

main point

God's Story isn't just ancient history – it's being played out right now and it has direct bearing on our lives today.

world-view

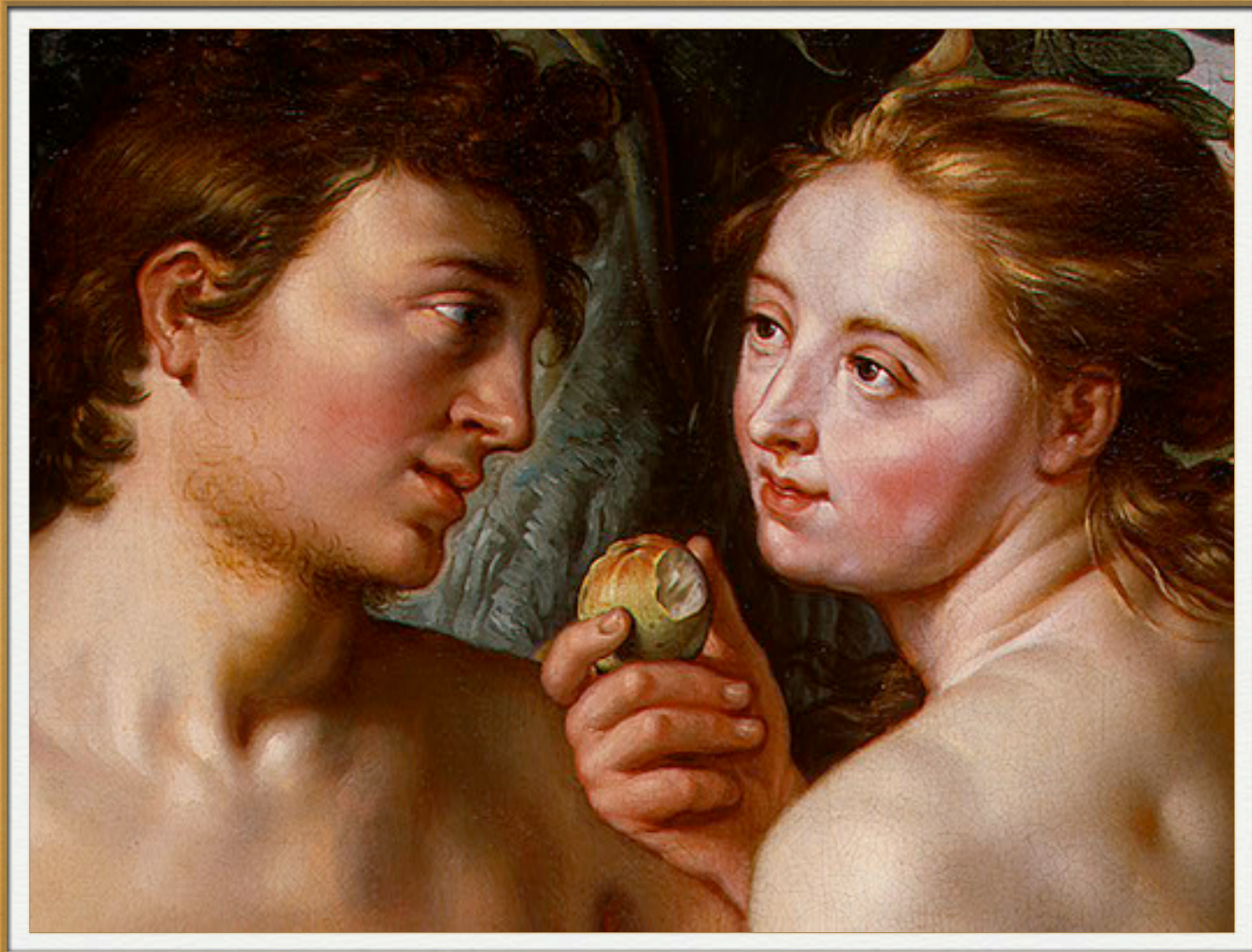
every decision you make
every behavior you engage in
every choice you exercise

is based on your world-view

ACT 1 – CREATION



ACT 2 – FALL



ACT 3 – REDEMPTION



Psalm 103:8 – 14

⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴ for he *knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.*

Acts 2:22 – 24

²² “People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. ²³ But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. ²⁴ But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

ACT 4 – RESTORATION



Acts 3:19 – 21

¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰

Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will *again* send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.

²¹ For he must remain in heaven until the time for the *final restoration* of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets.

JEWISH

HELLENIST JEWS

THE APOSTLE PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY



GENTILES

THE APOSTLE PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY



LATE AUTUMN 49 AD TO LATE SUMMER 50 AD

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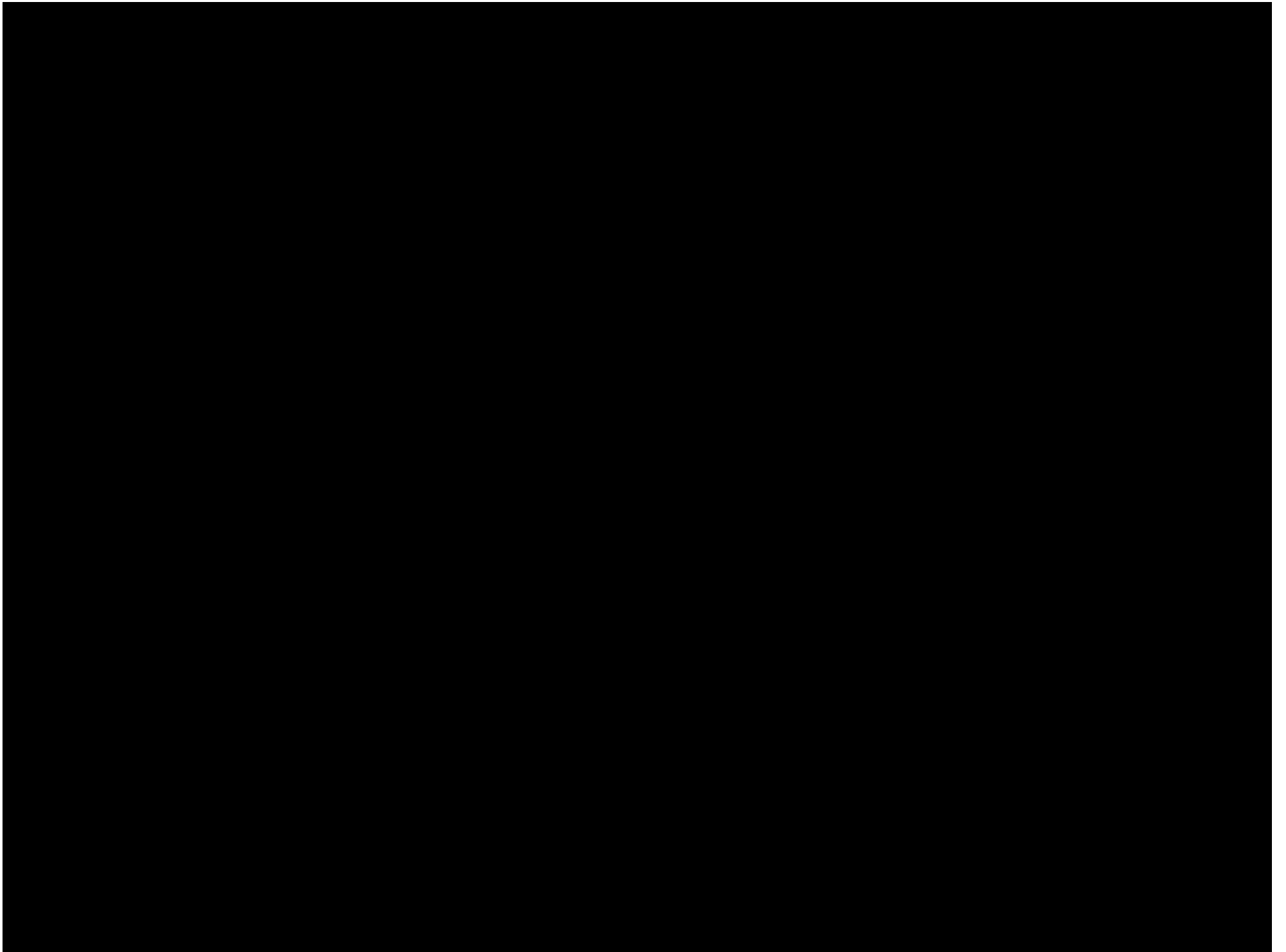
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You Are Here



Acts 3: 20 – 21

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take aways



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You have a destiny. You
were not created to just
float around like a
feather on a breeze.

take away

You have a destiny.

Acts 9: 6

Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.

take away

You have a destiny.

Acts 9:15 & 16

¹⁵ But the Lord said, “Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶

And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.”

take away

You have a destiny.

Jeremiah 22:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

take away

You have a destiny.

Philippians 1:6

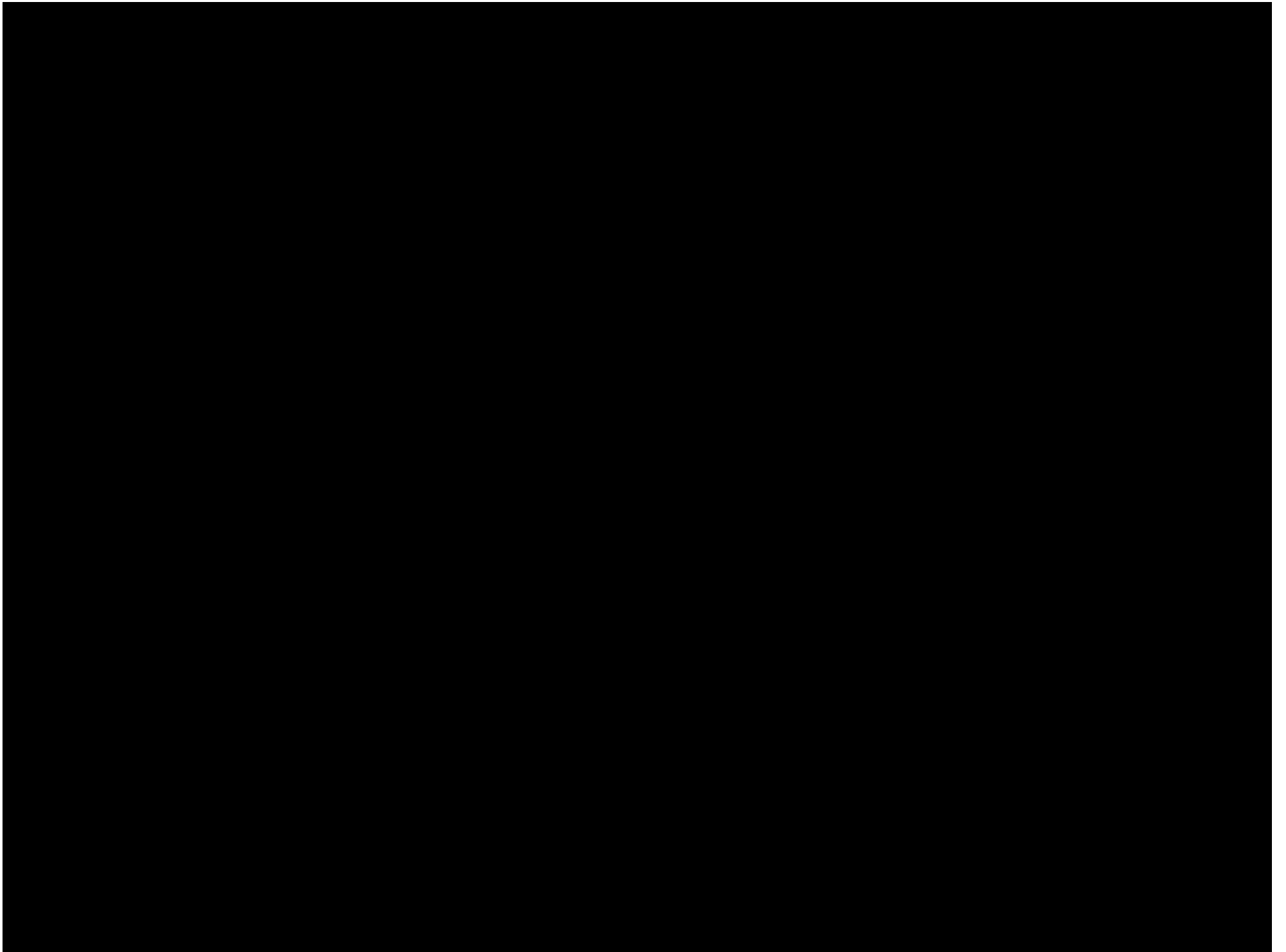
And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

take away

You have a destiny.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

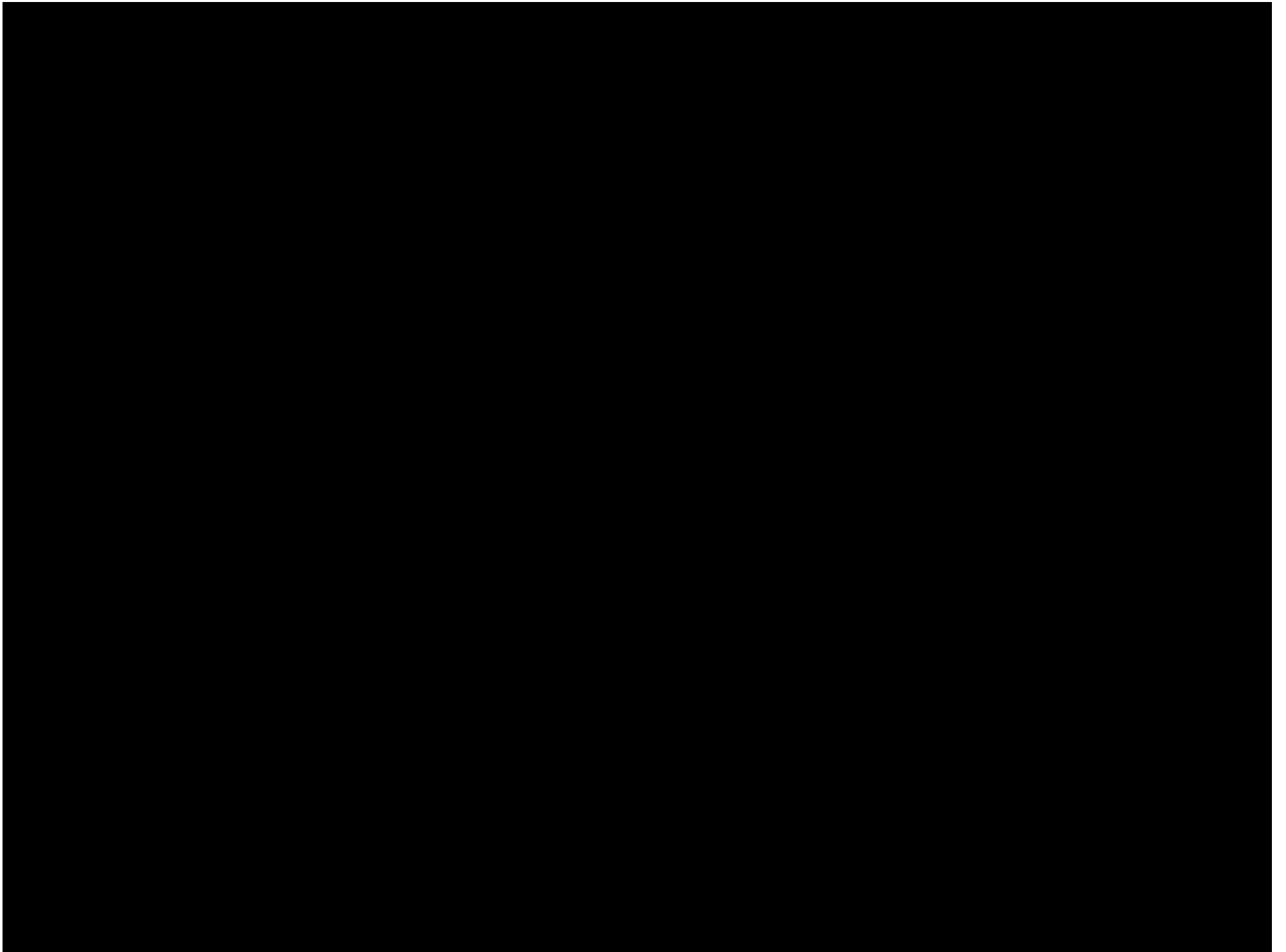


take away

You have a destiny.

1 Peter 4:10

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, as good stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”



WHATEVER!

Philippians 4:8

. . . whatever is *true*, whatever is *noble*,
whatever is *right*, whatever is *pure*,
whatever is *lovely*, whatever is
admirable—if anything is *excellent* or
praiseworthy—think about such things.

IF IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD



How Then Shall We Live?

