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**EZEKIEL 26:1-6,
28:1-5, 28:20-26**



**Mrs. Mary Lazarus
1943-2021**





Memorial Service

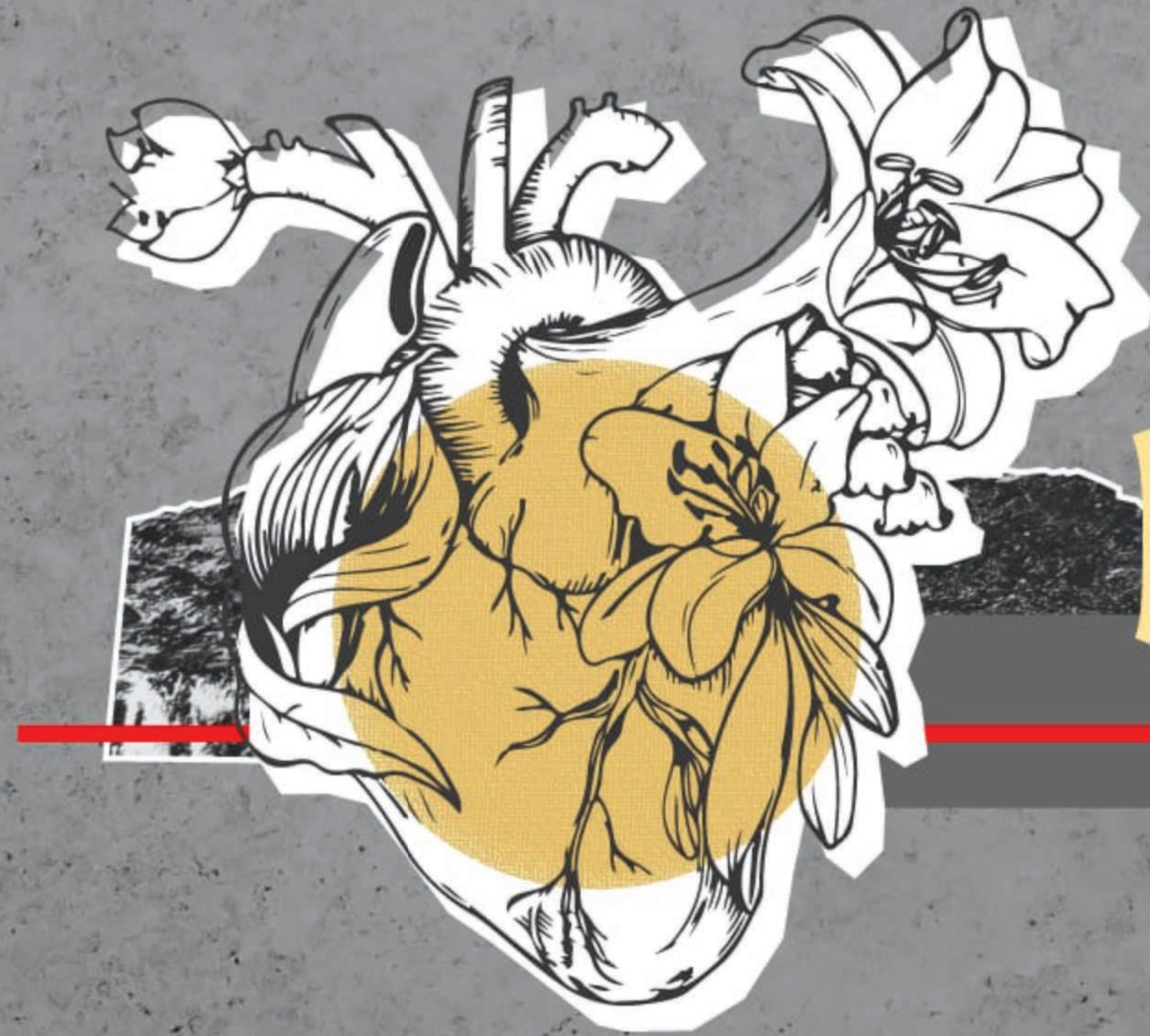


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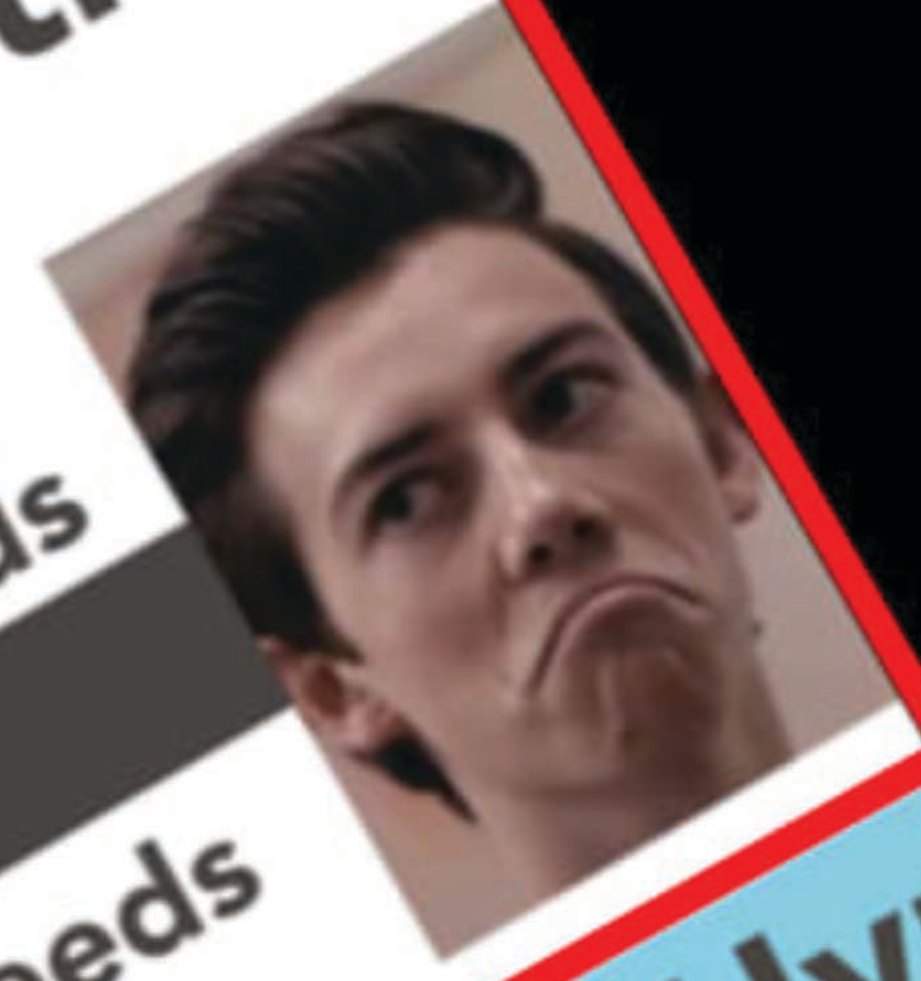
FINDING SPIRITUAL GRAVITY
IN THE GLORY OF GOD

Worldliness trap: Affirmation

1. Fight for Status
2. Soothing Anxiety
3. Becoming a Self
4. Real Relationships
5. Mature Thinking

VS.

- Security needs
- Growth needs



Hyper Competition

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- Social comparison
- Consumeristic status
- Family instability & dispersion
- Helicopter protectiveness
- Time sucks everywhere
- Negativity overload
- Sexual "front-loading"
- pressurization

ACT



Stress/
Anxiety



The Dangers of Privilege and Splendor

Ezekiel 26–28

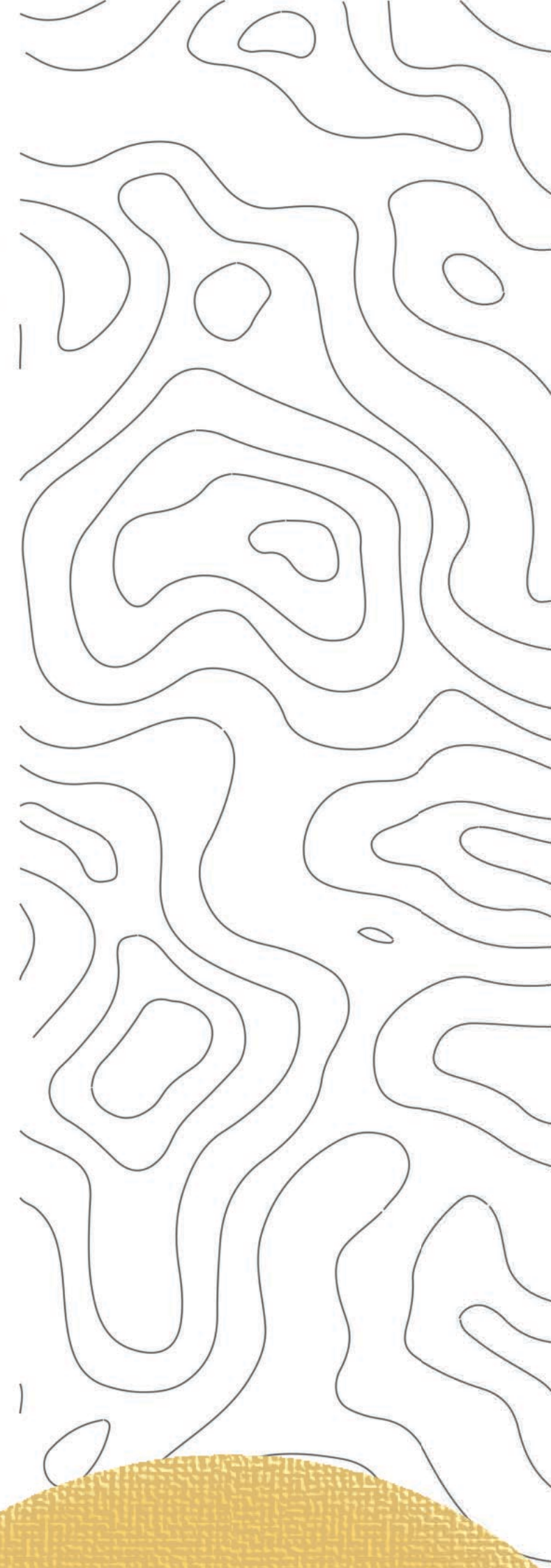




1 Timothy 6:9–10

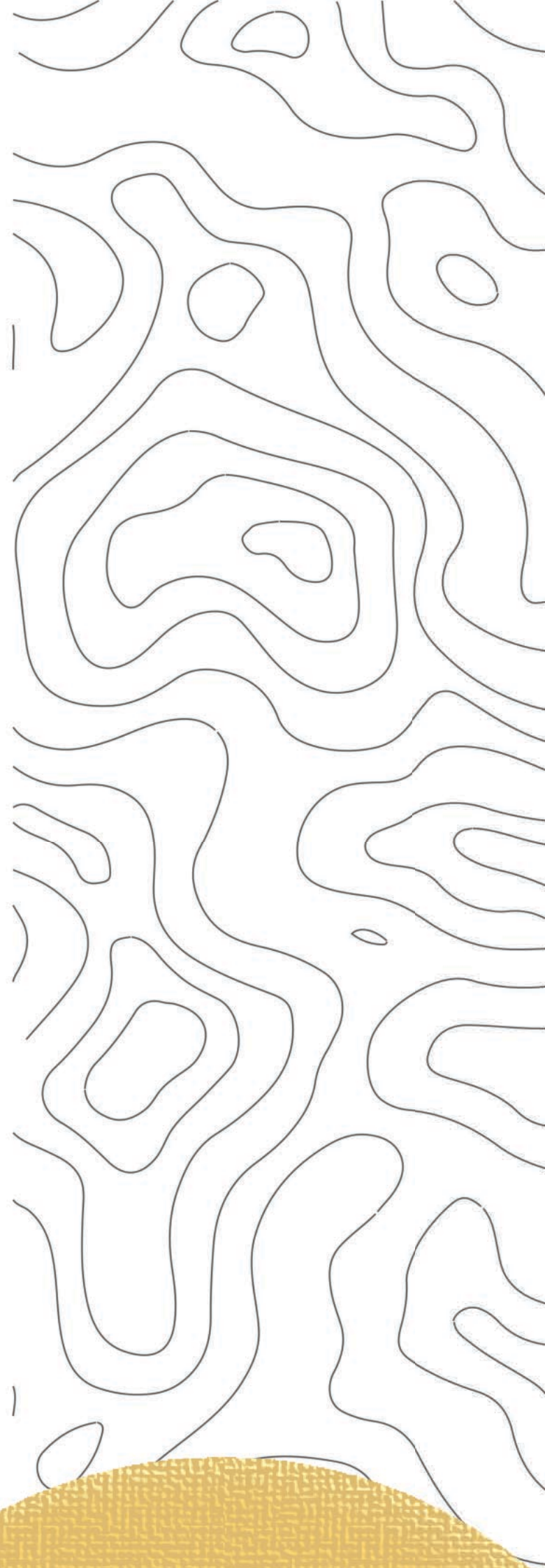
But those who would (They that will) be rich fall into **temptation** and a **snare** and into **many foolish and hurtful lusts**, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; and while some have coveted after it, **they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

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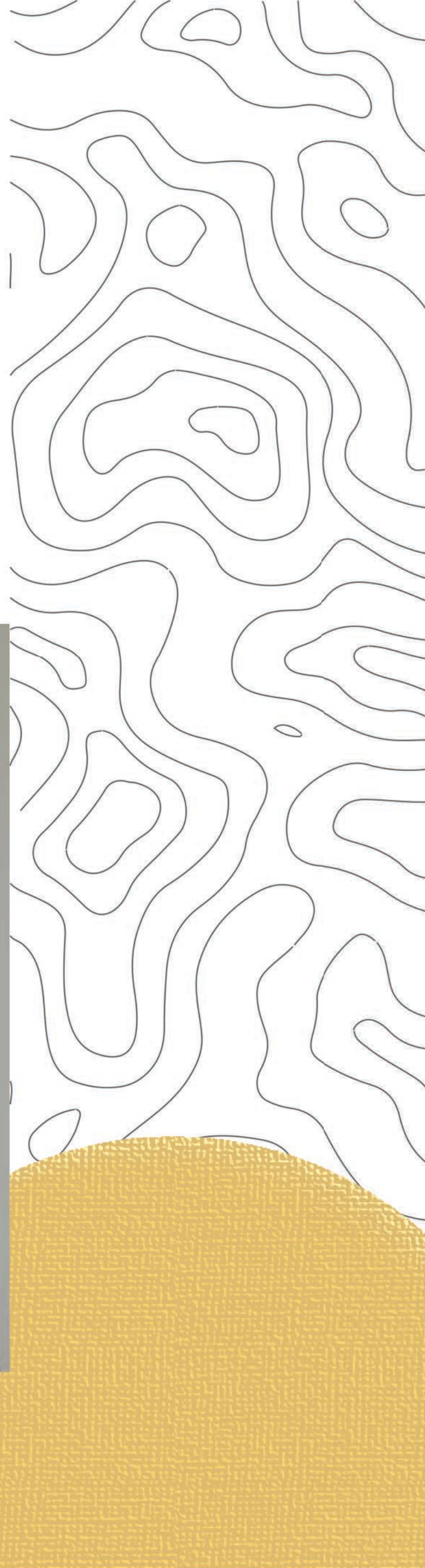
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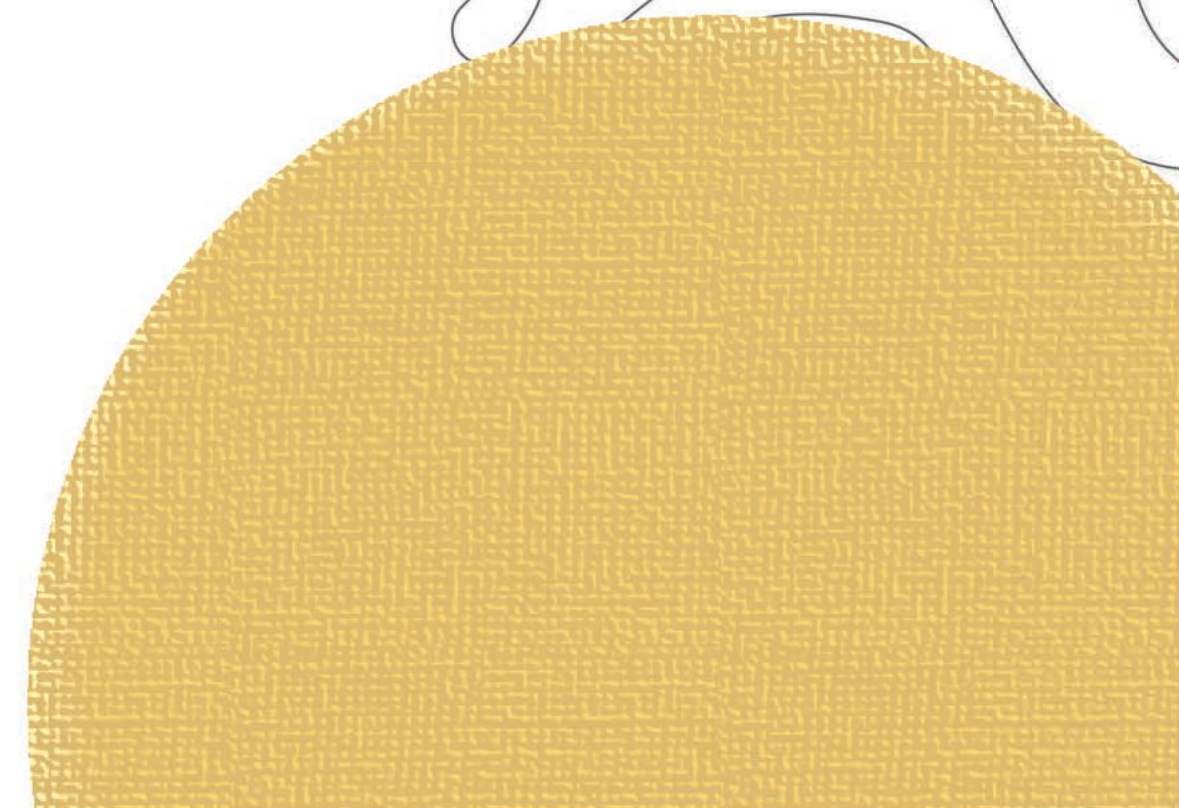
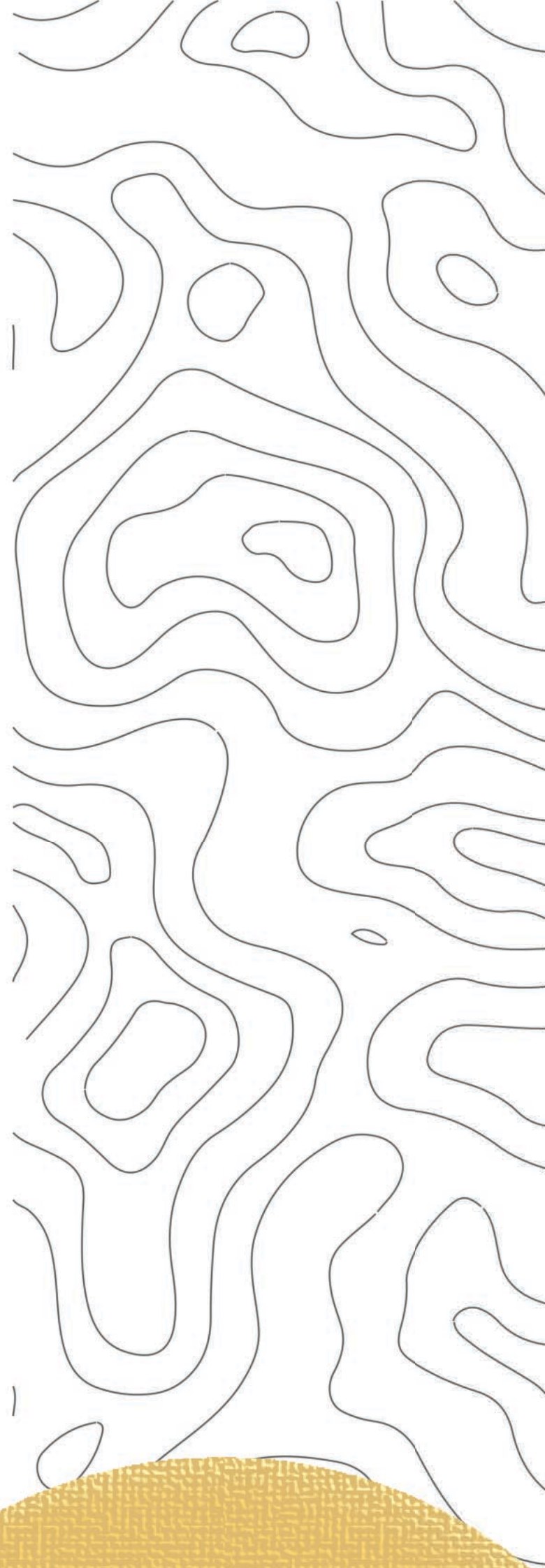
Truth:
Riches May Give
You Comfort, but
NOT happiness



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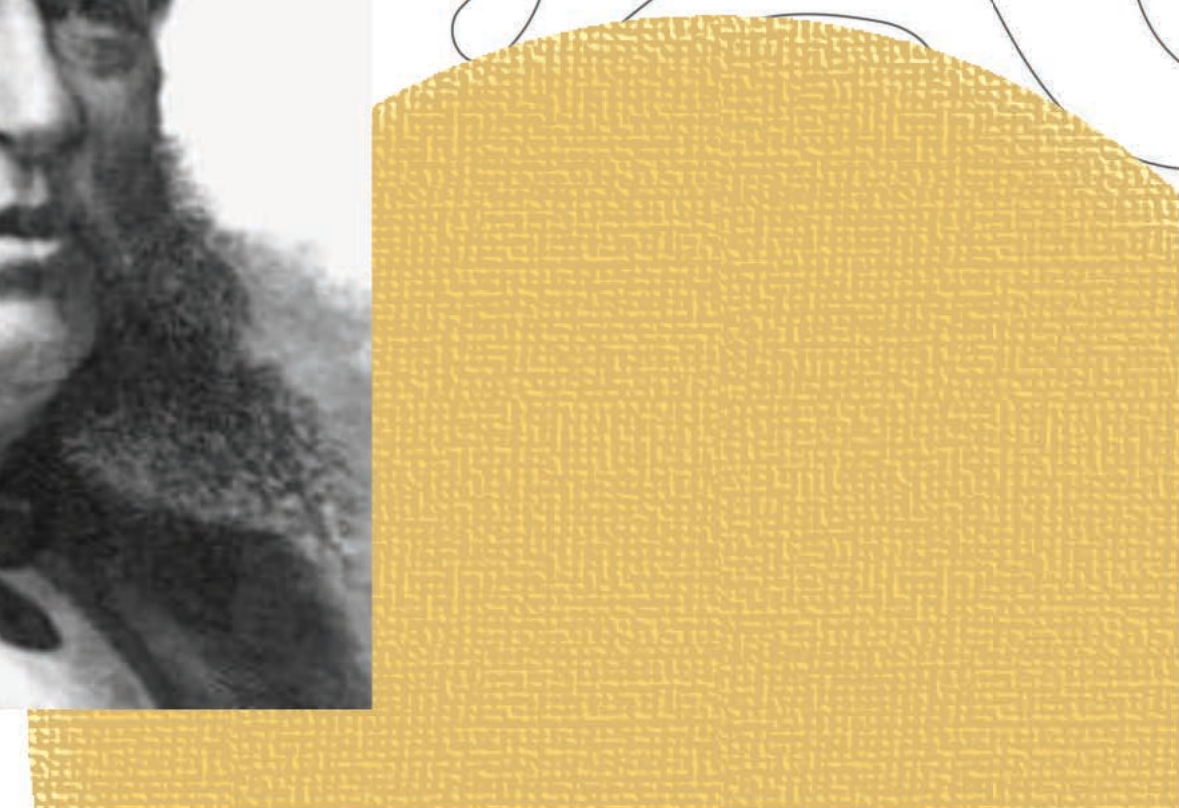
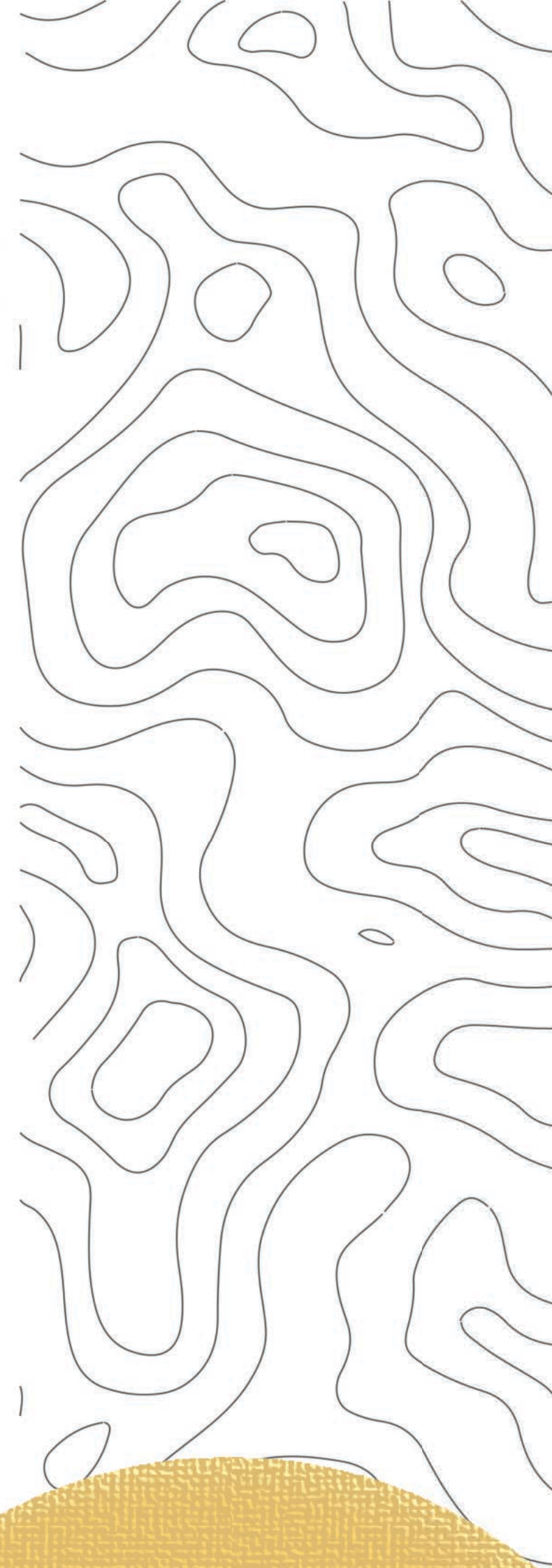


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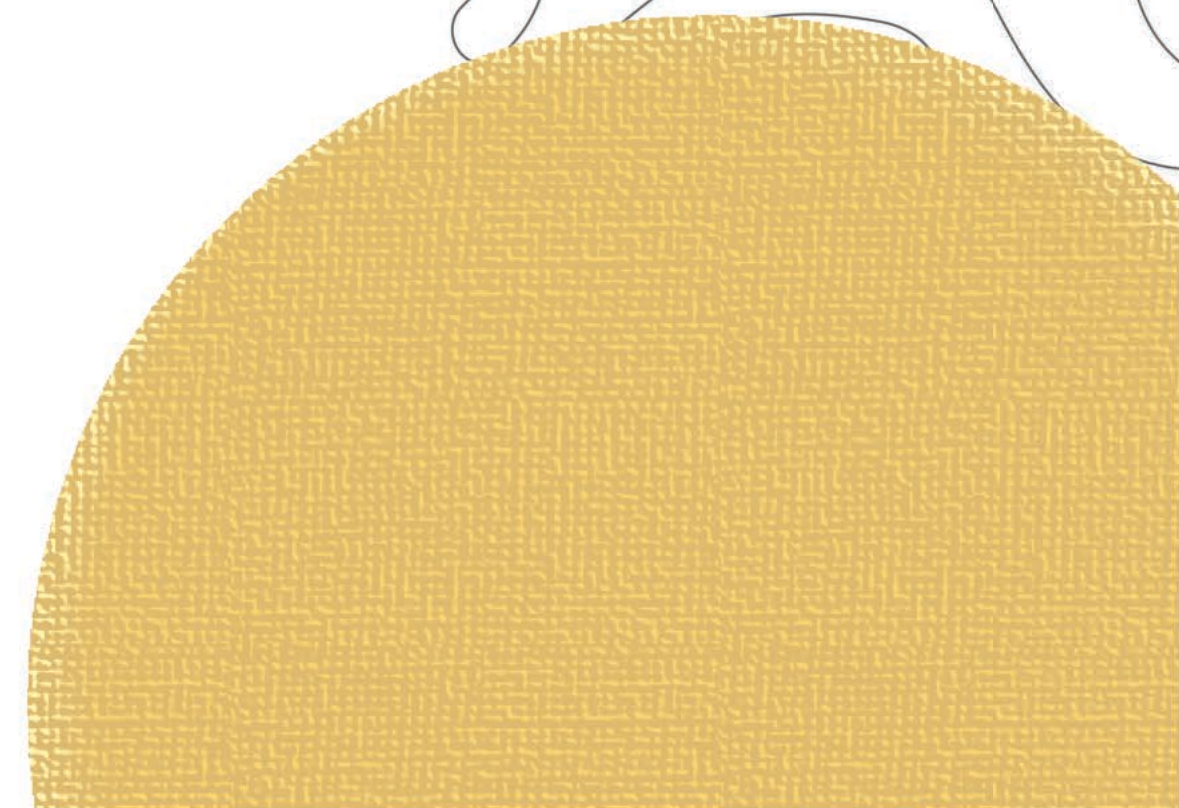
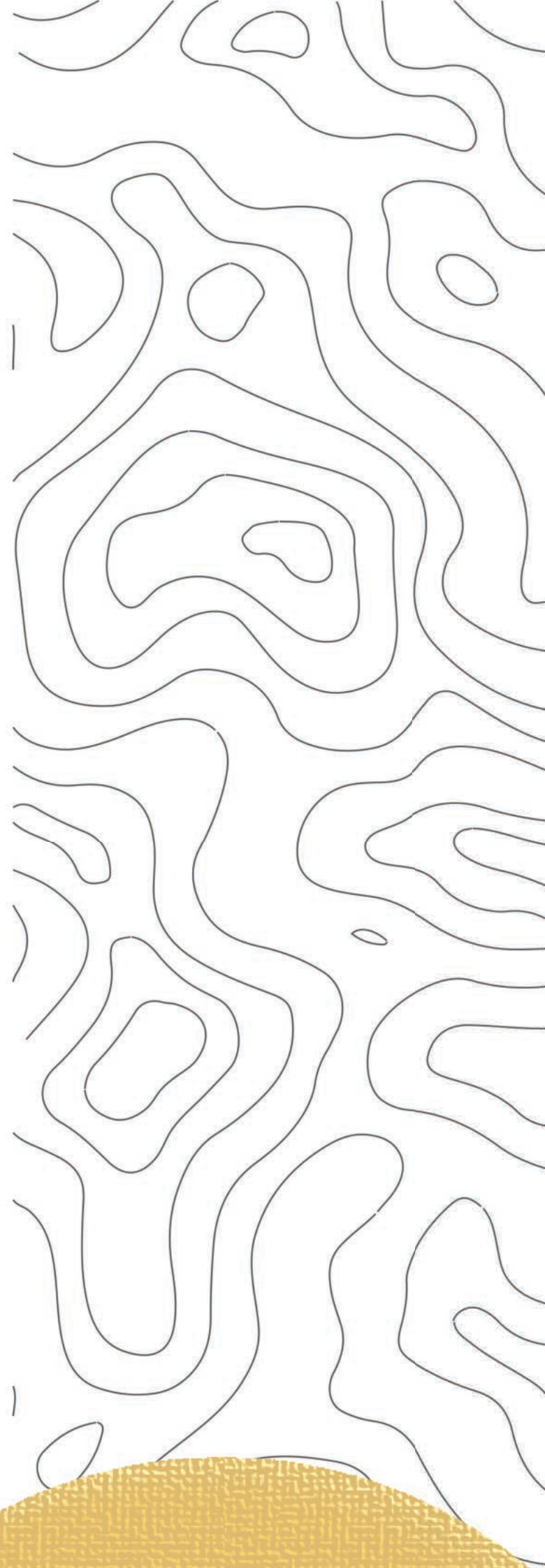
"The care of \$200 million is enough to kill anyone. There is no pleasure in it."



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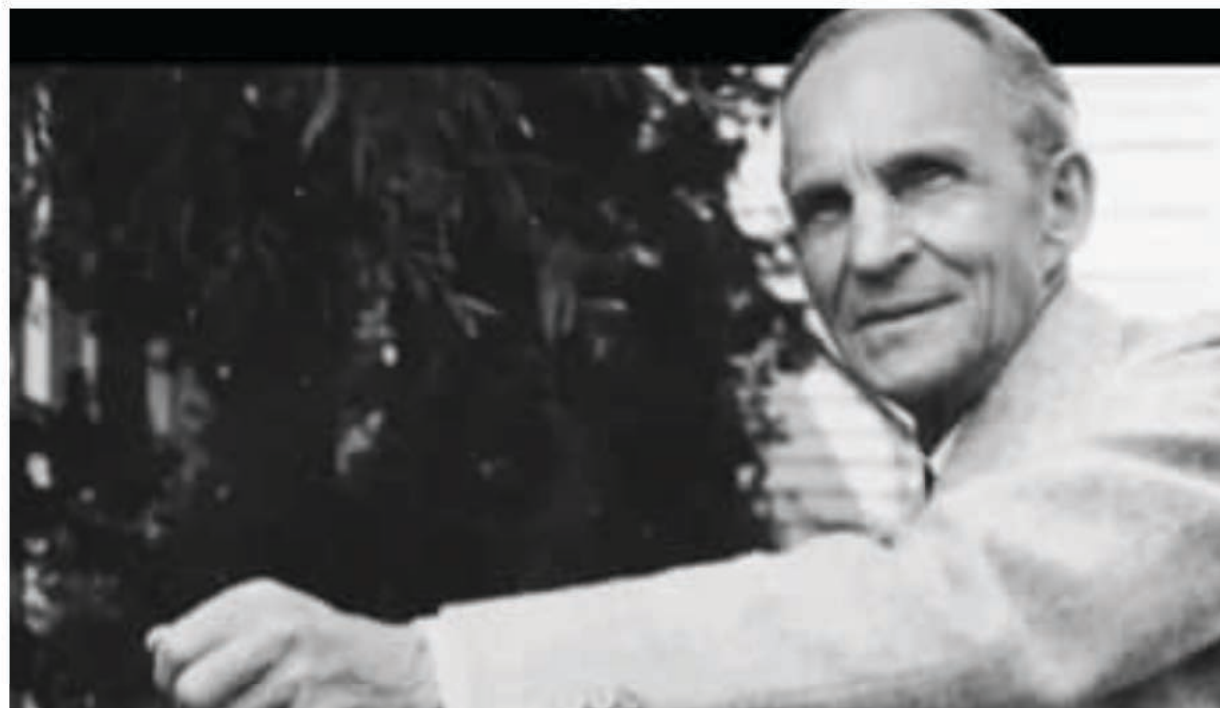
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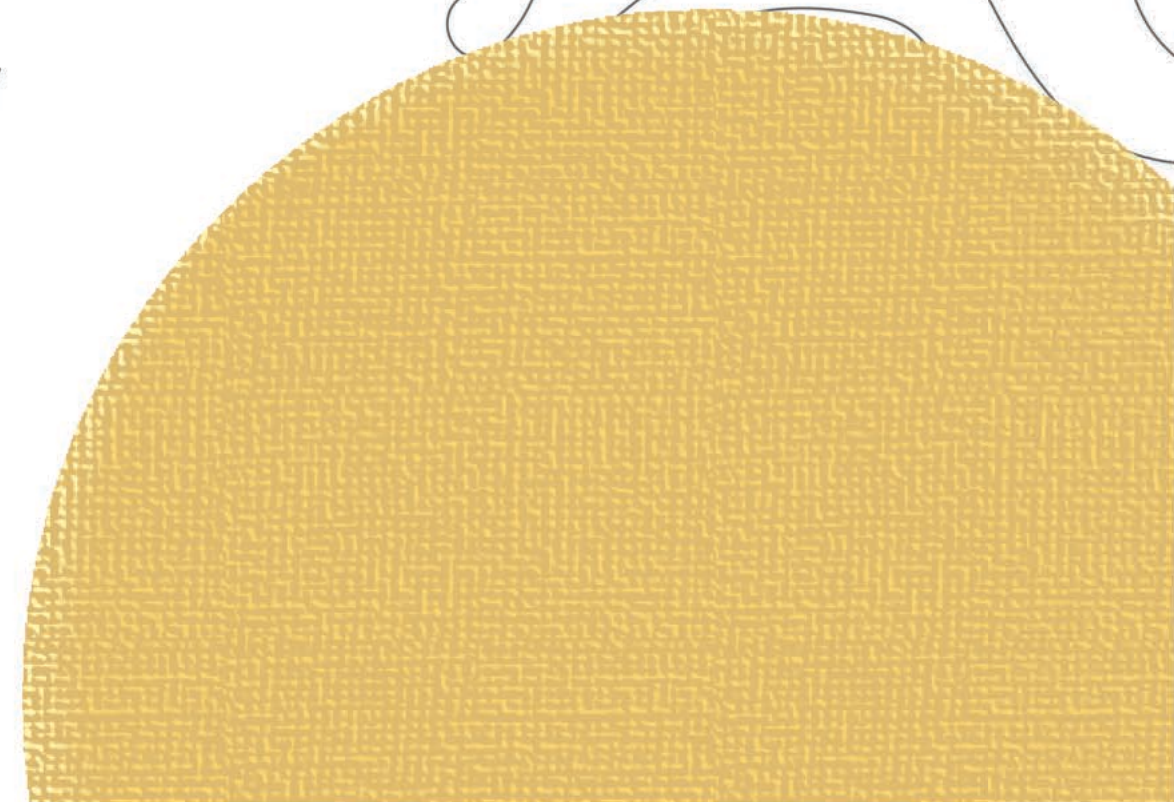
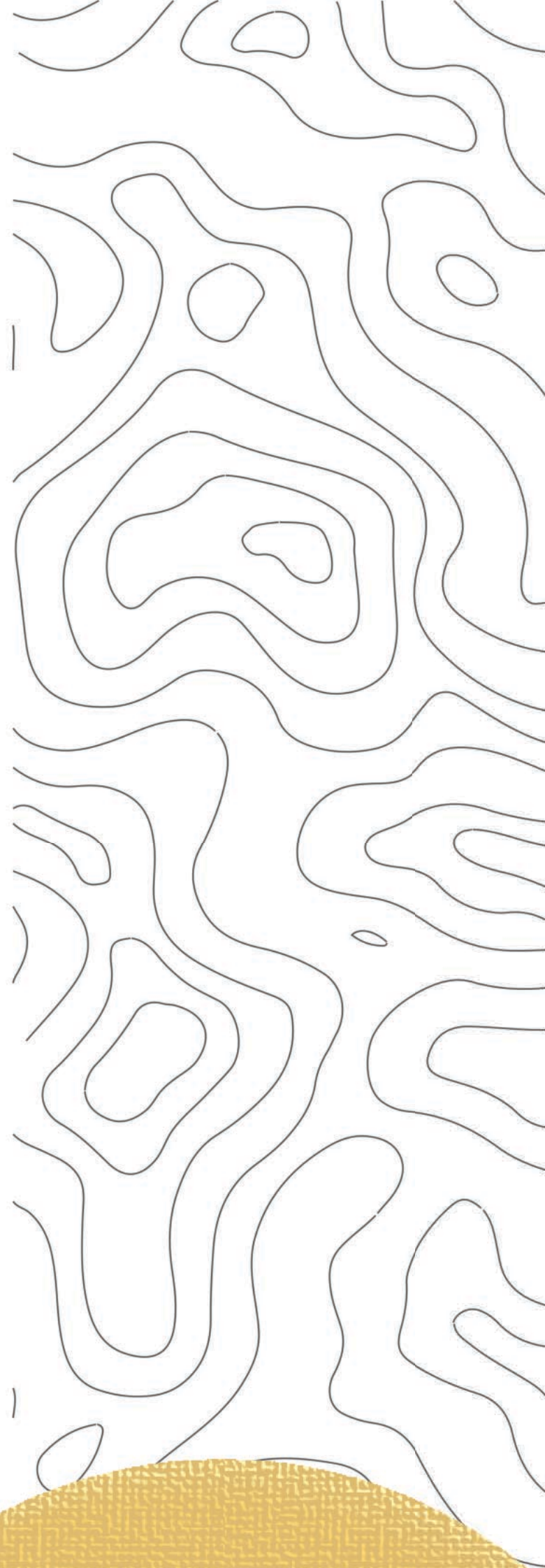
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“I am the most miserable man on earth.”



“I was happier when doing a mechanic’s job.”



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Lie No.2:
Riches Will Give
You Glorious Status

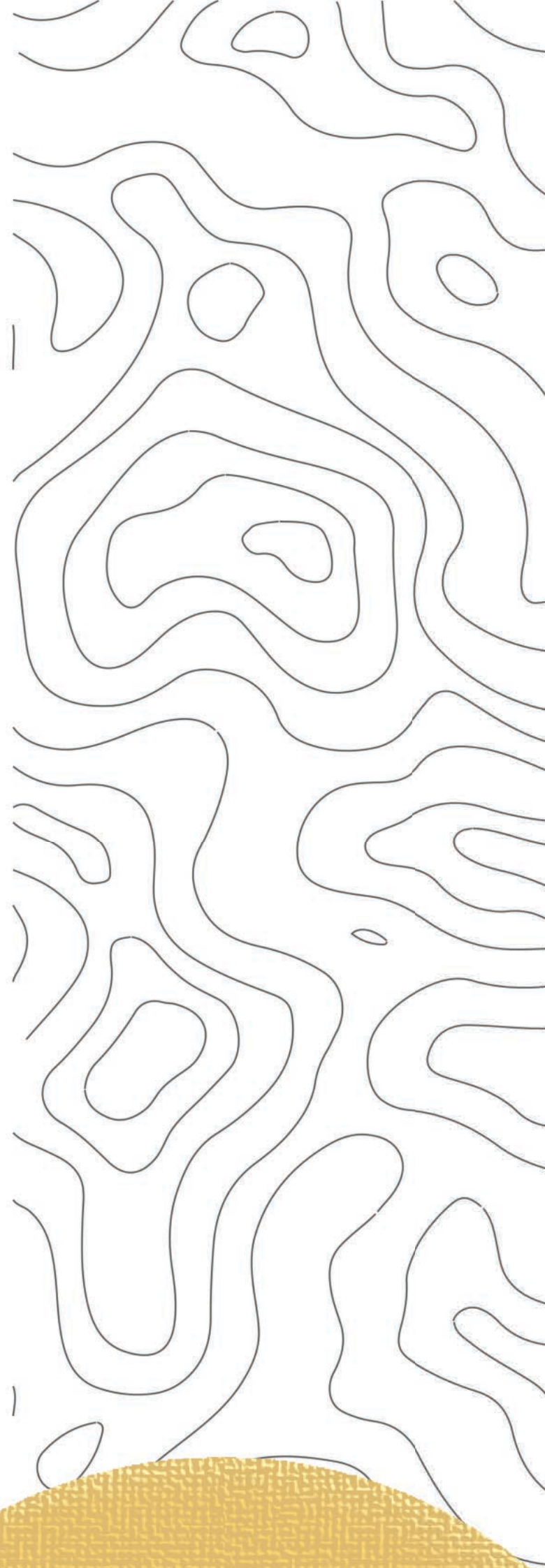
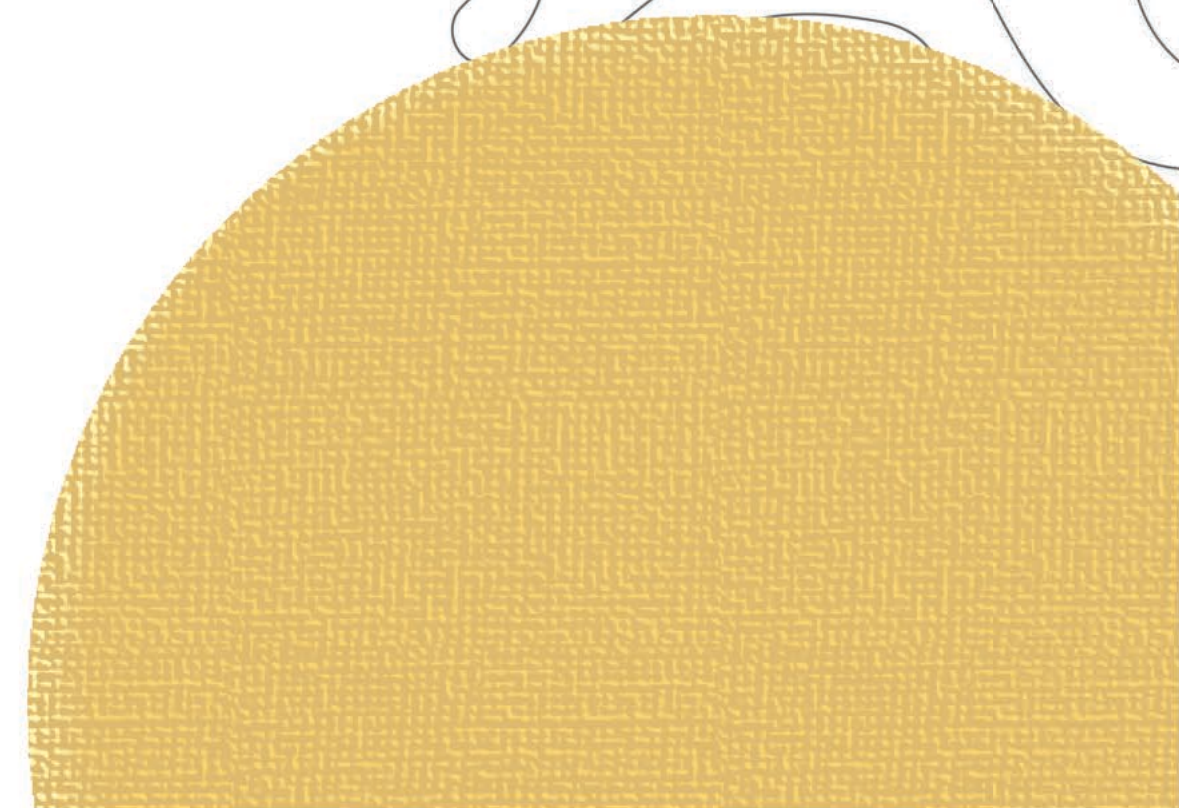


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Truth:

It is Short-lived



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Lie No.3:
Riches Will Make
Your Life Secure



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Truth:

The riches

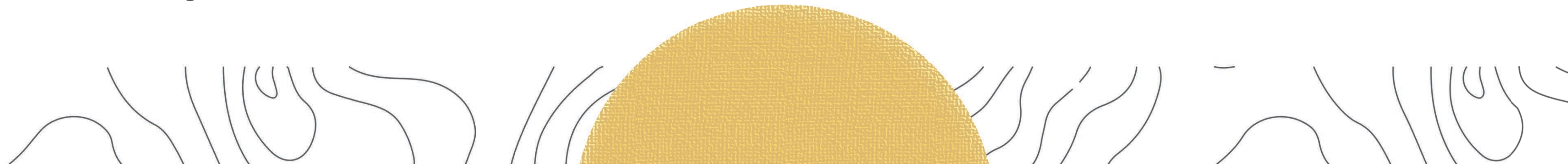
DO NOT LAST



Matthew 6:19–20

This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and will build bigger ones, and there I will store up all my grain and my goods.

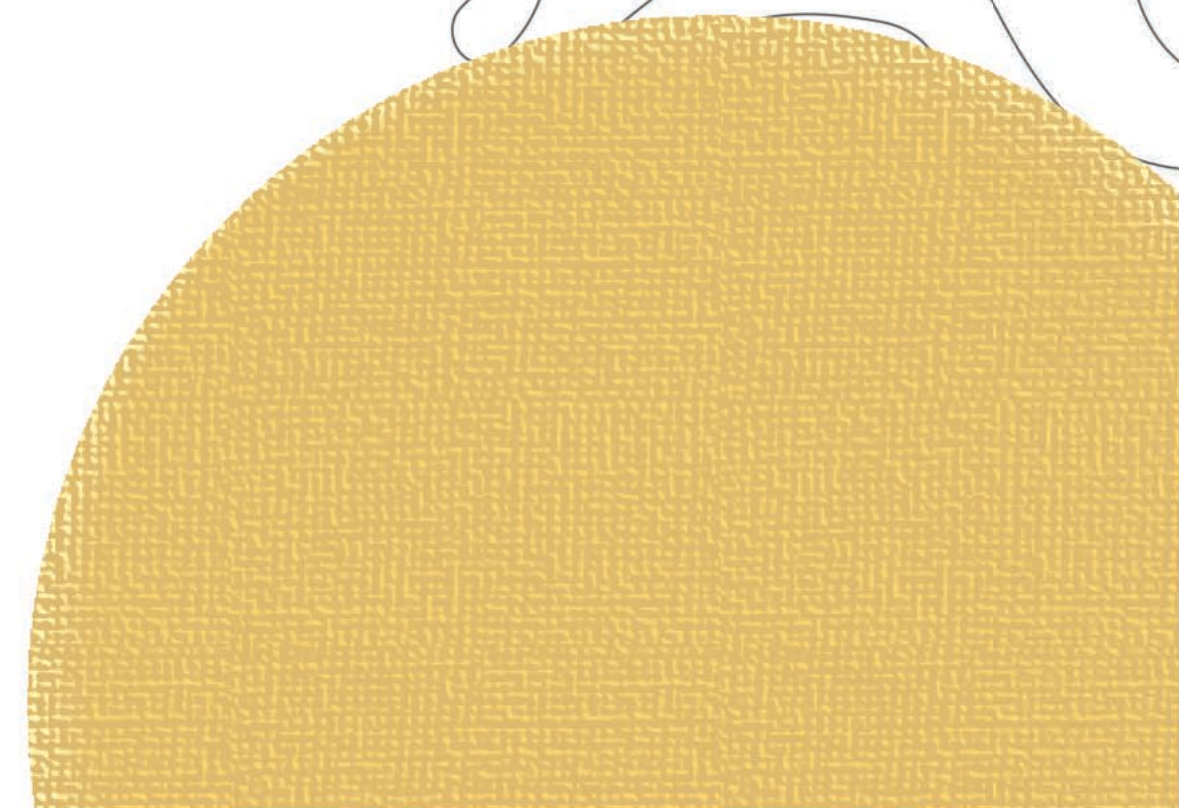
Then I will say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry!” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be required of you. Then who will own what you have accumulated?”



Rust = Poison

Three Dangers of Desiring Riches:

2) A Snare to Destruction



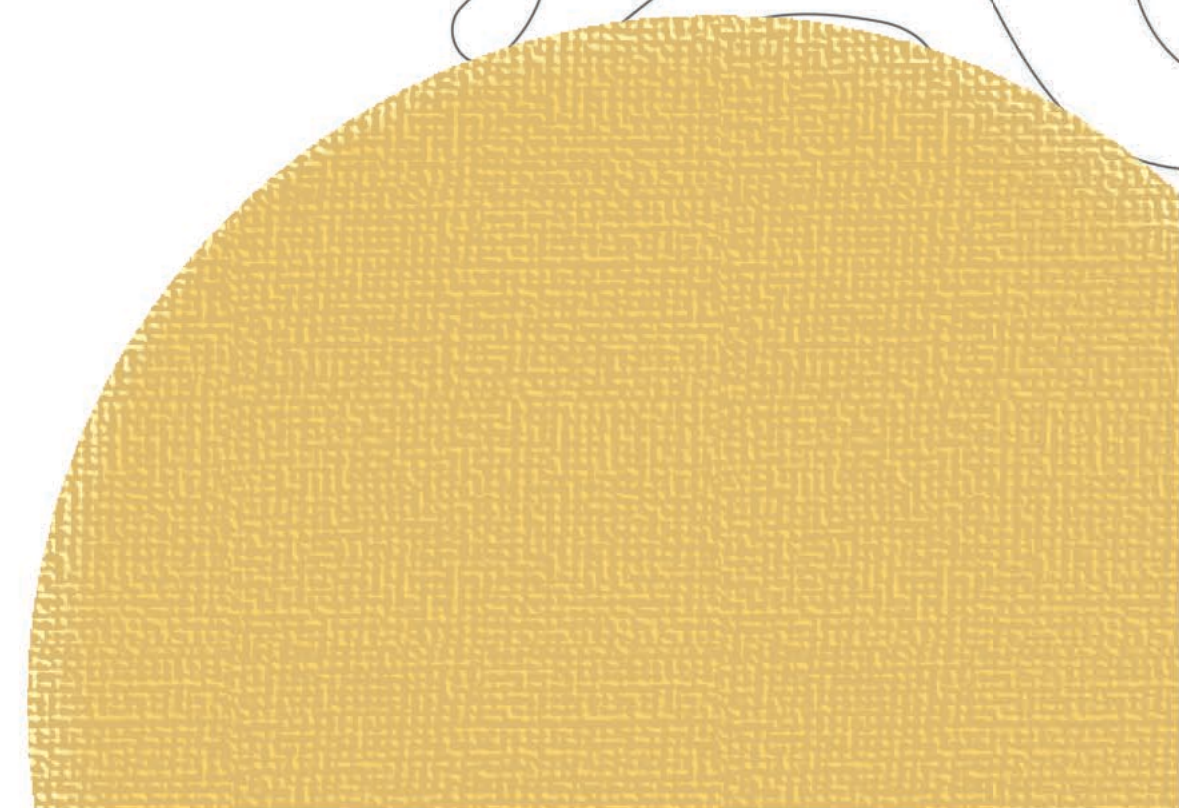
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"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God..."

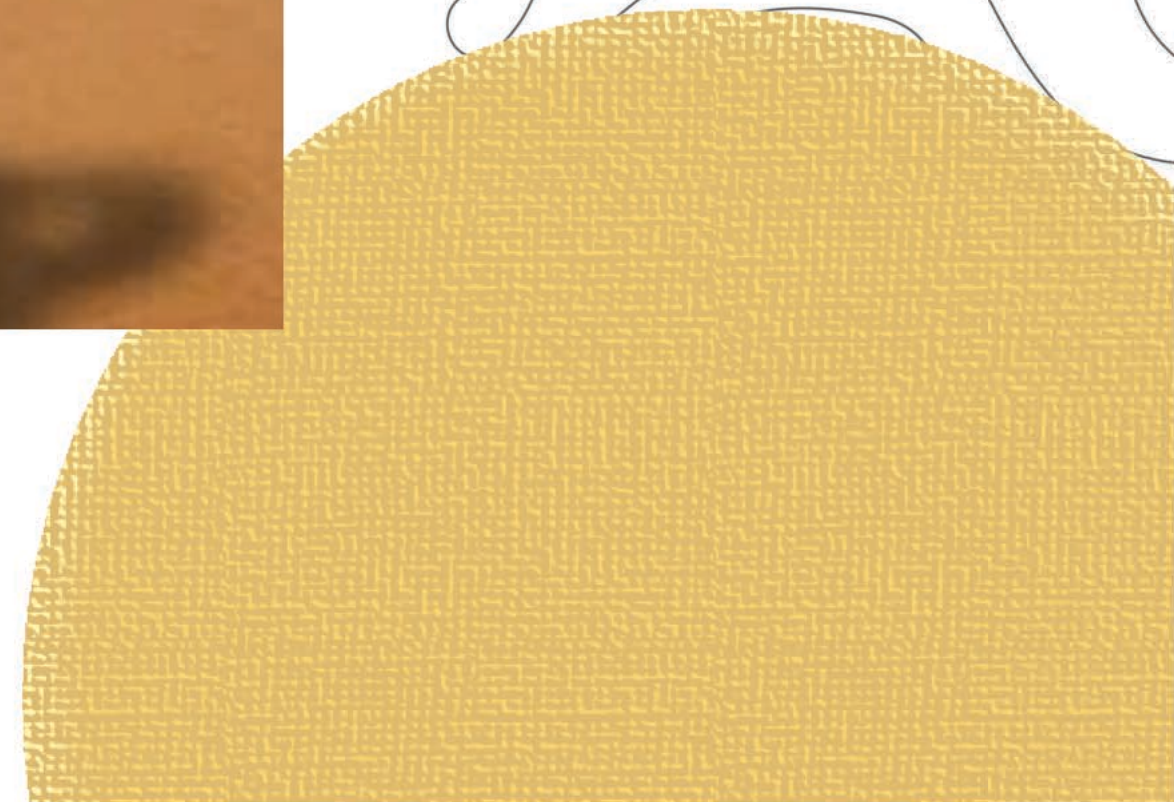
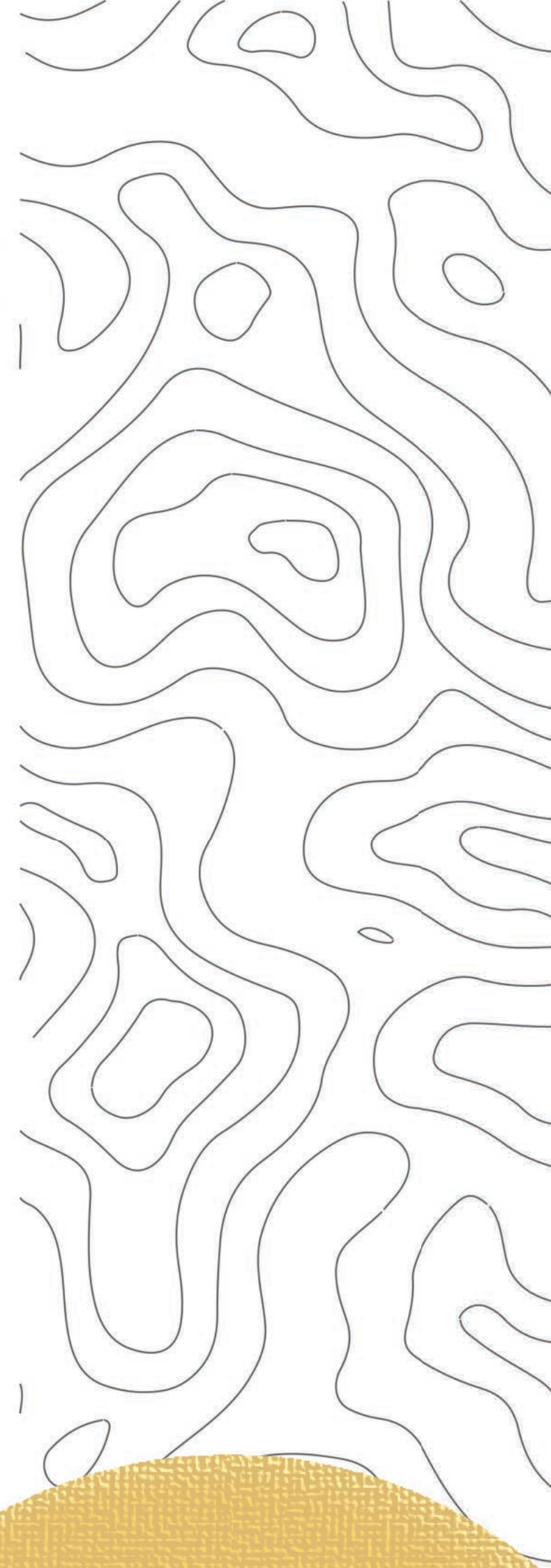
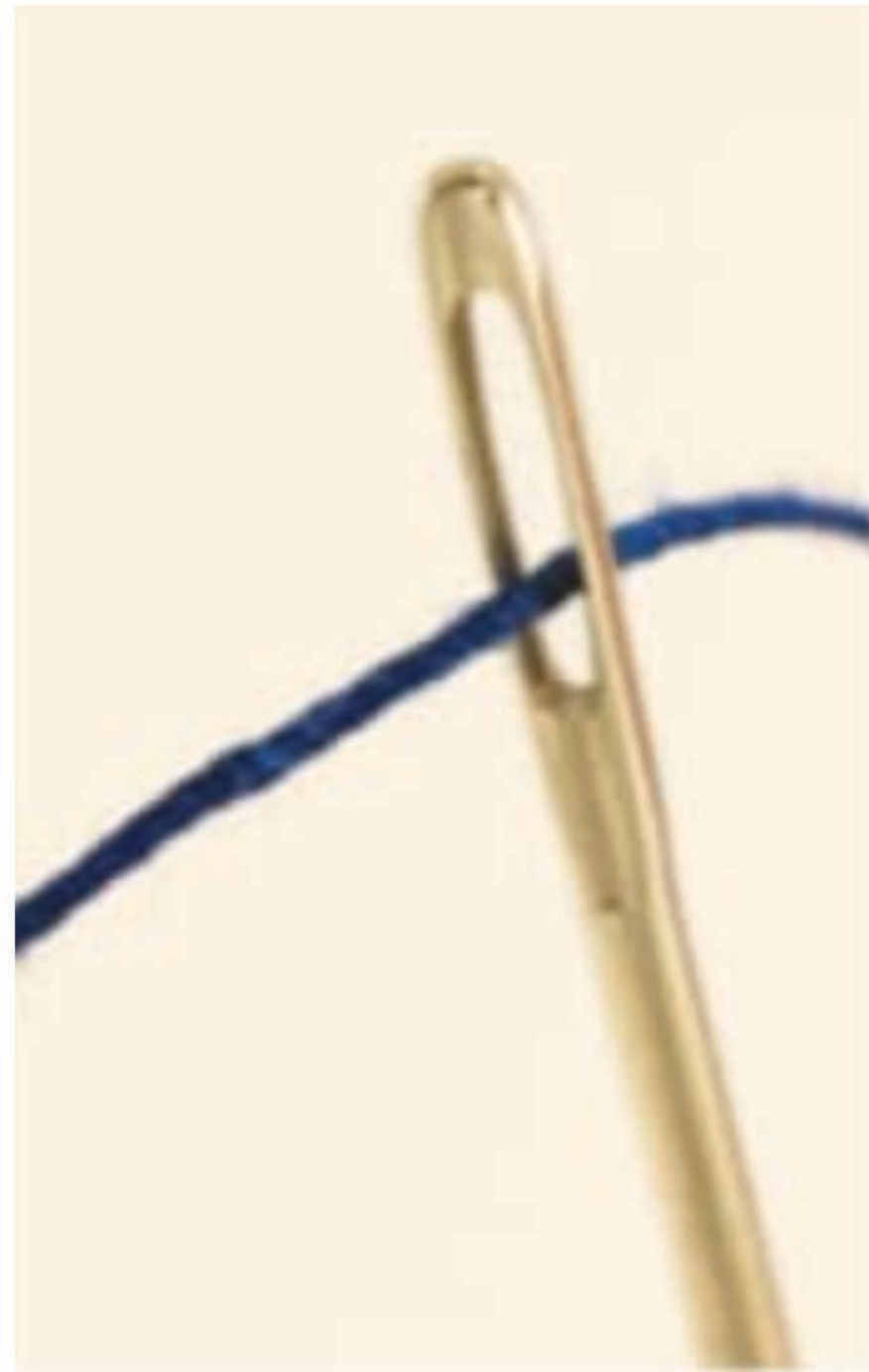
"Woe unto you that are rich! For ye have received your consolation."

- Luke 6:20, 24



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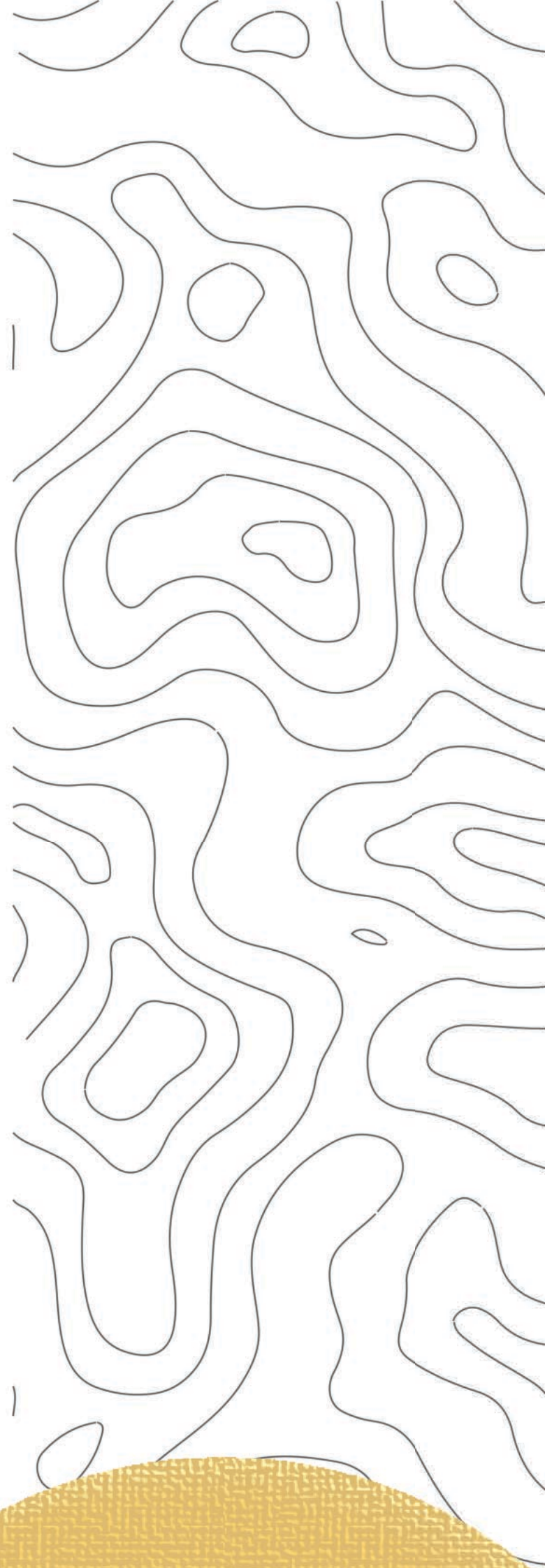
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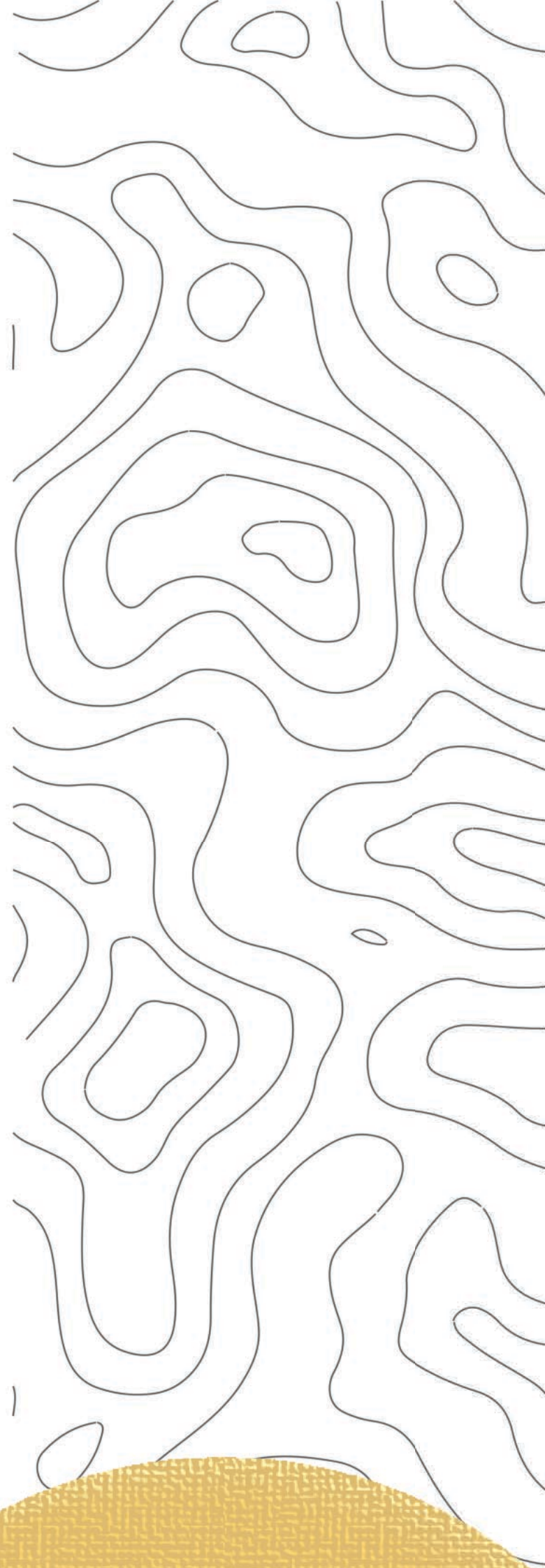
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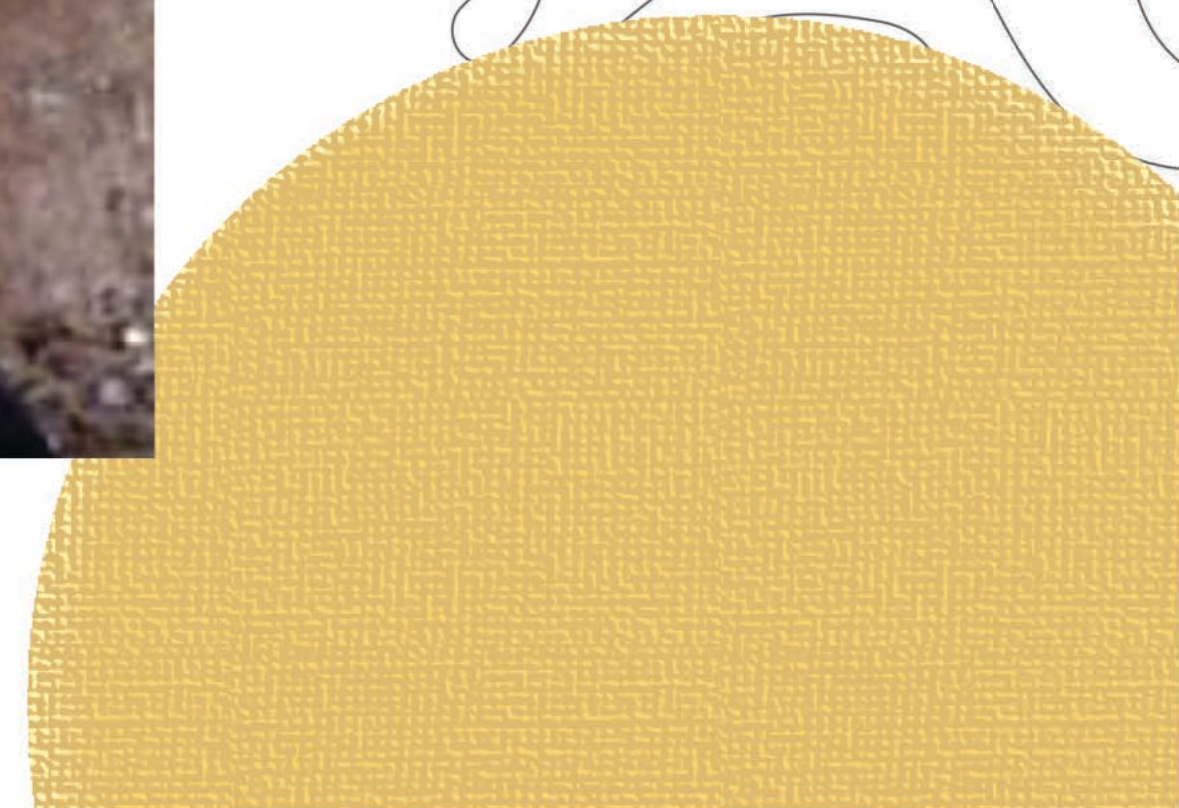
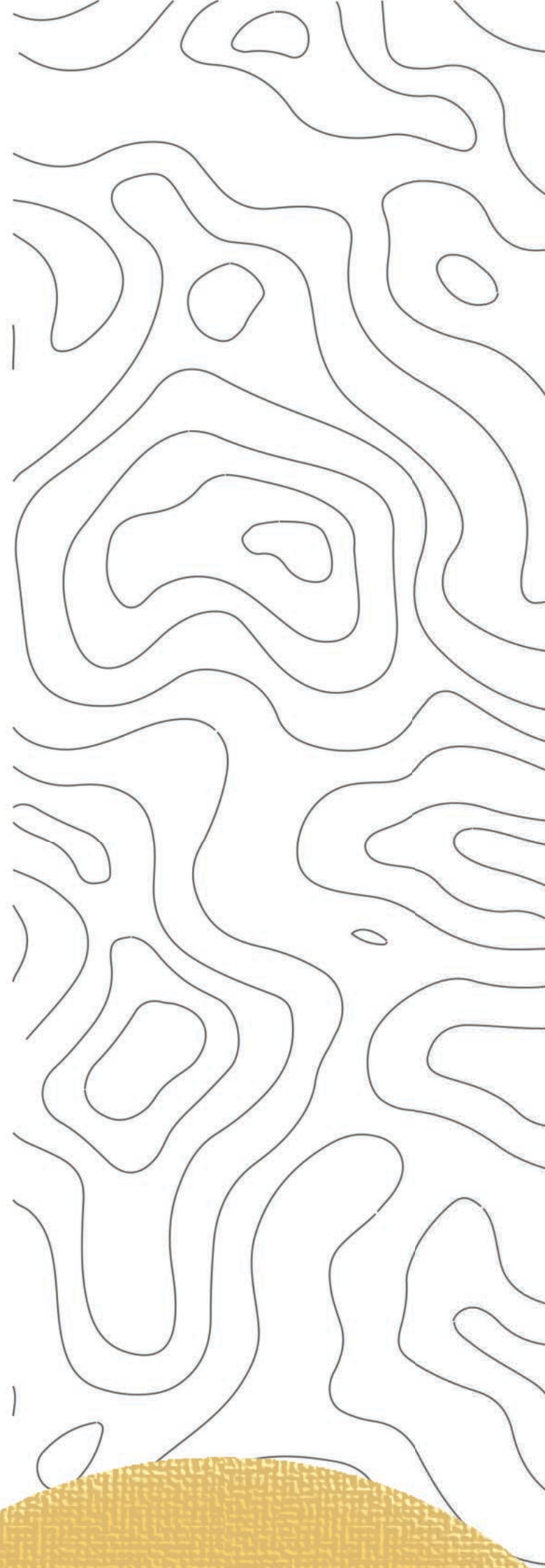
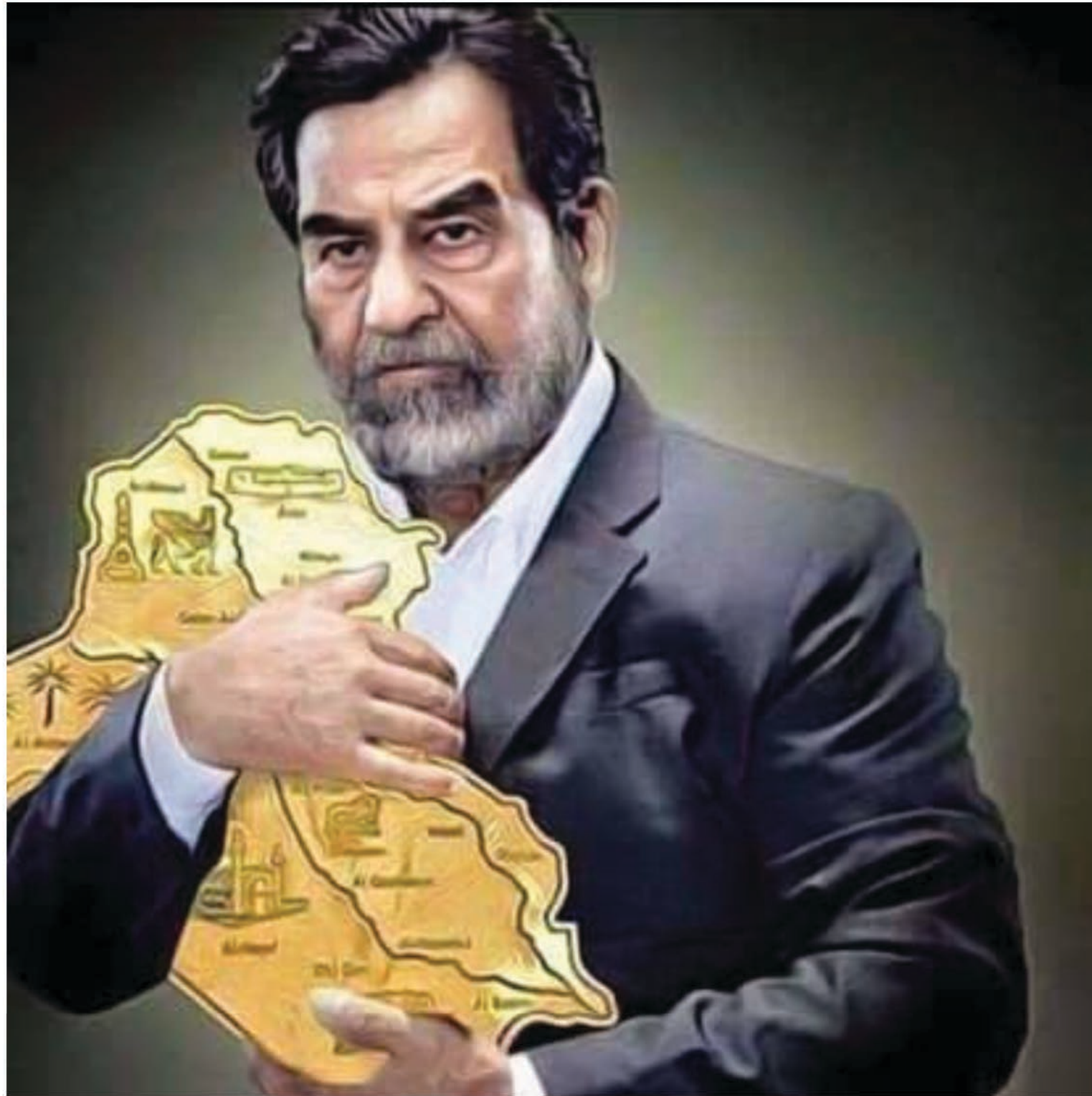
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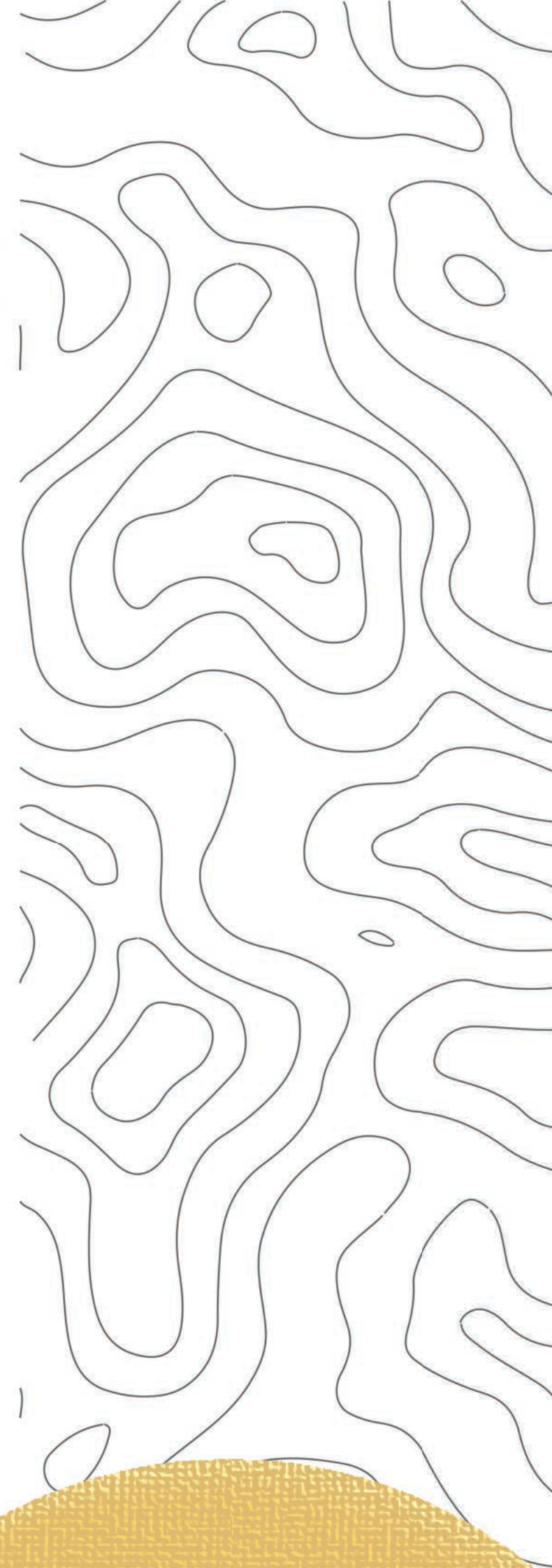
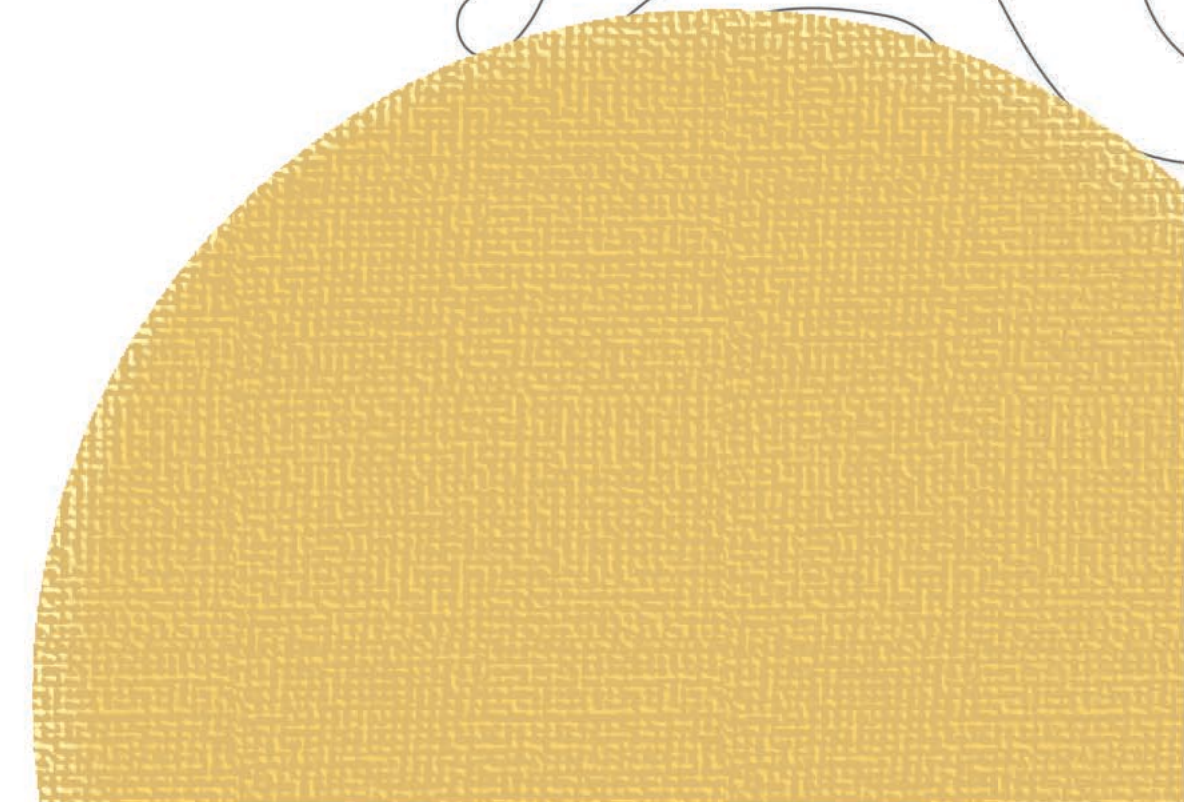
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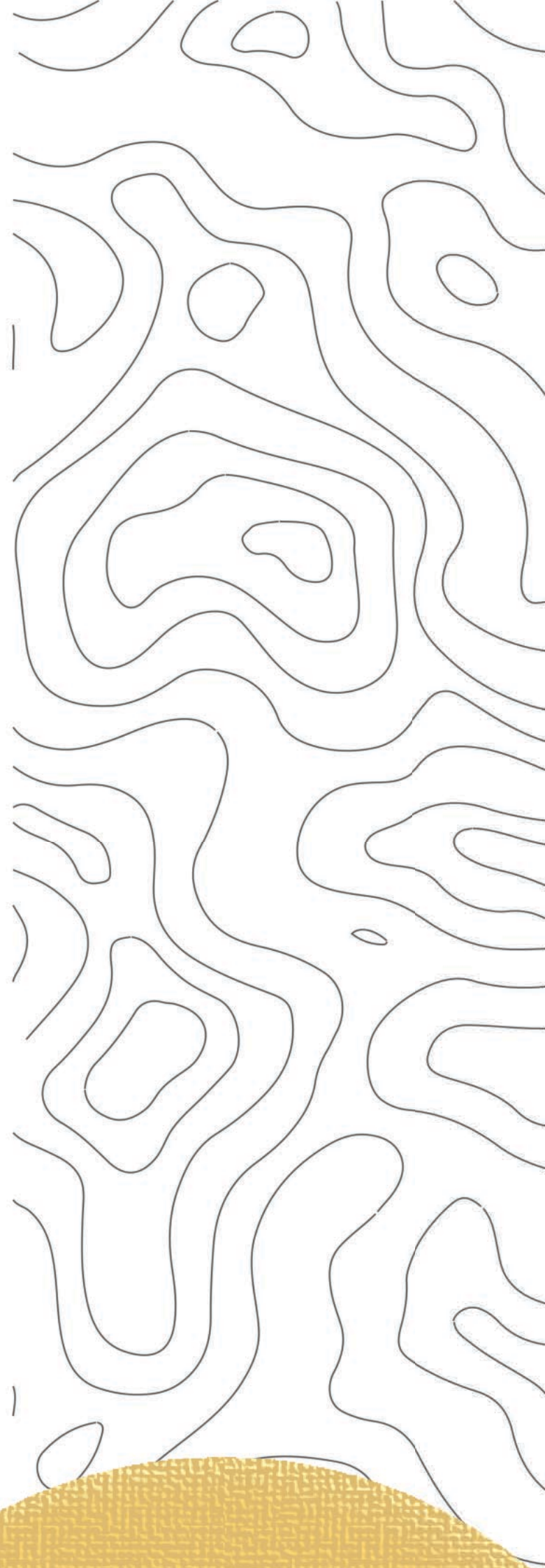
**Pride Changes
Your Imagination**



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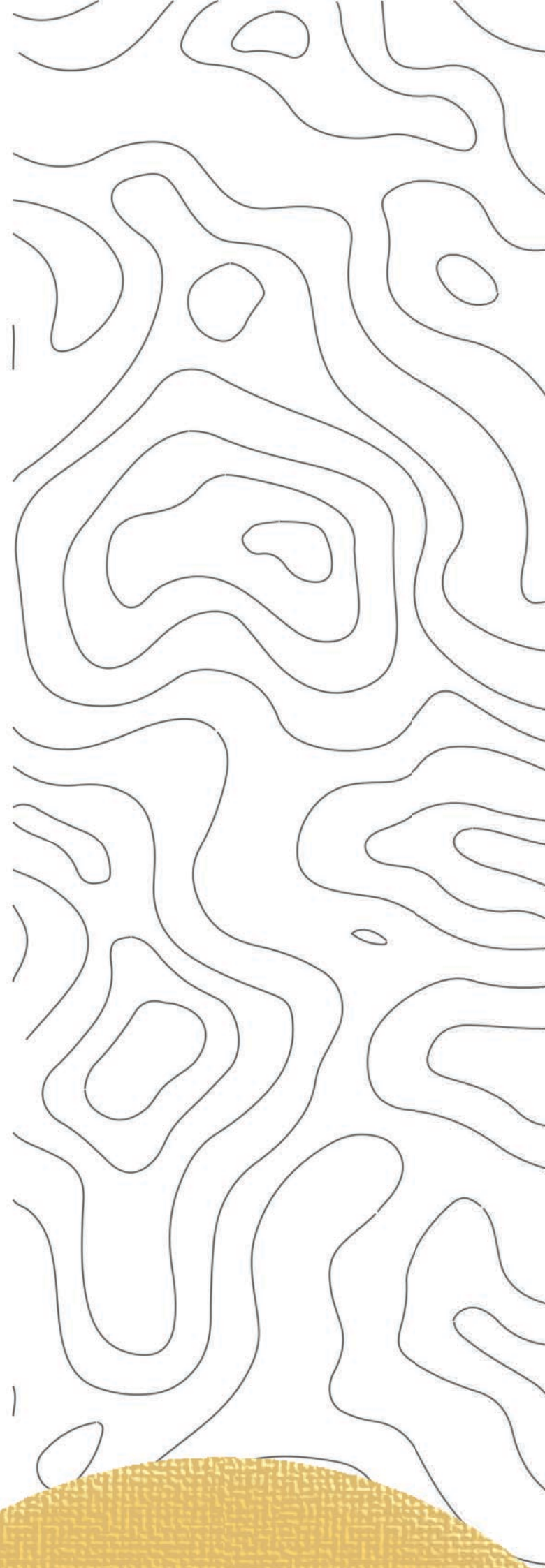
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- Pride directly challenges our relationship with God



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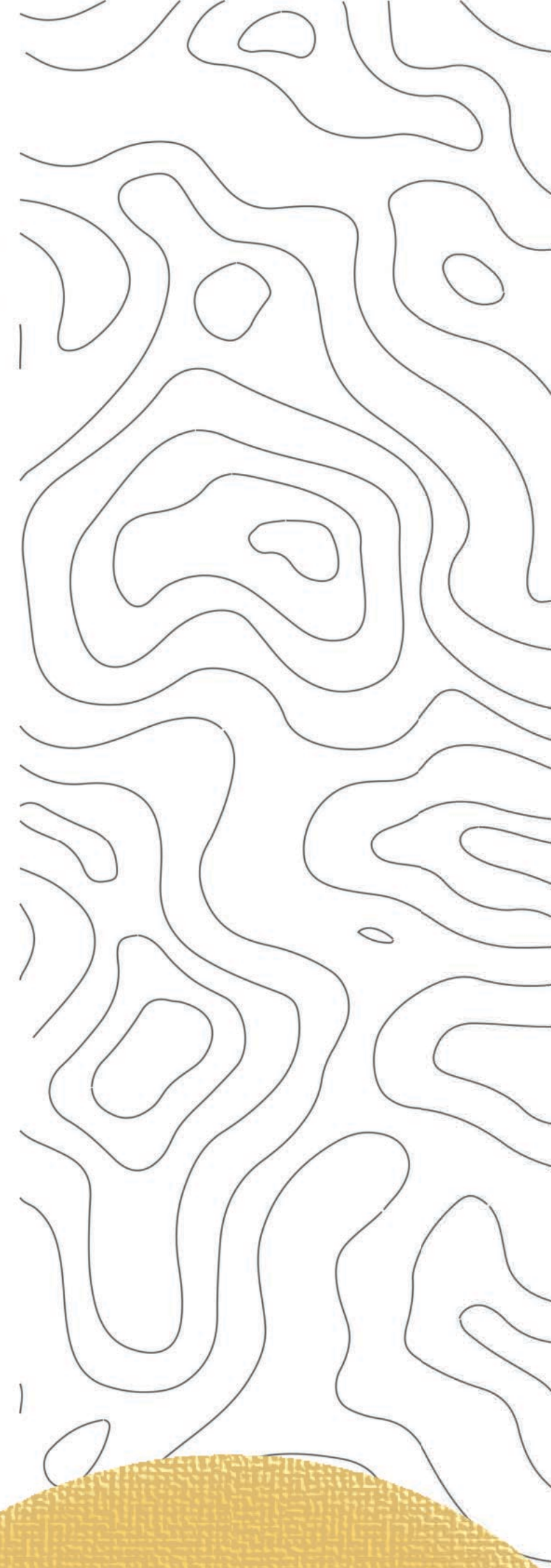
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- Pressure to Maintain Status
Leads to Unrighteous Thoughts



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Achan's Greed
Costs him Death
(Joshua 7)



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Gehazi,'s Greed
Costs him Leprosy
(2 Kings 5)

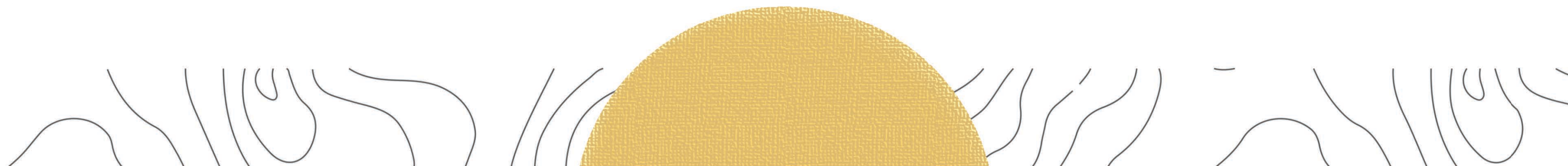


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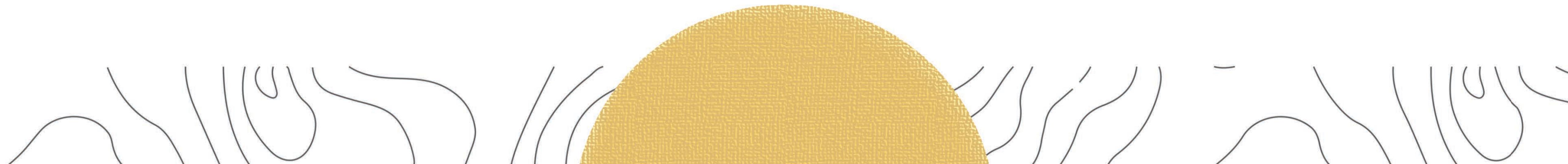
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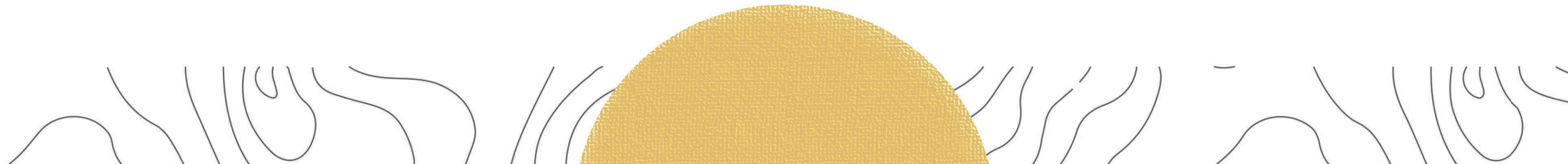


Be Content with
What You have
(1 Tim. 6:6-7).

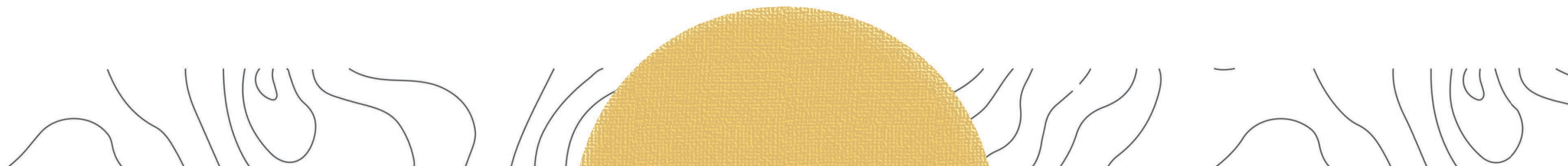




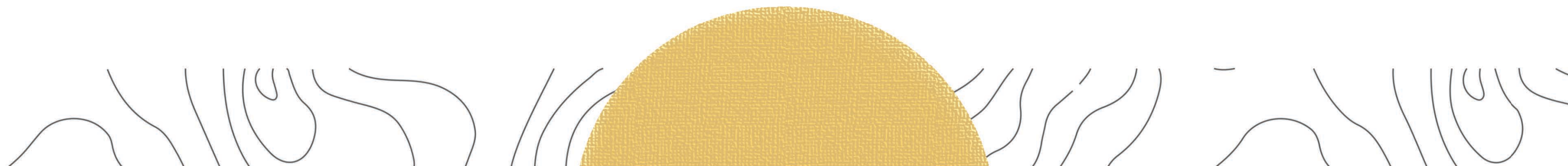
Devote Yourself to
God Fully
(2 Chronicles 16:9)

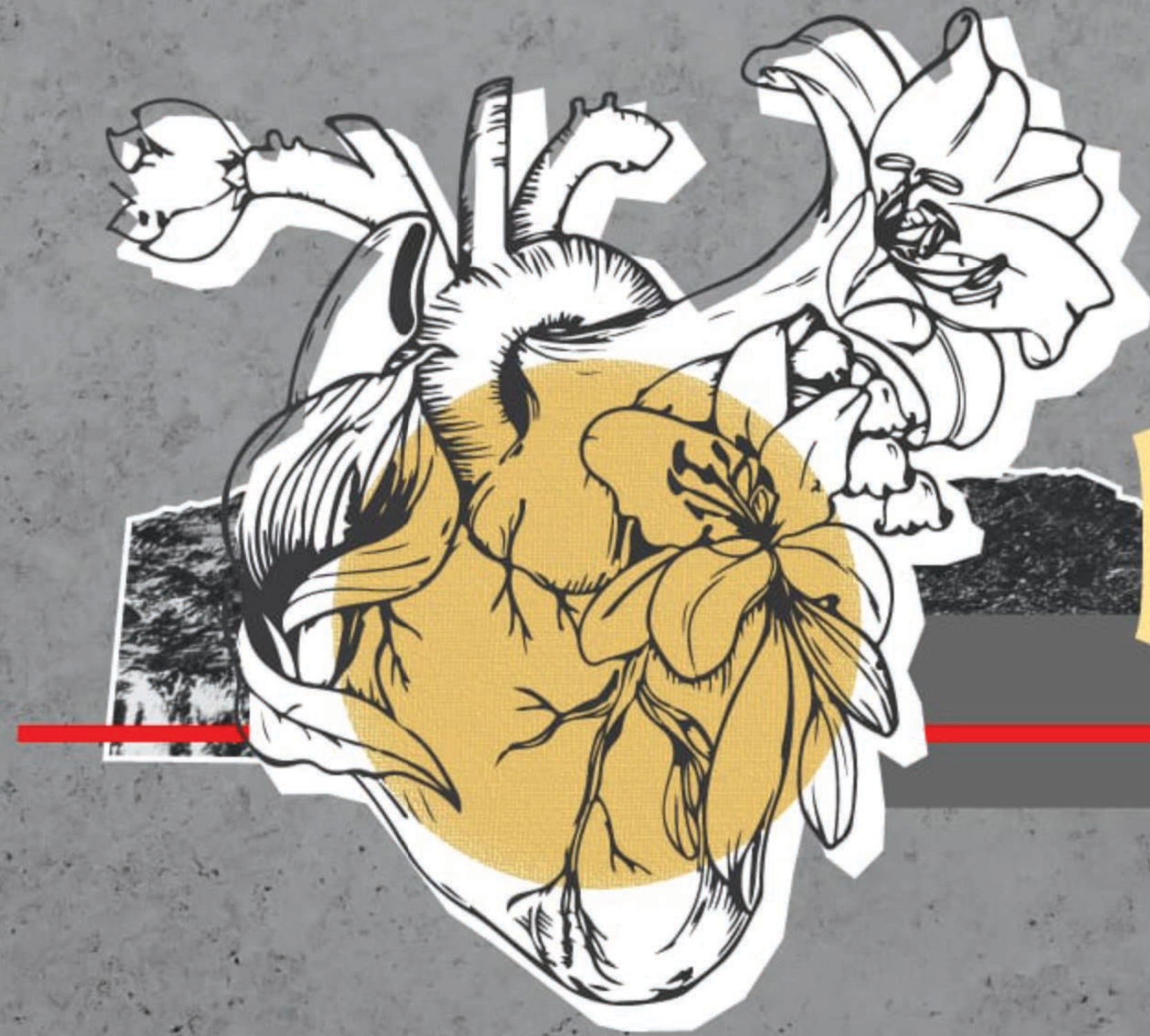


**Be Kingdom-minded
(Colossians 3:1-2)**



Acknowledge God
in every “low and
high” of your life
(Proverbs 30:8)





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