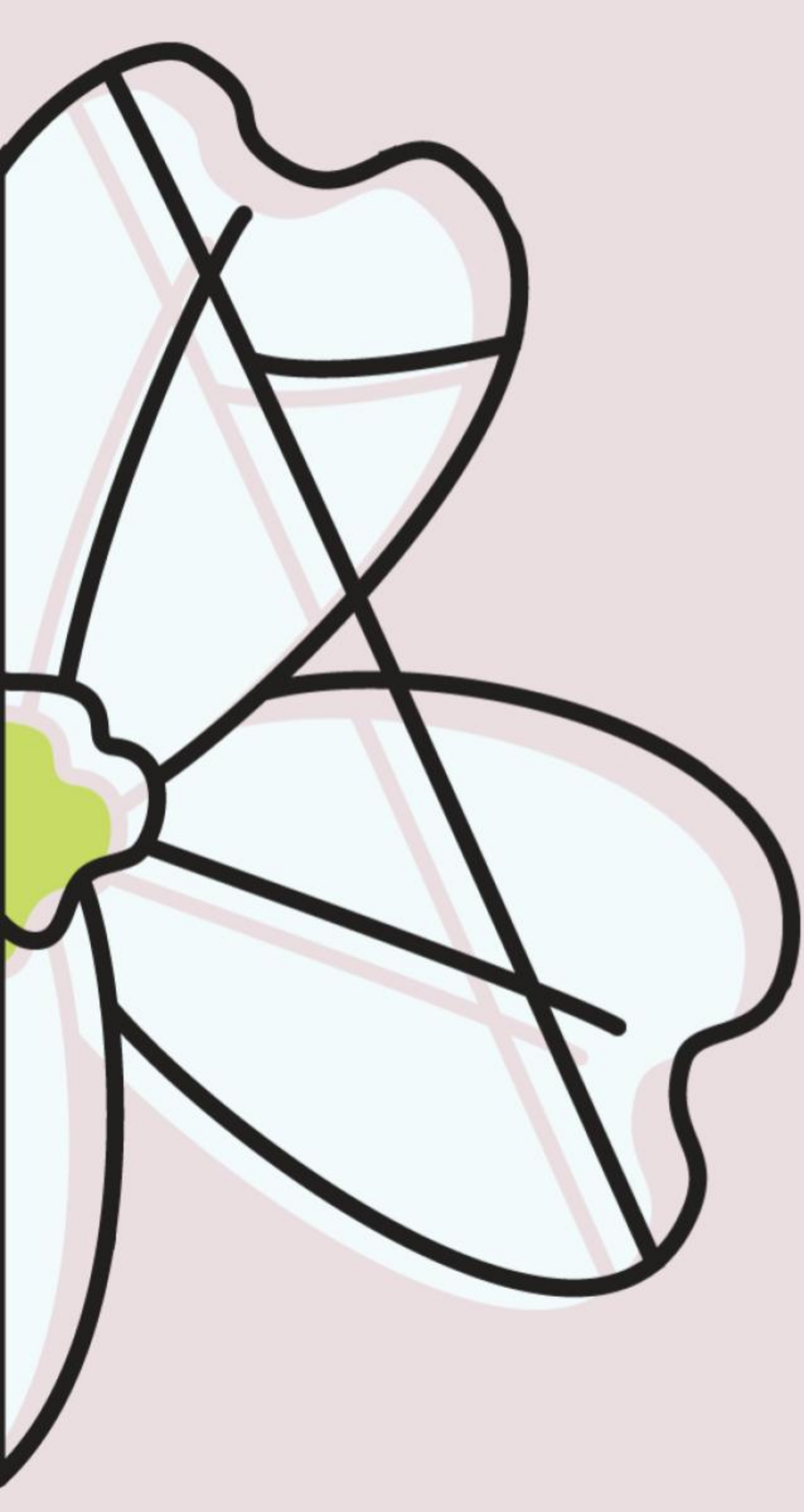




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The Message of Your Life

1 THESSALONIANS 1:8-10

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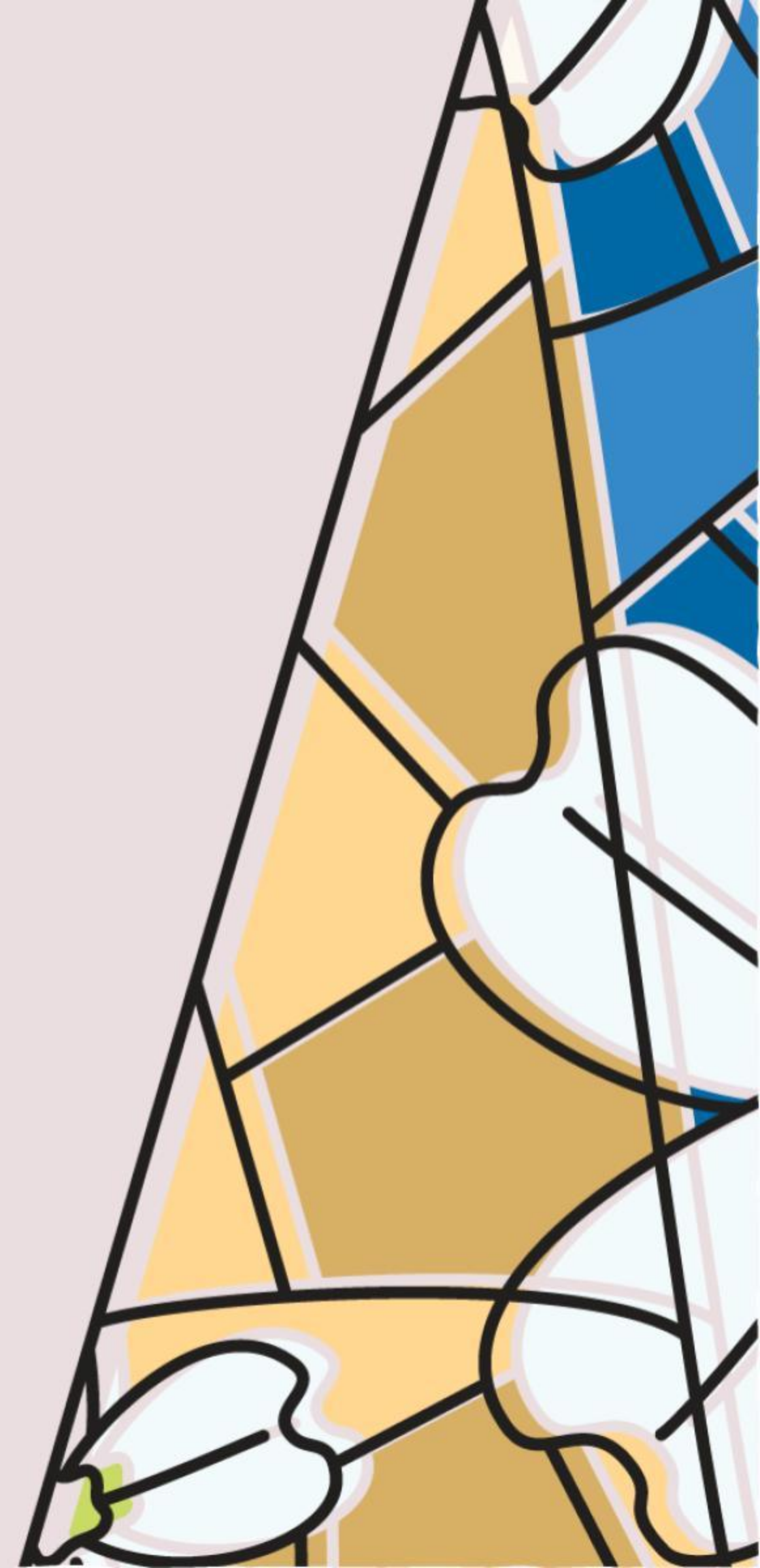
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1 Corinthians 8:4b-6 NIV

We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), ⁶ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

“The first step towards God is a step
away from the lies of the world.”

- Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*



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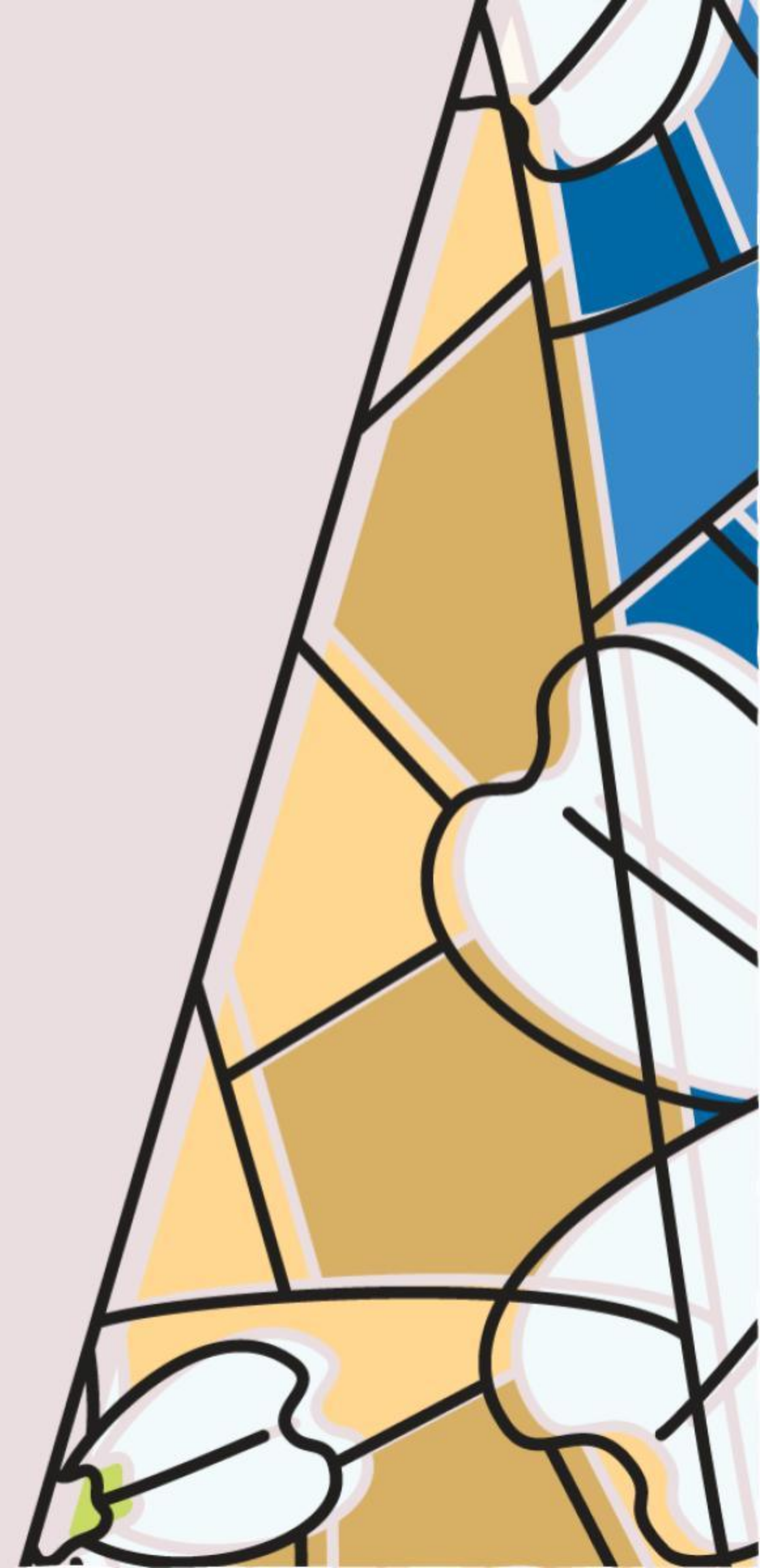
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Matthew 6:24 NIV

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

“If we look to some created thing [or person] to give us the meaning, hope, and happiness that only God himself can give, it will eventually fail to deliver and break our hearts.”

- Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*



A stylized illustration of a sailboat on the left and a sun on the right, both with thick black outlines and flat colors. The sailboat has a white sail with blue and green accents. The sun is yellow with orange rays. The background is a solid light pink color.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

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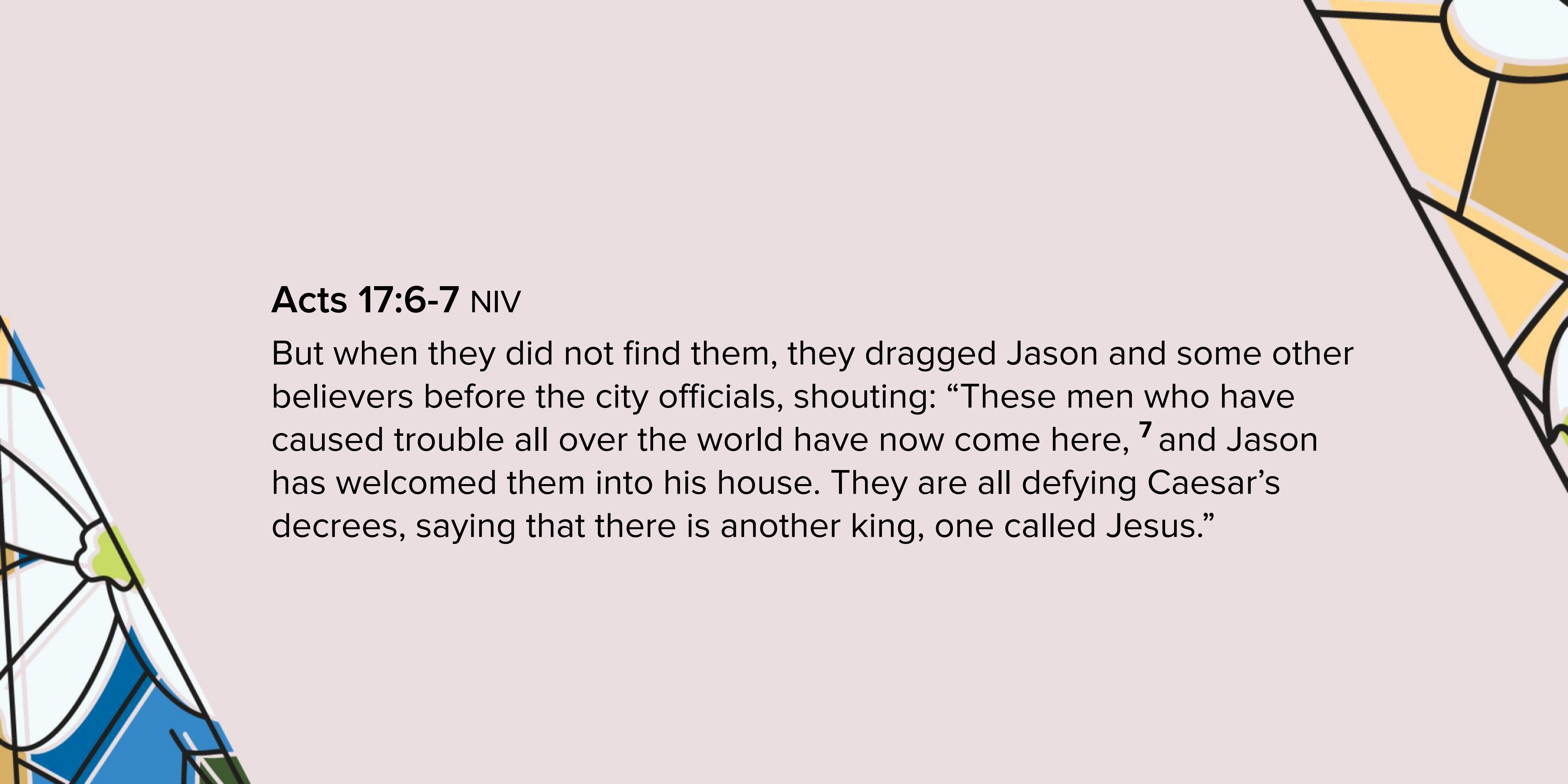
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Acts 17:6-7 NIV

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here,⁷ and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.”

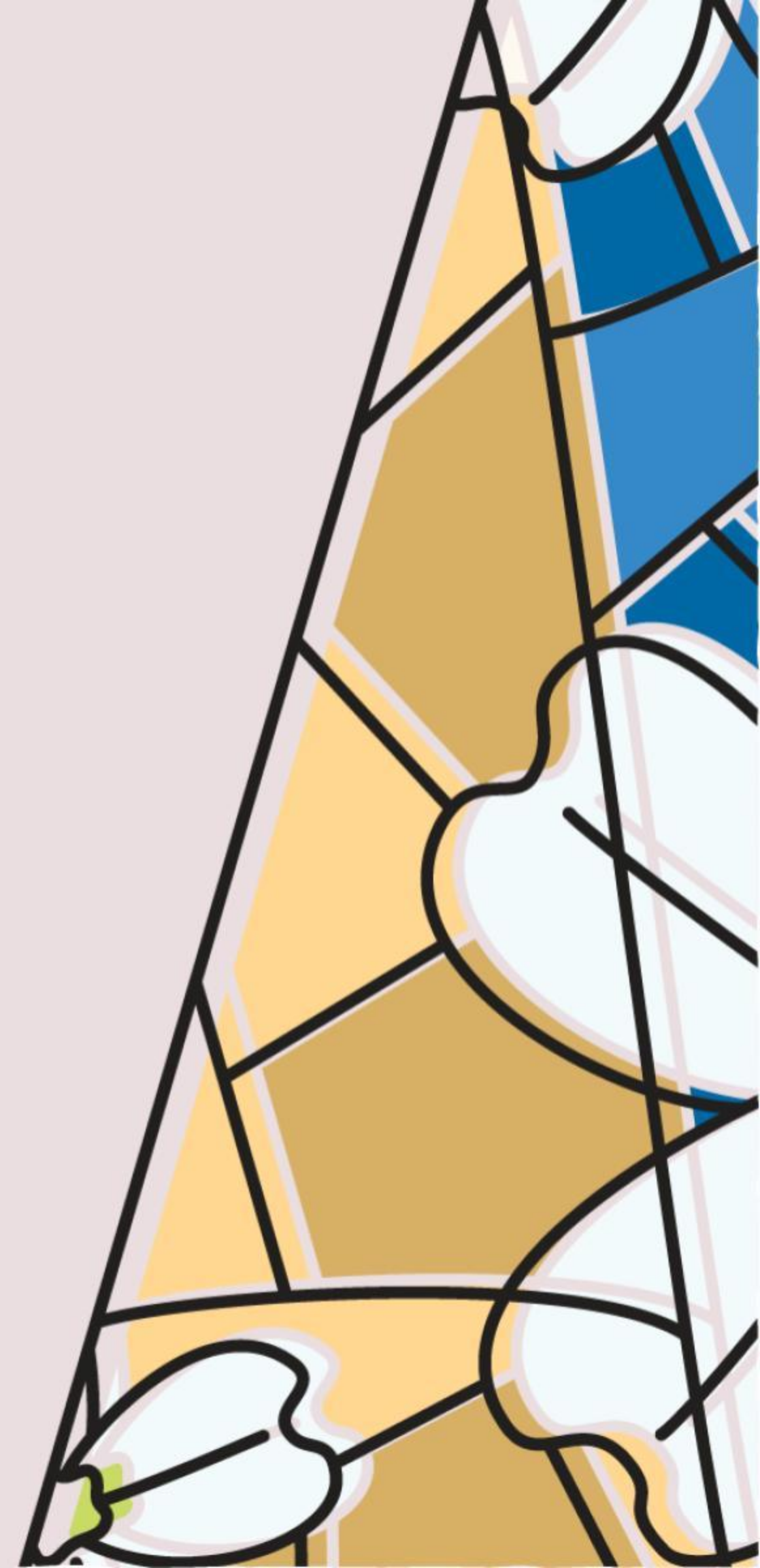
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“Something extraordinary is going on in Thessalonica: a new society is coming into being, with new values and standards, characterized by faith, love, and hope.”

- **John Stott**, *The Message of 1 & 2 Thessalonians*





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Colossians 1:13-14 NIV

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.