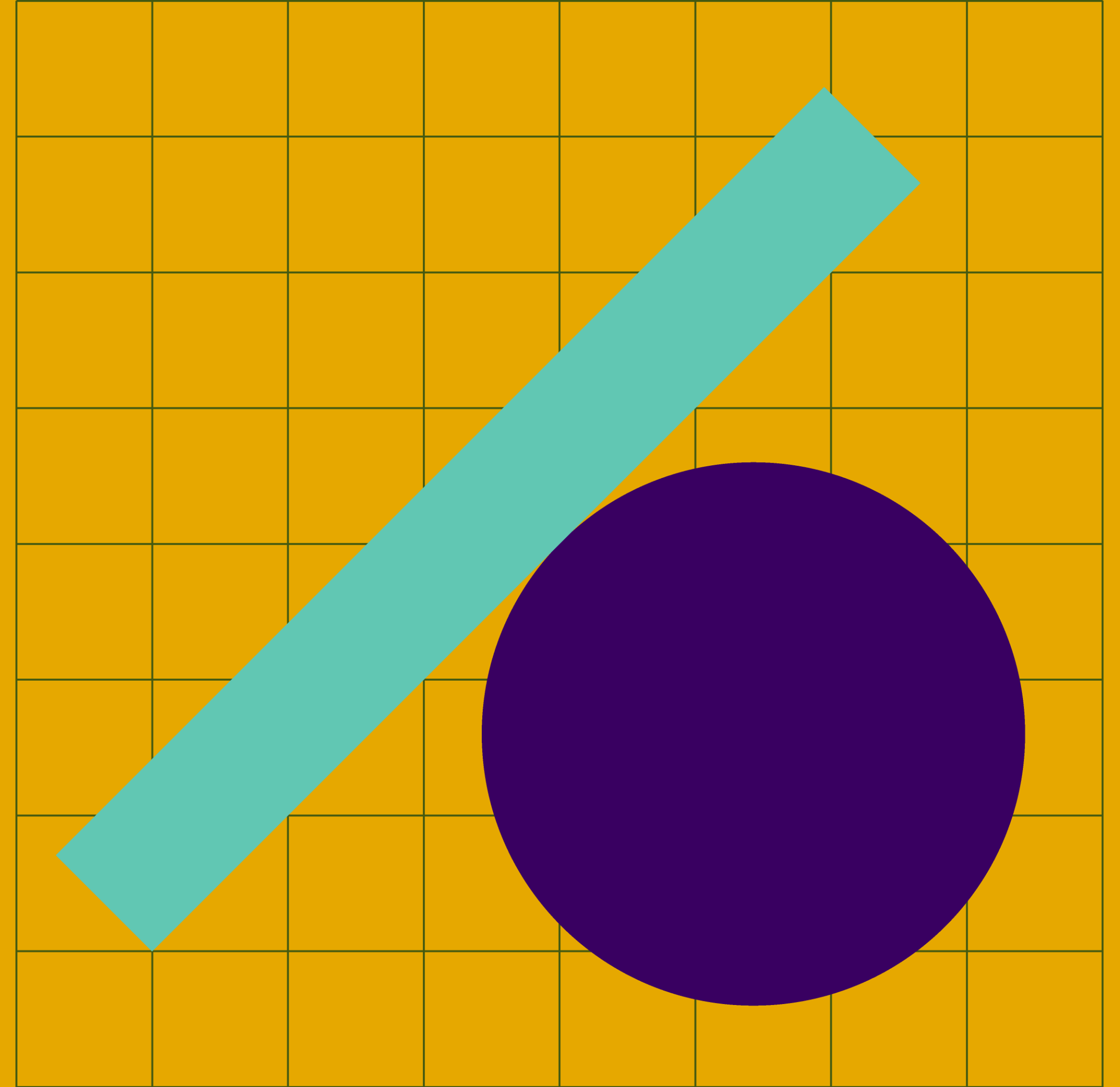


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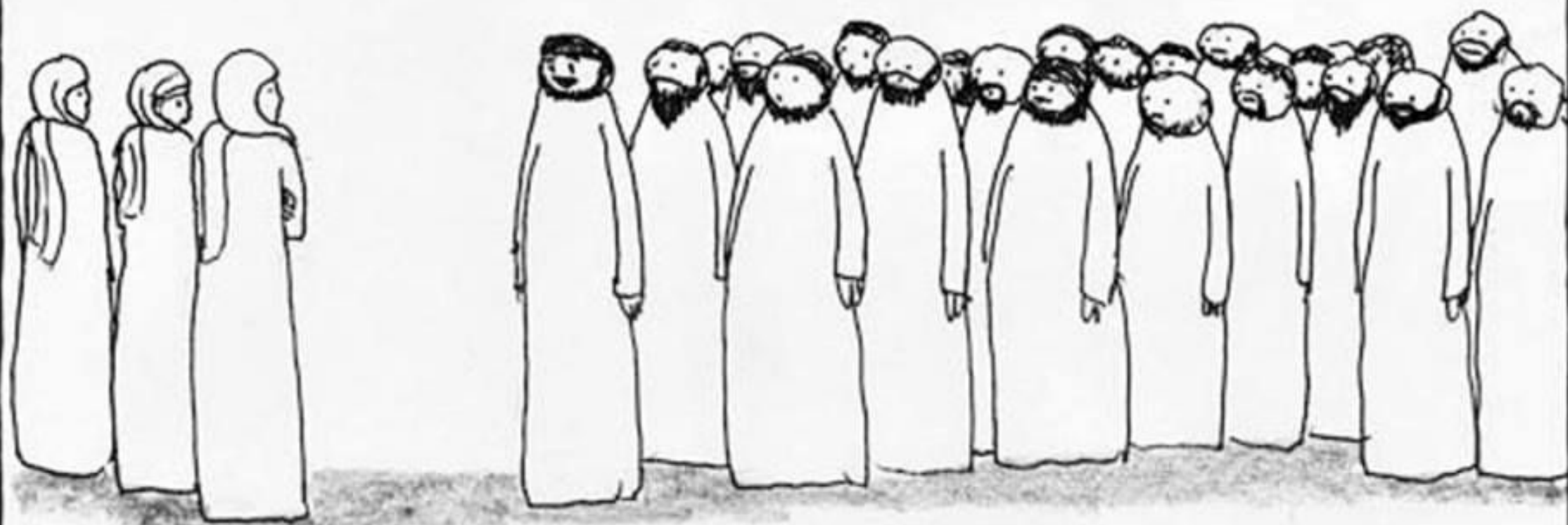
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Basic: The Apostles' Creed



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"SO LADIES, THANKS FOR BEING THE FIRST TO WITNESS AND REPORT
THE RESURRECTION AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE."

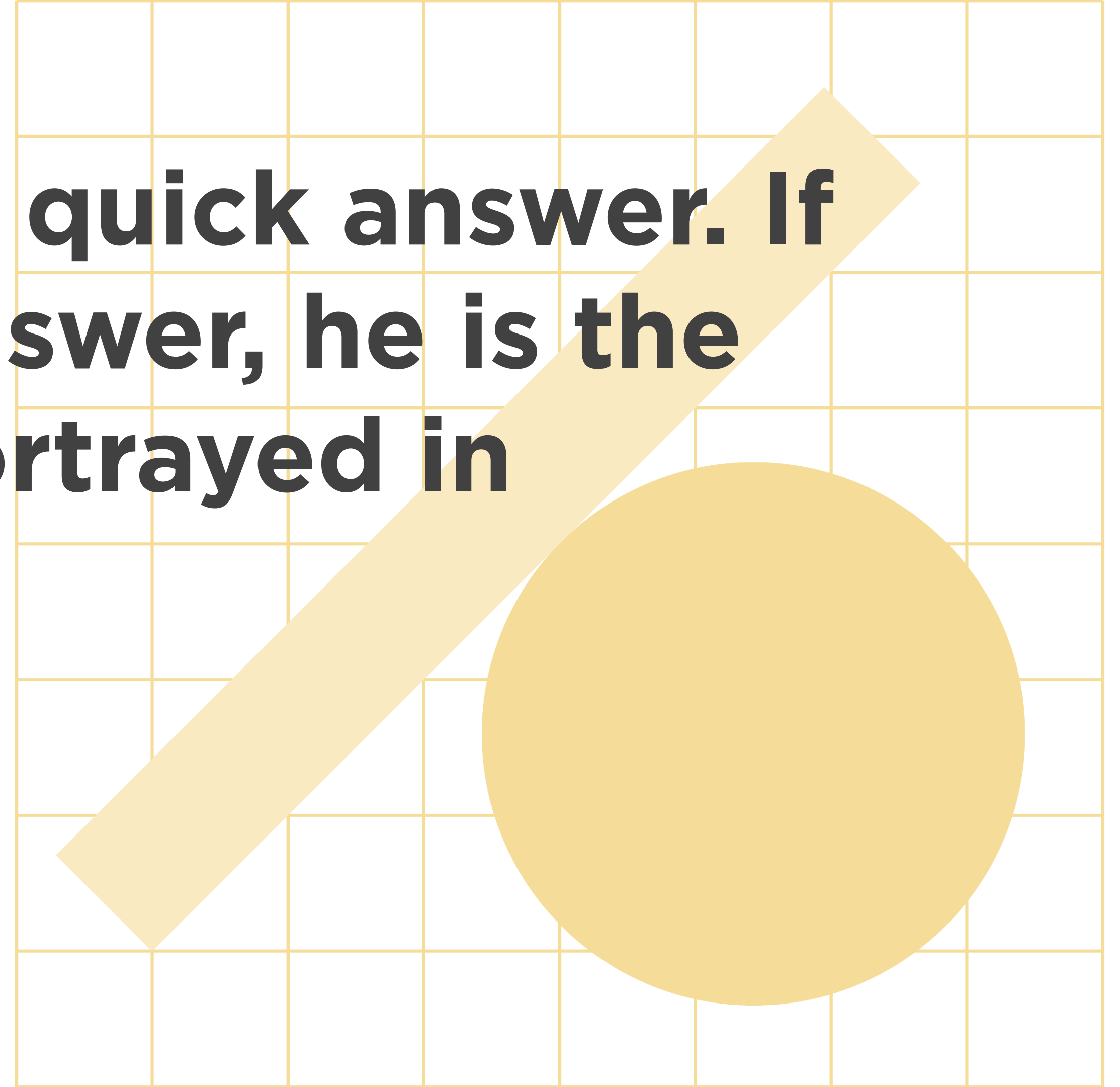
John 12:20-25

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“Jesus Christ is not a quick answer. If Jesus Christ is the answer, he is the answer in the way portrayed in crucifixion.”

—

Kosuke Koyama



**I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**AND IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ONLY SON,
OUR LORD:**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

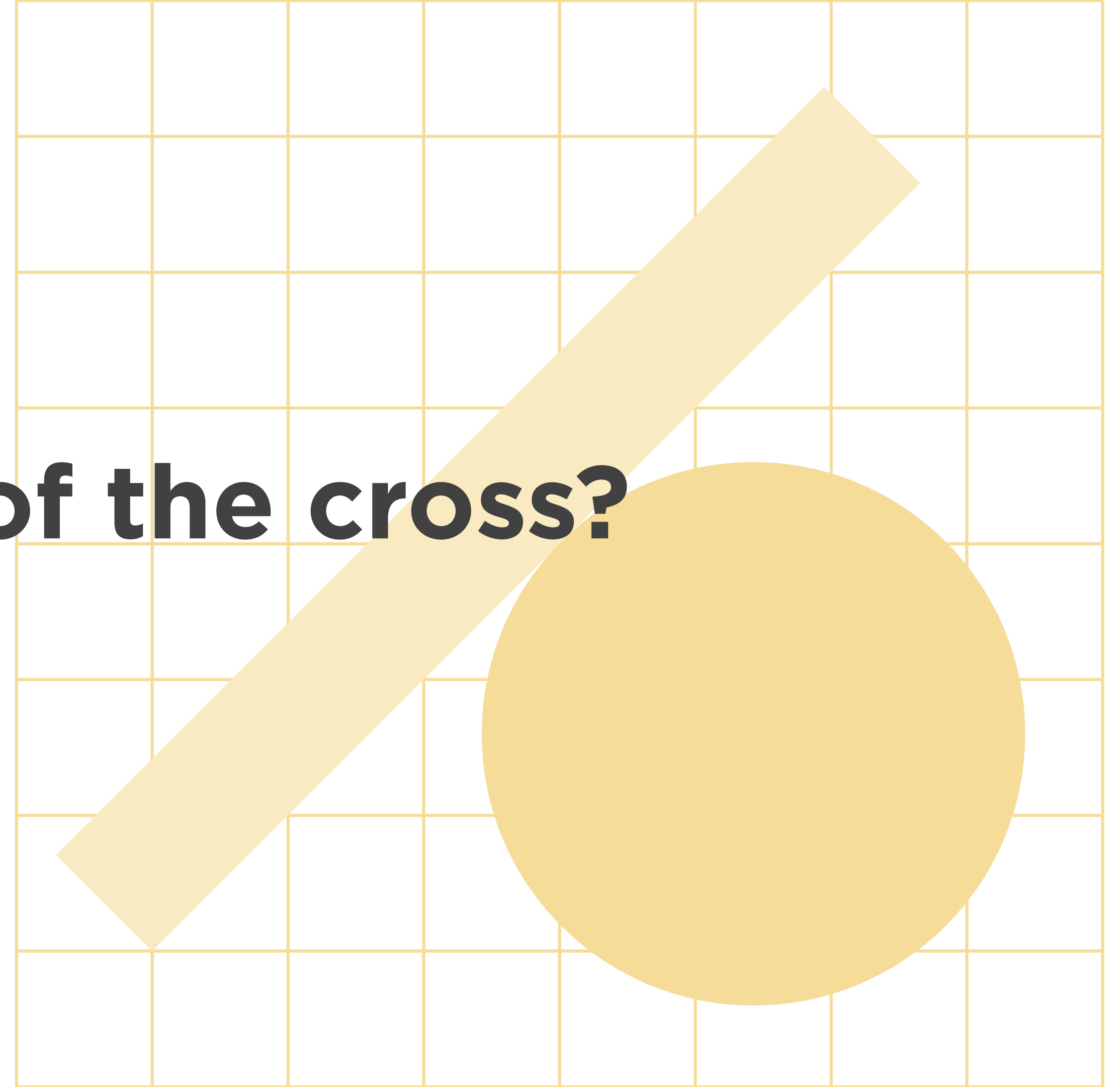
**was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
AMEN.**

Luke 23:33-49

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The message of the cross?



Placing yourself
~~beyond the cross~~
~~above the cross~~
in the cross



“Forces within and without the early church exploited every opportunity to minimize or set aside the absurdly irreligious claim that a degrading, state-sponsored execution had secured the salvation of the entire cosmos.”

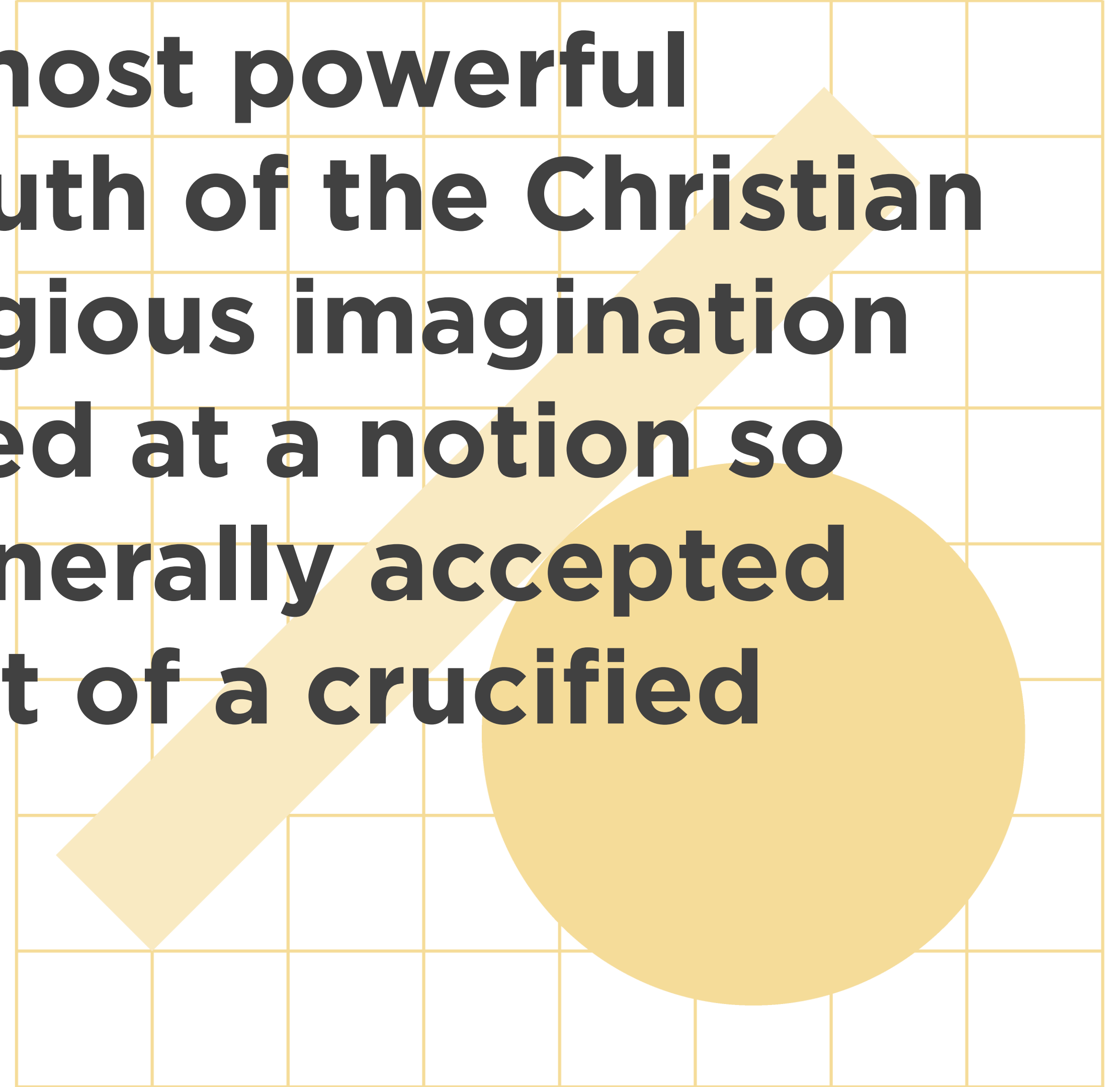
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Fleming Rutledge

“Here is one of the most powerful arguments for the truth of the Christian faith: the human religious imagination could not have arrived at a notion so utterly foreign to generally accepted spiritual ideas as that of a crucified Messiah.”

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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Ransom (Mark 10:45; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

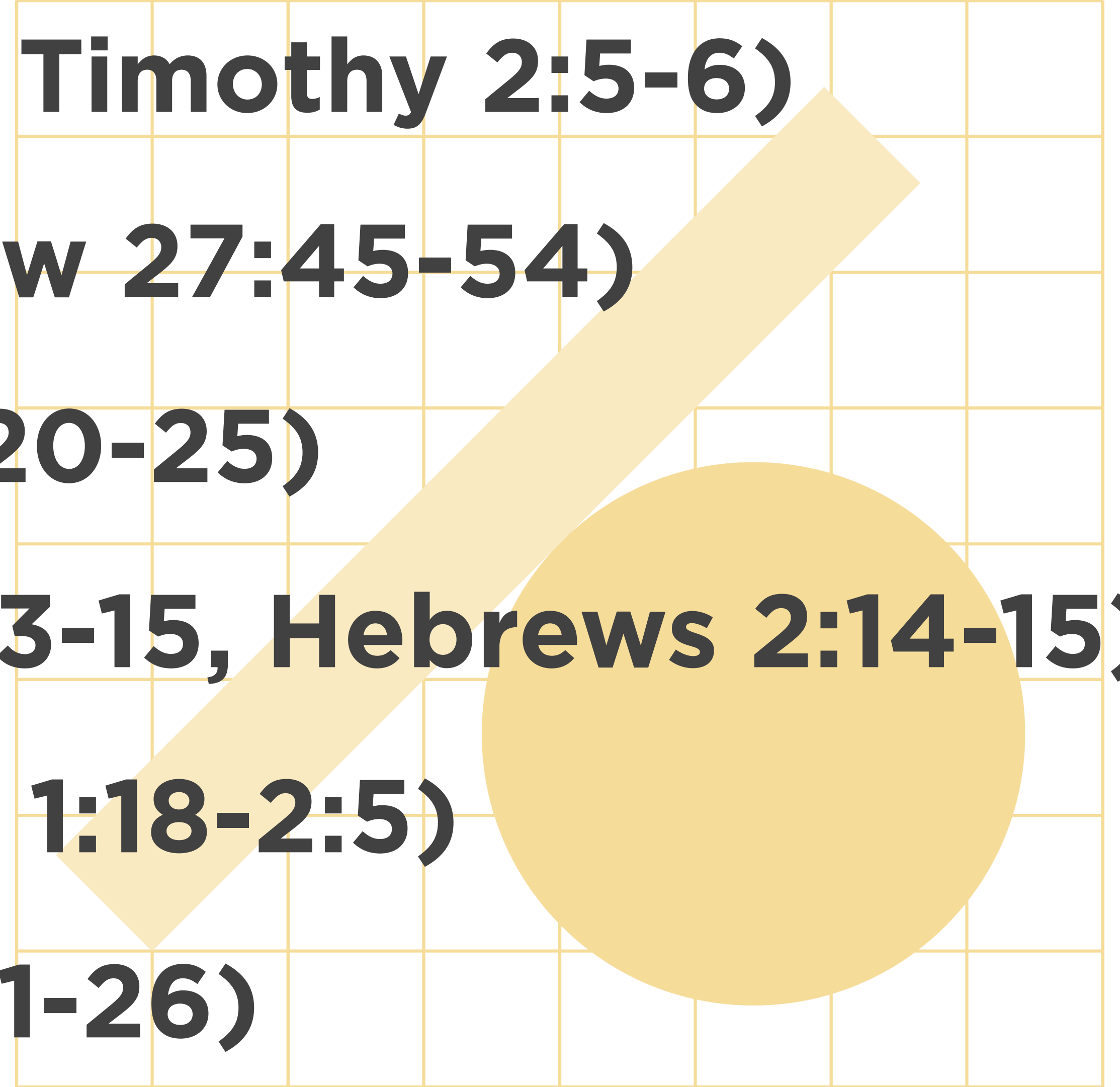
Reconciliation (Matthew 27:45-54)

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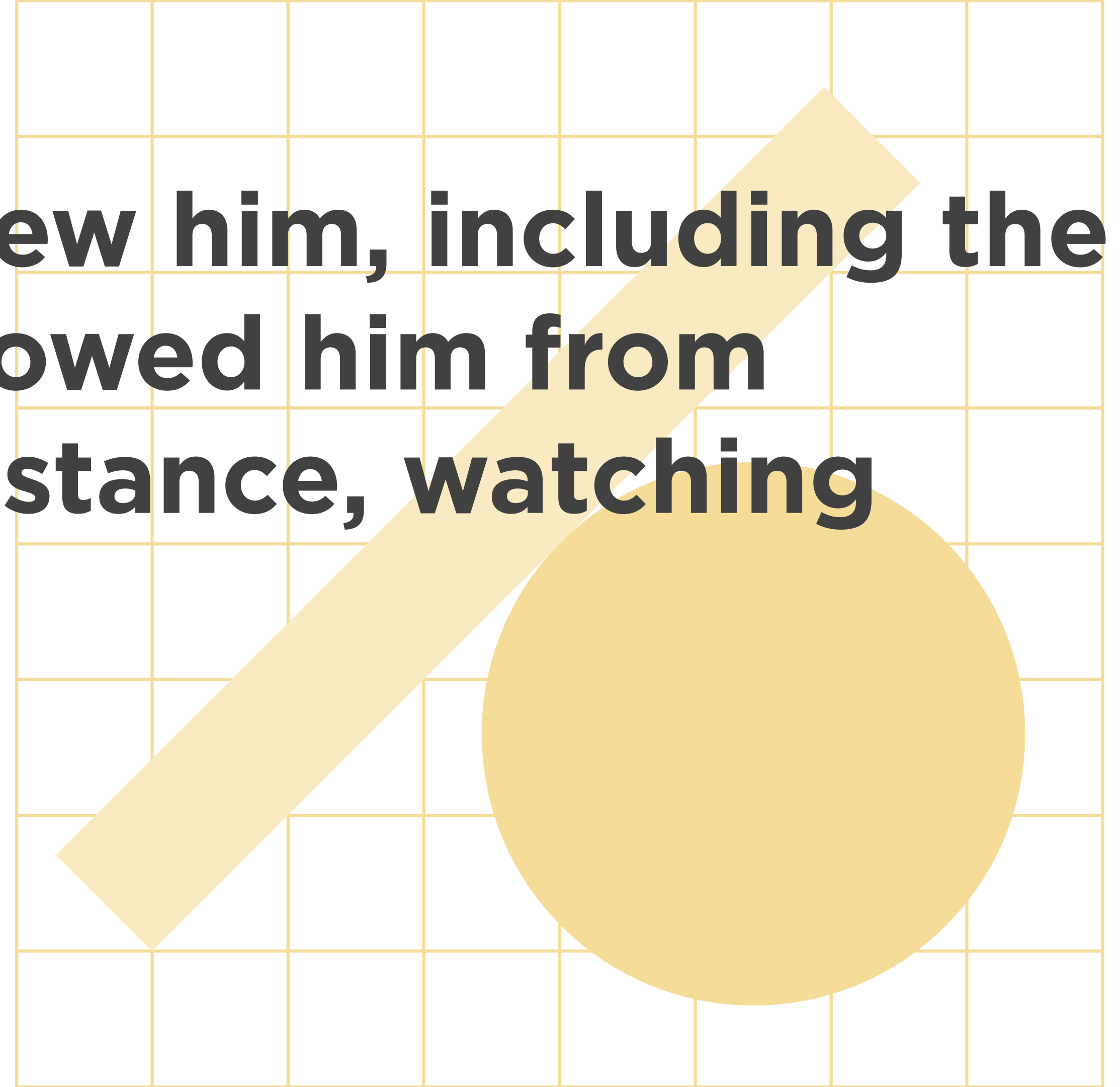
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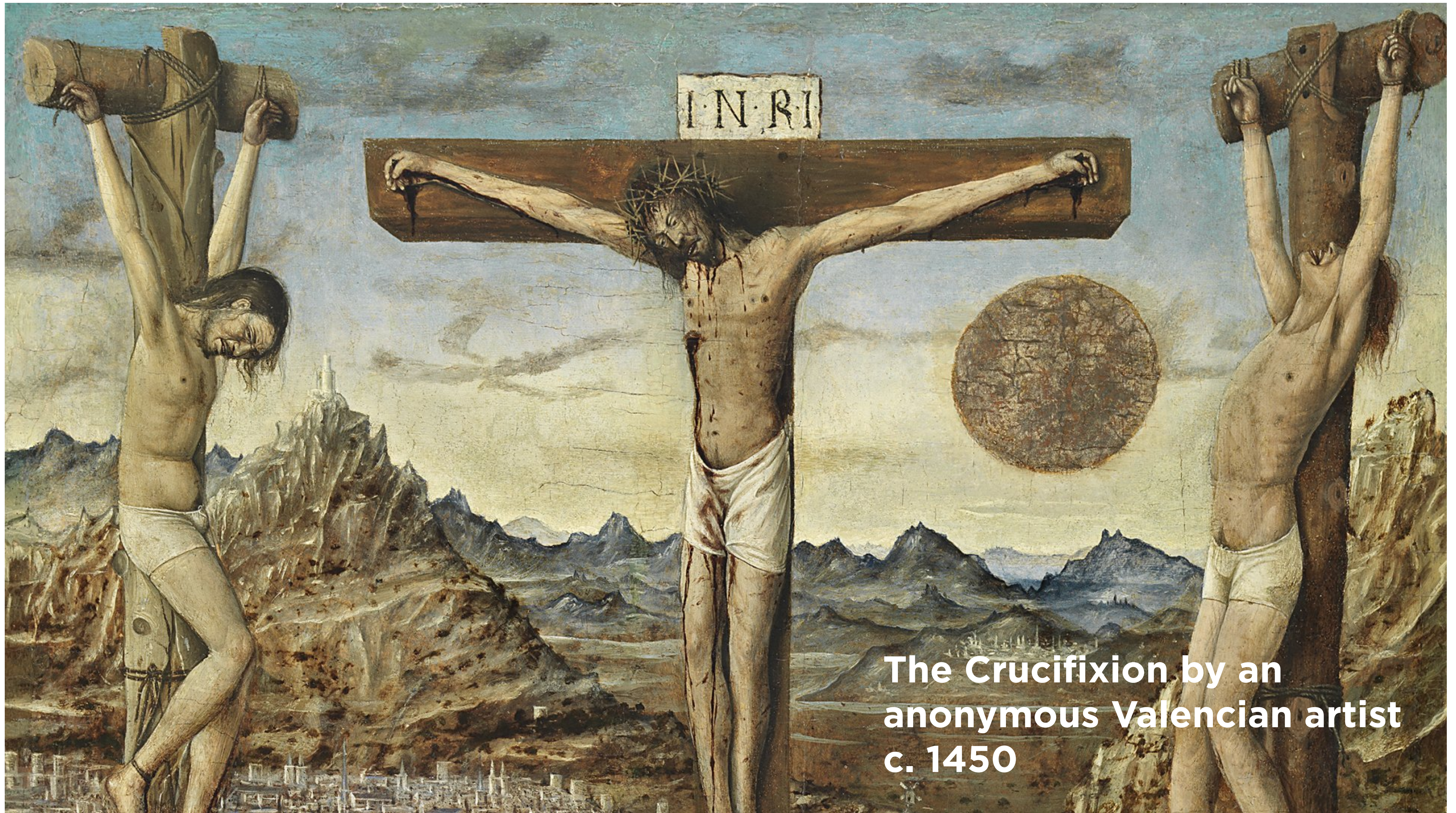


But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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Luke 23:49





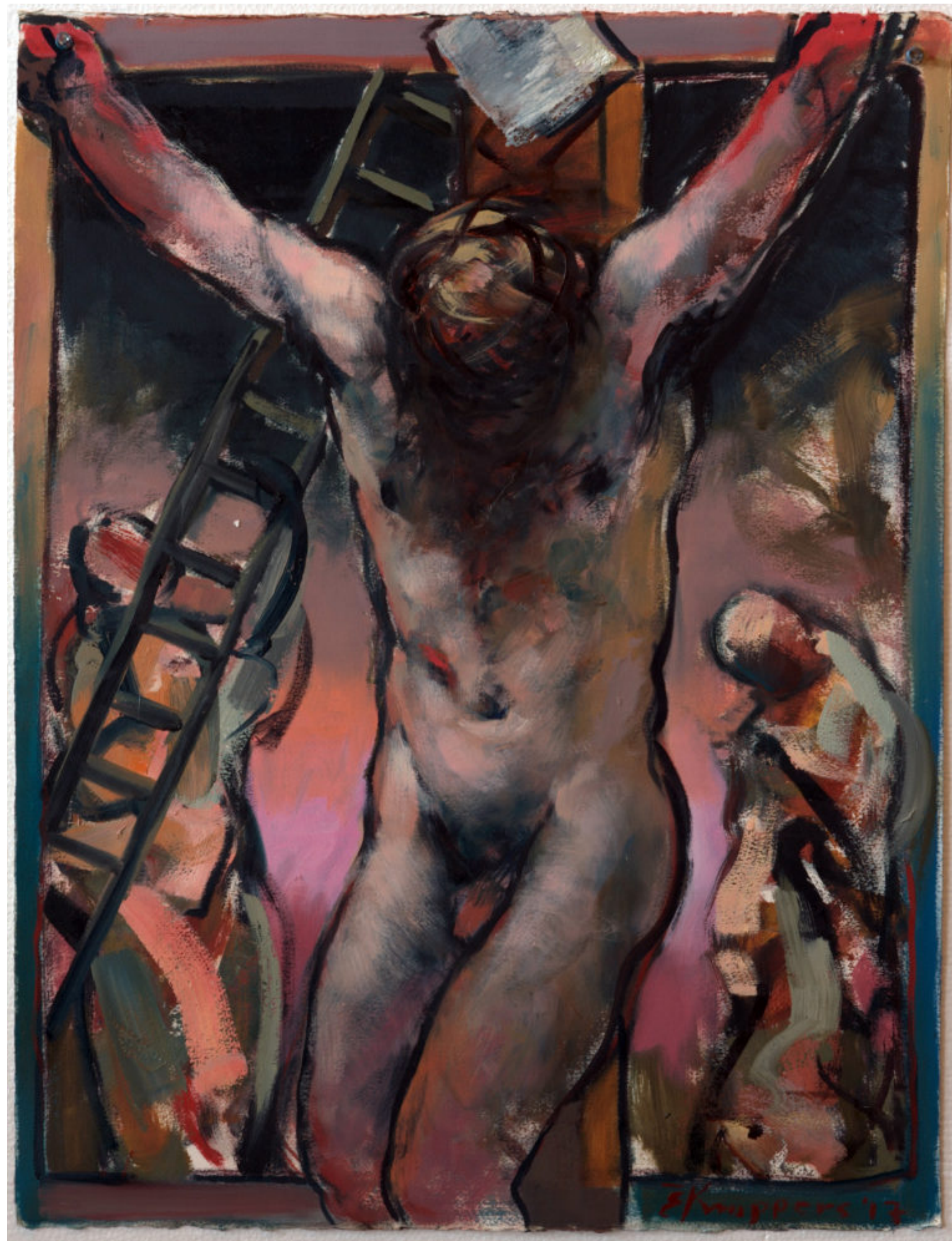
**The Crucifixion by an
anonymous Valencian artist
c. 1450**



**Study for Crucifixion
(1947)
Graham Sutherland**



**Golgotha
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**Crucifixion
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**Red Christ
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Lovis Corinth**

descended into hell?





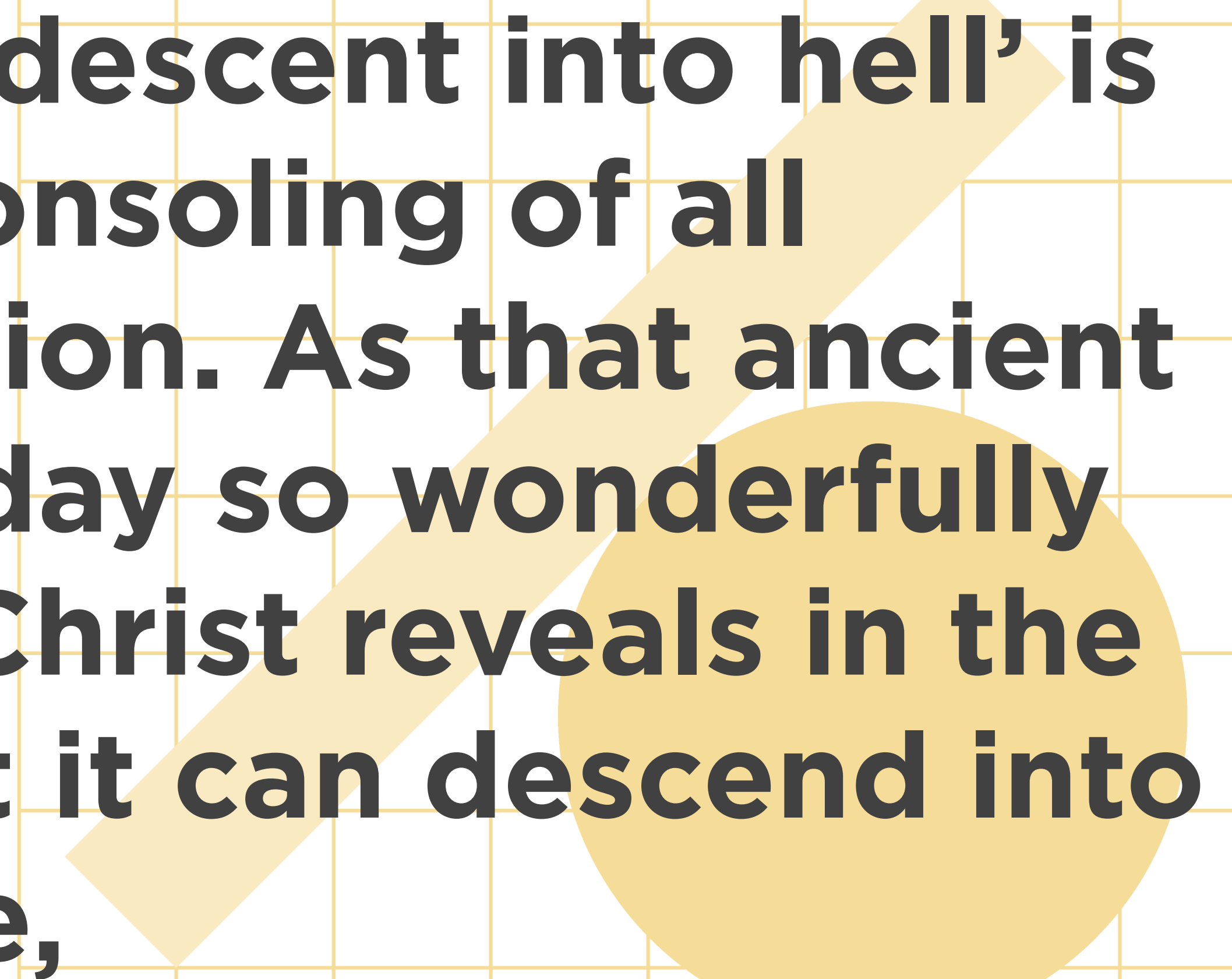
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William Holman Hunt**

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST





**May I Believe Newness is
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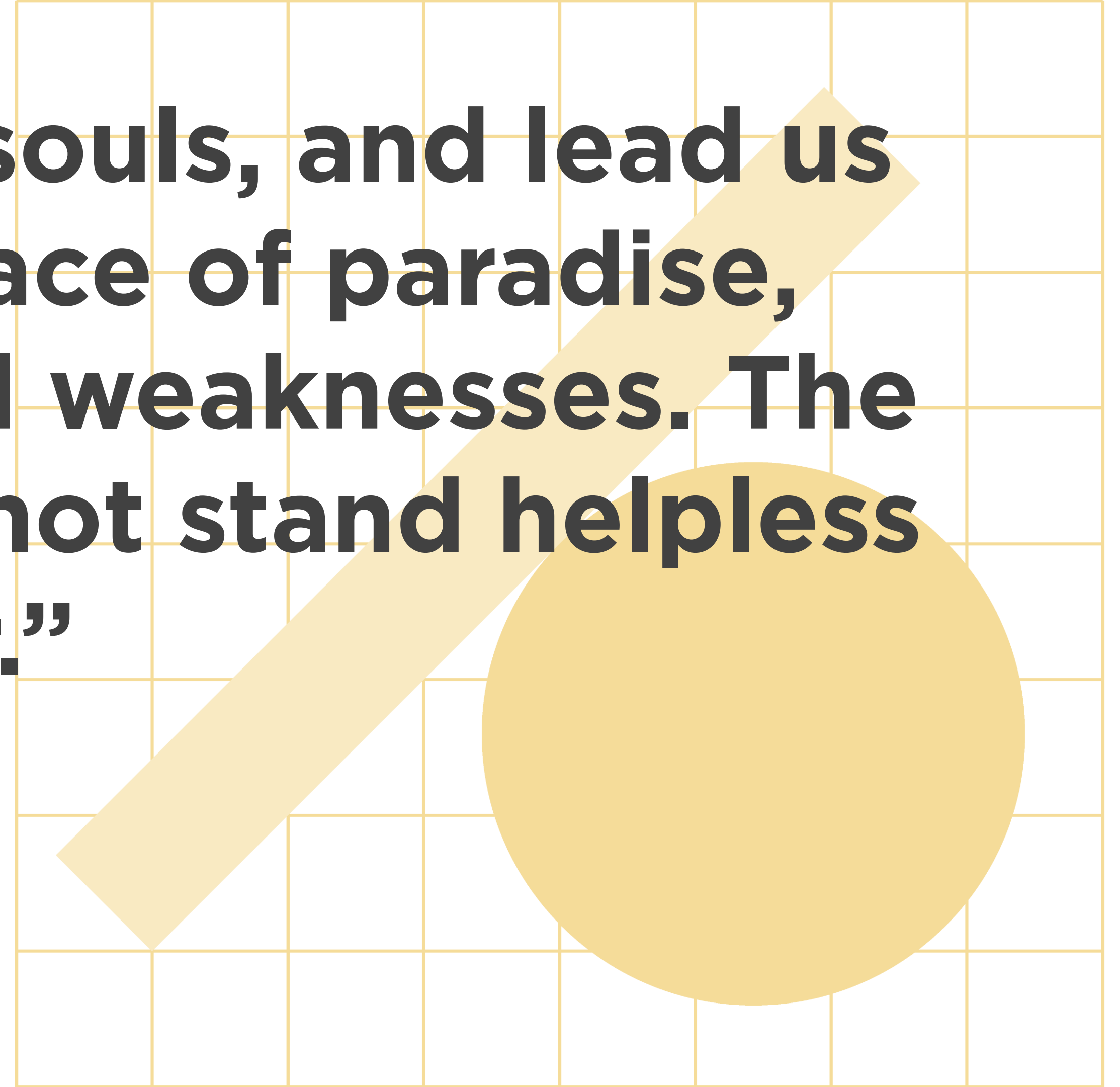


“The doctrine of the ‘descent into hell’ is singularly the most consoling of all doctrines, in any religion. As that ancient homily on Holy Saturday so wonderfully puts it, the love that Christ reveals in the cross is so strong that it can descend into any hell we can create,

thaw out our frozen souls, and lead us into the light and peace of paradise, despite our fears and weaknesses. The cross of Christ does not stand helpless before a locked door.”

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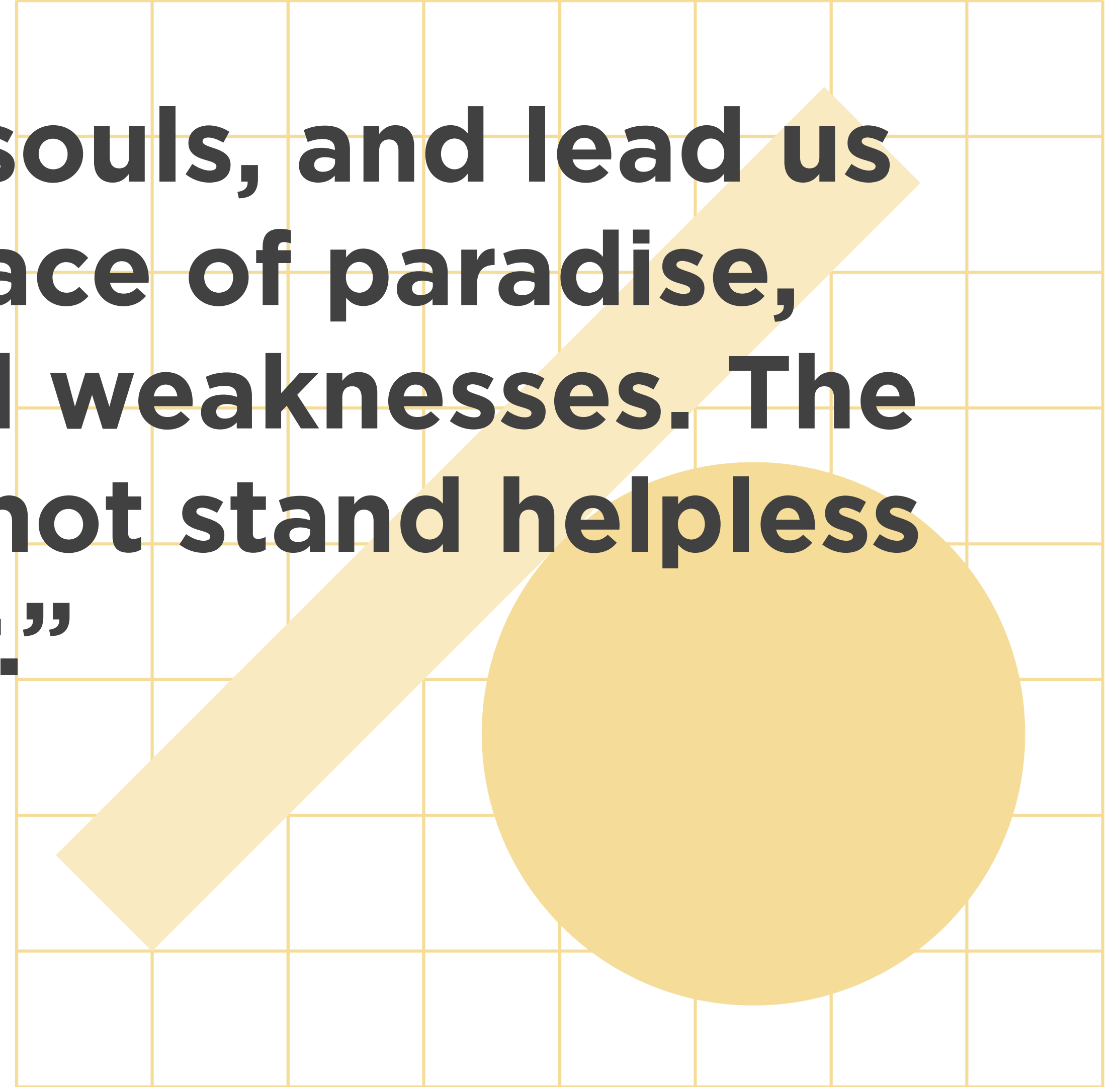
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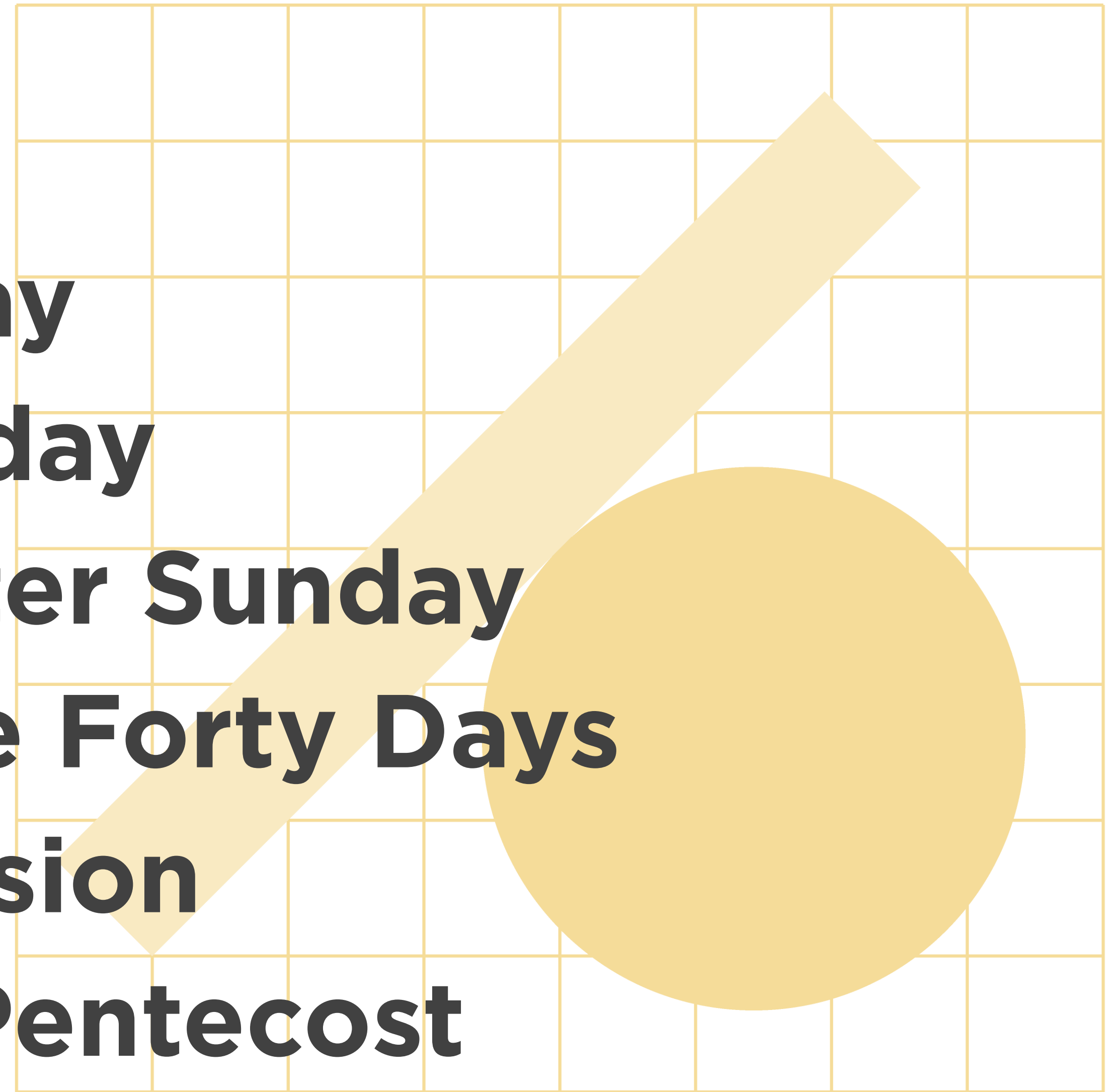
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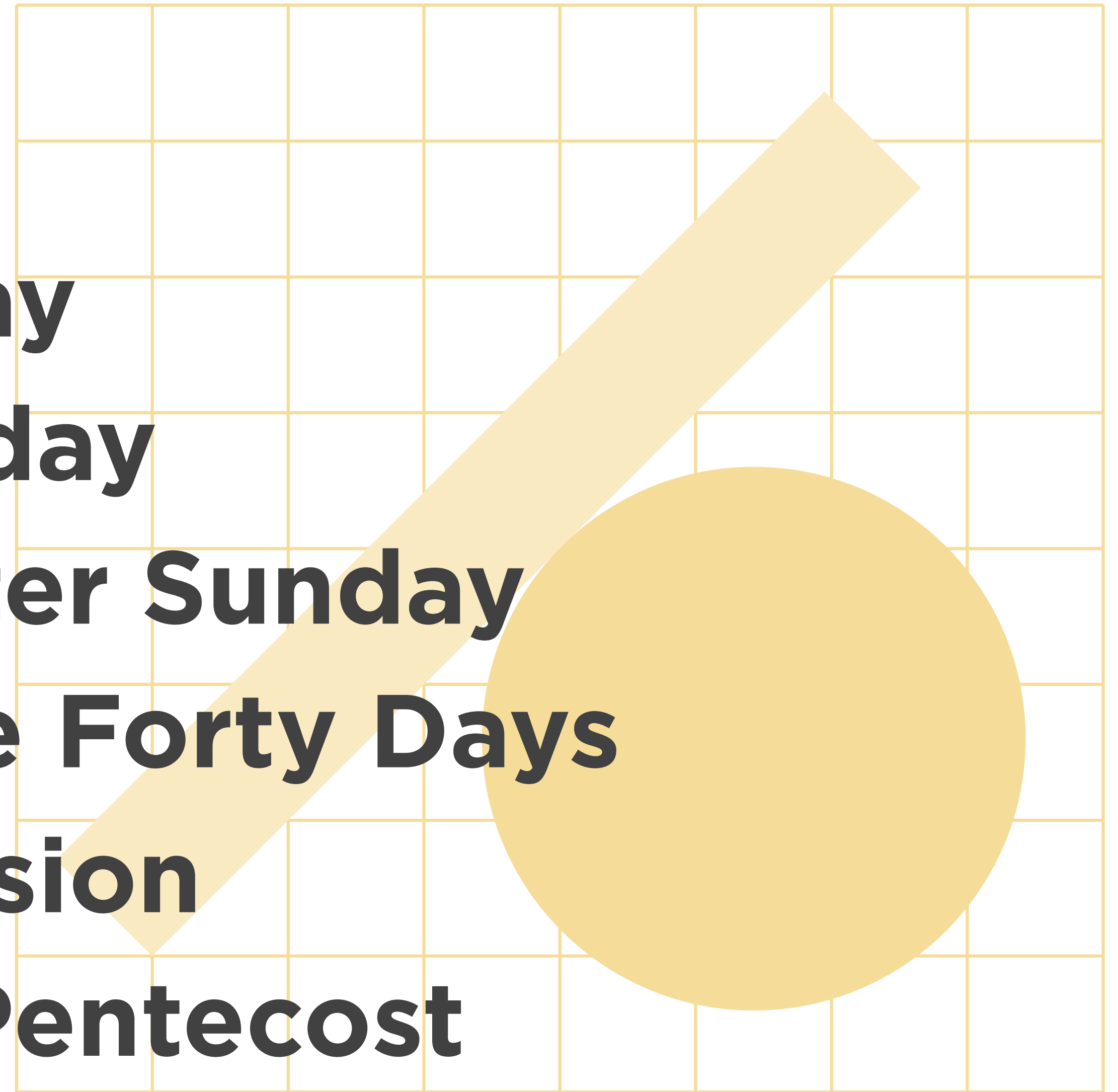
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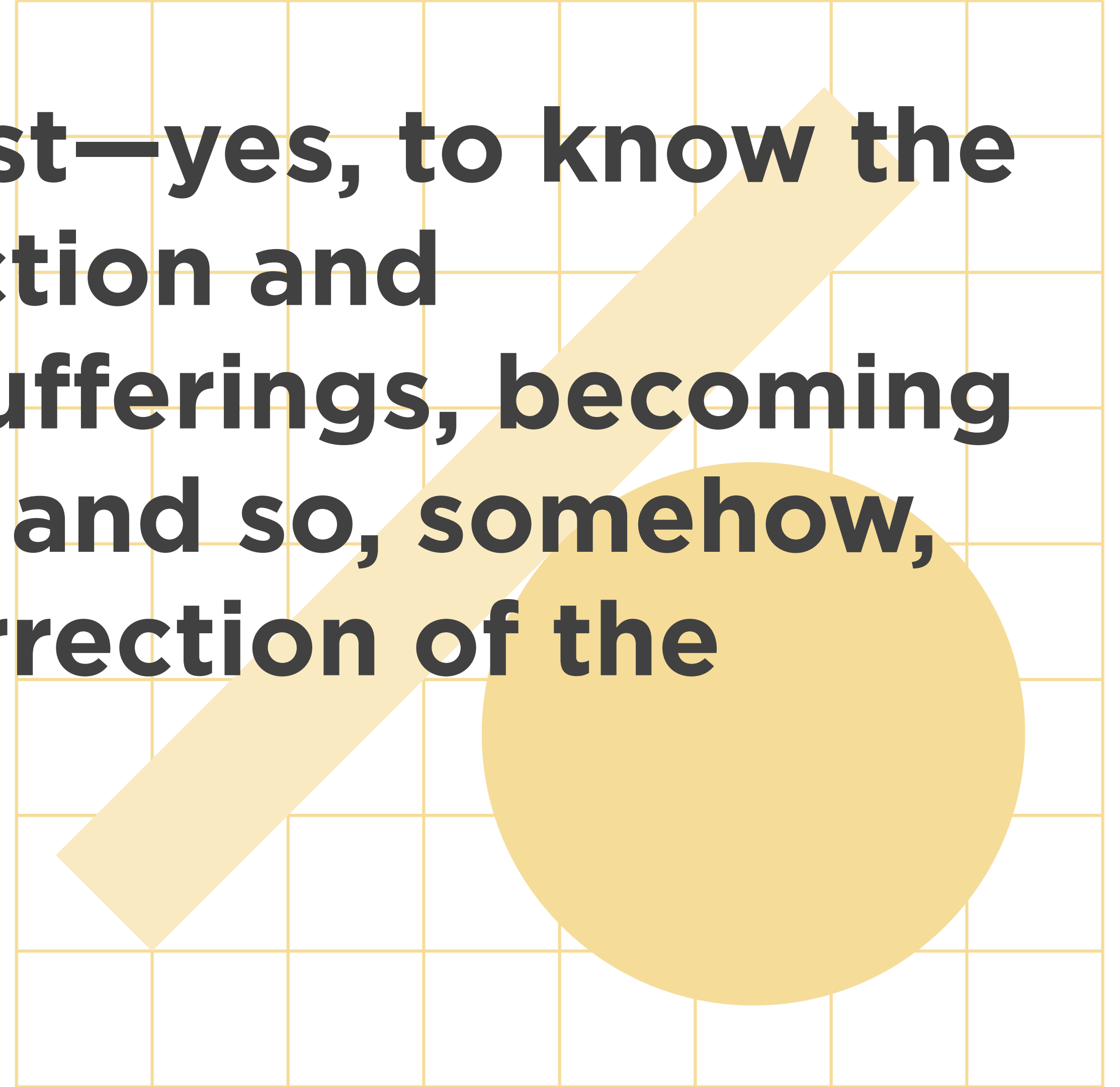
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"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection of the dead."

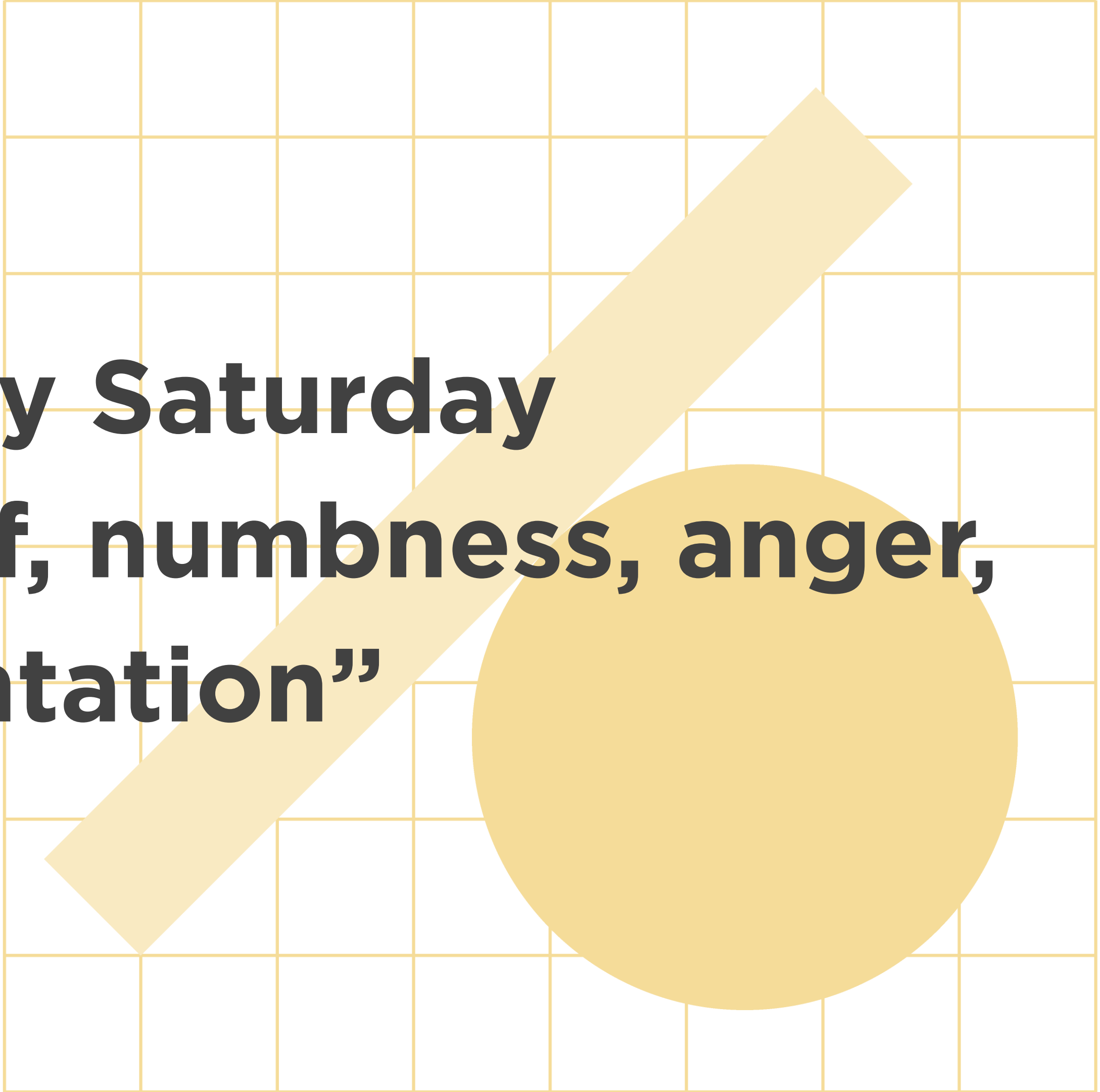
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Philippians 3:10



Death—Good Friday
“Name your deaths”



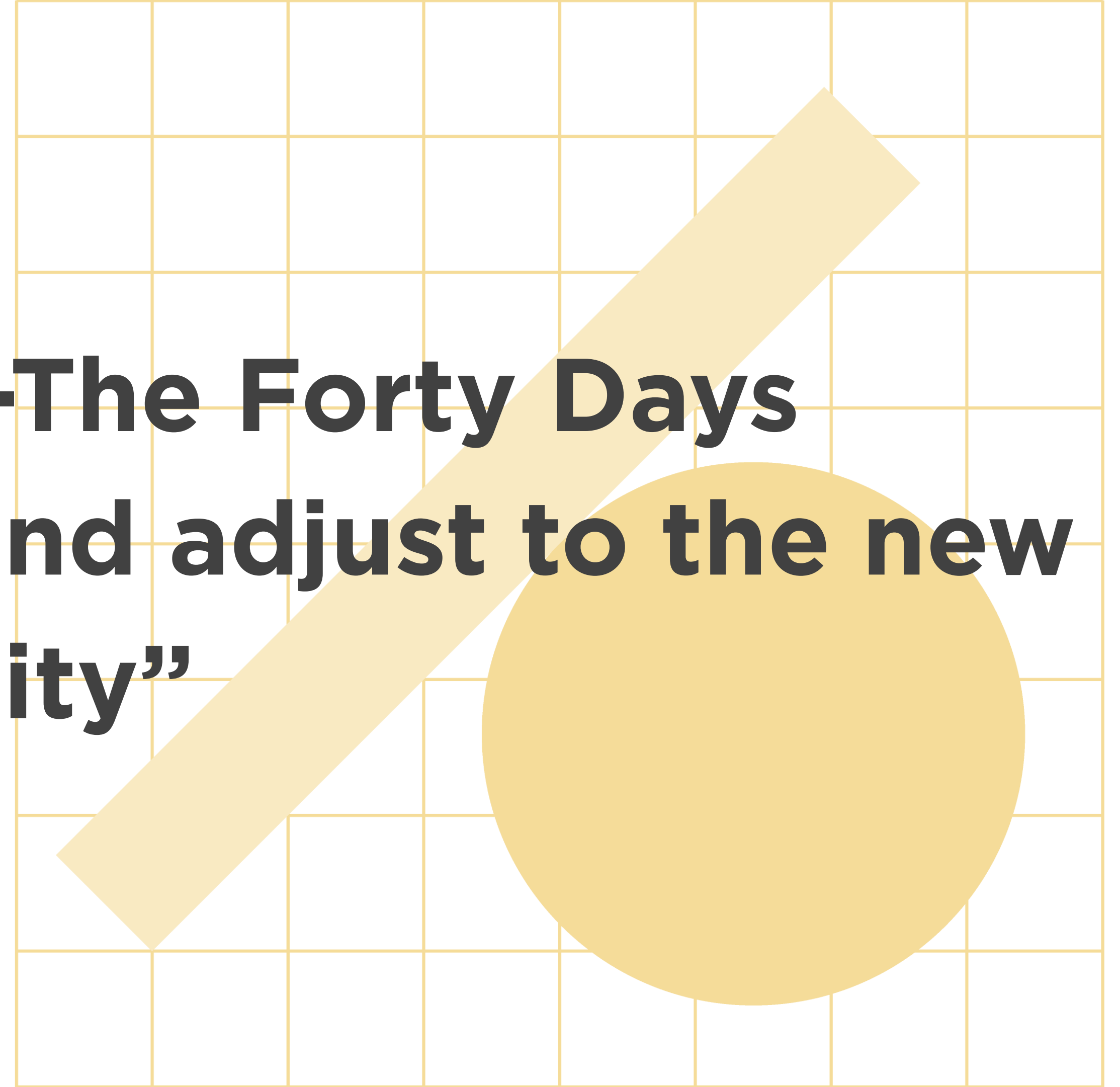


Burial—Holy Saturday
**“experience of grief, numbness, anger,
disorientation”**

Resurrection—Easter Sunday
“Claim your births”



Readjustment—The Forty Days
**“Grieve what’s lost and adjust to the new
reality”**

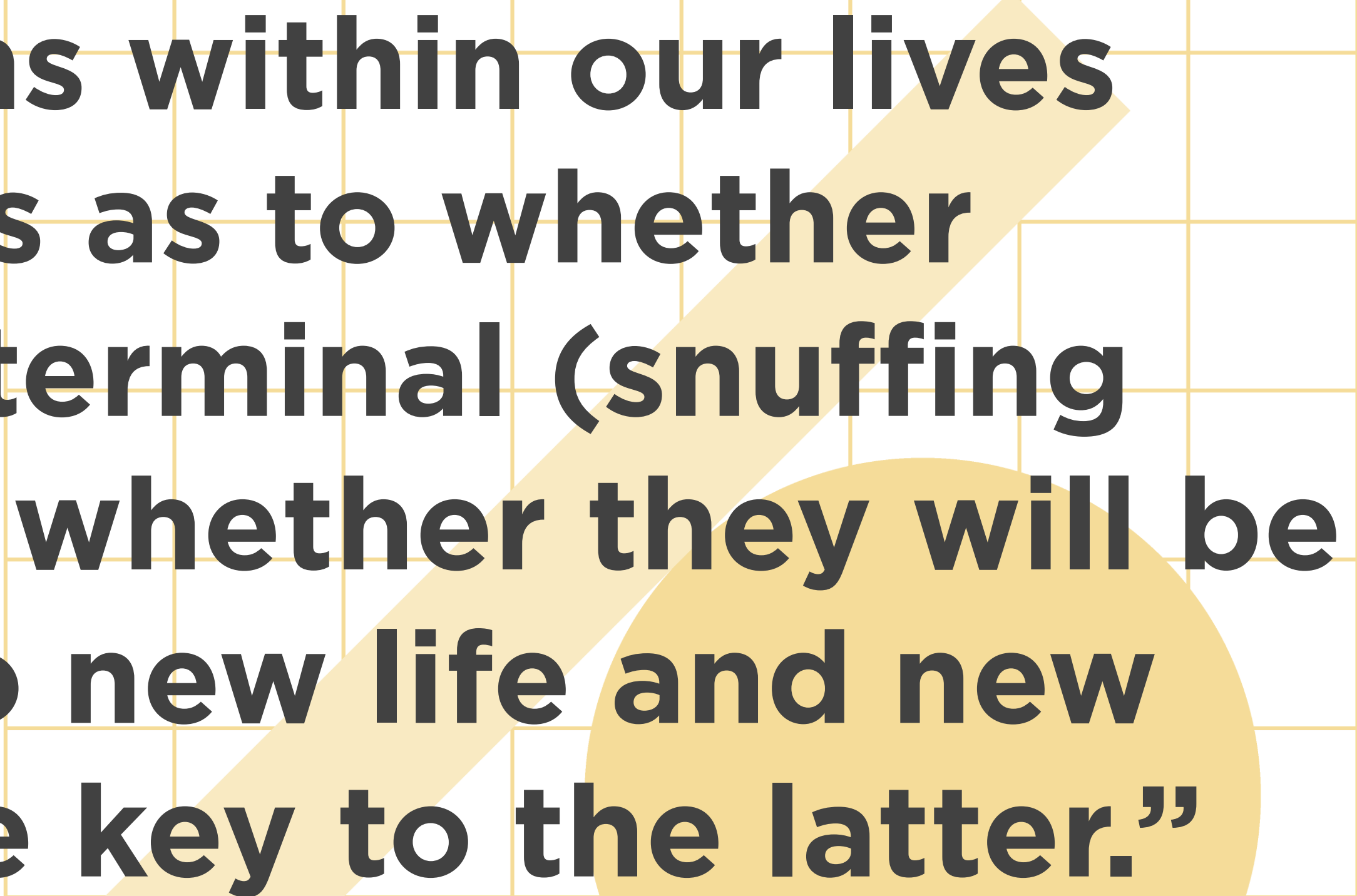


Letting Go—Ascension
“Don’t cling to the old, let it go”



Receiving Spirit—Pentecost
“Receive the new spirit to live a new life”





“We face many deaths within our lives and the choice is ours as to whether those deaths will be terminal (snuffing out life and spirit) or whether they will be pascal (opening us to new life and new spirit). Grieving is the key to the latter.”

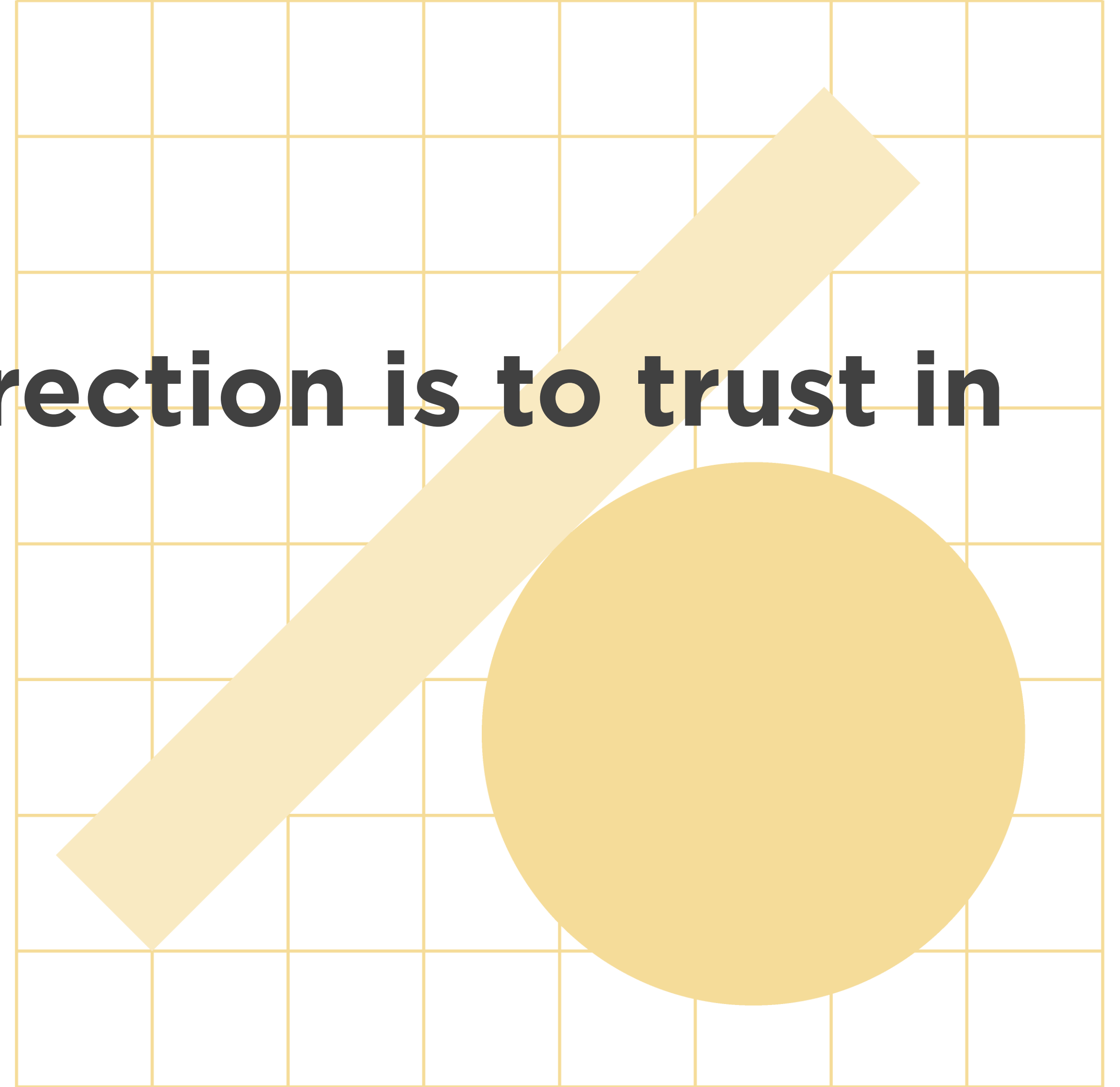
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**“To believe in Resurrection is to trust in
dying.”**

—

Richard Rohr







“Unless a seed falls to the ground...”

