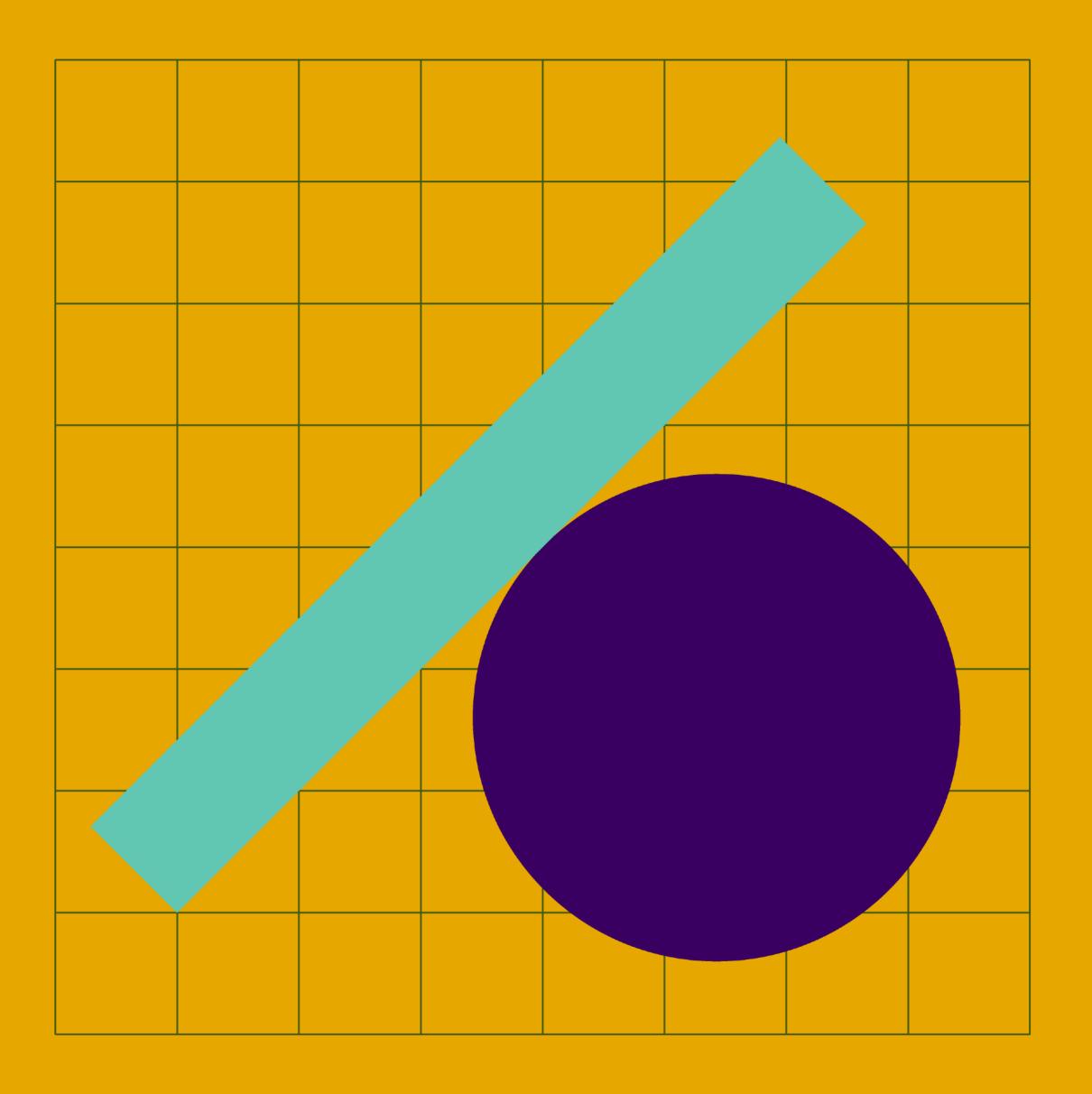
Sermon Series

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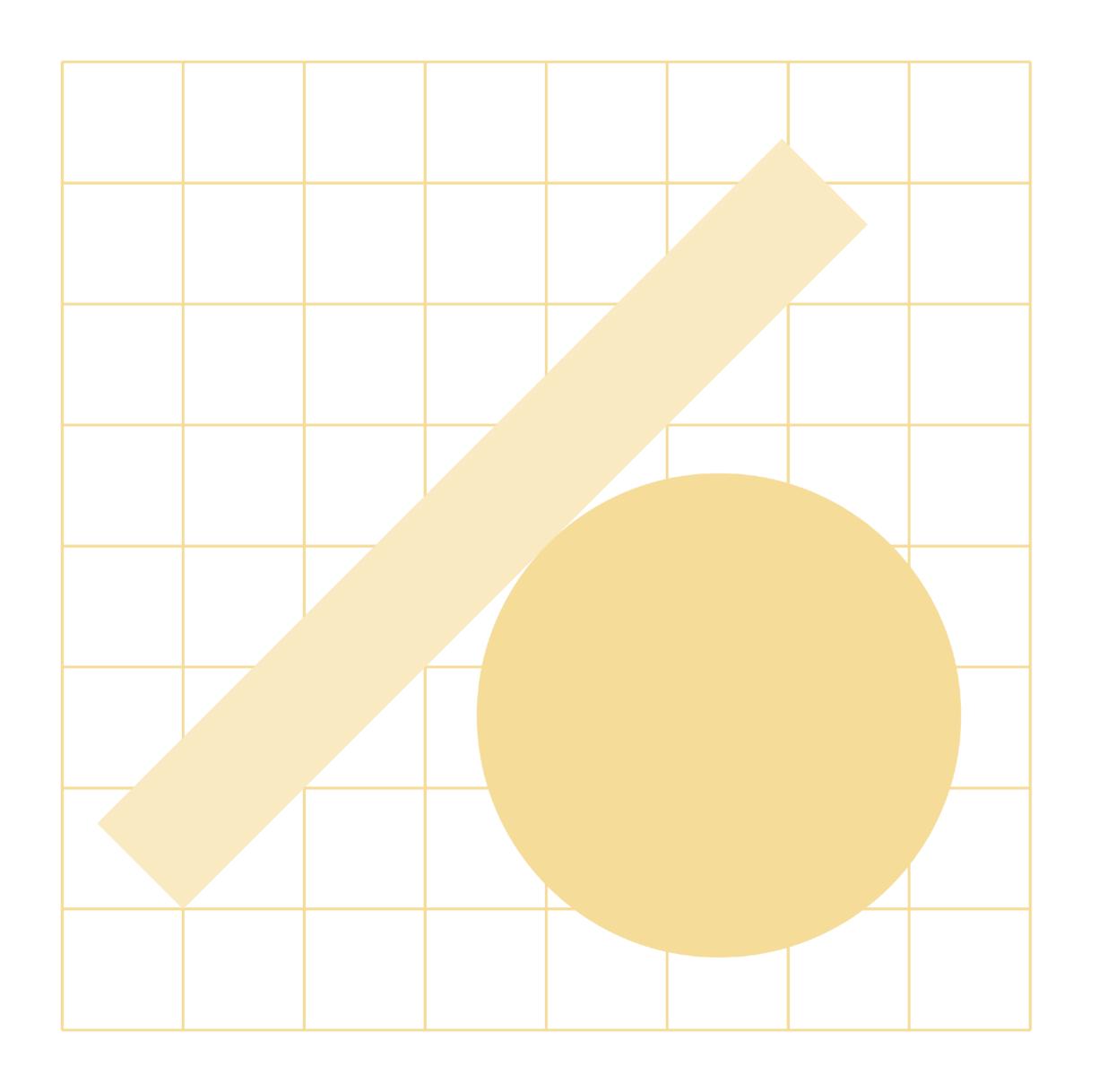


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Identity Story Memory



Walking Backward into the Future

"Our consumer culture is organized against history. There is a depreciation of memory and a ridicule of hope, which means everything must be held in the now, either an urgent now or an eternal now."

Walter Brueggemann

Walking Backward into the Future VS. Unboxing Crap into the Future

"The truly contemporary creative force is something that is built out of the past, but with a difference. Most of what calls itself contemporary is built, whether it knows it or not, out of a desire to be liked.

It is created in imitation of what already exists and is already admitted. There is, in other words, nothing new about it. To be contemporary is to rise through the stack of the past, like the fire through the mountain. Only a heat so deeply and intelligently born can carry a new idea into the air."

Mary Oliver





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,

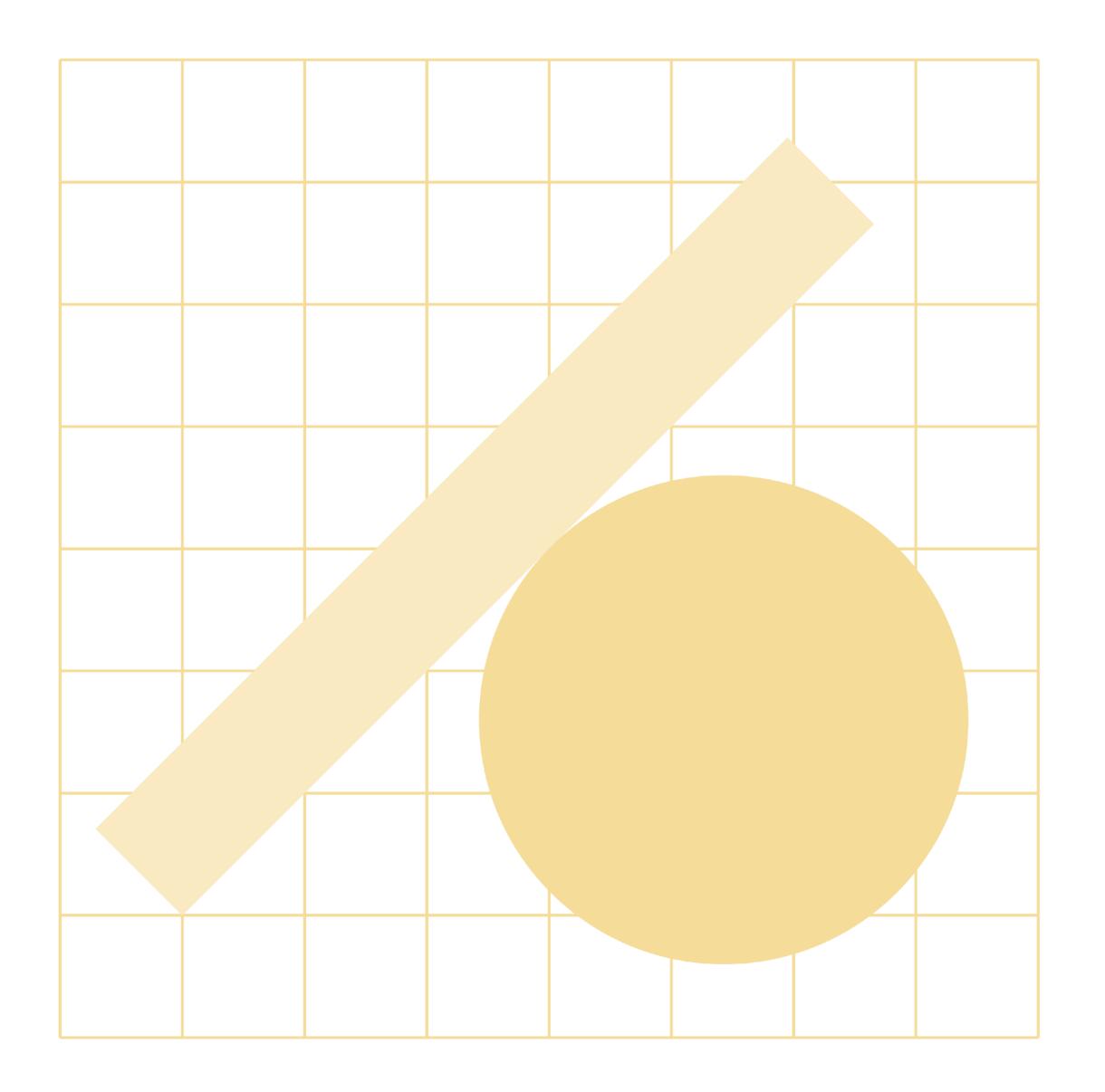
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.

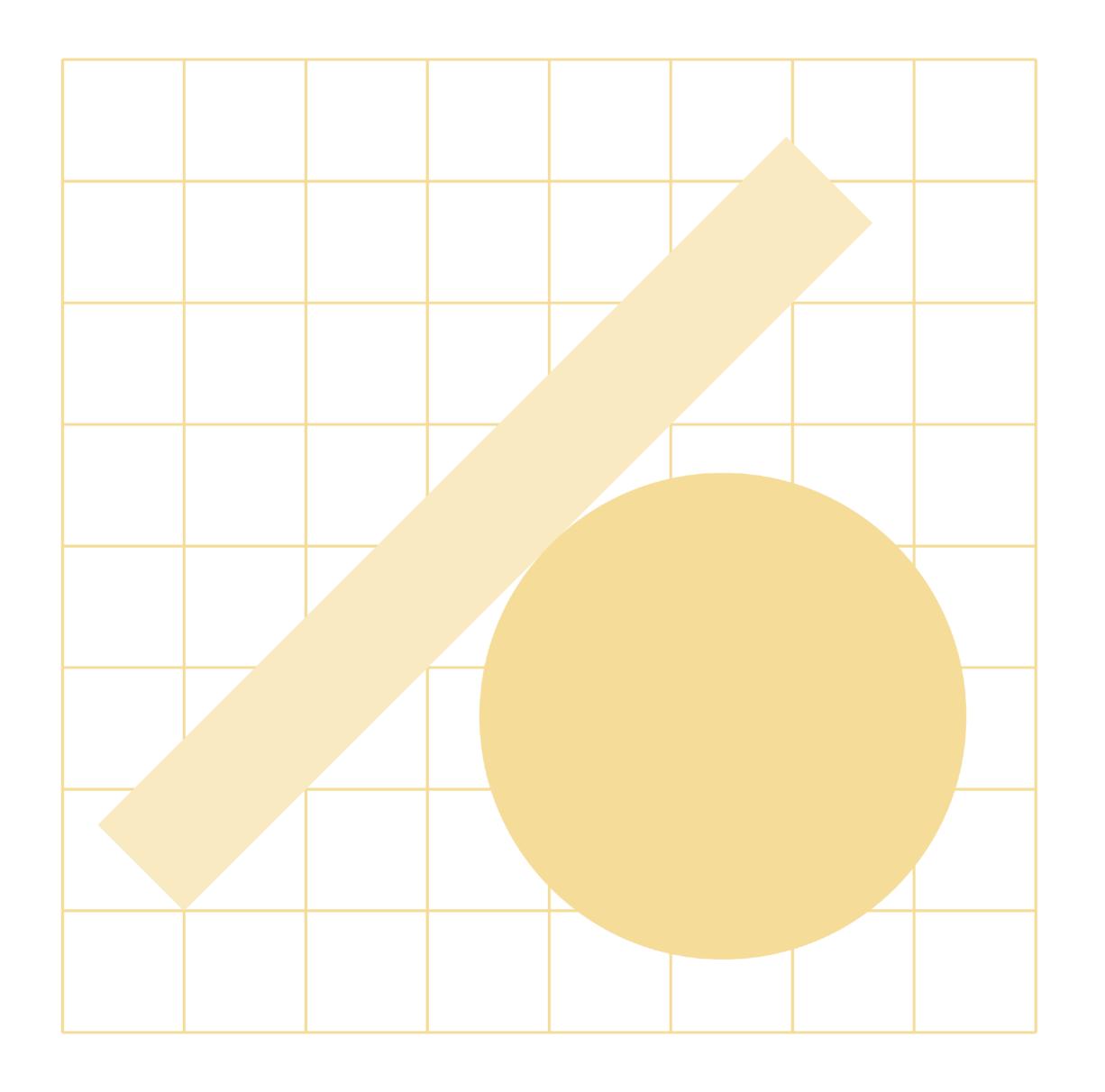
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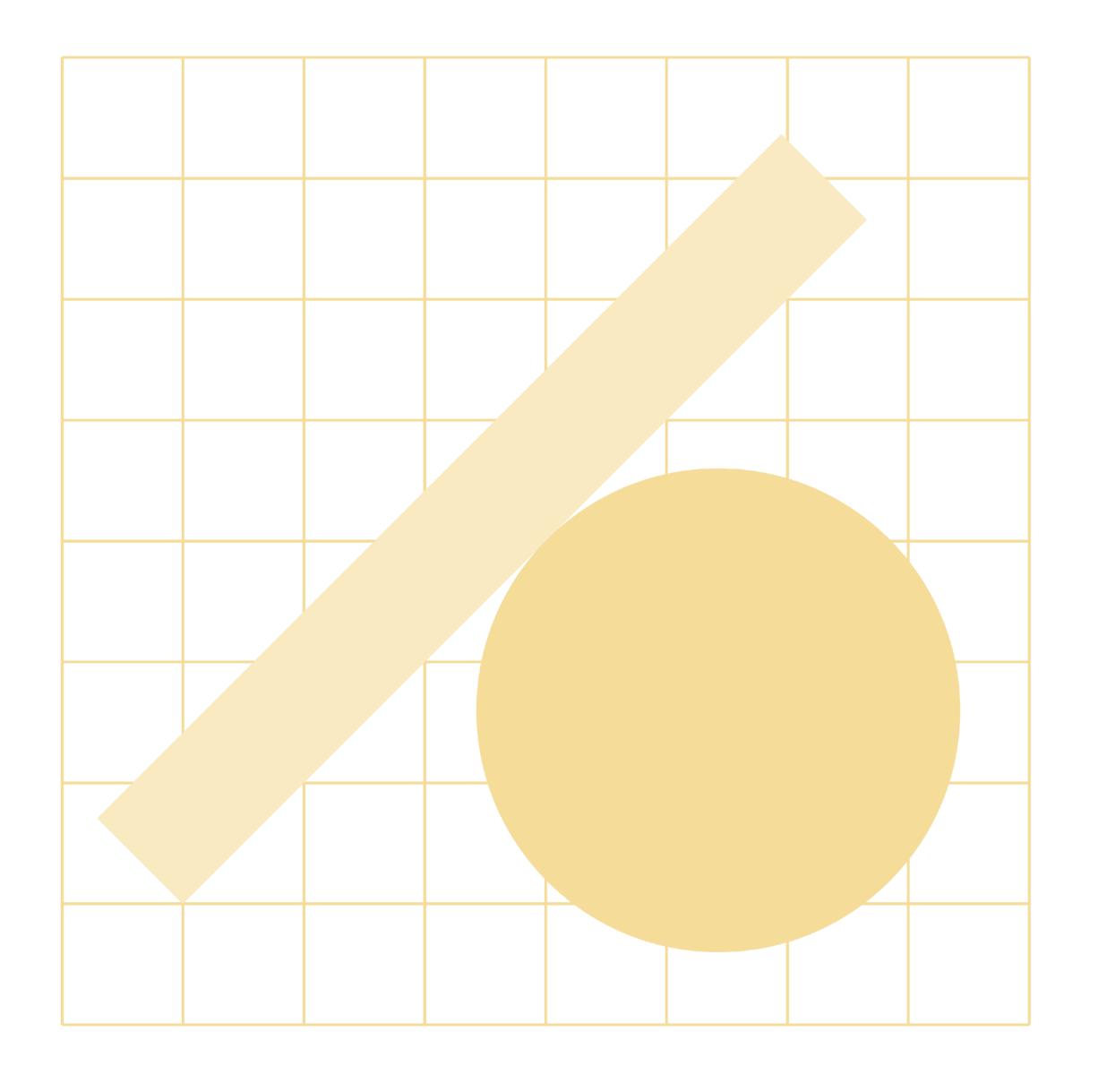
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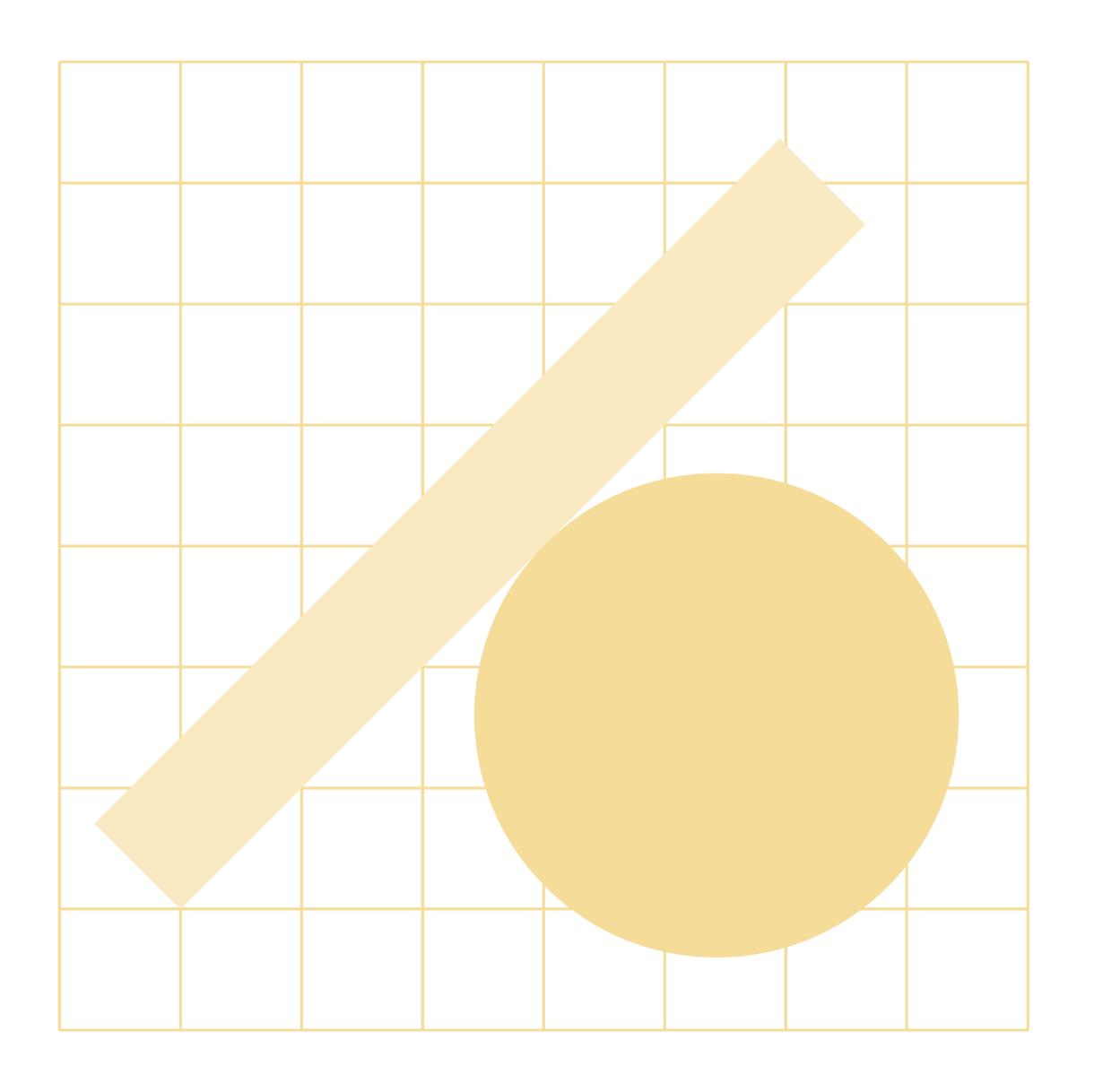
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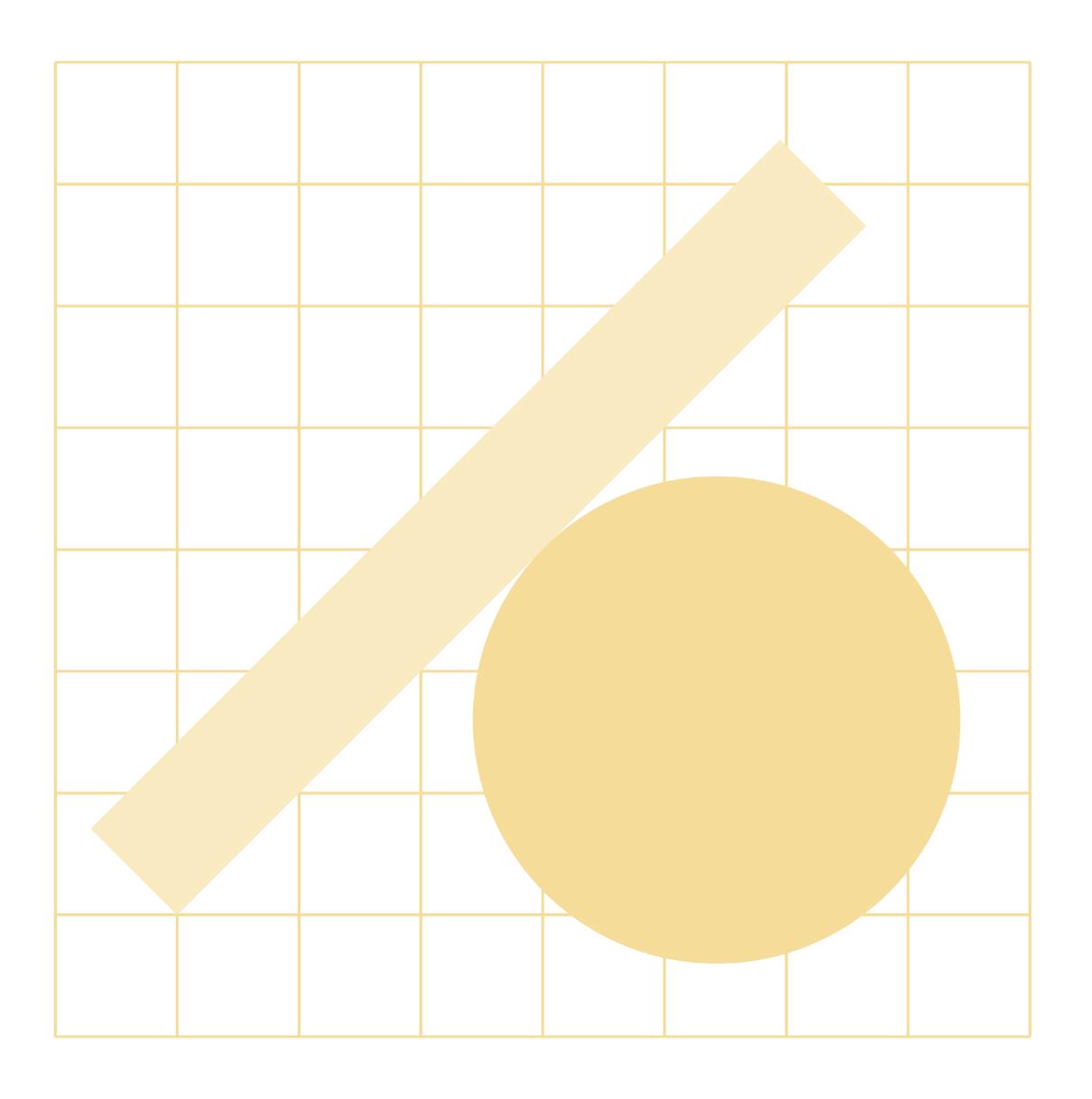
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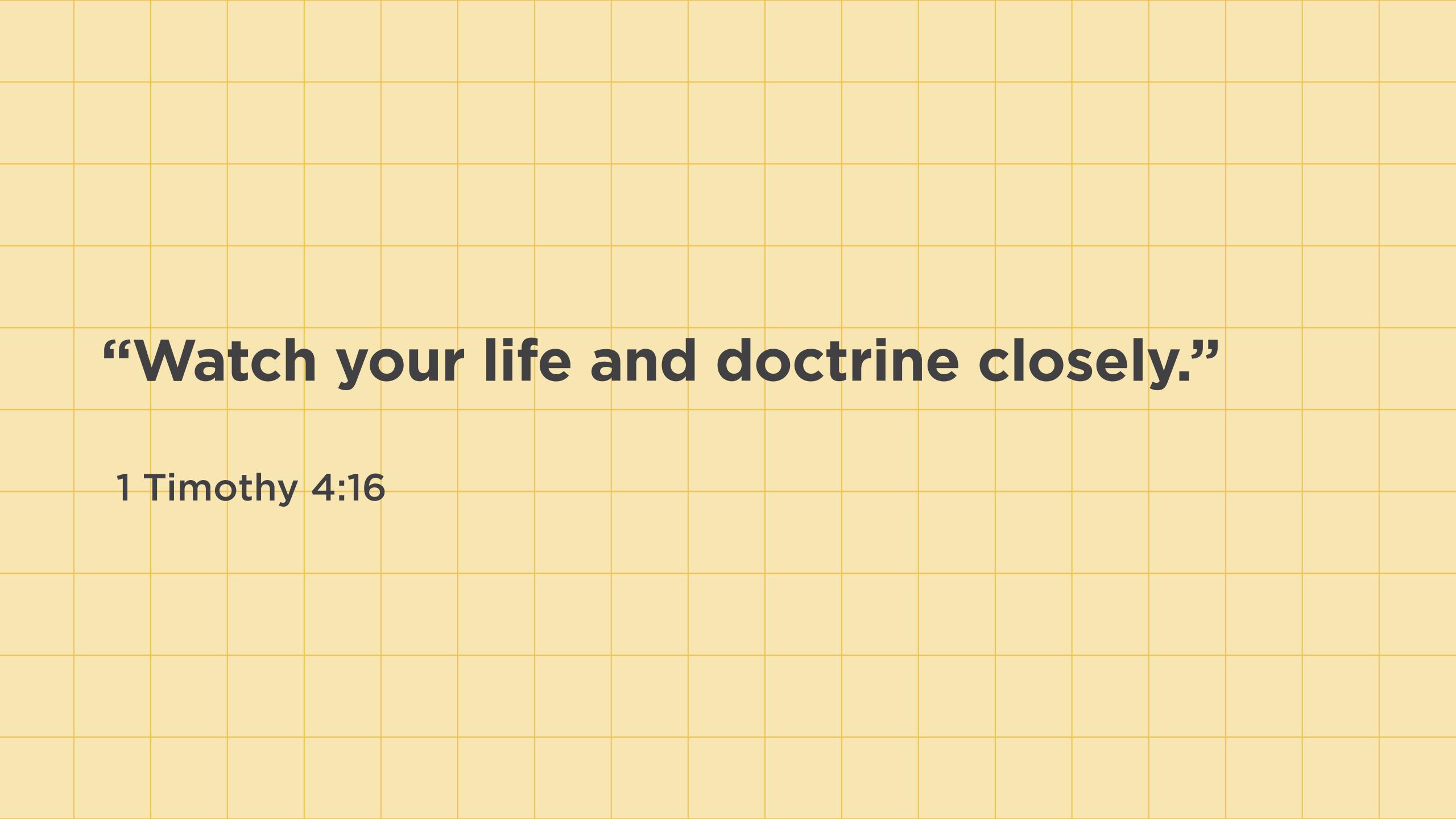


"Every age has its own outlook. It is specially good at seeing certain truths and specially liable to make certain mistakes." C.S. Lewis

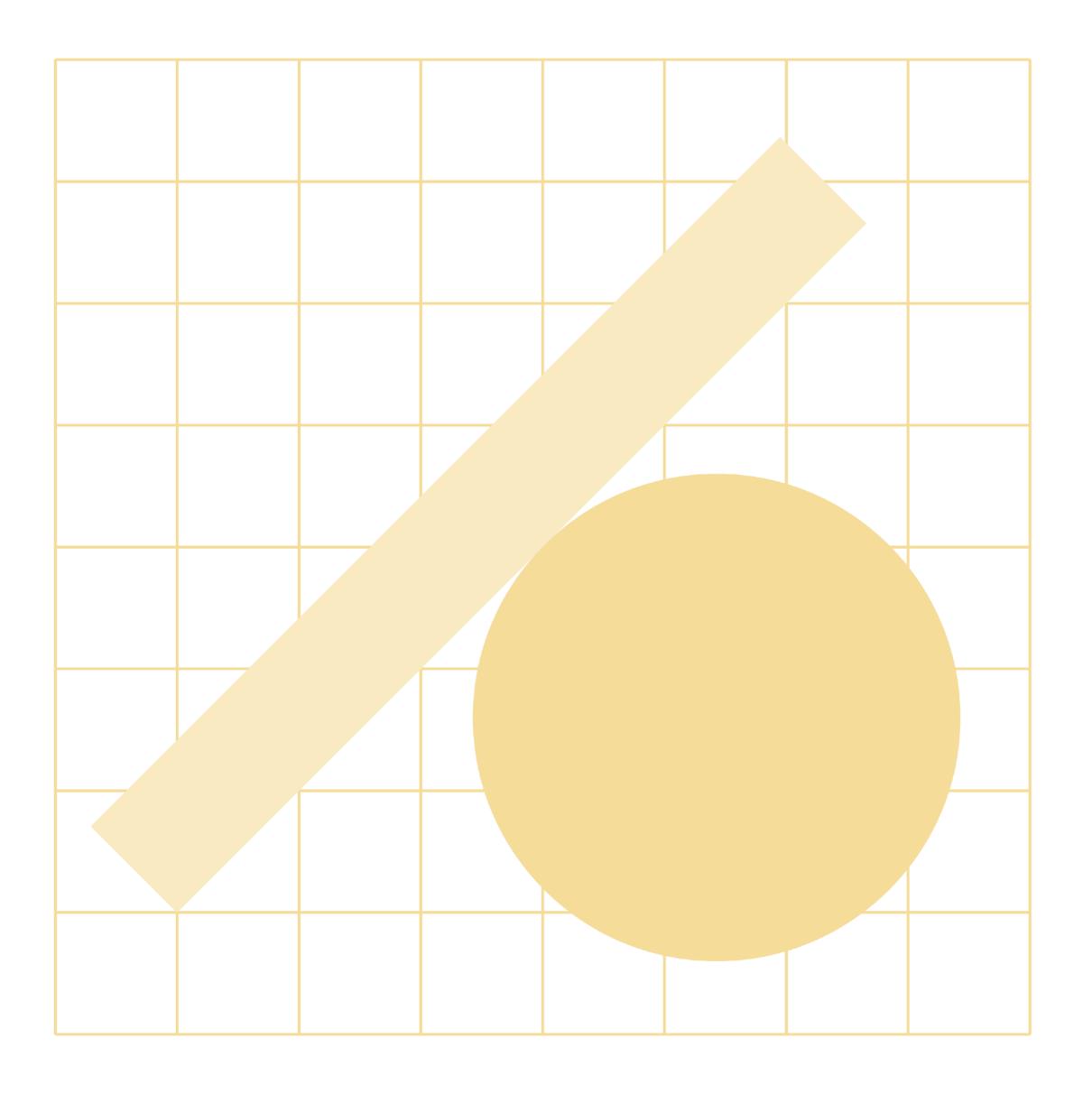
You're never the first and you're never the last

Basics





Unity







So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

"Tradition is not to preserve the ashes but to pass on the flame." **Gustav Mahler**