



EPHRAIM

being fruitful in the land of affliction

genesis 41:51-52 ~ aug. 16



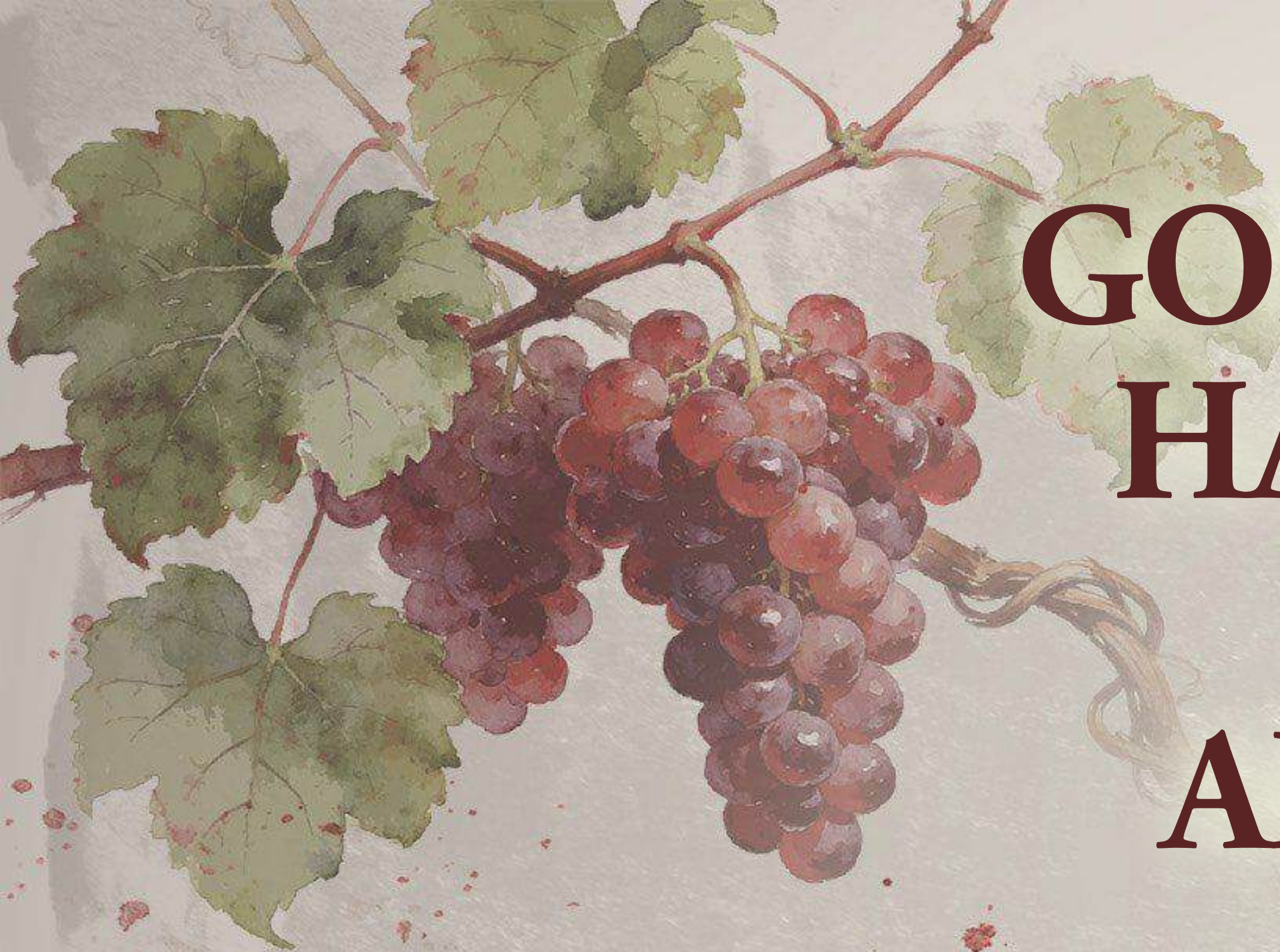
GENESIS 41:51-52

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GENESIS 41:44

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I [am] Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.





**GOD DOES NOT ALWAYS
HAVE TO REMOVE YOU
FROM THE LAND OF
AFFLICTION TO MAKE
YOU FRUITFUL.
SOMETIMES HE MAKES
YOU FRUITFUL RIGHT
IN THE MIDDLE OF IT**



**STOP WAITING FOR A FRUITFUL
SEASON TO BECOME FRUITFUL.
SOMETIMES FRUITFULNESS
ACTUALLY CREATES THE SEASON
YOU ARE WAITING FOR**



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**YOUR PAIN MAY EXPLAIN
WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN BUT
DOES NOT HAVE TO DEFINE
WHERE YOU ARE GOING**

EPHRAIM WAS
JOSEPH'S
DECLARATION THAT
GOD CAN PRODUCE
FRUIT IN PLACES
WHERE YOU
THOUGHT NOTHING
COULD GROW





**AFFLICTION
CANNOT CANCEL
YOUR DREAM**

GENESIS 37:6-7

And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: 7 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.



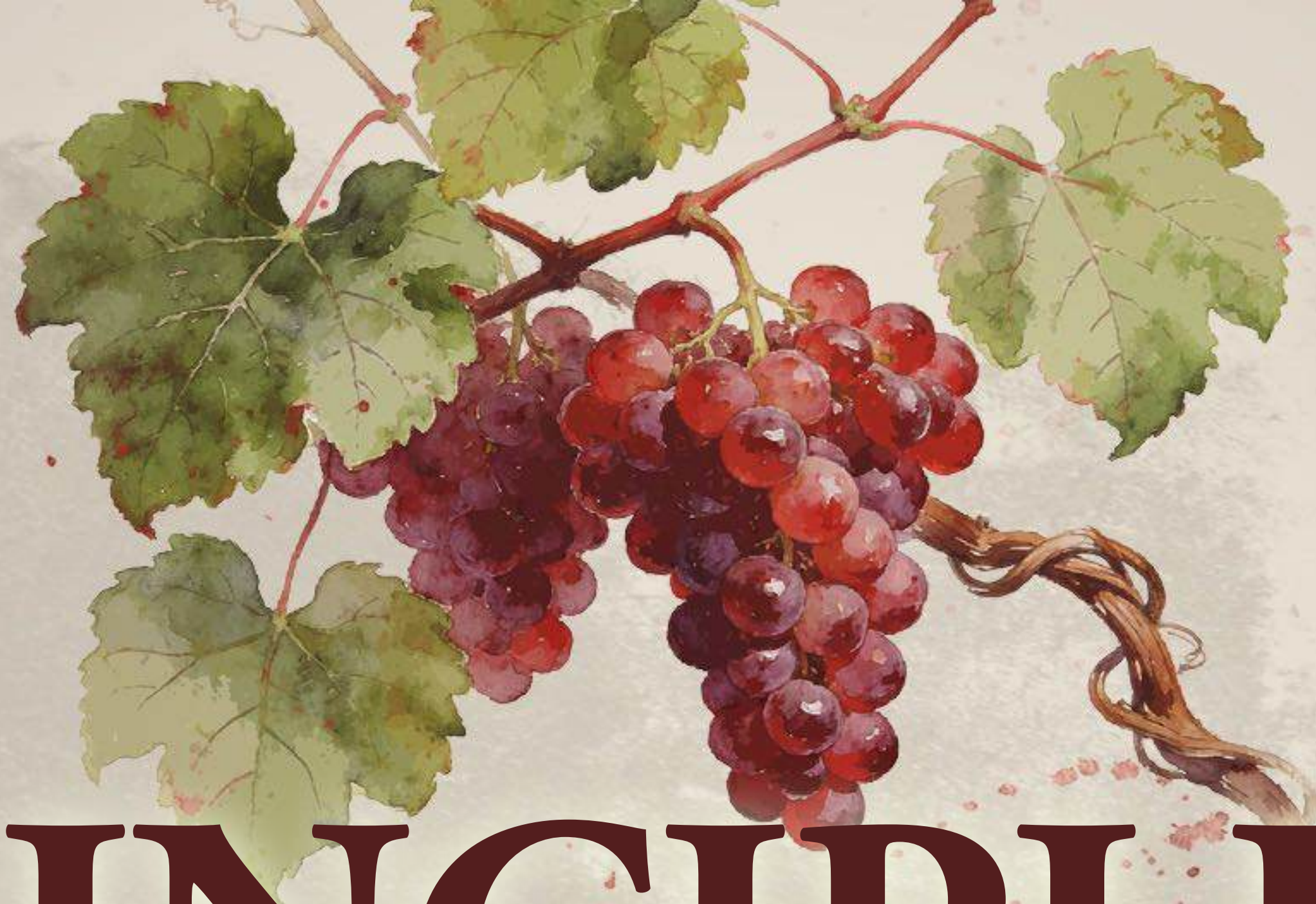


GENESIS 37:9

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.

JOSEPH'S
FRUITFULNESS DID
NOT BEGIN WHEN HE
ARRIVED IN EGYPT—
IT BEGAN WHEN GOD
PUT SOMETHING IN
HIM THAT ADVERSITY
COULD NOT TAKE
OUT OF HIM.





PRINCIPLE 1:

Dreams Show You a
Future You Cannot See



**GOD-GIVEN DREAMS DO NOT
ALWAYS MAKE SENSE FROM
WHERE YOU ARE STANDING**

JEREMIAH 29:11

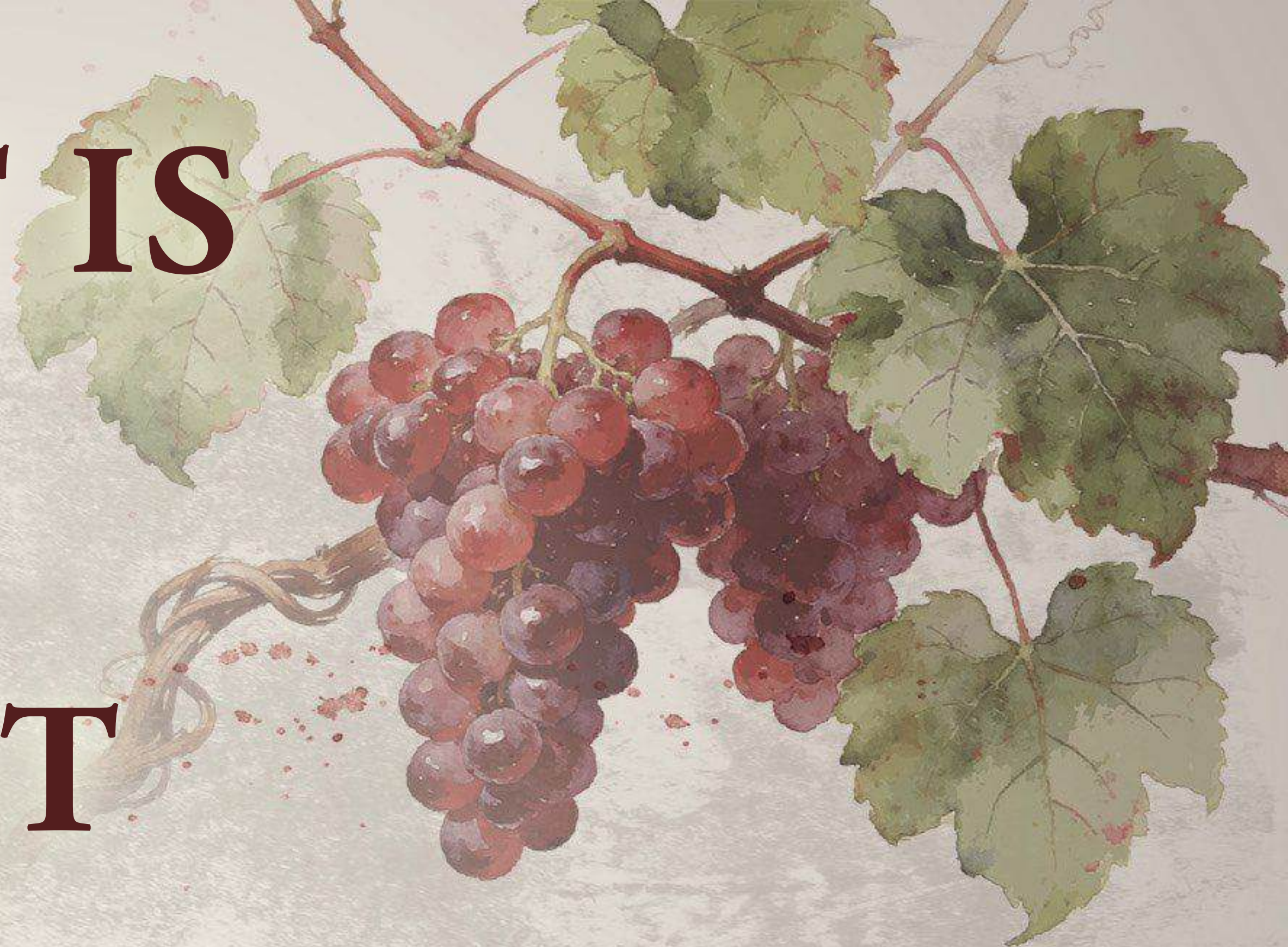
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

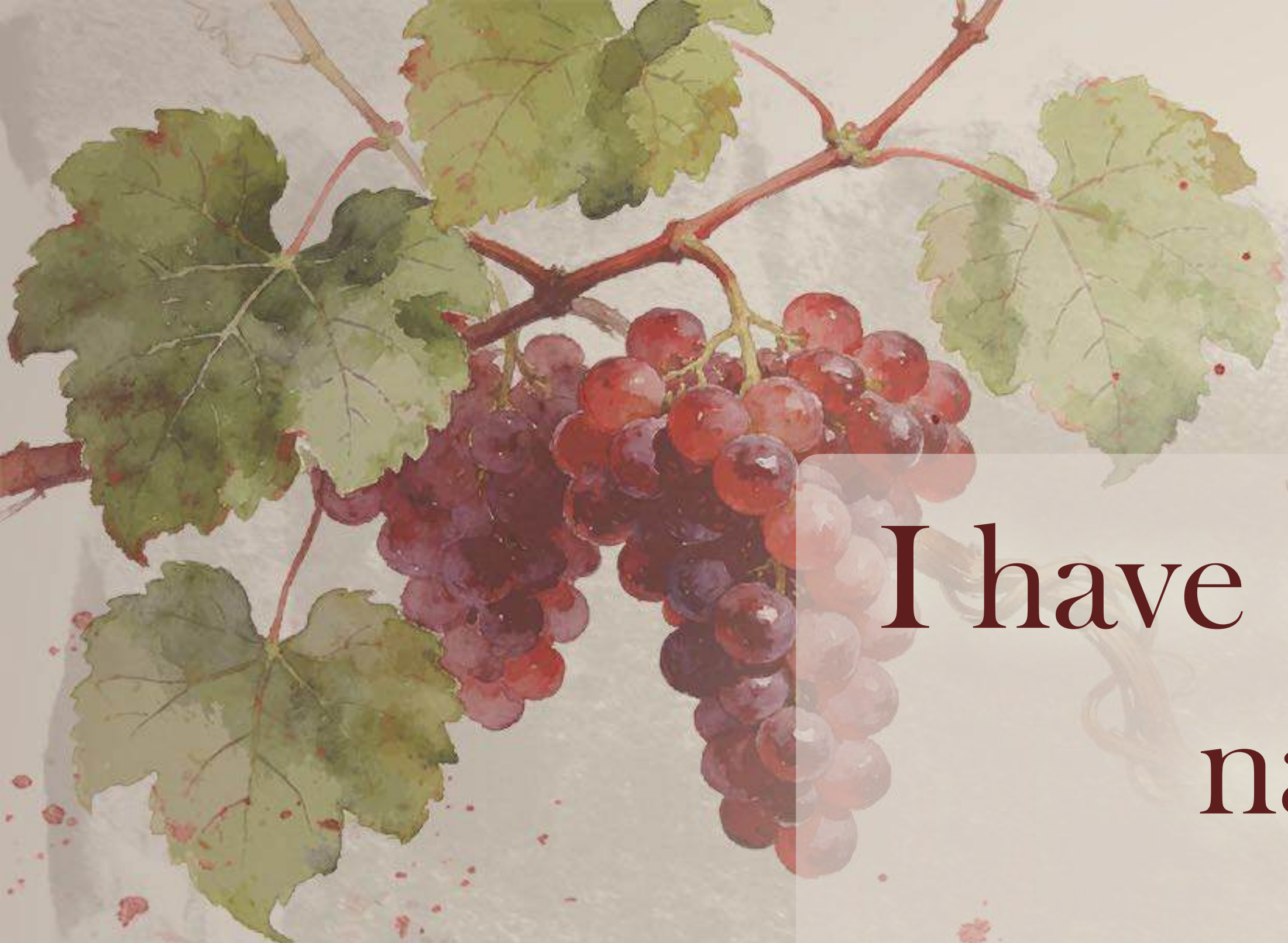




THERE ARE
MOMENTS WHERE
GOD GIVES YOU A
PICTURE OF WHERE
YOU ARE GOING
THAT CONTRADICTS
EVERYTHING ABOUT
WHERE YOU ARE.

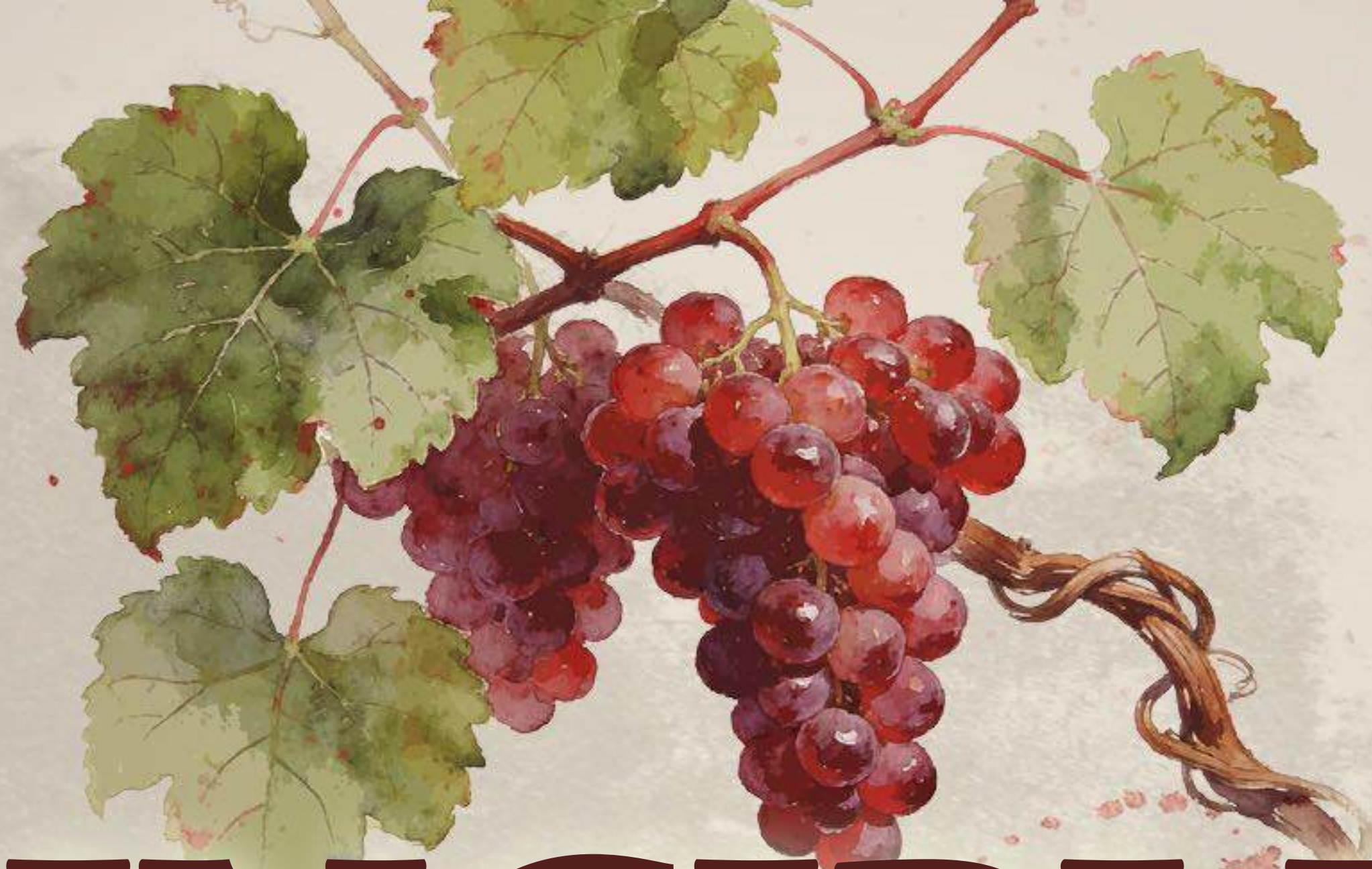
YOUR PRESENT IS
MERELY A
CHAPTER OF
YOUR STORY— IT
IS NOT THE
CONCLUSION OF
YOUR STORY





ROMANS 4:17

I have made thee a father of many nations before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.



PRINCIPLE 2:

Dreams Reveal Something About
Yourself That You Cannot See

GOD WAS DOING
MORE THAN SIMPLY
SHOWING JOSEPH
WHAT WAS GOING TO
HAPPEN AROUND
HIM. GOD WAS
REVEALING WHAT WAS
ALREADY INSIDE HIM.





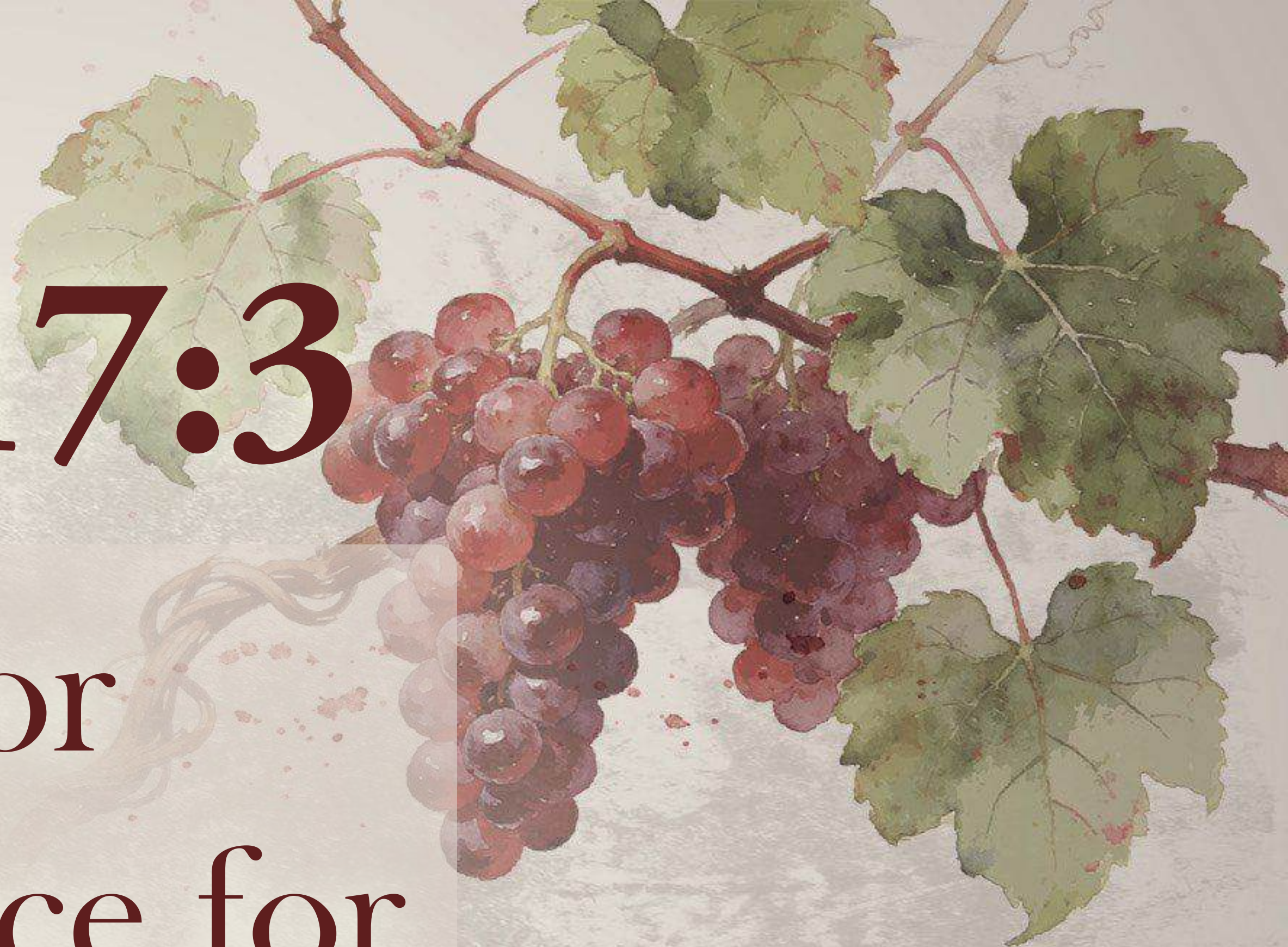
**YOUR DESTINY IS OFTEN
CONNECTED TO SOMETHING
GOD HAS ALREADY PLACED
INSIDE YOU THAT YOU HAVE
NOT YET DISCOVERED**

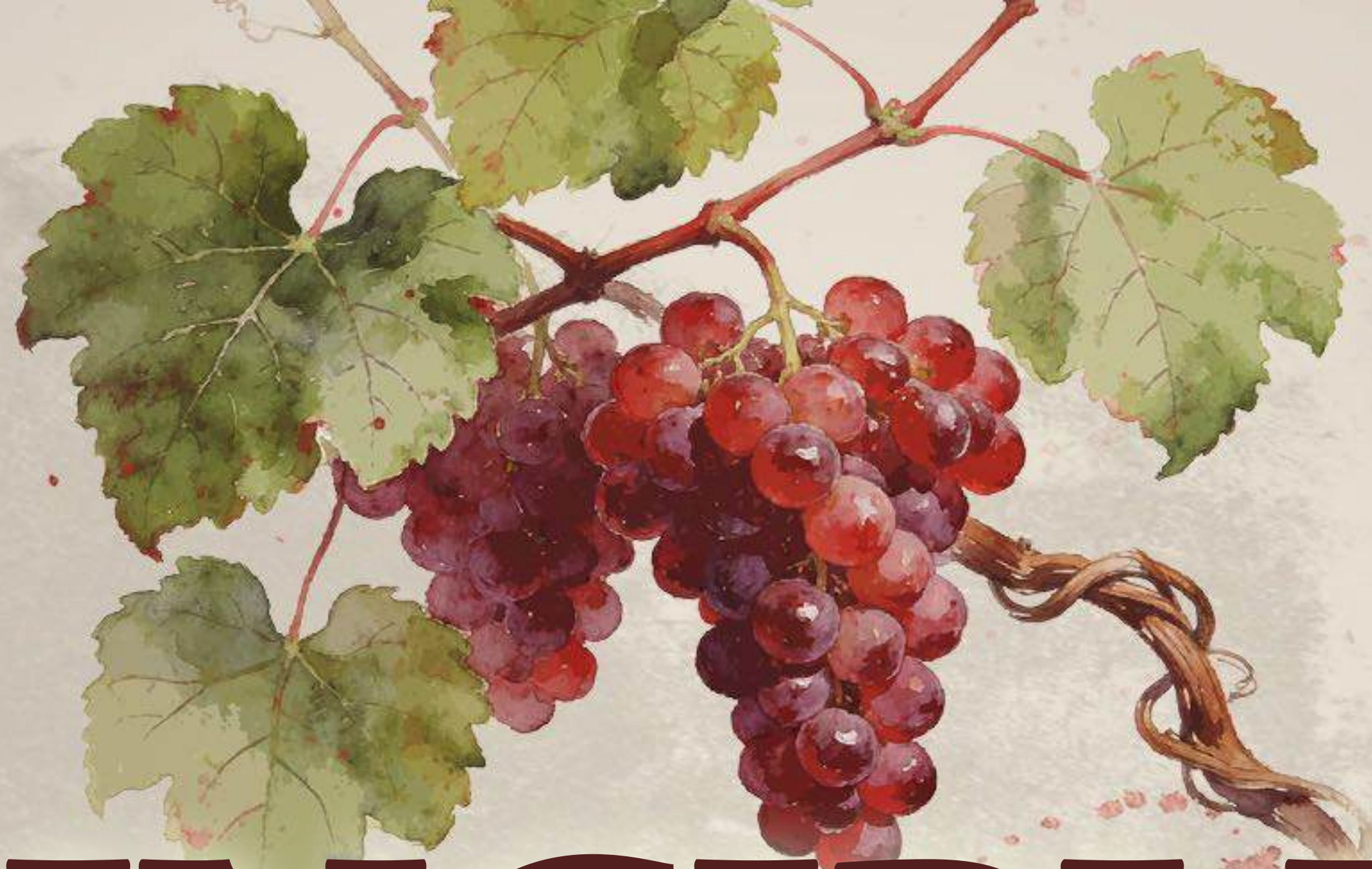


**GOD IS USING
YOUR CURRENT
ADVERSITY TO
EXTRACT THINGS
OUT OF YOU THAT
YOU NEVER KNEW
WERE THERE**

PROVERBS 17:3

The fining pot [is] for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.





PRINCIPLE 3:

Dreams Cannot be Shared with
Those Who Do Not Understand



GENESIS 37:8, 10

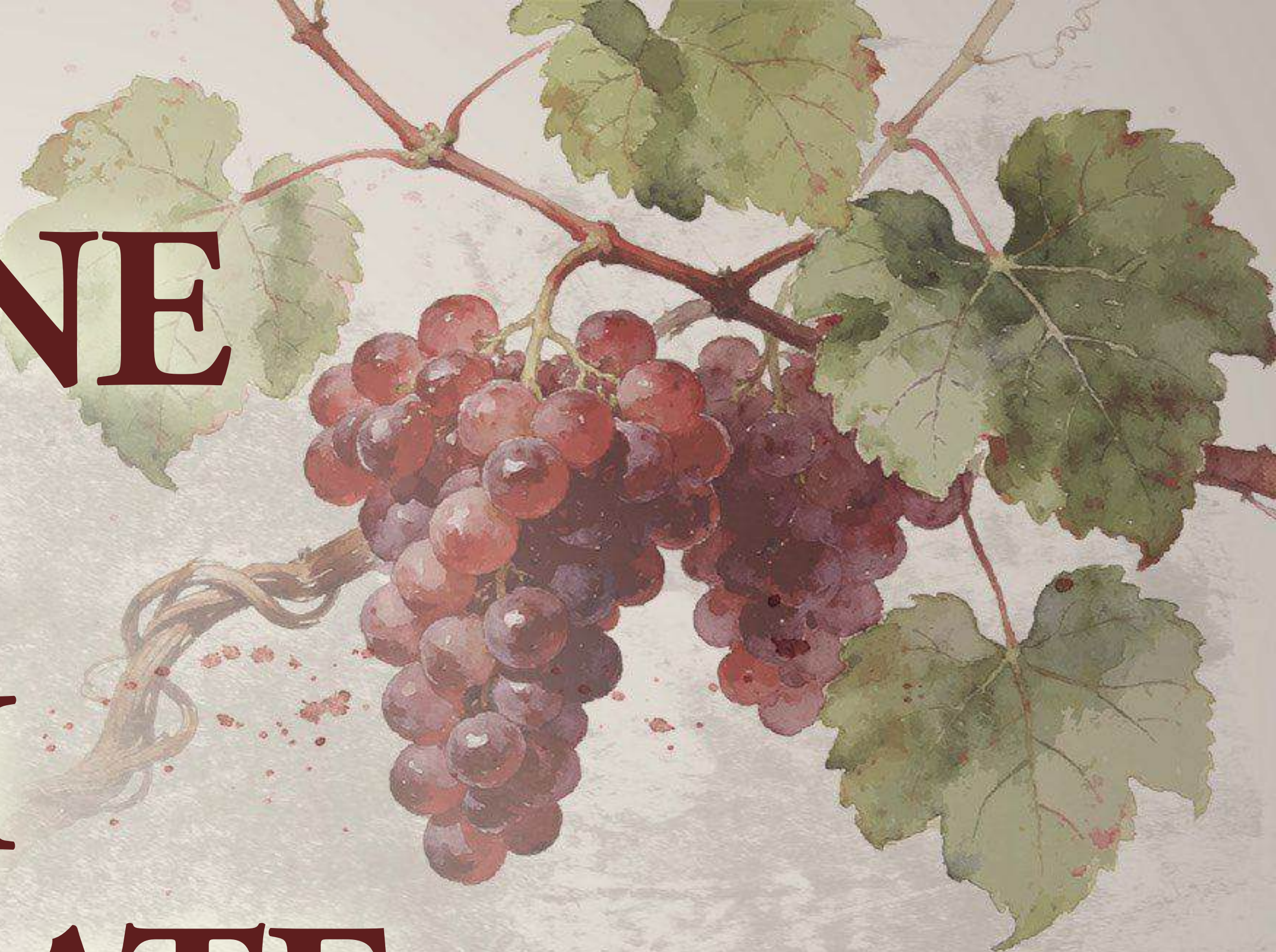
And his brethren said to him,
Shalt thou indeed reign over us?
or shalt thou indeed have
dominion over us? And they
hated him yet the more for his
dreams, and for his words



GENESIS 37:8, 10

... 10 And he told [it] to his father,
and to his brethren: and his father
rebuked him, and said unto him,
What [is] this dream that thou hast
dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and
thy brethren indeed come to bow
down ourselves to thee to the earth?

NOT EVERYONE
WHO HEARS
YOUR DREAM
WILL CELEBRATE
YOUR DREAM

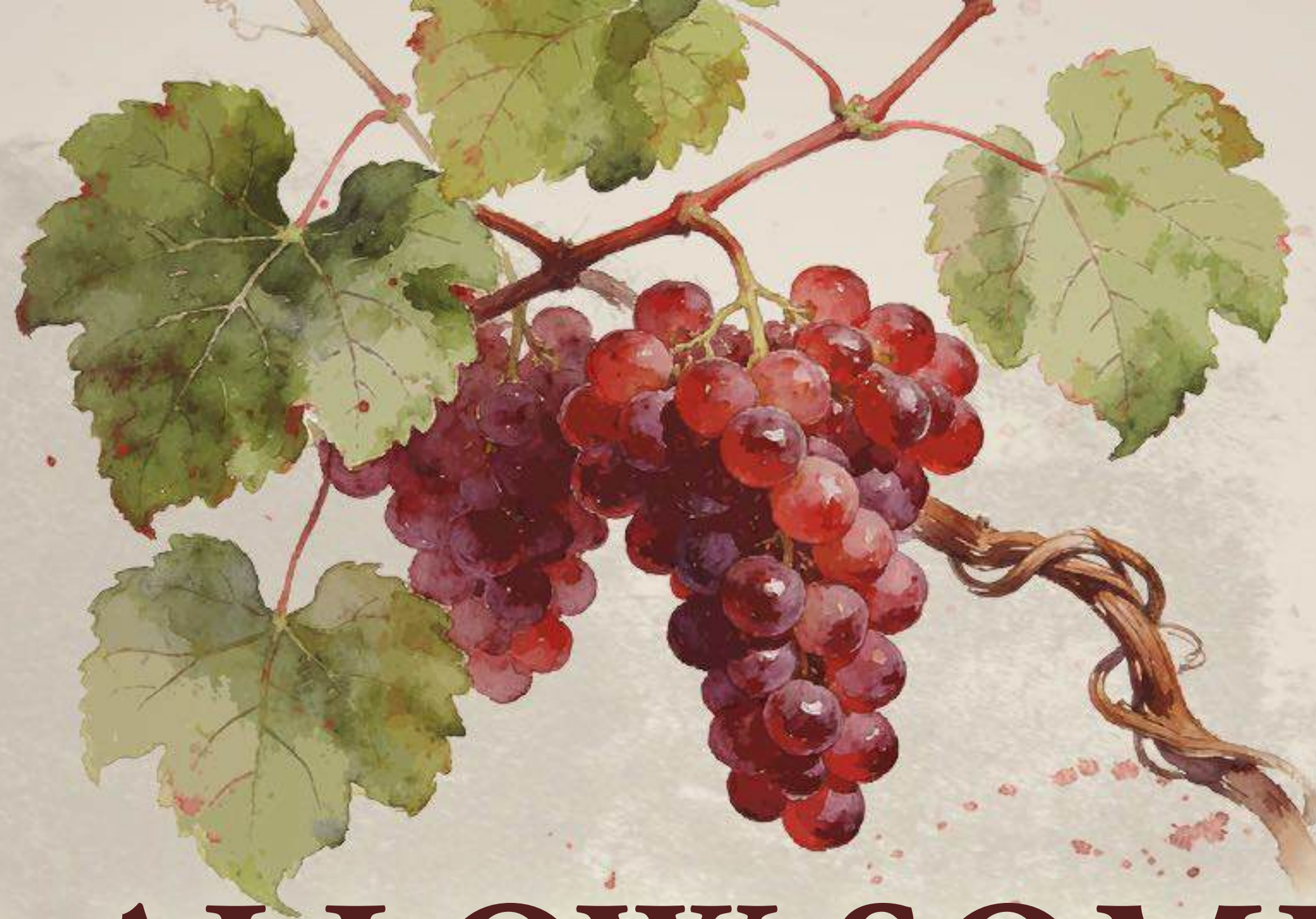




THE SAME
PEOPLE WHO
CAN HANDLE
YOUR PRESENT
MAY NOT BE ABLE
TO HANDLE
YOUR FUTURE.



**FAMILIARITY DOES
NOT ALWAYS
PRODUCE FAITH.**



**NEVER ALLOW SOMEONE'S
INABILITY TO SEE YOUR
DREAM MAKE YOU
QUESTION WHAT GOD HAS
SHOWED YOU**

LUKE 2:19

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered [them] in her heart.





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