

# **With Me**

**A Journey through Psalm 23**

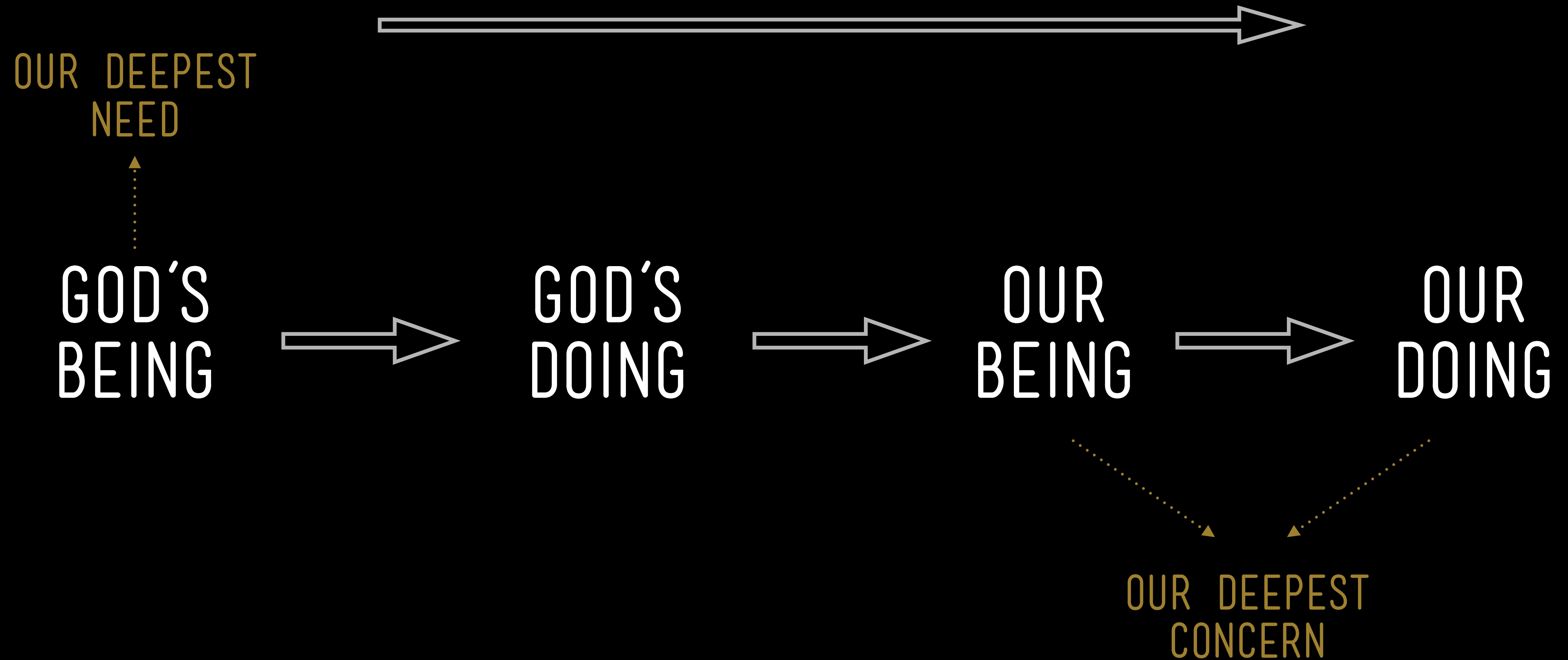
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# THE JOURNEY OF BECOMING



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I lack nothing...

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters...

He restores my soul...

He guides me along the right paths...

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

You anoint my head with oil...

The Lord is my shepherd... YAHWEH ROHI

I lack nothing... YAHWEH JIREH

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You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...

You anoint my head with oil... YAHWEH M'KADDESH

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PROVISION (YAHWEH JIREH)

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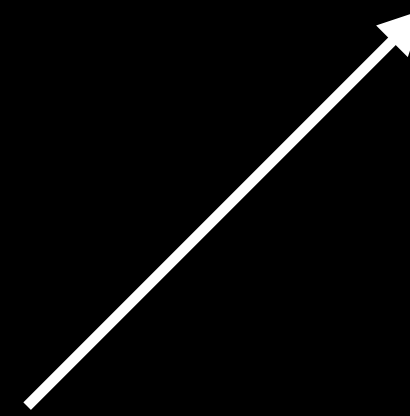
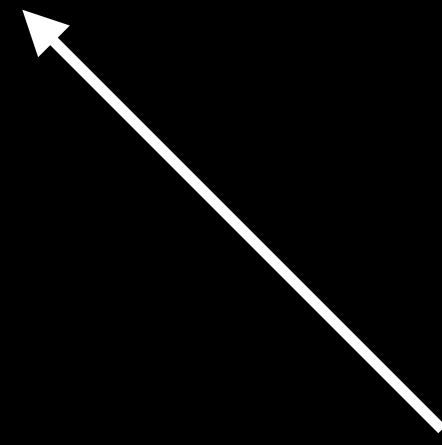


YAHWEH JIREH

THE LORD

TO SEE

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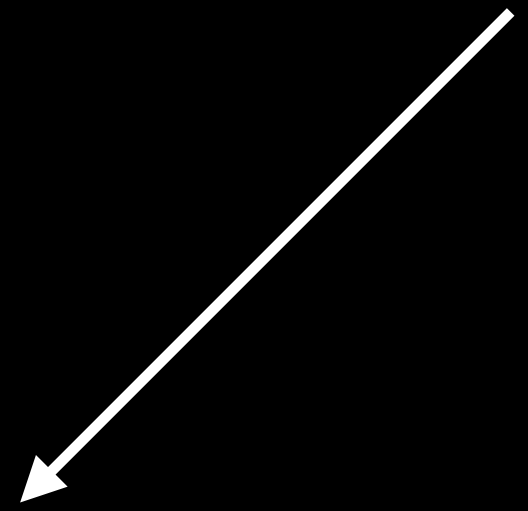
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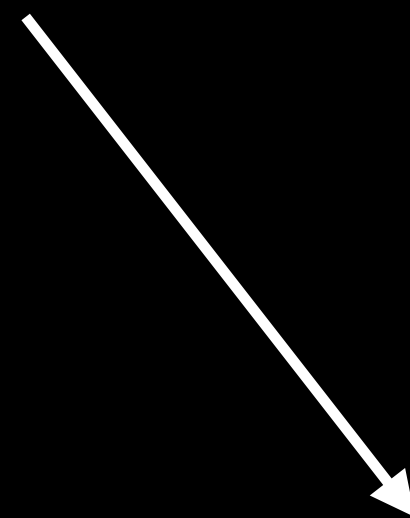
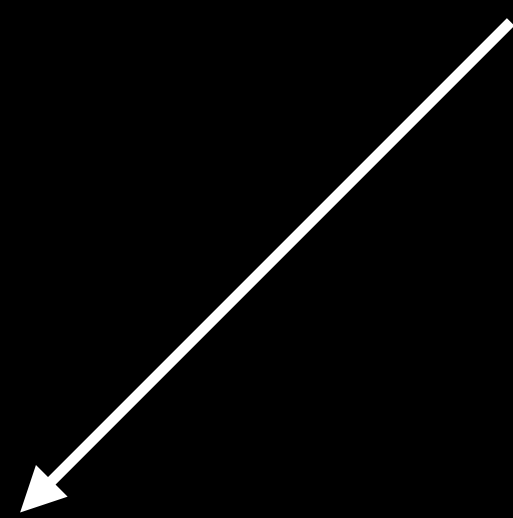
PRO VISION



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= BEFORE

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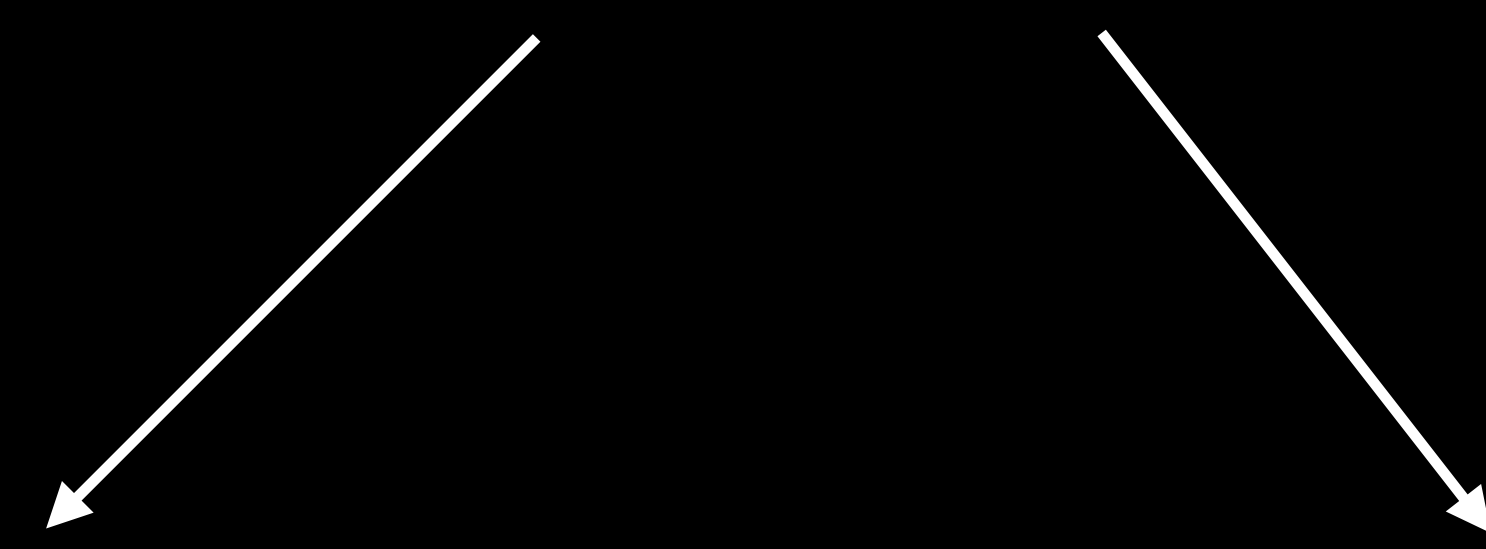
VISION



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PRO VISION



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VISION  
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= TO SEE BEFOREHAND



... with God, to see is also to foresee. As the One who possesses eternal wisdom and knowledge, He knows the end from the beginning. . . . From eternity to eternity He foresees everything. . . . Thus with God foreseeing is prevision... having prevision of man's sin, and fall, and need, He makes provision for that need. For provision, after all, is merely a compound of two Latin words meaning "to see beforehand". And we may learn from a dictionary that "provide" is simply the verb and "prevision" the noun of seeing beforehand. Thus to God prevision is necessarily followed by provision, for He certainly will provide for that need which His foreseeing shows Him to exist. With Him prevision and provision are one and the same thing.

Revd Webb Peplow

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YAHWEH WILL SEE TO IT

WHAT WILL YAHWEH SEE TO?

## John 3:1-5 NIV

[1] Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. [2] He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." [3] Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." [4] "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" [5] Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

John 3:16 NIV

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# PRINCIPLE OF FIRST MENTION

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# GENESIS 22

Genesis 12 – 'I will make you a great nation and I will bless you so you will be a blessing.' (Abraham 75 yrs old)

Genesis 13 – reminder of the promise – 'I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth – if it could be counted then so could your offspring be counted.'

Genesis 15 – God reminds Abraham again – 'Look at the stars – if you can count them, then you can count your offspring.' (10 years later).

Abraham takes matters into his own hands – Hagar gives birth to Ishmael – but Ishmael wasn't the child of the promise.

Genesis 17 – Abraham 99 (24 yrs later) – God's last reminder to Abraham – 'you will be the father of many nations! Sarah will have a boy.' (Sarah 90 yrs old)



## Genesis 22:1-14 NIV

[1] Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. [2] Then God said, "Take your one and only son, whom you **love**---Isaac---and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

[11] But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. [12] "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." [13] Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. [14] So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

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**Isaac**

**Jesus**

**Early 30s**

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Yahweh Will Provide

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Moriah = Calvary  
The Provision of Jesus

YAHWEH WILL SEE TO IT



HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
THE QUESTION OF NICODEMUS

FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN \_\_\_\_\_

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THE QUESTION OF NICODEMUS

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FOR ME TO LIVE IS \_\_\_\_\_, TO DIE IS \_\_\_\_\_

HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
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FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN WEALTH

FOR ME TO LIVE IS WEALTH, TO DIE IS TO BE BROKE

HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
THE QUESTION OF NICODEMUS

FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN SUCCESS

FOR ME TO LIVE IS SUCCESS, TO DIE IS TO FAIL

HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
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FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN MARRIAGE

FOR ME TO LIVE IS MARRIAGE, TO DIE IS TO BE ALONE

HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
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FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN FAME

FOR ME TO LIVE IS FAME, TO DIE IS TO BE FORGOTTEN

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FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN JESUS

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN

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FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN **JESUS**

2 Corinthians 1:20 NIV

[20] For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.



HOW CAN WE LIVE LIFE FULLY?  
THE QUESTION OF NICODEMUS

FULNESS OF LIFE IS FOUND IN **JESUS**

God you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until  
they find their rest in you.

Augustine

YAHWEH WILL SEE TO IT  
DEPENDENCE  
ISAAC

VS

I WILL SEE TO IT  
INDEPENDENCE  
ISHMAEL

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Philippians 4:11-13 NIV

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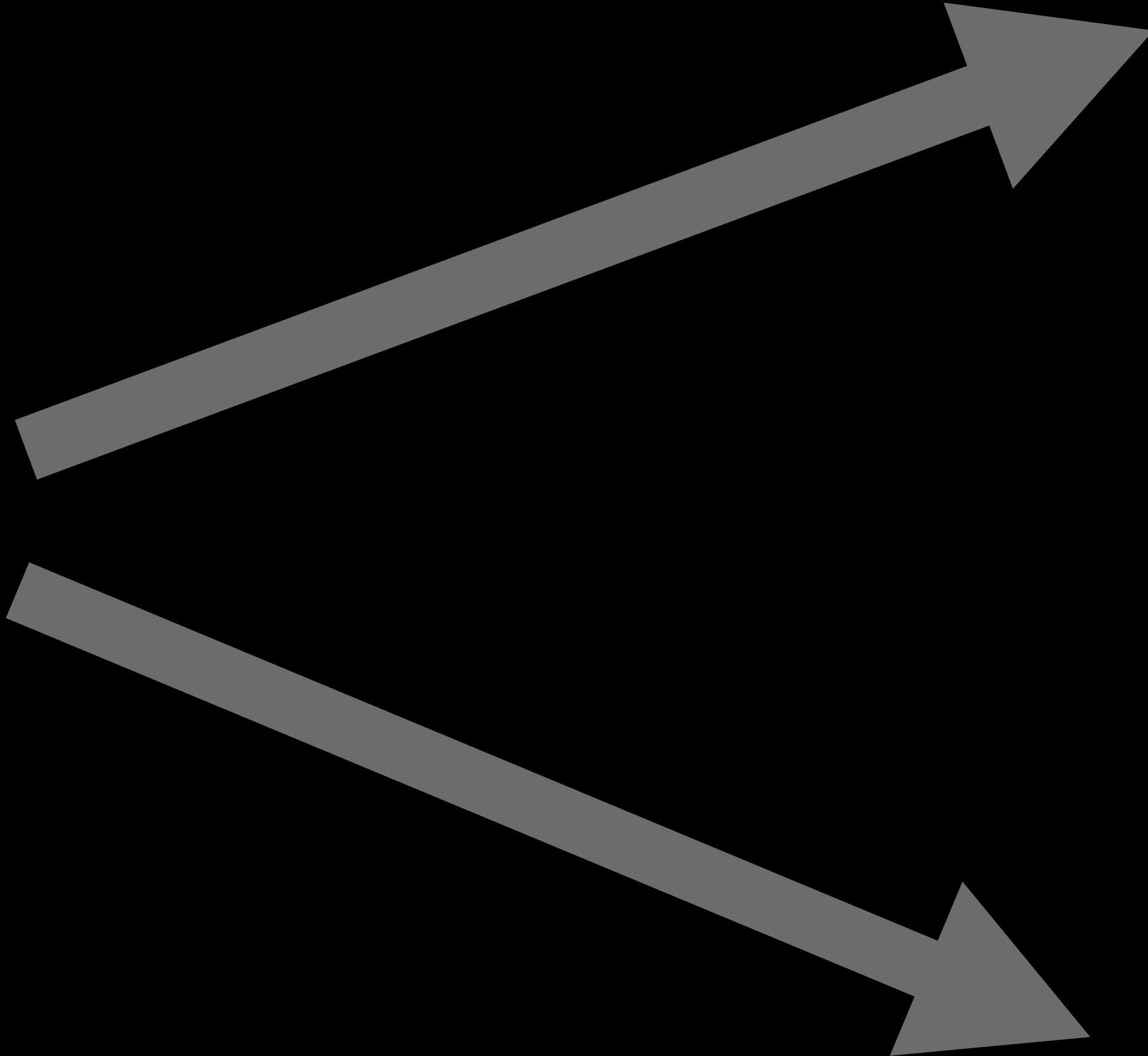
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## **2. Eliminate all emotion.**

Epictetus (a Stoic philosopher) says "Begin with a cup or a household utensil; if it breaks, say: "I don't care." Go on to a horse or pet dog; if anything happens to it, say: I don't care." Go on to yourself, and if you are hurt or injured in anyway, say: "I don't care." If you go on long enough, and if you try hard enough, you will come to a stage when you can watch your nearest and dearest suffer and die, and say: I don't care."



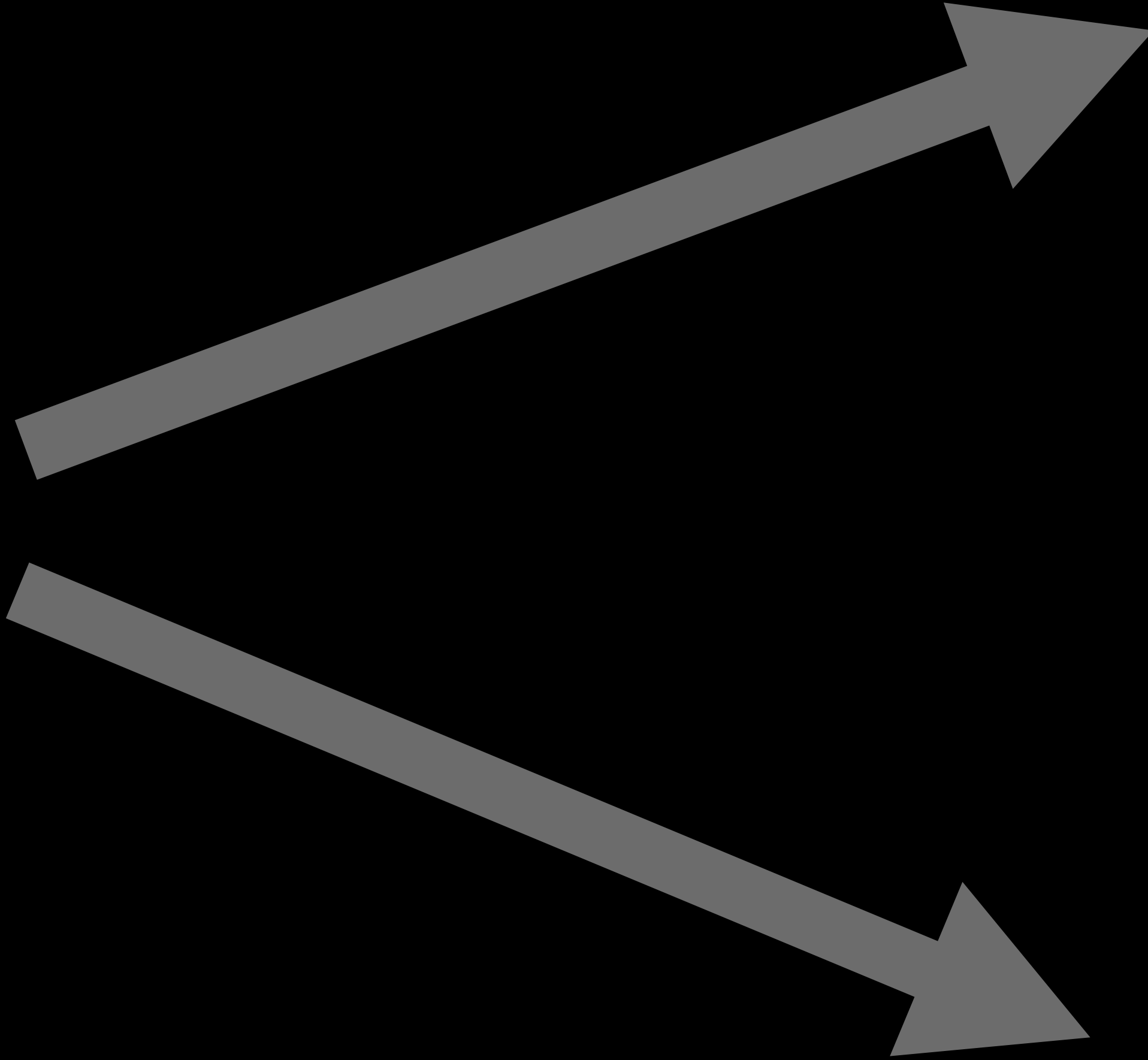
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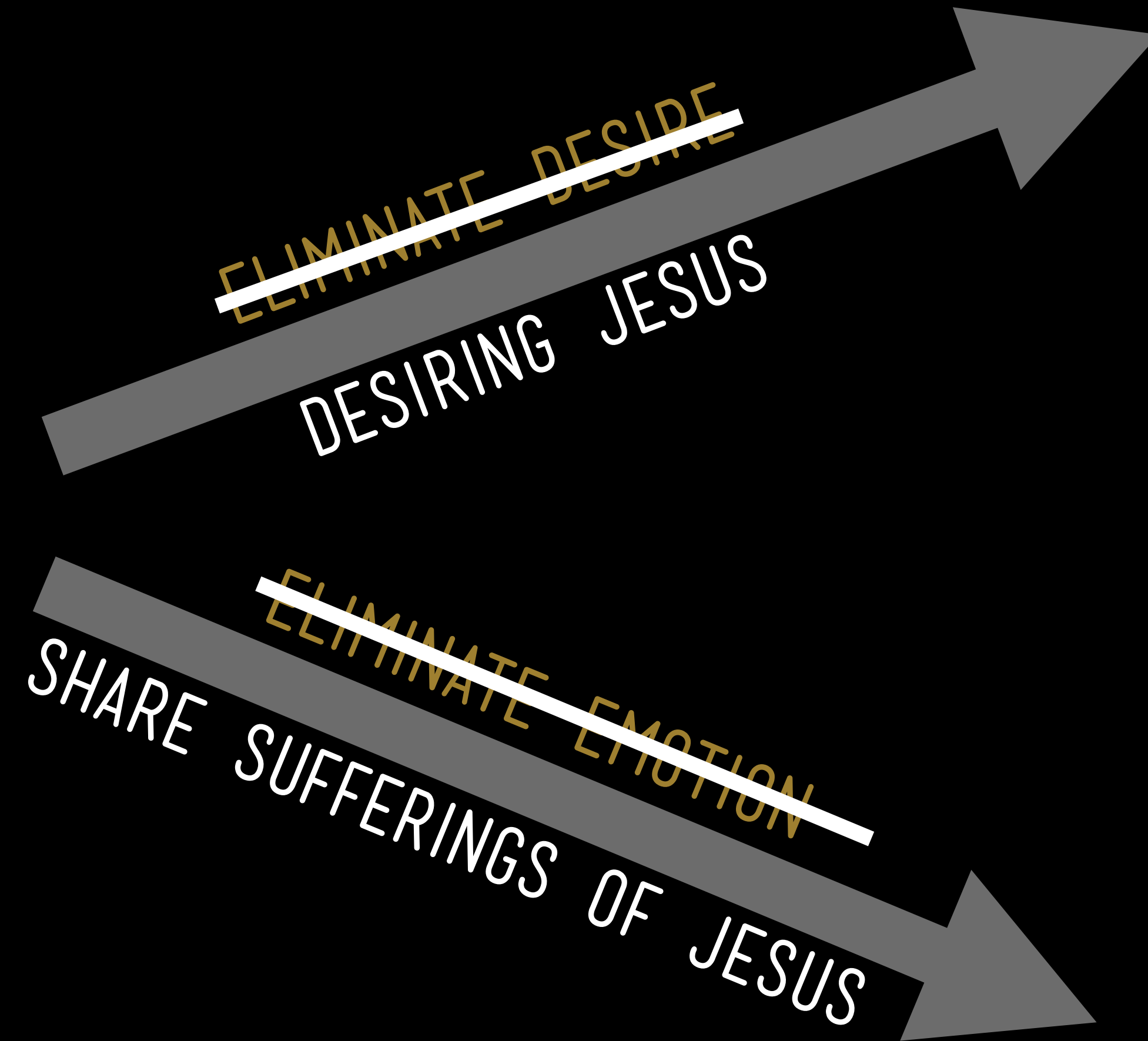
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Philippians 3:10-11 NIV  
I want to know Christ...

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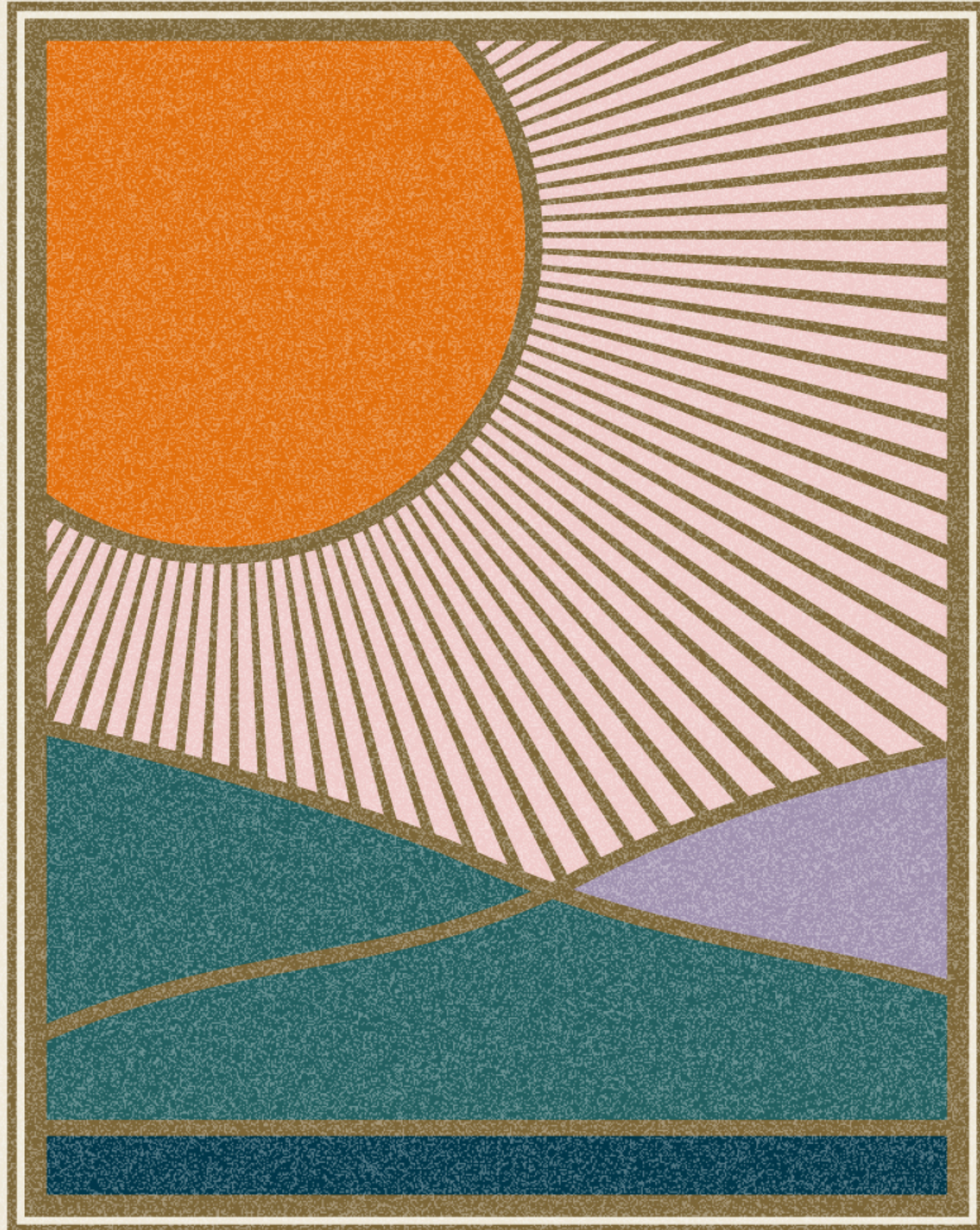
CONTENTMENT

JOY

Philippians 3:10-11 NIV  
... to know the power of his resurrection  
and participation in his sufferings...

[1] The Lord is my shepherd, I've found the key to contentment. [2]  
Safe and satisfied in him, I can now experience rest for my soul.

Yeh we've been fighting but it's time to feast  
The devil is a liar he's gonna watch me eat  
Jesus is alive and he fights for me  
Surely goodness and mercy walk beside me



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