

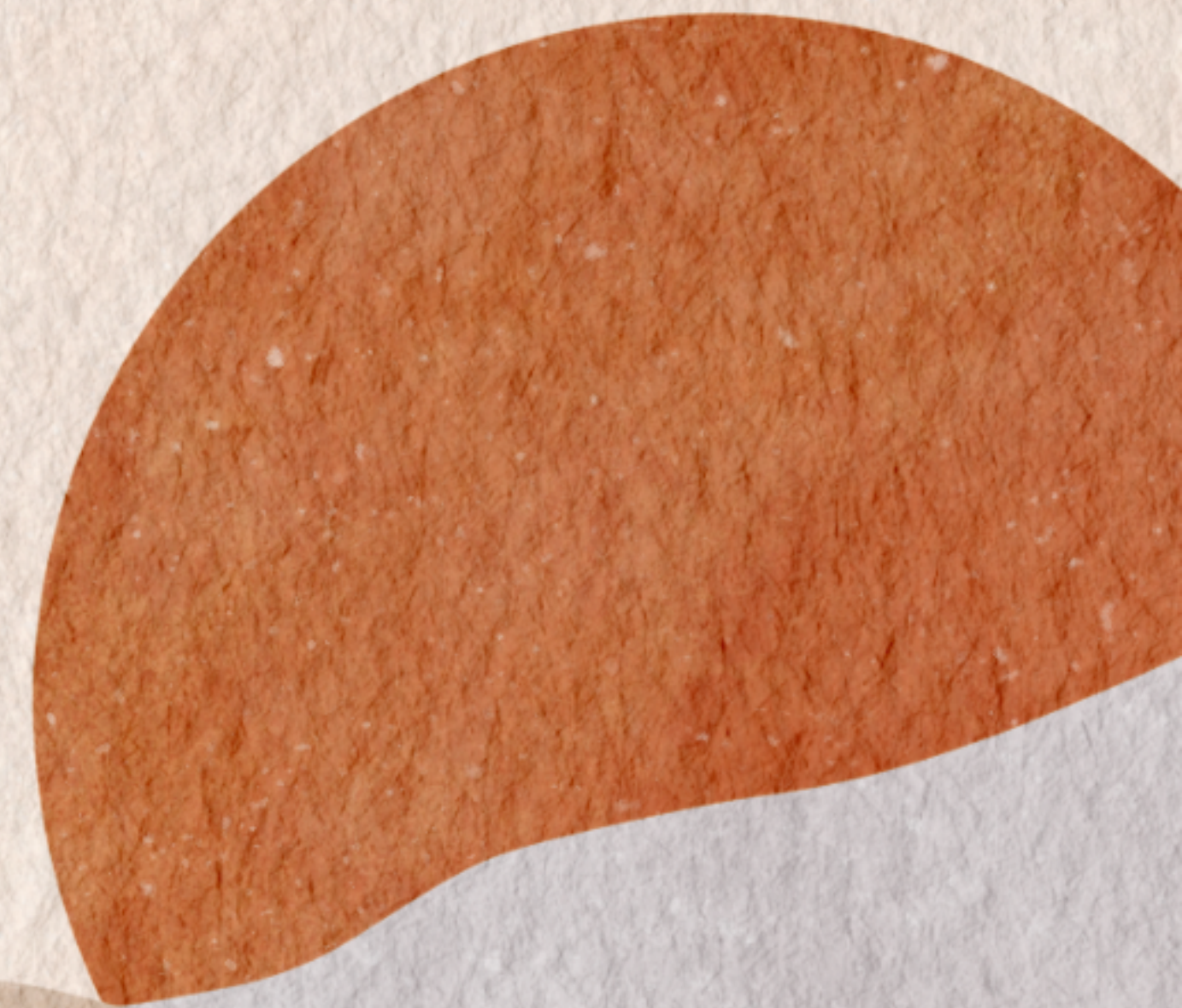
# Living Faith

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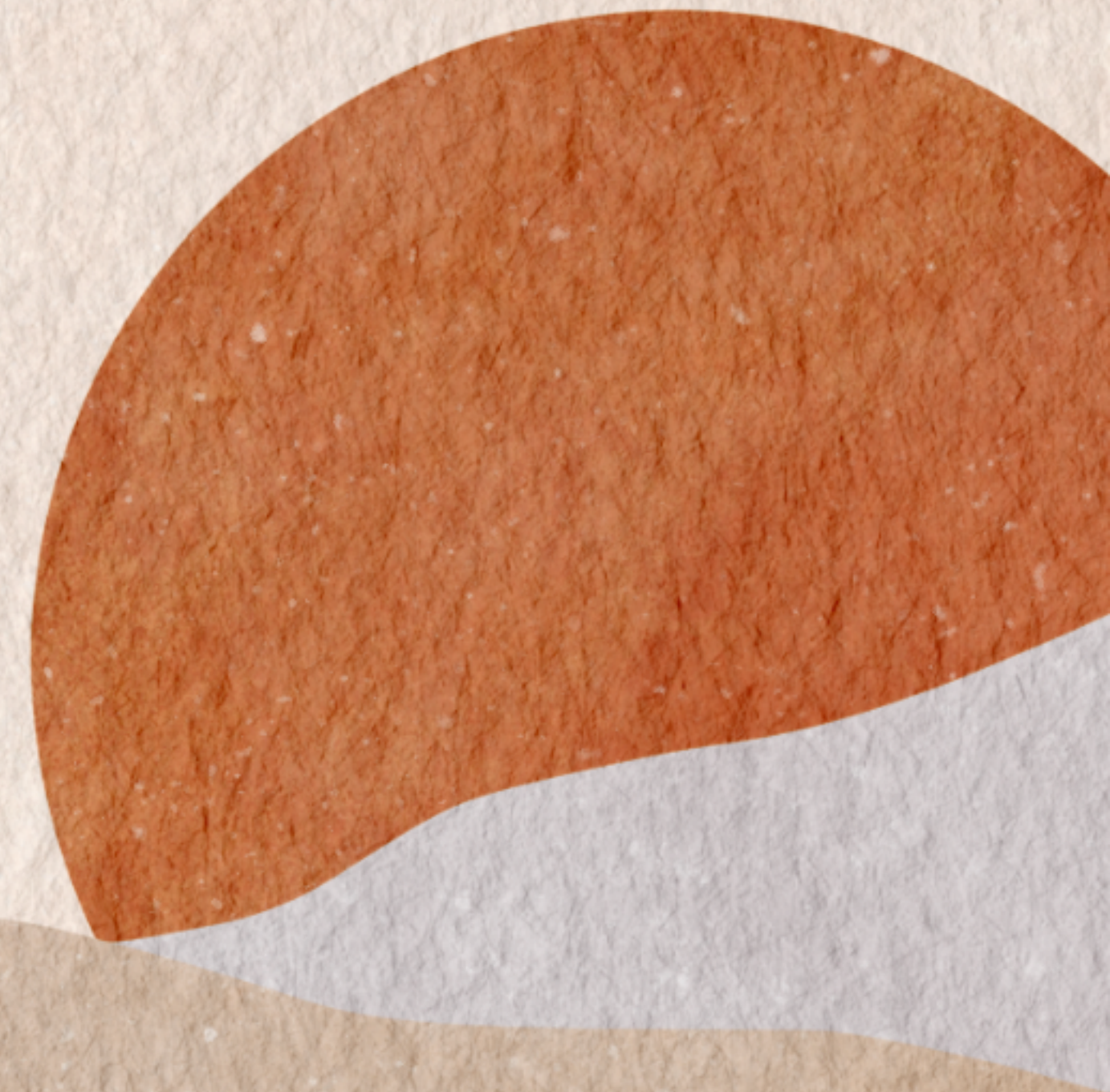
# Hearers and Doers

James 1:19-27



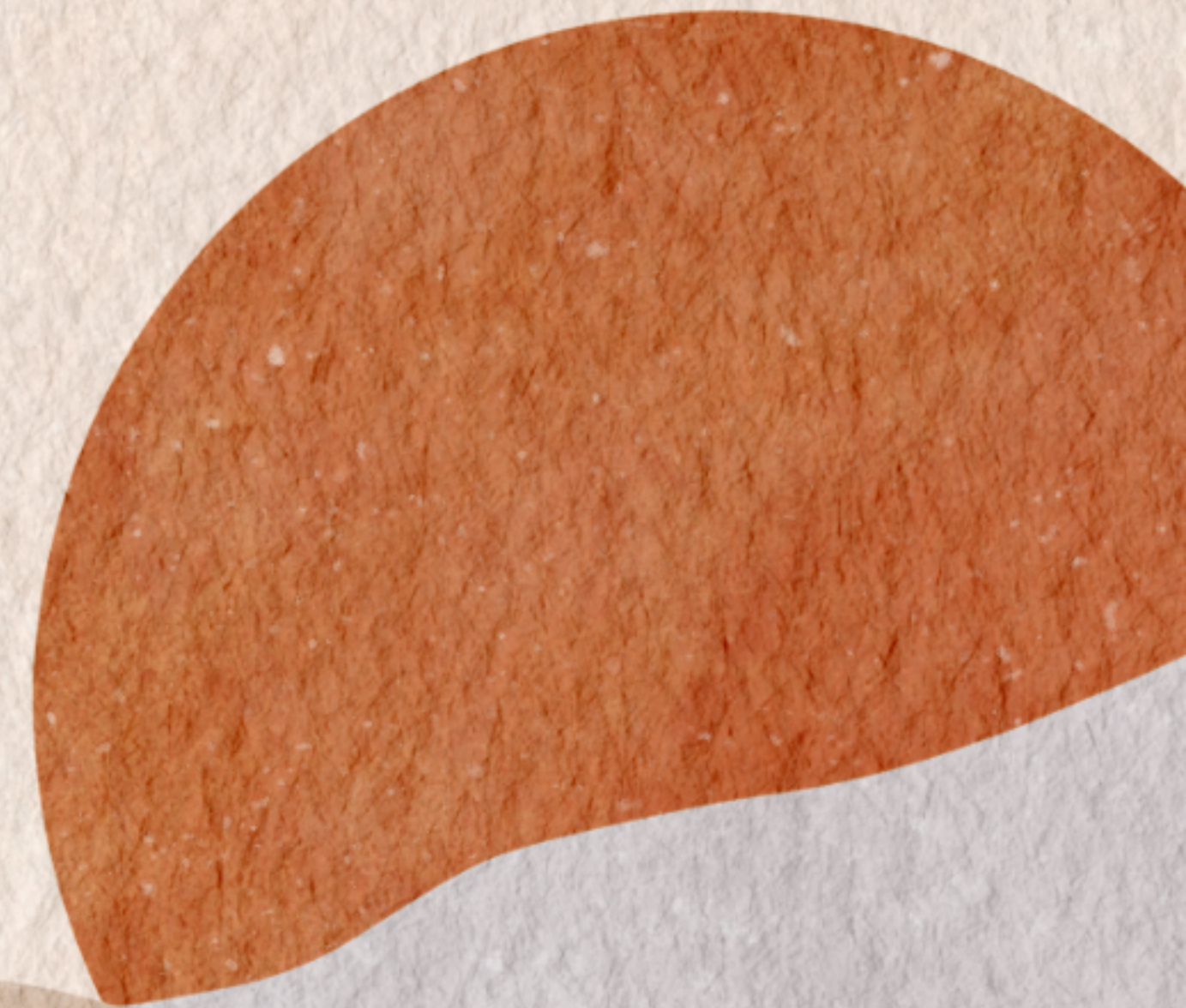
Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we  
should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

— v 18



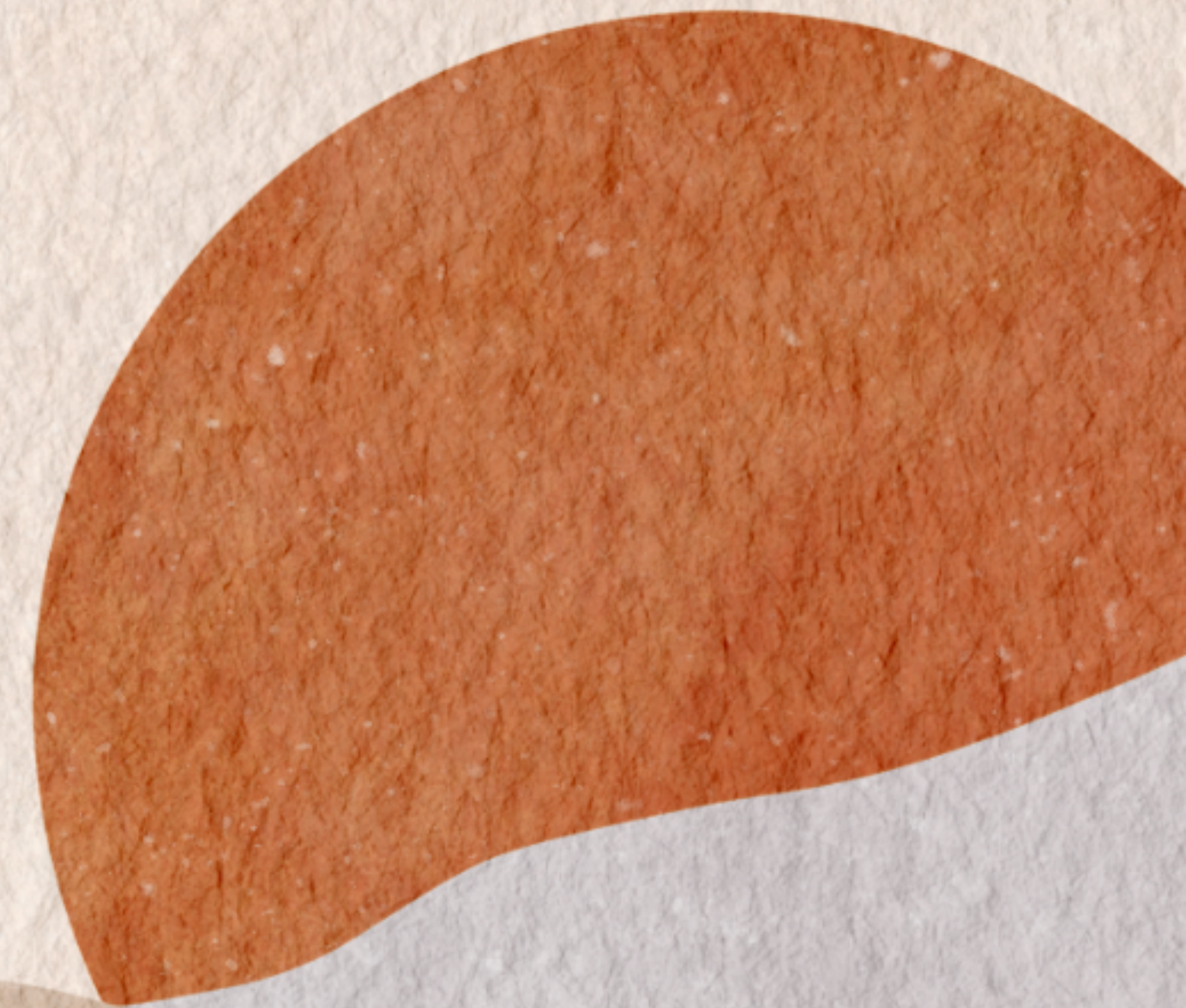
...breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

— 2 Tim 3: 16-17



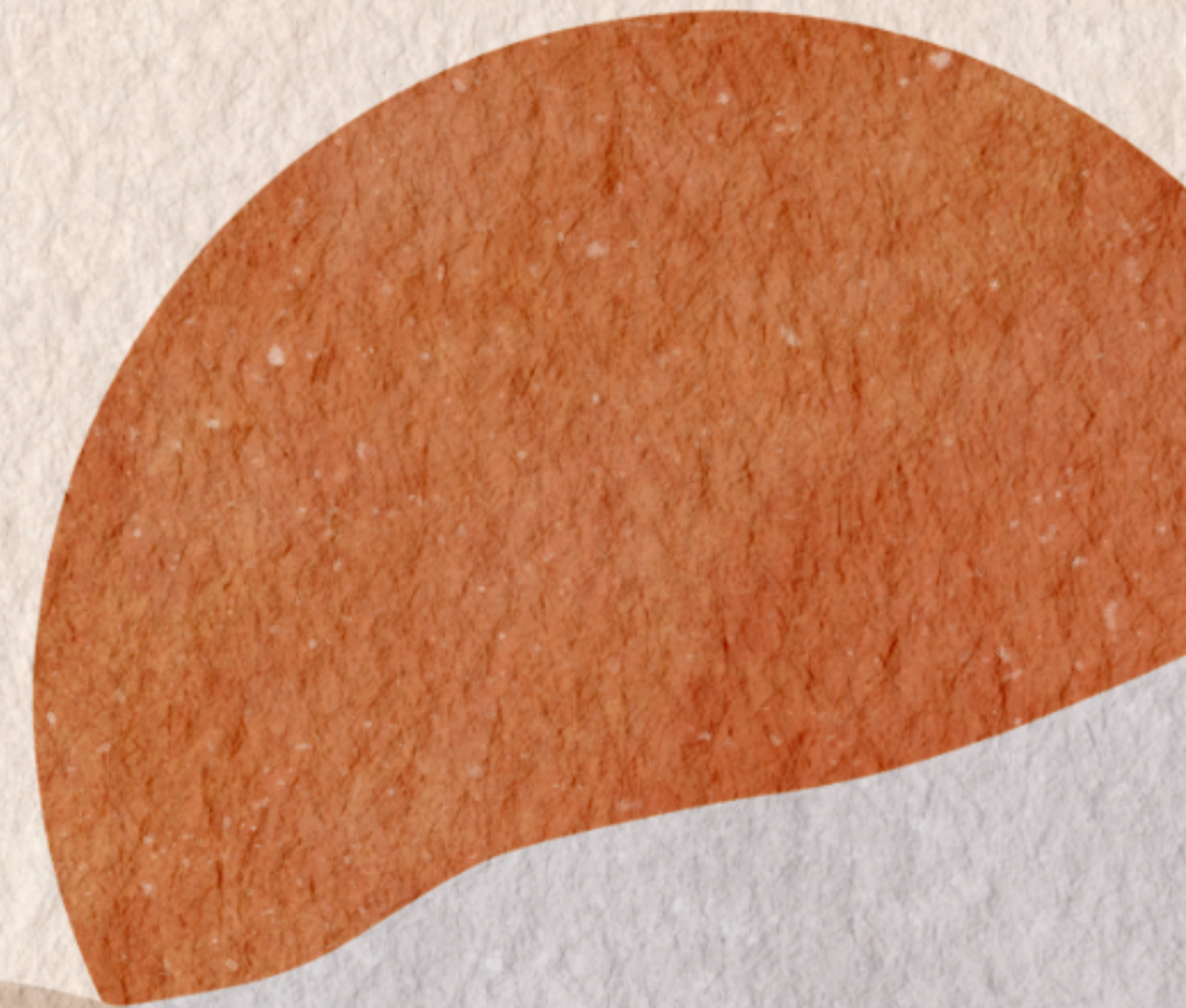
...is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

— *Hebrews 4:12*



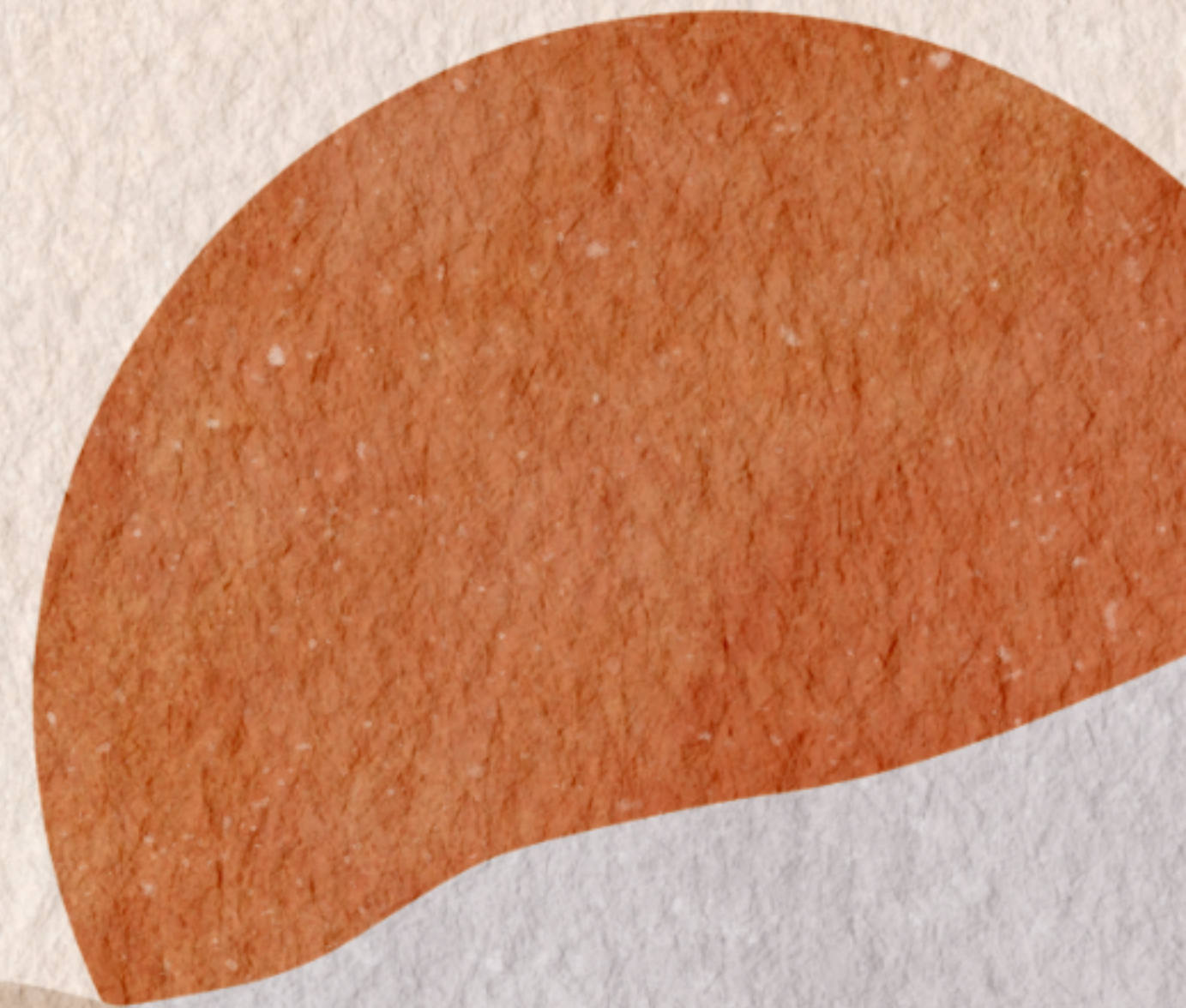
[It] is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

— Psalm 119:105



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— *vs* 19-21



“Our life with God is not something segregated, to be restricted to quiet times, and insulated from our life with people. If we do not have an attentive ear in the ordinary circumstances of life, we do not become different people when we shut the door and open the Bible.”

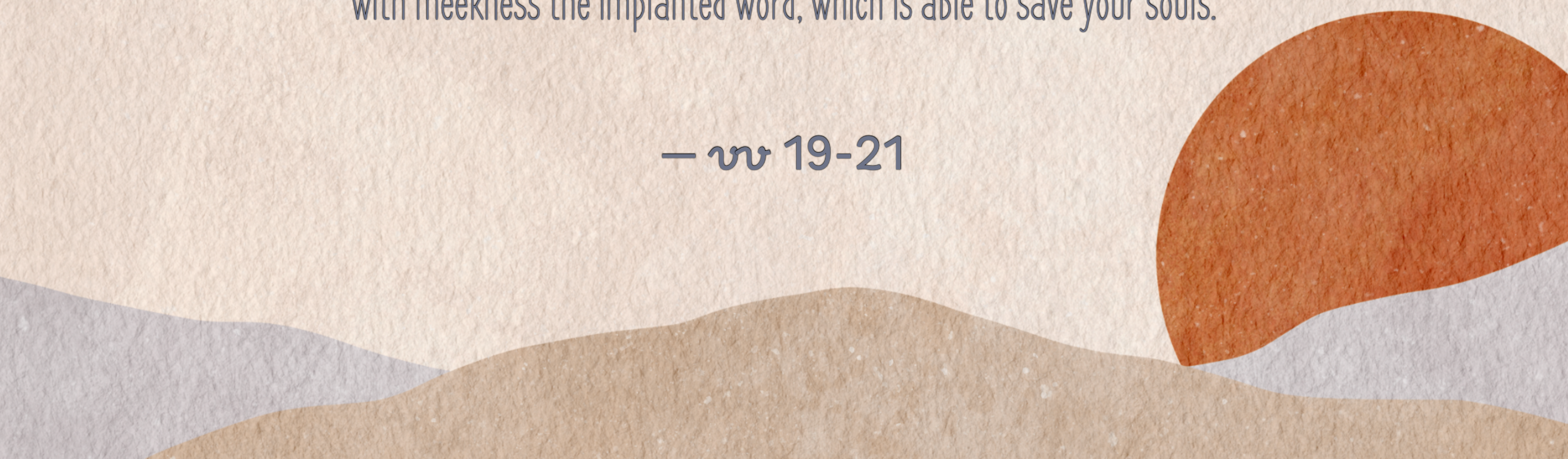
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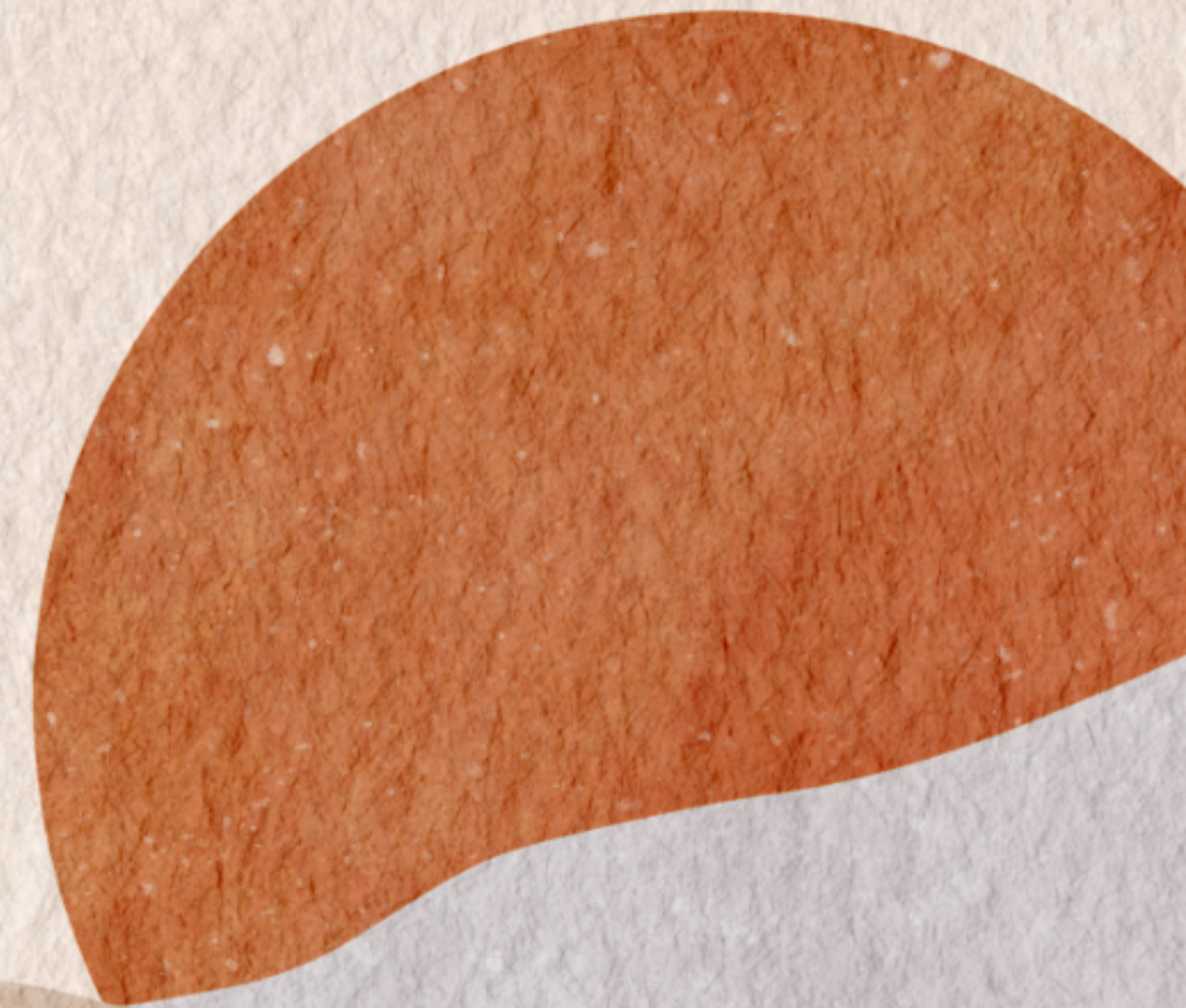
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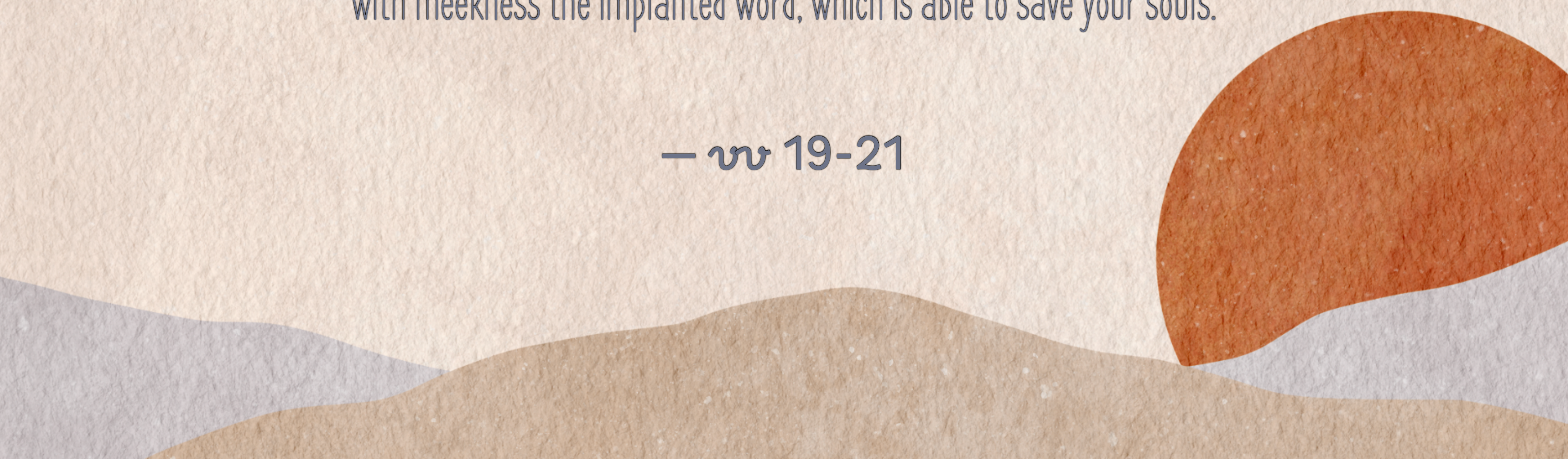
“...I saw my entire life flash before my eyes. *And* guess what? I have four kids. *And* I have a hover car and a hover house. *And* my wife is a runner and it shows. *And* Pam and Jim are my best friends and our kids play together. *And*... I'm happy and I'm rich and I never die. That doesn't sound like much, but it's enough for me.”

— Michael Scott



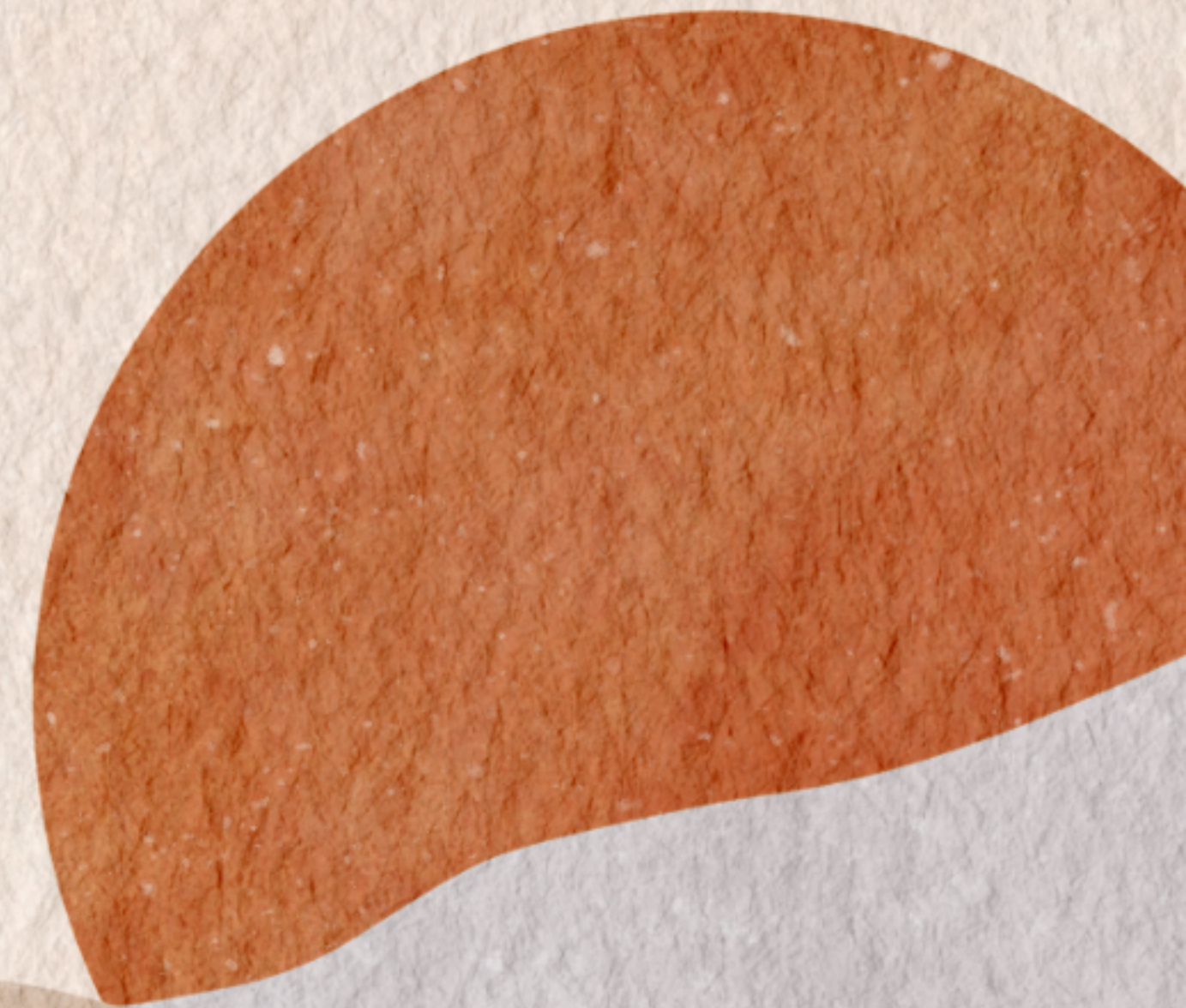
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“We dig out the weeds of wickedness in one place to find them growing in another and then reappearing with vigor where we thought we had eradicated them. It is a word which spells doom to any theory of sinless perfection in this life. Rather, our experience is to be one of constantly working, hoe in hand, against the fertility of the old nature.”

— *Alec Motyer*



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— *vv* 22-25

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

— *Matthew 7:24-27*



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“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

— Psalm 139



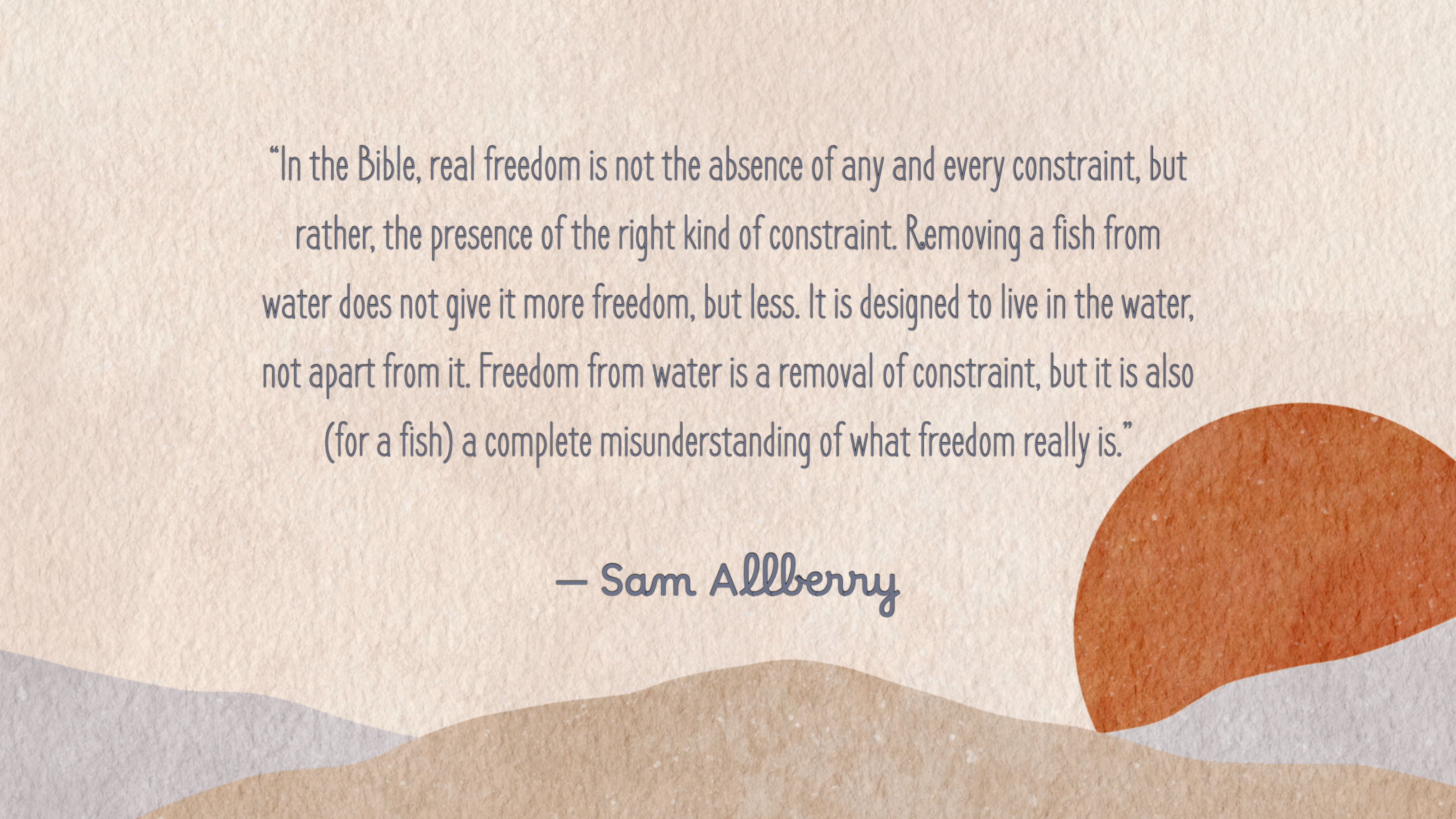


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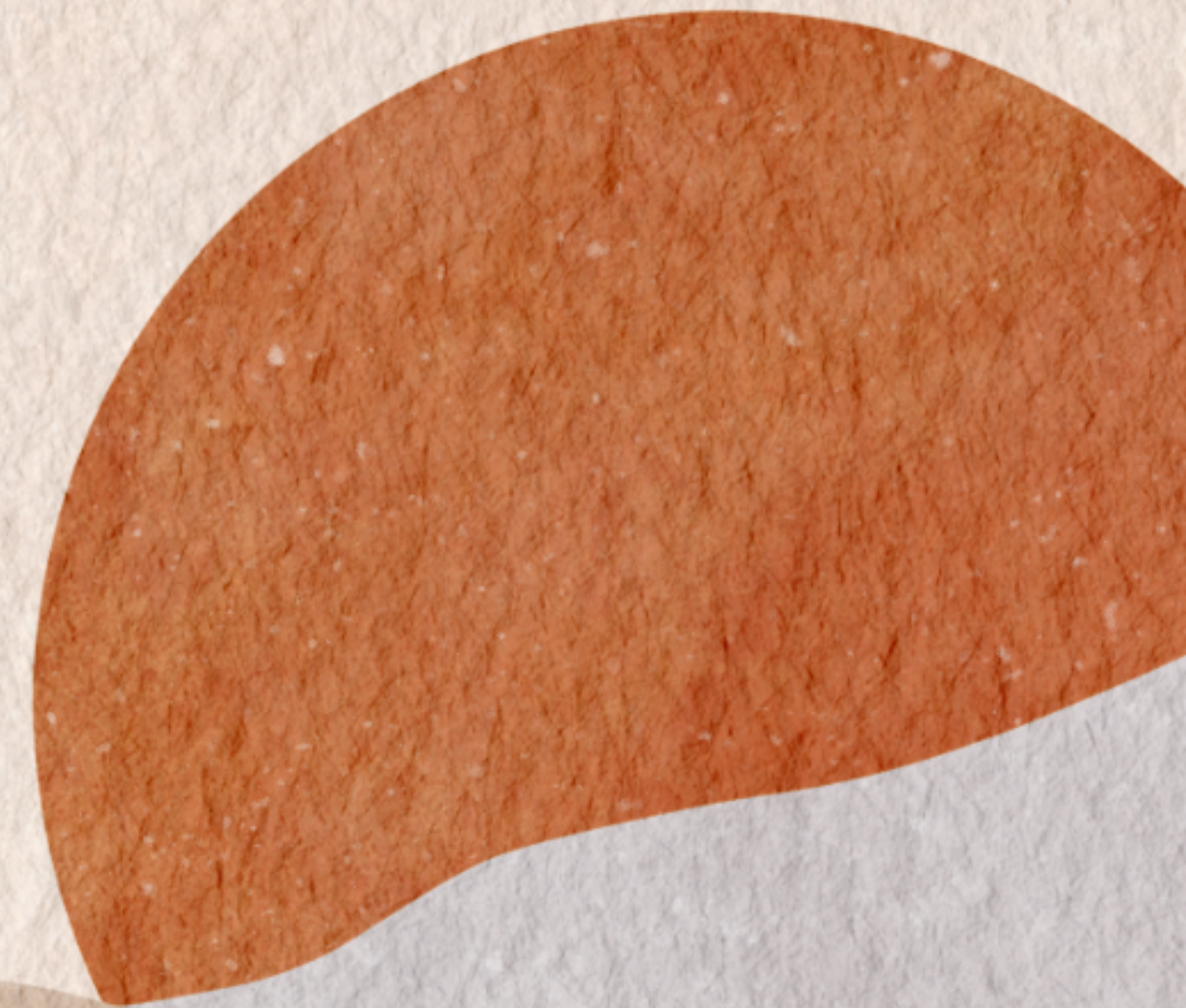
“In the Bible, real freedom is not the absence of any and every constraint, but rather, the presence of the right kind of constraint. Removing a fish from water does not give it more freedom, but less. It is designed to live in the water, not apart from it. Freedom from water is a removal of constraint, but it is also (for a fish) a complete misunderstanding of what freedom really is.”

— Sam Allberry



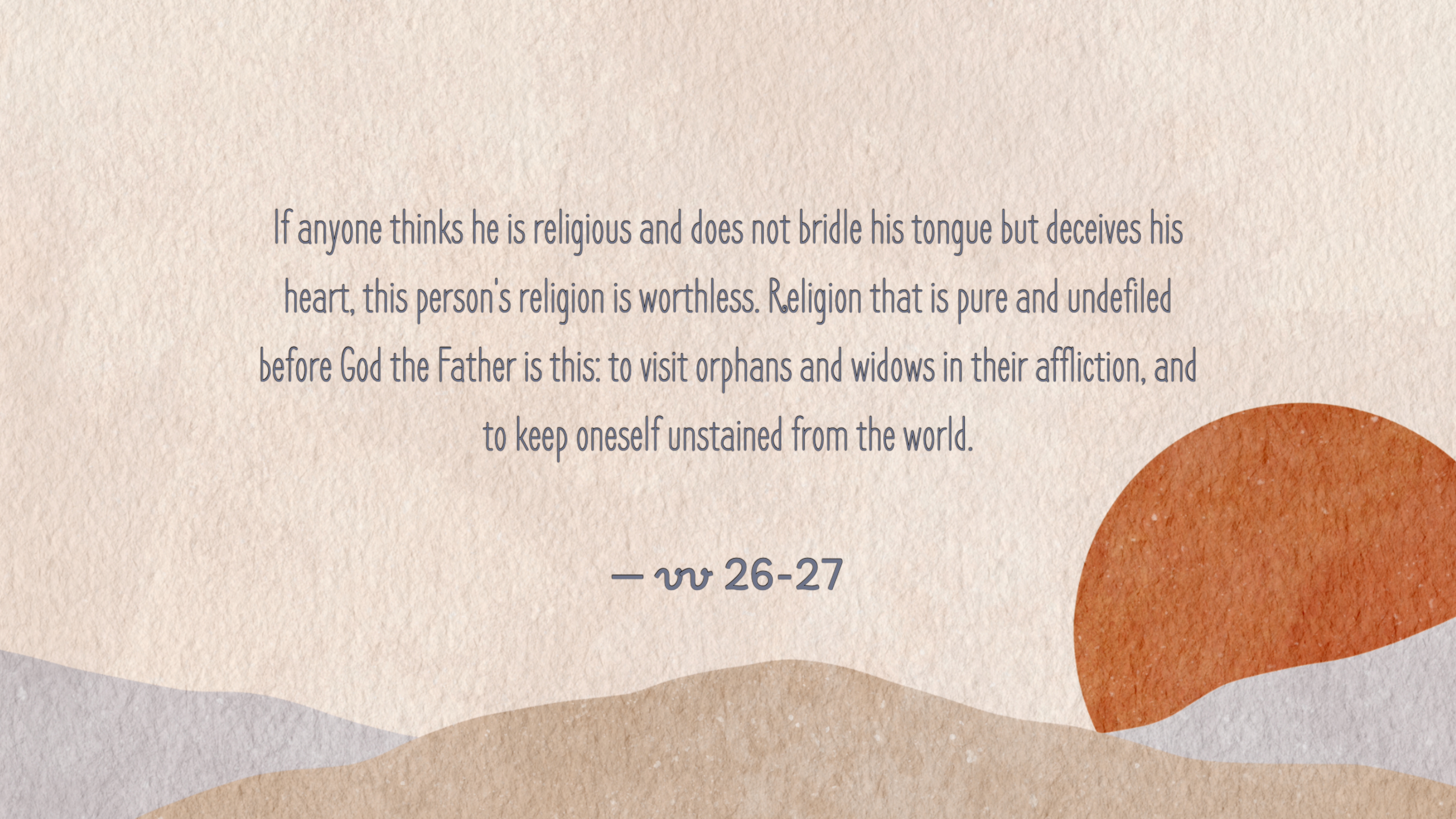
“True freedom is the opportunity and the ability to give expression to what we truly are.”

— Alec Motyer



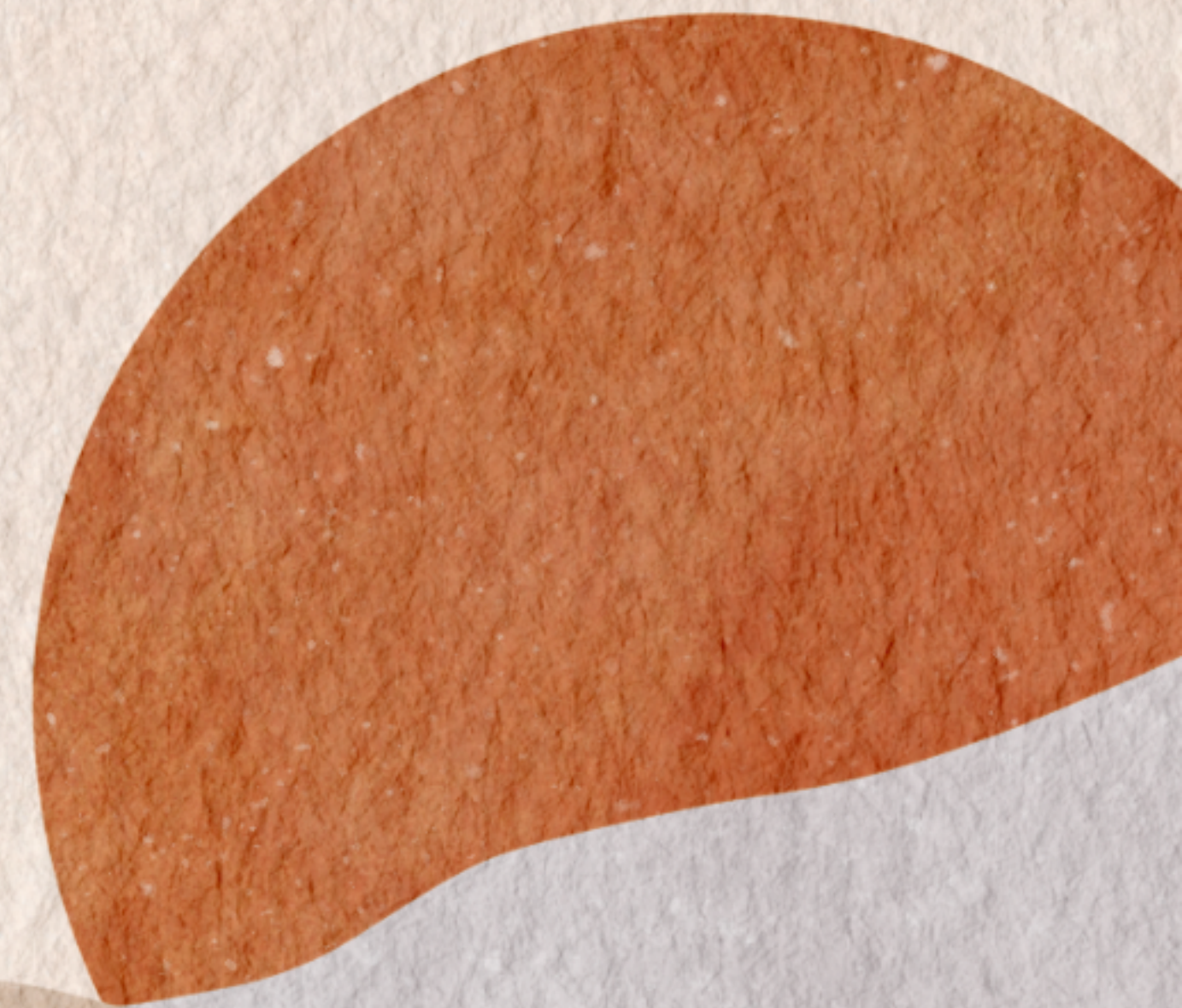
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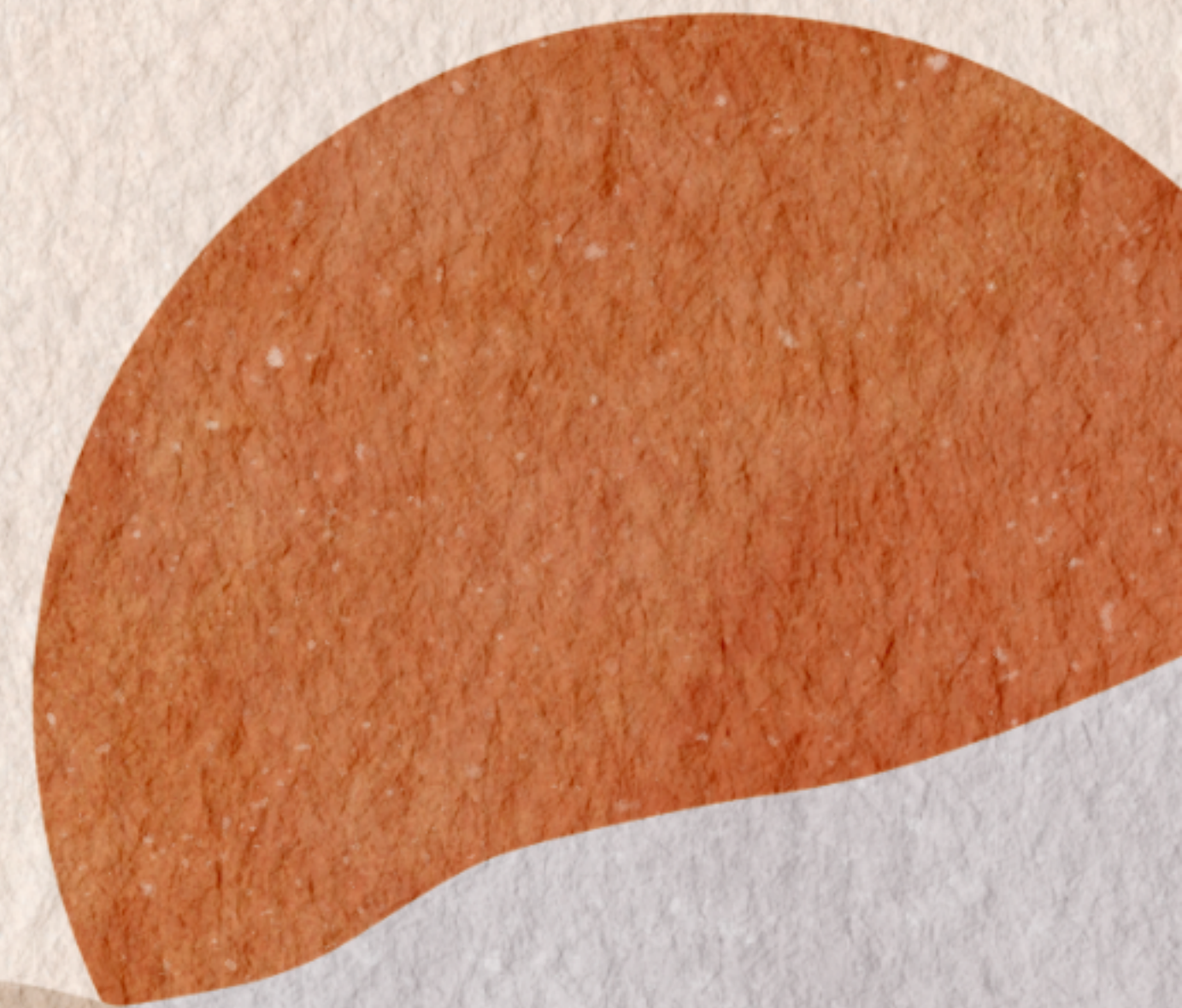
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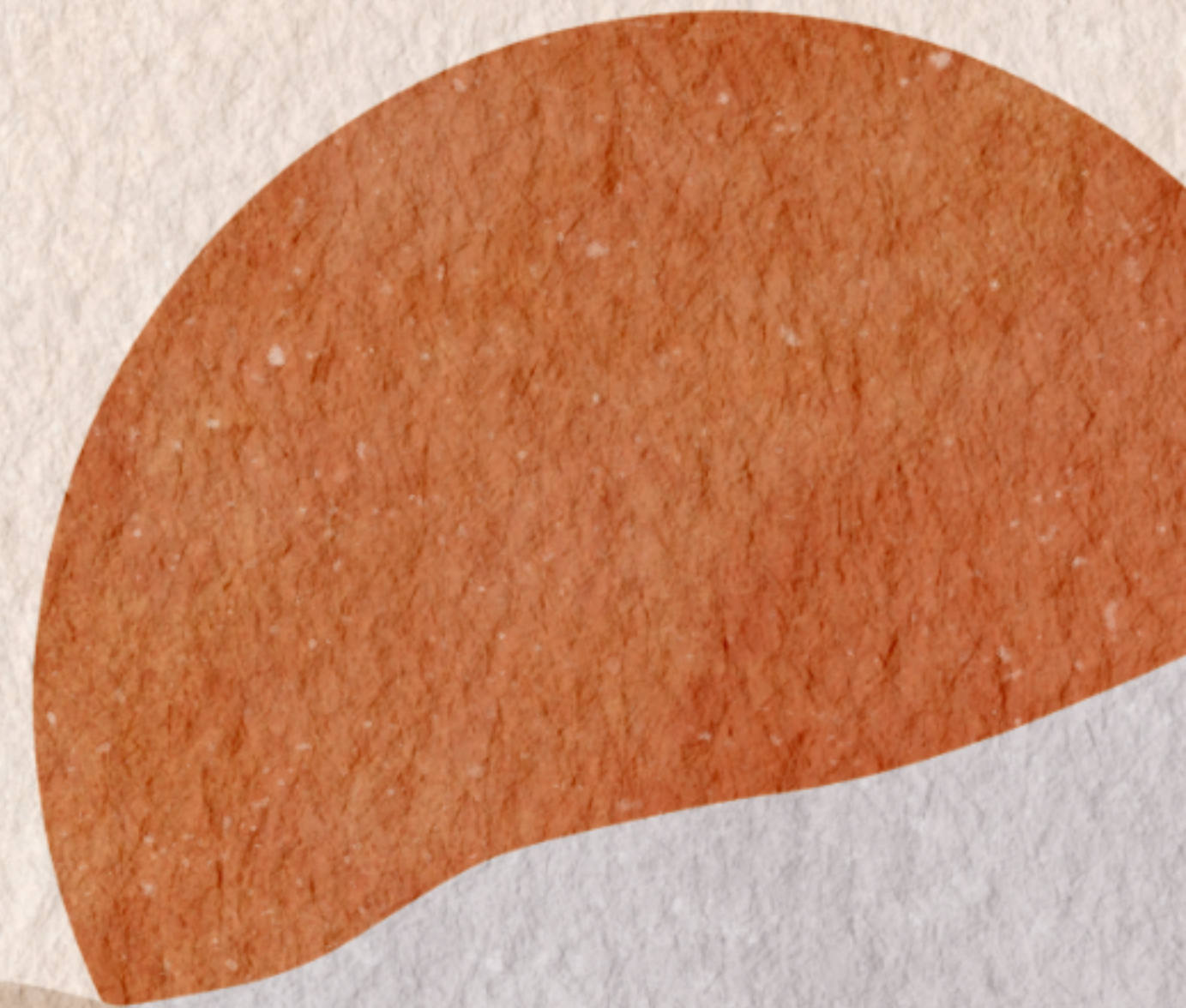
For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

— Matthew 12:34



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