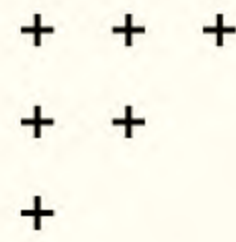


A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a river flows from the right towards the center, its surface blurred by motion. The riverbank on the left is rocky and covered with sparse, low-lying green shrubs. In the background, a massive, layered rock formation rises steeply, its surface showing vertical erosion patterns. The sky is a pale, overcast blue.

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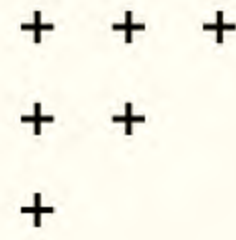
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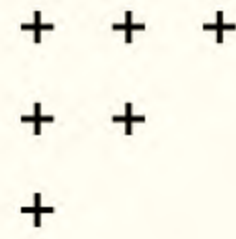


Acts 23

Paul escapes death

- + **Warned by Paul's nephew**
...more than forty of them are **waiting in ambush** for him. (23:20)
- + **Evacuated by Claudius Lysias**
Provide horses for Paul so that he may be **taken safely** to Governor Felix. (23:24)
- + **Received by governor Felix**
...he said, **"I will hear your case when your accusers get here."**
Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace. (23:25)





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ACTS 24:17-21 ESV

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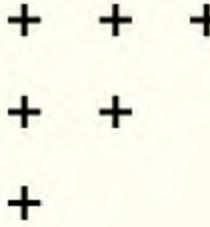
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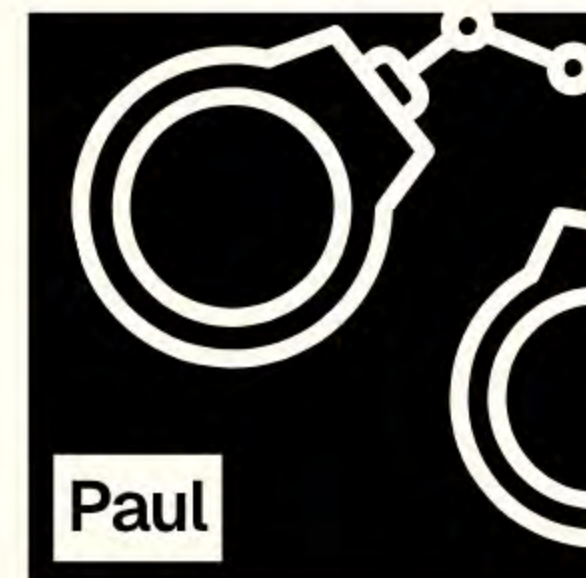
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Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings. “When Lysias the commander comes,” he said, “I will decide your case.”²³ He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs.

ACTS 24:22-23 NIV



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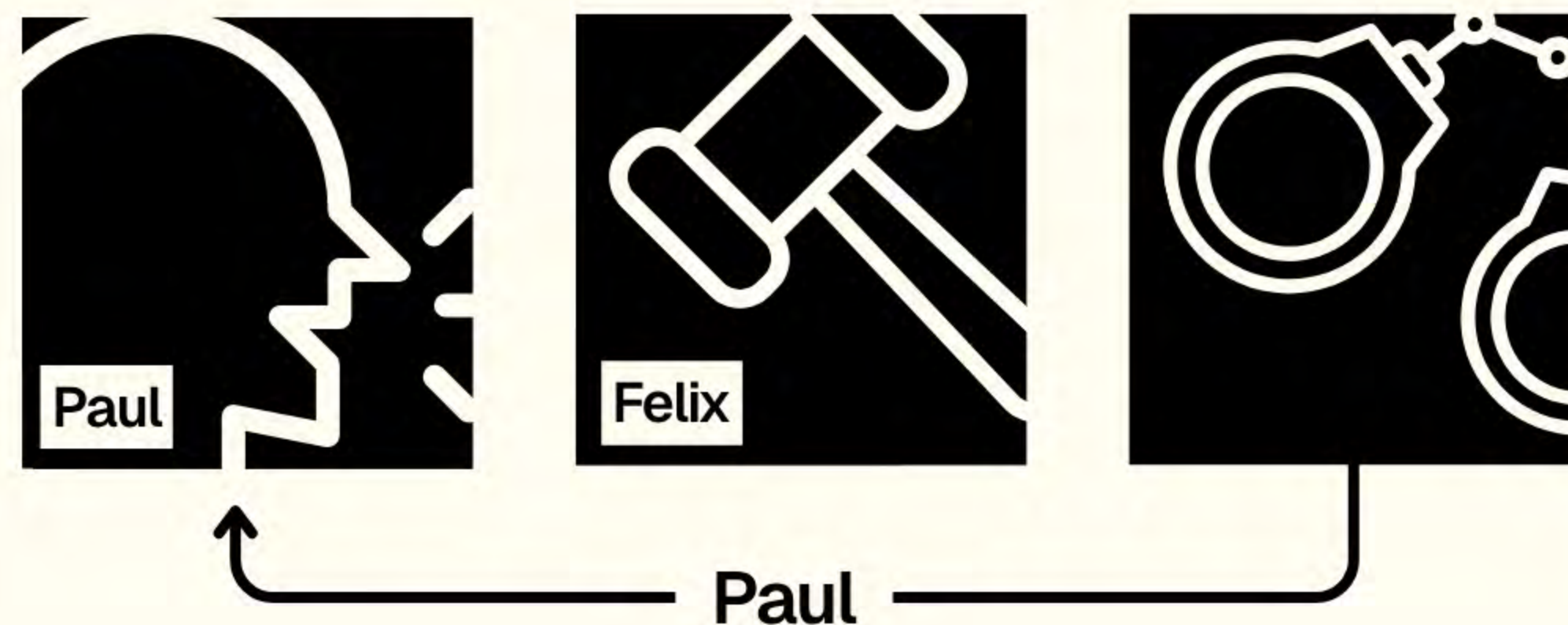


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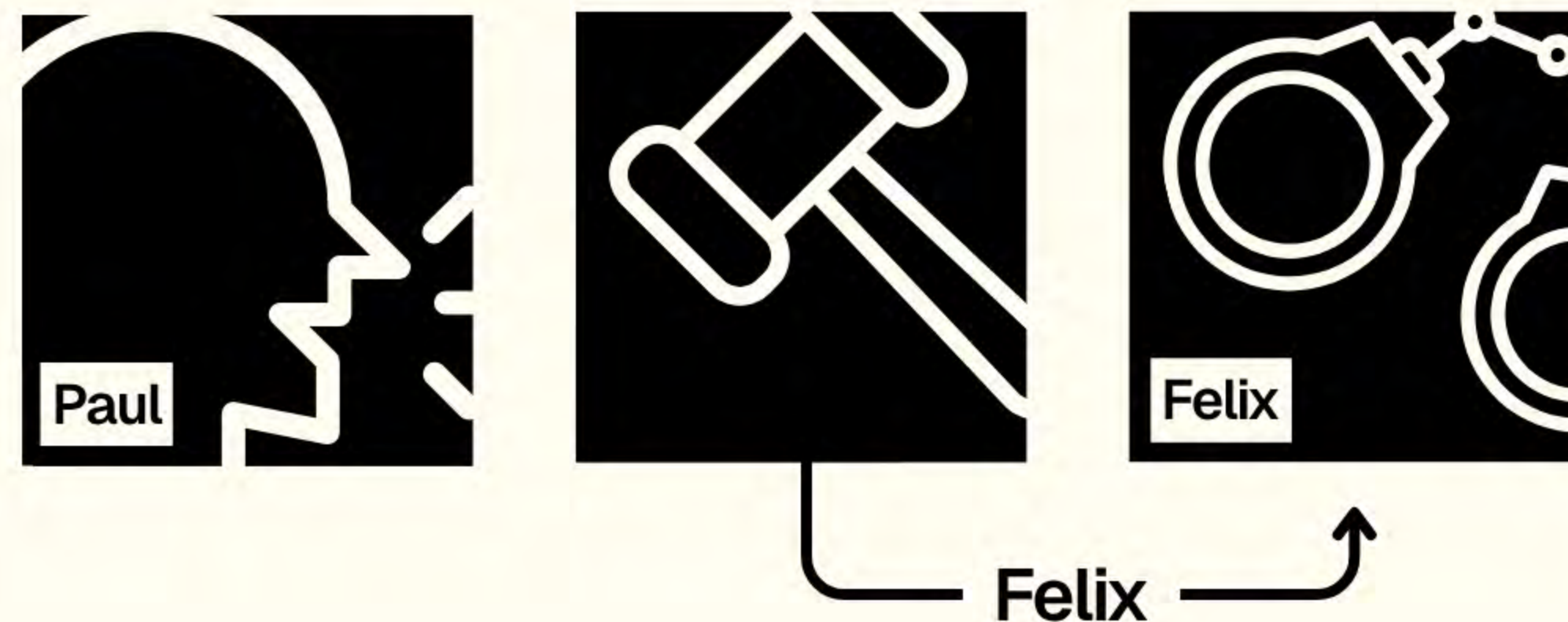
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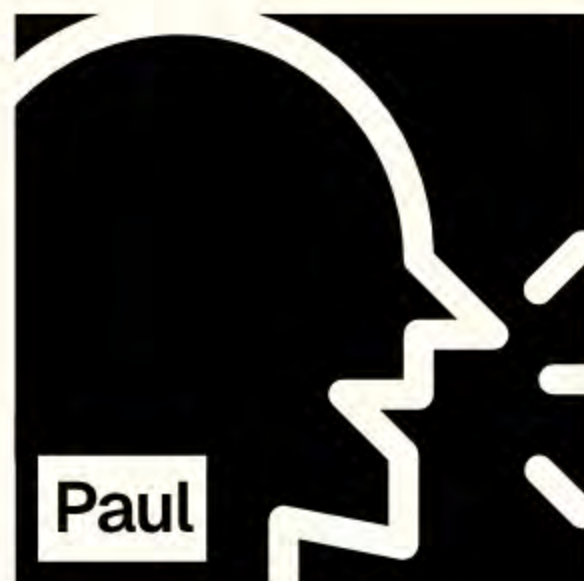
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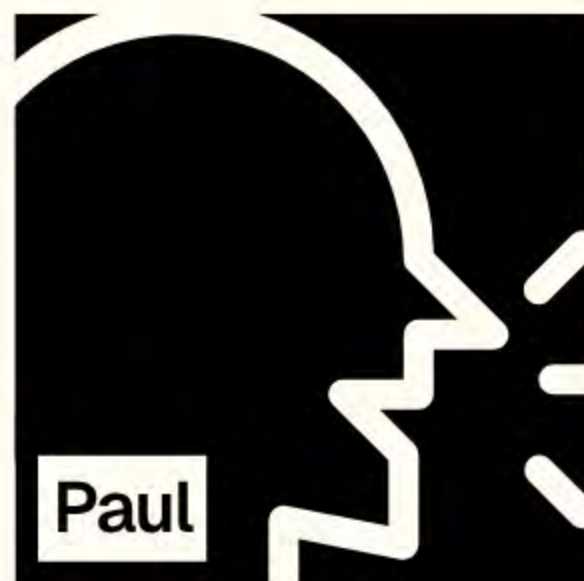
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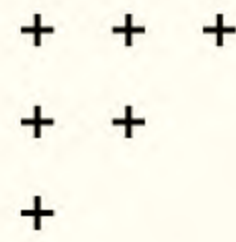
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When **two years** had passed, **Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus,**
but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, **he left Paul in prison.**

ACTS 24:27 NIV





How do I influence a broken system?



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Isolation



Takeover



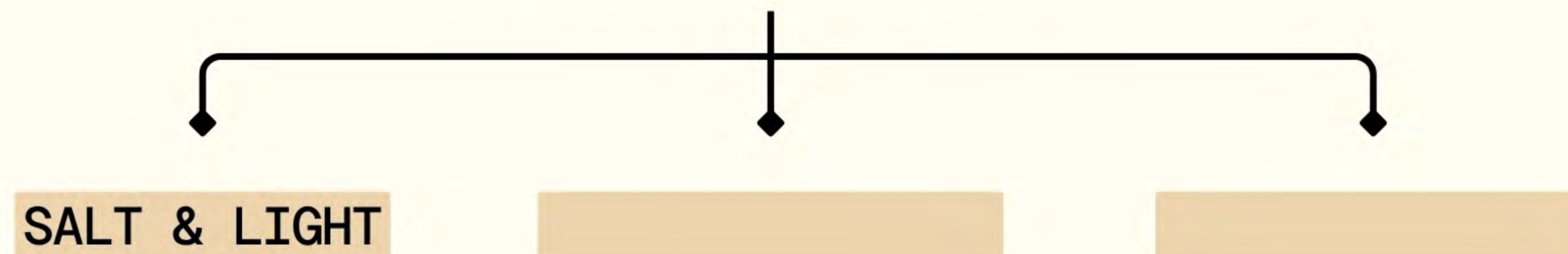
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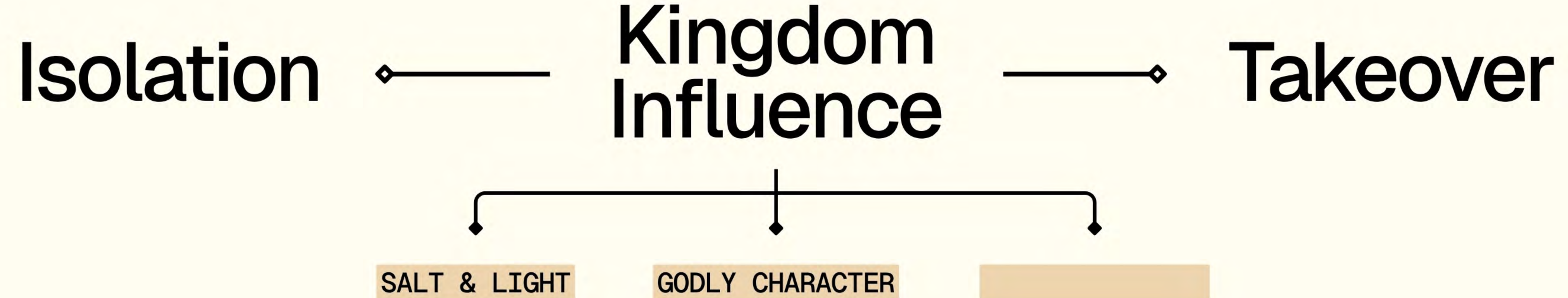


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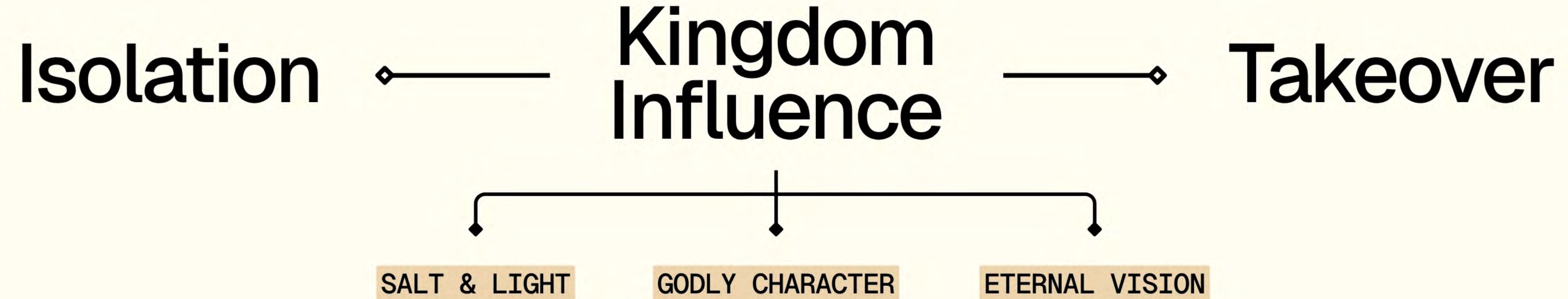
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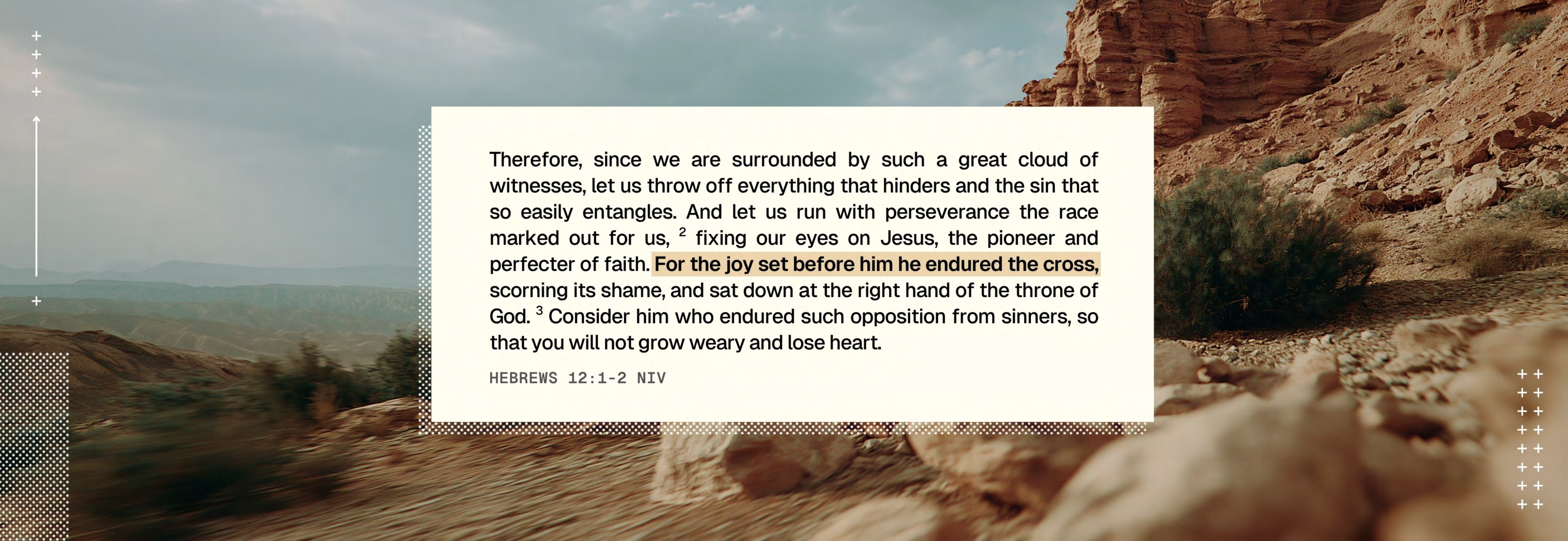


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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before him he endured the cross,** scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

HEBREWS 12:1-2 NIV

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