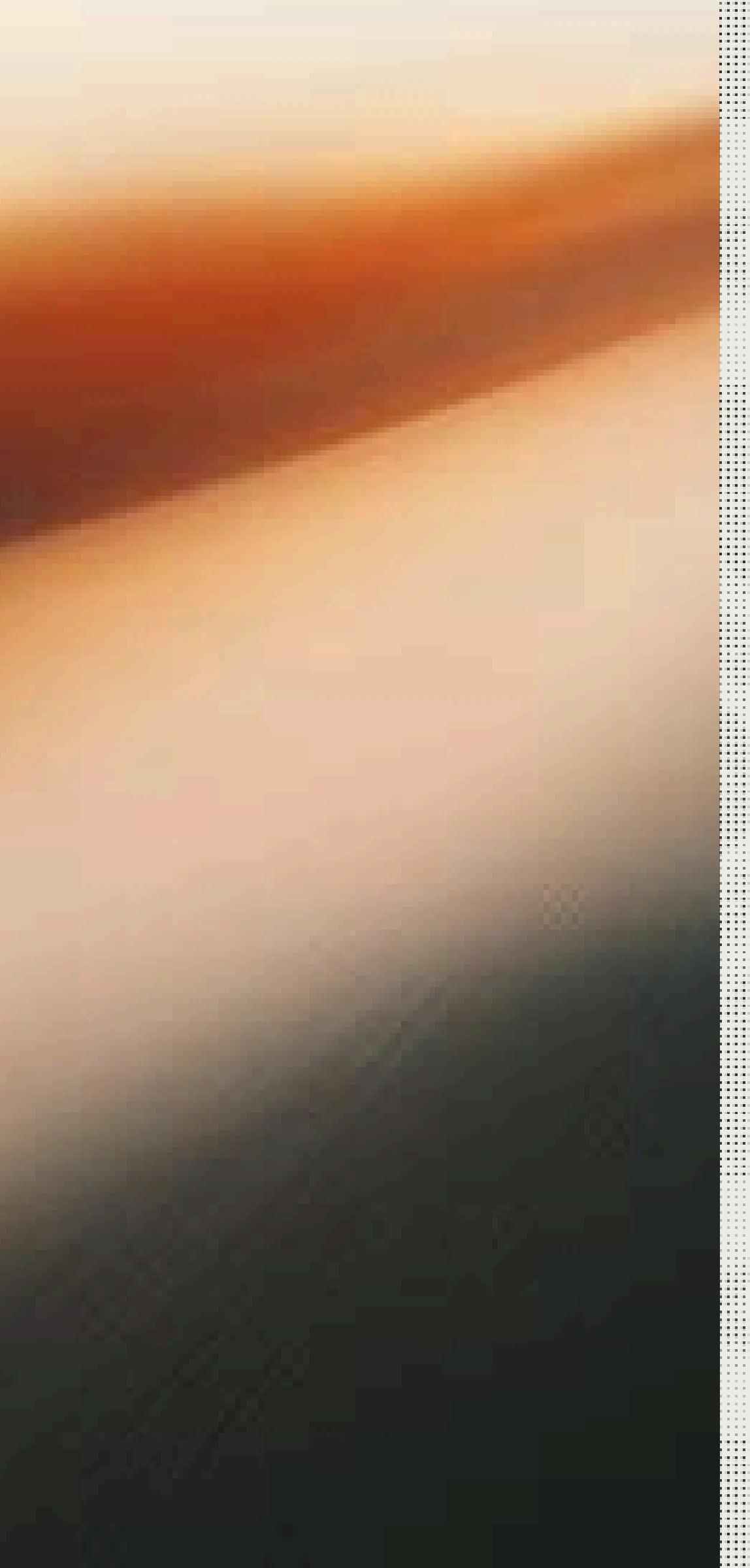


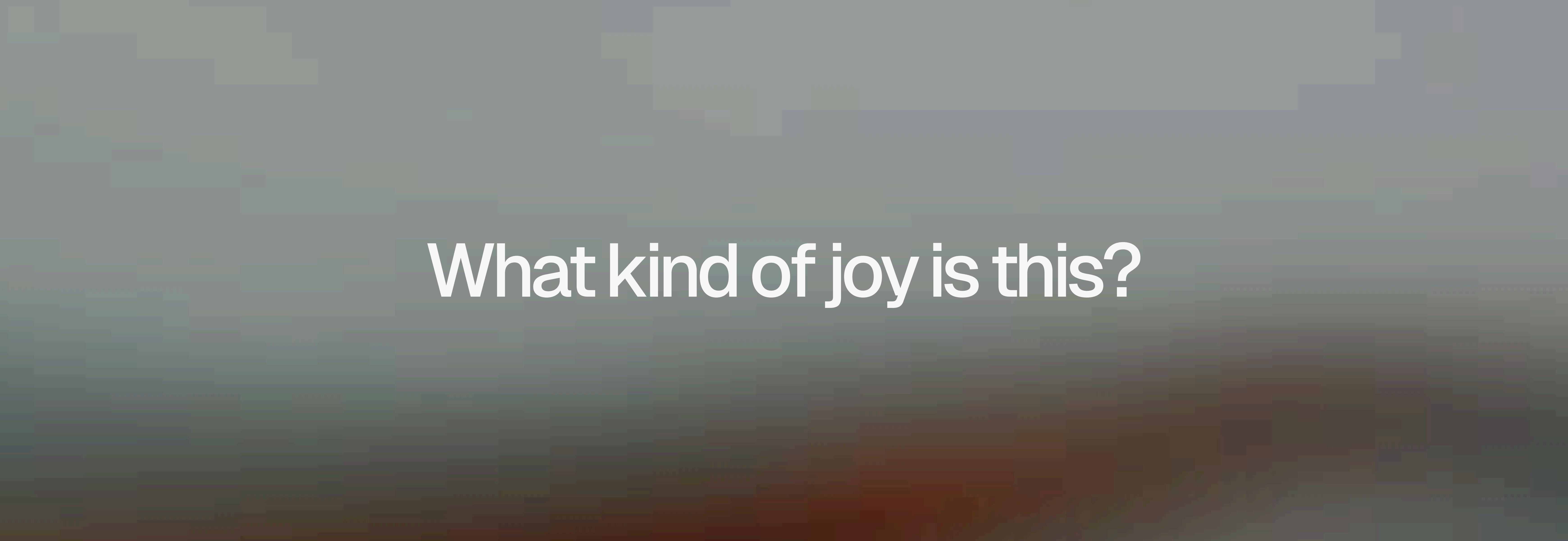
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²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

LUKE 6:22-23 NIV



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ACTS 5:40-41 NIV



What kind of joy is this?

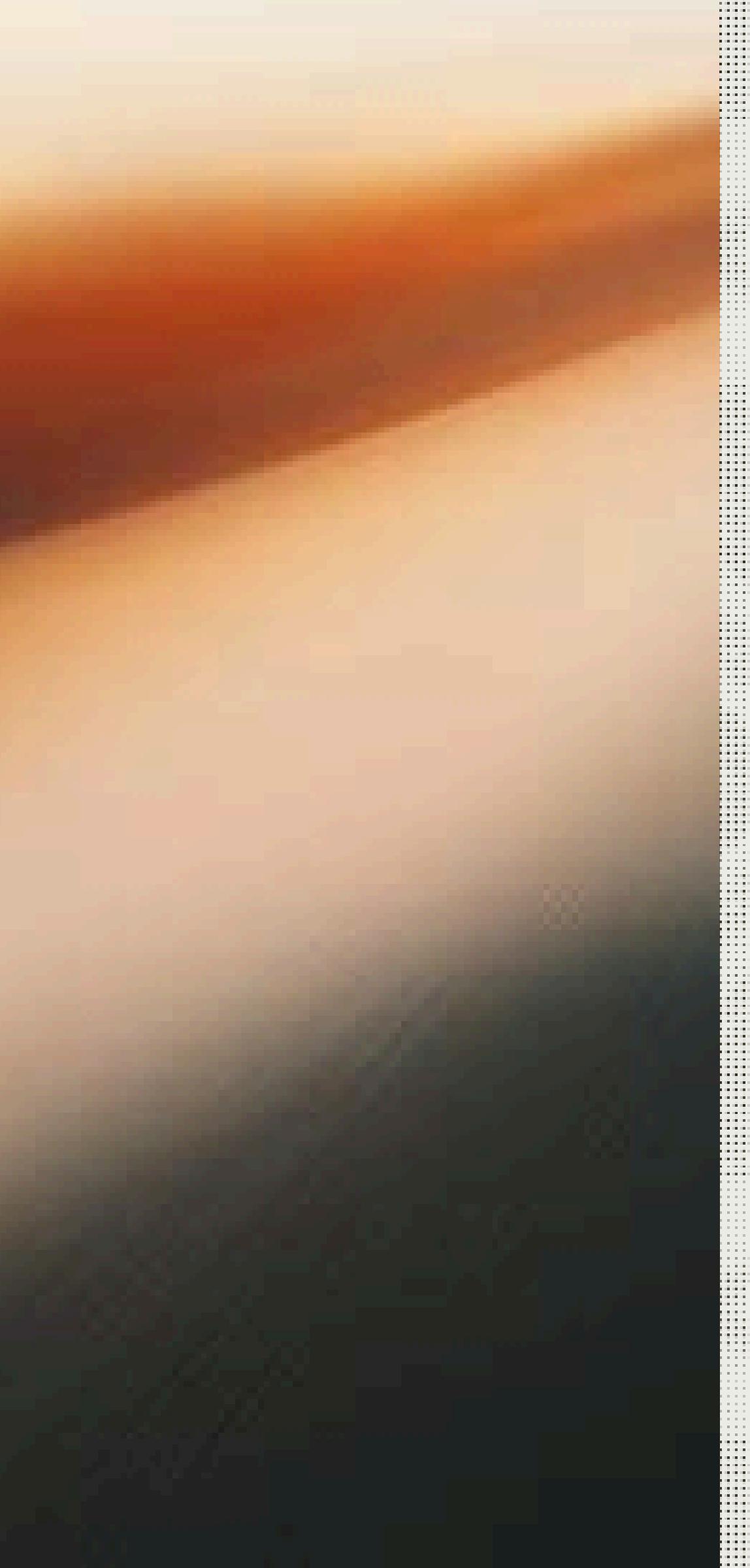


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ACTS 5:12-16 ————— GOSPEL GROWTH

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The Sanhedrin's Fear

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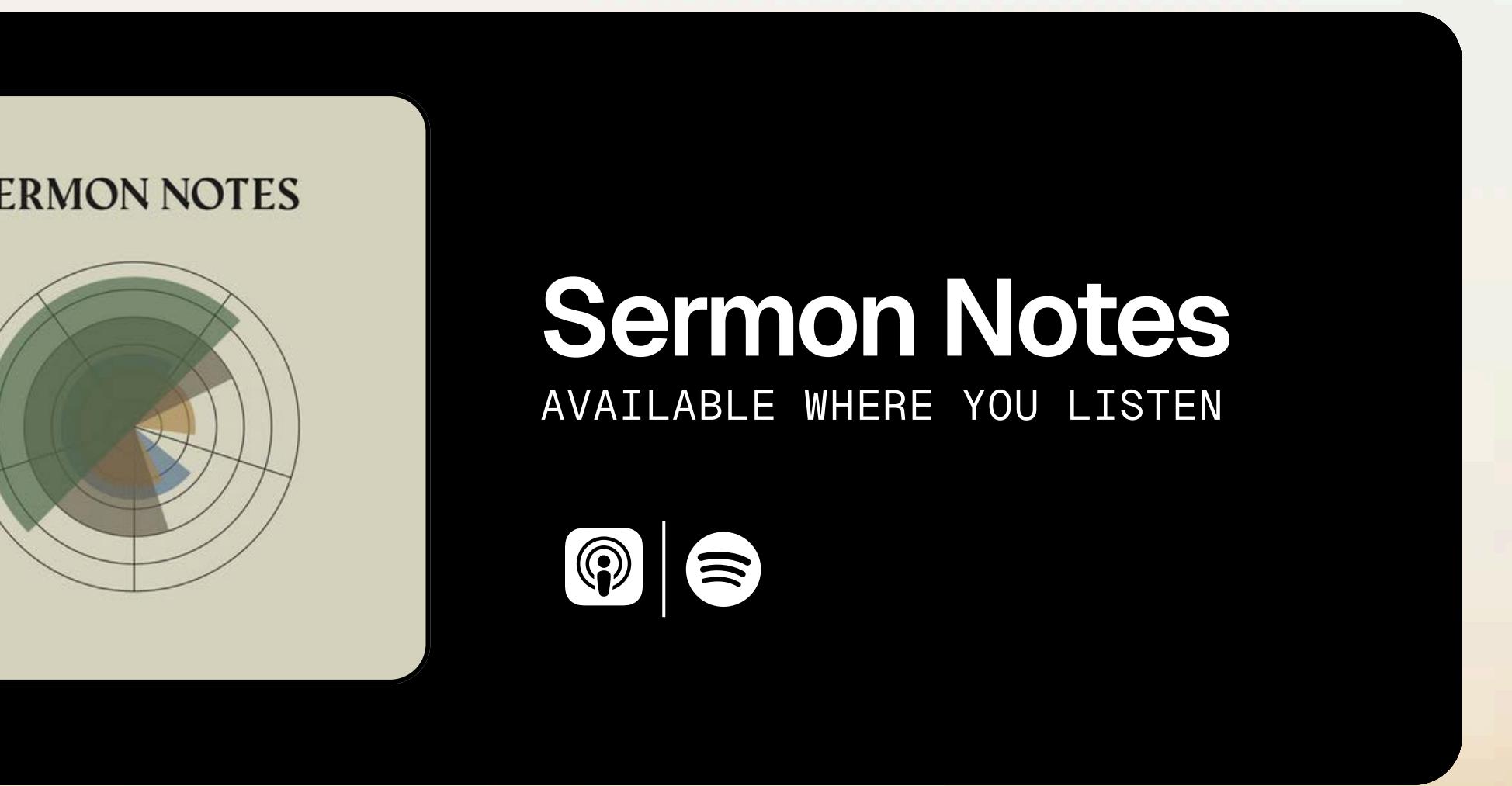
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ACTS 5:27-33 NIV



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ACTS 5:27-33 NIV

ACTS 5:34-39 —— THE REASONING RABBI

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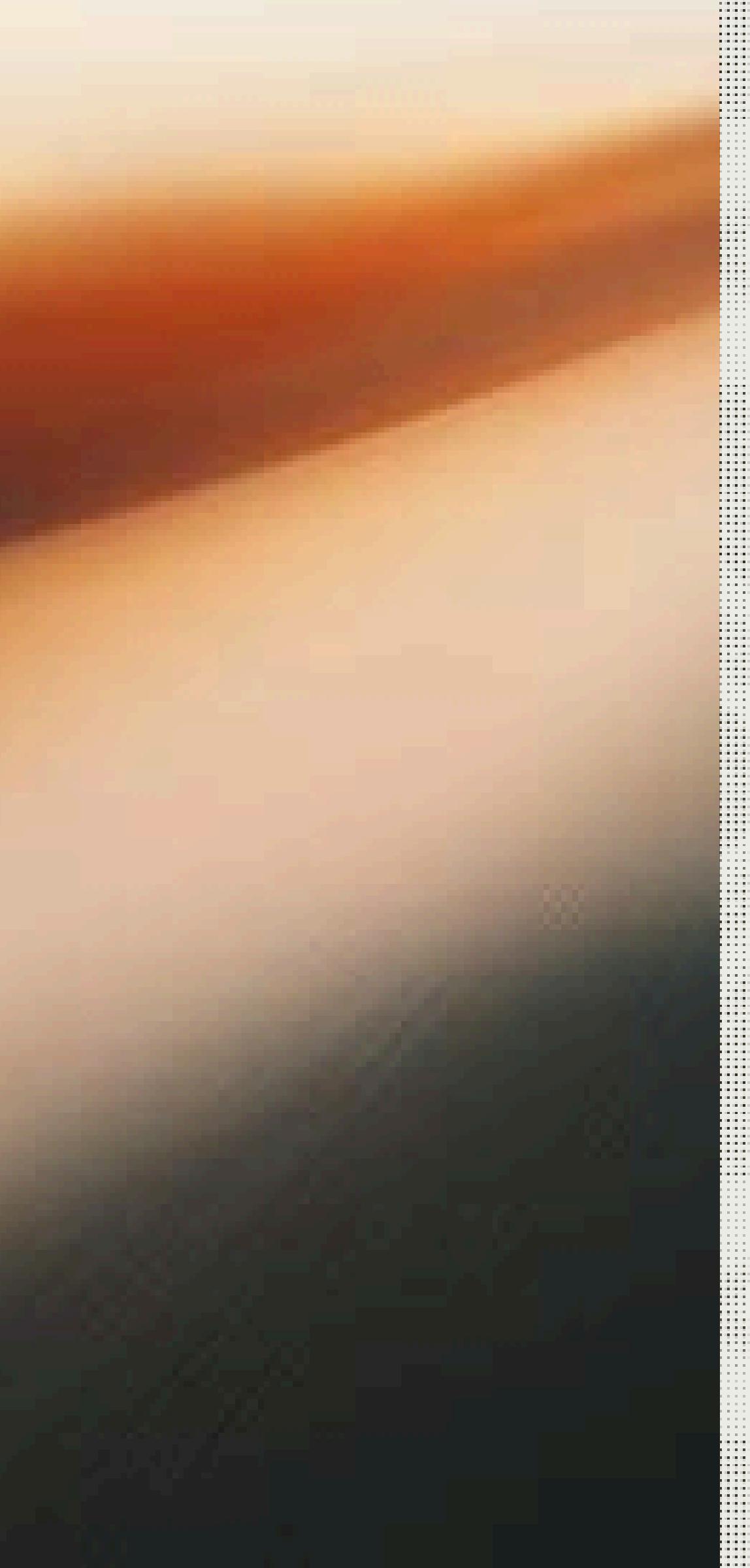
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ACTS 5:40-42 NIV

A Joy that Speaks

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ACTS 5:40-42 NIV



The Sanhedrin's Fear

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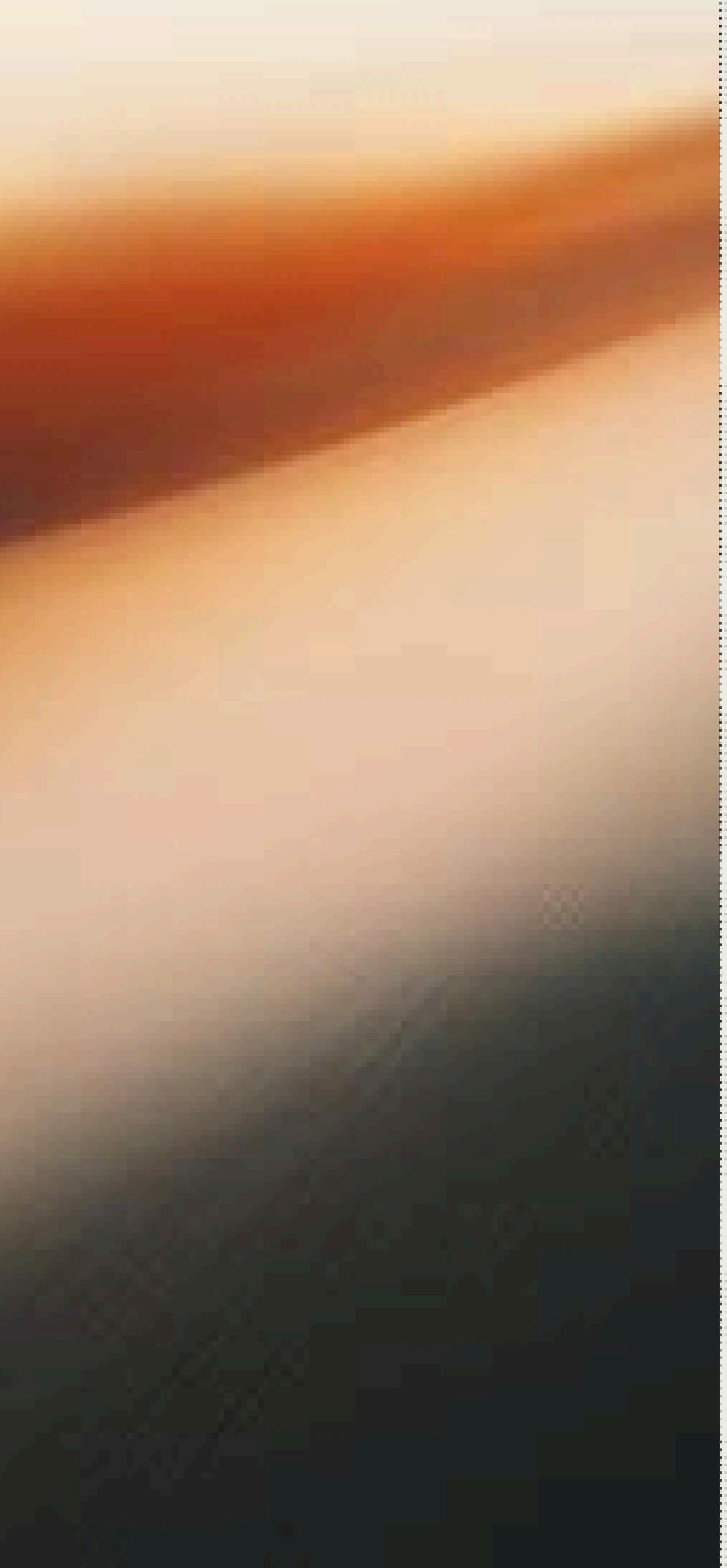
HUMILITY

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“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

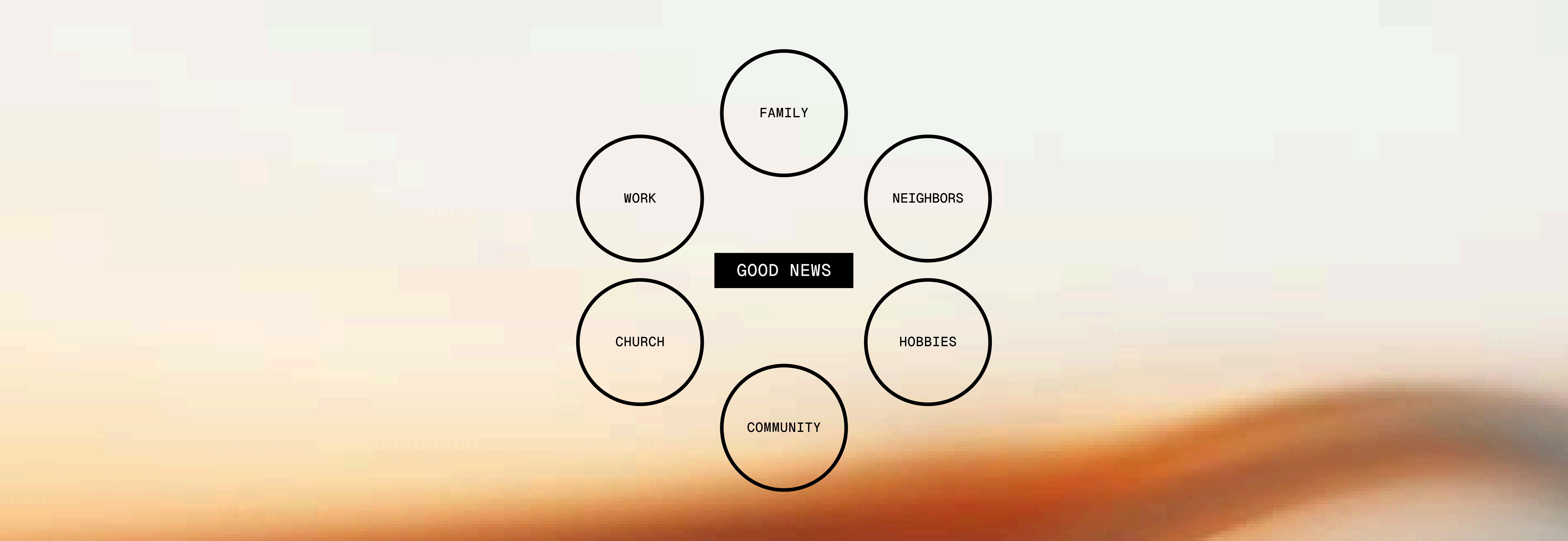
ACTS 5:20 NIV

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

ACTS 5:30-31 NIV

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ACTS 5:42b NIV



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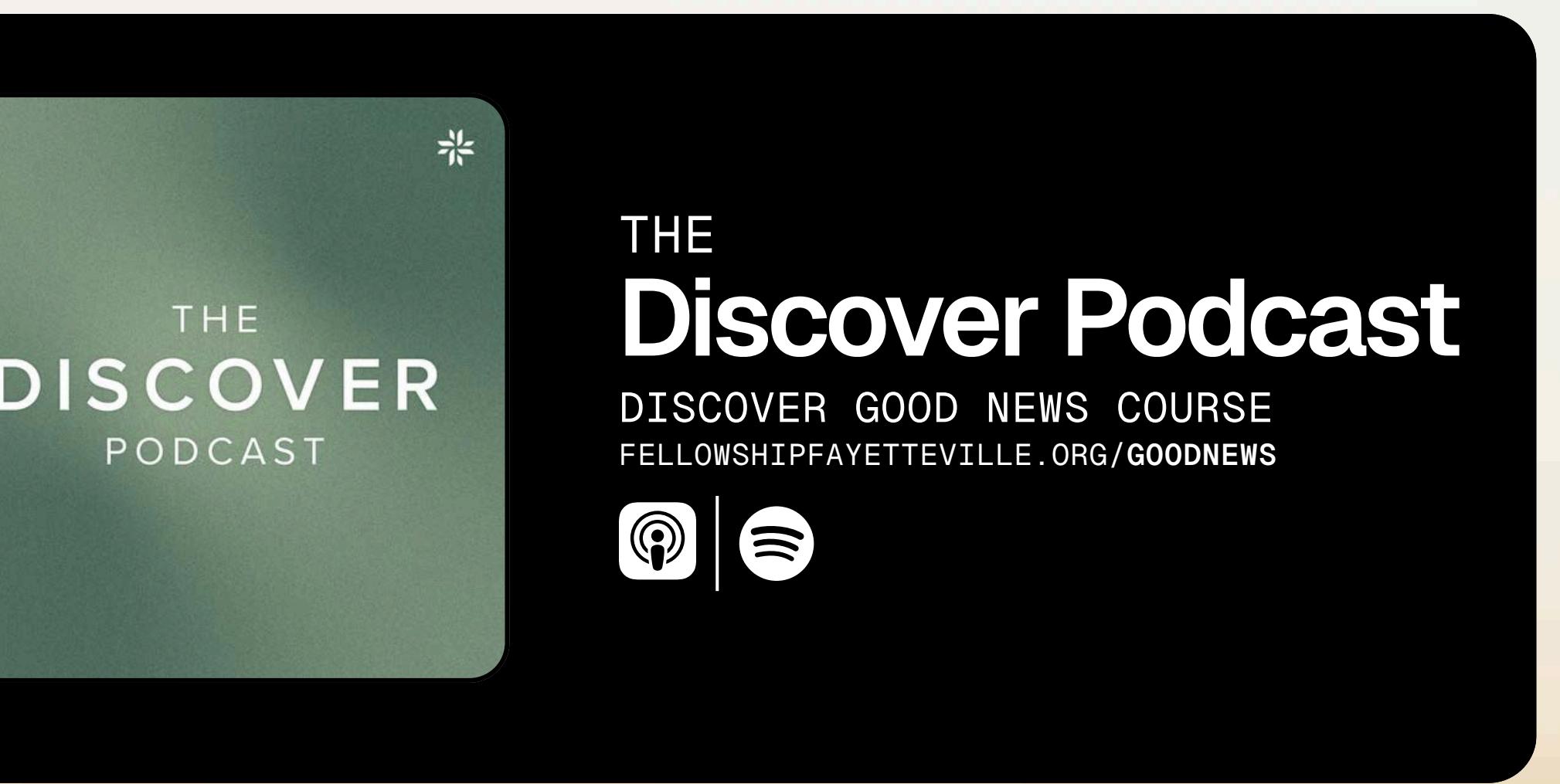
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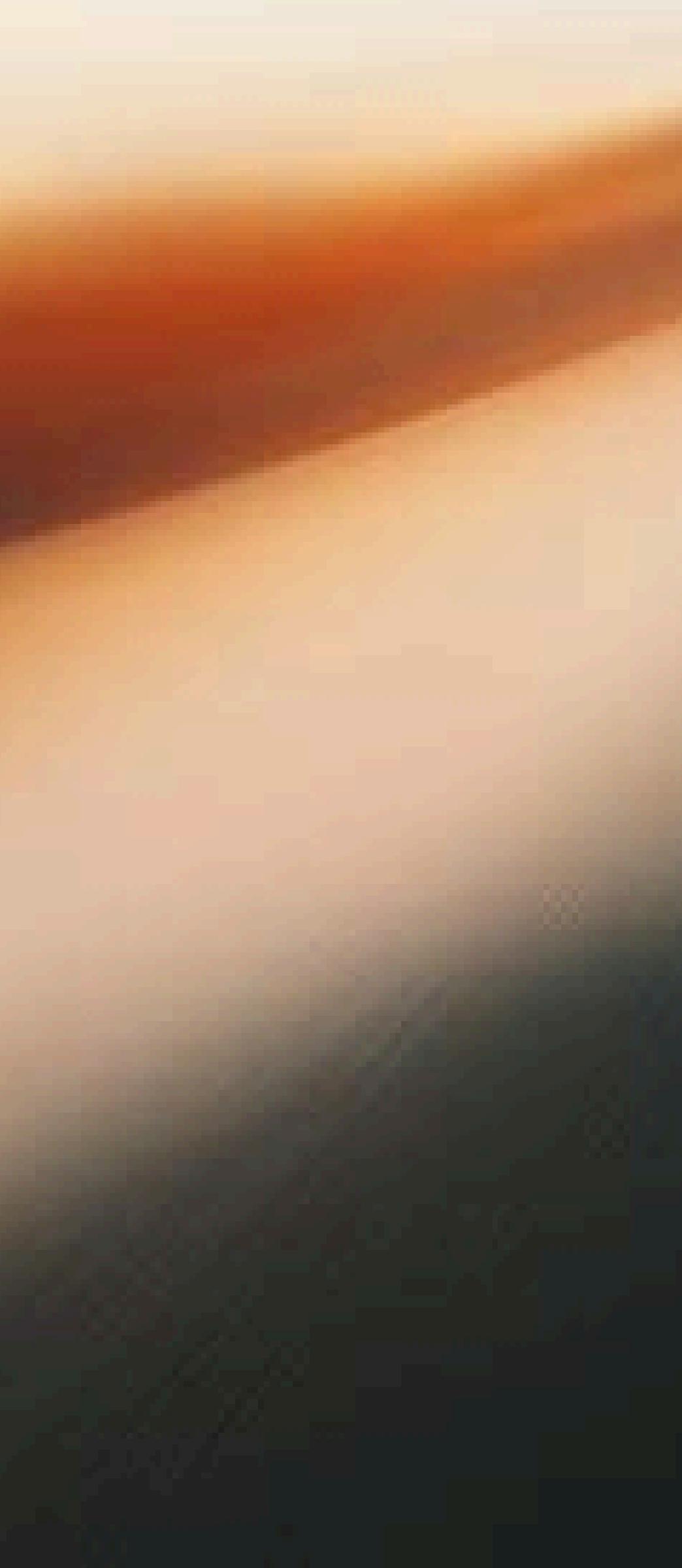
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The Holy Spirit empowers believers
with a joy that magnifies Jesus.

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The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.¹⁴ **Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.**¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

ACTS 5:12-16 NIV