


THEN HE TOLD THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES,  
SAYING: "A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. AS  
HE WAS SCATTERING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG  
THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE IT UP.  
SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT  
HAVE MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE  
THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. BUT WHEN THE SUN CAME  
UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY

**MATTHEW 13:3-9**

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WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS. STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL, WHERE IT PRODUCED A CROP—A HUNDRED, SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN. WHOEVER HAS EARS, LET THEM HEAR.”

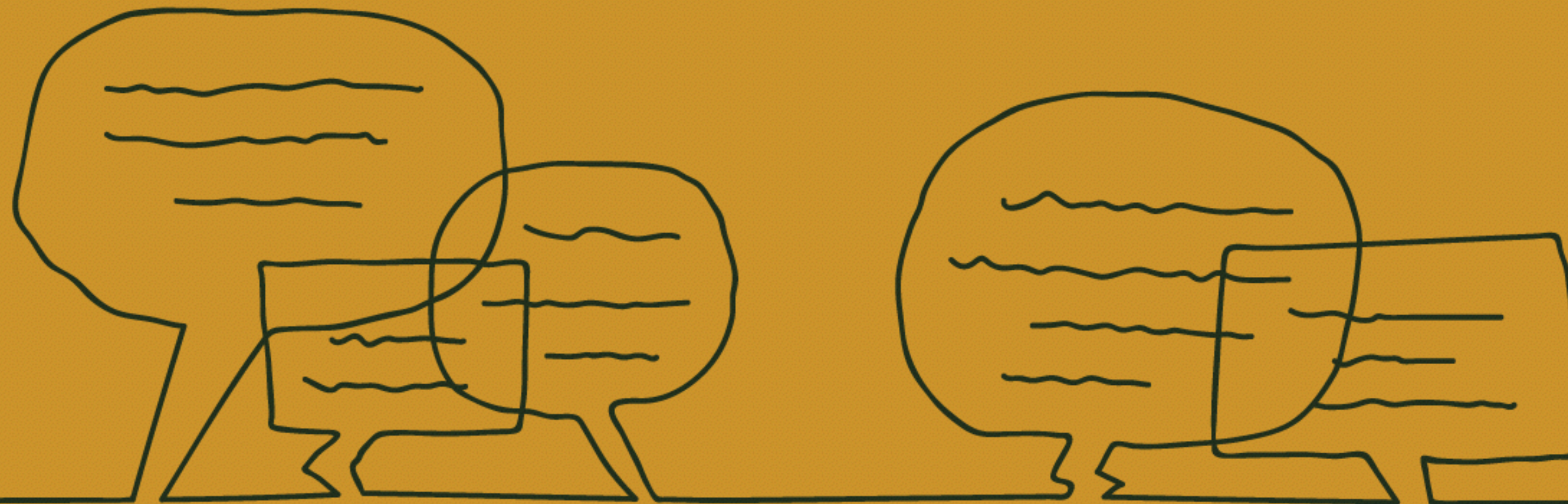


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RESPONSES  
TO THE KINGDOM



# MATTHEW 13

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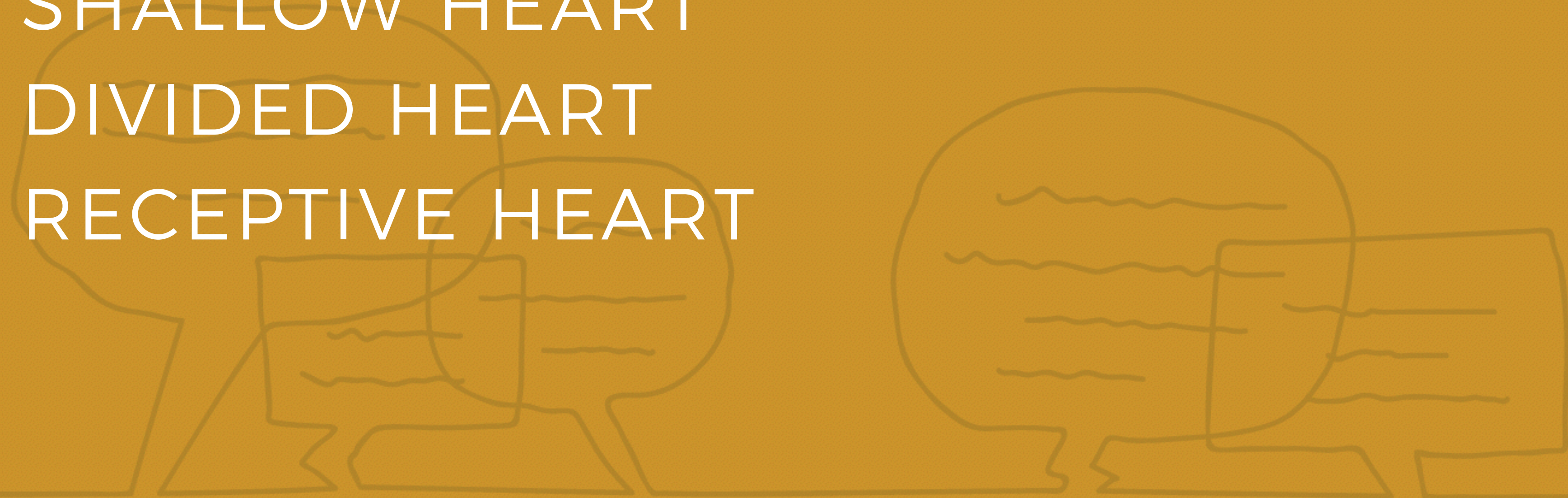


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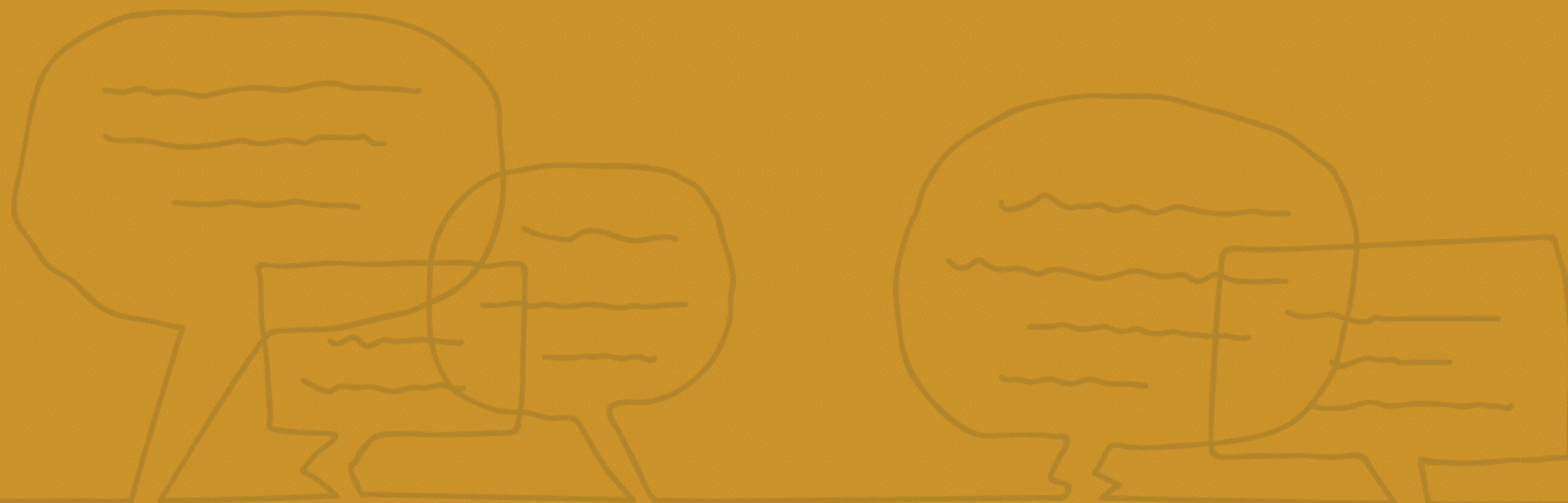


# FOUR HEART POSTURES

- THE HARDENED HEART
- THE SHALLOW HEART
- THE DIVIDED HEART
- THE RECEPTIVE HEART



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# THE HARDENED HEART

LISTEN THEN TO WHAT THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER MEANS: WHEN ANYONE HEARS THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE KINGDOM AND DOES NOT UNDERSTAND IT, THE EVIL ONE COMES AND SNATCHES AWAY WHAT WAS SOWN IN THEIR HEART. THIS IS THE SEED SOWN ALONG THE PATH.

**MATTHEW 13:18-19**

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# THE SHALLOW HEART

THE SEED FALLING ON ROCKY GROUND REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND AT ONCE RECEIVES IT WITH JOY. BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY.

**MATTHEW 13:20-21**

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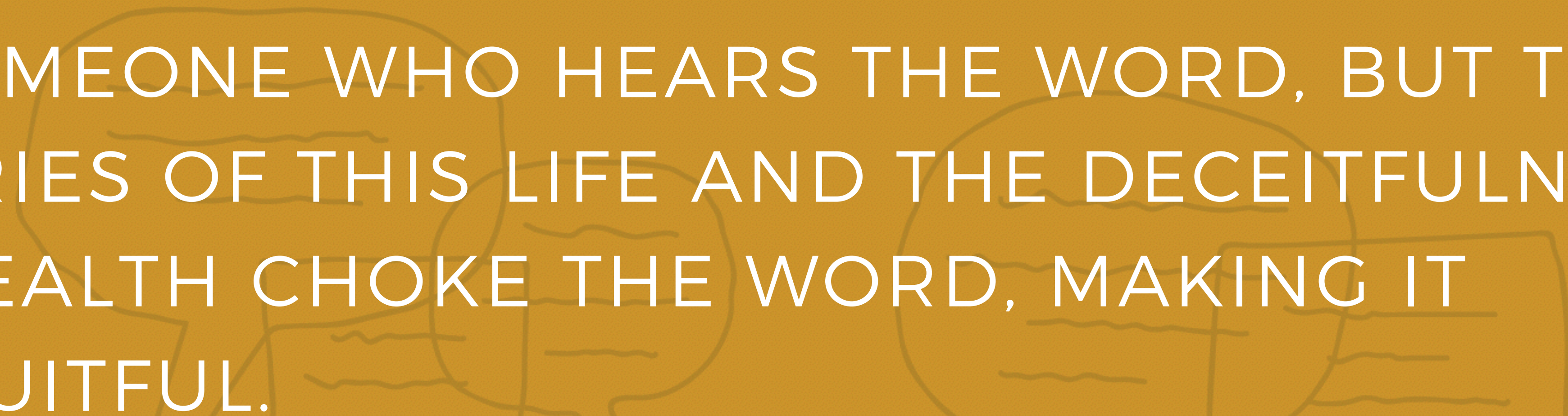




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# THE DIVIDED HEART

THE SEED FALLING AMONG THE THORNS REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD, BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH CHOKES THE WORD, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL.

A faint, light-colored line drawing of two people sitting and talking. The person on the left is wearing a hat and a long coat, and the person on the right is wearing a long coat and a hat. They appear to be in a conversation, with the person on the right gesturing with their hand.

**MATTHEW 13:22**

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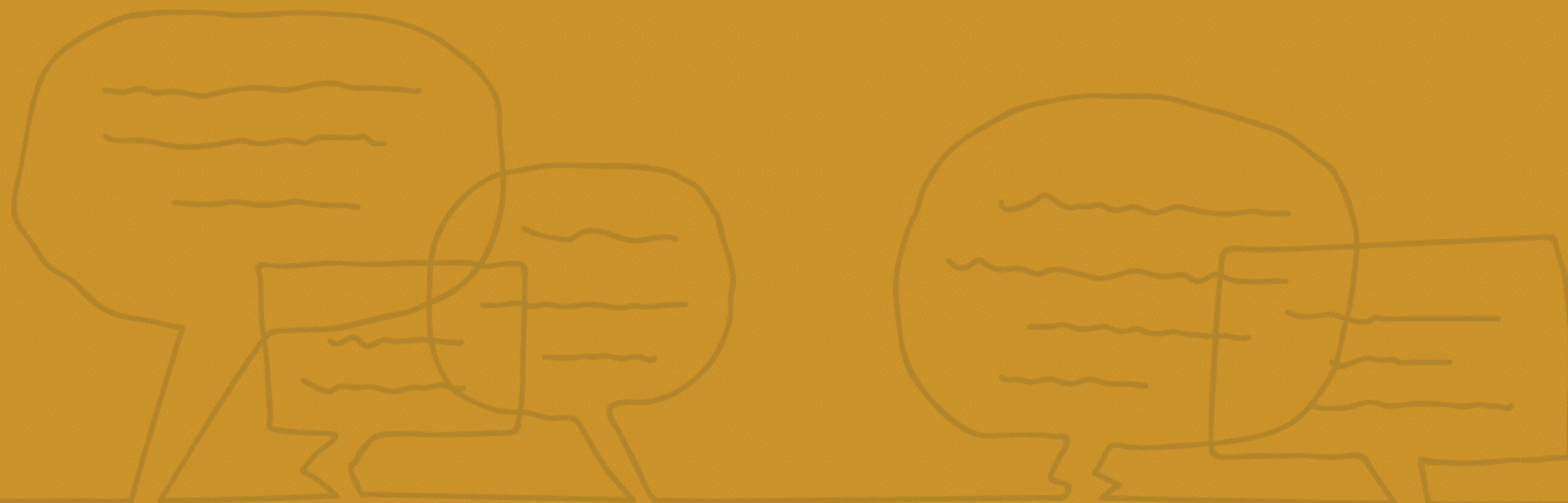


...YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY.



**MATTHEW 6:24**

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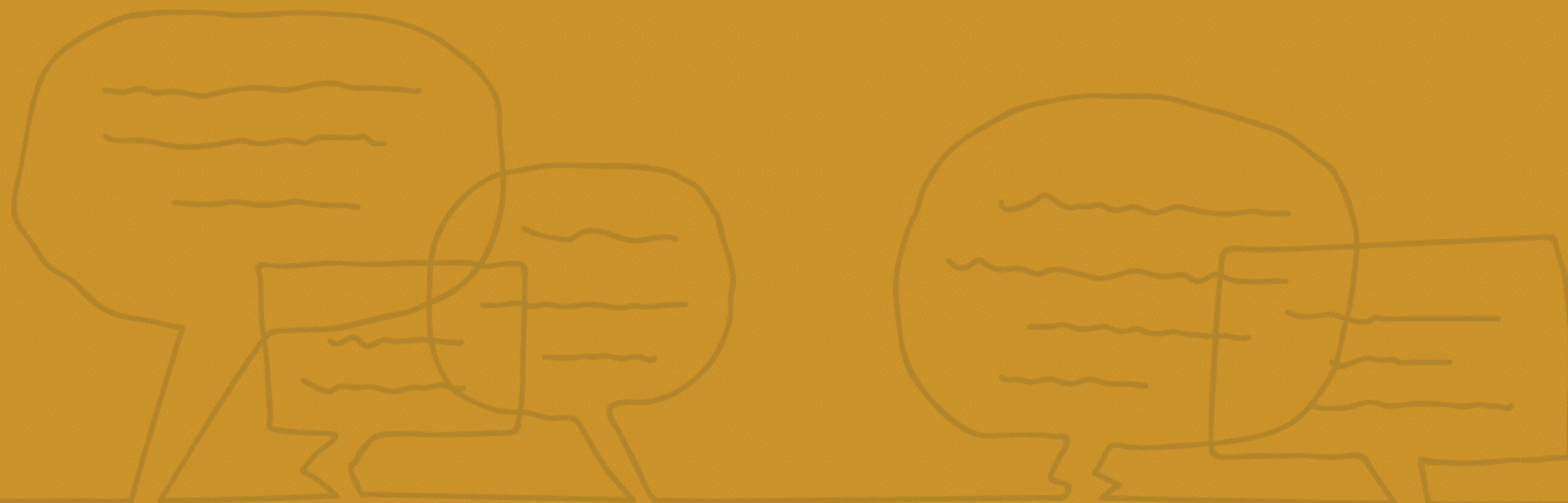


# THE RECEPTIVE HEART

BUT THE SEED FALLING ON GOOD SOIL REFERS TO SOMEONE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT. THIS IS THE ONE WHO PRODUCES A CROP, YIELDING A HUNDRED, SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN.”

**MATTHEW 13:23**

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HERE I AM! I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK. IF ANYONE HEARS MY VOICE AND OPENS THE DOOR, I WILL COME IN AND EAT WITH THAT PERSON, AND THEY WITH ME. TO THE ONE WHO IS VICTORIOUS, I WILL GIVE THE RIGHT TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE, JUST AS I WAS VICTORIOUS AND SAT

**MATTHEW 6:24**

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DOWN WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE.  
WHOEVER HAS EARS, LET THEM HEAR WHAT THE  
SPIRIT SAYS...



**MATTHEW 6:24**

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