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# Principle #1:

*The Reality of Contention*



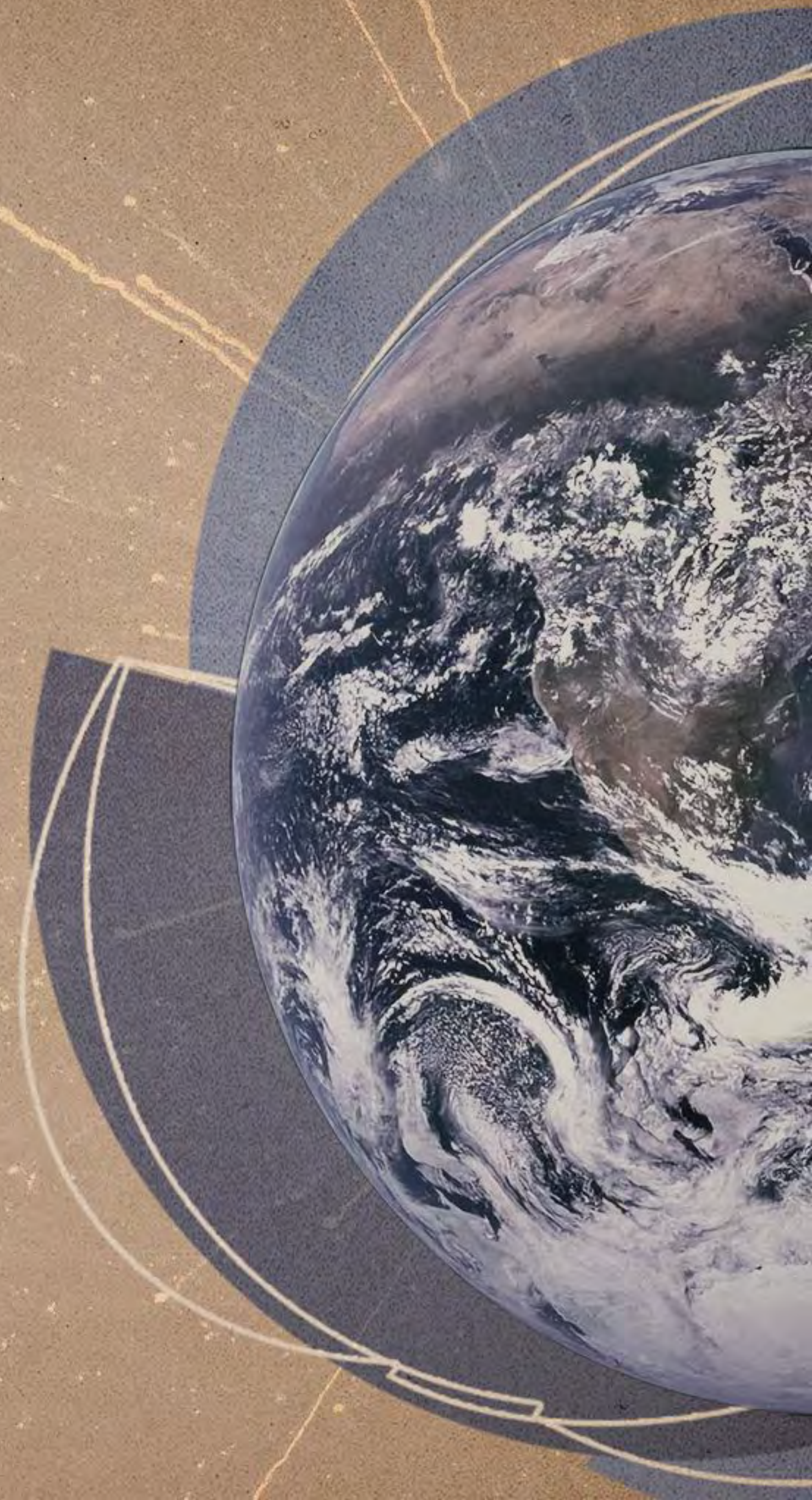


# 1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let  
anyone who thinks  
that he stands take  
heed lest he fall

# Acts 9:4-6

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do






# Acts 9:26-28

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought [him] to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem

# Acts 13:1

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul



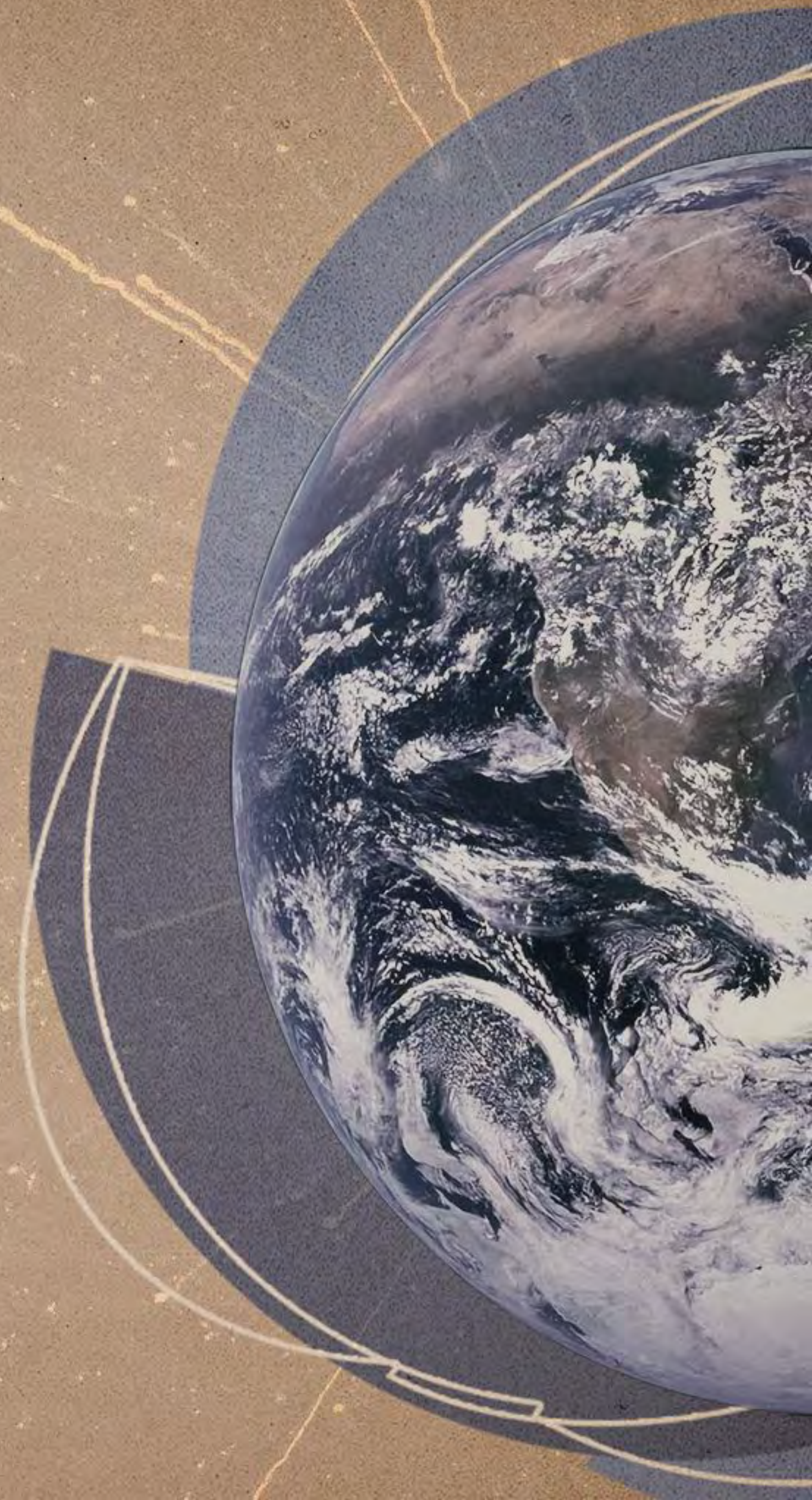


# Acts 13:2-3

...the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid [their] hands on them, they sent [them] away.

# Acts 13:44

The next Sabbath  
almost the whole city  
gathered to hear the  
word of the Lord.





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# Acts 14:1

Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed

# Acts 14:8-10

Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. 9 He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, 10 said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking.



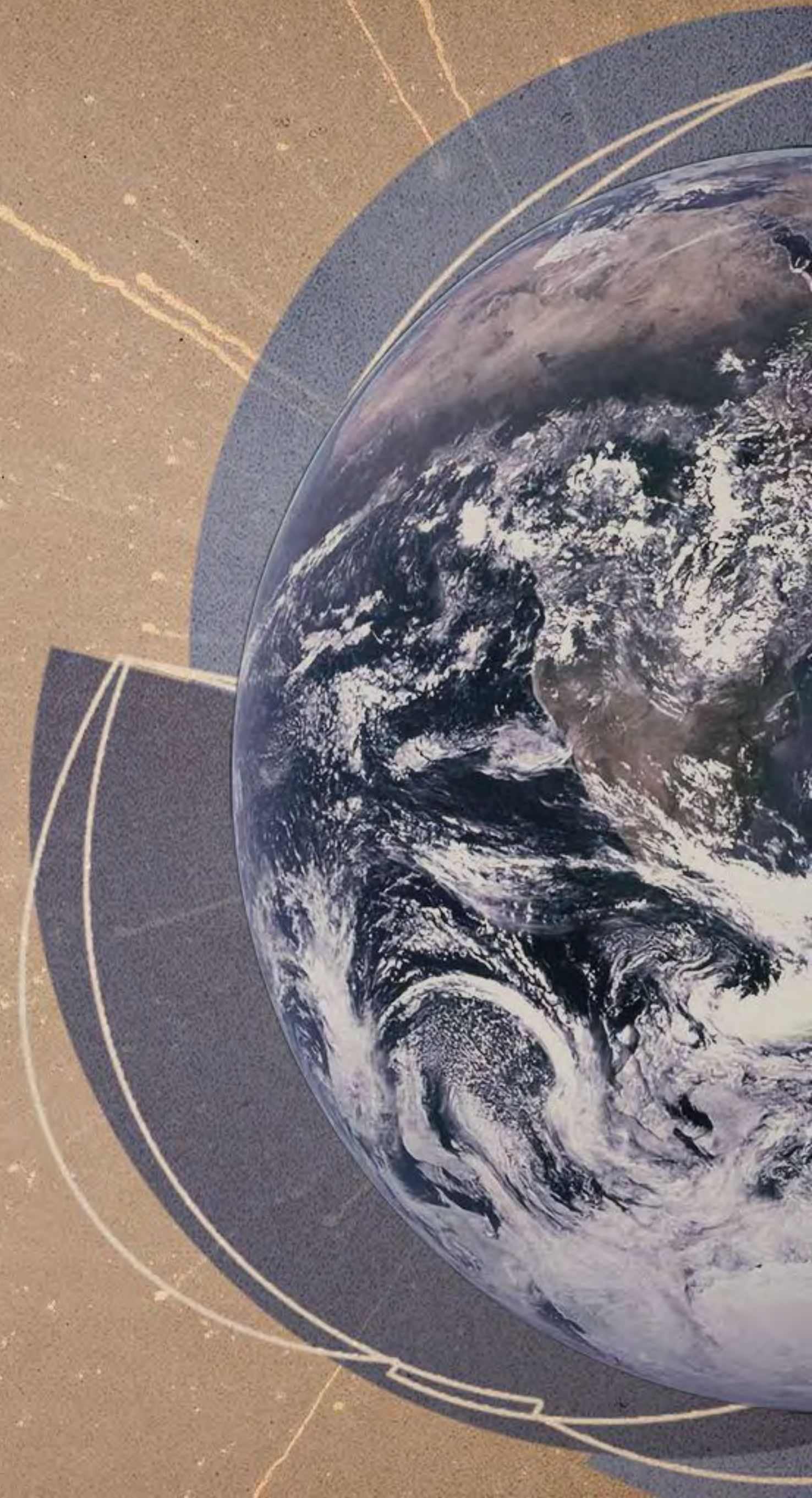


# Acts 14:19-20

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. 20 But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

# John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



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# Matthew 5:23-24

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

# 2 Corinthians 5:18

All this is from God, who  
through Christ reconciled us  
to himself and gave us the  
ministry of reconciliation





# 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



# Principle #2:

*The Reason for Contention*





# Acts 15:37-38

And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. 38 But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.



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# Acts 13:13


Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem

# Acts 13:7, 12


He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ... 12

Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord





*The greatest thing you can give a person is hope for a better future*



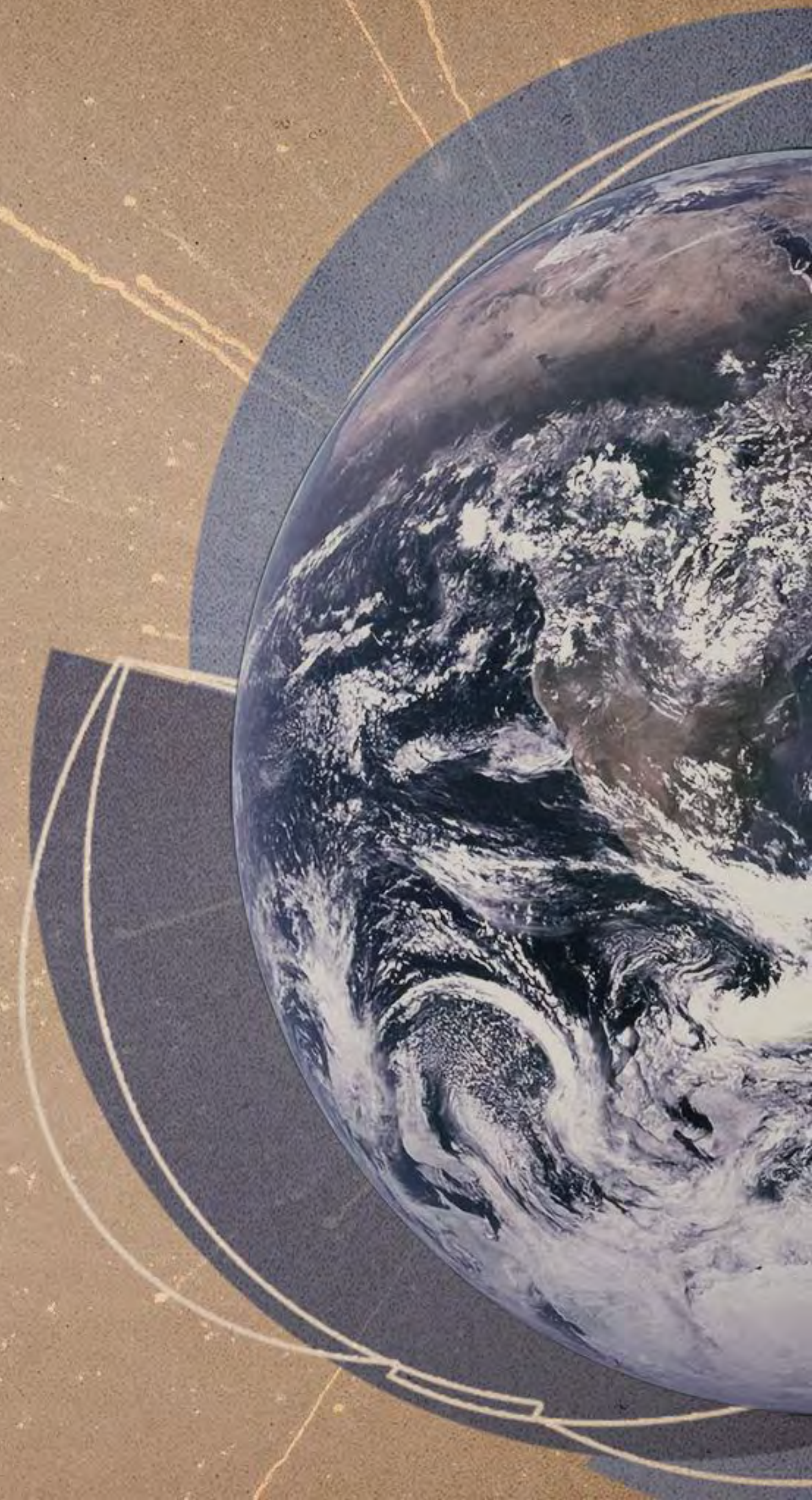


# John 8:11

Jesus said unto her,  
Neither do I condemn  
thee: go, and sin no more

# John 5:7-8

Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.





# John 5:6

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?"



# Principle #3:

*The Roadblock in Contention*





# Acts 15:39

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other





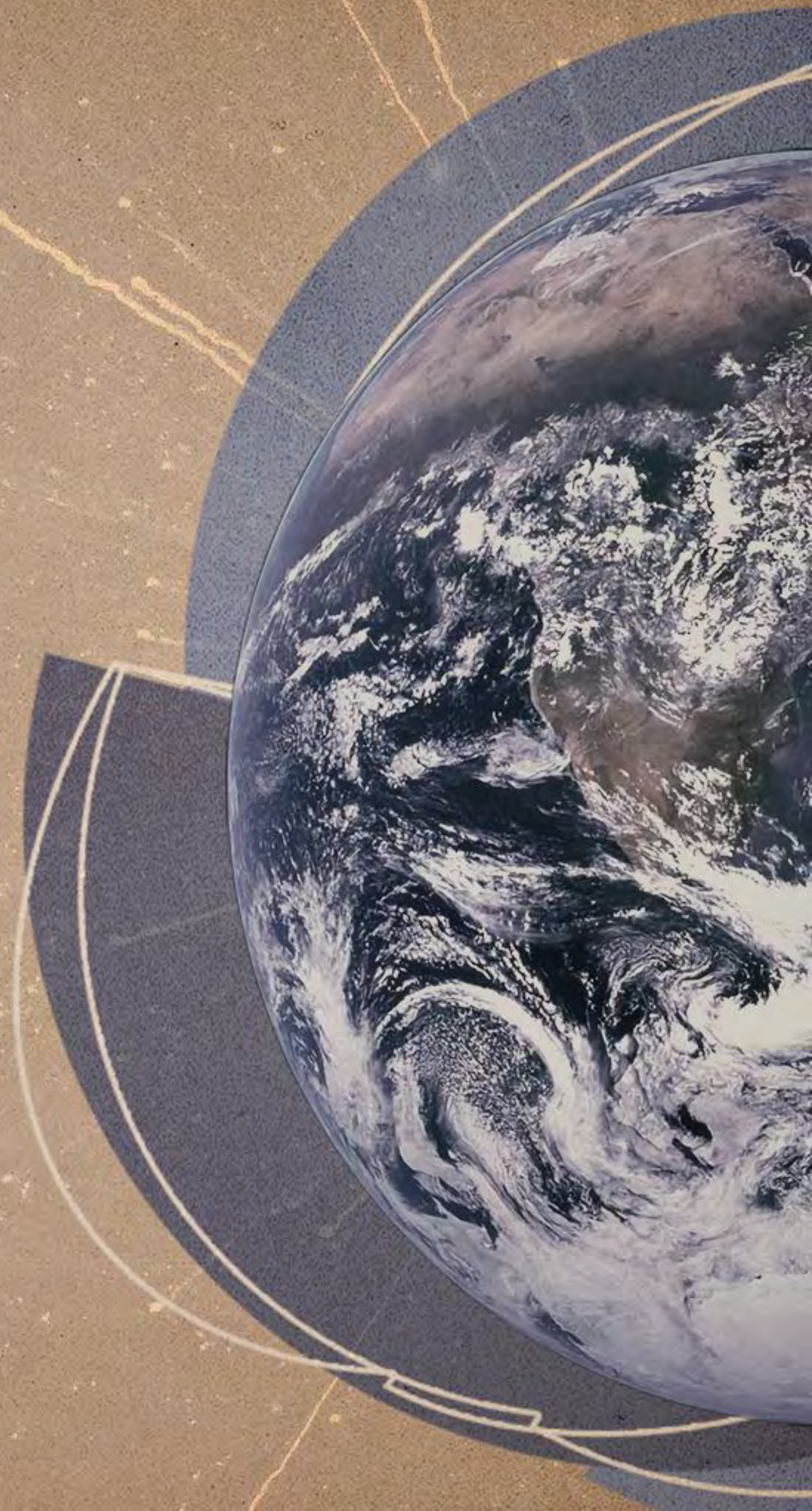


# Matthew 18:21-22

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

# Acts 15:39-40

...and so Barnabas took Mark,  
and sailed unto Cyprus; 40  
And Paul chose Silas, and  
departed, being recommended  
by the brethren unto the grace  
of God.





# Principle #4:

*The Result of Contention*



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# 2 Timothy 4:11

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry

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