

Lessons from the Land

Life Lessons from Places in the Bible





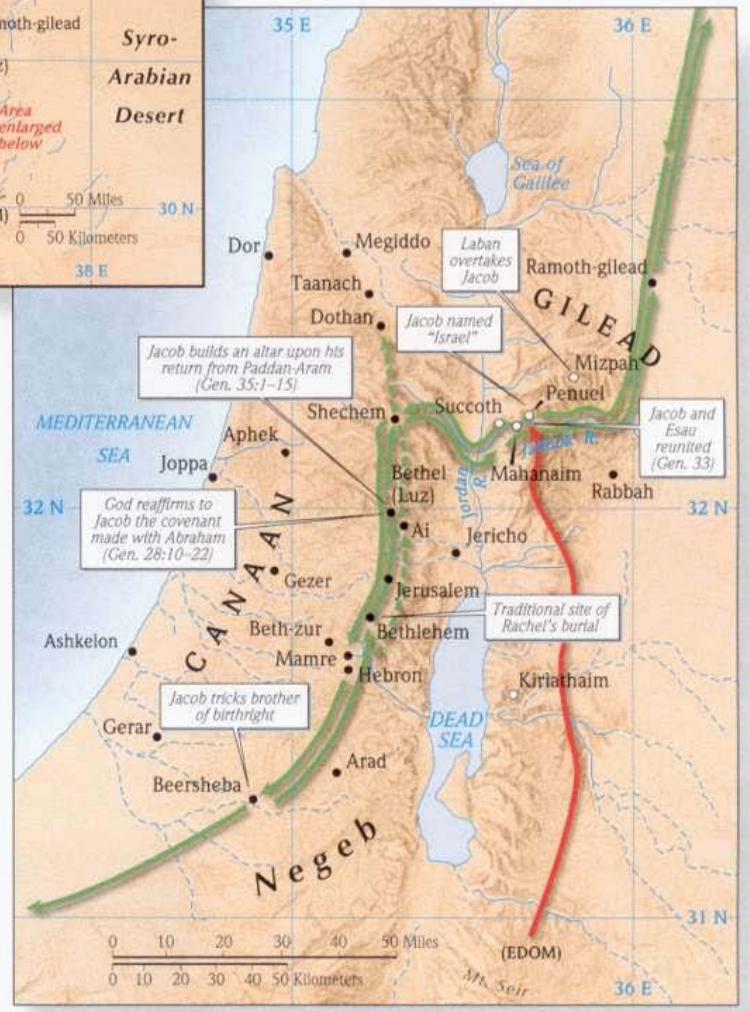
Fertile Crescent





TRAVELS OF JACOB
GEN. 28-33; 35

- City
- City (uncertain location)
- ← Jacob's journey
- ← Jacob's sons seek pasturage
- ← Esau's journey



Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Genesis 29:16,17



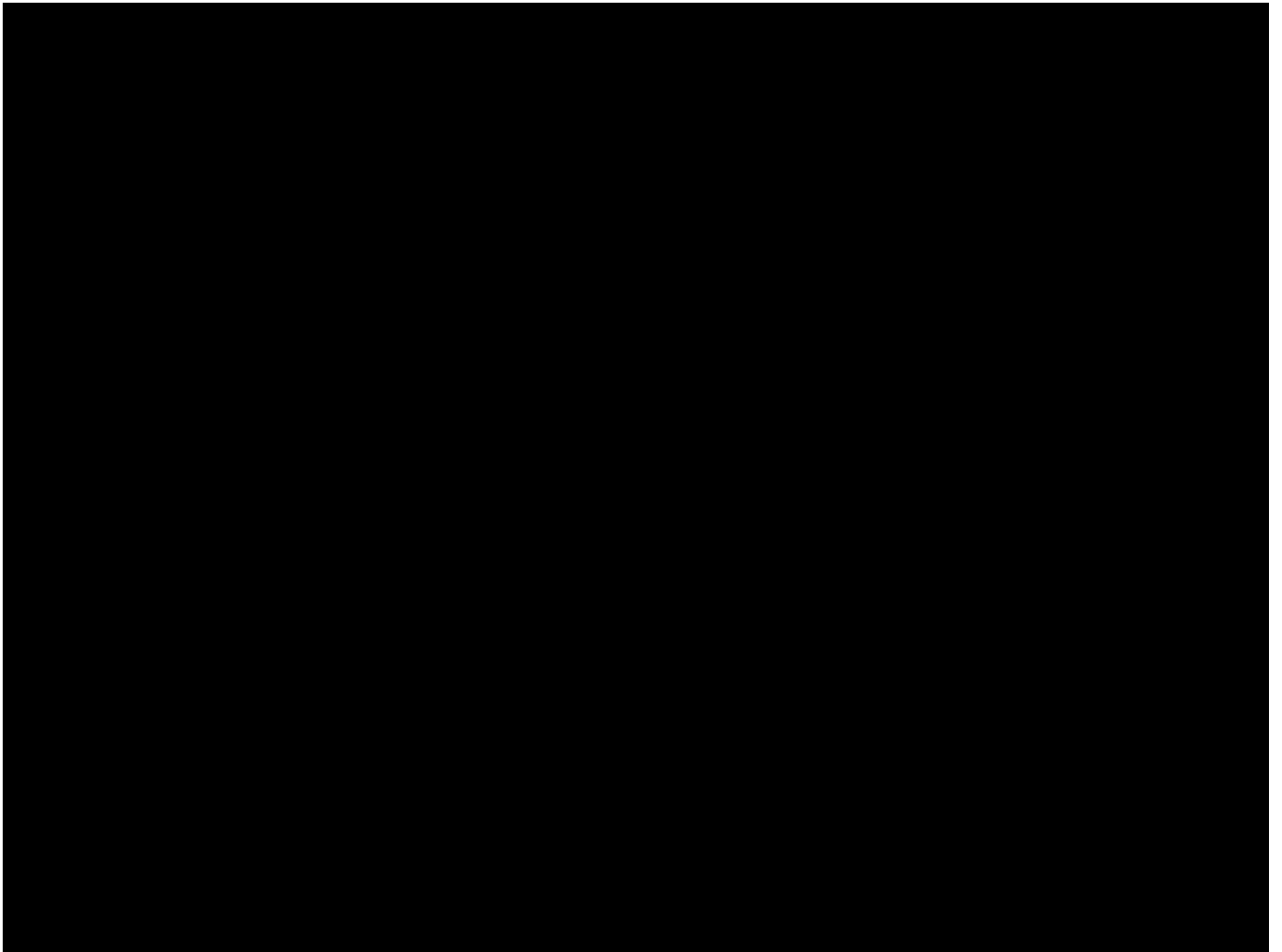
Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."


19 Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me."





25 When
morning came,
behold, there
was Leah!





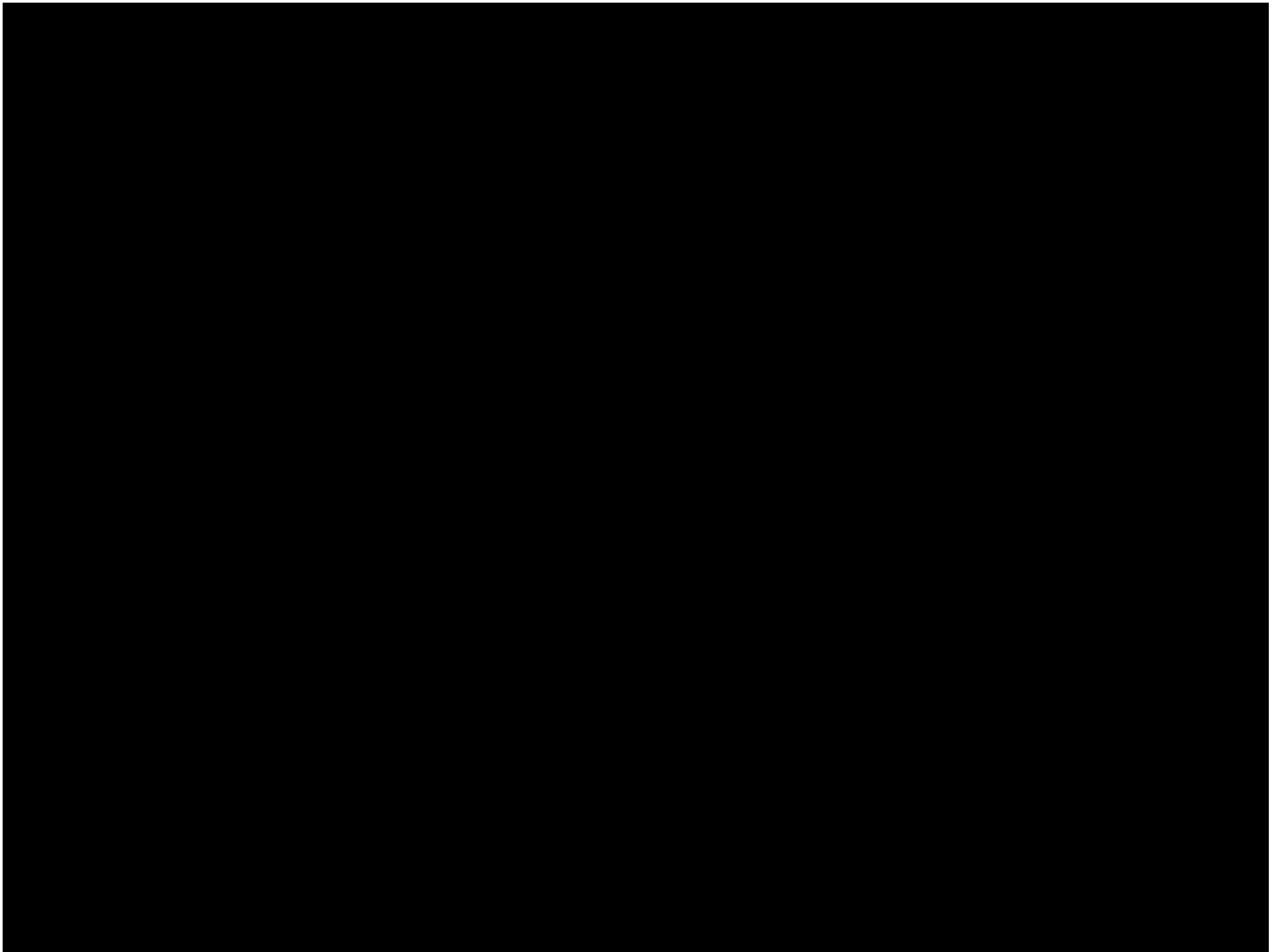
She conceived again, and
when she gave birth to a
son she said, "This time I
will praise the Lord." So
she named him Judah.

Genesis 29:35



Self Centered lives
create consequences
that negatively
impact others.

2. Nothing you
pursue in life
truly satisfies.





Derek Kidner

*“but in the morning,
behold it was Leah”*

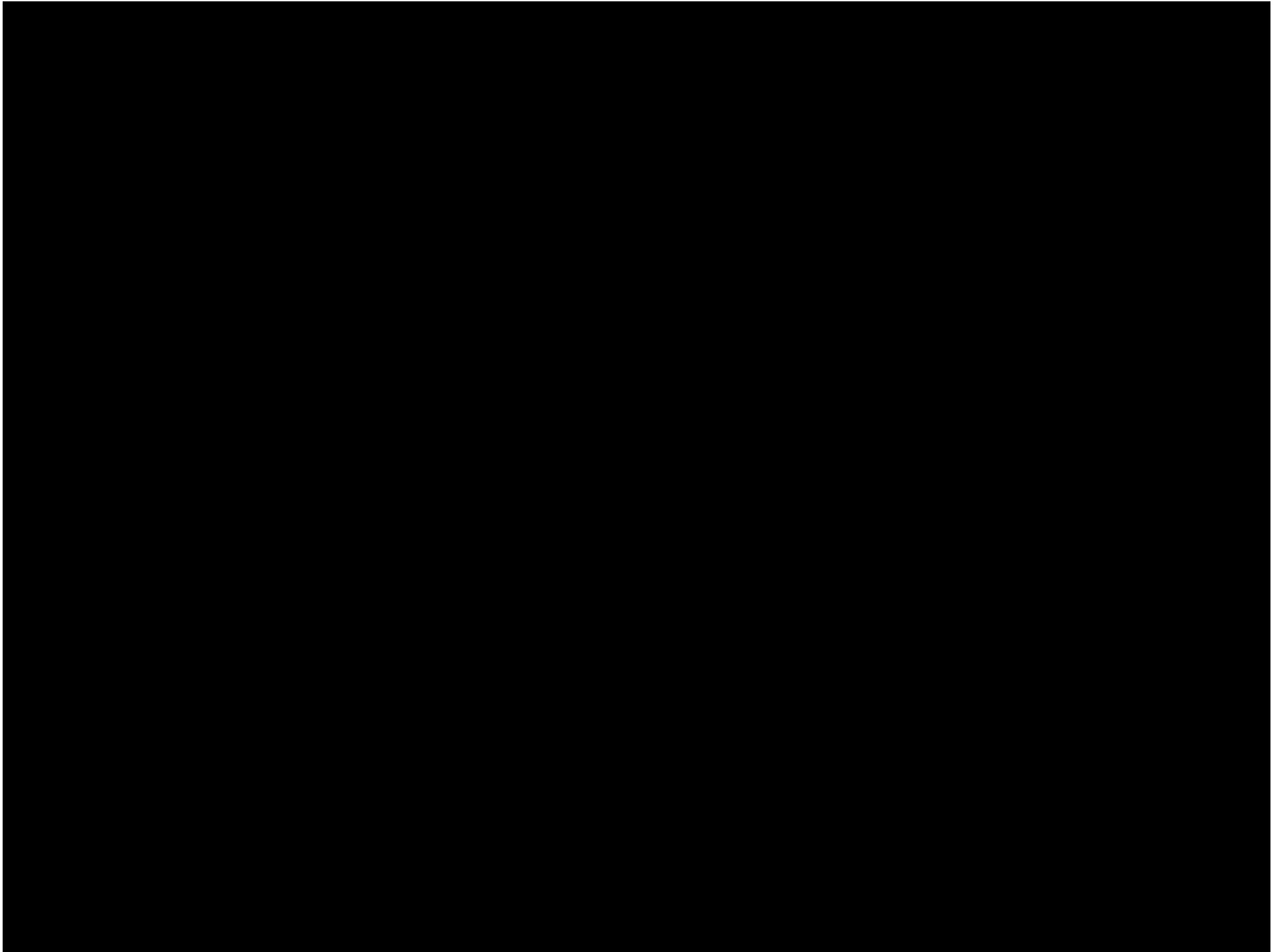
This is a miniature of
our disillusionment
experienced from
Eden onwards.



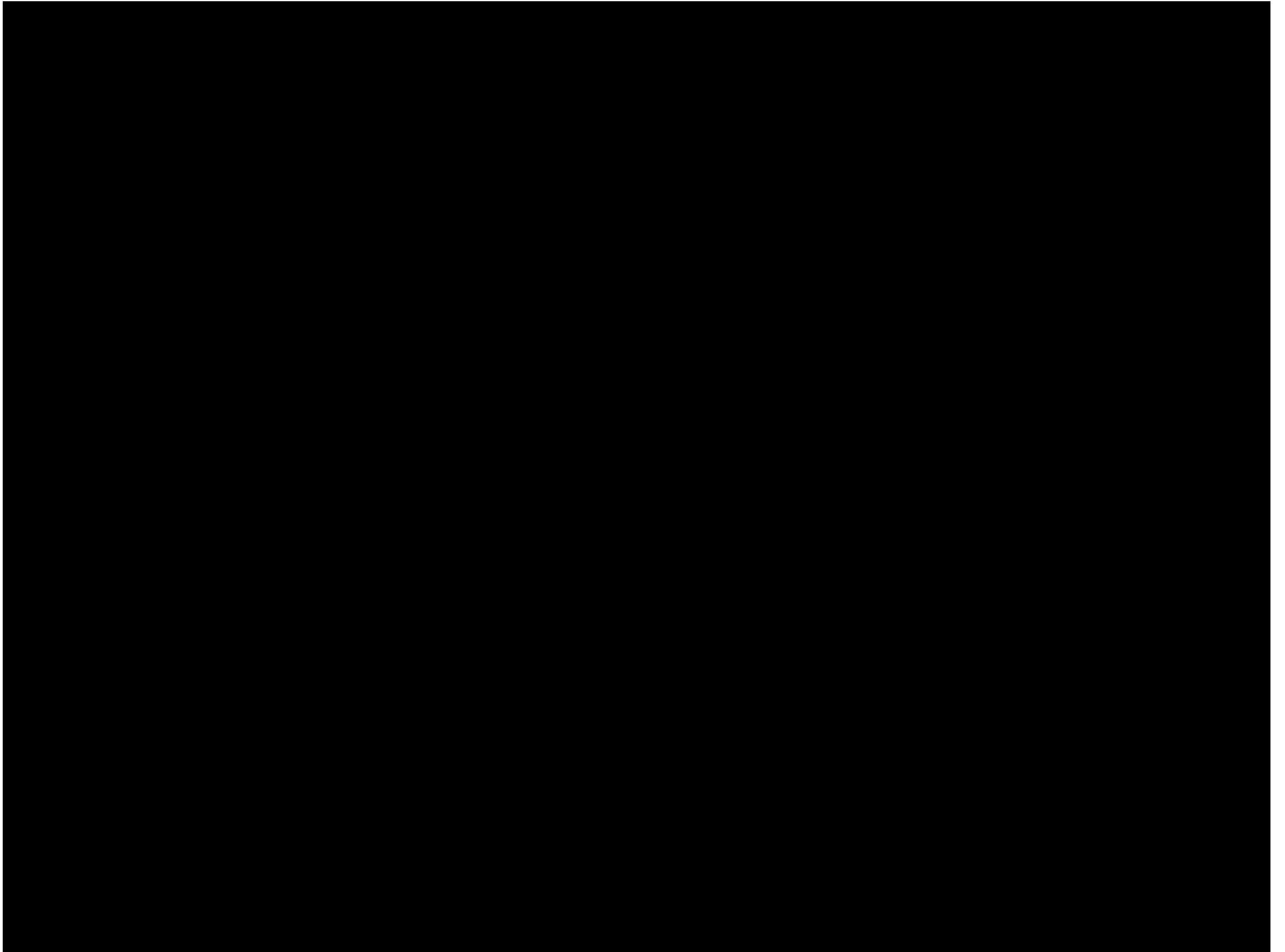
C.S. Lewis

Author, Theologian,
Apologist

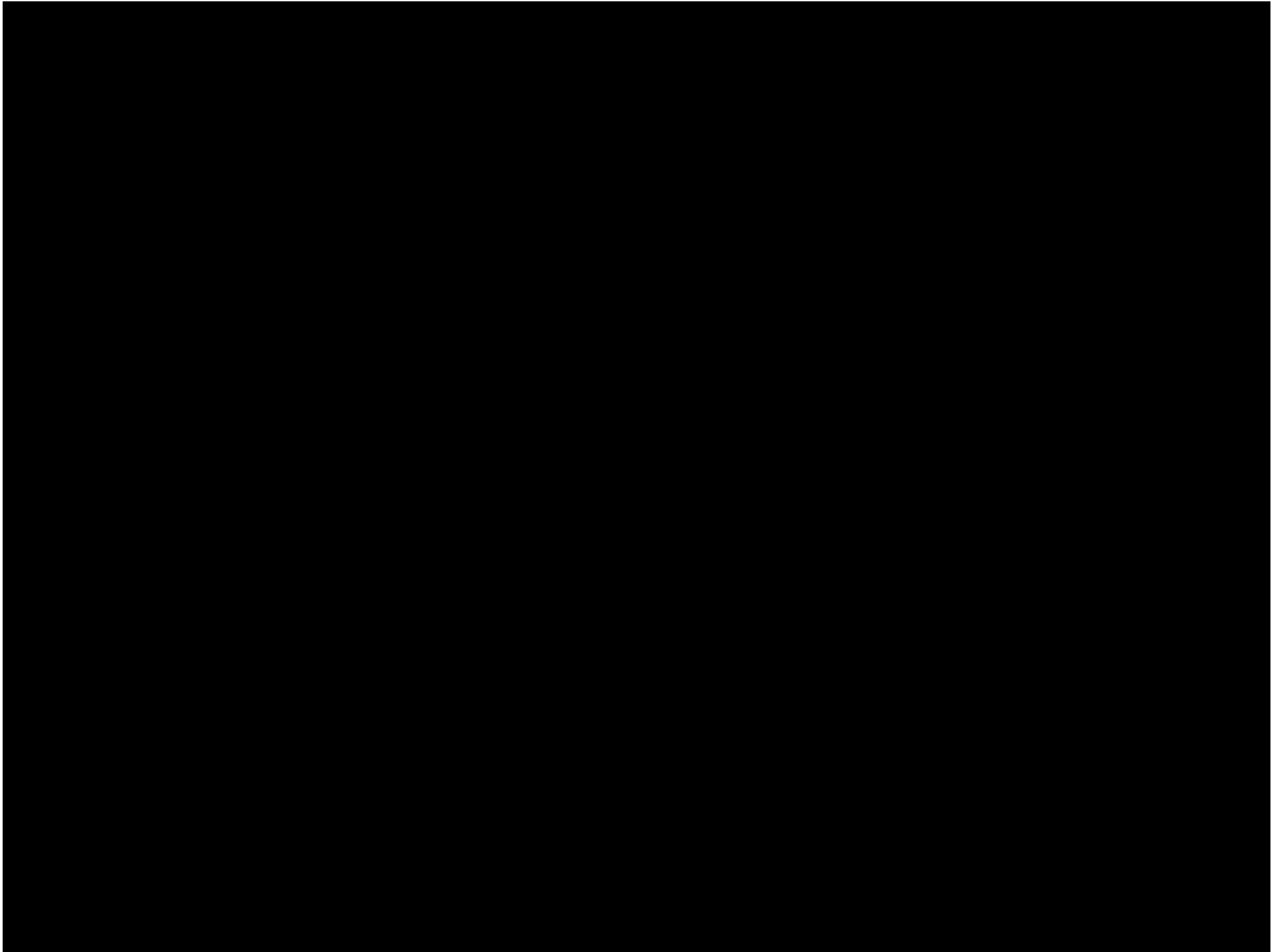
*“There is always
something in that
first moment of
longing, that fades
away in reality.”*



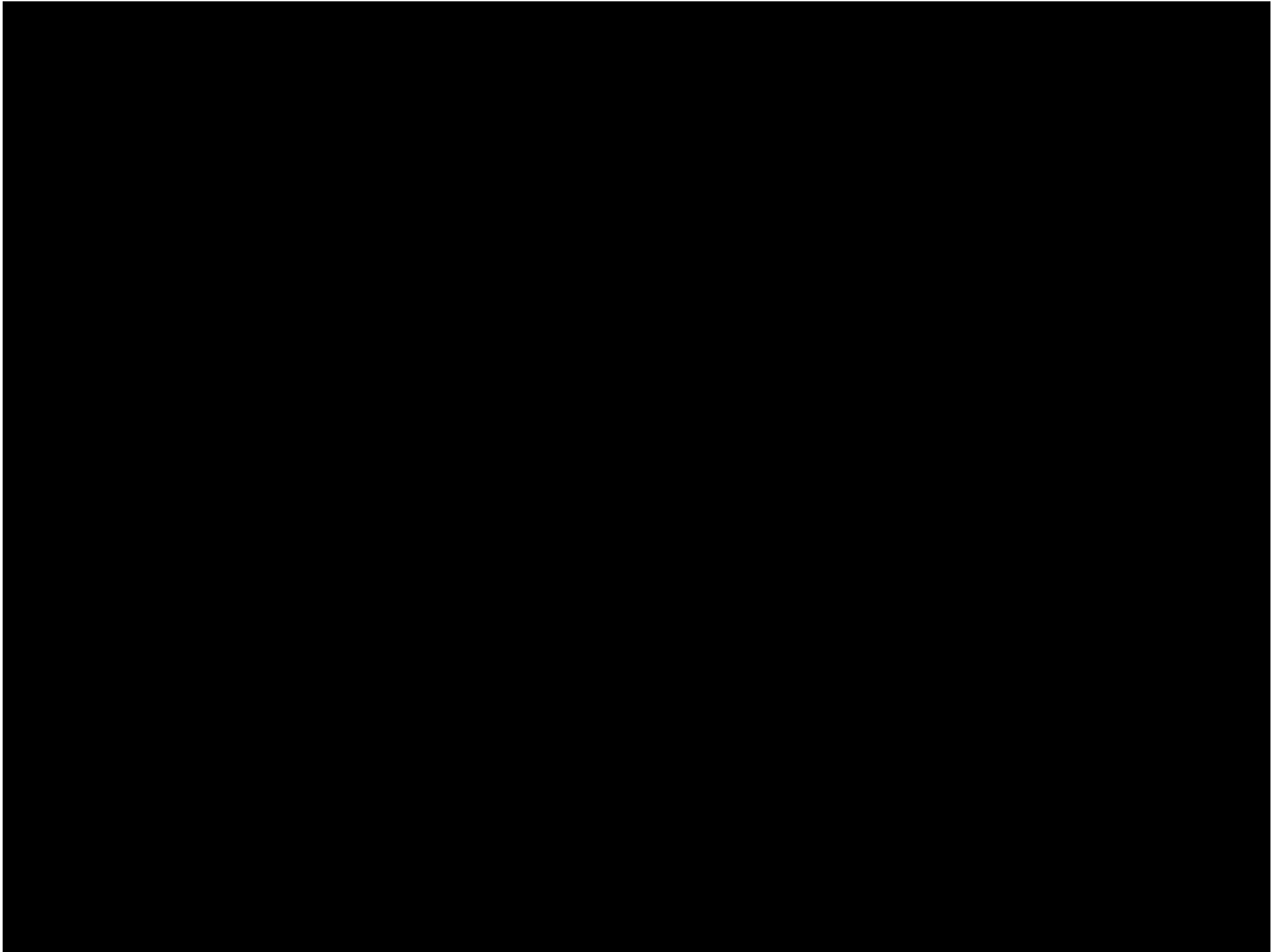
3. As bad as life
can be, idolatry
makes it even
worse.



1. God works with
weak people.



2. God works
through
weak people.



2. God works

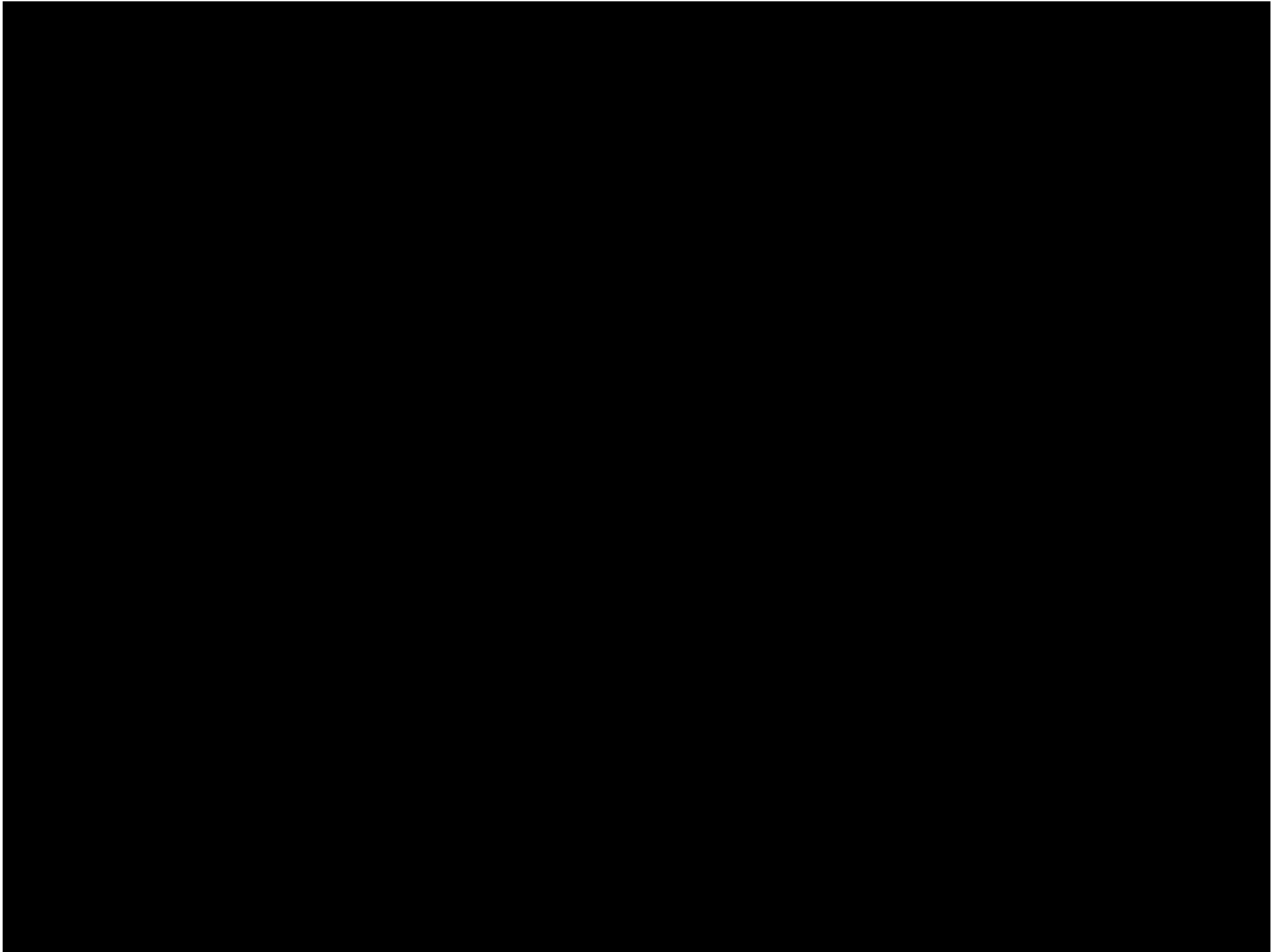
in


weak people.

Vs. 32 Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, for she said, "It is because the Lord has seen my misery. **Surely my husband will love me now.**"

Vs. 33 She conceived again, and when she gave birth to a son she said, **“Because the Lord heard that I am not loved, he gave me this one too.”**


34 Again she conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, **“Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.”**



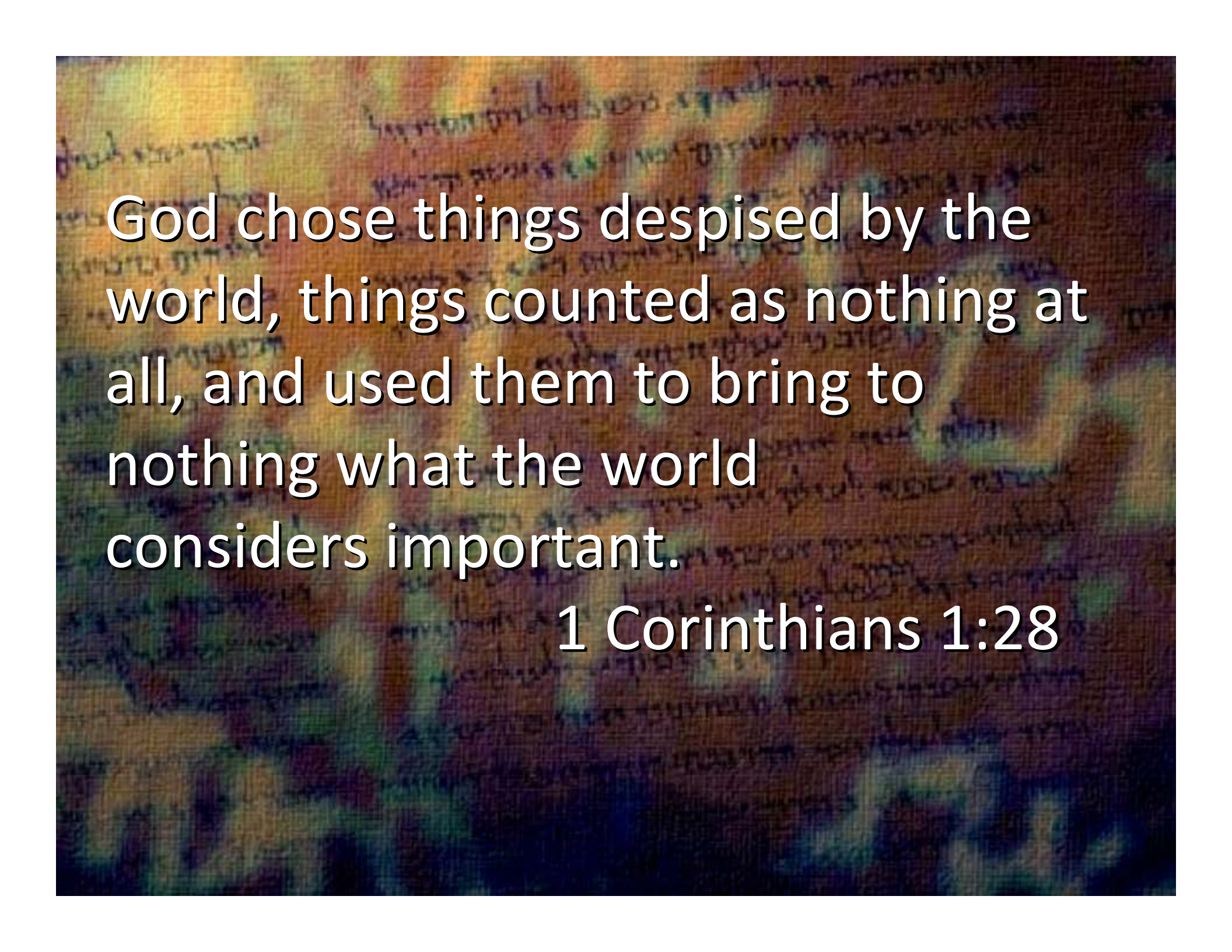


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When the Lord saw that Leah was
not loved, he enabled her to
conceive. vs 31



God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important.

1 Corinthians 1:28