



Saul's Encounter with Jesus

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting, he replied. "

ACTS 9:1-5 NIV



Saul's Encounter with Jesus

- + PURSUED BY THE LORD
- + CONVERTED TO CHRIST
- + RECEIVED BY THE CHURCH
- + HEALED OF HIS BLINDNESS
- + FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
- + BAPTIZED INTO THE FAITH



Acts 9:20-31



Saul's Story

- + LIFE BEFORE CHRIST
- + COMING TO KNOW CHRIST
- + LIFE AFTER CHRIST

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NIV

LIFE BEFORE CHRIST

Persecutor

Enemy

Hunter

Feared

Mocker

LIFE AFTER CHRIST

Preacher

Evangelist

Hunted

Family

Multiplier



+ **Persecutor to Preacher**

+ Enemy to Evangelist

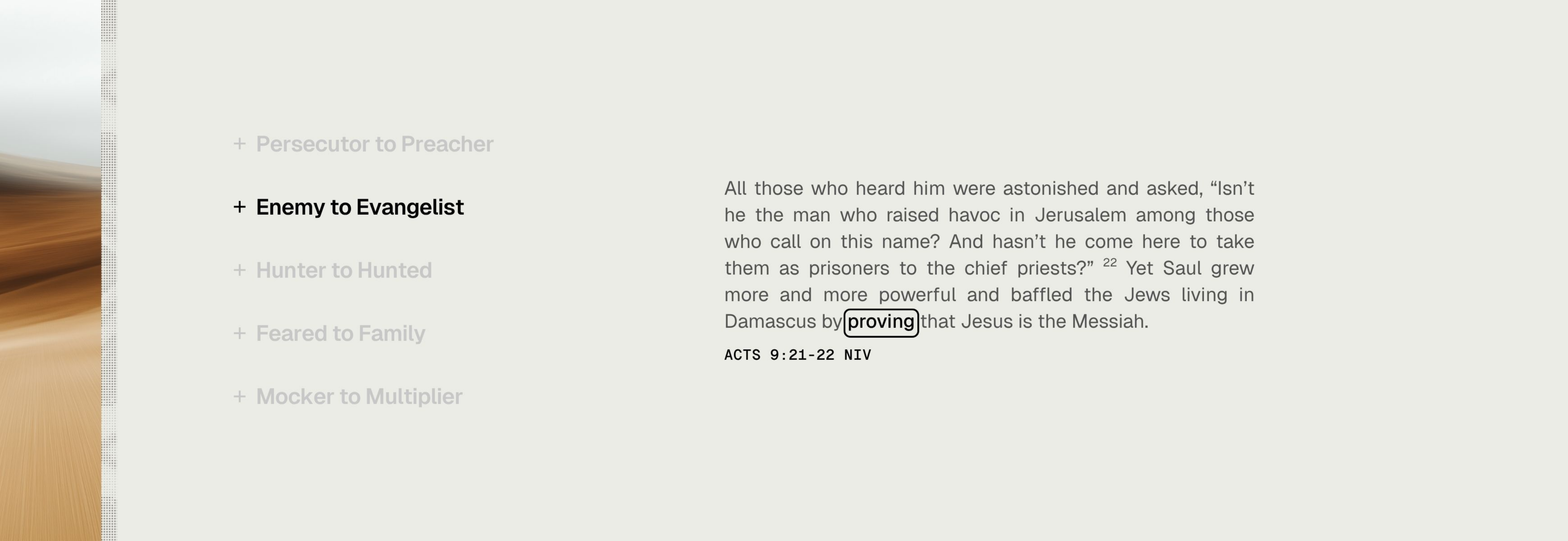
+ Hunter to Hunted

+ Feared to Family

+ Mockers to Multiplier

At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

ACTS 9:20 NIV



+ Persecutor to Preacher

+ **Enemy to Evangelist**

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All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by **proving** that Jesus is the Messiah.

ACTS 9:21-22 NIV



+ Persecutor to Preacher

+ Enemy to Evangelist

+ **Hunter to Hunted**

+ Feared to Family

+ Mockers to Multiplier

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ACTS 9:23-25 NIV

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ACTS 9:23-25 NIV

But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.¹⁷ I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.¹⁸ Then **after three years**, I went up to Jerusalem...

GALATIANS 1:15-18A NIV



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When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.²⁸ So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.

ACTS 9:26-28 NIV

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Persecutor

Enemy

Hunter

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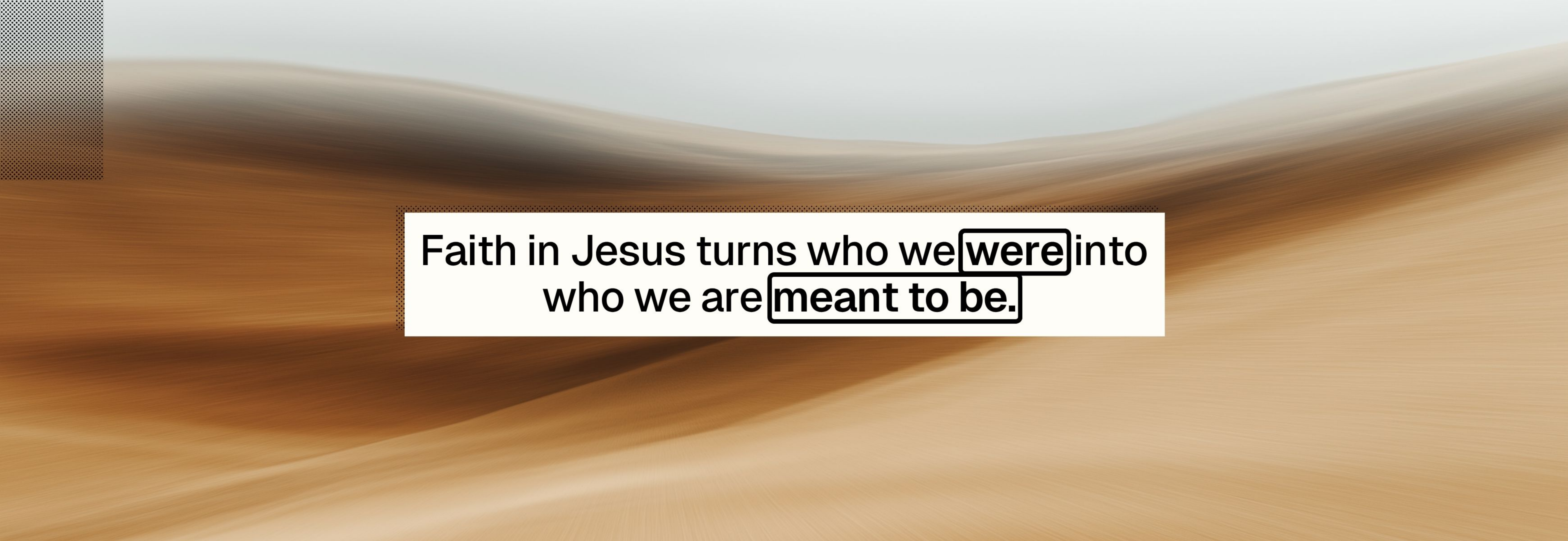
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Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

ACTS 9:31 NIV



Faith in Jesus turns who we **were** into
who we are **meant to be.**



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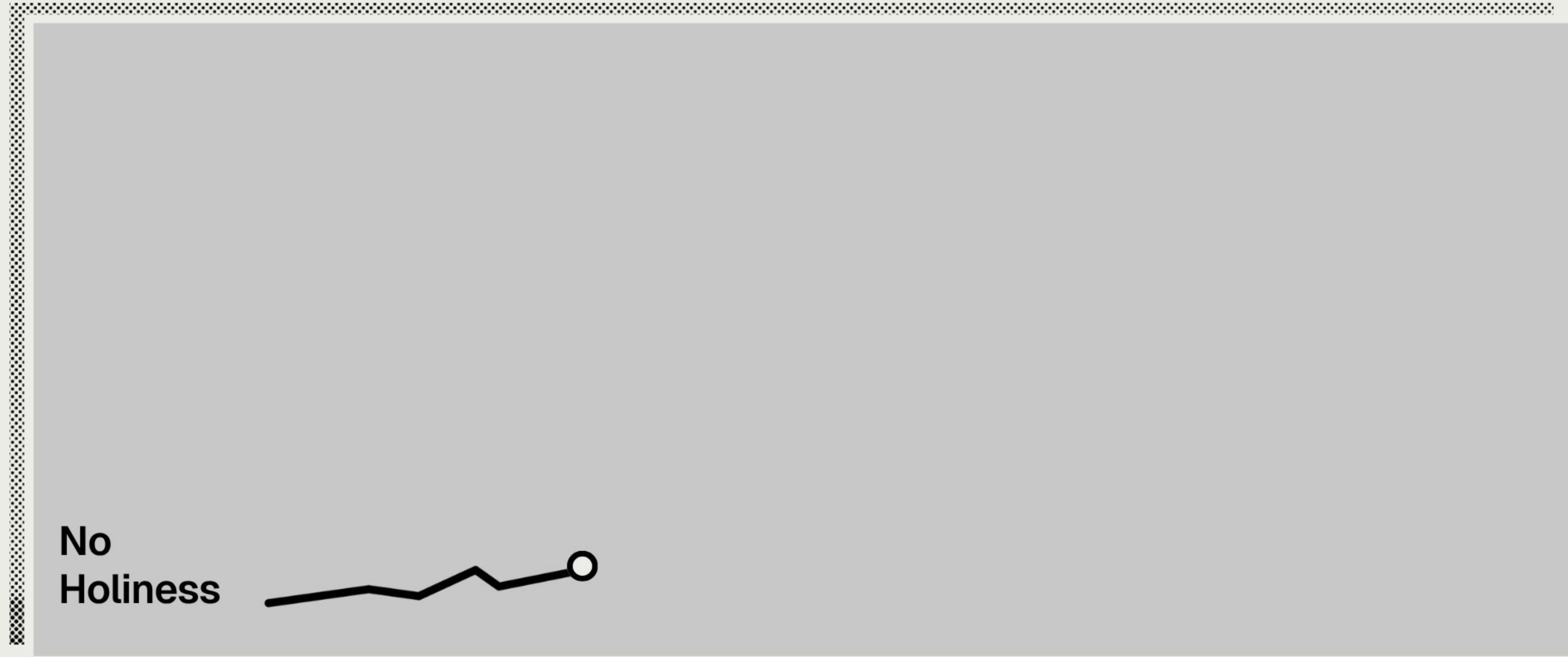
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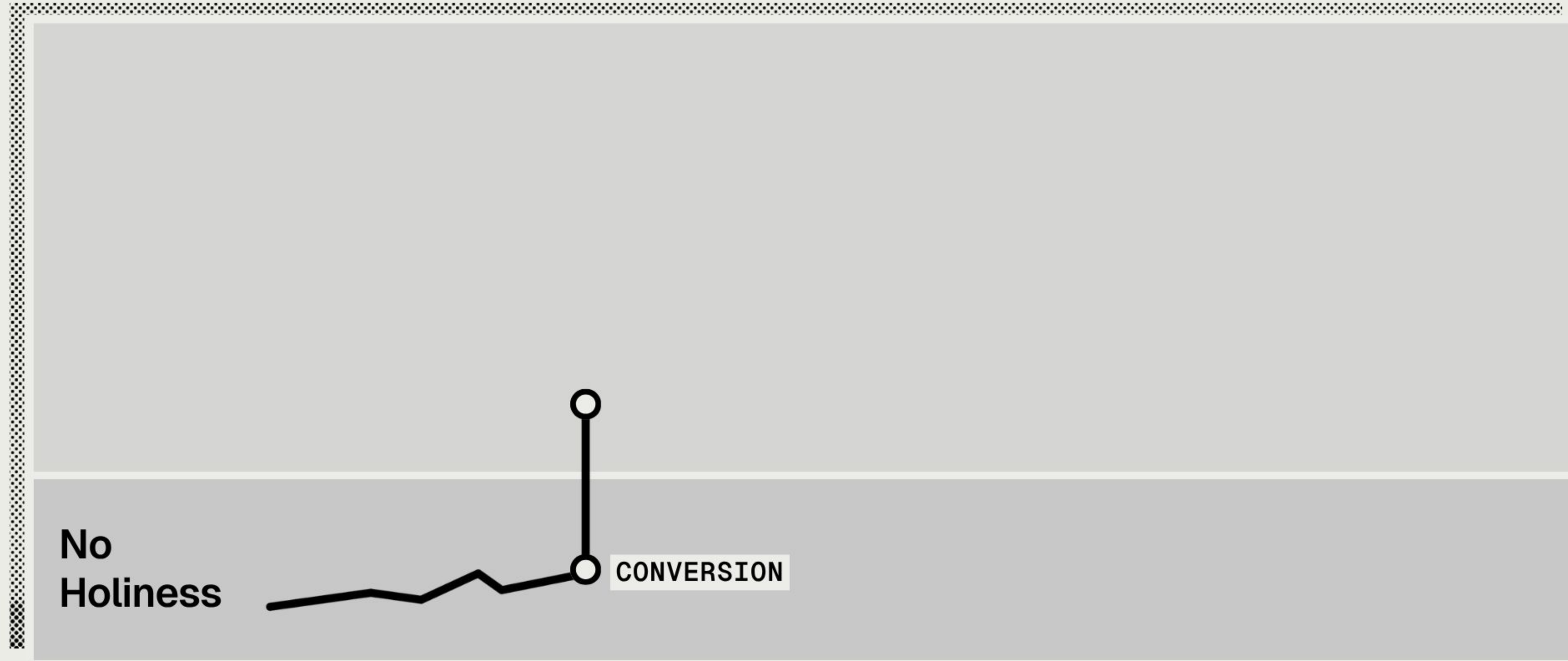
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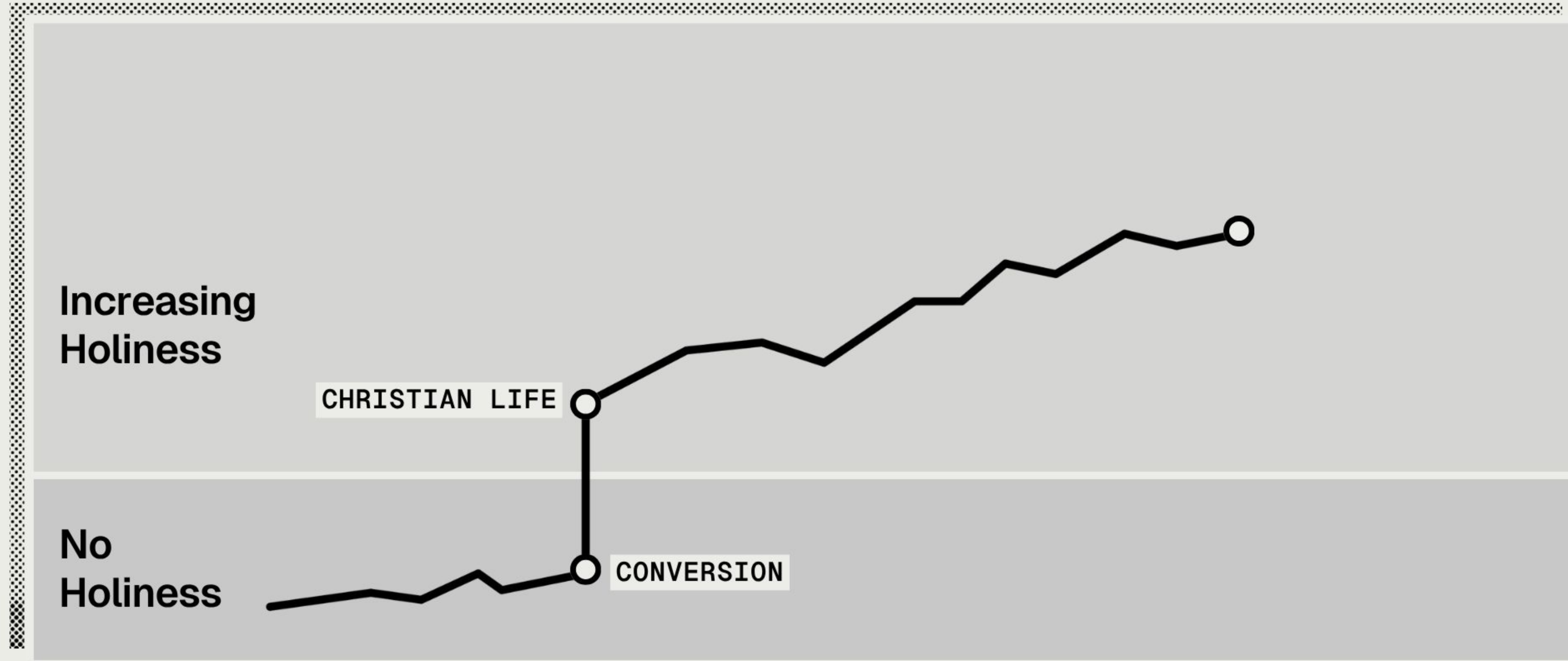
a progressive work of God and man that makes us more free from sin and more like Christ in our actual lives

Glorification

the final stage of redemption where Christ will transform us into the perfect likeness of Himself







**Perfect
Holiness**

**Increasing
Holiness**

**No
Holiness**

CHRISTIAN LIFE

CONVERSION

DEATH



Glorification

Sanctification

Justification

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