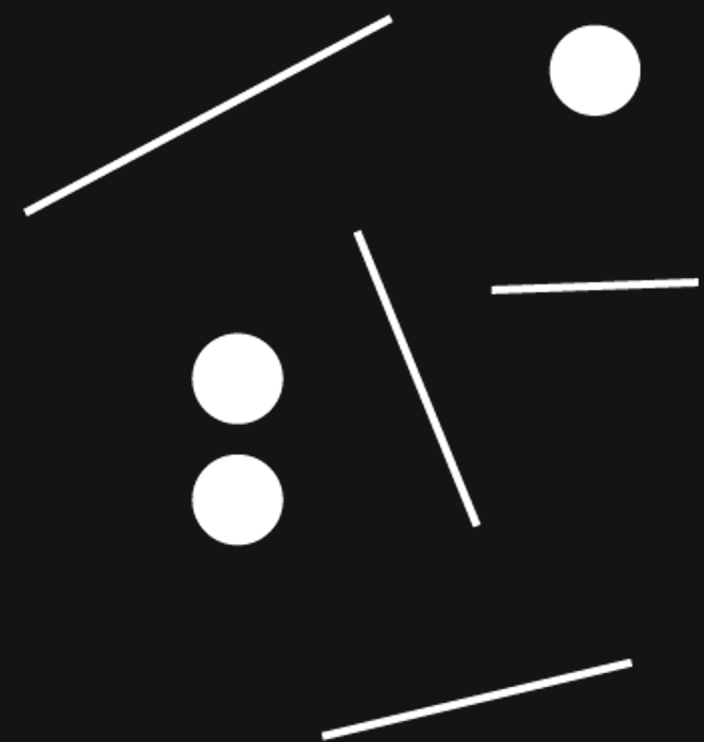


DANIEL



A Promise-Keeper and not just a Promise-Maker

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DANIEL

Chapter 1

“The book of Daniel is the most comprehensive and sweeping revelation recorded by **any** prophet of the Old Testament. **NO** prophetic book provides a more comprehensive and chronological prophetic view of the hand of God thru history than Daniel.”

- Dr. John F. Walvoord

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fascinating highlights

- Death-dealing kings
- Nightmare visions
- A prophet thrown to the lions...
- A giant idol of gold
- A frolic in a fiery furnace
- A king turned into a wild animal

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unique context

1. Daniel lived more than 500 years before the birth of Christ... yet he predicted the exact year & day that Jesus would have his triumphal entry to Jerusalem and be crucified for you and me.
Not too bad eh?
2. Daniel was a godly boy/man sent to an ungodly Babylon at a time when God's blessing on Israel had been lifted and he was forced to live in a secular society . . .

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3. Babylon didn't acknowledge God and saw him as *totally irrelevant...*
4. Daniel and the boys were under tremendous pressure (involving life & death choices) to compromise & conform.

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Daniel Makes A Choice

Daniel 1:8-10 GJO Version

"But Daniel *resolved... purposed... decided-in-advance... chose... determined...* in his heart/mind not to *compromise... sell-out... play-it-safe... defile himself* with the royal (gourmet) food and wine... and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself in this way."

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Daniel Makes A Choice

At the outset Daniel is confronted with (to us) a seemingly **insignificant compromise**...

1. the food didn't meet the requirements of the Mosaic law
2. the wine had been dedicated to the idols

So, what's the big deal . . . why does that matter?

Daniel and his friends made a **life-threatening choice** motivated by a **deeply-held conviction**.

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The Test
(10 days)

Daniel 1:11-16

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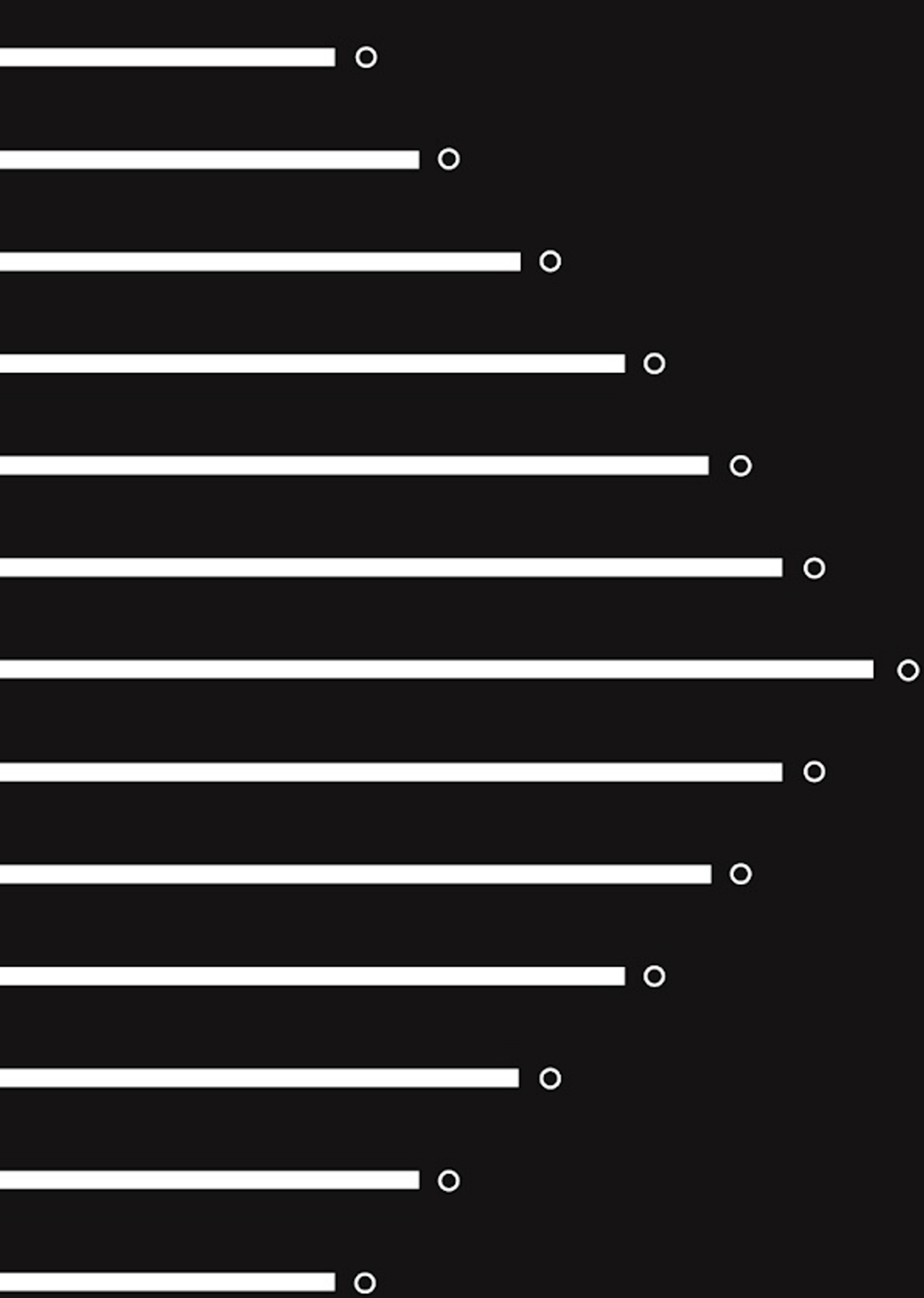
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Daniel 9:20-27

The Results
(3 days later)

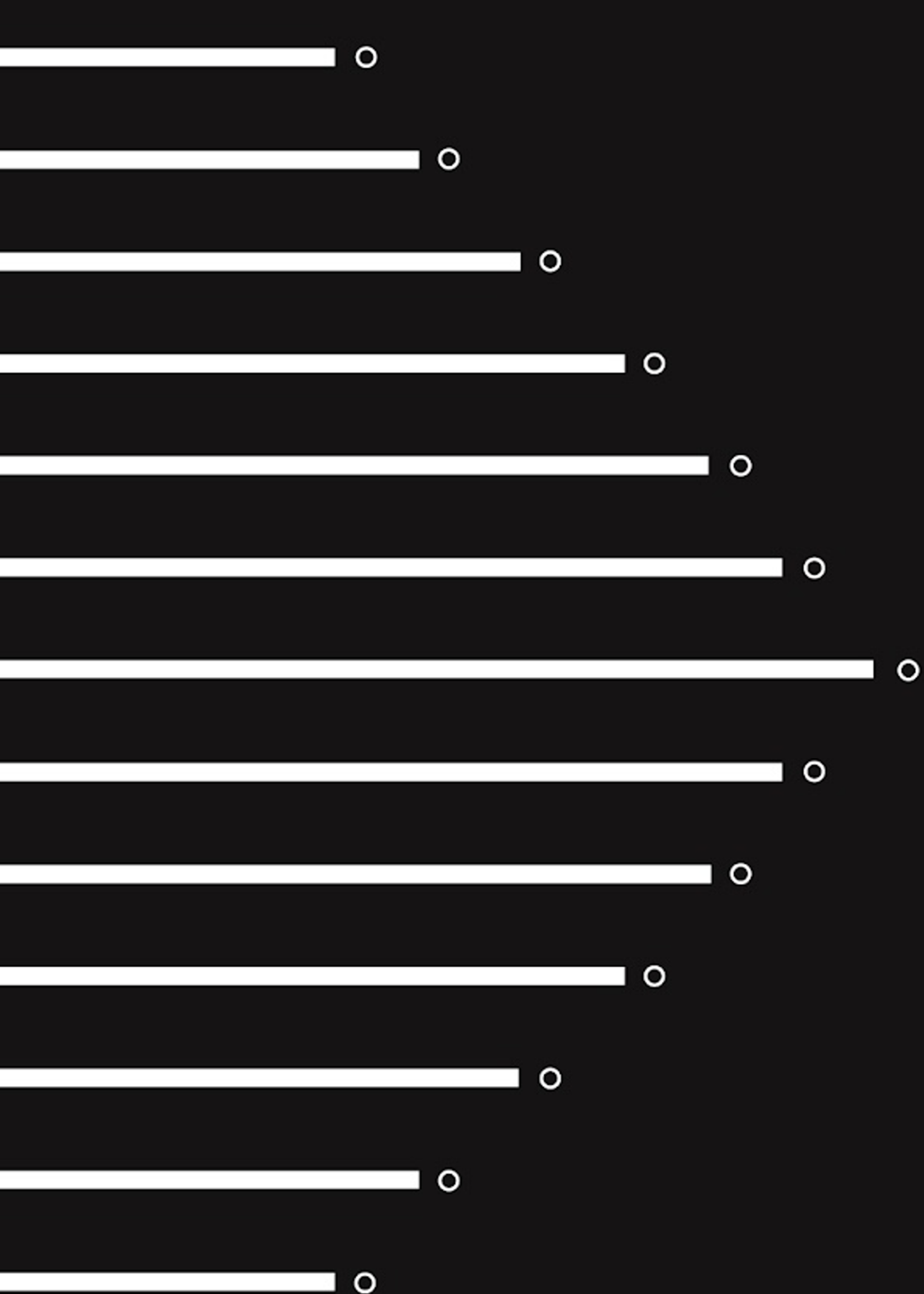
Daniel 1:18-20 NIV

At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰ **In every matter of wisdom and understanding** about which the king questioned them, he found them **ten times better** than all the magicians and enchanterers in his whole kingdom.

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So What?



Repeated choices lead to habits that become unconscious & reflexive.

Neurologically... repeated choices can create new neural pathways that over time become unconscious & reflexive.

Philippians 4:8-9 GJO Version

“So... whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, choose to **fill** your minds with, **set** your minds on... **focus** and **dwell** on these things. **Choose** to **put into practice** (Just Do It!) what you learned and heard and saw in me. And the God who can **cause all things** to work together for good will be with you.”

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Ask yourself...

- What do I feed my mind?

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Ask yourself...

- What do **I** feed my mind?
- What does **MY** mental/spiritual diet look like?

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- How many hours a week do I waste/invest?

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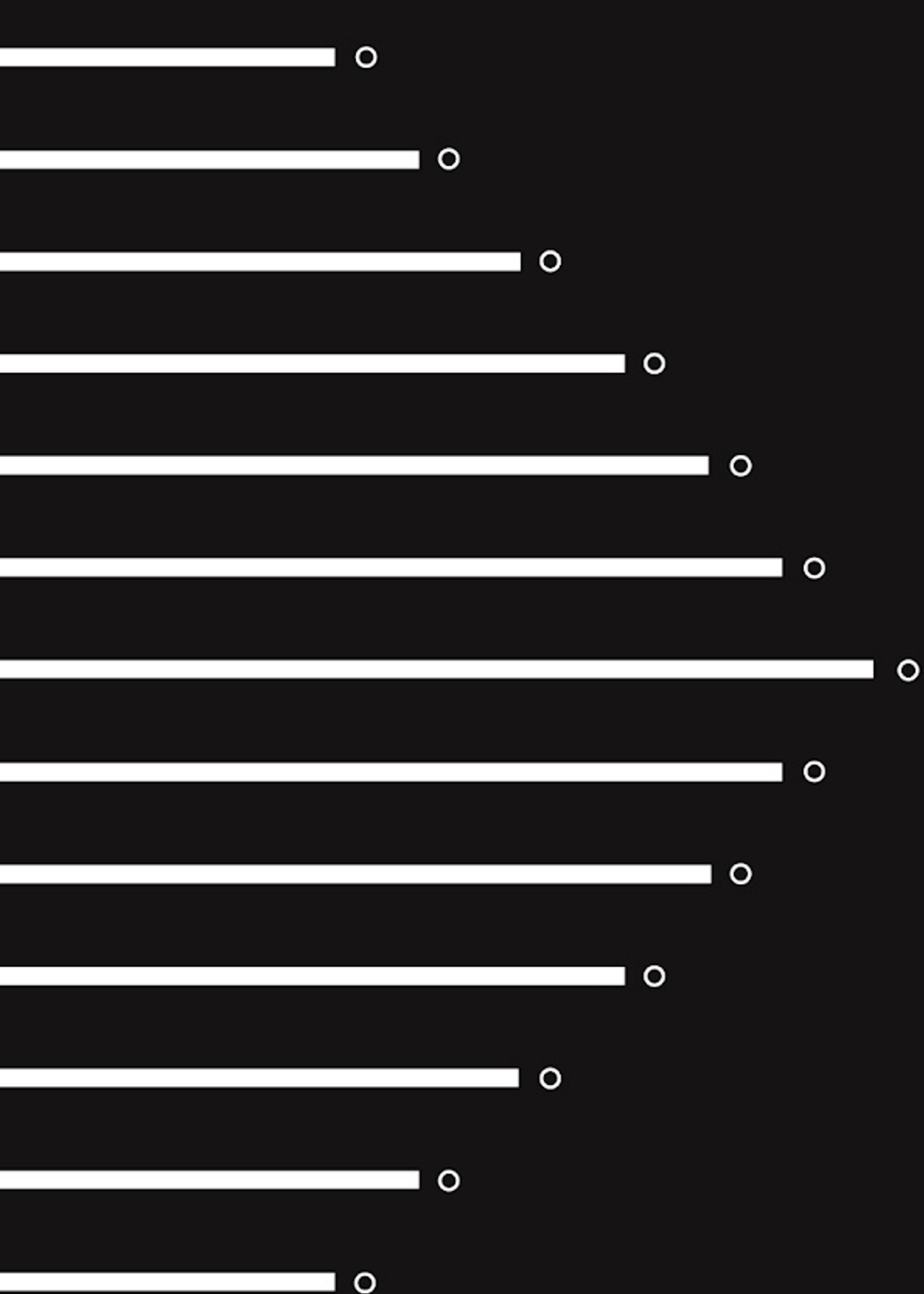
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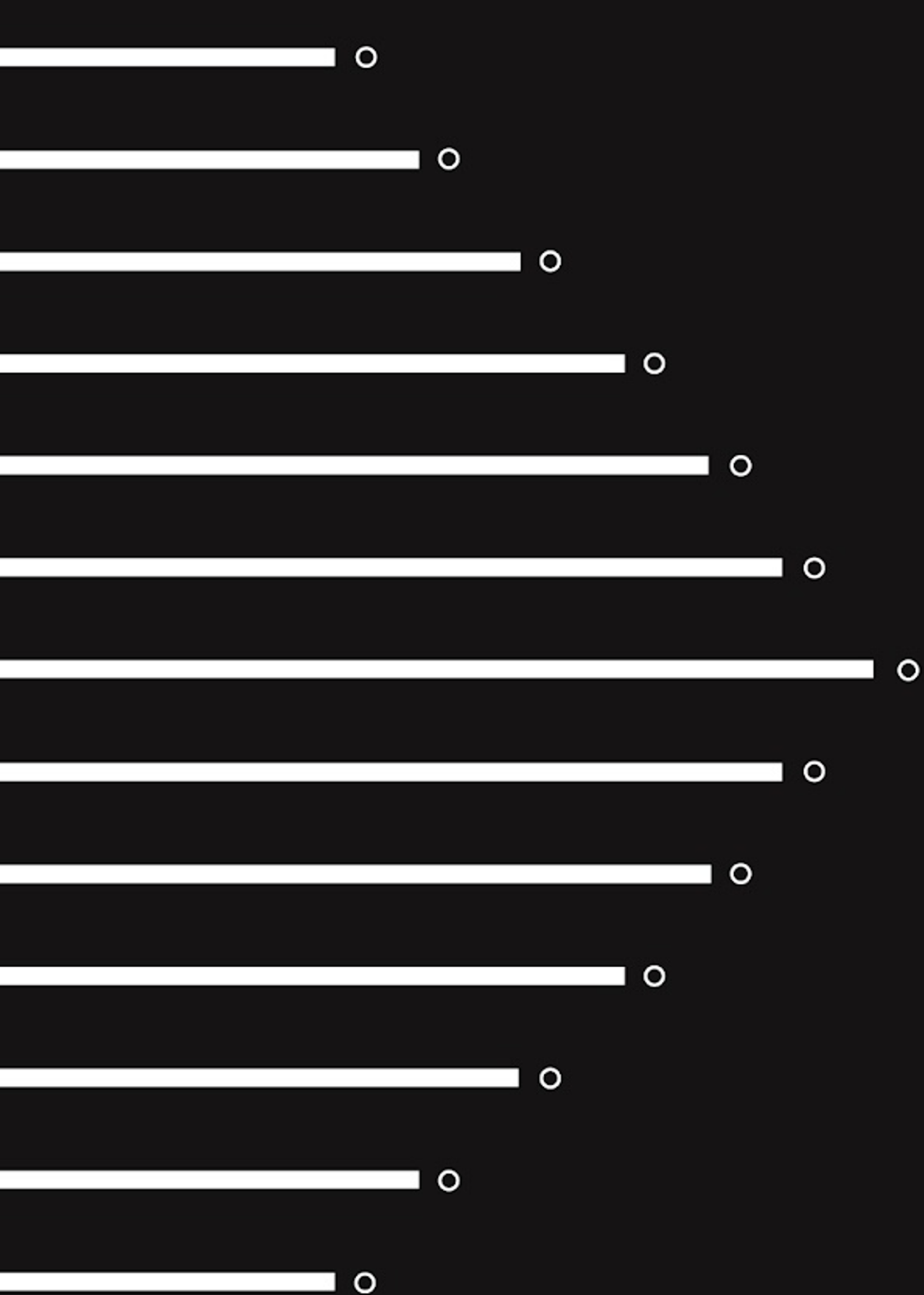
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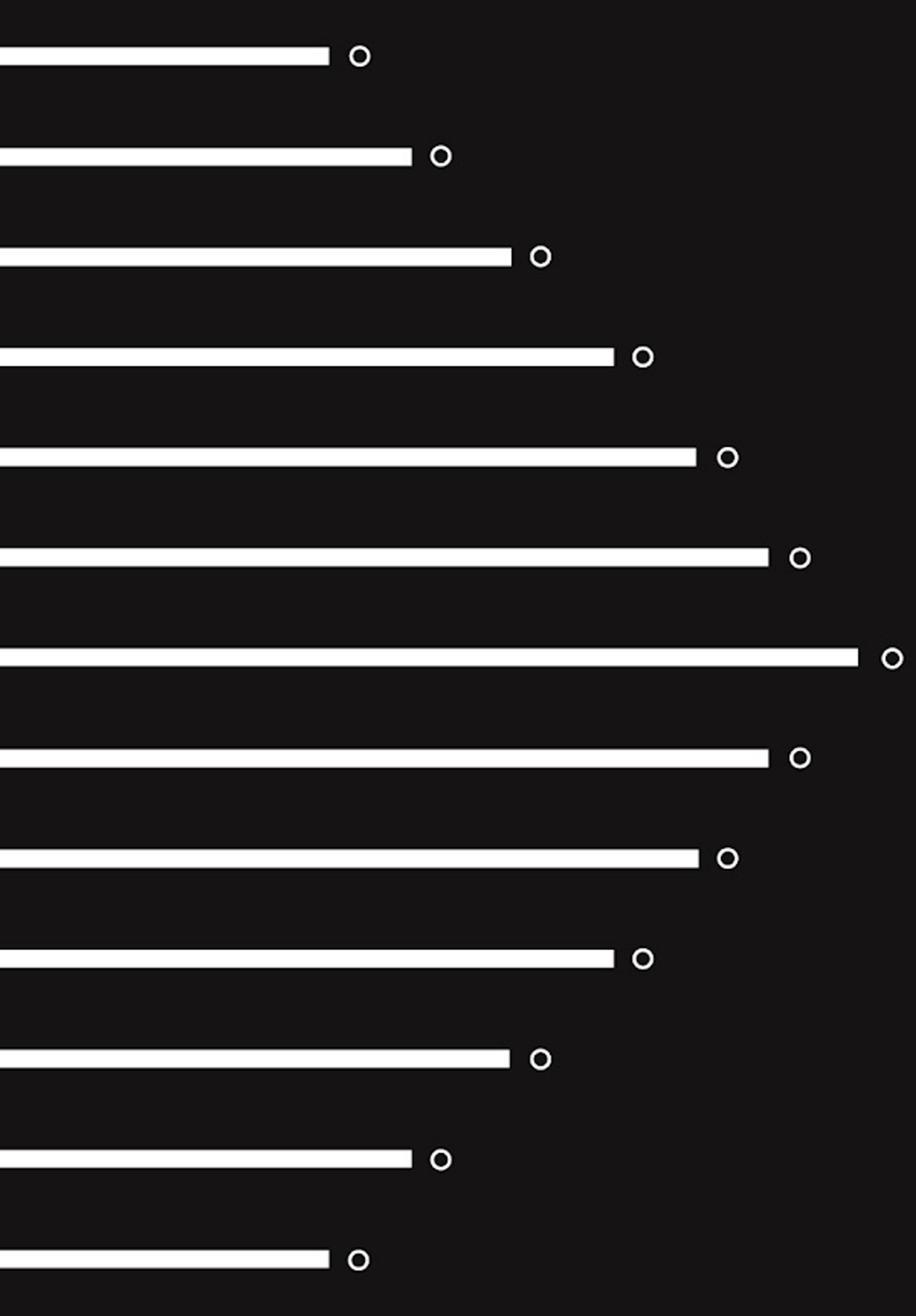


It's so easy for us to **choose** *innocent and initially innocuous* distractions
for the **short-term** pleasure...
but *over time* they can (and often do)
become **long-term** habits
that are *rarely healthy or helpful*.

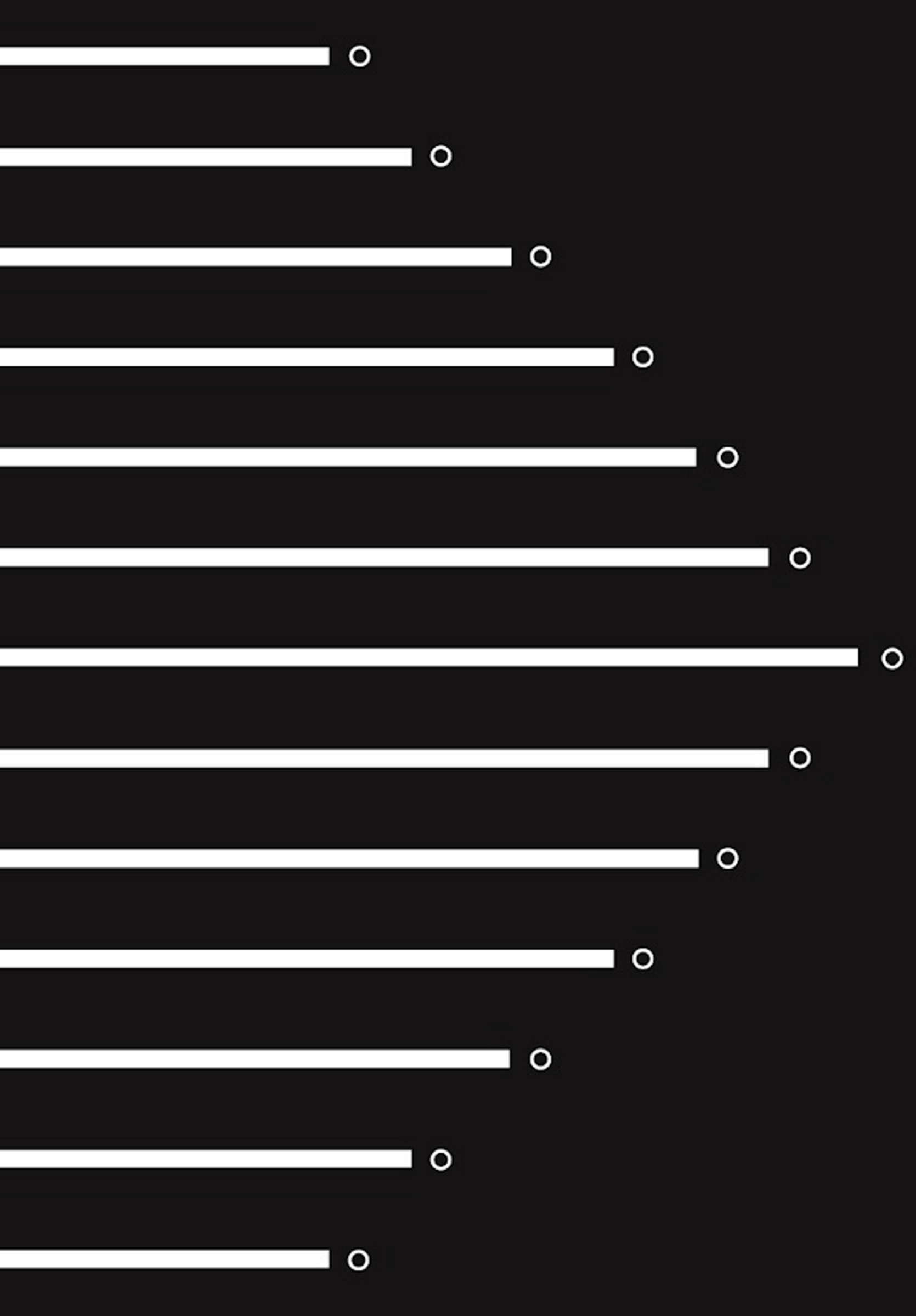


Distractions offer the **play** now & **pay** later plan...

but the **paying** always last a LOT longer than the **playing**...



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impact the rest of my day... and my life...



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impact the rest of my day... and my life...

Daniel's Magic Secret...

he **CHOSE** to start each day by listening & trusting & obeying...
and being faithful in LITTLE DAILY things led to healthy habits...
that helped him be successful in **BIG** things!

Daniel 6:10b NIV

Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

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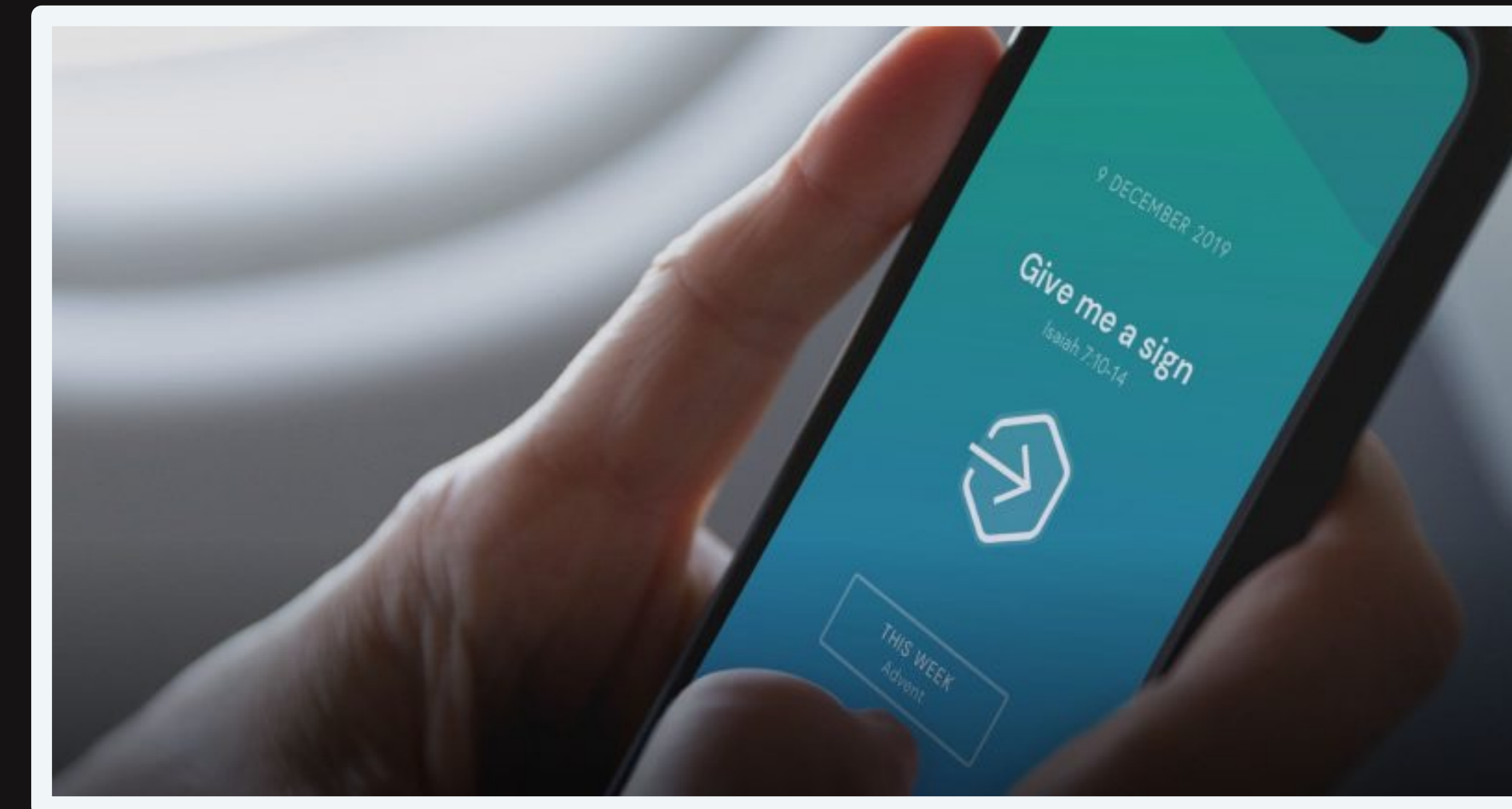
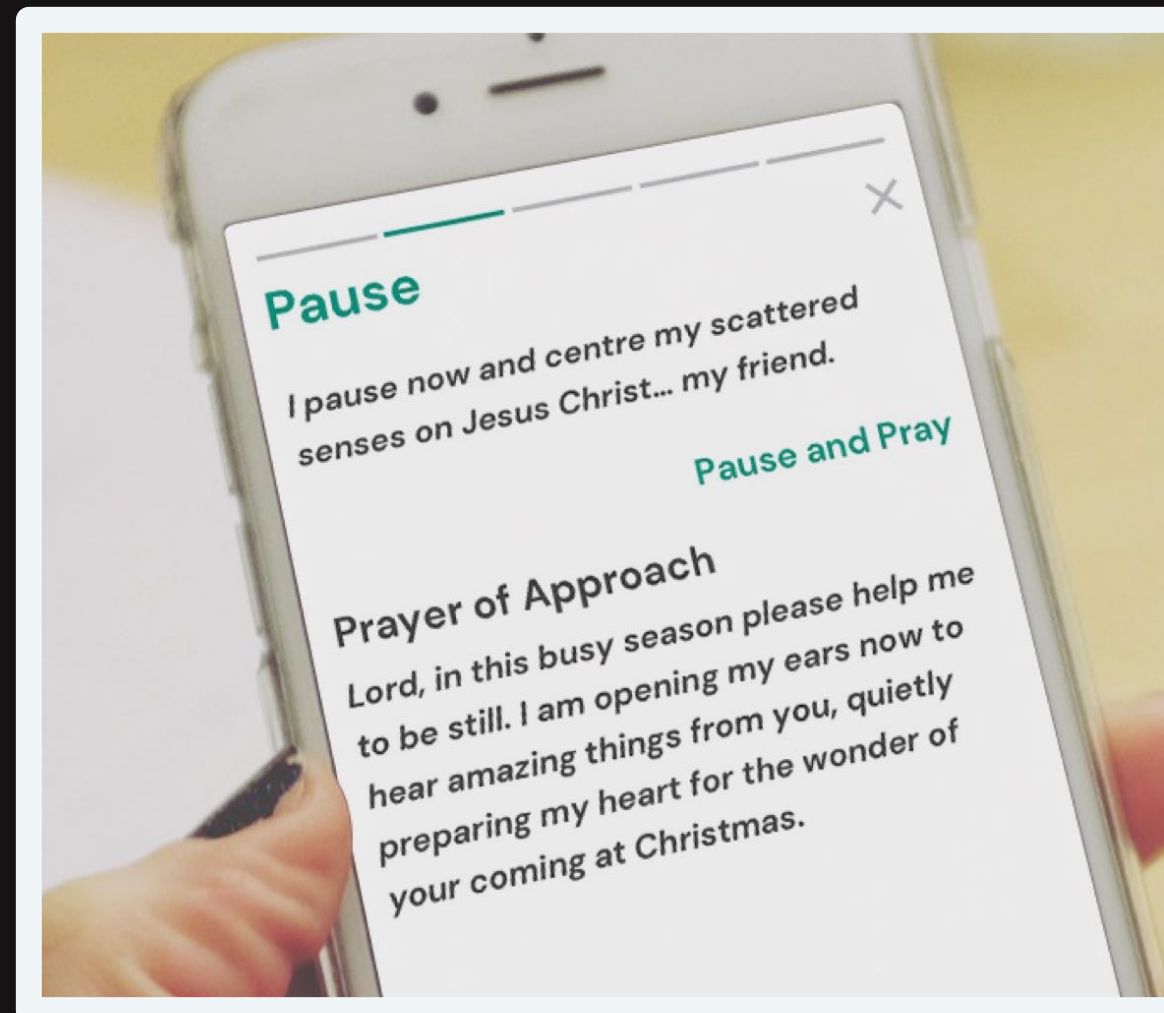
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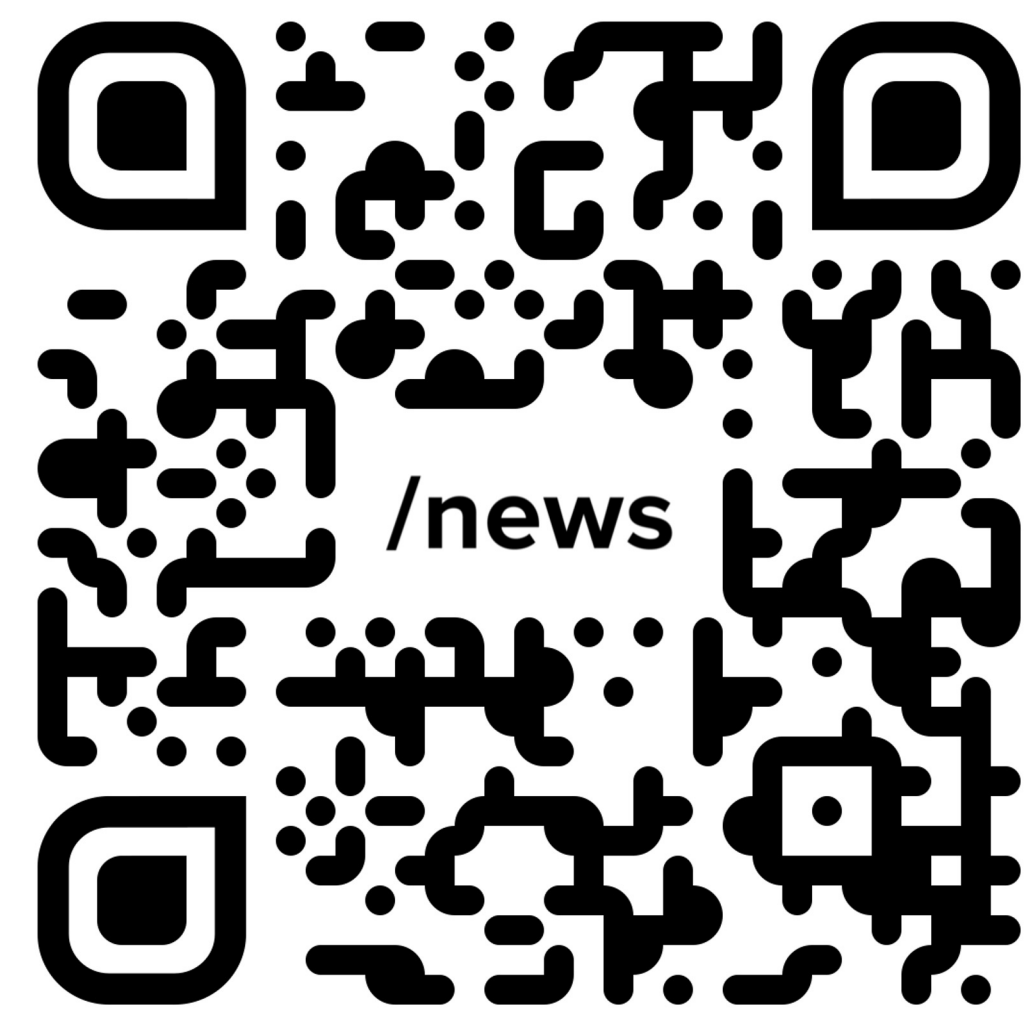
Daniel 6:16 NIV

So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

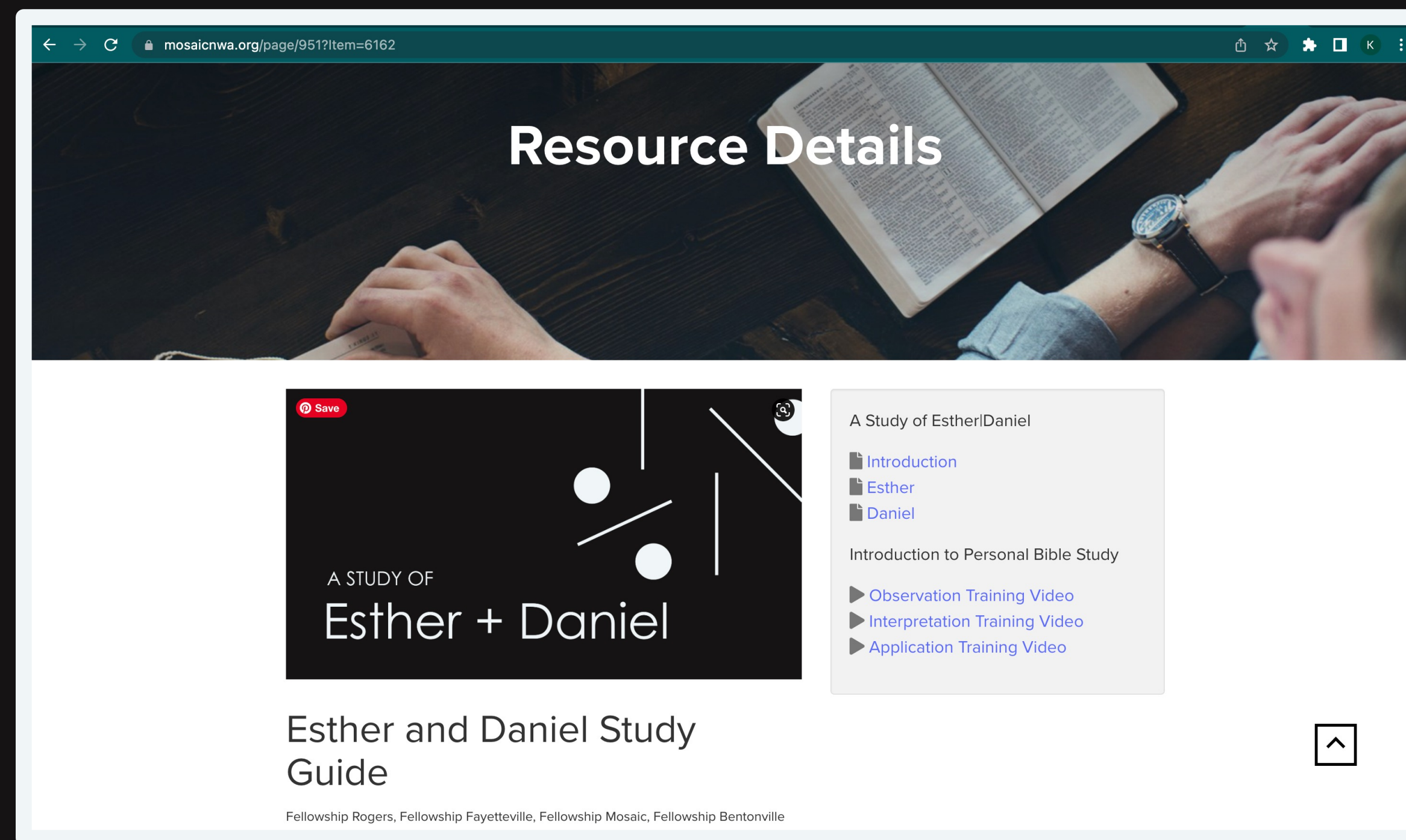
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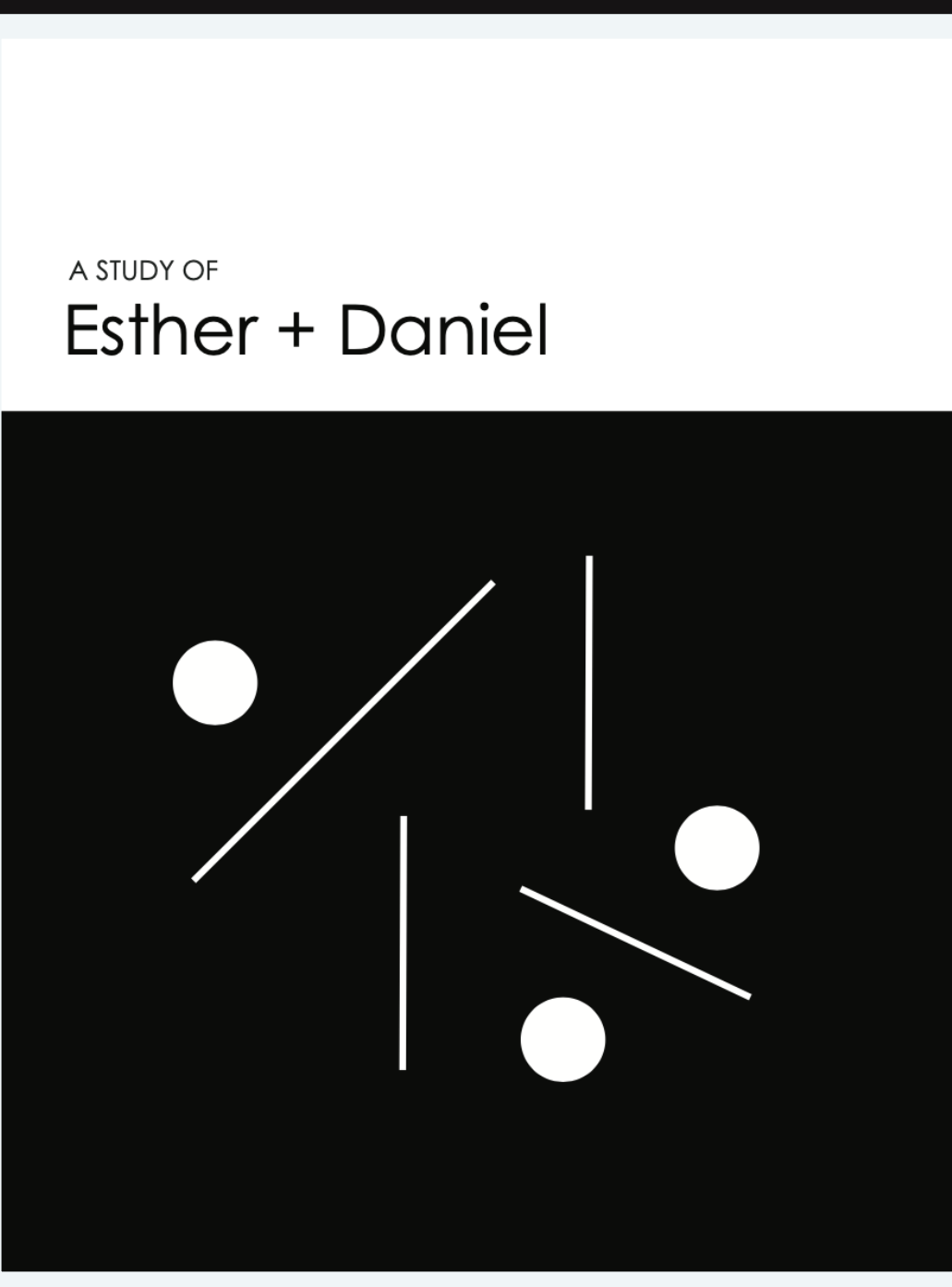
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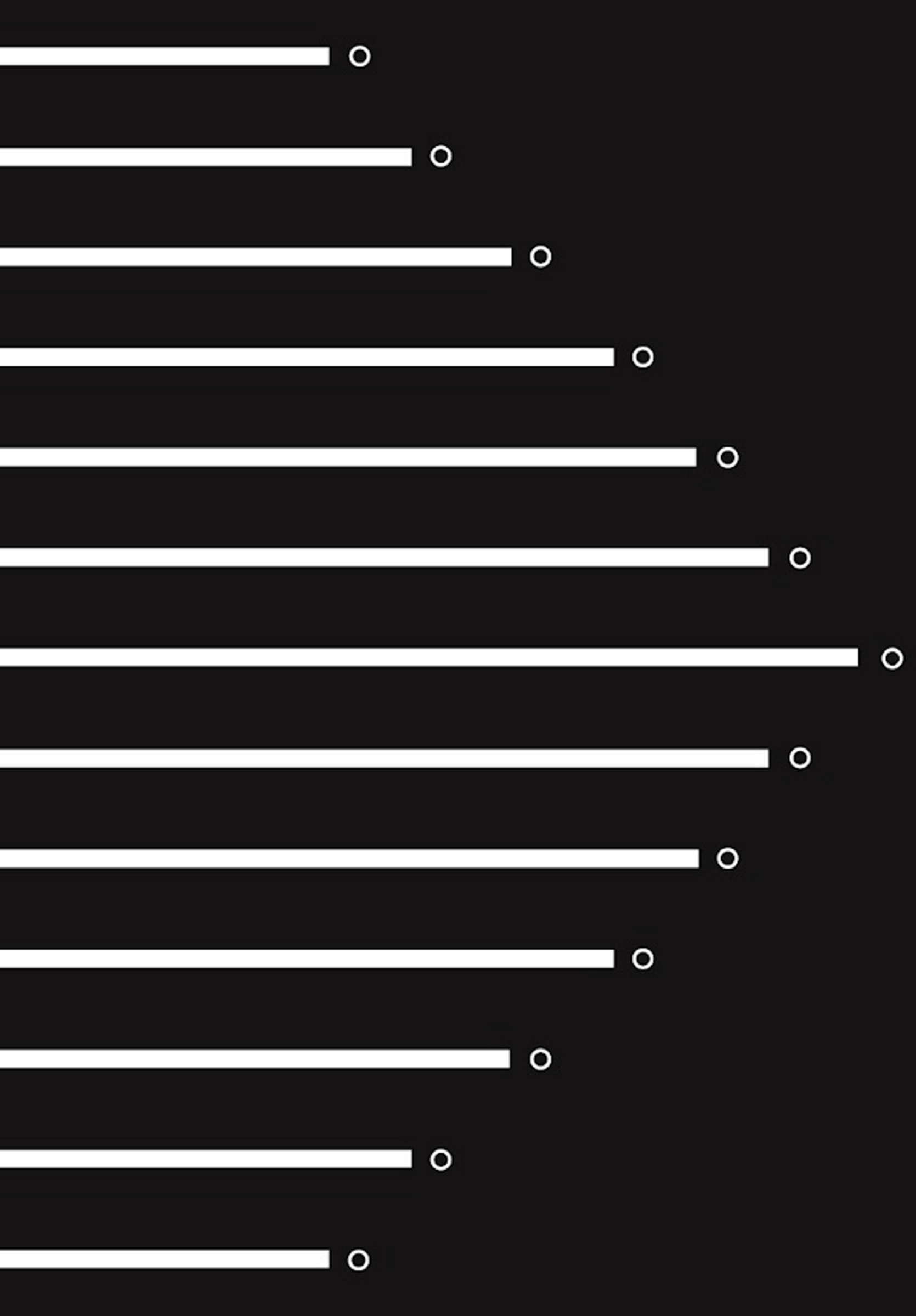
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study guide



Lord, help me to *start-the-day* with you.
I'm **choosing** to **begin** each day with regular habits
of prayer, worship & engaging with your Word.
May my Holy Habits help me to become
a person who **lives, looks, listens, loves and sounds**
a wee bit more like you every day.
For your honor and glory.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.