AS JESUS PASSED ON FROM THERE, HE SAW A MAN CALLED MATTHEW SITTING AT THE TAX BOOTH, AND HE SAID TO HIM, "FOLLOW ME." AND HE ROSE AND FOLLOWED HIM. AND AS JESUS RECLINED AT TABLE IN THE HOUSE, BEHOLD, MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS CAME AND WERE RECLINING WITH JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES. AND WHEN THE PHARISES SAW THIS, THEY SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,

MATTHEW 9:9-13

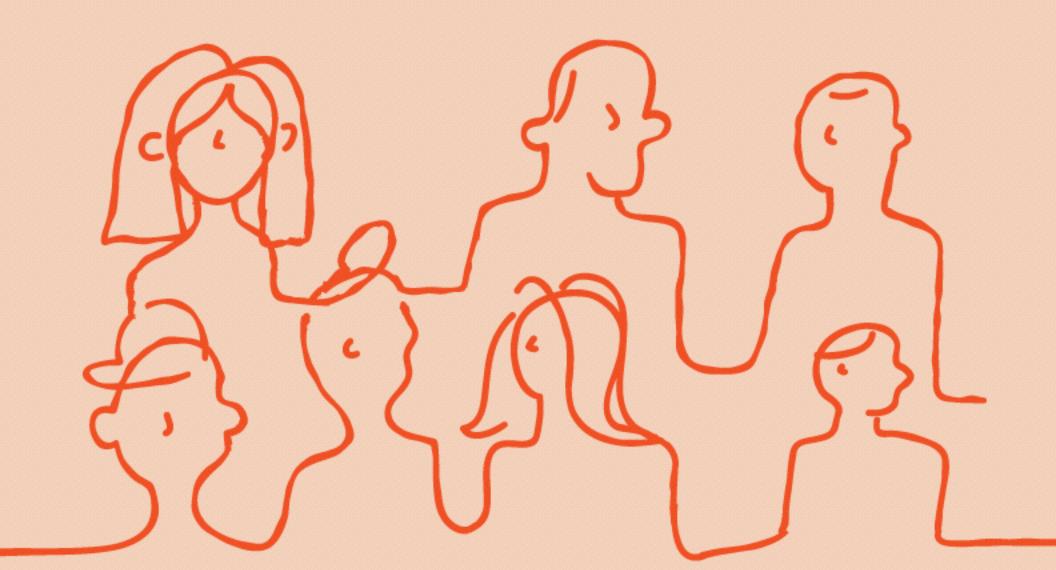
"WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS?" BUT WHEN HE HEARD IT, HE SAID, "THOSE WHO ARE WELL HAVE NO NEED OF A PHYSICIAN, BUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK. GO AND LEARN WHAT THIS MEANS: 'I DESIRE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE.' FOR I CAME NOT TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."

MATTHEW 9:9-13



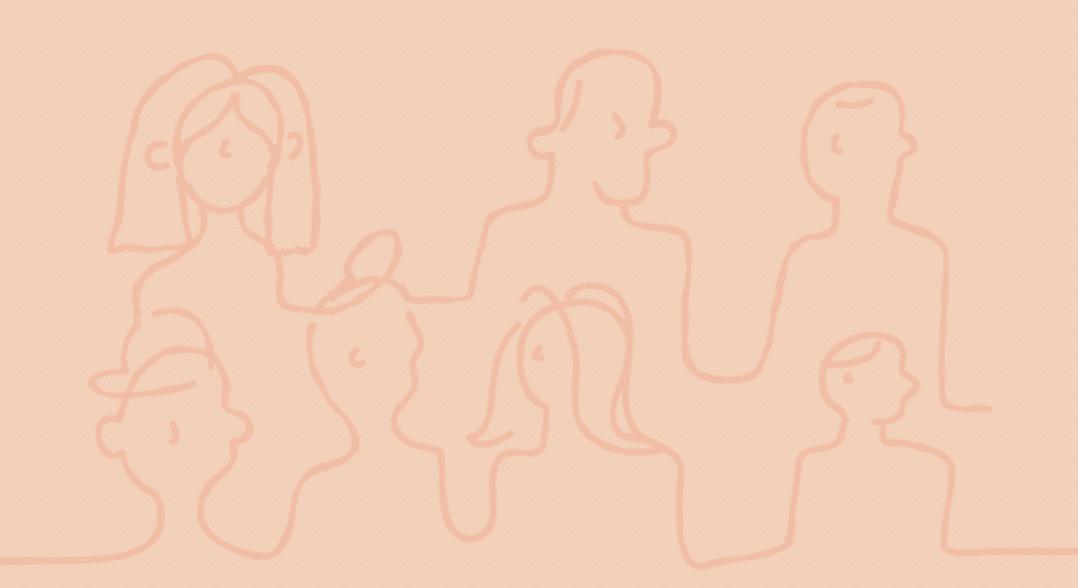
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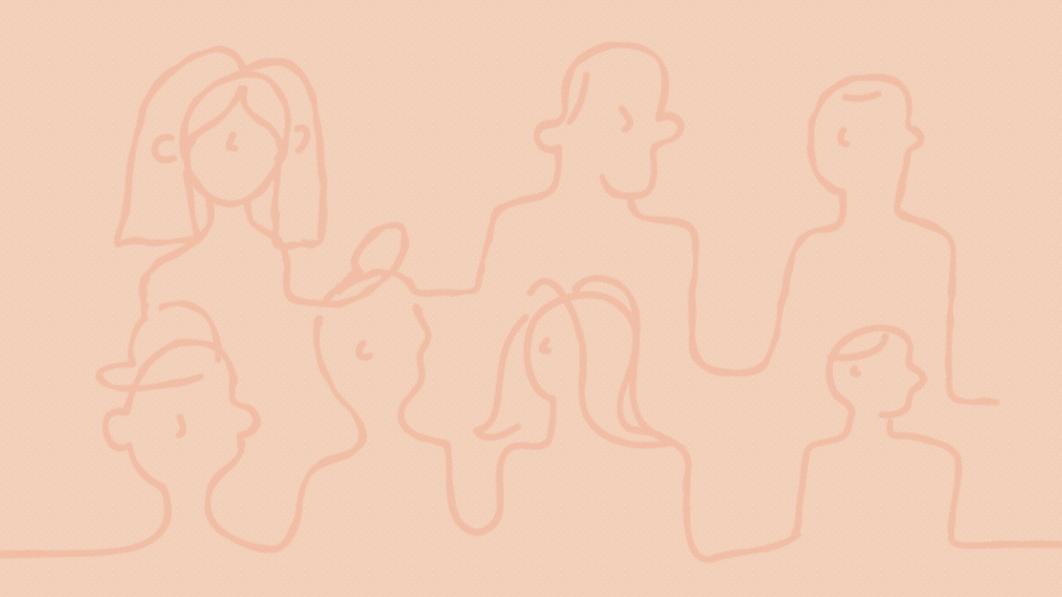


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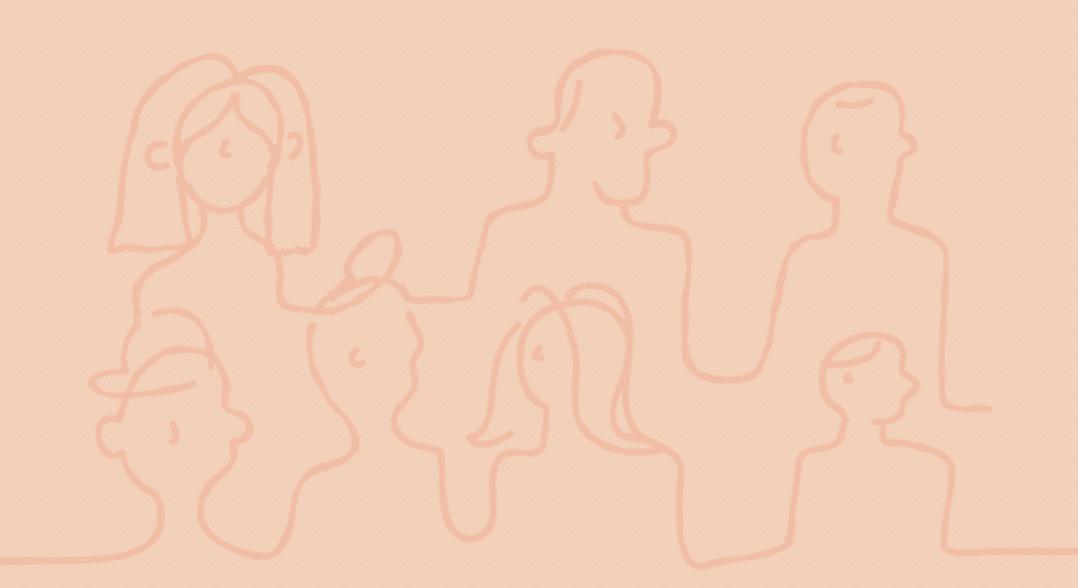


FOR I DESIRE MERCY, NOT SACRIFICE, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOD RATHER THAN BURNT OFFERINGS.

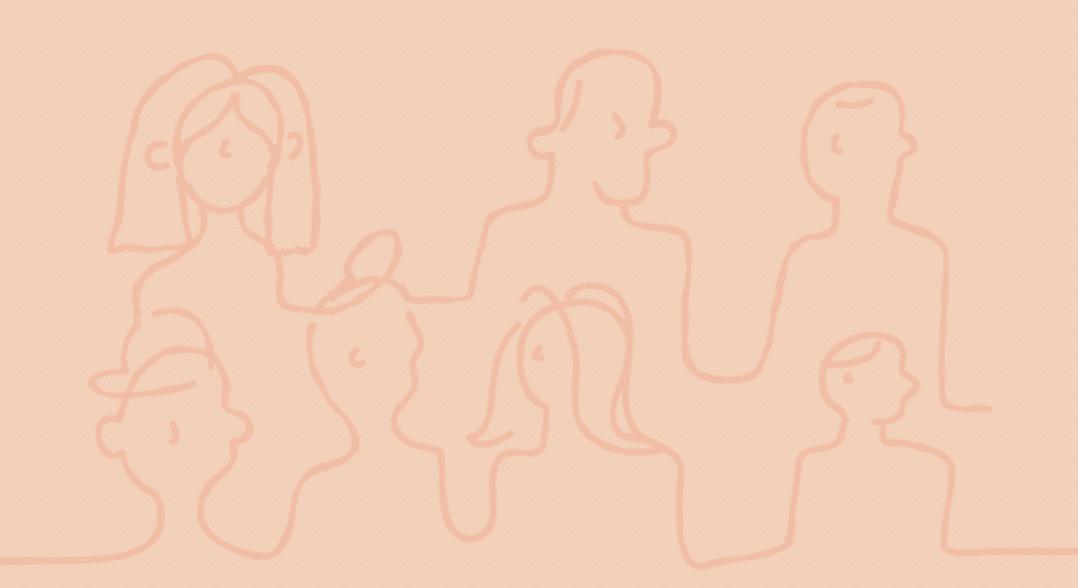


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THE LAW IS ONLY A SHADOW OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE COMING—NOT THE REALITIES THEMSELVES. FOR THIS REASON IT CAN NEVER, BY THE SAME SACRIFICES REPEATED ENDLESSLY YEAR AFTER YEAR, MAKE PERFECT THOSE WHO DRAW NEAR TO WORSHIP IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS TO TAKE AWAY SINS.

HEBREWS 10:1,4



BUT WHEN CHRIST HAD OFFERED FOR ALL TIME A SINGLE SACRIFICE FOR SINS, HE SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, WAITING FROM THAT TIME UNTIL HIS ENEMIES SHOULD BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. FOR BY A SINGLE OFFERING HE HAS PERFECTED FOR ALL TIME THOSE WHO ARE BEING SANCTIFIED.

HEBREWS 10:12-14



