"AGAIN, IT WILL BE LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY, WHO CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND ENTRUSTED HIS WEALTH TO THEM. TO ONE HE GAVE FIVE BAGS OF GOLD, TO ANOTHER TWO BAGS, AND TO ANOTHER ONE BAG, EACH ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY. THEN HE WENT ON HIS JOURNEY. THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED FIVE BAGS OF GOLD WENT AT ONCE AND PUT HIS

MONEY TO WORK AND GAINED FIVE BAGS MORE. SO ALSO, THE ONE WITH TWO BAGS OF GOLD GAINED TWO MORE. BUT THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED ONE BAG WENT OFF, DUG A HOLE IN THE GROUND AND HID HIS MASTER'S MONEY. AFTER A LONG TIME THE MASTER OF THOSE SERVANTS RETURNED AND SETTLED ACCOUNTS WITH THEM. THE MAN WHO HAD RECEIVED FIVE

BAGS OF GOLD BROUGHT THE OTHER FIVE. 'MASTER,' HE SAID, 'YOU ENTRUSTED ME WITH FIVE BAGS OF GOLD. SEE, I HAVE GAINED FIVE MORE.' HIS MASTER REPLIED, 'WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL WITH A FEW THINGS; I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS. COME AND SHARE YOUR MASTER'S HAPPINESS!' THE MAN WITH TWO BAGS

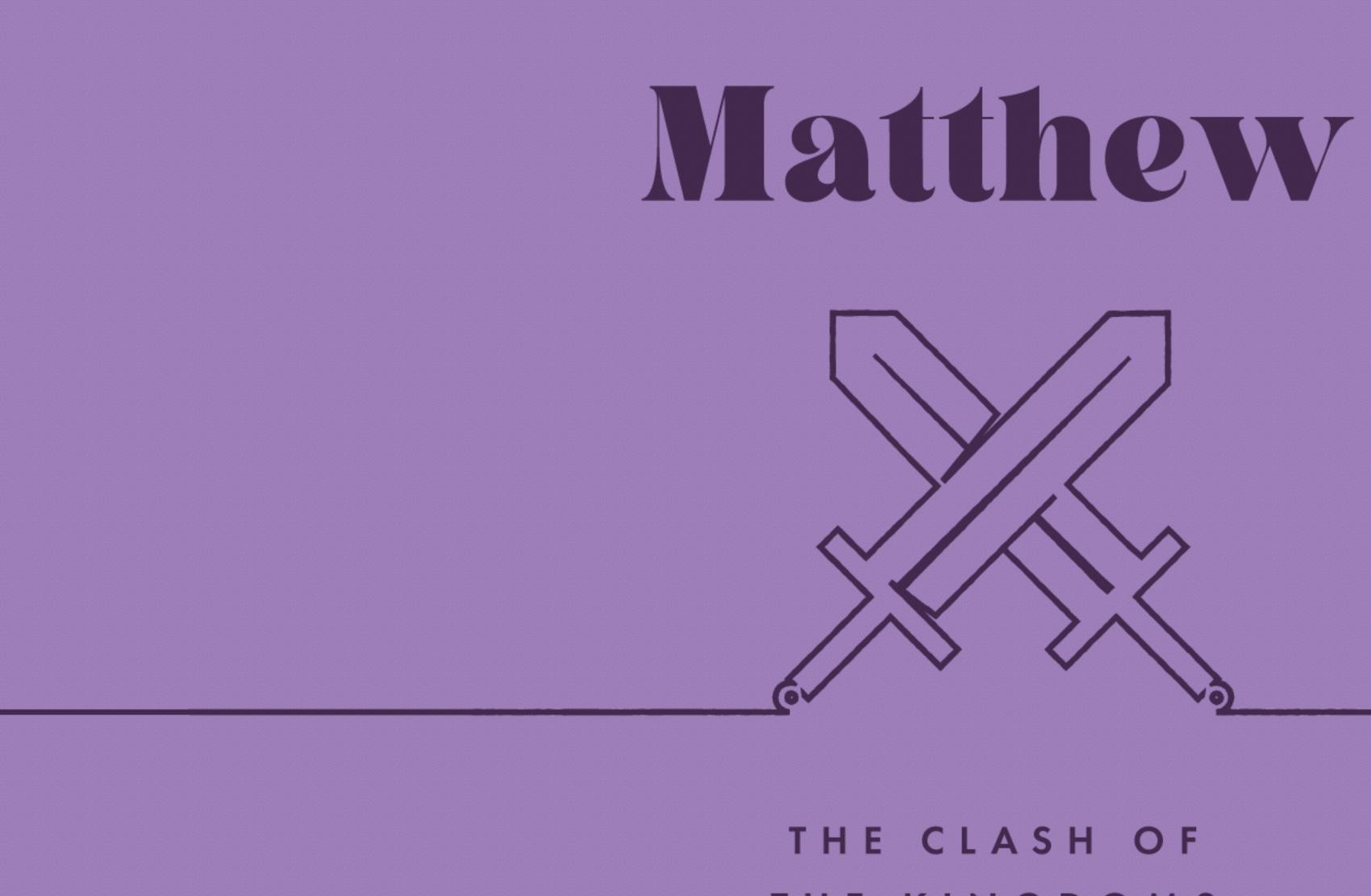
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CAME. 'MASTER,' HE SAID, 'I KNEW THAT YOU ARE A HARD MAN, HARVESTING WHERE YOU HAVE NOT SOWN AND GATHERING WHERE YOU HAVE NOT SCATTERED SEED. SO I WAS AFRAID AND WENT OUT AND HID YOUR GOLD IN THE GROUND. SEE, HERE IS WHAT BELONGS TO YOU.' HIS MASTER REPLIED, 'YOU WICKED, LAZY SERVANT! SO YOU KNEW THAT I HARVEST WHERE I HAVE NOT SOWN MATTHEW 25:14-30

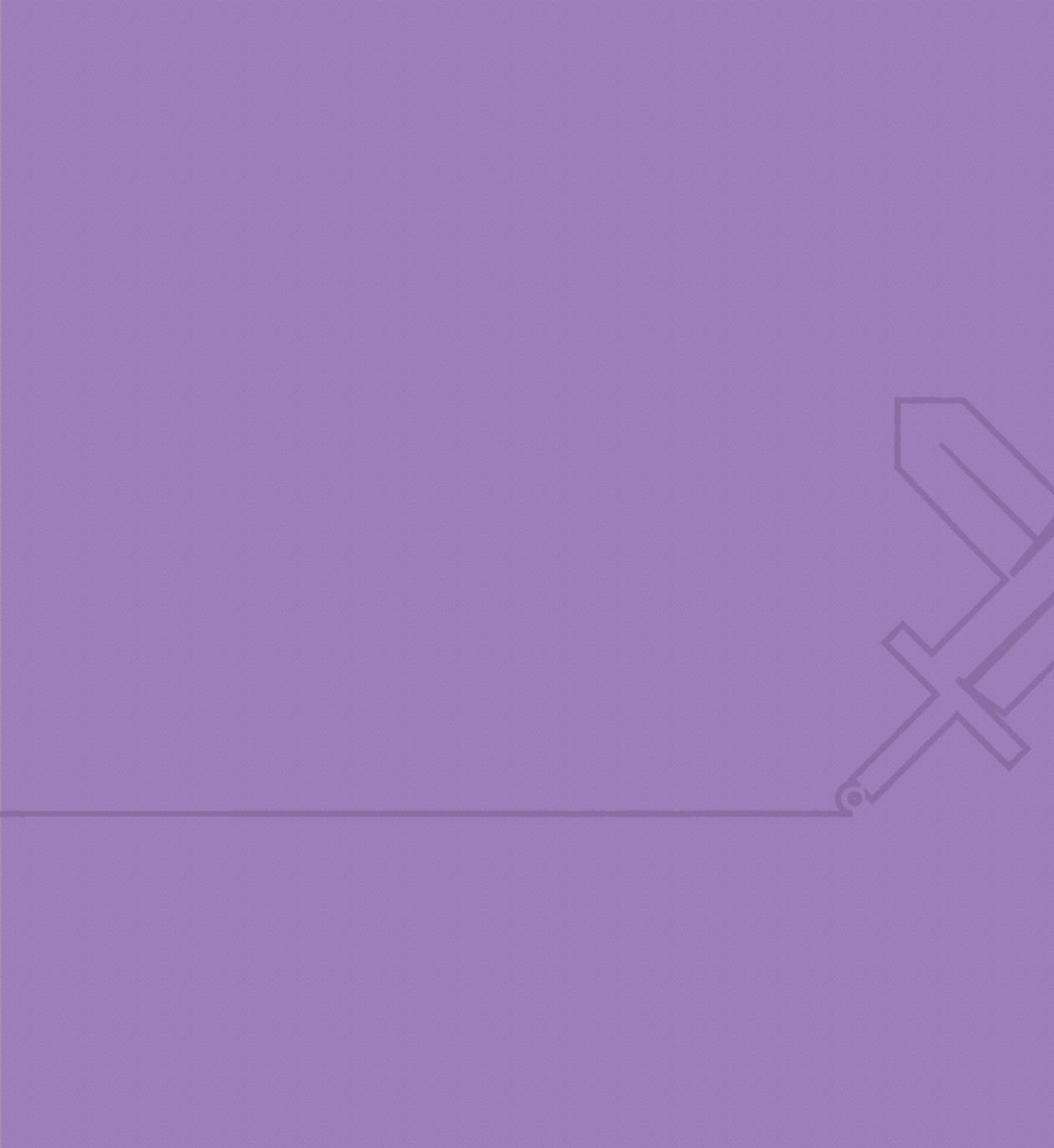
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AND GATHER WHERE I HAVE NOT SCATTERED SEED? WELL THEN, YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT MY MONEY ON DEPOSIT WITH THE BANKERS, SO THAT WHEN I RETURNED I WOULD HAVE RECEIVED IT BACK WITH INTEREST. 'SO TAKE THE BAG OF GOLD FROM HIM AND GIVE IT TO THE ONE WHO HAS TEN BAGS. FOR WHOEVER HAS WILL BE GIVEN MORE, AND THEY WILL HAVE AN ABUNDANCE. WHOEVER

DOES NOT HAVE, EVEN WHAT THEY HAVE WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM. AND THROW THAT WORTHLESS SERVANT OUTSIDE, INTO THE DARKNESS, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING AND GNASHING OF TEETH.'



THE KINGDOMS



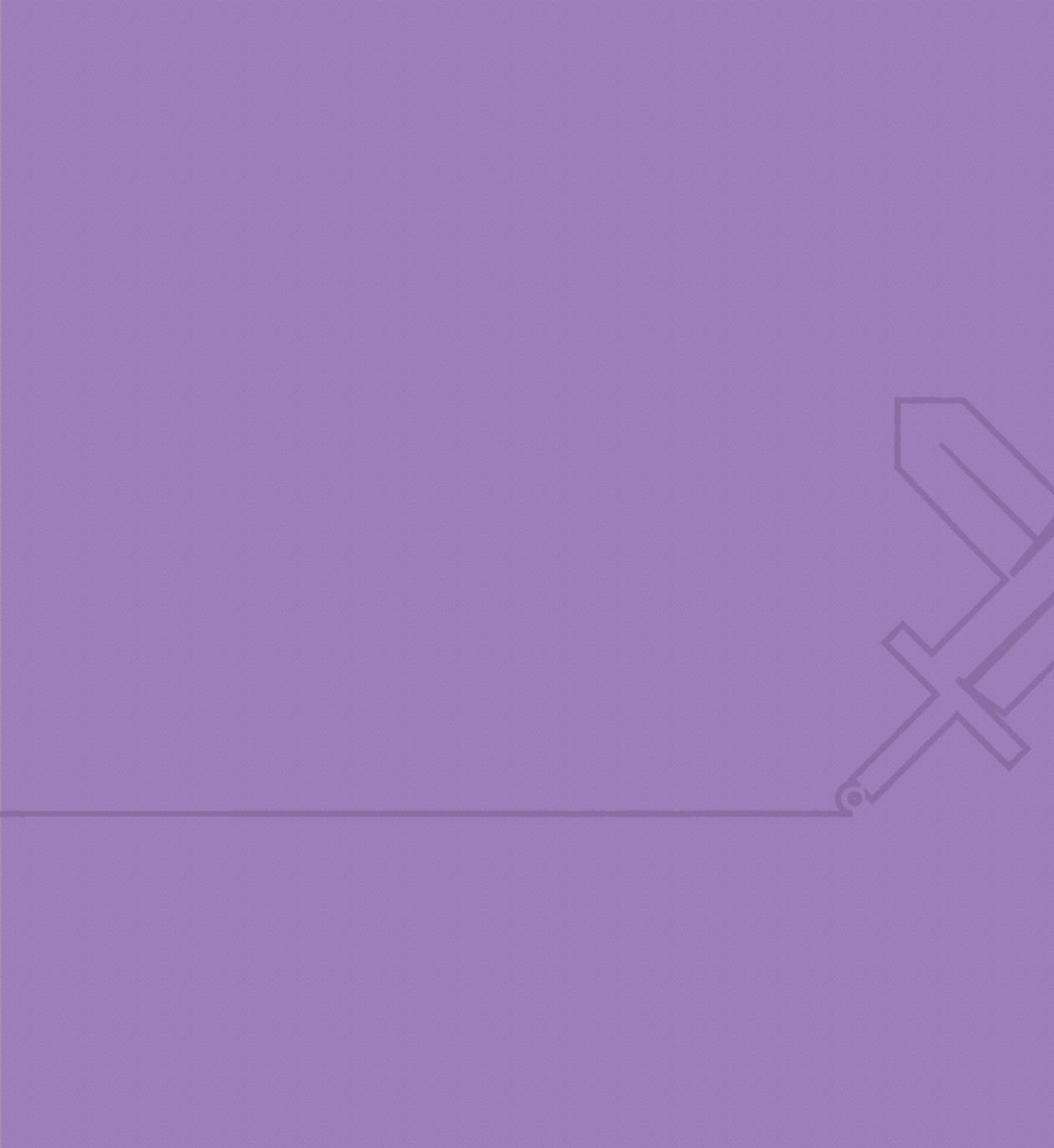




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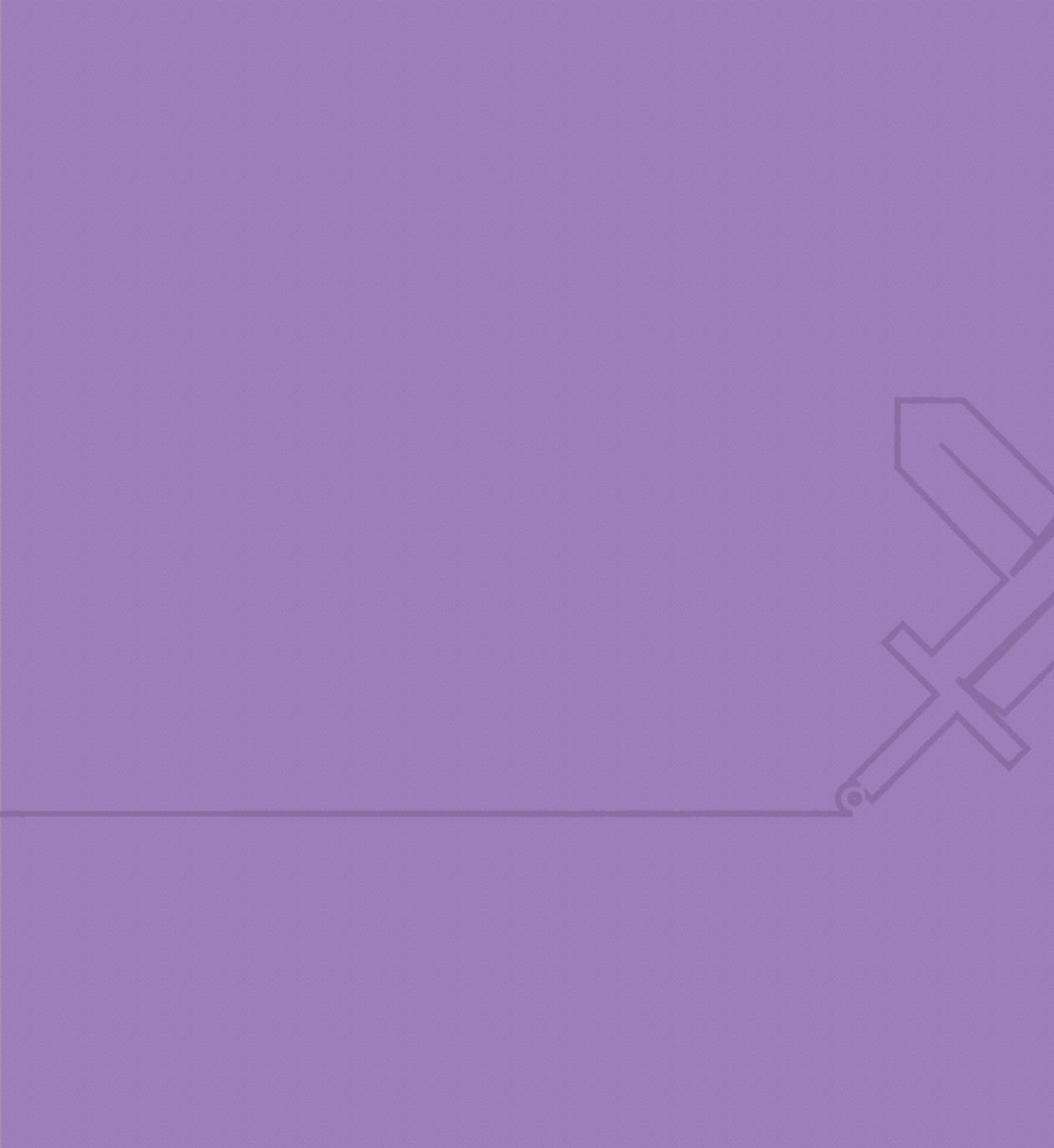


A SERVANT WHO USES A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE MASTER

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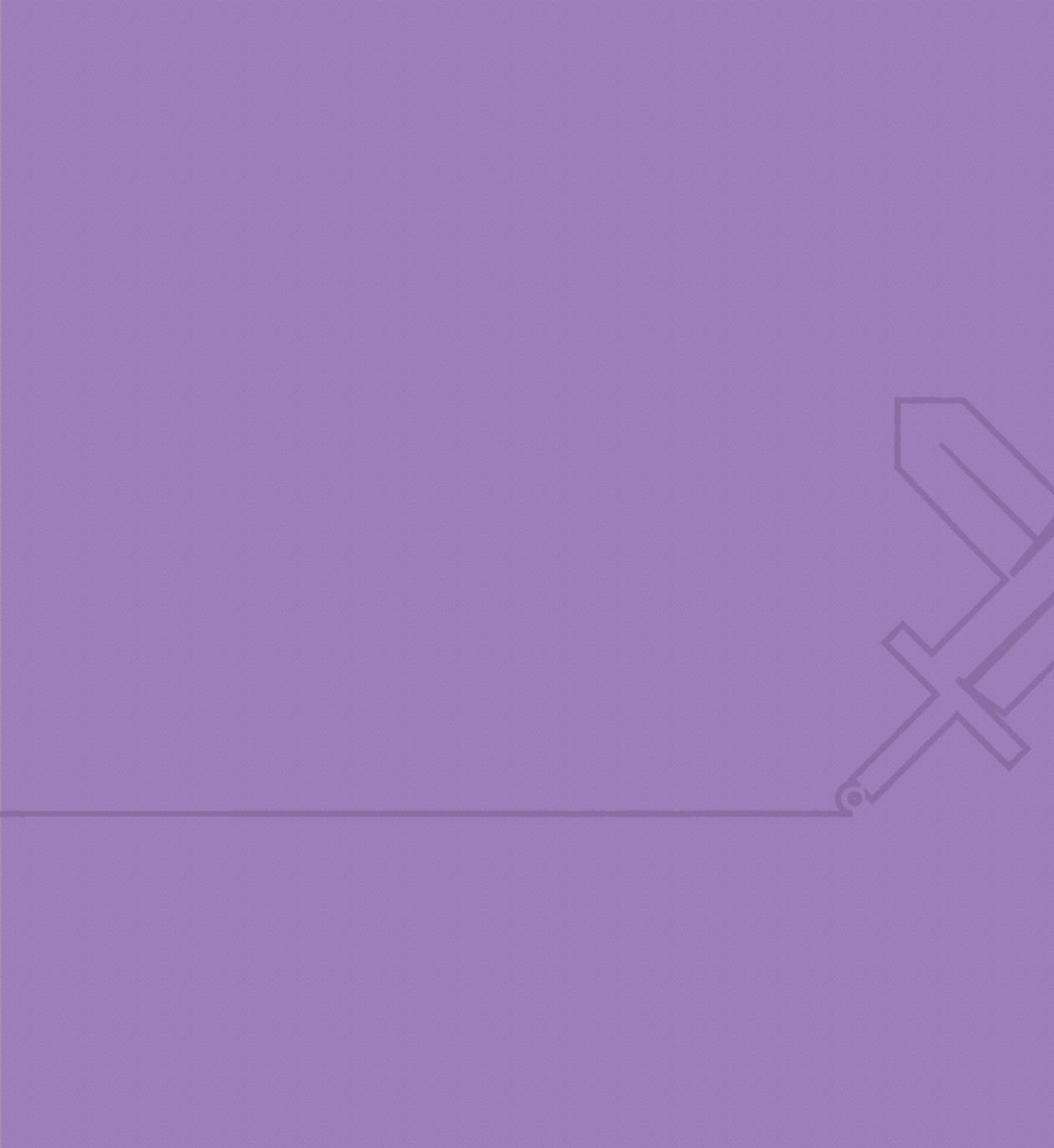


OR DO YOU SHOW CONTEMPT FOR THE RICHES OF HIS KINDNESS, FORBEARANCE AND PATIENCE, NOT REALIZING THAT GOD'S KINDNESS IS INTENDED TO LEAD YOU TO REPENTANCE?













GOD'S GRACE WAS MEANT TO GO THROUGH YOU.





WHAT GOOD IS IT, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IF SOMEONE CLAIMS TO HAVE FAITH BUT HAS NO DEEDS? CAN SUCH FAITH SAVE THEM? SUPPOSE A BROTHER OR A SISTER IS WITHOUT CLOTHES AND DAILY FOOD. IF ONE OF YOU SAYS TO THEM, "GO IN PEACE; KEEP WARM AND WELL FED," BUT DOES NOTHING ABOUT THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS, WHAT GOOD IS IT? IN THE SAME WAY, FAITH BY ITSELF, IF

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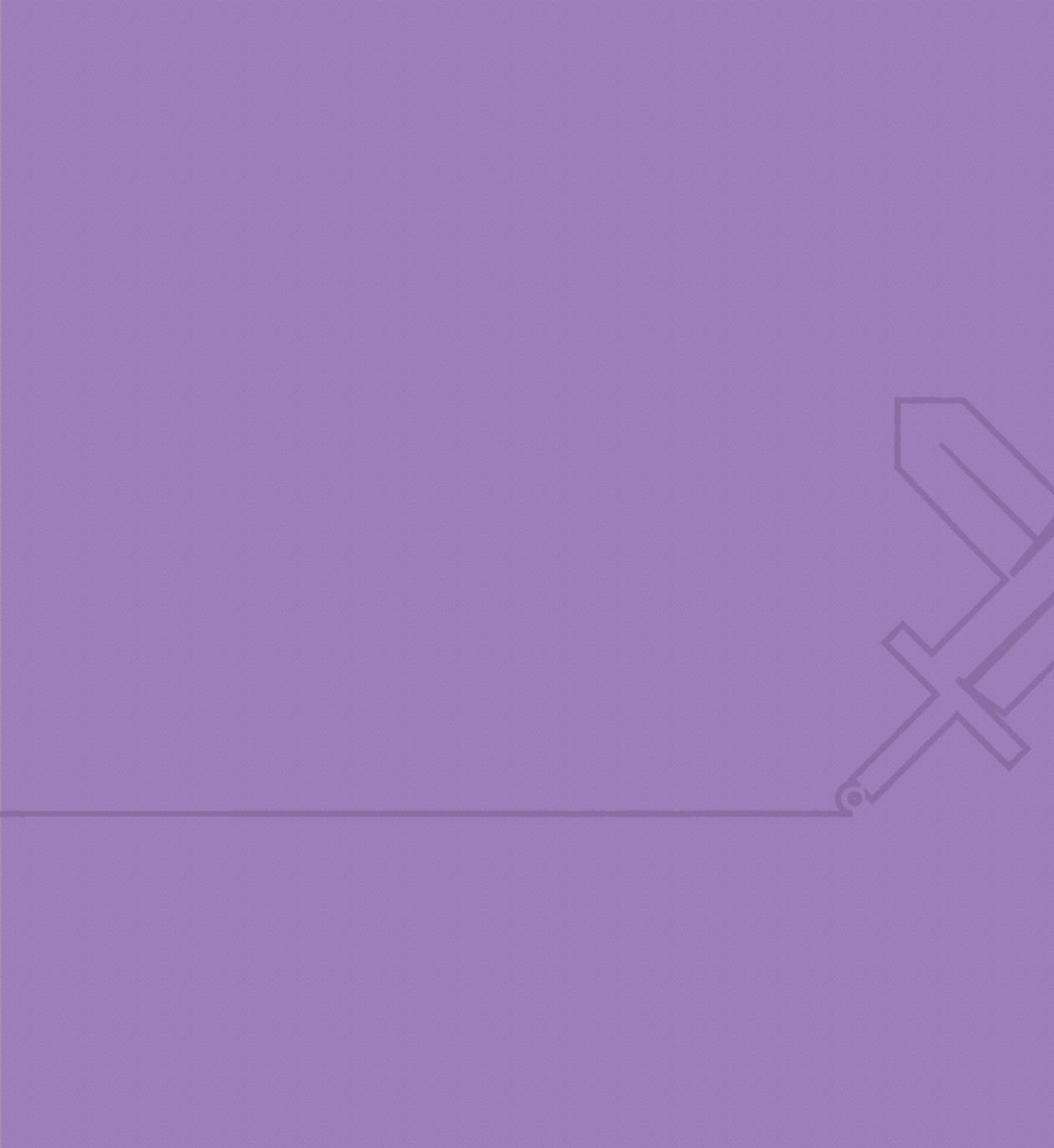


IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION, IS DEAD. BUT SOMEONE WILL SAY, "YOU HAVE FAITH; I HAVE DEEDS." SHOW ME YOUR FAITH WITHOUT DEEDS, AND I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY DEEDS. YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ONE GOD. GOOD! EVEN THE DEMONS BELIEVE THAT—AND SHUDDER.

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WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN ME?





WHAT HAS GOD GIVEN ME? WHAT AM I DOING WITH IT?









