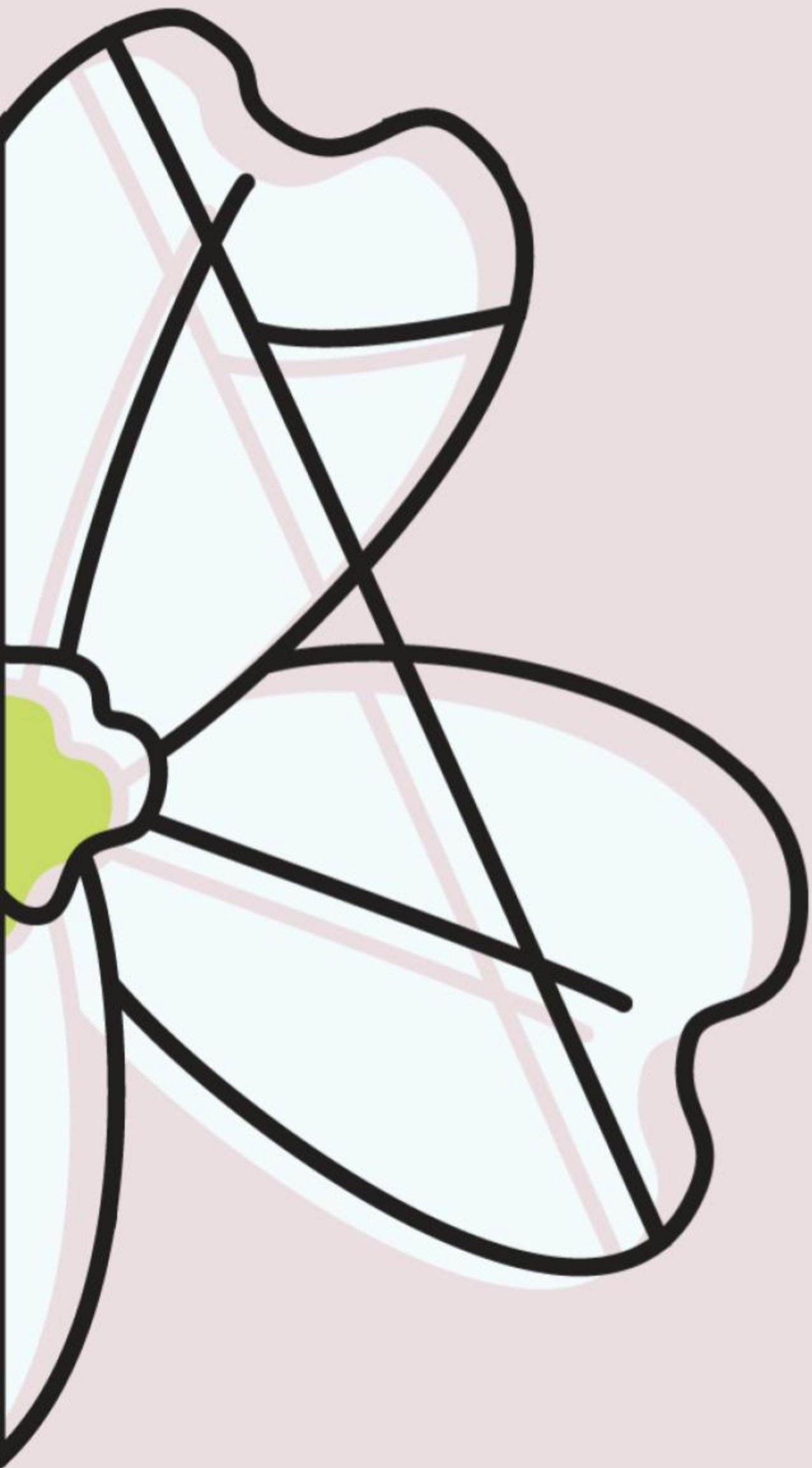




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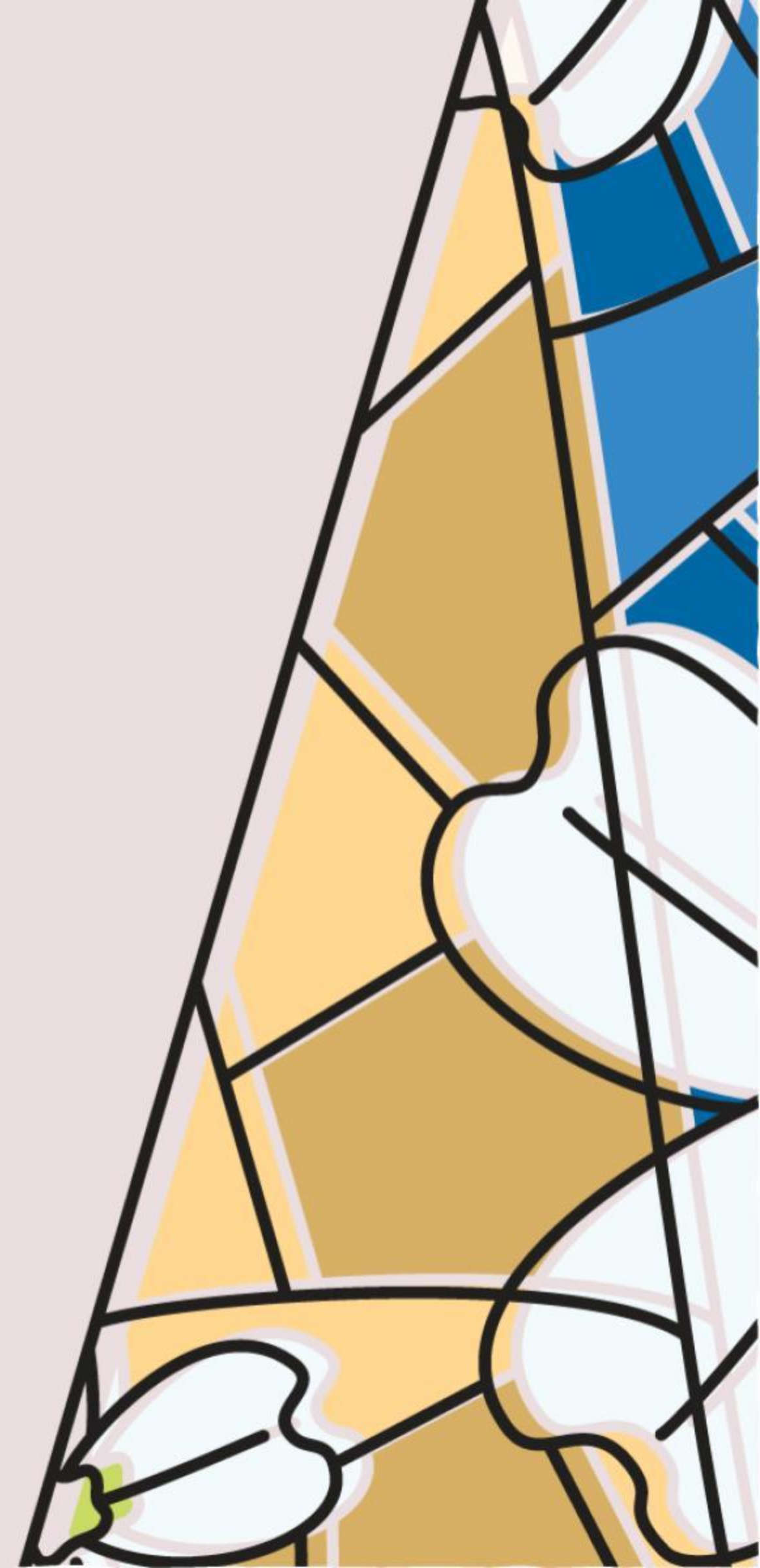
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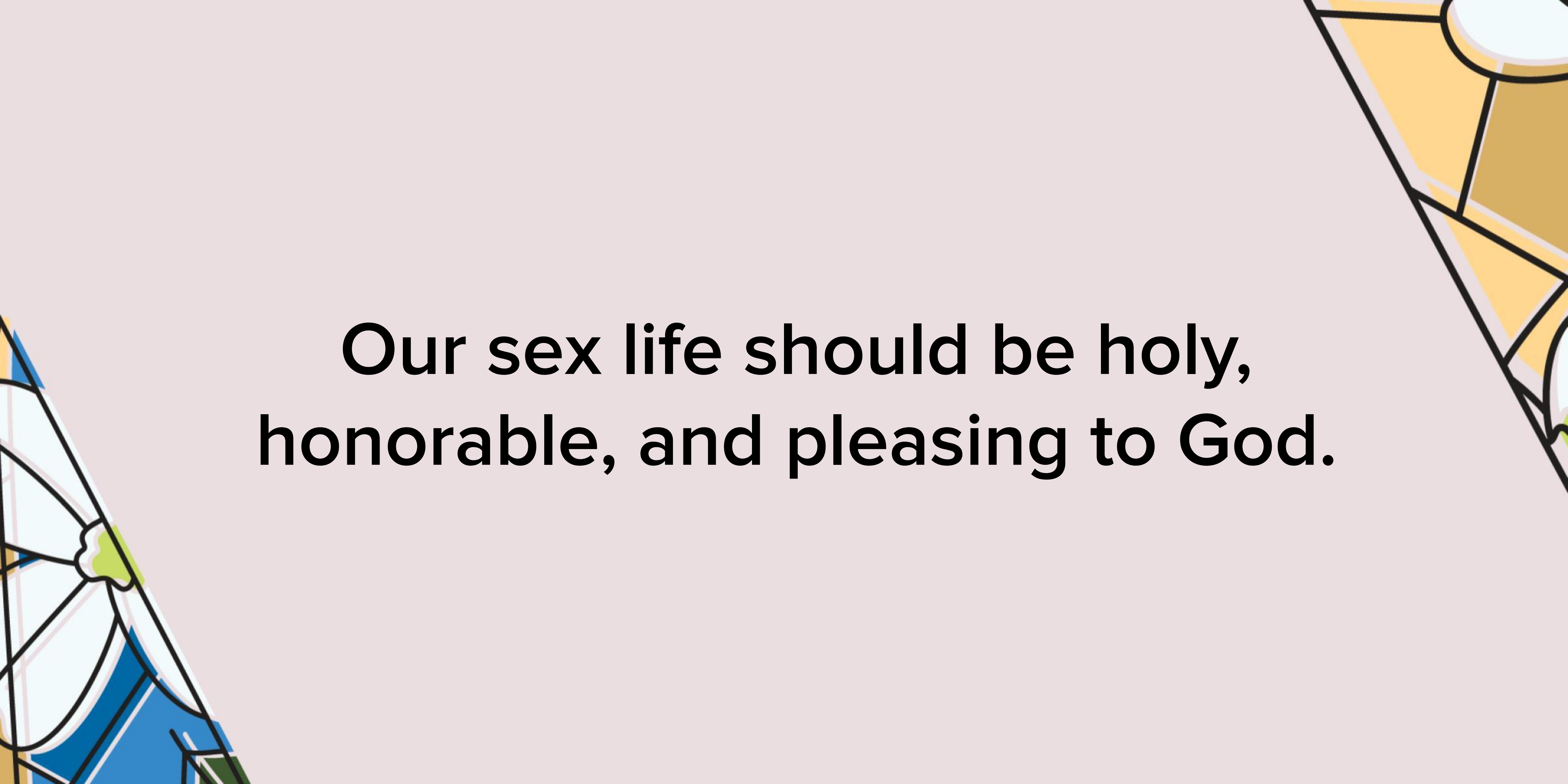
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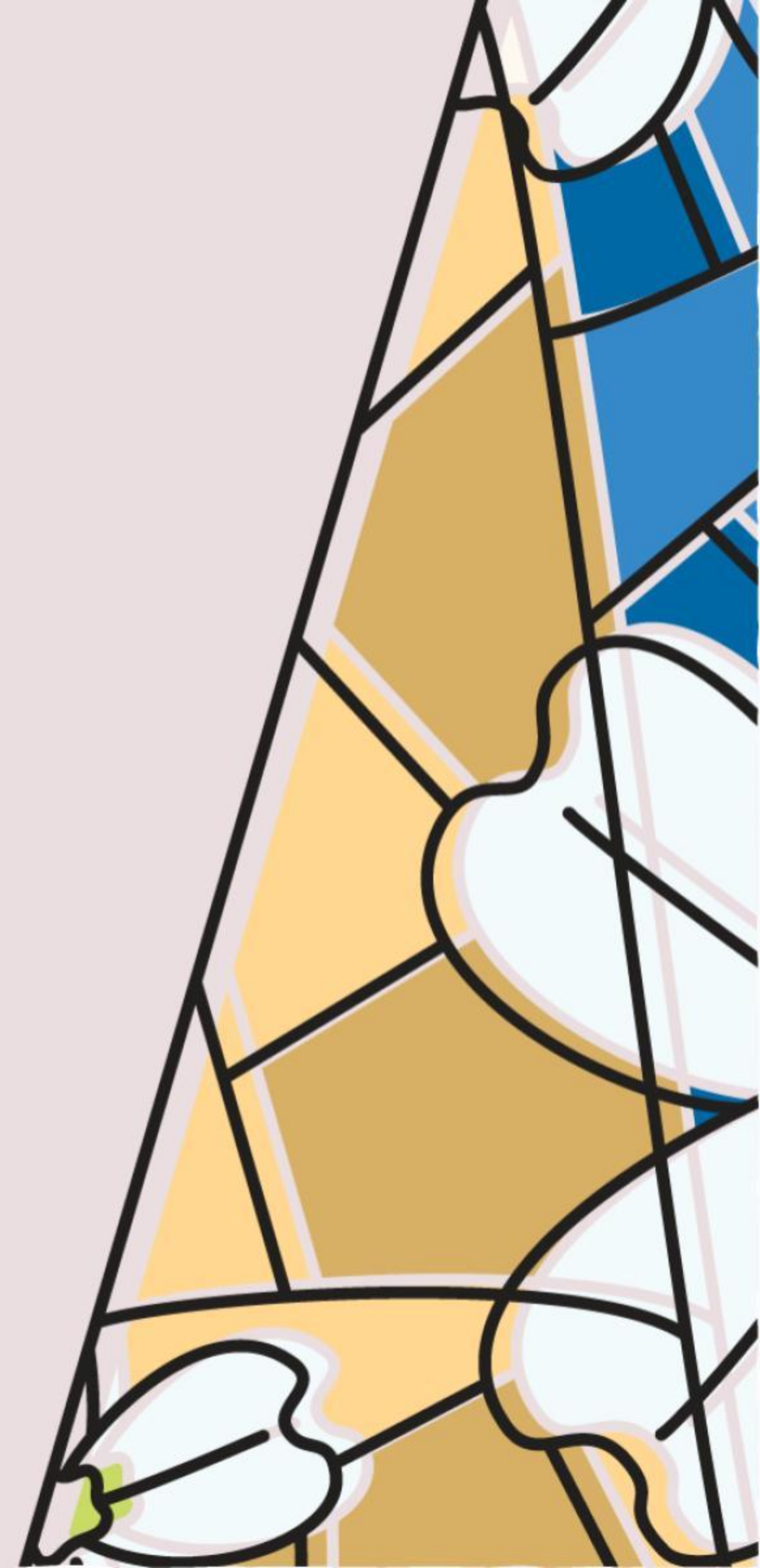
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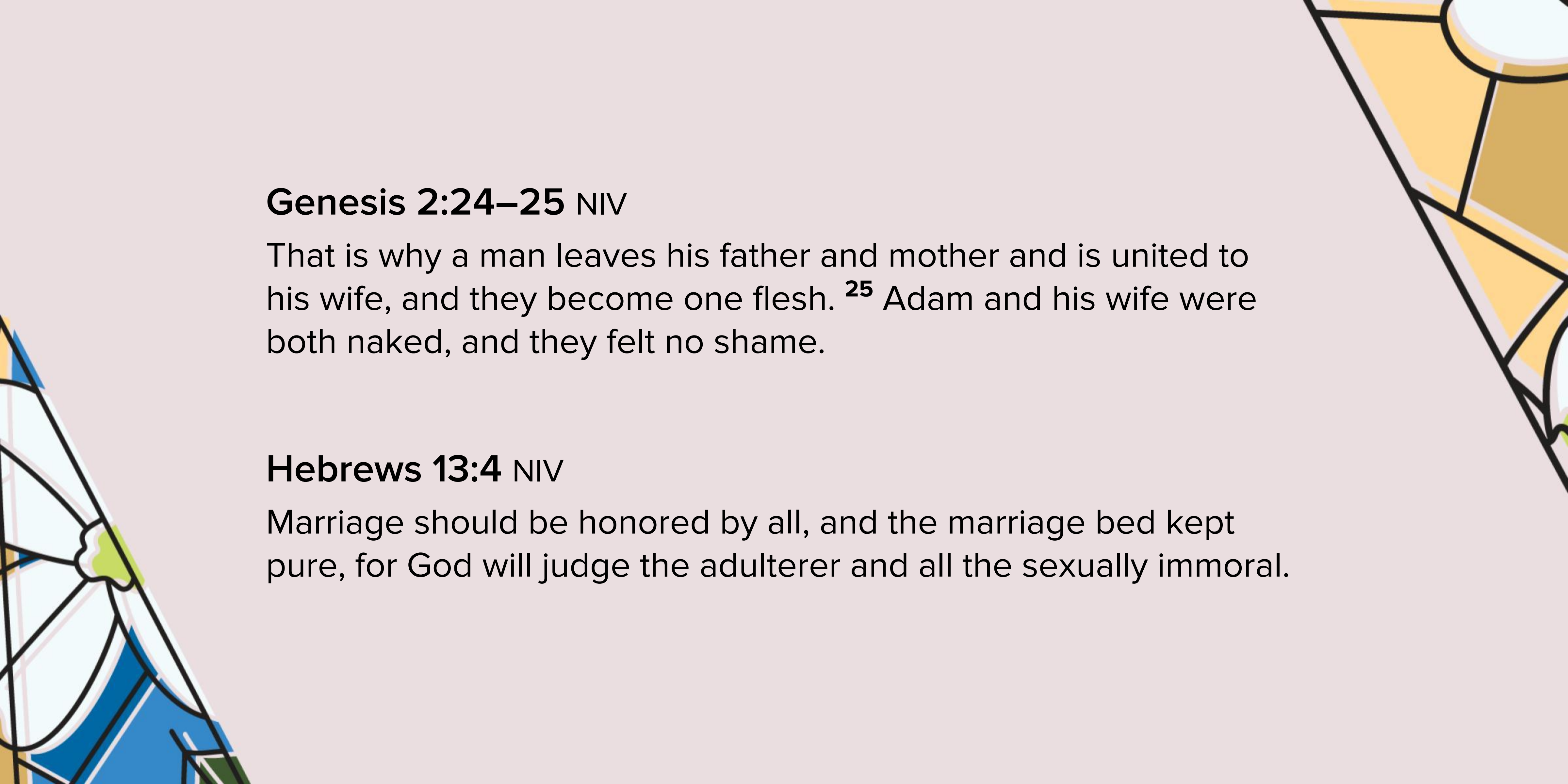
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Genesis 2:24–25 NIV

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Hebrews 13:4 NIV

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

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1 Thessalonians 4:4-6 NIV

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Self-controlled
Holy
Honorable



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Negative:

Not in Passionate Lust

Not Imitating Godless Culture

Not Wronging Others



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Proverbs 6:27-29 NIV

Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? ²⁸ Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? ²⁹ So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

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1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 NIV

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Instruction on Sanctified Sexuality



The Goal: Please God

The Instruction: Avoid Sexual Immorality

The Application: Self-Control

The Description: Holy and Honorable

The Authority: God

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Our Response



Confess

Conform

Commit