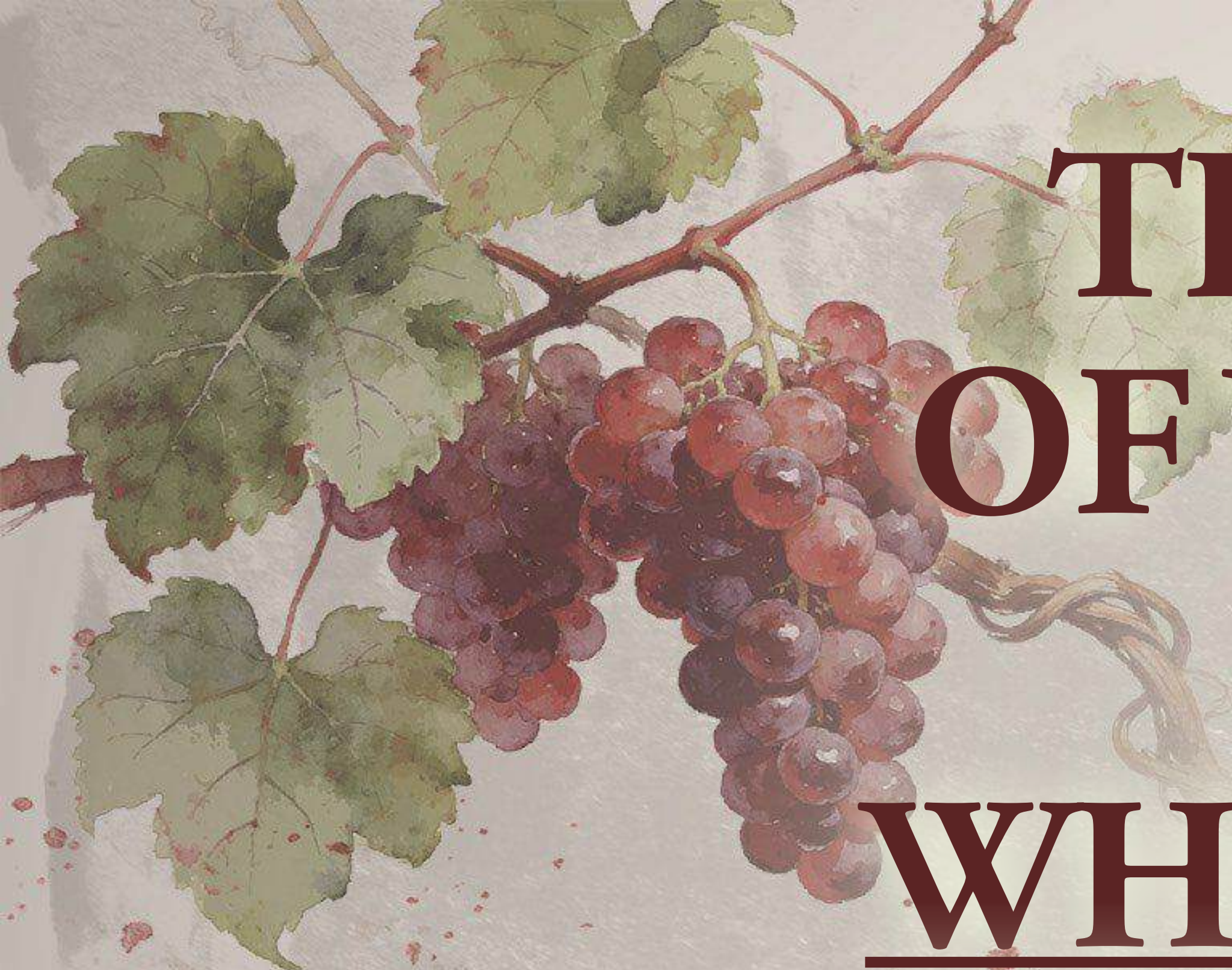




EPHRAIM

being fruitful in the land of affliction

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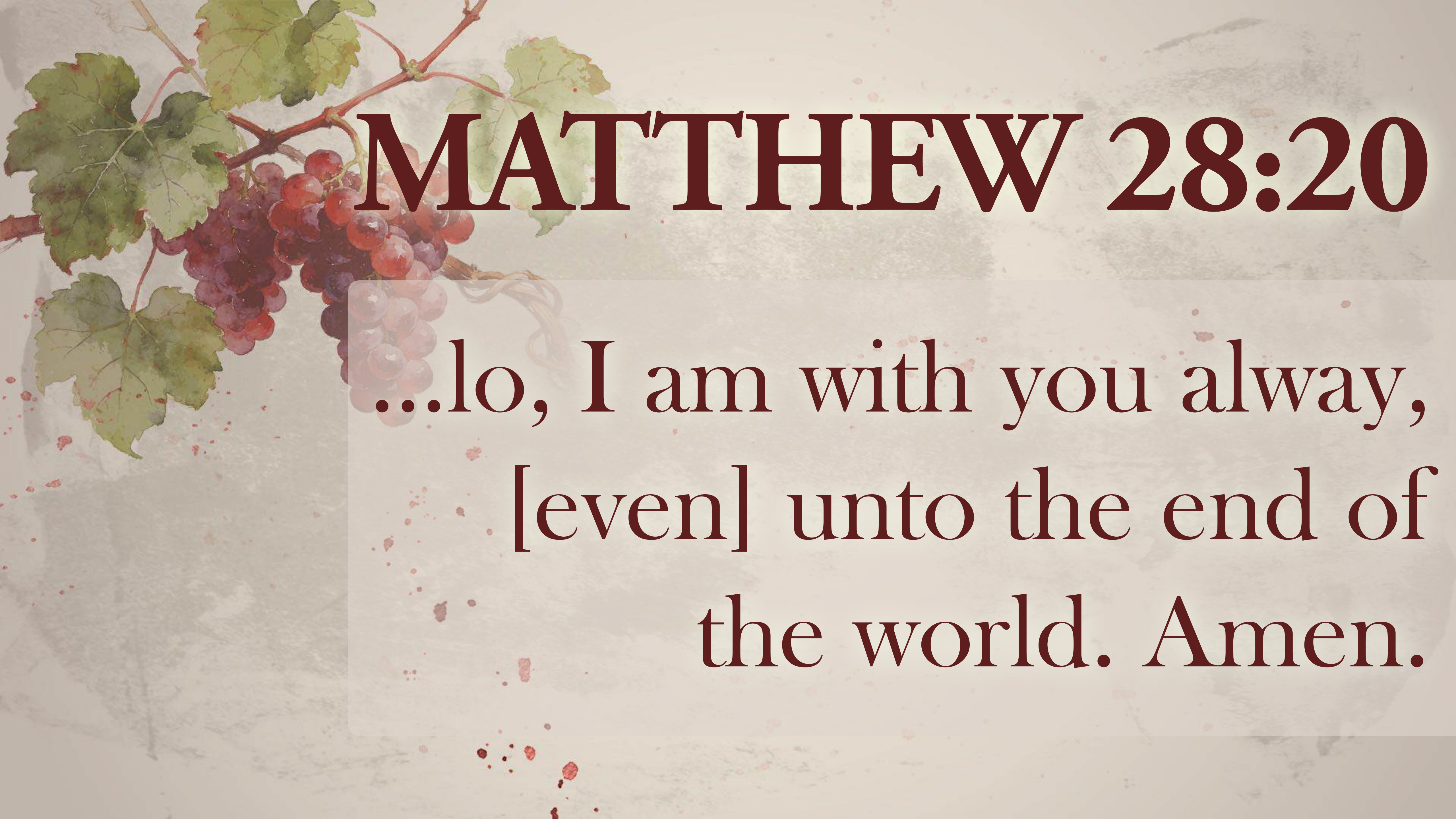


THE FRUITFULNESS
OF YOUR LIFE IS NOT
DETERMINED BY
WHERE YOU ARE BUT
RATHER BY WHO IS
WITH YOU WHILE
YOU ARE THERE

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.

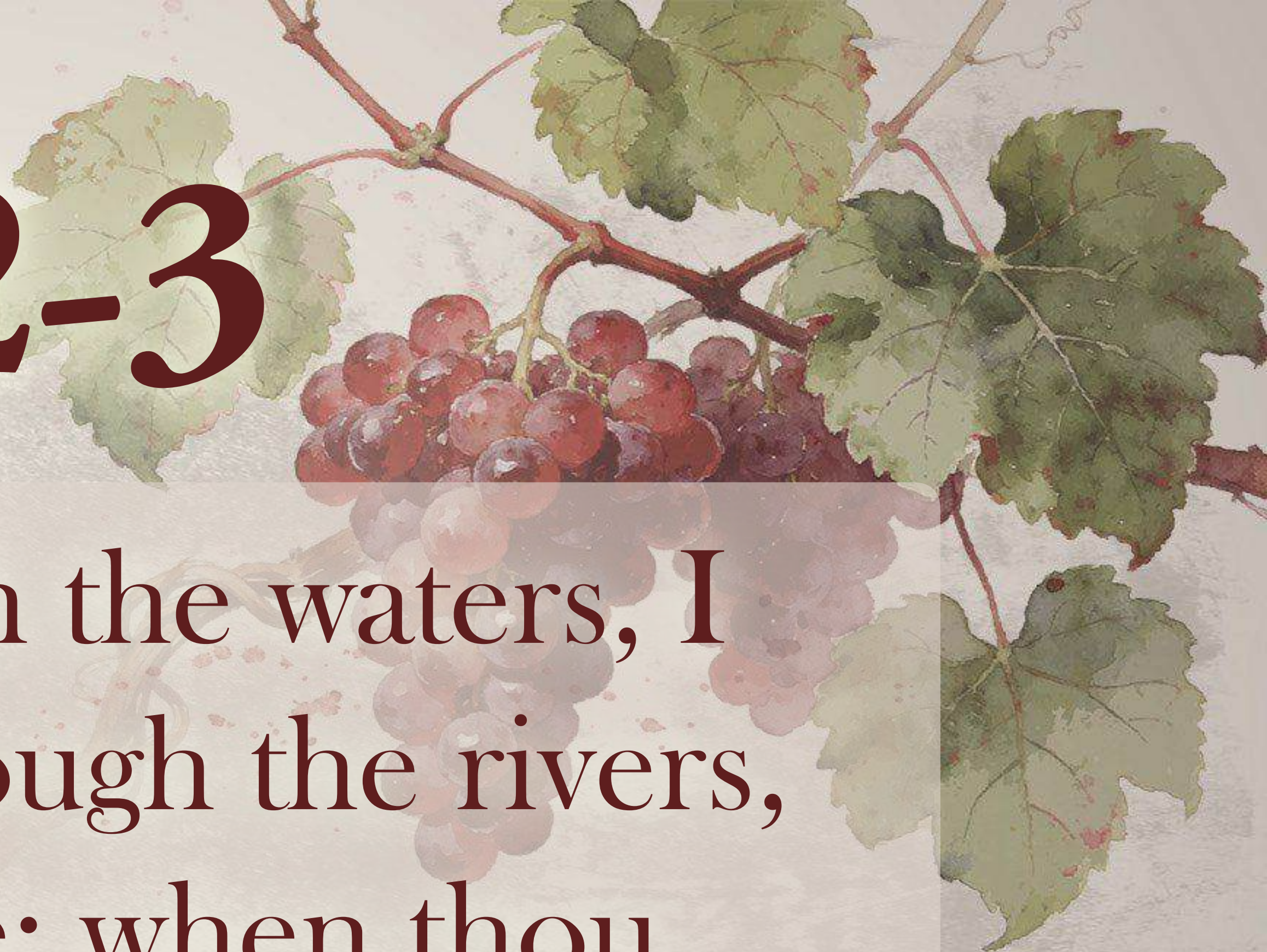


MATTHEW 28:20

...lo, I am with you alway,
[even] unto the end of
the world. Amen.

ISAIAH 43:2-3

When thou passest through the waters, I
[will be] with thee; and through the rivers,
they shall not overflow thee: when thou
walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be
burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon
thee. 3 For I [am] the LORD thy God





ROMANS 8:31

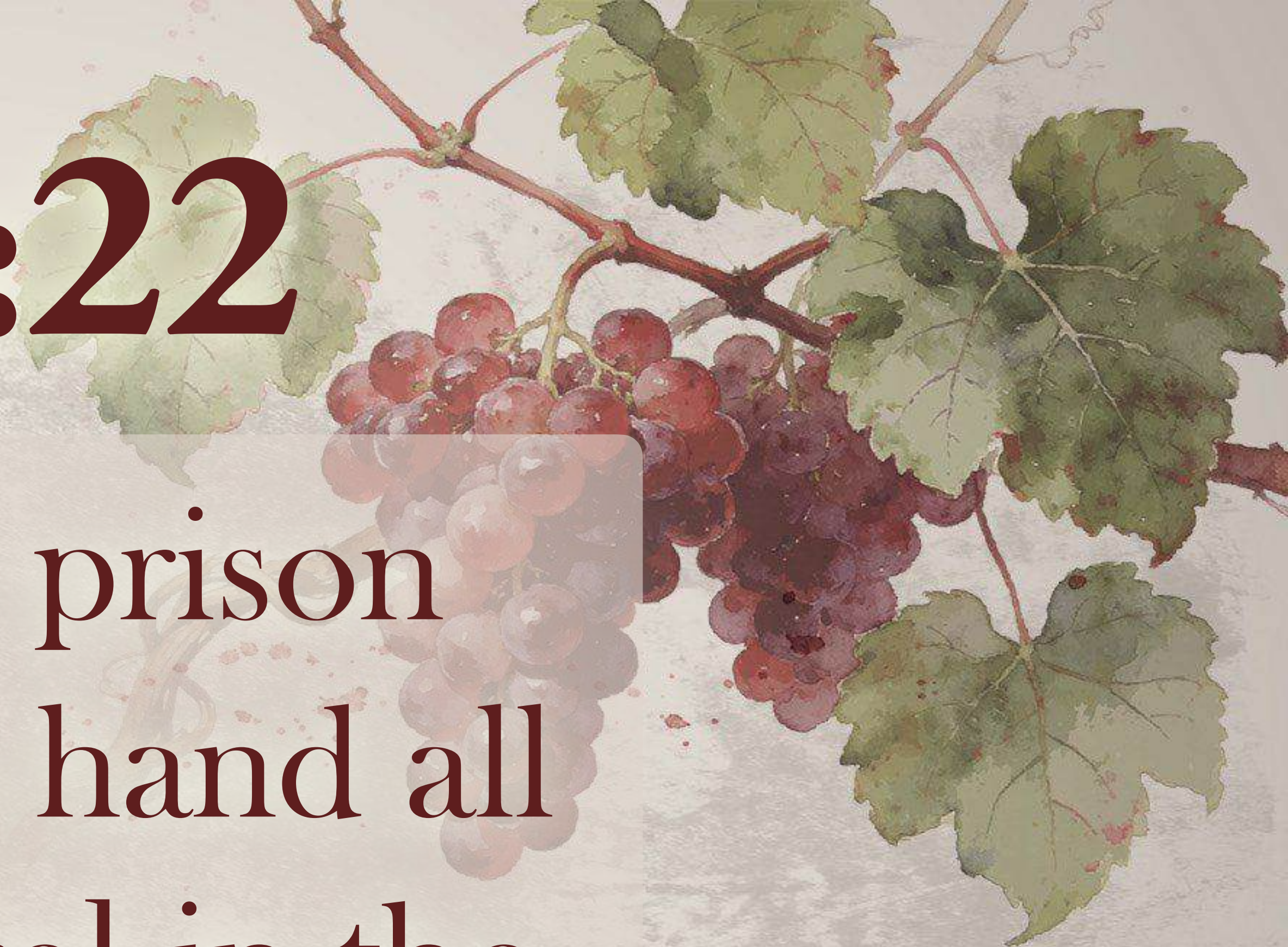
What shall we then say to these things? If God [be] for us, who [can be] against us?



**YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE AND
LOCATION NEVER HAS THE
FINAL AUTHORITY OVER
YOUR DESTINY**

GENESIS 39:22

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].



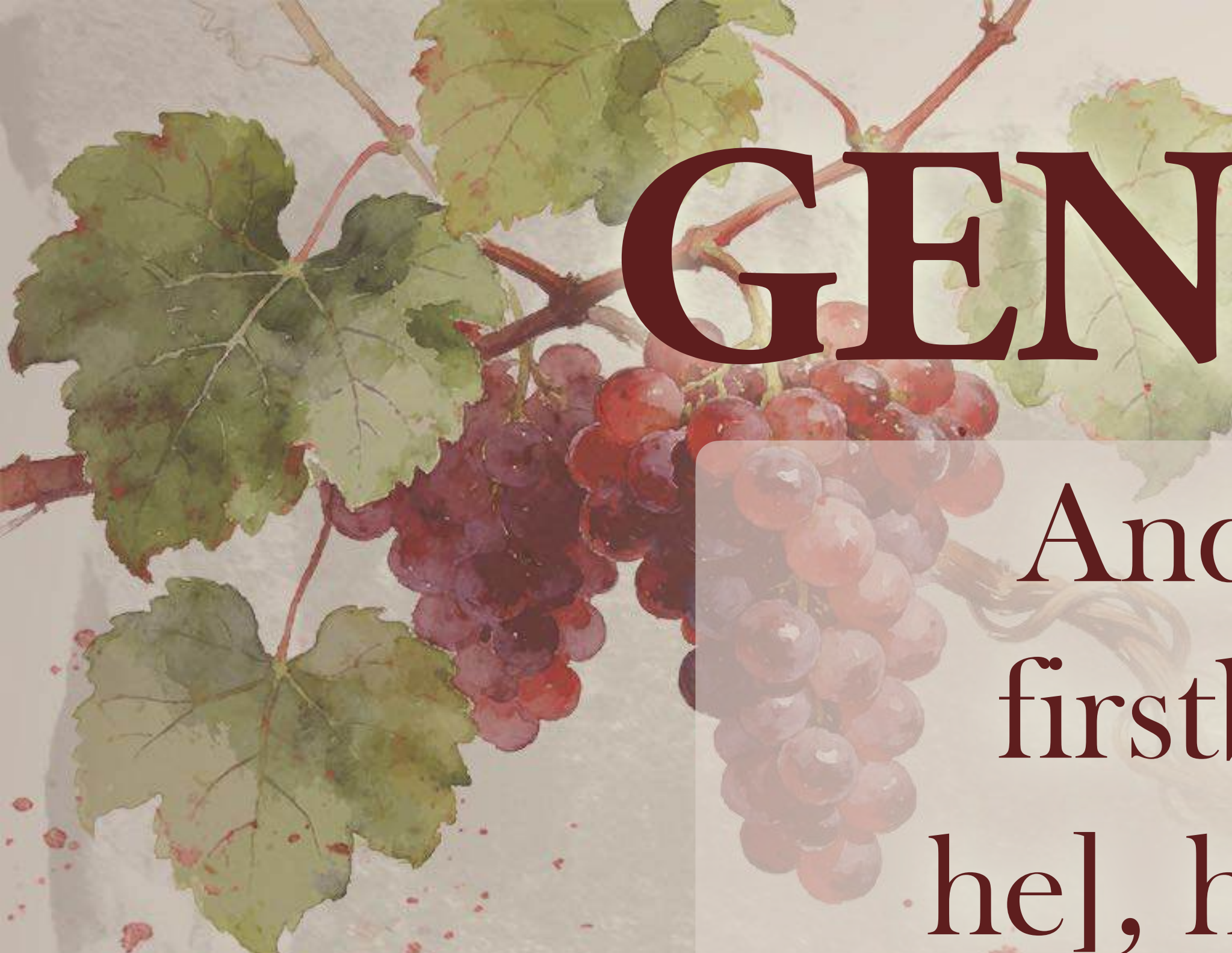


GENESIS 39:23

The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing [that was] under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and [that] which he did, the LORD made [it] to prosper.

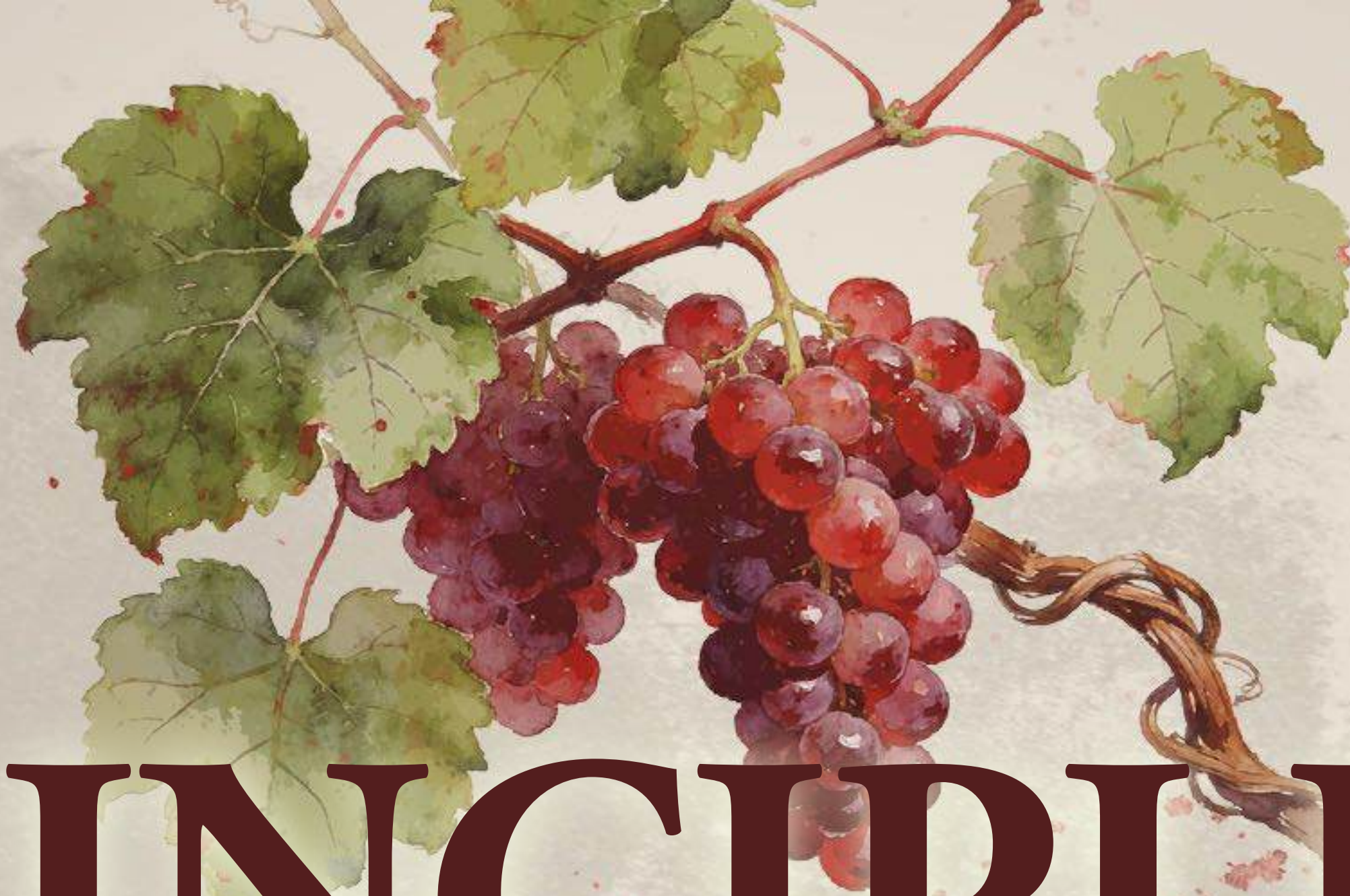
IT IS EASY TO BE
COMMITTED WHEN
YOU ARE CELEBRATED
– BUT YOUR
CHARACTER IS
REVEALED WHEN YOU
ARE INCARCERATED





GENESIS 41:51-52

And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, [said he], hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

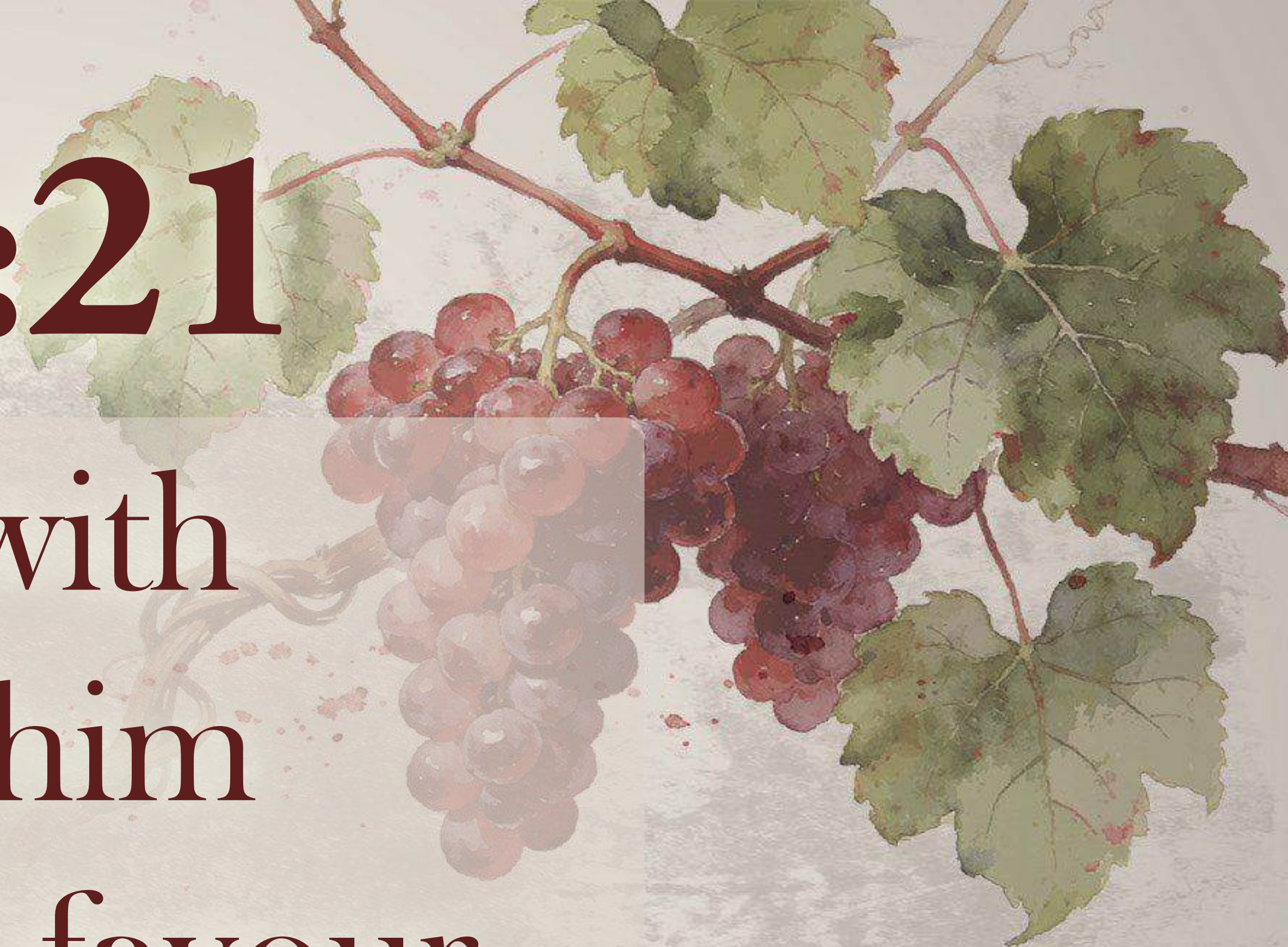


PRINCIPLE 1:

God's Favor is There
Even in a Place You Did
Not Choose

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.





**GOD'S FAVOR GIVES
YOU INFLUENCE**

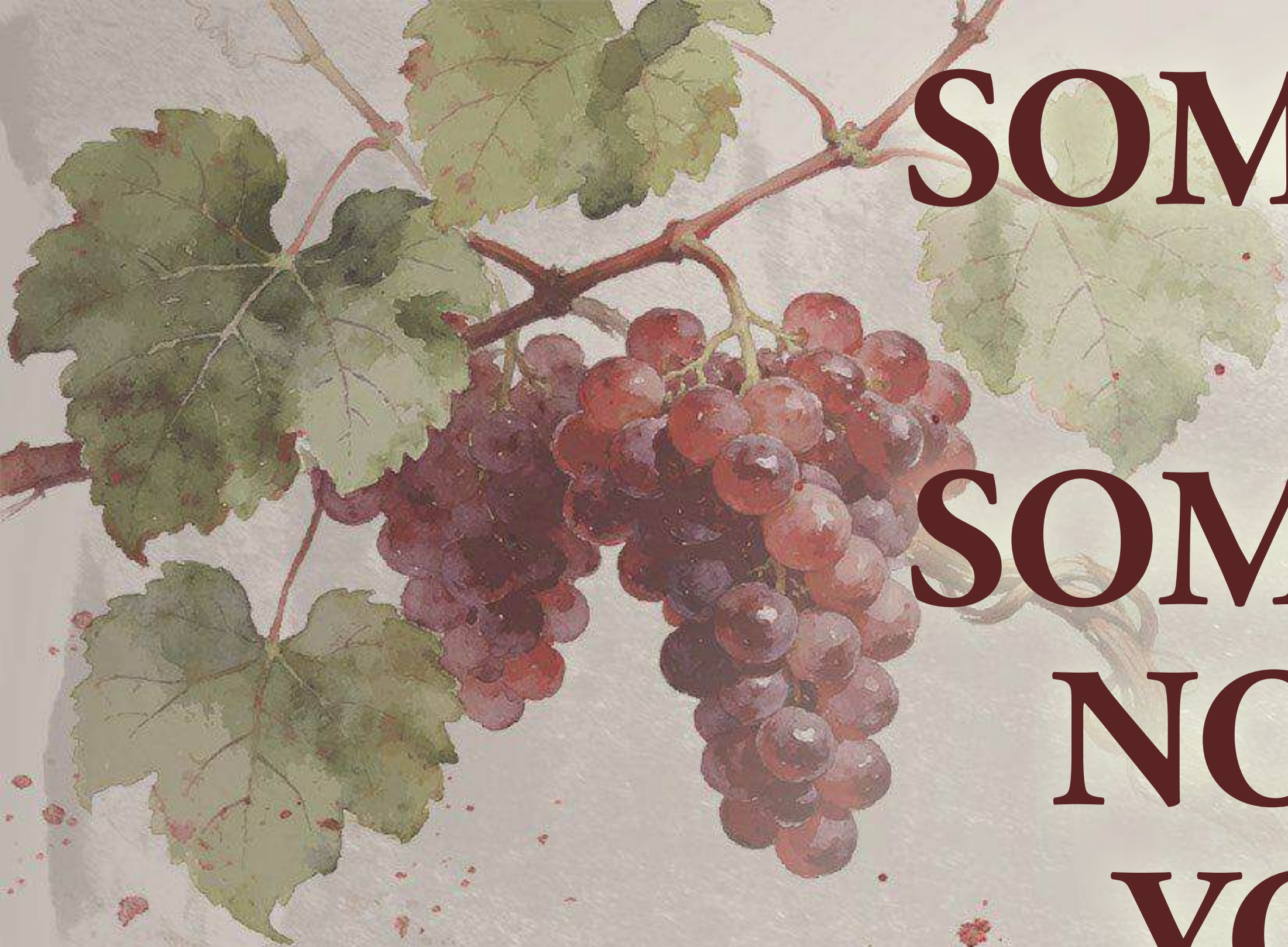


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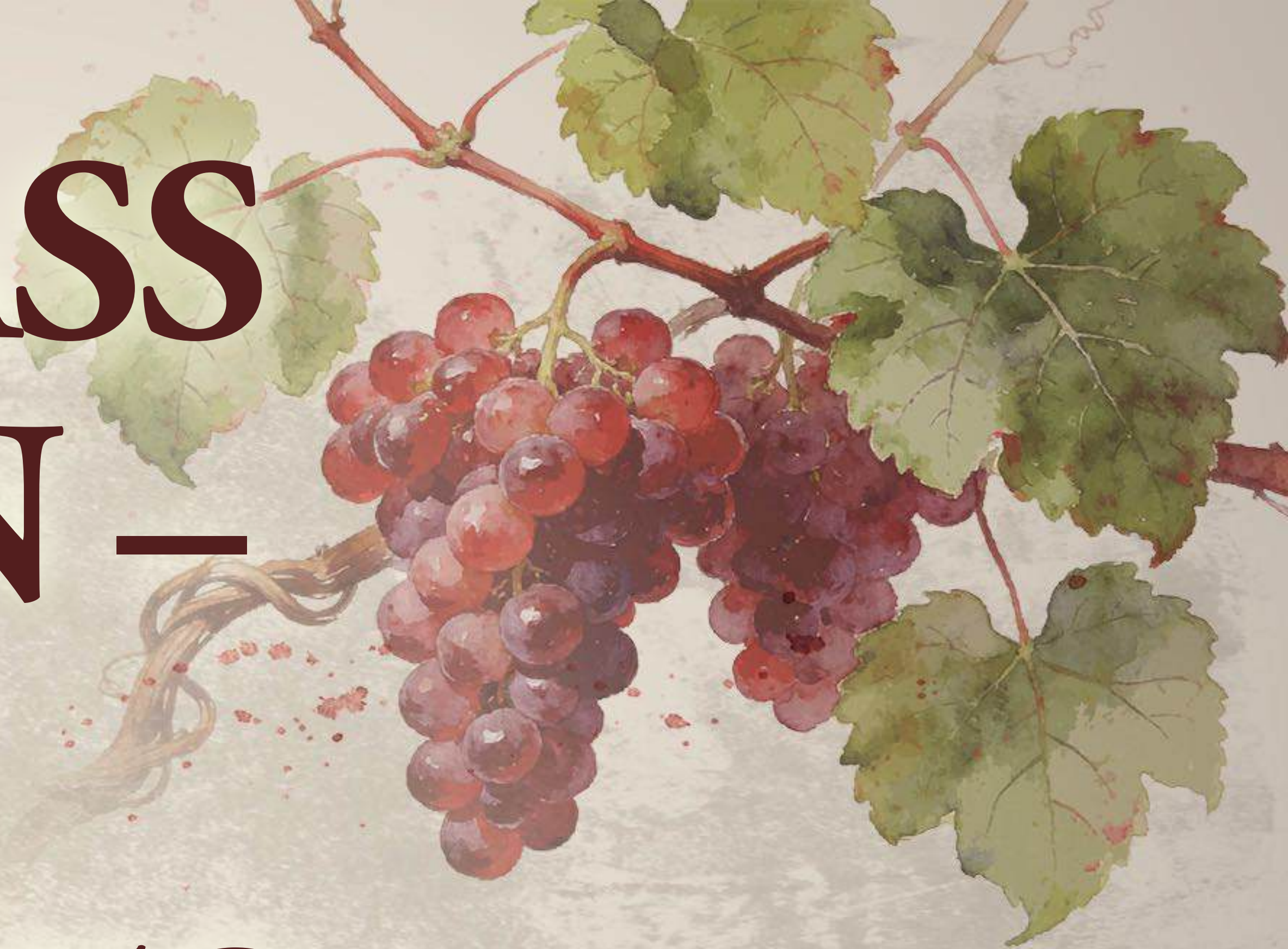


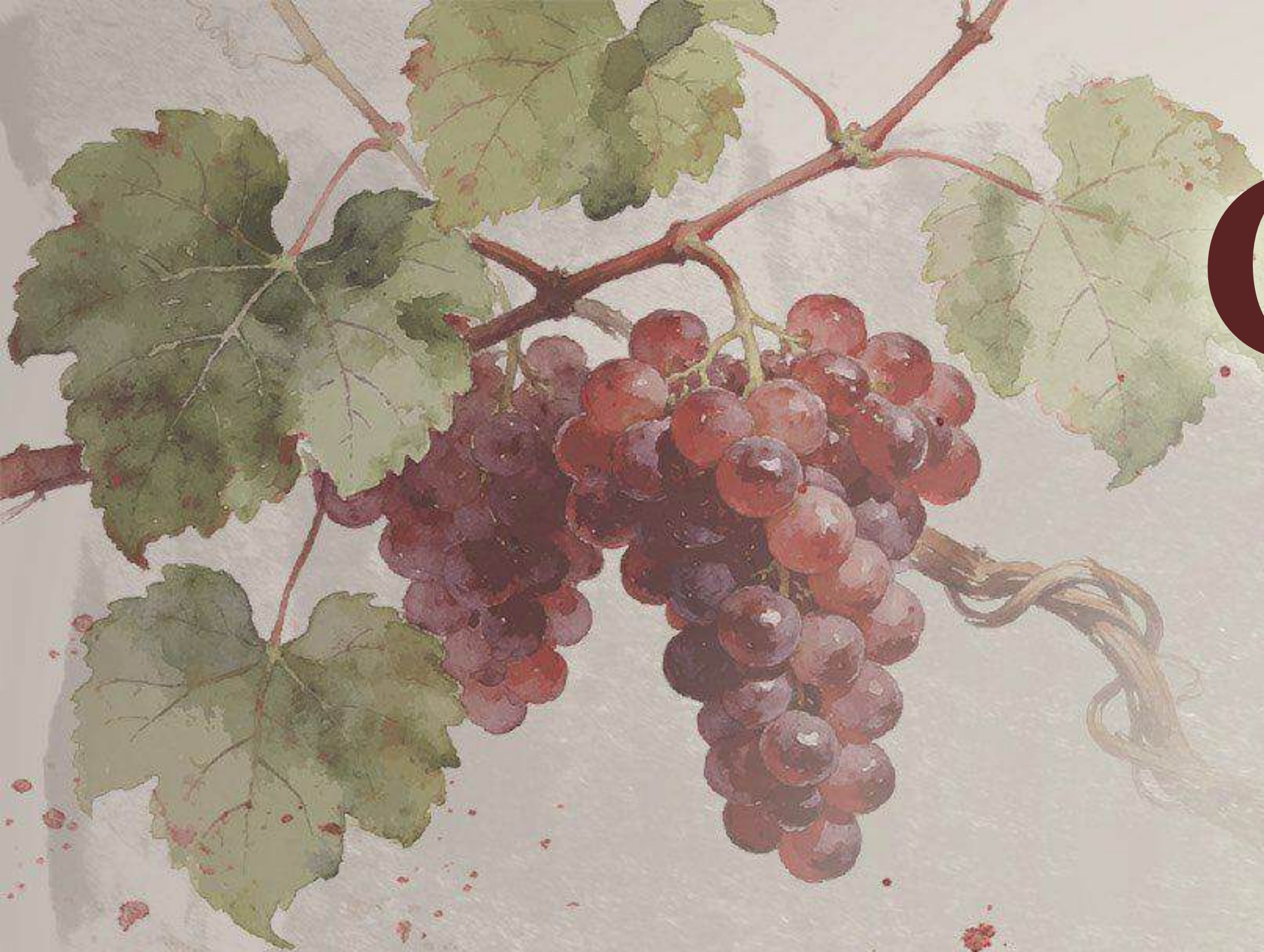
**GOD'S FAVOR GIVES
YOU OPPORTUNITY**



SOMETIMES GOD HAS
TO TAKE YOU
SOMEWHERE YOU DO
NOT WANT TO BE SO
YOU CAN HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO GET
WHERE YOU'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO GO

IF YOU BYPASS
THE PRISON –
YOU MAY
NEVER GET TO
THE PALACE

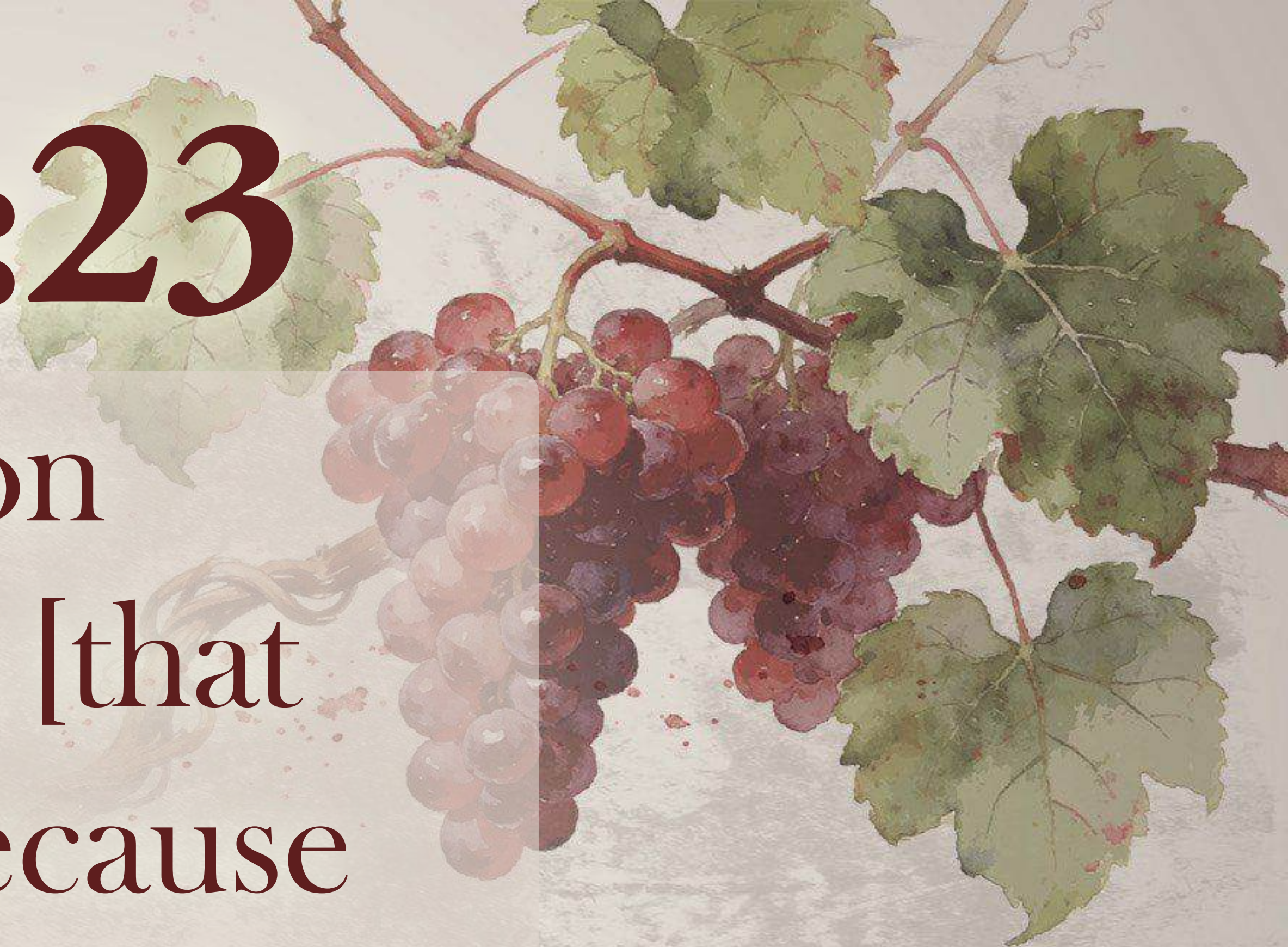


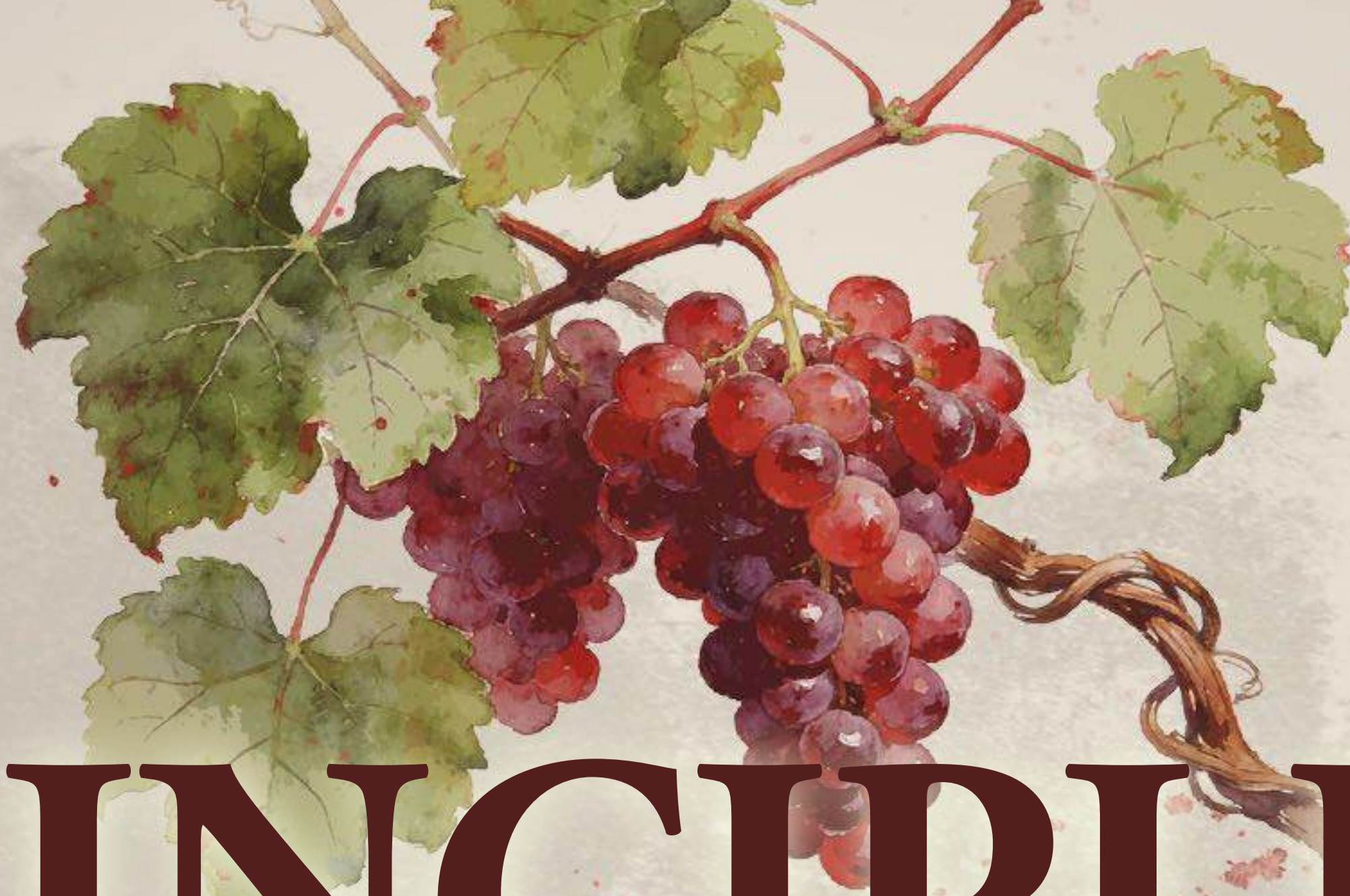


GOD'S FAVOR
DOES MORE
THAN BLESS
YOU – IT MAKES
YOU A BLESSING

GENESIS 39:23

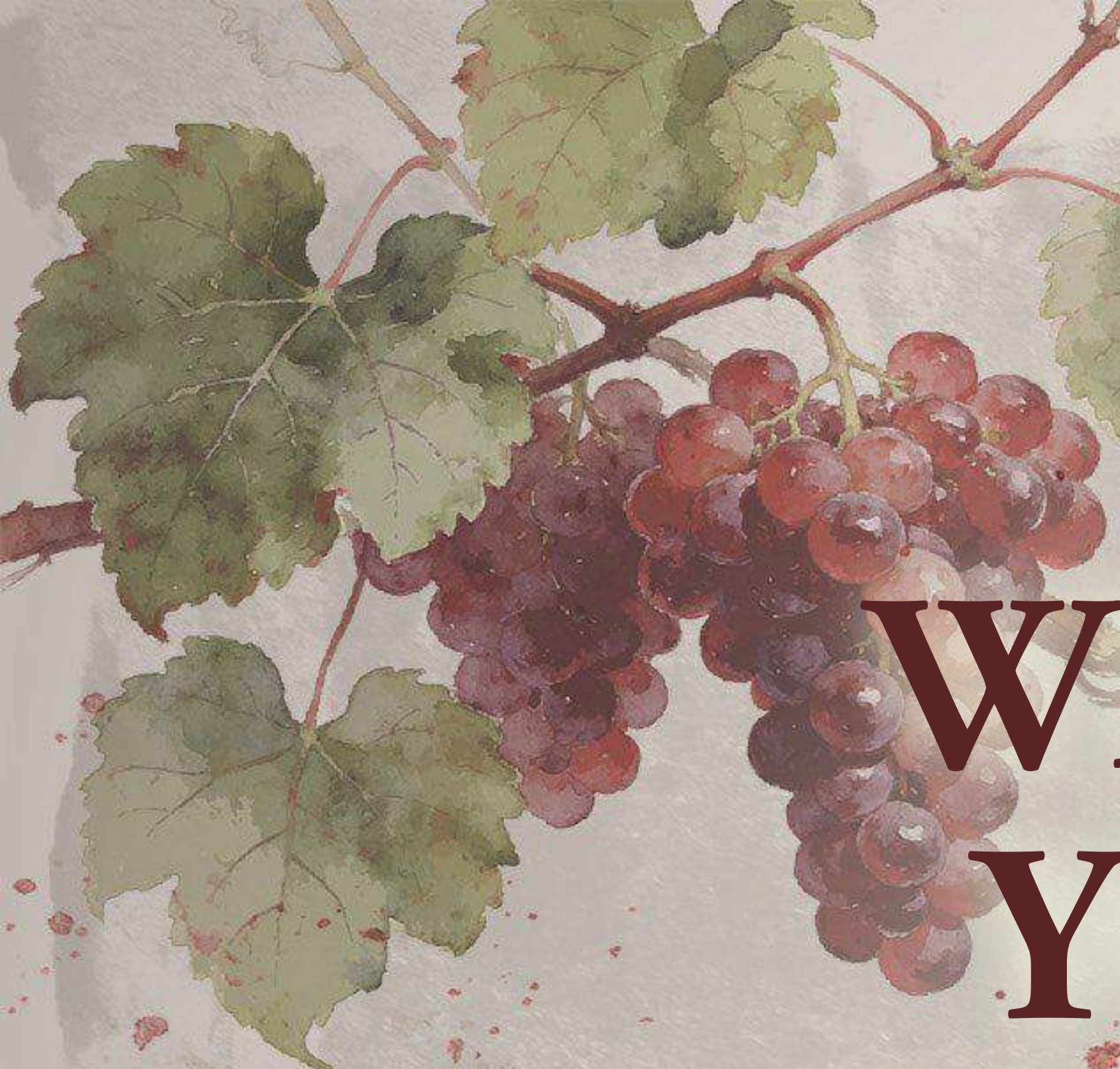
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PRINCIPLE 2:

Never Let Your Prison
Season Be Wasted

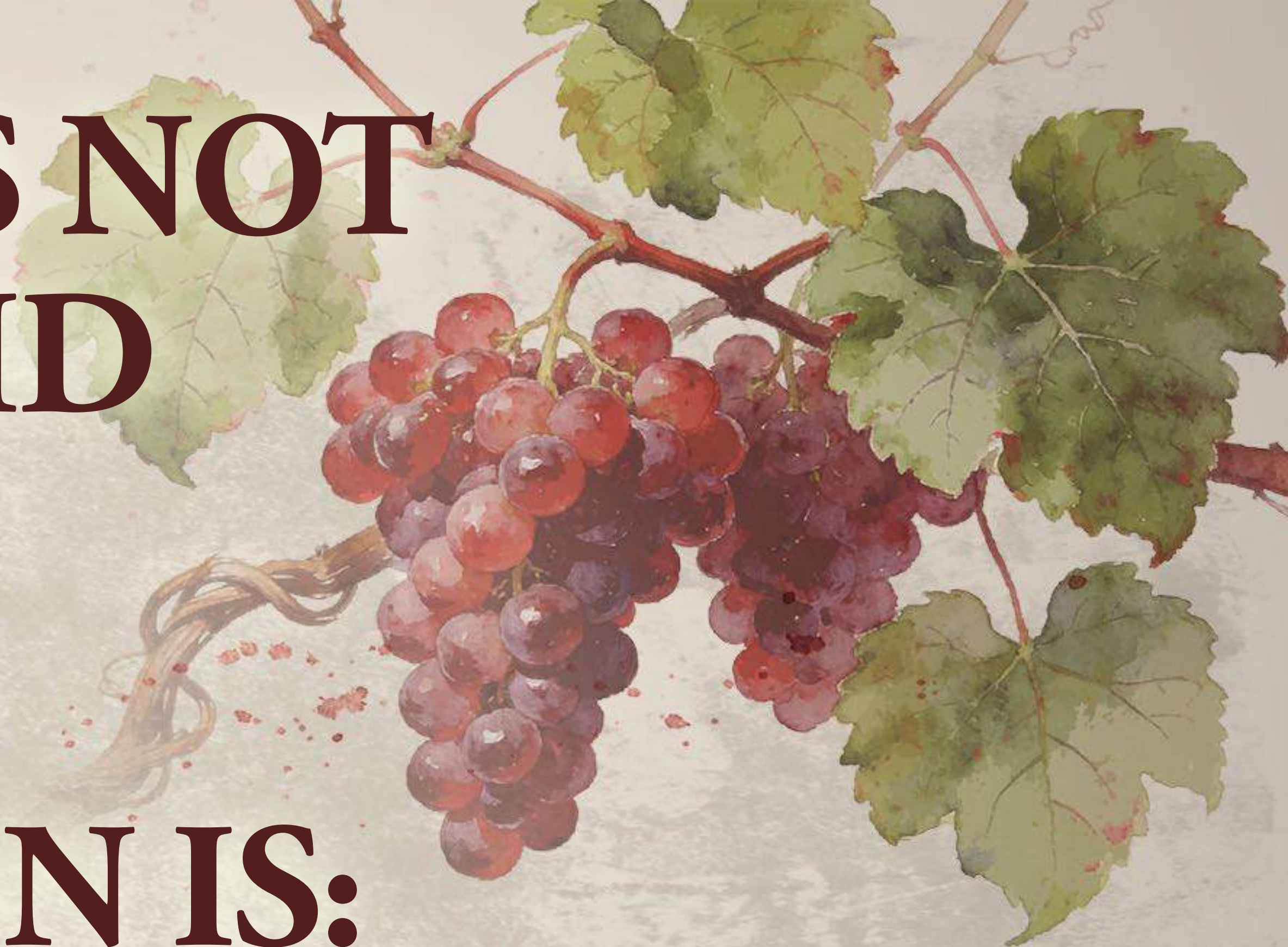


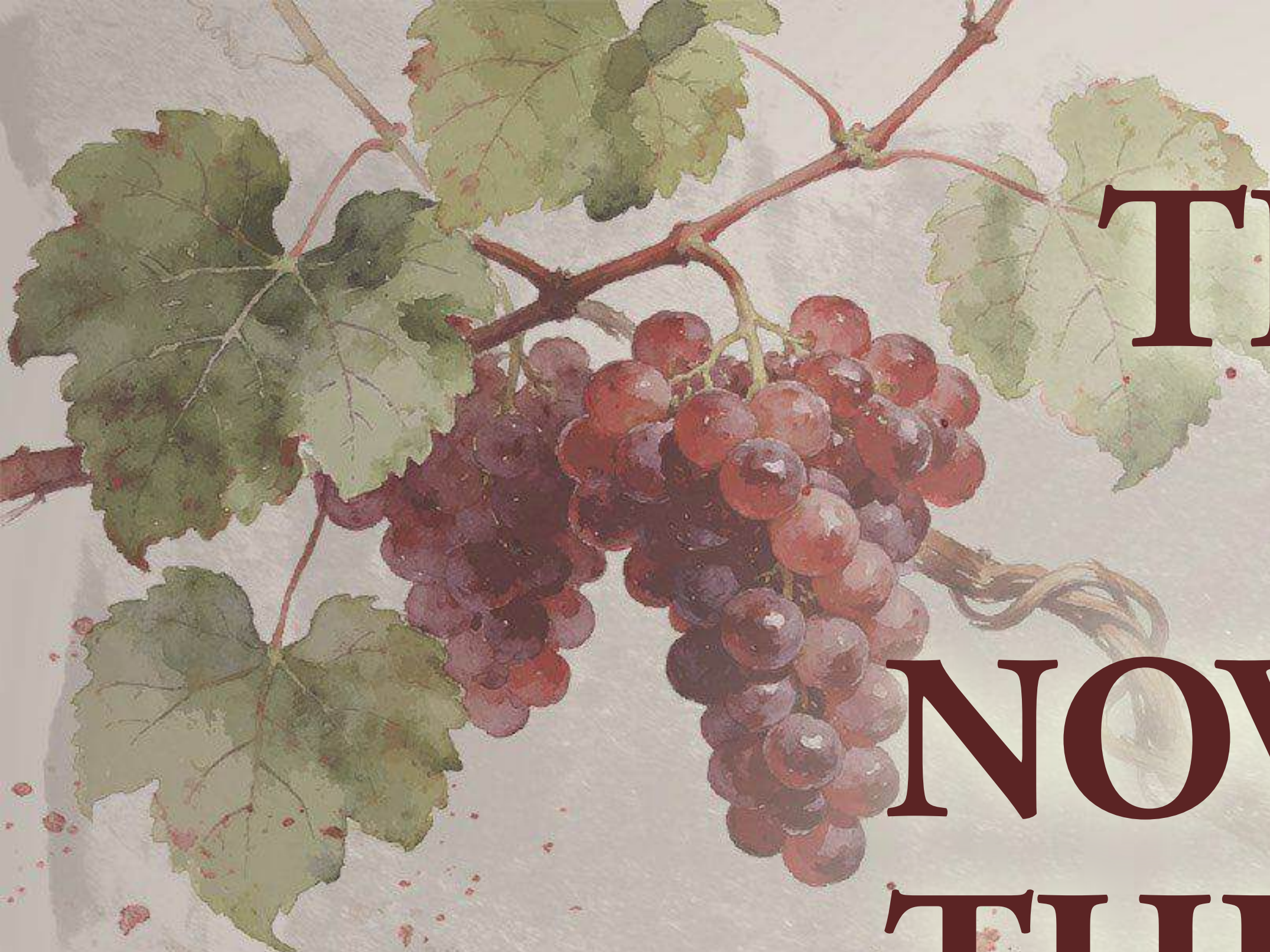
YOU MAY NOT BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
WHAT HAPPENED TO
YOU...BUT YOU CAN
ALWAYS DECIDE WHAT
YOU ARE GOING TO
DO WITH IT.



THE PAIN OF THE PRISON
SEASON WILL EITHER PUSH
YOU OR PARALYZE YOU

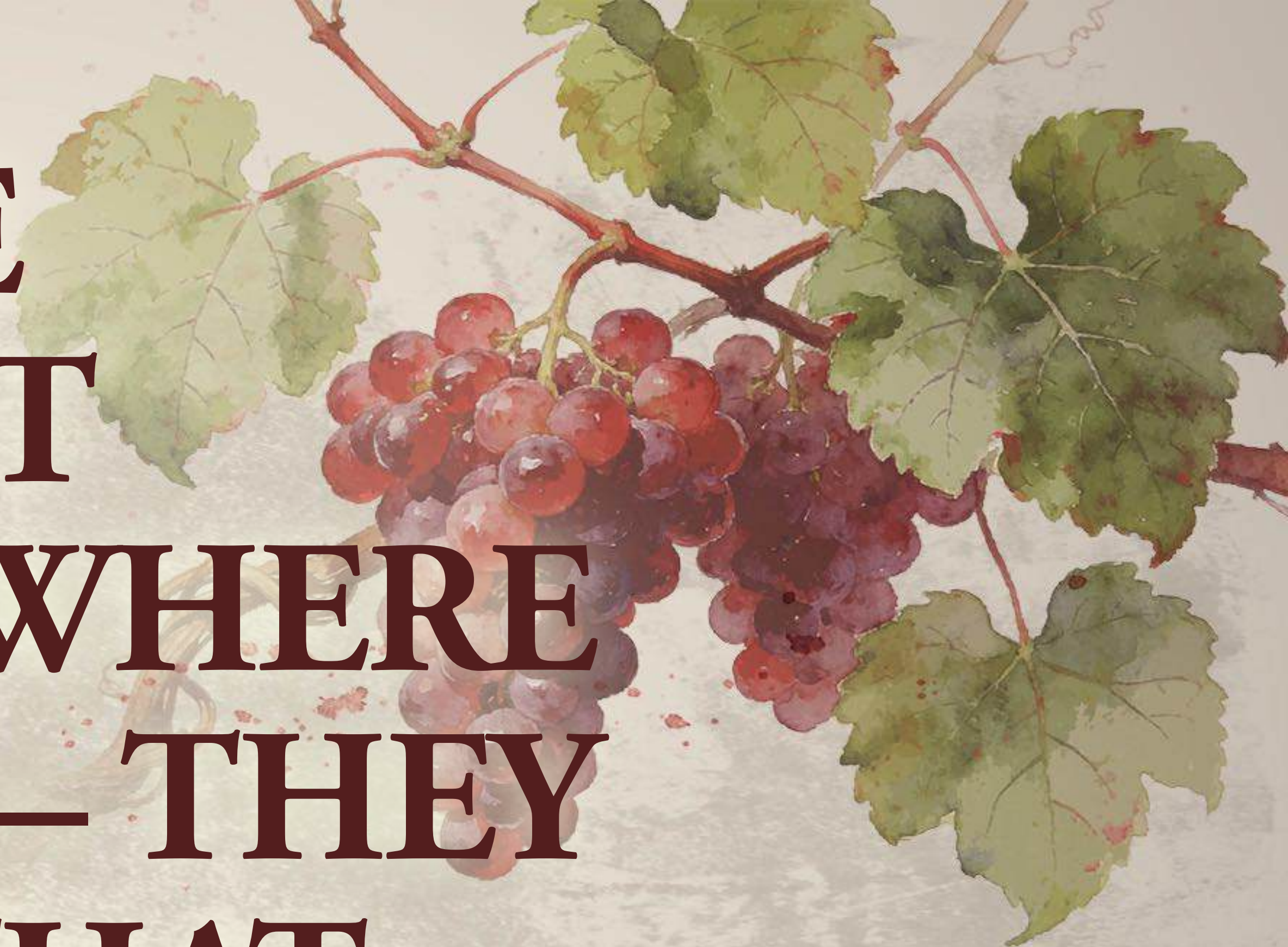
THE QUESTION IS NOT
ALWAYS: “WHY DID
THIS HAPPEN?”
SOMETIMES THE
BETTER QUESTION IS:
“WHAT AM I GOING TO
DO WITH WHAT
HAPPENED?”





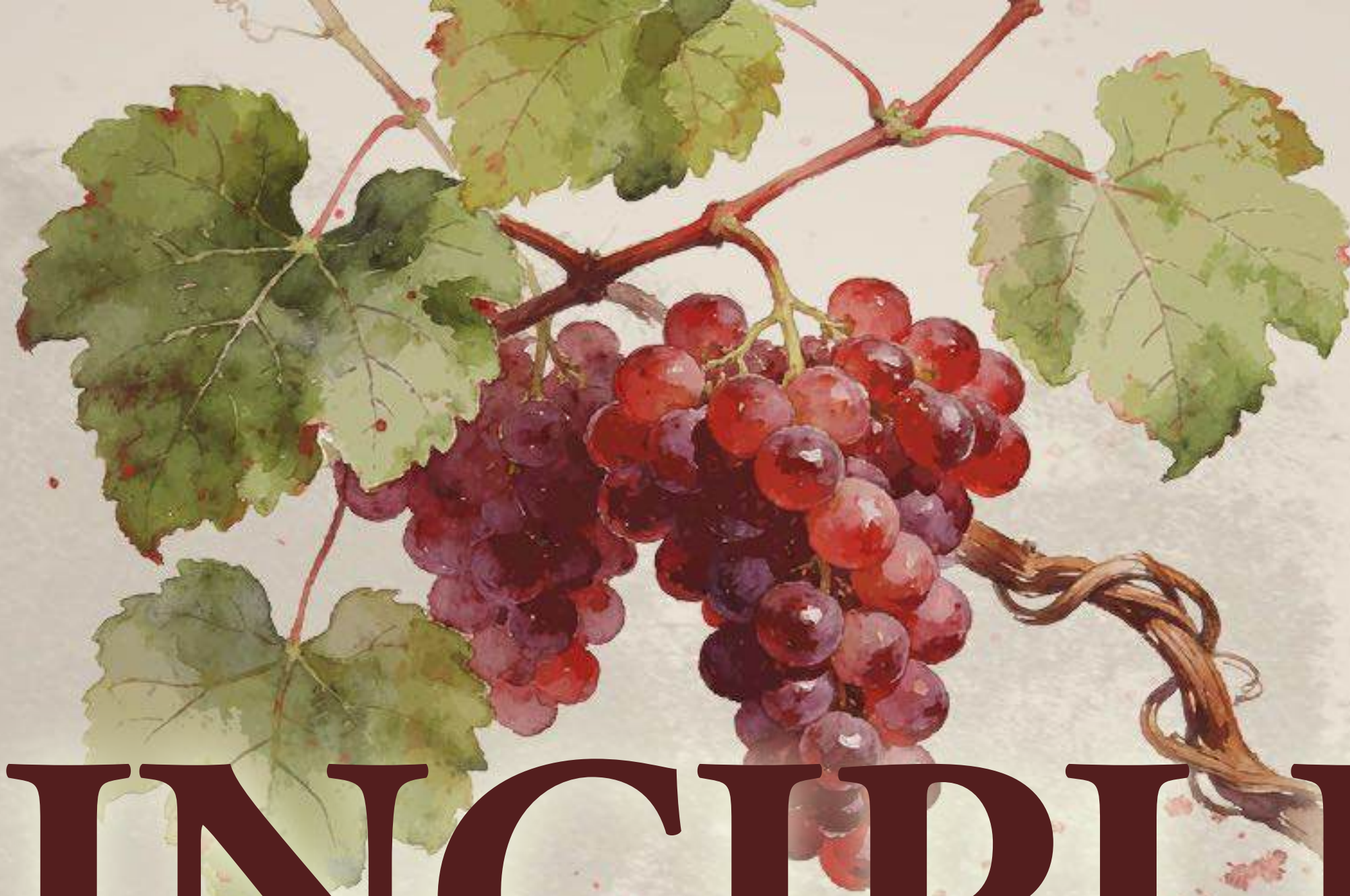
THE PRISON YOU
ARE IN RIGHT
NOW MAY BECOME
THE PLACE WHERE
YOU HELP
SOMEBODY ELSE.

YOUR SCARS ARE
MORE THAN JUST
REMINDERS OF WHERE
YOU HAVE BEEN – THEY
ARE EVIDENCE THAT
GOD BROUGHT YOU
THROUGH.



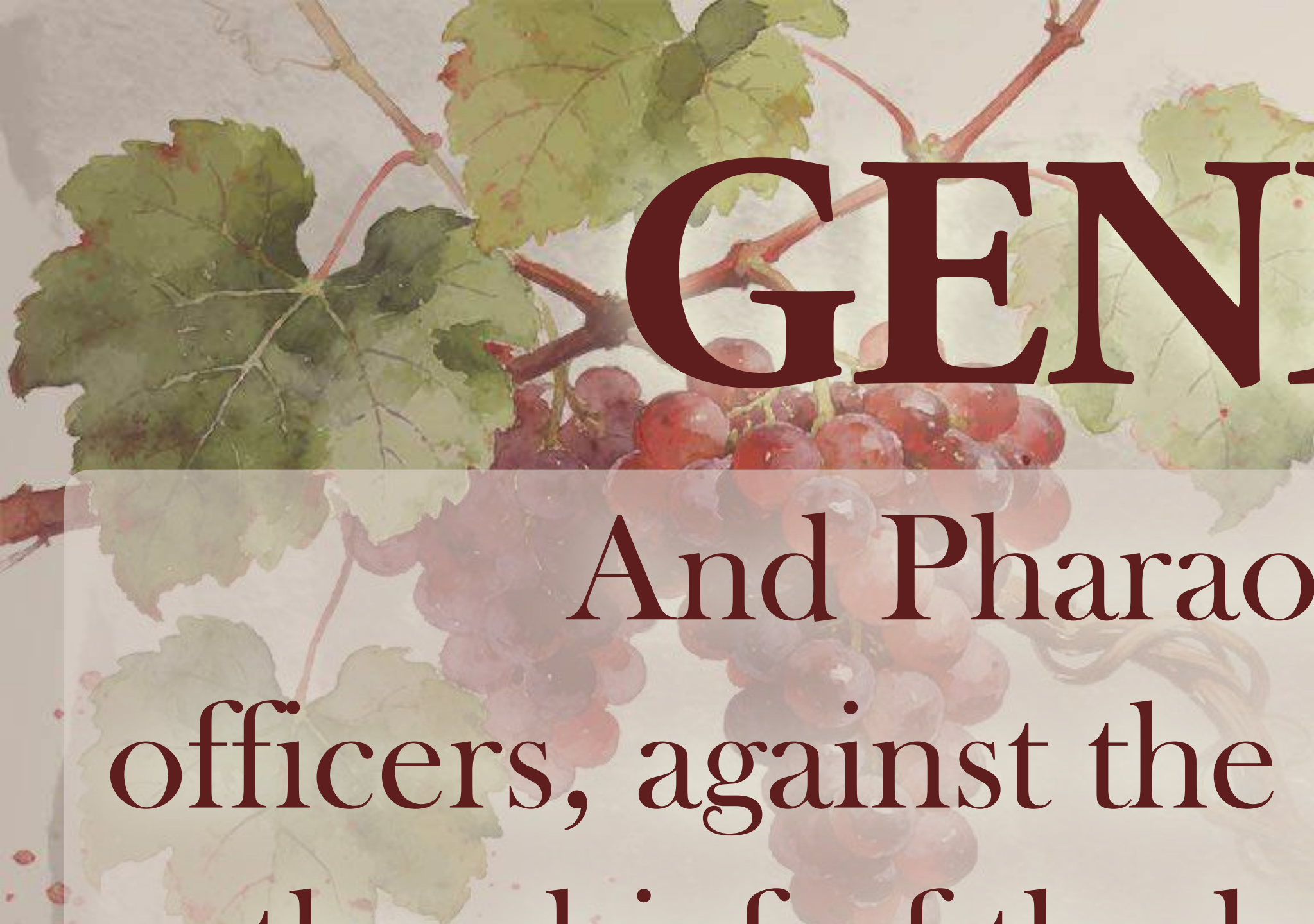


**WHAT IF THE THING YOU WISH
HAD NEVER HAPPENED
BECOMES THE VERY THING GOD
USES TO HELP SOMEBODY ELSE?**



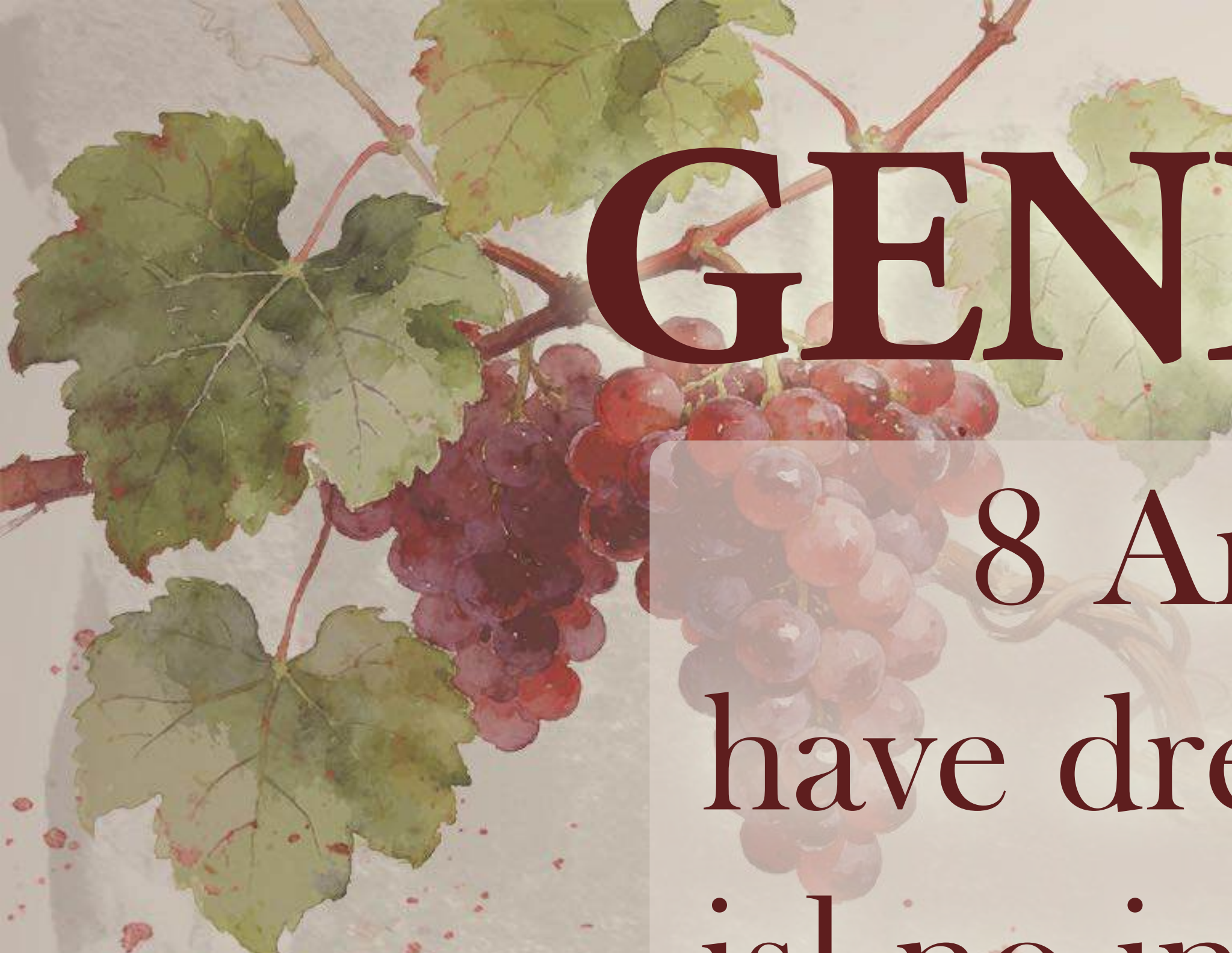
PRINCIPLE 3:

The Prison Season Can
Stir Up a Gift You Never
Knew You Had



GENESIS 40:2, 5, 8

And Pharaoh was wroth against two [of] his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. ... 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.



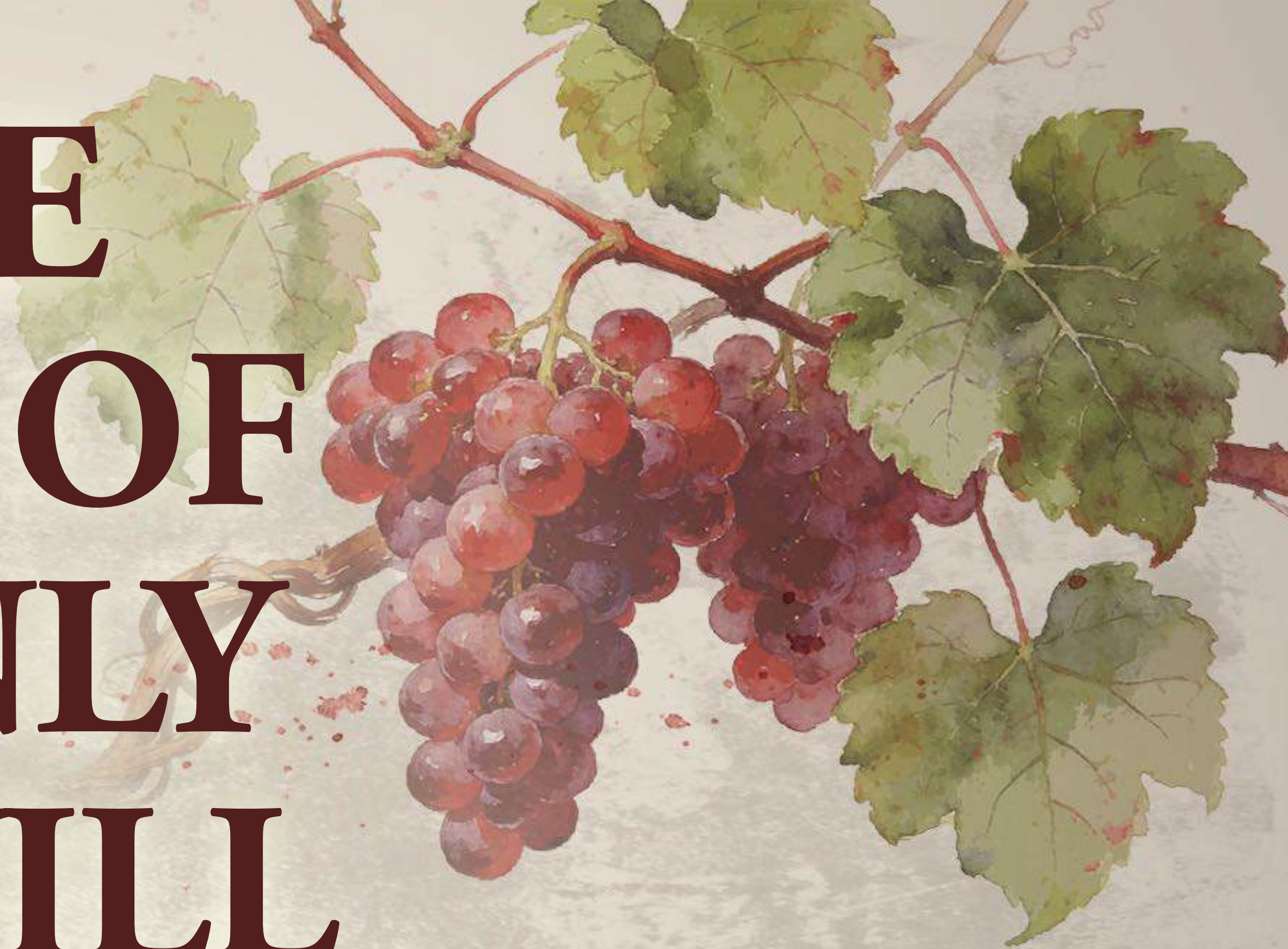
GENESIS 40:2, 5, 8

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and [there is] no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, [Do] not interpretations [belong] to God? tell me [them], I pray you.



**THE PRISON REVEALED A GIFT
THAT THE PALACE WOULD
EVENTUALLY REQUIRE.**

THERE MAY BE
GIFTS INSIDE OF
YOU THAT ONLY
ADVERSITY WILL
CALL TO THE
SURFACE.



2 TIMOTHY 1:6

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.





PROVERBS 18:16

A man's gift maketh room
for him, and bringeth him
before great men.

WHAT IF THE THING
YOU DO FAITHFULLY
IN YOUR PRISON IS
DEVELOPING THE
GIFT THAT WILL
OPEN THE DOOR TO
YOUR PALACE?





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