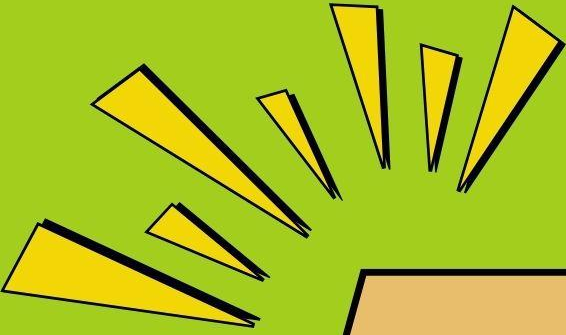
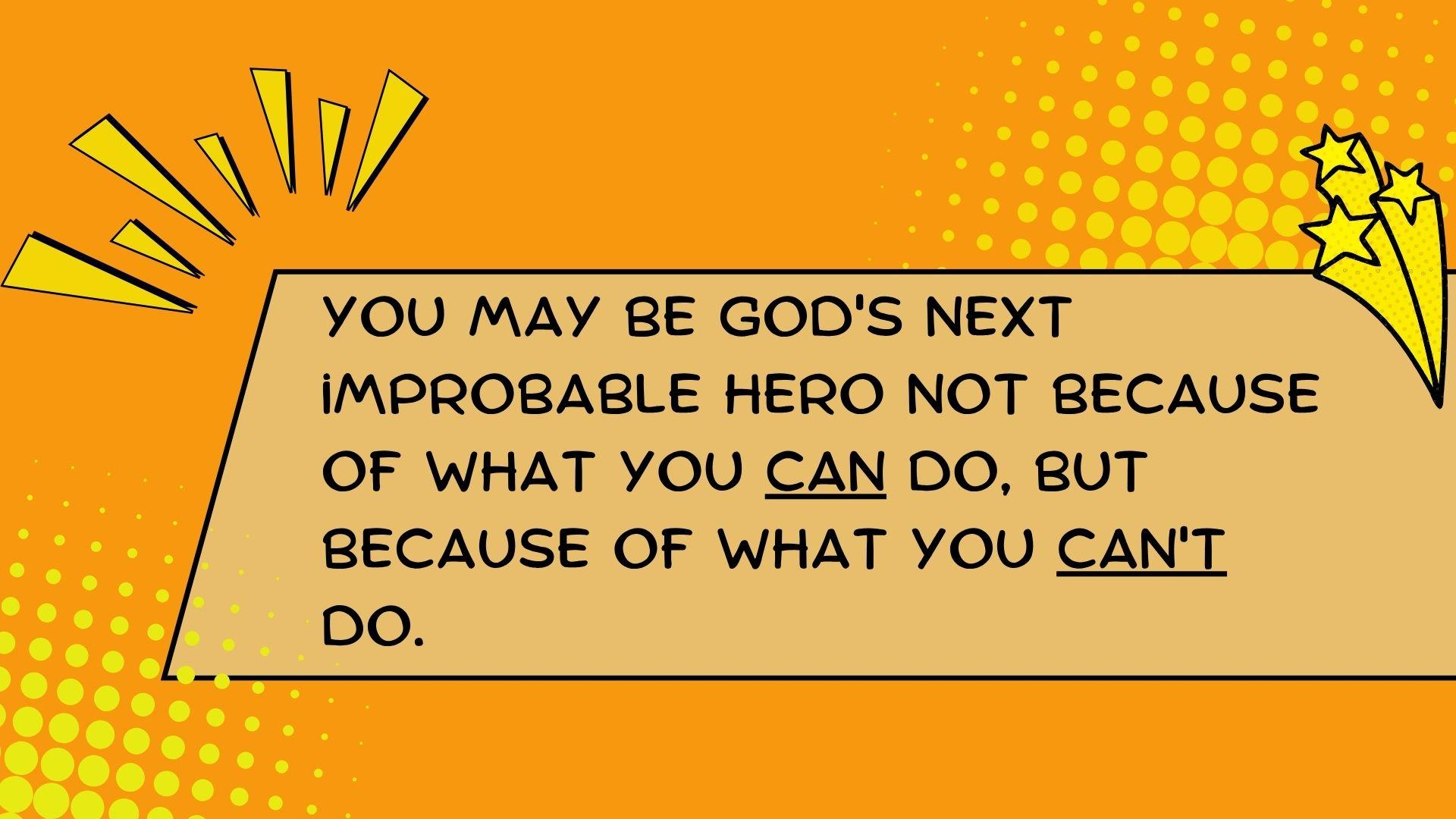




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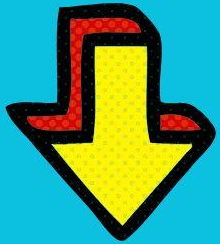


HOW GOD USES ORDINARY
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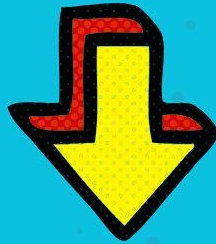


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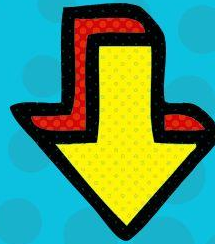
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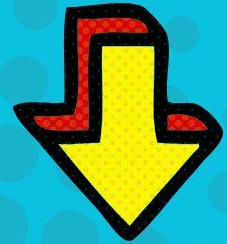
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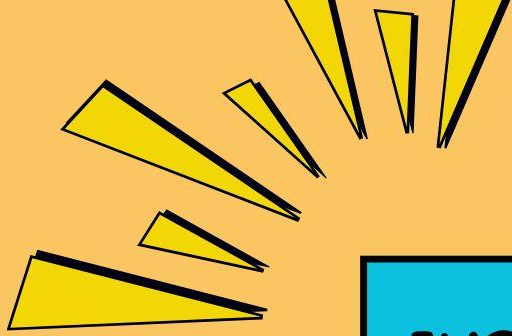
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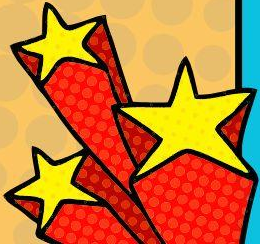


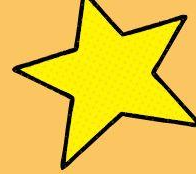
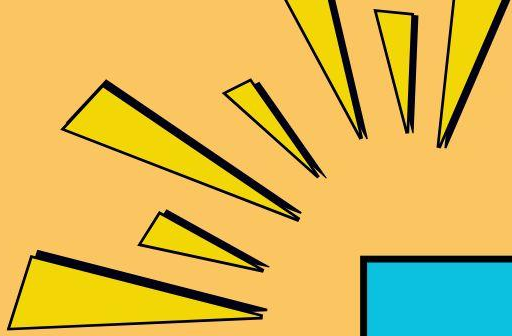
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JUDGES 3:12-14 NLT

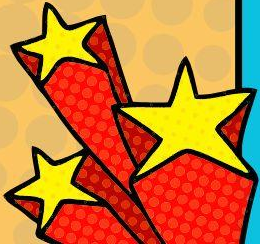
12 ONCE AGAIN THE ISRAELITES DID EVIL IN THE LORD'S SIGHT, AND THE LORD GAVE KING EGLON OF MOAB CONTROL OVER ISRAEL BECAUSE OF THEIR EVIL. 13 EGLON ENLISTED THE AMMONITES AND AMALEKITES AS ALLIES, AND THEN HE WENT OUT AND DEFEATED ISRAEL, TAKING POSSESSION OF JERICHO, THE CITY OF PALMS. 14 AND THE ISRAELITES SERVED EGLON OF MOAB FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS.



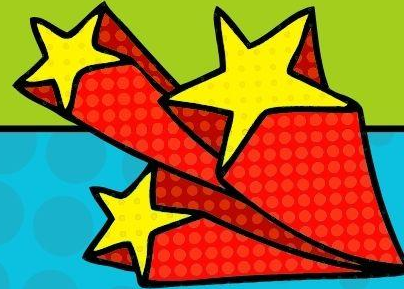


JUDGES 3:15A NLT

15 BUT WHEN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL CRIED OUT TO THE LORD FOR HELP, THE LORD AGAIN RAISED UP A RESCUER TO SAVE THEM. HIS NAME WAS EHUD SON OF GERA, A LEFT-HANDED MAN OF THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN.

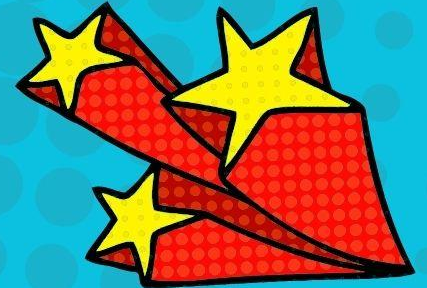
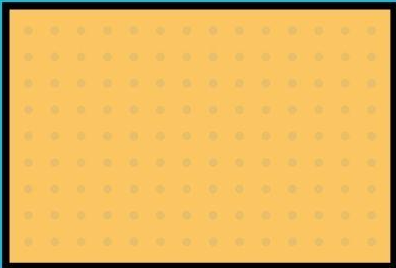


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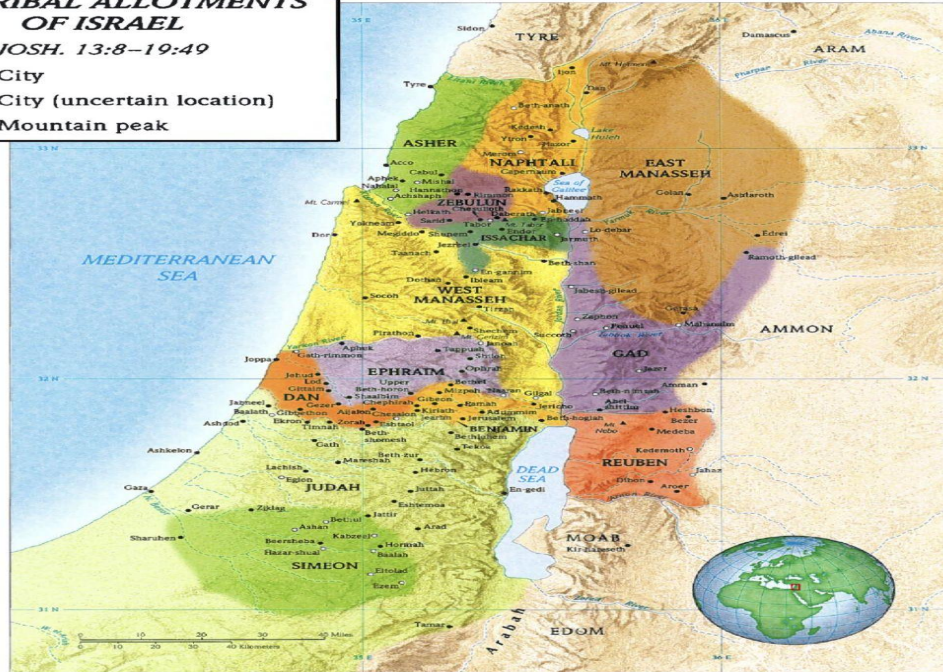


THE Tribal Allotments OF ISRAEL

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JOSH. 13:8–19:49

- City
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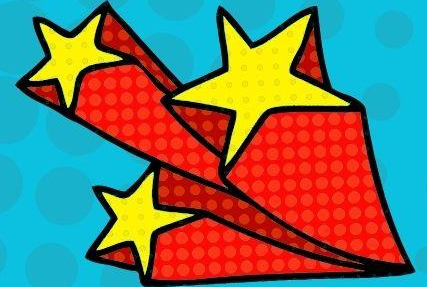
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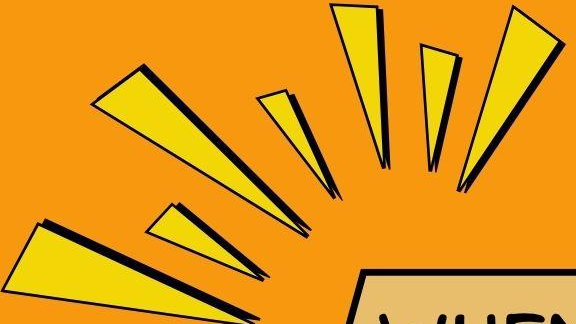
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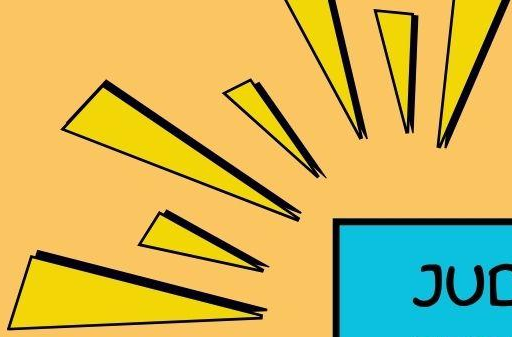
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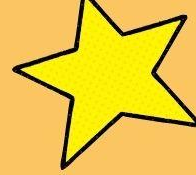
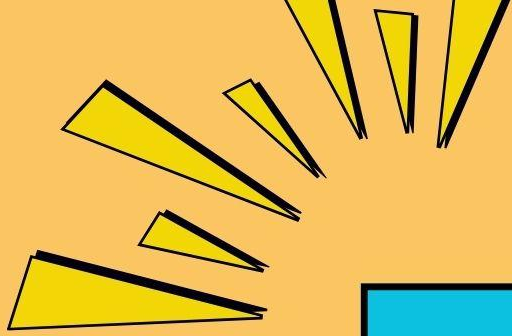
WHEN GOD SELECTED EHUD, HE
SELECTED A MAN FROM HUMAN
PERSPECTIVE, THAT WAS
DISADVANTAGED FROM THE VERY
BEGINNING.



JUDGES 3:15B-23 NLT

THE ISRAELITES SENT EHUD TO DELIVER THEIR TRIBUTE MONEY TO KING EGLON OF MOAB. 16 SO EHUD MADE A DOUBLE-EDGED DAGGER THAT WAS ABOUT A FOOT LONG, AND HE STRAPPED IT TO HIS RIGHT THIGH, KEEPING IT HIDDEN UNDER HIS CLOTHING. 17 HE BROUGHT THE TRIBUTE MONEY TO EGLON, WHO WAS VERY FAT. 18 AFTER DELIVERING THE PAYMENT, EHUD STARTED HOME WITH THOSE WHO HAD HELPED CARRY THE TRIBUTE. 19 BUT WHEN EHUD REACHED THE STONE IDOLS NEAR GILGAL, HE TURNED BACK. HE CAME TO EGLON AND SAID, "I HAVE A SECRET MESSAGE FOR YOU." SO THE KING COMMANDED HIS SERVANTS, "BE QUIET!" AND HE SENT THEM ALL OUT OF THE ROOM.


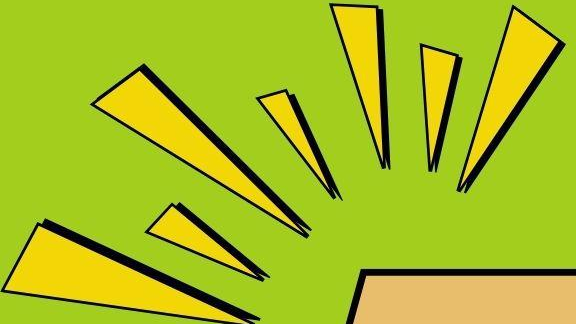




JUDGES 3:15B-23 NLT

EHUD WALKED OVER TO EGLON, WHO WAS SITTING ALONE IN A COOL UPSTAIRS ROOM. AND EHUD SAID, "I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GOD FOR YOU!" AS KING EGLON ROSE FROM HIS SEAT, 21 EHUD REACHED WITH HIS LEFT HAND, PULLED OUT THE DAGGER STRAPPED TO HIS RIGHT THIGH, AND PLUNGED IT INTO THE KING'S BELLY. 22 THE DAGGER WENT SO DEEP THAT THE HANDLE DISAPPEARED BENEATH THE KING'S FAT. SO EHUD DID NOT PULL OUT THE DAGGER, AND THE KING'S BOWELS EMPTIED. 23 THEN EHUD CLOSED AND LOCKED THE DOORS OF THE ROOM AND ESCAPED DOWN THE LATRINE.






WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT THIS
STORY IS THAT ALL OF US ARE
"LEFT-HANDED" IN CERTAIN
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THREE LESSONS THAT YOU AND
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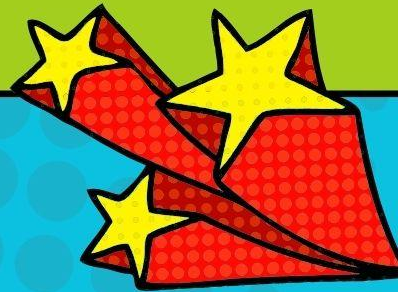



LEFT-HANDERS
ARE NEVER
LEFT OUT OF
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THREE LESSONS THAT YOU AND I,
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ALL THAT YOU ARE IS
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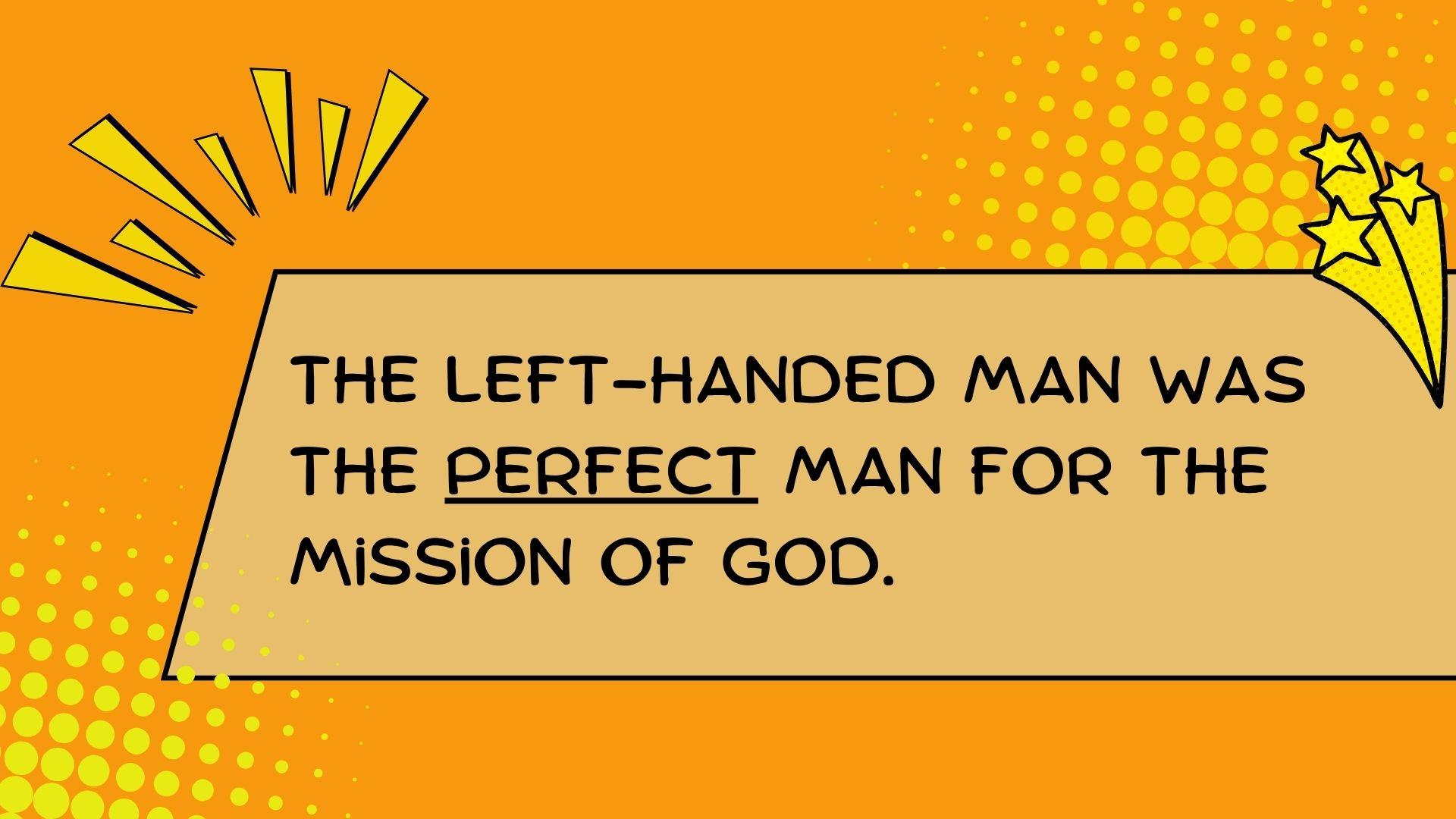


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GOD CAN USE
OUR WEAKNESS
FOR STRONGER
RESULTS

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THREE LESSONS THAT YOU AND I,
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THE LEFT-HANDED MAN WAS
THE PERFECT MAN FOR THE
MISSION OF GOD.



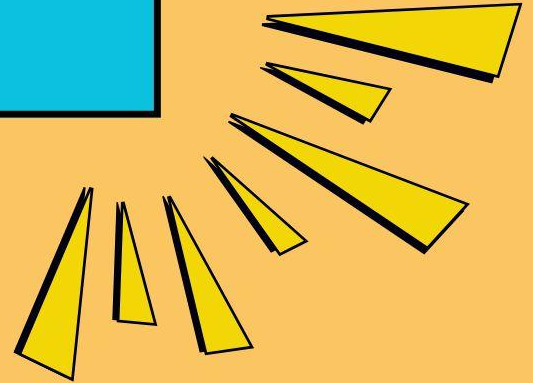
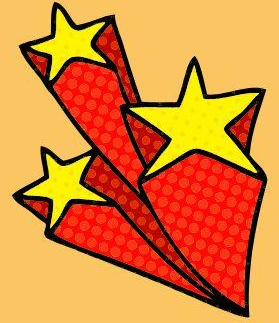
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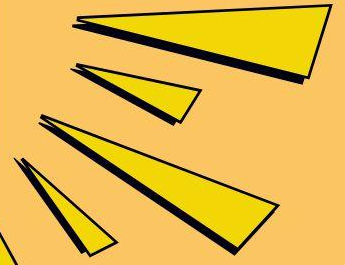
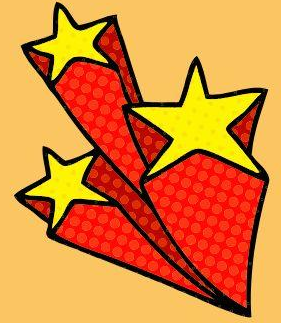
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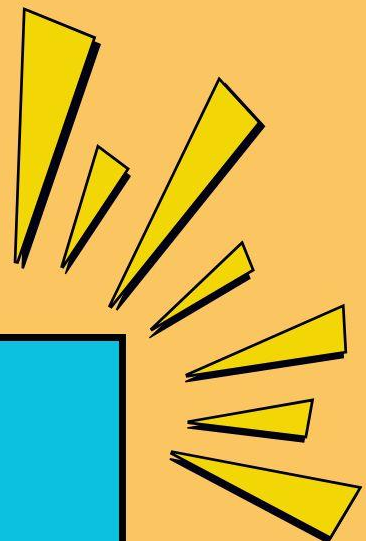
28 "FOLLOW ME," HE ORDERED, "FOR THE LORD HAS GIVEN MOAB, YOUR ENEMY, INTO YOUR HANDS."



1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-28 NLT

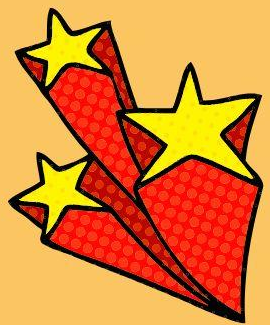
26 REMEMBER, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT FEW OF YOU WERE WISE IN THE WORLD'S EYES OR POWERFUL OR WEALTHY WHEN GOD CALLED YOU. 27 INSTEAD, GOD CHOSE THINGS THE WORLD CONSIDERS FOOLISH IN ORDER TO SHAME THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE WISE. AND HE CHOSE THINGS THAT ARE POWERLESS TO SHAME THOSE WHO ARE POWERFUL. 28 GOD CHOSE THINGS DESPISED BY THE WORLD, THINGS COUNTED AS NOTHING AT ALL, AND USED THEM TO BRING TO NOTHING WHAT THE WORLD CONSIDERS IMPORTANT.





1 CORINTHIANS 1:29 NLT

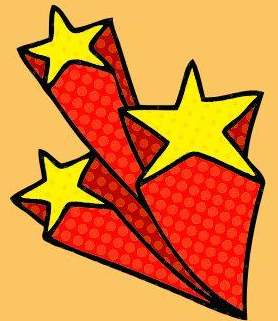
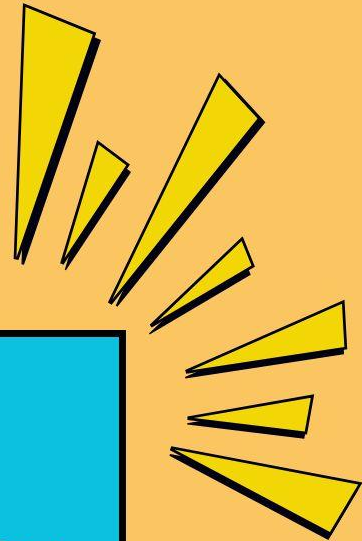
29 AS A RESULT, NO ONE CAN EVER BOAST IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

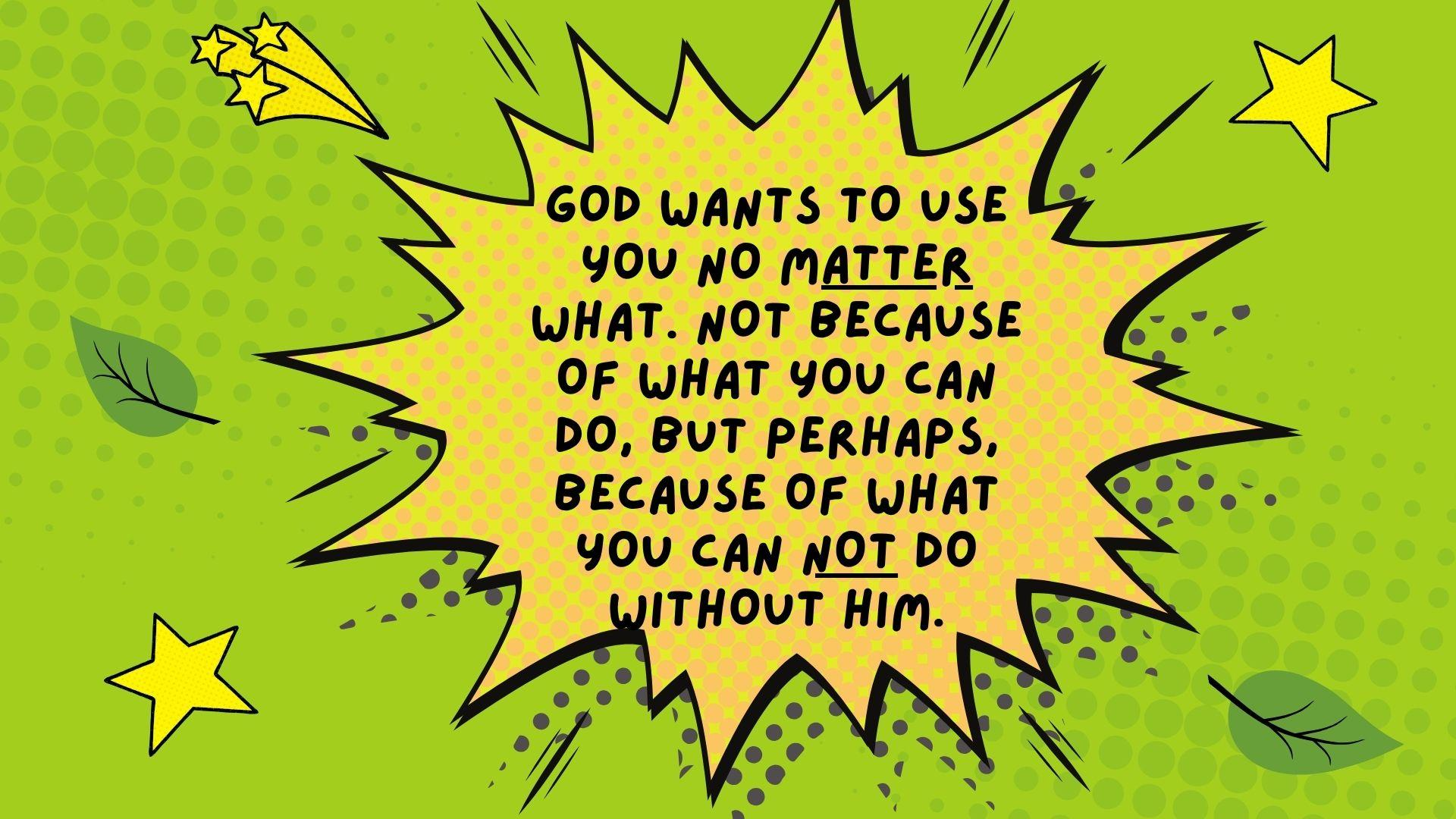




2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NLT

9 EACH TIME HE SAID, "MY GRACE IS ALL YOU NEED. MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS." SO NOW I AM GLAD TO BOAST ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, SO THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST CAN WORK THROUGH ME.





**GOD WANTS TO USE
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