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**PEACE**

# Angelic Announcement

**Luke 1:26-38**



The background is a dark blue gradient. On the left and right sides, there are abstract geometric patterns made of thin teal lines. These patterns include concentric arcs, straight lines forming triangles and polygons, and a section with vertical hatching. A faint rainbow is visible within the teal line patterns on both sides. In the center, the text "God's presence gives confidence to take the next step." is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

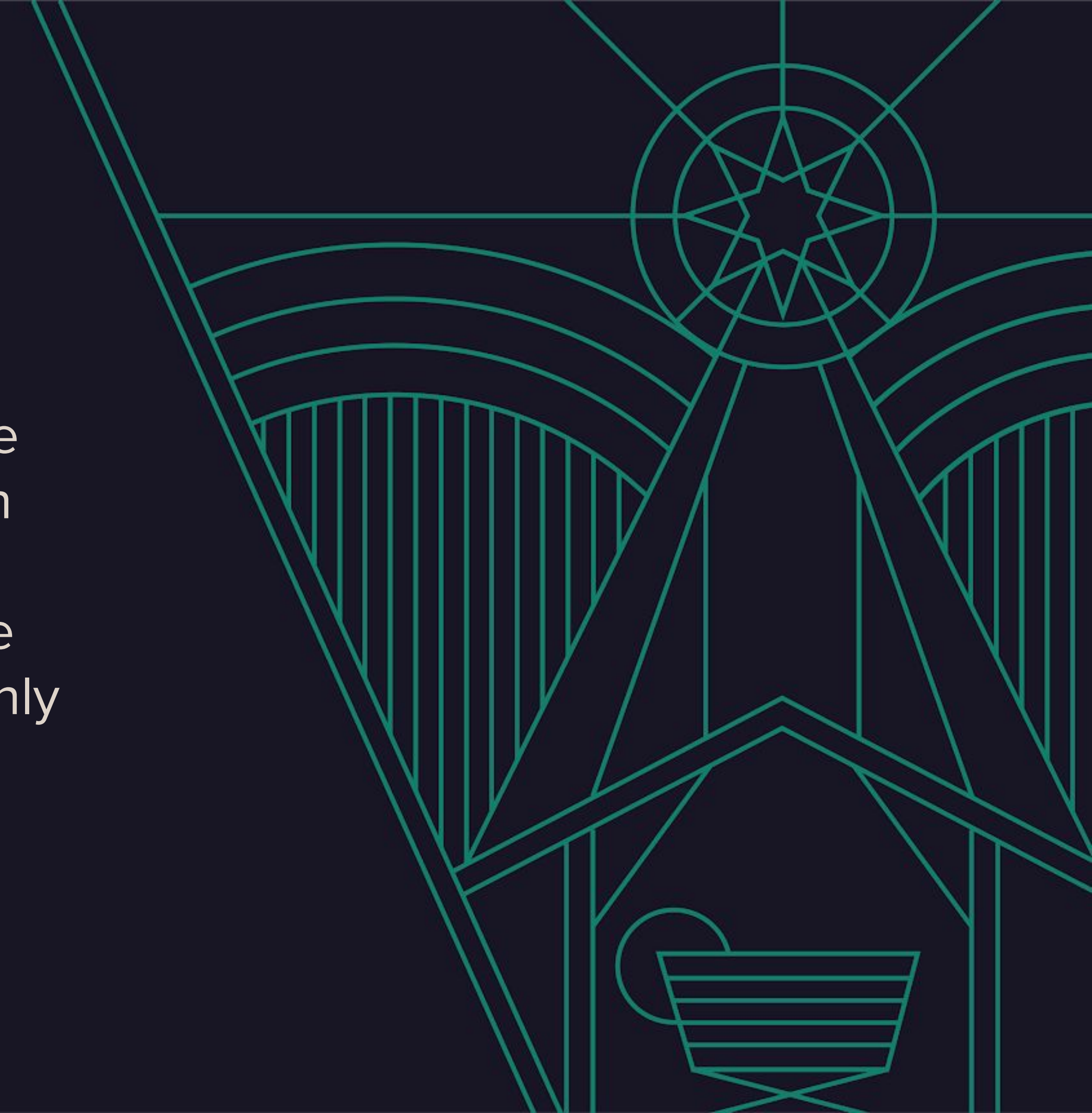
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## Miraculous Message

### Luke 1:26-28 <sup>NIV</sup>

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

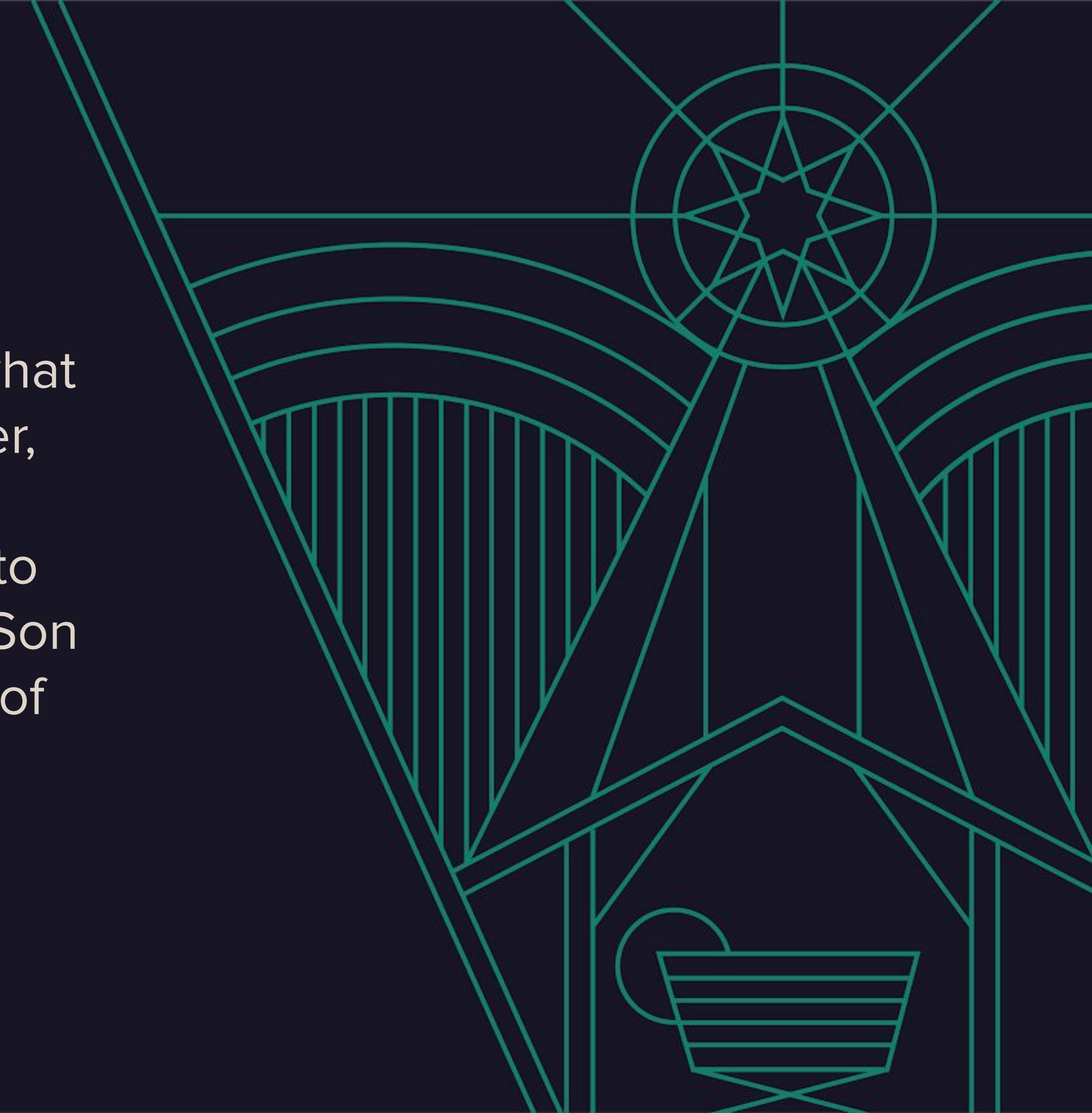




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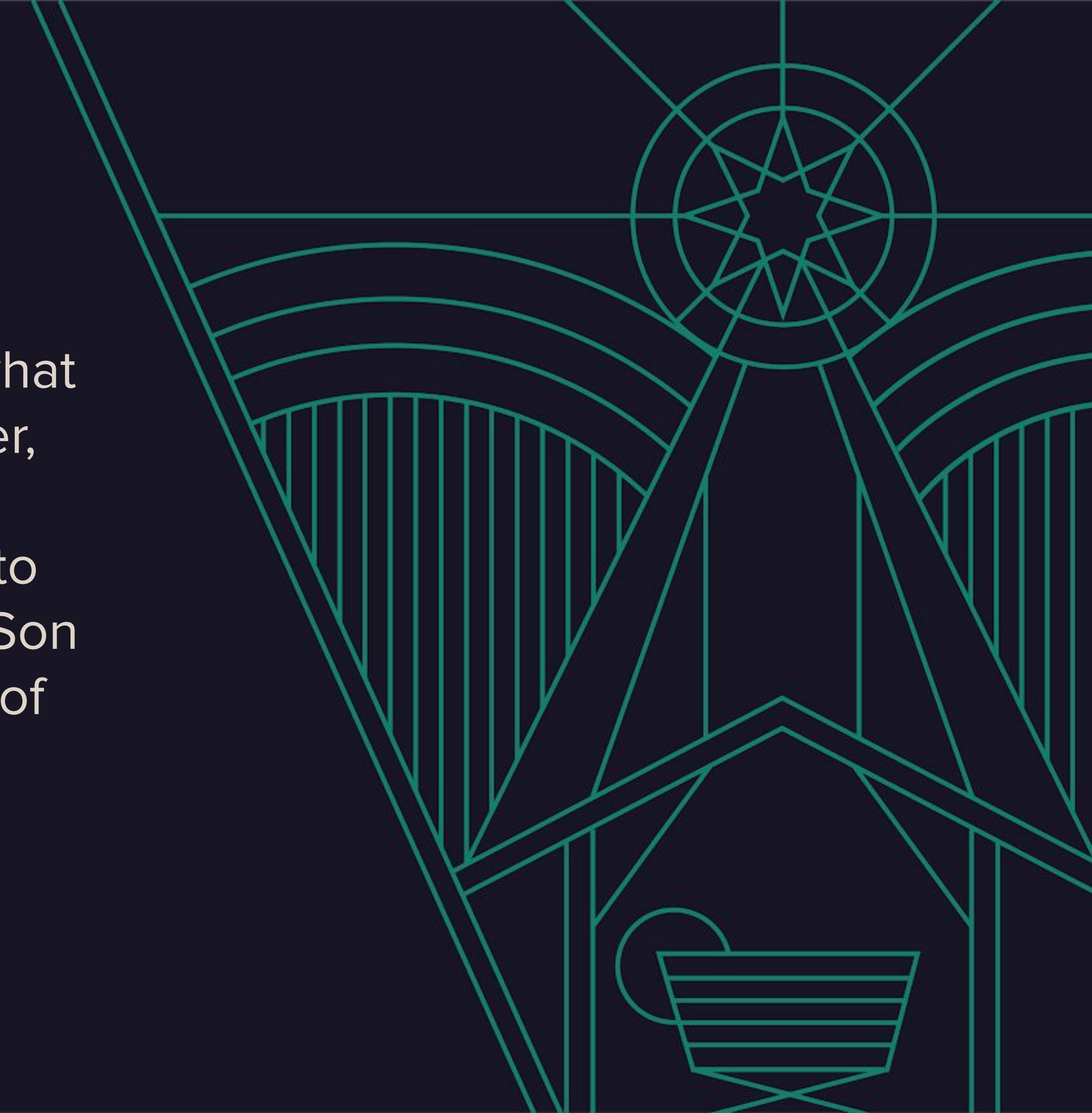




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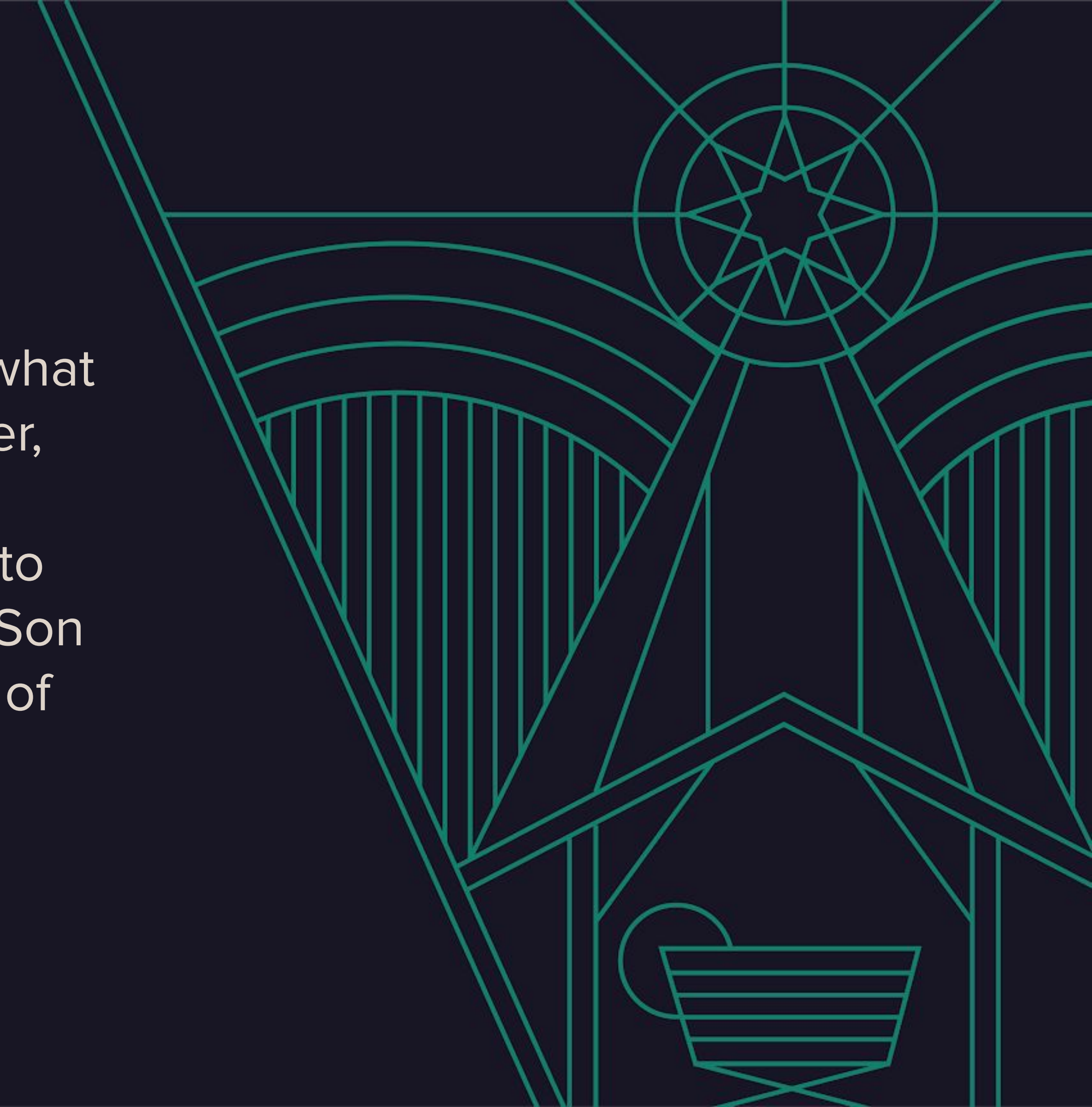




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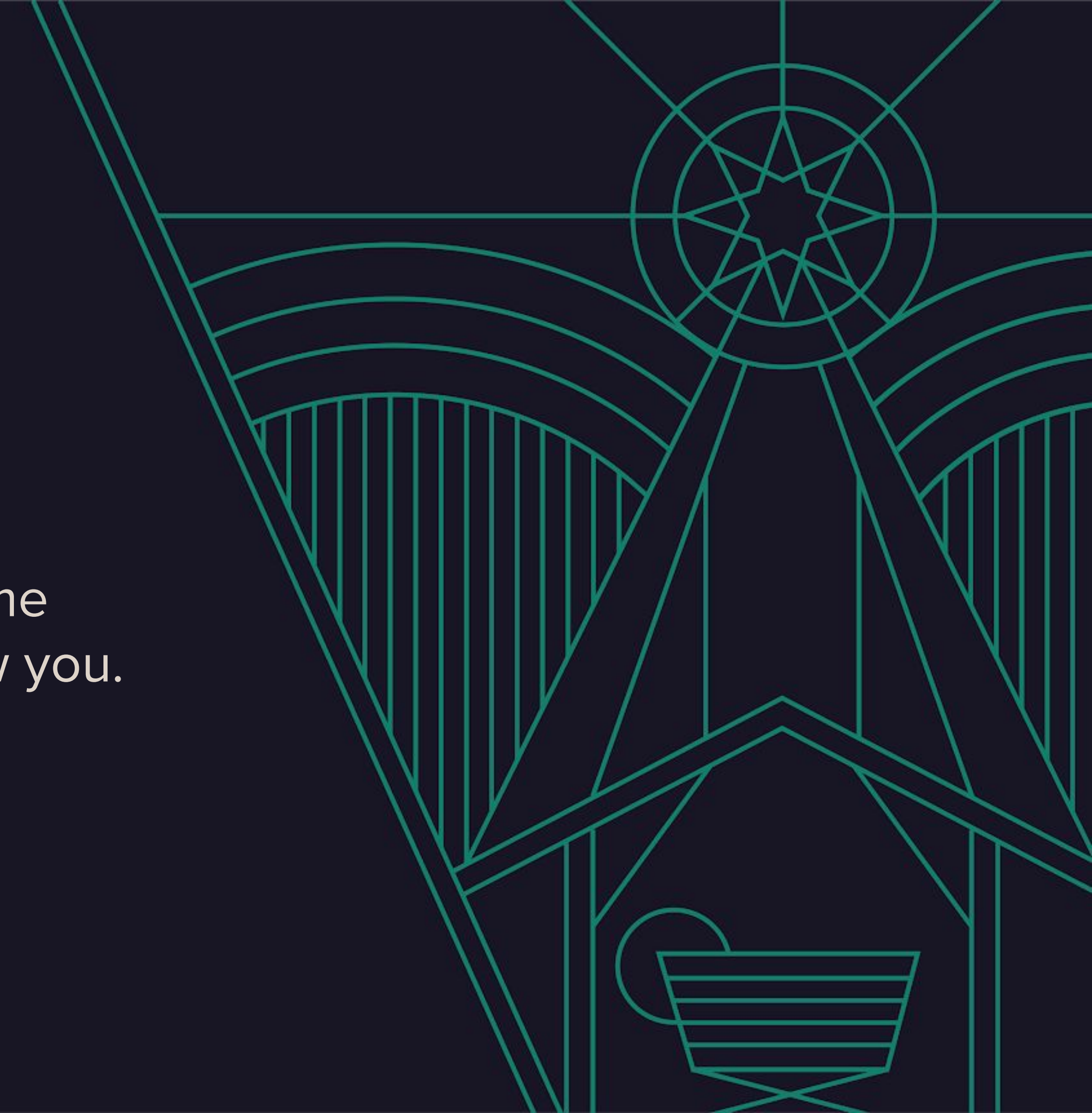




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**Luke 1:34-35** <sup>NIV</sup>

**“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”** <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

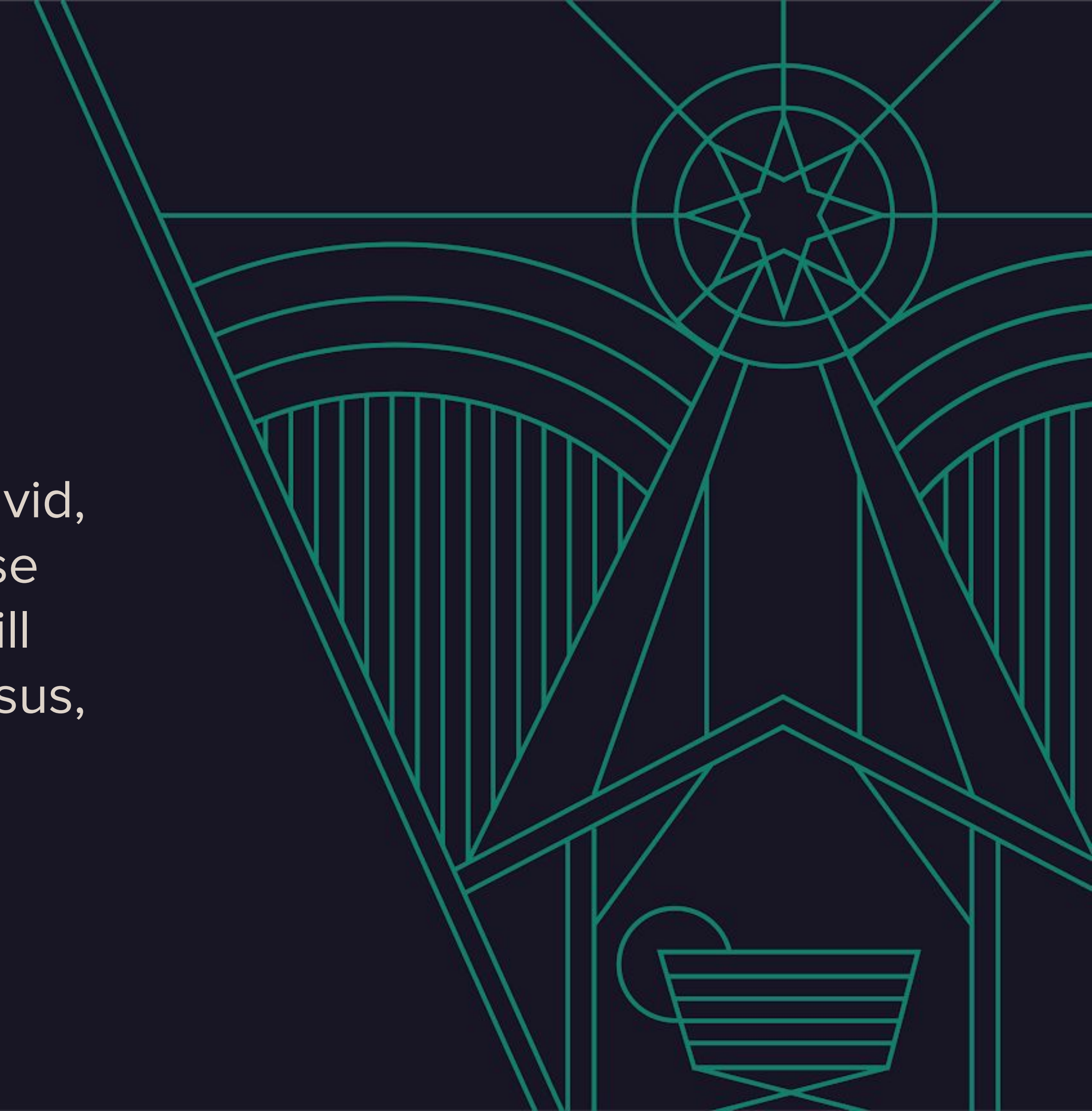




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### Matthew 1:20-21 <sup>NIV</sup>

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”





## Fulfilled Promises

### Mary's Response

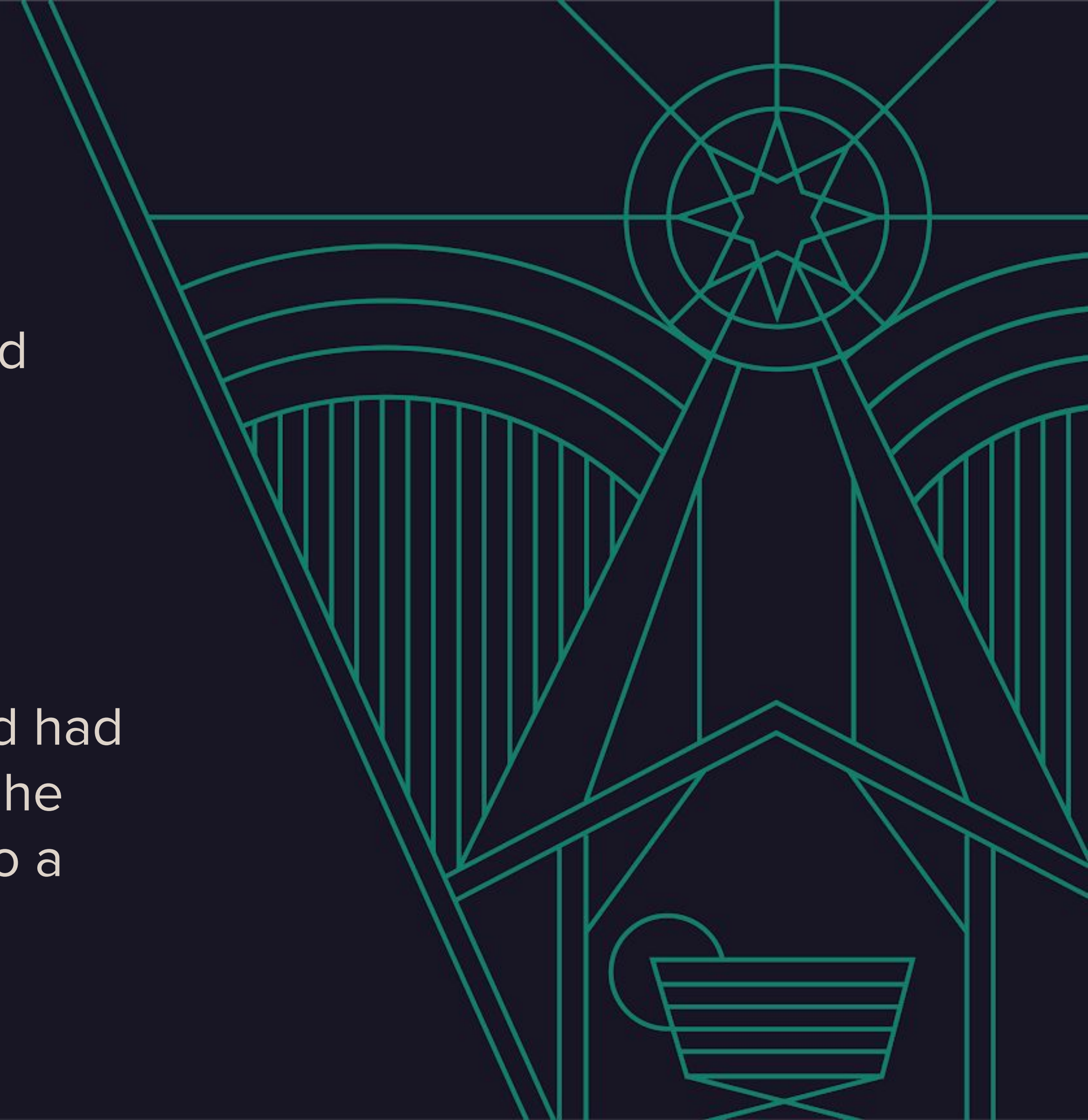
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"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her."

### Joseph's Response

**Matthew 1:24-25** <sup>NIV</sup>

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.





## Assured Peace

**Luke 1:28** <sup>NIV</sup>

The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! **The Lord is with you.**”

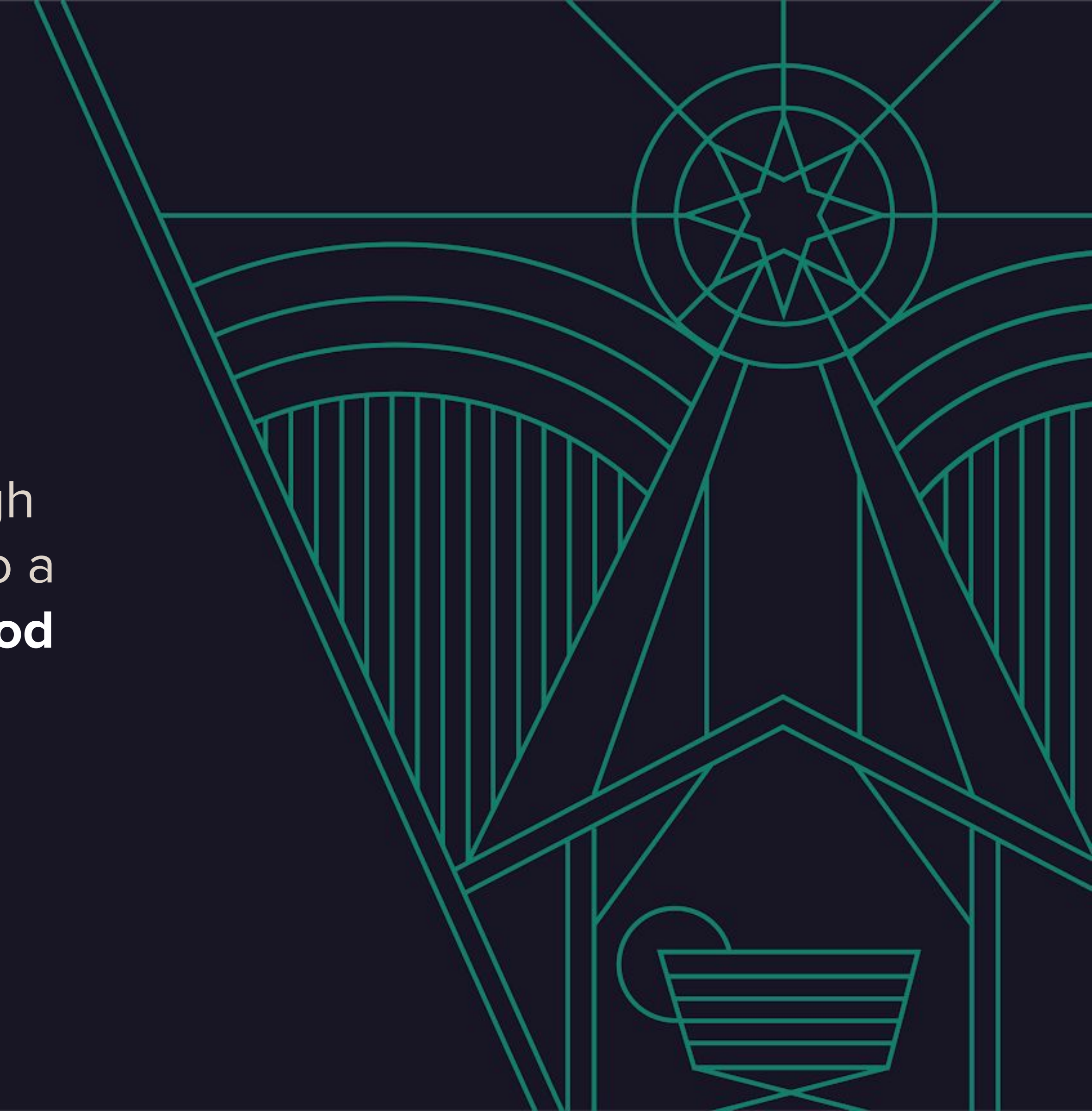




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### Matthew 1:22-23 <sup>NIV</sup>

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**” (which means “**God with us**”).







**“Can you imagine, then, if Moses were present today, and he were to hear the message of Christmas, namely that “the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us?” We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son?” Moses would cry out, “Do you realize what this means? This is the very thing I was denied! This means through Jesus Christ you can meet God. You can know him personally and without terror.”**

**- Timothy Keller, *Hidden Christmas***





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# Candle of Peace