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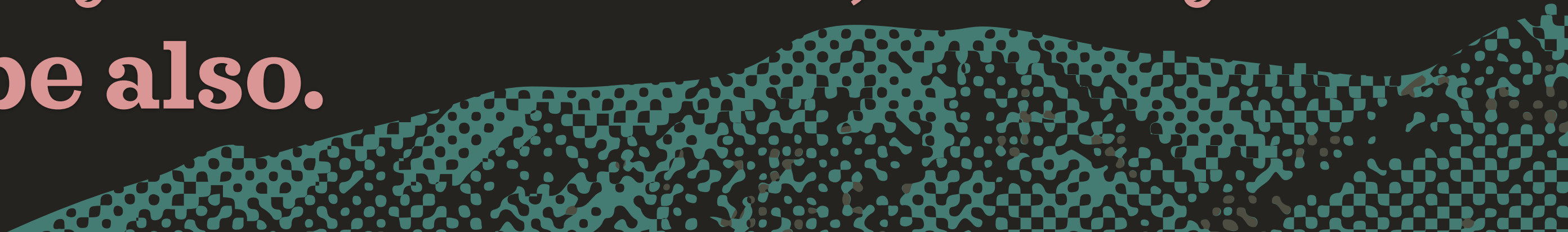
THE TREASURE OF A FISHER OF MEN

Matthew 6:19-24

19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,

20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Treasure: Things of Value - *ETERNAL V. TEMPORAL*

Lay Up / Store Up - KEEPING MORE THAN NECESSARY

- **"SECURITY"** - DO YOU FIND "SECURITY" IN SELF OR GOD?

- **LAYING UP, WHAT YOU "STORE UP"**

- **MOTIVATION FOR STORING UP EARTHLY TREASURES:**

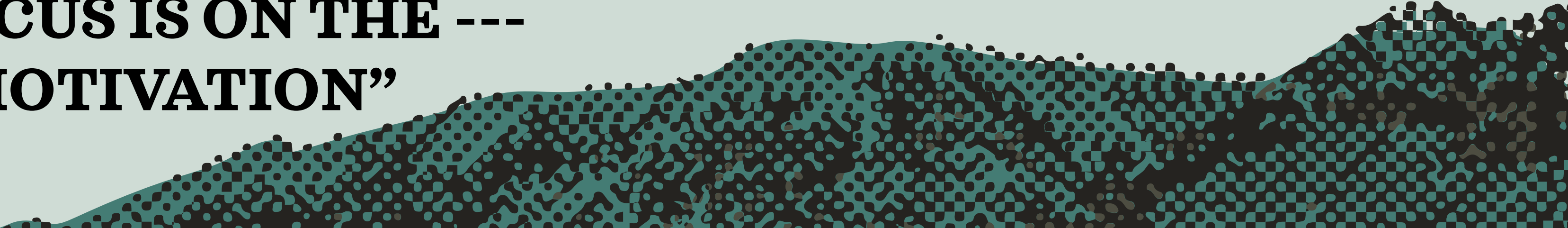
Can Lead to feeling "Self-Sufficient" without

Dependence on God for His

- Provision, Protection, Power -

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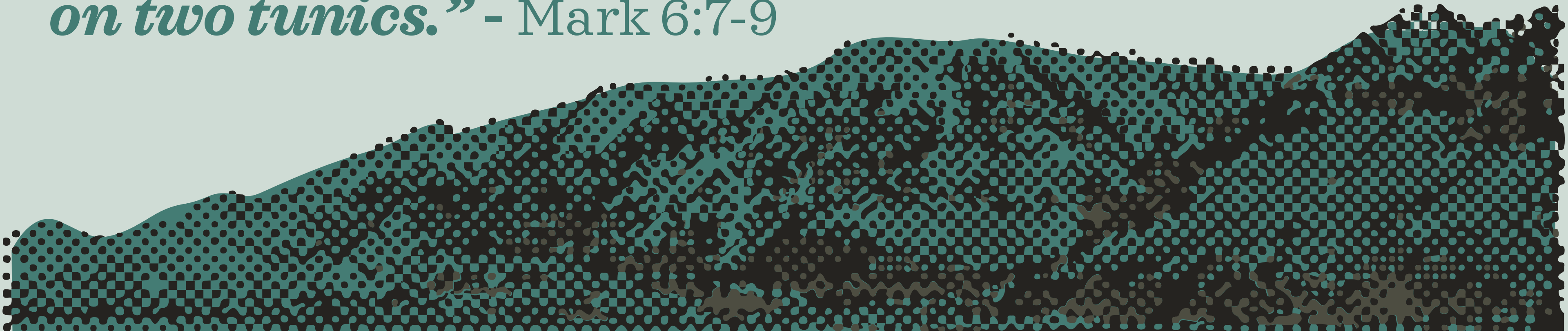
"MOTIVATION"



SECURITY & PROVISION:

LESSON IN TRUSTING HIM!

“And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in their belts but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics.” - Mark 6:7-9



How do we “Lay Up” Treasures in Heaven? **YOU GIVE!**

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” – Acts 20:35

Time – Be Interruptible & Be Intentional

Resources – Be Generous & Be Missional

Capability – Be Humble & Be Relational

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

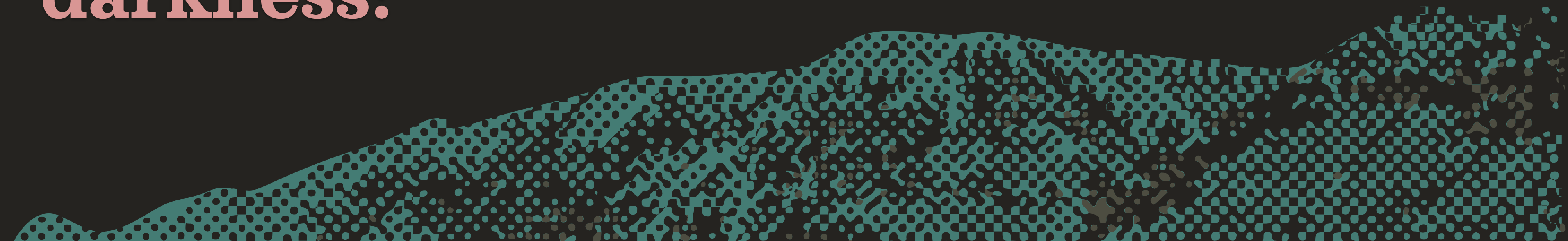
“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” – Matthew 20:28

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²² The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,

²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!



Eyes: *“Light to your soul”* Tells your intentions

- **“Healthy Eye”** - *Kingdom Mindset (Simple)*
 - *Generous - Genuine, Caring, Selfless, Loving*
- **“Bad Eye”** - *Earthly Mindset (Bad)*
 - *Greedy - False, Uncaring, Self-Centered, With-Holding*

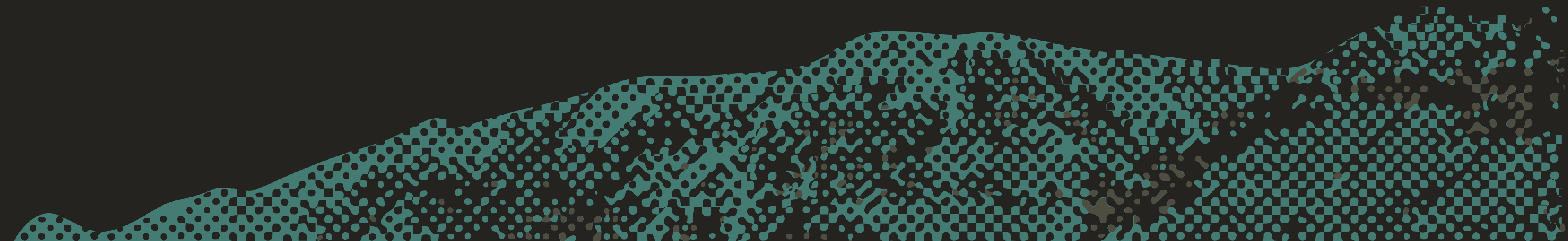


Bad Eye - Sees the World and tries to protect and hold stuff – fearing there won't be “enough.”

Healthy Eye - Sees God's Kingdom in this World and lives with generosity and love!



24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money (*mammon*)



Masters - Messiah or Mammon?

- ***Mammon*** - Aramaic - Personified by Jesus
 - Material Wealth, Money, & Possessions

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But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

- 2 Timothy 3:1-5



Where Is Your Treasure Stored?

- **Are We Building Our Temporary, Self Glorifying, Petty - Earthly Kingdom**

- Trusting Ourselves For Success, Security, and Future?

- **Are we building His eternal, God Glorifying, Loving - Heaven Kingdom**

- Trusting Him For His Provision, Protection, and Power

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