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**EZEKIEL 11:14-25**



# An Evangelical?





# Evangelical:

- Historic Creeds
- Authority of Scripture
- Personal Salvation
- Imperative of making disciples





# Colossians 1:14

...Son he loves...in  
whom we have  
redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins.





**Insufficient  
beauty**

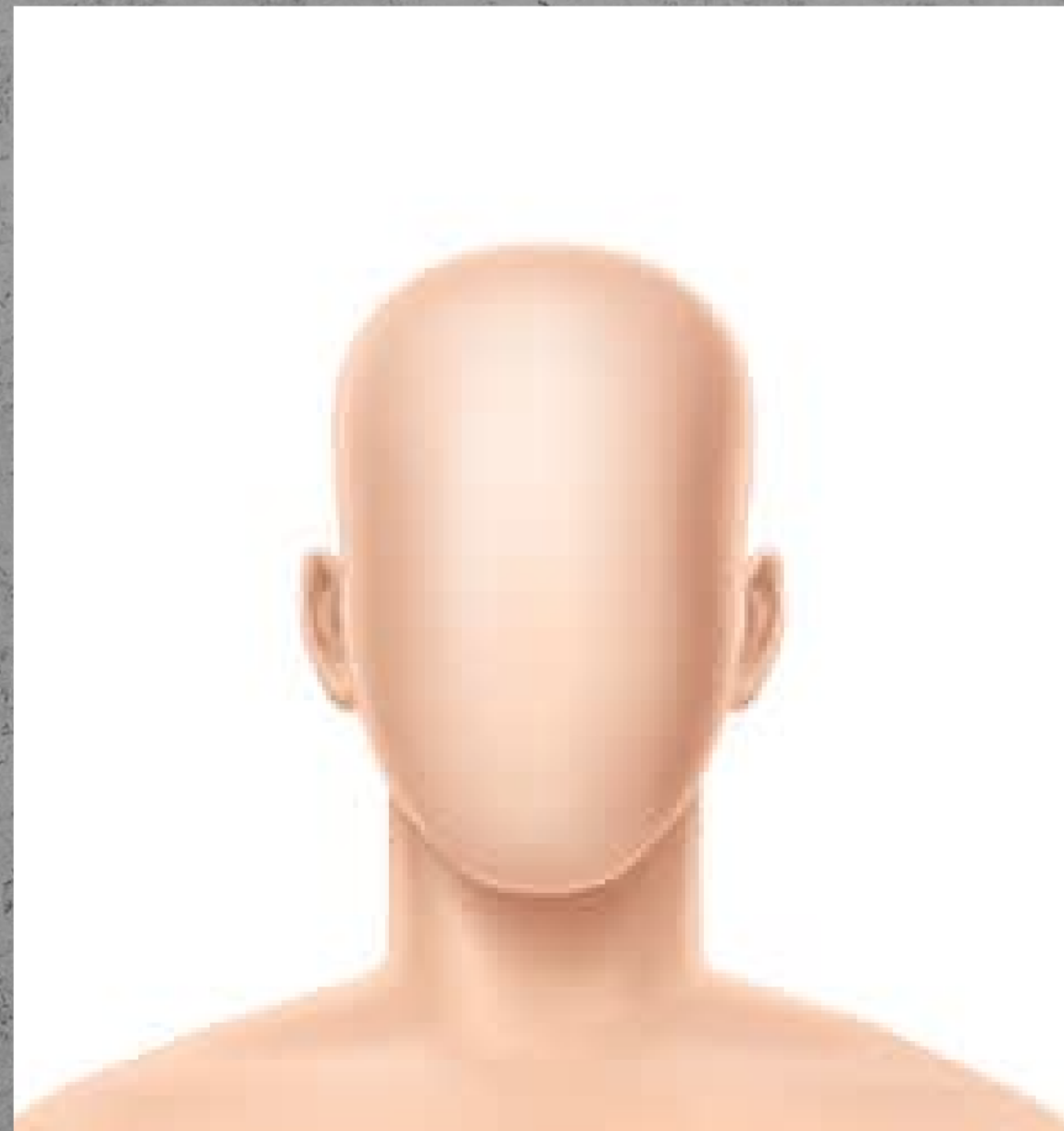
**and**

**repulsive  
implication**

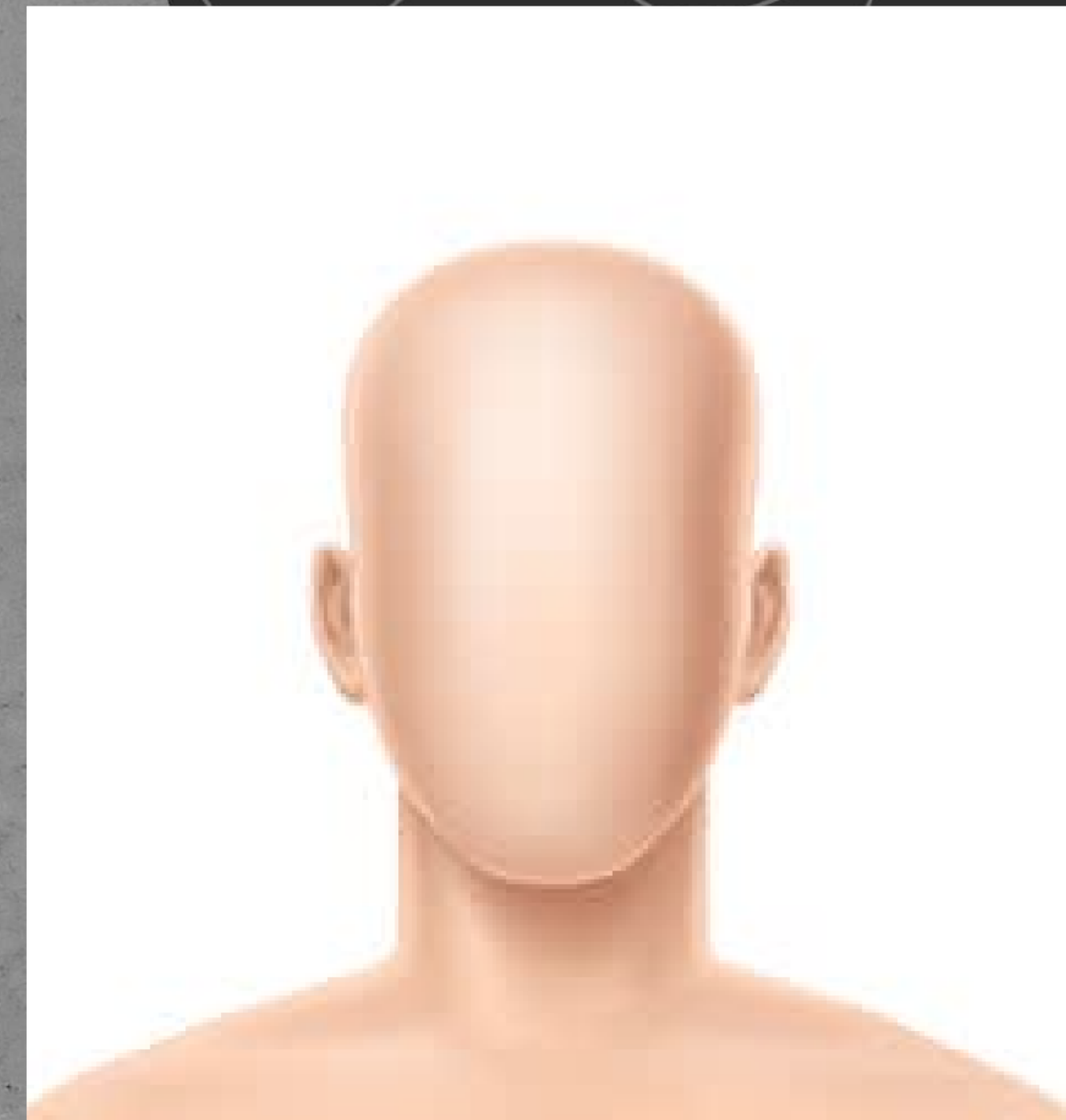




# Forgiveness Thought Experiment



Person A



Person B



**Salvation is a  
complete remedy  
for our being.  
Not just our guilt.**

**Luke 5:31**



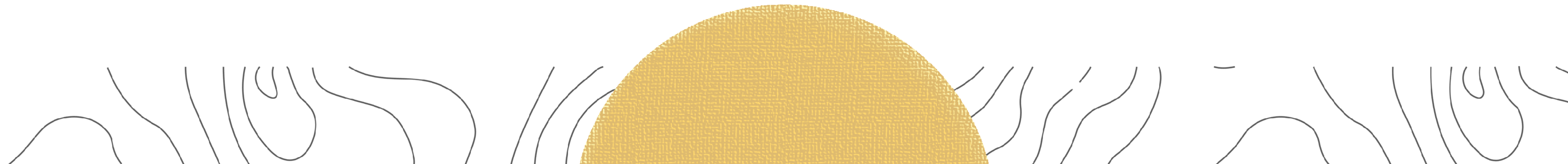
**What do you think  
you are seeking?**

**What do you think  
God has to offer?**



# A Being Remedy:

- To our Depravity
- For our Glorification



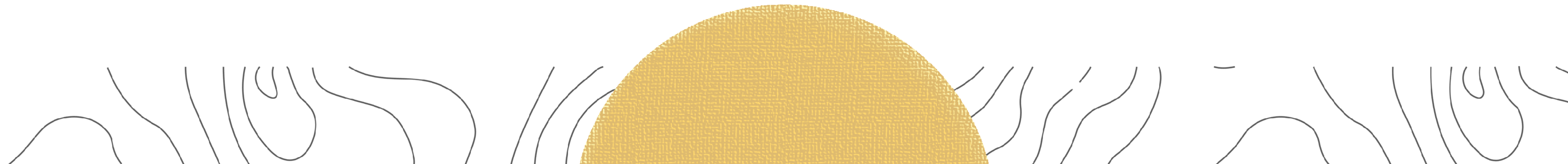


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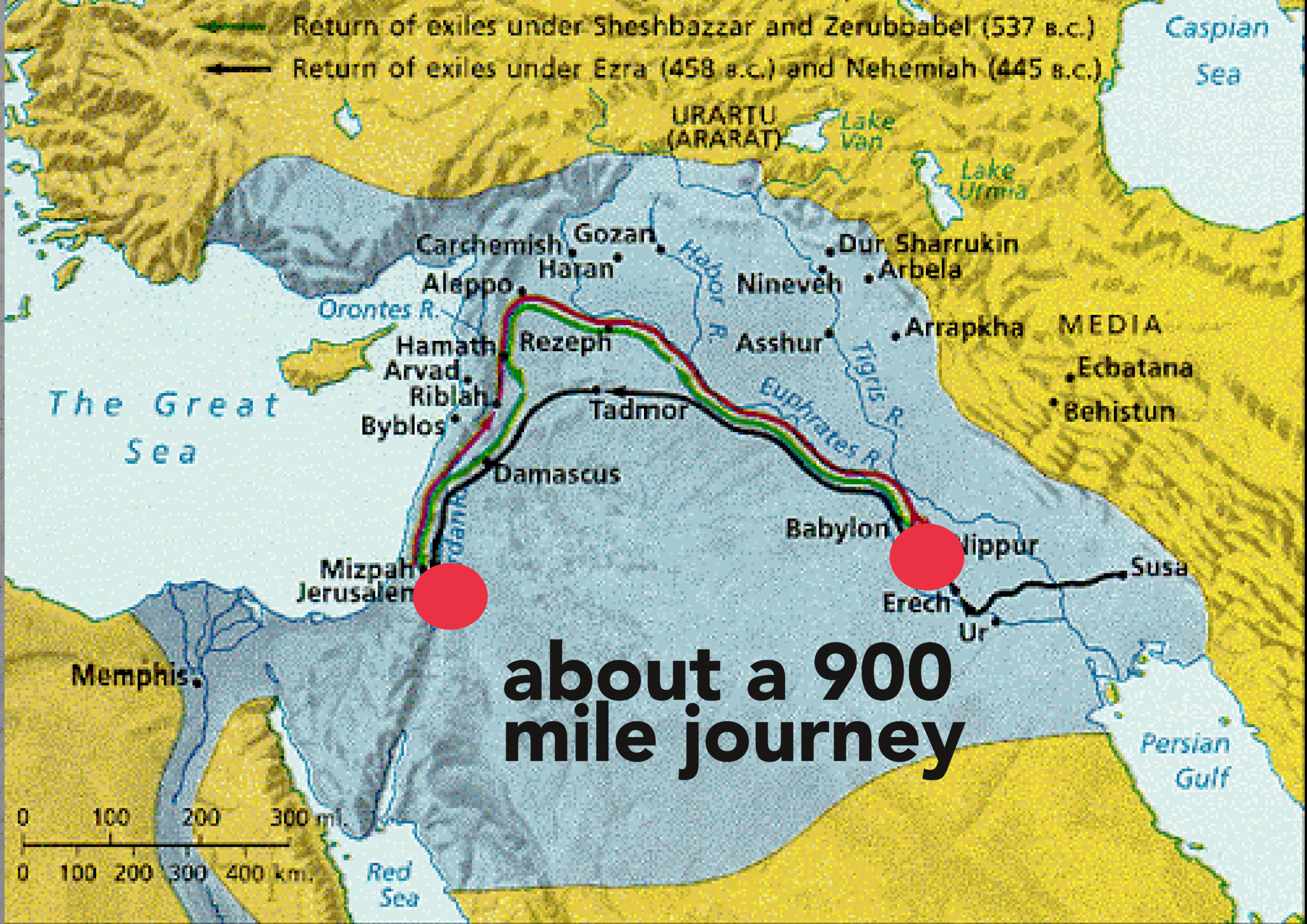
# Presumption: "I'm good."

**Ezekiel 11:15** "Son of man, your brothers, even your brothers, your kinsmen, the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those of whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Go far from the LORD; to us this land is given for a possession.'





Return of exiles under Sheshbazzar and Zerubbabel (537 B.C.)  
Return of exiles under Ezra (458 B.C.) and Nehemiah (445 B.C.)



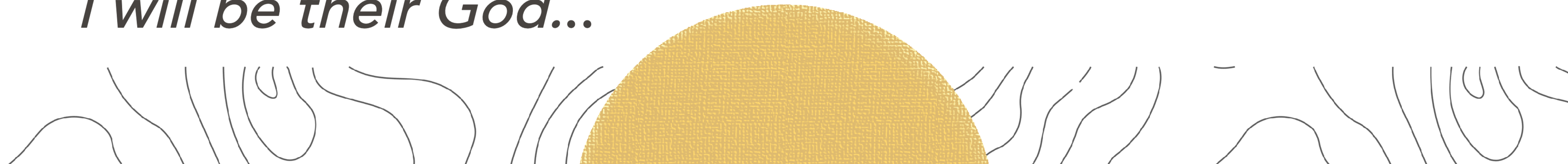
**about a 900  
mile journey**





# Ezekiel 11:18-21

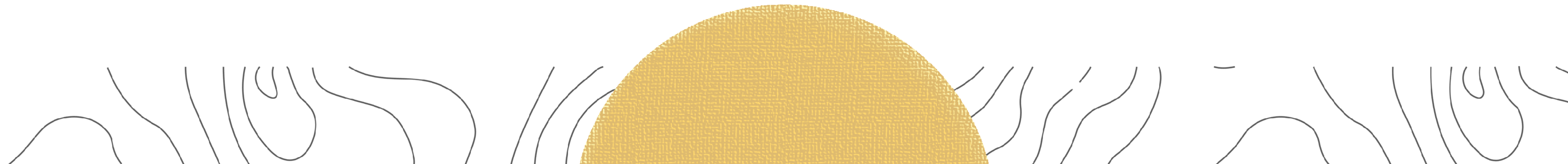
"They will return to it and *remove all its vile images* and detestable idols. I will give them an *undivided heart* and put *a new spirit* in them; I will remove from them their *heart of stone* and give them a *heart of flesh*. Then they will follow my decrees and *be careful to keep my laws*. They will be my people, and *I will be their God...*





# Ezekiel 11:18-21

"...But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."

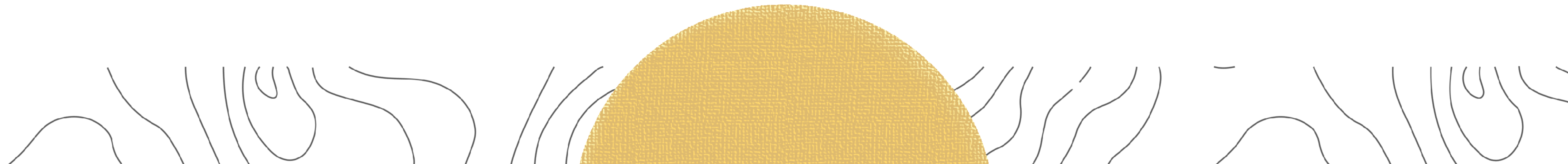




# Depravity

"The state of profound moral corruption."

1. Company of corrupting idols
2. A divided "go after" heart
3. A sick spirit and stone heart
4. An unjust, pragmatic will
5. Unfitness to know God

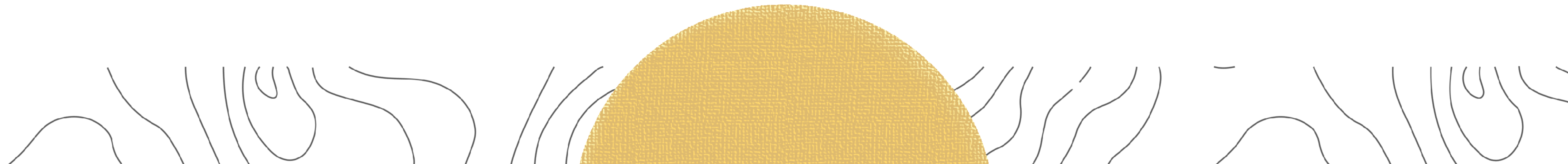




# Reflexive Betrayal

**Ezekiel 11:21**

But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD.





**2. God's salvation is the  
*complete restoration*  
for our *glorification***



# 3 parts to the promise

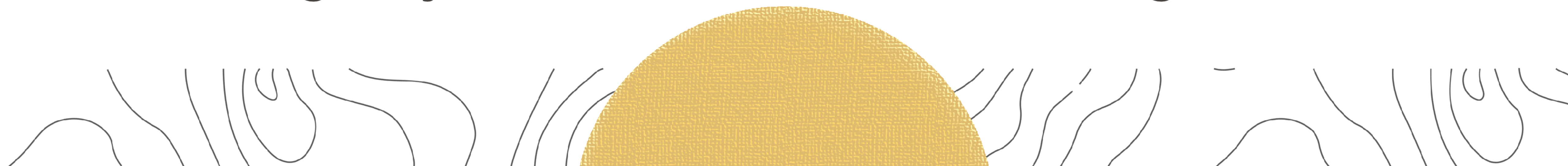
- Care for core needs
- Encouraging results
- Transforming initiative



# Care

**Ezekiel 11:16–17**

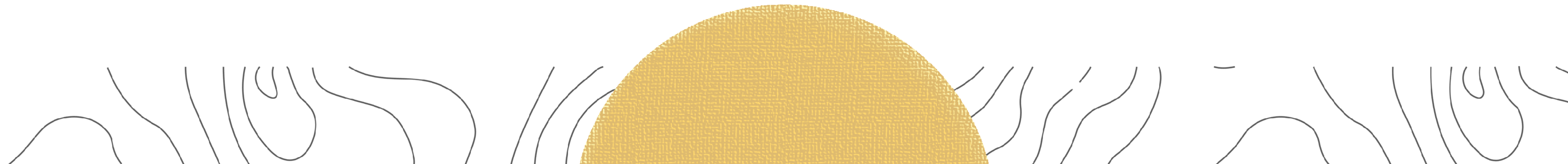
Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Although I sent them far away...yet *for a little while* I have been a sanctuary for them...where they have gone.' "Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'





# Results

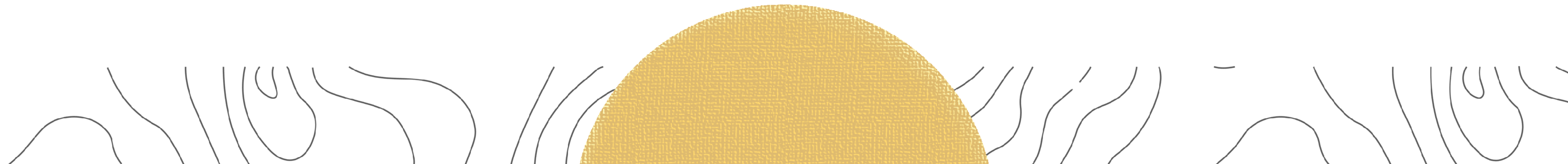
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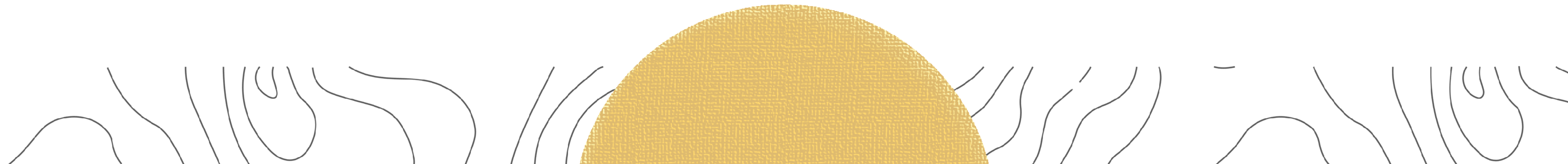


# Transformation

Undivided heart and a New Spirit

**Ezekiel 11:19**

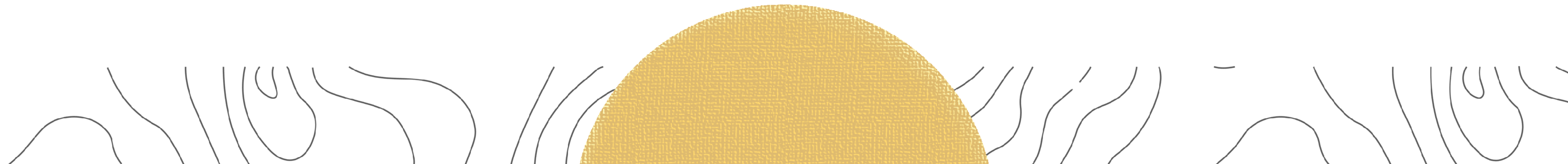
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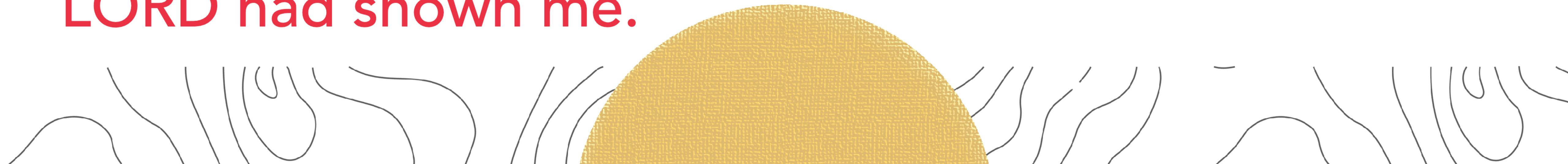
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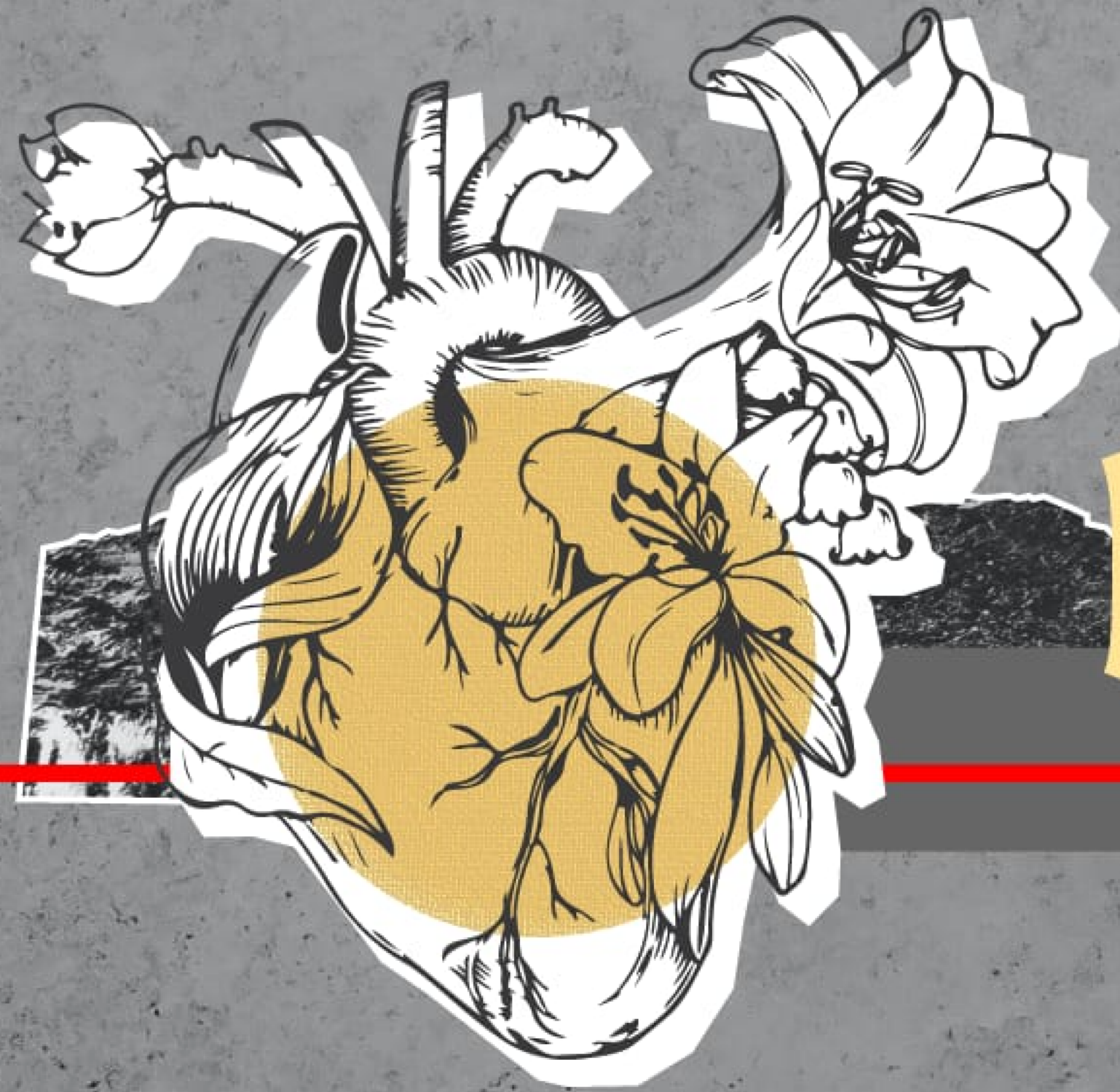




**Ezekiel 11:22–25** Then the cherubim, with the wheels beside them, spread their wings, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them. The **glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it.** The Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the exiles in Babylonia in the vision given by the Spirit of God. Then the vision I had seen went up from me, and **I told the exiles everything the LORD had shown me.**







# ezekiel

FINDING SPIRITUAL GRAVITY  
IN THE GLORY OF GOD