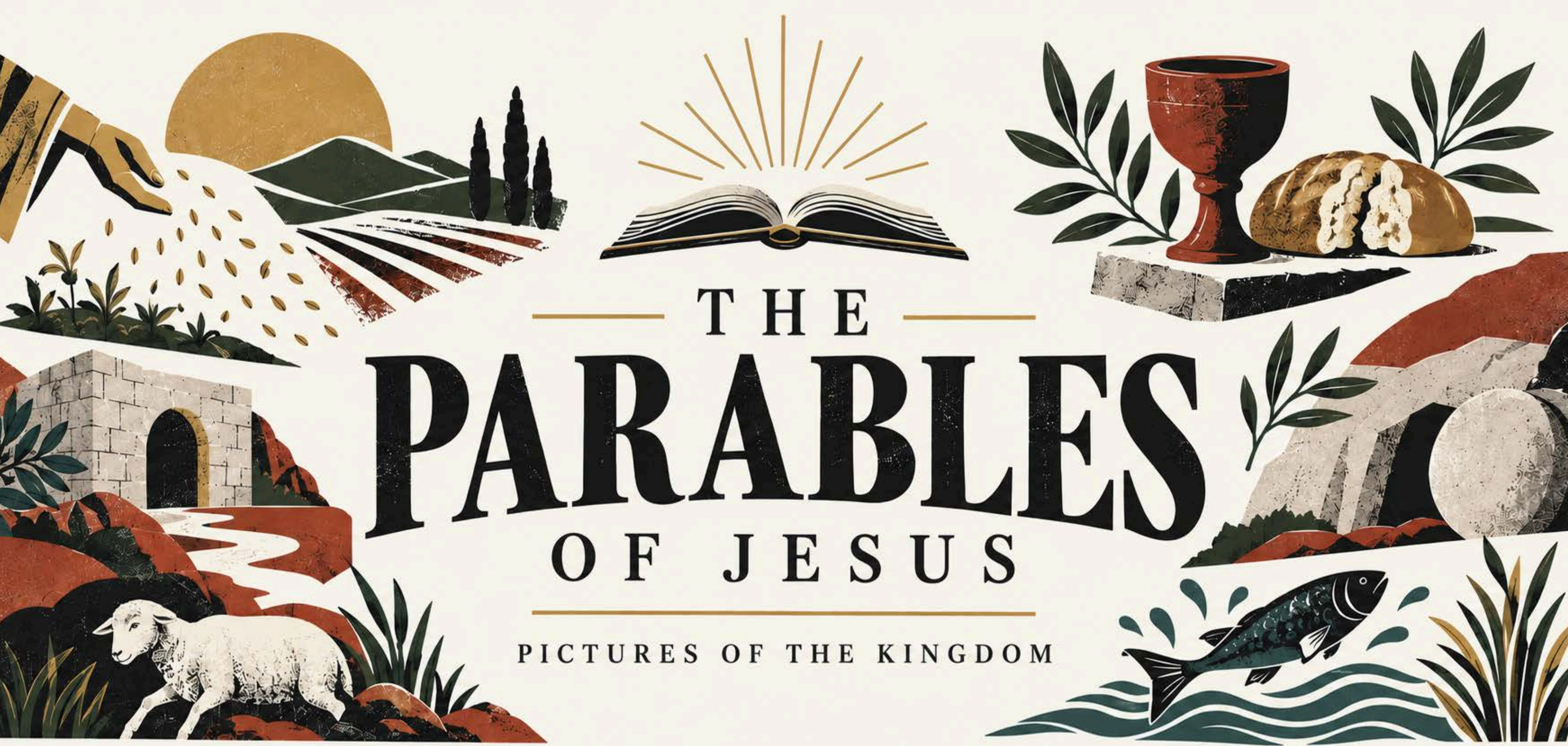




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OF JESUS

PICTURES OF THE KINGDOM





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THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

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MATTHEW 13:18-23

JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE



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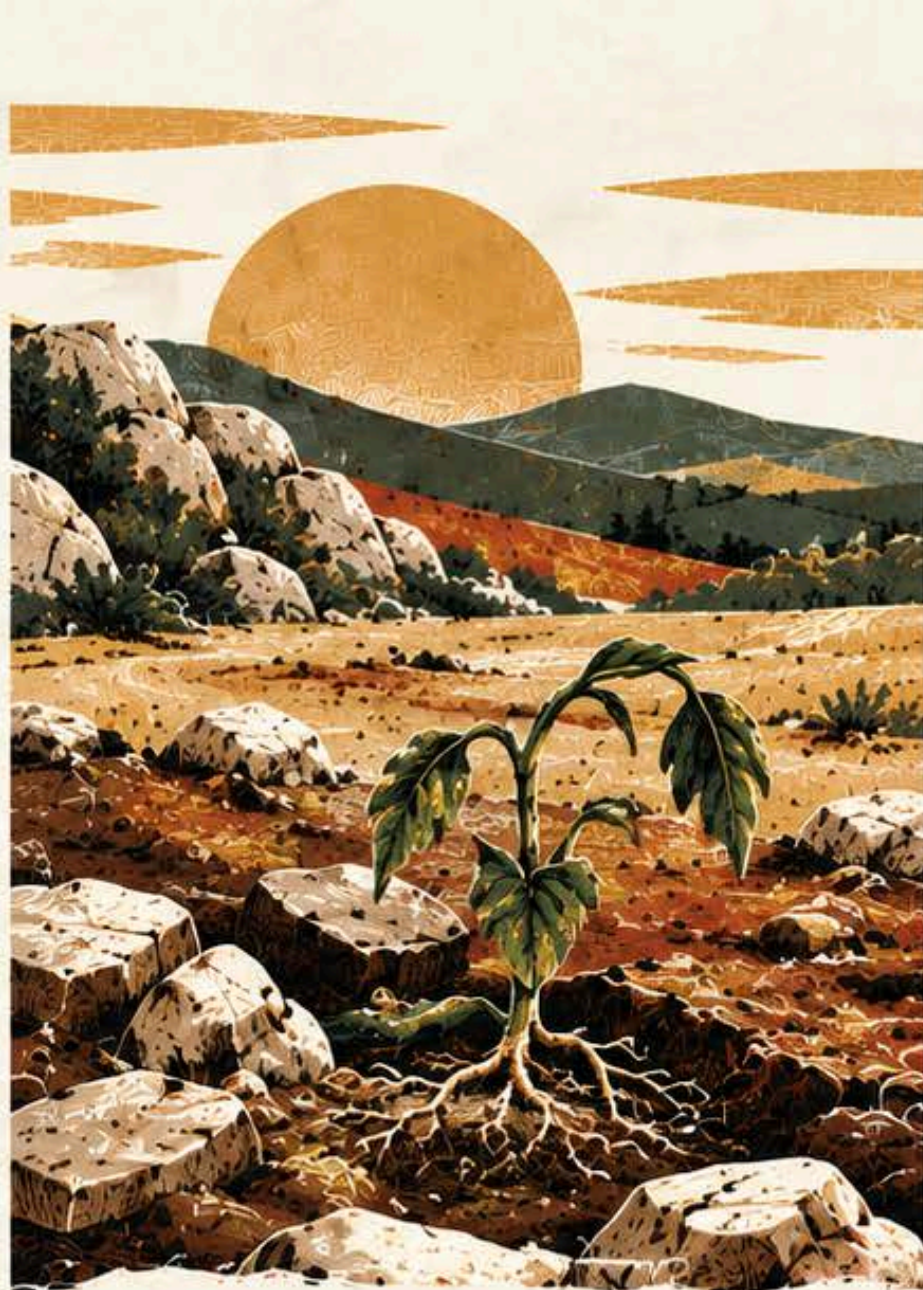
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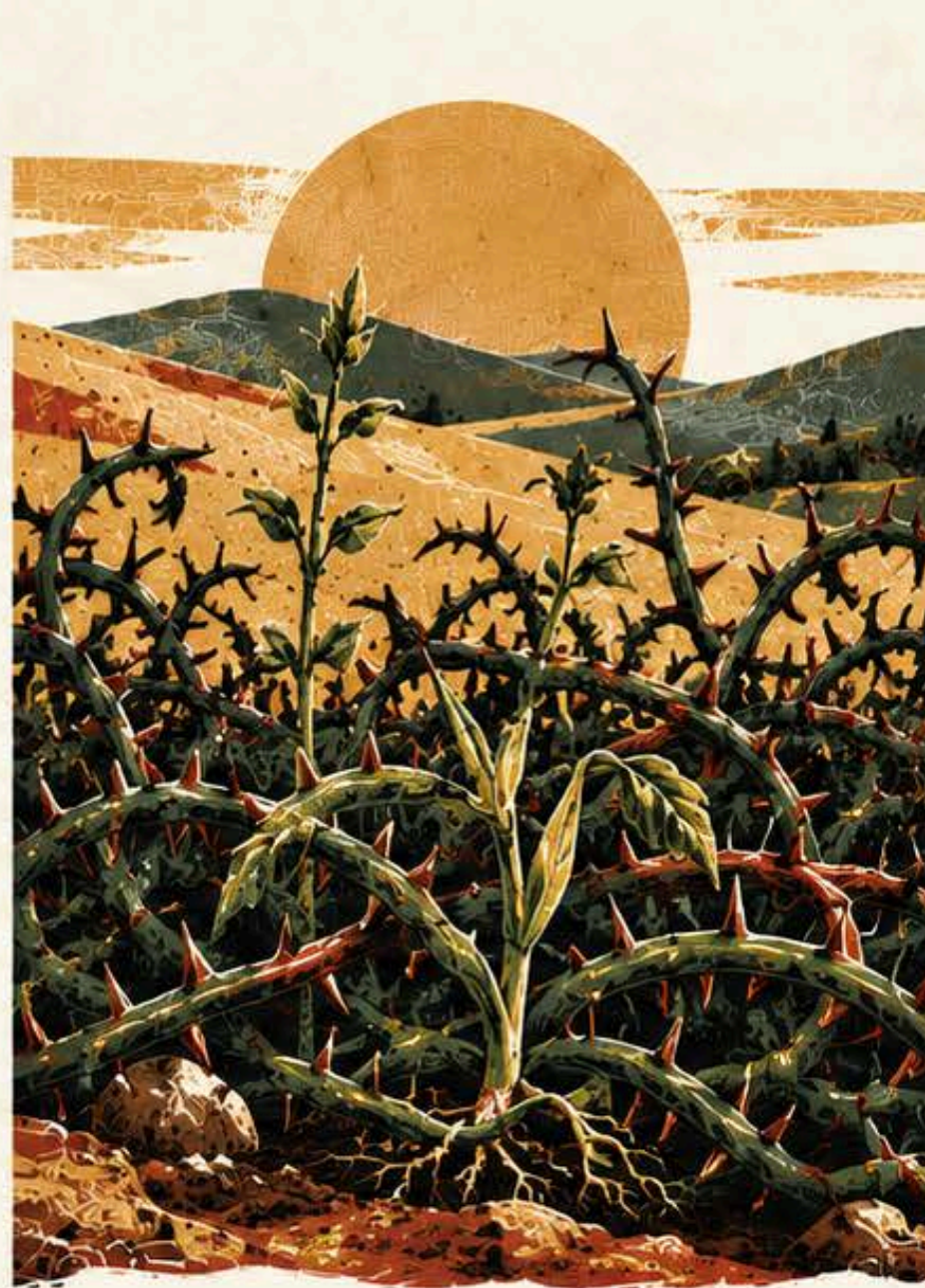
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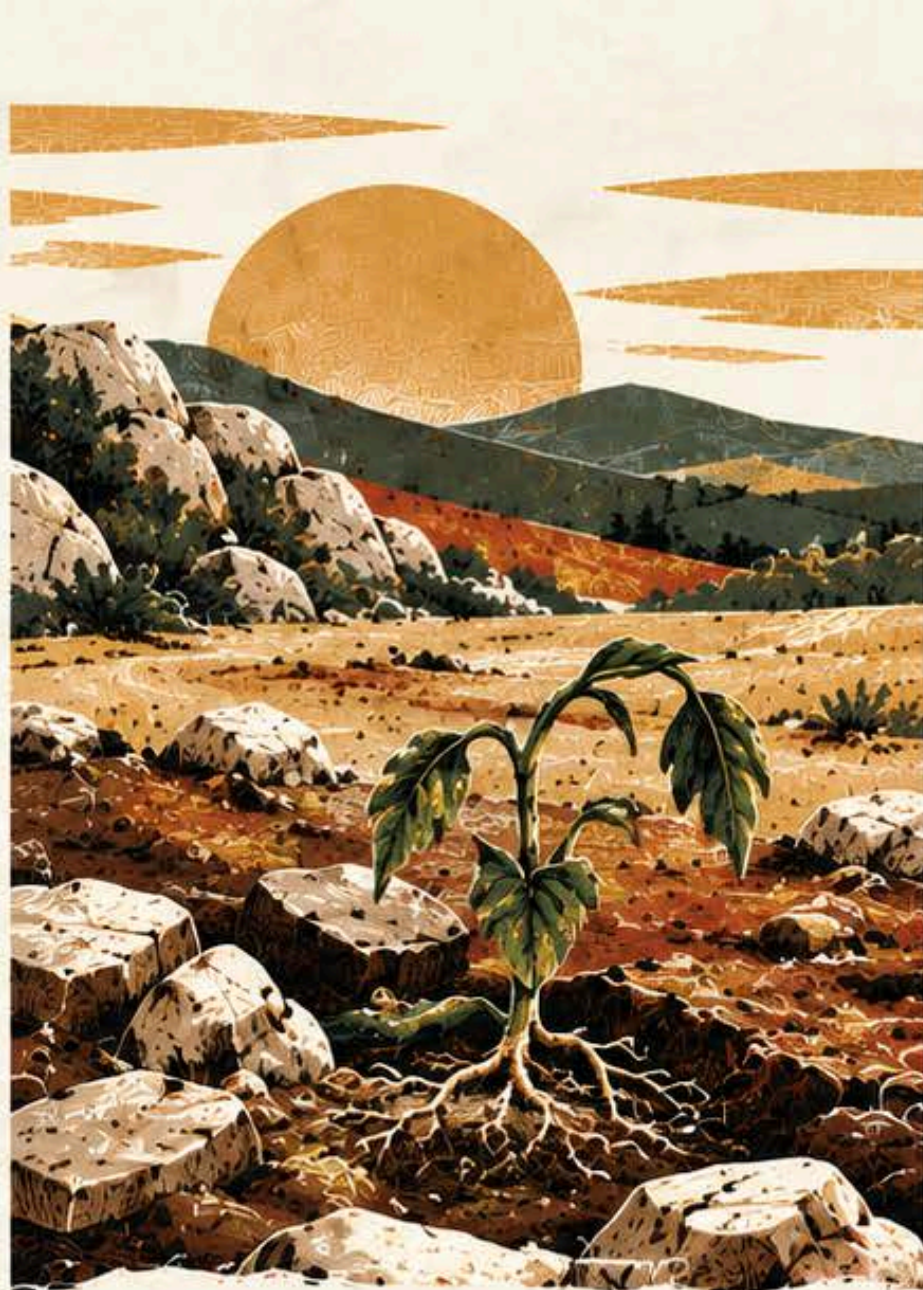
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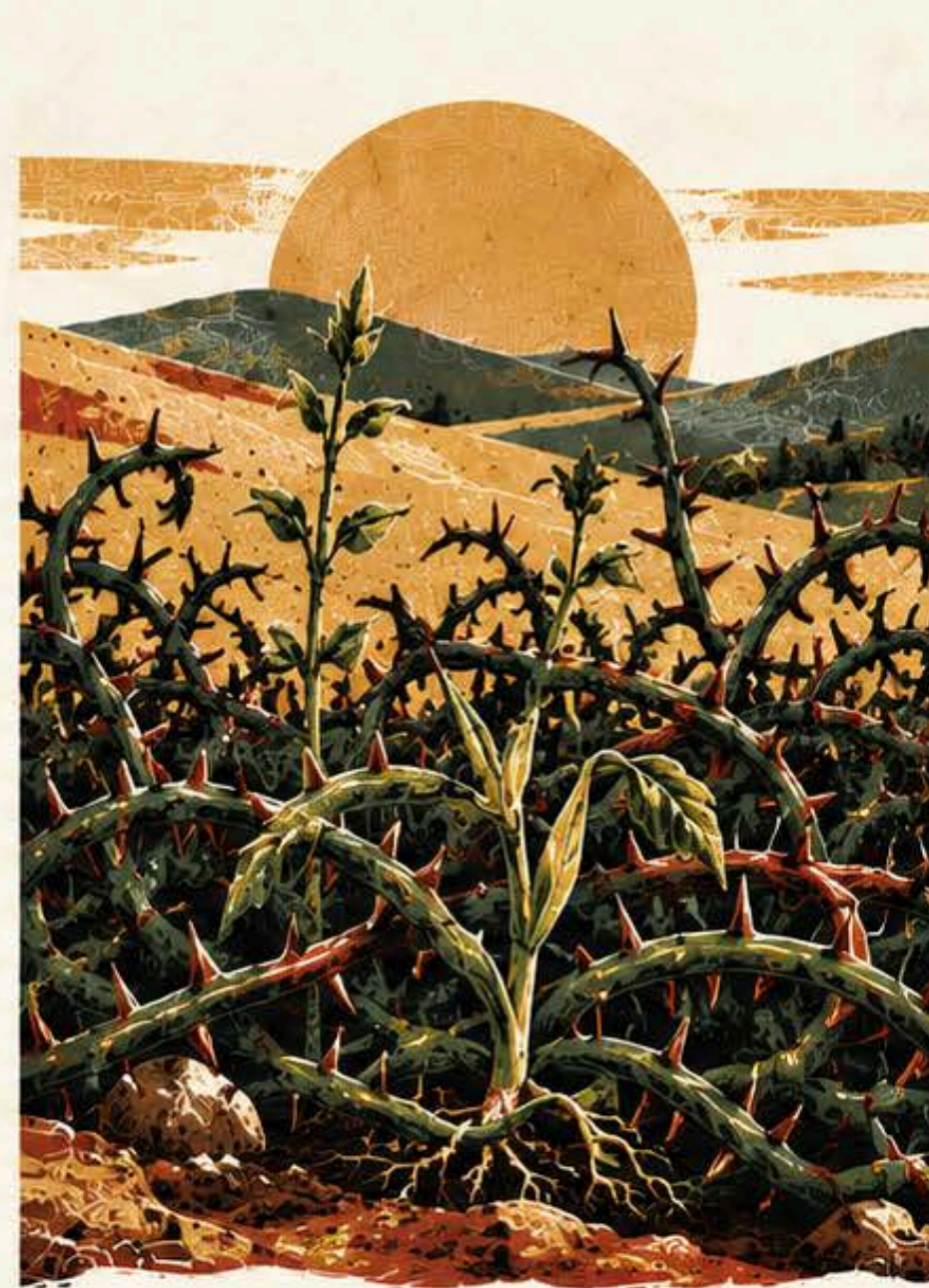
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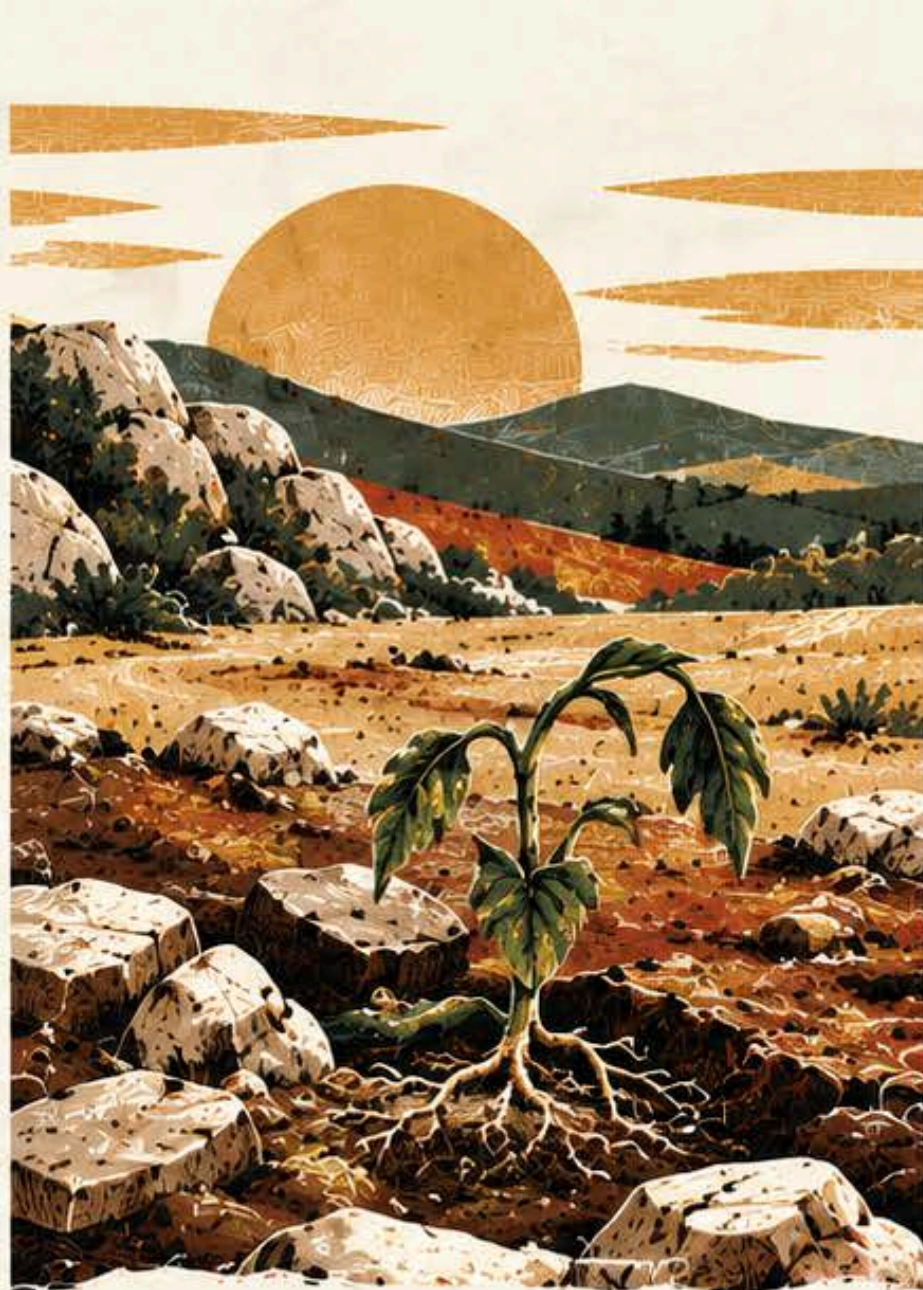
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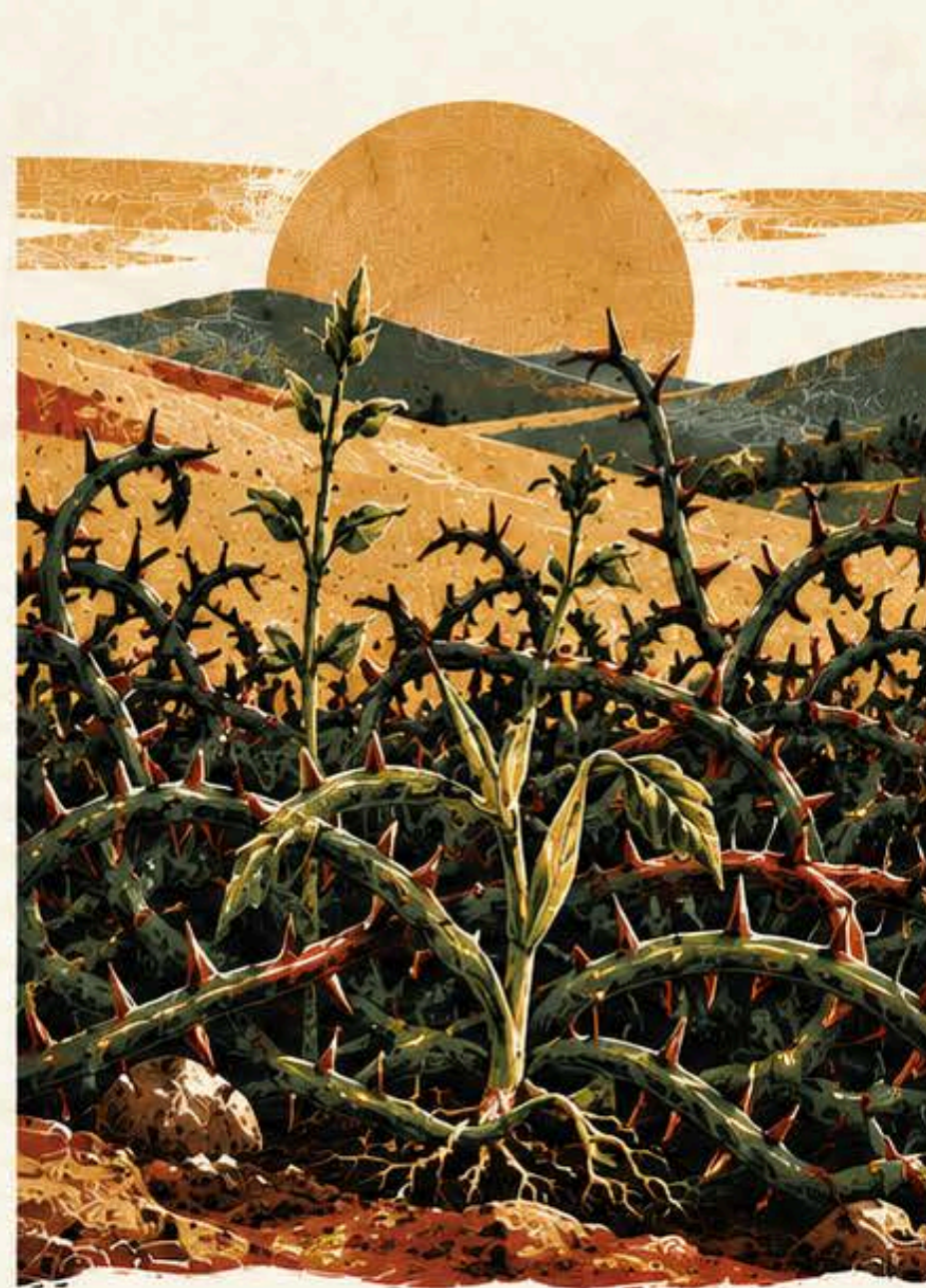
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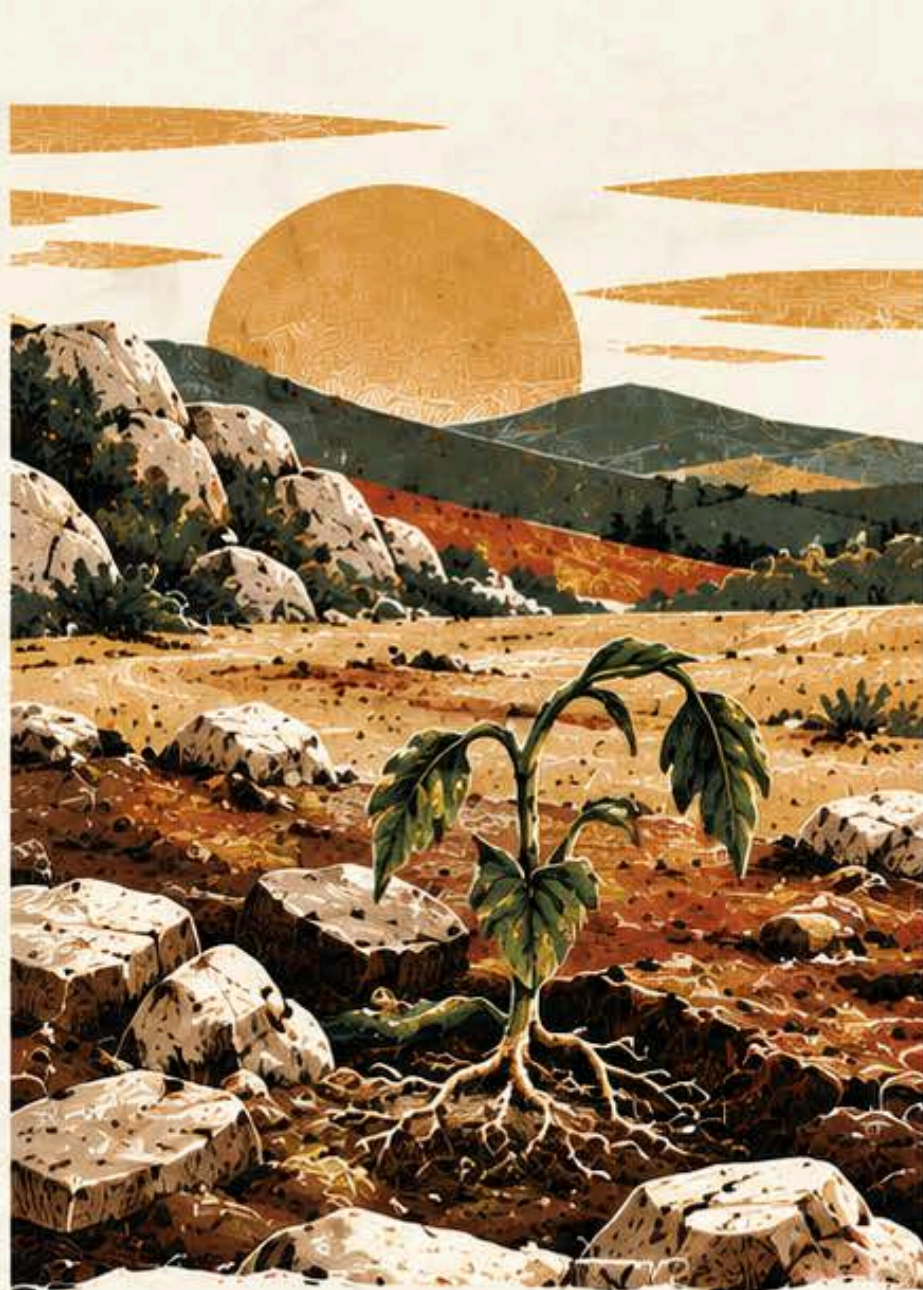
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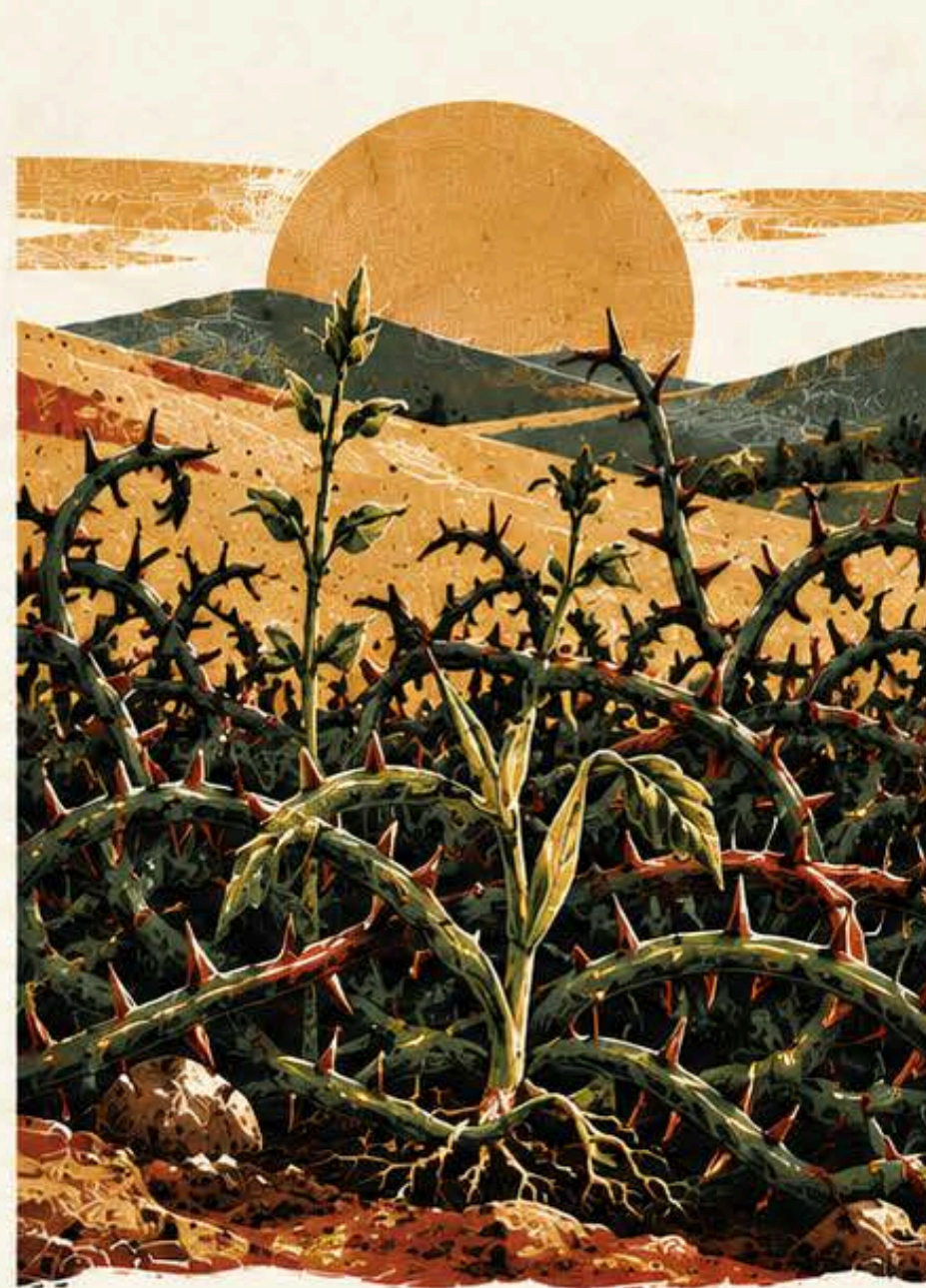
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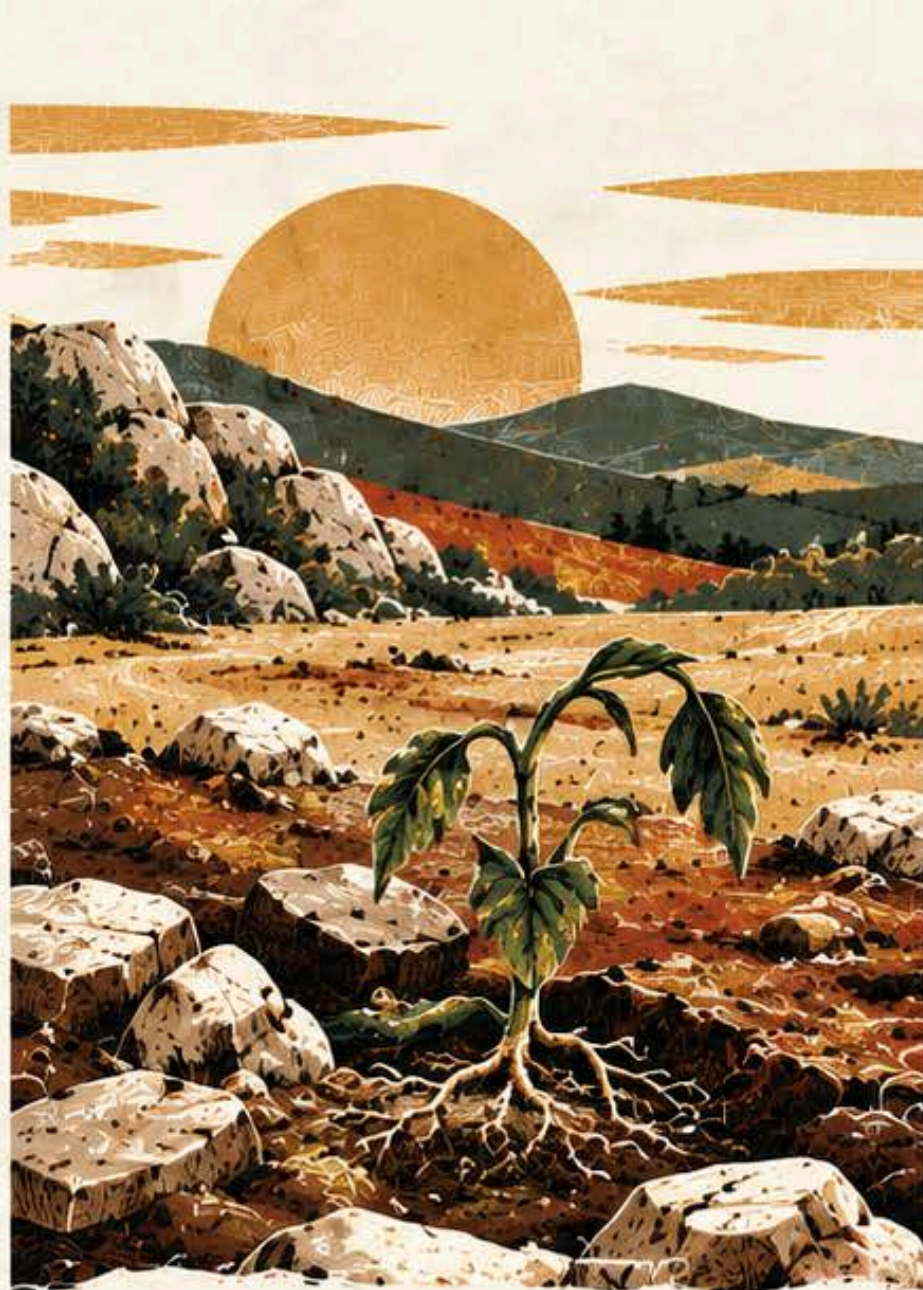




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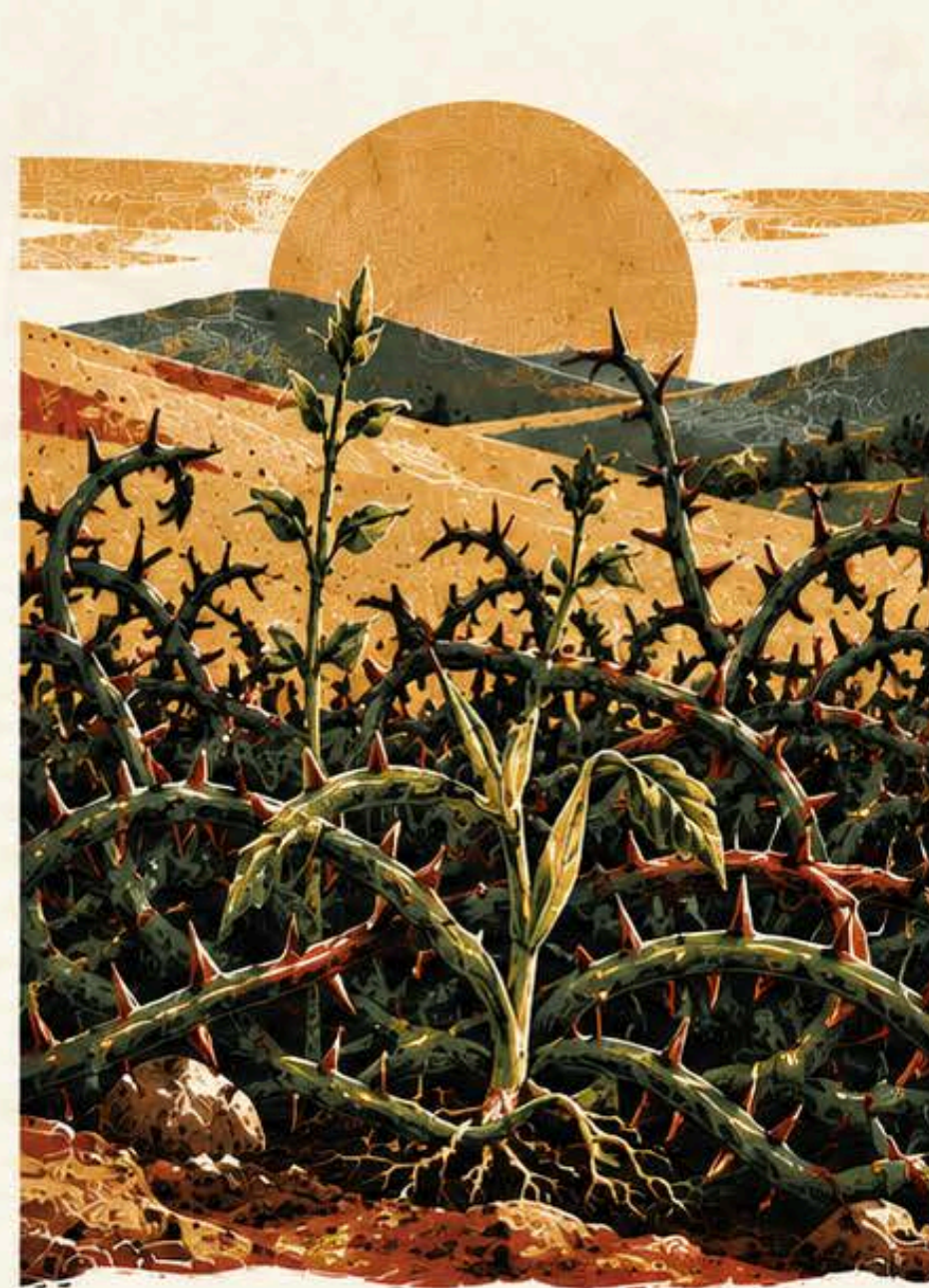
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RESIST THE WORK OF SATAN

- “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” **(James 4:7)**
- “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” **(1 Peter 5:8-9)**
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PSALMS TO PRAY FOR FATIH

- “Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!” **(Ps. 119:36)**
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- “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” **(Ps. 51:10-12)**
- “Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.” **(Ps. 119:18)**

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PROMISES TO FIGHT THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES

- God will never abandon you. “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” **(Heb. 13:5)**
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- God promises peace to those who trust him. “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” **(Isaiah 26:3)**

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