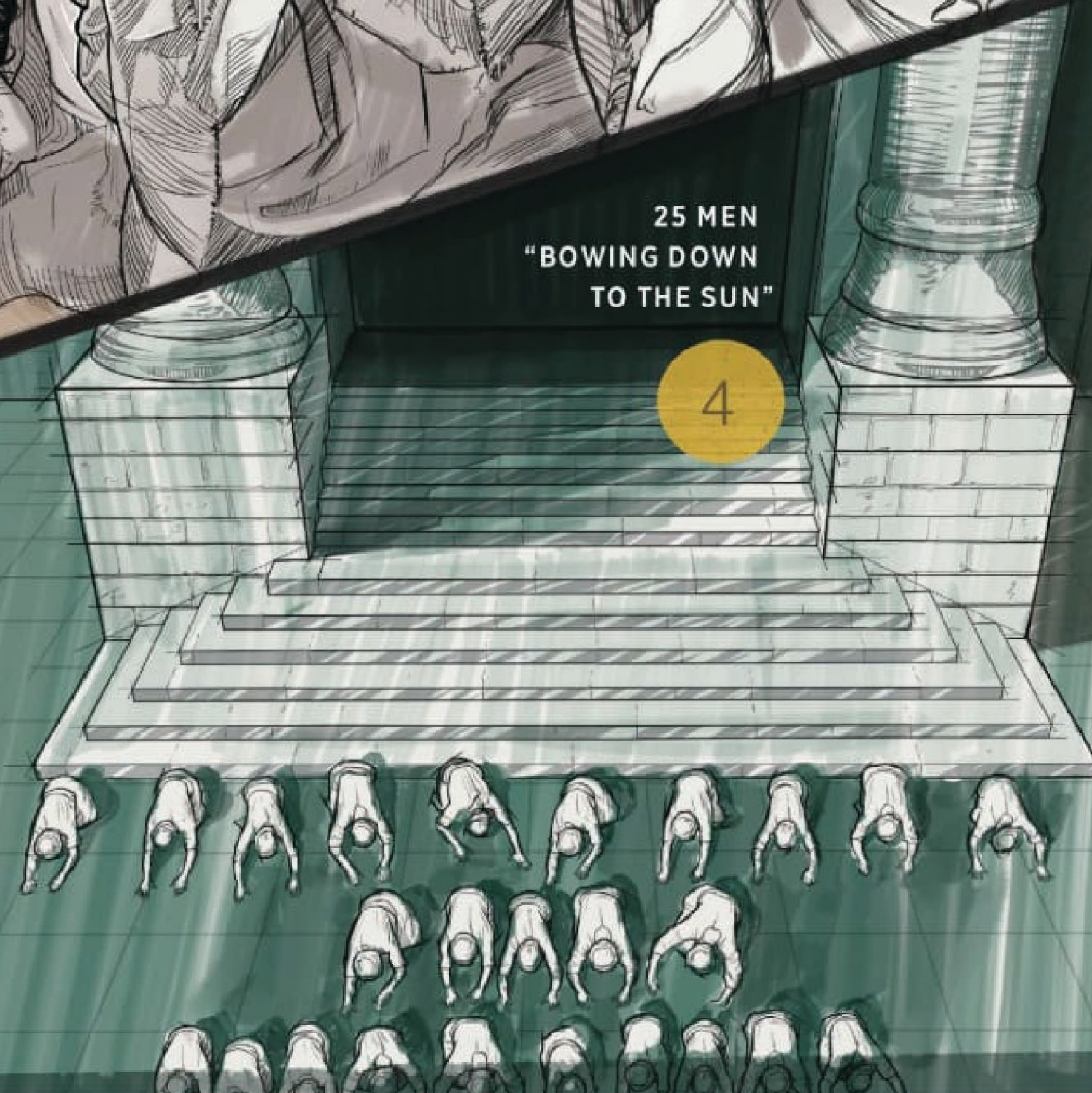
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“WOMEN . . . WEEPING OVER
THE GOD TAMMUZ”



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25 MEN
“BOWING DOWN
TO THE SUN”

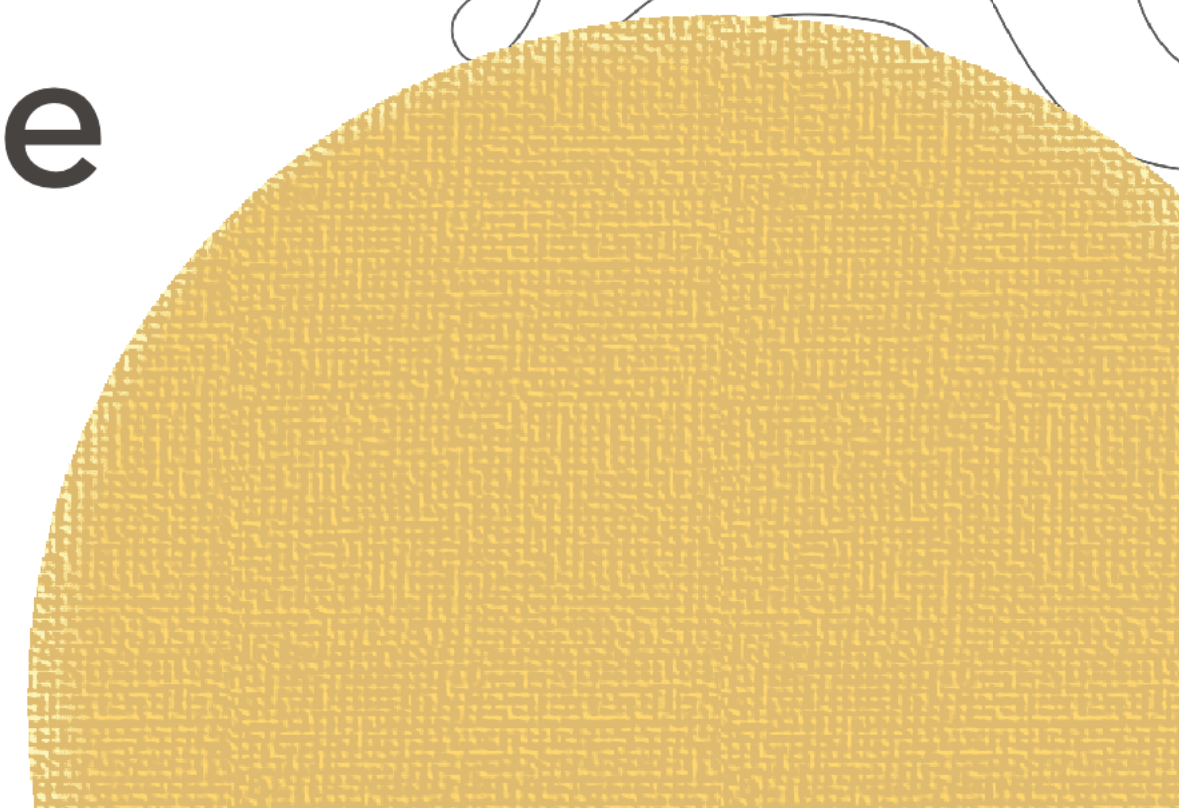
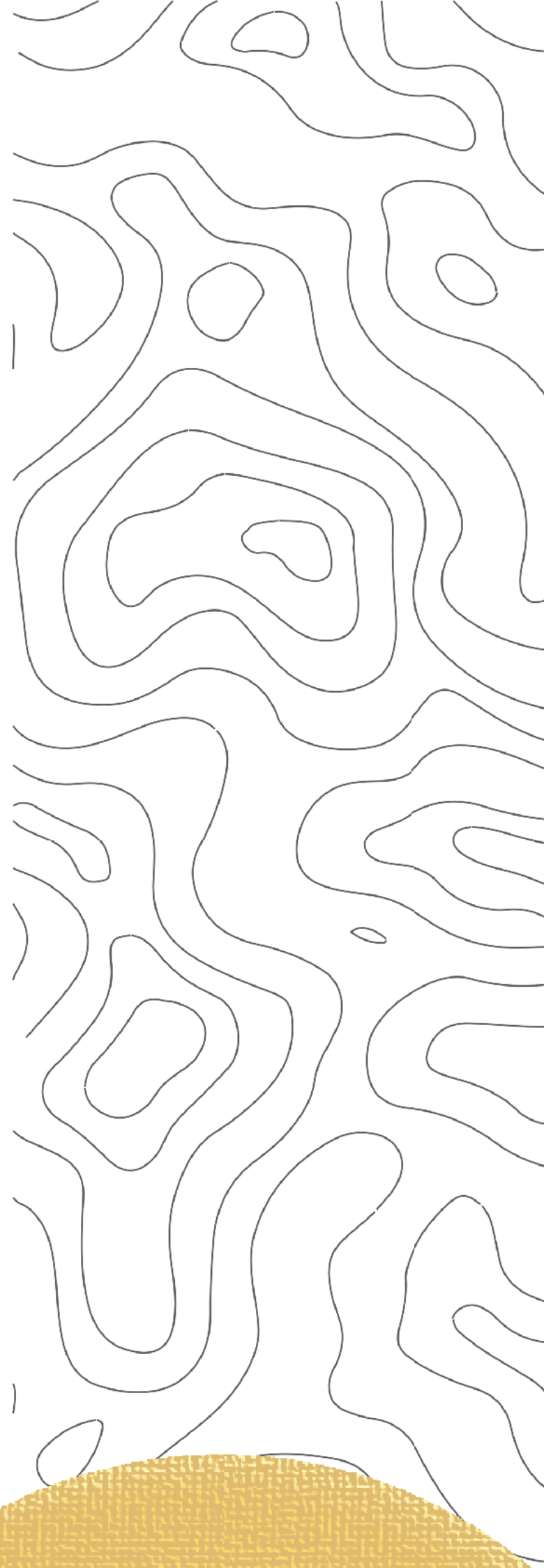


Ezekiel 8:7 – 9 (CEV)

Next, I was taken to the entrance of the courtyard, where I saw a hole (*crack/gaping hole*) in the wall.

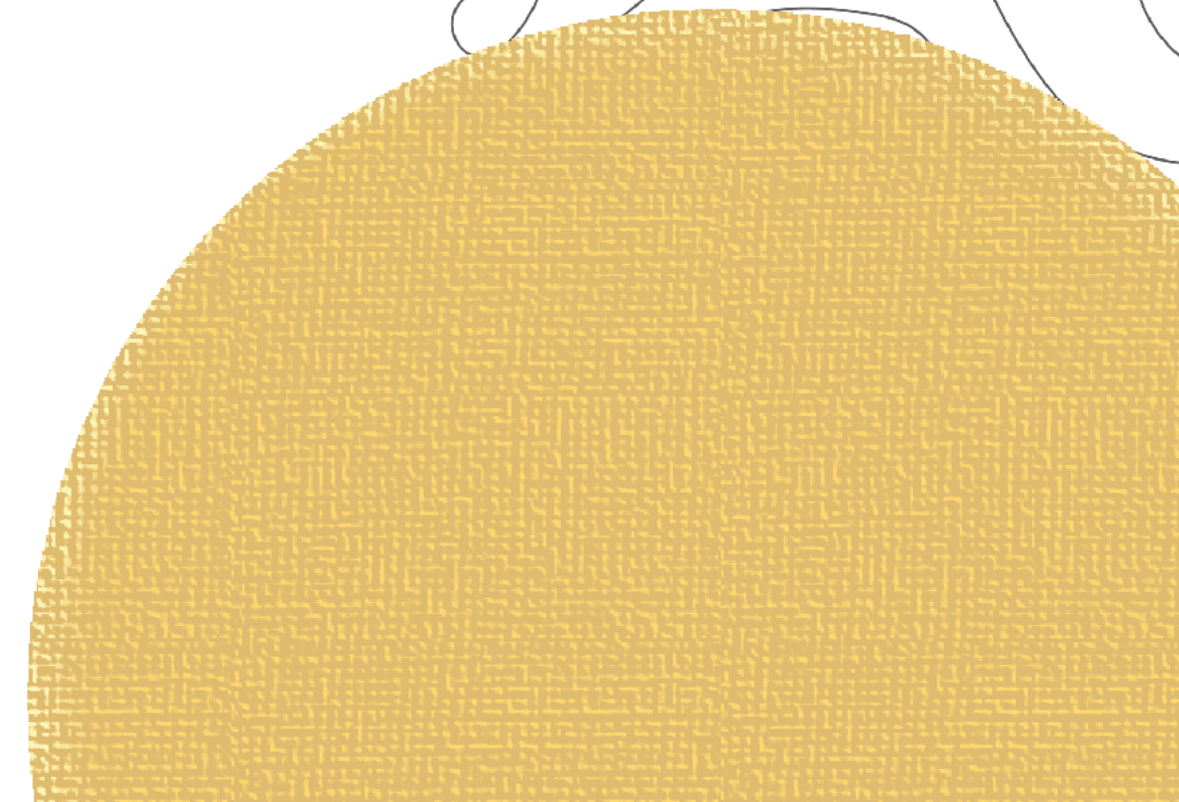
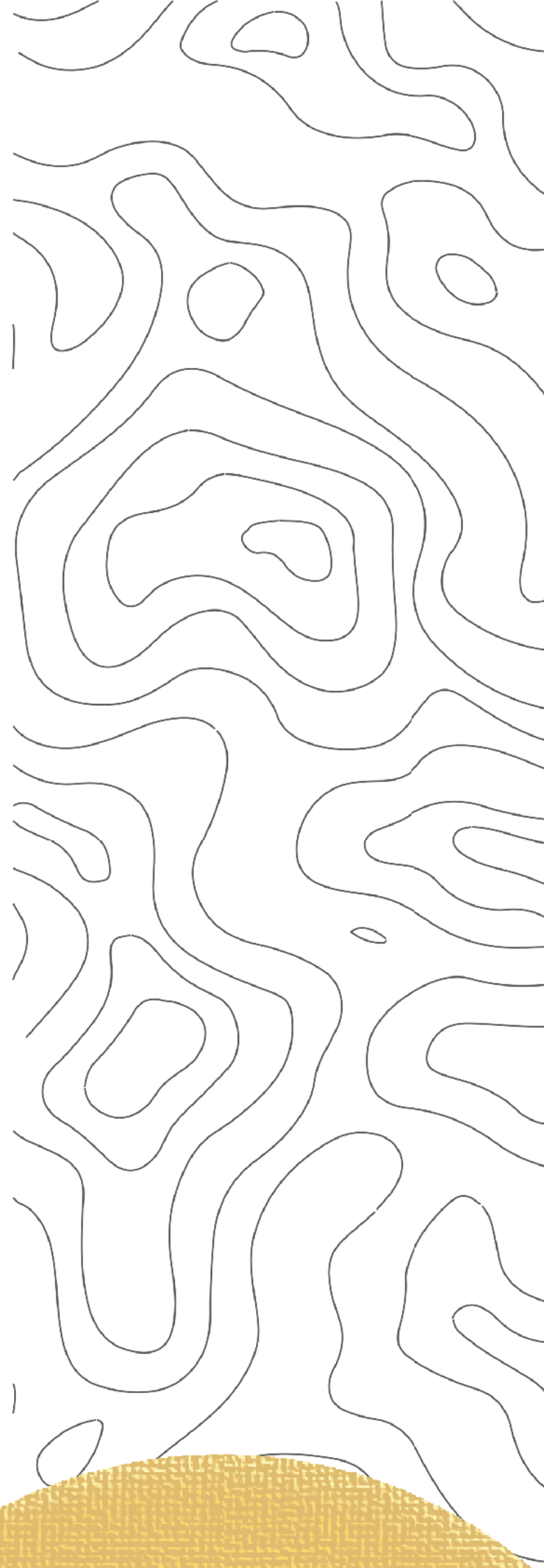
God said, "Make this hole bigger." And when I did, I realized it was a doorway.

"Go in," God said, "and see what horrible and evil things the people are doing."



Ezekiel 8:10 – 11 (CEV)

Inside, I saw that the walls were covered with pictures of reptiles (*snakes, lizards*) and disgusting, unclean animals, as well as with idols that the Israelites were worshiping. Seventy Israelite leaders were standing there, including Jaazaniah son of Shaphan.







1 Corinthians 10:6 – 7, 12

Now these things occurred as
examples to keep us from setting
our hearts on evil things as they
did. Do not be idolaters, as some of
them were...! So, if you think you
are standing firm, be careful that
you don't fall!

**Anything that fills
your heart other than
God is an idol of
something that
hinders God's glory.**

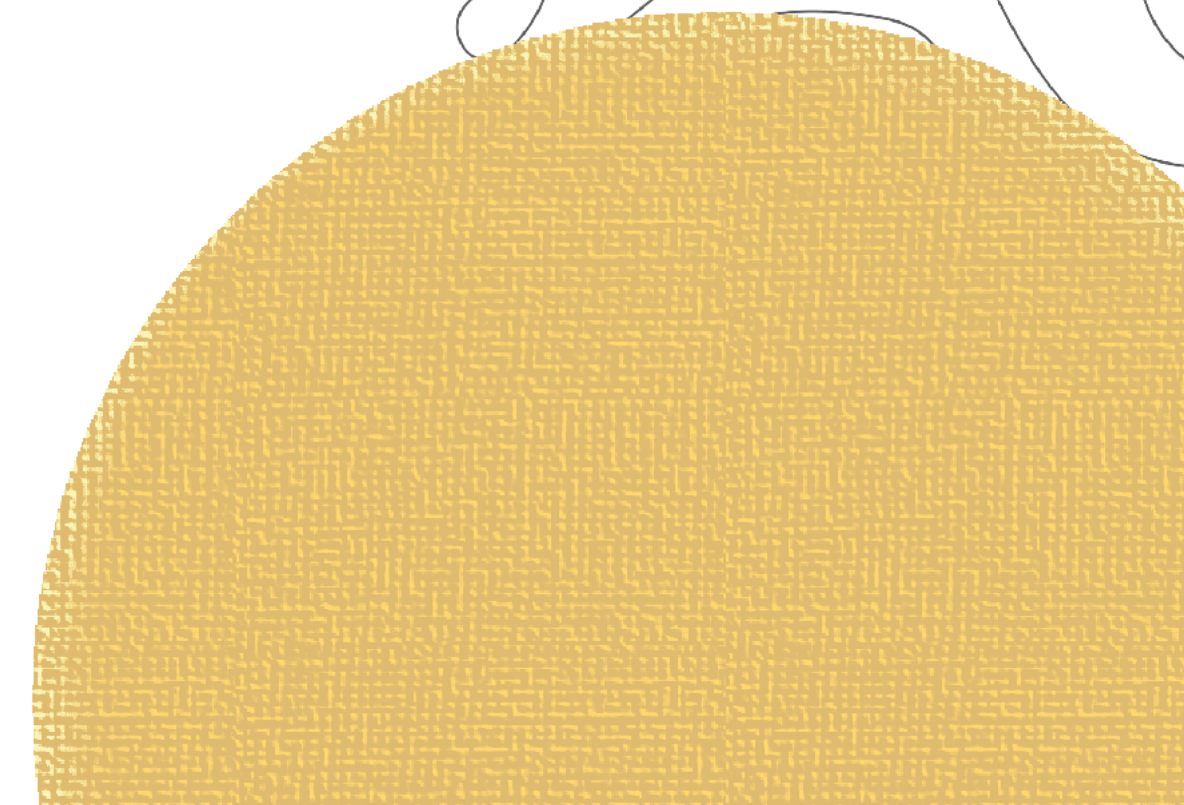
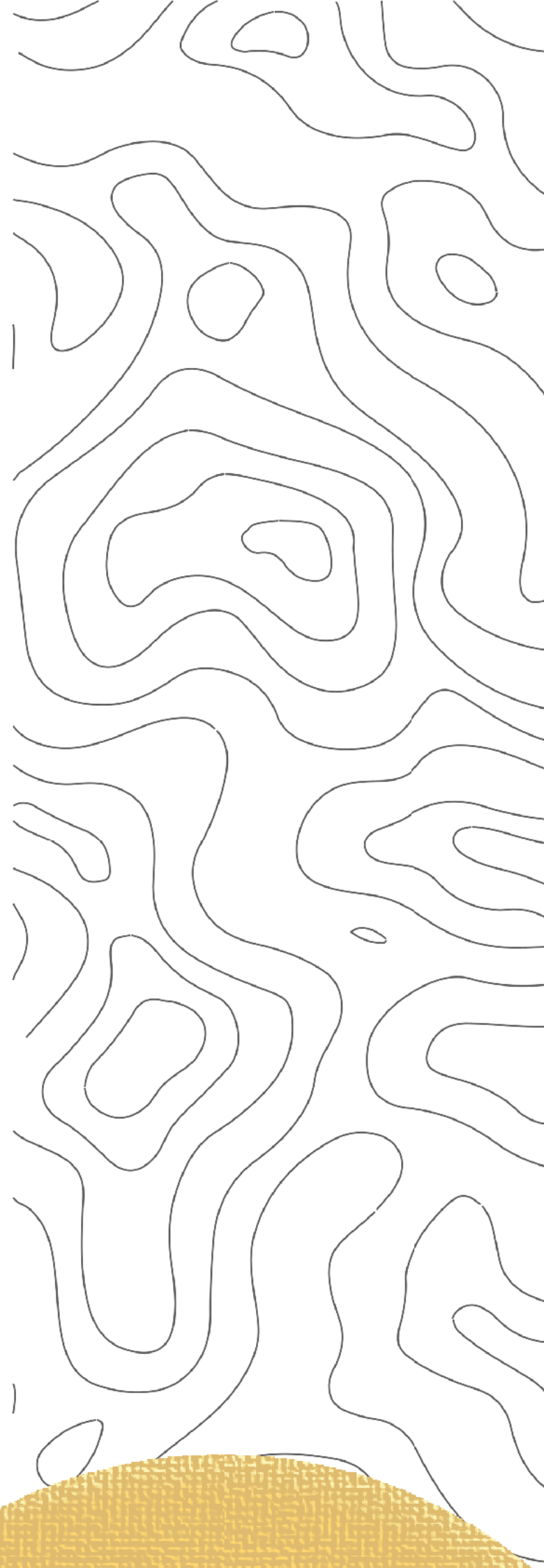
Building a Firewall in Your Heart Against Idolatry

Ezekiel 8

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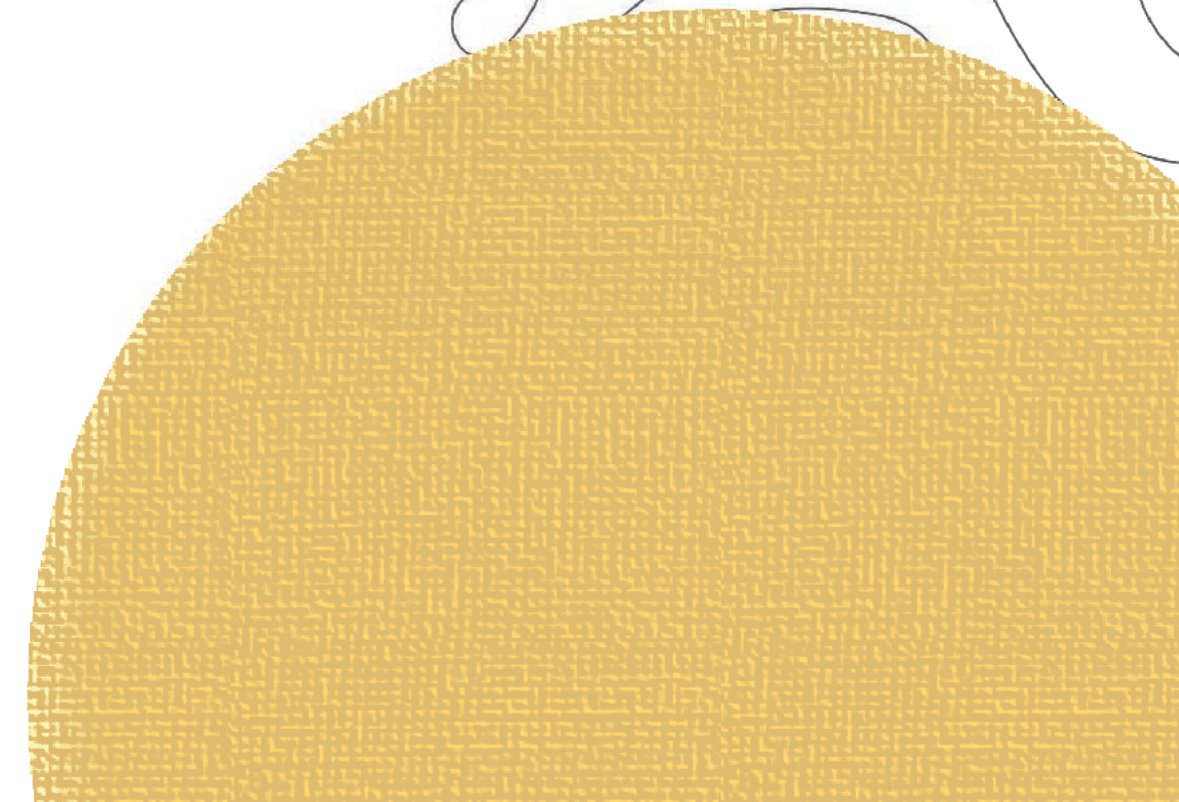
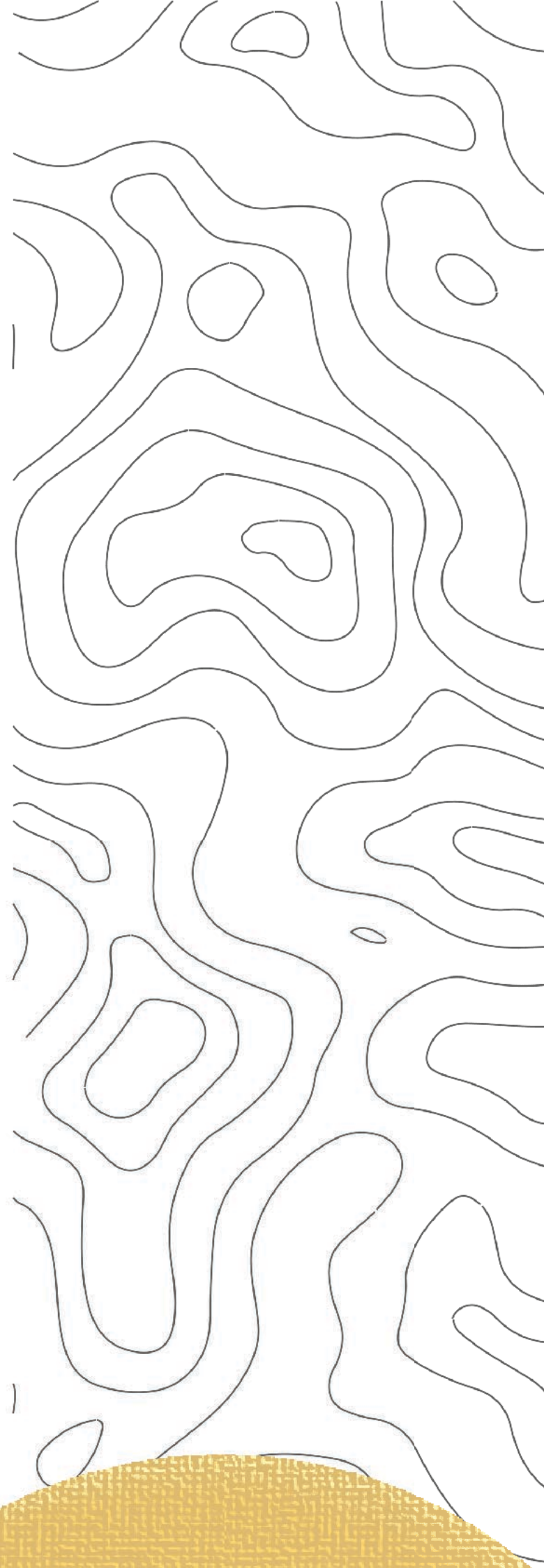


"They Shall
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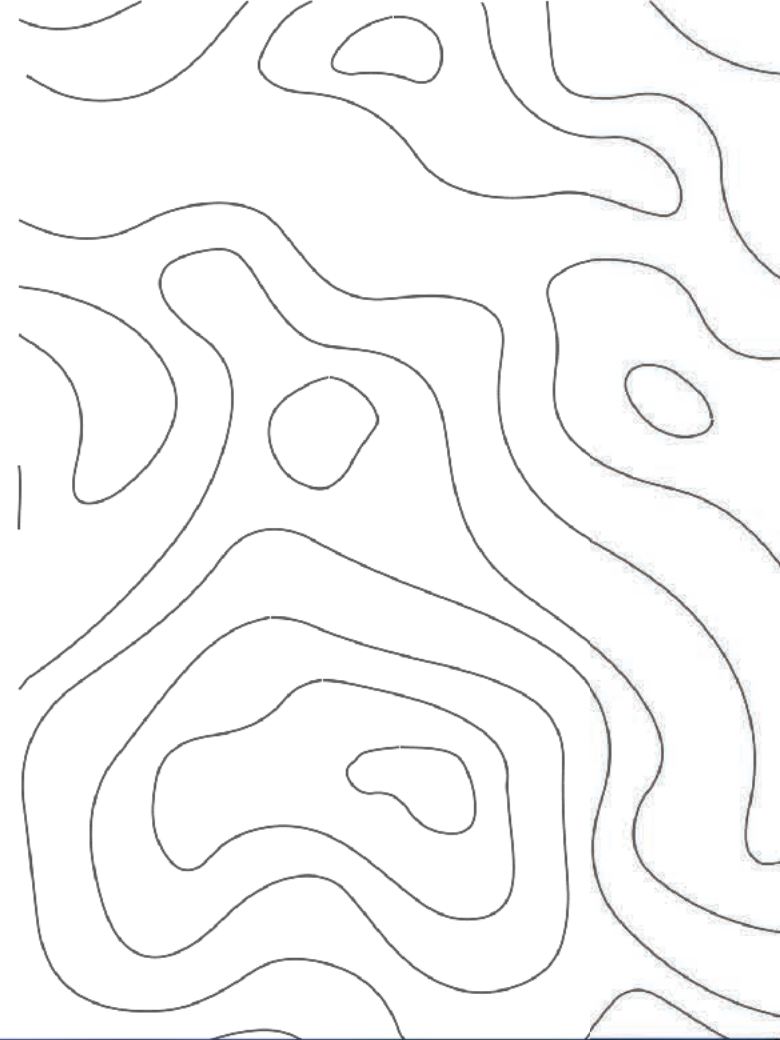
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Be a people full of faith, not just a people of faith.



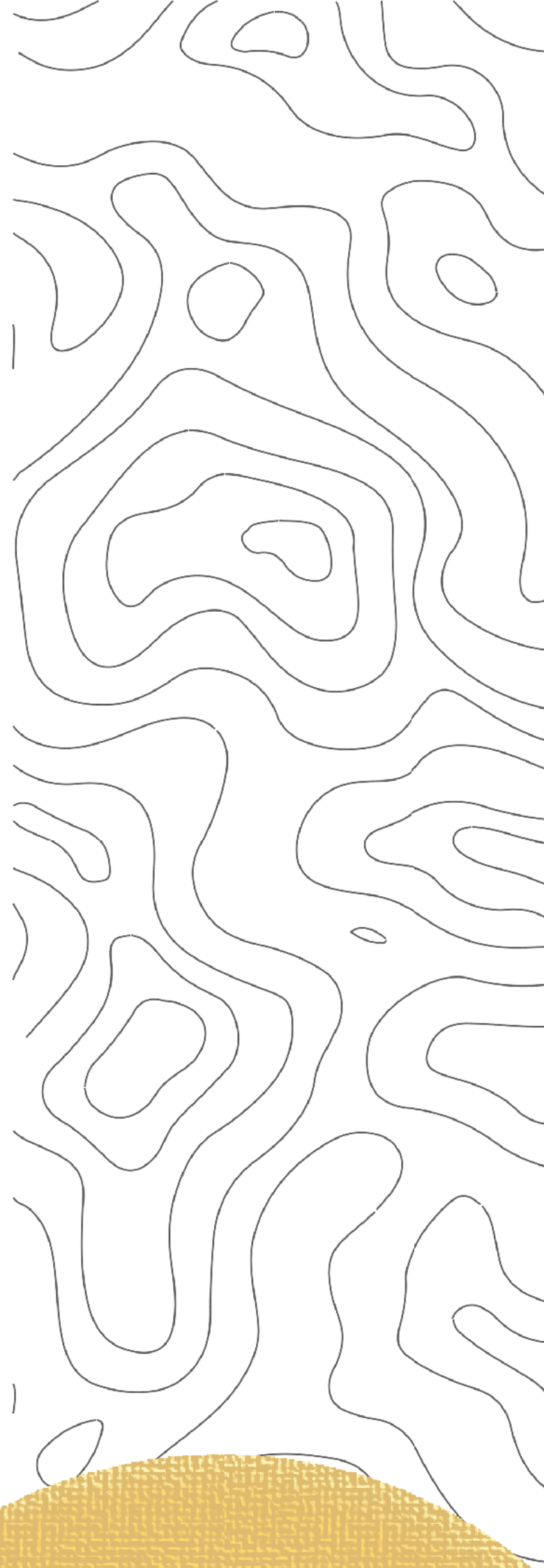
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"If you can't see the sun, you will be impressed with a street light. If you've never felt thunder and lightning, you'll be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of God, you'll fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures."

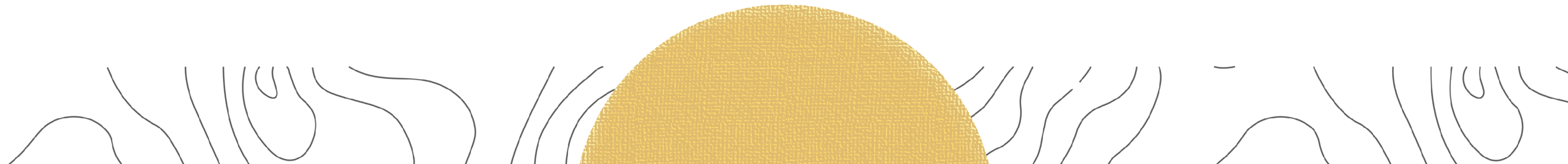


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Make Jesus the president of your life, not just a resident in your heart.



2. Do not let your pain and suffering separate/distract you from God.



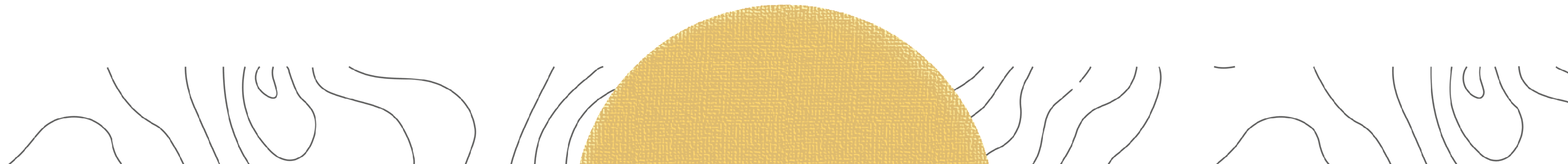
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Your problem should not be your God.



Goddess Coronavirus

**3. Look to the Lord first even
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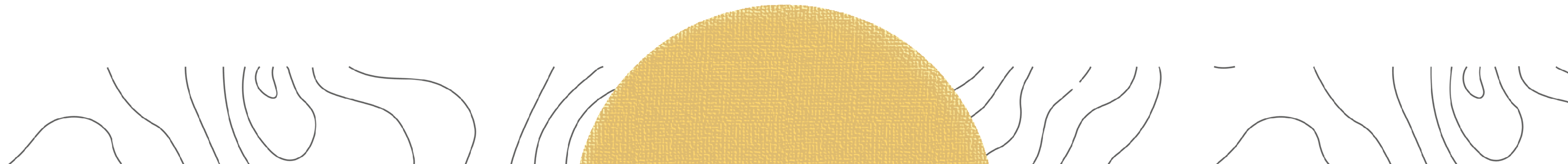
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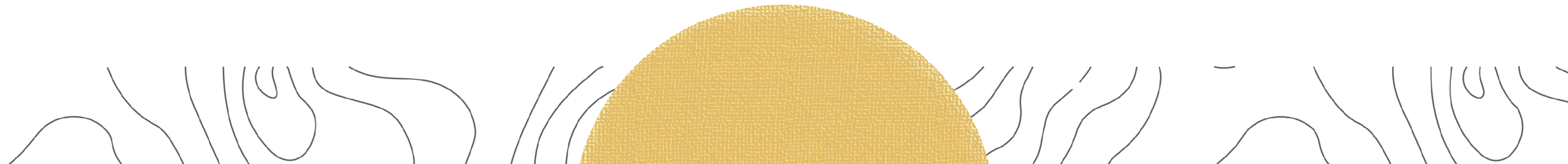
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“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you’ll be at rest.”

– Corrie Boom



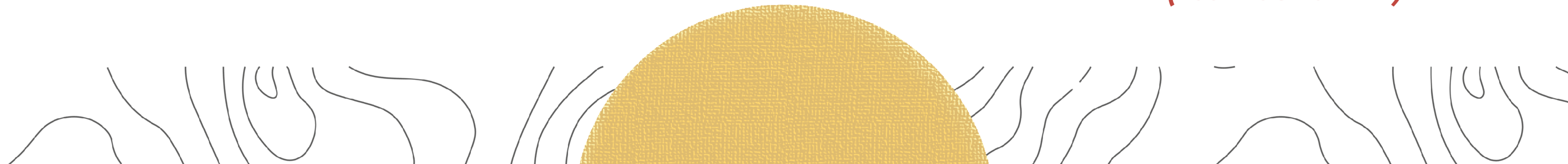
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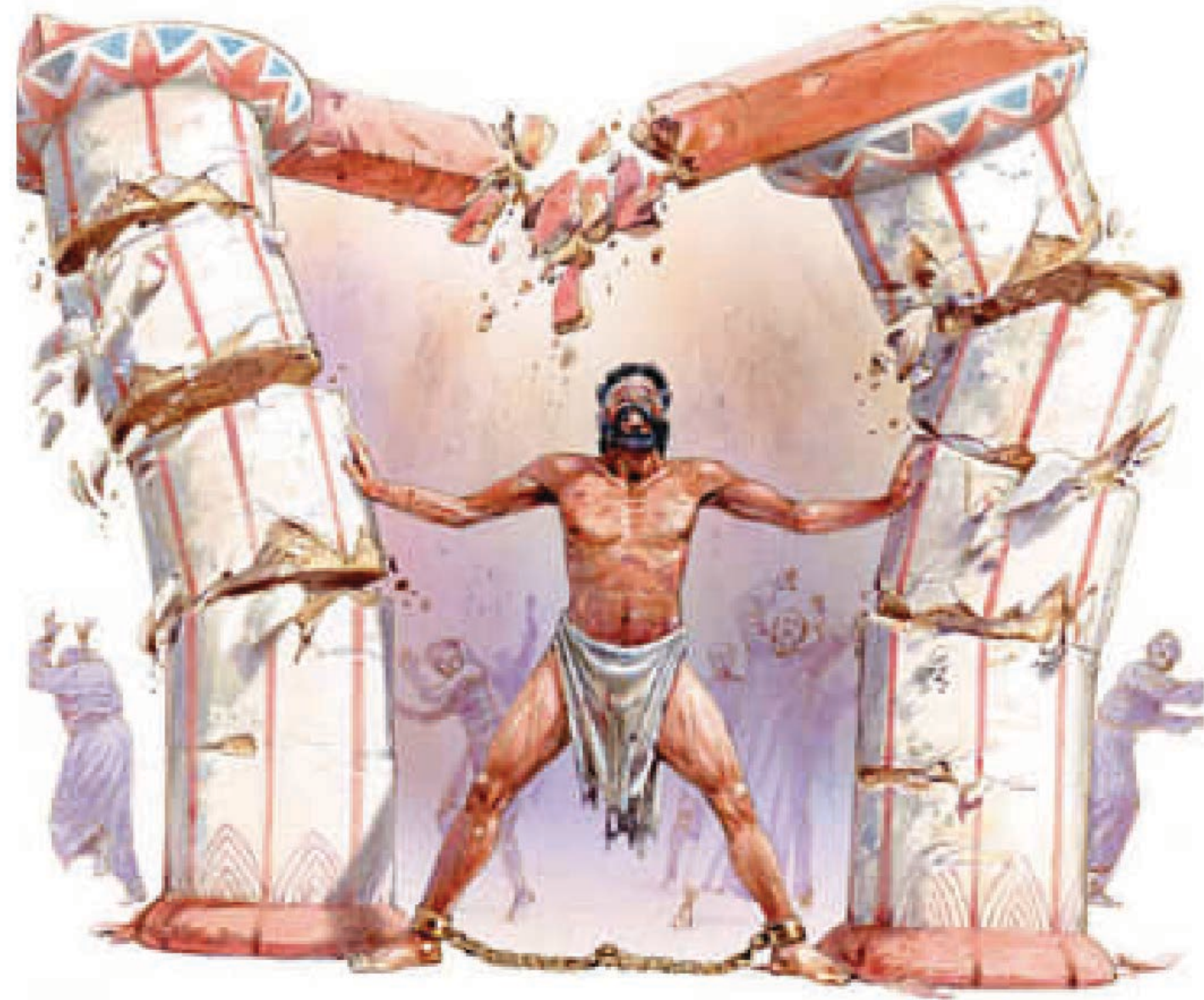
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“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test....” *and detect the malware that enters and infects your life.*

– Romans 12:2
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"He (Samson) did not know that the Lord had left him." (Judges 16:20)

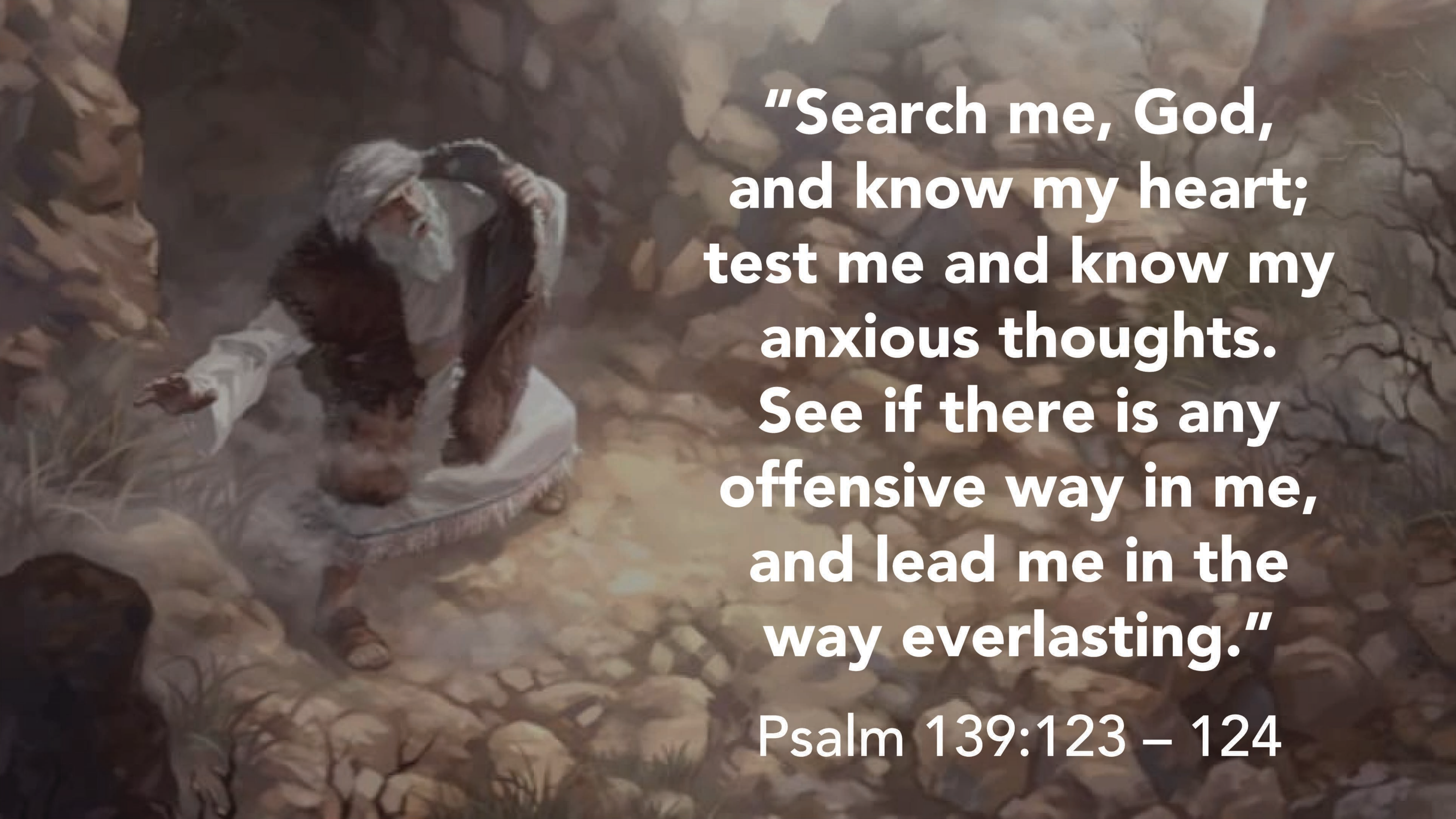
"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..." (Daniel 1:8)

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**"Search me, God,
and know my heart;
test me and know my
anxious thoughts.
See if there is any
offensive way in me,
and lead me in the
way everlasting."**

Psalm 139:123 – 124

