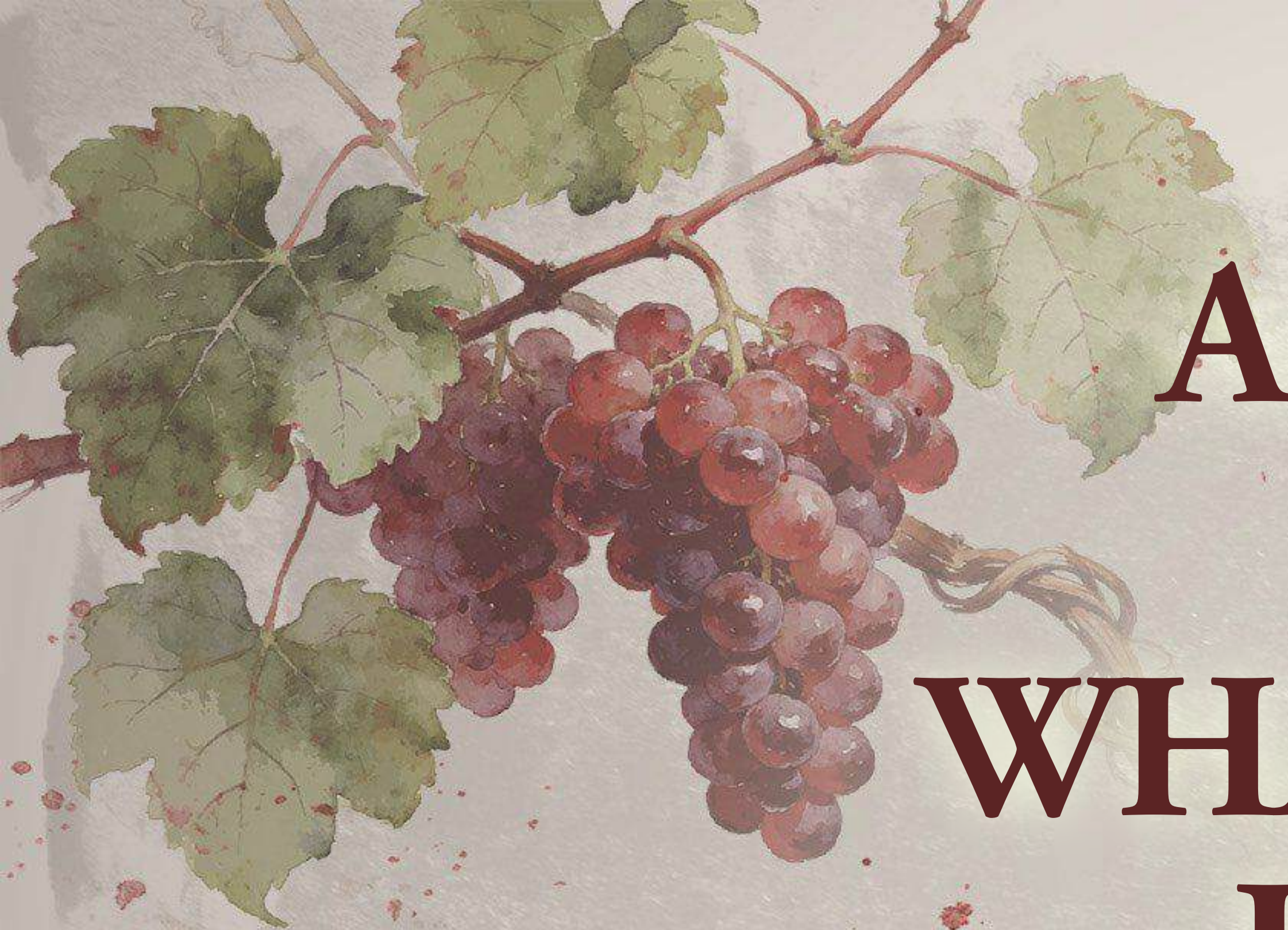




EPHRAIM

being fruitful in the land of affliction

genesis 41:51-52 ~ aug. 23



AFFLICTION IS AN
ENVIRONMENT.
WHAT IT PRODUCES
IN YOU DEPENDS
ON HOW YOU
RESPOND TO IT



WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN
PEOPLE ARE THE SOURCE
OF YOUR AFFLICTION?

GOD CAN USE THE
VERY PEOPLE WHO
SEEM TO BE
WORKING AGAINST
YOU TO POSITION
YOU FOR WHAT HE
HAS ALREADY
PREPARED FOR YOU



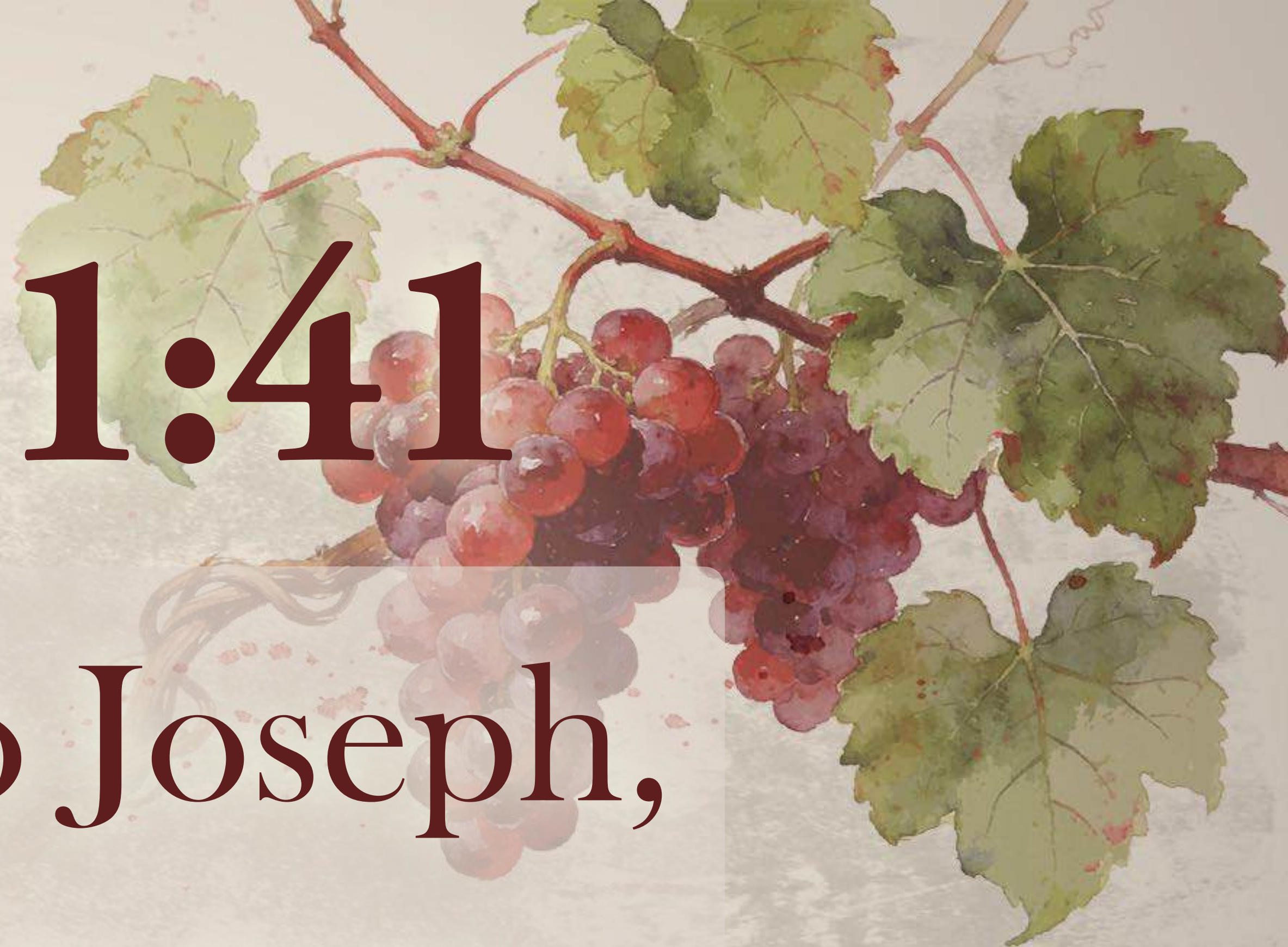


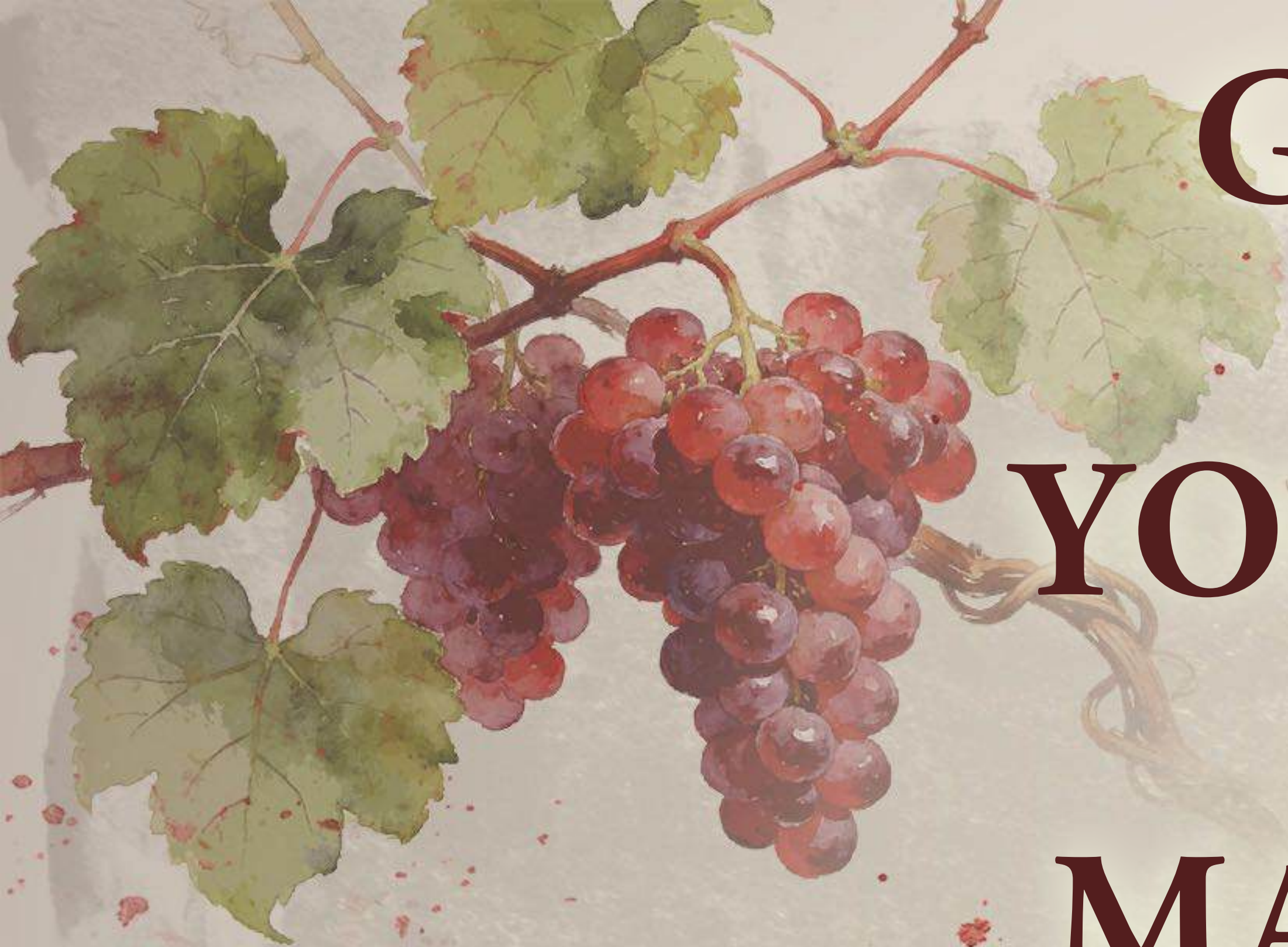
GENESIS 40:23

Yet did not the chief
butler remember
Joseph, but forgat him

GENESIS 41:41

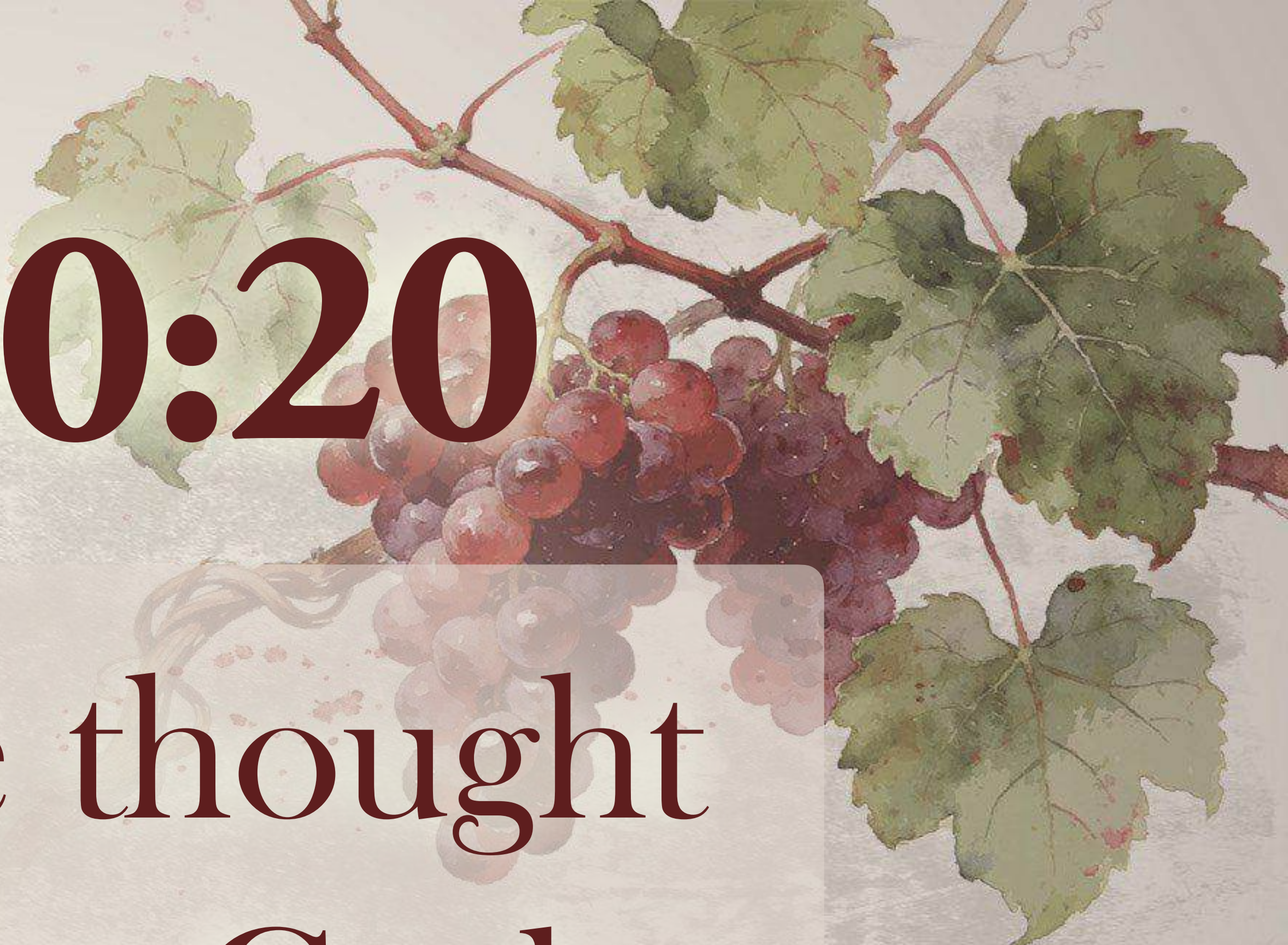
Pharaoh said unto Joseph,
See, I have set thee over
all the land of Egypt



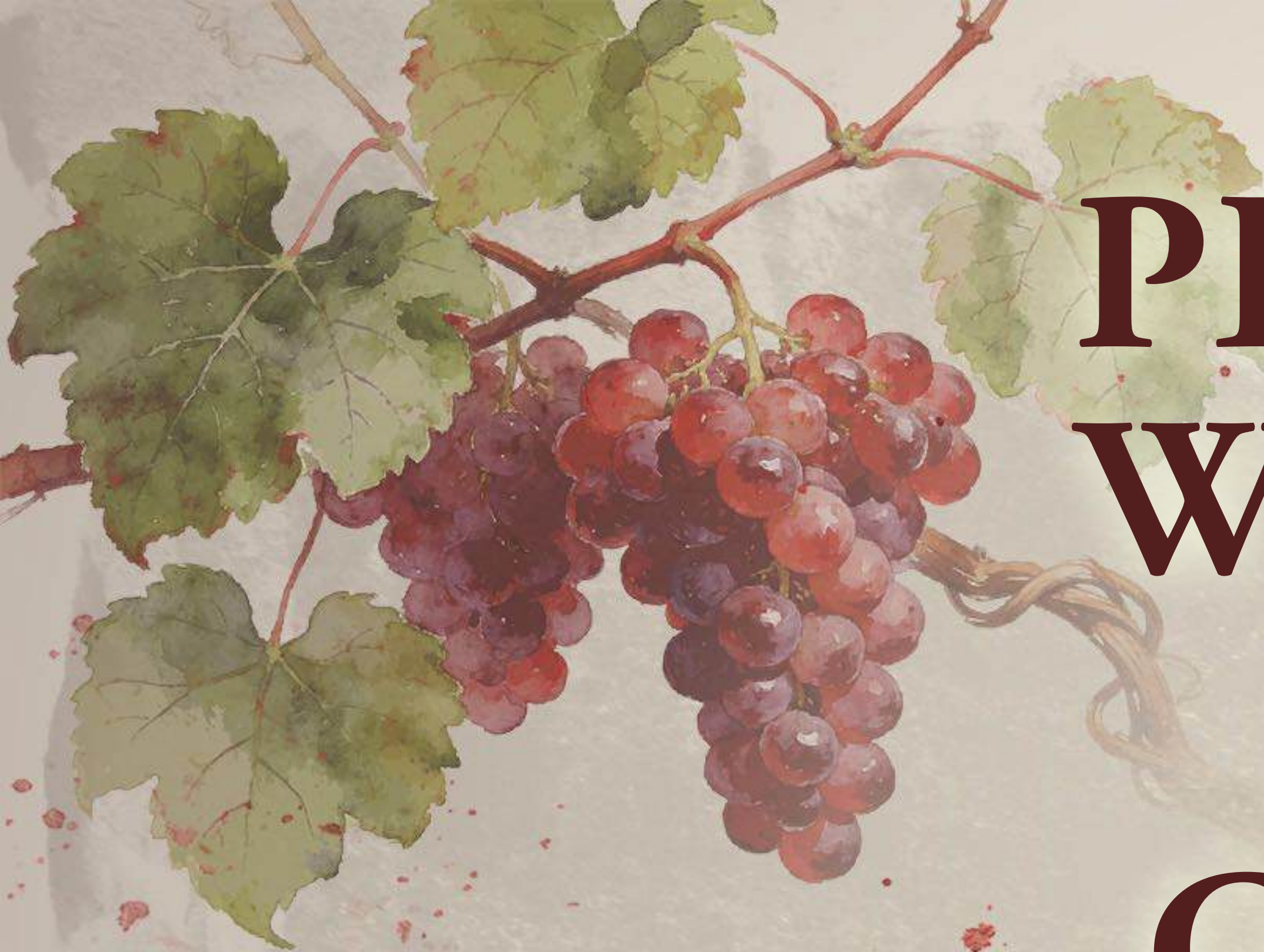


GOD IS NOT JUST
TRYING TO GET
YOU OUT OF WHAT
YOU ARE IN. HE
MAY BE TRYING TO
GET SOMETHING
OUT OF YOU WHILE
YOU ARE IN IT

GENESIS 50:20



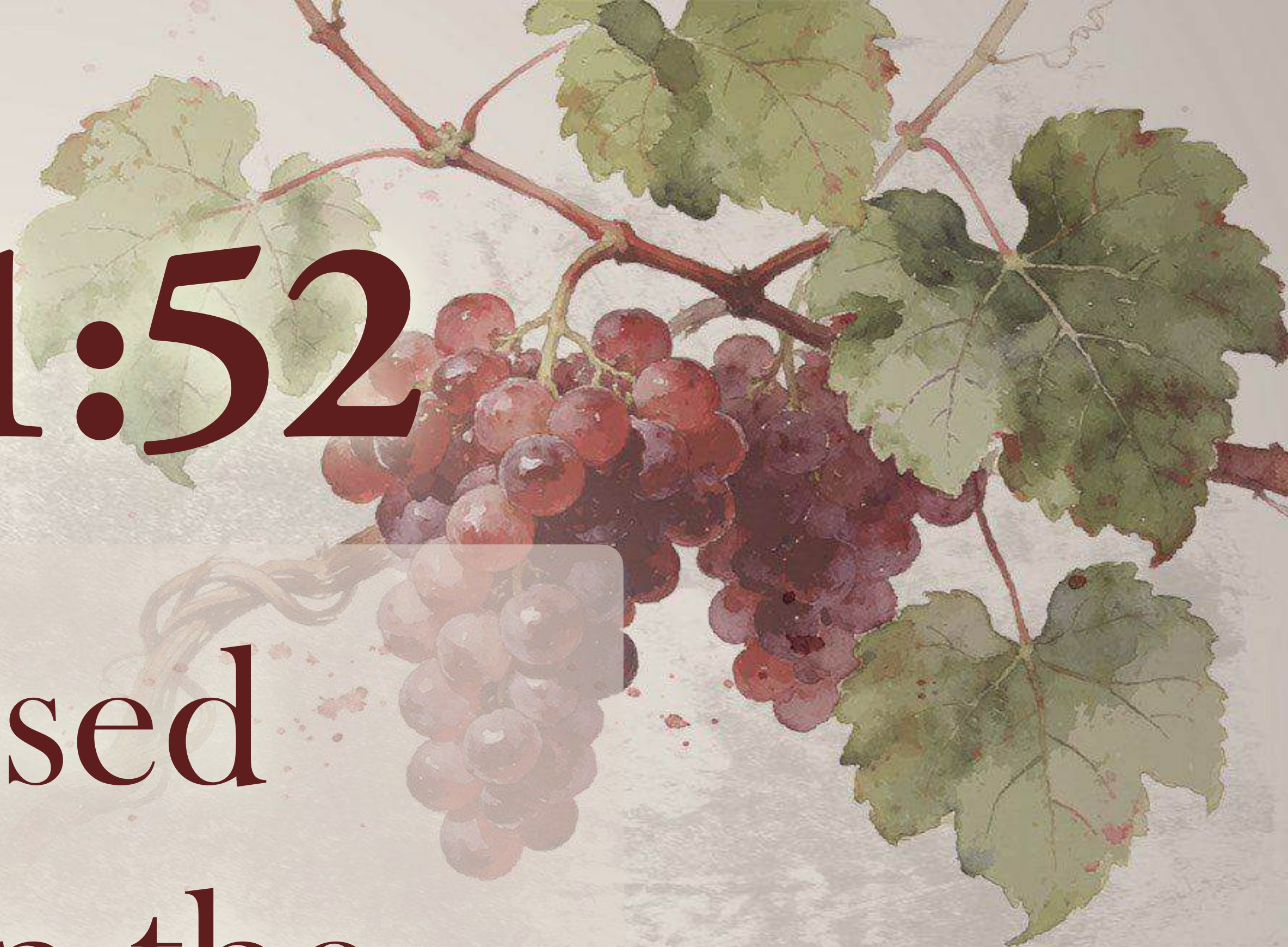
But as for you, ye thought
evil against me; but God
meant it unto good...



PEOPLE CAN DO
WRONG THINGS
TO YOU AND
GOD CAN STILL
ACCOMPLISH HIS
PURPOSE IN YOU

GENESIS 41:52

For God hath caused
me to be fruitful in the
land of my affliction





**YOU CANNOT ALWAYS CONTROL
WHAT PEOPLE DO TO YOU, BUT
YOU CAN CONTROL WHAT THEIR
ACTIONS PRODUCE IN YOU**

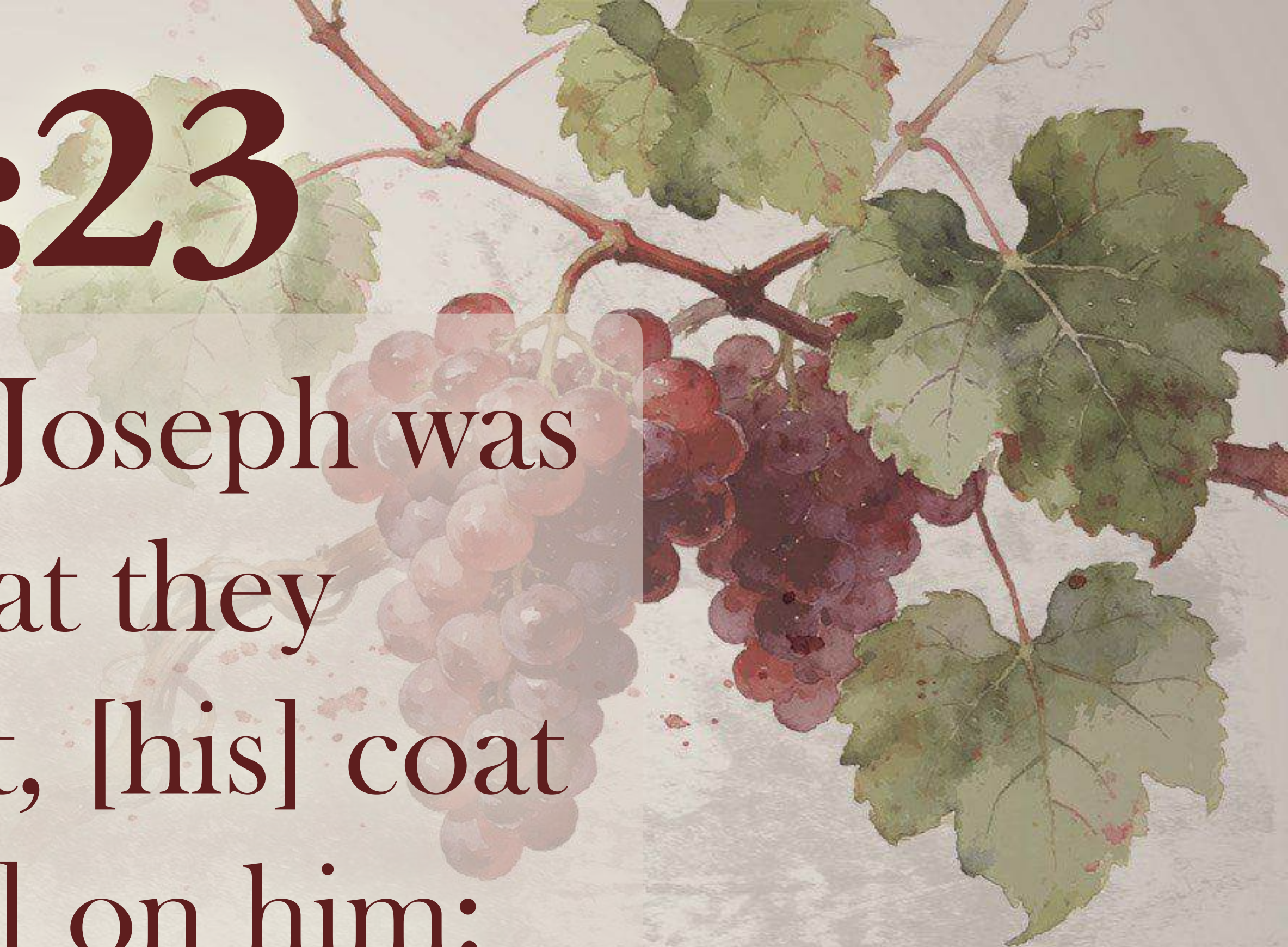


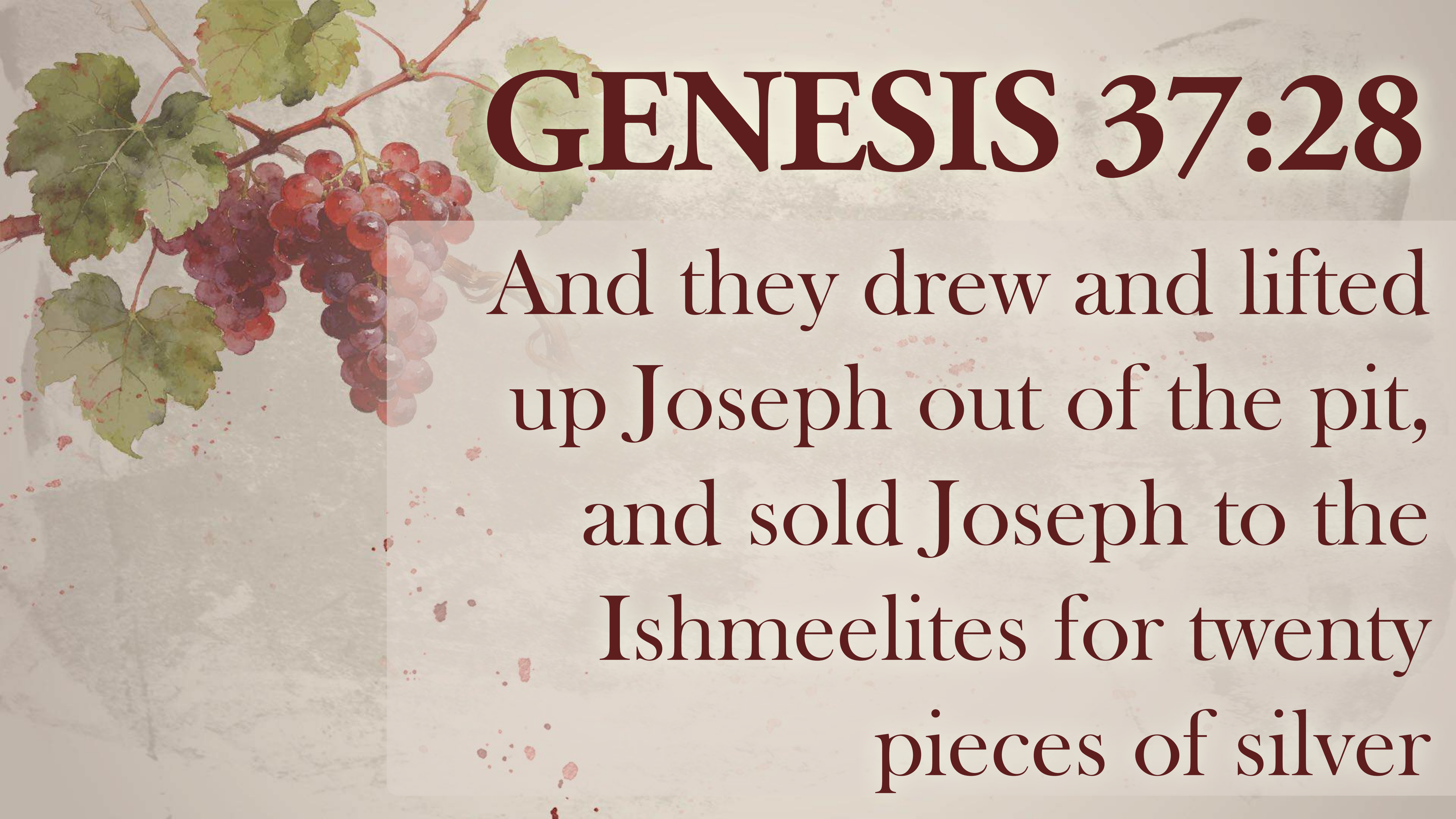
GENESIS 37:18

And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

GENESIS 37:23

And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, [his] coat of [many] colours that [was] on him;
24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit [was] empty, [there was] no water in it





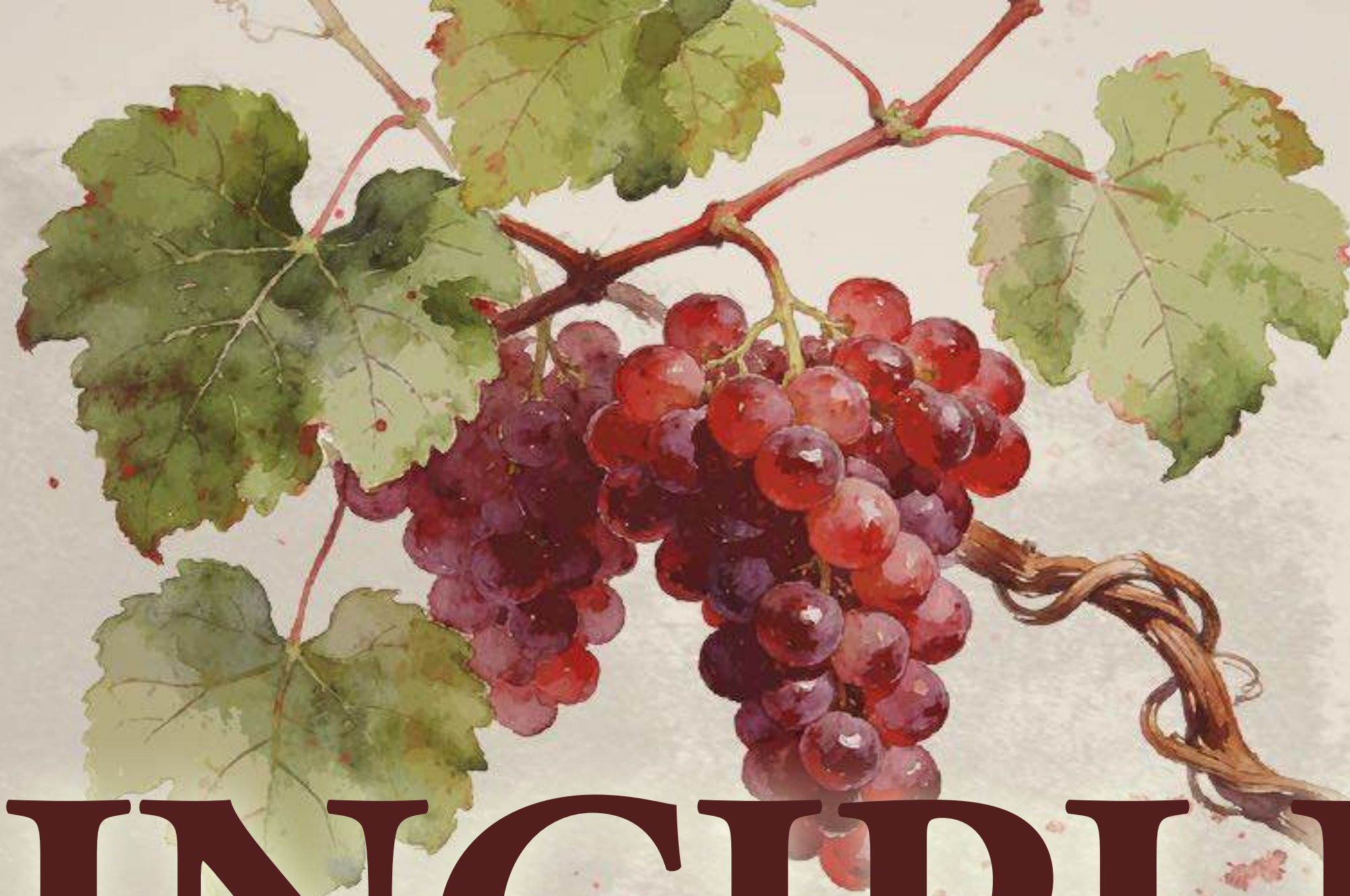
GENESIS 37:28

And they drew and lifted
up Joseph out of the pit,
and sold Joseph to the
Ishmeelites for twenty
pieces of silver

GENESIS 39:2

And the LORD was with
Joseph, and he was a
prosperous man...





PRINCIPLE 1:

Never Allow the
Dysfunction of Others to
Define Your Character

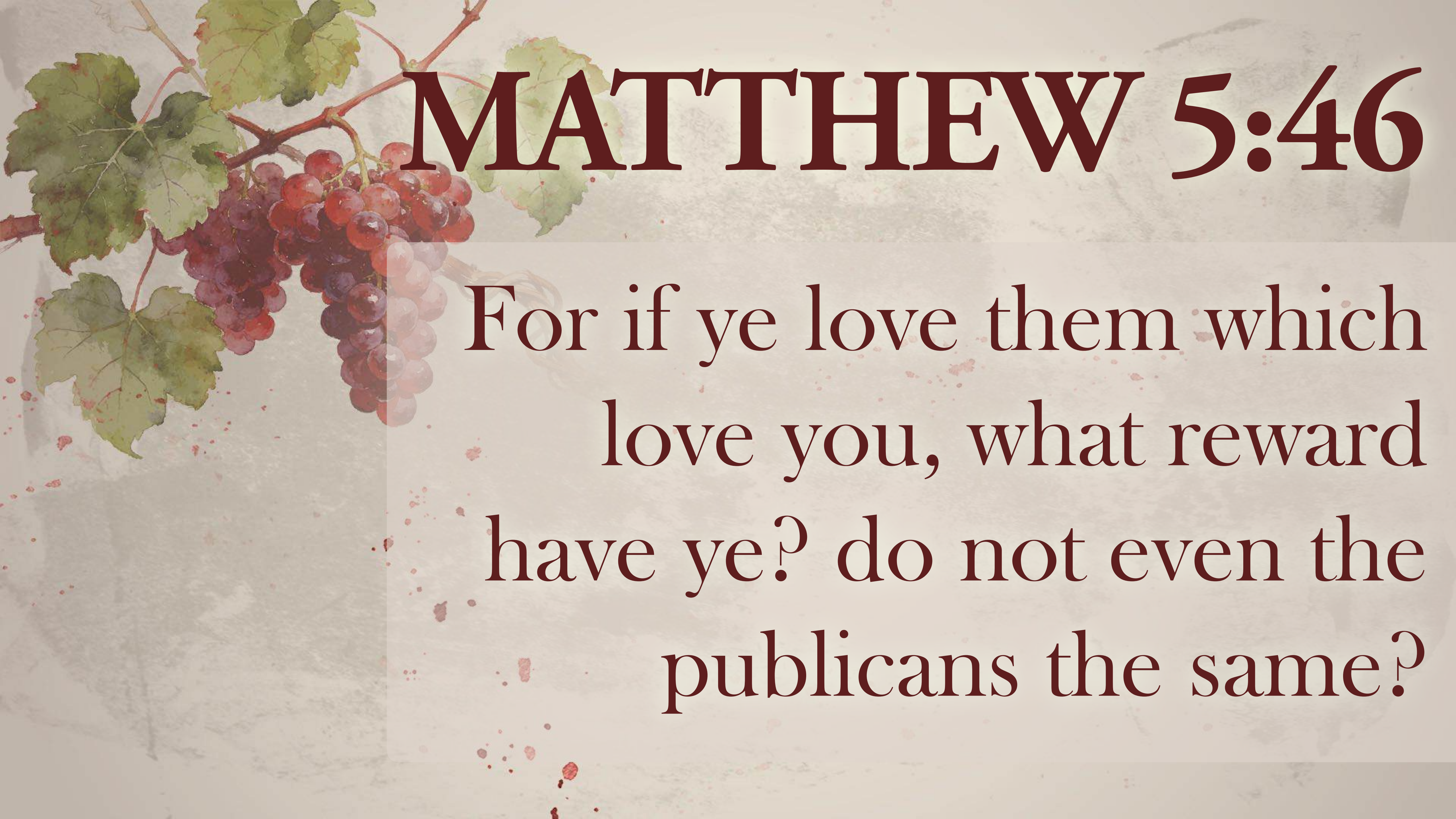


MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, bless them
that curse you, do good to
them that hate you, and pray
for them which despitefully
use you, and persecute you.”

THEY MAY HAVE
GIVEN YOU
THEIR WORST,
BUT YOU
DON'T HAVE TO
GIVE THEM
YOUR WORST



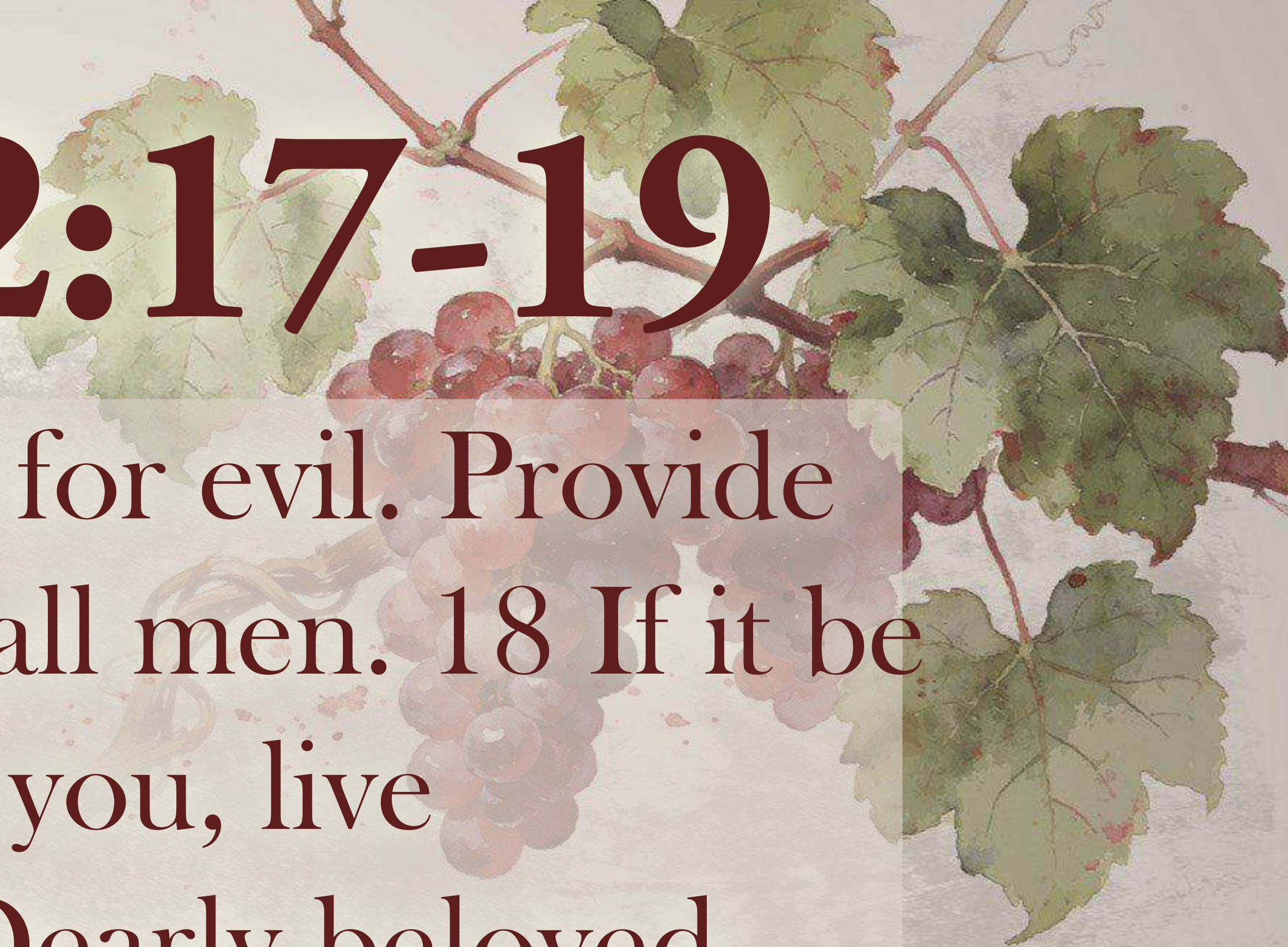


MATTHEW 5:46

For if ye love them which
love you, what reward
have ye? do not even the
publicans the same?

ROMANS 12:17-19

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but [rather] give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance [is] mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.





ROMANS 12:21

Be not overcome of
evil, but overcome
evil with good.



NEVER LET SOMEONE
ELSE'S WRONG
BECOME STRONGER
THAN YOUR RIGHT

THE WRONG THAT
PEOPLE DO TO YOU
CANNOT OVERCOME
YOU UNLESS YOU ALLOW
WHAT THEY DID TO
CAUSE YOU TO BECOME
SOMETHING GOD NEVER
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YOU BECOME
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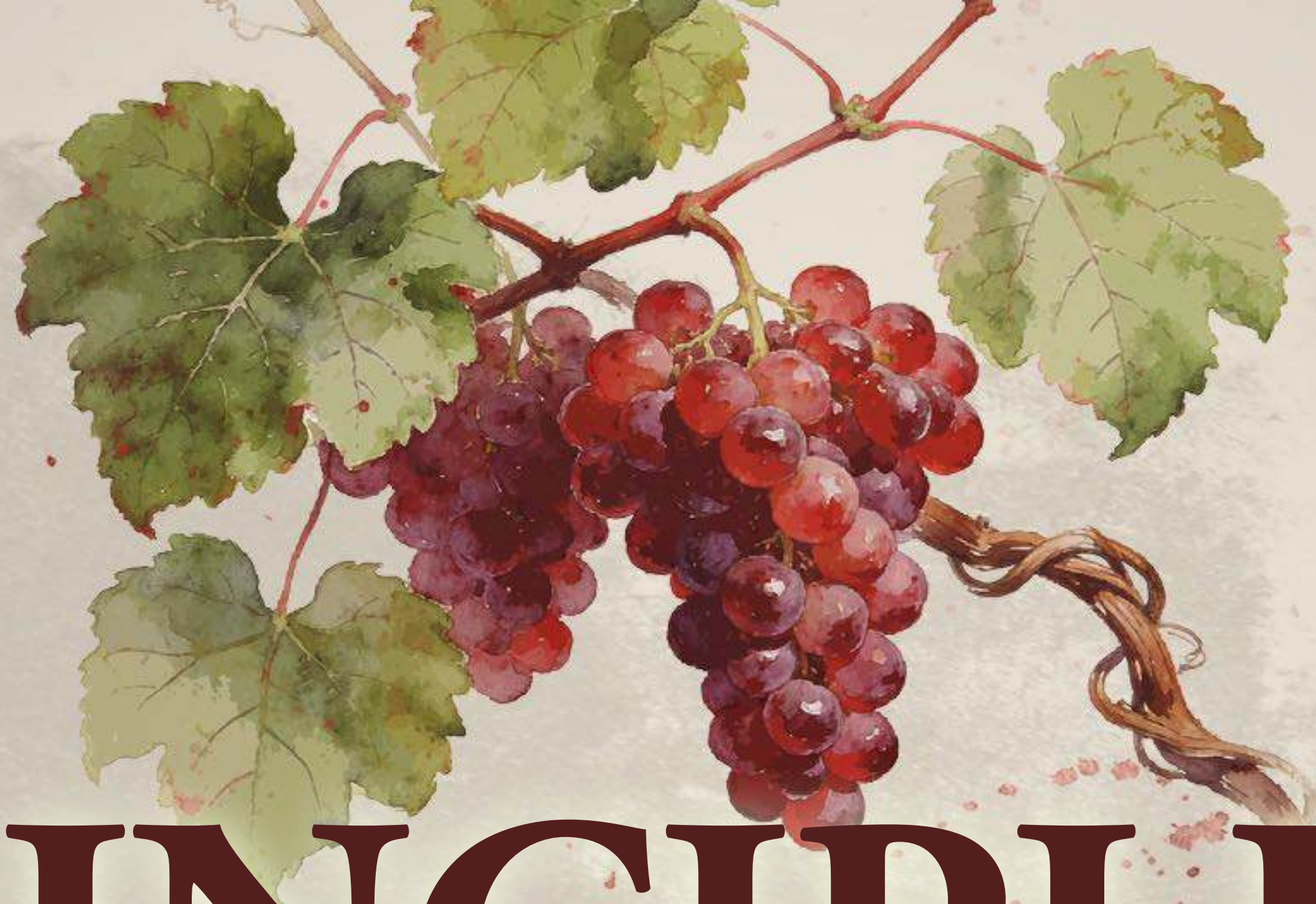
GENESIS 39:2

And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.





**IT IS ONE THING FOR AFFLICTION TO
COME BECAUSE YOU DID SOMETHING
WRONG – BUT IT IS EVEN HARDER
WHEN AFFLICTION COMES BECAUSE
YOU DID SOMETHING RIGHT**



PRINCIPLE 2:

Lies Do not Define You—
Integrity Does



1 PETER 2:20

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God

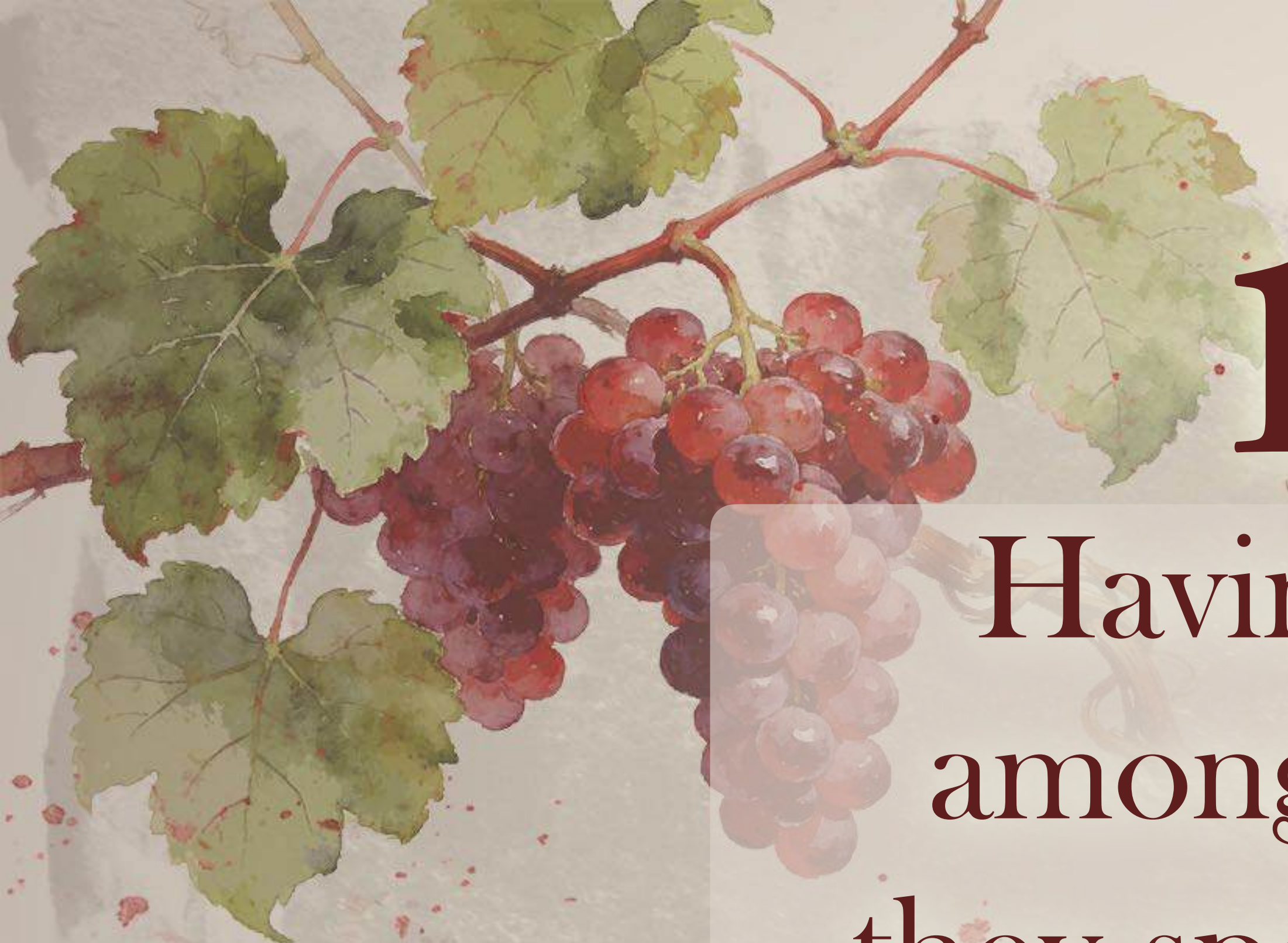
1 PETER 2:23

Who, when he was reviled,
reviled not again; when he
suffered, he threatened not; but
committed himself to him that
judgeth righteously





**YOU WILL NOT DEFEAT A FALSE
ACCUSATION BY ARGUING
WITH IT—YOU DEFEAT IT BY
CONSISTENTLY LIVING A LIFE
THAT CONTRADICTS IT**



1 PETER 2:12

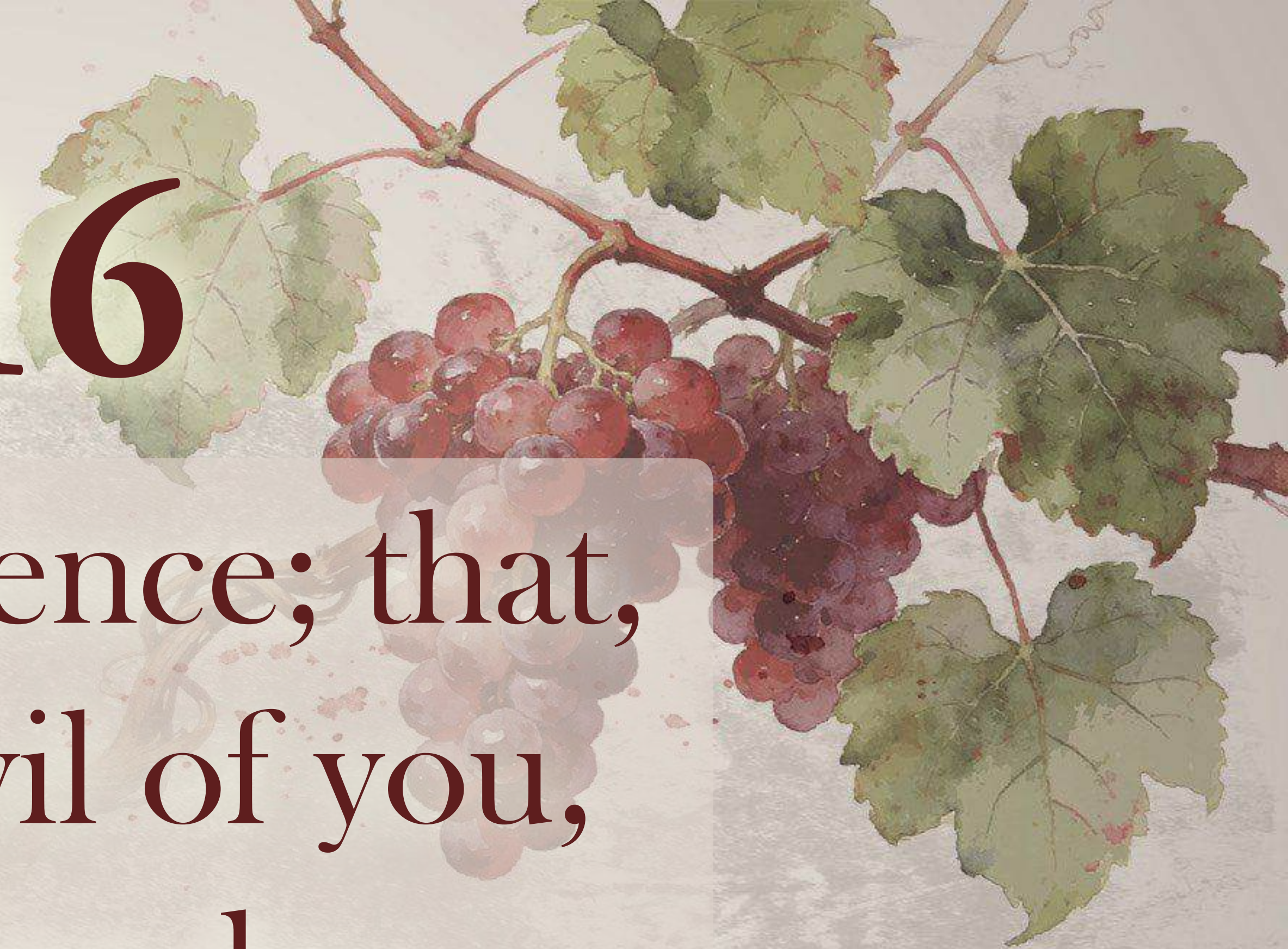
Having your conversation honest
among the Gentiles: that, whereas
they speak against you as evildoers,
they may by [your] good works,
which they shall behold, glorify God
in the day of visitation.



**NEVER ALLOW SOMEBODY
ELSE'S ACCUSATION
CAUSE YOU TO ABANDON
YOUR CHARACTER**

1 PETER 3:16

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.





**STOP CHASING
EVERY LIE AND
COMMIT TO LIVING
A LIFE THAT
EVENTUALLY
MAKES THE LIE
UNBELIEVABLE**

GENESIS 39:21

But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.





ROMANS 8:31

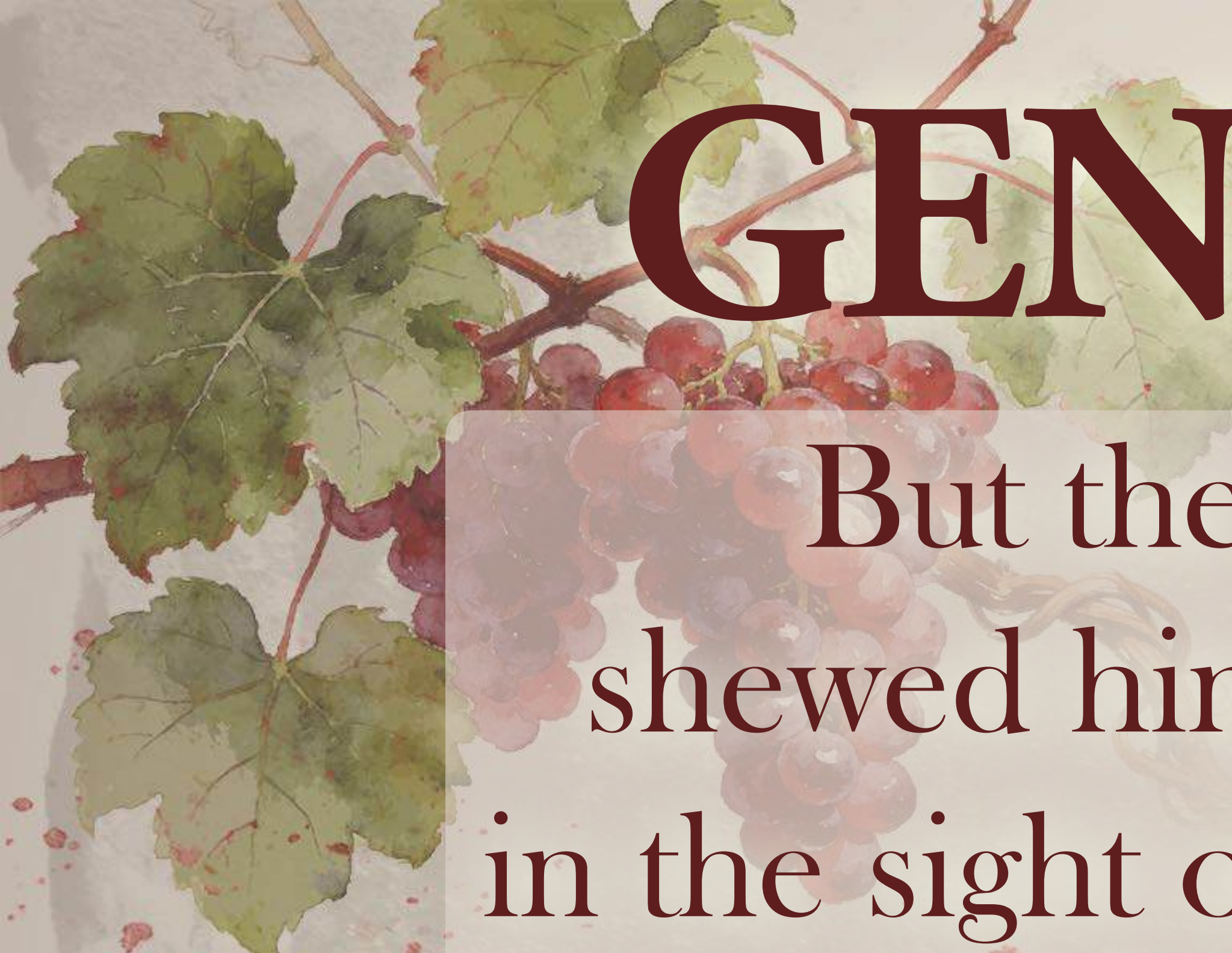
What shall we then say to
these things? If God [be]
for us, who [can be]
against us?

ISAIAH 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.

This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD



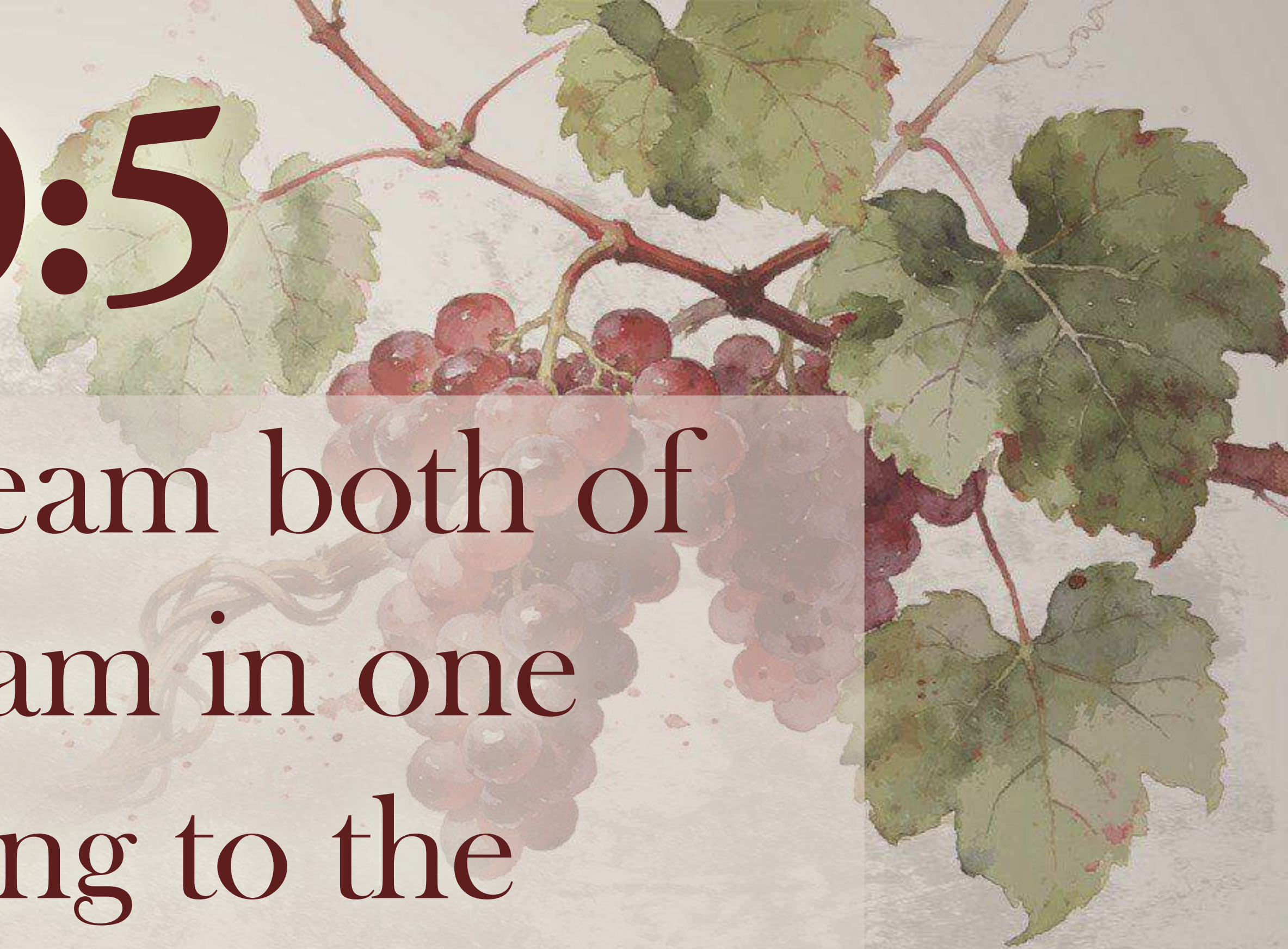


GENESIS 39:21-22

But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that [were] in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it

GENESIS 40:5

And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which [were] bound in the prison





GENESIS 40:14

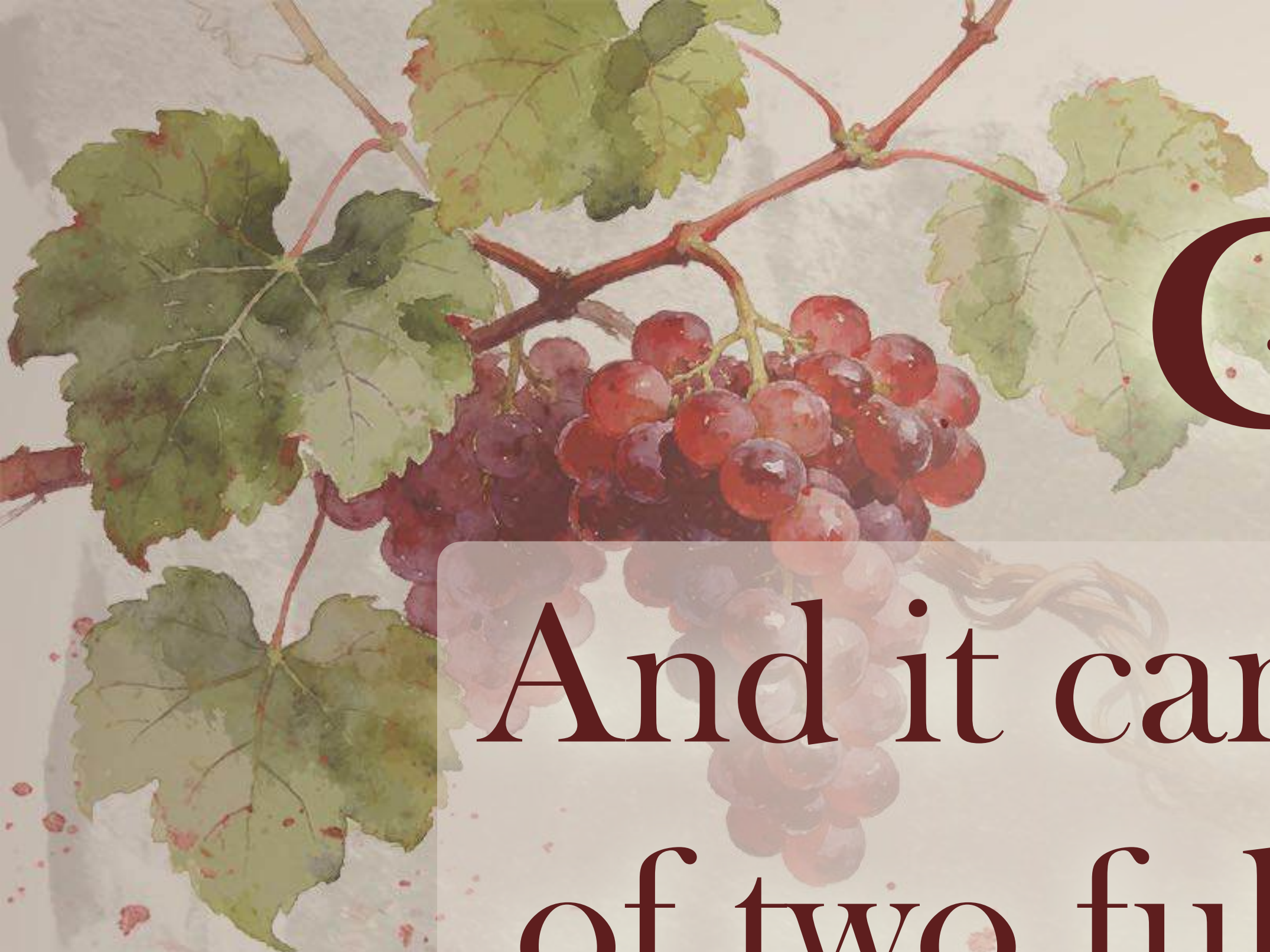
But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness,

I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:

GENESIS 40:23

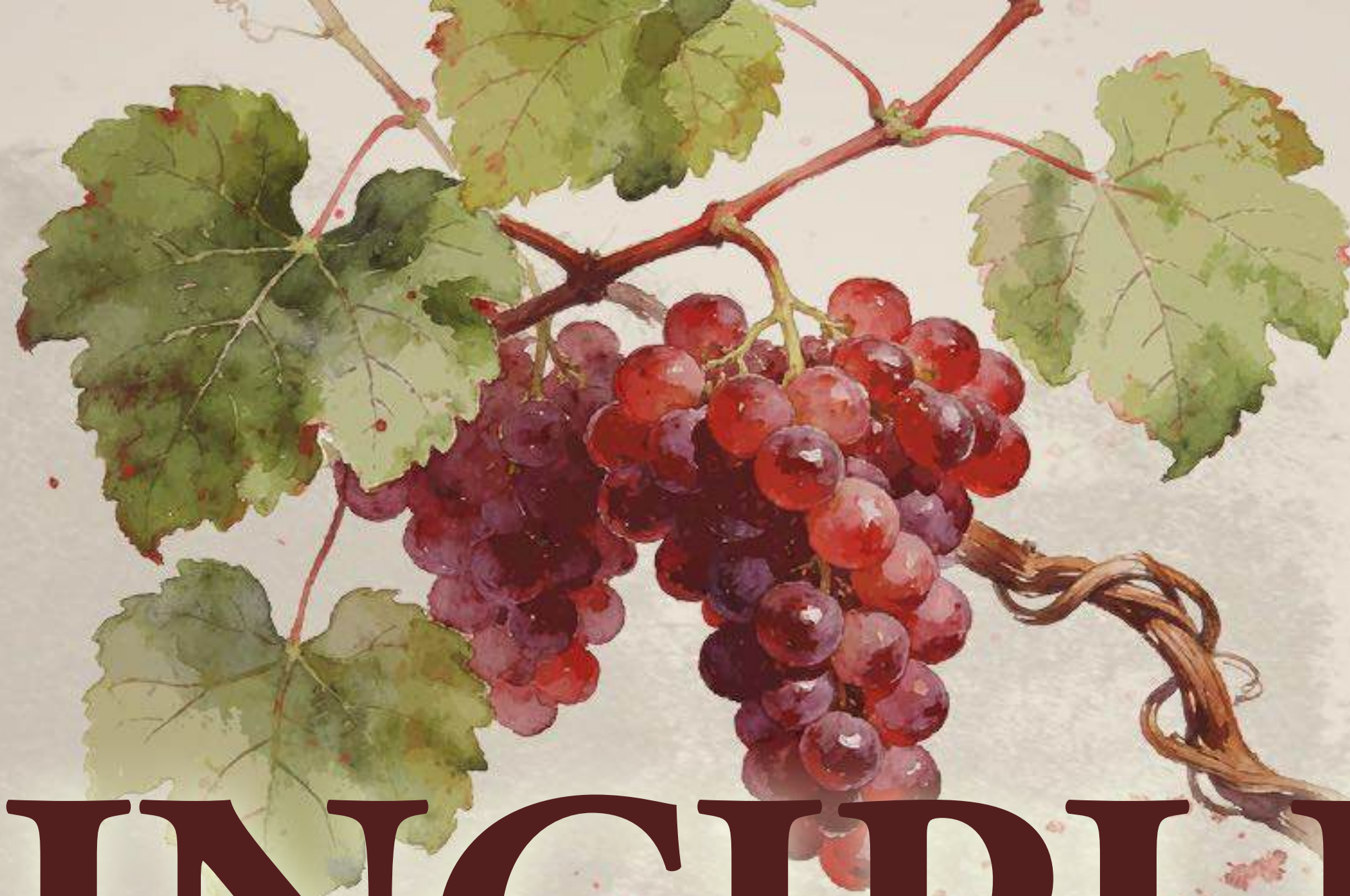
Yet did not the chief
butler remember
Joseph, but forgat him.





GENESIS 41:1

And it came to pass at the end
of two full years, that Pharaoh
dreamed: and, behold, he
stood by the river.



PRINCIPLE 3:

Your Promotion is Never
Dependent on Someone
Else's Promise

GENESIS 41:1, 8, 12



And it came to pass at the
end of two full years, that
Pharaoh dreamed: and,
behold, he stood by the river.

GENESIS 41:1, 8, 12

And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but [there was] none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.



GENESIS 41:1, 8, 12

And [there was] there with us a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret.





**YOU CANNOT ALLOW
SOMEBODY ELSE'S DELAY
TO MAKE YOU ABANDON
GOD'S PROCESS**

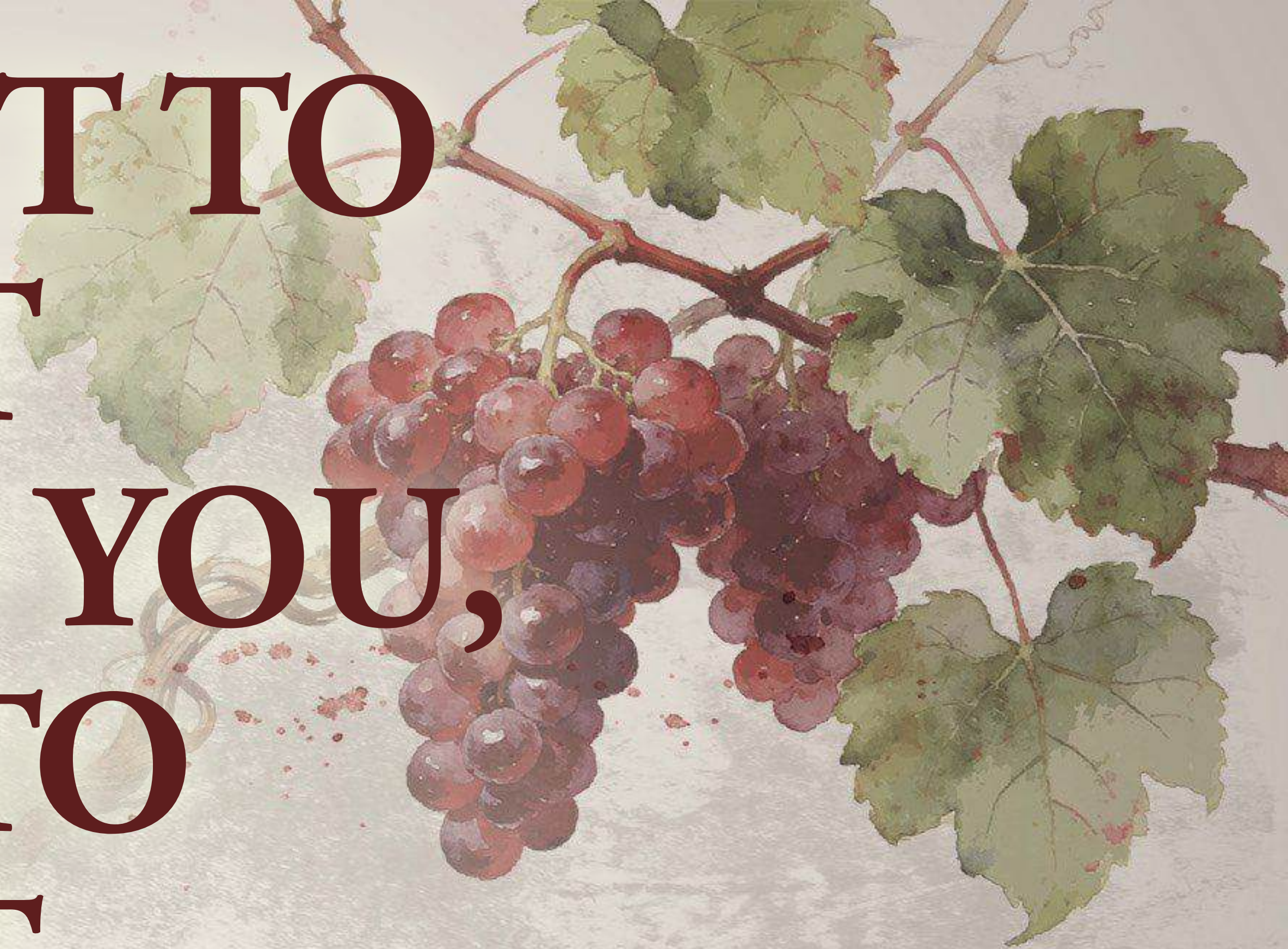


THE GREATEST VICTORY
OVER THE PEOPLE WHO
HURT YOU IS NOT
GETTING EVEN WITH
THEM. IT IS BECOMING
EVERYTHING THEY
TRIED TO PREVENT YOU
FROM BECOMING



WHAT IS THE
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