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**...the capacity to view things
in their true relations
or relative importance.**



**High's
&
Low's**



**Good's
&
Bad's**



**Victories
&
Defeats**

How can we integrate this dichotomy?

The background features a central bright white point from which numerous thin, semi-transparent lines radiate outwards. The lines on the left side are a soft pink color, while those on the right are a pale yellow. The overall effect is a sense of light and energy emanating from a central source.

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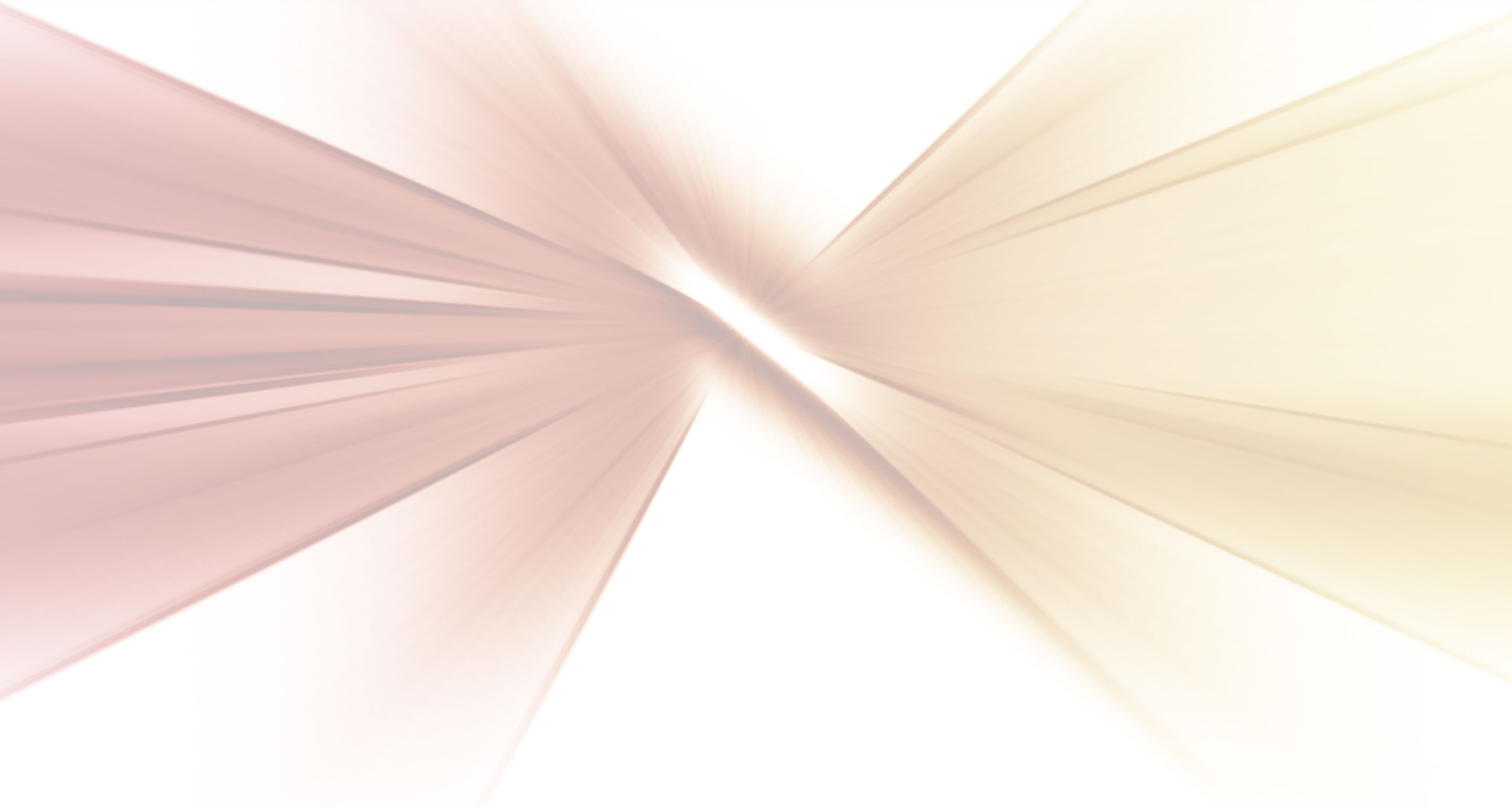
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...some insights that helps us begin to see how things might, should, could, will and do fit together in our lives in light of the sovereign and redemptive purposes of Christ...

**both in eternity
as well as His daily work in our lives
through the truths of His Word
and the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

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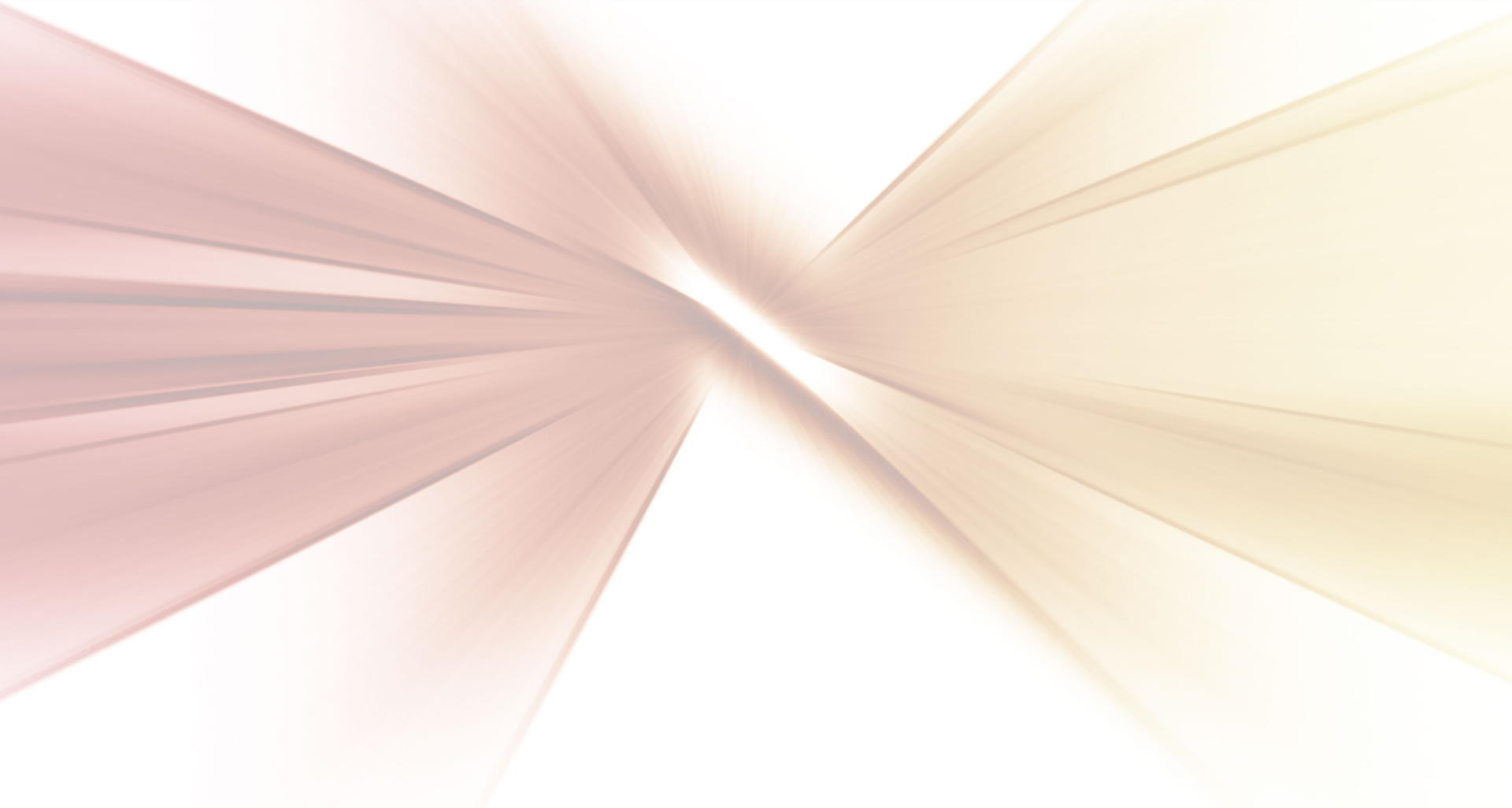
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The journey of being transformed!!!

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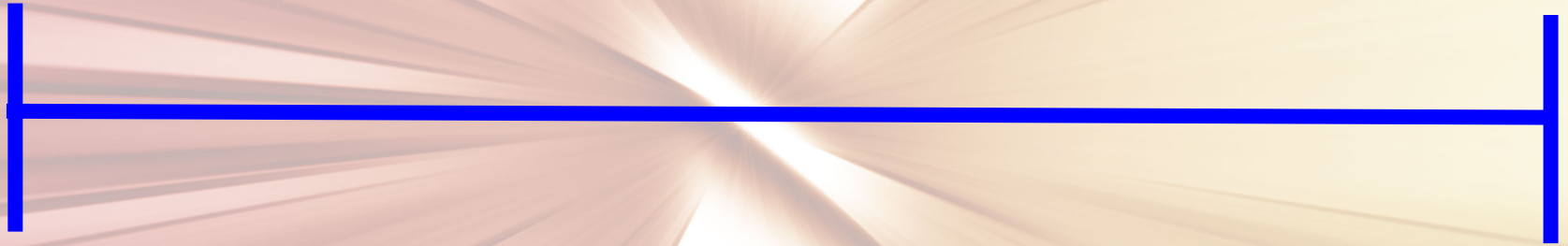
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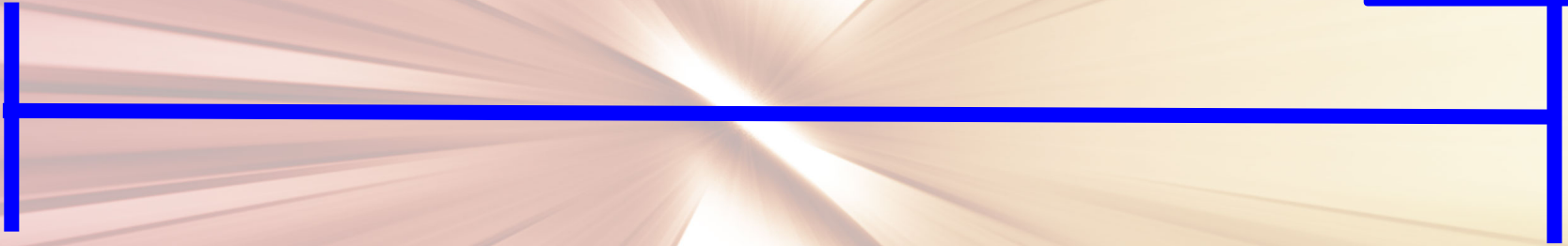
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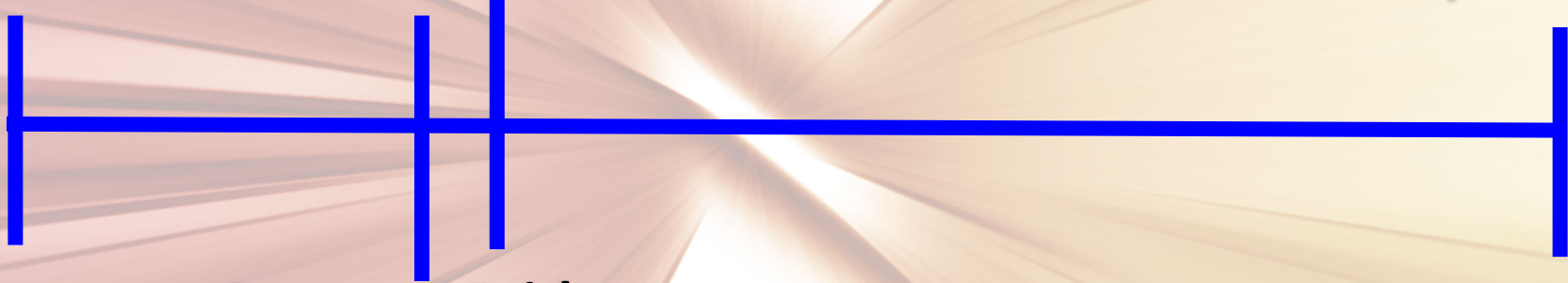
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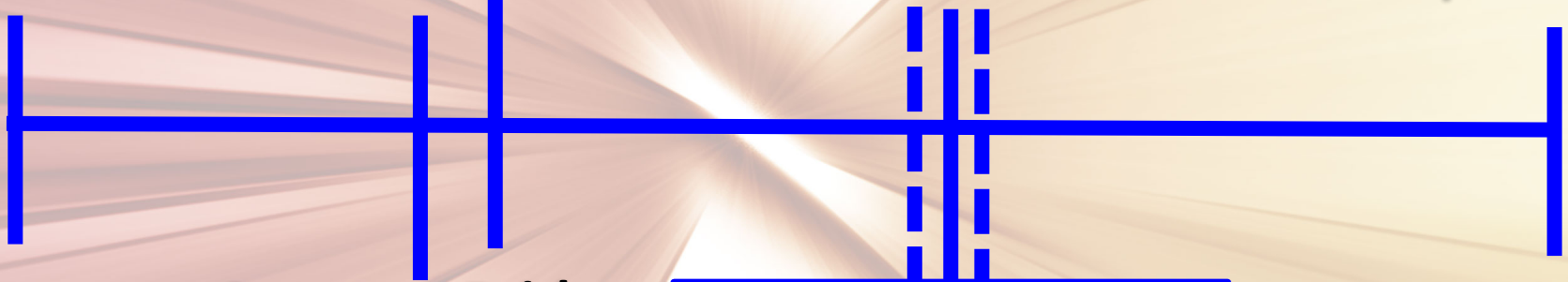
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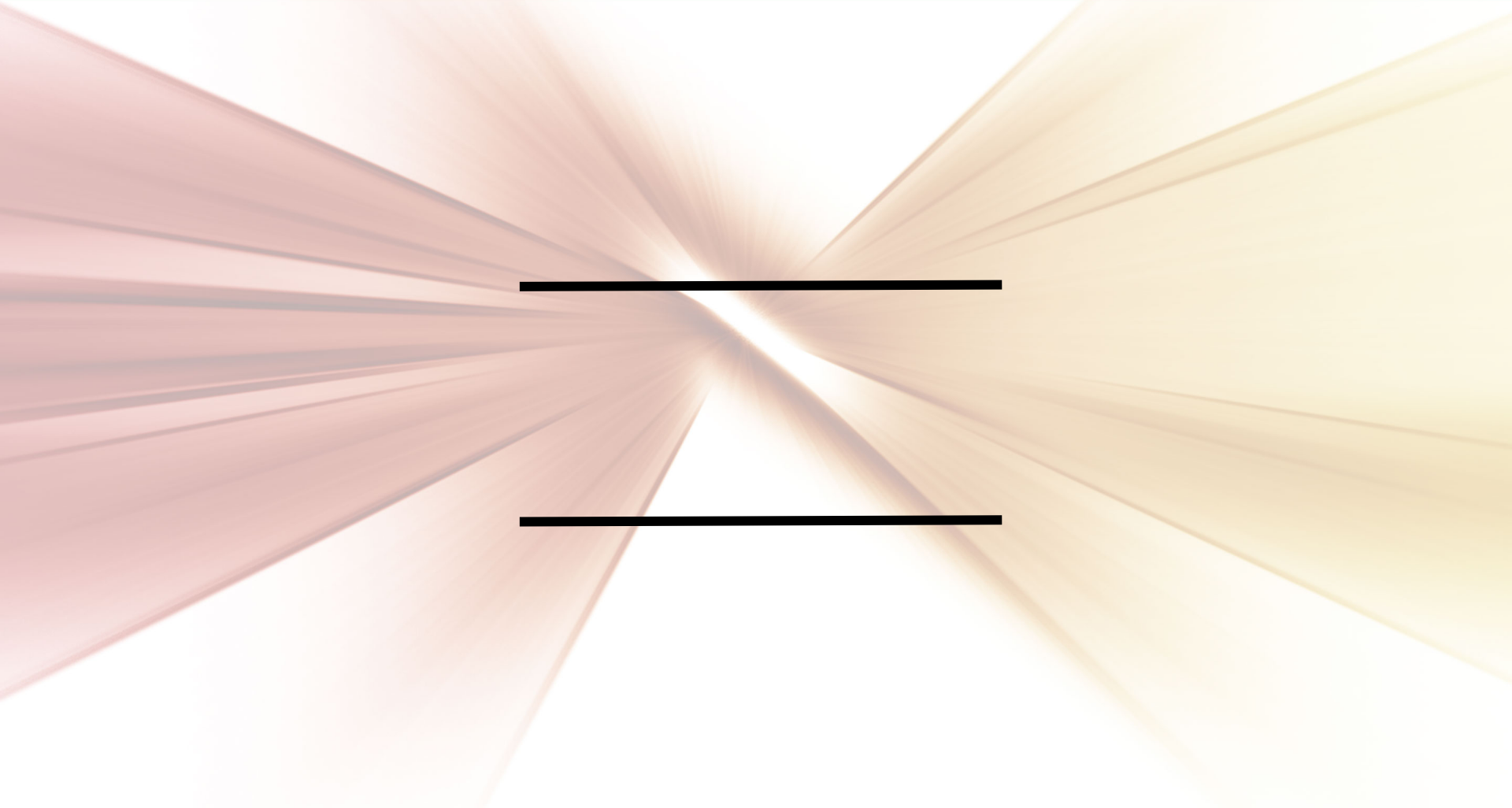
One point *perspective*

**...in spite of all the
high's and low's,
good's and bad's,**

victories and defeats in this life,

Paul believes that God is trustworthy and that He is inclined toward us rather than against us... and that living with that in mind can set our direction and establish our stability even when this world is beyond own ability to control.

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This pushes back against our culture...

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Where is God working in your life?



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