

Starting Point: Reaching Out Together

Luke 10:25-37



“On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

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“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. =>

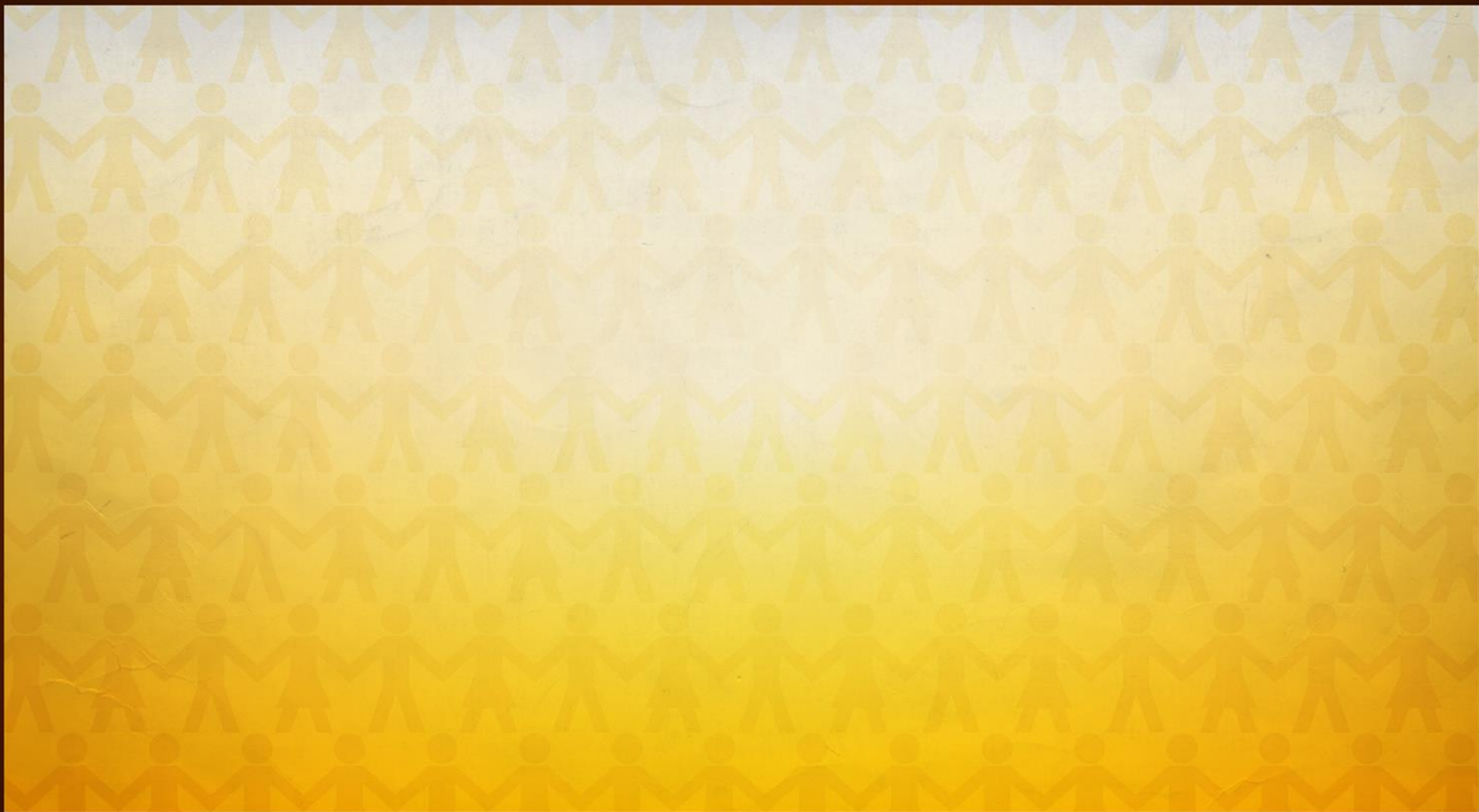
A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

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“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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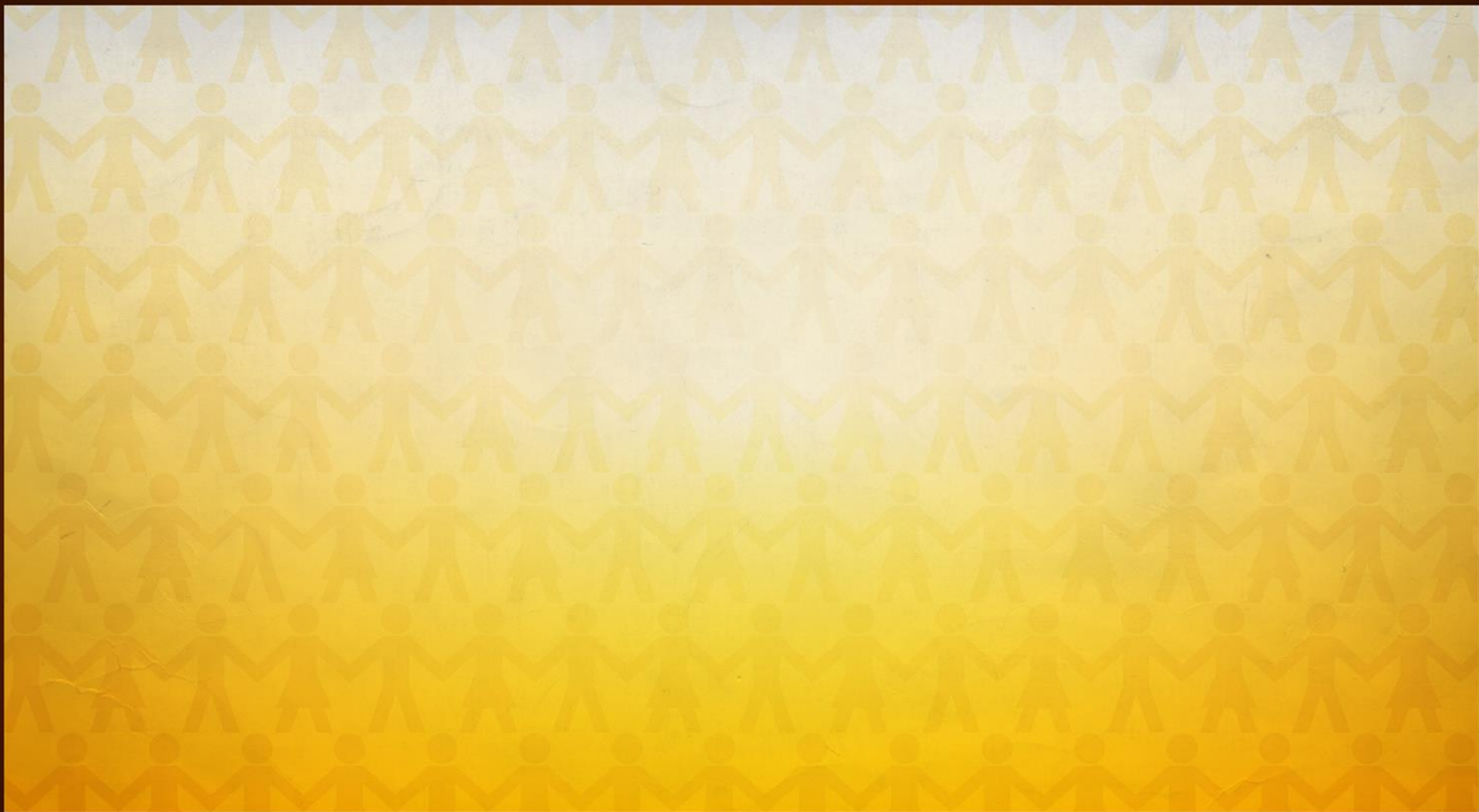
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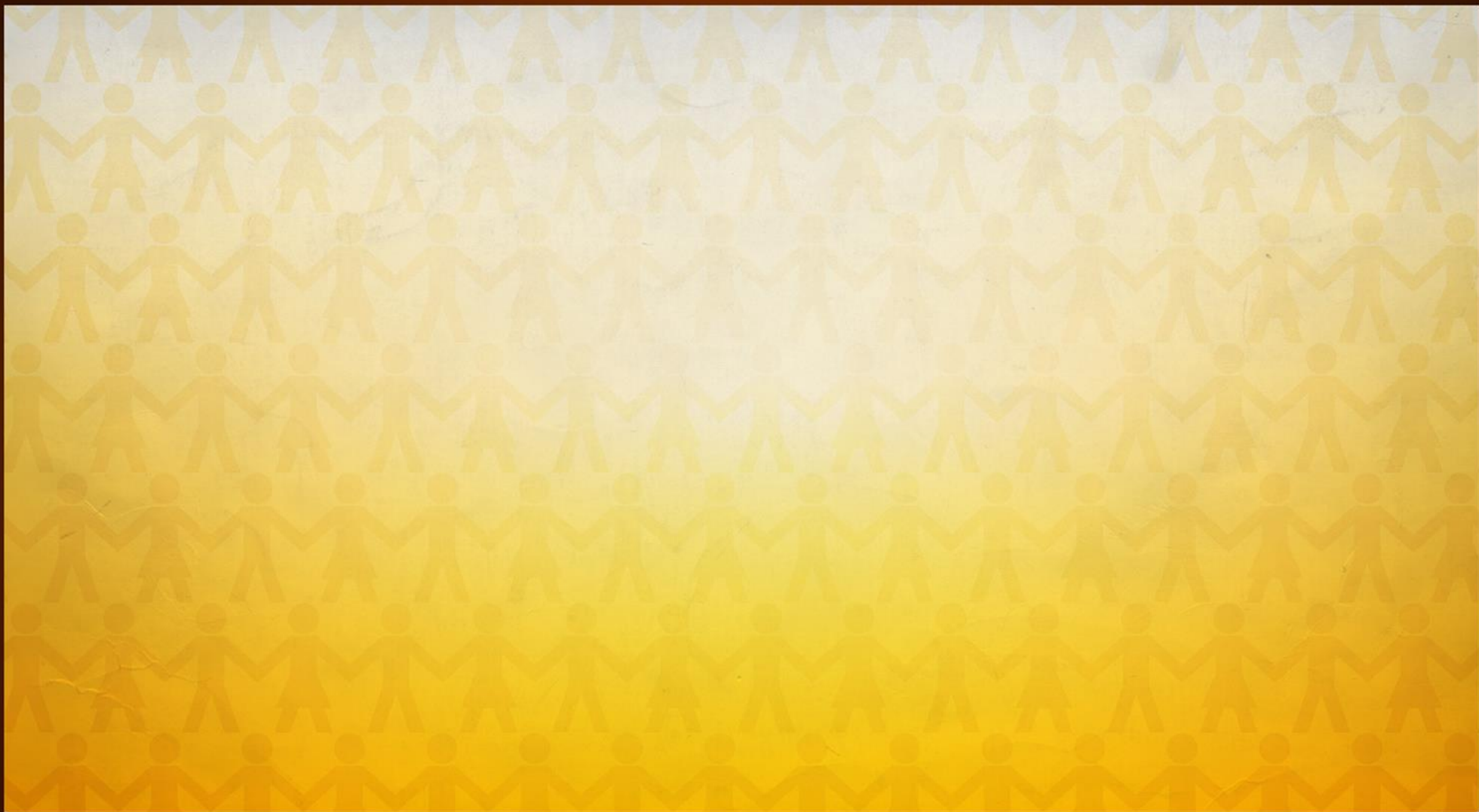
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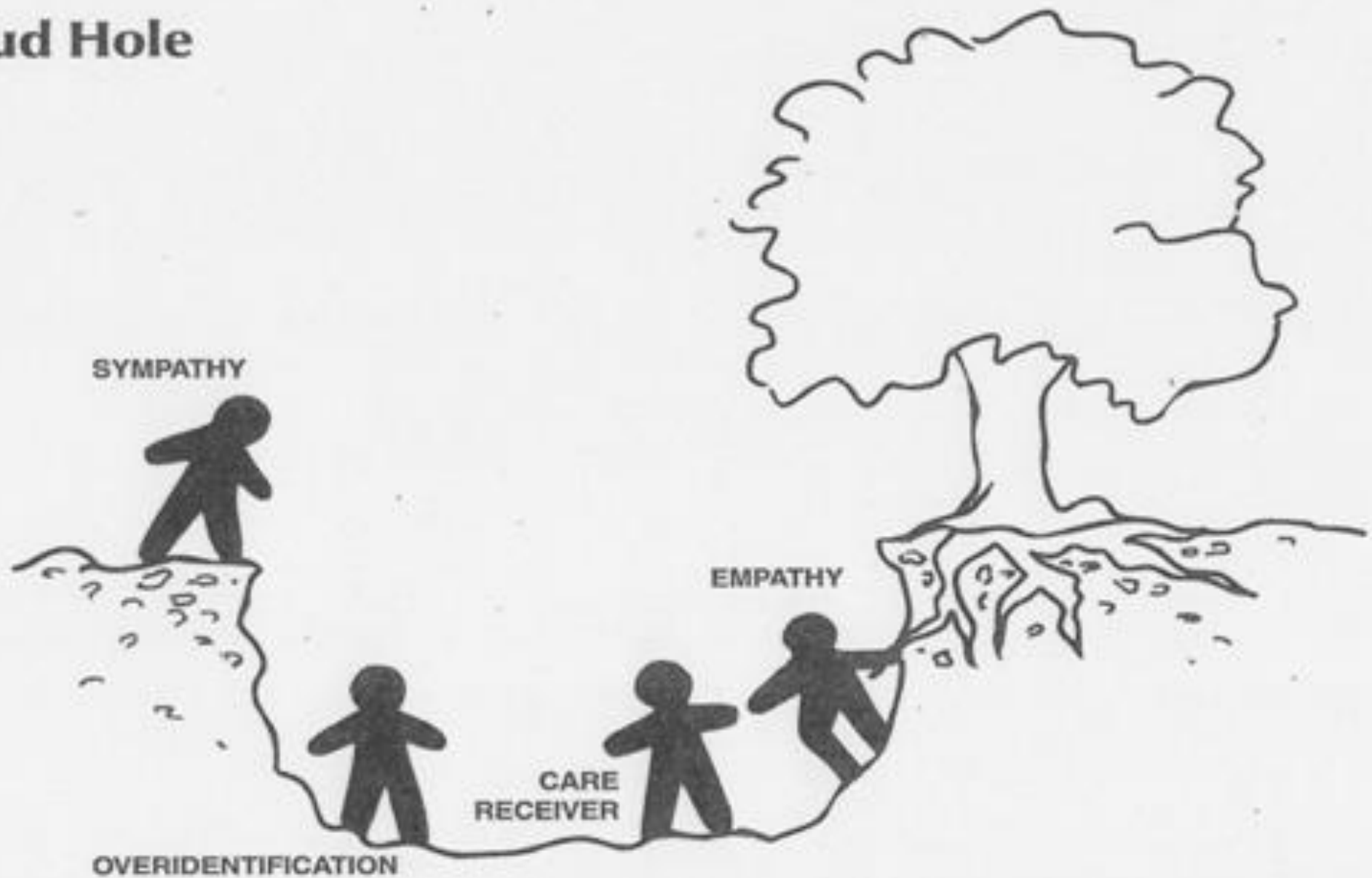
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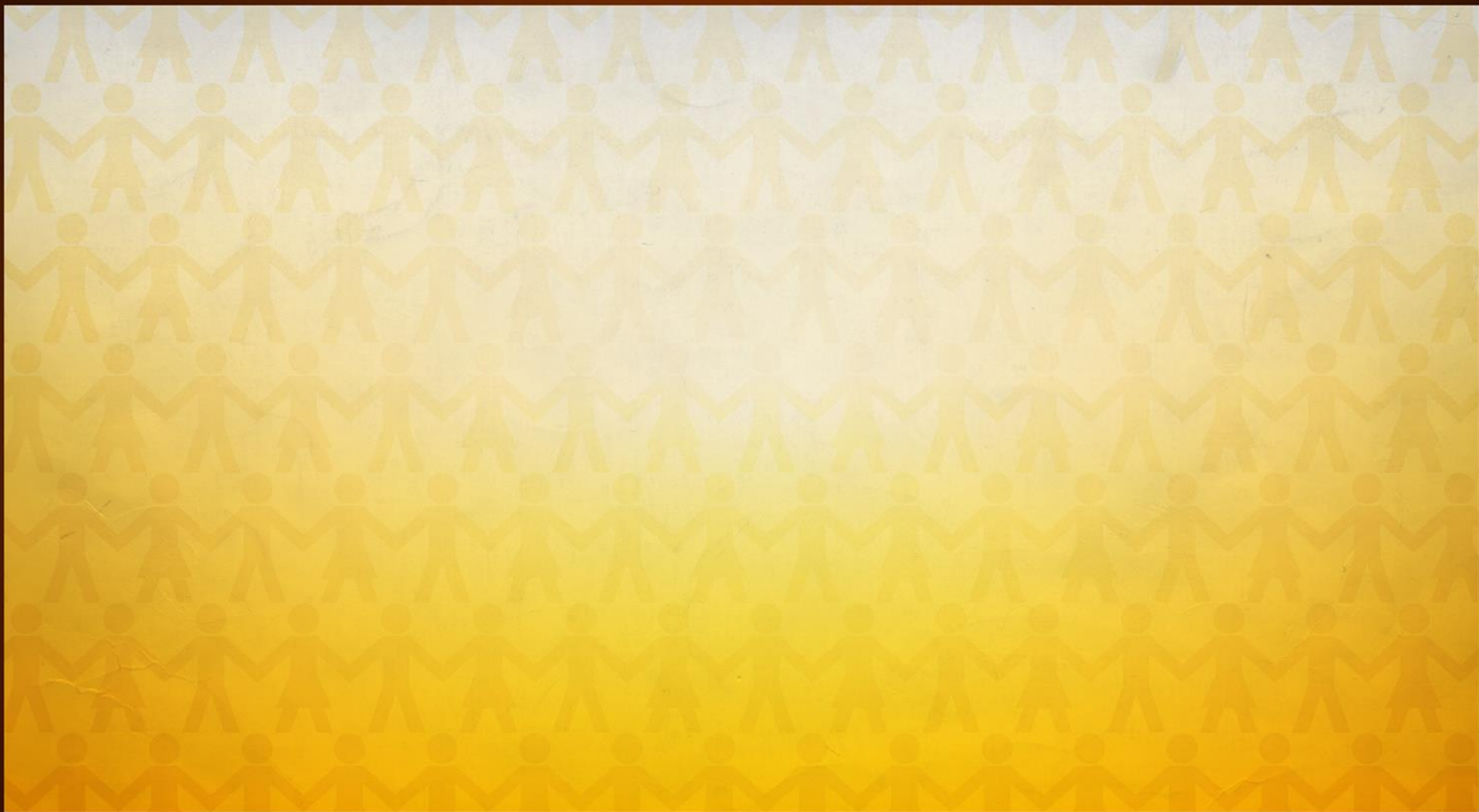
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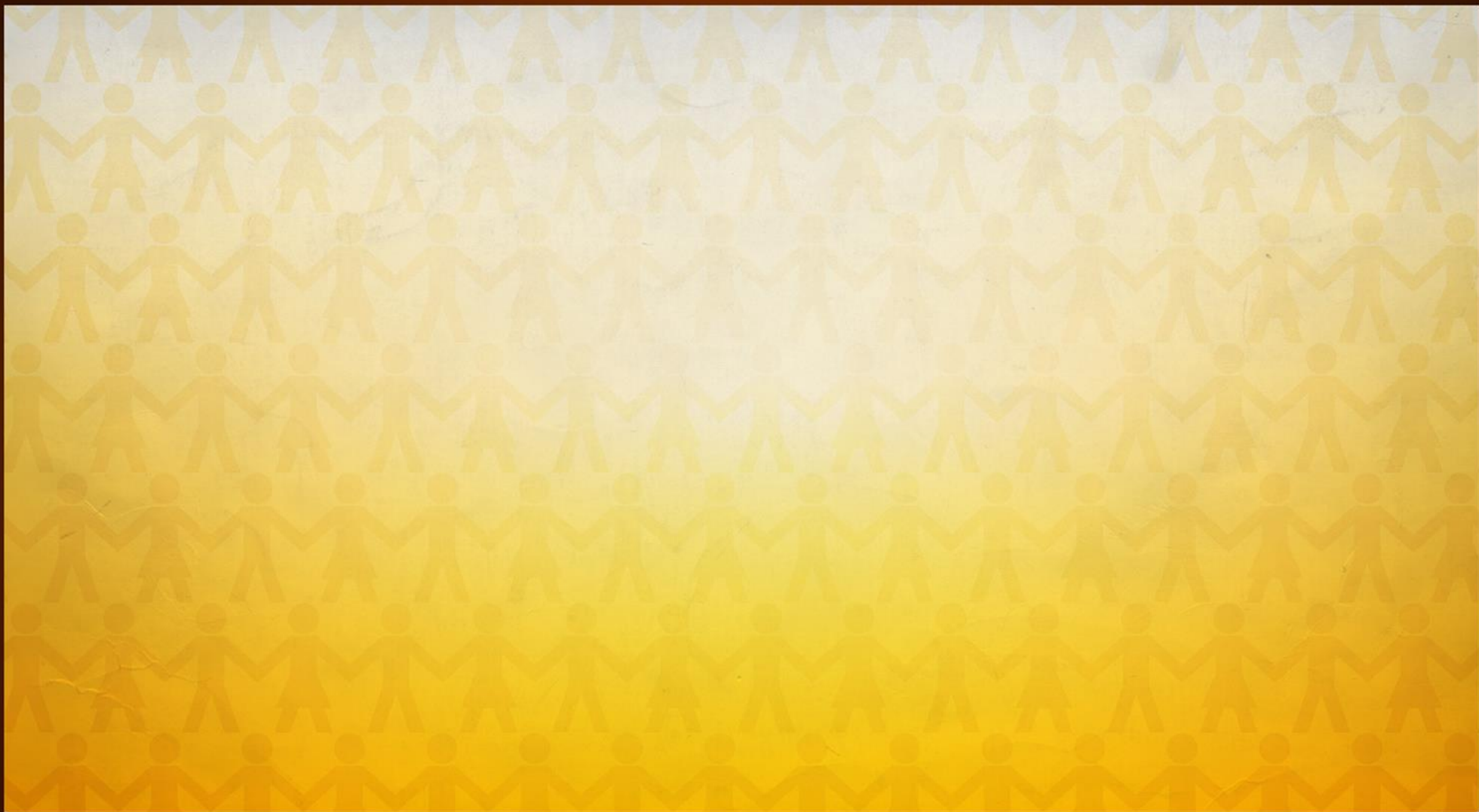
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Your mission, if you choose to accept it is:

1. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to your Neighbor
2. Ask the Lord to understand how you can be involved in a practical way to bless your neighbor
3. Take a step of faith and act

Our mission, if we choose to accept it is:

1. Together we need to assess the needs of our community
2. Discern who we can be a part of meeting that need or those needs
3. Develop a plan where we can all be involved in reaching out, loving practically, and radically, sacrificially impacting our community

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