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All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. <sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

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The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.<sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.<sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

ACTS 4:1-3 NIV



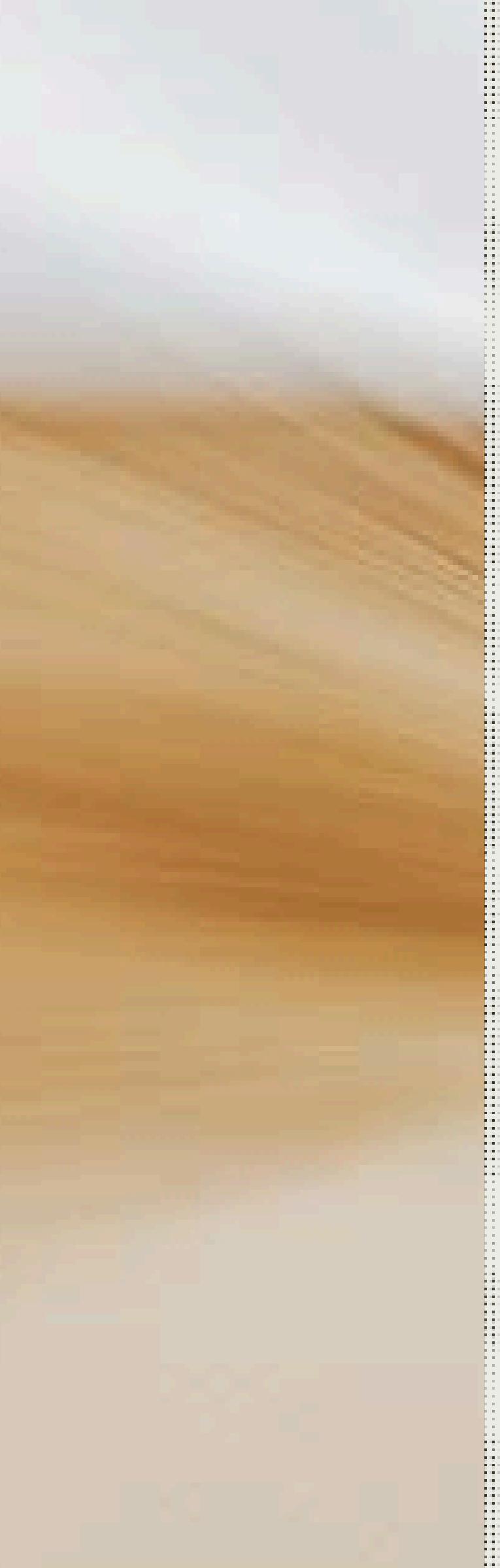
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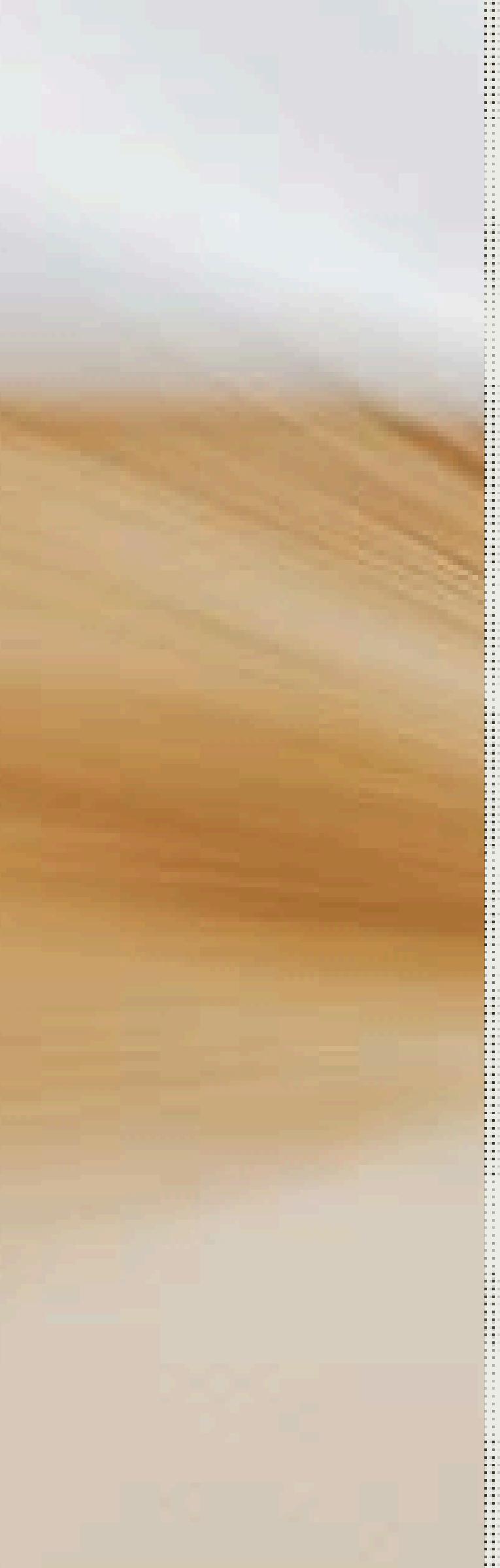
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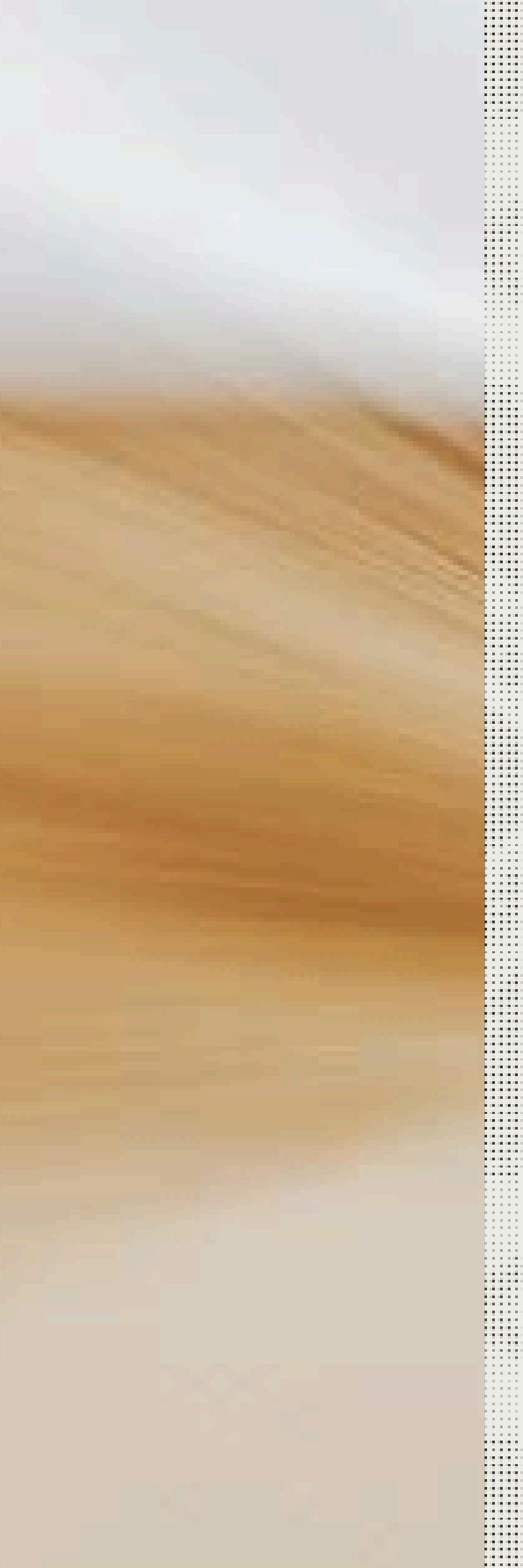
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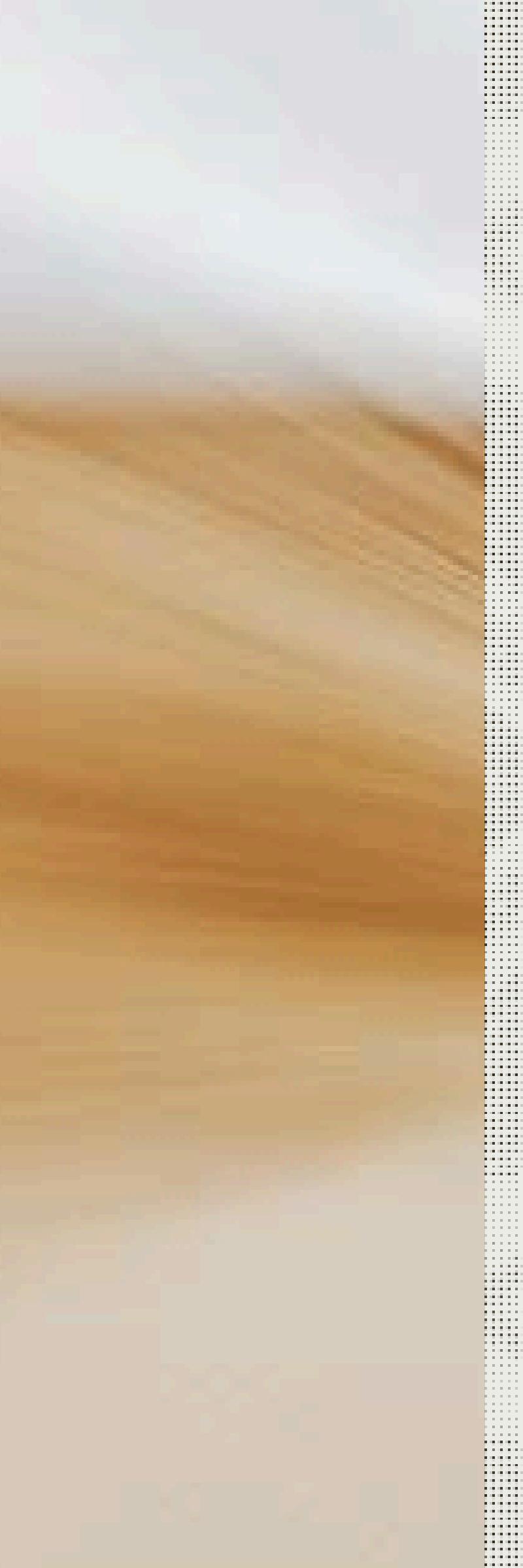
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## DESPOTES

Sovereign Lord, master, or slave owner. A ruler of unchallengeable power.

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## GOD MADE

ACTS 4:24 NIV

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## GOD SPOKE

ACTS 4:25 NIV

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## GOD DECIDED

ACTS 4:28 NIV

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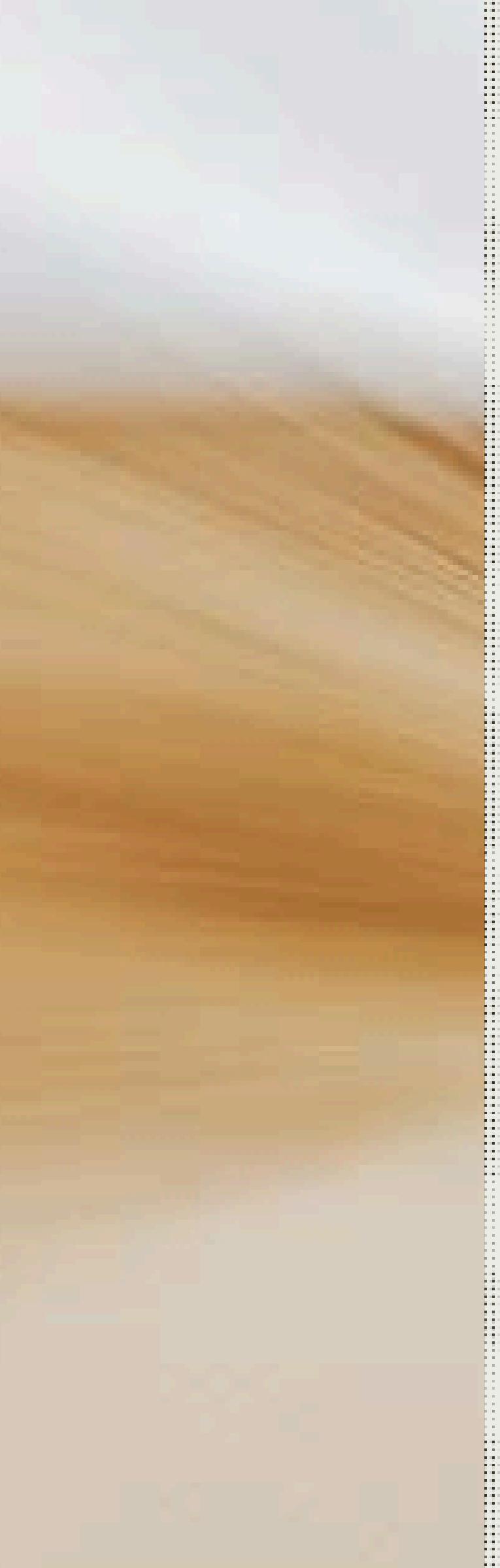
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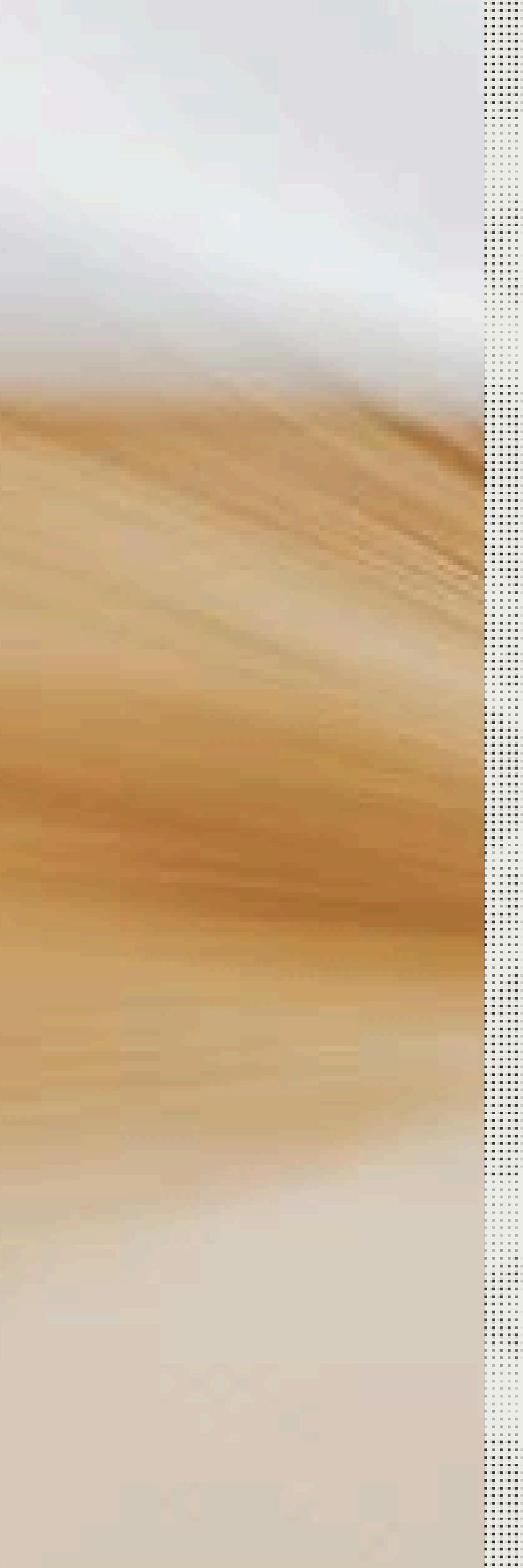
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## SPIRITUAL BOLDNESS

- Inspires change
- Focused on love
- Desire is to express truth from Scripture
- Lead by Holy Spirit
- Listen and seek to understand before speaking
- Points people to Jesus

## RUDENESS

- Inspires division
- Focused on self
- Desire is to win
- Lead by Emotions
- Assumes and Accuses
- Points to You



THEIR

People  
Prayer  
+ PRAISE  
+ PETITION  
Power

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and **spoke the word of God boldly.**

ACTS 4:31 NIV



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