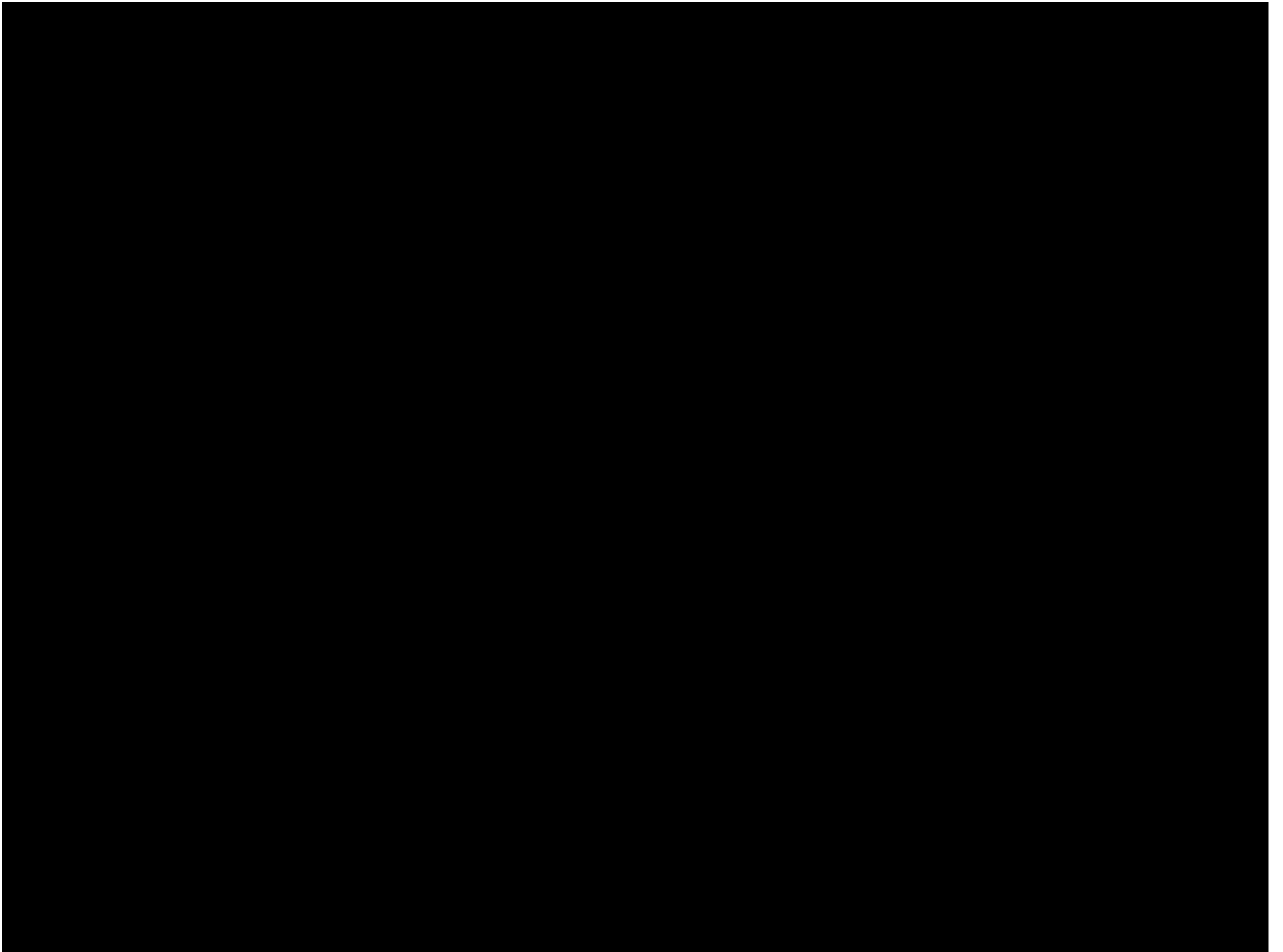


Happy New Year!!!





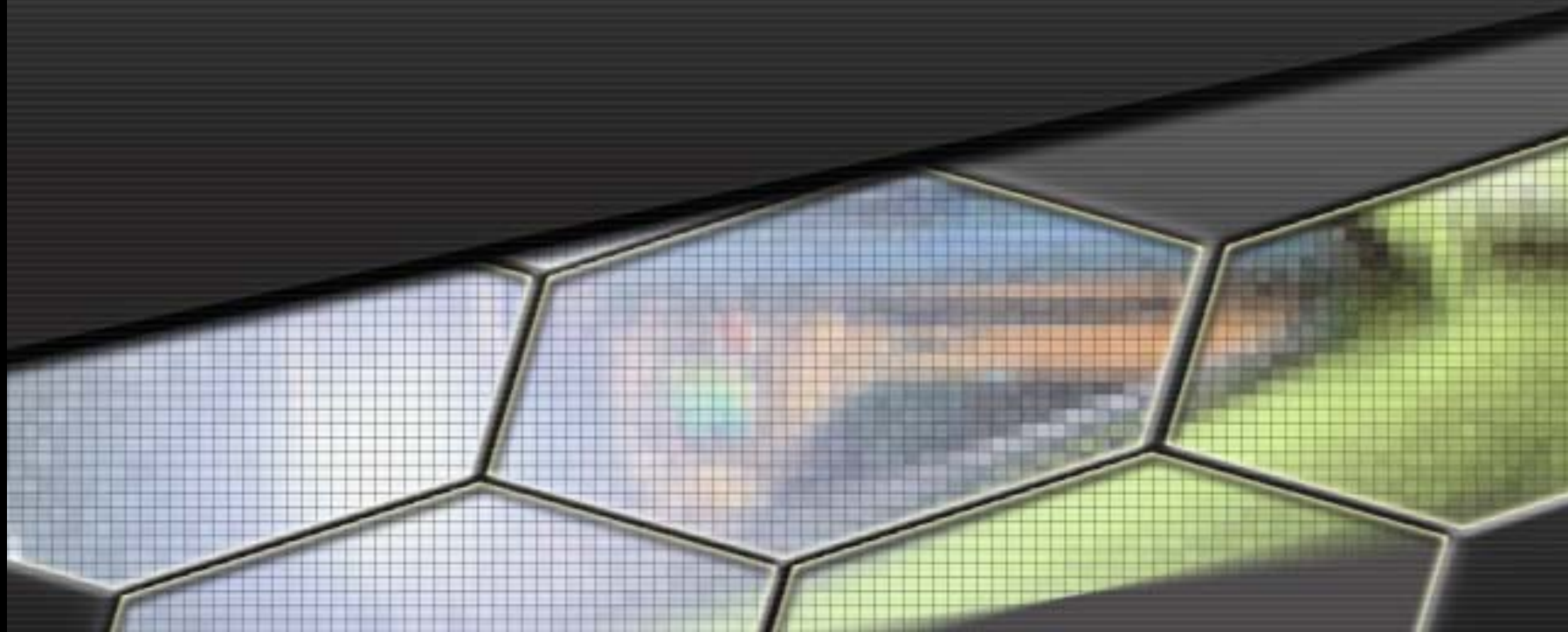


**Welcome!**  
**Here's what's  
happening...**

*“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come be My disciples and I will show you how to fish for people.’ They left their nets at once and went with Him. A little farther up the shore He saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee mending their nets. He called them to come too. They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind.”*

*Matthew 4:19-22*

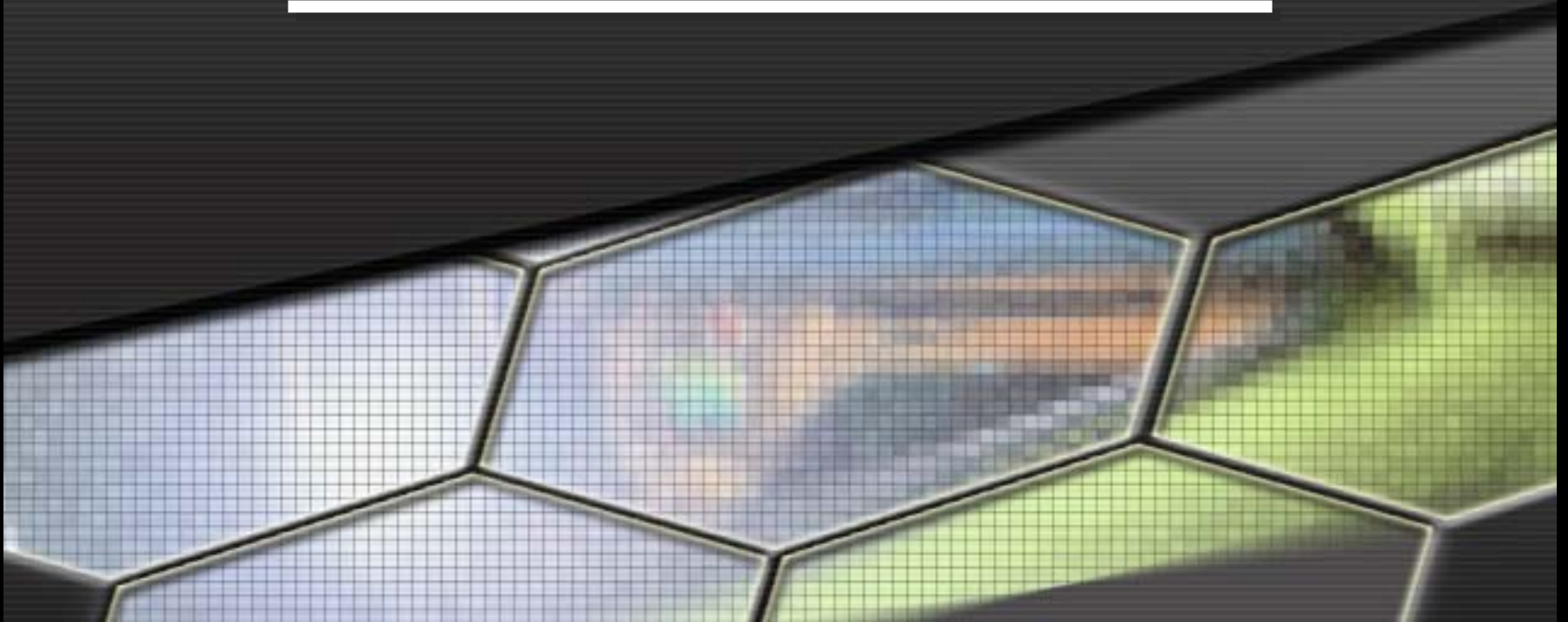
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“Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the good news about the kingdom. News about Him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee. Large crowds followed Him wherever He went.”

Matthew 4:23-25

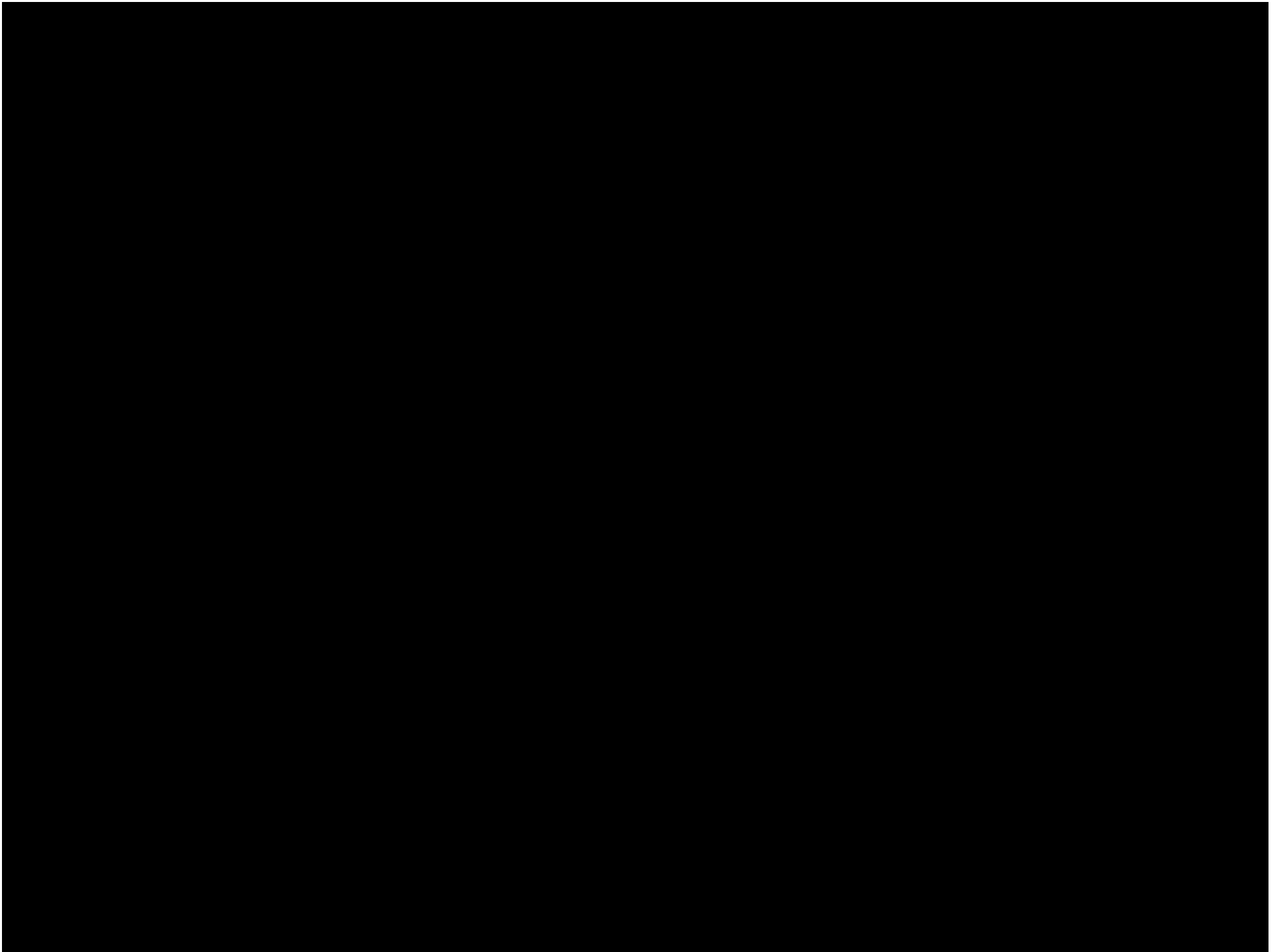
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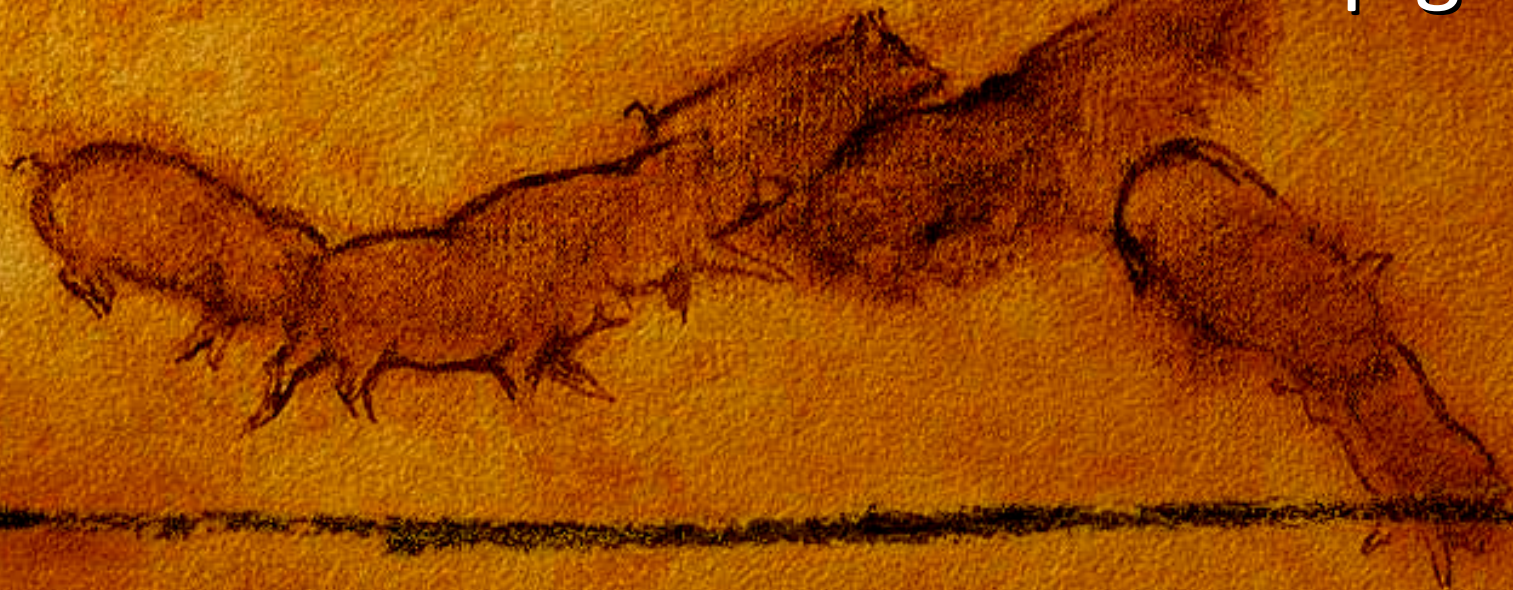




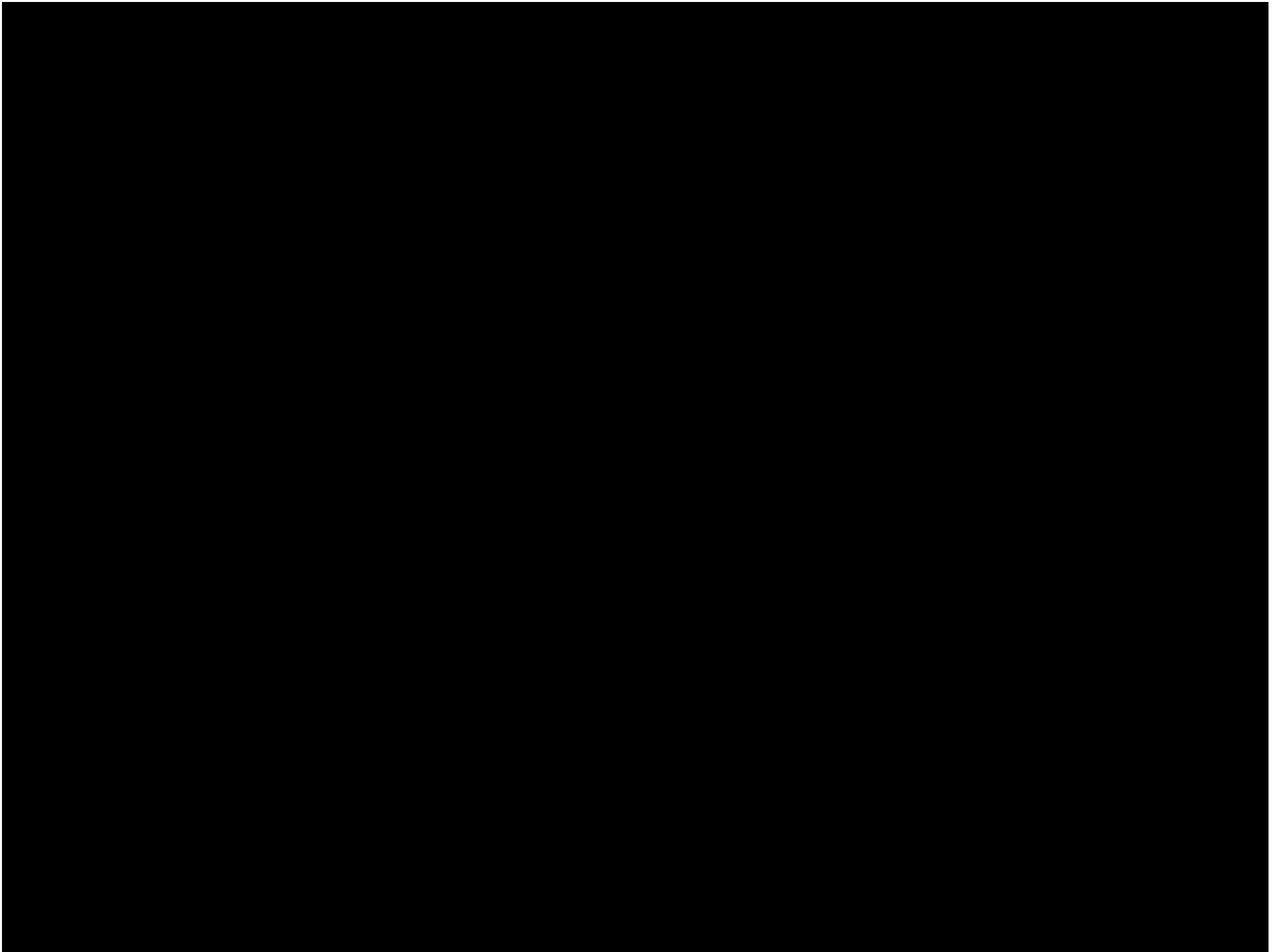
“They lived in cemetery and were so dangerous that no one could go through that area. They began screaming at Jesus ‘Why are You bothering us, Son of God? You have no right to torture us before God’s appointed time.’

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Jesus said, 'All right. Go,' Jesus commanded them. So the demons came out of the men and entered the pigs."

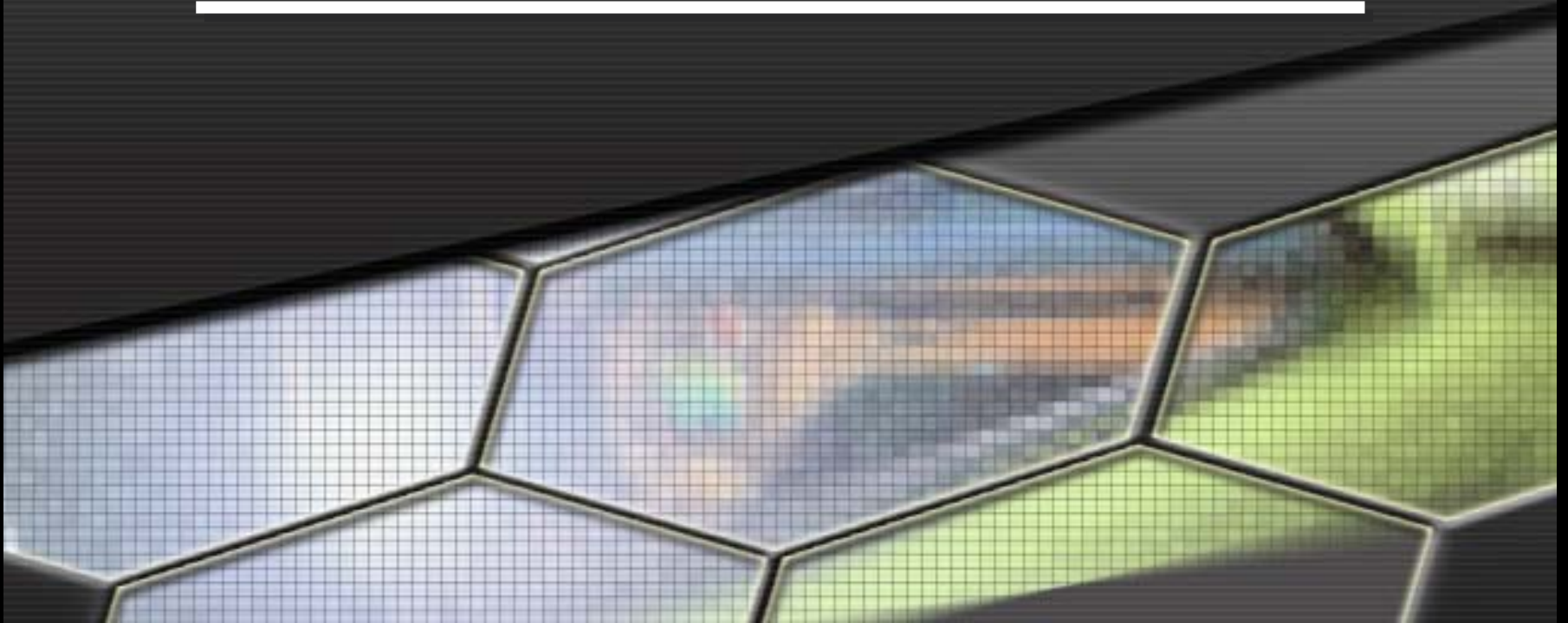


“The entire town came out to meet Jesus but they begged Him to go a way and leave them alone.”



“The Pharisees and religious leaders, they were indignant, ‘Why does your teacher eat with such scum?’” Matthew 9:11 NLT

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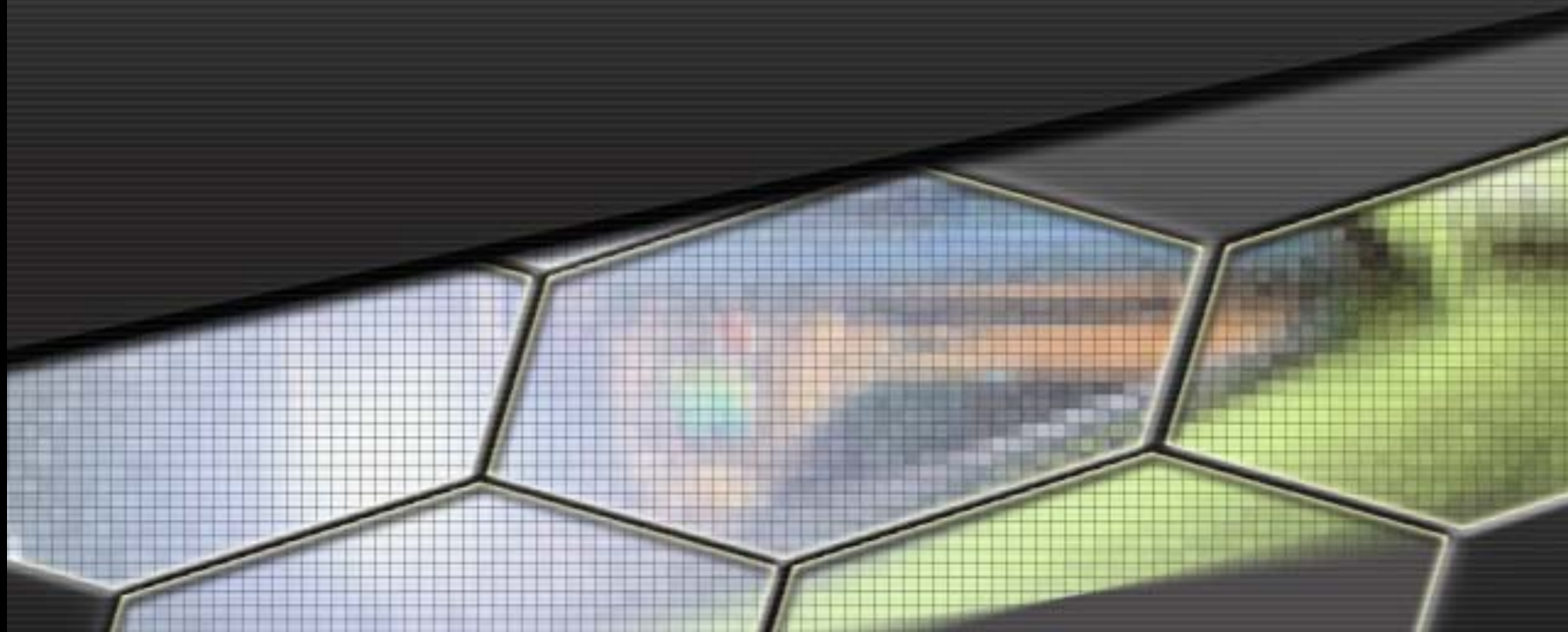


## Matthew 10:5-8 The Message

*“Jesus called twelve of His followers and sent them into the ripe fields. He gave them the power to kick out the evil spirits and to tenderly care for the bruised and the hurt lives. Jesus sent His twelve harvest hands out with this charge. ‘Go to the lost, tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick, touch the untouchables. You’ve been treated generously so live generously.’”*



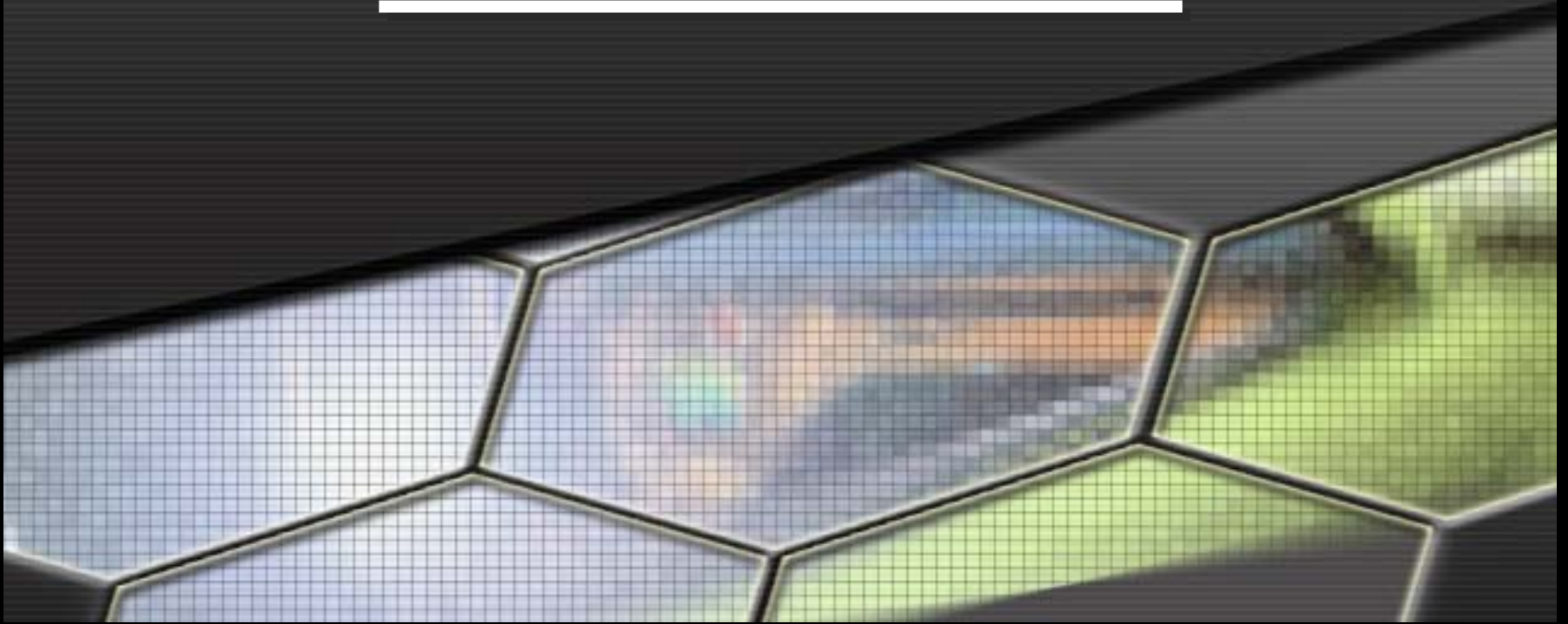
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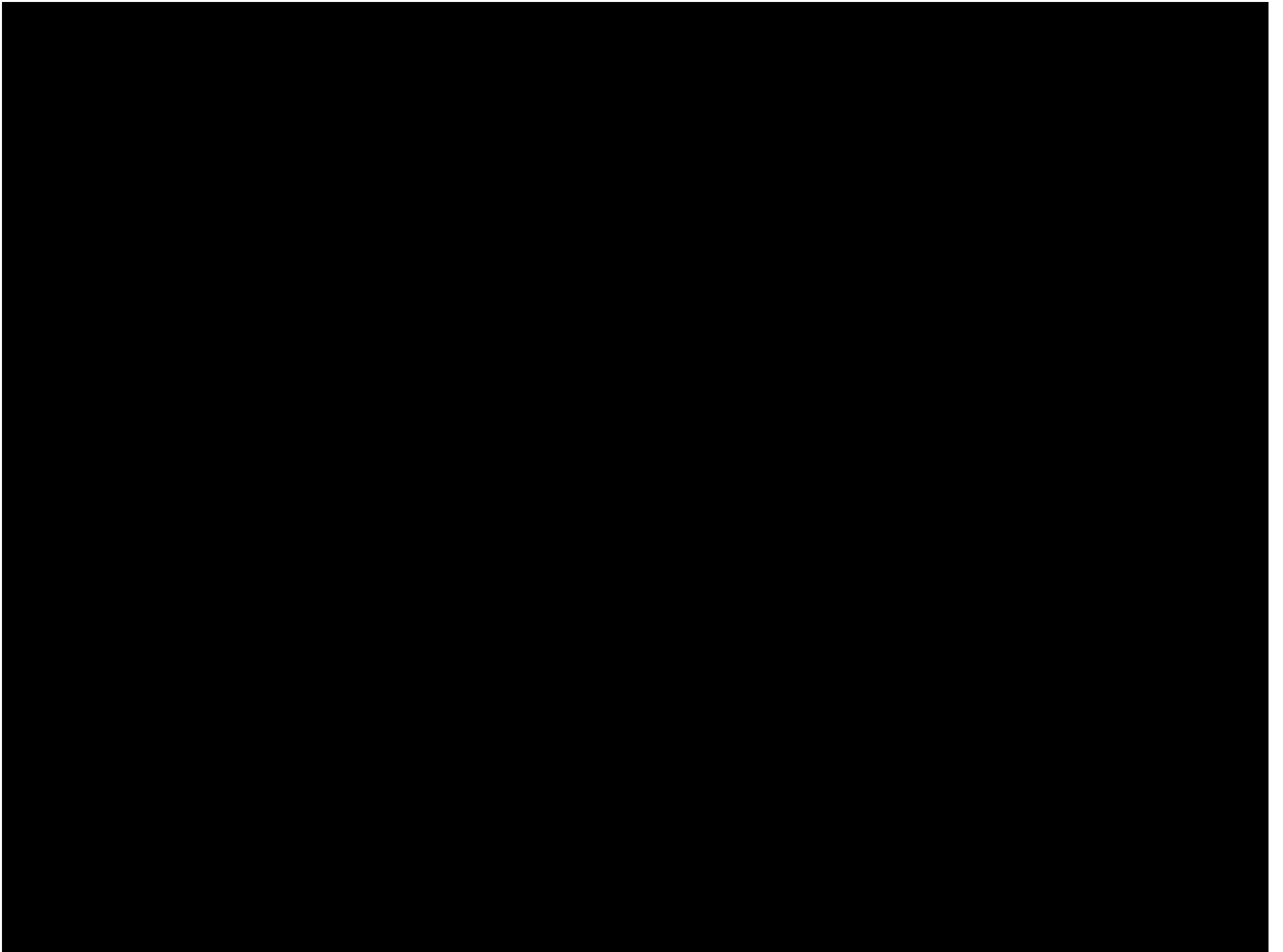


“This is a large work I’ve called you into but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. [He gives an illustration of what starting small is.] If you give even a cup of cold water to even the least of My followers you will surely be rewarded.”

Matthew 10:41

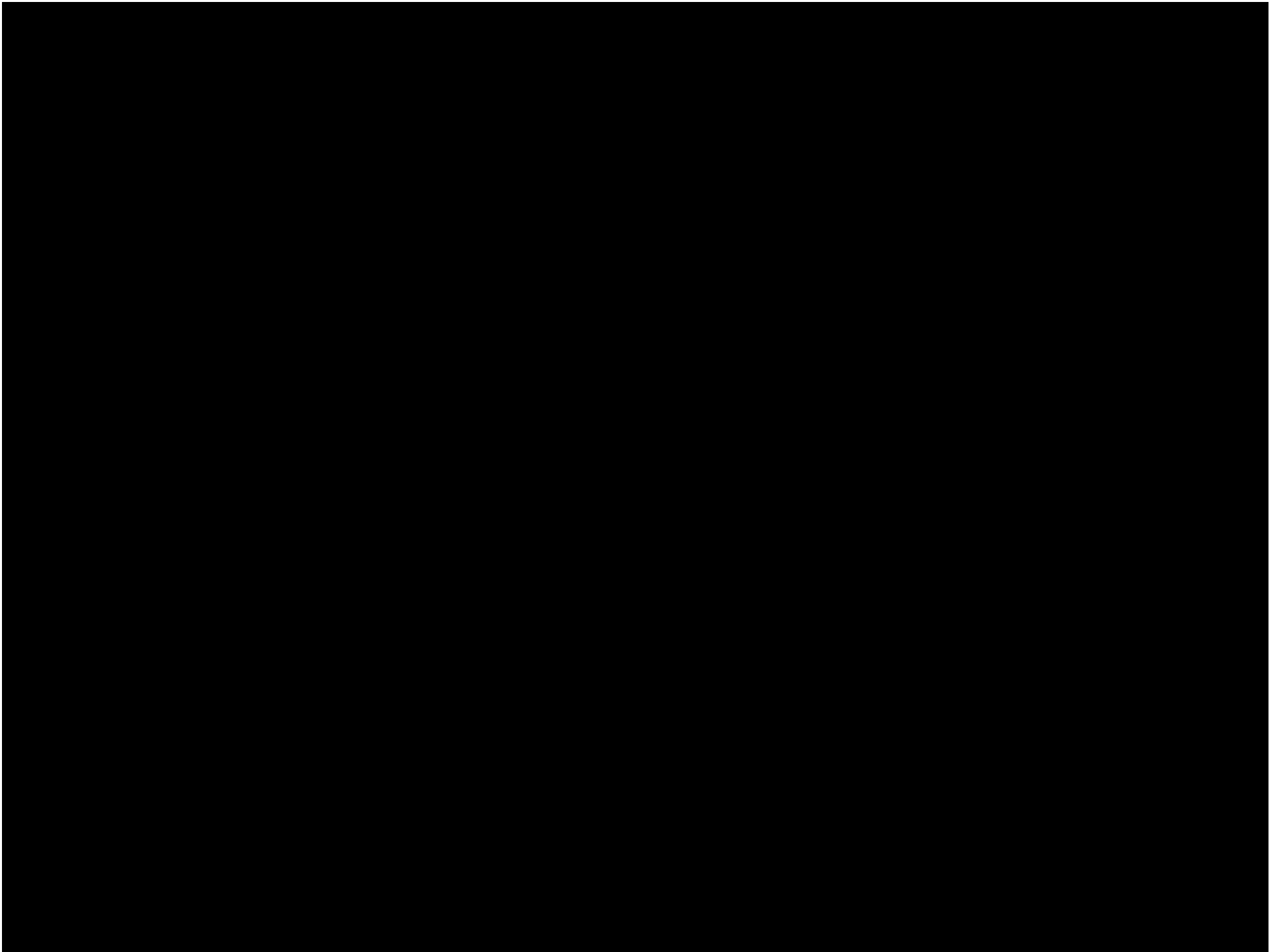
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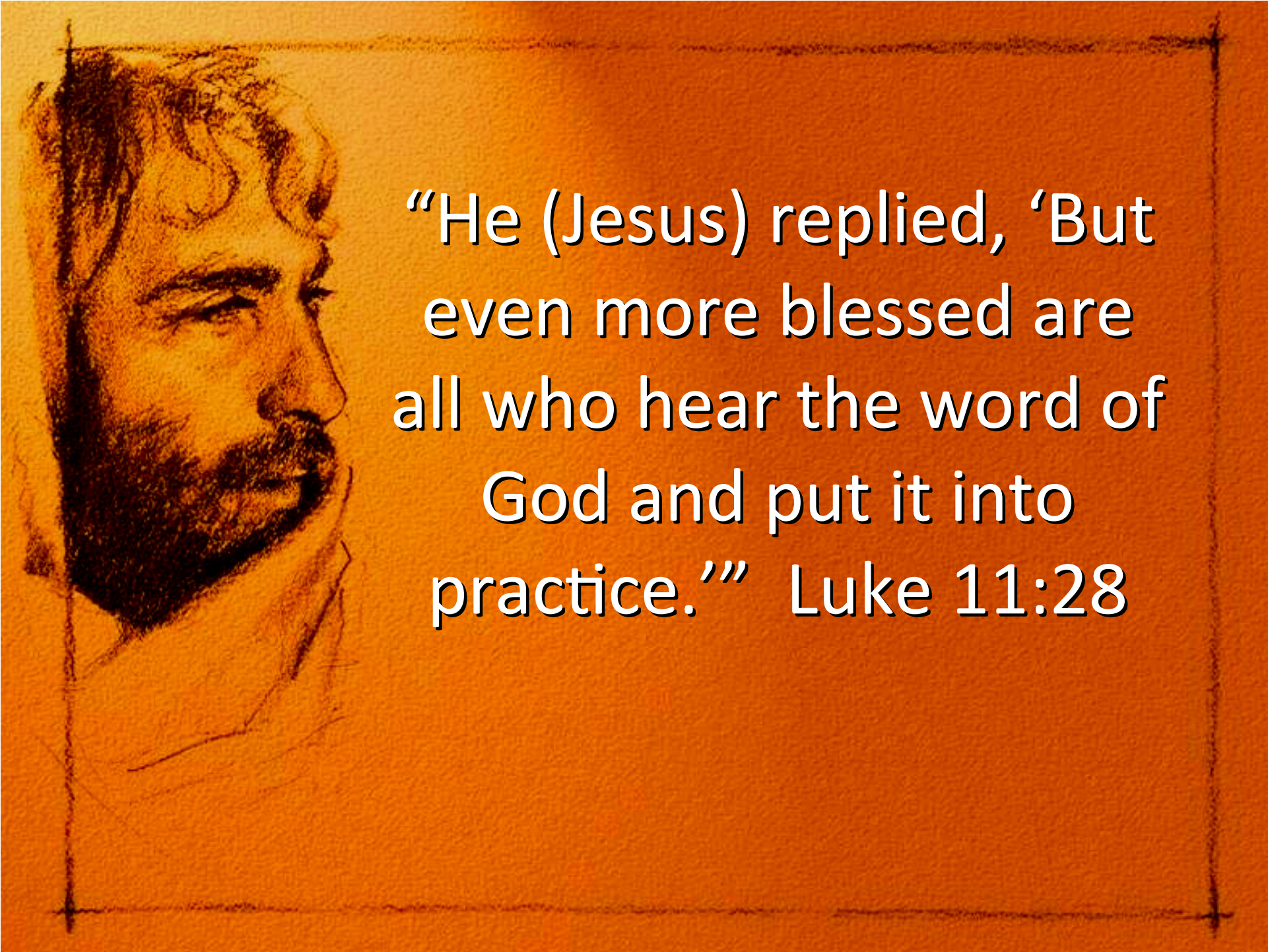




*So How Do We Get It?*

replace convenience  
with obedience






“He (Jesus) replied, ‘But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.’” Luke 11:28




“[Jesus said]  
‘If you love Me, obey  
My commandments.’”  
John 14:15 (NLT)



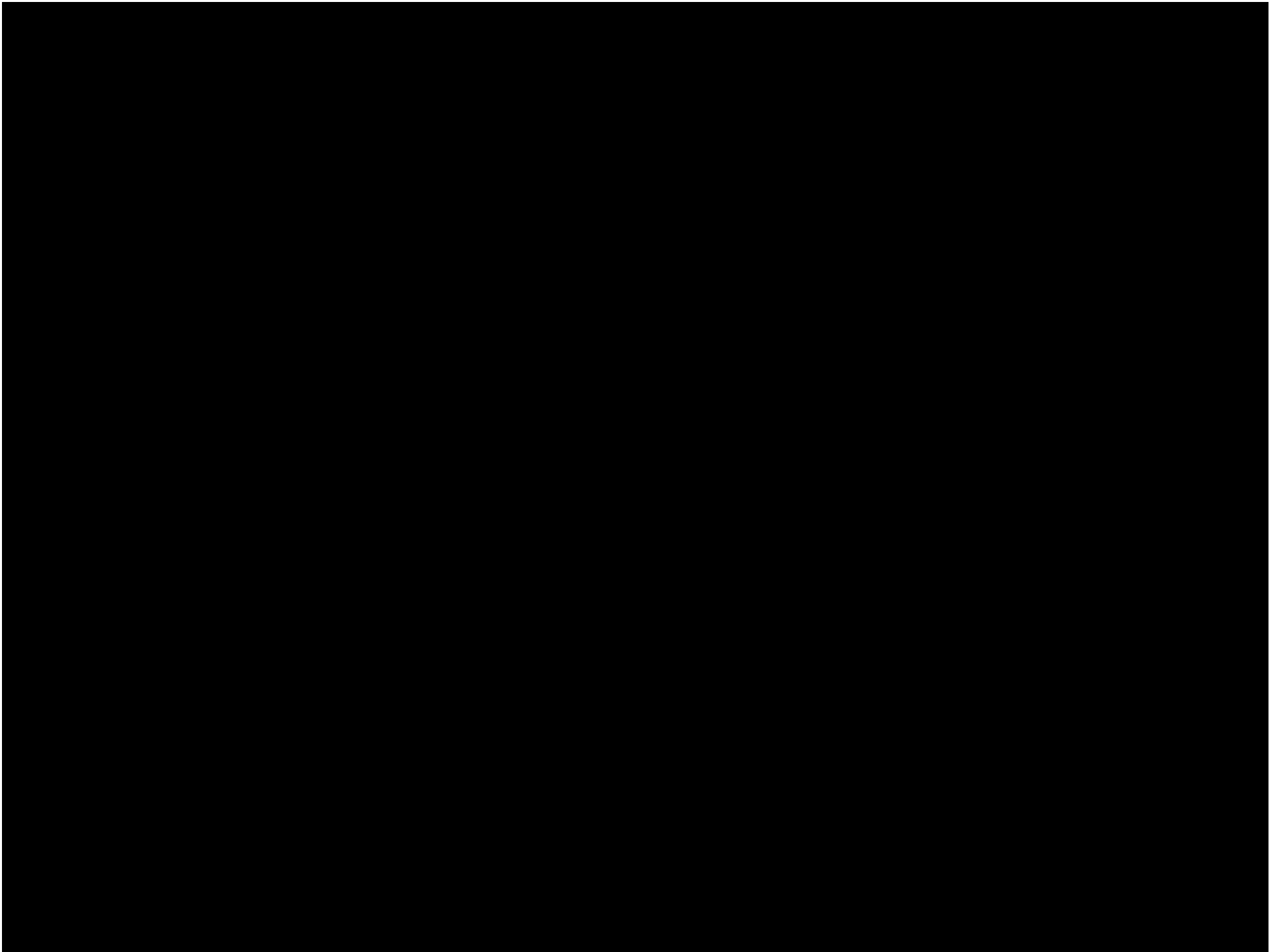


“Loving God means keeping His  
commandments, and really, that  
isn’t difficult.” 1 John 5:3

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“Merely hearing God’s law is a waste of your time if you don’t do what He commands. Doing, not hearing, is what makes the difference with God.”

Romans 2:13 (Msg)

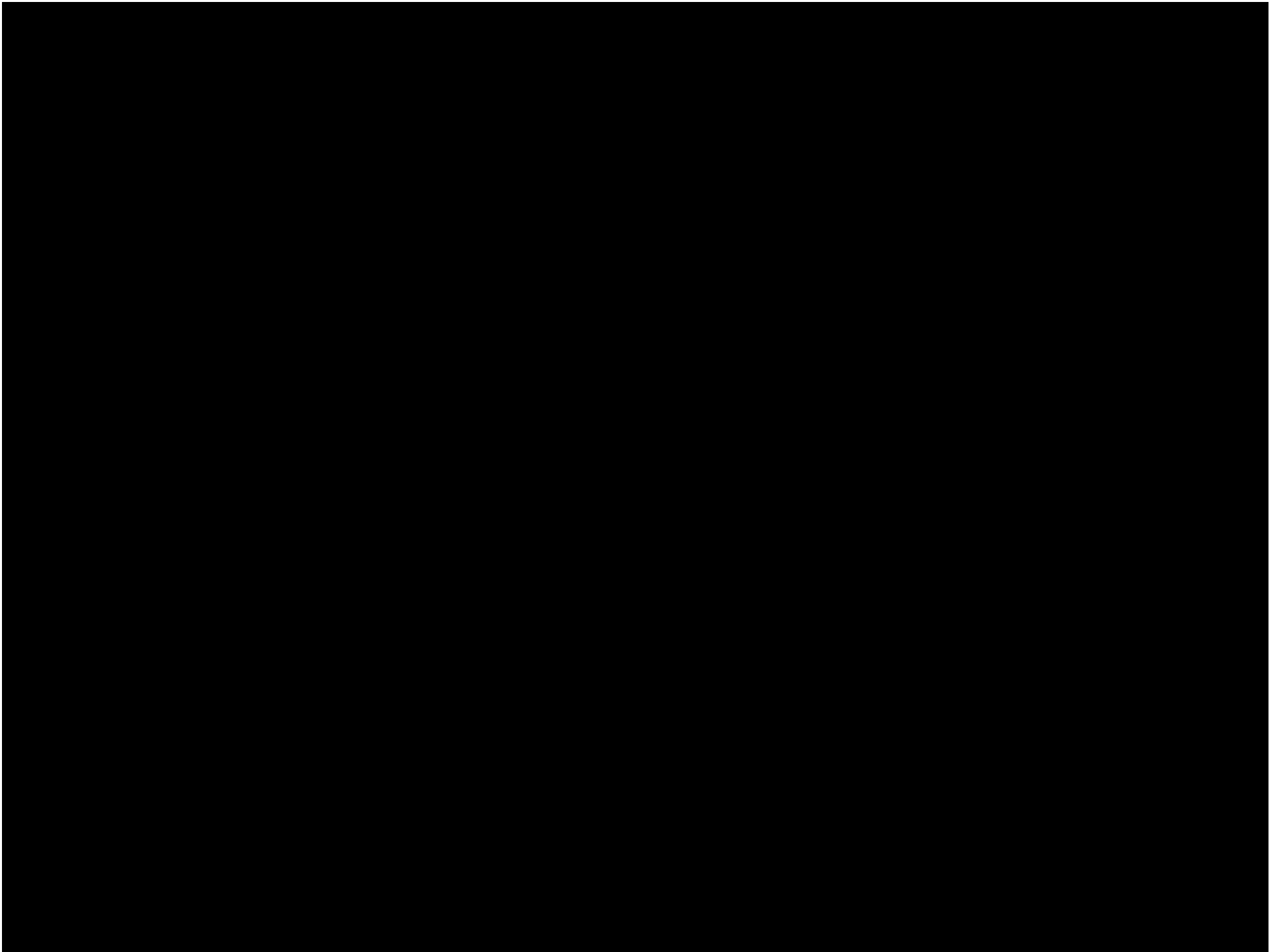


*So How Do We Get It?*

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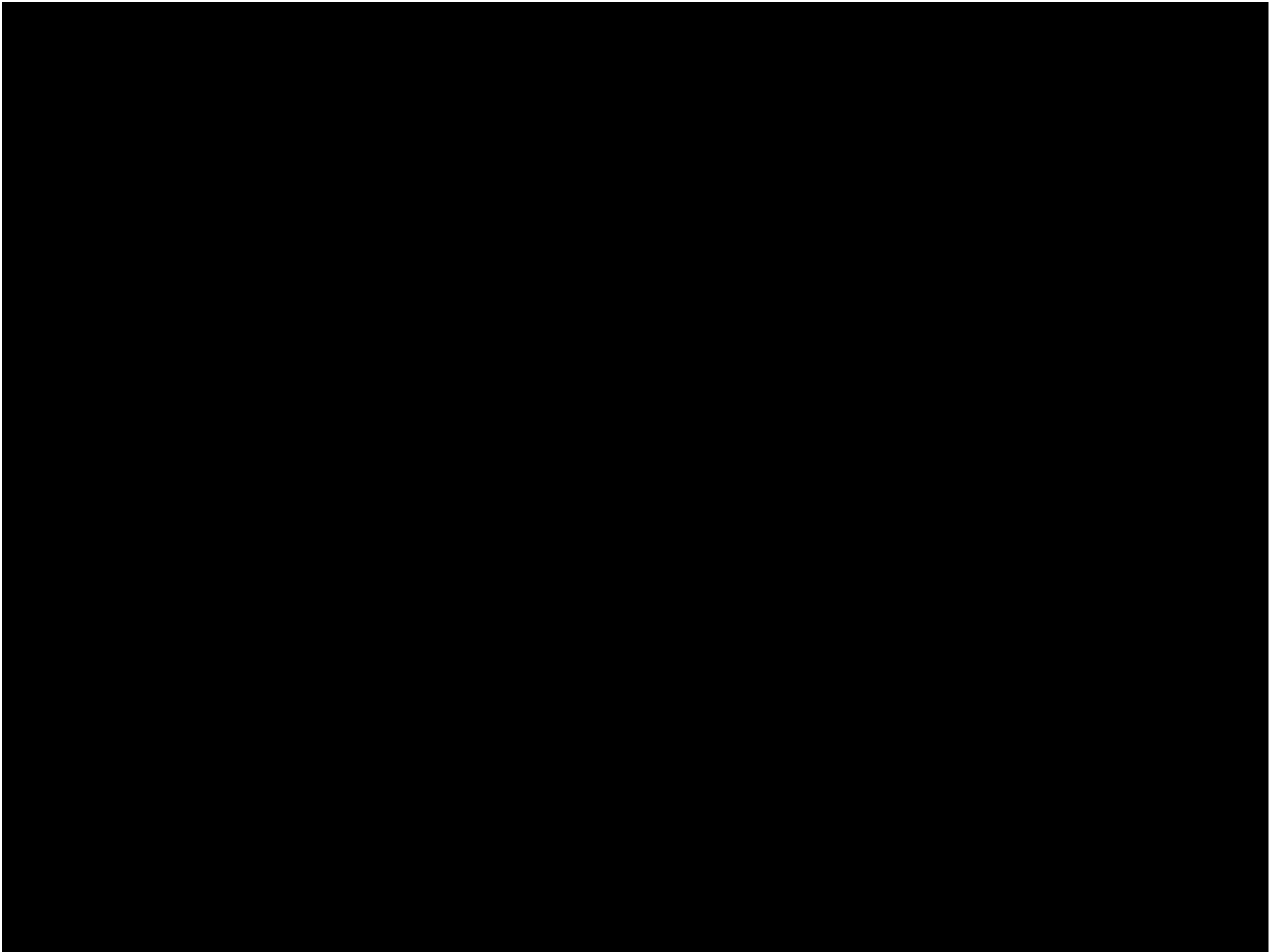
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Matthew 10:5-8 (Msg)



*So How Do We Get It?*

believe you can  
make a difference





*“You don’t need a lot of  
equipment. You are the  
equipment.” Matthew 10:10*  
The Message Paraphrase



