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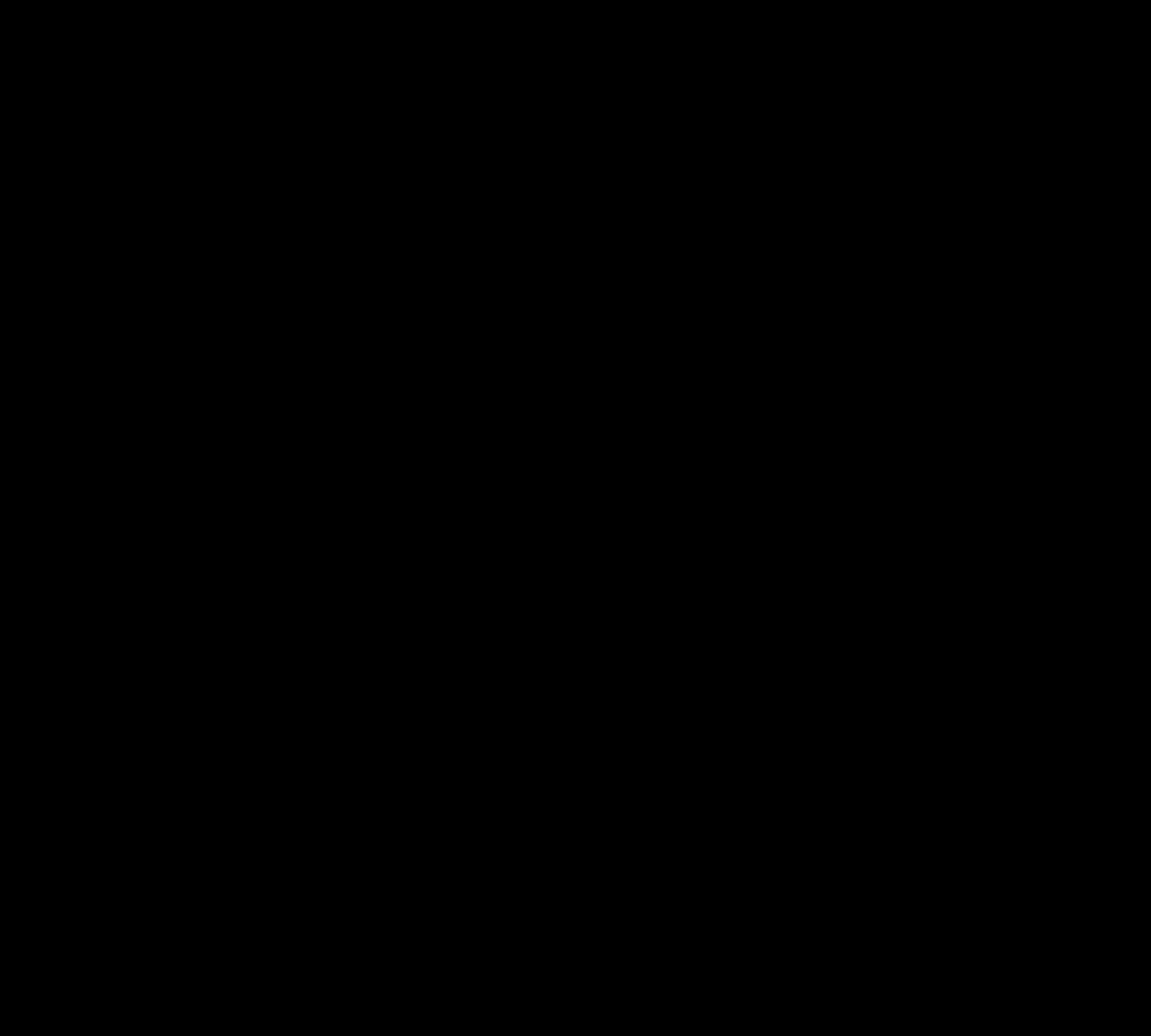
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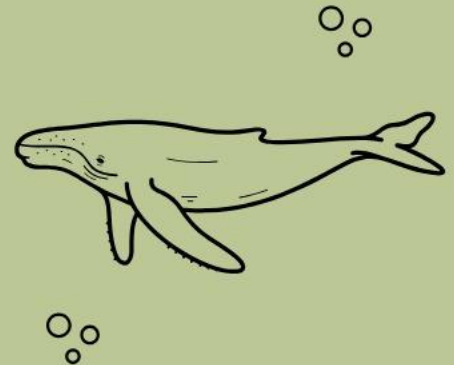
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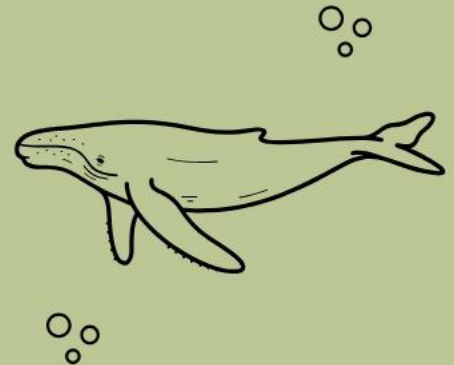
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- Nahum 3.1
- Woe to the city of blood,  
totally deceitful,  
full of plunder,  
never without prey.





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- Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?





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- Hebrews 11.6

- Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.





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- Genesis 15.6
- Abram believed the LORD,  
and he credited it to  
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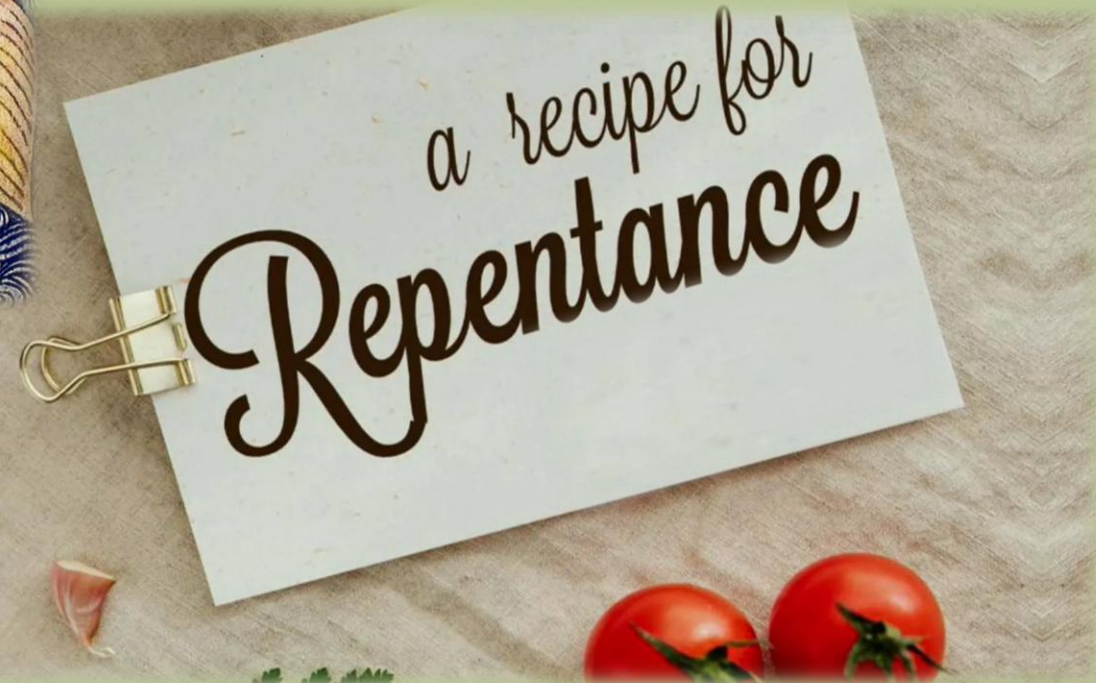




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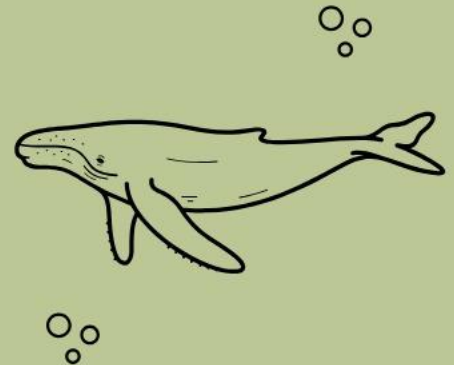
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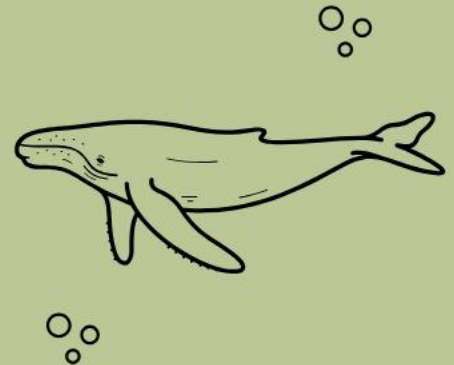
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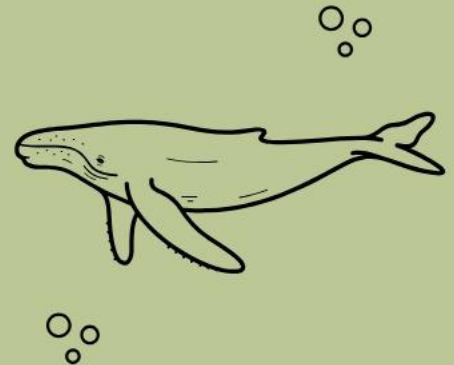
How does God  
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All the way

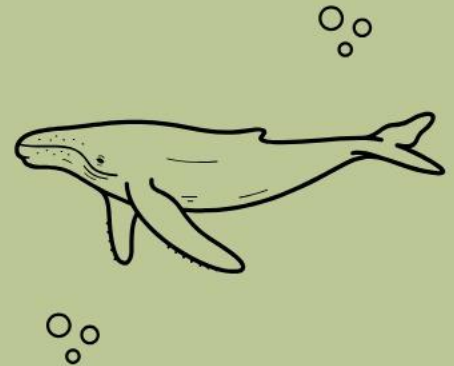
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With a  
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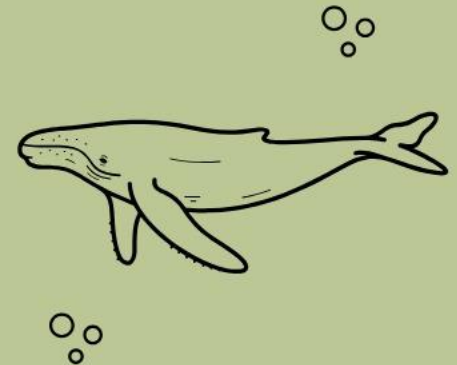
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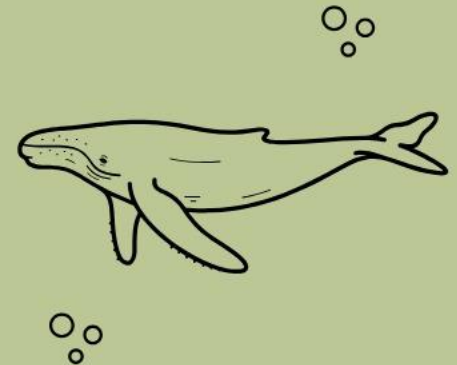
- A) Be warned of just going through the motions
- Being a “stationary runaway”



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## •B) Be awed by God's powerful Word

**The Powerful Word of God**





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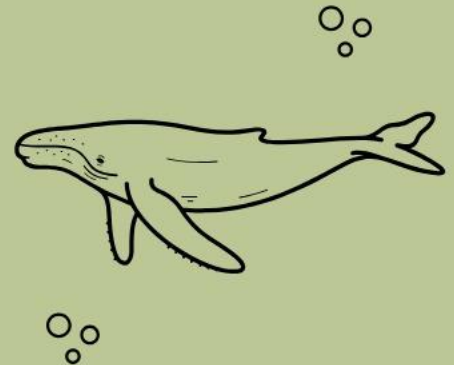
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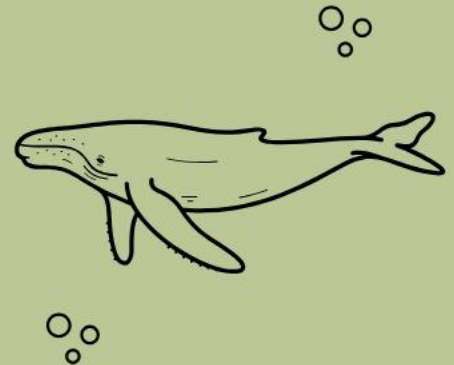
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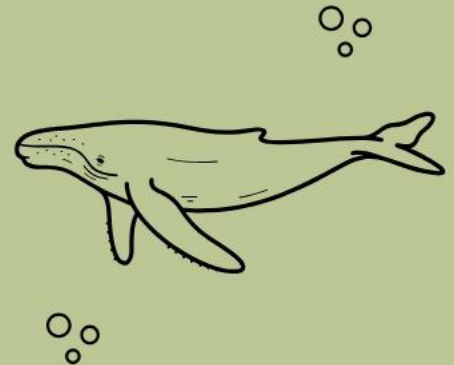
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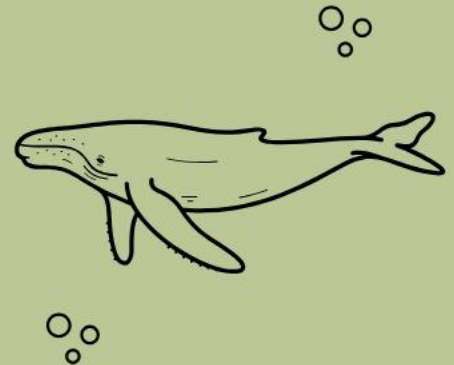
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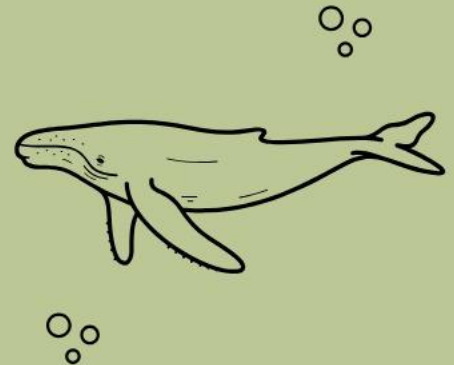
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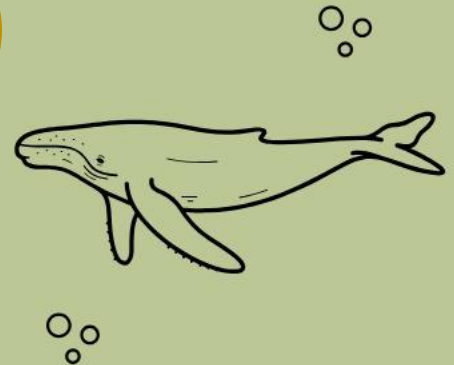
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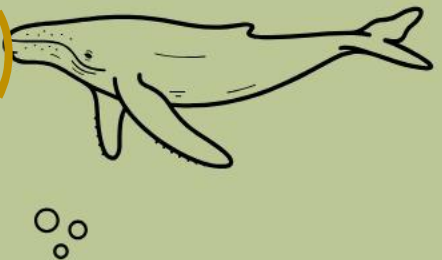
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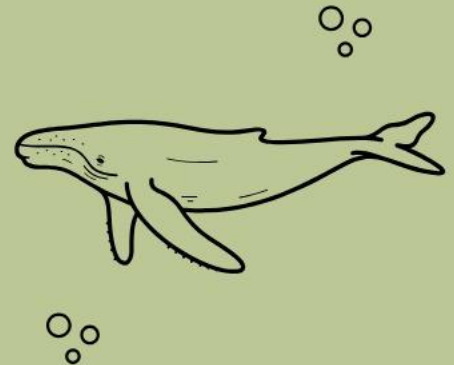
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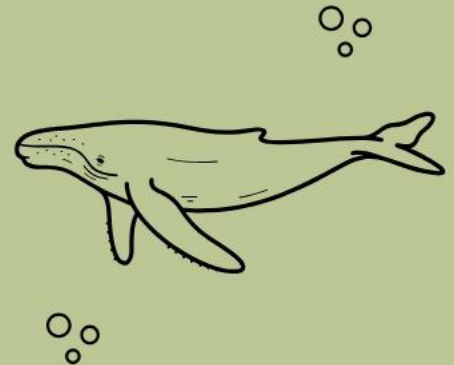




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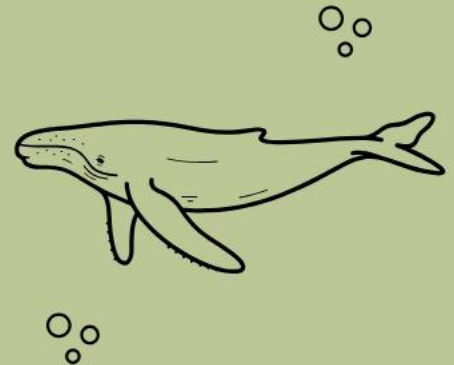
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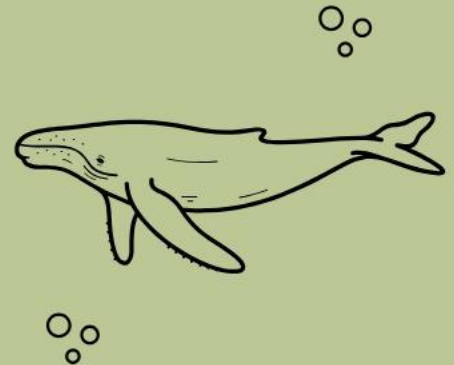
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### •God is unchanging

- Numbers 23.19

- God is not a man, that he might lie,  
or a son of man, that he might change his mind.  
Does he speak and not act,  
or promise and not fulfill?

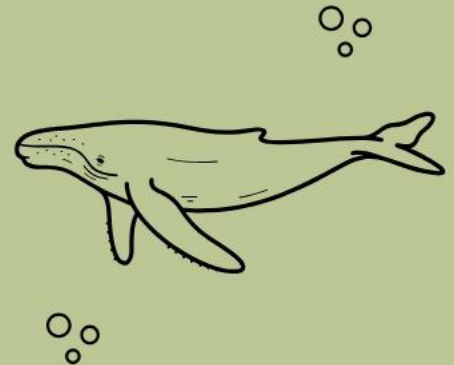




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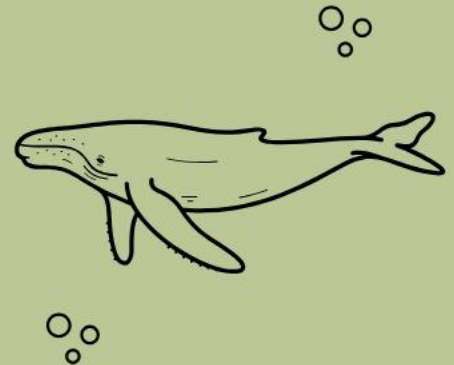
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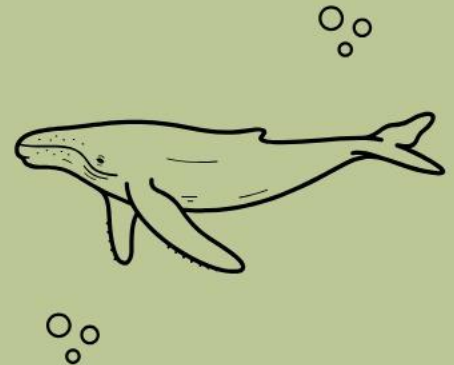
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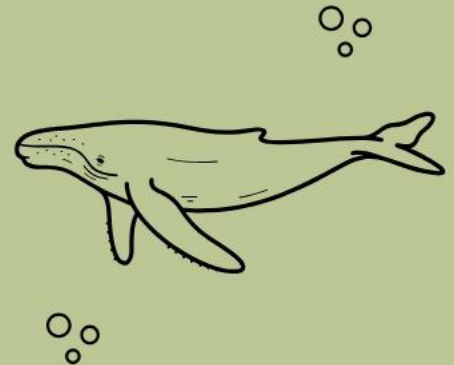




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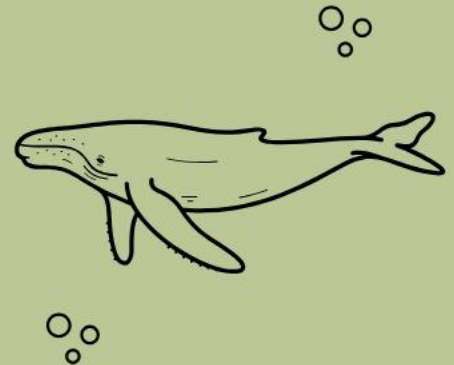
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- Nineveh needed a better word



the sprinkled blood... speaks a better word

Hebrews 12.24





**The path to overthrowing evil & death  
is by being overthrown**



