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



**High's
&
Low's**



**Good's
&
Bad's**



**Victories
&
Defeats**

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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 expansion, creating a symmetrical, starburst-like pattern.

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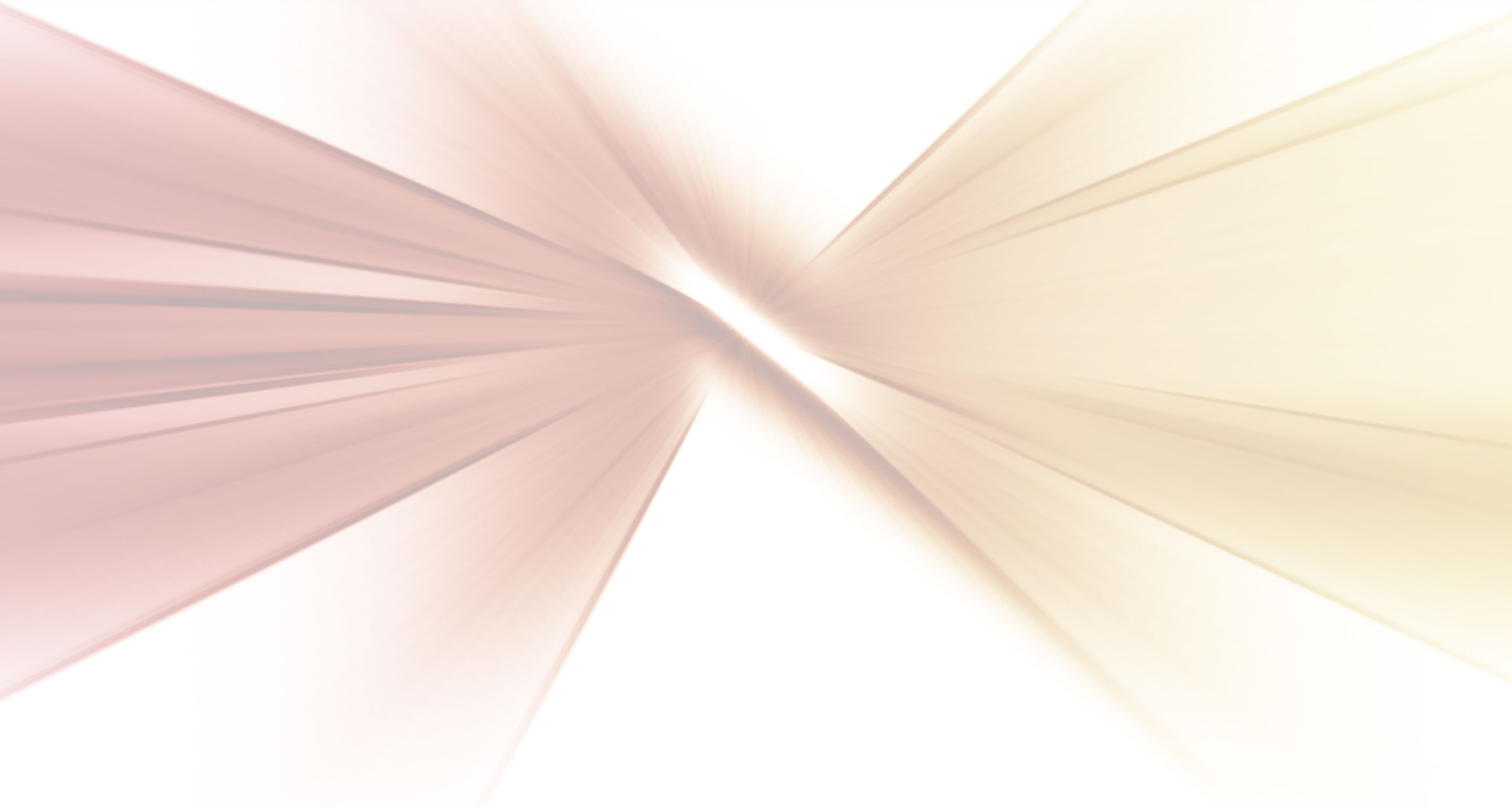
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...insights that help us begin to see
how things might, should, could, will and do
fit together in our lives in light of
the sovereign and redemptive purposes of Christ...

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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Lovers
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Servant-leaders
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Paul and a few others

...(but not everyone)...

***have modeled a life of maturity for us,
and he commends us to do the same and tells us
that it results in peace.***

Today

Generosity and kindness is a profoundly rich dimension of being in the body of believers.....

but it is never intended to become a crutch
or an excuse to complain...

because the grace of Christ allows us to be
content in whatever our circumstances
happen to be.

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- 18 I have received full payment, and more.
I am well supplied, having received from
Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering,
a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.**
- 19 And my God will supply every need of yours
according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**
- 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever.
Amen**

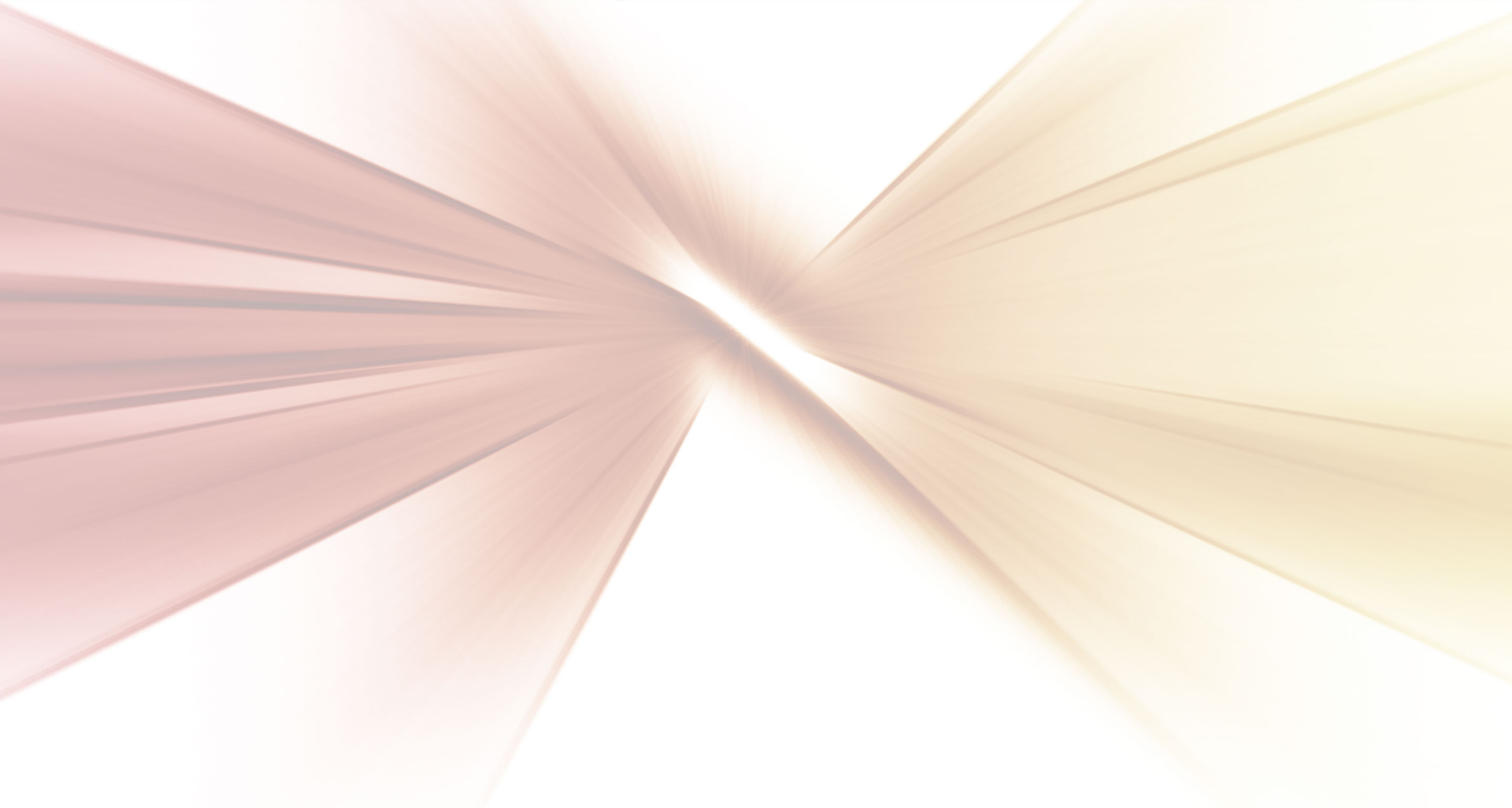
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Comparing our situation to others,
(and inevitably feeling that ours is unfair)
is a dangerous and unhealthy stance that produces
resentment toward God and toward others.

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Solidarity from the most unlikely of places...
God's grace is powerful to change our lives
and the lives of those "*seemingly*" farthest
from the gospel.



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