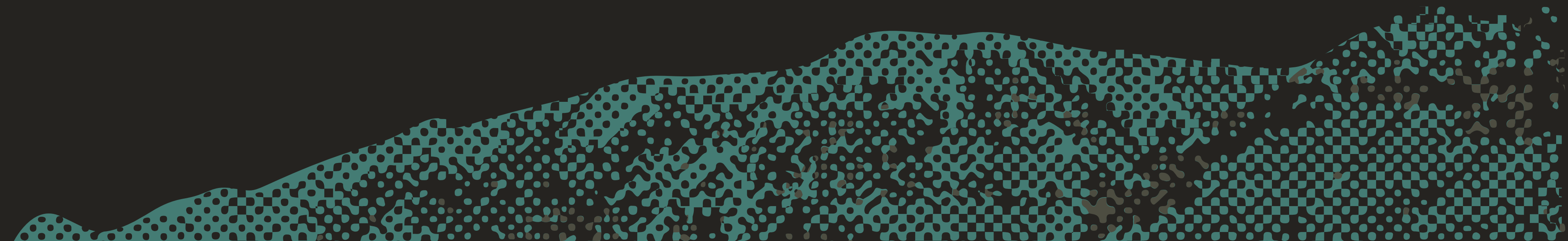# BLESSED

THE GRATITUDE OF A FISHER OF MEN

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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17 Pray without ceasing,
18 Give thanks in all circumstances

V. 16 - Rejoice Always *(NOT Carelessly)*

- **Acts 5** – **Persecuted Apostles counted it JOY to suffer for the Name of Christ, as He did.**
- **Hebrews 12:2** – **Jesus counted the Cross – JOY**
- **Matthew 5:11-12** – **Sermon on the Mount – Jesus find JOY when people insult, persecute, speak falsely about you for God's Sake – REJOICE!**

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Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!

V 17 – Pray without Ceasing *(NOT Conditional)*

- **Matthew 6:7-13** – Sermon on the Mount – Jesus is saying "when we pray!" – **Pray to the Father**
- Hebrew 4:14-16 – *Jesus sympathizes – He was tempted in everyway – without NOT sin – Grace and Mercy!* – **Jesus has Authority**
- Ephesians 6:18 – Be anxious for NOTHING – Pray always in the Spirit – **Helper in times of need**

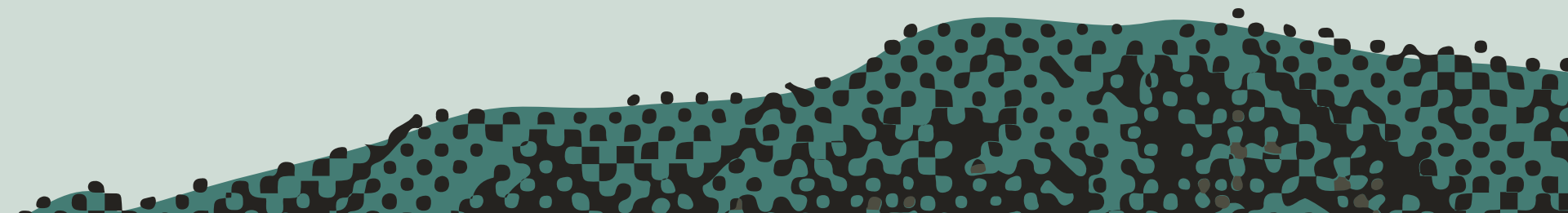 Colossians 4:2 - Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

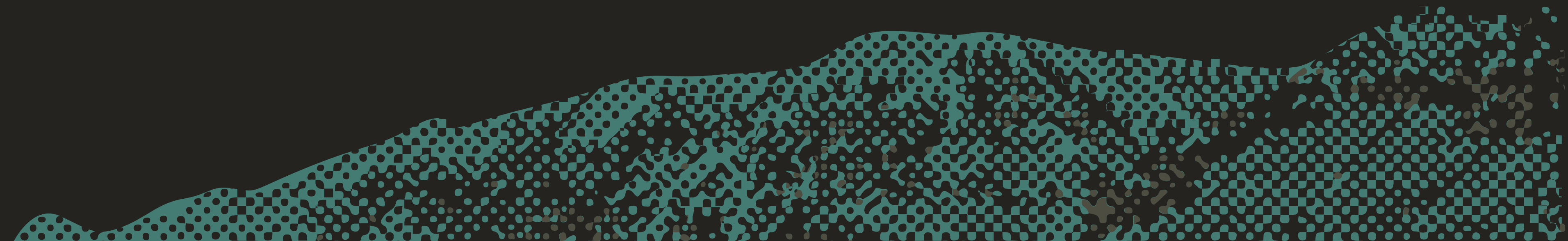# V. 18 - Give thanks in all circumstances
- *(NOT Circumstantial)*

Romans 5:8 – Rejoice in Suffering - **Produces Endurance**

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Philippians 4:11-13 - I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

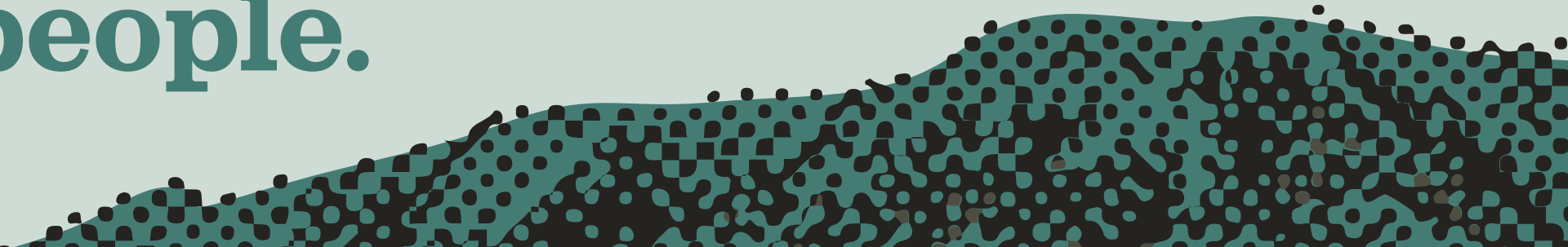[18]...for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Will of God -

- **Romans 12:2** – Do not be conformed to the World but be Transformed -Renewing of your mind.
- **1 Corinthians 2:16** – Who can understand Him??? But we have the Mind of Christ!
- **Mark 3:35** - Whoever does the Will of God – Christ sees as family (*Brother, Sister, Mother*)

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1 Peter 2:15 - For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

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