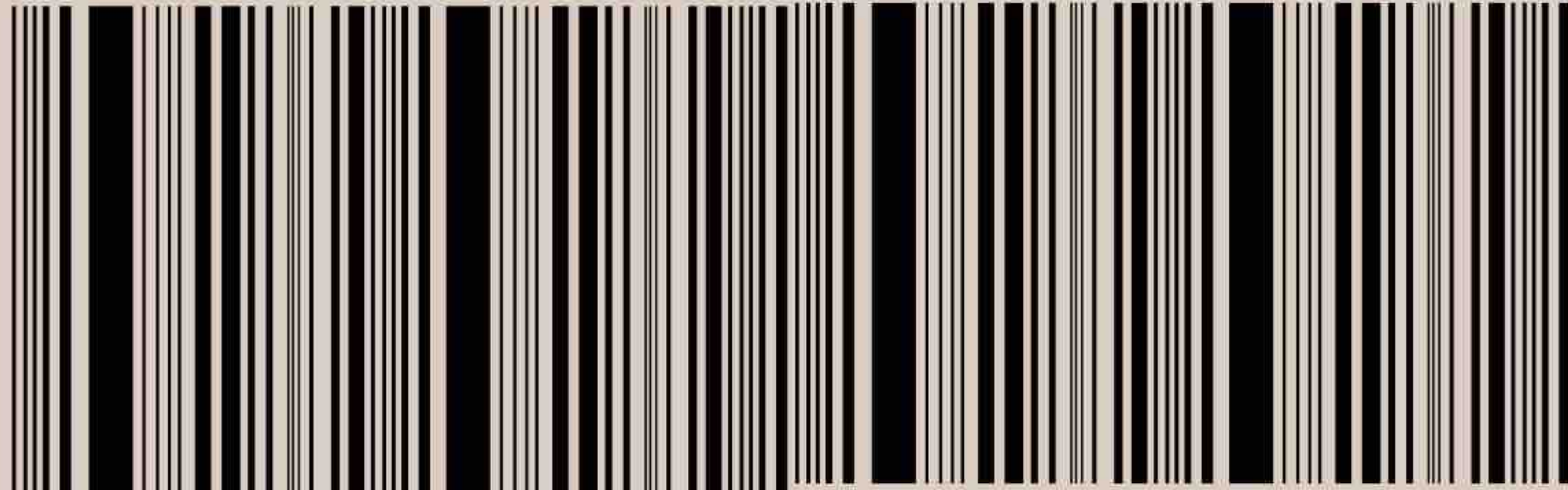


<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other **signs** in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> **but these are written so that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20:30-31 ESV**





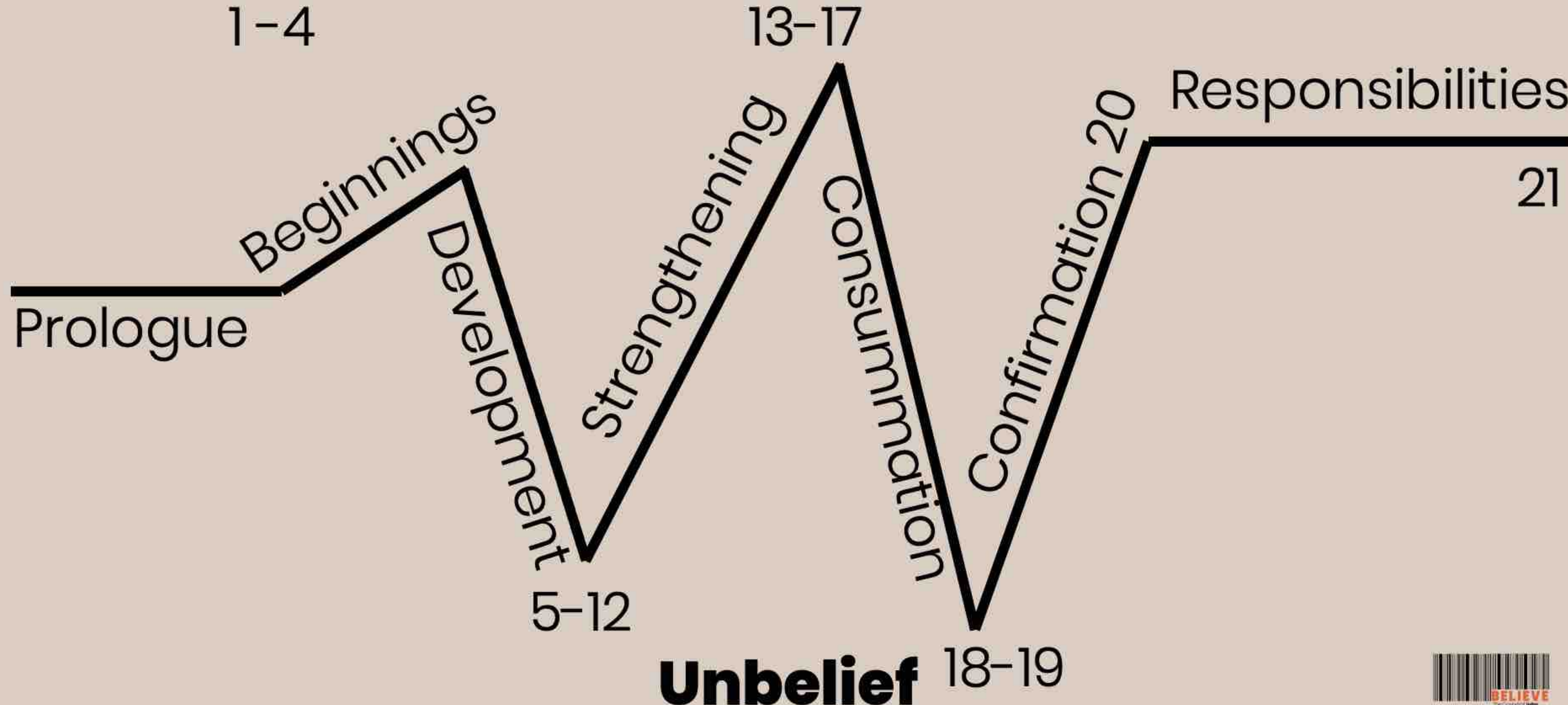
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# Belief



# Unbelief



<sup>1</sup> After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

**John 5:1-3 ESV**



<sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” <sup>7</sup> The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” <sup>9</sup> And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

**John 5:5-9 ESV**



Now that day was the Sabbath. <sup>10</sup> So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” <sup>11</sup> But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” <sup>12</sup> They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” <sup>13</sup> Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place.

**John 5:9-13 ESV**



<sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. <sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

**John 5:14-16 ESV**





<sup>17</sup> But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.” <sup>18</sup> This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

**John 5:17-18 ESV**



# The Healing at the Pool

## I. The Healing





**Antonia**

**North Temple Wall**

**Pool of Bethesda**



# I. The Healing

- a. Jesus takes the initiative



<sup>10</sup> “For the Son of Man **came to seek and to save** the lost.”

**Luke 19:10 ESV**



<sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and **go after the one that is lost**, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

**Luke 15:4-7 ESV**



# I. The Healing

- a. Jesus takes the initiative
- b. We must want to be healed





<sup>49</sup> And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus said to him, “**What do you want me to do for you?**” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” <sup>52</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

**Mark 10:46–48 ESV**



**Do you want to be healed...?**



# The Healing at the Pool

- I. The Healing
- II. The Controversy



## II. The Controversy

a. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath



<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work...

**Exodus 20:8-10 ESV**



<sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others

## II. The Controversy

- a. Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath
- b. Mercy triumphs over legalism



<sup>6</sup> I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. <sup>7</sup> And if you had known what this means, **'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,'** you would not have condemned the guiltless. <sup>8</sup> For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."



# The Healing at the Pool

- I. The Healing
- II. The Controversy
- III. The Warning



<sup>14</sup> Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! **Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.**” <sup>15</sup> The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. <sup>16</sup> And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath.

**John 5:14-16 ESV**



# III. The Warning

- a. Sin has consequences



<sup>7</sup> For they sow the wind,  
and they shall **reap the whirlwind.**

**Hosea 8:7 ESV**



<sup>12</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death

**Proverbs 14:12 ESV**



<sup>2</sup> But **your iniquities have made a separation** between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

**Isaiah 59:2 ESV**



The wages of sin is death...

**Romans 6:23 ESV**



*“Sin is the dare of God's justice, the rape of His mercy,  
the jeer of His patience, the slight of His power,  
and the contempt of His love.”*

**John Bunyan**





# III. The Warning

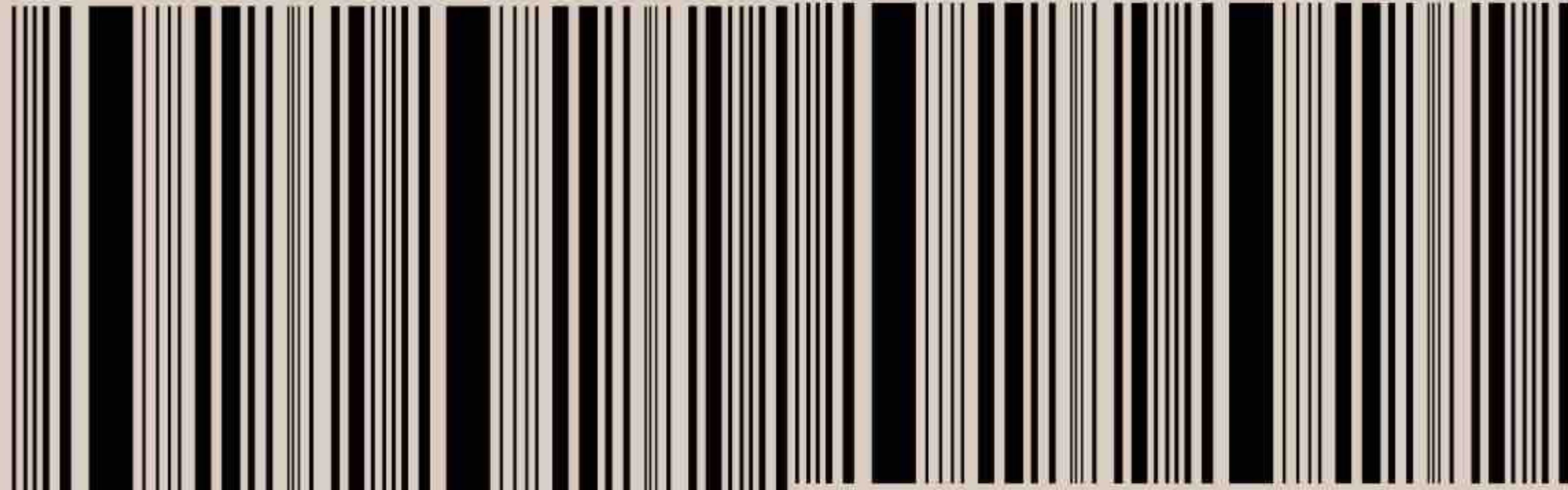
- a. Sin has consequences
- b. The consequences are eternal



<sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 20:15 ESV**





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# Application Questions:

1. Do you want to be healed?



# Application Questions:

1. Do you want to be healed?
2. Have you received his mercy?



# Application Questions:

1. Do you want to be healed?
2. Have you received his mercy?
3. Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

