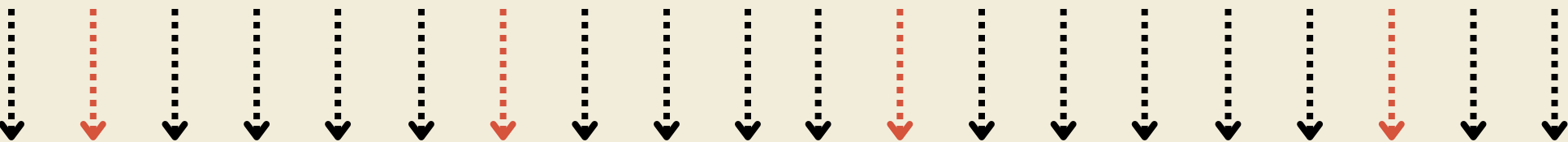


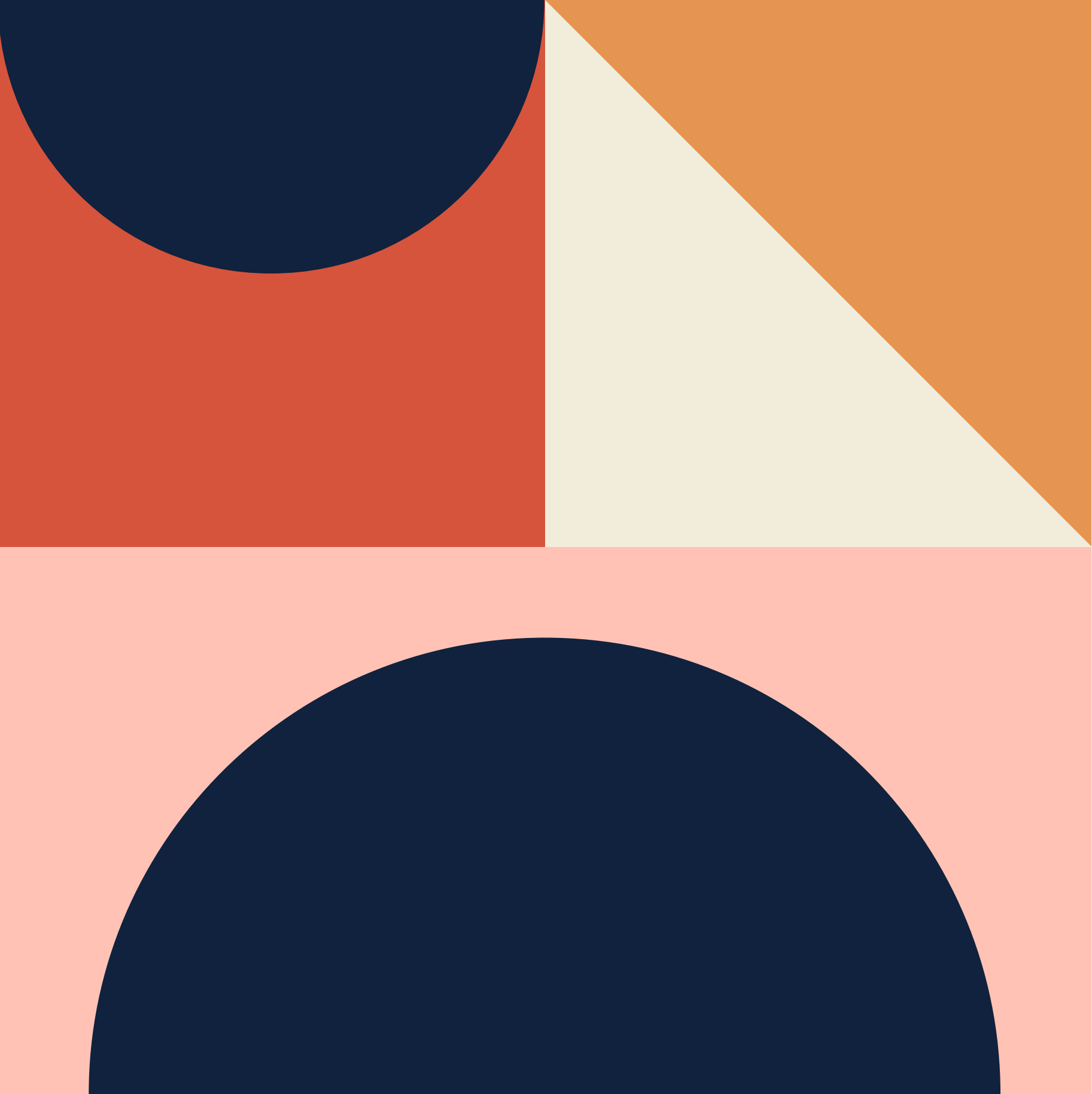
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ALLIANCE
FOR ORPHANS

A photograph of two young children lying on their stomachs on a lush green lawn. The child on the left is a white girl with her hair in a small bun, wearing a blue and white striped long-sleeved shirt and orange pants. The child on the right is a Black boy wearing a red and white striped long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. Both children have their hands behind their heads and are looking towards the camera with gentle smiles. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

**THE PURE
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A Holy and Helpful Vision for the Church



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JAMES 1:27

Textual Commentary:

Be doers of the word.

James 1:22-27

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

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GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN
CONCERNED FOR WIDOWS
& ORPHANS.



“He executes justice for **the fatherless and the widow**, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.”

Deuteronomy 10:18



“When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the **sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow**, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.”

Deuteronomy 24:19



“The Lord watches over **the sojourners**;
he upholds **the widow and the fatherless**,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.”

Psalm 146:9



“For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, 6 if you do not oppress **the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow**, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, 7 then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.”

Jeremiah 7:5-7



“And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, ⁹ “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, ¹⁰ **do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor,** and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”

Zechariah 7:8-10



JESUS ON THE FINAL JUDGEMENT



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”

Matthew 25:31-34

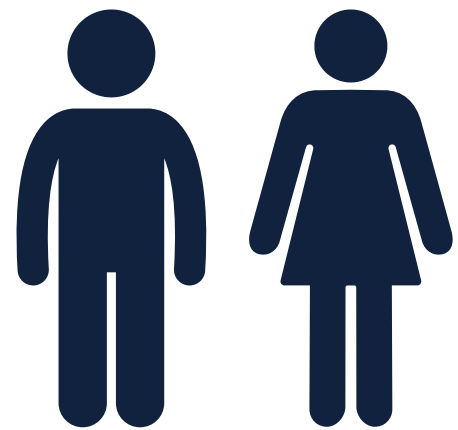


“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

Matthew 25:35-39

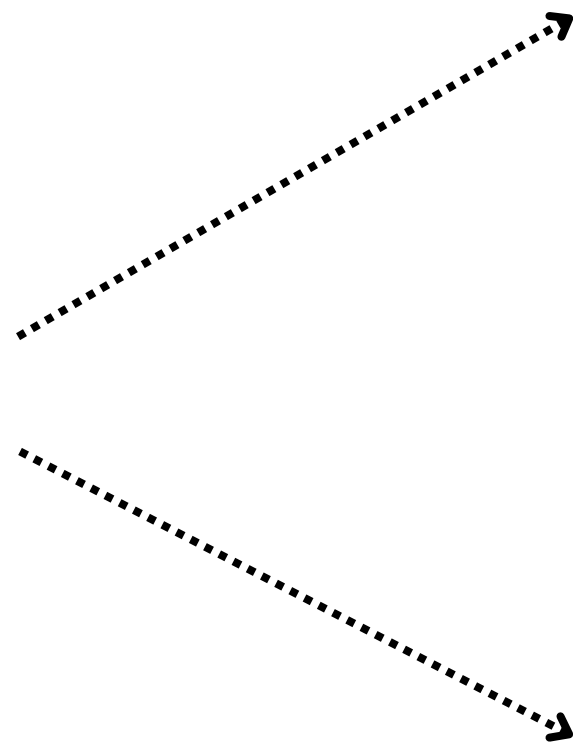
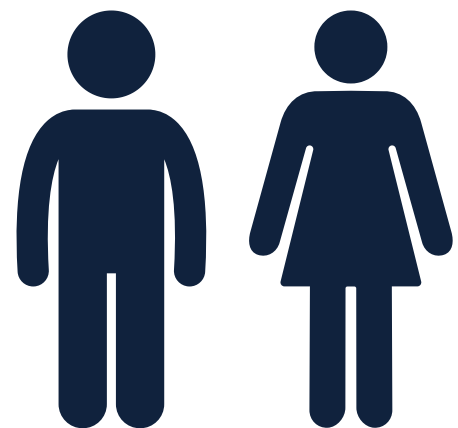
⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:41-46



“I better earn God’s love.”

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