

WHILE JESUS WAS STILL TALKING TO THE CROWD,
HIS MOTHER AND BROTHERS STOOD OUTSIDE,
WANTING TO SPEAK TO HIM. SOMEONE TOLD HIM,
“YOUR MOTHER AND BROTHERS ARE STANDING
OUTSIDE, WANTING TO SPEAK TO YOU.” HE REPLIED
TO HIM, “WHO IS MY MOTHER, AND WHO ARE MY
BROTHERS?” POINTING TO HIS DISCIPLES, HE SAID,

MATTHEW 12:46-50

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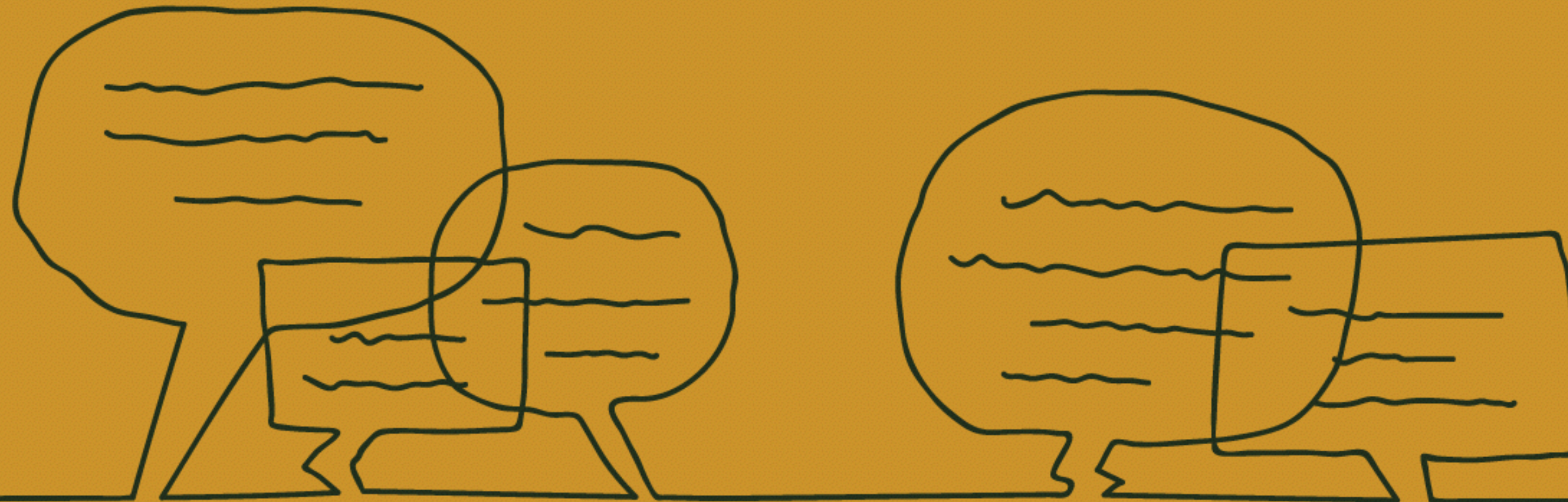
“HERE ARE MY MOTHER AND MY BROTHERS. FOR WHOEVER DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN IS MY BROTHER AND SISTER AND MOTHER.”



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TO THE KINGDOM



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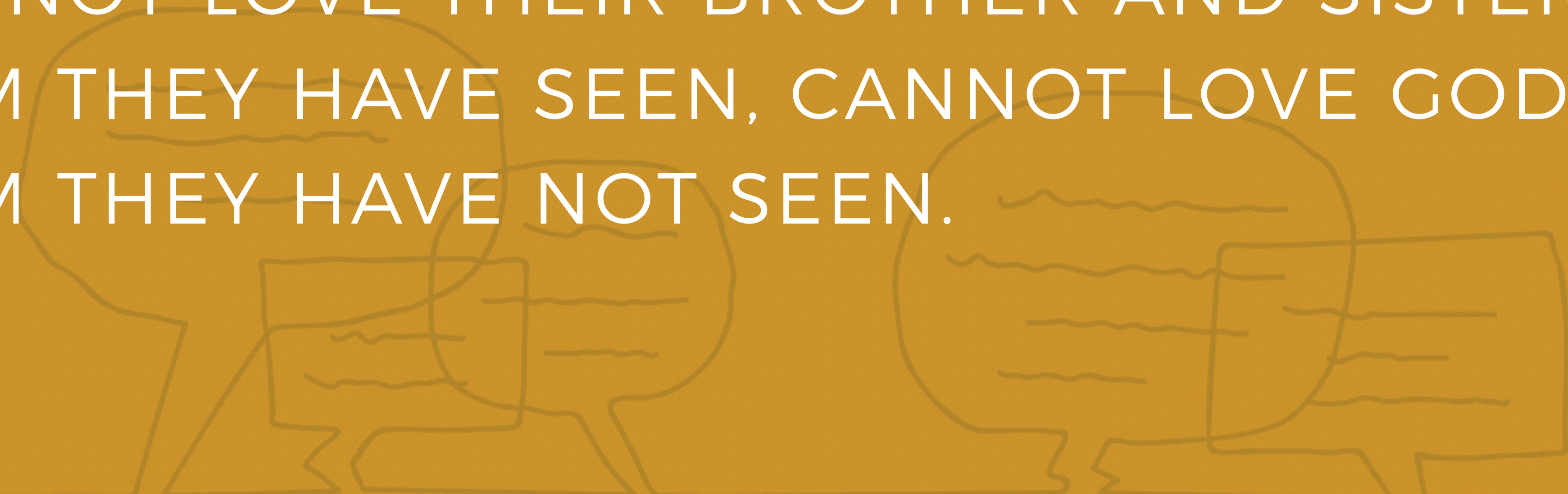
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WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LOVE GOD YET HATES A BROTHER OR SISTER IS A LIAR. FOR WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE THEIR BROTHER AND SISTER, WHOM THEY HAVE SEEN, CANNOT LOVE GOD, WHOM THEY HAVE NOT SEEN.



1 JOHN 4:20

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A faint, light-colored line drawing in the background shows several stylized human figures. Some are standing and talking, while others are seated at a table, suggesting a social gathering or a church service. The drawing is composed of simple outlines and is centered behind the main text.

**BEING CHURCH FAMILY MEANS
COMMITTING TO
BEING TOGETHER**

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ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED. EVERY DAY THEY CONTINUED TO MEET TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE COURTS. THEY BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOMES AND ATE TOGETHER WITH GLAD AND SINCERE HEARTS, PRAISING GOD AND

ACTS 2:44-47

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ENJOYING THE FAVOR OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND
THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE
WHO WERE BEING SAVED.



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**BEING CHURCH FAMILY MEANS
HAVING HEALTHY
EXPECTATIONS FOR
EACH OTHER**

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EVERY HUMAN WISH DREAM THAT IS INJECTED INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS A HINDRANCE TO GENUINE COMMUNITY AND MUST BE BANISHED IF GENUINE COMMUNITY IS TO SURVIVE. HE WHO LOVES HIS DREAM OF A COMMUNITY MORE THAN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ITSELF BECOMES A DESTROYER OF THE LATTER...

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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A faint, light-colored line drawing in the background shows two stylized human figures facing each other, appearing to be in conversation. The drawing is composed of simple outlines and is centered behind the main text.

**BEING CHURCH FAMILY MEANS
NAVIGATING CONFLICT
WELL TOGETHER**

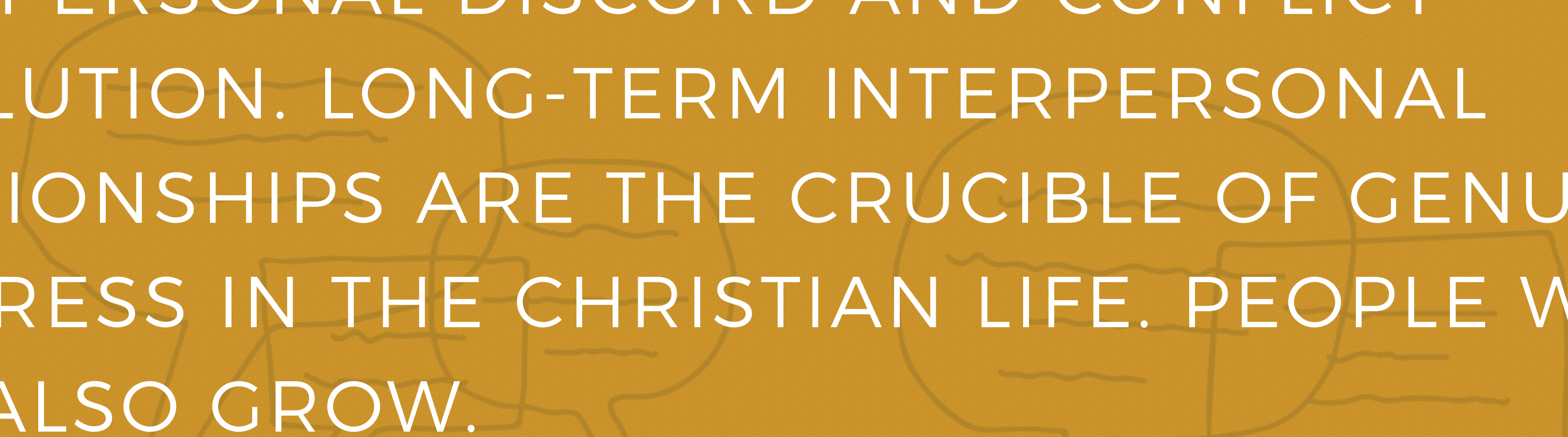
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SPIRITUAL FORMATION OCCURS PRIMARILY IN THE
CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY. PEOPLE WHO REMAIN
CONNECTED WITH THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN THE LOCAL CHURCH ALMOST INVARIABLY
GROW IN SELF-UNDERSTANDING, AND THEY
MATURE IN THEIR ABILITY TO RELATE IN HEALTHY
WAYS TO GOD AND TO THEIR FELLOW HUMAN
BEINGS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY THE CASE FOR THOSE

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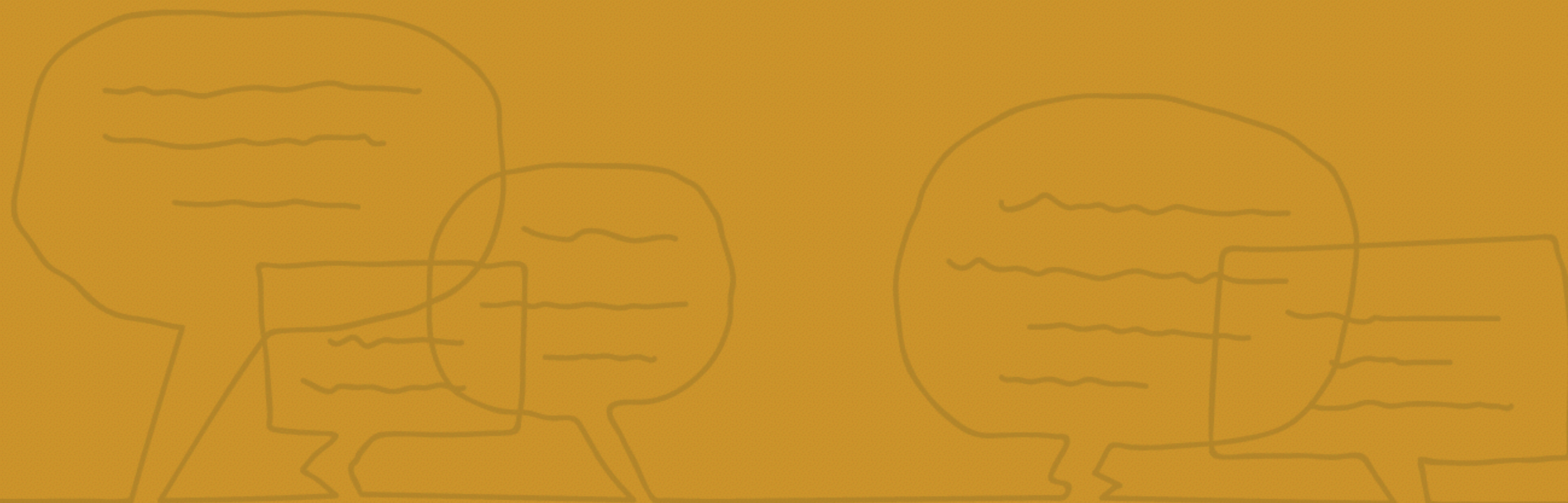
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COURAGEOUS CHRISTIANS WHO STICK IT OUT THROUGH THE OFTEN MESSY PROCESS OF INTERPERSONAL DISCORD AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION. LONG-TERM INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS ARE THE CRUCIBLE OF GENUINE PROGRESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. PEOPLE WHO STAY ALSO GROW.

A faint, light-colored line drawing in the background shows two stylized human figures. One figure on the left is facing right, and the other on the right is facing left, suggesting a conversation or interaction. The drawing is composed of simple outlines and is positioned behind the main text.

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