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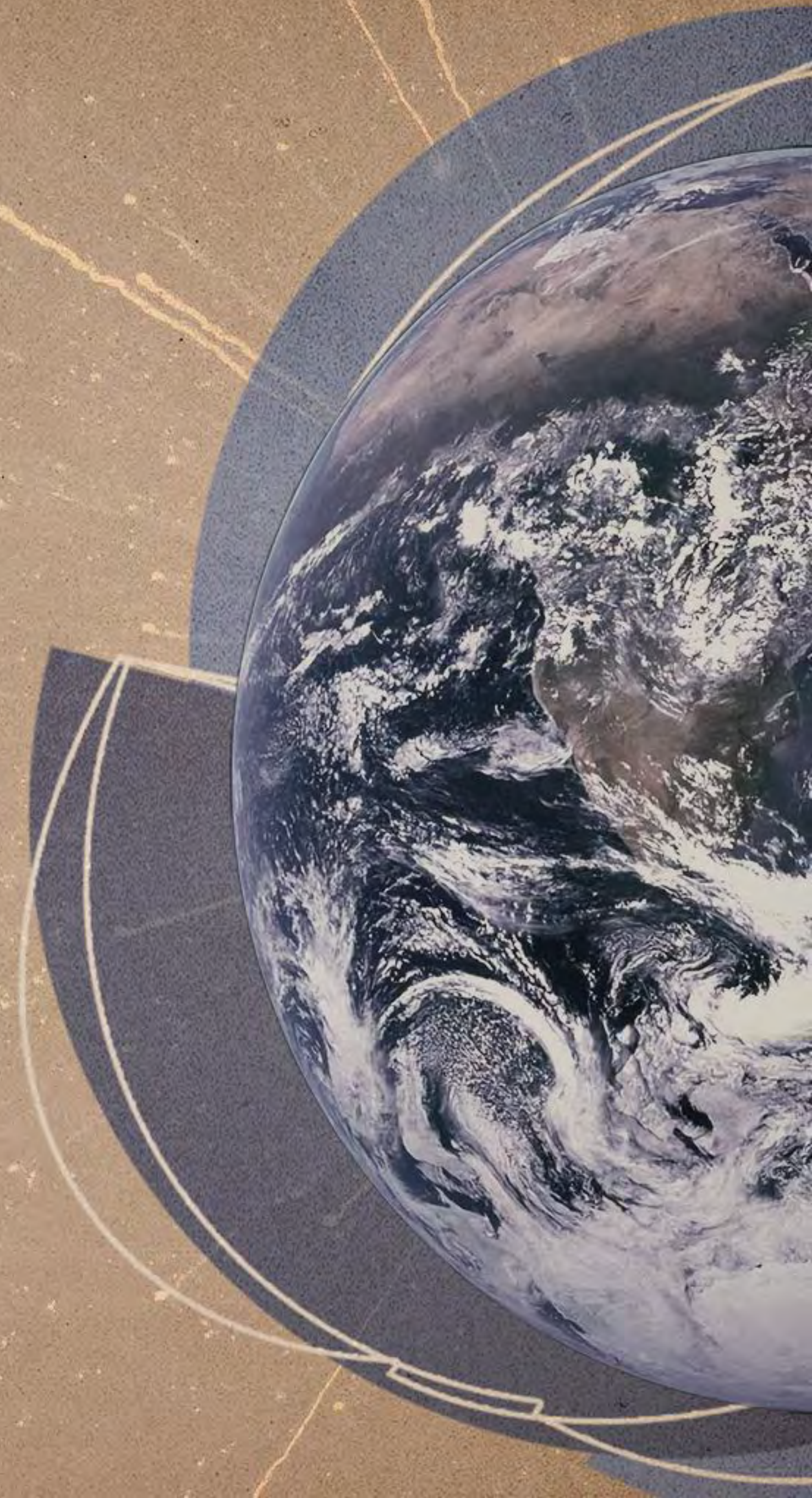


Acts 12:1

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church

Acts 12:2

He killed James the
brother of John
with the sword





Principle #1:

*God's Work in Your Life
Will Never Stop*





Matthew 17:1-2

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light

Mark 10:35, 37

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. ... 37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory



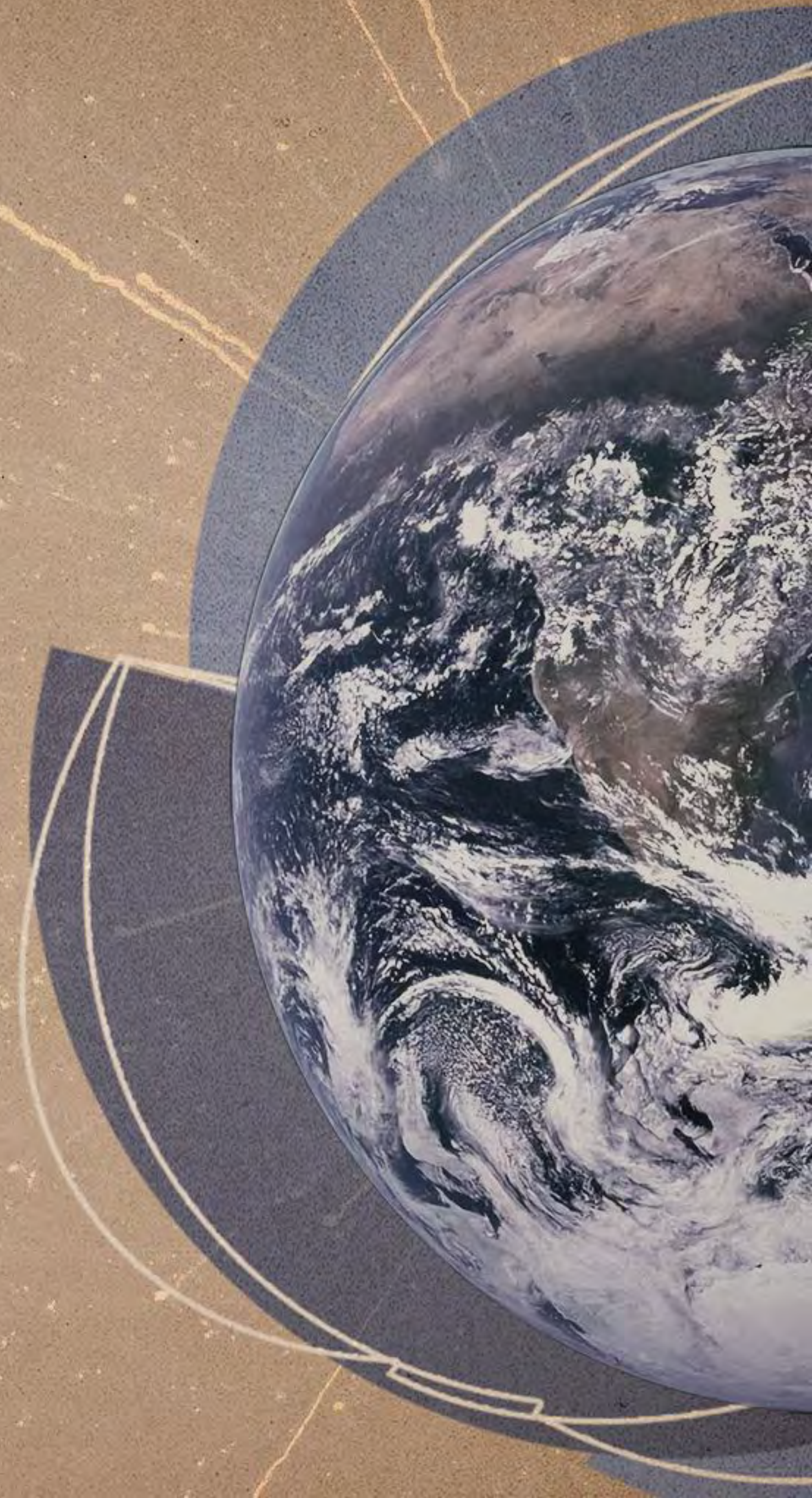



Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [it] until the day of Jesus Christ


Acts 12:3

and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread





*The devil can only take
as much ground as you
allow him to take*





Colossians 2:15

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it

Isaiah 14:15-16

But you are brought down to Sheol,
to the far reaches of the pit. 16 Those
who see you will stare at you and
ponder over you: 'Is this the man who
made the earth tremble, who shook
kingdoms,





Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in
prison, but earnest
prayer for him was made
to God by the church.



Principle #2:

The Pushback of Prayer



Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.





Luke 22:44

And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit



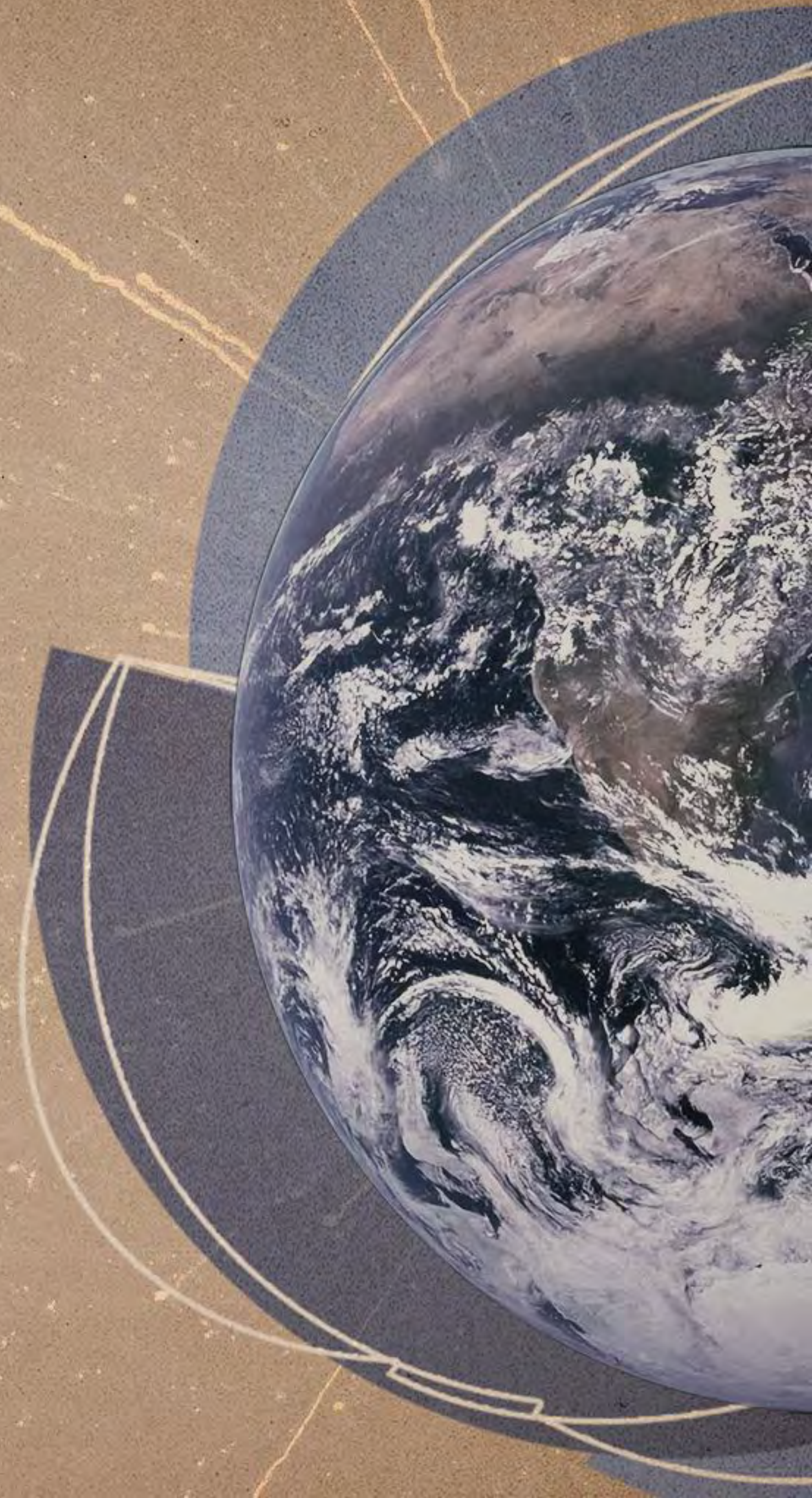


Acts 12:3

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the days of
Unleavened Bread.

2 Corinthians 2:11

Lest Satan should get
an advantage of us: for
we are not ignorant of
his devices



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Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places

2 Corinthians 10:4

For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds





Acts 12:6-7

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands.



Principle #3:

*You Have Angelic Watch Over
God's Work in Your Life*



Psalm 91:1-12

For he shall give his angels
charge over thee, to keep
thee in all thy ways. 12 They
shall bear thee up in [their]
hands, lest thou dash thy
foot against a stone



2 Kings 6:17

And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.



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Psalm 84:12

O LORD of hosts,
blessed [is] the man
that trusteth in thee.

Acts 12:6

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison



Acts 5:18-19

they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.
19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out





Principle #4:

*You Are Not a Prisoner
to Your Past*





Acts 12:9

And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision



John 8:36

So if the Son sets
you free, you will
be free indeed

Acts 12:7-8

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. 8 And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

Luke 15:17-18

But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.





Acts 12:8

And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."

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Isaiah 61:3

...beauty for ashes, the oil
of joy for mourning, the
garment of praise for the
spirit of heaviness

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



Acts 12:10

When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him.





Principle #5:

*You Cannot Open the Gate to Your Future –
God Will Do It For You*



Acts 12:12-16

When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. 13 And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. 15 They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" 16 But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed.





Principle #6:

*Never Allow the
Doubters to Deter You*



Isaiah 53:1

Who has believed
what he has heard
from us? And to whom
has the arm of the
LORD been revealed?





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