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**MATTHEW 7:7-11**

HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW  
MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN  
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PRAYER HANG-UP #1:  
**DOES PRAYER  
ACTUALLY WORK?**



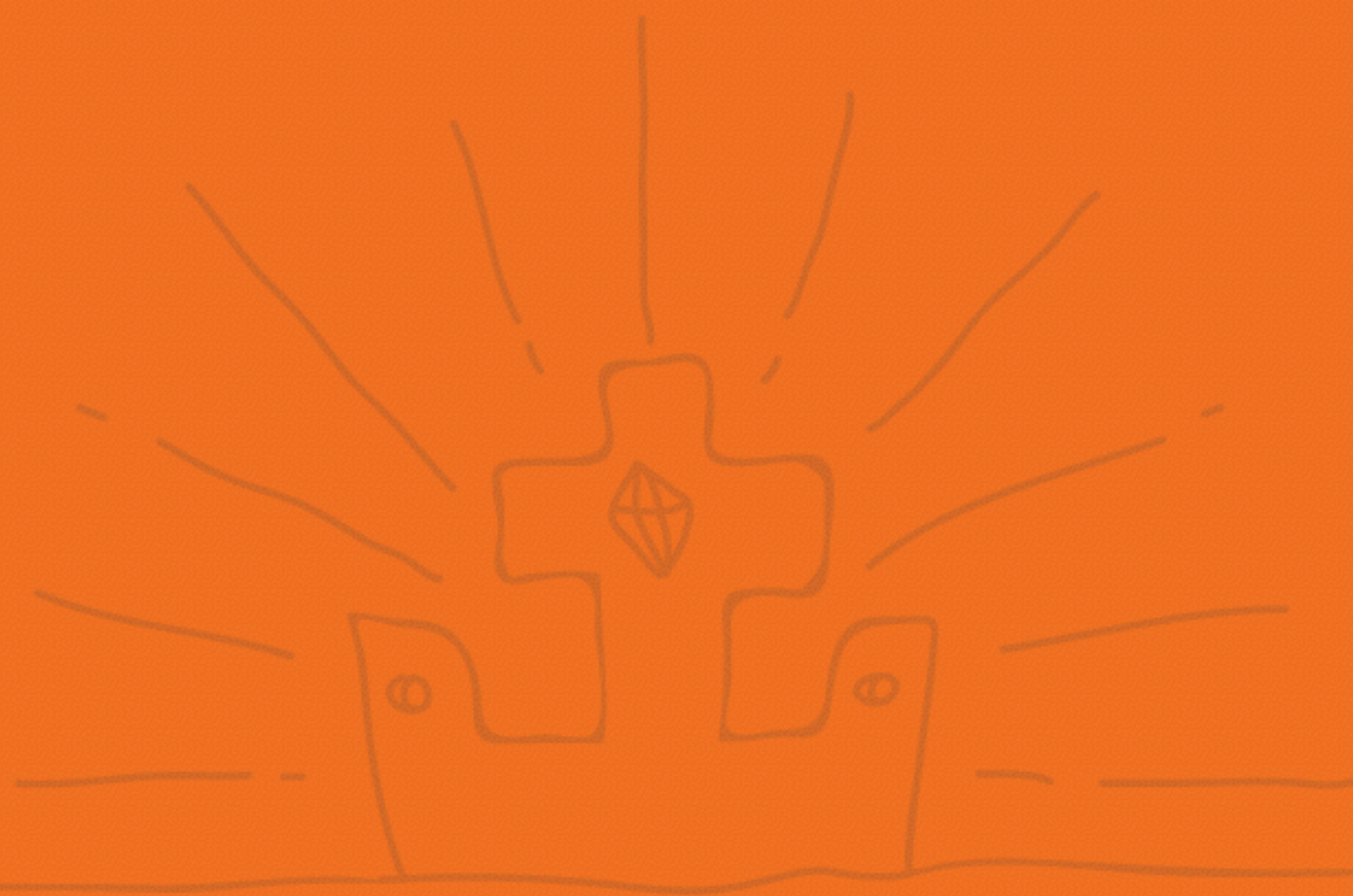
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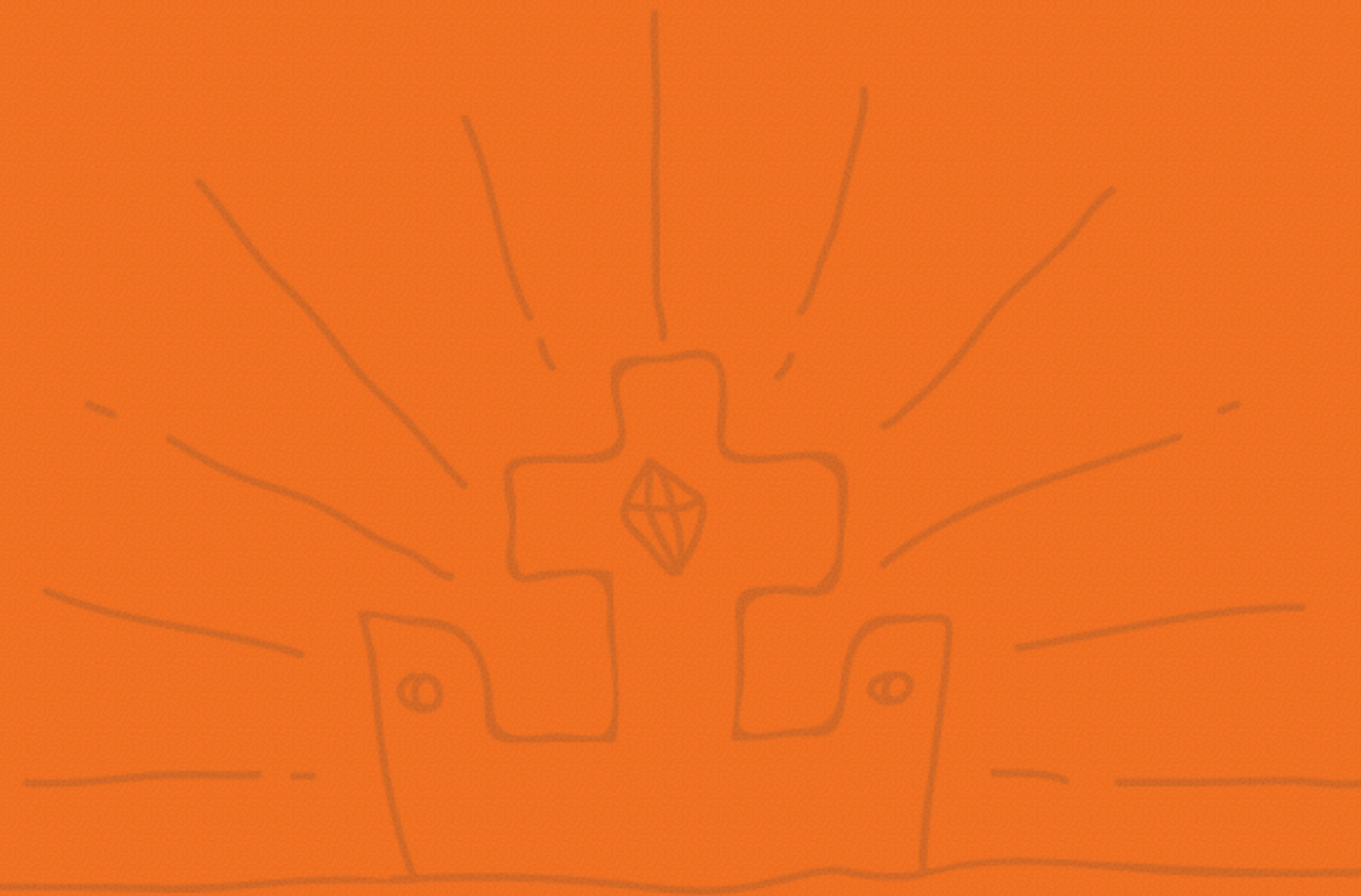
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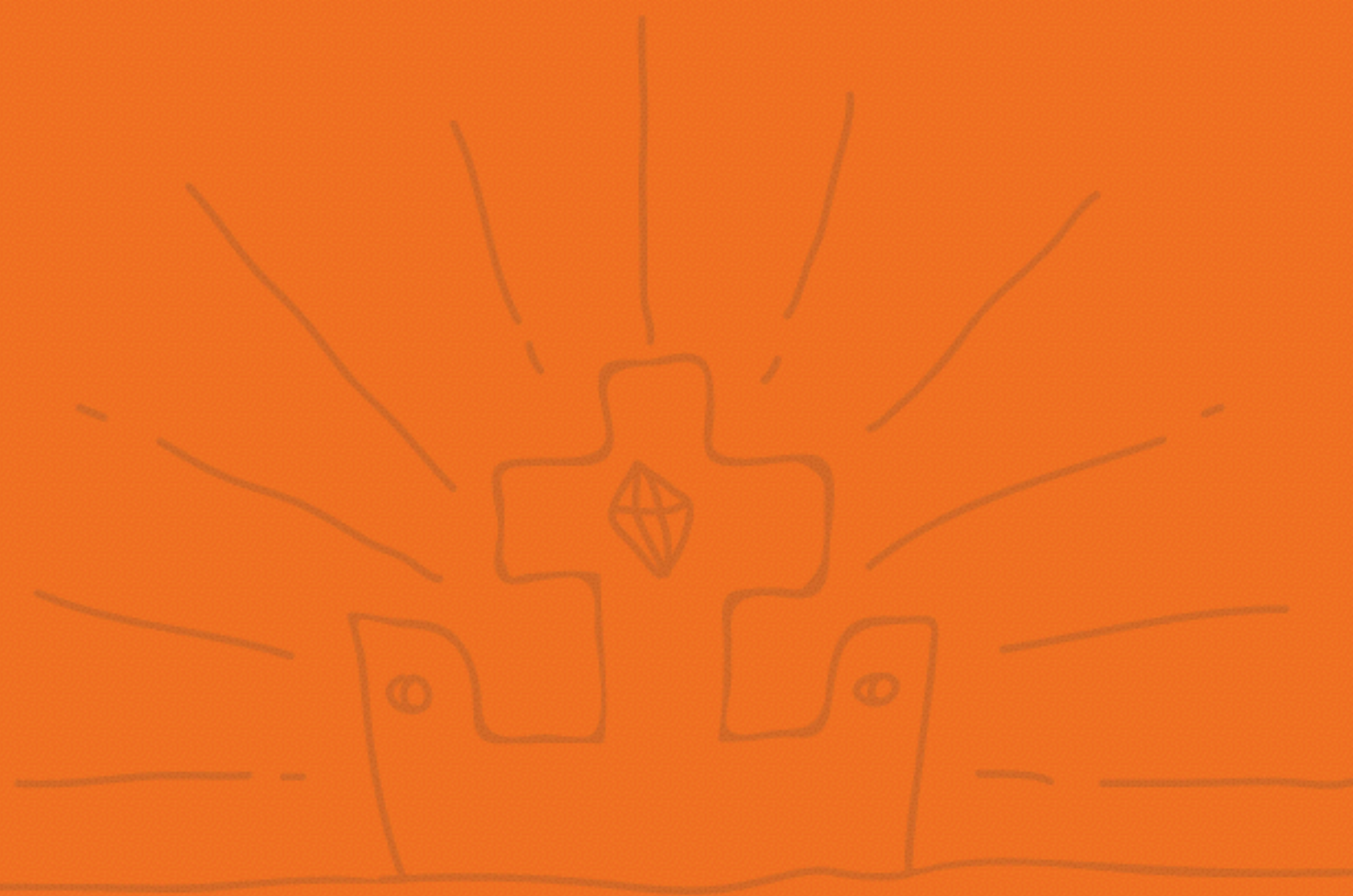
PRAYER BENDS THE OMNIPOTENCE OF HEAVEN TO  
**YOUR DESIRE. PRAYER MOVES THE HAND THAT  
MOVES THE WORLD.**



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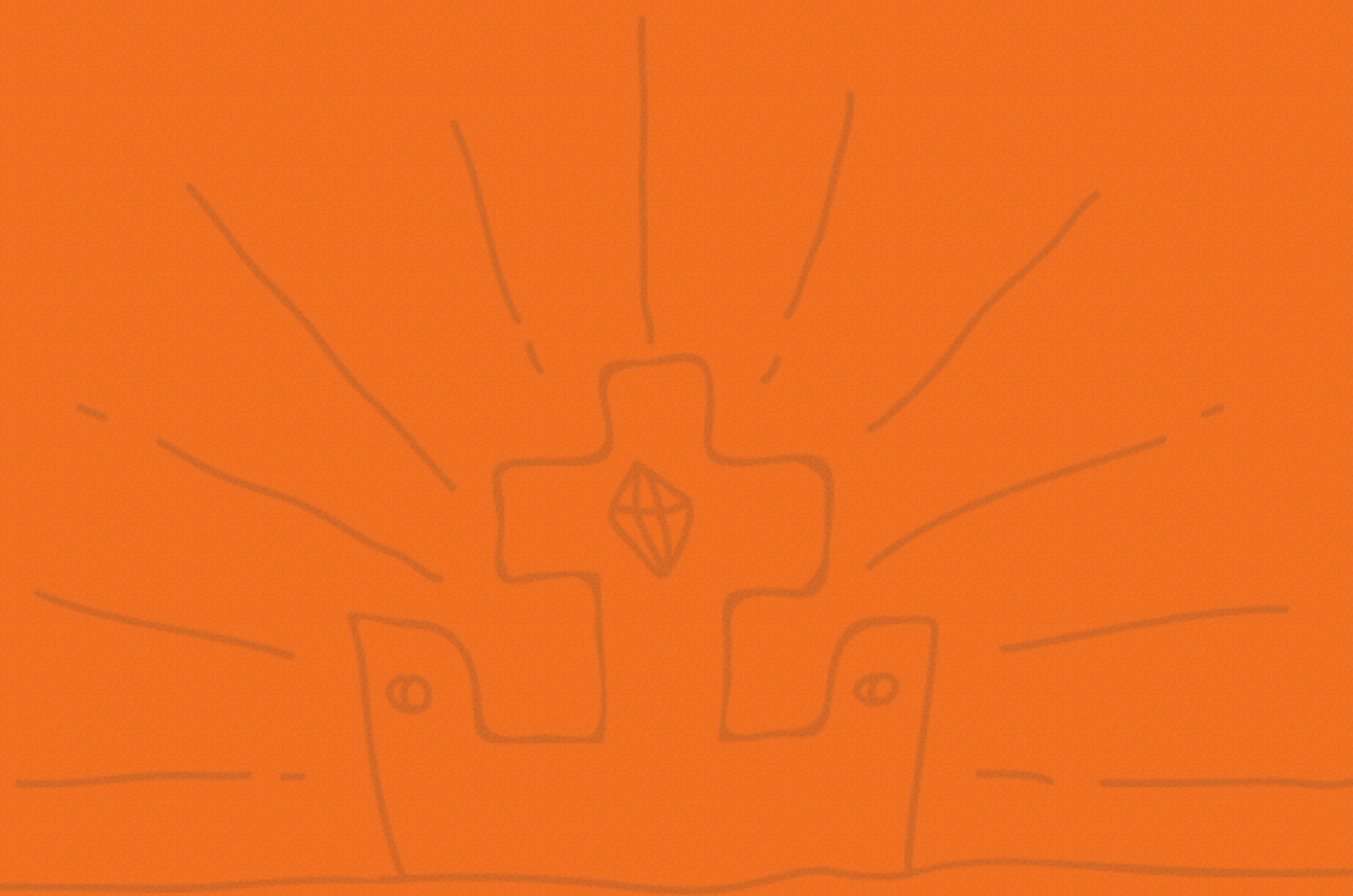




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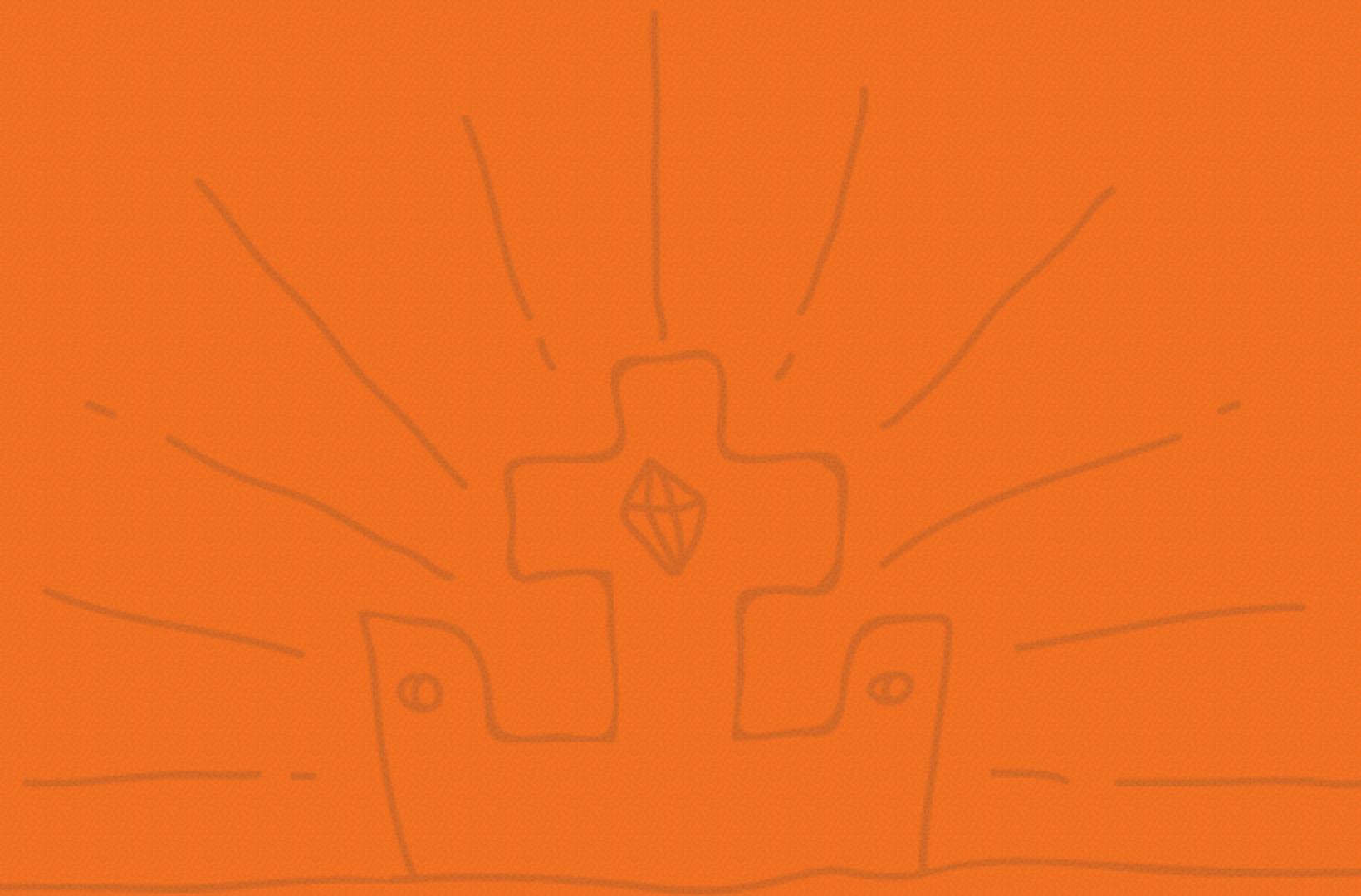
PRAYER HANG-UP #2:  
**WHAT ABOUT  
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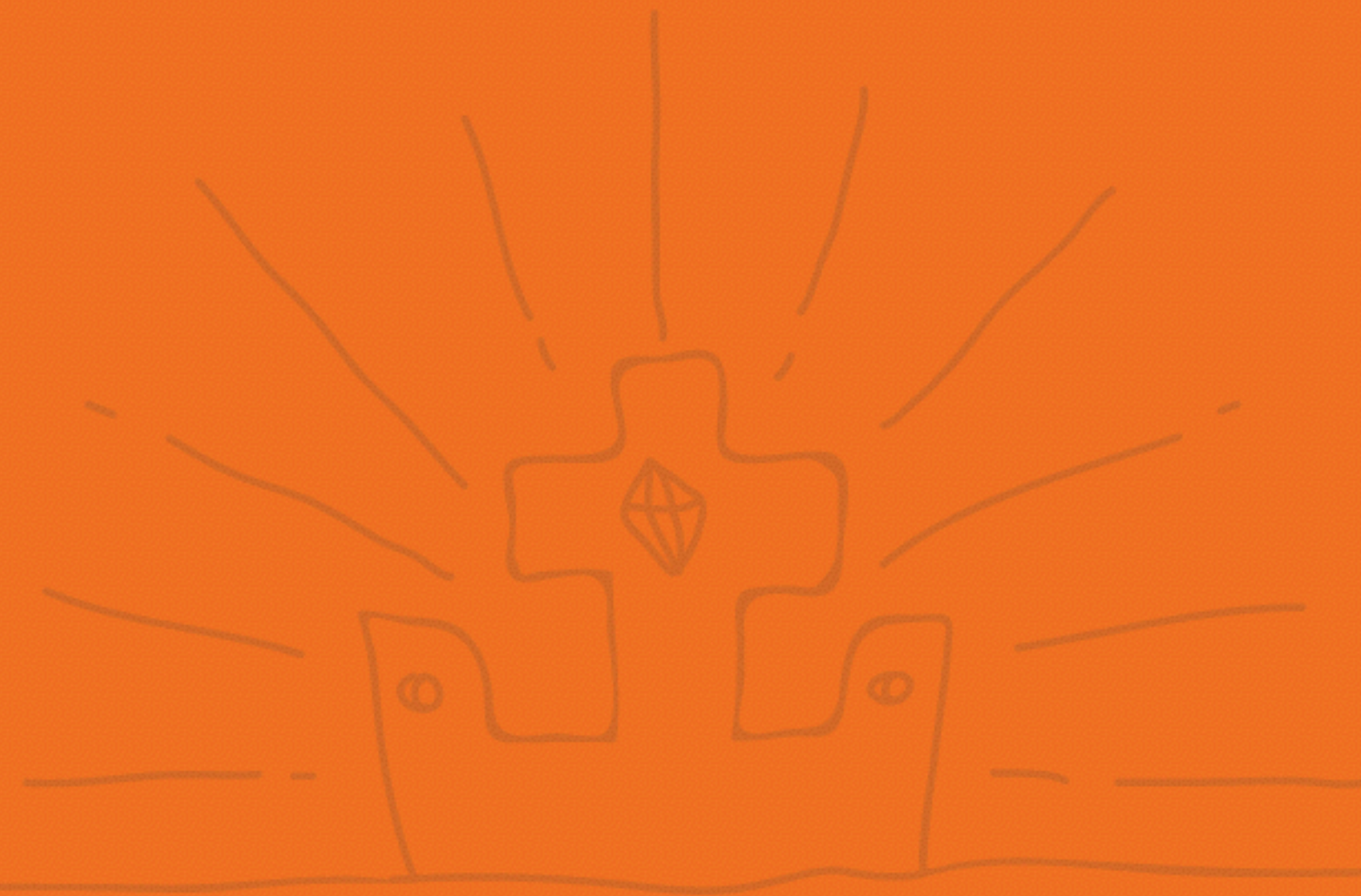
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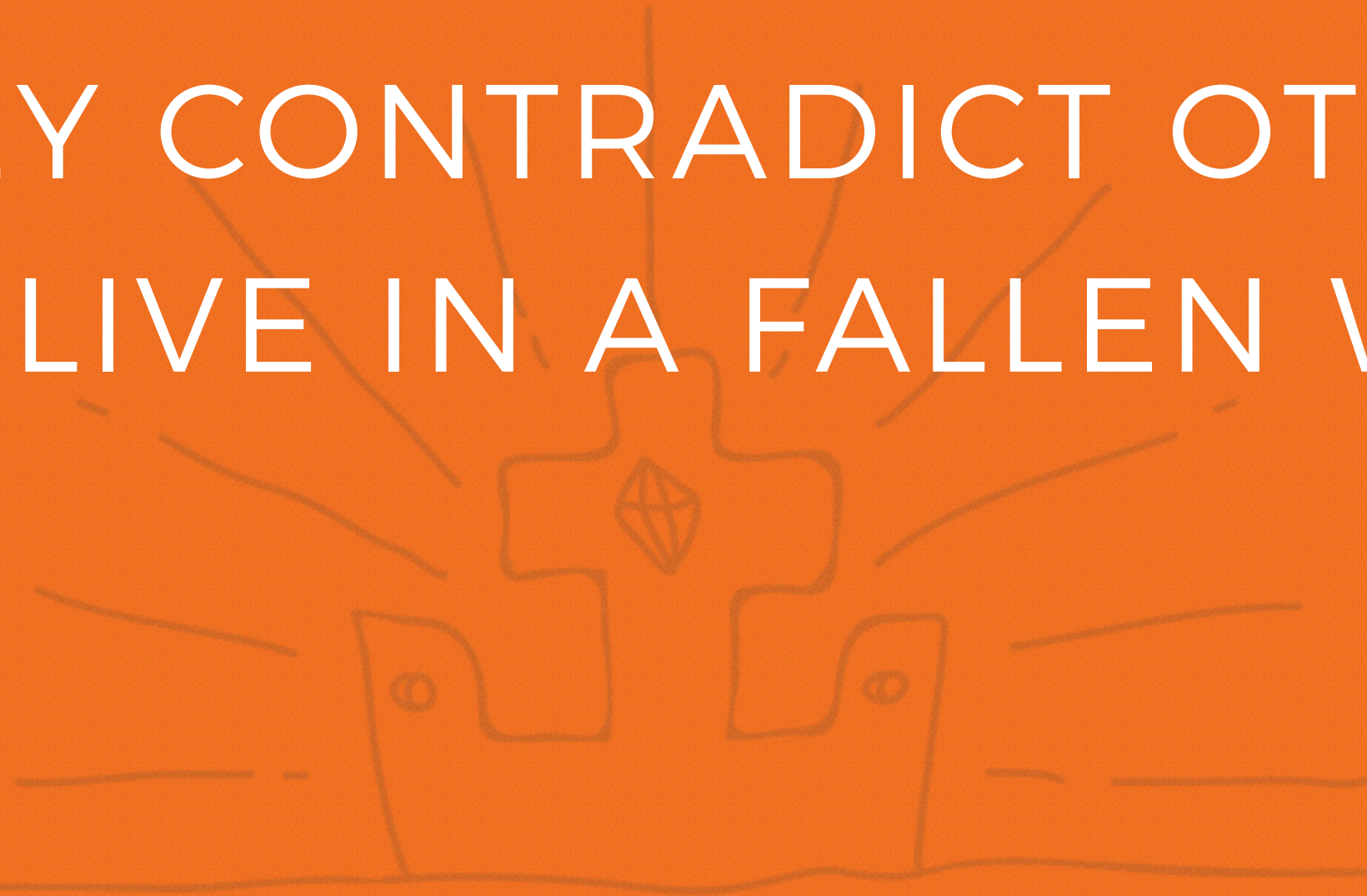
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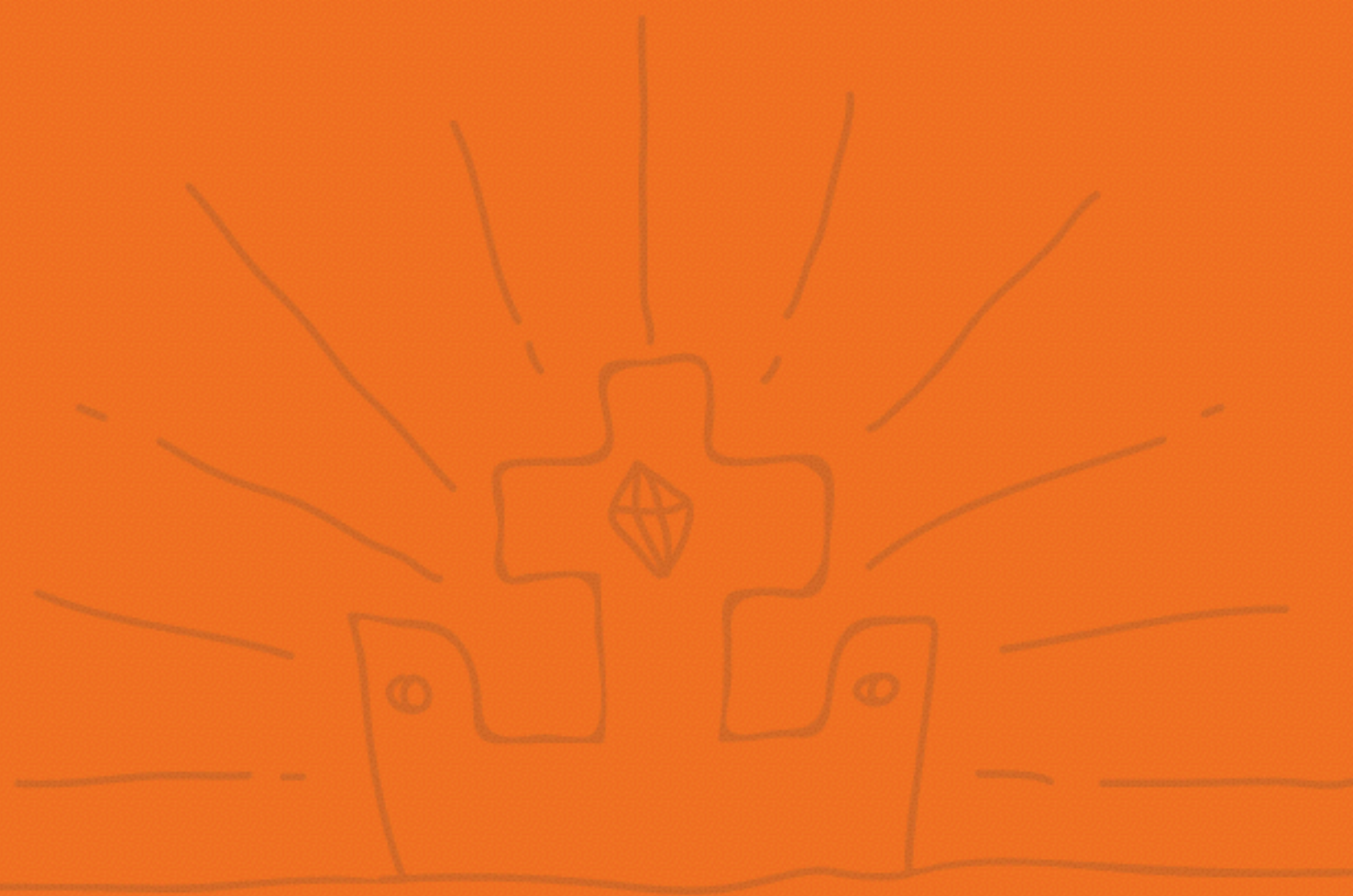
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- BECAUSE THEY OPERATE ON A FAULTY UNDERSTANDING OF WHO GOD IS
- BECAUSE THEY CONTRADICT OTHER PRAYERS
- BECAUSE WE LIVE IN A FALLEN WORLD



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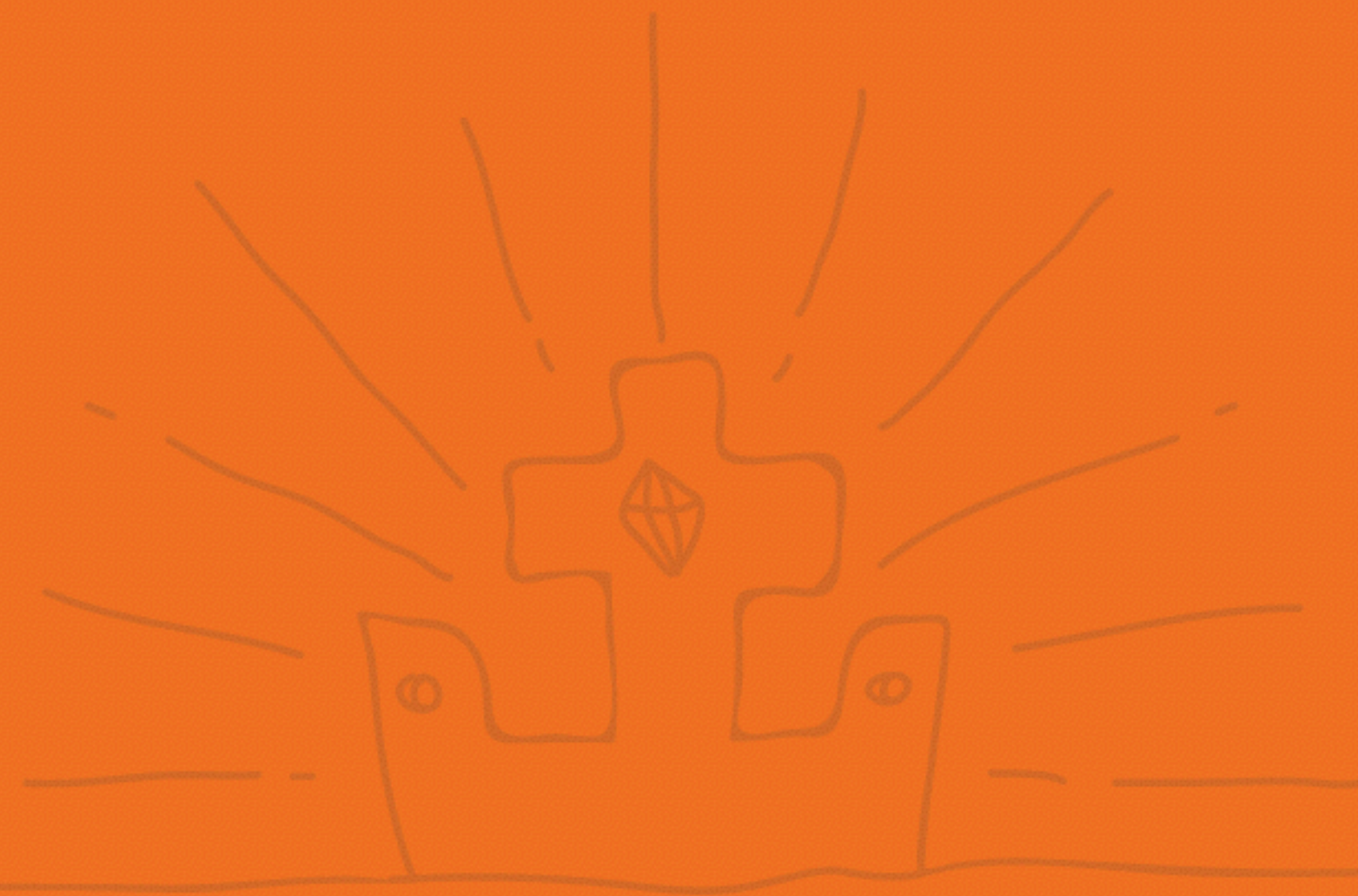


PRAYER HANG-UP #3:

**CAN GOD BE TRUSTED  
WHEN HE DOESN'T  
ANSWER?**

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**MATTHEW 7:9-10**

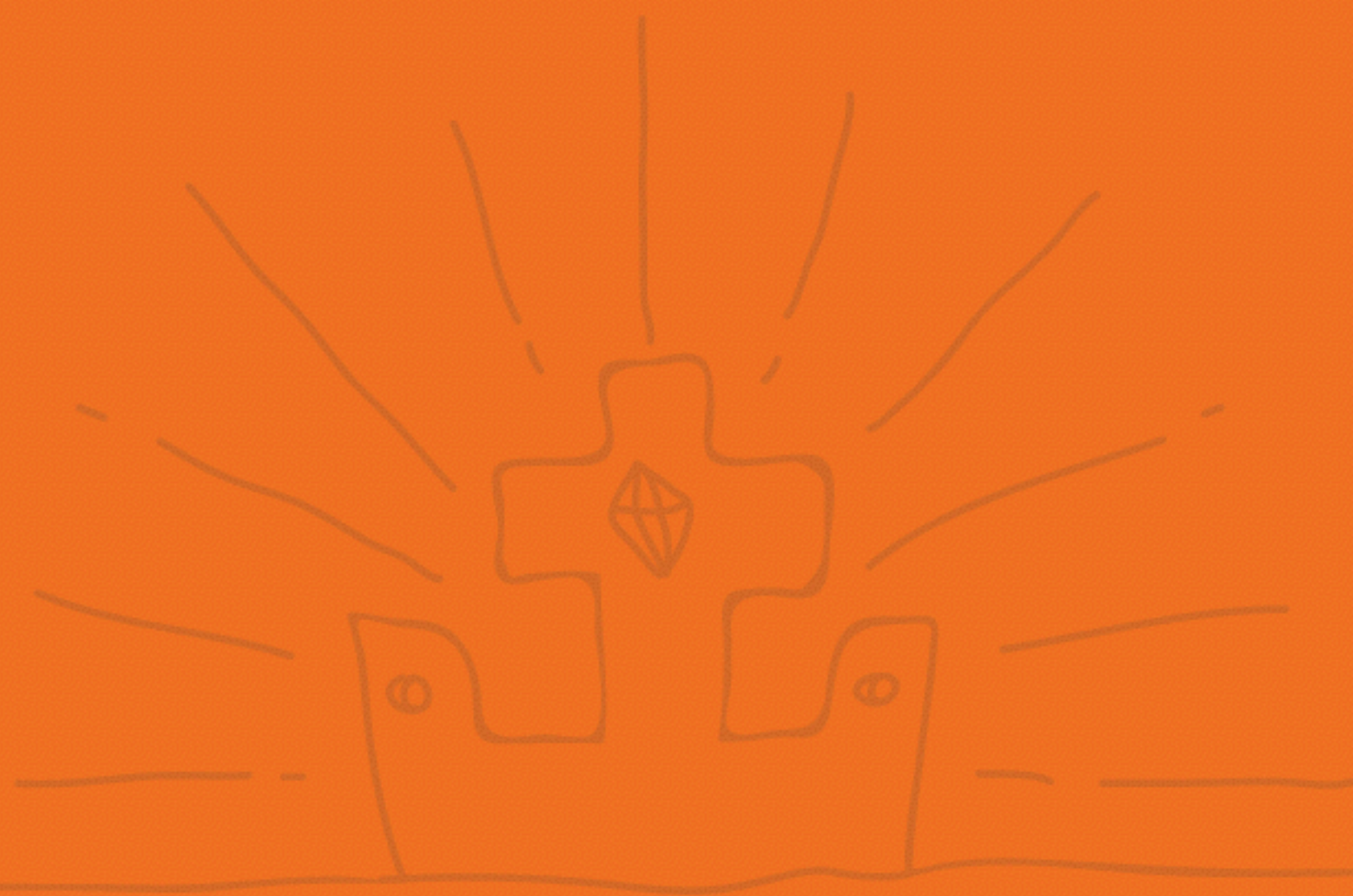
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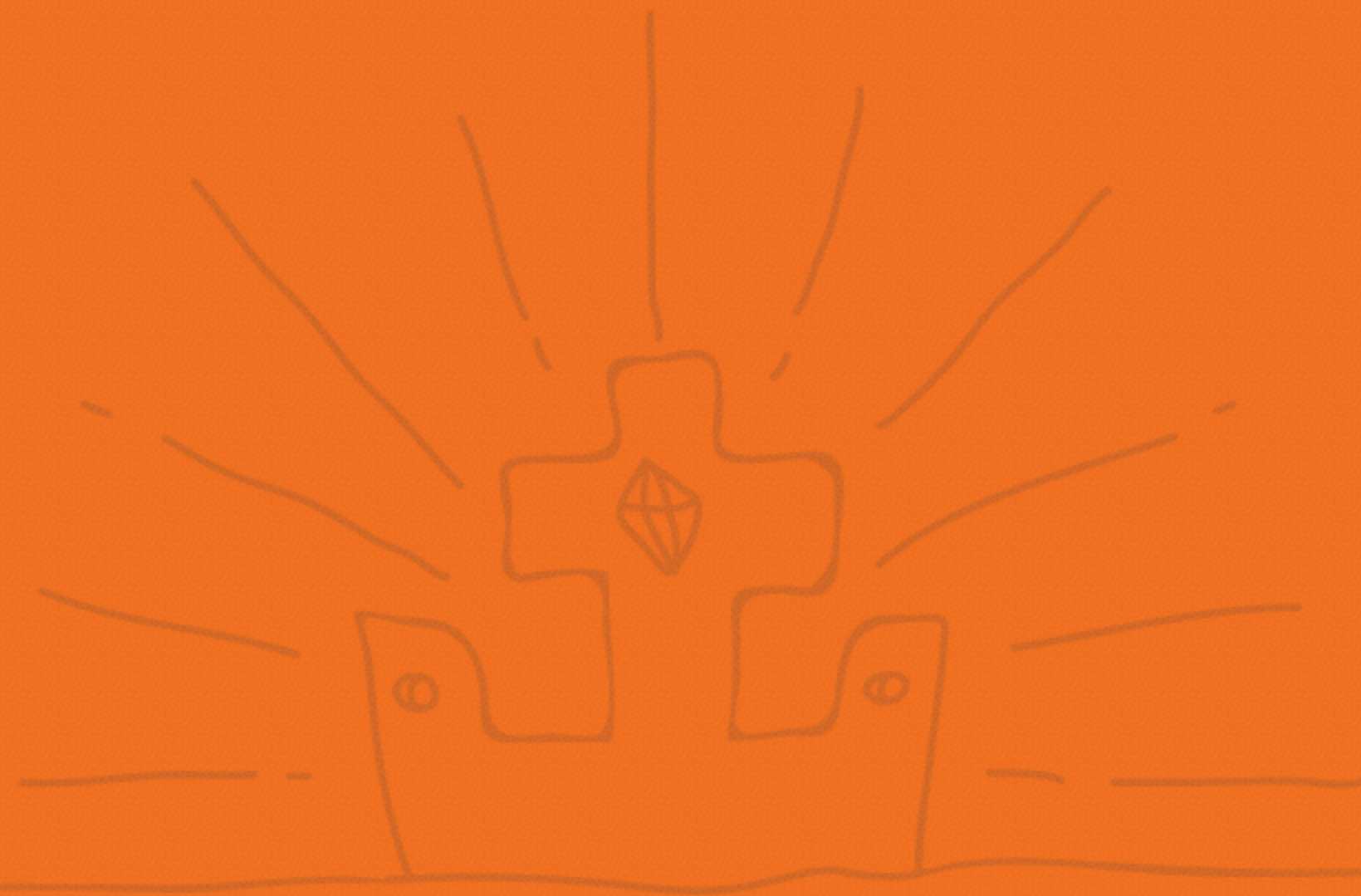
**MATTHEW 7:11**

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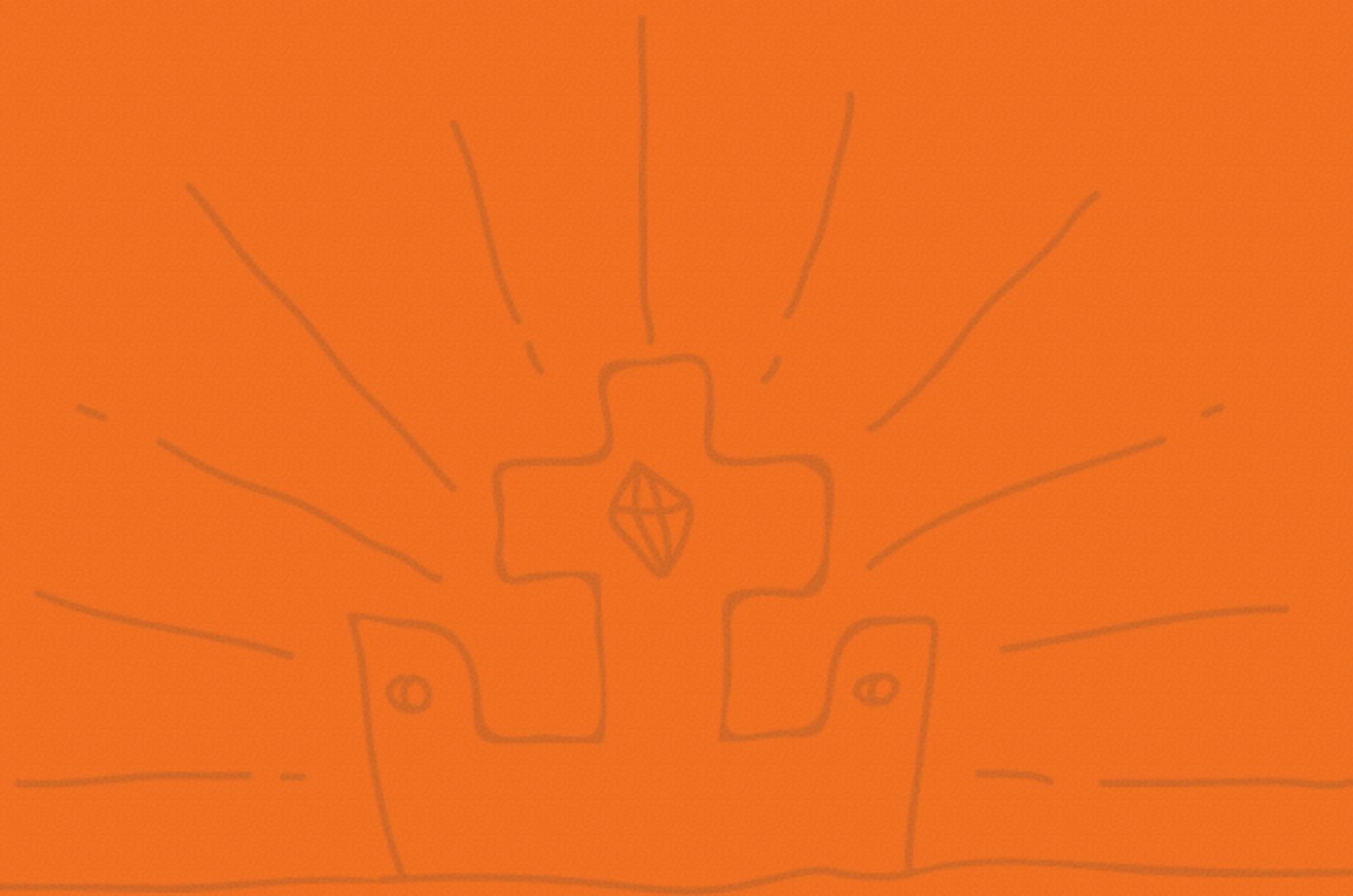
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GOD WILL EITHER GIVE US WHAT WE ASK OR GIVE US WHAT WE **WOULD HAVE ASKED** IF WE KNEW EVERYTHING HE KNOWS.



**TIM KELLER**

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