



**ARE YOU READY &  
WILLING TO MAKE  
CHANGES TO  
COME INTO GOD'S  
PRESENCE?**



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# TODAY'S STARTER THOUGHT:

## ALMA 3:25 & 48

“25 And behold, he preached the word unto your fathers, and a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts; and they humbled themselves, and put their trust in the true and living God.”

“48 Could ye say, if ye were called to die at this time, within yourselves, that ye have been sufficiently humble?”

THIS IS WHAT WE WANT...  
CORRECT??



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## ALMA 3 (CONT'D)

21 Behold, I can tell you: Did not my father Alma believe in the words which were delivered by the mouth of Abinadi? And was he not a holy prophet?

22 Did he not speak the words of God, and my father Alma believe them?

23 And according to his faith there was a mighty change wrought in his heart.

24 Behold I say unto you, that this is all true.

## ROADMAP – ALMA 3:25-26

- **25 And behold, he preached the word unto your fathers, and a mighty change was also wrought in their hearts; and they humbled themselves, and put their trust in the true and living God.**
- **26 And behold, they were faithful until the end; therefore they were saved.**



# THE PRINCIPLE OF ENDURE

- **I Nephi 7:69** “Wherefore, if ye shall be obedient to the commandments, and **endure to the end**, ye shall be saved at the last day.”

- **II Nephi 6:49** “And if they will not repent and believe in his name, and be baptized in his name, and **endure to the end**, they must be damned;”



# THE PRINCIPLE OF ENDURE



- **II Nephi 13:19-21**

“19 And I heard a voice from the Father, saying, Yea, the words of my beloved, are true and faithful.

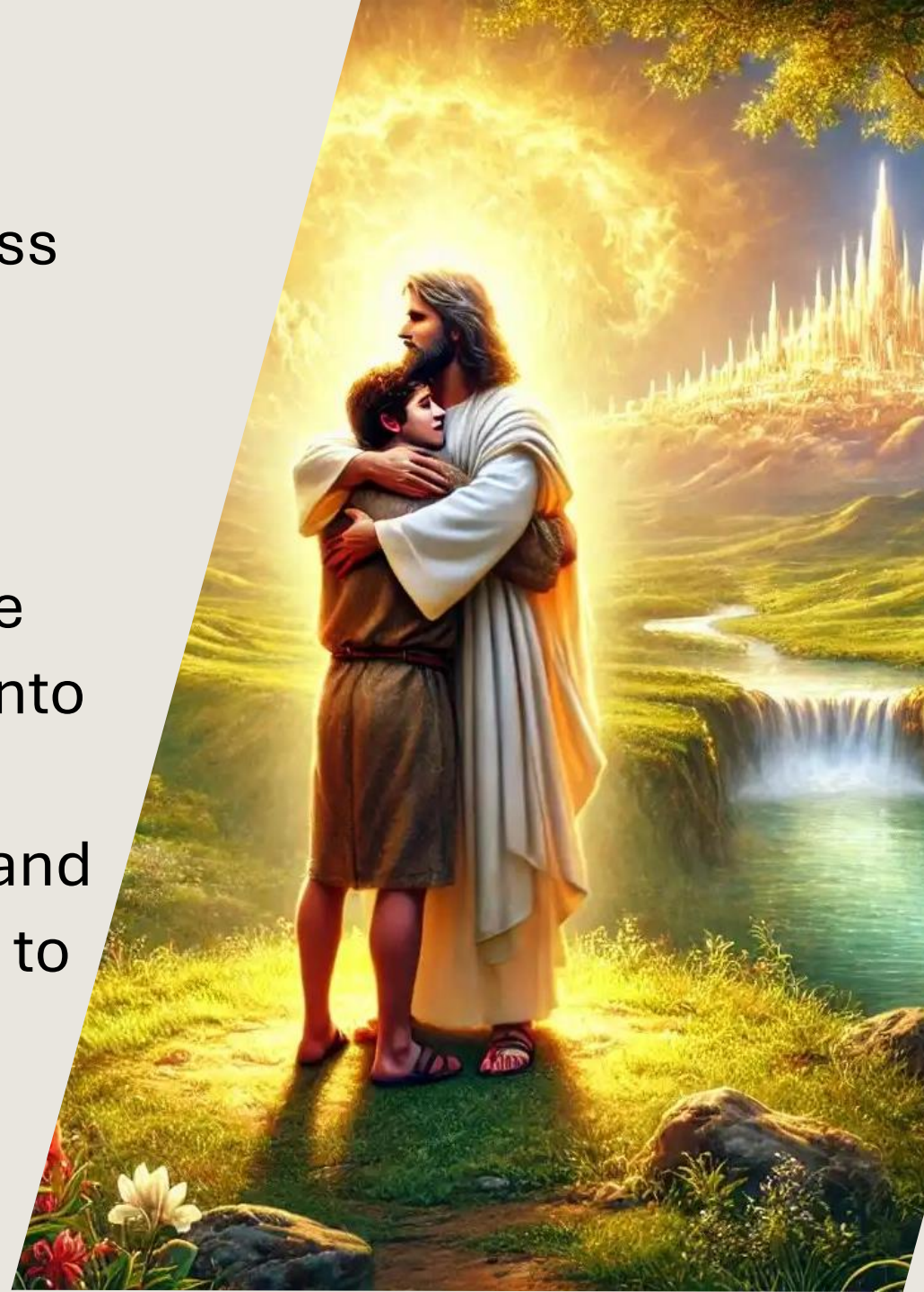
20 He that **endureth to the end**, the same shall be saved.

21 And now, my beloved brethren, I know by this, that unless a man shall **endure to the end**, in following the example of the Son of the living God, he can not be saved;”



# GOAL: ETERNAL LIFE

- **II Nephi 13:30** “Wherefore, if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and **endure to the end**, behold, thus saith the Father: Ye shall have eternal life.”
- **II Nephi 15:5** “And the words which I have written in weakness, will he make strong unto them; for it persuadeth them to do good; it maketh known unto them of their fathers; and it speaketh of Jesus, and persuadeth them to believe in him, and to **endure to the end**, which is life eternal.”



# WE WILL BE MADE HUMBLE...

## HOW... IS OUR CHOICE

- **Alma 16:135-137** “And now surely, whosoever repenteth shall find mercy; and he that findeth mercy and **endureth to the end**, the same shall be saved.

136 And now as I said unto you, that because ye were compelled to be humble, ye were blessed, do ye not suppose that they are more blessed who truly humble themselves because of the word?

137 Yea, he that truly humbleth himself and repenteth of his sins, and endureth to the end, the same shall be blessed; yea, much more blessed than they who are compelled to be humble, because of their exceeding poverty; therefore blessed are they who humble themselves without being compelled to be humble;”



# HOW'S OUR “HUMILITY-METER” READING?

Are we not many years now  
into being compelled into  
being humble?

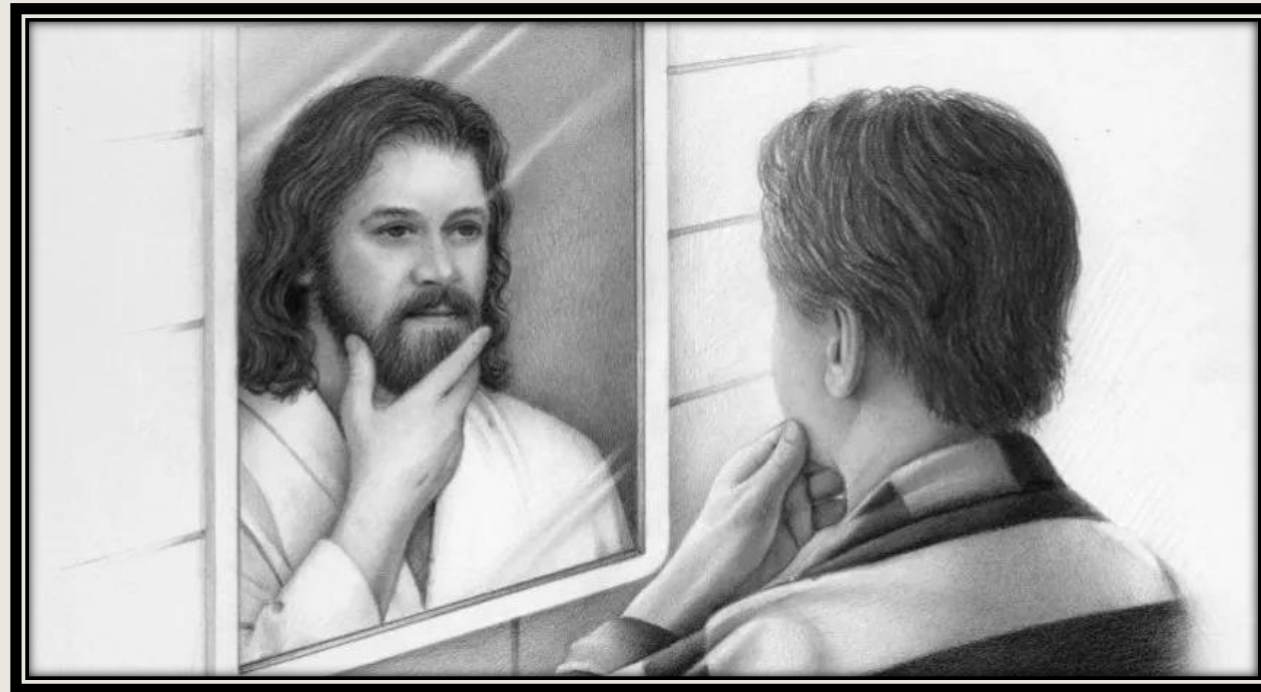
# THREE (3) “SMALL” QUESTIONS

Alma 3: 27 And now behold, I ask of you, my brethren of the church, Have ye spiritually been born of God?



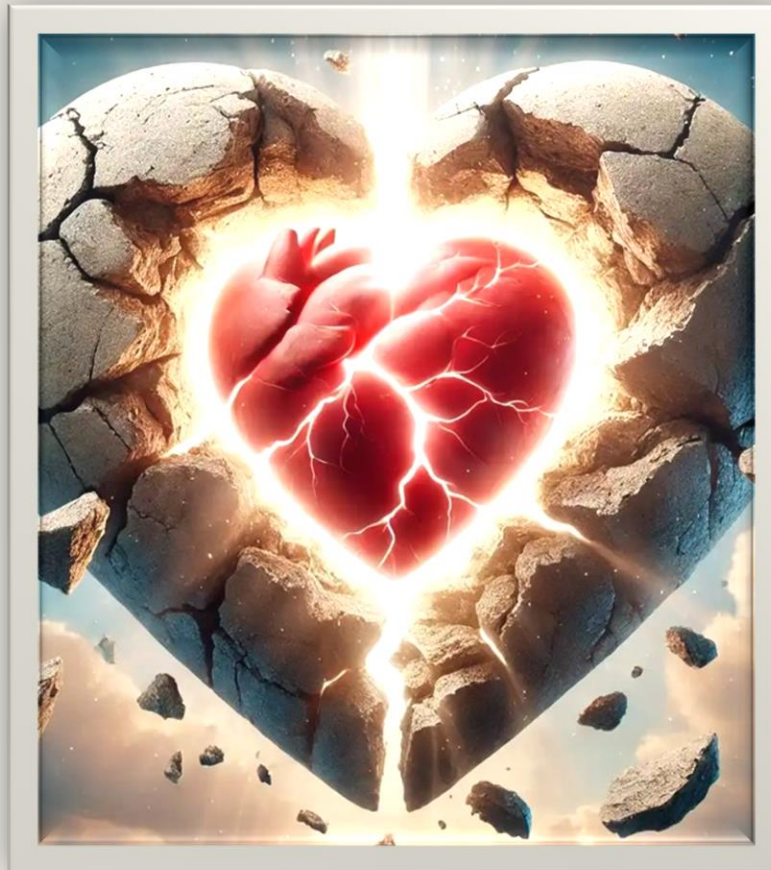
# THREE (3) “SMALL” QUESTIONS

Alma 3:28 Have ye received HIS  
image in your countenances?



# THREE (3) “SMALL” QUESTIONS

Alma 3:29 Have ye experienced  
this mighty change in your hearts?



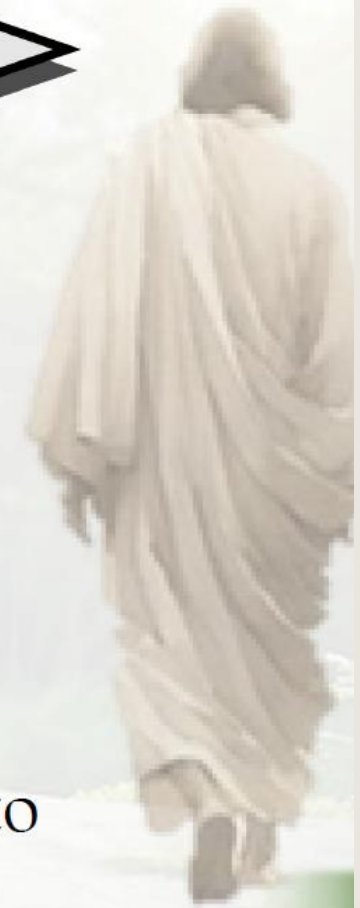
# DOES THIS LOOK FAMILIAR?

## QUESTIONS:



In what area(s) do I need to focus?

1. If I can't go, can I send?
2. Does everyone around already know Jesus?
3. Do your neighbors know Christ?
4. Are any of your family not converted?
5. Are any of our church members not converted?
6. Am I truly converted?
7. If winning souls is so important, do I need to change anything?



# ARE YOU PECULIAR?

- Duet 14:2 For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.
- I Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;





## HOSEA 9:7-9

“7 THE DAYS OF VISITATION ARE COME,  
THE DAYS OF RECOMPENSE ARE COME;  
ISRAEL SHALL KNOW IT; THE PROPHET IS  
A FOOL, THE SPIRITUAL MAN IS MAD, FOR  
THE MULTITUDE OF THINE INIQUITY, AND  
THE GREAT HATRED.

8 THE WATCHMAN OF EPHRAIM WAS  
WITH MY GOD; BUT THE PROPHET IS A  
SNARE OF A FOWLER IN ALL HIS WAYS,  
AND HATRED IN THE HOUSE OF HIS GOD.

9 THEY HAVE DEEPLY CORRUPTED  
THEMSELVES, AS IN THE DAYS OF GIBEAH;  
THEREFORE HE WILL REMEMBER THEIR  
INIQUITY, HE WILL VISIT THEIR SINS.”



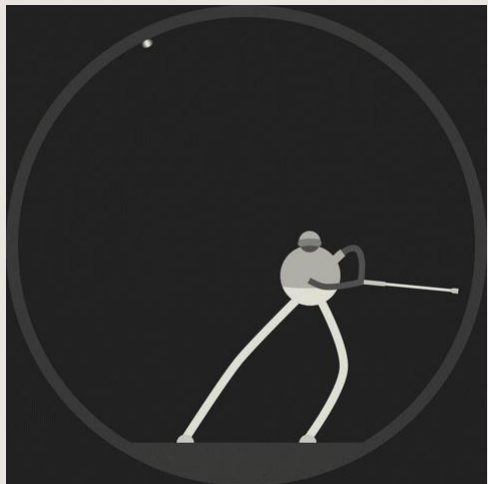


ROMAN 12:2

“AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD; BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD IS.”

# ARE WE CONVINCED GOD'S WAY IS BETTER?

**Reference: Isaiah 55:6-11**



# WHEN'S THE BEST TIME FOR CHANGE?

D&C 102: 2a. Behold, I say unto you, Were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now;

D&C 102: 2d. and my people must needs be chastened until they learn obedience, if it must needs be, by the things which they suffer.



## ALMA 3:31-37, PART 1

- 31 Do you look forward with an eye of faith, and view this mortal body raised in immortality, and this corruption raised in incorruption, to stand before God, to be judged according to the deeds which have been done in the mortal body?
- 32 I say unto you, Can you imagine to yourselves that ye hear the voice of the Lord, saying unto you, in that day, Come unto me ye blessed, for behold, your works have been the works of righteousness upon the face of the earth?

## ALMA 3:31-37, PART 2

- 33 Or do ye imagine to yourselves that ye can lie unto the Lord in that day, and say, Lord, our works have been righteous works upon the face of the earth, and that he will save you?
- 34 Or otherwise, can ye imagine yourselves brought before the tribunal of God, with your souls filled with guilt and remorse; having a remembrance of all your guilt;
- 35 Yea, a perfect remembrance of all your wickedness; yea, a remembrance that ye have set at defiance the commandments of God?

## **ALMA 3:31-37, PART 3**

- 36 I say unto you, Can ye look up to God at that day with a pure heart and clean hands?
- 37 I say unto you, Can you look up, having the image of God engraven upon your countenances?

**MATTHEW 19:16-24**





# MATTHEW 19:16-24



A man is running through a muddy, dark environment. He is wearing a dark, short-sleeved shirt and dark pants. His face is grimacing, and his expression is one of intense physical effort and distress. The background is a blurry, dark, and muddy landscape, suggesting a difficult and hazardous situation. The overall tone is somber and urgent.

## ALMA 3:38-41

38 I say unto you, Can ye think of being saved when you have yielded yourselves to become subjects to the devil?

39 I say unto you, Ye will know at that day, that ye cannot be saved: for there can no man be saved except his garments are washed white:

40 Yea, his garments must be purified until they are cleansed from all stain, through the blood of him of whom it has been spoken by our fathers who should come to redeem his people from their sins.

41 And now I ask of you, my brethren, How will any of you feel, if ye shall stand before the bar of God, having your garments stained with blood, and all manner of filthiness?

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## ALMA 3:42-44

42 Behold, what will these things testify against you?

43 Behold, will they not testify that ye are murderers, yea, and also that ye are guilty of all manner of wickedness?

44 Behold, my brethren, do ye suppose that such an one can have a place to sit down in the kingdom of God, with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob, and also all the holy prophets, whose garments are cleansed, and are spotless, pure, and white?

## ALMA 3:46-48

46 And now behold, I say unto you my brethren, If ye have experienced a change of heart, and if ye have felt to sing the song of redeeming love, I would ask, Can ye feel so now?

47 Have ye walked, keeping yourselves blameless before God?

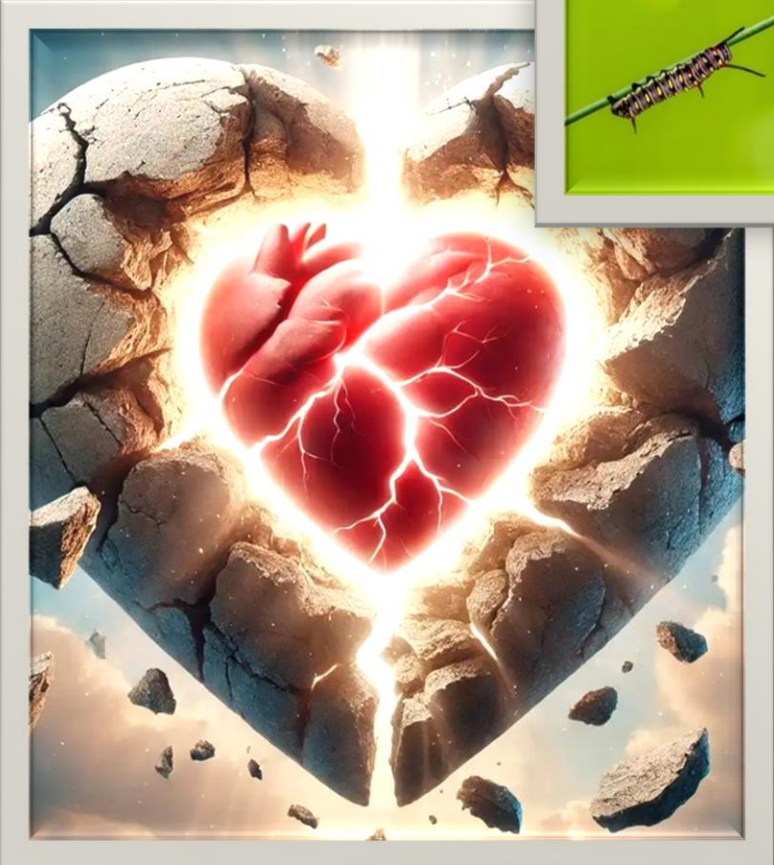
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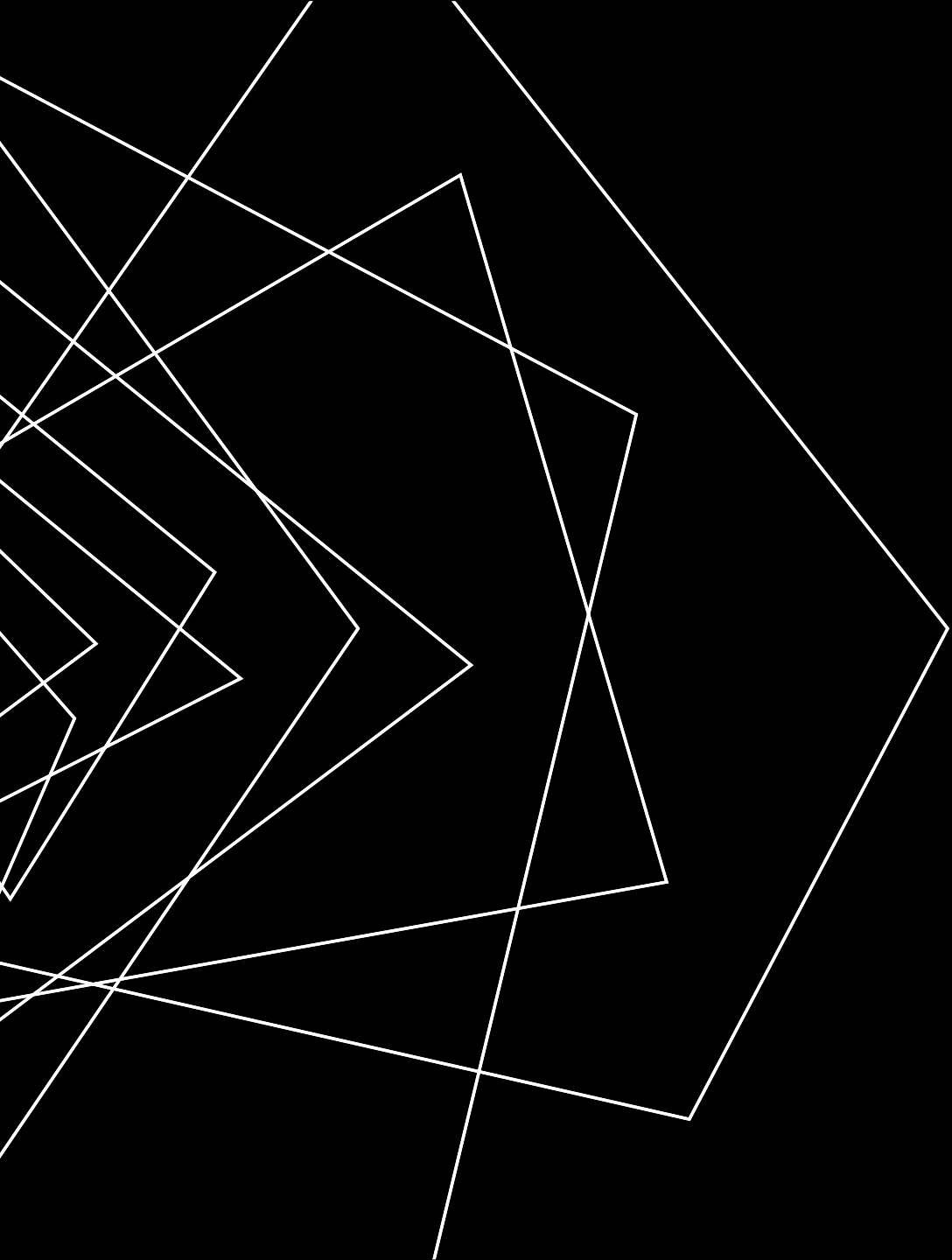
REALLY, TODAY'S MESSAGE IS REALLY SIMPLE.

- **D&C 1:5f-5g**
- **5f. for I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance; nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven;**
- **5g. and he that repents not, from him shall be taken even the light which he has received, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, saith the Lord of Hosts.**



# ROADMAP START TO FINISH





# LET'S CHANGE!

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