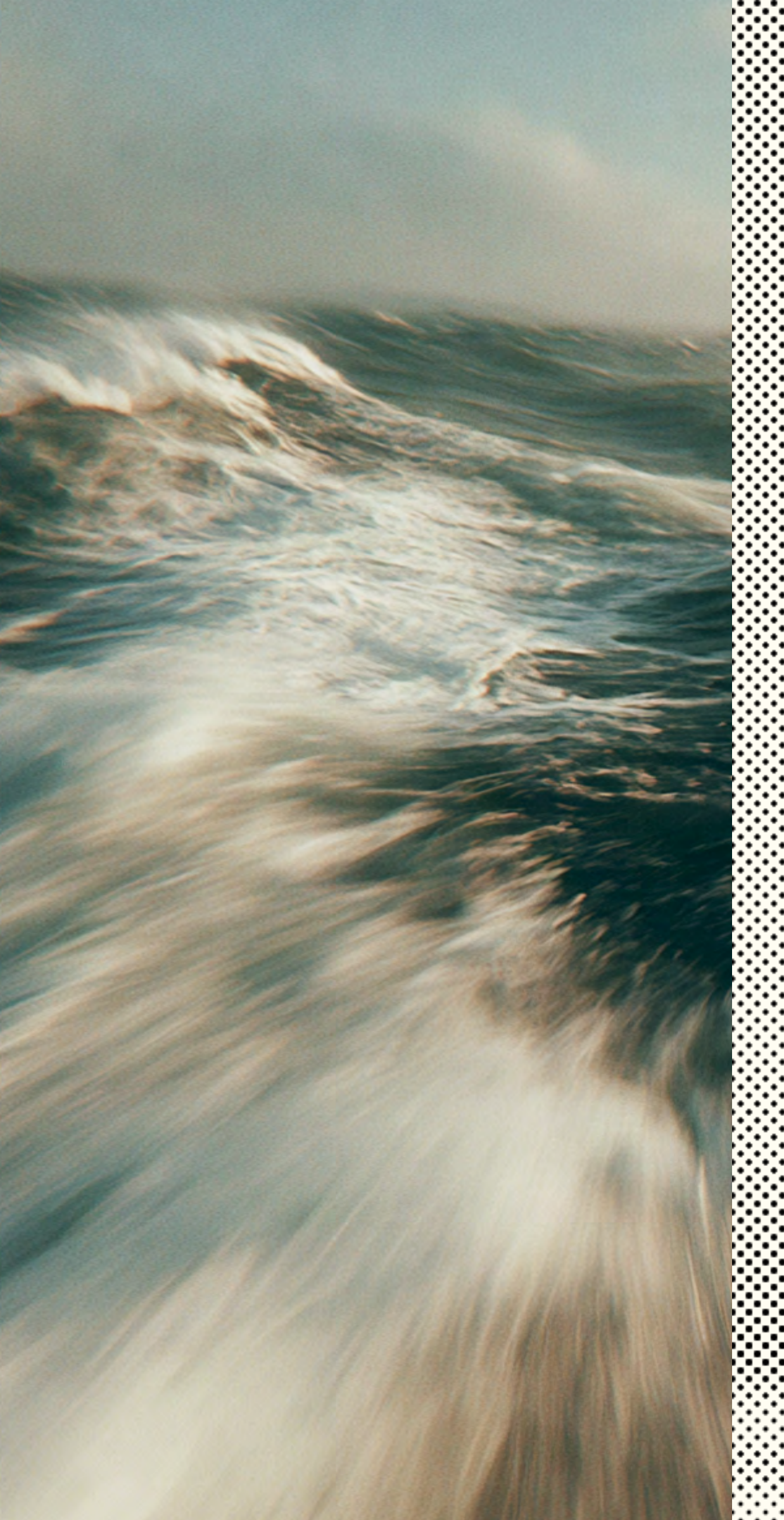
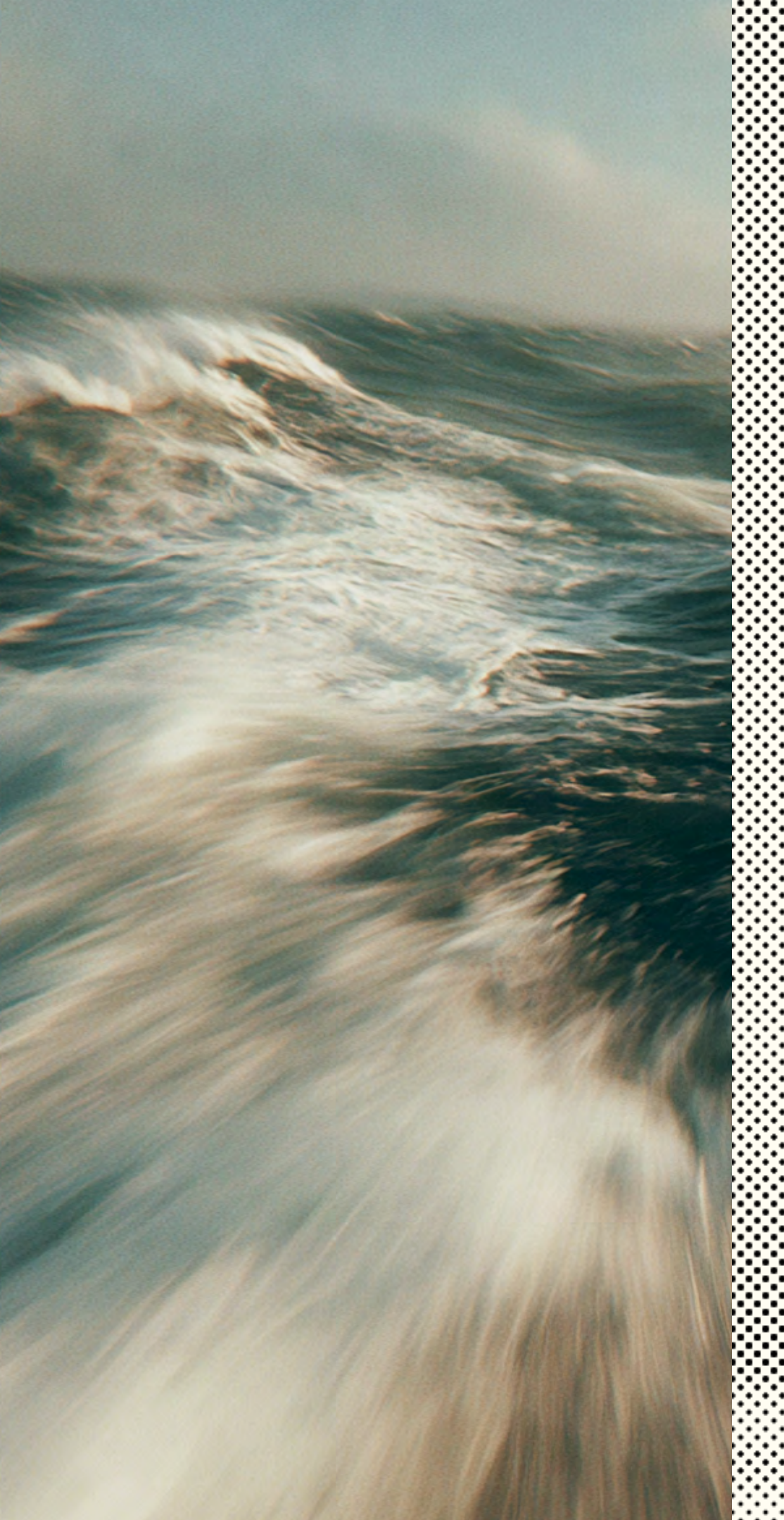


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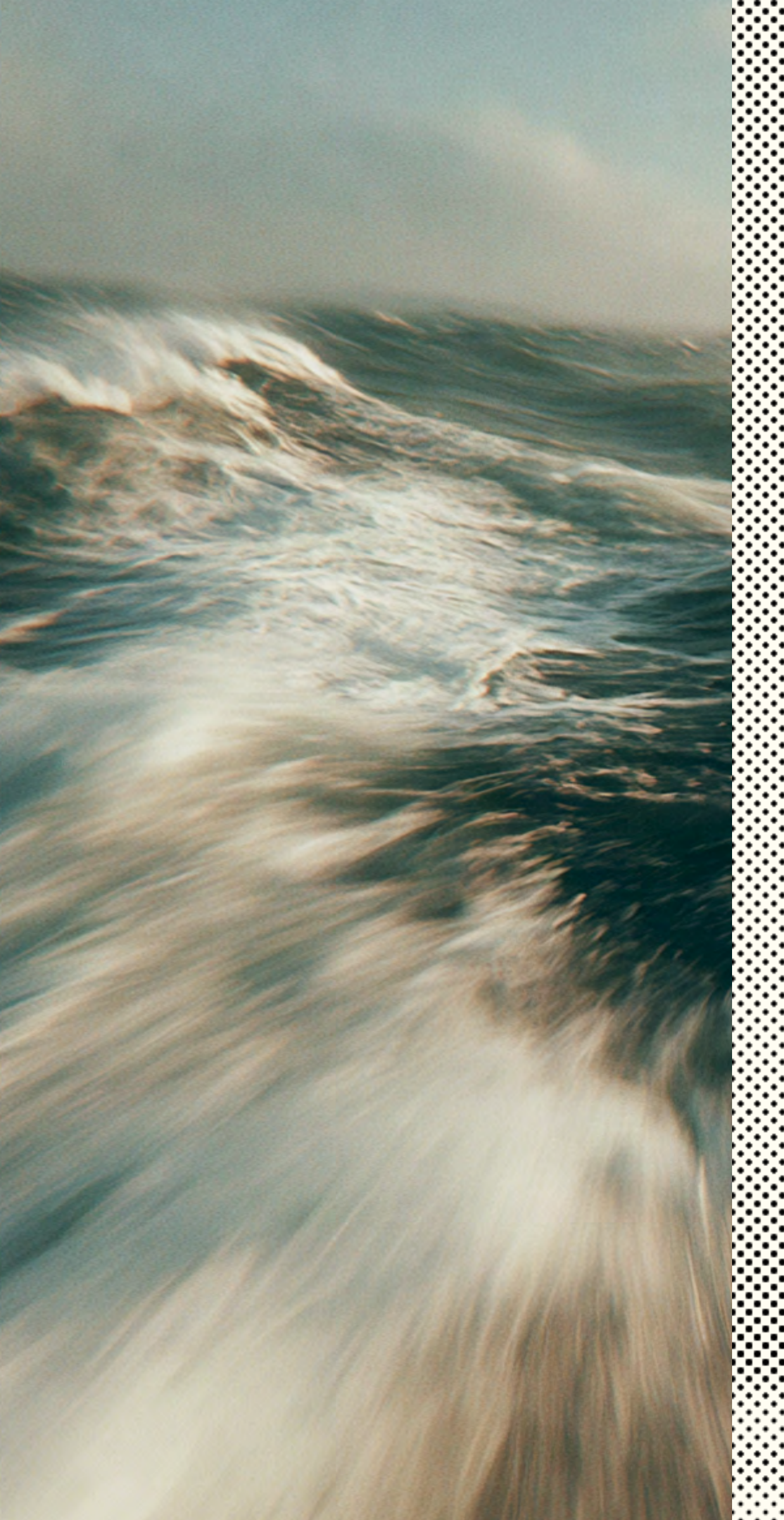
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ACTS 27:1, 3 NIV



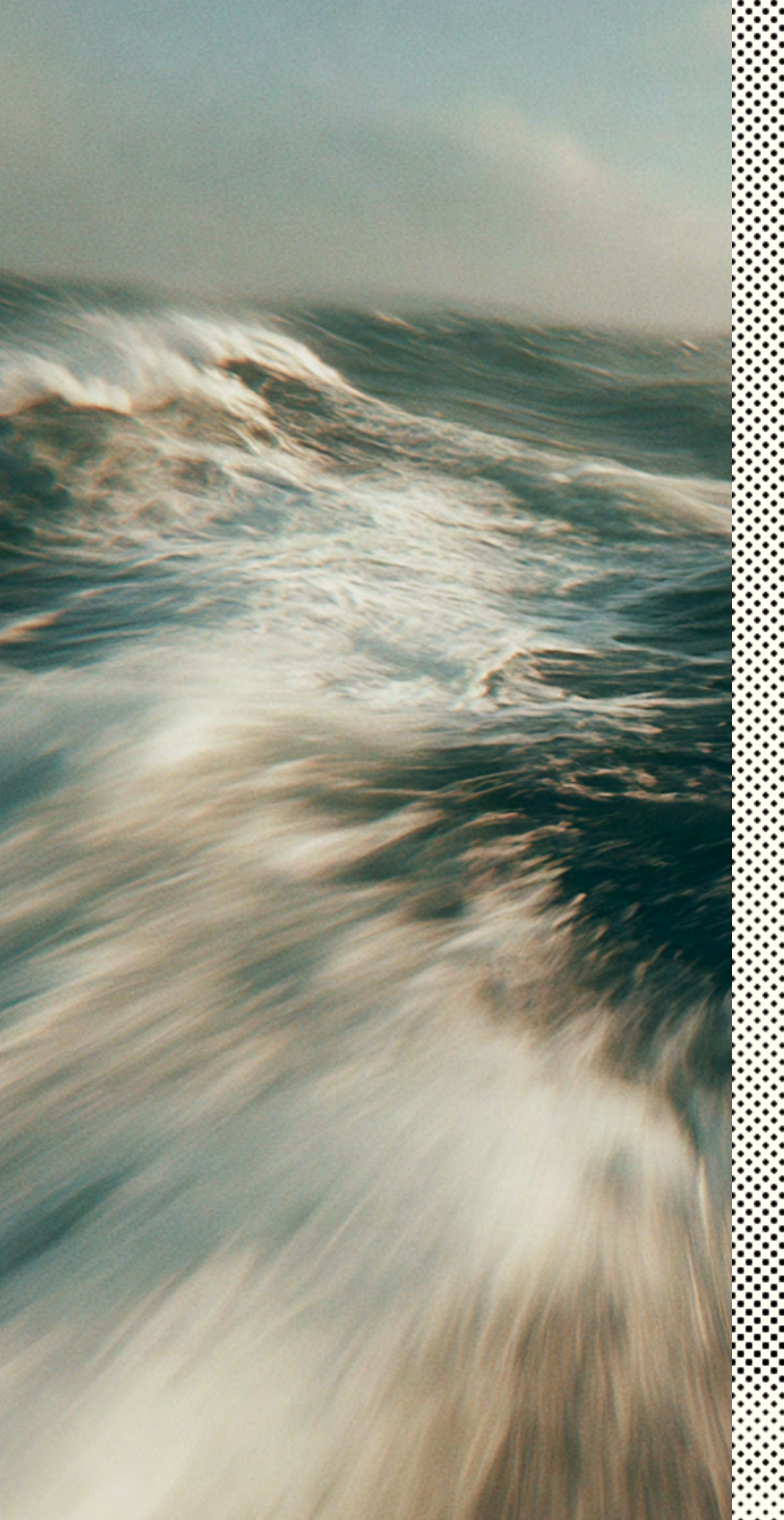
We boarded **a ship from Adramyttium** about to sail for ports along the coast of the province of Asia, and we put out to sea. Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica, was with us.

ACTS 27:2 NIV



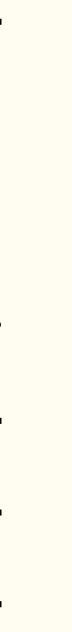
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⁴ From there we put out to sea again and passed to the lee of **Cyprus** because the winds were against us. ⁵ When we had sailed across the open sea off the coast of **Cilicia and Pamphylia**, we landed at **Myra in Lycia**.

ACTS 27:3-5 NIV



There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for Italy and put us on board.

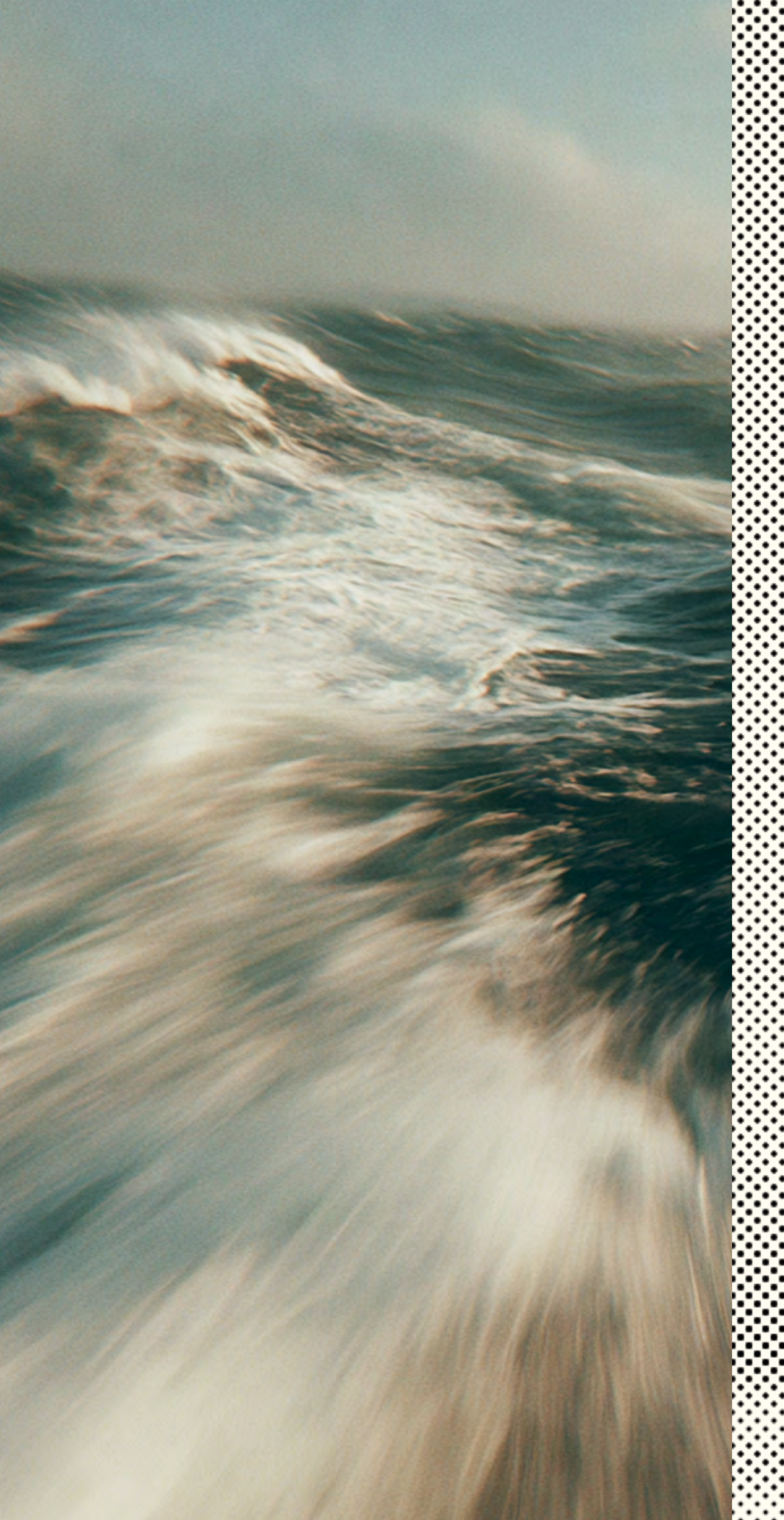
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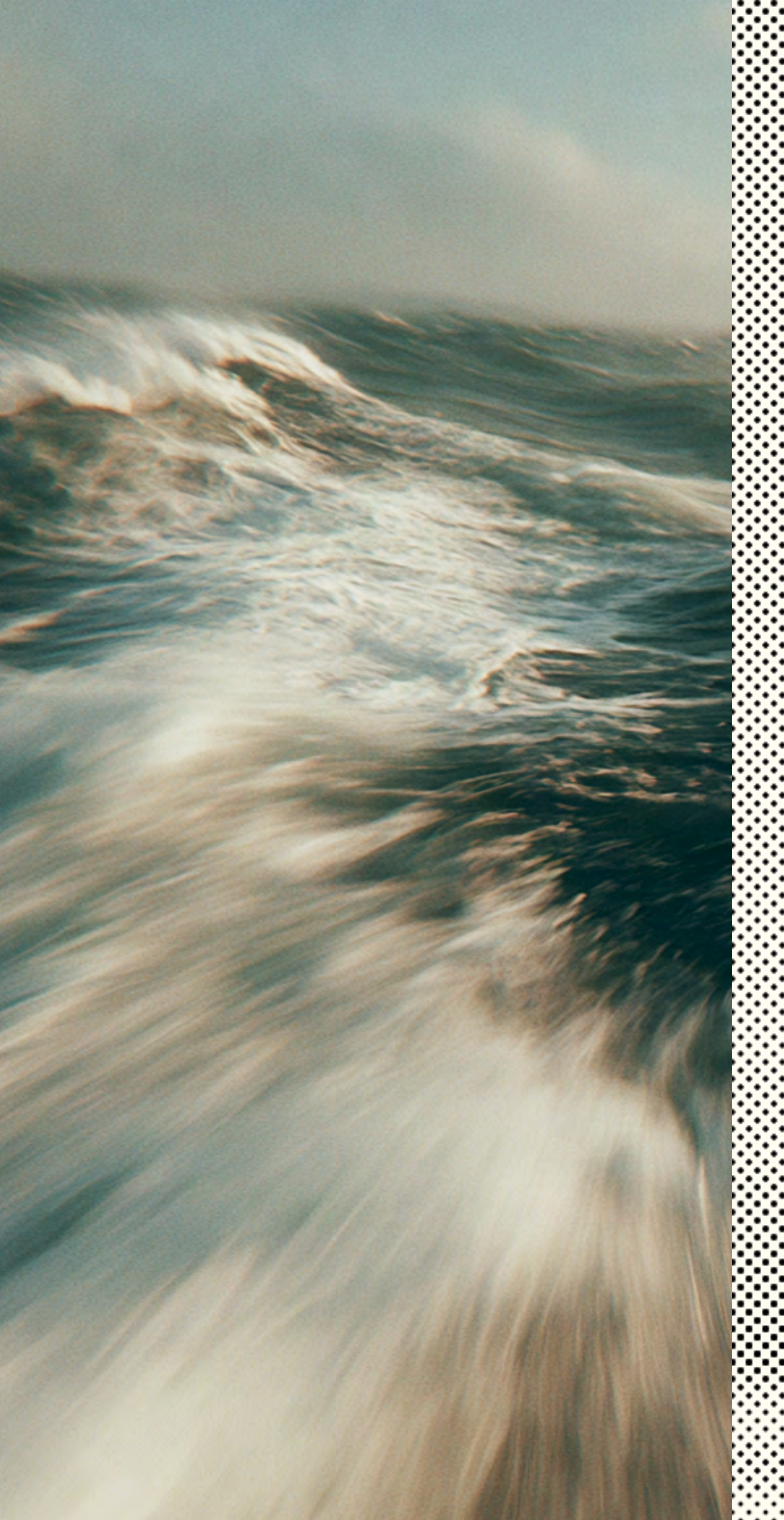
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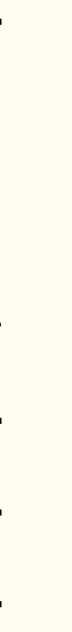
⁷ We made **slow headway** for many days and **had difficulty** arriving off Cnidus. When **the wind did not allow us to hold our course,** we sailed to the lee of Crete, opposite Salmone. ⁸ We **moved along the coast with difficulty** and came to a place called Fair Havens, near the town of Lasea. ⁹ **Much time had been lost,** and **sailing had already become dangerous** because by now it was after the Day of Atonement.

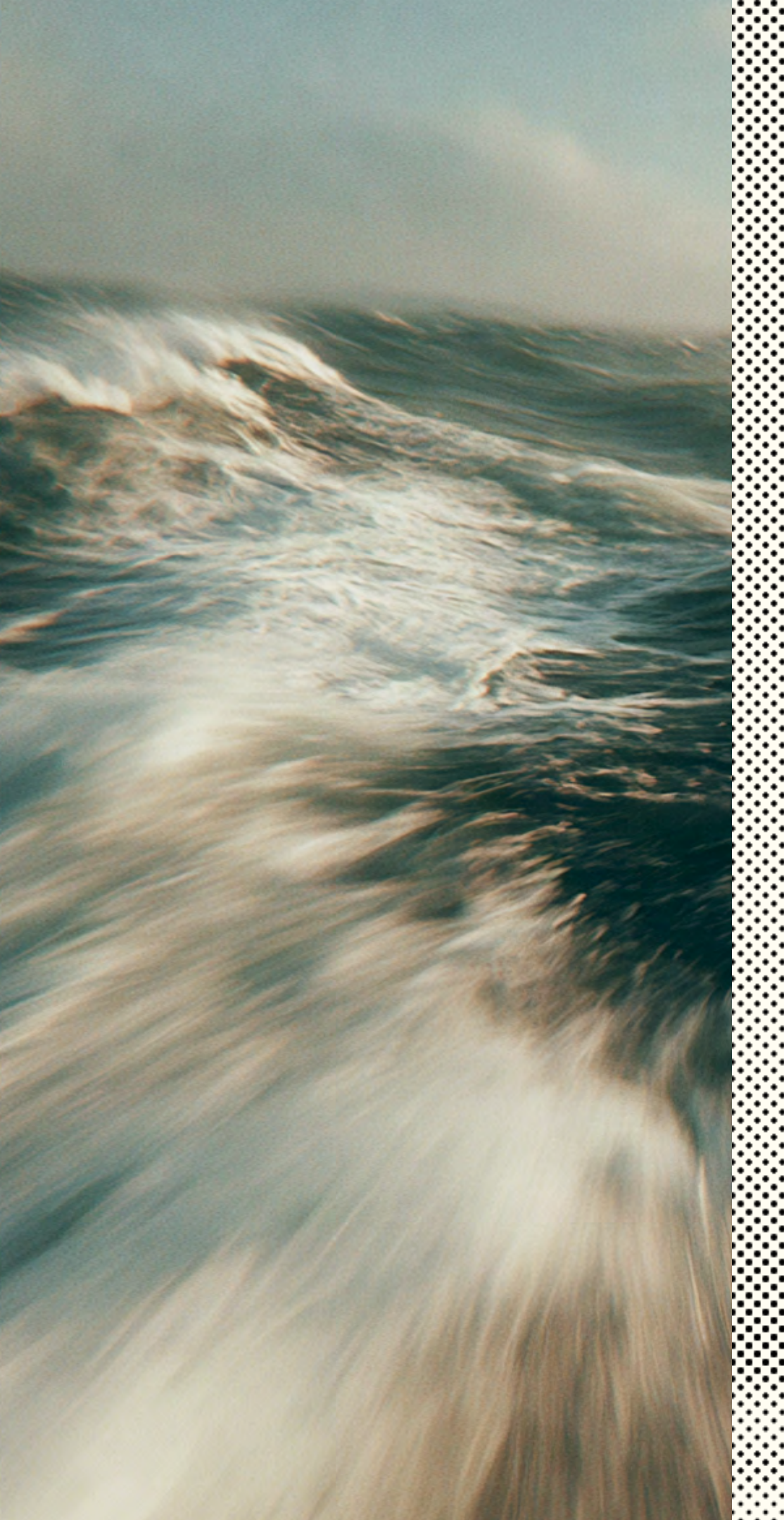
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...three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea...

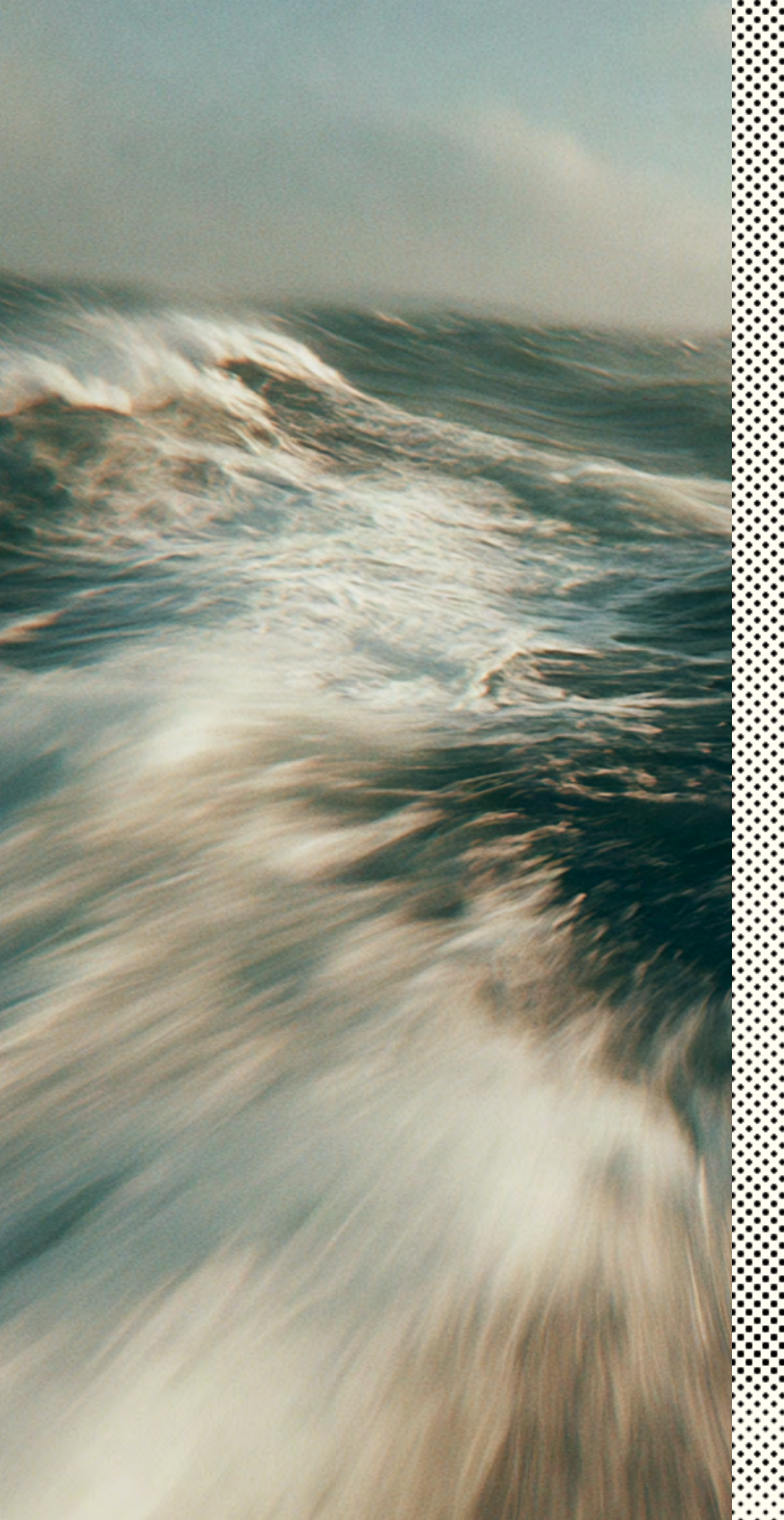
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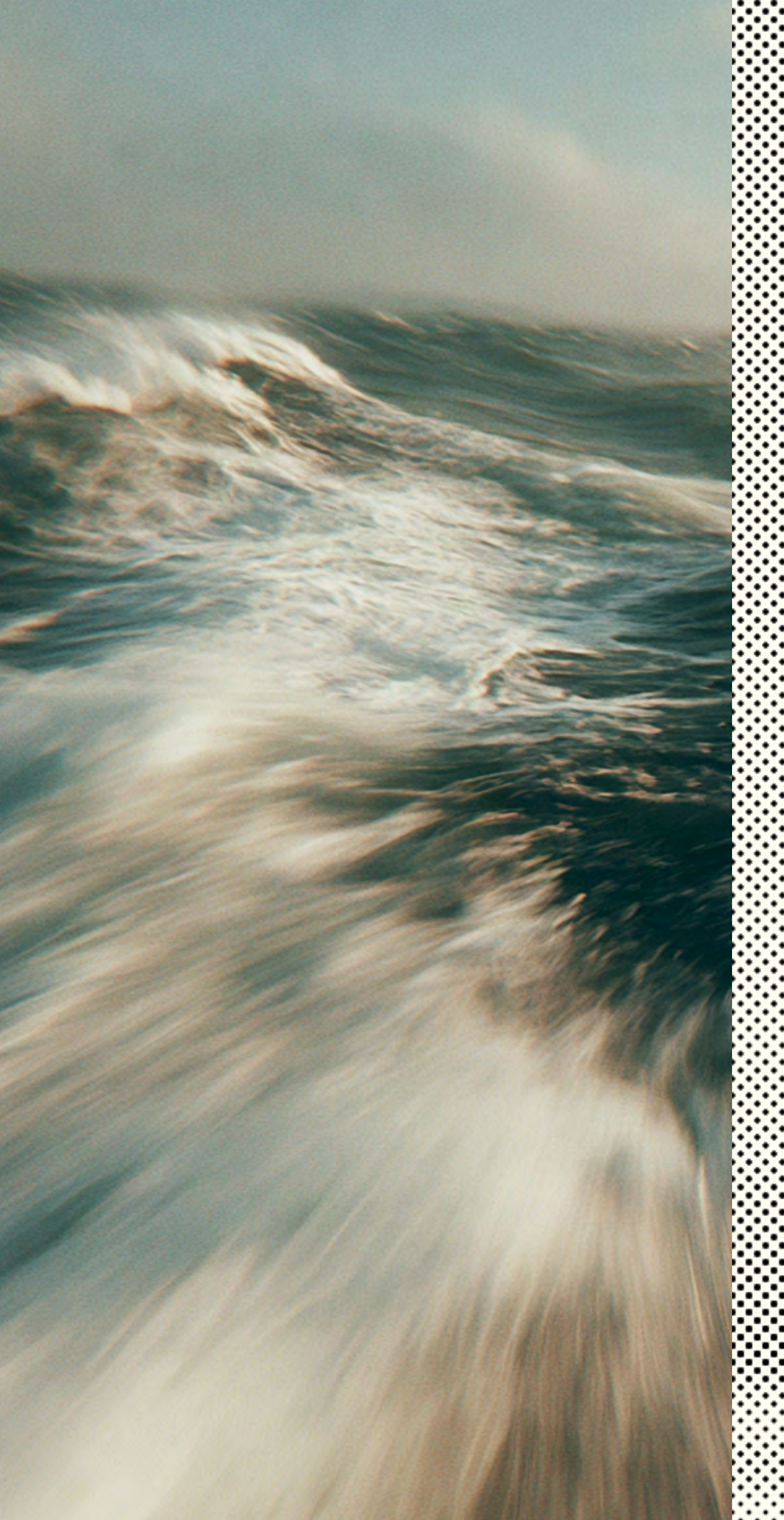
ACTS 27:10-11 NIV



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ACTS 27:10-11 NIV





Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.¹³ When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete.

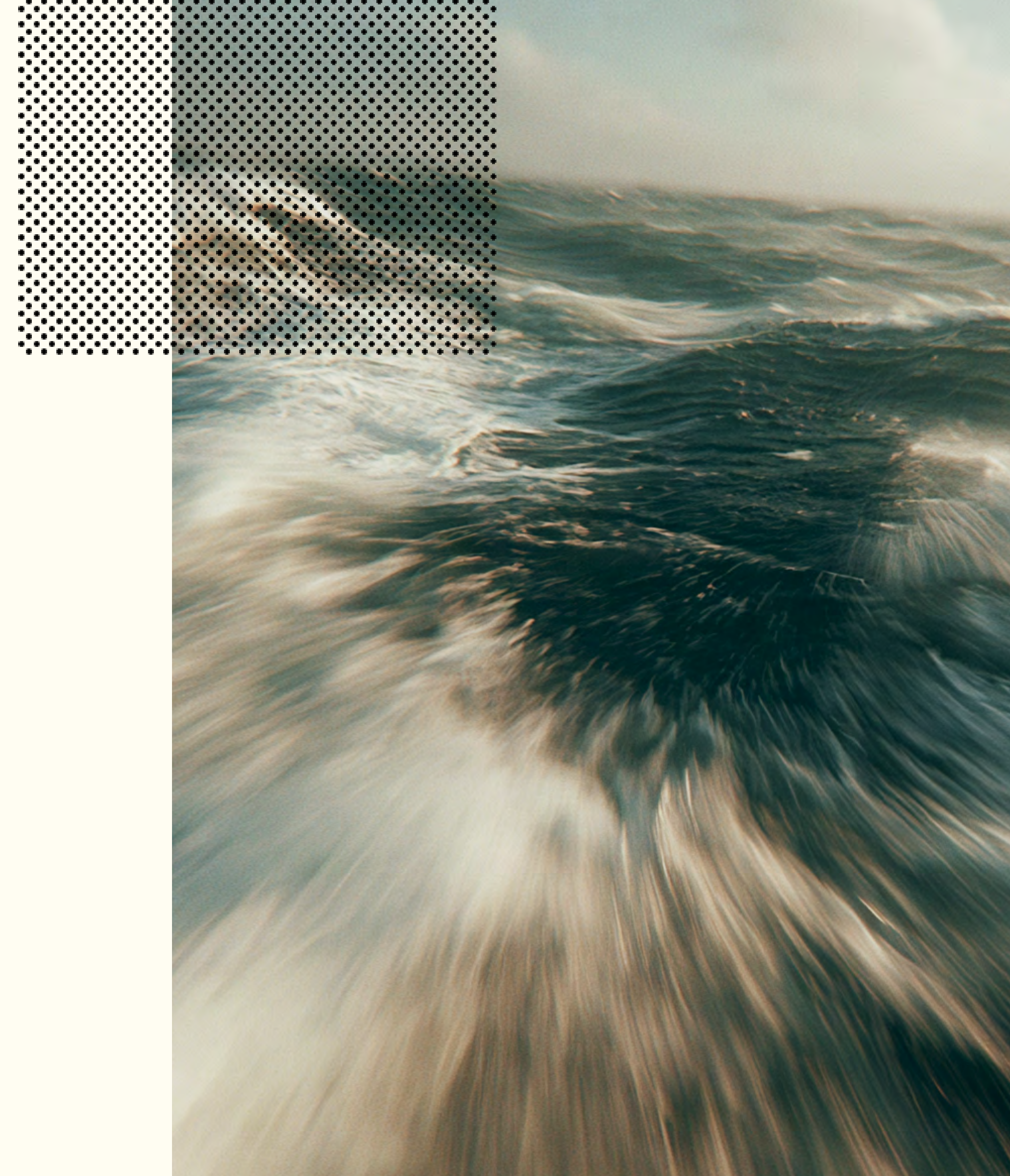
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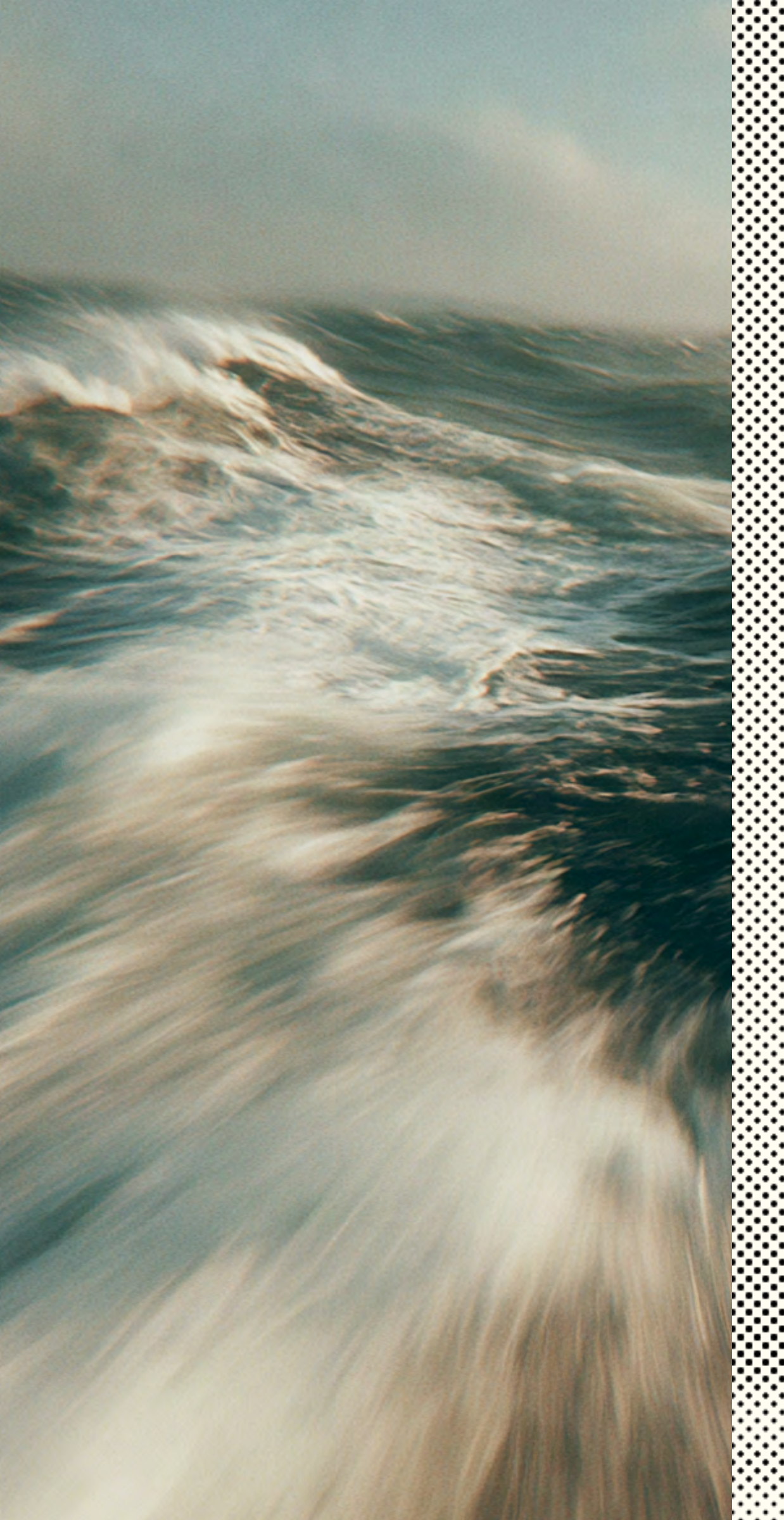


Where do I feel stuck?

Where does it feel like the wind is against me?

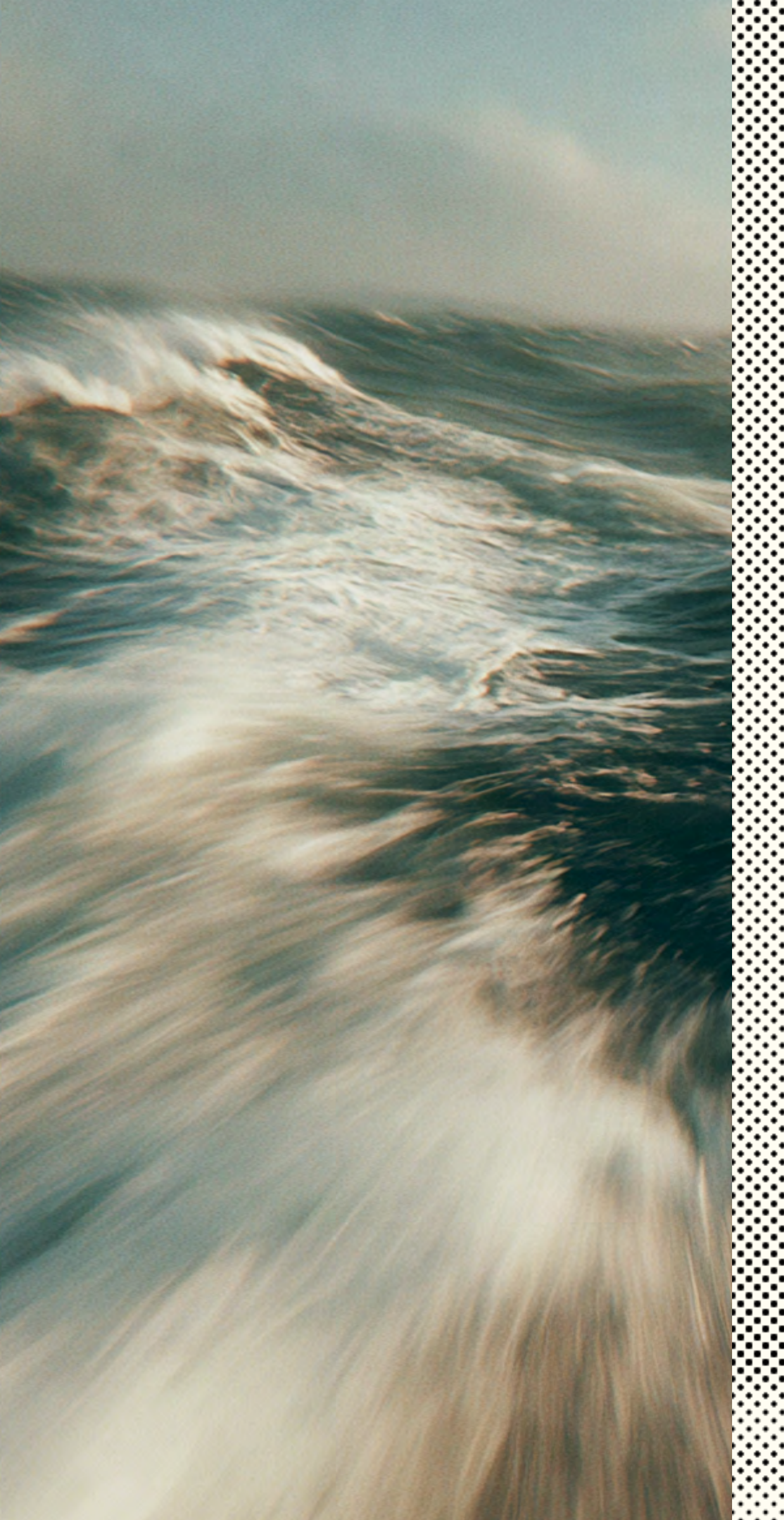
Where does it feel like I am sailing into danger?





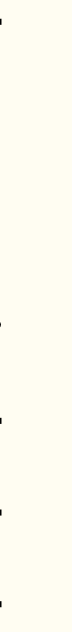
Before very long, **a wind of hurricane force**, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. ¹⁵ The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we **gave way to it and were driven along.**

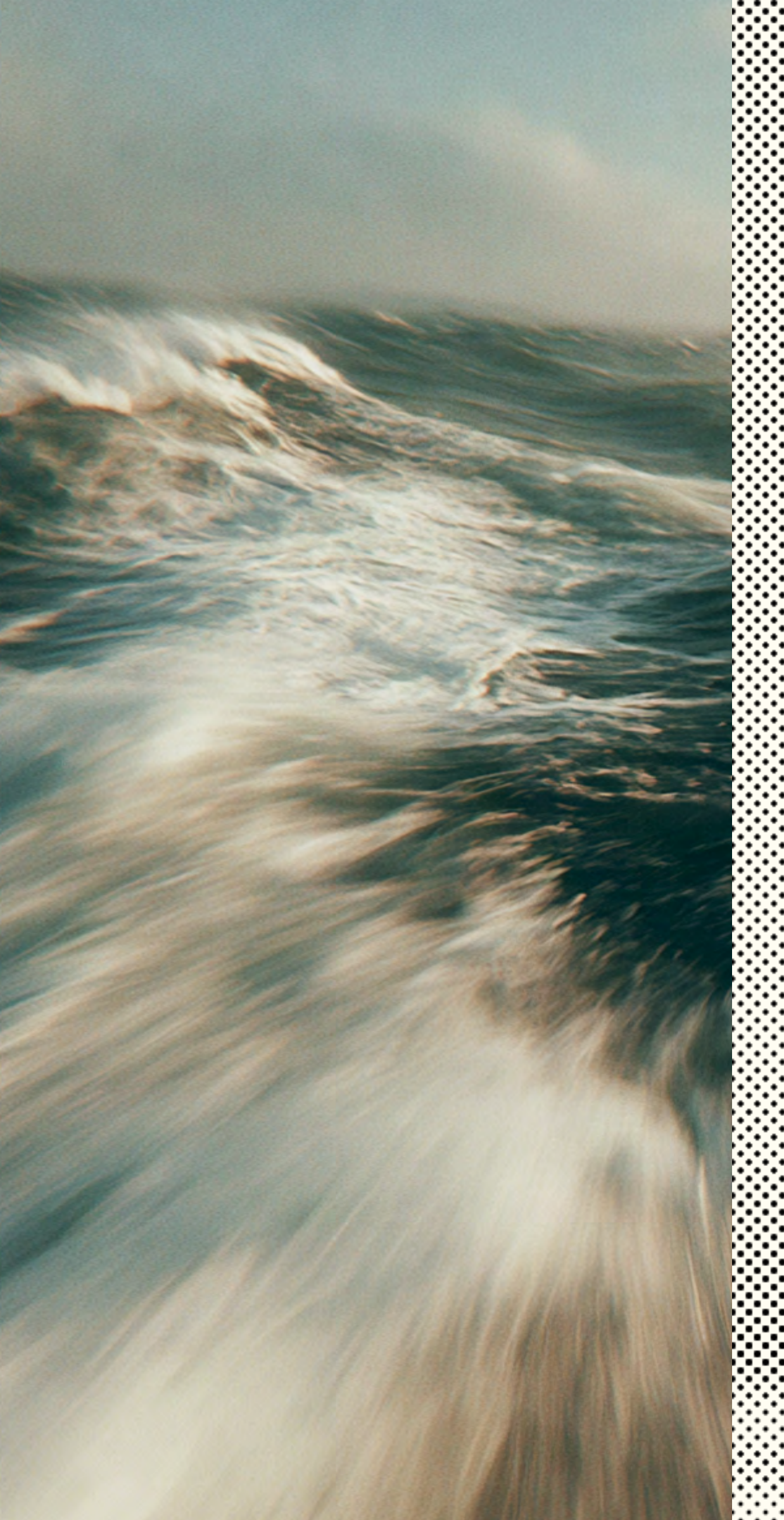
ACTS 27:14-15 NIV



We took such a **violent battering** from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹ On the third day, they **threw the ship's tackle overboard** with their own hands.

ACTS 27:18-19 NIV

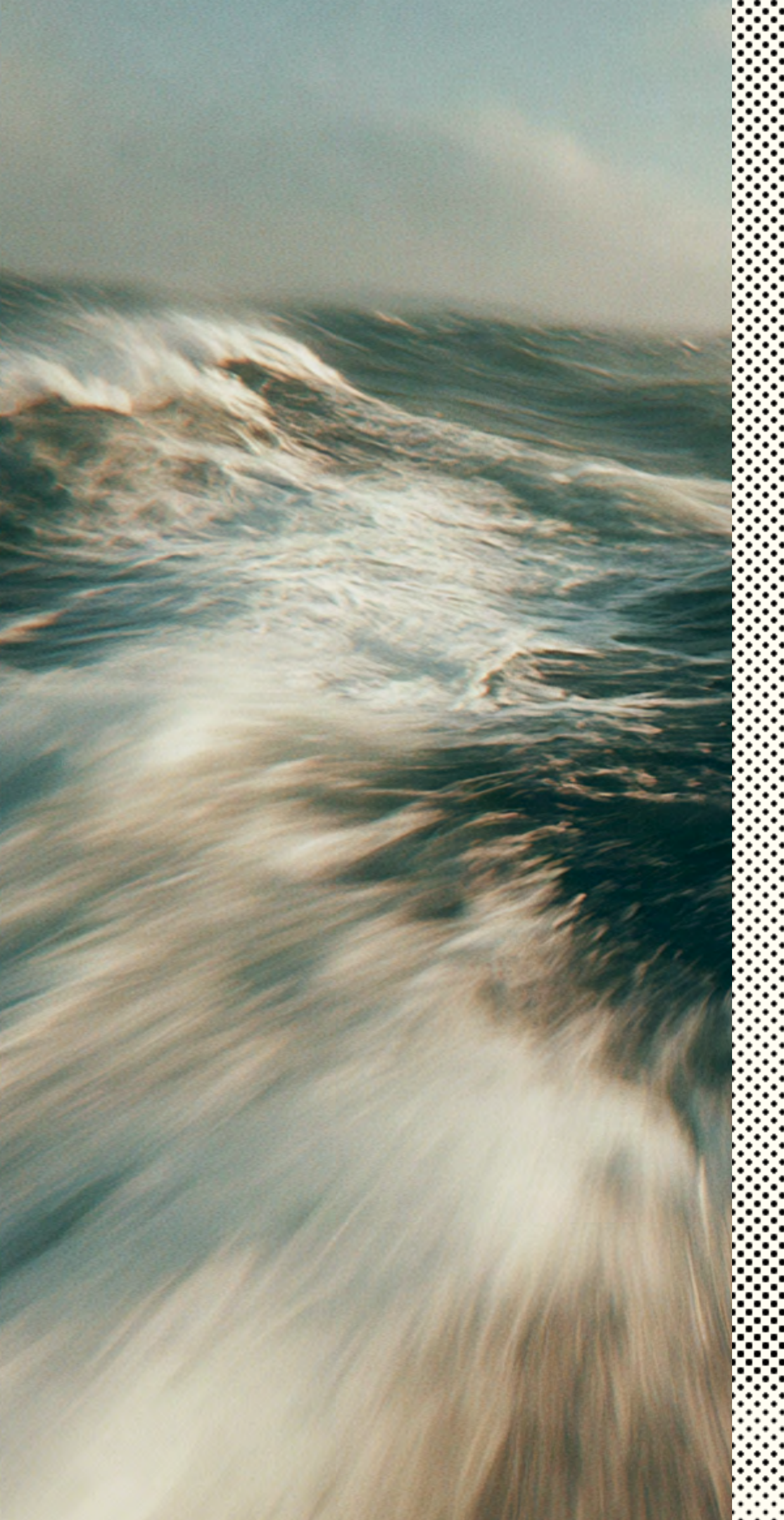




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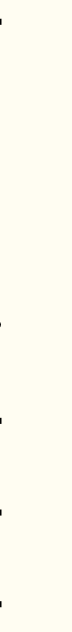
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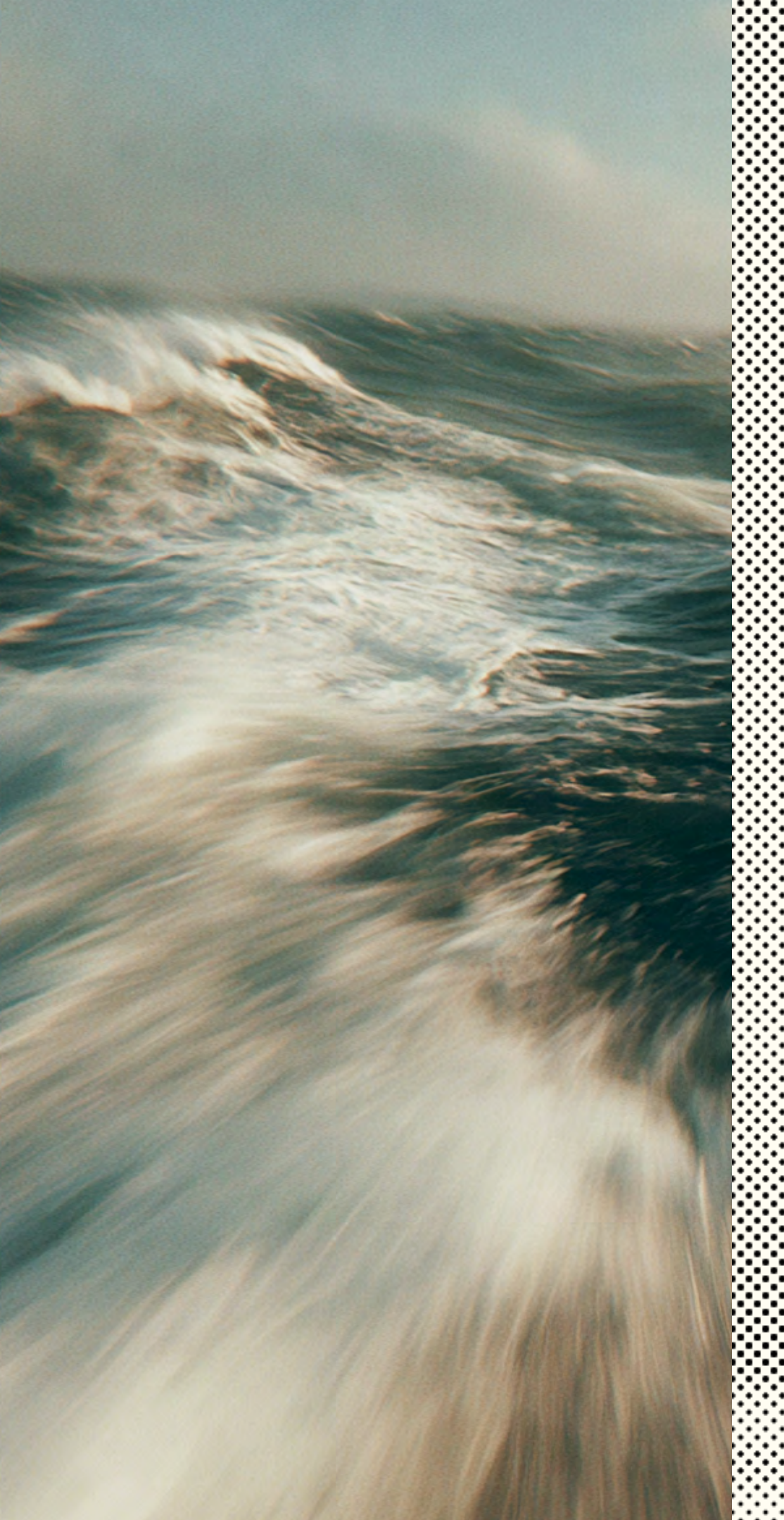




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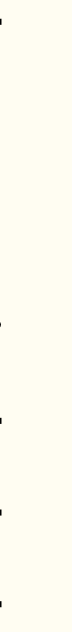
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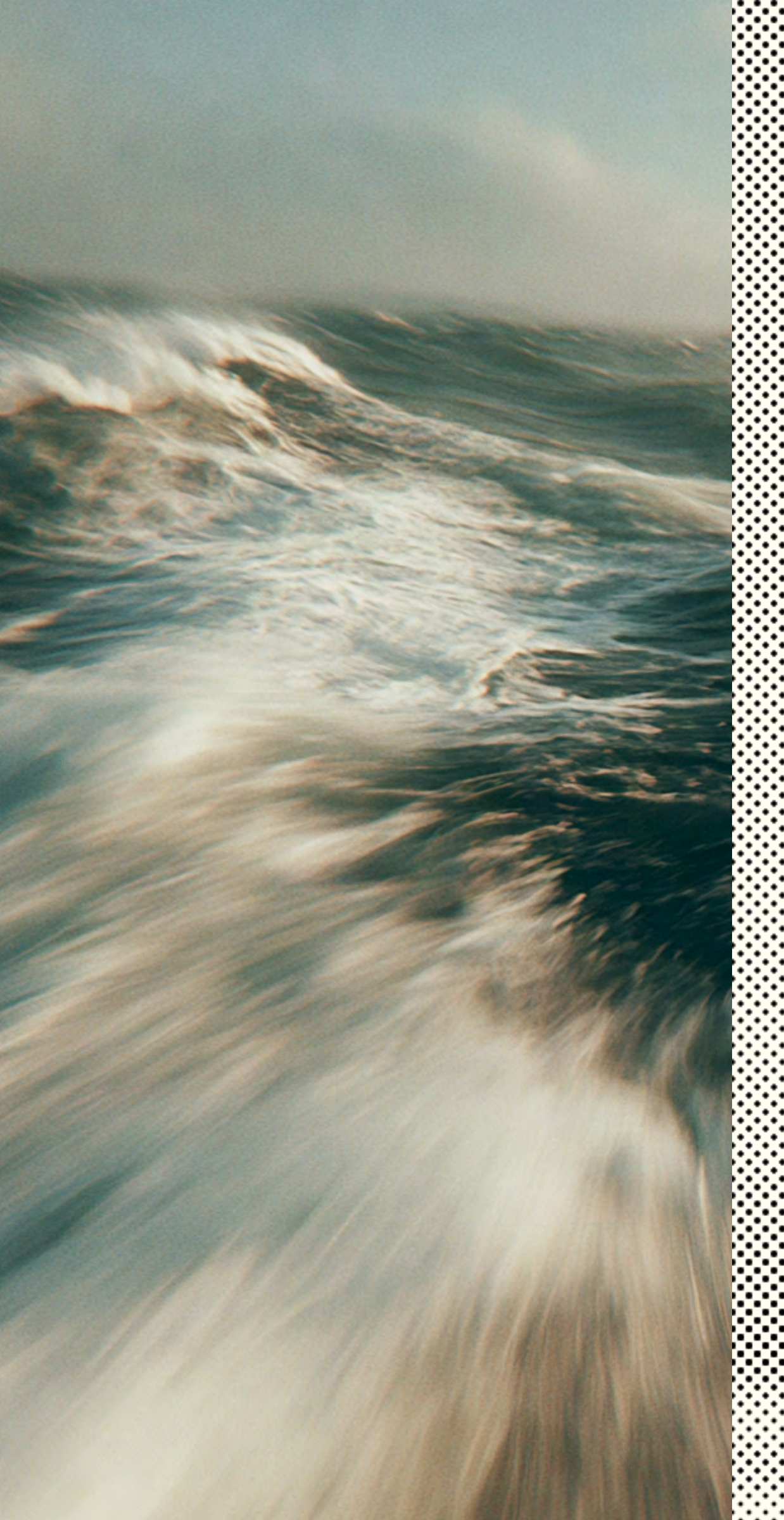




“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, **‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’** ²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me.”

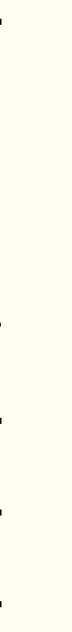
ACTS 27:23-25 NIV

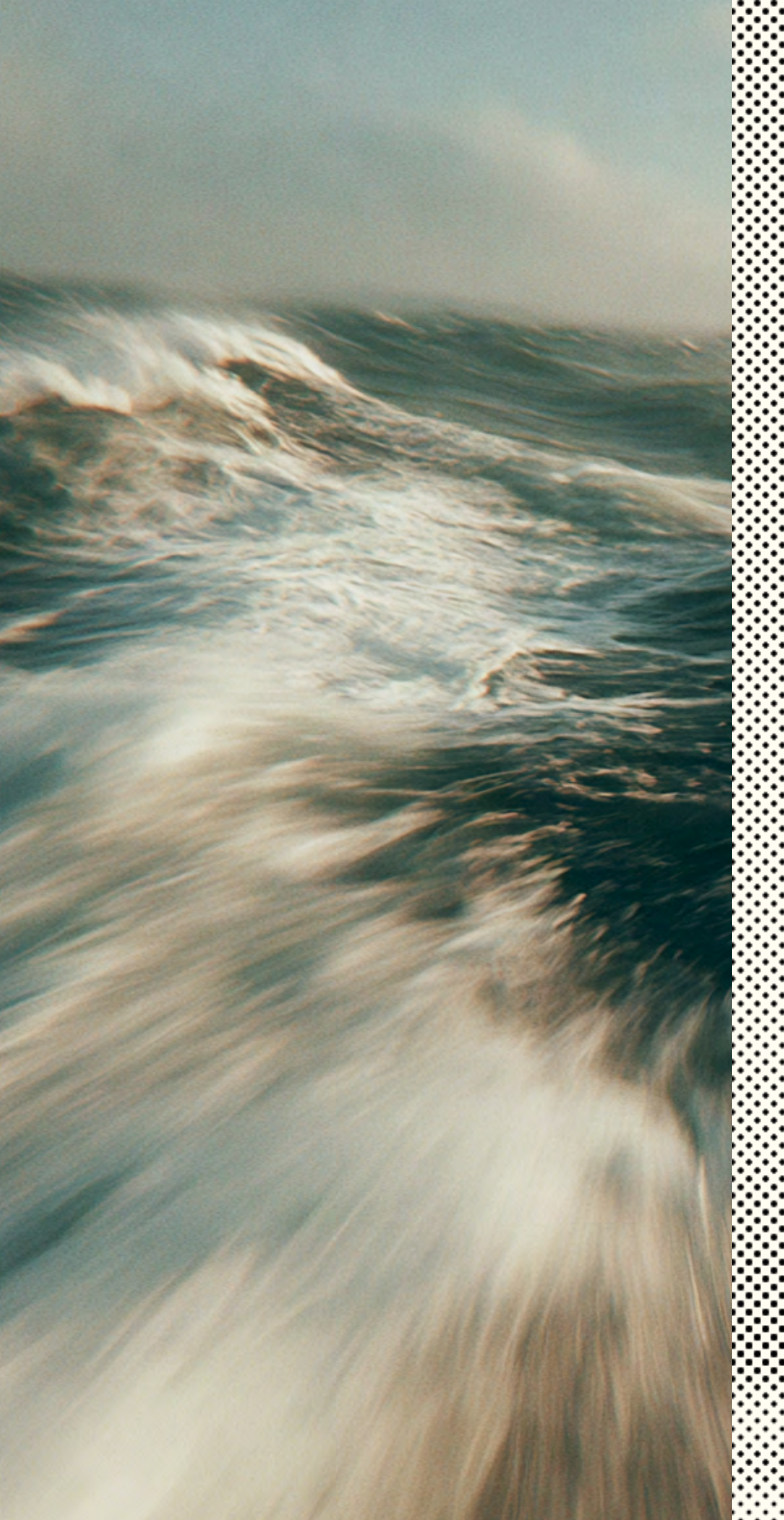




Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and **prayed for daylight.**

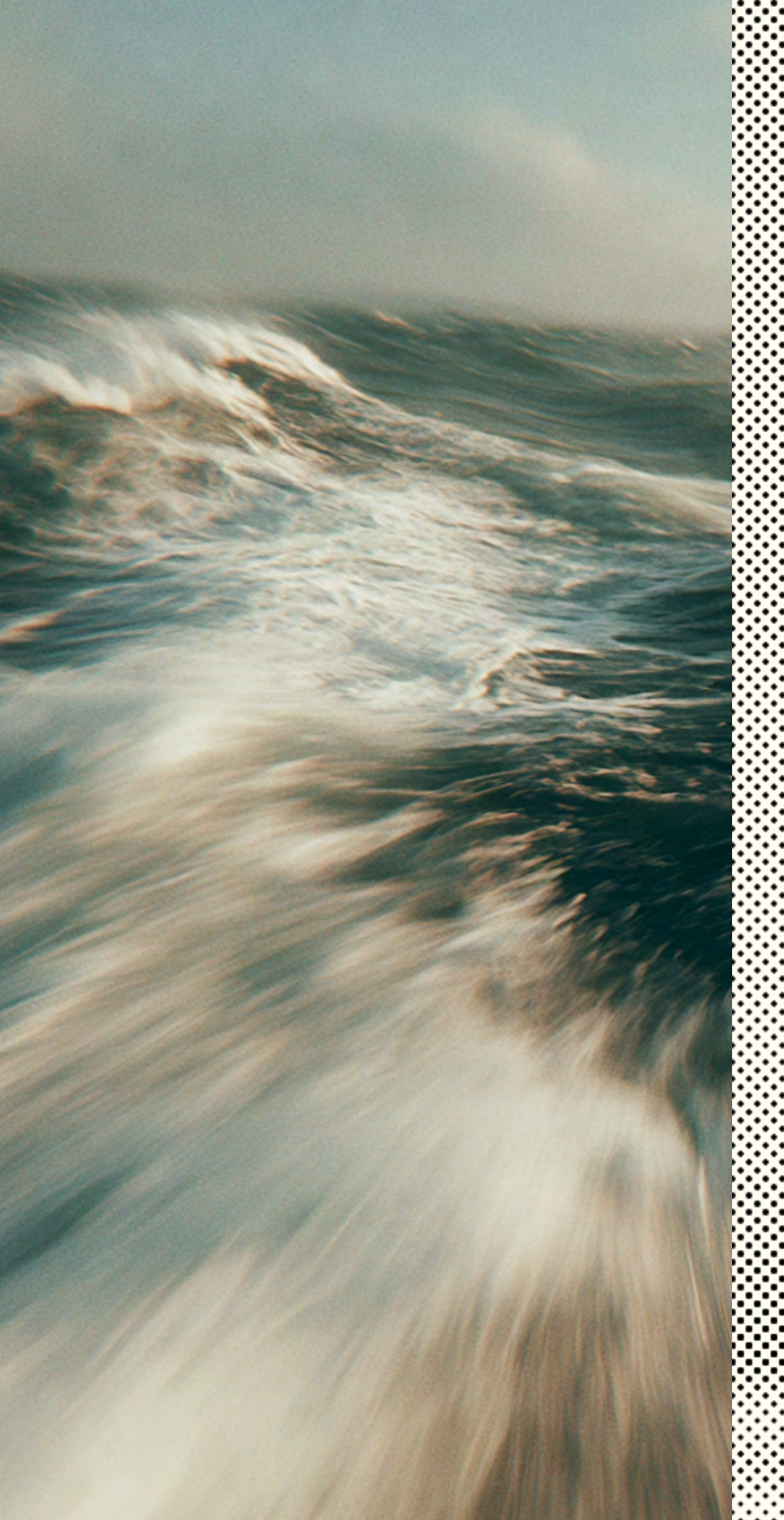
ACTS 27:29 NIV





Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything.”³⁴ Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.”³⁵ After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat.³⁶ They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

ACTS 27:33-36 NIV



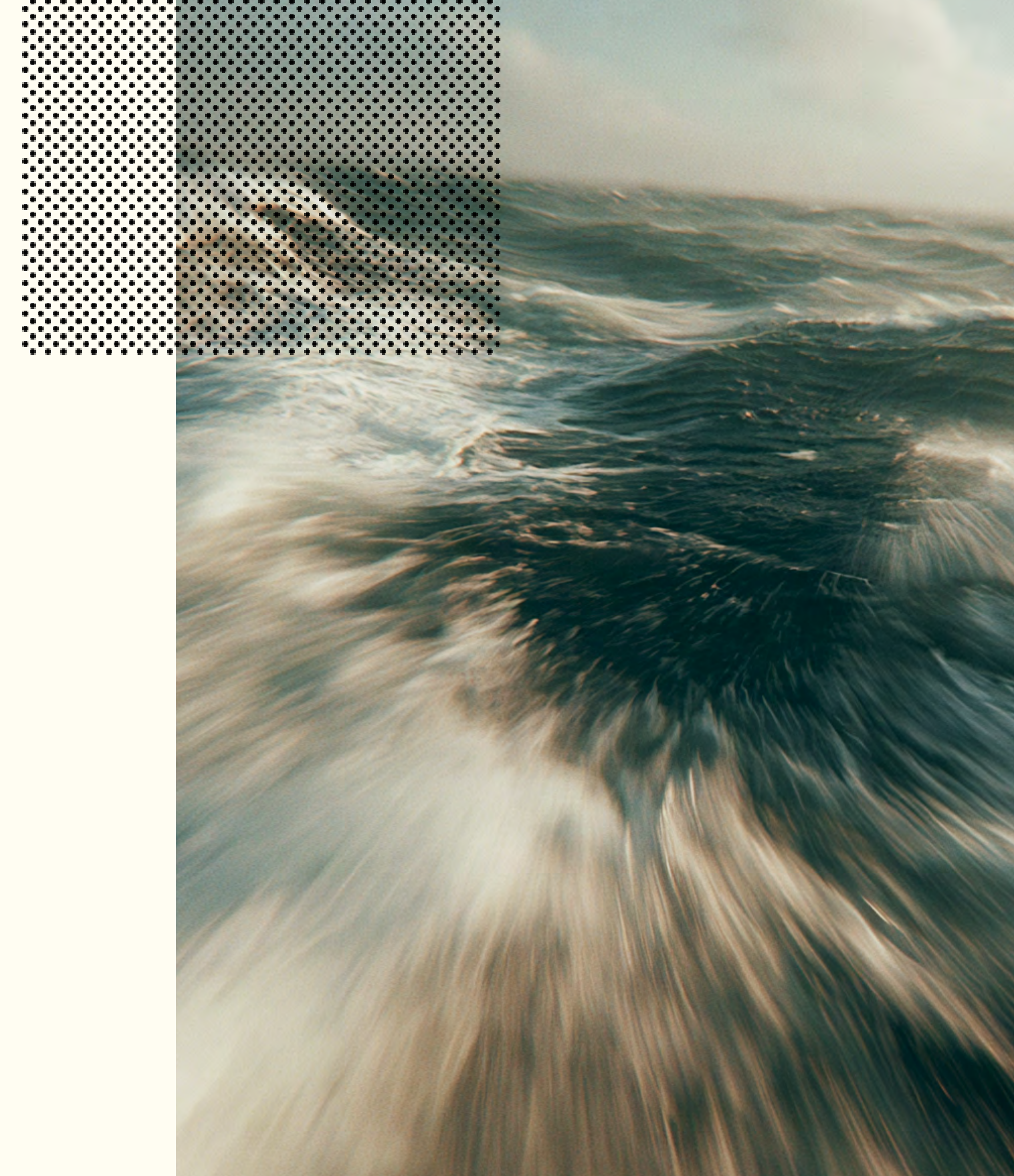
But **the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life** and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴ The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way **everyone reached land safely.**

ACTS 27:43-44 NIV

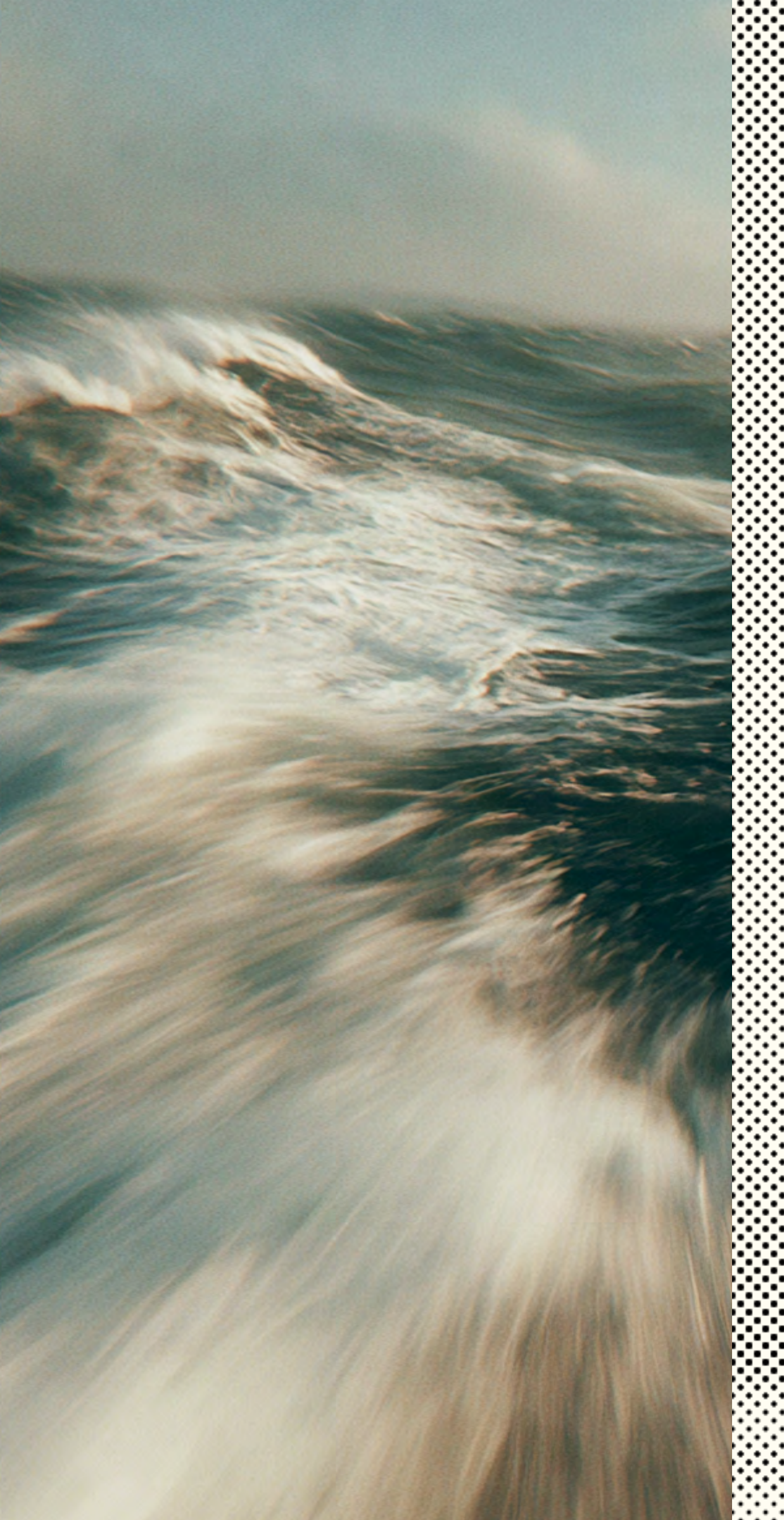
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Where there is chaos in my life...

- + Am I praying for daylight?
- + Am I going without food?
- + Can I give God thanks and trust Him?



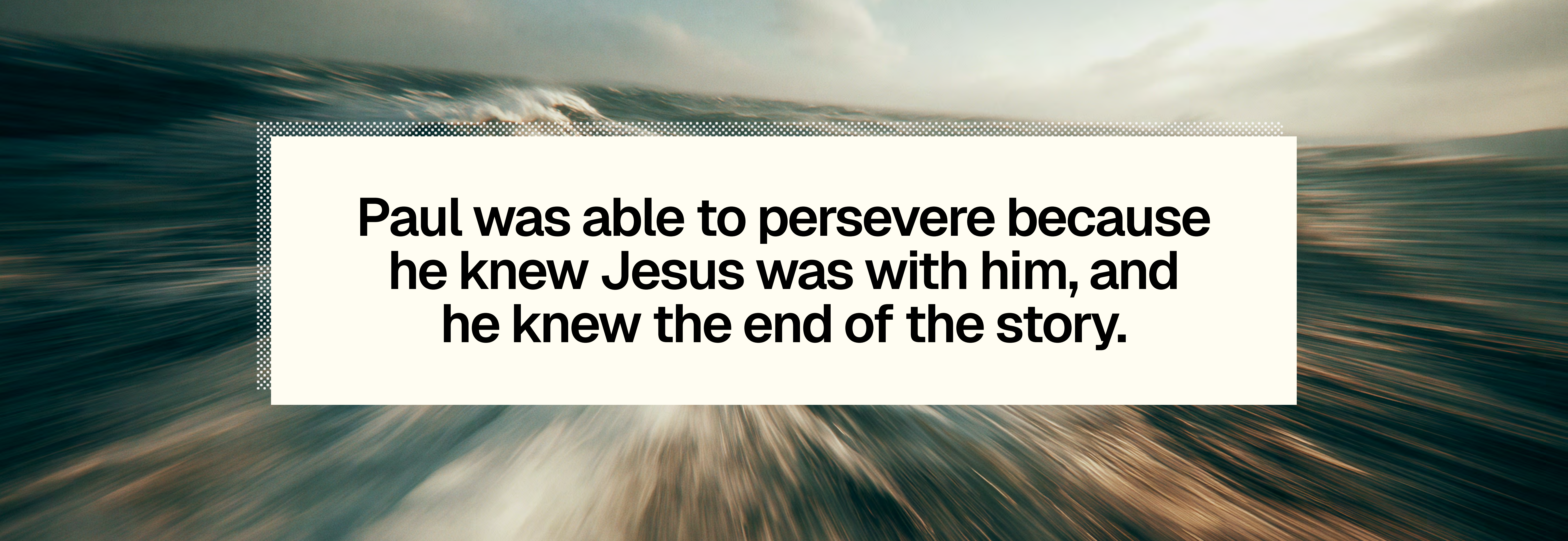
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Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta.
² The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

ACTS 28:1-2 NIV





**Paul was able to persevere because
he knew Jesus was with him, and
he knew the end of the story.**

The following night **the Lord stood near Paul** and said,
“Take courage! As you have testified about me in
Jerusalem, so **you must also testify in Rome.**”

ACTS 23:11 NIV

Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and
whom I serve **stood beside me**²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be
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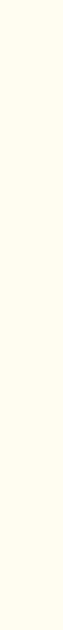
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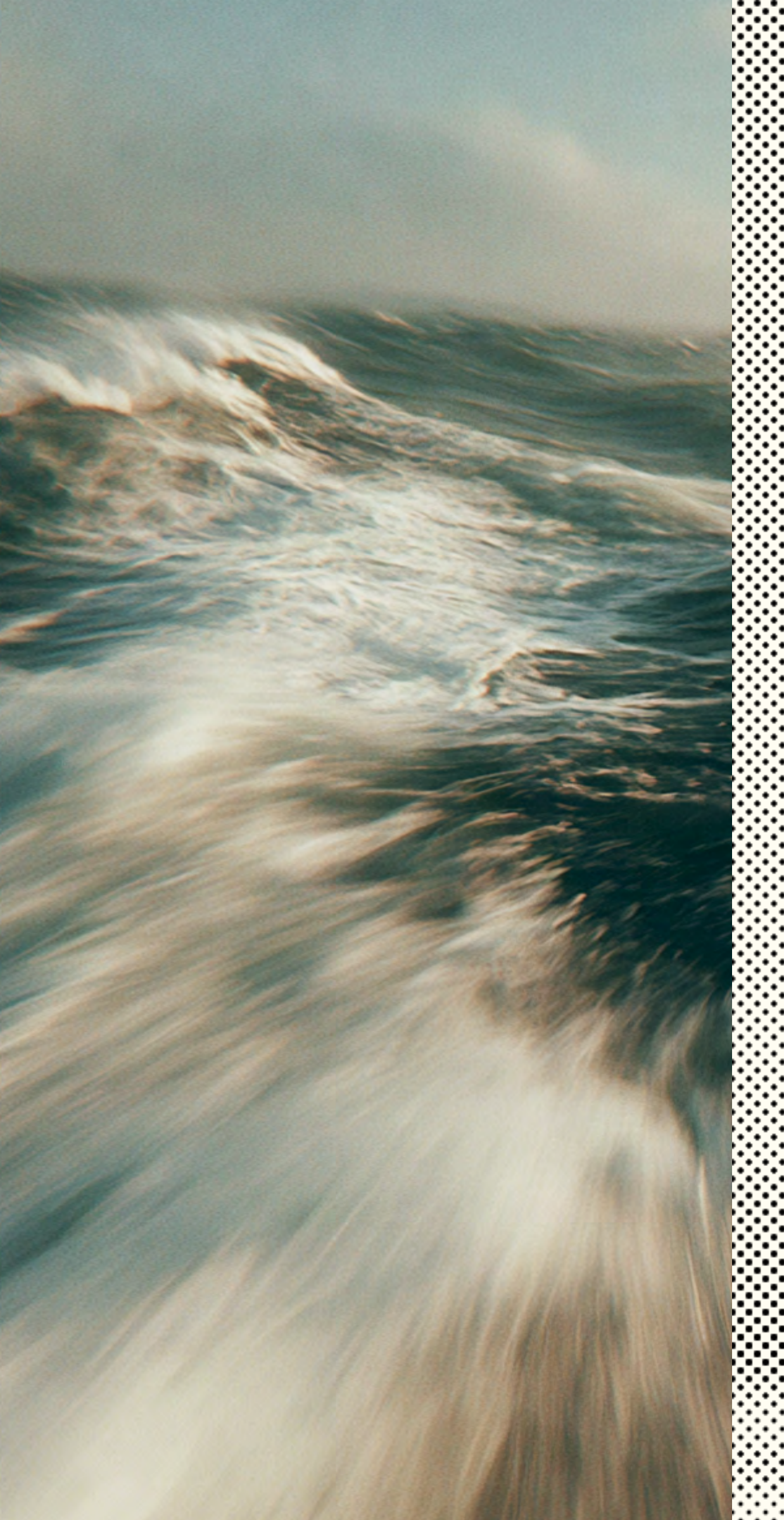




“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:20b NIV

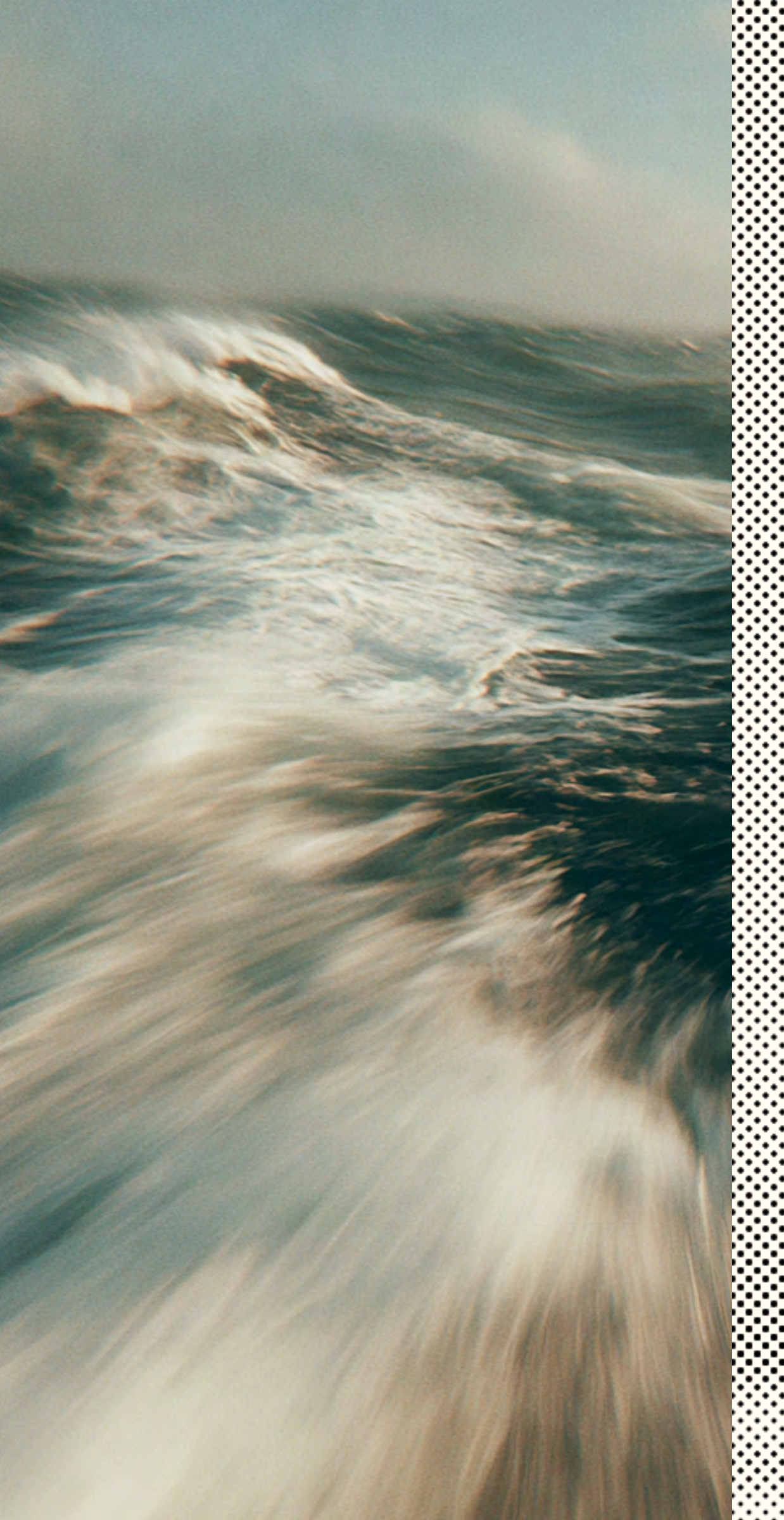




For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

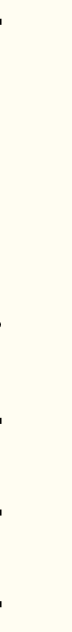
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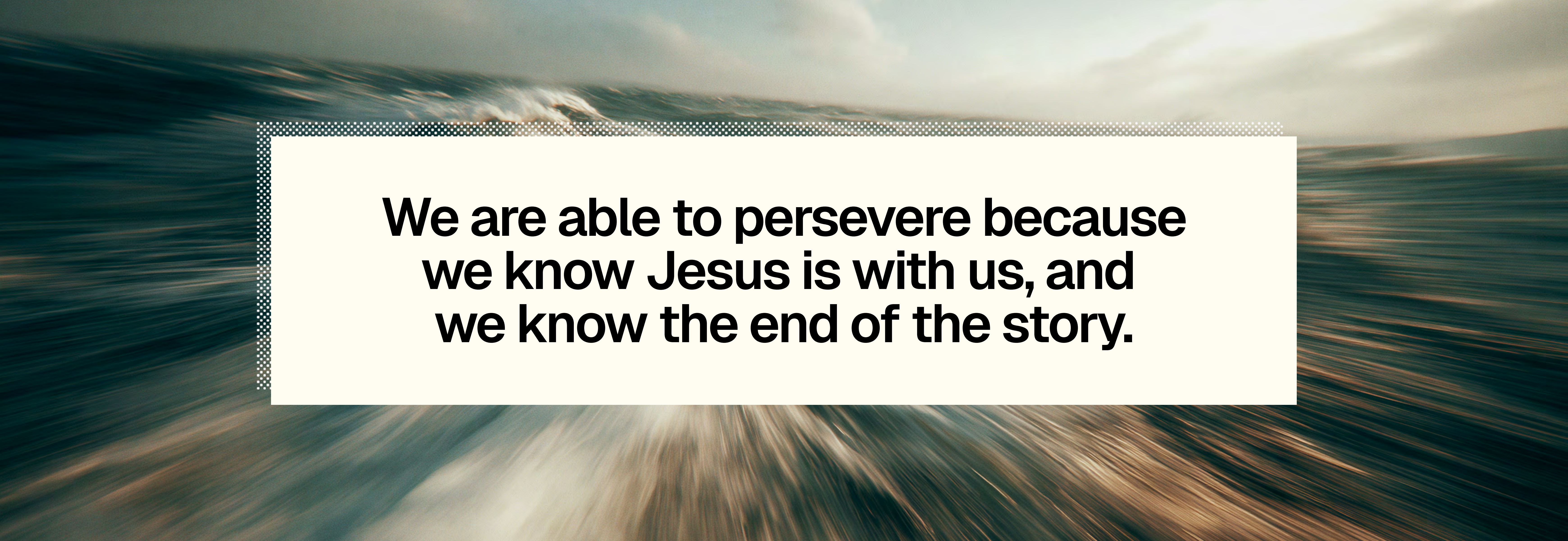




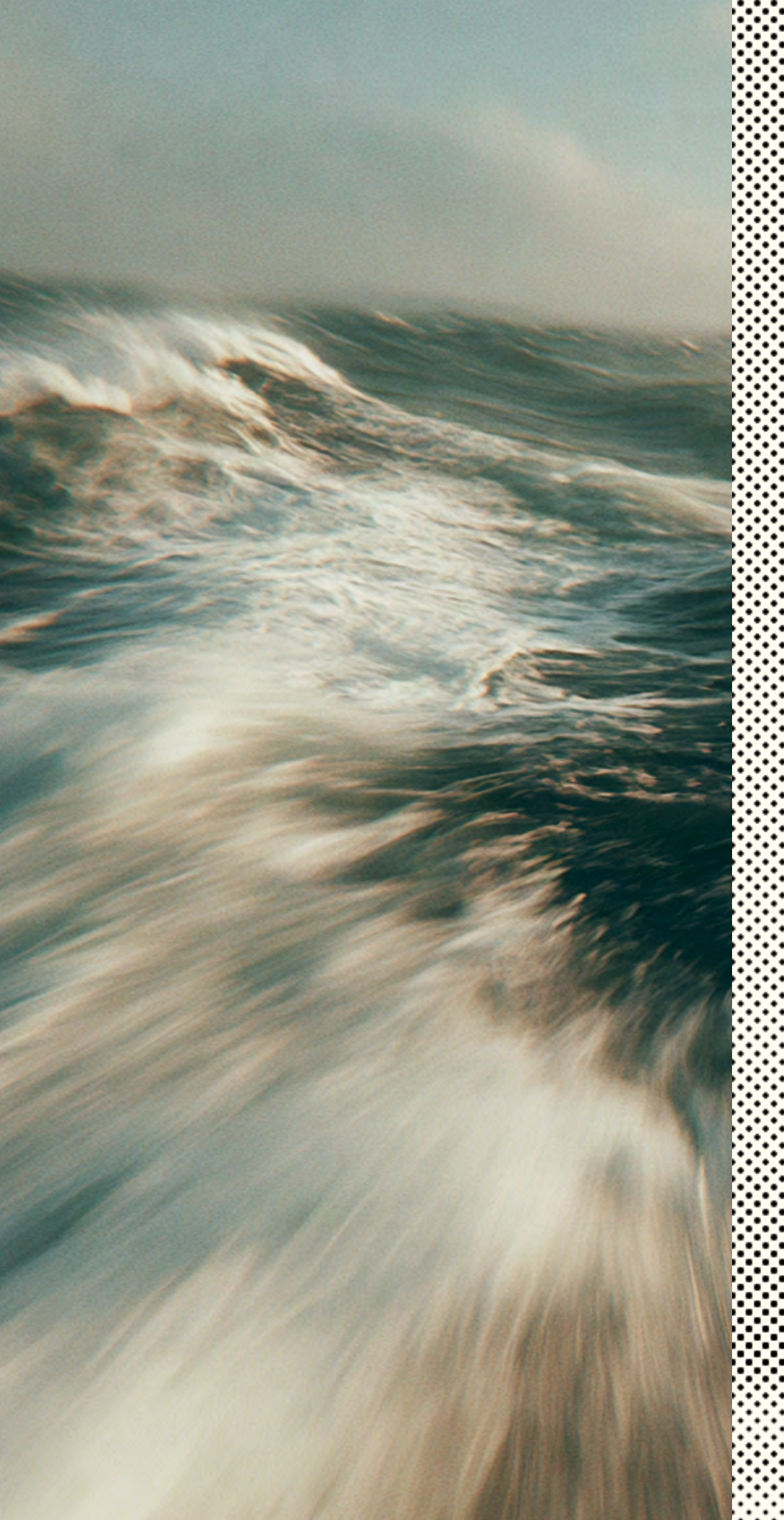
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and **God himself will be with them** and be their God.
⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain,** for the old order of things has passed away.”

REVELATION 21:3-4 NIV





**We are able to persevere because
we know Jesus is with us, and
we know the end of the story.**



They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed. ¹¹ **After three months we put out to sea in a ship** that had wintered in the island—it was an Alexandrian ship with the figurehead of the twin gods Castor and Pollux.

ACTS 28:10-11 NIV

