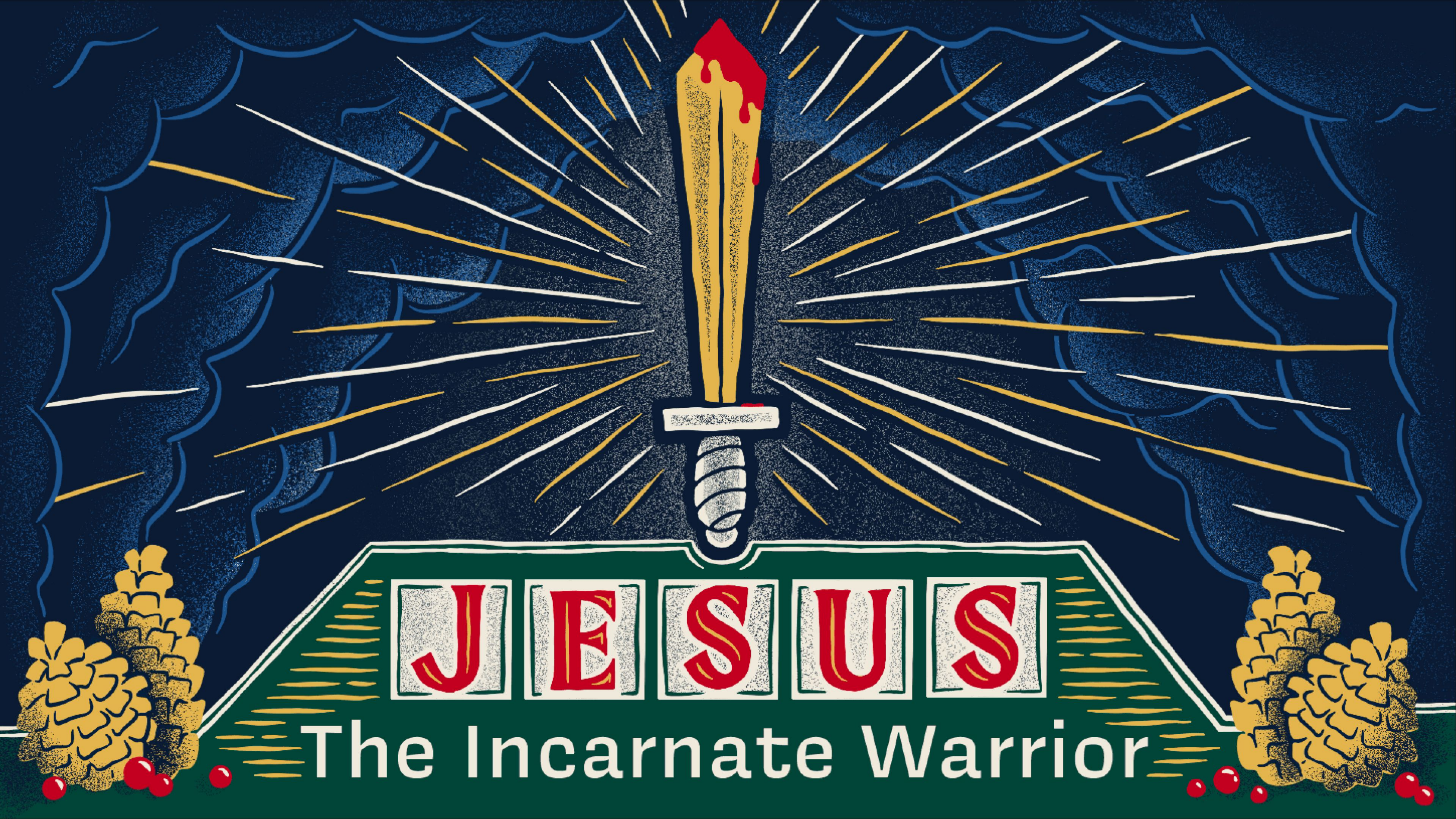
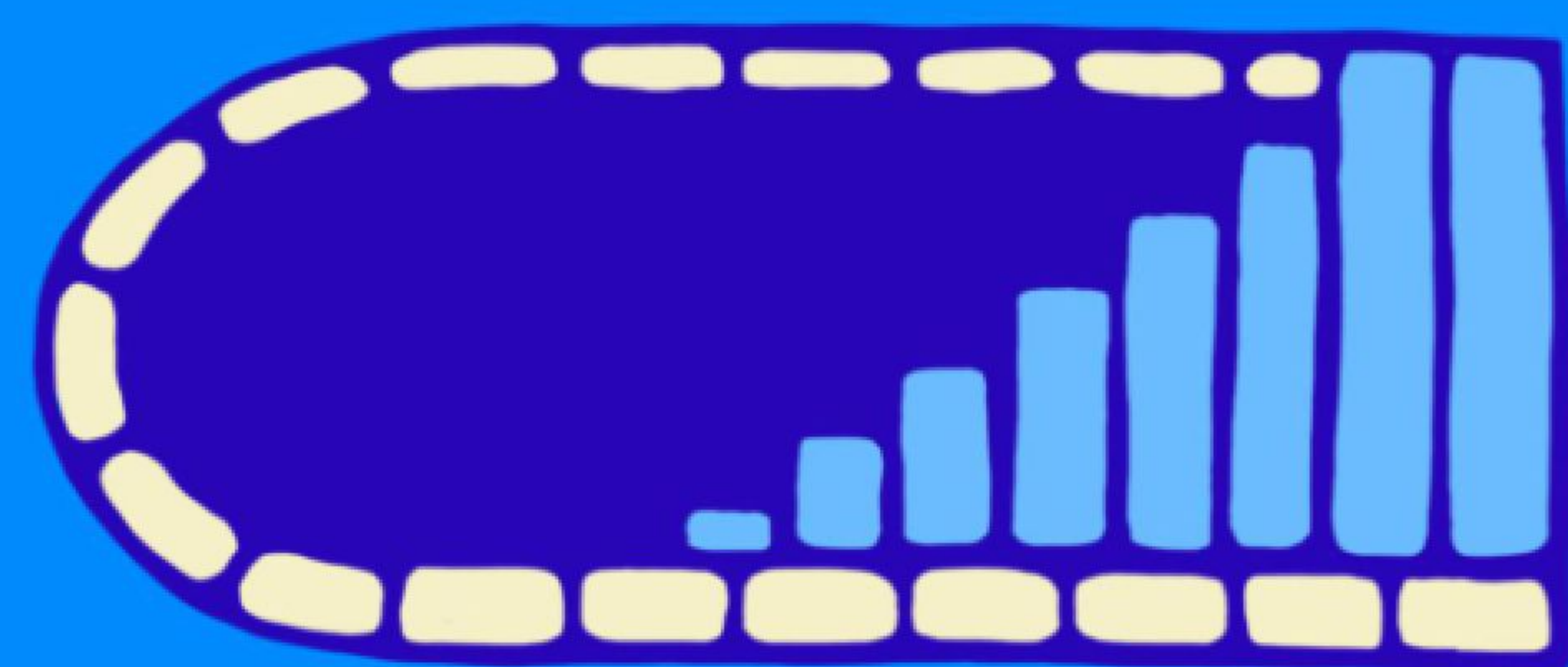




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The Incarnate Warrior

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Sermon: Colossians 3:18 – 4:1

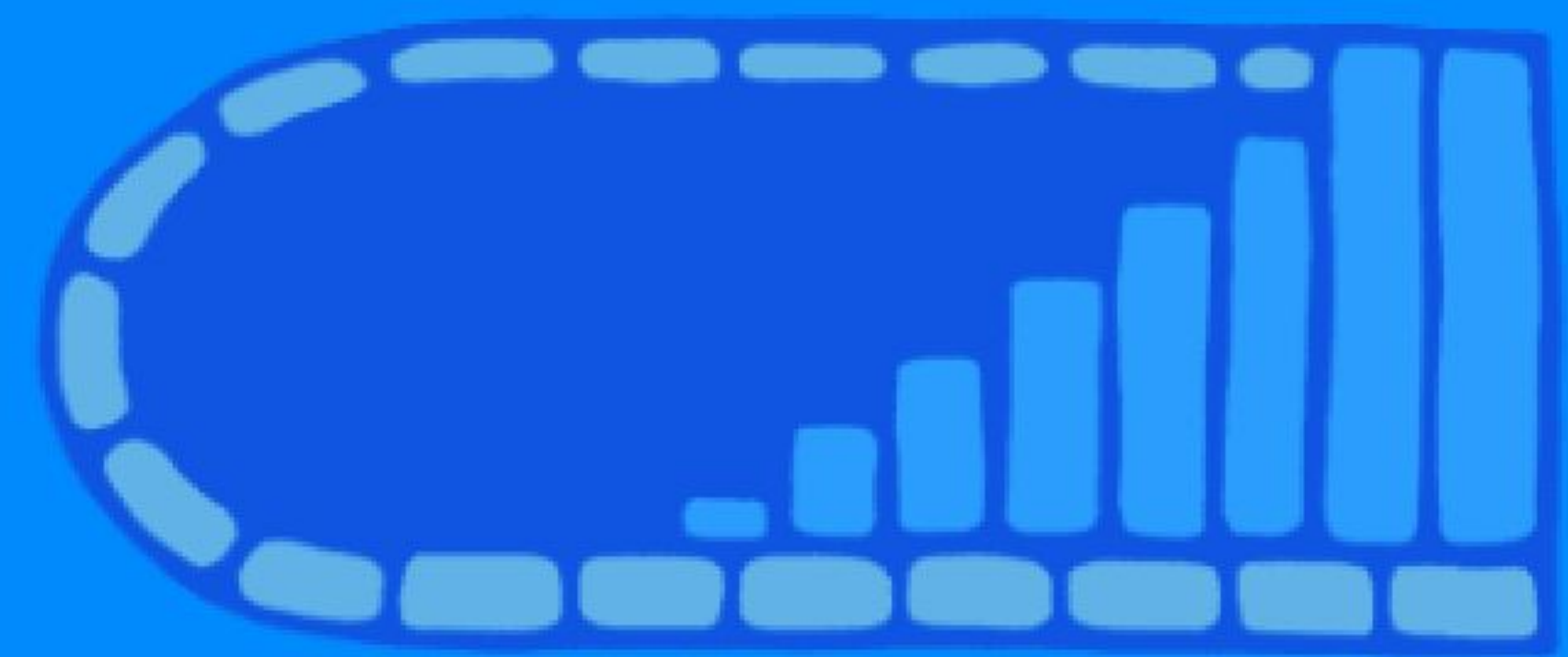
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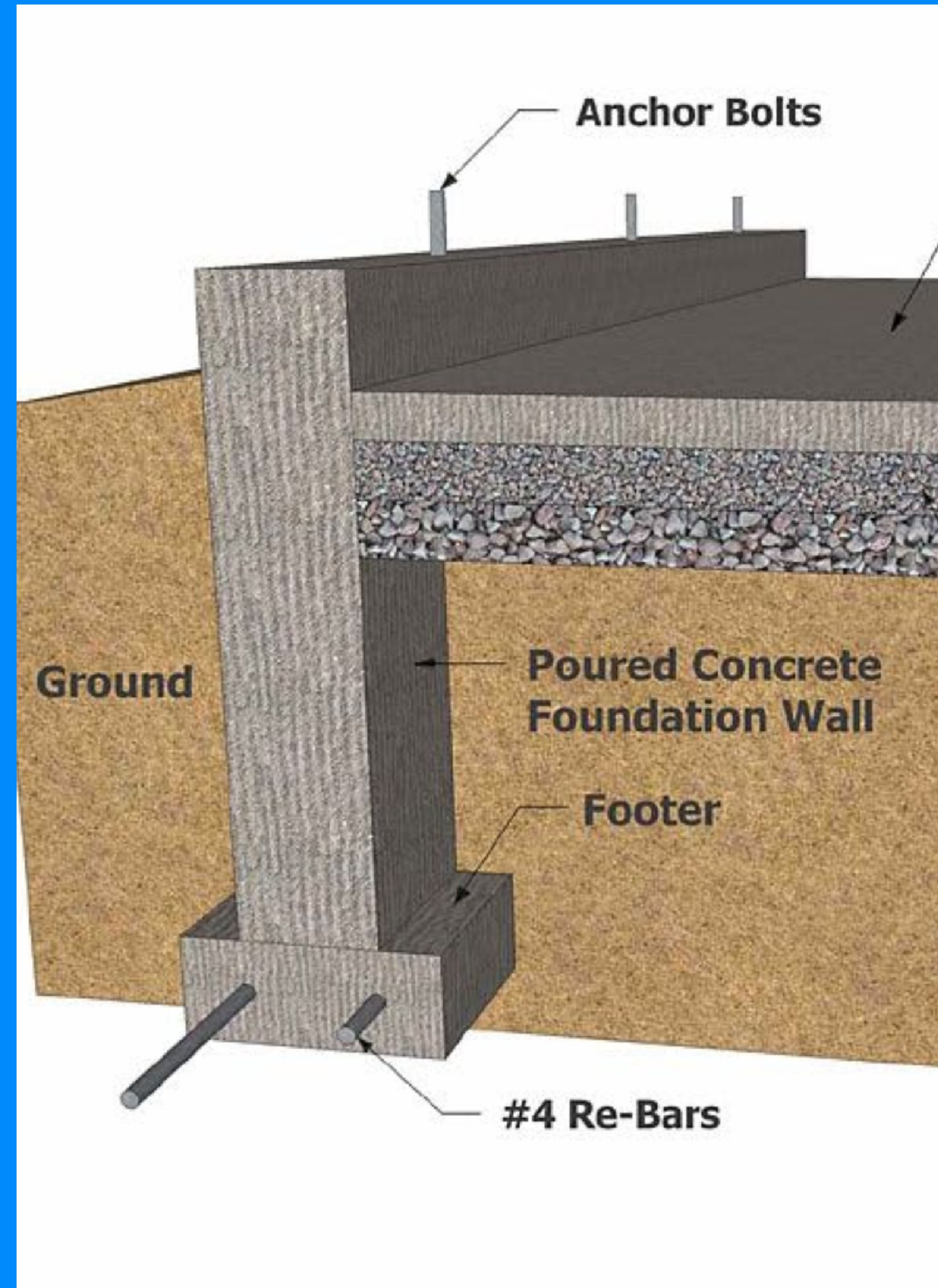
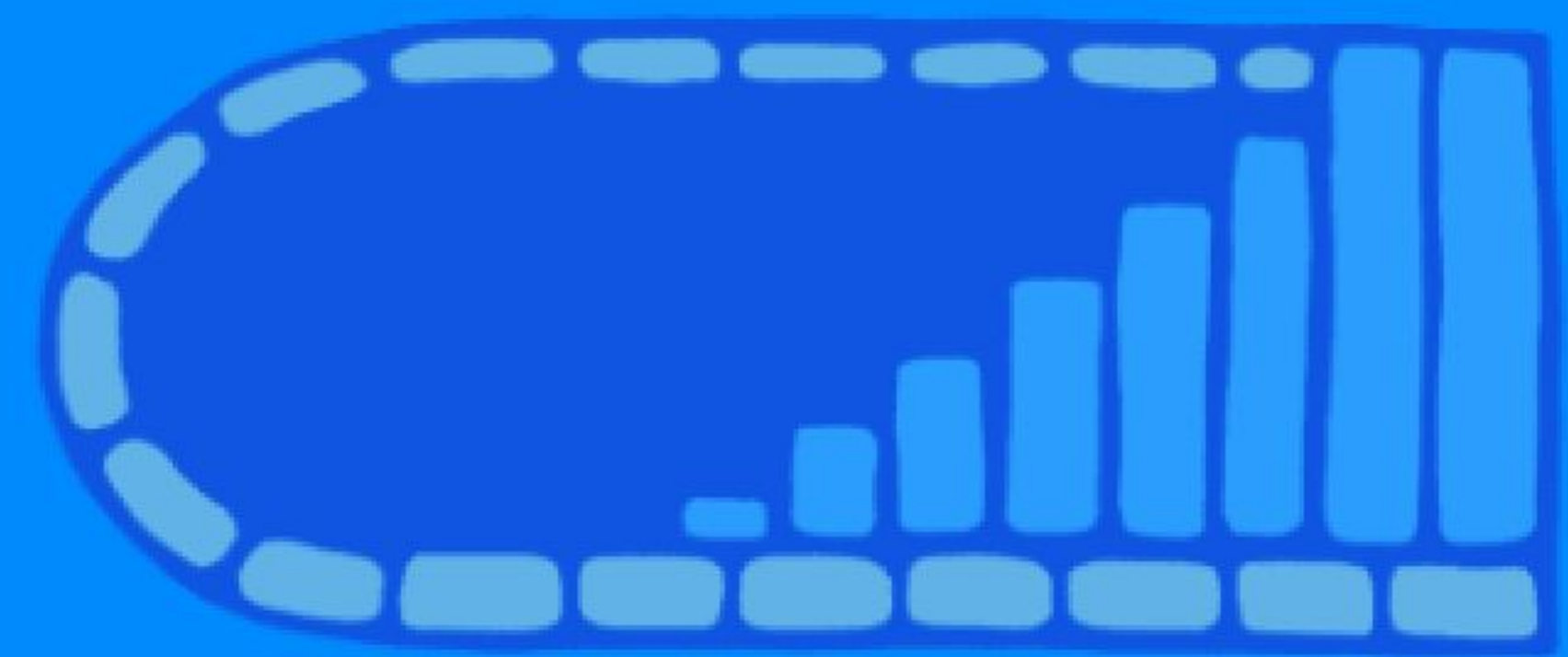
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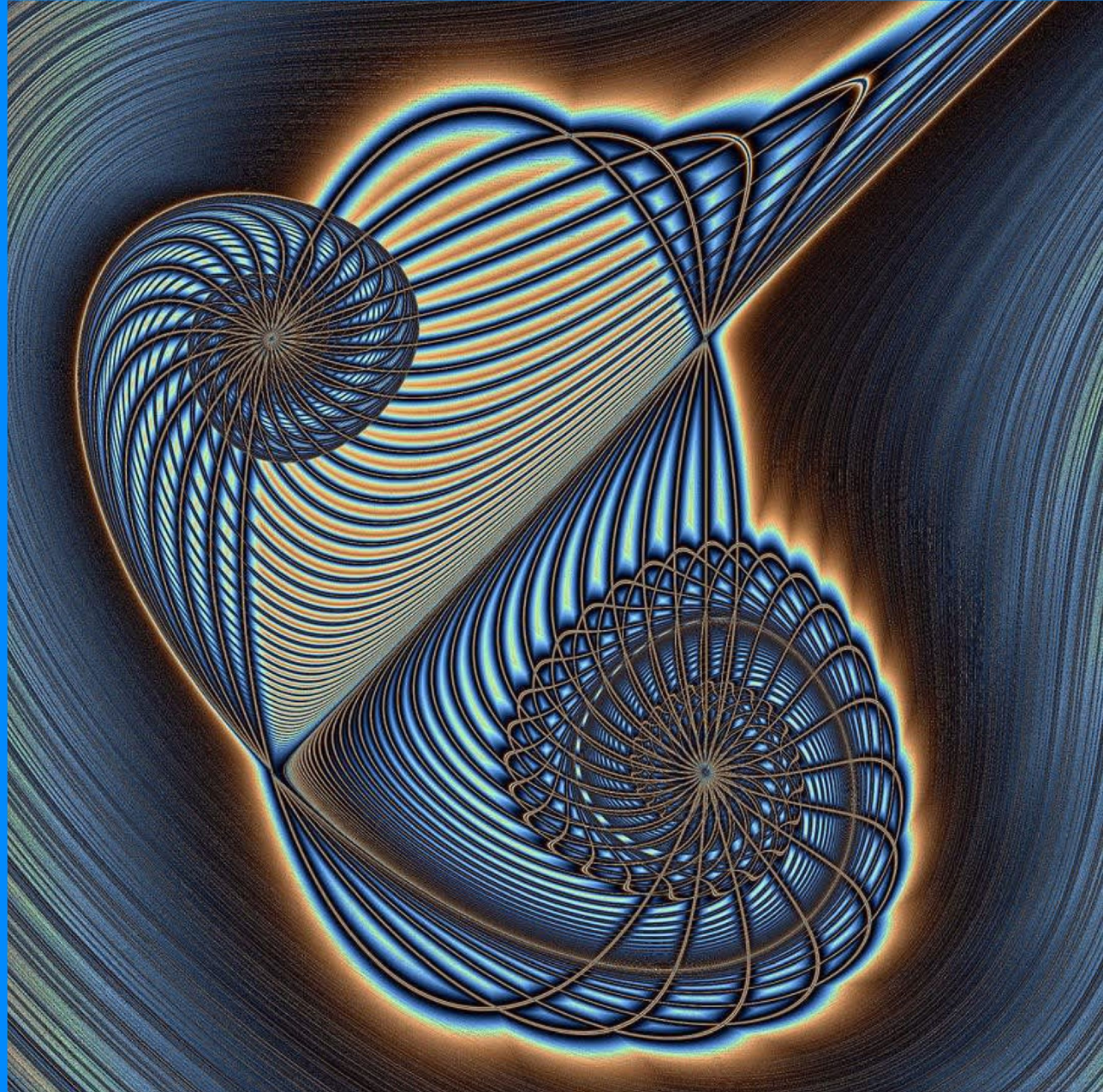
The triumvirate of evil



Some
foundational things
are our
biggest problems
and are
conduits for the curse

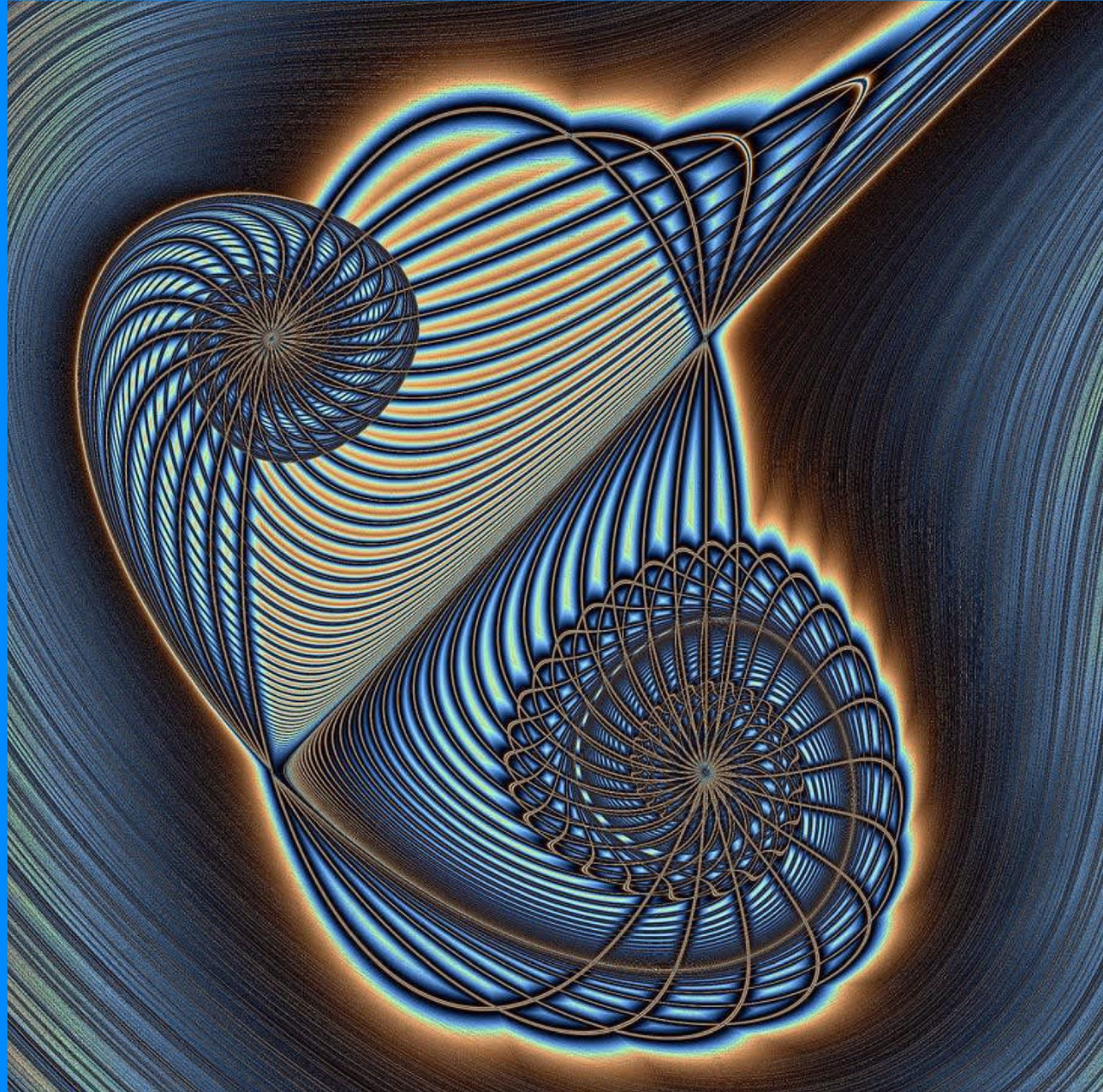


Hierarchy,
asymmetry,
non-egalitarian,
the
leader-supporter
relationship **is a**
foundational
norm for human
organization.



Humans organize
themselves into
hierarchies.

Always.



Realities of hierarchies... (Start with reality)

1. All humans organize into hierarchies
2. Hierarchies offer great benefits
3. All human hierarchies are prone to corruption
4. Hierarchies need constant reforming energy



Stewardship

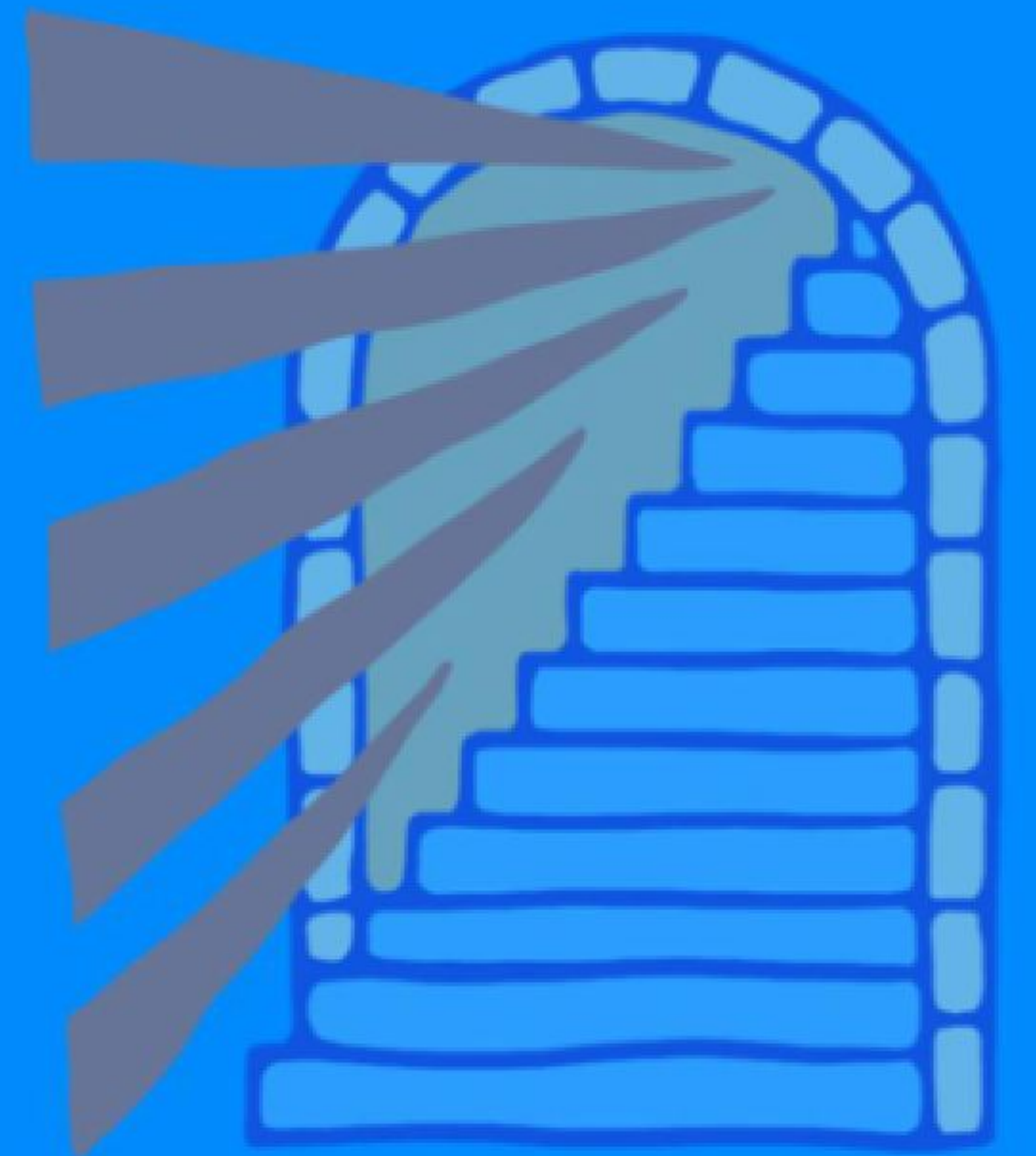
You are God's servant, with a particular job right now that is your purpose to do in God's will to contribute to human flourishing.

- without a victim mentality
- working for a more just system



How to embrace my stewardship?

Embrace hierarchies under King Jesus, who rewards the good and is no respecter of persons.



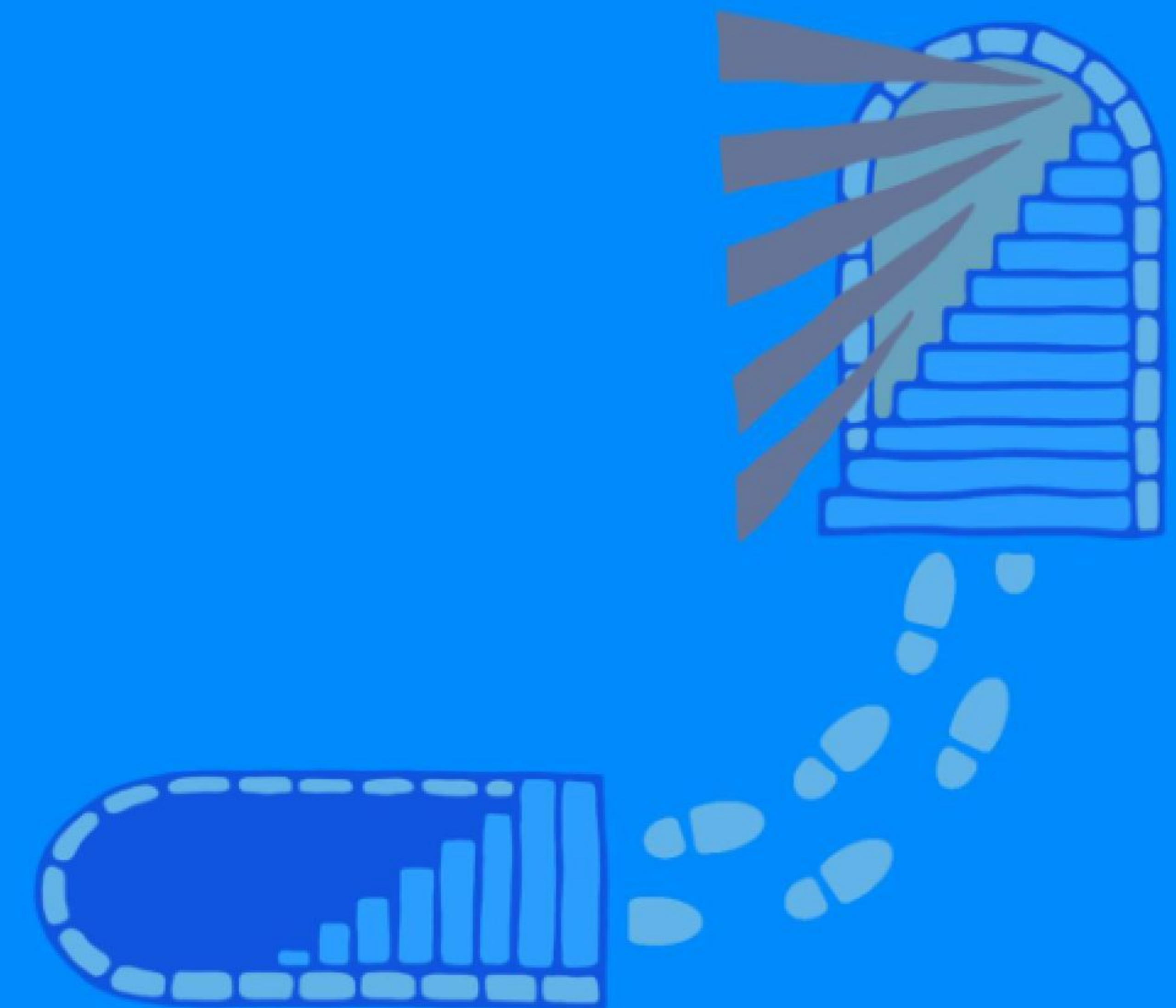
1. Embrace hierarchy under King Jesus as HIS slaves (his absolute authority)



Hierarchy in Scripture...

Hierarchy is...

God ordained,
cursed,
re-affirmed,
humiliated,
and ultimately redeemed.



This passage: Ephesians 6:5 – 8

"According to the Flesh"

"Fear and trembling"

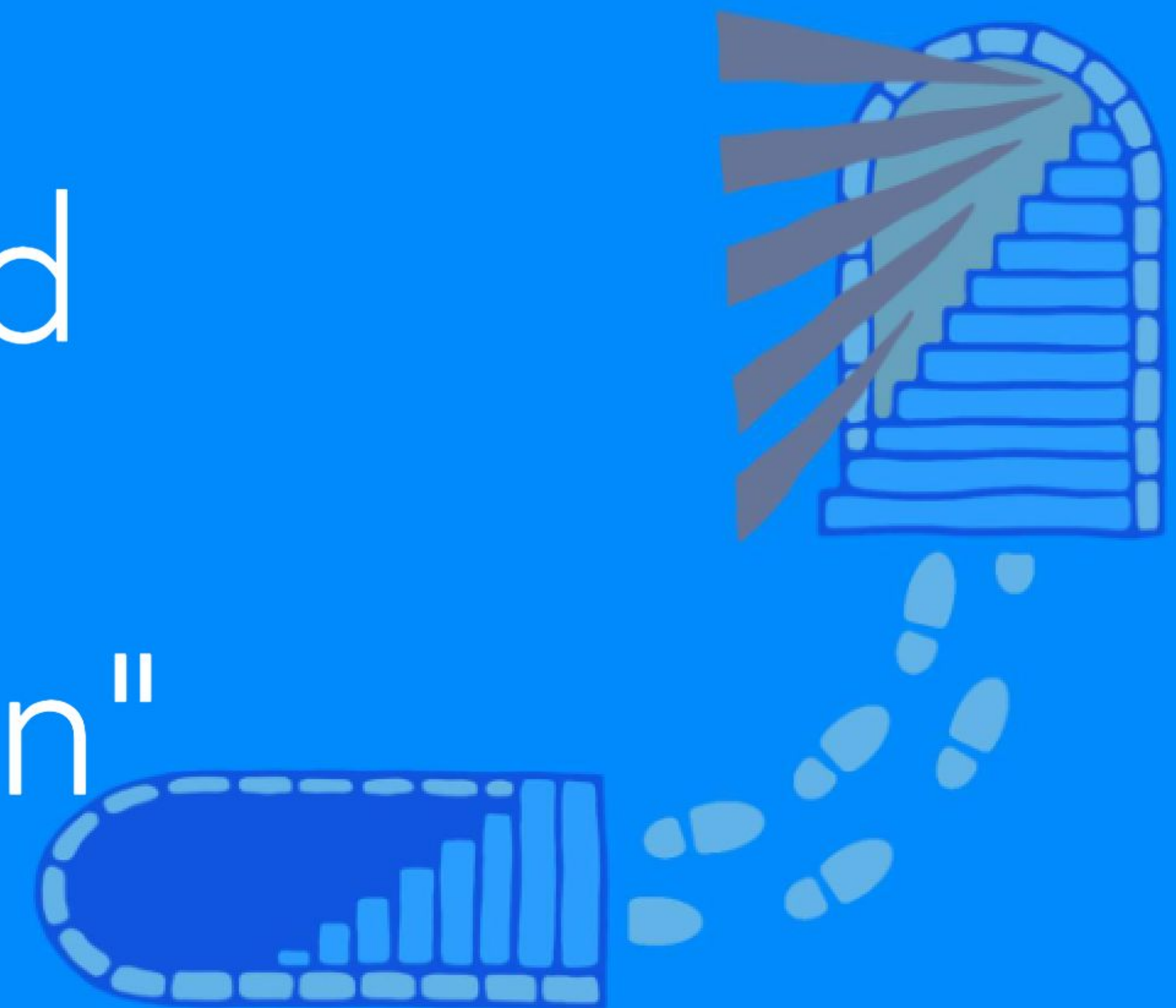
"in singleness of heart"

"As to Christ"

"not in eye-service as manpleasers"

"slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the soul."

"good will...as to the Lord and not men"



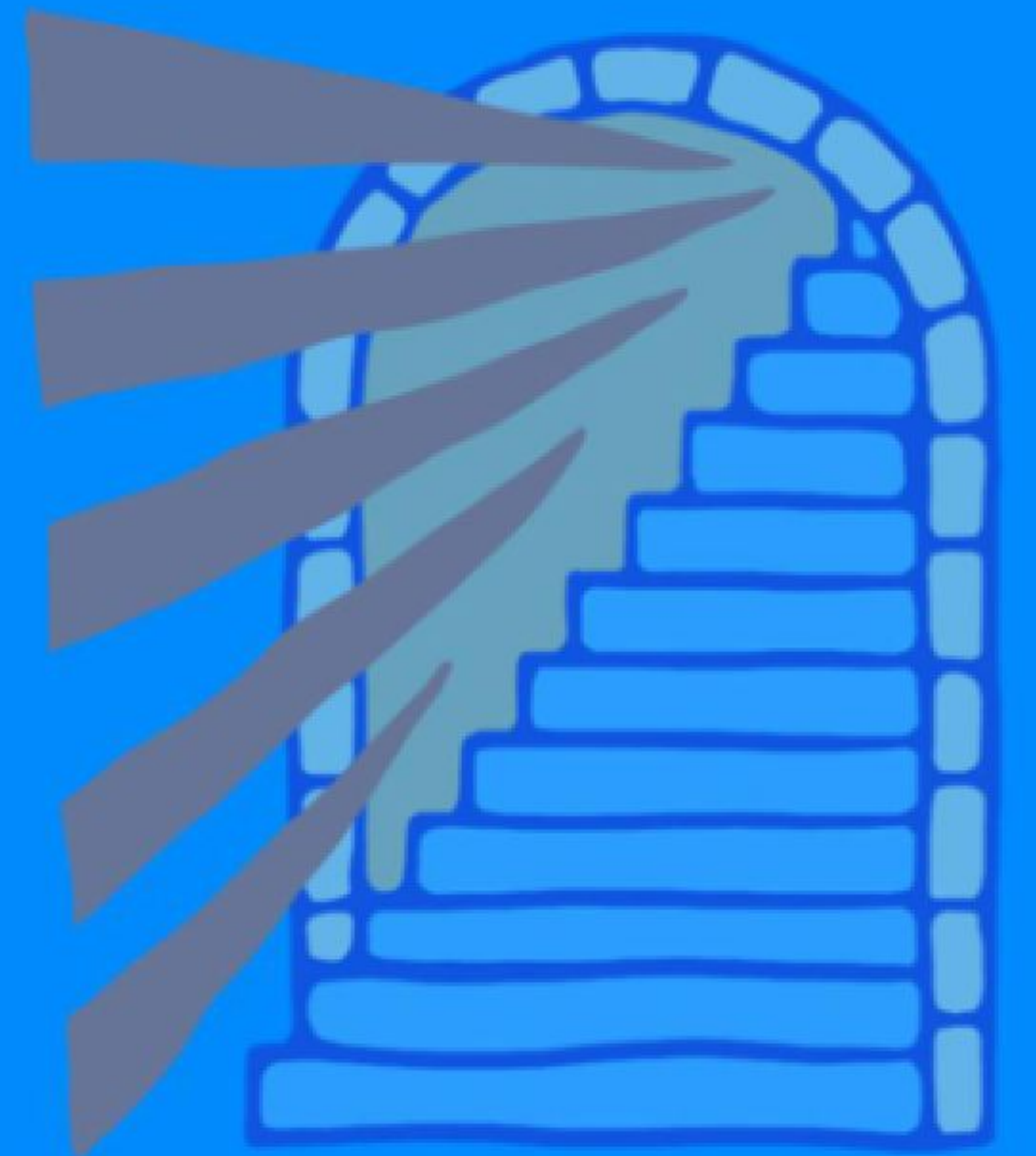
2. King Jesus rewards the good without respect to hierarchy



Ephesians 6:8–9

...the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

And masters, treat your slaves **in the same way. Do not threaten them**, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.



This passage: Ephesians 6:8 – 9

1. "The Same thing"
2. both are human image bearers
3. Both are 'slaves'—under Christ's authority
4. God doesn't reward by position.



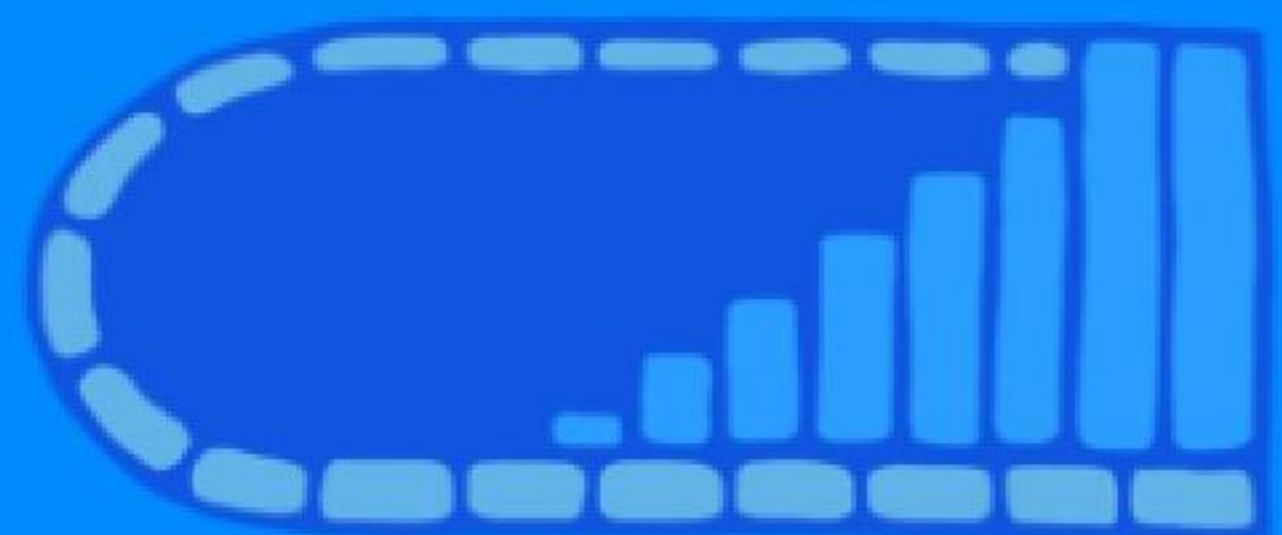
So What?

You tell me how this should apply to my life.
Oh wait...is figuring this out part of my stewardship?

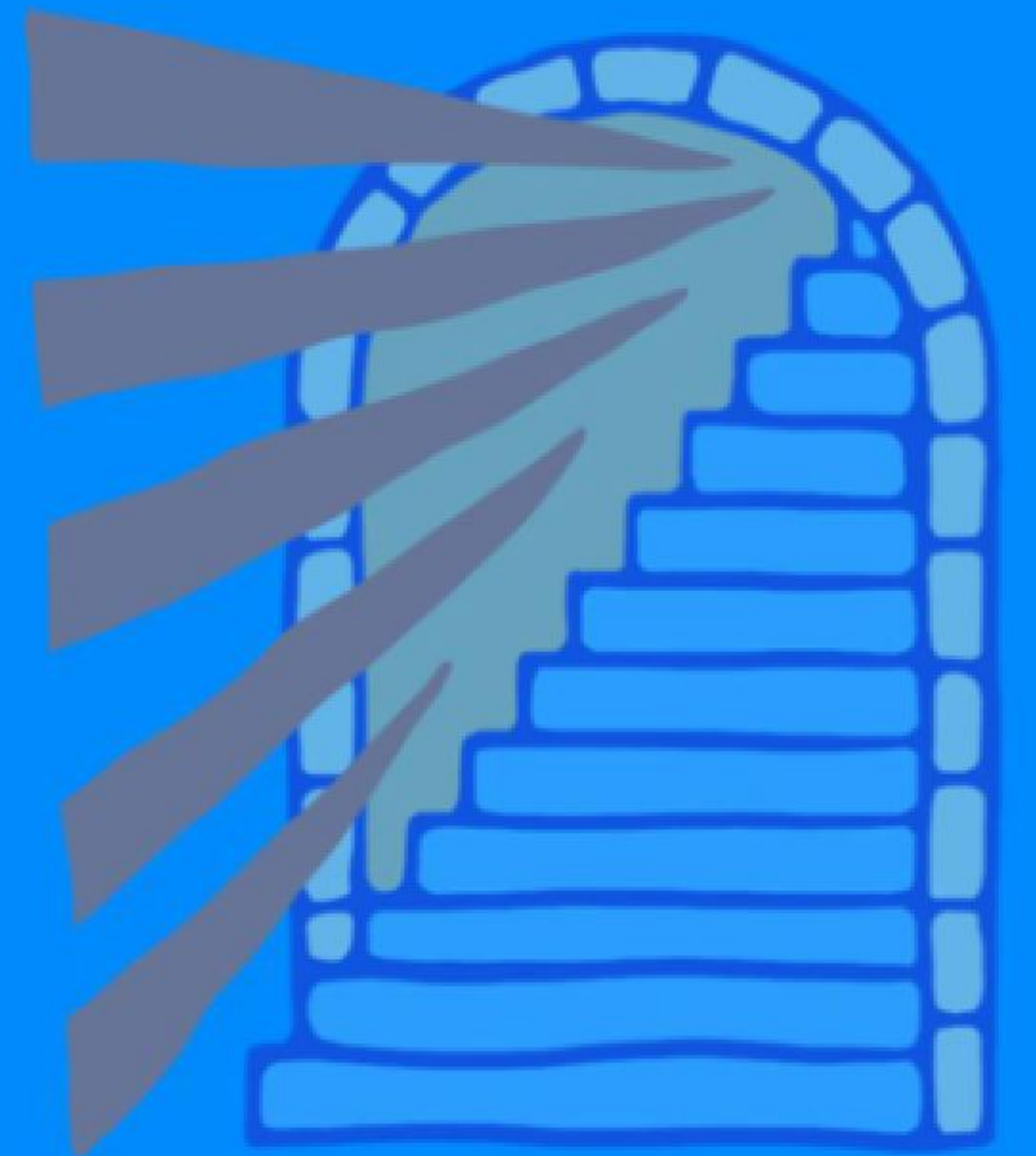


**Where would you serve better if you
really acted like you were serving
Jesus and not someone else?**

**(What is a hierarchical structure in your life that
you're struggling with, and what virtues can you
work on to renew it?)**



Jesus is the only fully good
and competent master.



Serve like Jesus serves



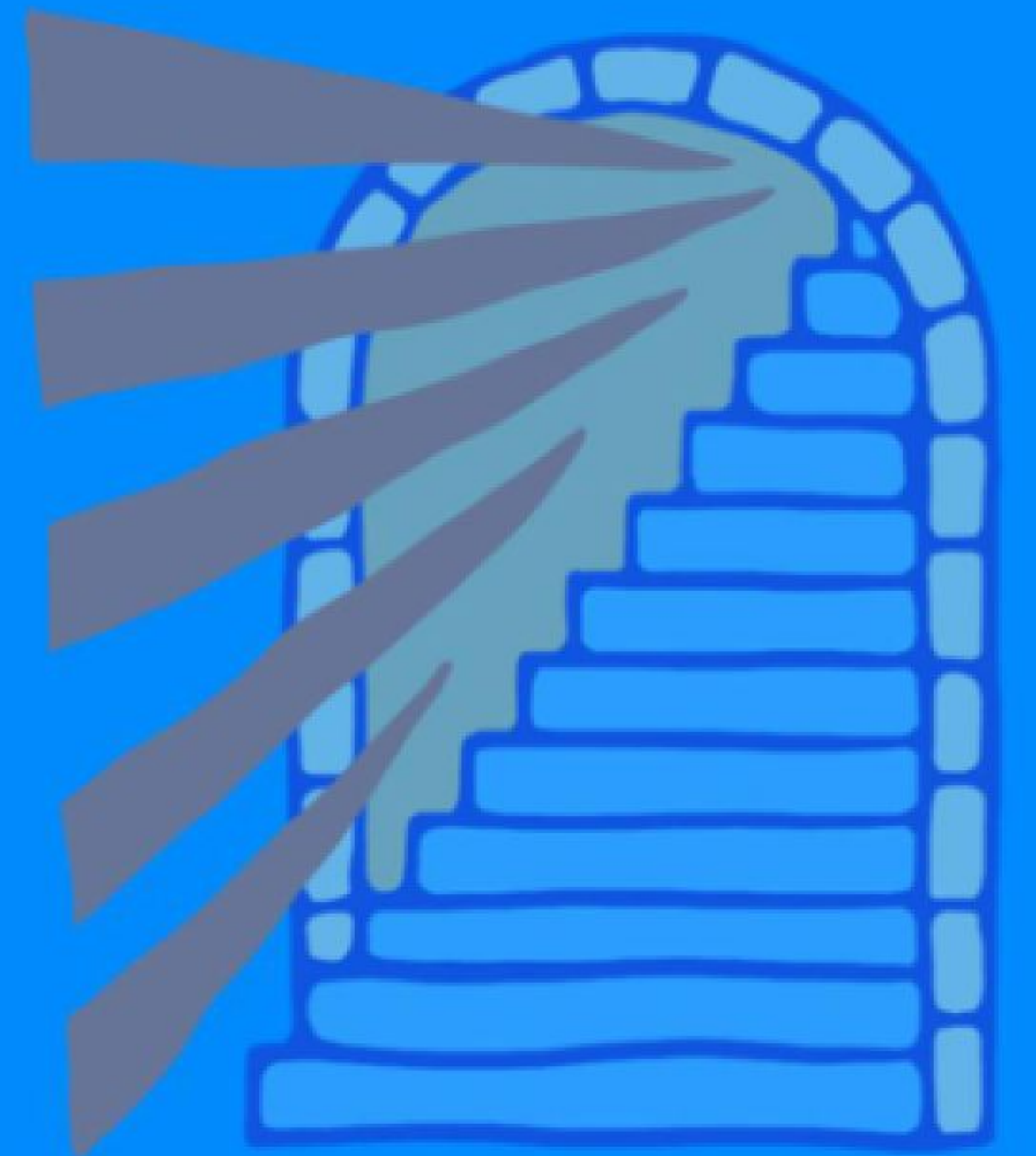
Use authority like Jesus
uses Authority.

Bear your authority, don't brandish it.
Use it to fulfill your trust.



Responsibility and Authority
make up a Trust

They should always go together



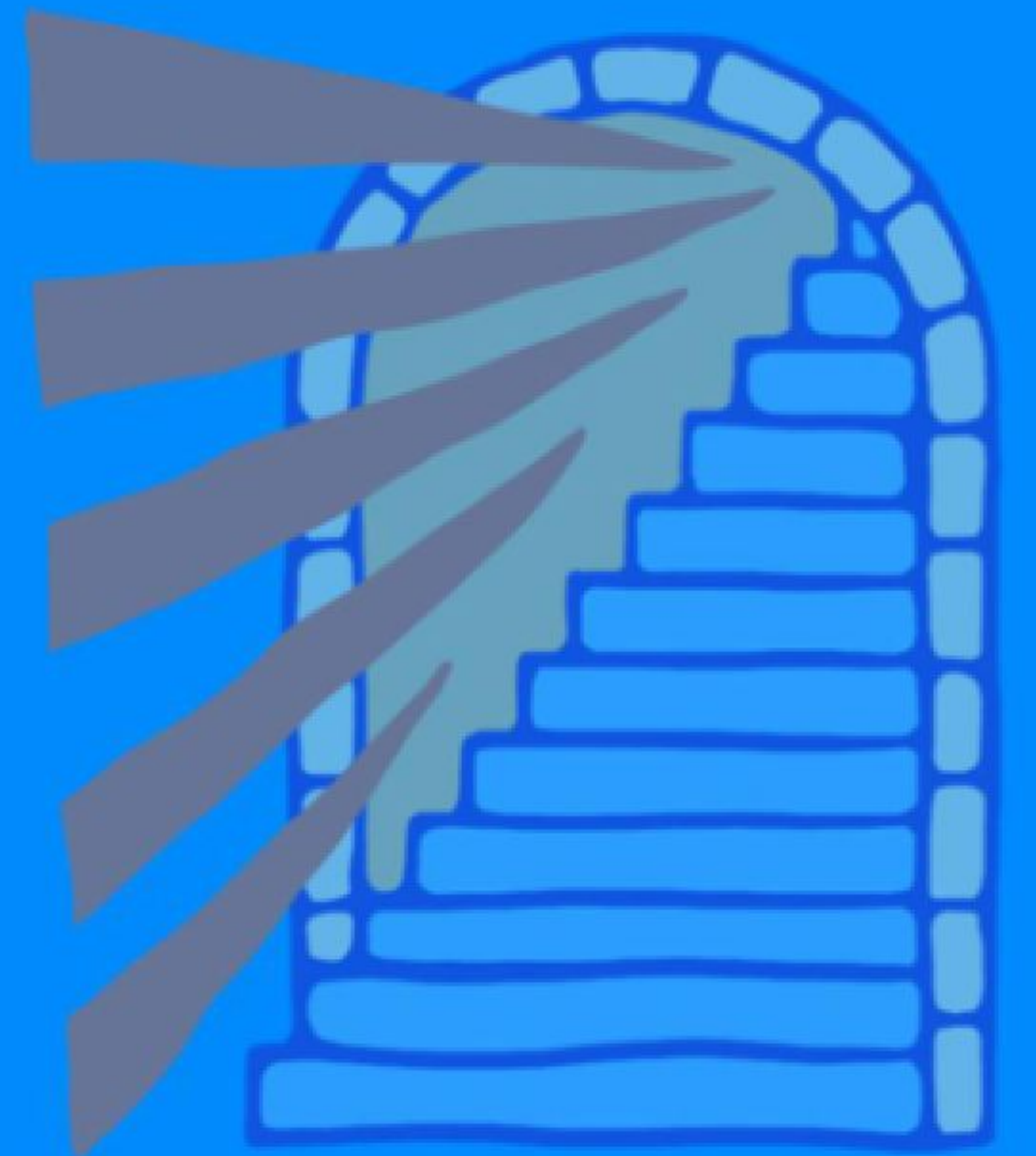
Accept or seek authority on the basis
of responsibility first,

and then the authority needed to
carry it out.

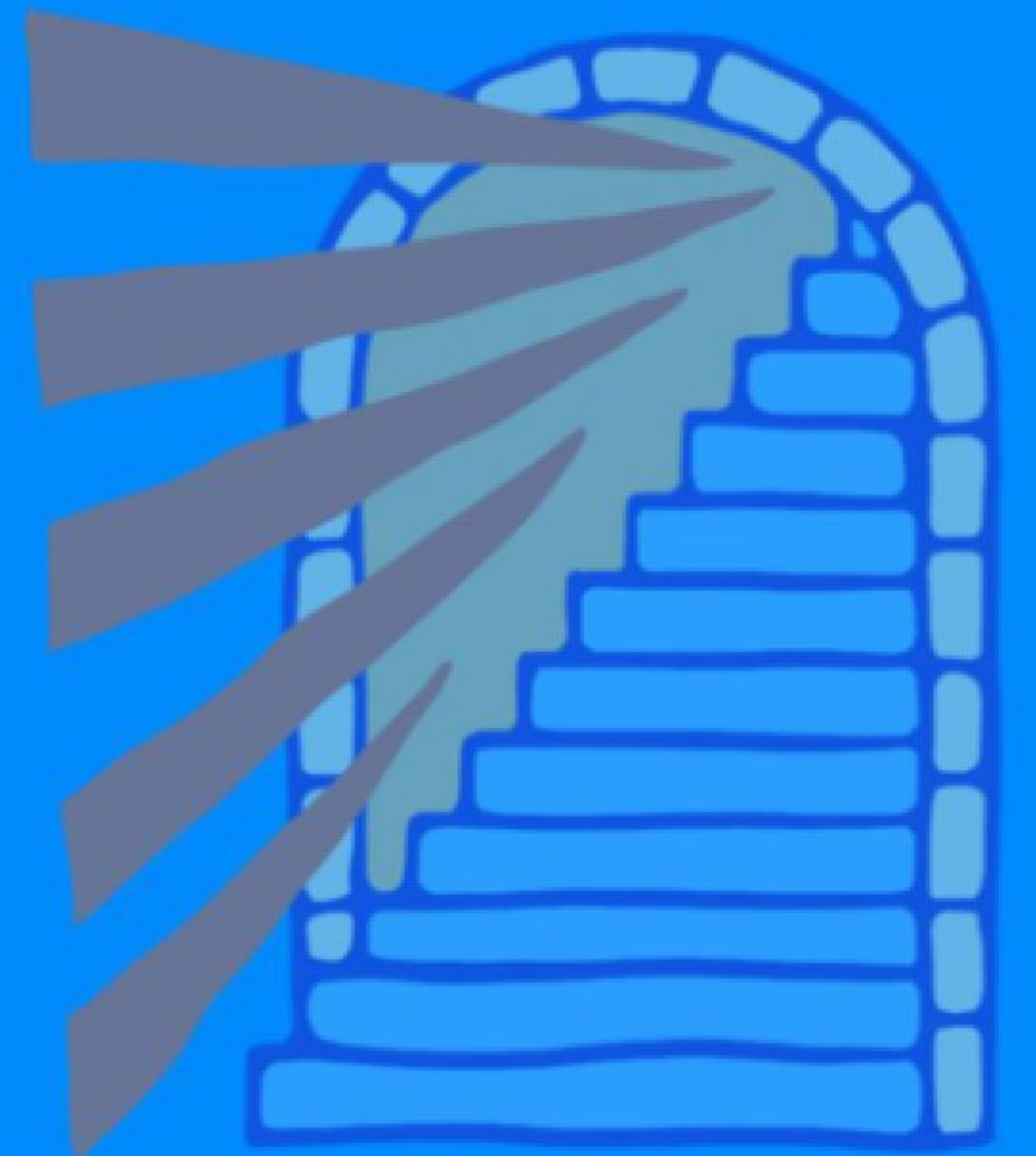


Virtuous Character is critical for good hierarchy.

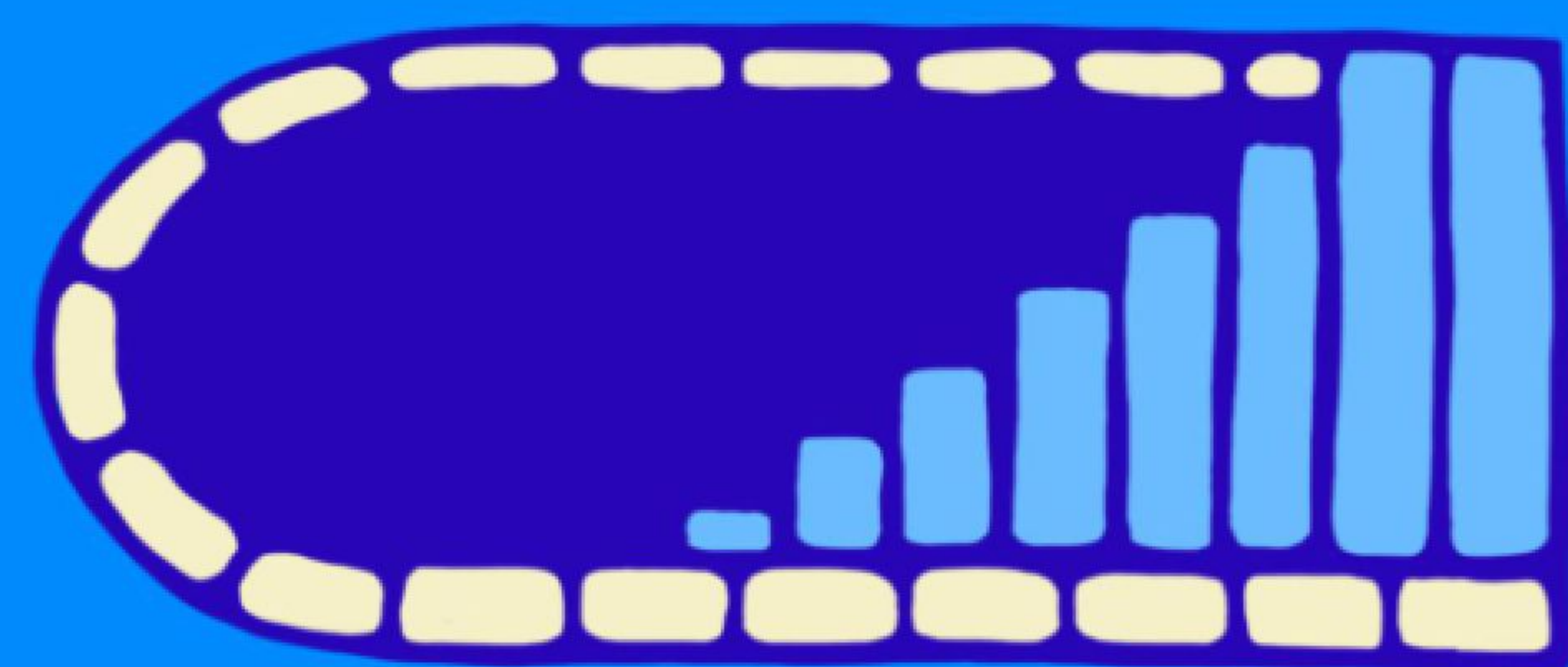
(Since it's prone to corruption
and needs constant renewal)



**This cannot be done
without Jesus...constantly.**



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