

Sermon Series



Advent 2019





I can't even stop myself from skating... because I'm so excited.

Adriana Boschman

**#cantstopthefeeling #wecantstop
#literallycanteven #joy**







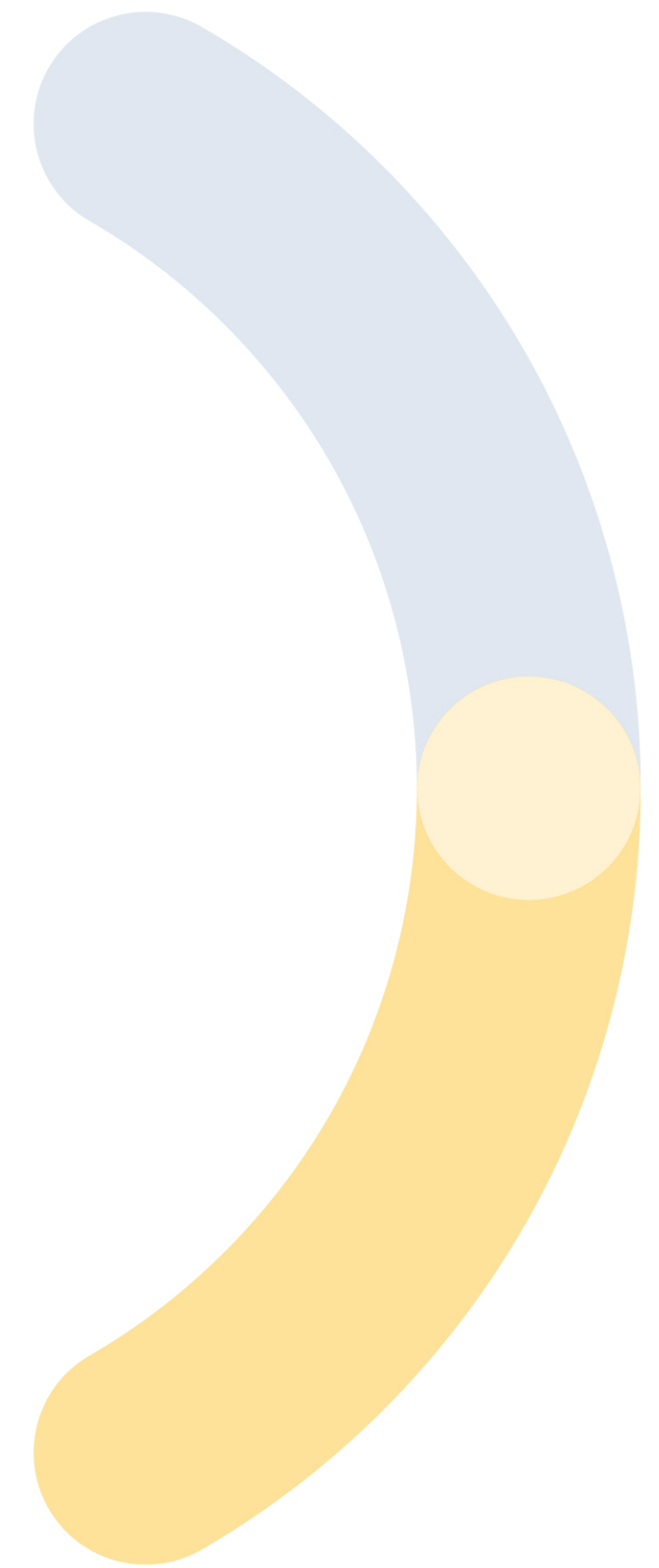
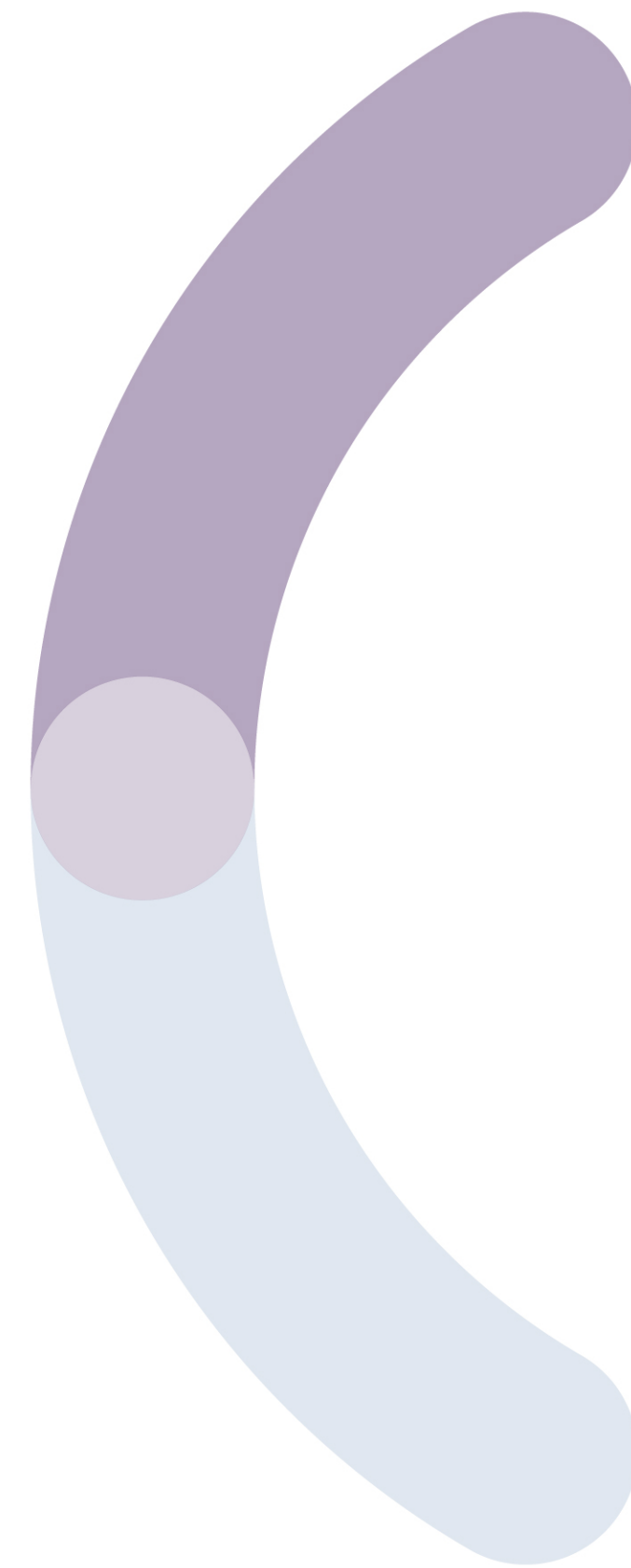


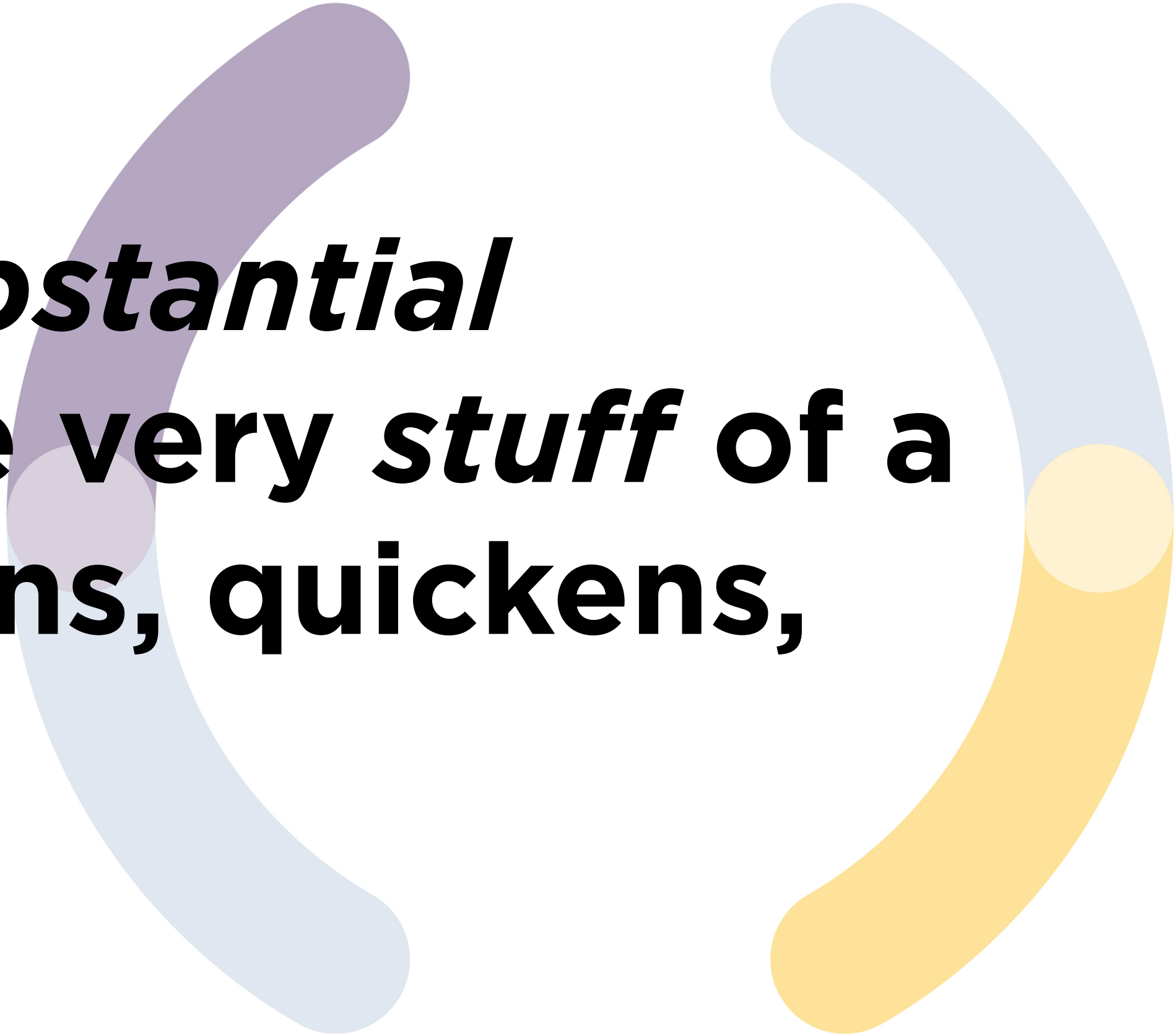




Isaiah 35:1-2a

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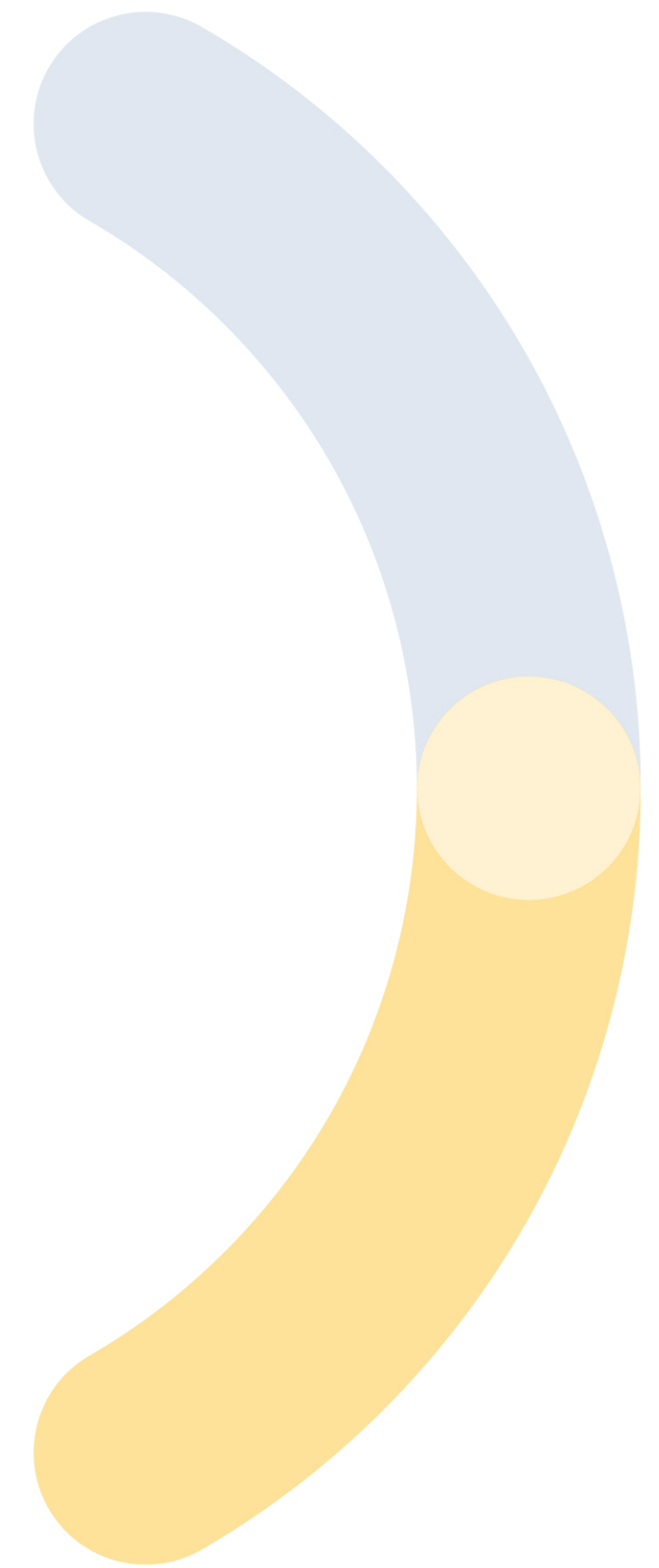
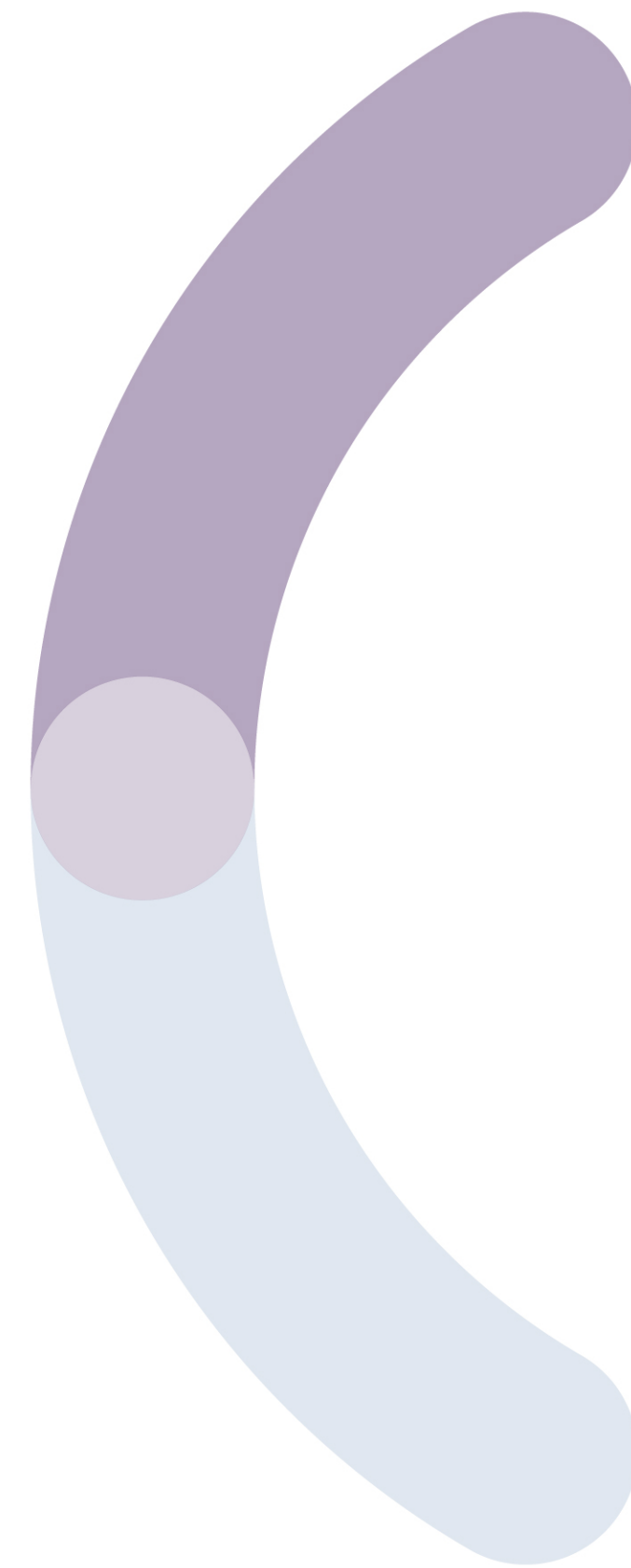


This image is one of *substantial* resurrection; that is, the *very stuff* of a dessicated earth awakens, quickens, blossoms in new life.

Scott Cairns

Isaiah 35:2b-10

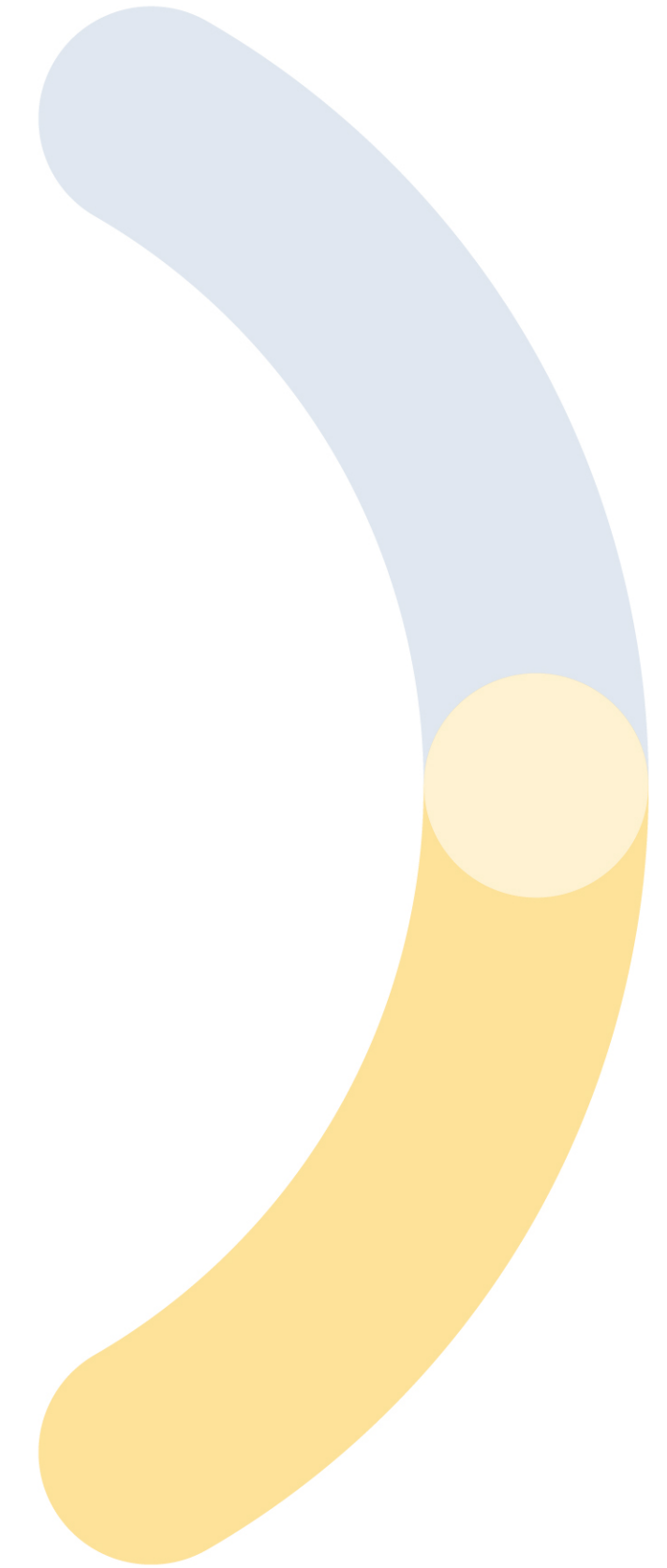
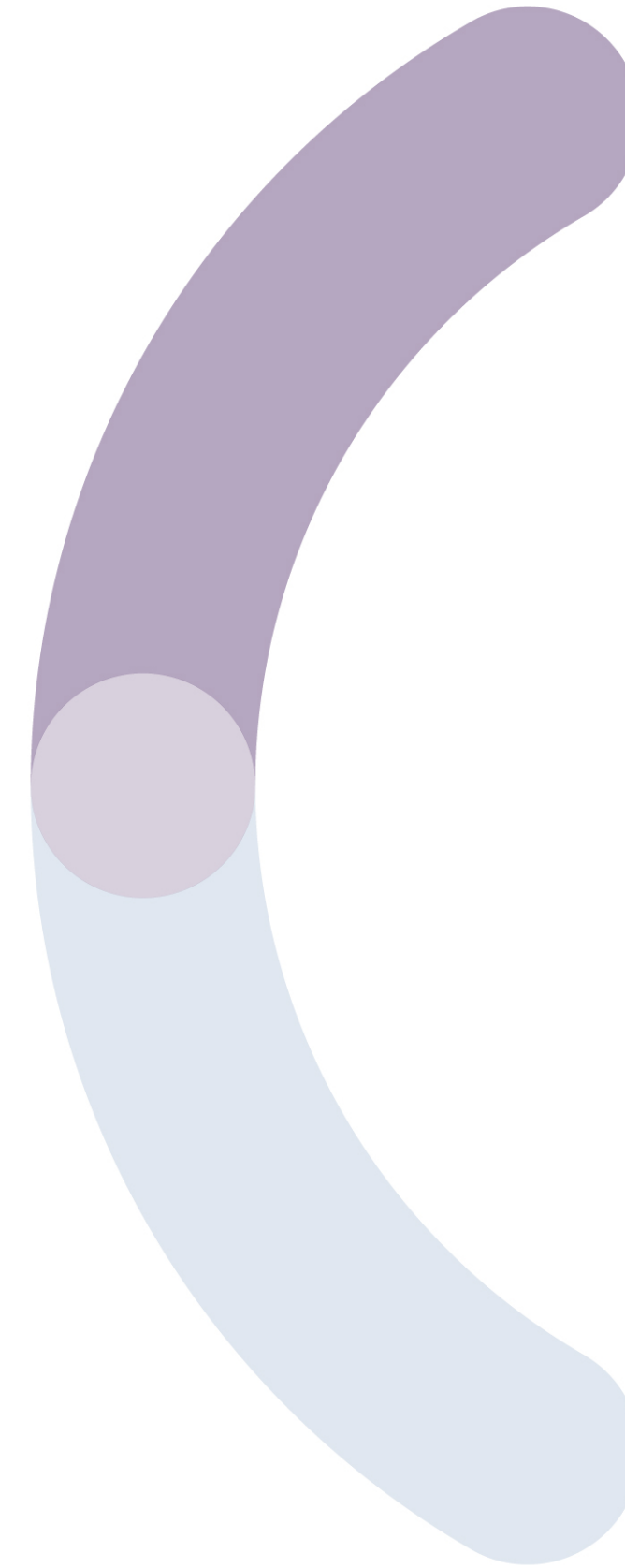
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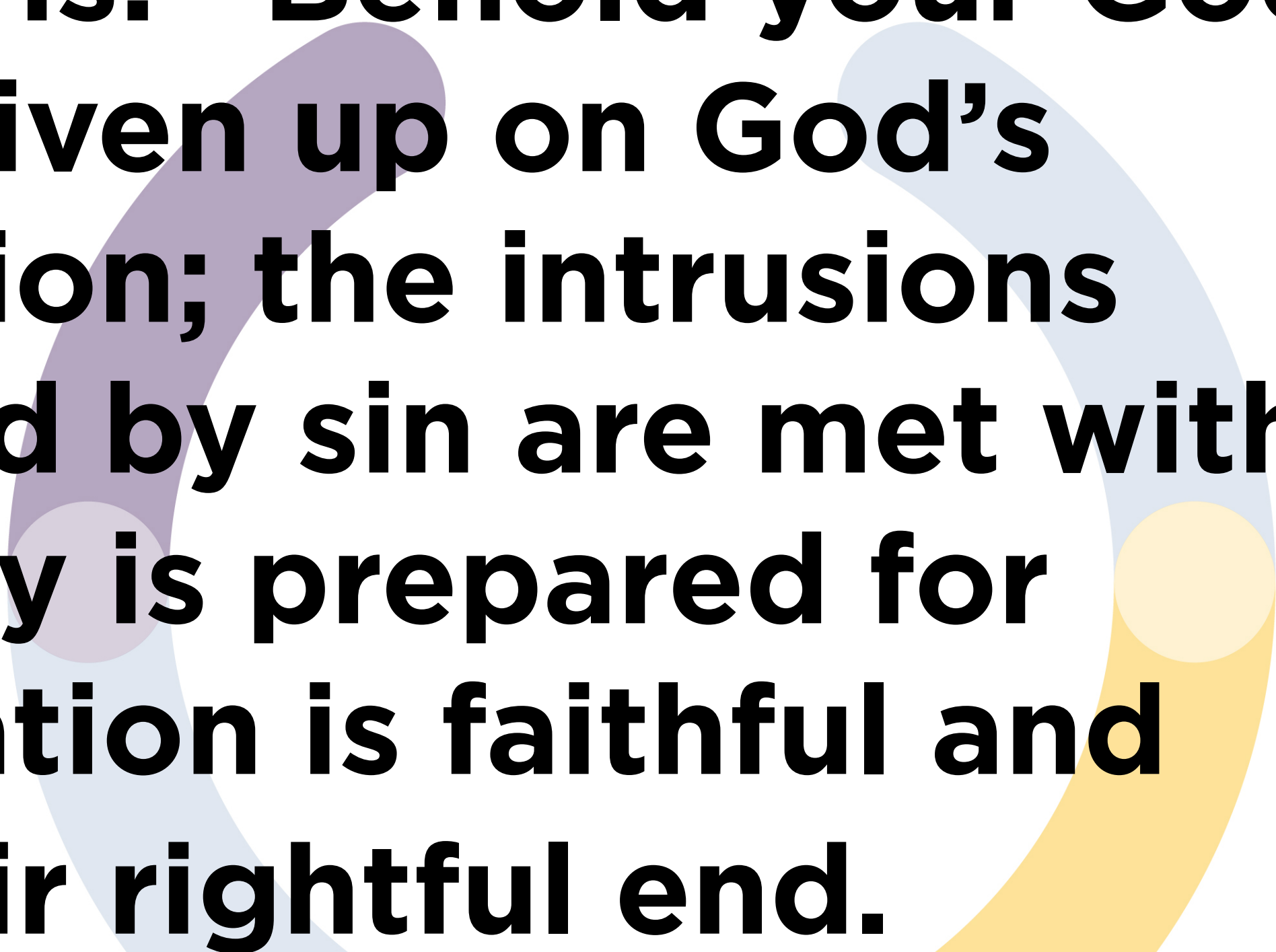


**Though the world often feels like Saturday—
silence. death. frustration. fear. Though the earth
often feels like Saturday—disease. hunger. pain.
violence. Though our hearts often feel like
Saturday—heavy. embarrassed. shamed. sad. I
believe in the resurrection. I believe in life, in
healing, in fullness. I believe in light, in joy, in
peace. I believe in mercy, in second chances, in
surprises. I believe in resurrection.**

Austin Channing Brown

Look Down (1-2)

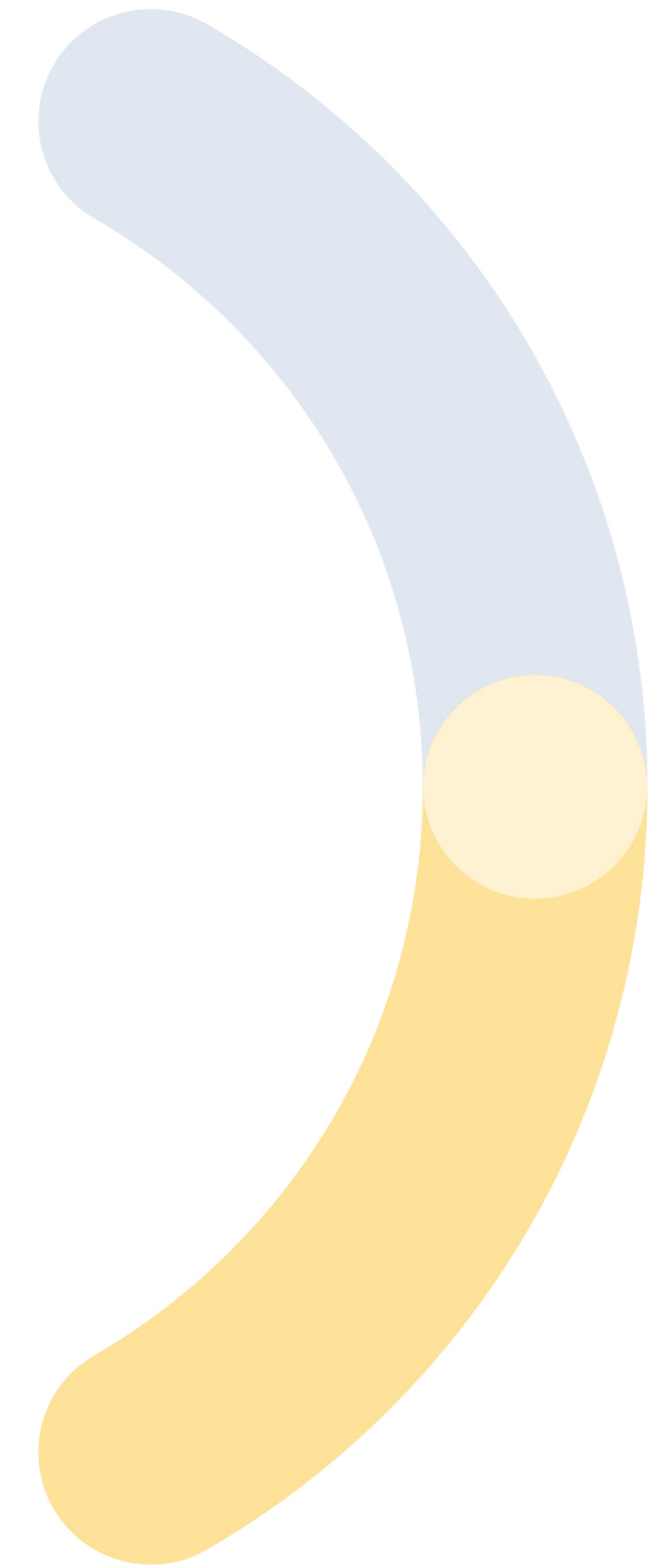
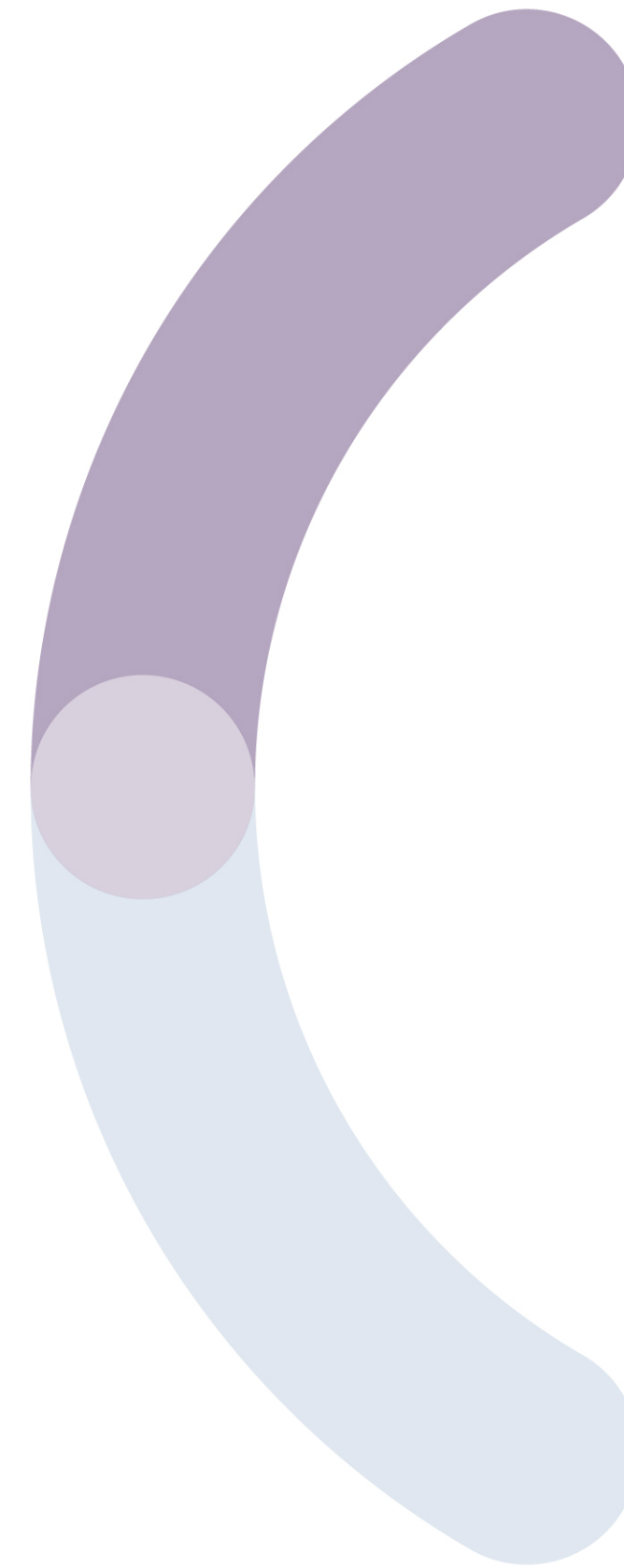




The good news of Advent is: “Behold your God is coming.” God has not given up on God’s original purpose for creation; the intrusions and breaks that are caused by sin are met with God’s judgment as the way is prepared for salvation. The God of creation is faithful and will bring all things to their rightful end.

Noel Leo Erskine

Look In (3-4)

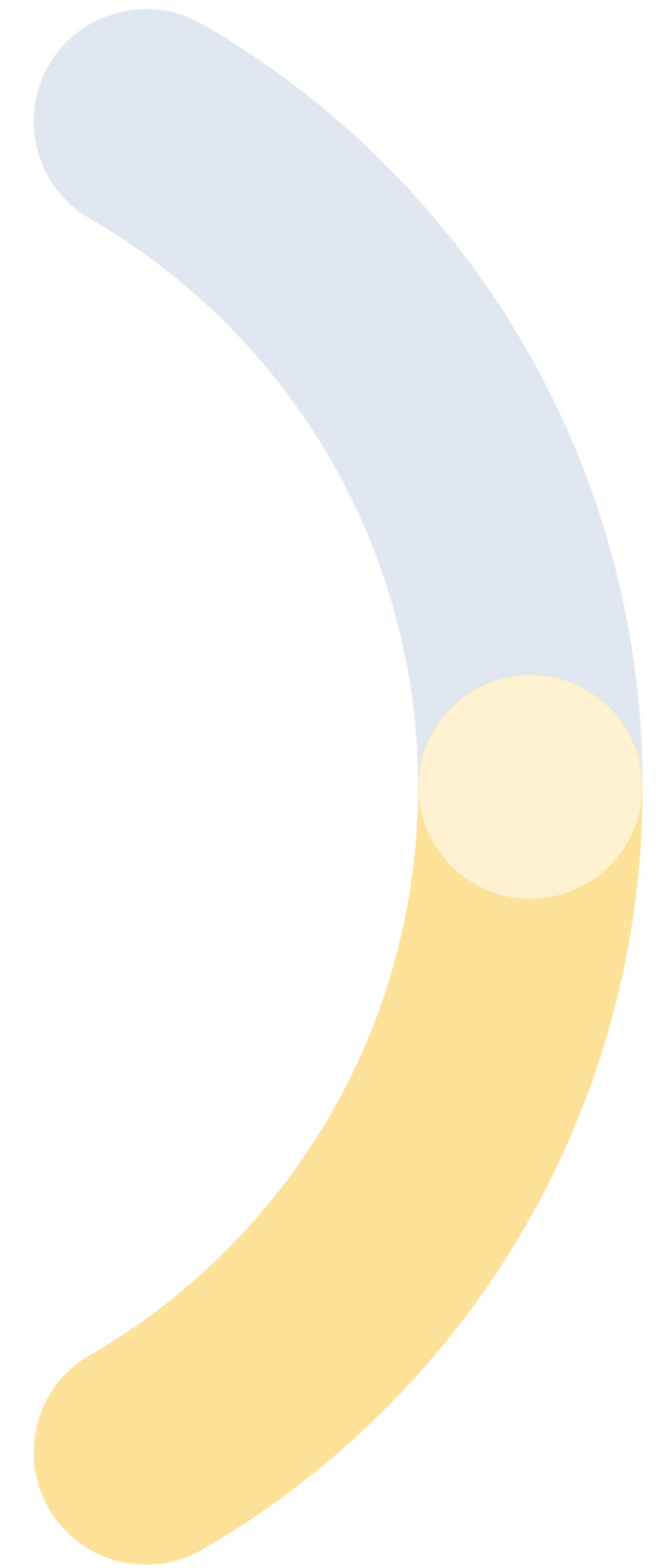
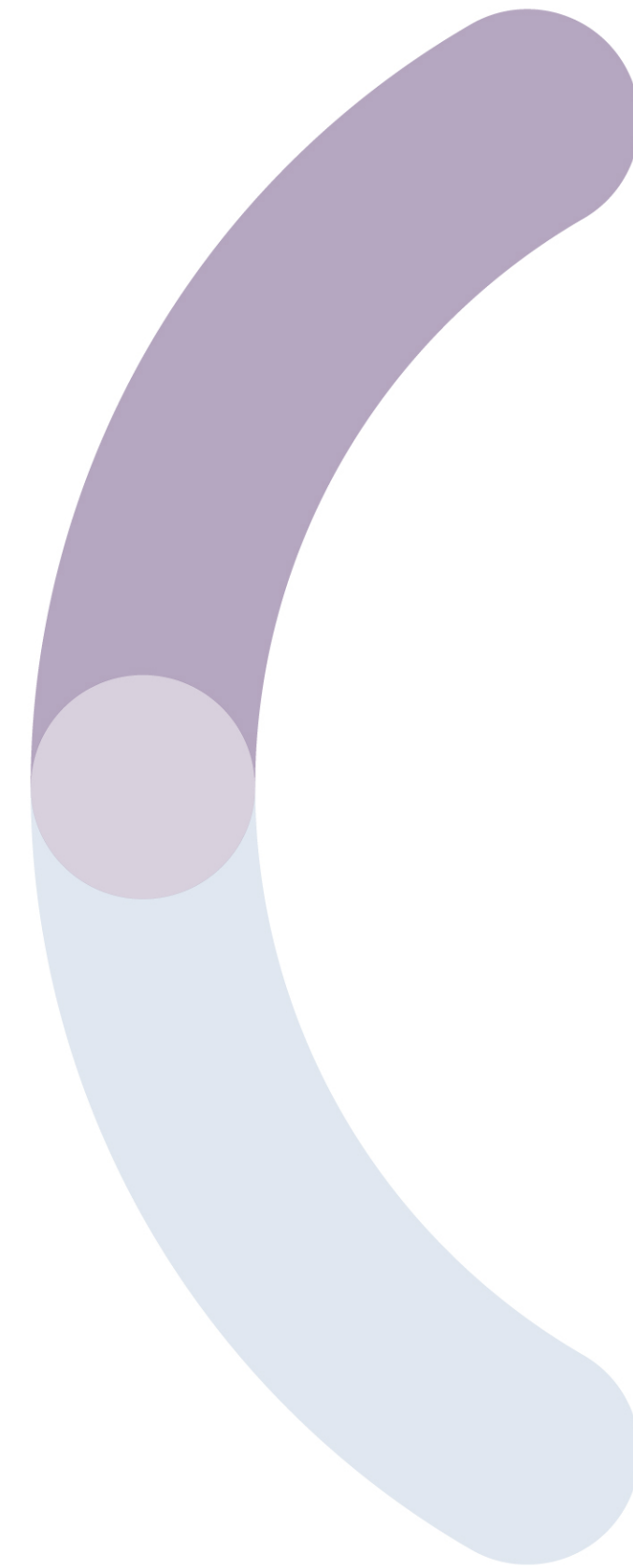


God is not love *plus* anything. Love is the essence of the Triune nature and *every* attribute of God is a facet of that one Diamond or flows from that one infinite Spring. Anything we say about God's holiness, justice or wrath can only be said with reference to God's love. The "holiness" or "justice" or "wrath" that is not love is not God's.

Brad Jersak

1 John 4:16-19

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My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either.

It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

Hebrews 12:5-6 [MSG]

WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE KINDNESS



A BEAUTIFUL DAY
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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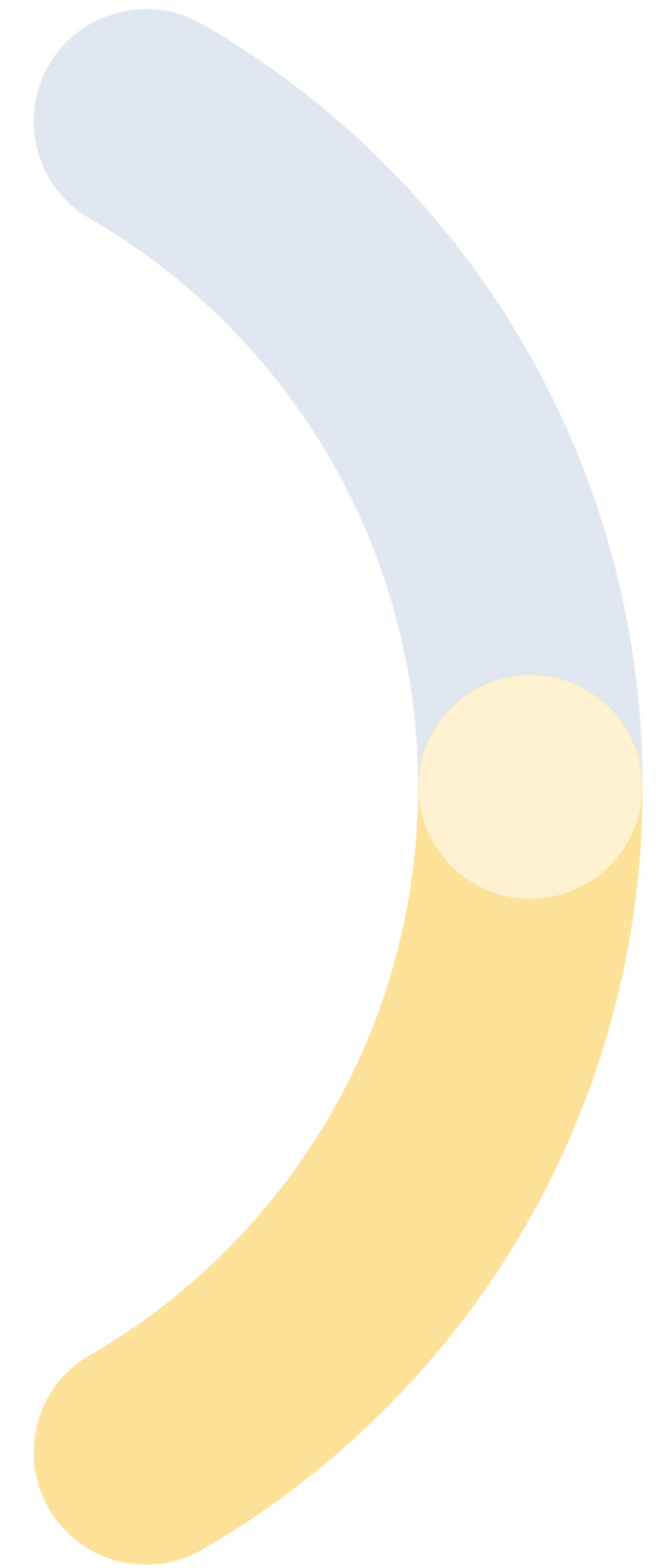
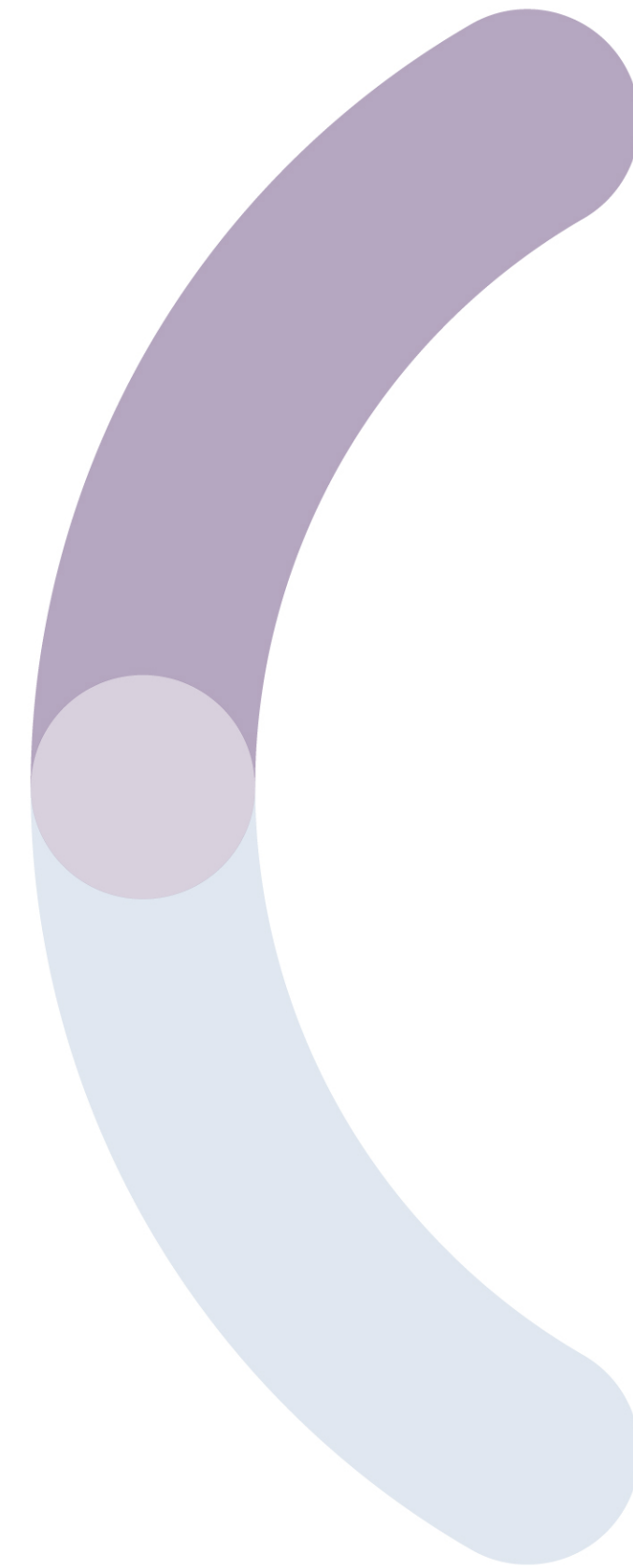
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Isaiah 35:5-9a

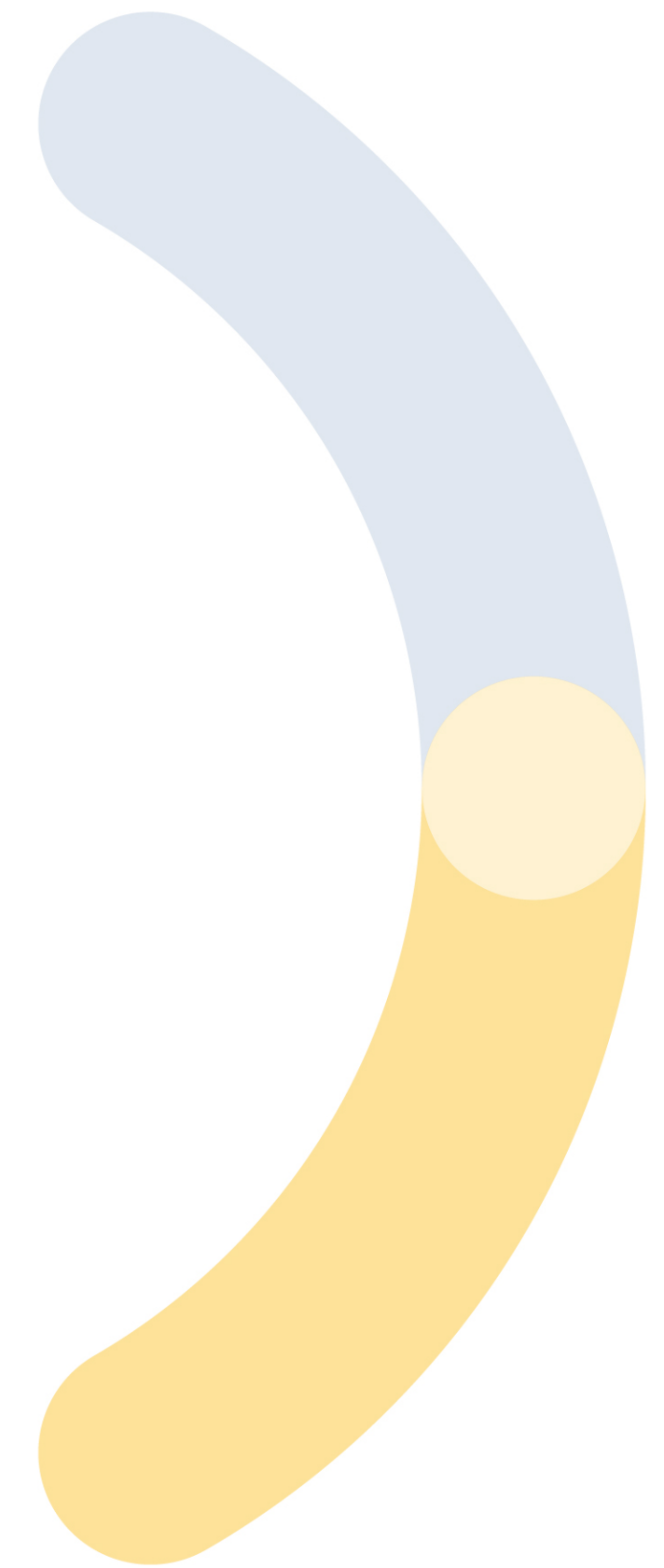
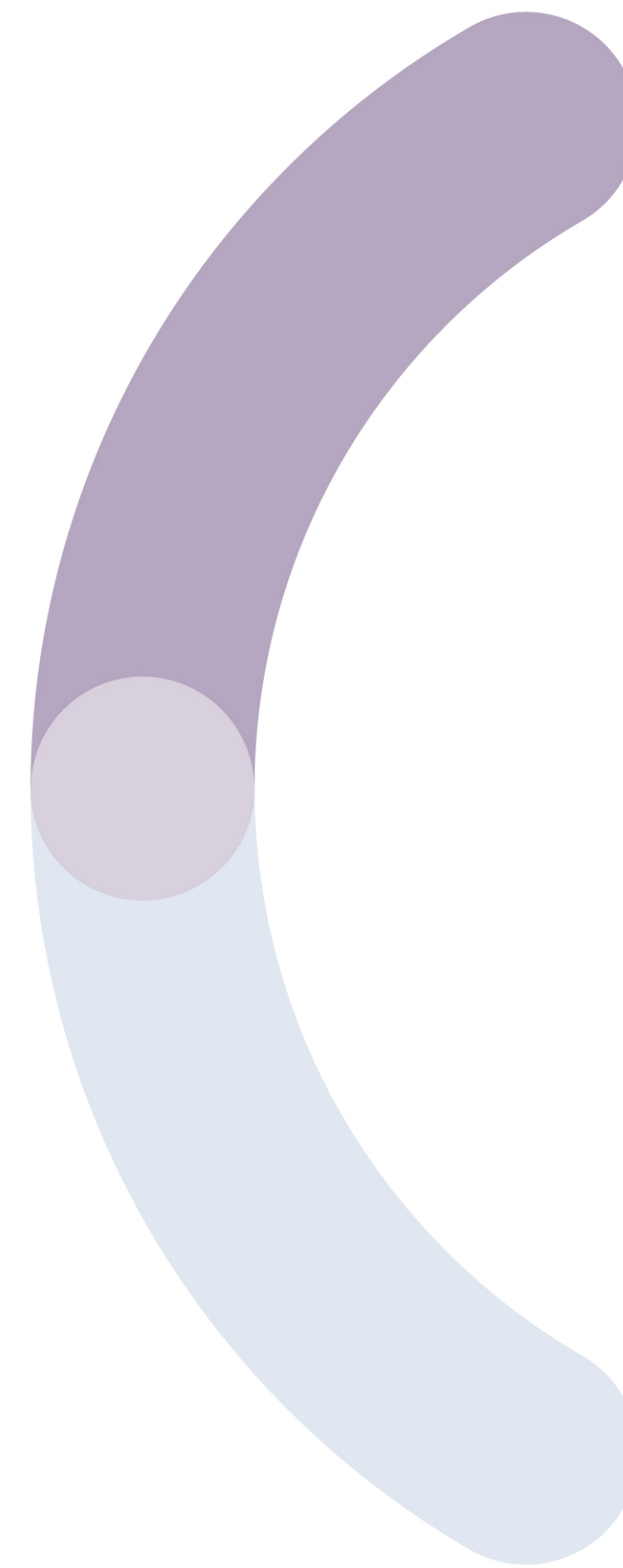
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Look Out (5-9a)



Look Up (9b-10)



The promised Immanuel already came and is surely still among us—so why on earth are we singing “O come, O come, Immanuel”? Because Immanuel’s visitation among us is an unsatisfied fulfillment. Real captives and refugees suffer in the present; the earth is a burning desert; bodies are broken; cities are joyless; and human hearts everywhere, including our own, are sighing.

Paul Simpson Duke

Look Down
Look In
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