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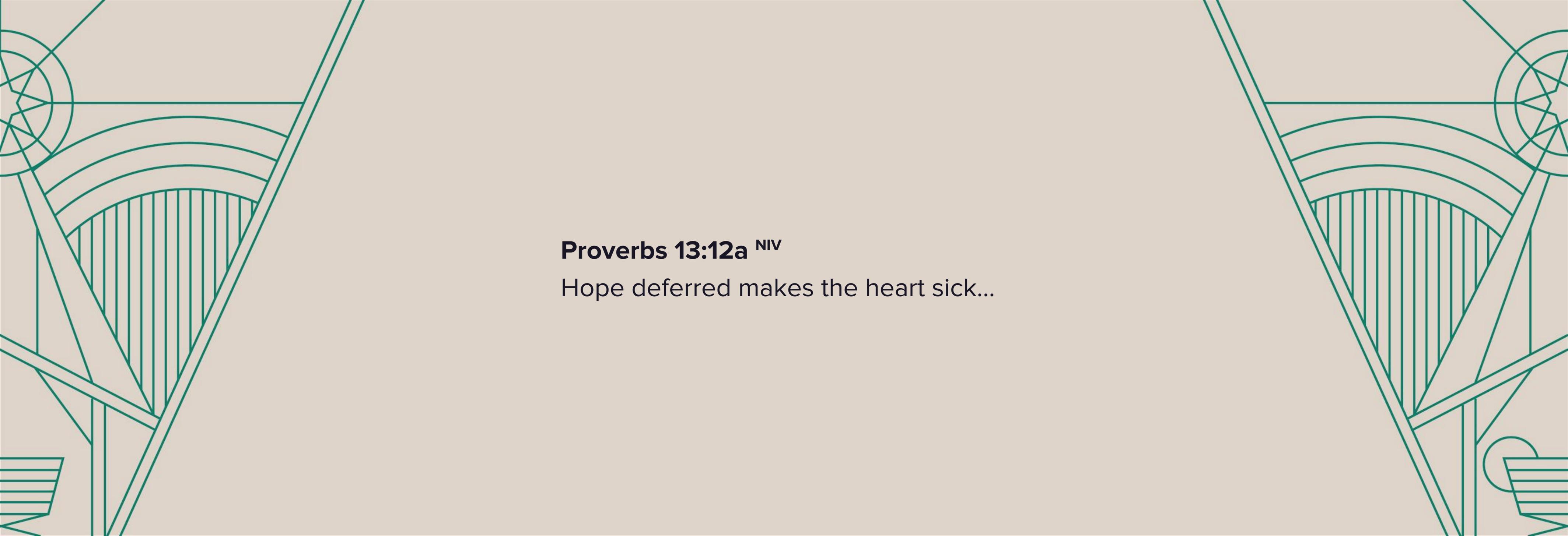
Sustaining Hope

Luke 2:22-40



“Human beings are hope-shaped creatures. How we live today is completely shaped by what you believe about your future.”

- Tim Keller



Proverbs 13:12a ^{NIV}

Hope deferred makes the heart sick...



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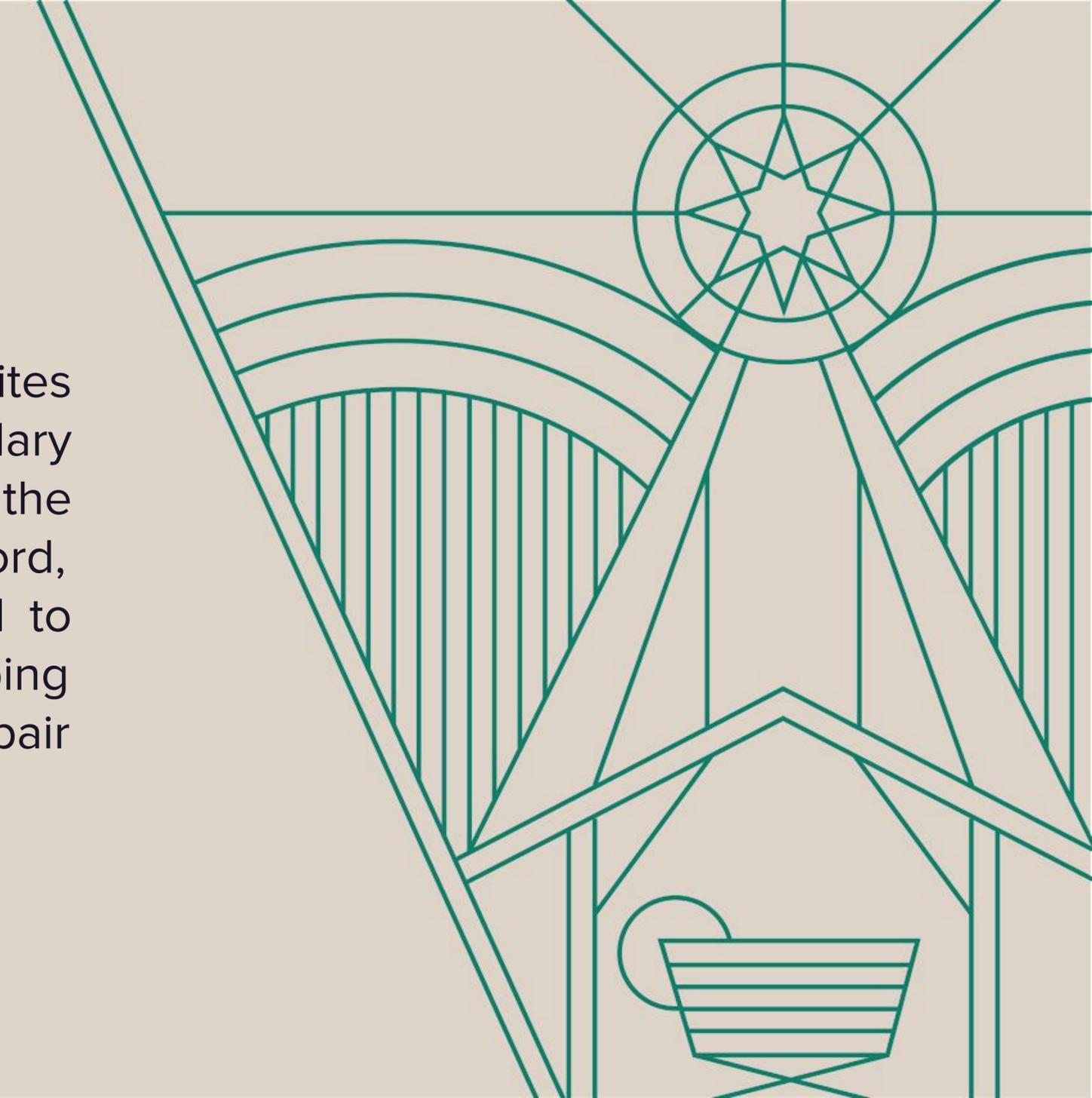
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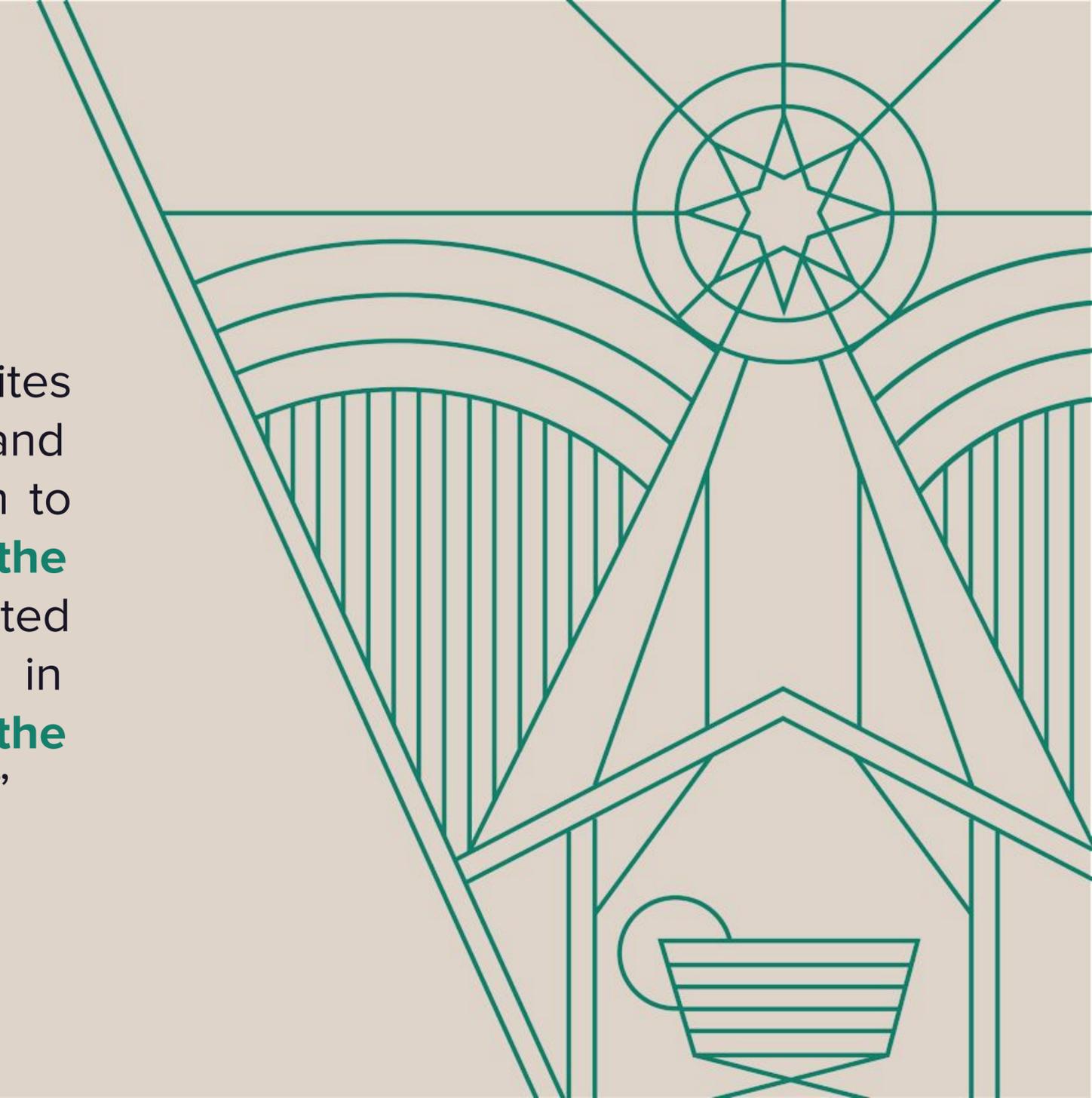
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“My drive in life comes from a fear of being mediocre. That is always pushing me. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being but then I feel I am still mediocre and uninteresting unless I do something else. Because even though I have become somebody, I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended and I guess it never will.”

- Madonna

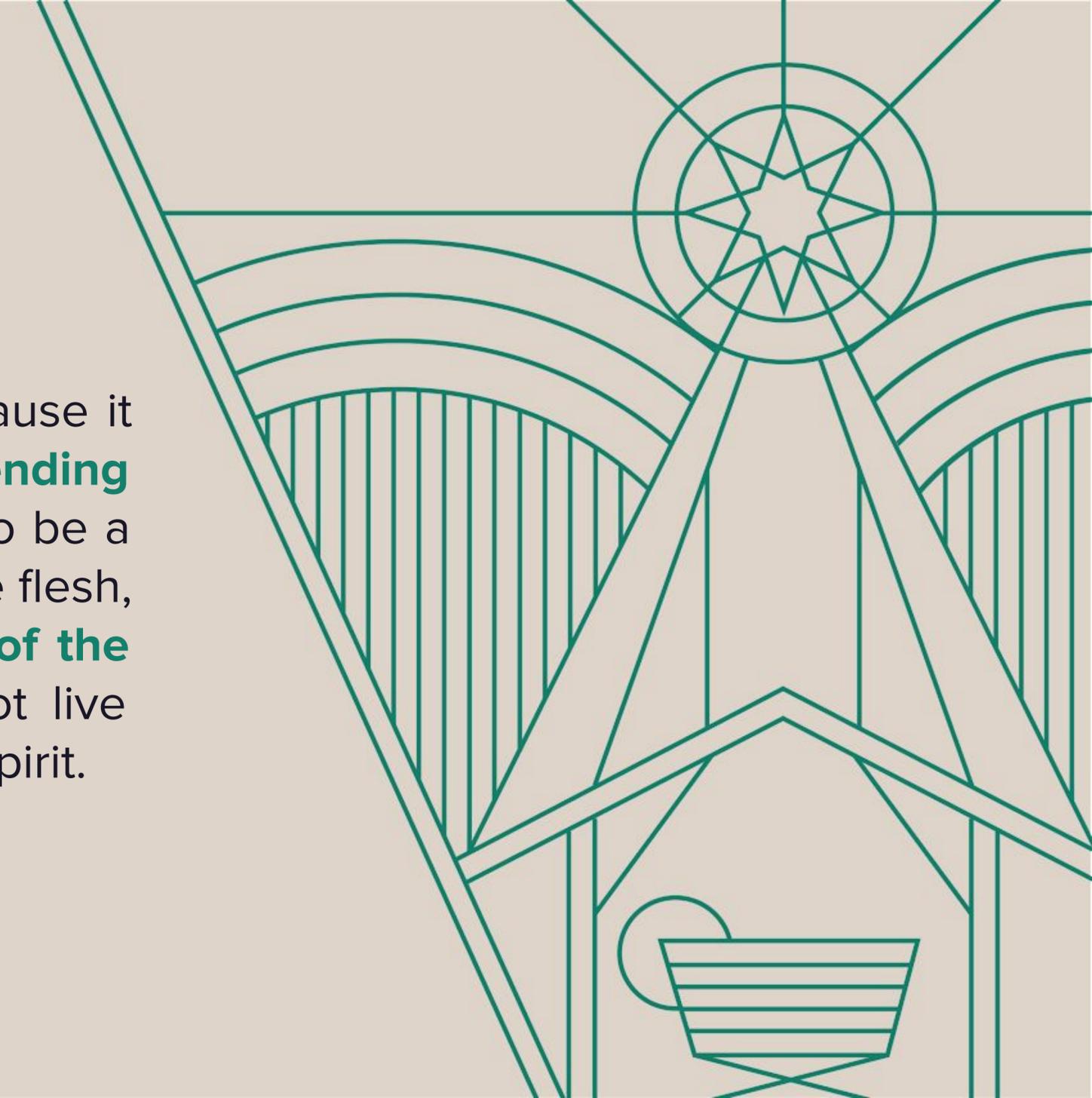
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Romans 8:3-4 ^{NIV}

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, **God did by sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ **in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us**, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



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Luke 2:25 ^{NIV}

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the **consolation of Israel**, and the Holy Spirit was on him.



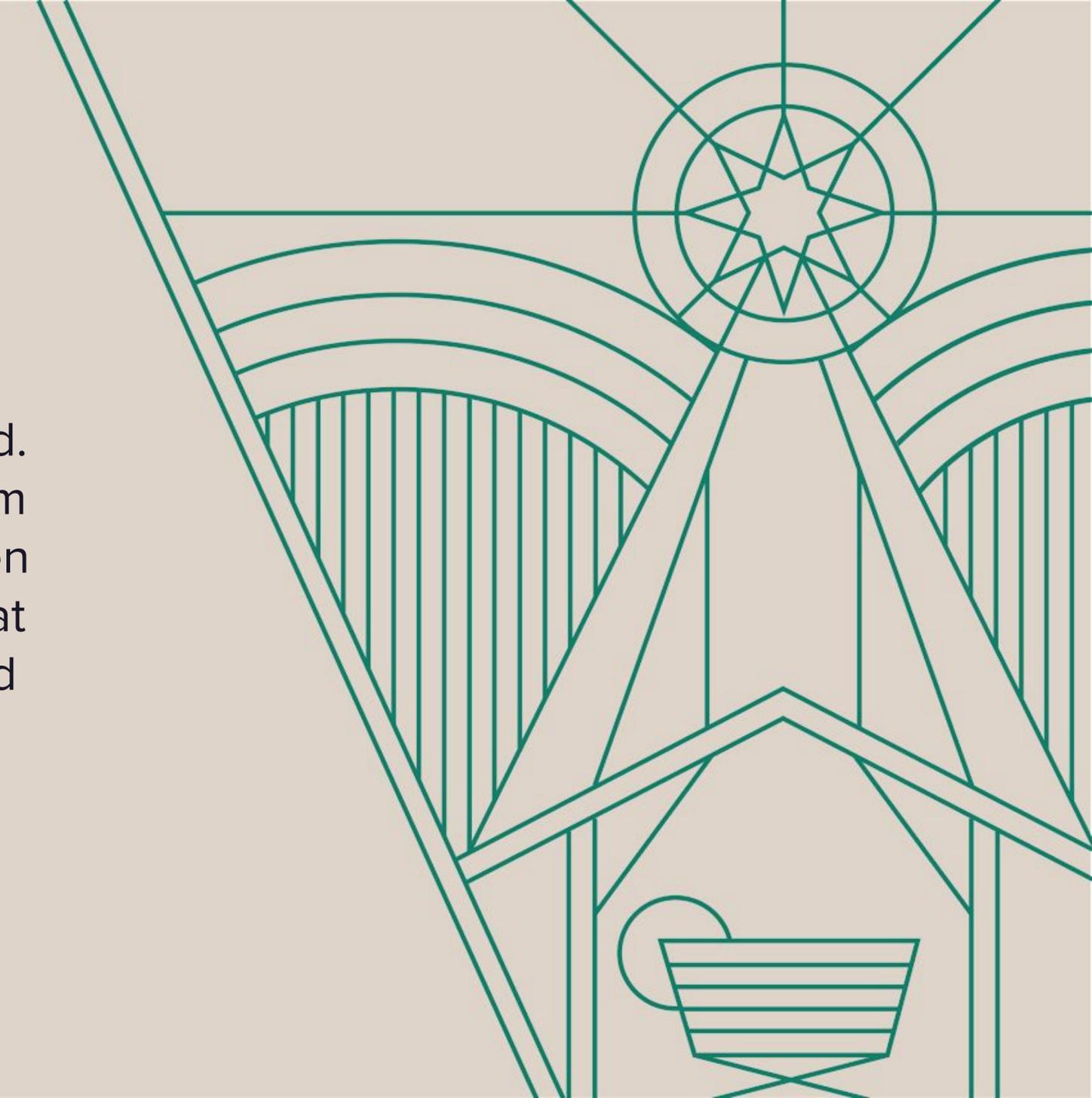
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Isaiah 40:1-2 ^{NIV}

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.



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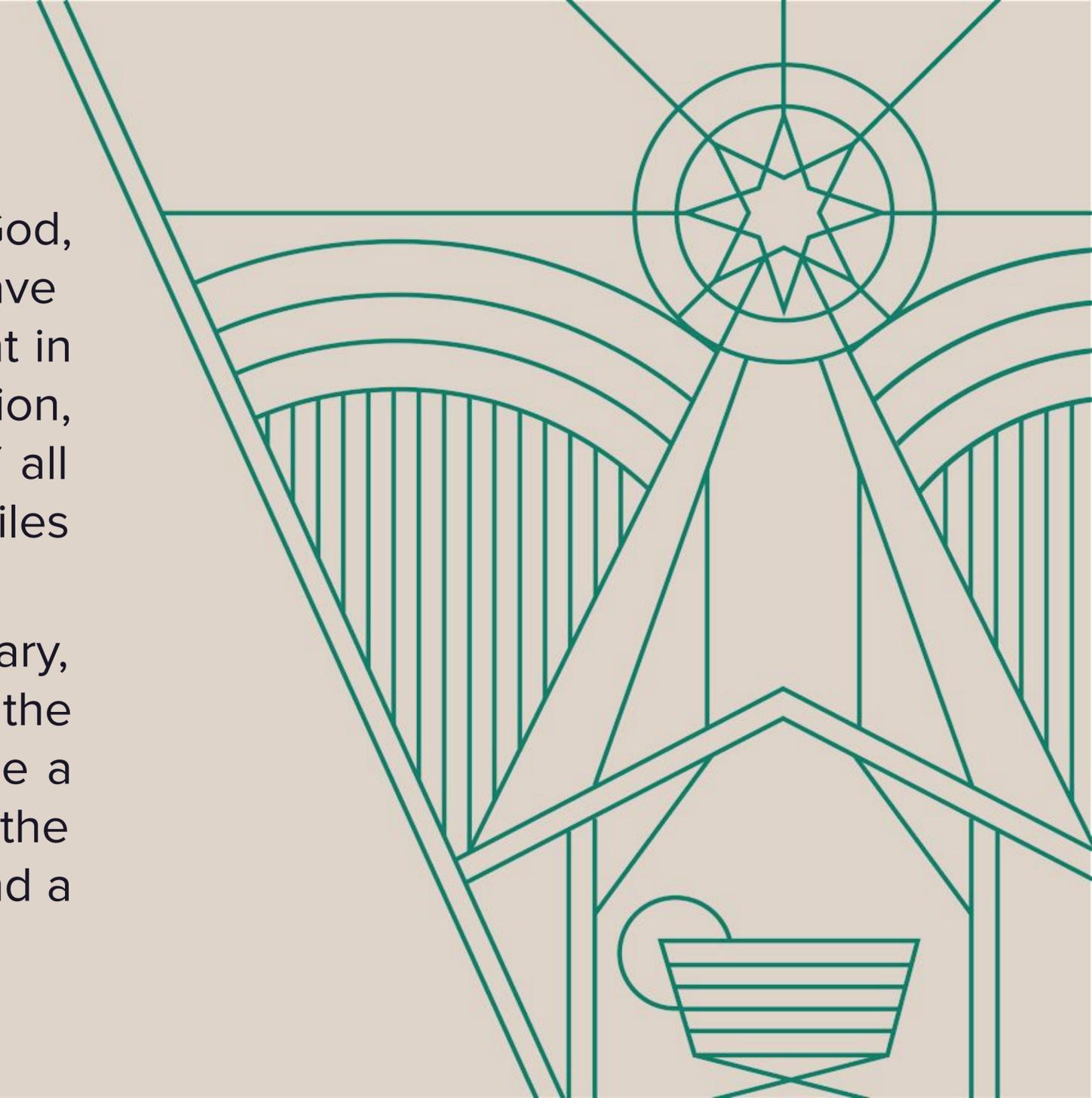
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Luke 2:28-32, 34-35 NIV

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John 16:33b ^{NIV}

In this world you will have trouble. **But take heart!**
I have overcome the world.

Matthew 11:28 ^{NIV}

Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and **I will give you rest.**

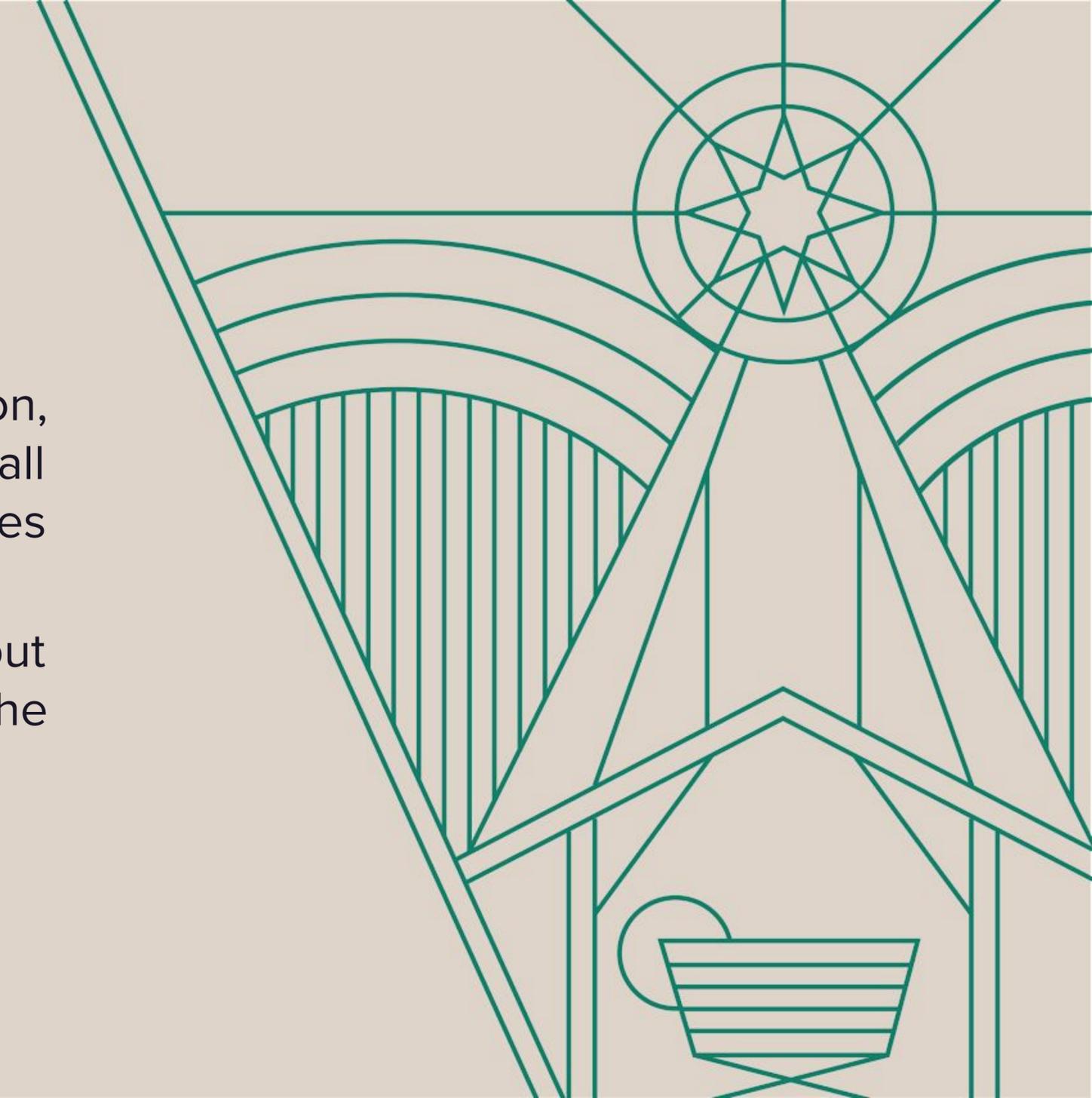


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Luke 2:30-32, 38 NIV

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³⁸ ...she gave thanks to God and spoke about
the child to all were looking forward to the
redemption of Jerusalem.



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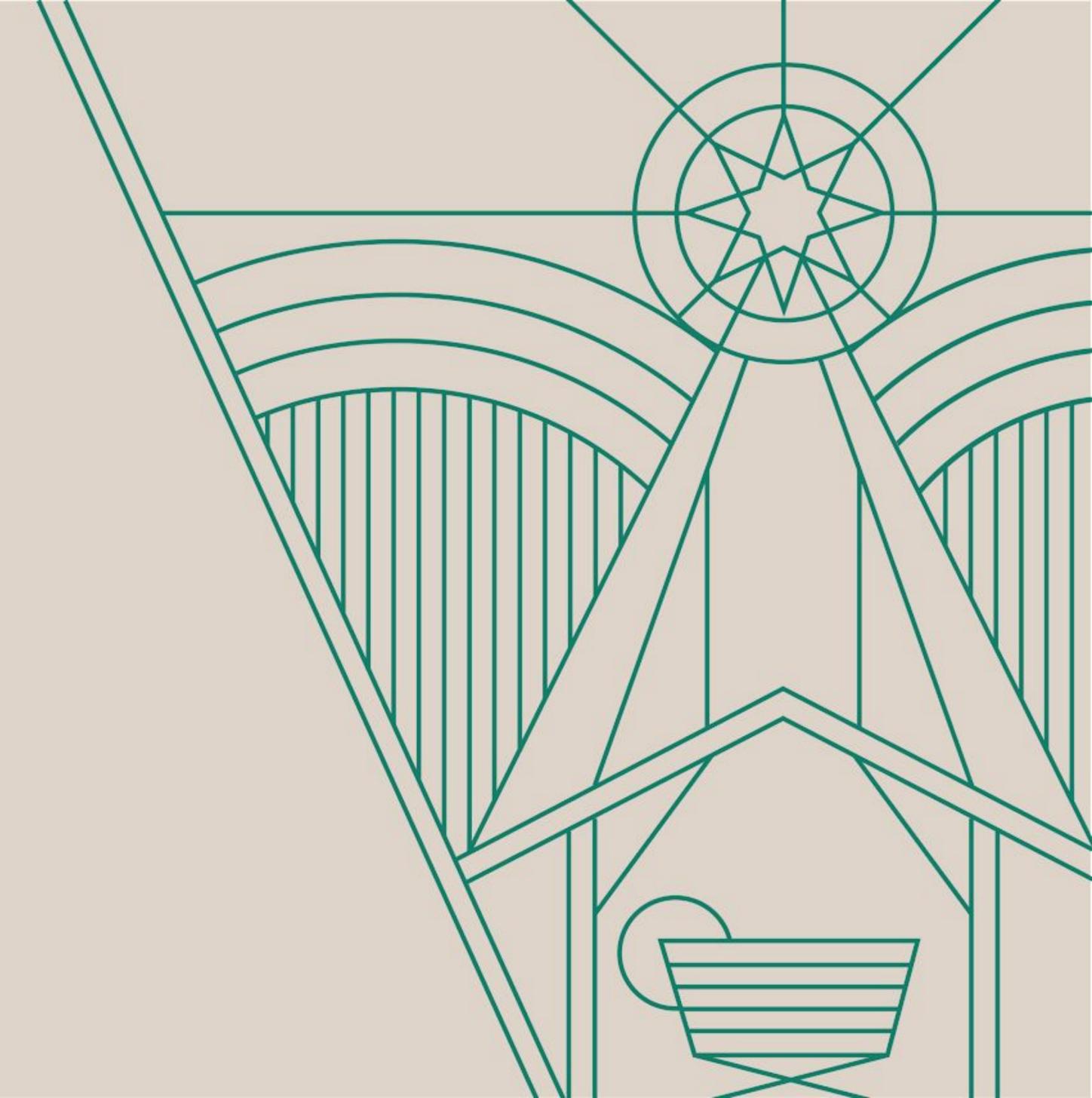
Ephesians 1:7 ^{NIV}

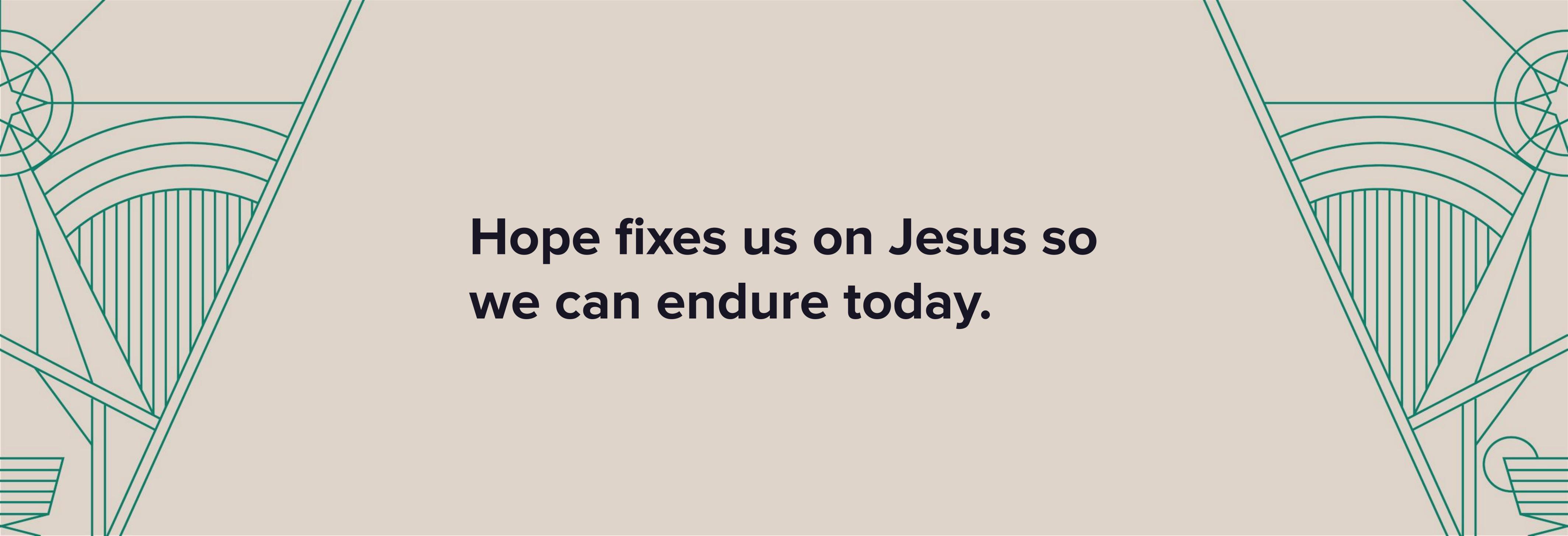
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace...



Models of Hope Lived Out:
Simeon & Anna

- **Wholehearted Devotion**
- **Long-suffering Endurance**
- **Fixed on the Promises of God**





**Hope fixes us on Jesus so
we can endure today.**