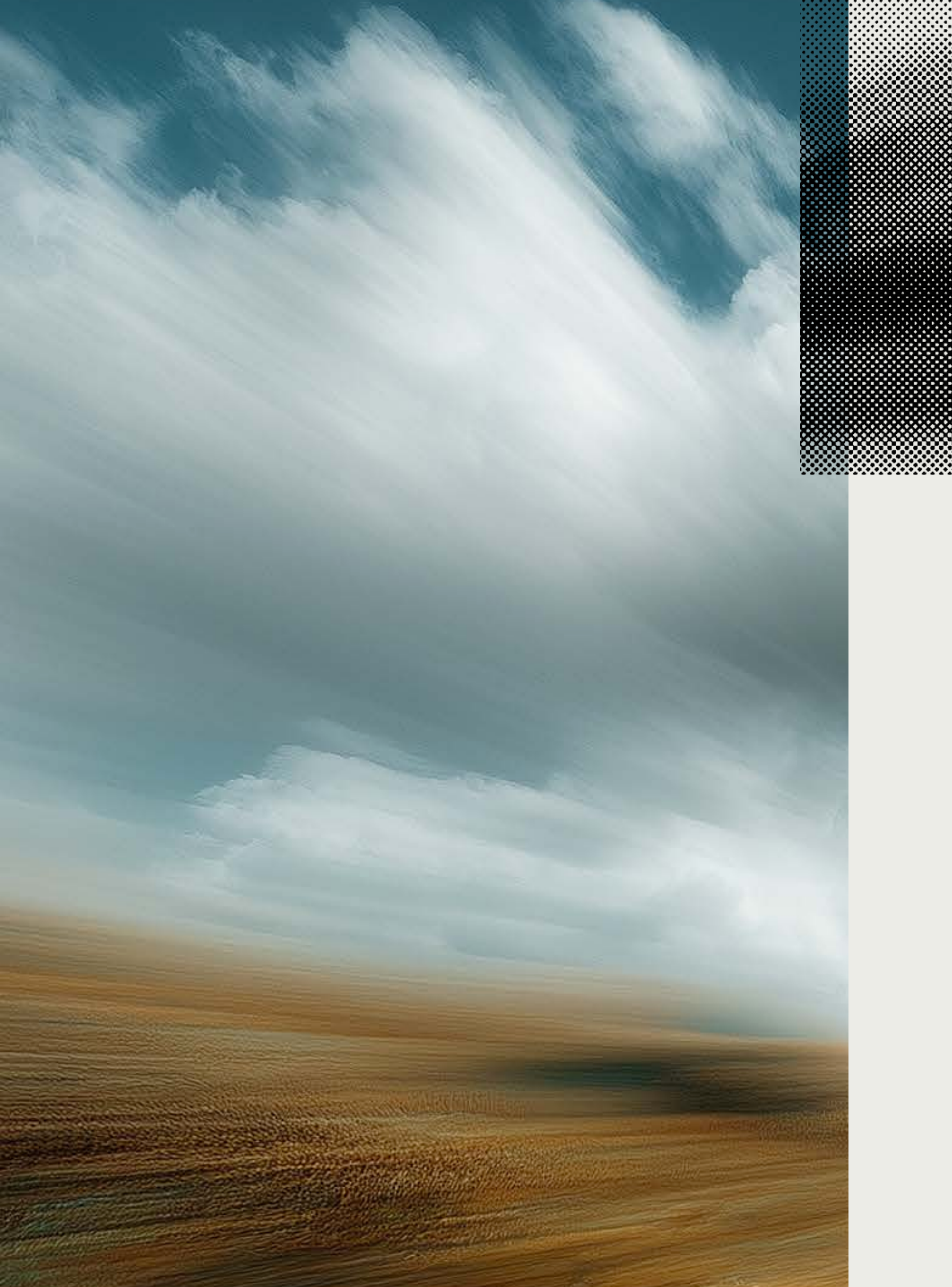


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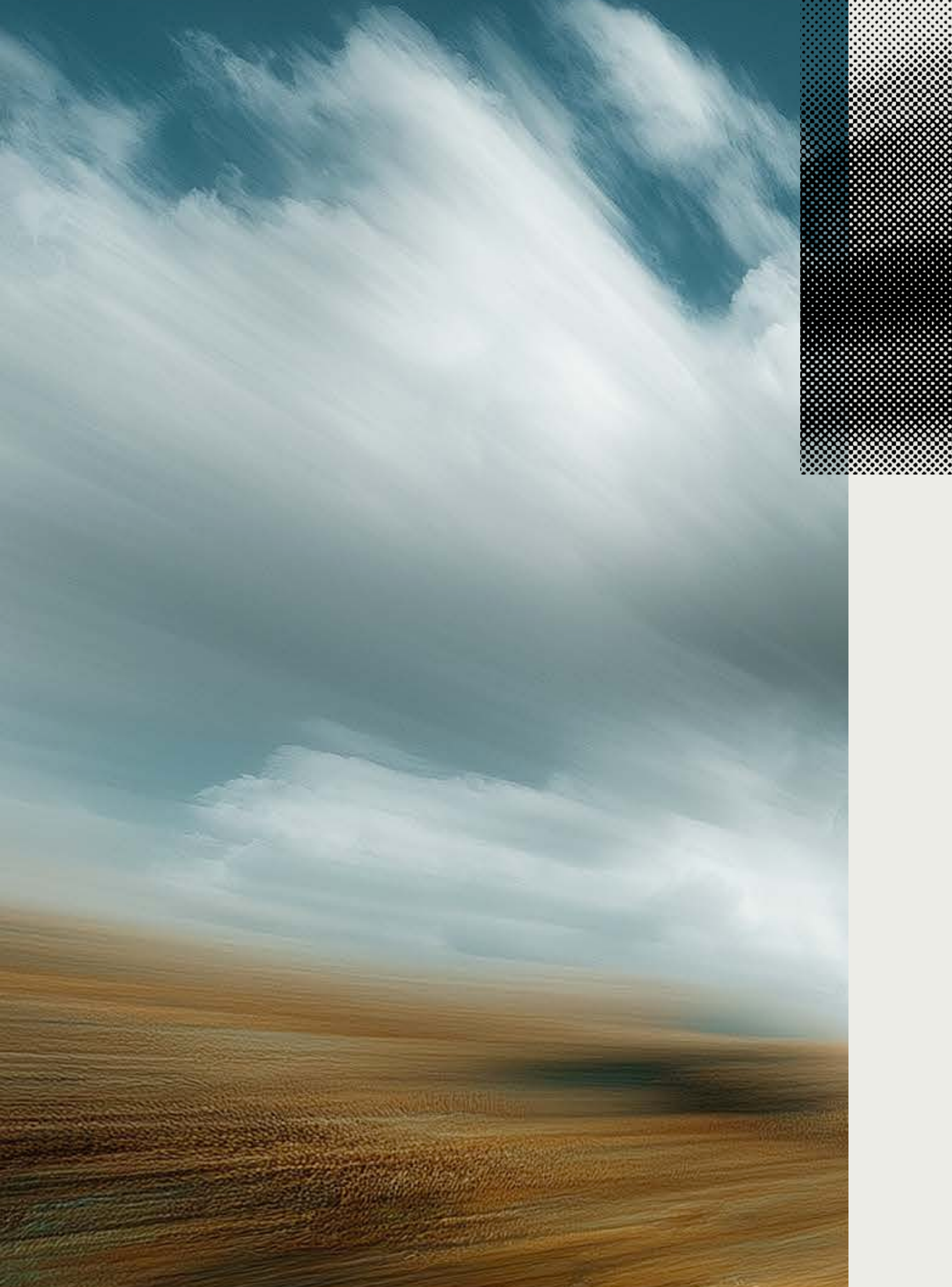


**NARRATIVE —→ BLESS —→ GOSPEL —→ COMMUNION**



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**PEOPLE**



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I want to hear you speaking

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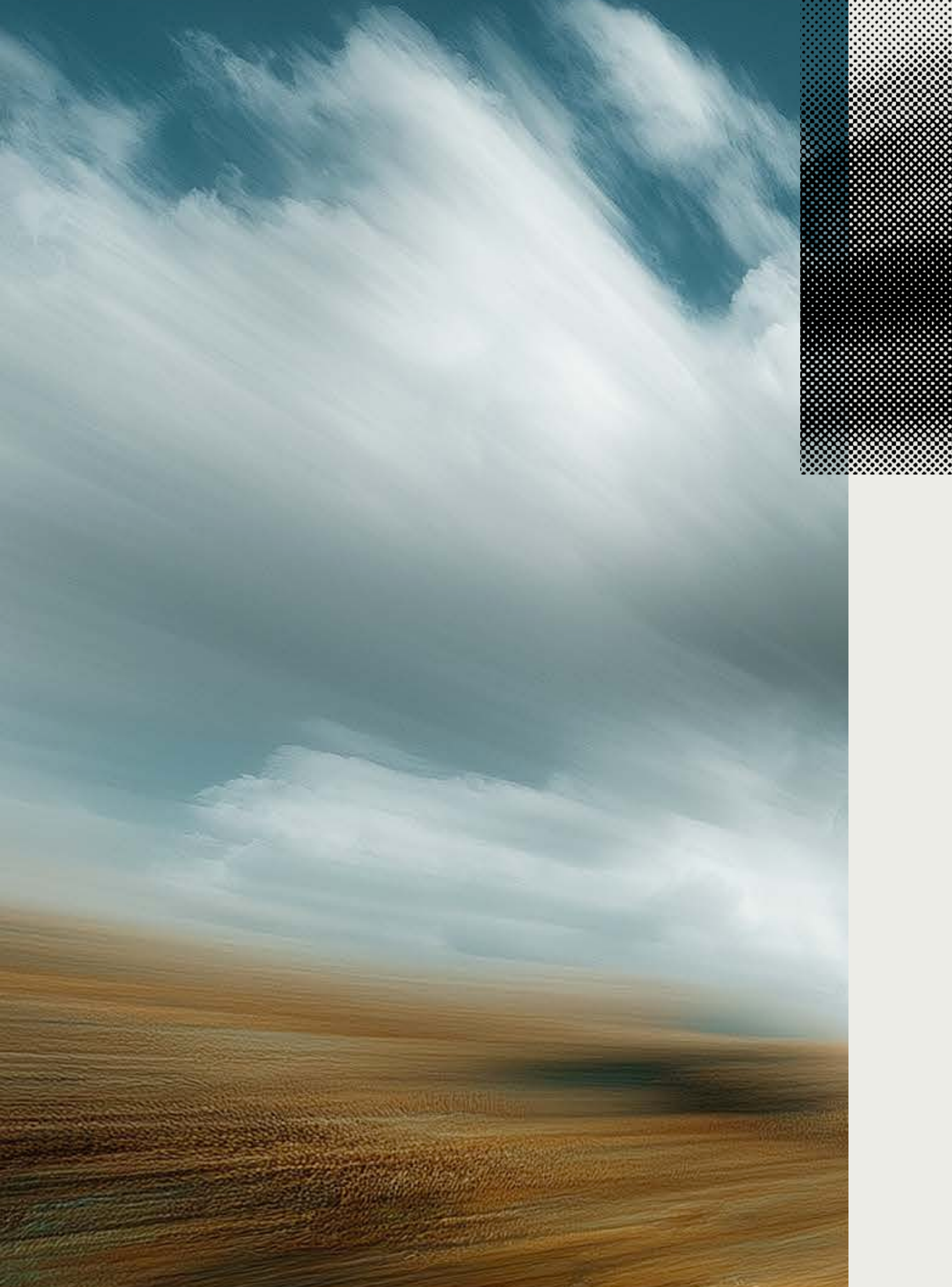
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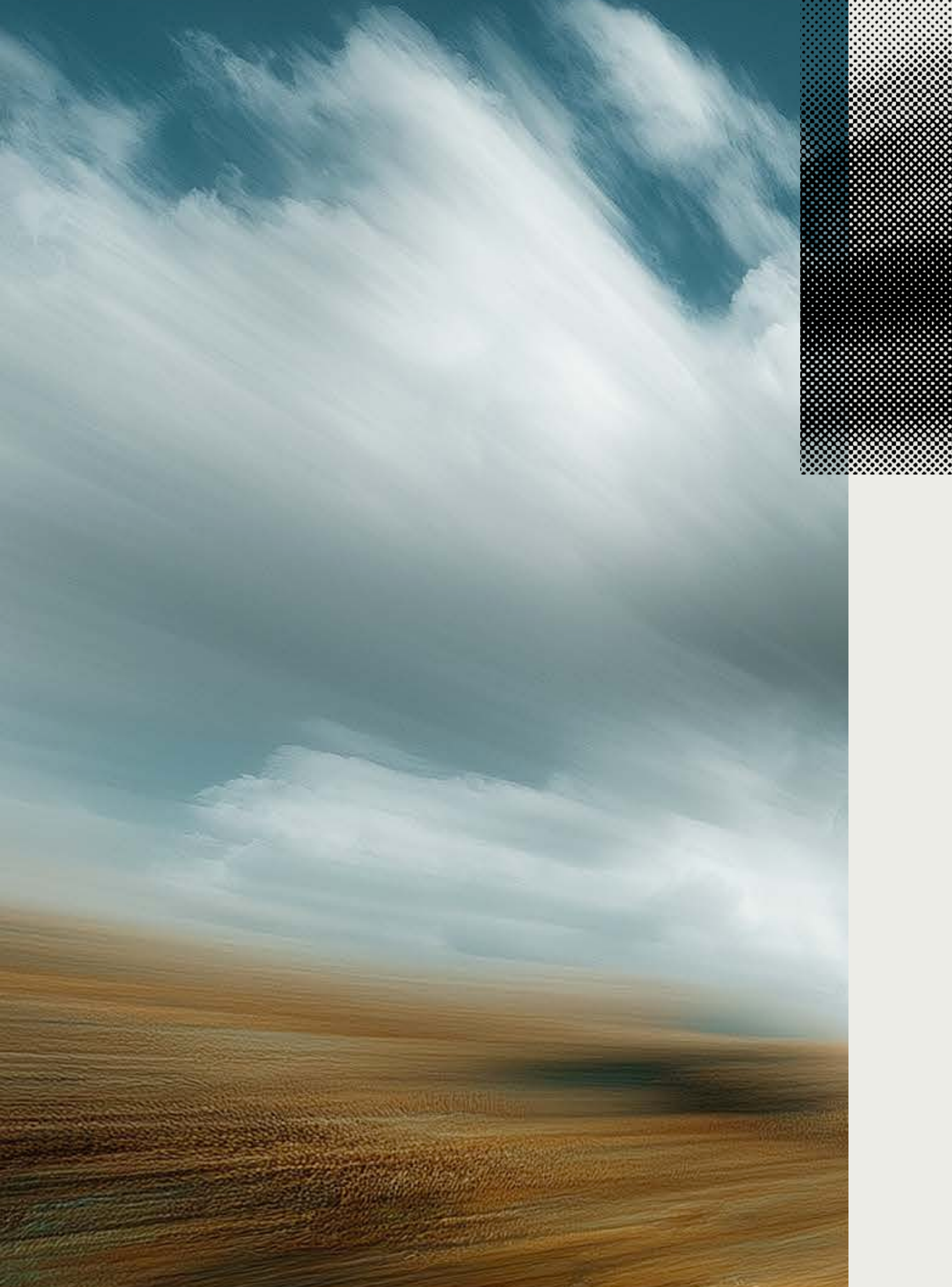
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Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

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**ACTS 8:30-31 NIV**



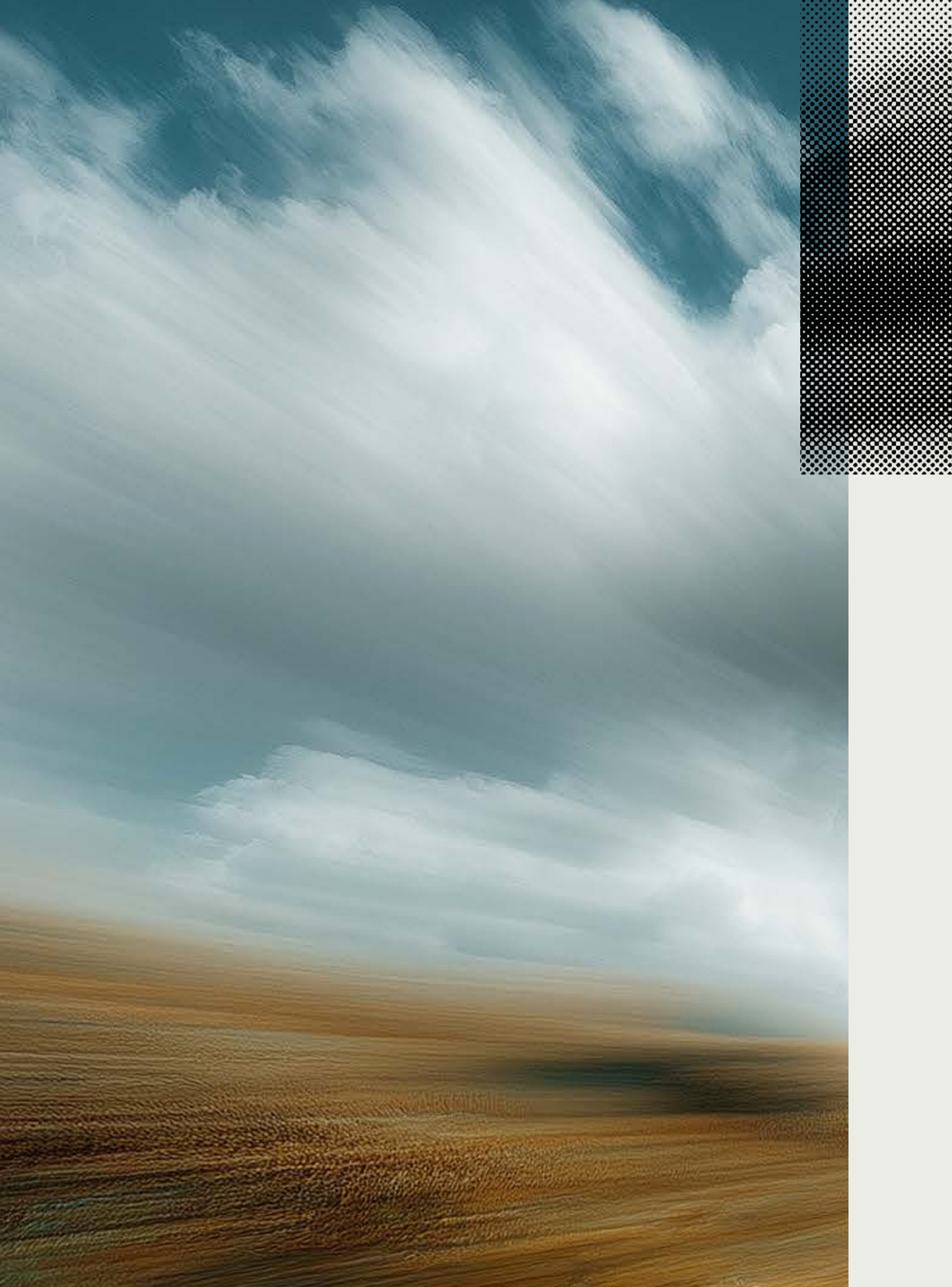
This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,  
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

**ACTS 8:32-35 NIV**

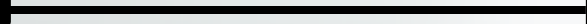


As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” <sup>[37]</sup> <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

**ACTS 8:36-38 NIV**

[37] Some manuscripts include here: Philip said, “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The eunuch answered, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

**BAPTISM**



# BAPTISM

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be **baptized** by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be **baptized** by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

**MATTHEW 3:13-15 NIV**

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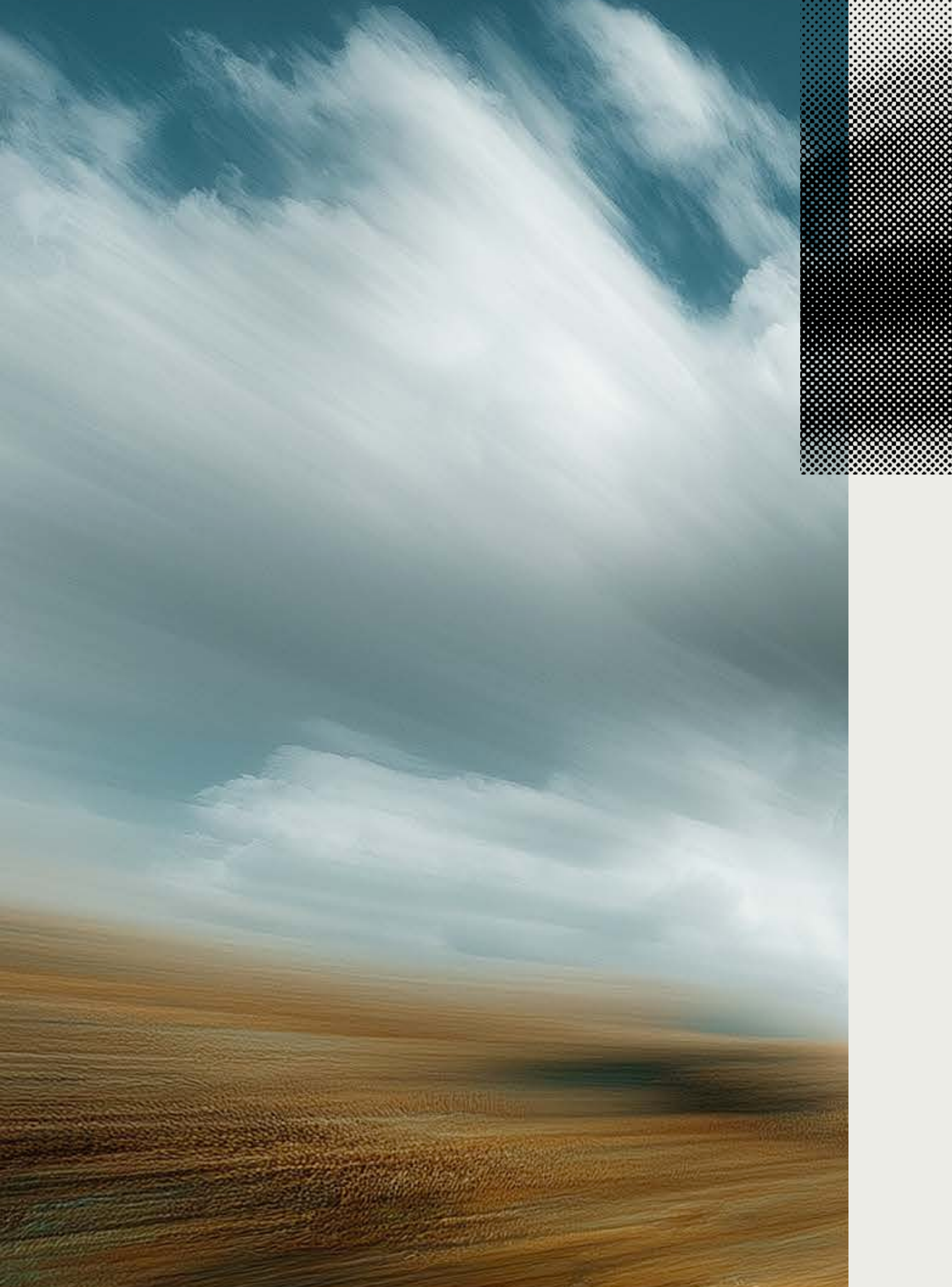
Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**MATTHEW 28:18-20 NIV**

# BAPTISM

Peter replied, “Repent and be **baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

ACTS 2:38-39 NIV

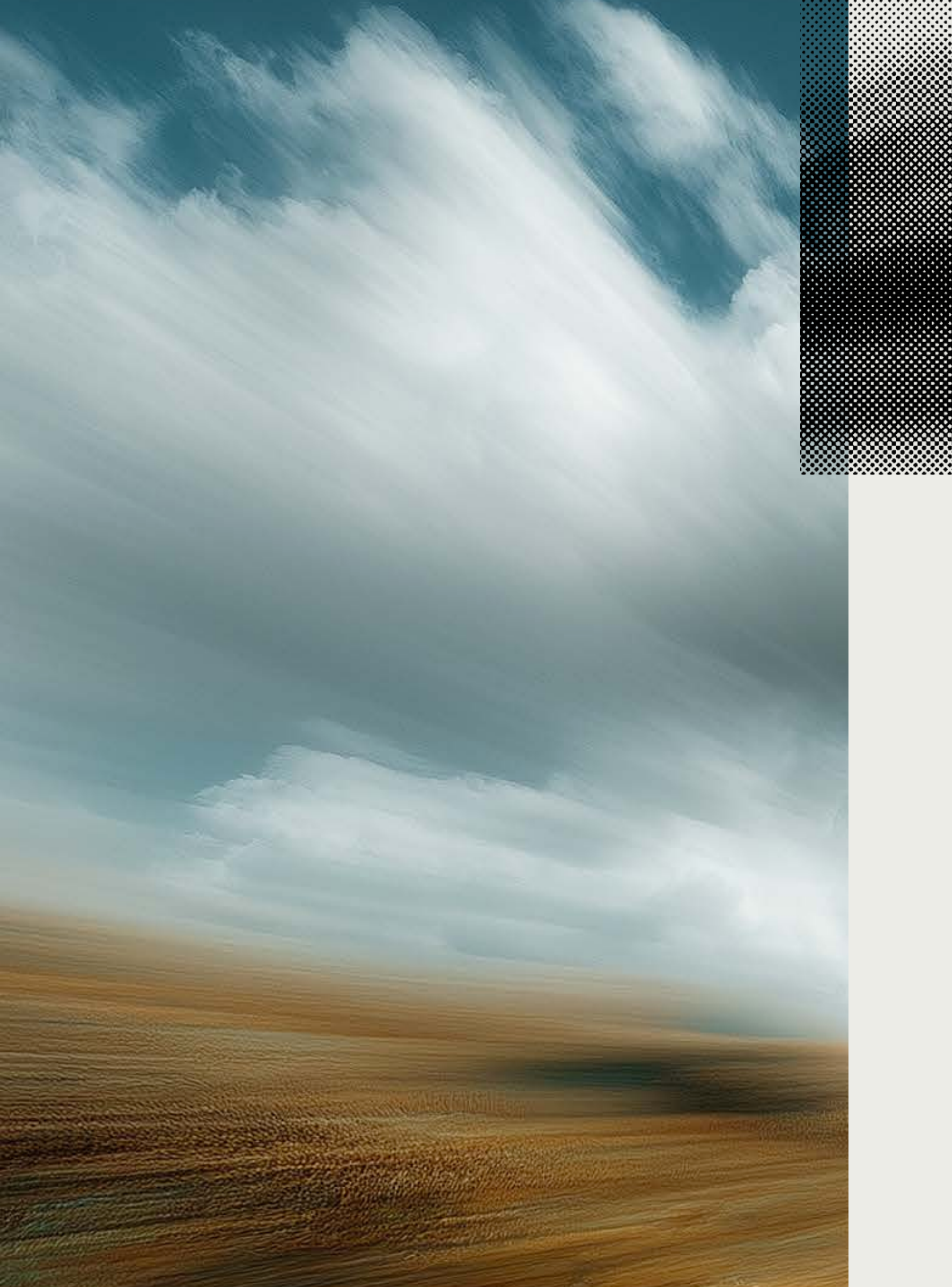


Envoys will come from Egypt;  
Cush will submit herself to God.

**PSALM 68:31 NIV**

“From beyond the rivers of Cush  
my worshipers, my scattered people,  
will bring me offerings.”

**ZEPHANIAH 3:10 NIV**



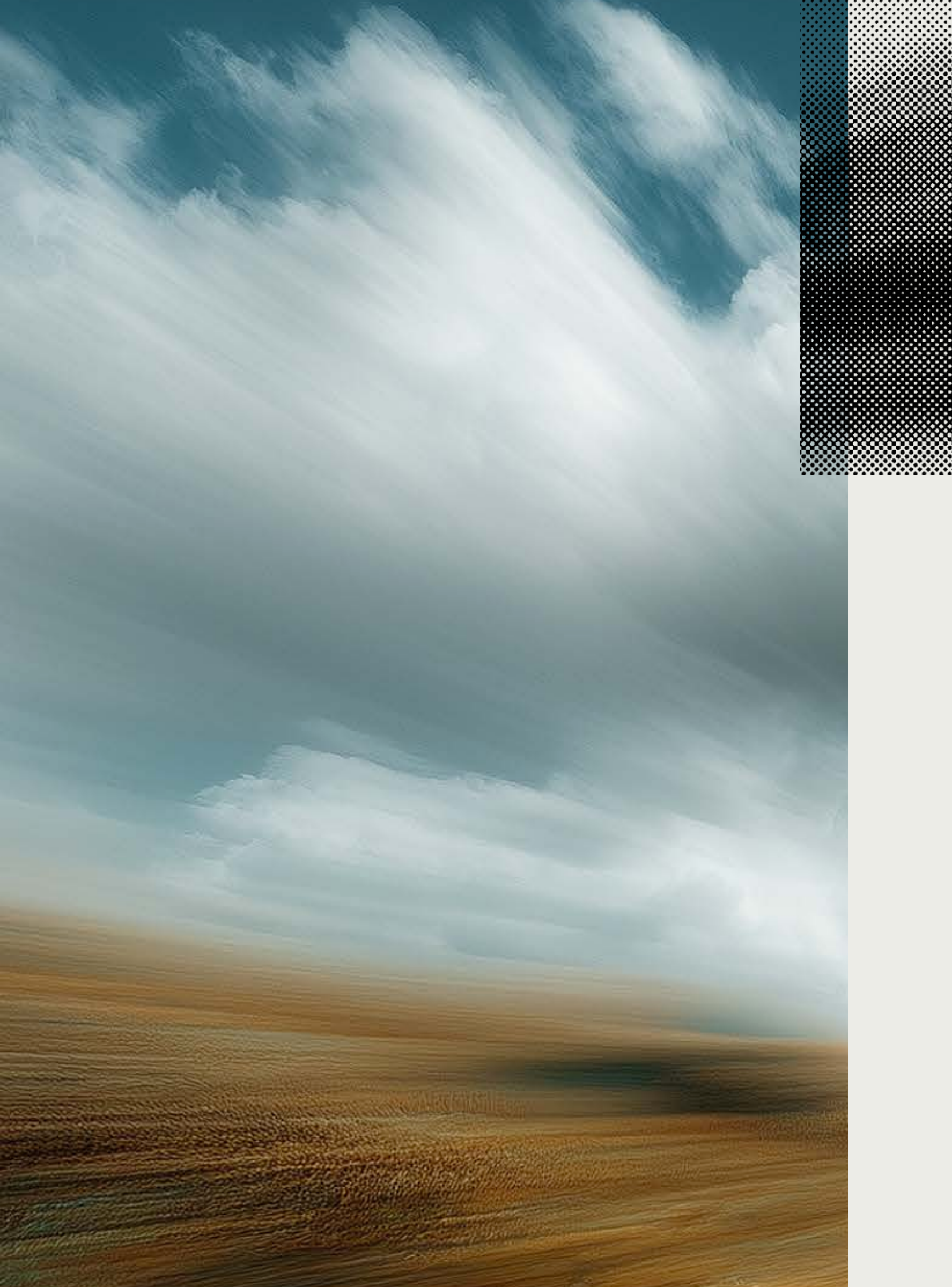
When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.<sup>40</sup> Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

**ACTS 8:39-40 NIV**



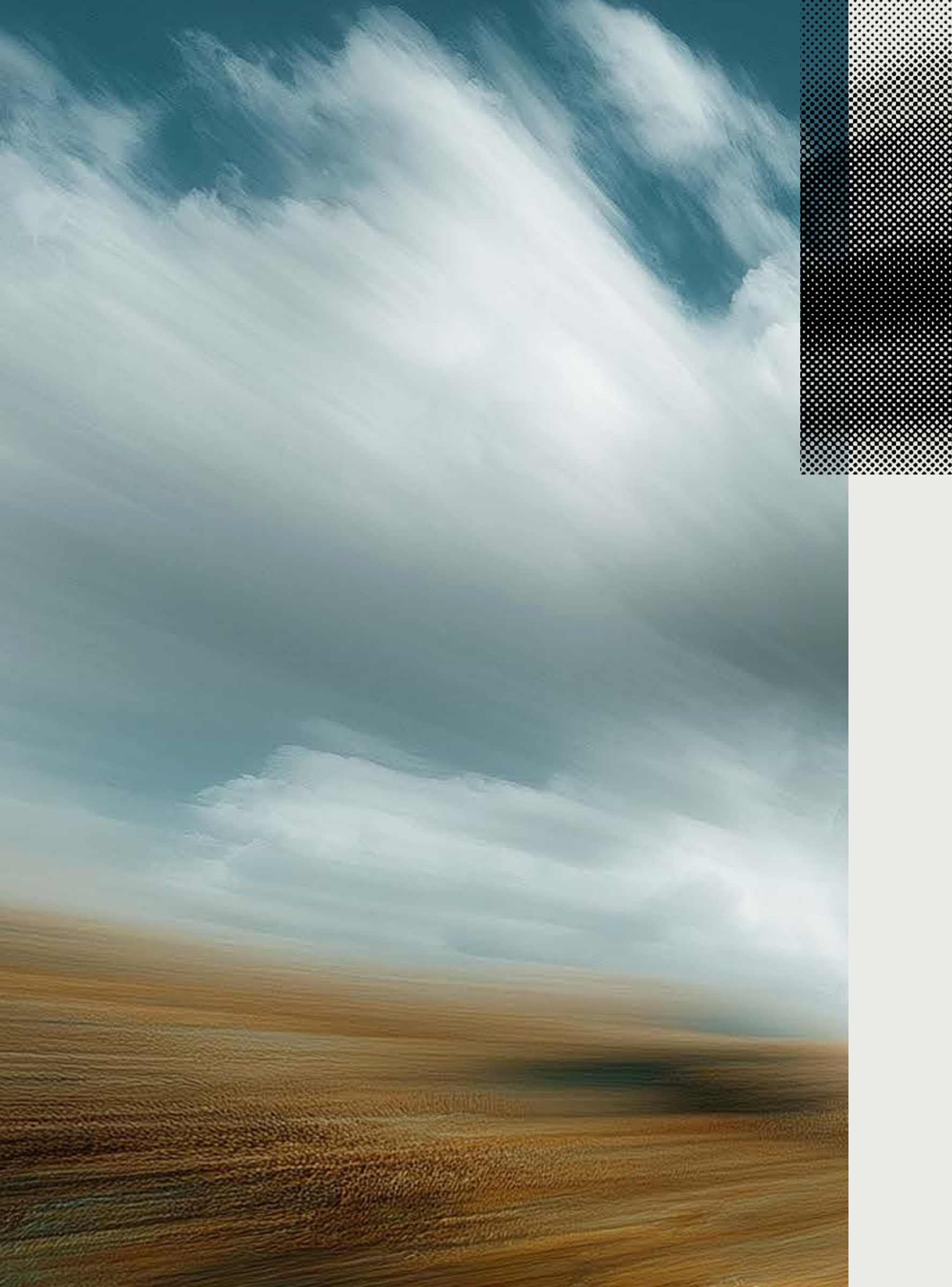
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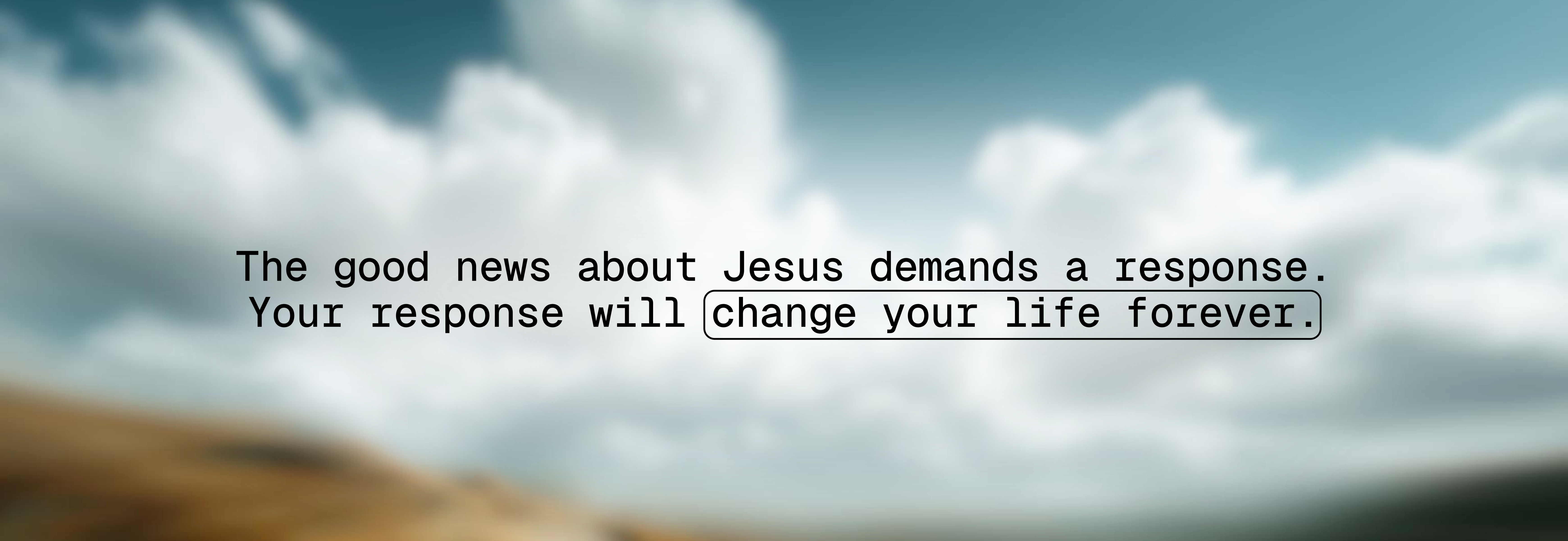
Let no foreigner who is bound to the LORD say,  
“The LORD will surely exclude me from his people.”  
And let no eunuch complain,  
“I am only a dry tree.”

<sup>4</sup> For this is what the LORD says:

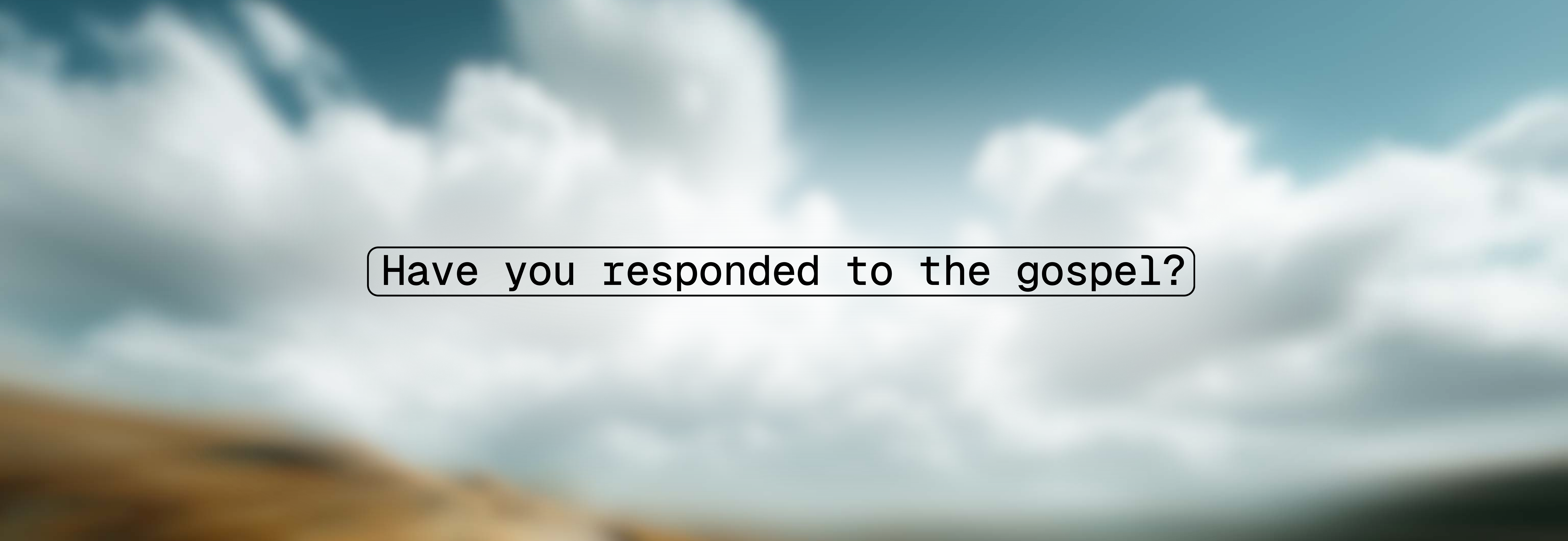
“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose what pleases me  
and hold fast to my covenant—

<sup>5</sup> to them I will give within my temple and its walls  
a memorial and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
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**ISAIAH 56:3-5 NIV**



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