

1 Corinthians 1:1-18

# PERSONALITIES AND THE CROSS







# THREE MAJOR PROBLEMS

Division & Cliques • Sins of the Flesh • Disordered Worship





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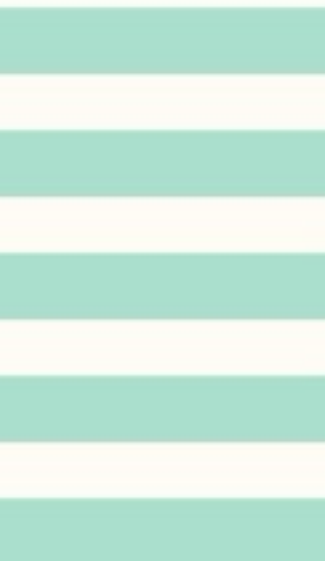




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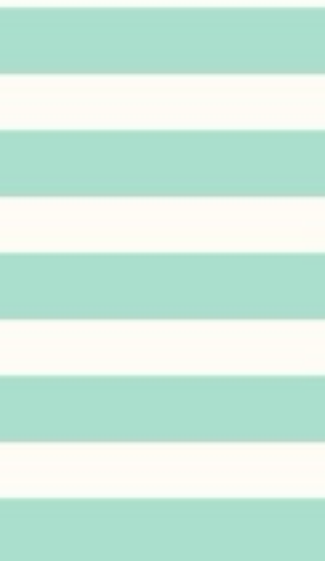




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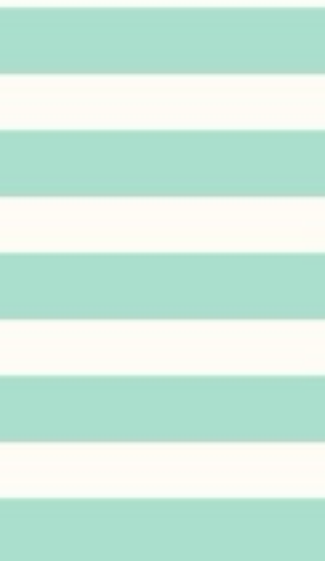




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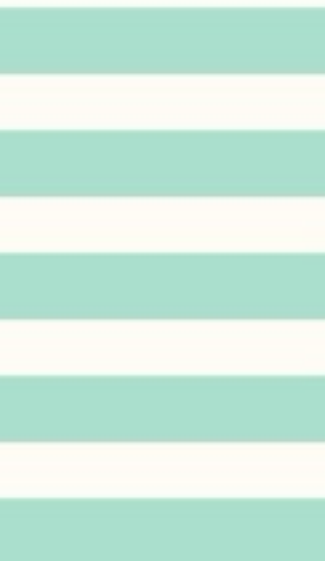


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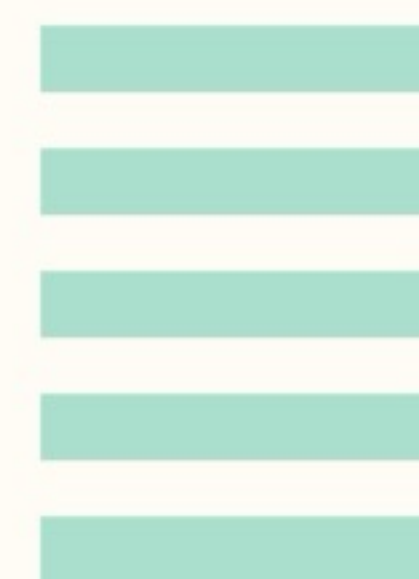


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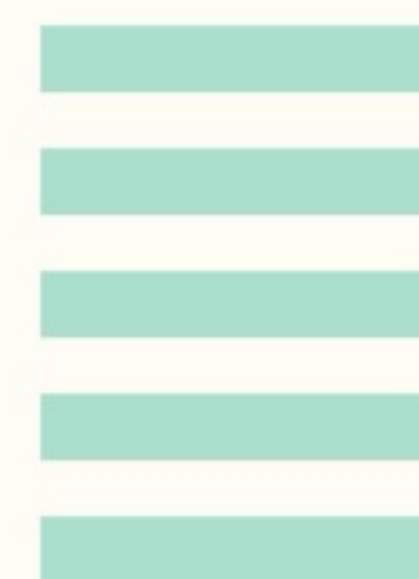


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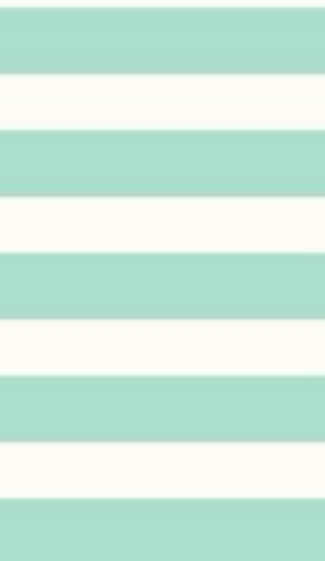


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