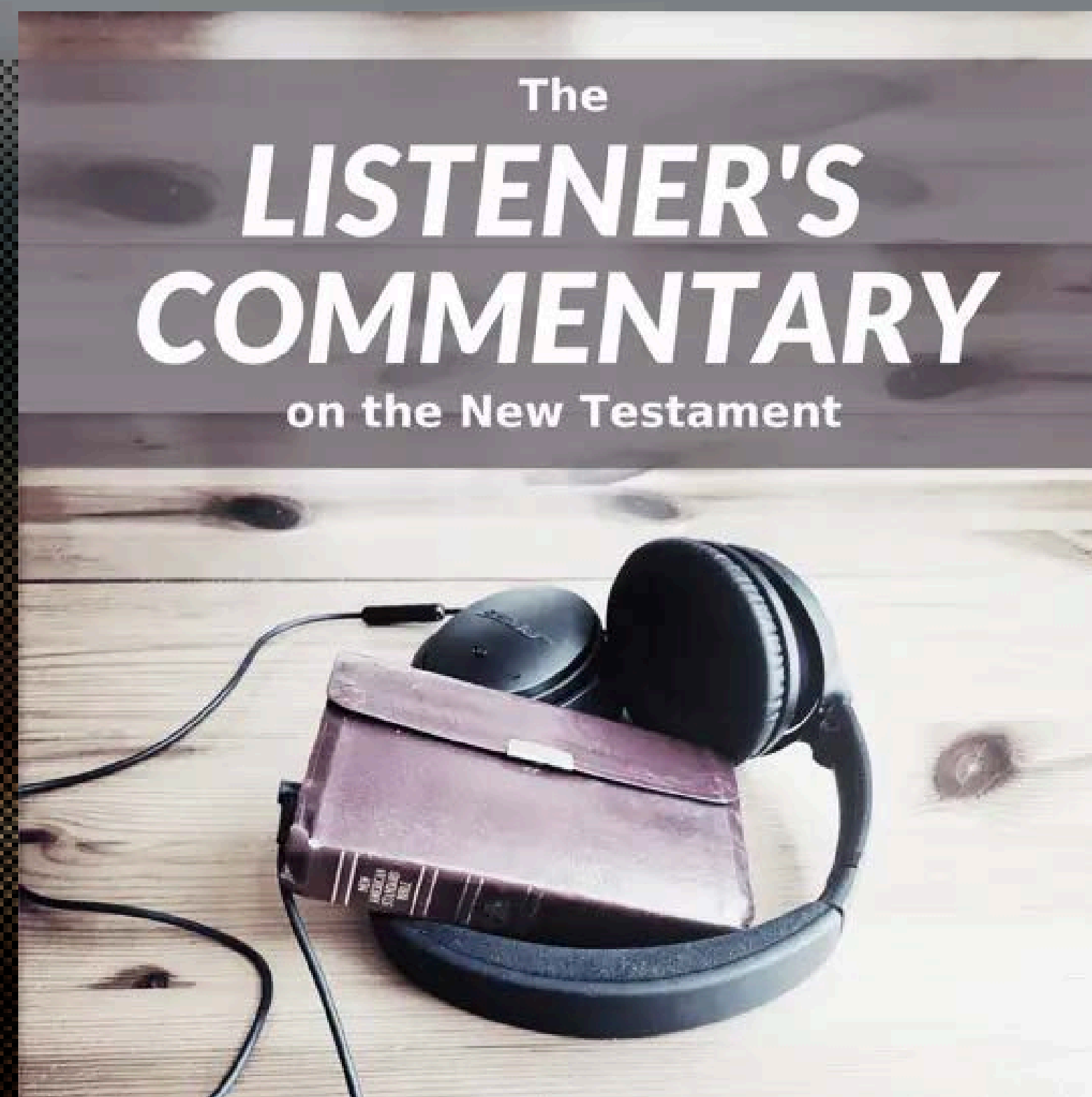
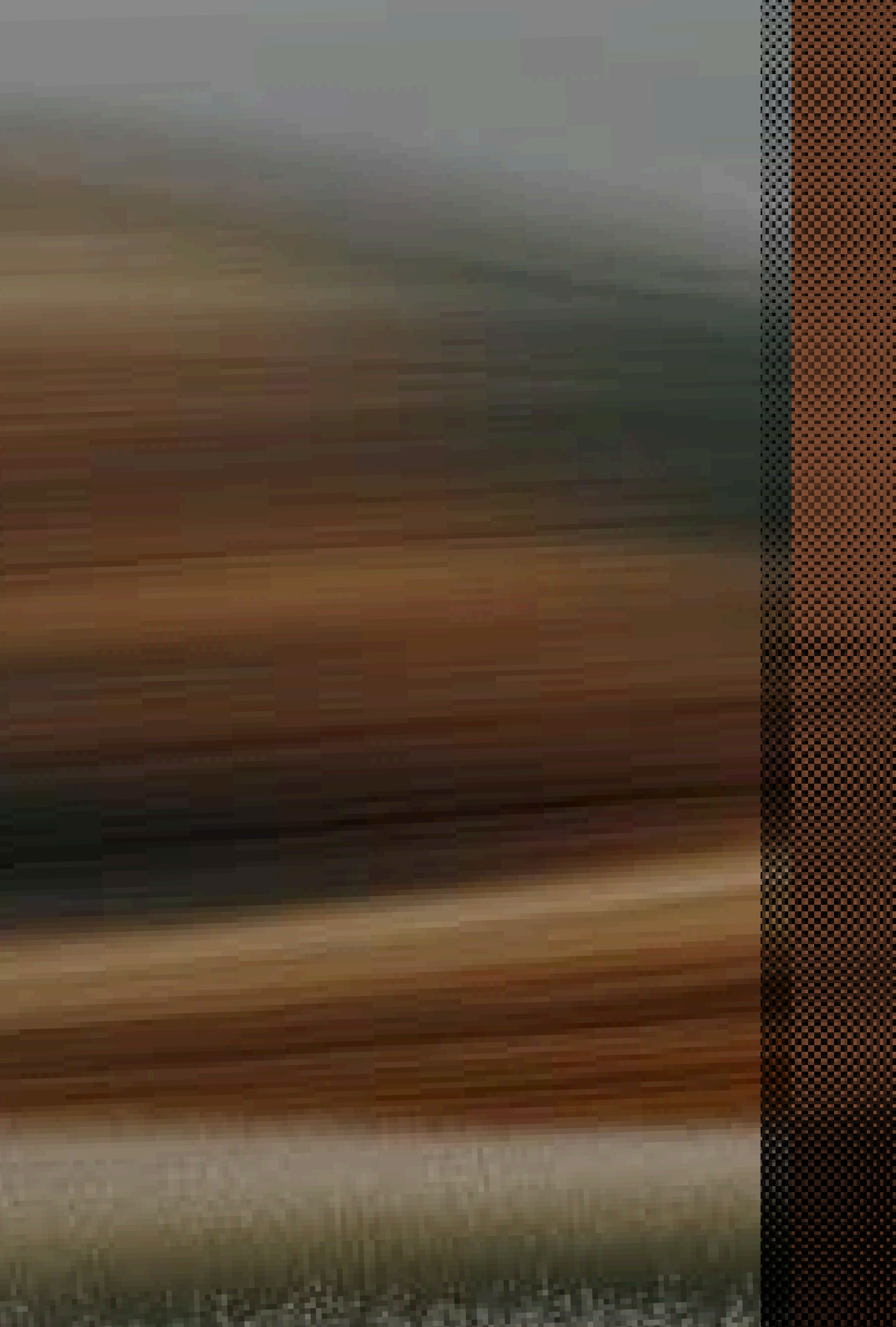


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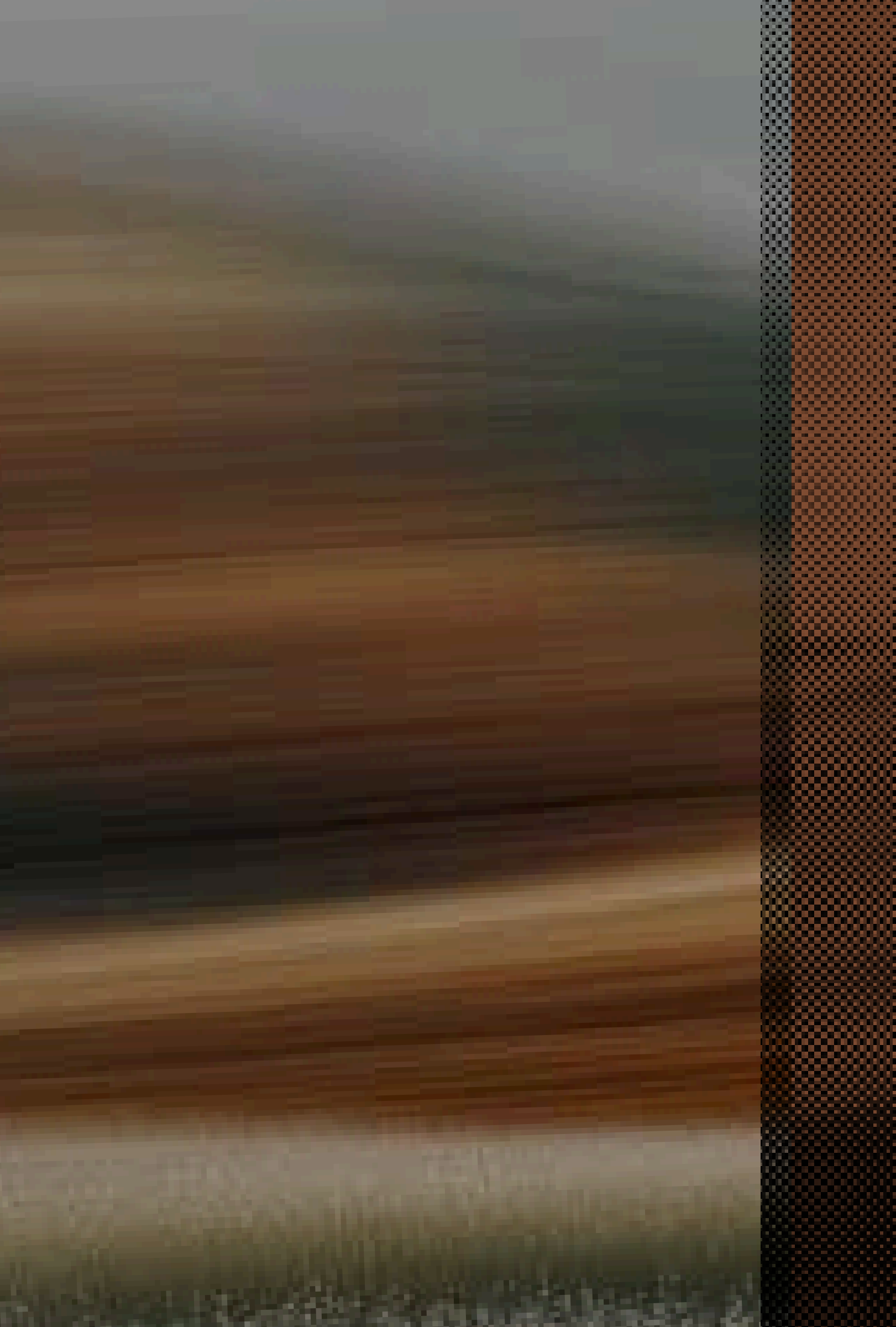
Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

¹ Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ² With his wife’s full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles’ feet.

ACTS 4:36-5:2 NIV

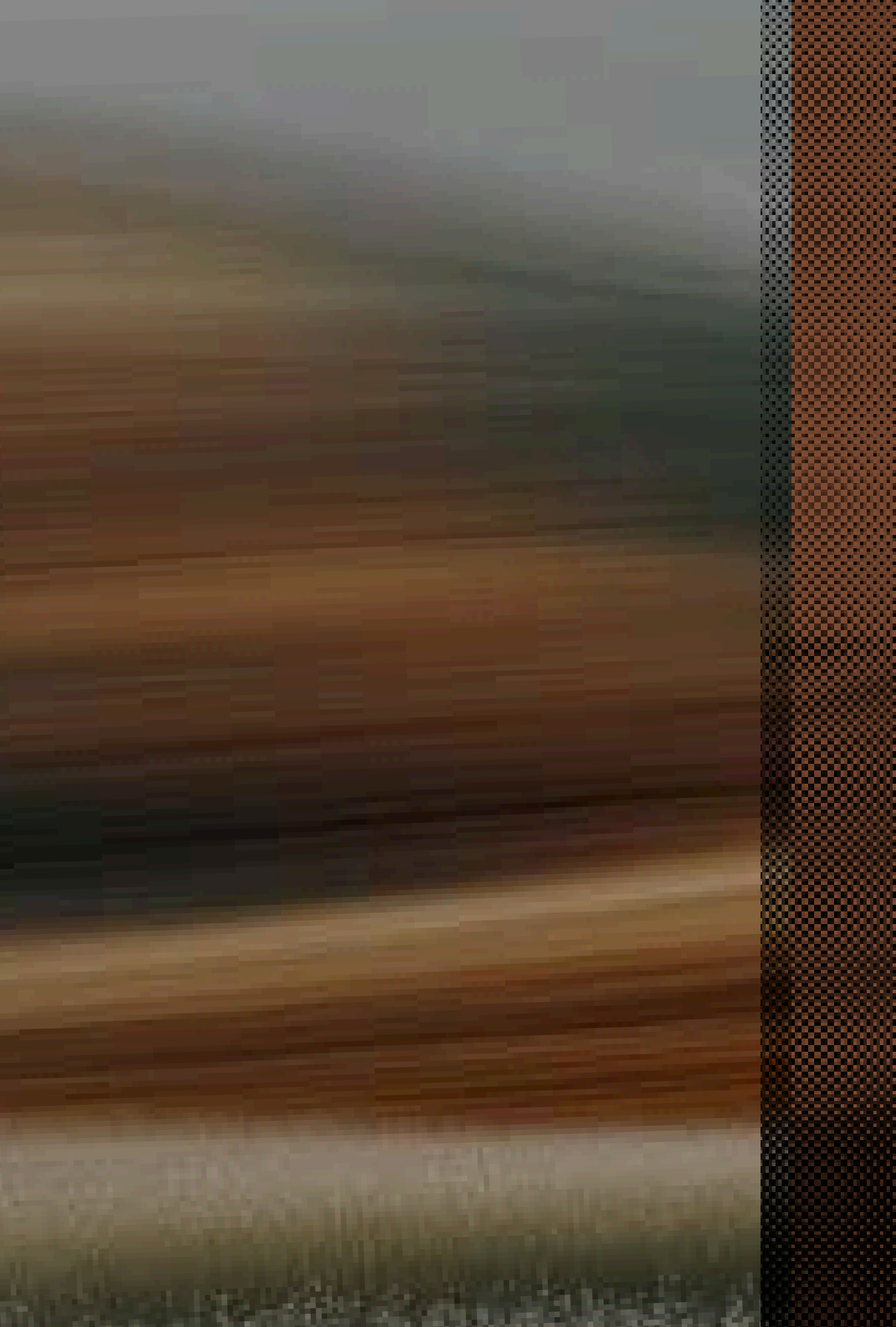
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SIN IS MORE GRIEVOUS THAN WE BELIEVE...



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ACTS 5:3-4 NIV



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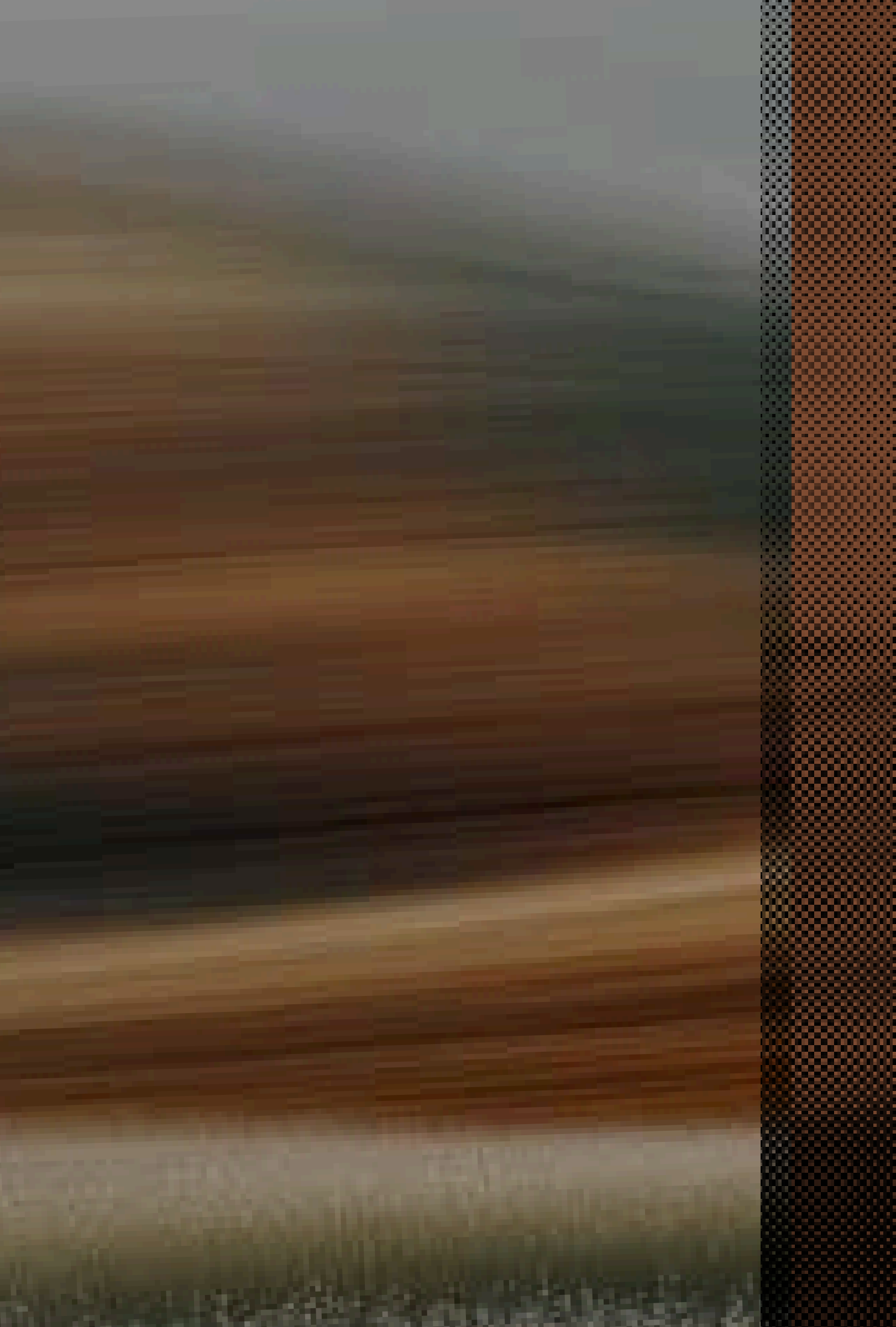
ACTS 5:3-4 NIV

And the disciples were **filled** with **joy** and with the **Holy Spirit.**

ACTS 13:52 NIV

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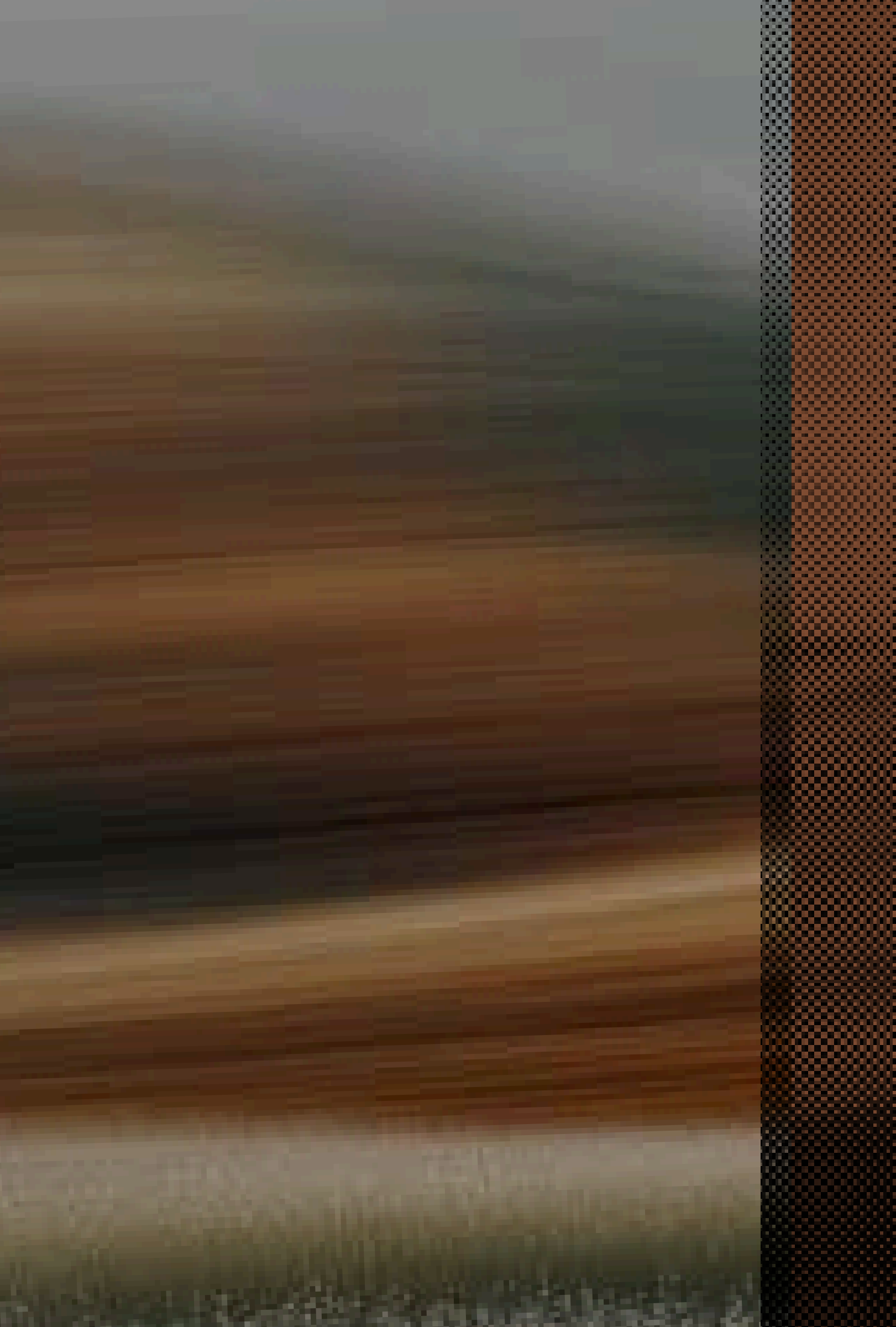


When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. ⁶ Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

ACTS 5:5-6 NIV

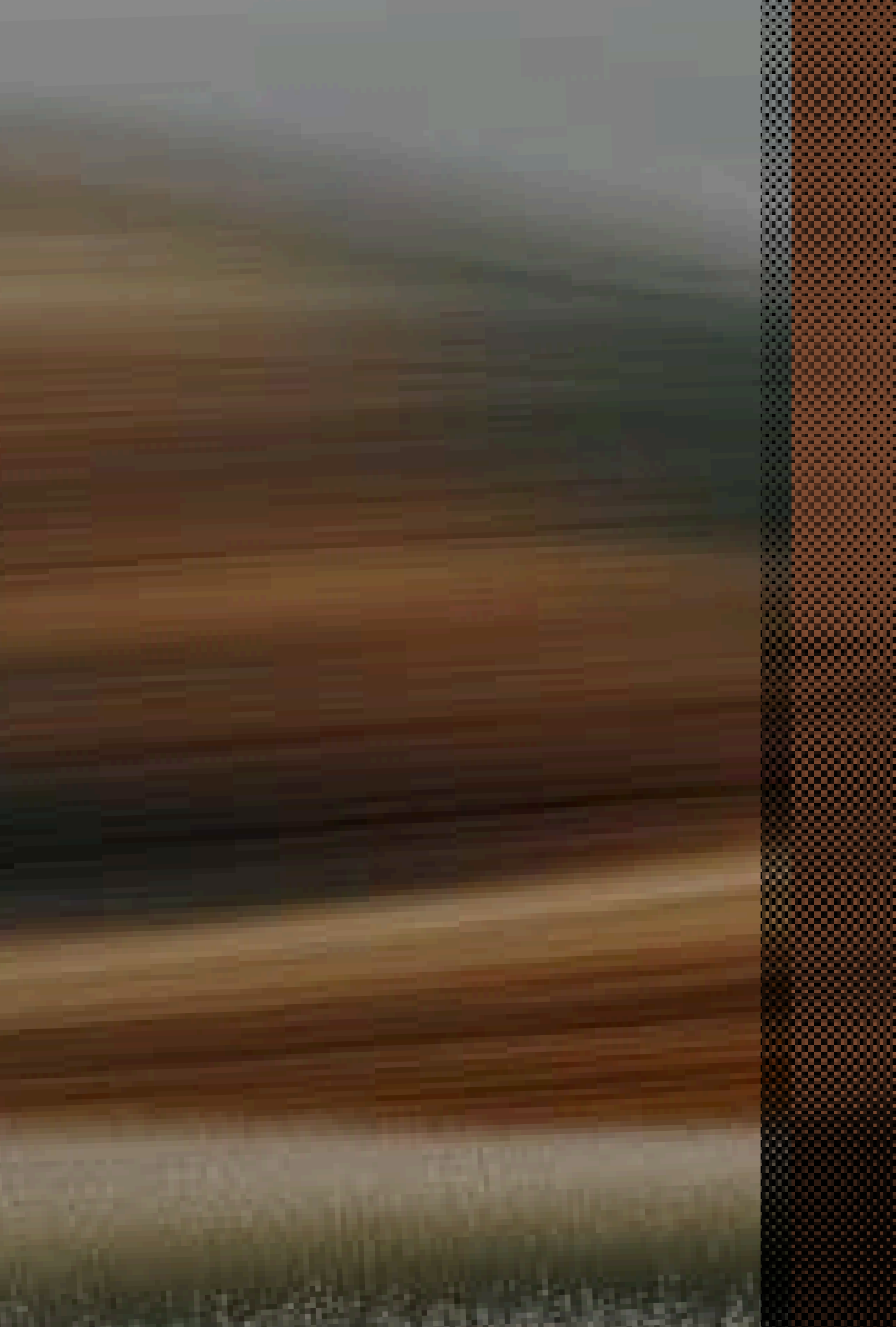
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ACTS 5:7-8a NIV



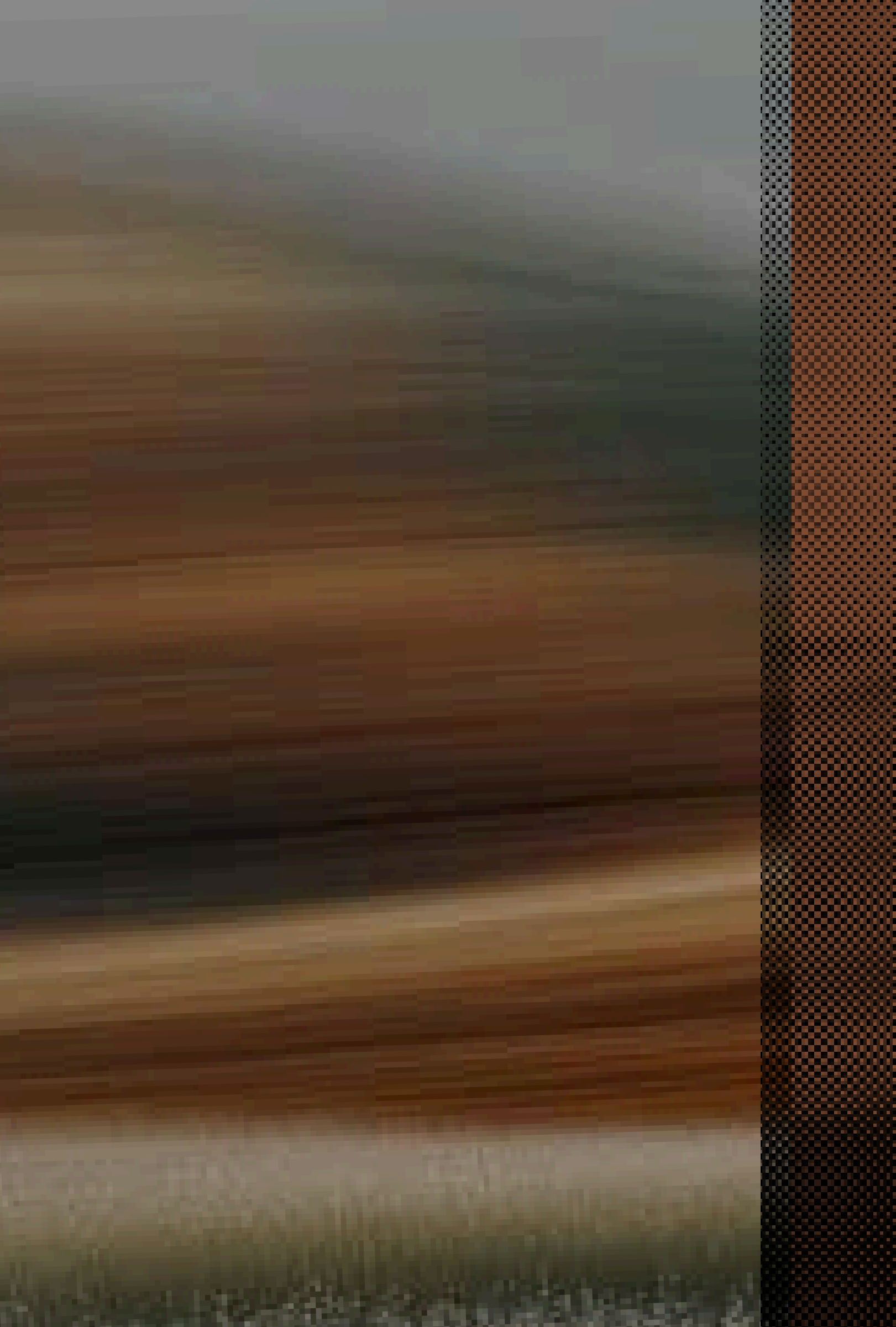
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“Yes,” she said, “that is the price.”

ACTS 5:7-8 NIV

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Peter said to her, “How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

¹⁰ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

ACTS 5:9-11 NIV

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“God laid the bodies of Ananias and Sapphira in the path of every hypocrite who would seek to enter the church.”



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For the wages of sin is death...

ROMANS 6:23a NIV

Just as people are destined to die once,
and after that to face judgment...

HEBREWS 9:27 NIV

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

ROMANS 3:23 NIV

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do
and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

JAMES 4:17 NIV

...but each person is tempted when they are dragged away
by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has
conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown,
gives birth to death.

JAMES 1:14-15 NIV

Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

JUDGES 21:25b ESV

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who
does what is right and never sins.

ECCLESIASTES 7:20 NIV

You, God, know my folly; my guilt is not hidden from you.

PSALM 69:5 NIV

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in
your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when
you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my
mother conceived me.

PSALM 51:3-5 NIV

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and
the truth is not in us

If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be
a liar and his word is not in us.

1 JOHN 1:8,10 NIV

“For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.”

MARK 7:21-22 NIV

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

GALATIANS 5:19-21 NIV

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

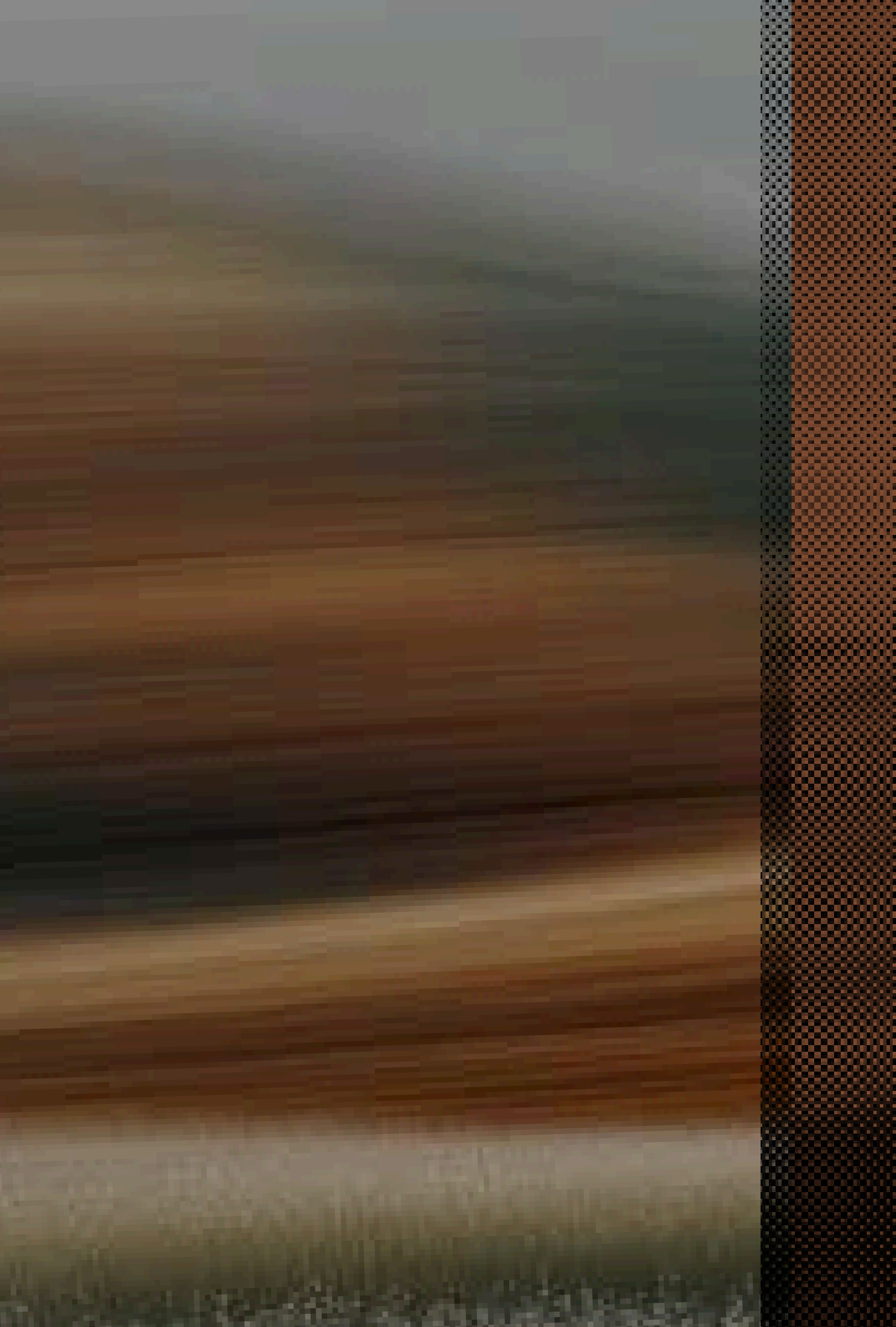
1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10 NIV

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...

2 TIMOTHY 3:2-4 NIV

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The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.¹³ No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.¹⁴ Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.¹⁵ As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

ACTS 5:12-16 NIV

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A landscape photograph featuring rolling hills. The foreground is a flat, gravelly or sandy area. A dirt path or road winds through the middle ground, leading towards the horizon. The hills are covered in dry, golden-brown grass. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

SIN IS MORE GRIEVOUS THAN WE BELIEVE...
BUT **GRACE** IS MORE AMAZING THAN WE HOPE.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23 NIV

Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

HEBREWS 9:27-28 NIV

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 3:23-24 NIV

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:6-9 NIV

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GALATIANS 5:19-25 NIV

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1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 NIV