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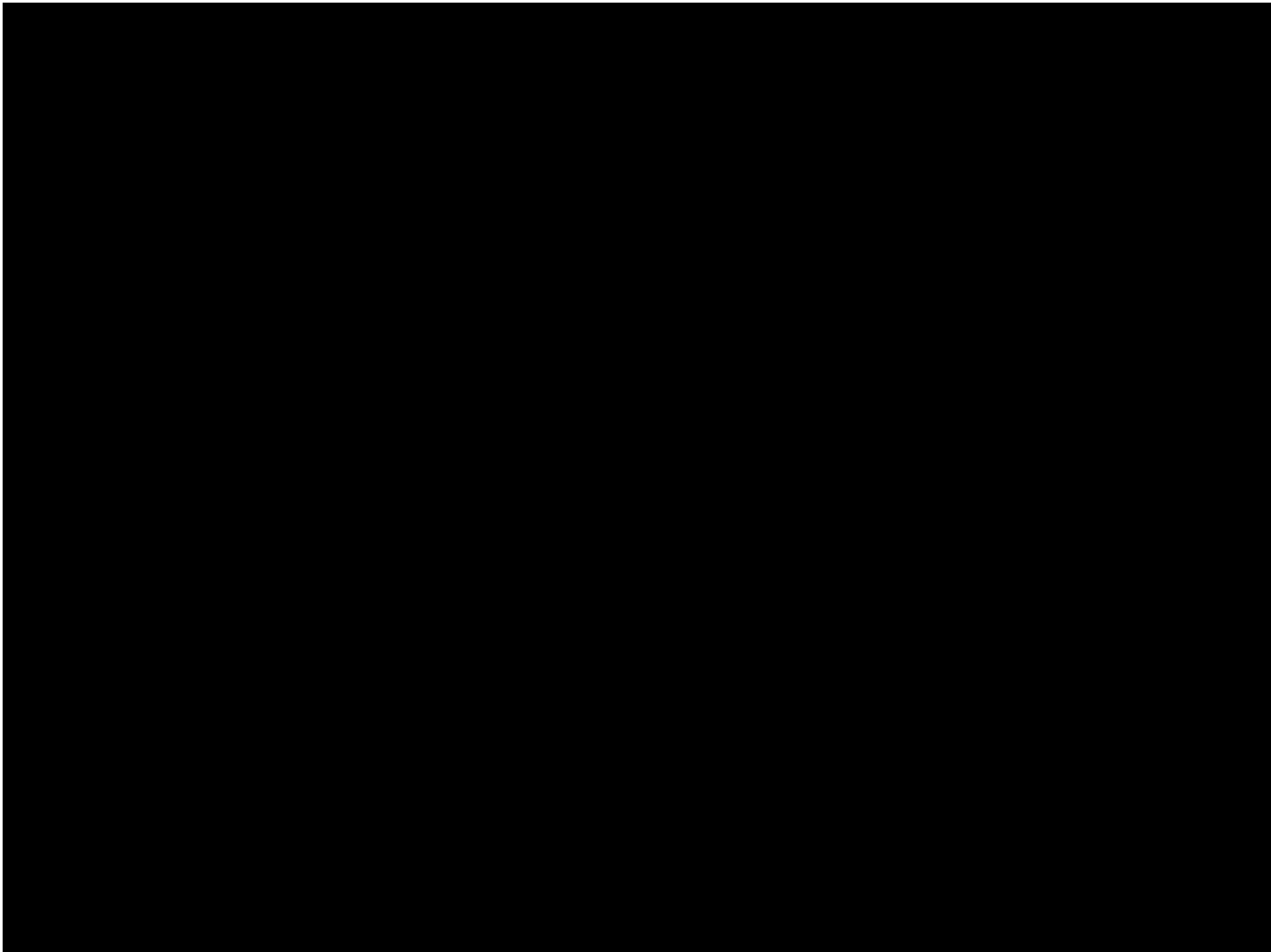
Christmas

“As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all her preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked,

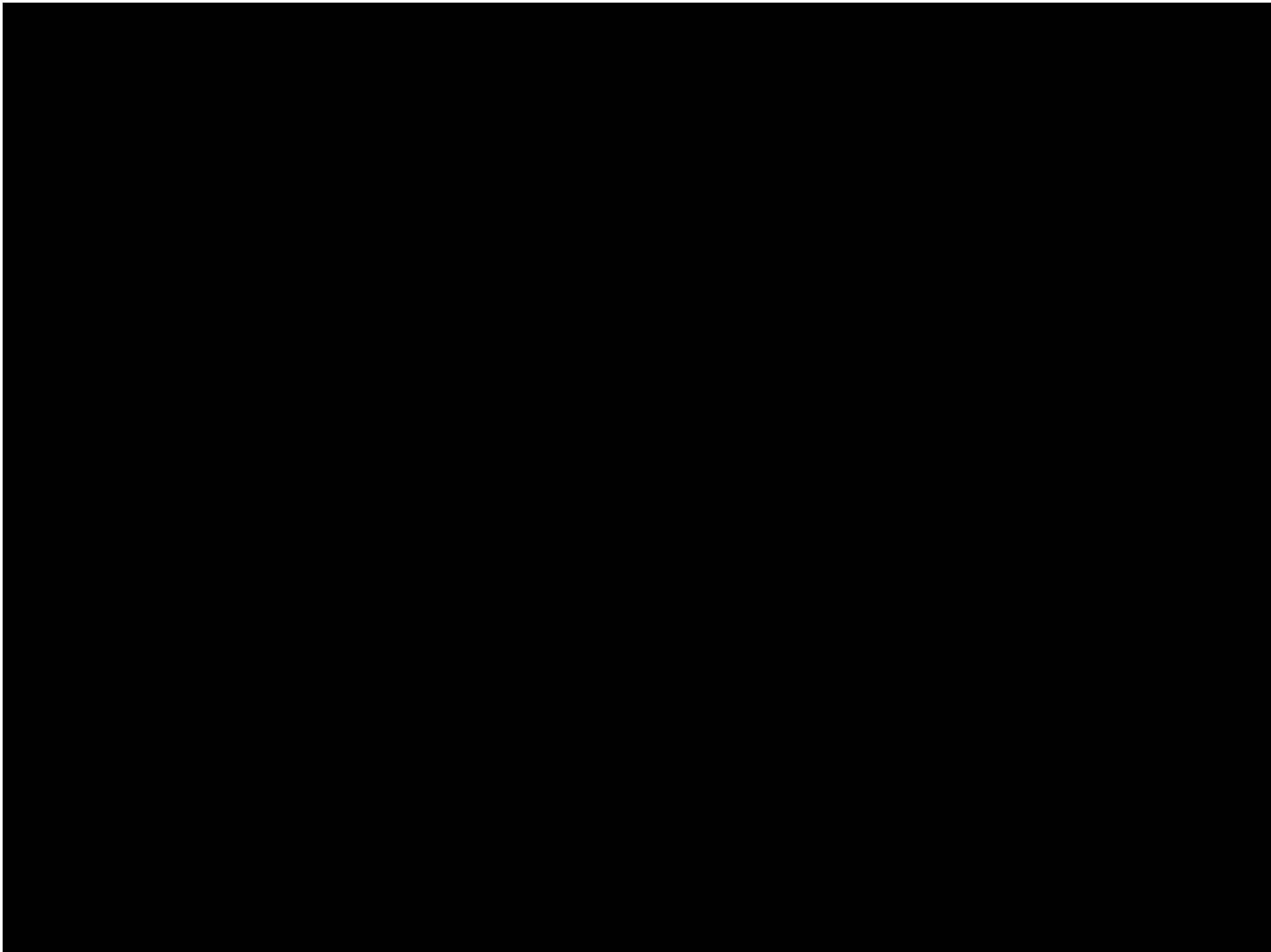


‘Don’t You care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!’ ‘Martha, Martha,’ the Lord answered, ‘You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.’” Luke 10:38-42











**Replace the Urgent  
With the Significant**



**Urgent Focuses on  
superficial**



**The Significant is  
what matters most**

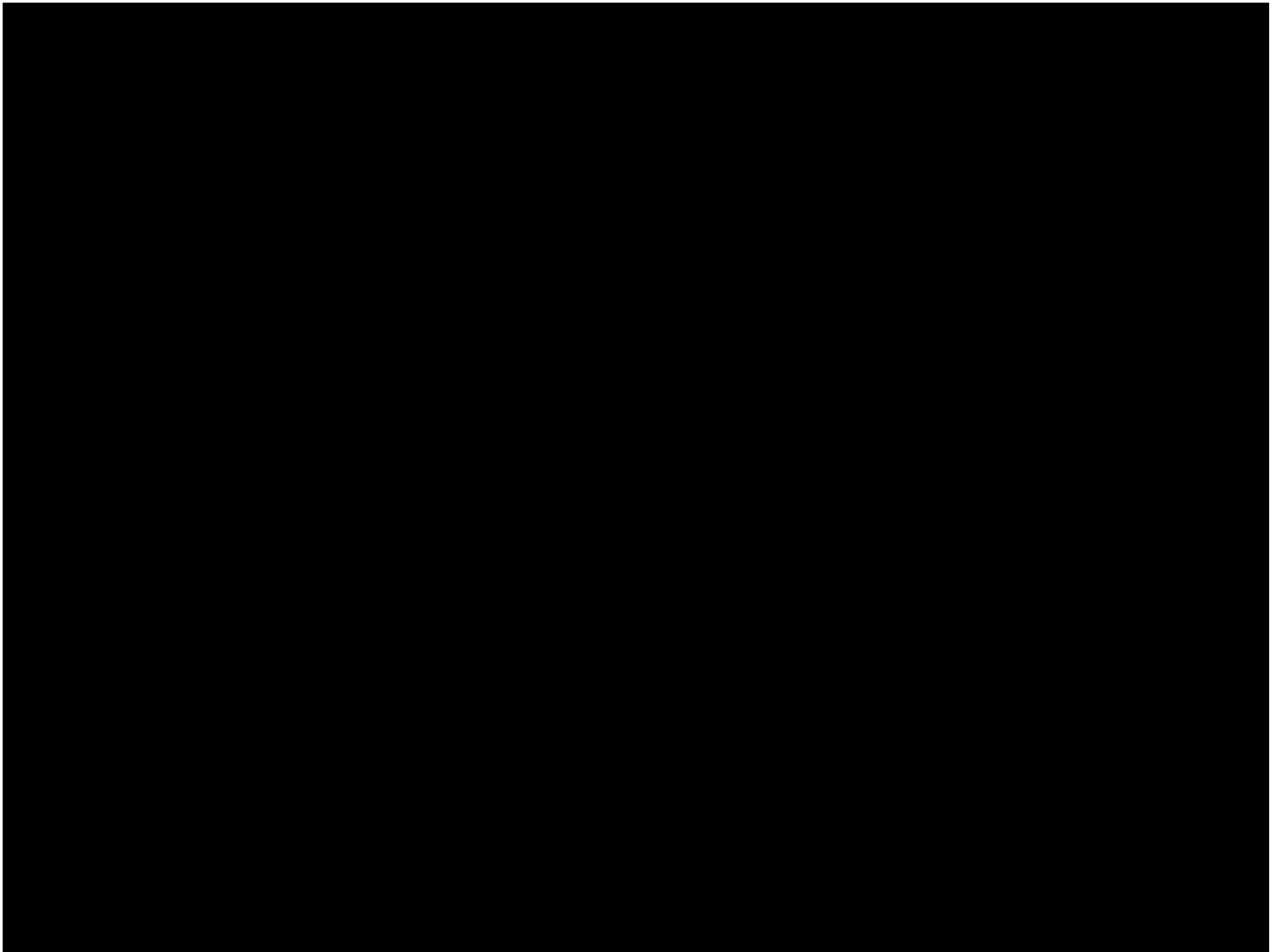
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Matthew 6:33

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well.”





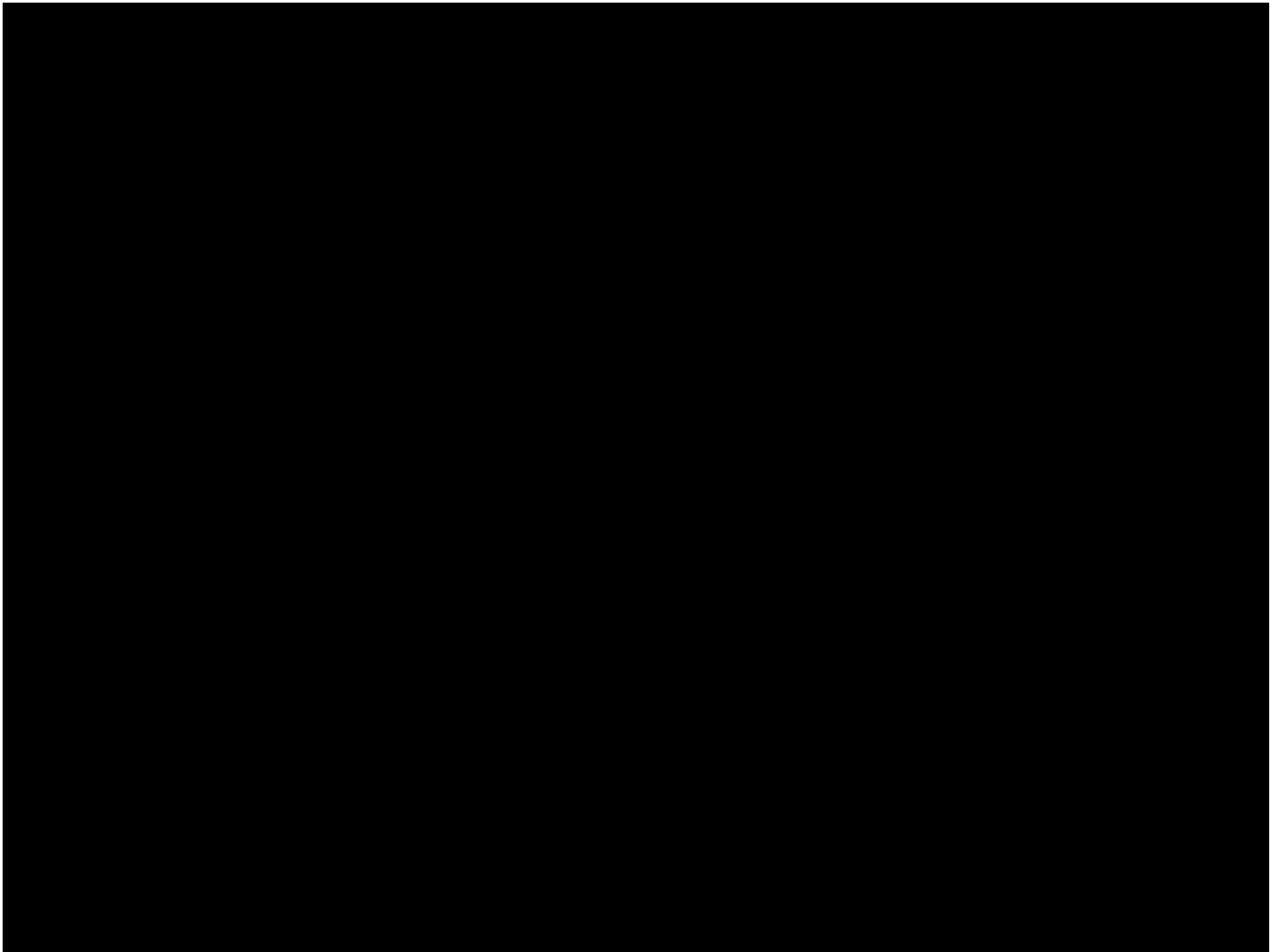
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Set your minds on things  
above, not on earthly  
things.

Colossians 3:2 NIV  
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Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

Colossians 3:2 The Message





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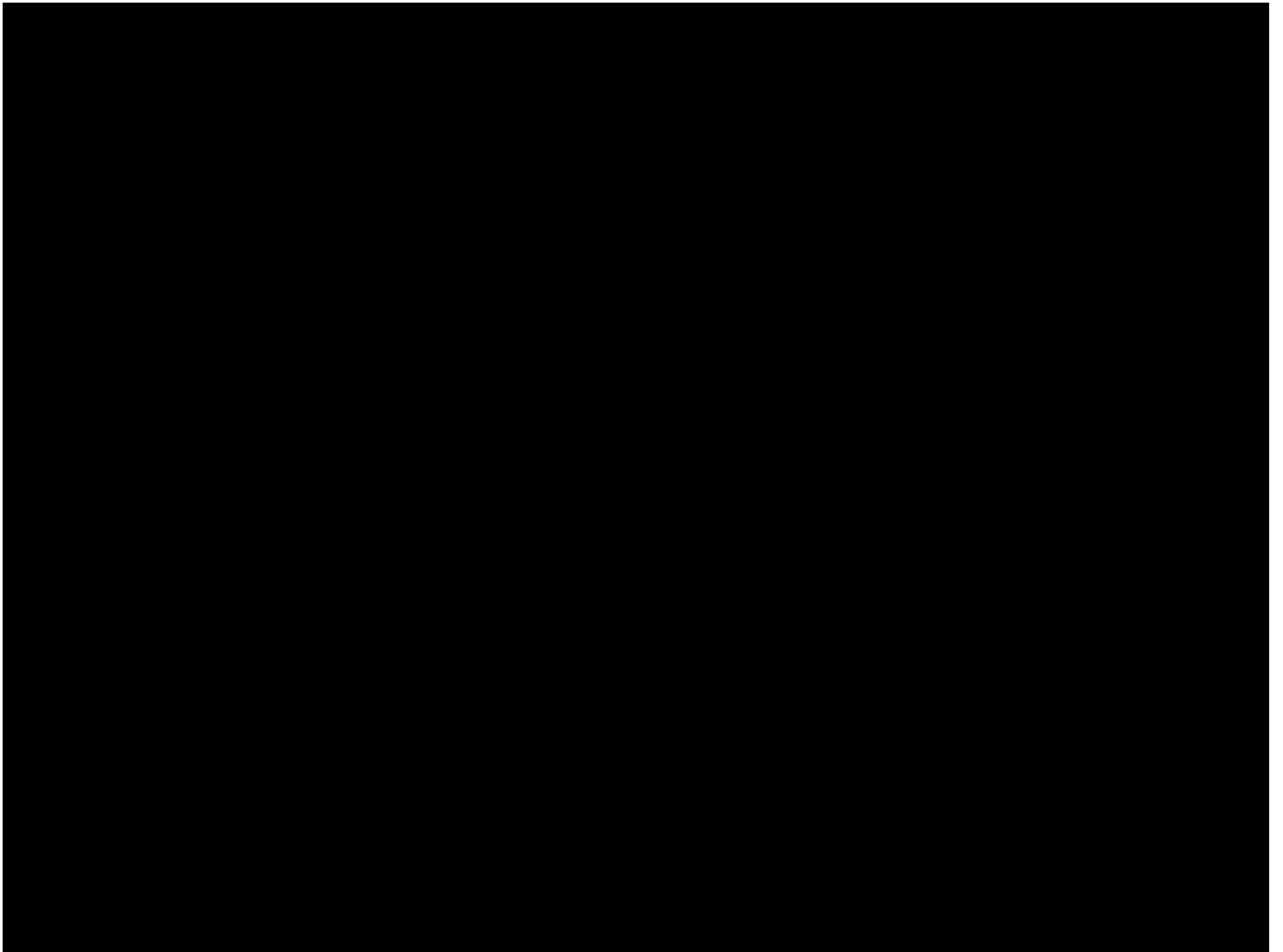
**You need a new heart!**





**Take a  
honest look  
at yourself**





“Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:42



“Listen intently to God speaking. Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this that he understands and knows Me that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth: for in these I delight.” Jeremiah 9:23-24





**The bottom-line this Christmas**

**Get to understand and know God better.**



**The bottom-line this Christmas**

**Love what God loves this Christmas**

# *Look to Mary:*

1. *Sit* (slow down)



*Look to Mary:*

2. *Listen to Jesus*



*Look to Mary:*

3. *Choose Better*





*Merry Christmas*