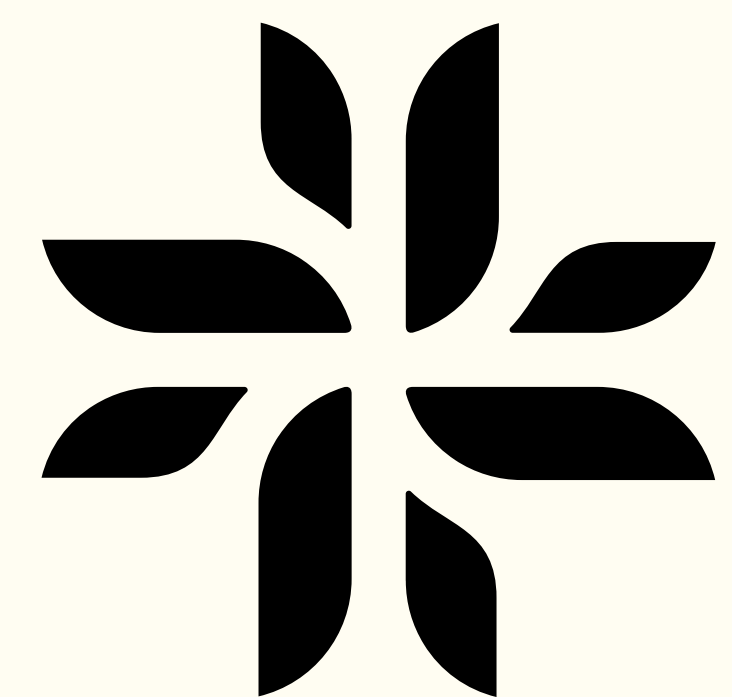


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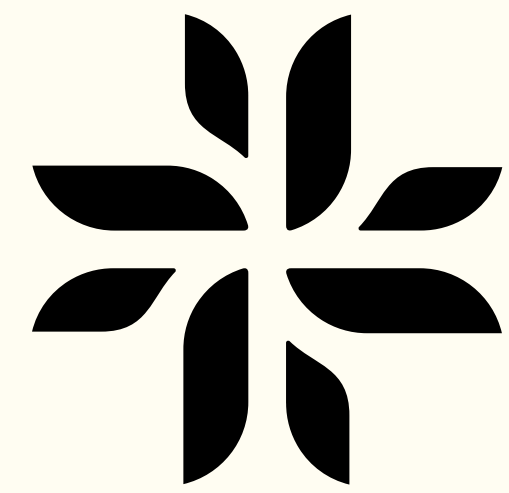


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Launch Team Meeting

June 7 at 10:30am

Cafe Great Room on Rogers campus



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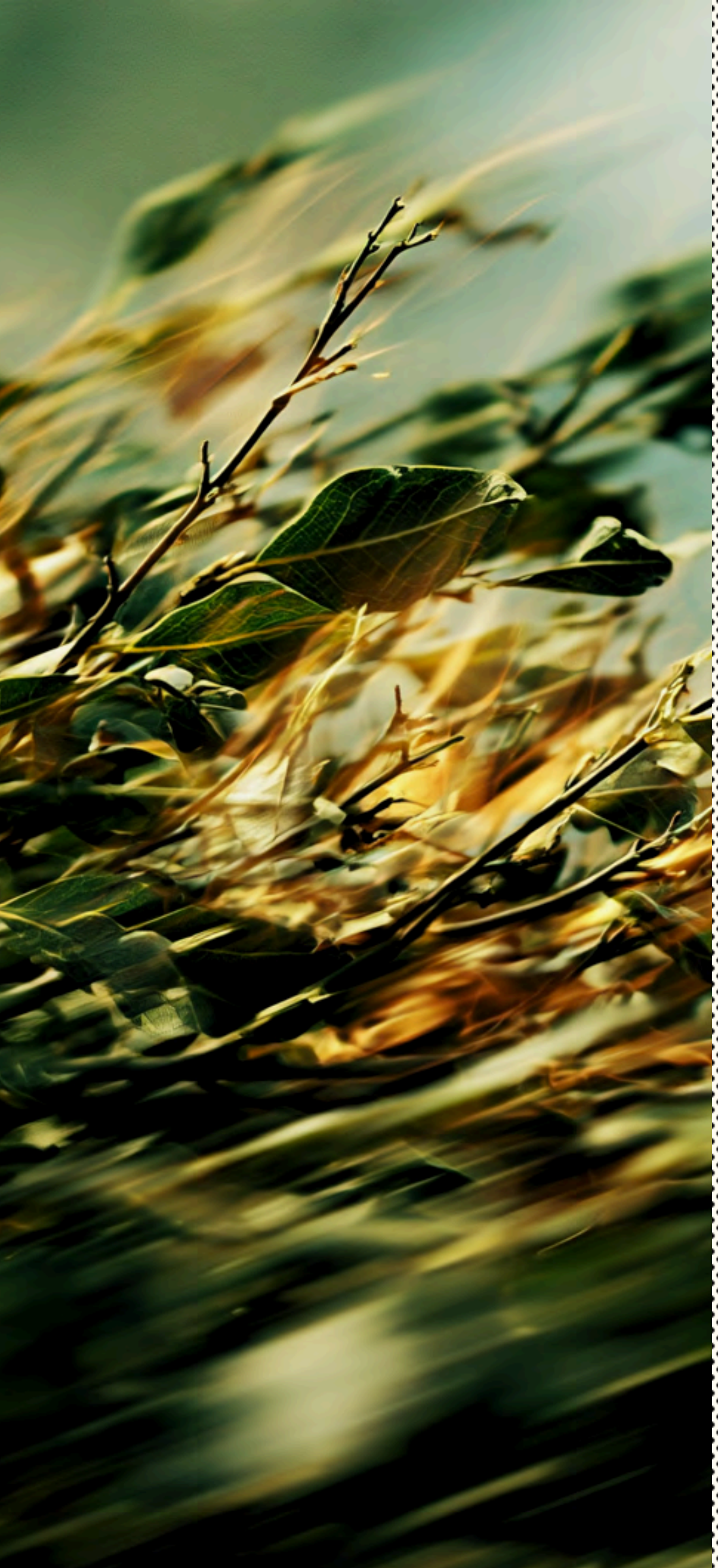
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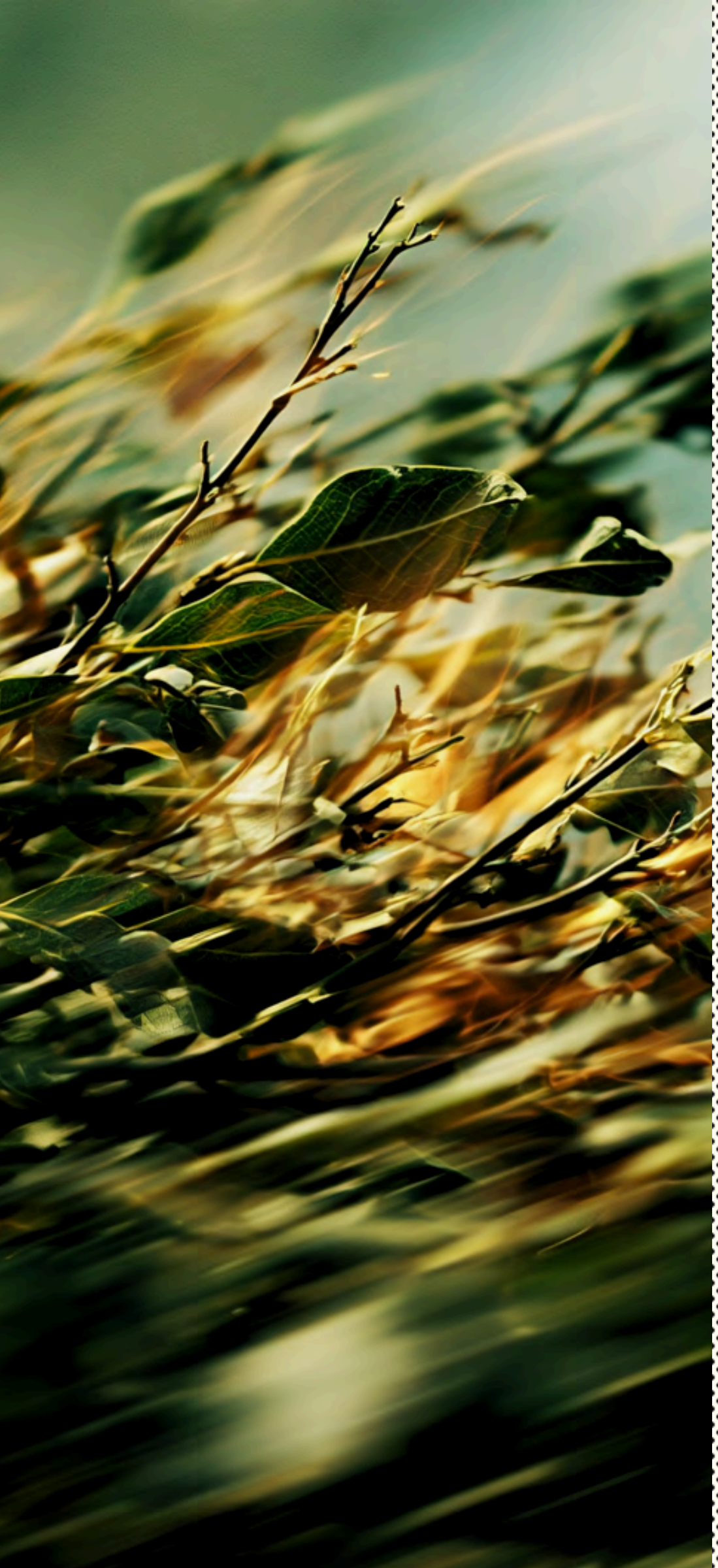
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Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for **three months**, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This went on for **two years**, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

ACTS 19:8-10 NIV



Paul in Ephesus

The disciples of John the Baptist

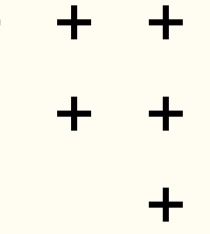
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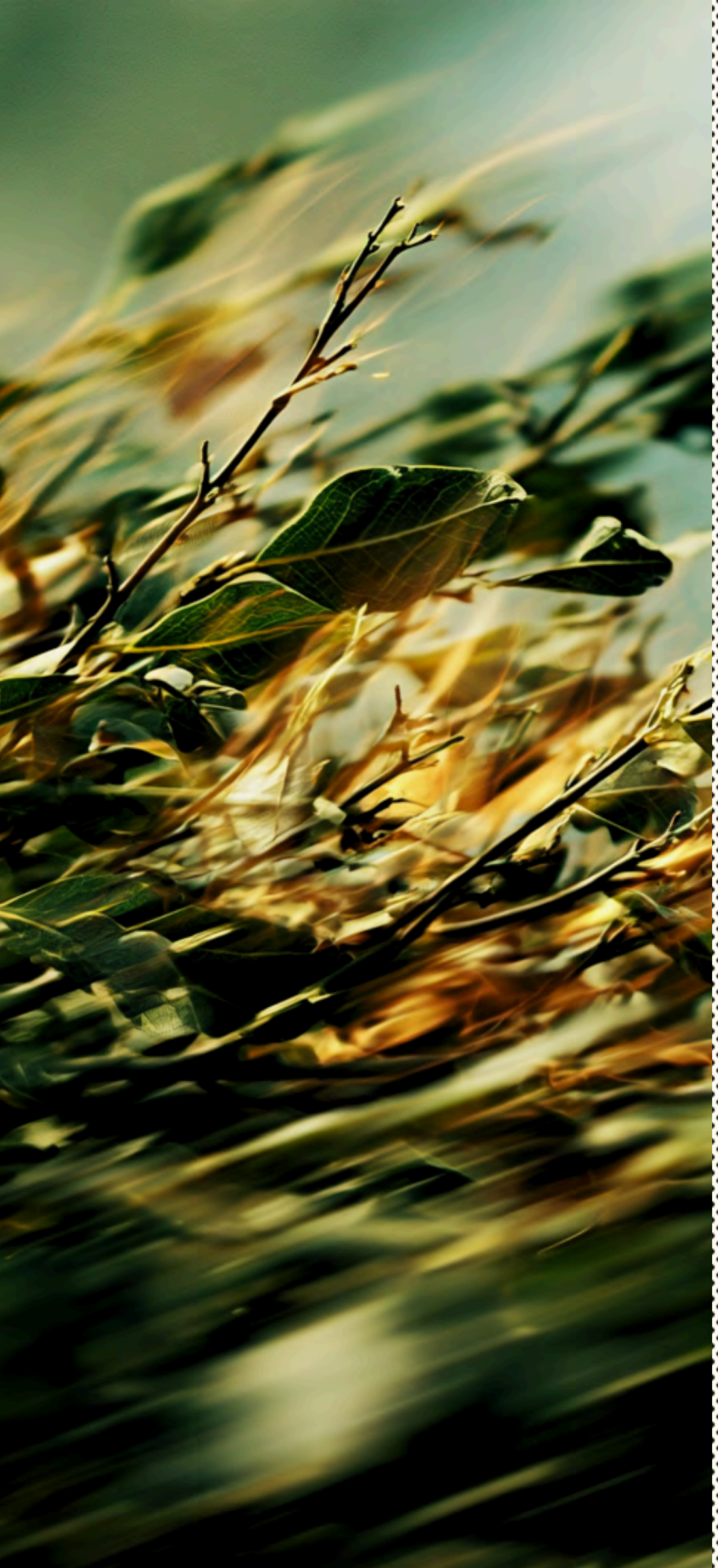
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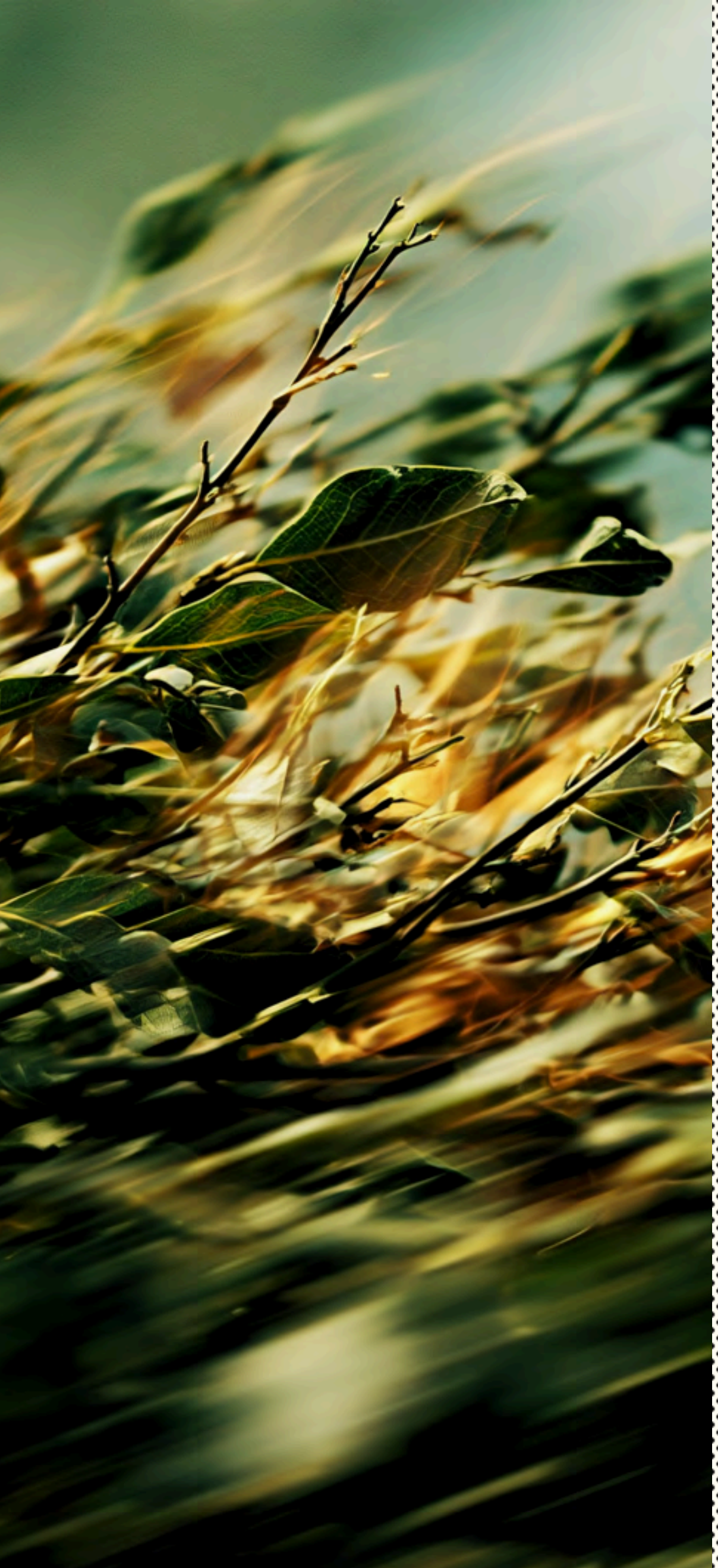
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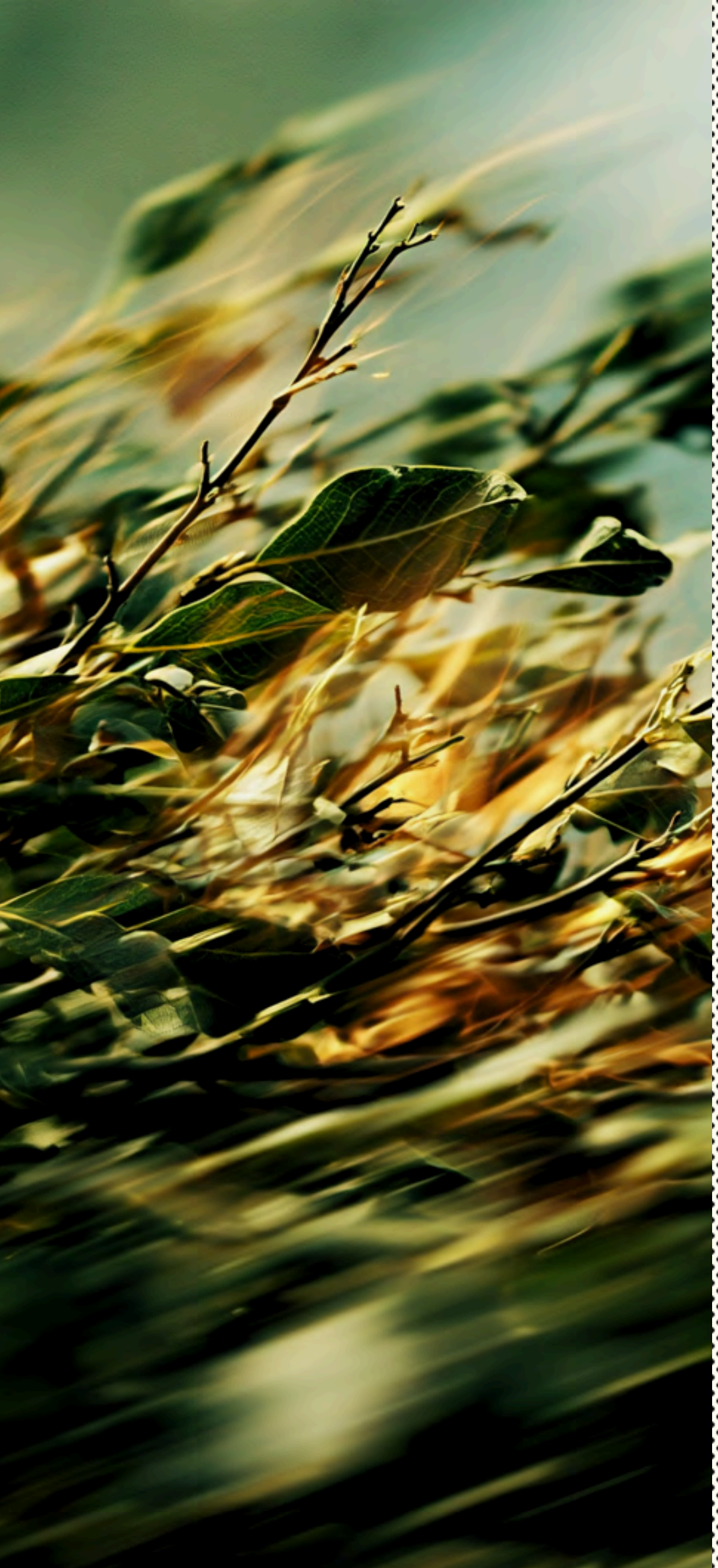
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ACTS 19:23-24 NIV



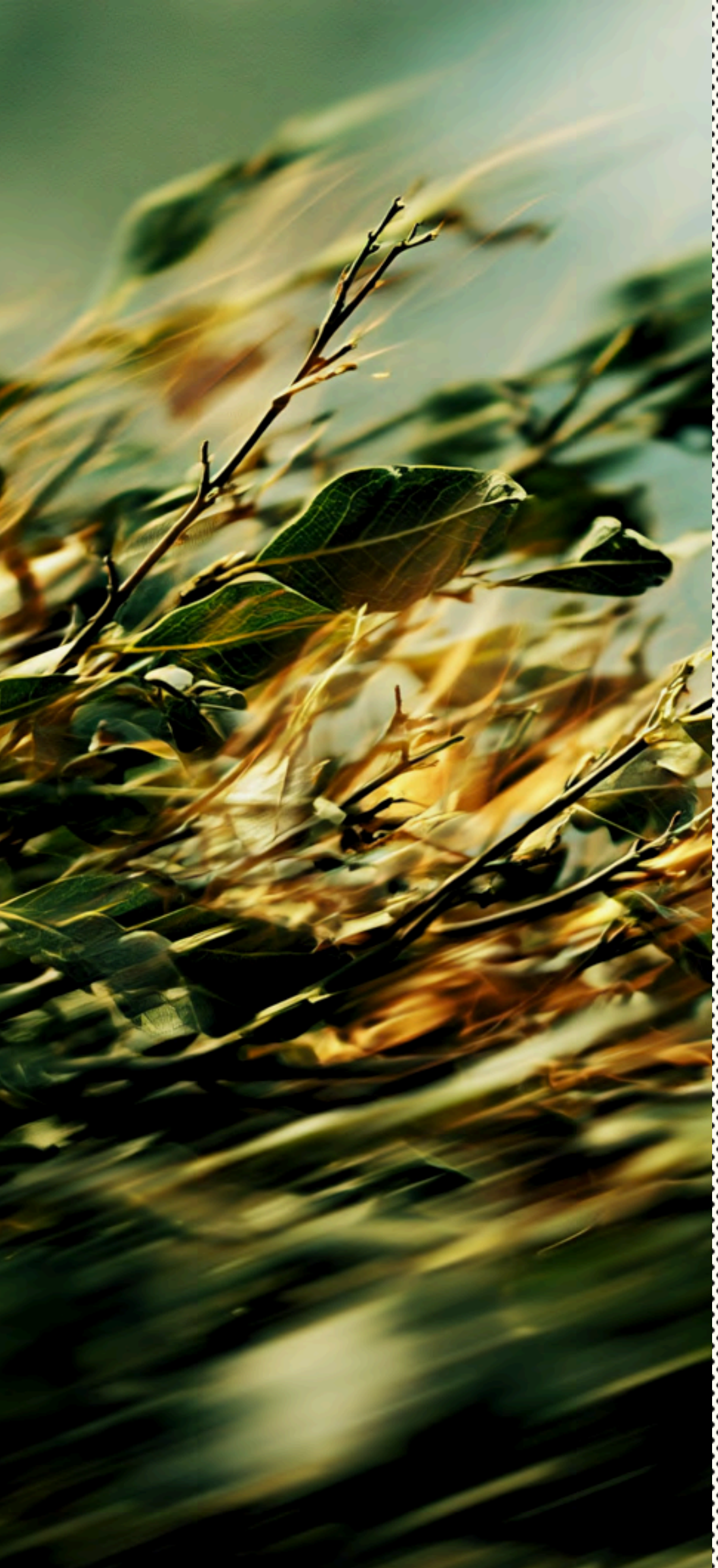
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ACTS 19:25-27 NIV



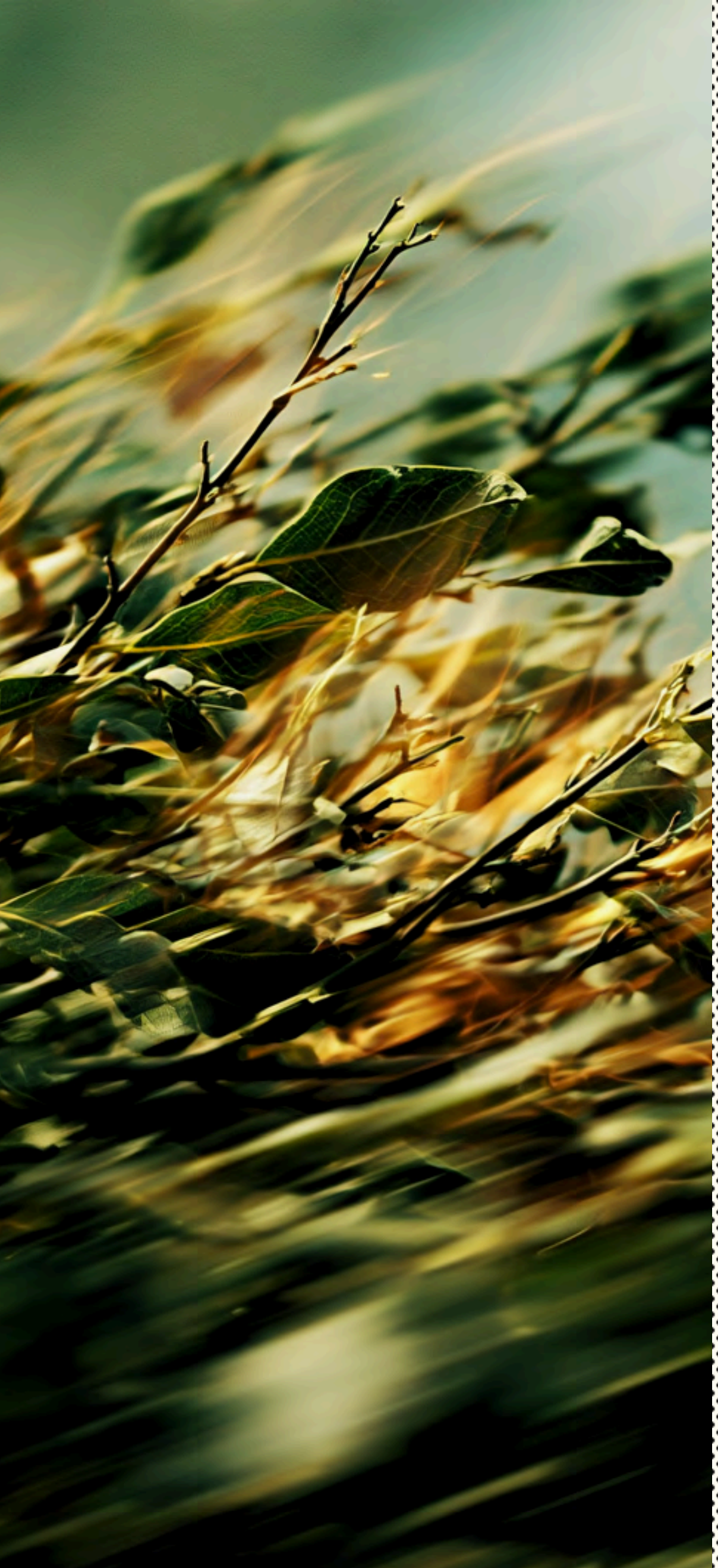
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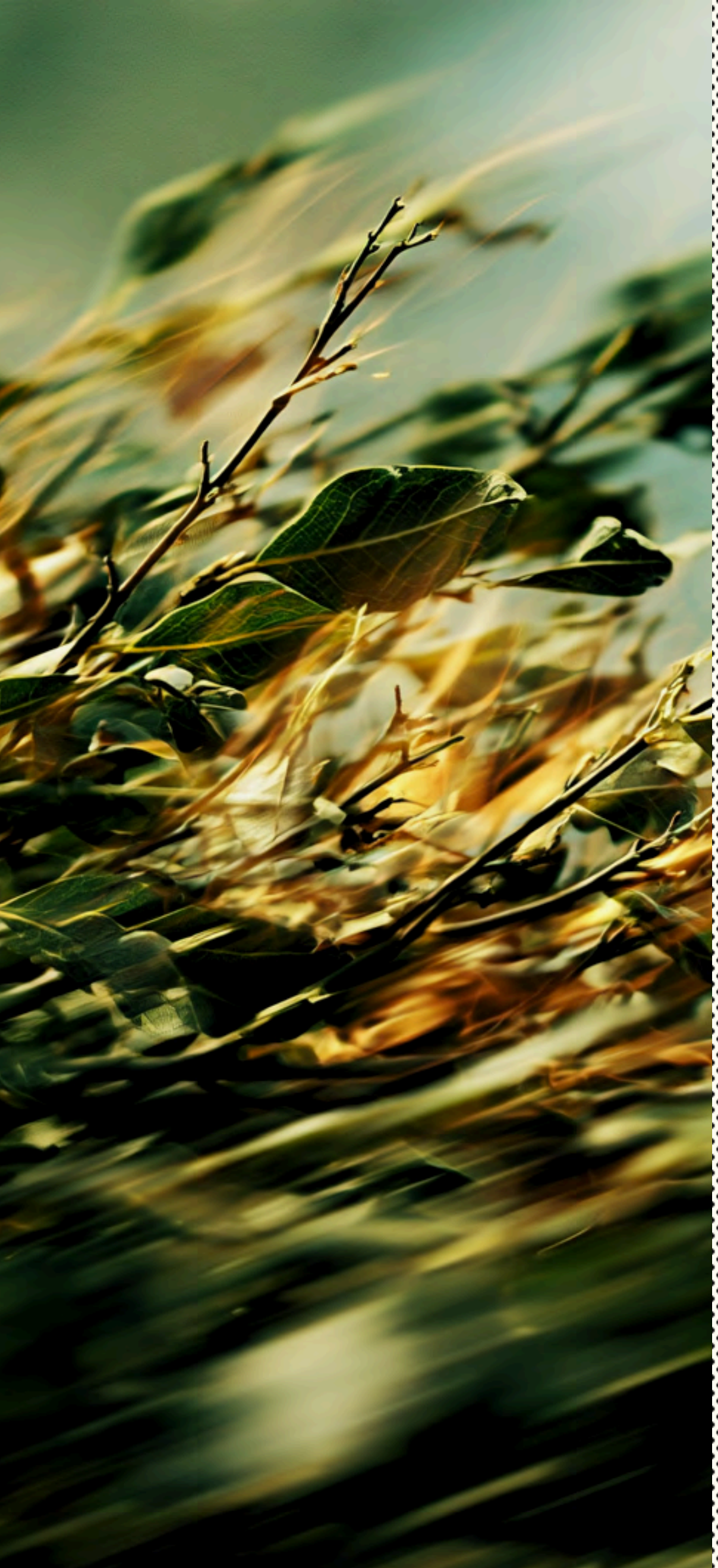
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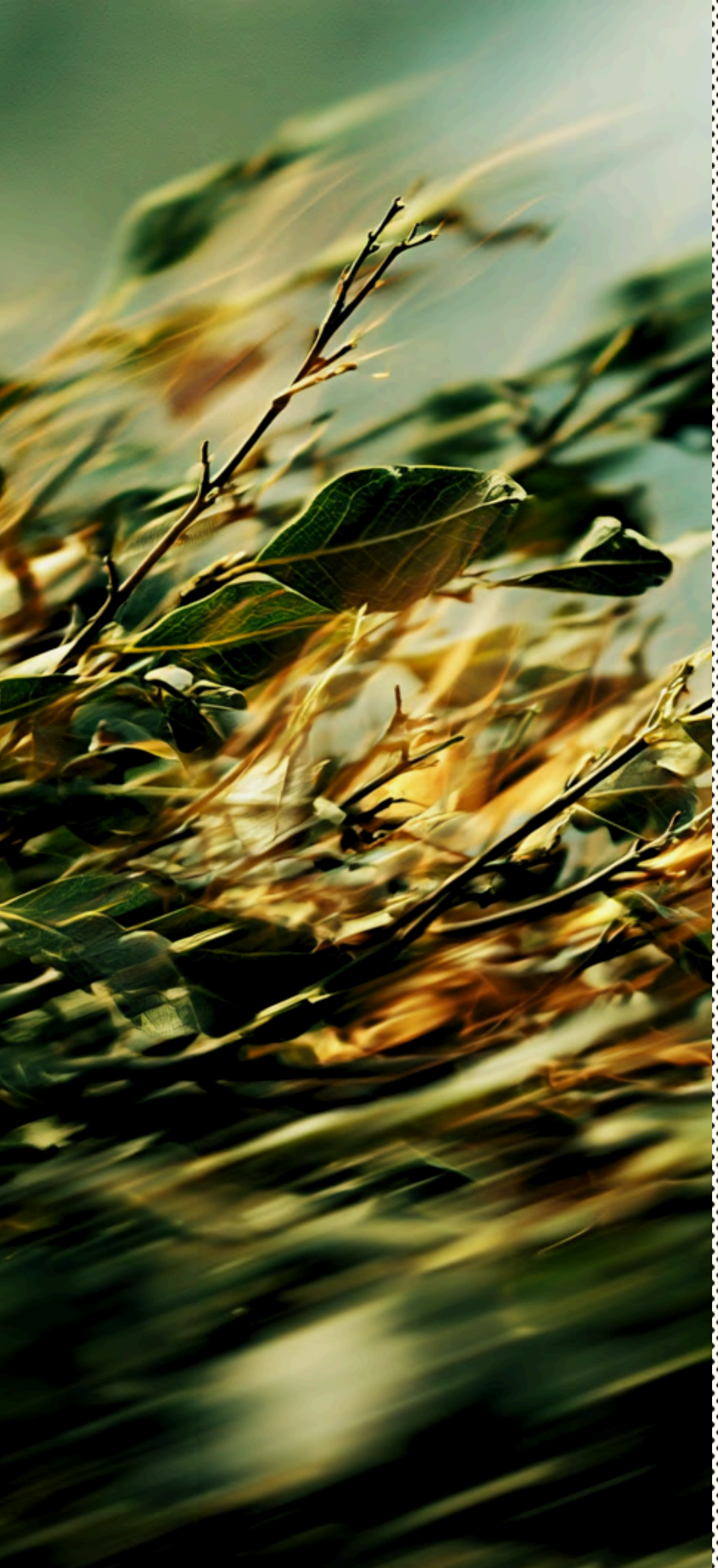
When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar.

ACTS 19:28-29a NIV



The assembly was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there.

ACTS 19:32 NIV



The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: “Fellow Ephesians, doesn’t all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven?³⁶ Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. . . .⁴⁰ As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it.”⁴¹ After he had said this, he dismissed the assembly.

ACTS 19:35-36, 40-41 NIV

The gospel threatens idols at **every level.**

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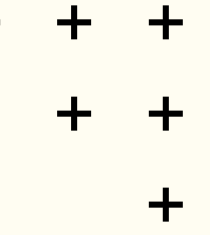
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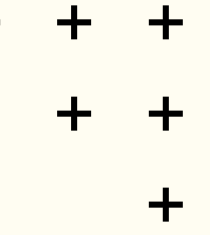
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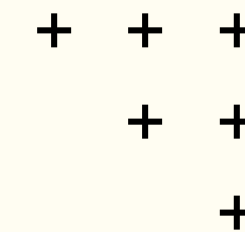
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Heart Idols in Ephesus

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- Civic Pride





**To the idol of economic security, the gospel says,
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To the idol of civic pride, the gospel says,
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**Only the gospel of Jesus
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