

Psalm of CONFESSION



real repentance sees sin clearly
and grace more beautifully

2 Samuel 11:1 ^{ESV}

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.



2 Samuel 11:4-5 ^{ESV}

So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."



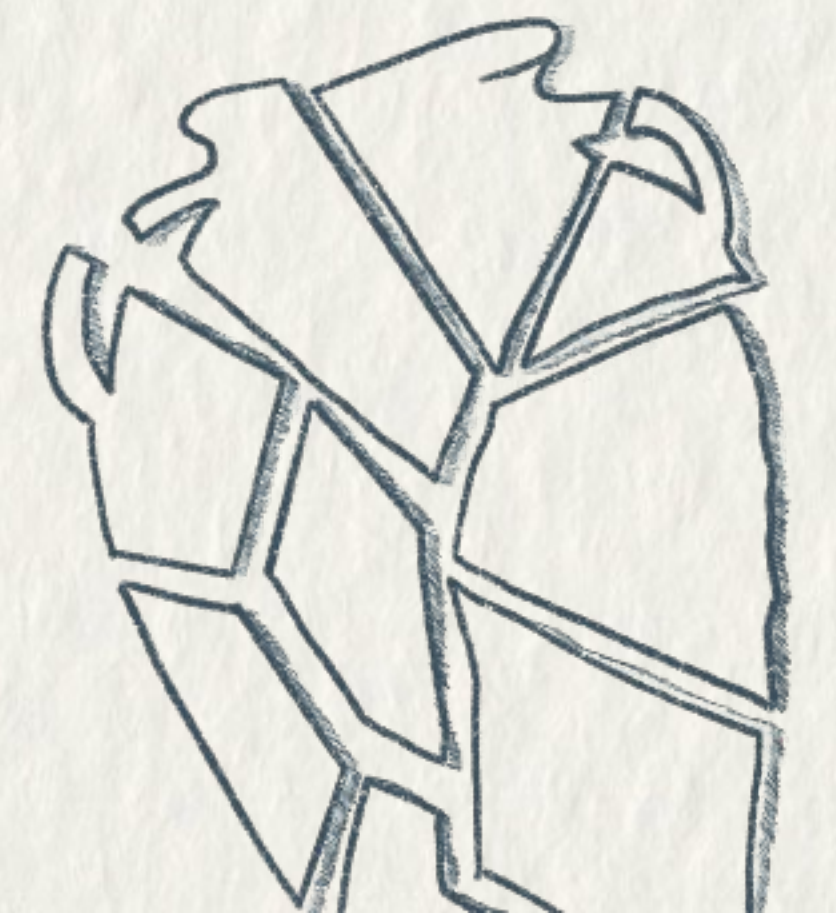
2 Samuel 11:15 ^{ESV}

In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.”



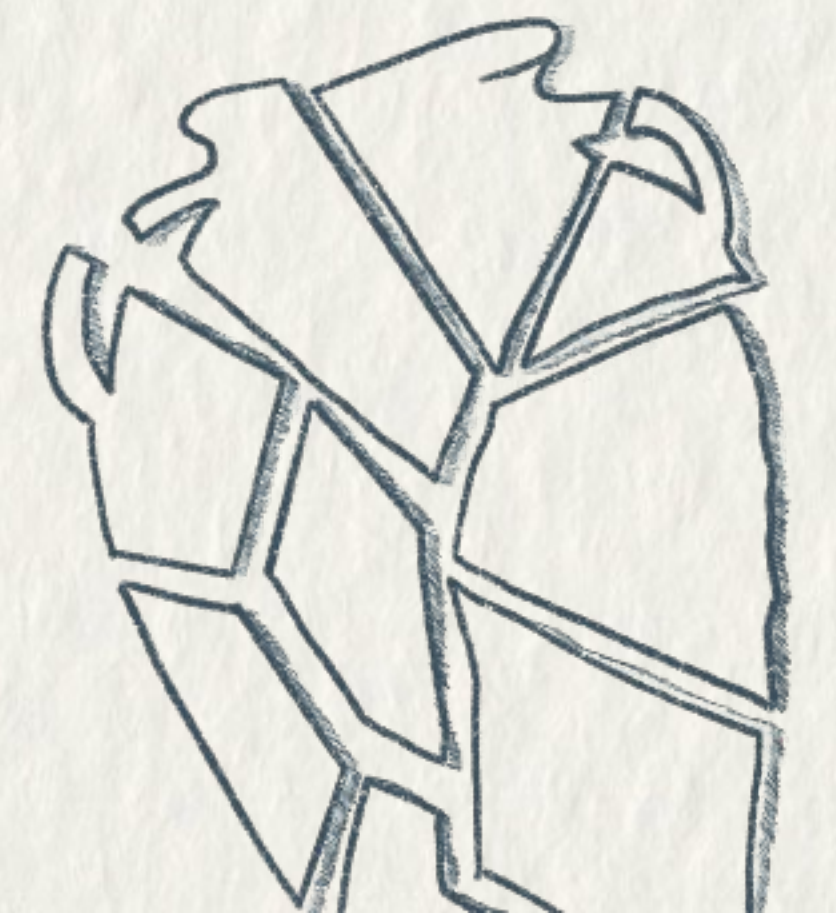
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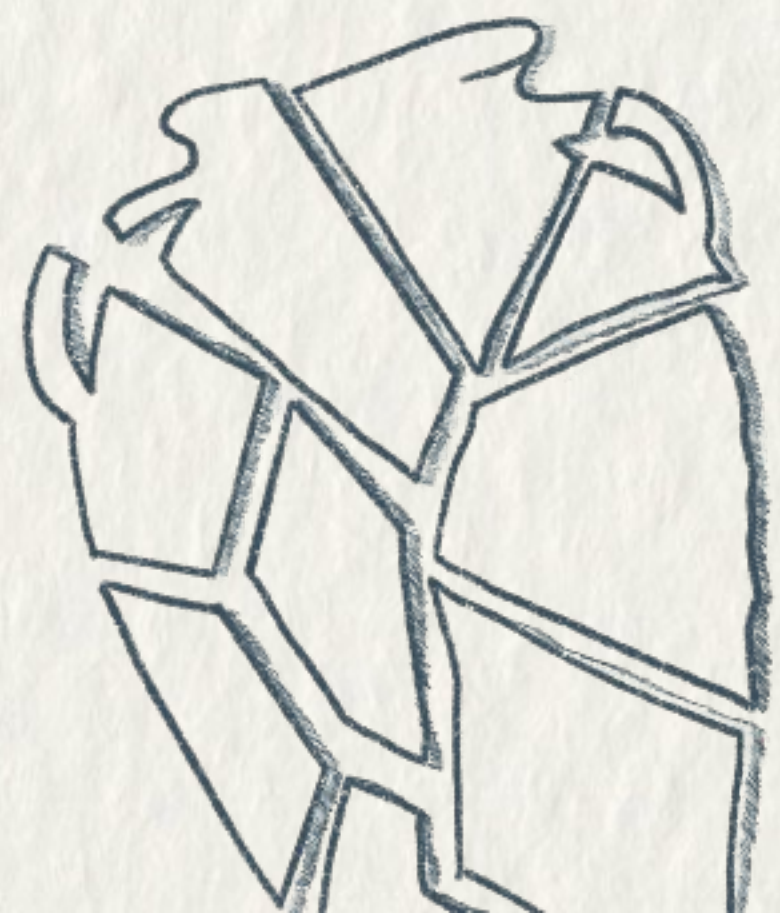
Nathan said to David, “You are the man!...”



2 Samuel 12:13a ^{ESV}

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”





Psalm 51:1-2 ^{ESV}

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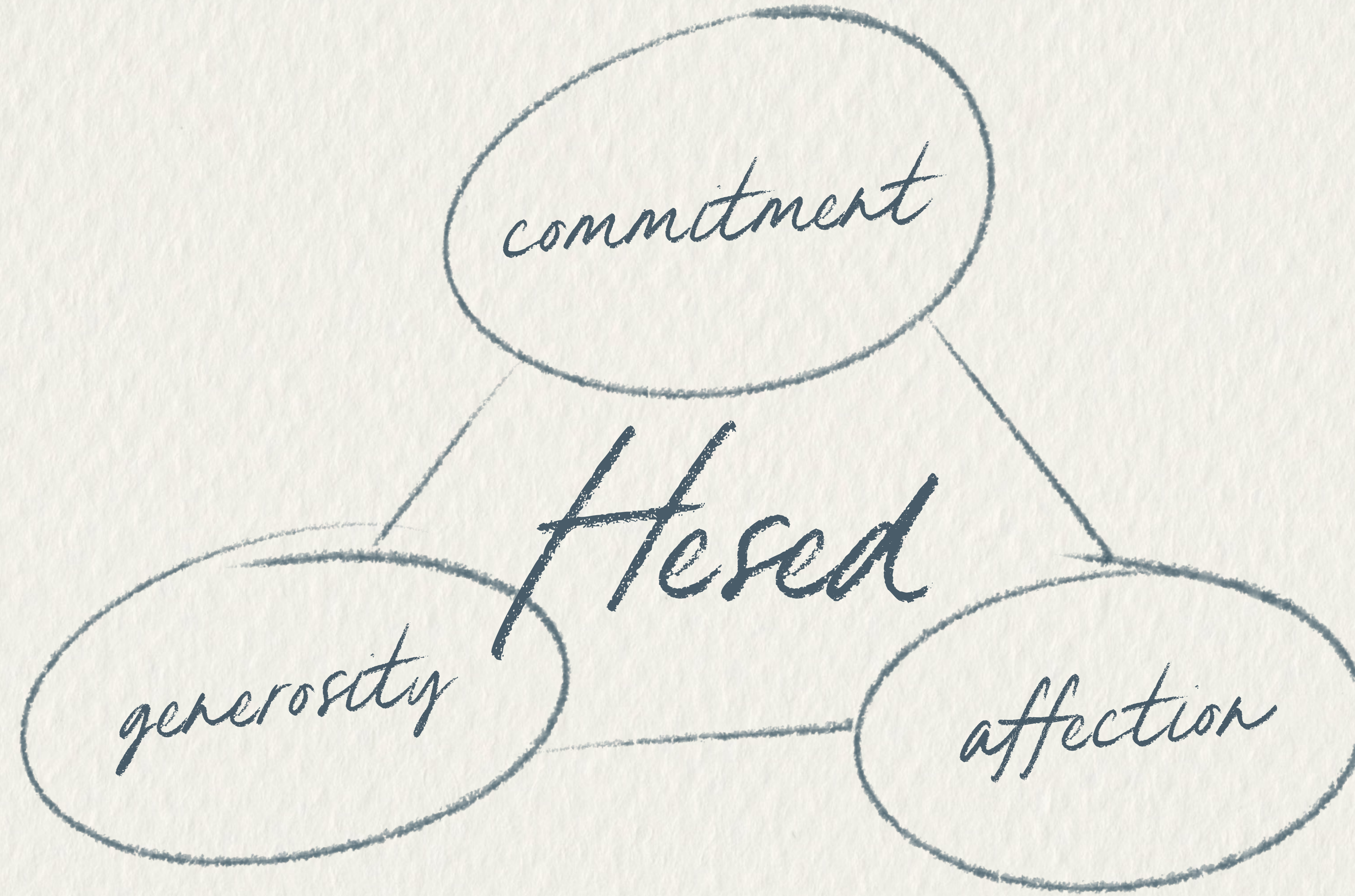
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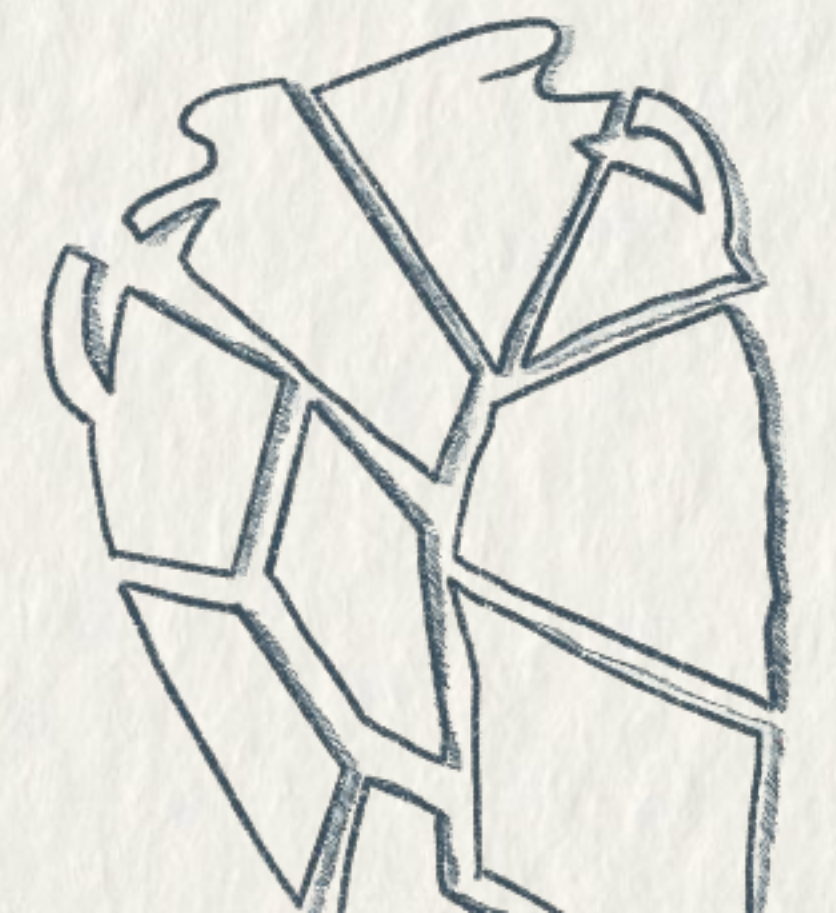
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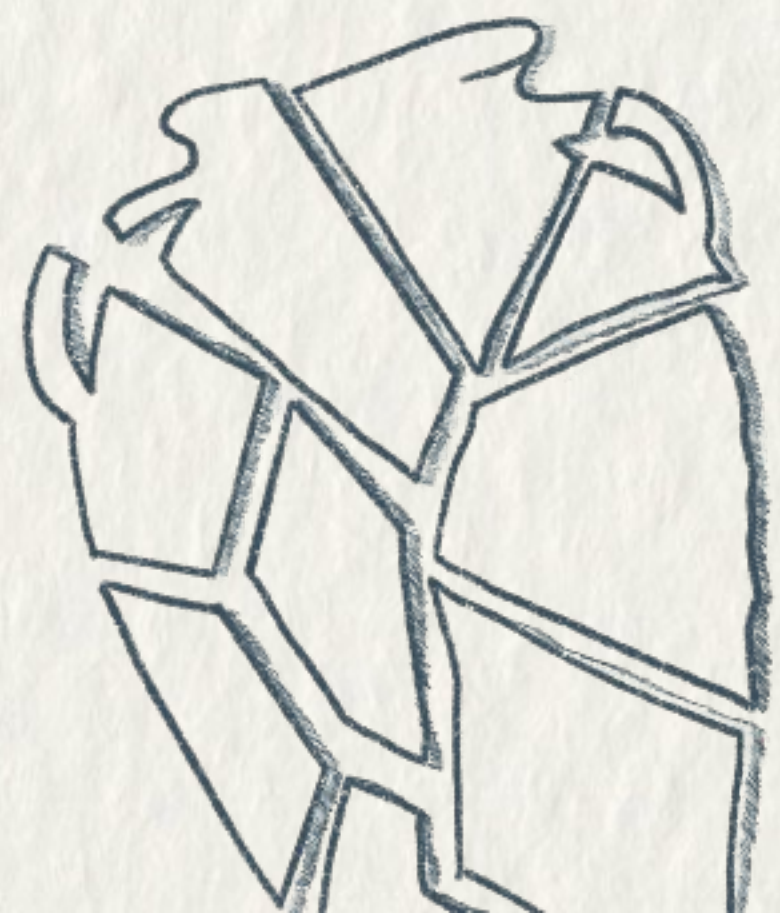


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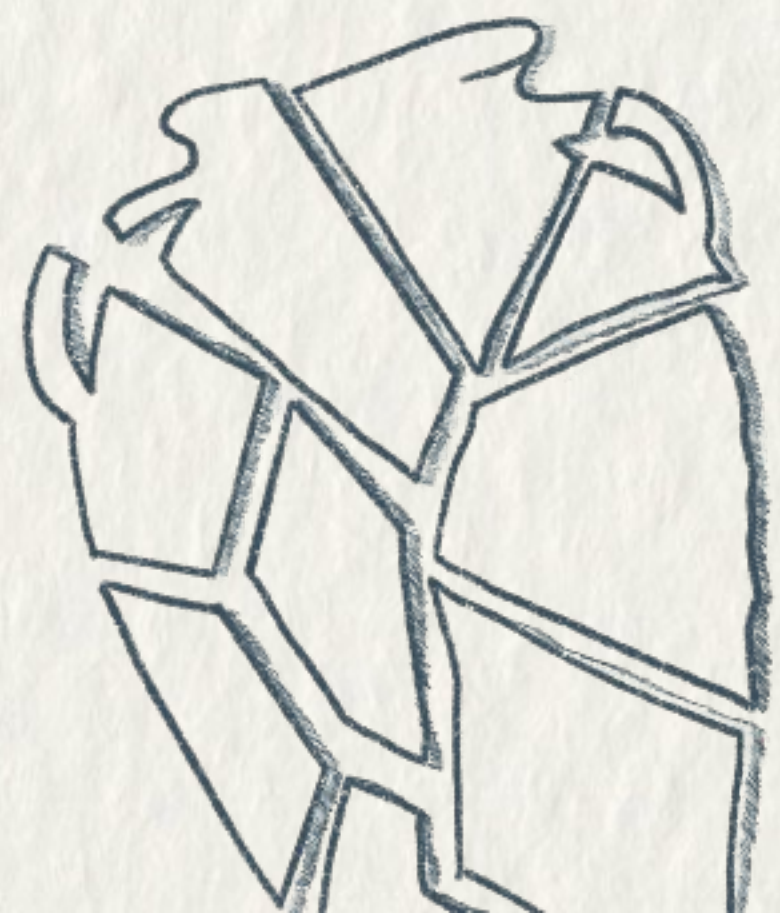




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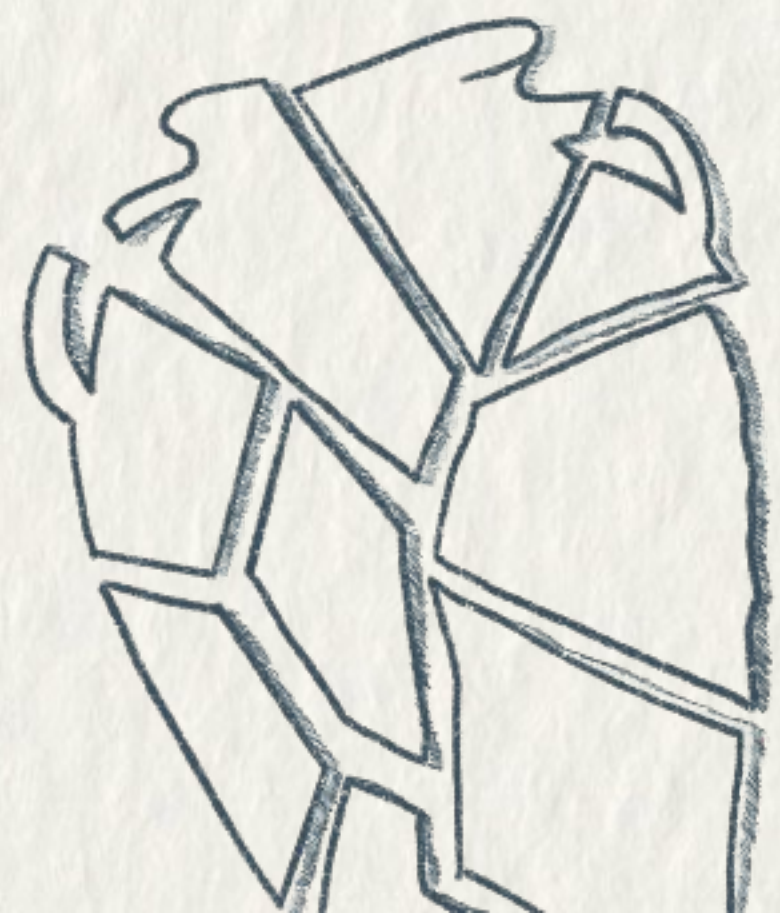
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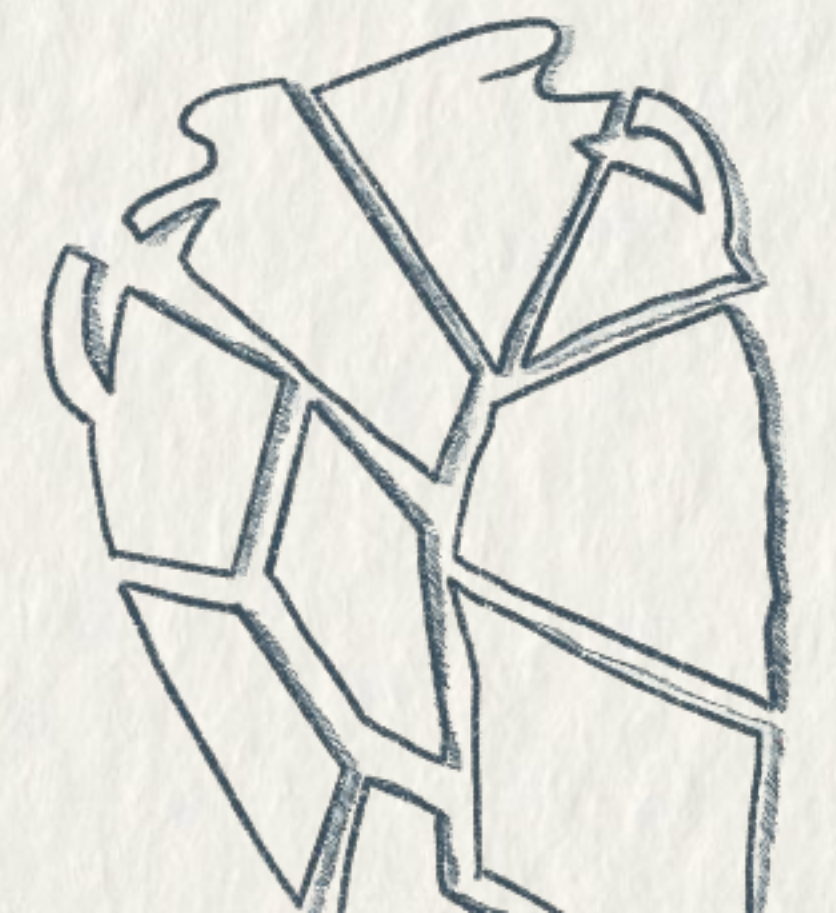
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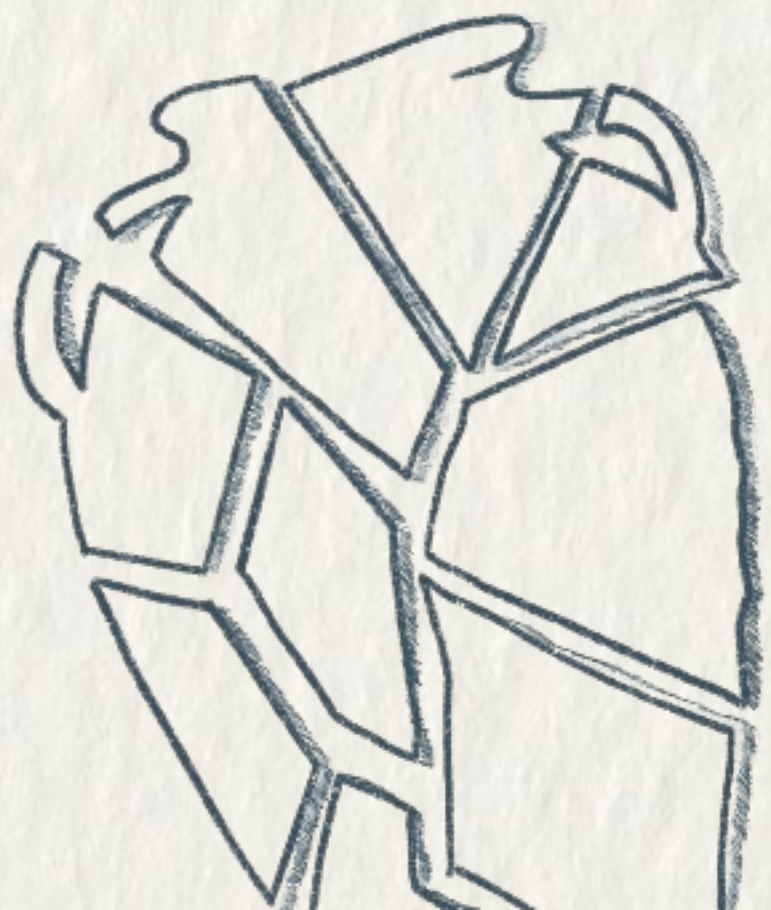
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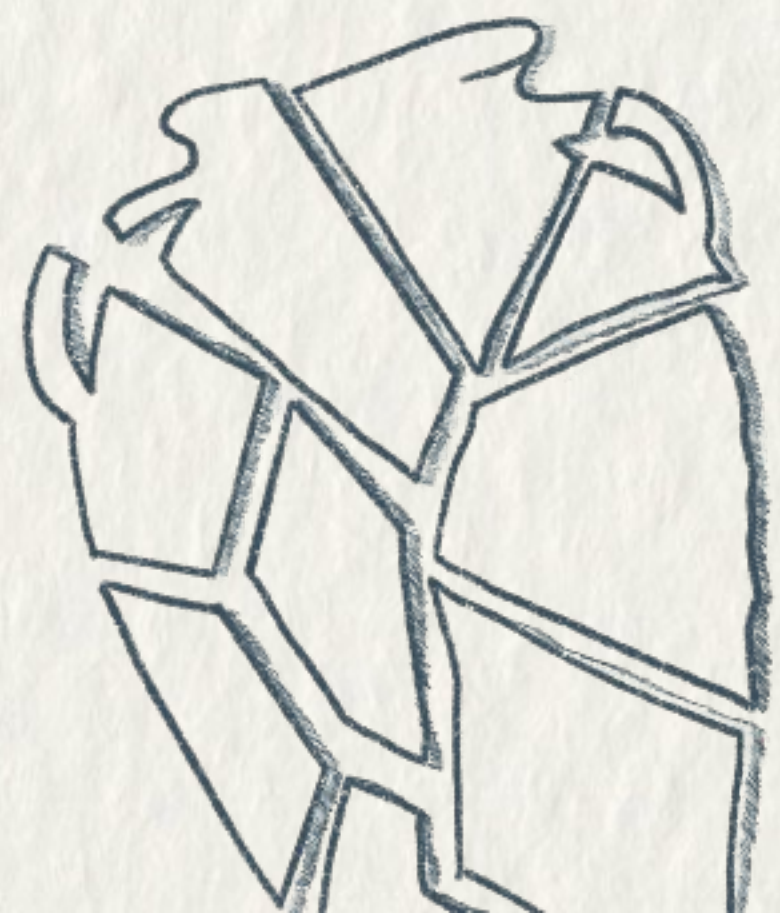
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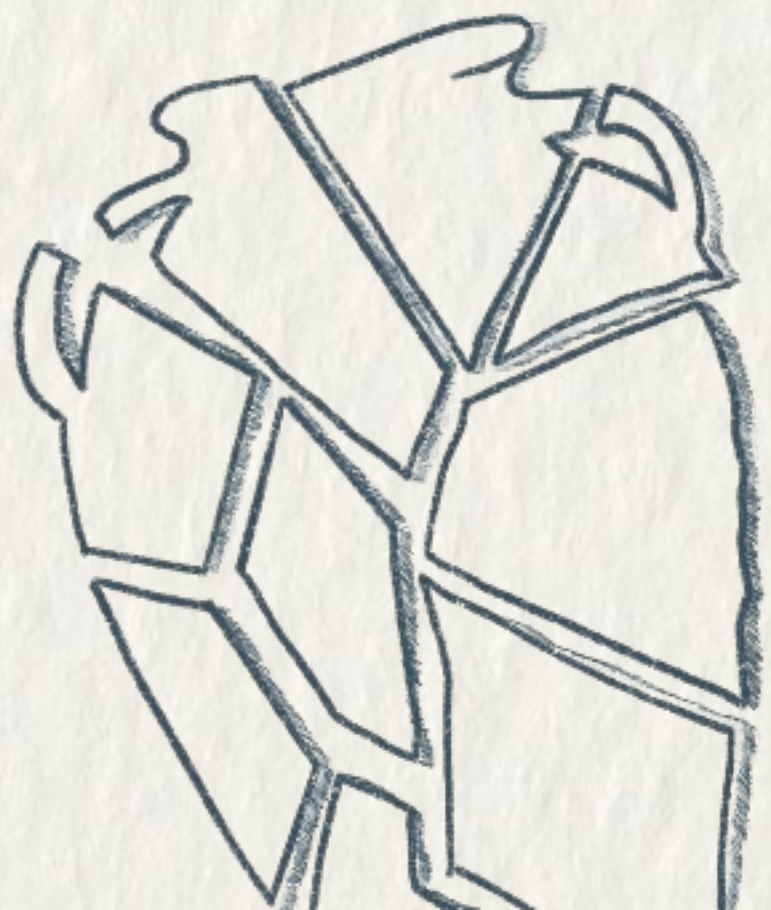
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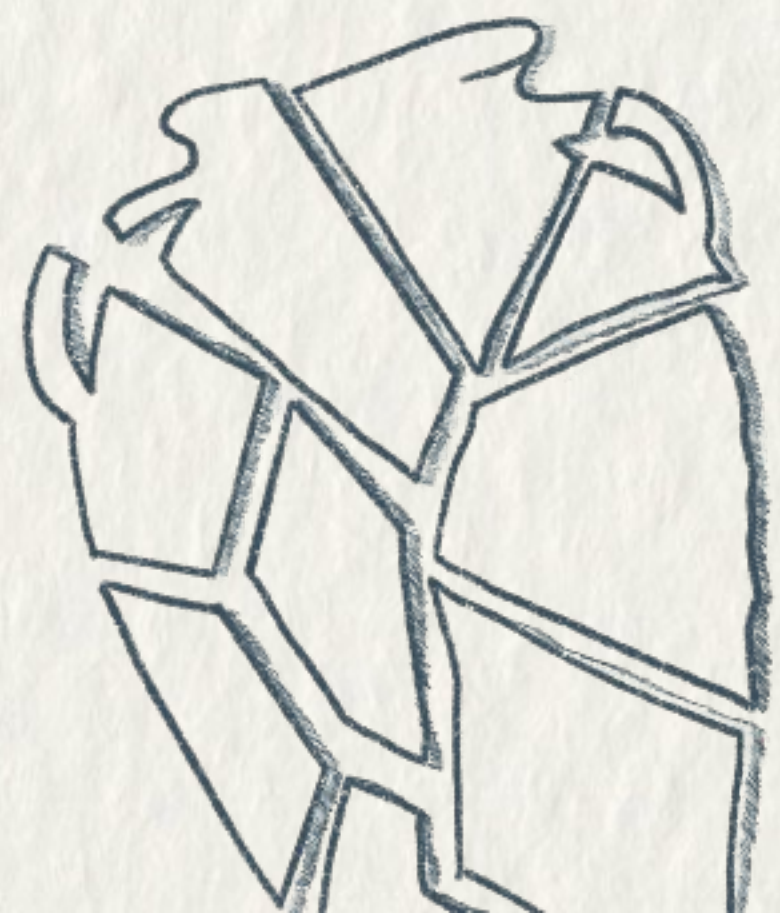
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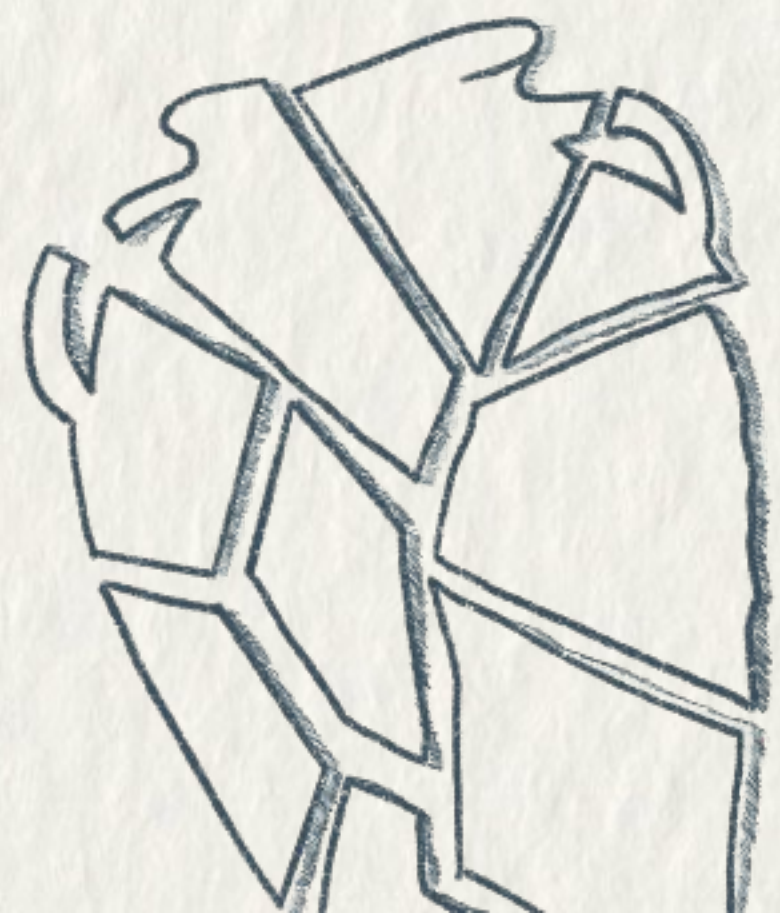
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John 19:29-30 ESV

A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



Psalm 51:10 ^{ESV}

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:16-19 ESV

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
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“Grace is the activity of God.”

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