



EPHRAIM

being fruitful in the land of affliction

genesis 42:6-9; 22-25

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GENESIS 37:7, 9

For, behold, we [were] binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. ... 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.



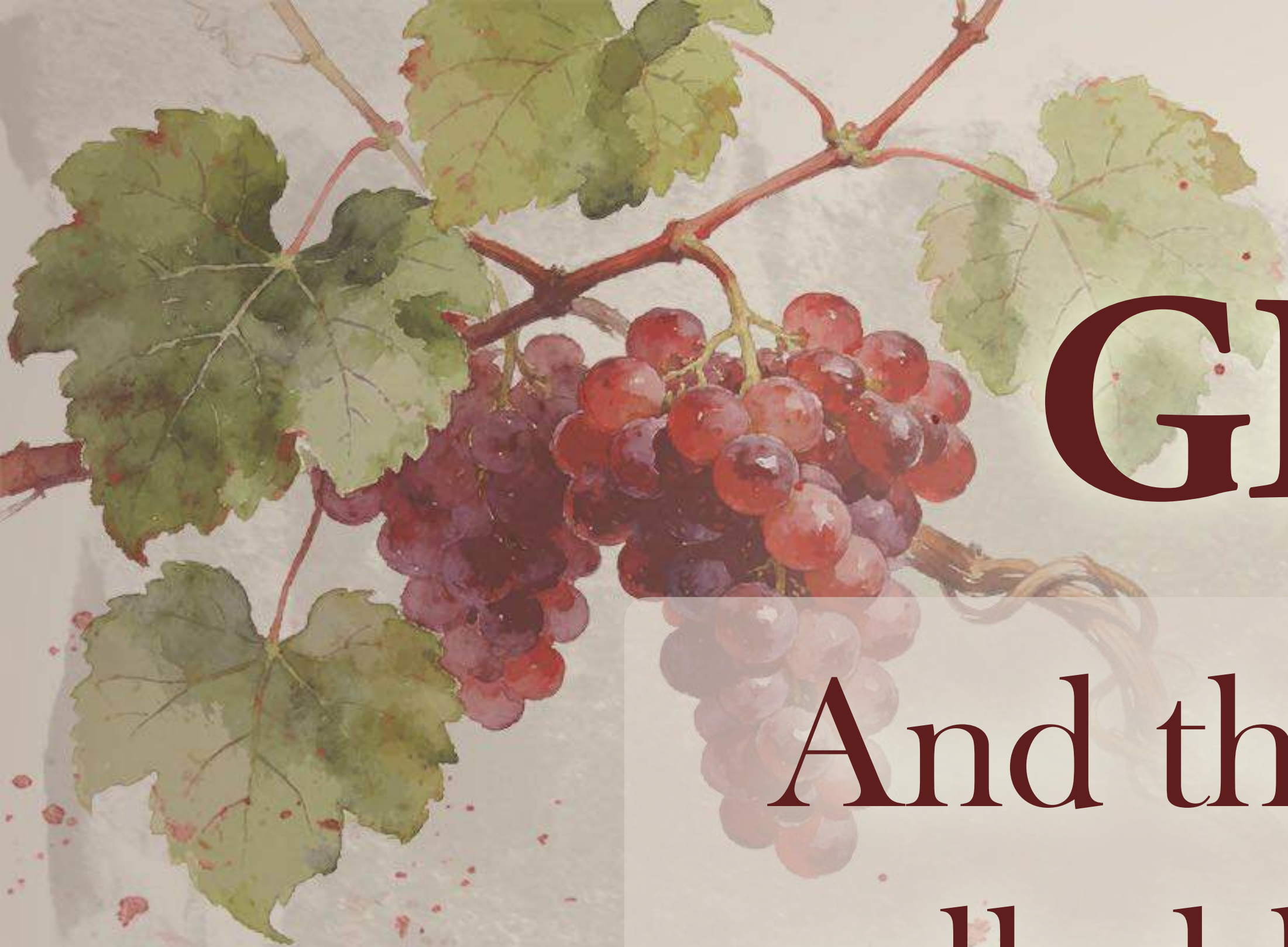
GENESIS 42:6

And Joseph [was] the governor over the land, [and] he [it was] that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him [with] their faces to the earth.

GENESIS 50:20



But as for you, ye thought evil against me; [but] God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as [it is] this day, to save much people alive.



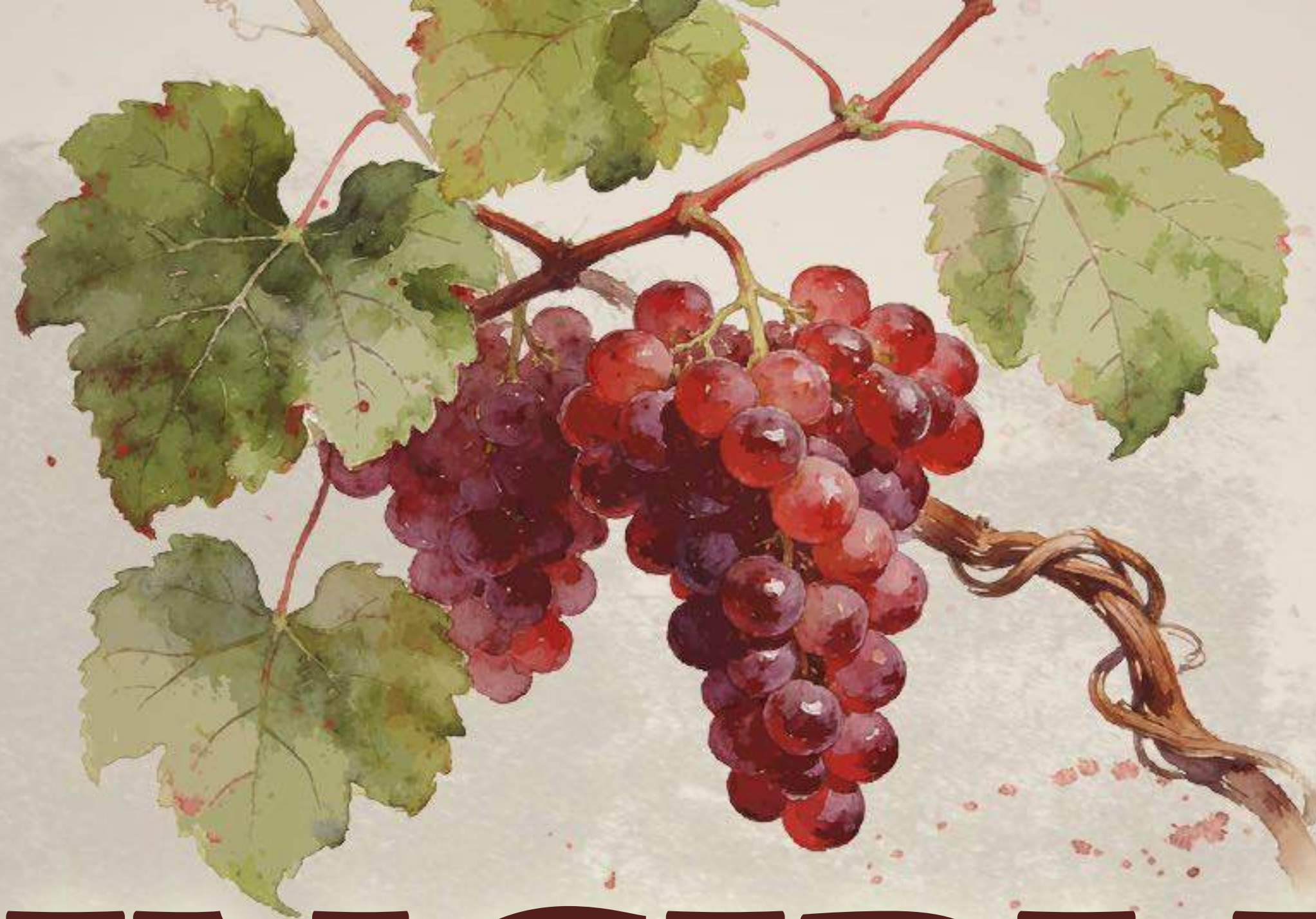
GENESIS 41:52

And the name of the second
called he Ephraim: For God
hath caused me to be fruitful
in the land of my affliction.

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PRINCIPLE 1:

The Redemption



THOSE WHO REJECTED
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YOUR REDEMPTION

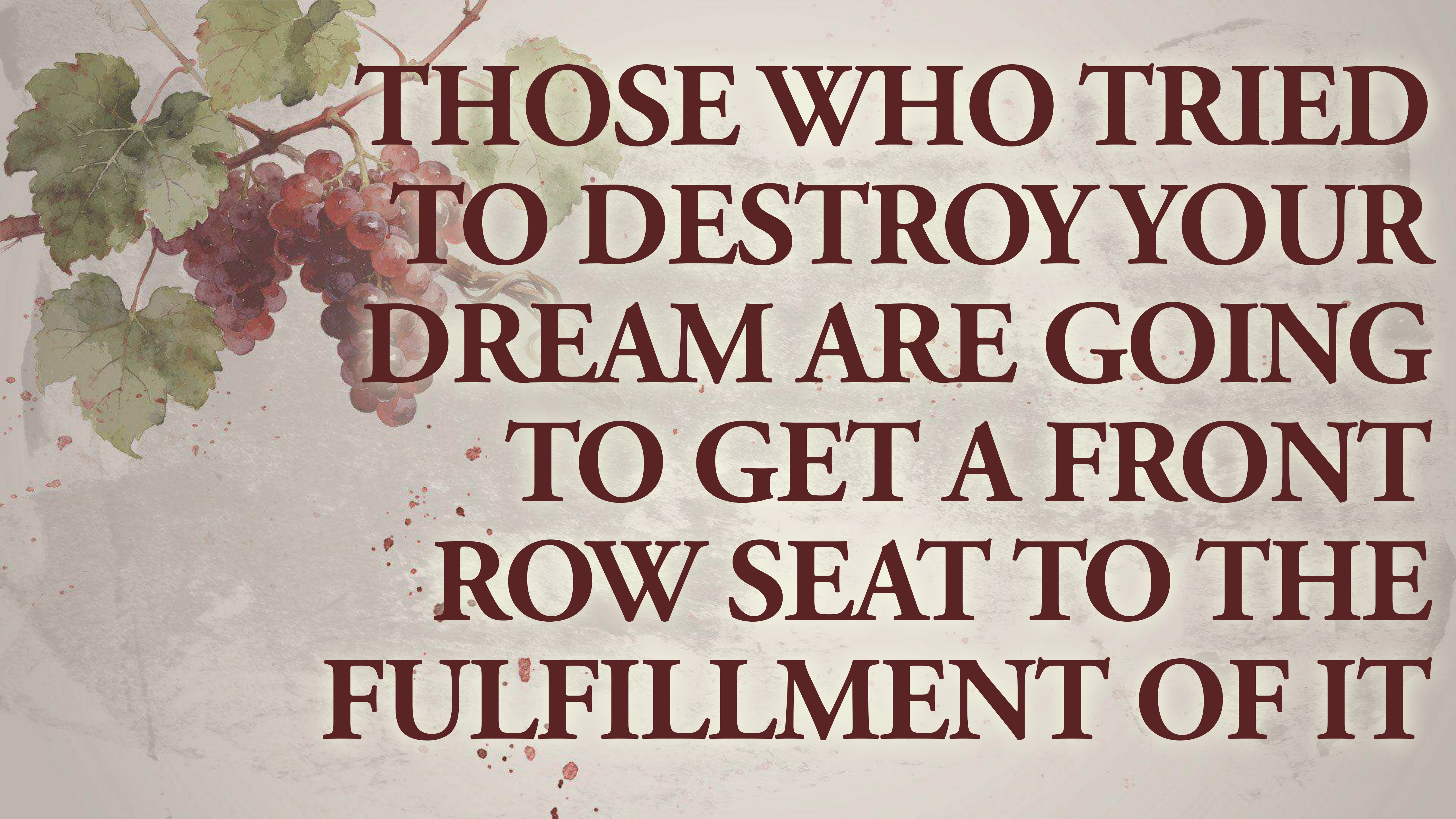
GENESIS 37:19-20

And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.





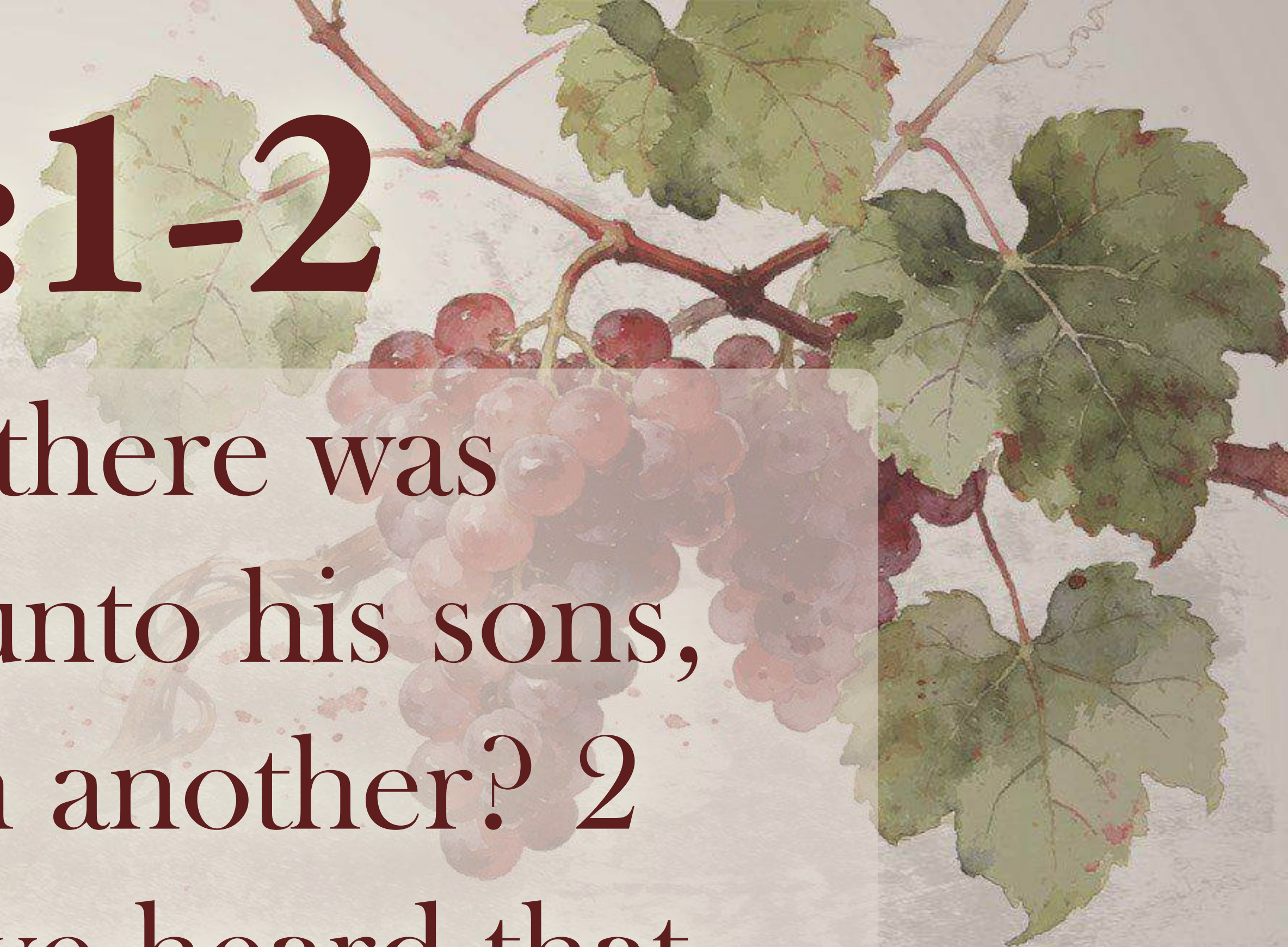
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WHAT GOD HAS
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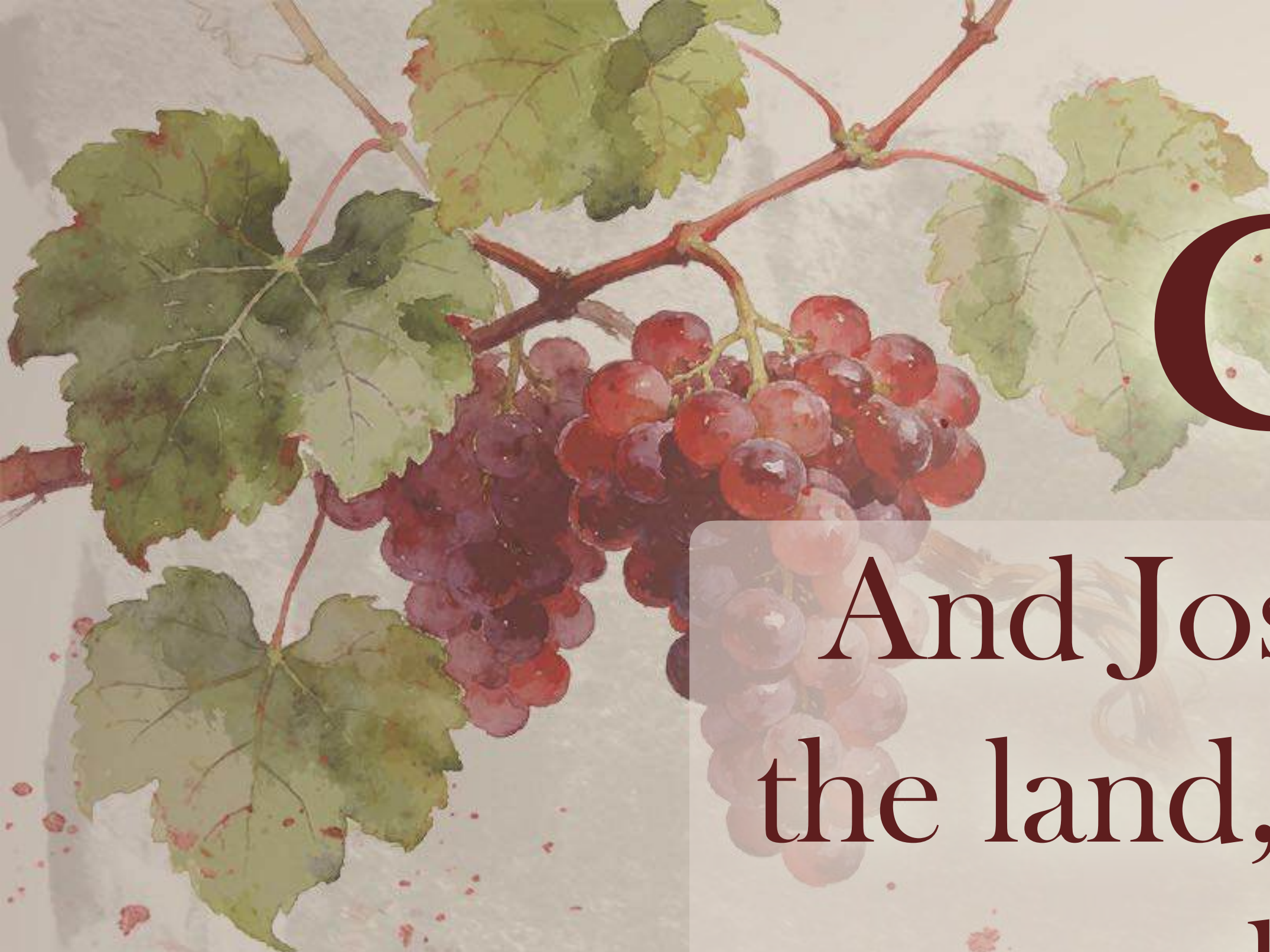


THOSE WHO TRIED
TO DESTROY YOUR
DREAM ARE GOING
TO GET A FRONT
ROW SEAT TO THE
FULFILLMENT OF IT

GENESIS 42:1-2

Now when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die.





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THE VERY DREAM
THEY TRIED TO
DESTROY IS THE
DREAM GOD USE
TO SAVE THEIR LIFE
FROM STARVATION





GENESIS 42:8

And Joseph knew his
brethren, but they
knew not him.



PRINCIPLE 2:

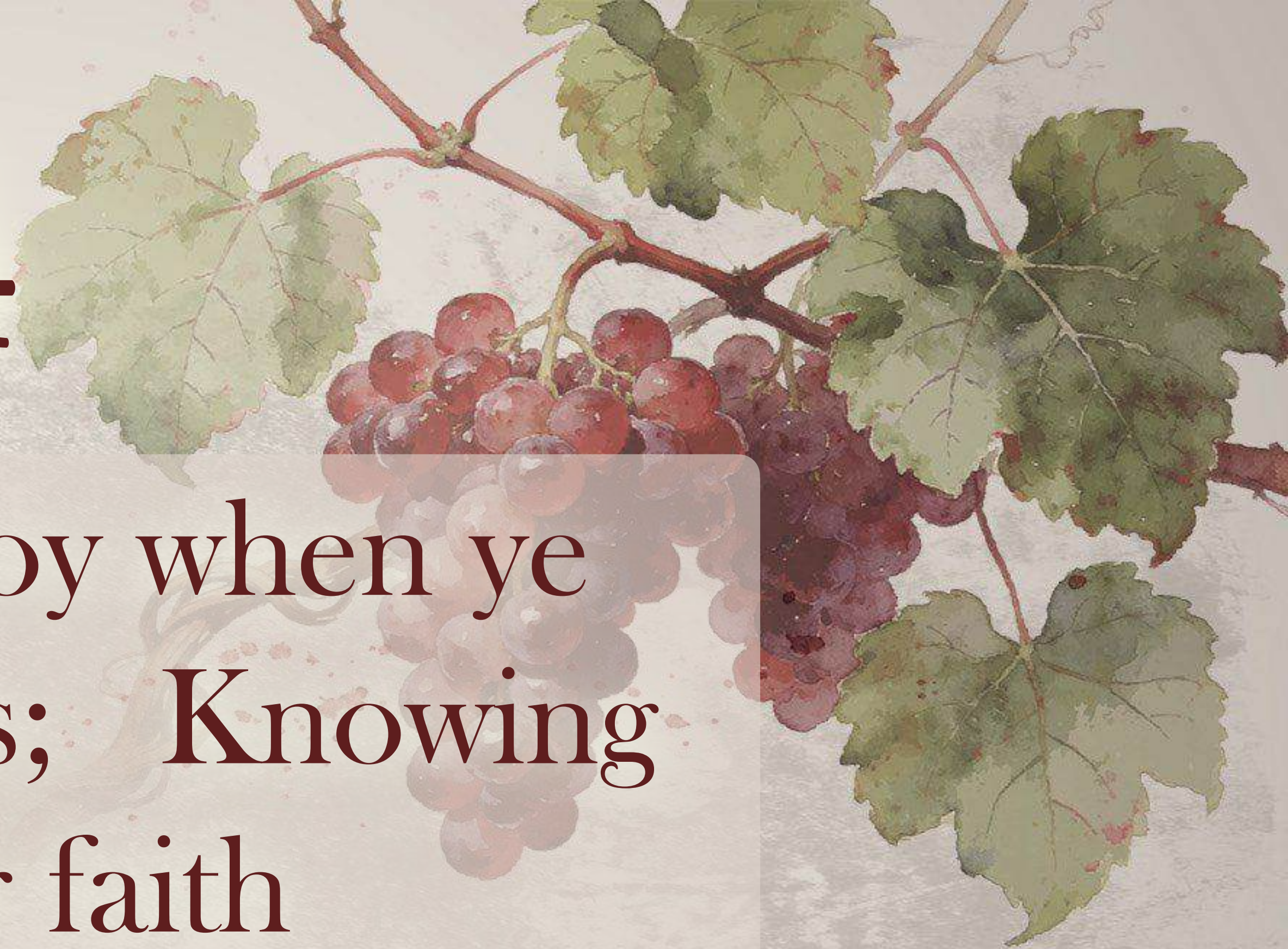
The Recognition

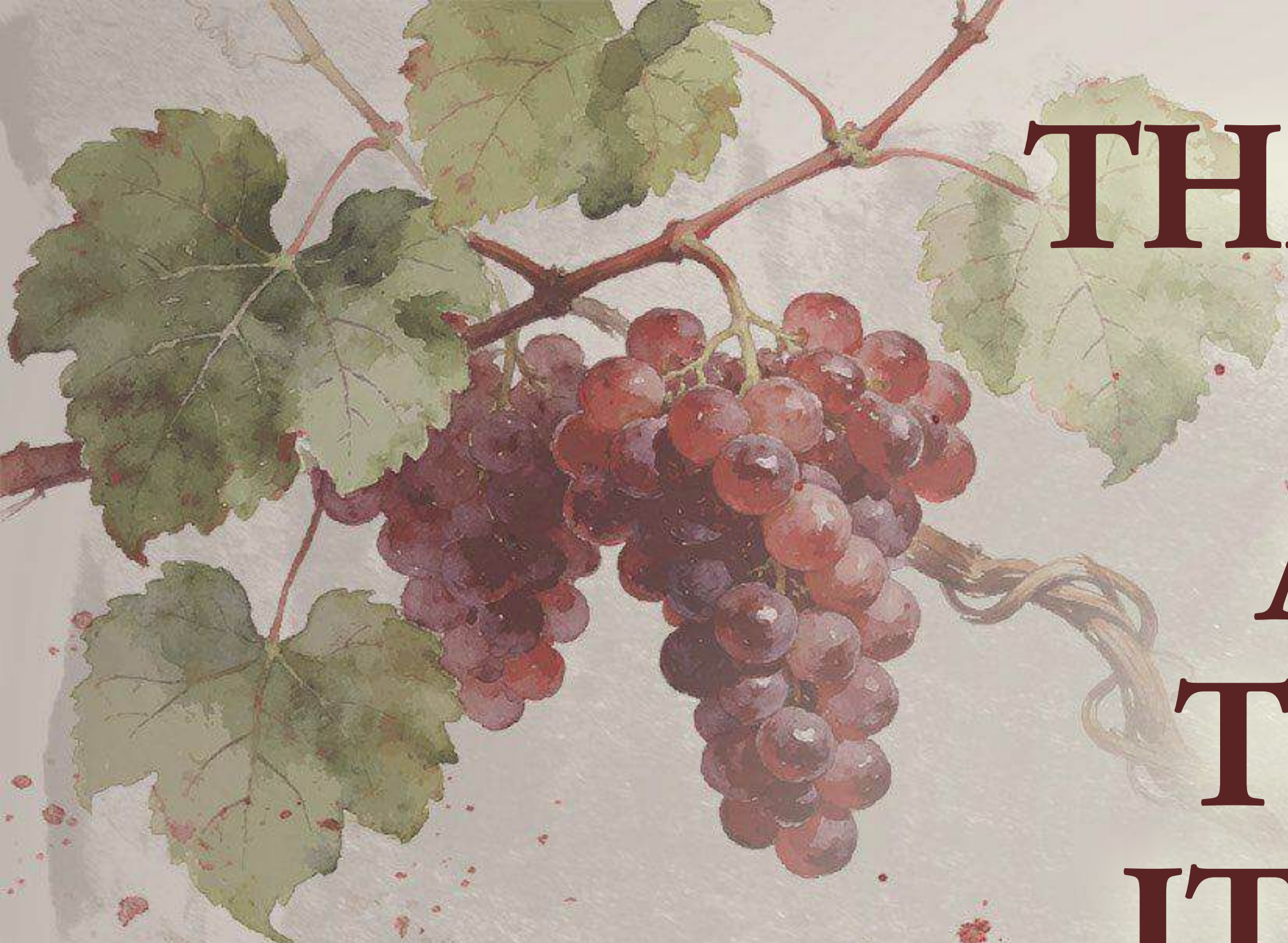


THOSE WHO REJECTED
YOU WILL NOT EVEN BE
ABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOU

JAMES 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing

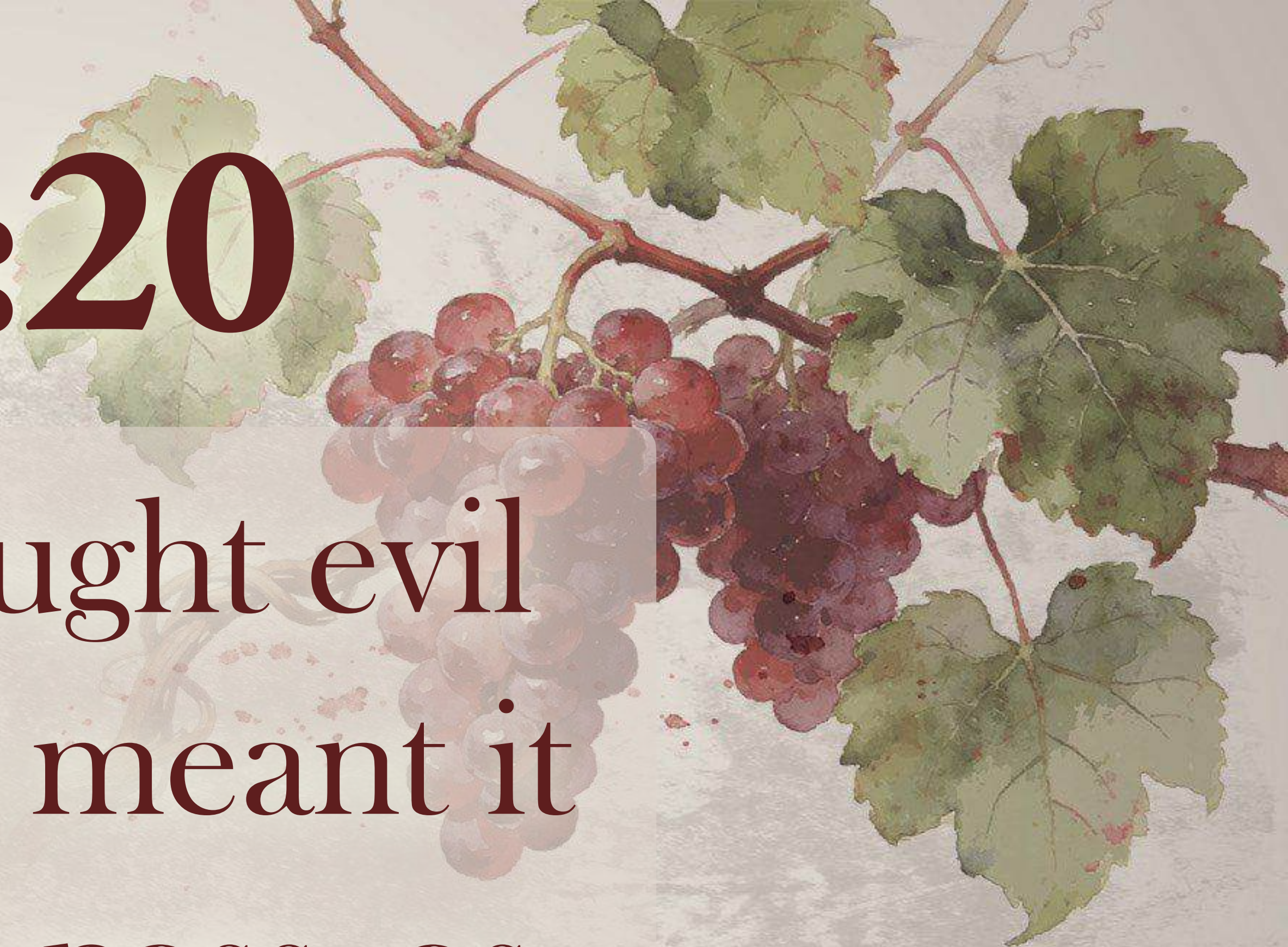


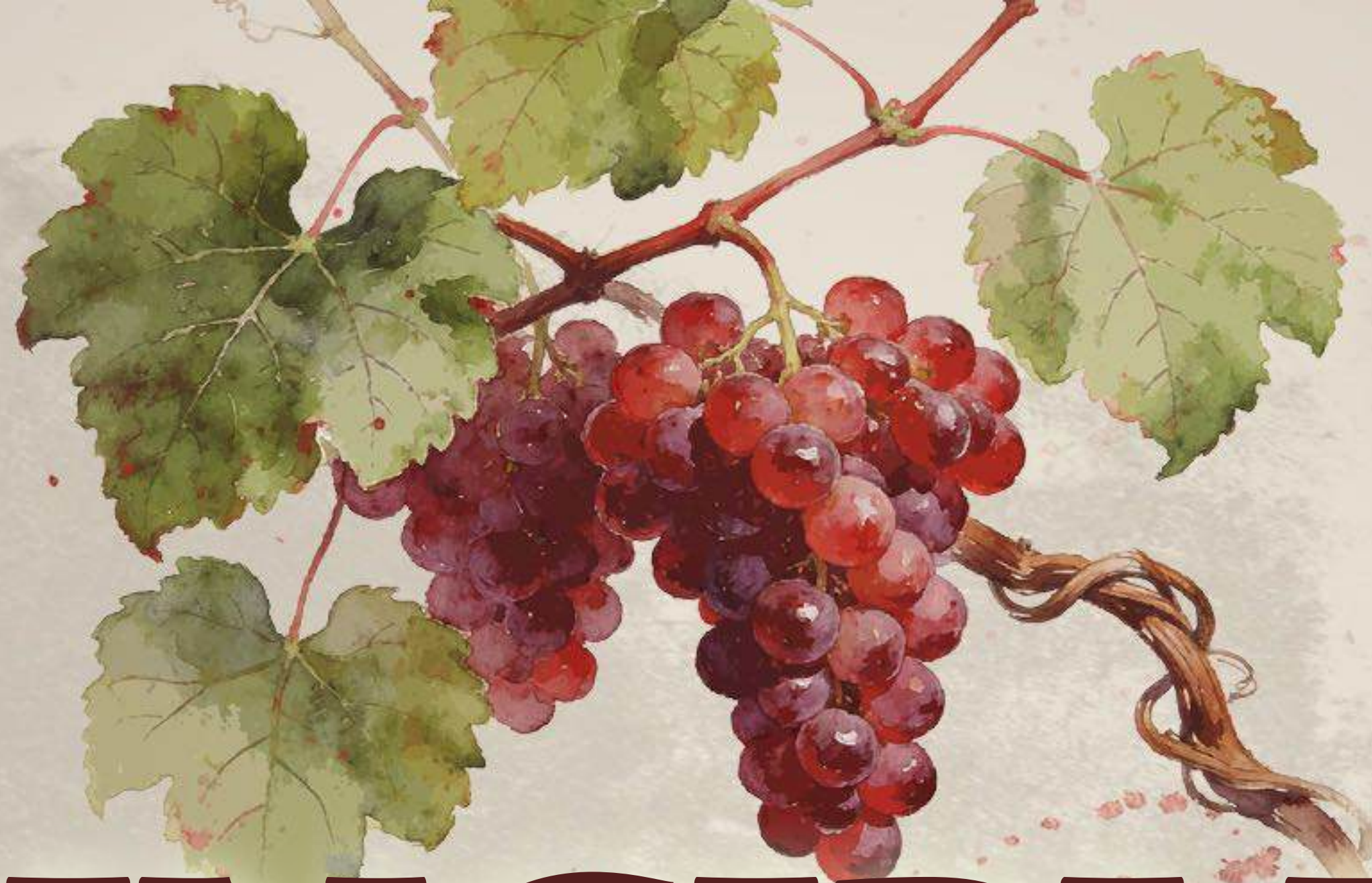


THE GREATEST THING
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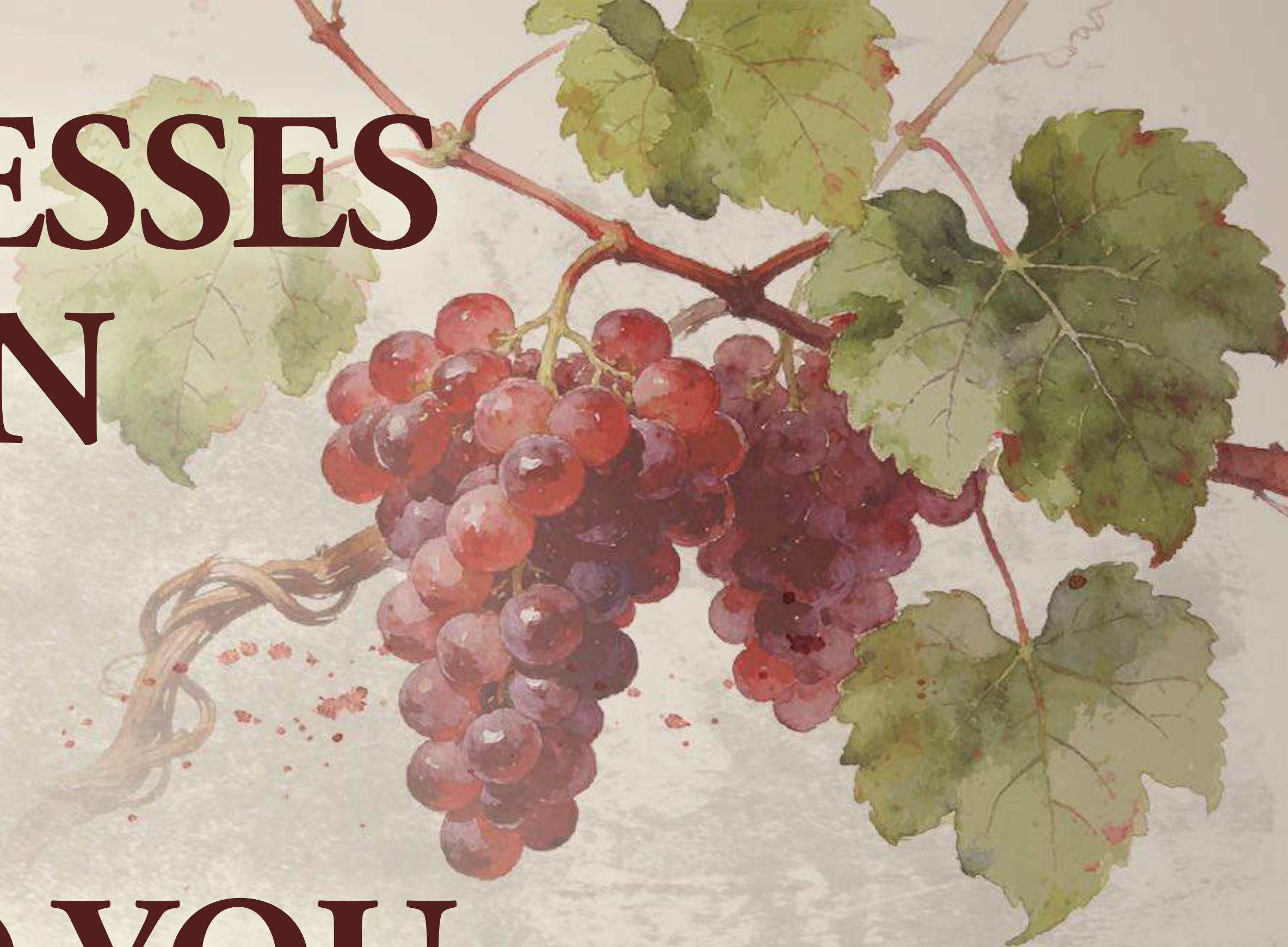
PRINCIPLE 3:

The Reversal



**GOD WILL REVERSE THEIR
REJECTION OF YOU AND
MAKE IT A RESOURCE**

GOD NEVER BLESSES
YOU SO YOU CAN
BOAST OF THE
BLESSING; GOD
BLESSES YOU SO YOU
CAN BE A BLESSING
TO OTHERS



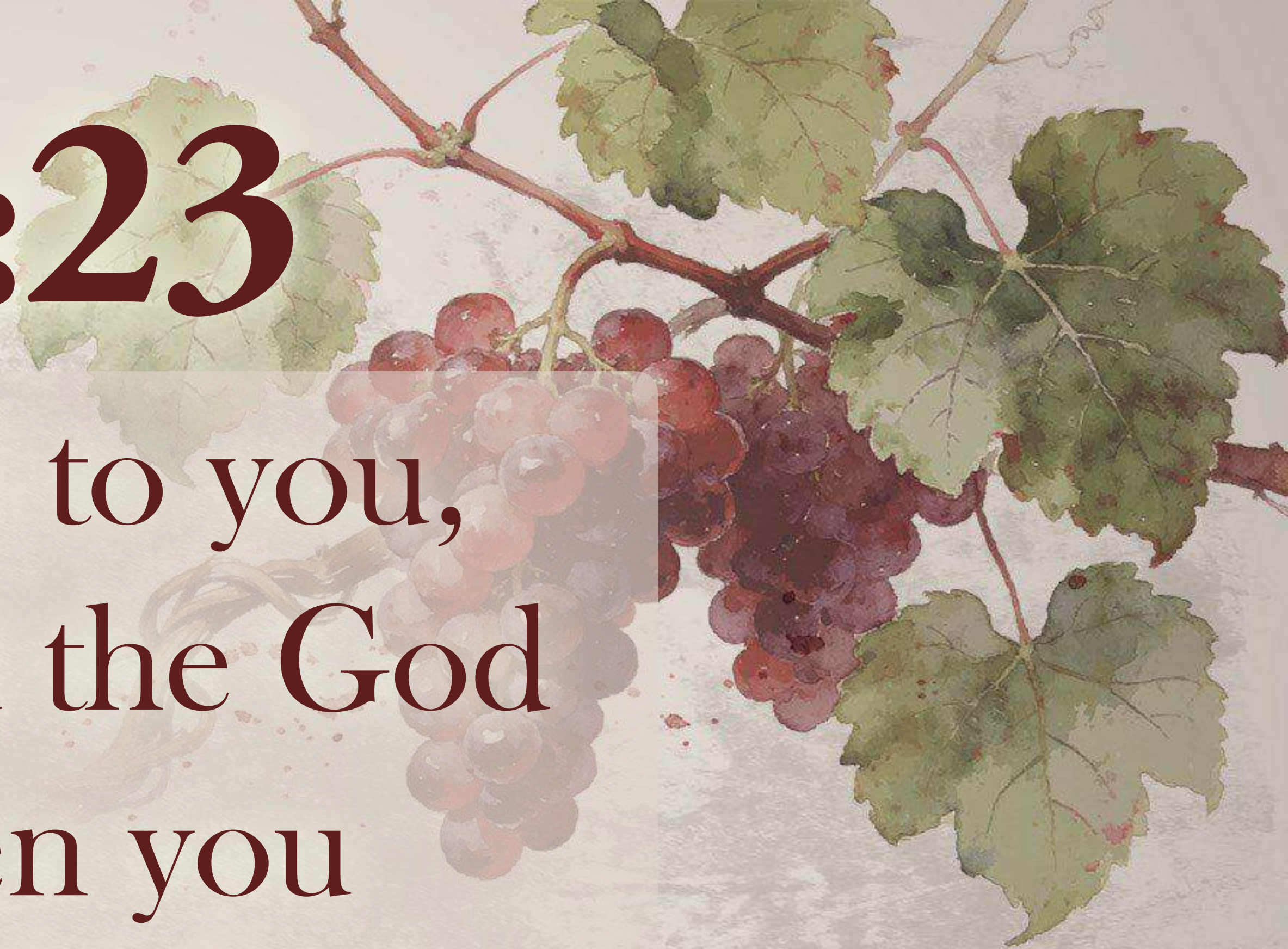


GENESIS 42:25

Then Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

GENESIS 43:23

And he said, Peace [be] to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.





**REVENGE WANTS TO PROVE
THAT THEY WERE WRONG.
REDEMPTION WANTS TO
PROVE THAT GOD WAS RIGHT**



**I BELIEVE THE GREATEST EVIDENCE
OF FRUITFULNESS IN YOUR LIFE IS
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