

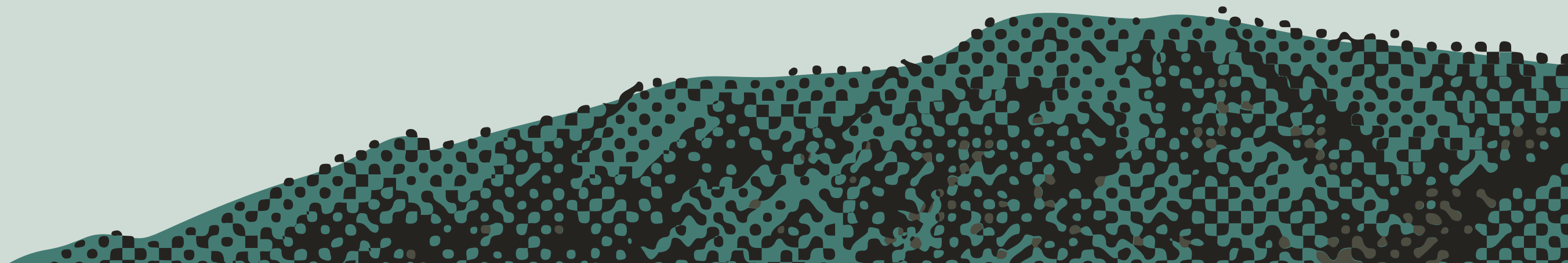
BLESS

THE FATHER OF A FISHER OF MEN

Matthew 7:7-12

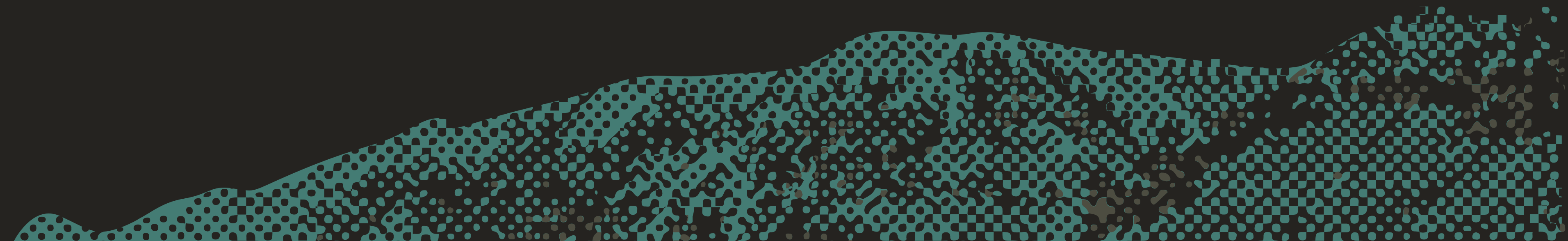
**“Whether prayer
changes our situation or
not, one thing is certain:
Prayer will change us!”**

- Billy Graham



⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



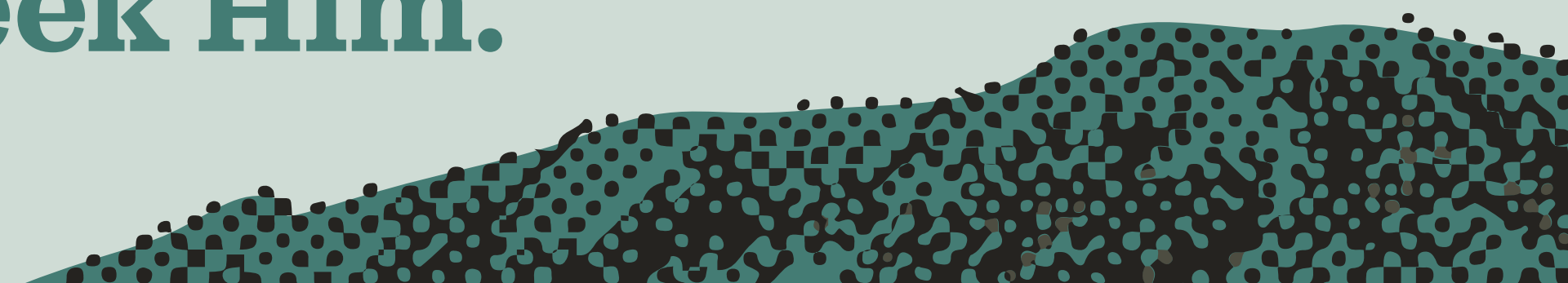
Ask - Seek - Knock

- **Escalating Process for Relationship**
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And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

- Hebrews 11:6



ASK -

Not asking 'for yourself'

Not asking with 'empty words'

ASKING *expectantly* for God to answer!

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You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

– James 4:3



SEEK -

Continually Seeking God's Authority & Will

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**But seek first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness, and all these things will be
added to you. - Matthew 6:33**

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**You have said, "Seek My face. "My heart
says to You, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
- Psalm 27:8**



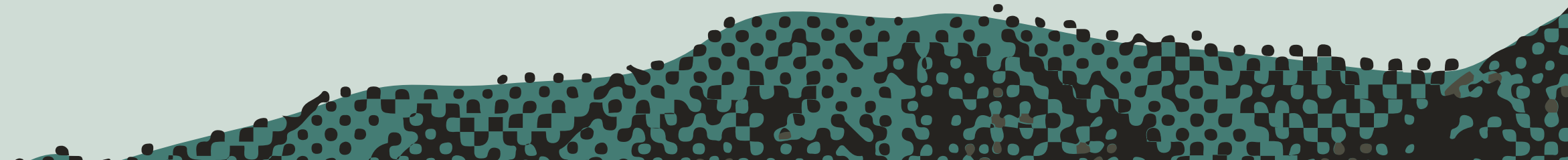
KNOCK -

Knock *Persistently* for God's Answer

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Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed.

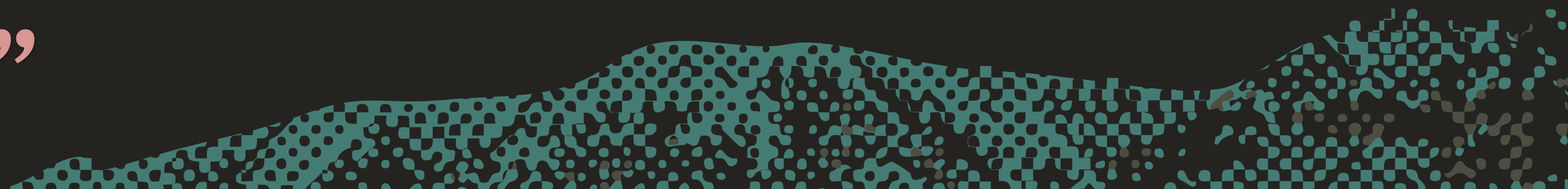
- Acts 12:14-16



⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

¹¹ If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”



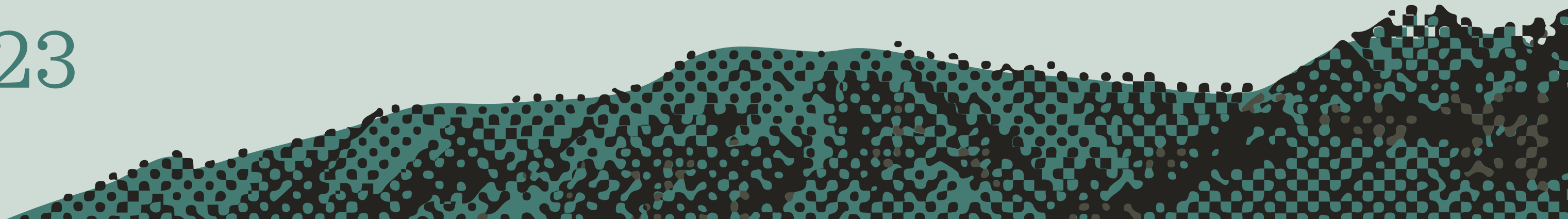
Loving Father & Good Father

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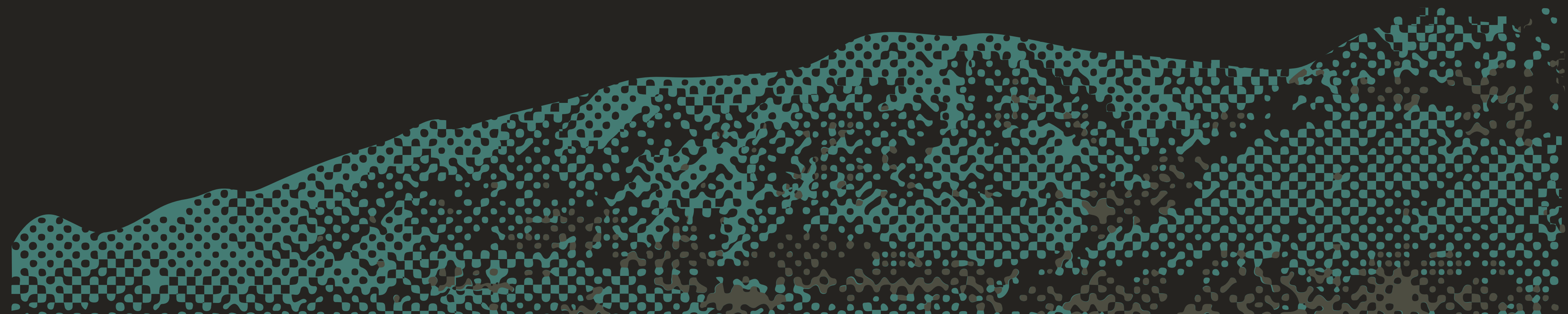


I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

- John 17:23



**12 So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do to
you, for this sums up the Law and
the Prophets.**



GOLDEN RULE

“Do not do to others what is hurtful to you; the rest is commentary..”

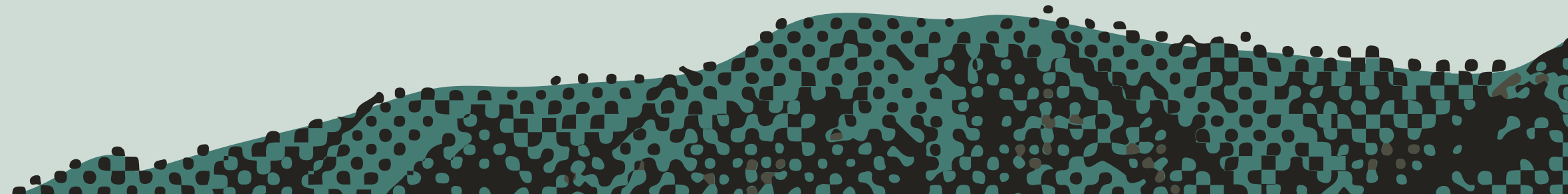
- Rabbi Hallel (Last Century BC)

“Do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

- Jesus (First Century AD)

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**Ex. Do Not steal from your neighbor -
Offer to give your stuff to your neighbor**



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