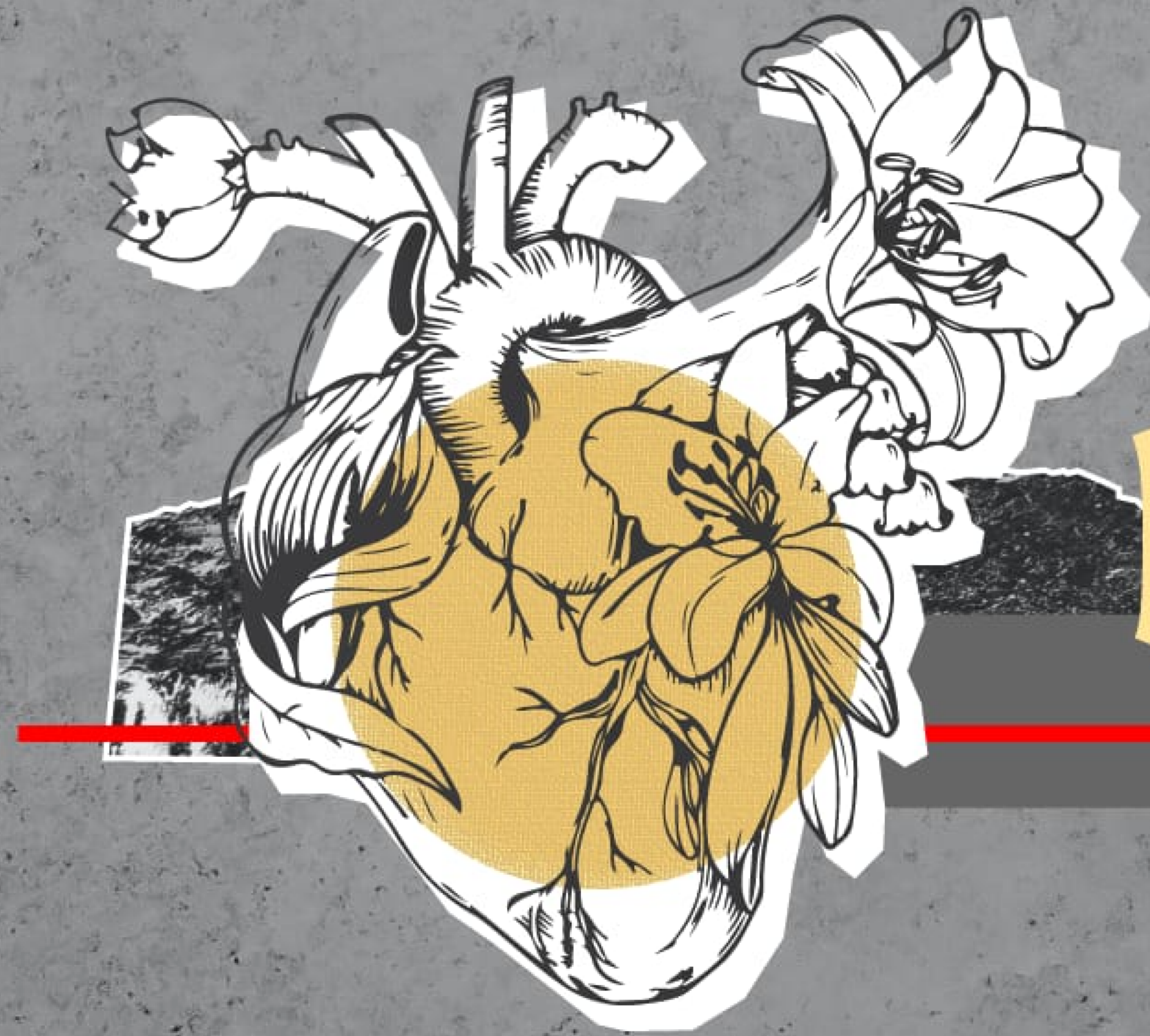




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ISAIAH 53:4-6



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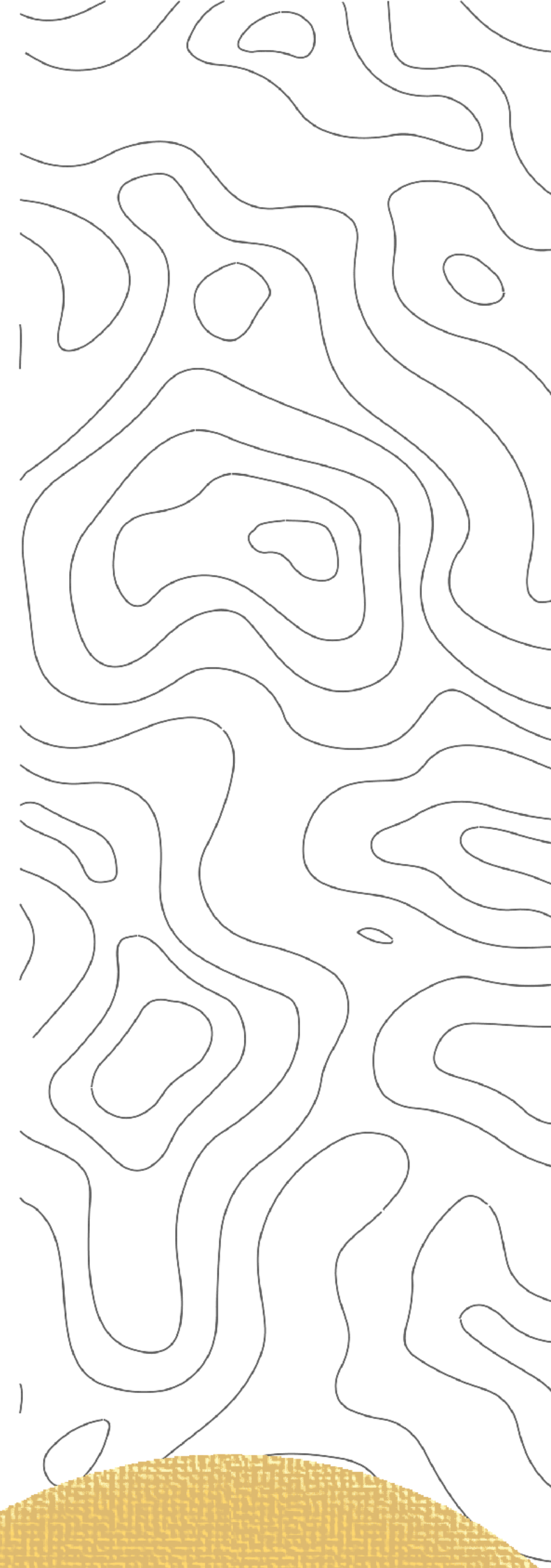
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**Mental
health
issues
exist
among all
people**



Mental Health Issue (MHI)

**a durable, debilitating state of
consciousness that profoundly
inhibits good human pursuits.**





Affliction & Infirmity

Psalm 25:17 – 18 The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins.

Possible MHIs in the Bible:

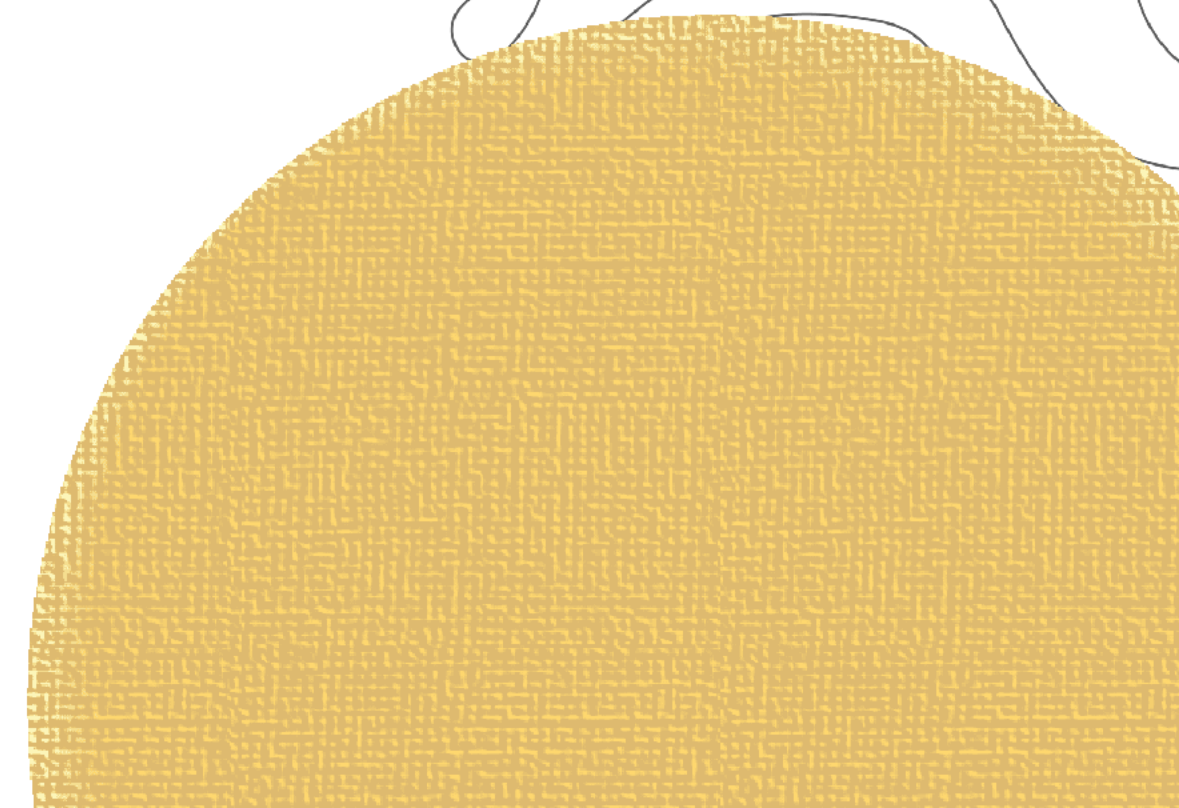
Saul – Paranoid Bi-polar?

David – Depression (Naomi, Job, Elijah, etc.)

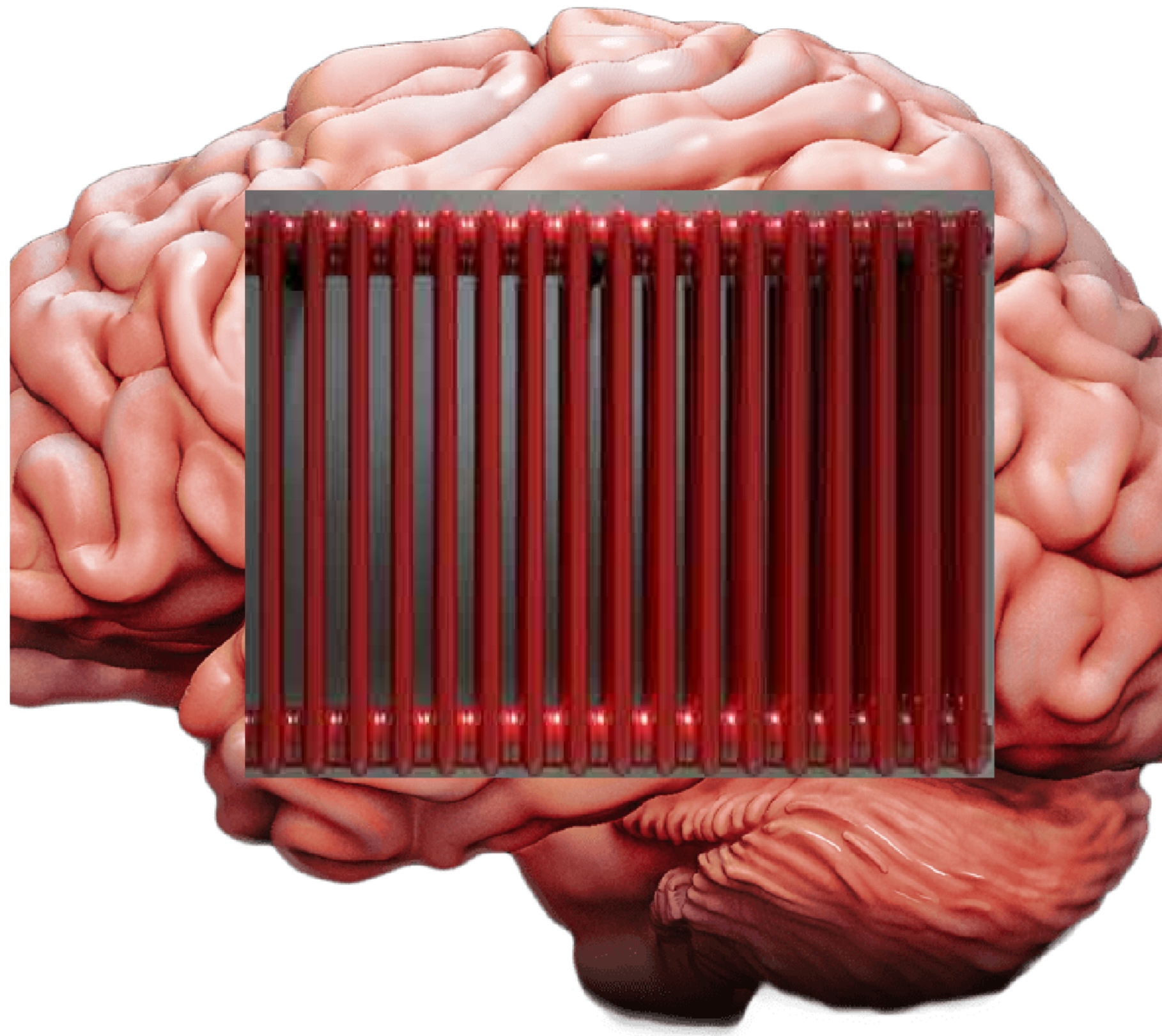
Judas – Suicidal (Jonah, Job, Saul)

Nebuchadnezzar – Lycanthropy

Demon Possessed – most extreme form of MHI



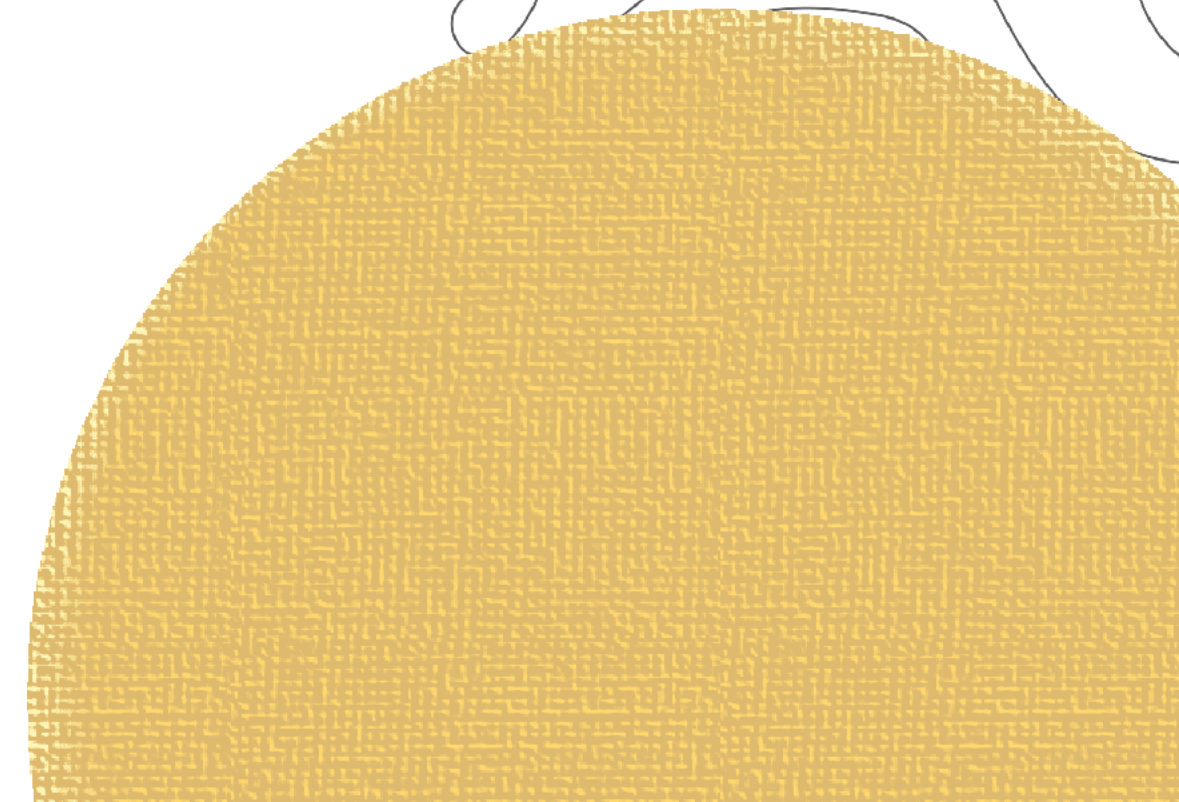
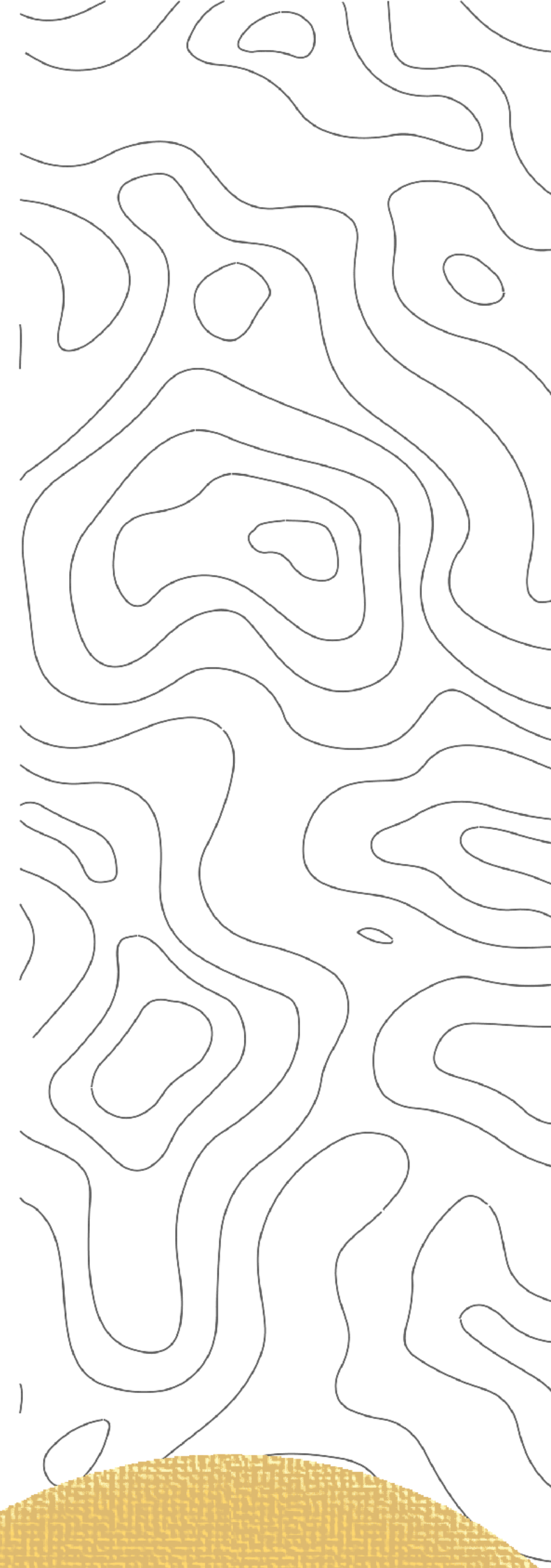
Language Parity



Scripture does not use
modern scientific jargon,

nor does it teach
ancient mental
misunderstandings.

Radiator?



Language Parity

Scripture uses many words to describe and instruct us on the inner life:

heart, mind, soul, spirit,
stomach/liver/bowels, conscience,
life/psyche, flesh, will, 'inner man',
conviction, faith, etc.



I feel that
deeply

**Good psychology and
theology recognize
different sources of
debilitating states of
consciousness.**

Different MHI sources

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Takeaways:

1. We should expect
Mental Health Issues

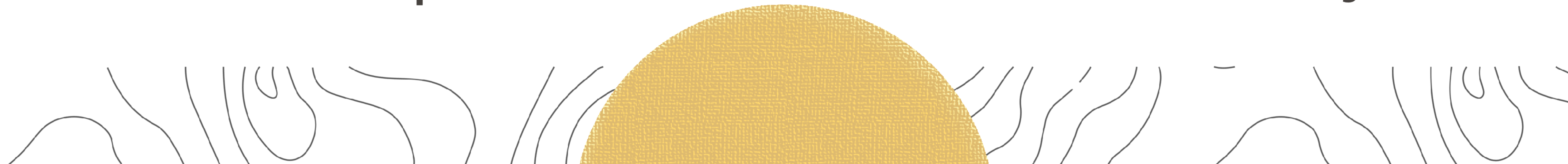
All 8 sources



Takeaways: "Combative
openness"

2. Psychology is a natural science.

All science is part of dominion taking,
wisdom and fighting the curse, and is subject
to human perversion, delusion, and idolatry.



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It's Not the Job Market

The three real reasons why Americans are more anxious before.

BY TAYLOR CLARK

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Why are college students so

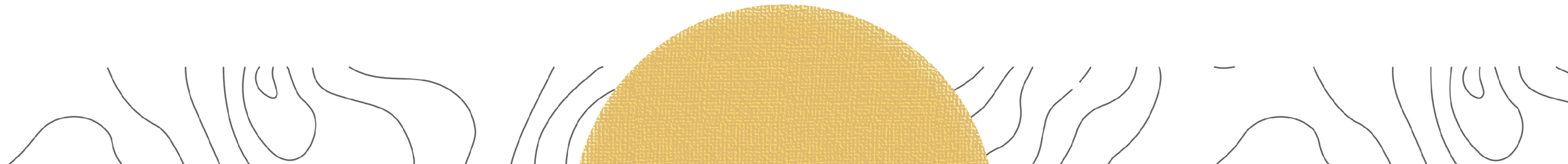
**Social Media is
big contributor of
negative stim**

Their Twitter feed:

1. Master's degrees a scam
2. COVID at Olympics
3. Delta variant and masks in LA
4. My step sister wants my babies
5. Can't trust men...
6. My girlfriend's cheating...

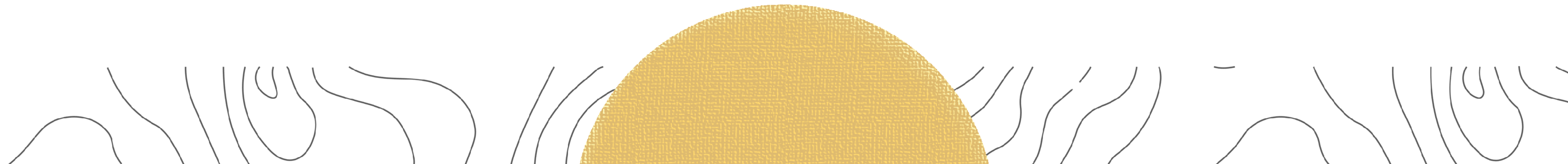
Takeaways:

3. Jesus cares about our inner infirmities and weaknesses of all kinds.



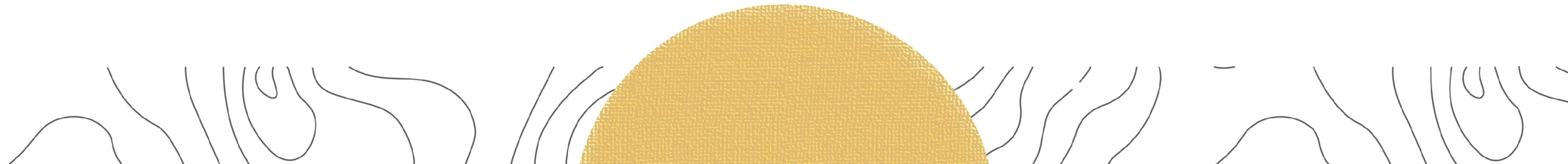
Isaiah 53:4 – 6

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.



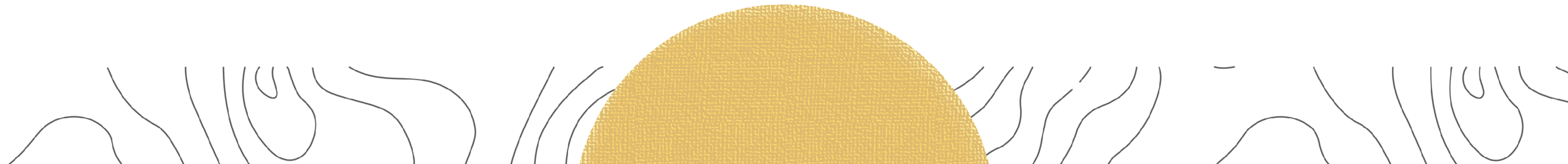
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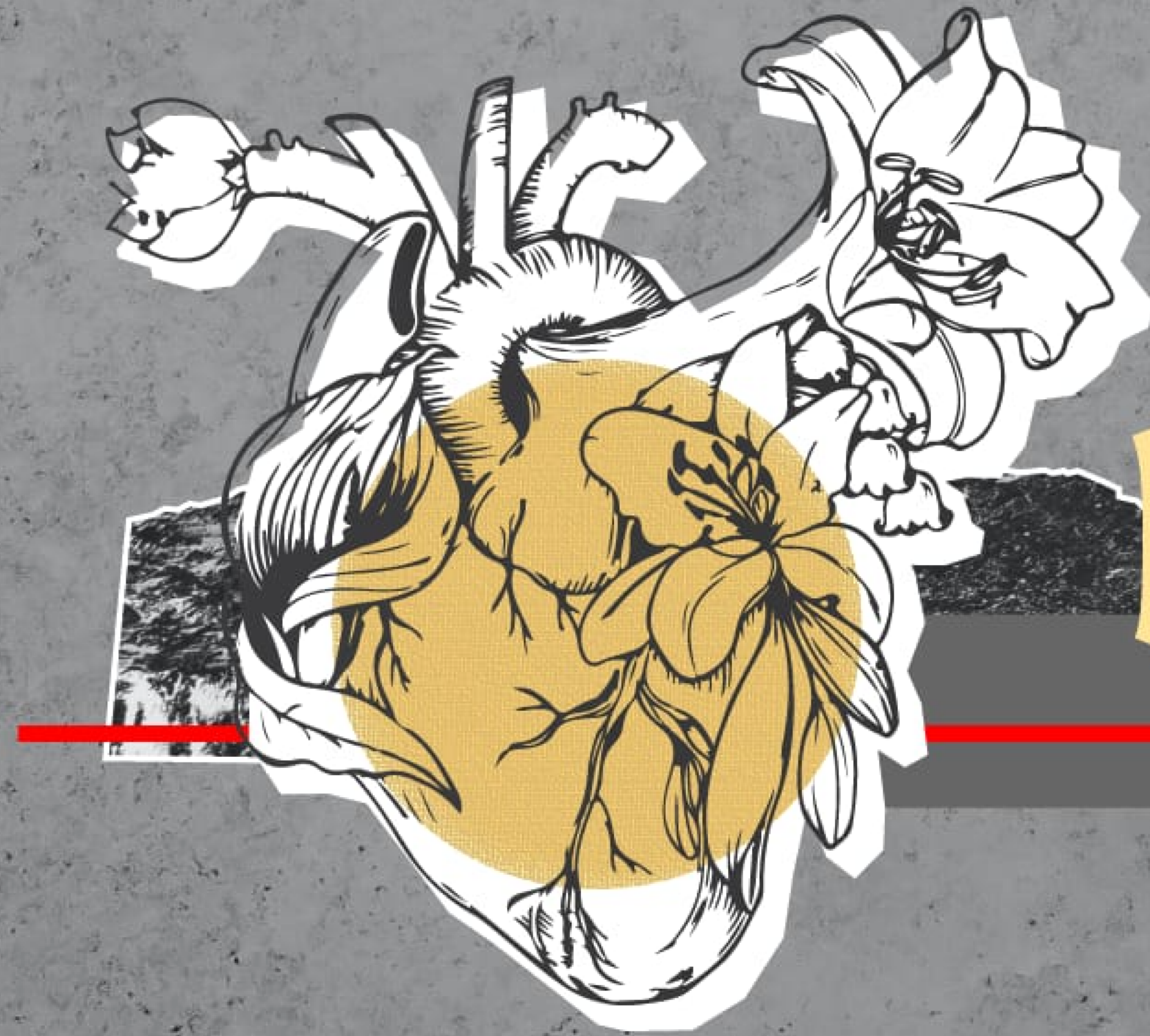
4. God uses people with MHIs



2 Corinthians 1:6 – 7

If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.





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