

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES



MAKE WISE DECISIONS

MISTAKES OR BAD CHOICES WHICH ONE IS IT?

LESSON ONE



**“YOU CAN NEVER MAKE THE SAME
MISTAKE TWICE BECAUSE THE SECOND
TIME YOU MAKE IT, IT’S NOT A MISTAKE,
IT’S A CHOICE.”**



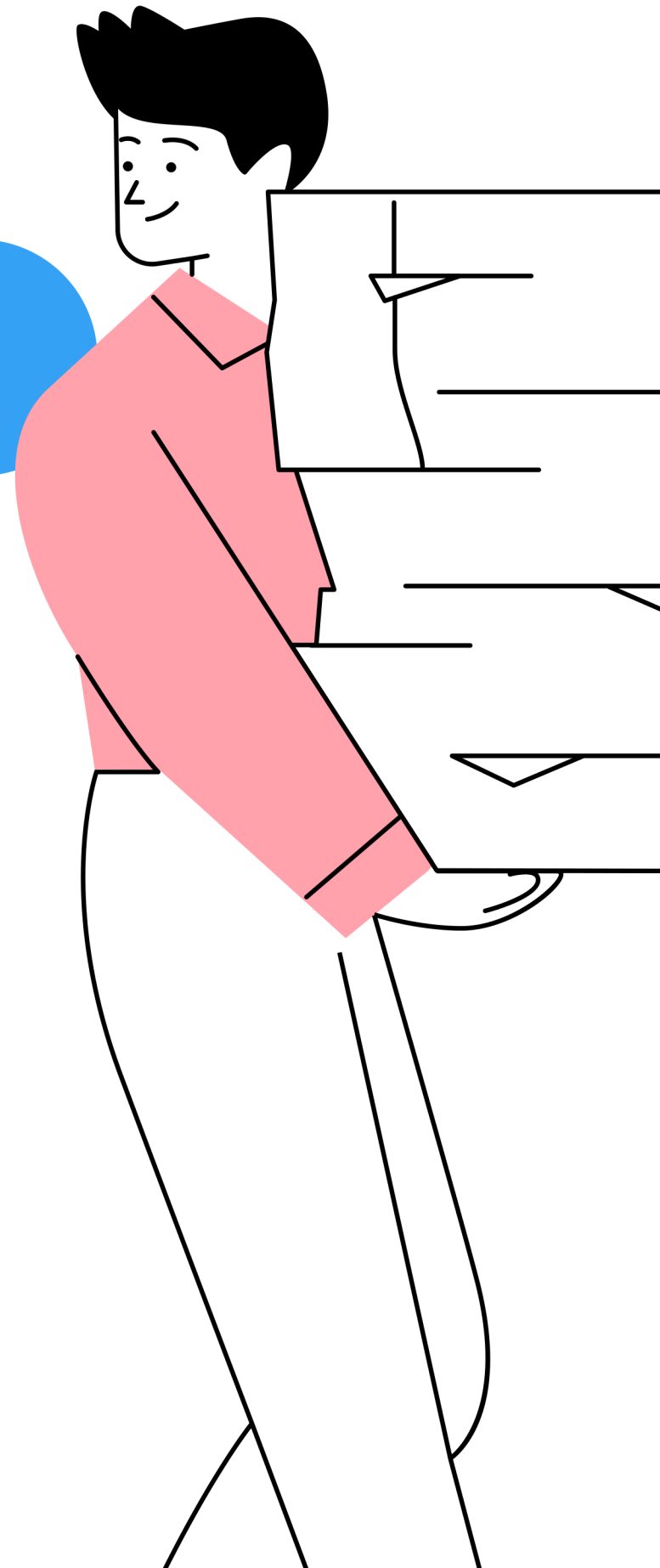
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**PEOPLE OFTEN EXPLAIN AWAY THEIR
BAD CHOICES BY CALLING THEM
MISTAKES.**

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CONSEQUENCES

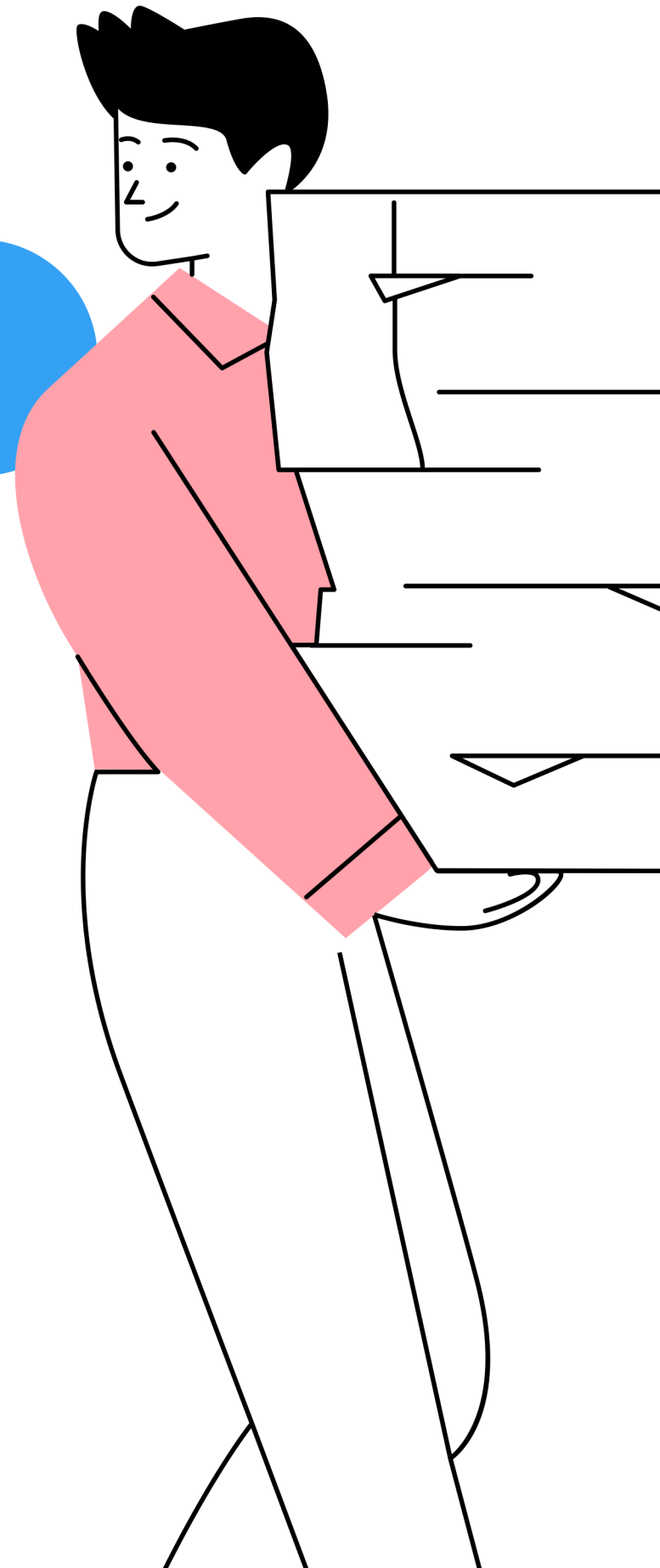
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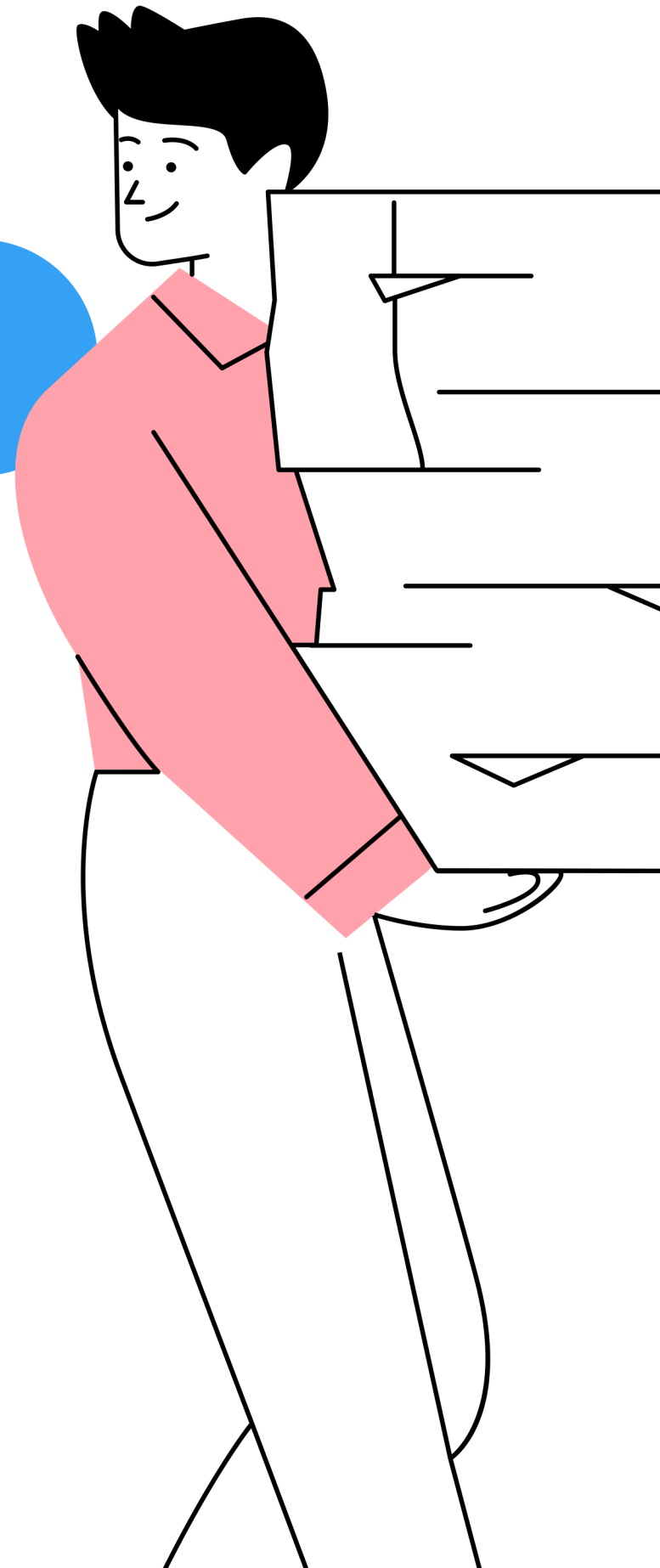
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SCRIPTURE LESSON



JONAH 1:1-3

**ONE DAY LONG AGO, GOD’S WORD CAME TO JONAH,
AMITTAI’S SON: “UP ON YOUR FEET AND ON YOUR
WAY TO THE BIG CITY OF NINEVEH! PREACH TO
THEM. THEY’RE IN A BAD WAY AND I CAN’T IGNORE
IT ANY LONGER.”**

SCRIPTURE LESSON



JONAH 1:1-3

BUT JONAH GOT UP AND WENT THE OTHER DIRECTION TO TARSHISH, RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD. HE WENT DOWN TO THE PORT OF JOPPA AND FOUND A SHIP HEADED FOR TARSHISH. HE PAID THE FARE AND WENT ON BOARD, JOINING THOSE GOING TO TARSHISH—AS FAR AWAY FROM GOD AS HE COULD GET.

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JONAH 1:1-3

**JONAH WAS TOLD BY GOD TO GO TO NINEVEH AND
DECLARE TO THEM THAT THEY WOULD BE DESTROYED
UNLESS THEY REPENTED OF THEIR SINS. WHEN JONAH
HEARD GOD SAY THIS, HE RAN IN THE OPPOSITE
DIRECTION. HE ENDED UP ON A BOAT HEADED FAR AWAY
FROM NINEVEH.**

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SCRIPTURE LESSON



**NINEVEH REPRESENTS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION WHILE TARSHISH REPRESENTS A
STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON



**STORMS ARE INEVITABLE WHEN ONE MOVES
AWAY FROM GOD'S PRESENCE.**

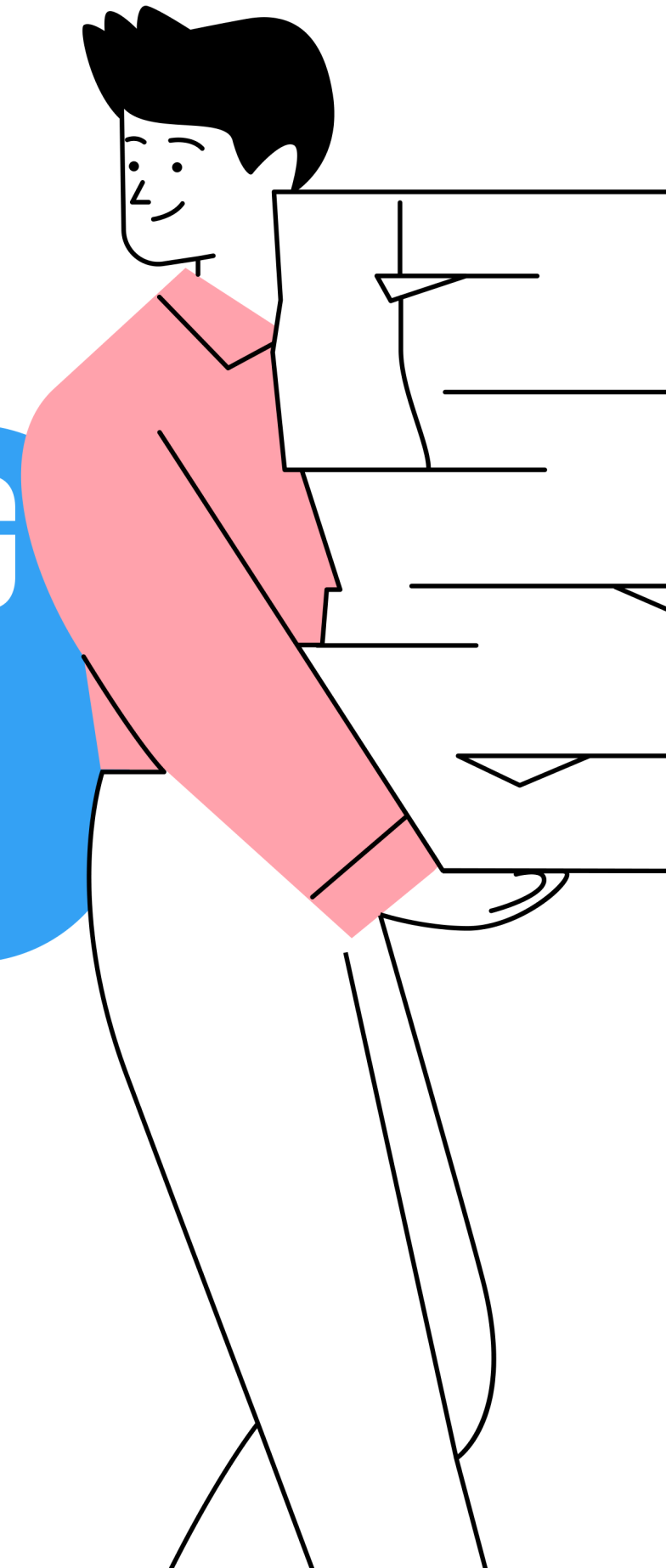
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OUR DECISIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

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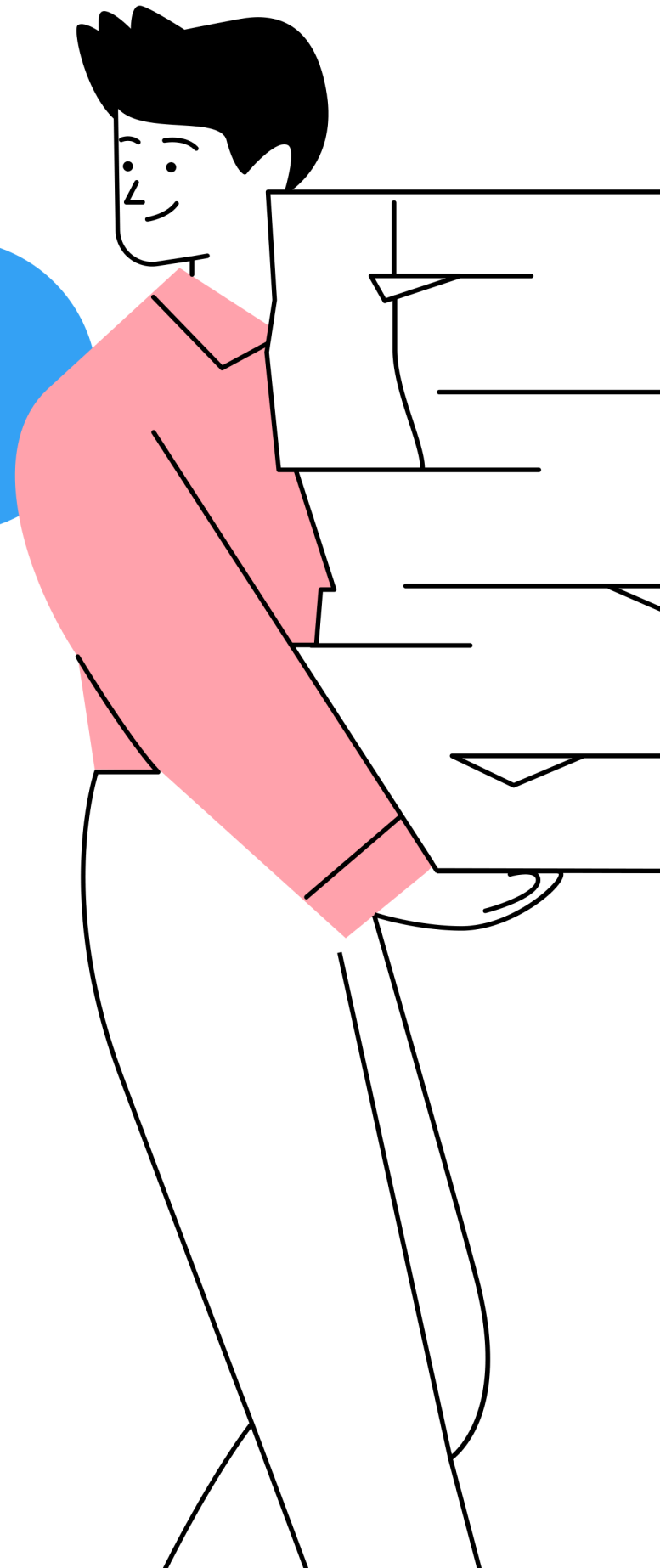
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**CONFESS YOUR BAD
CHOICES.**

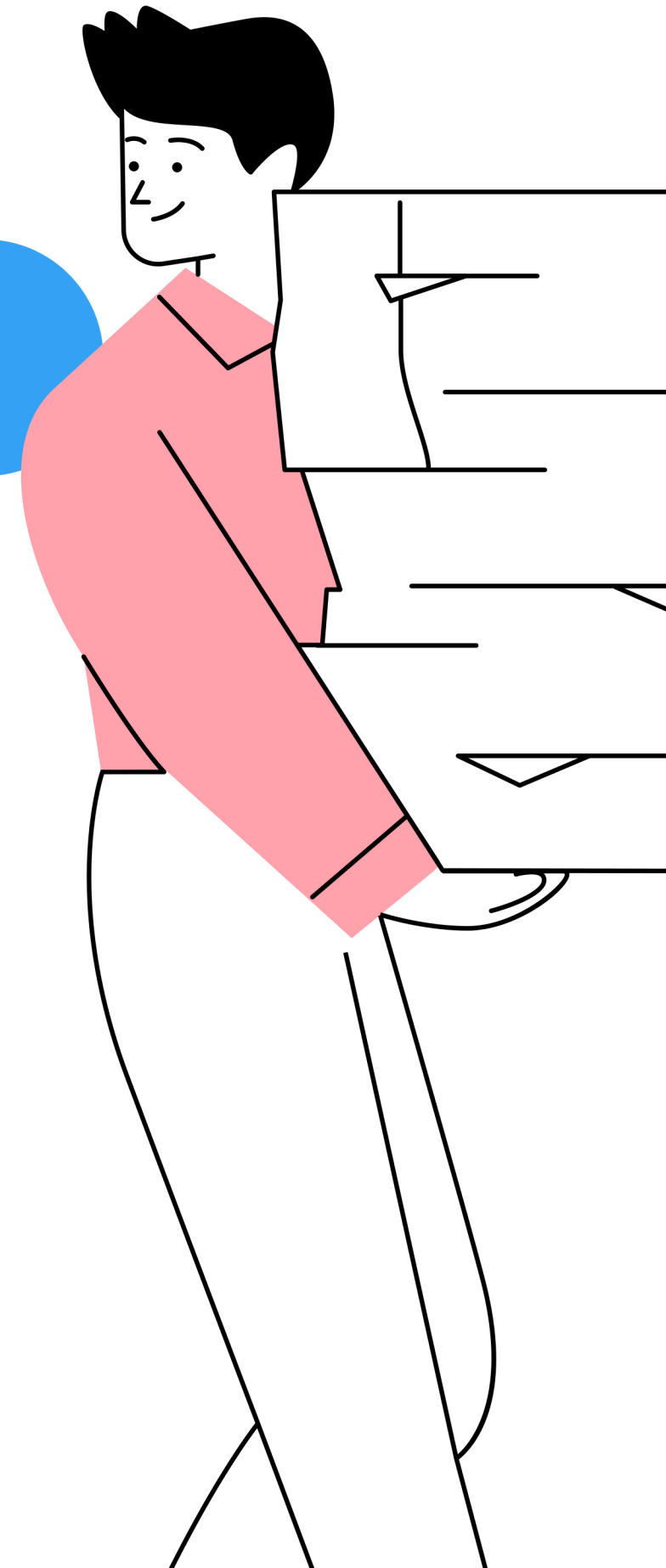
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JONAH 1:8-10

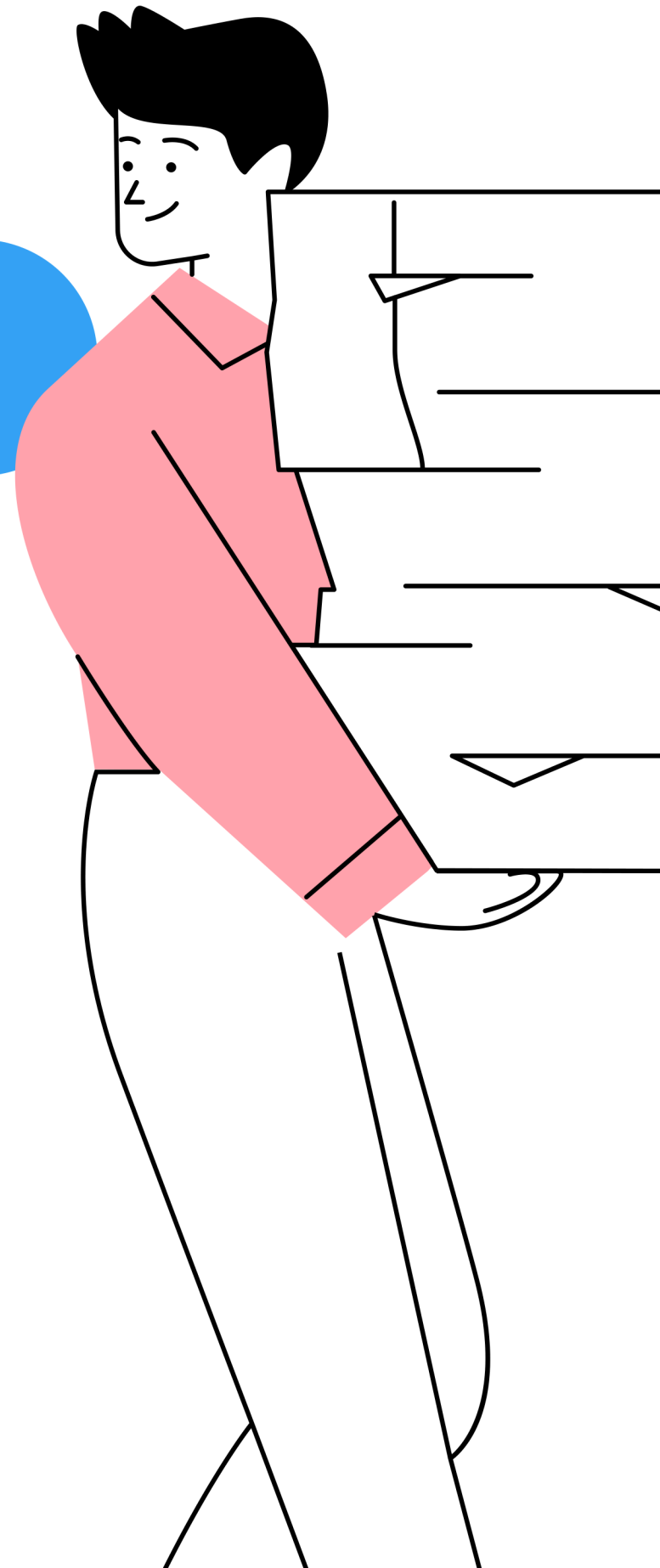
**CONFESSION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE IT REMOVES THE
SPIRITUAL BARRIER, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED
BETWEEN OURSELVES AND GOD.**



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PROVERBS 28:13

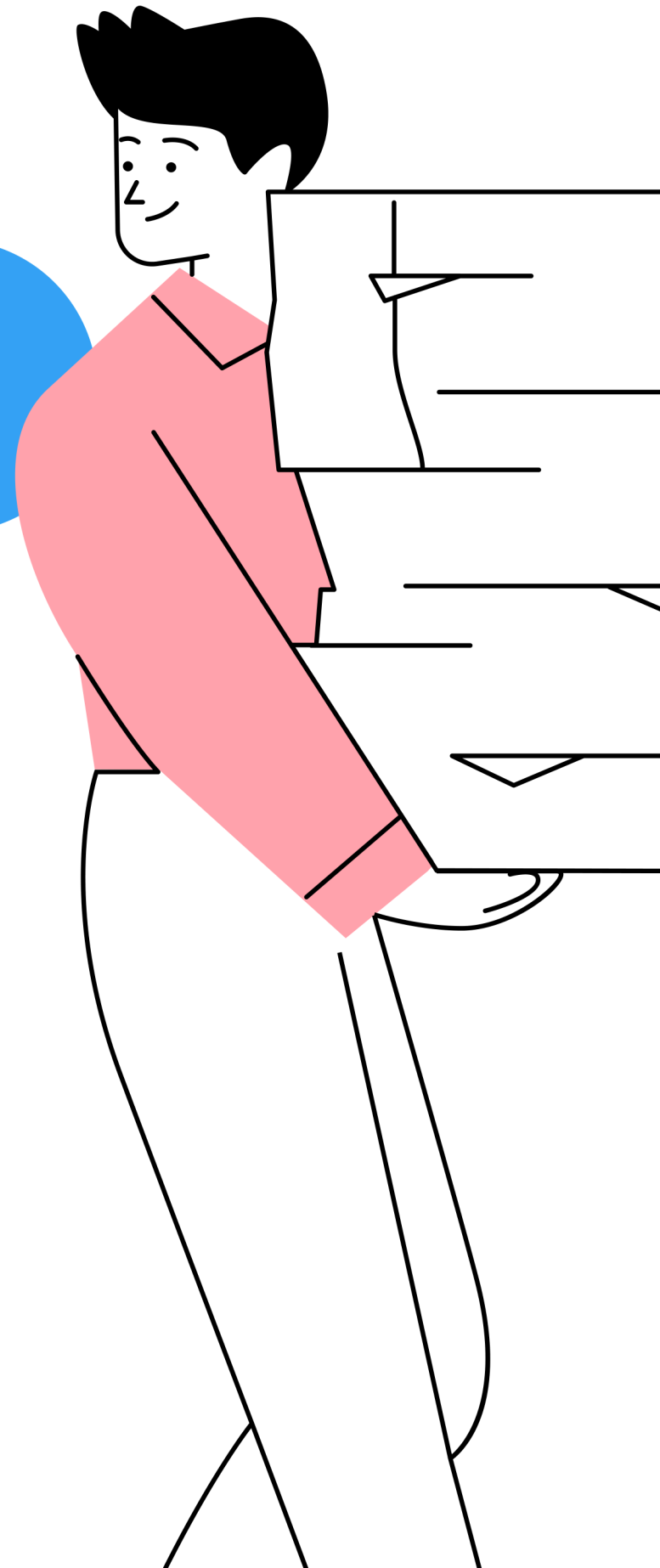
**PEOPLE WHO CONCEAL THEIR SINS WILL NOT
PROSPER, BUT IF THEY CONFESS AND TURN FROM
THEM, THEY WILL RECEIVE MERCY.**



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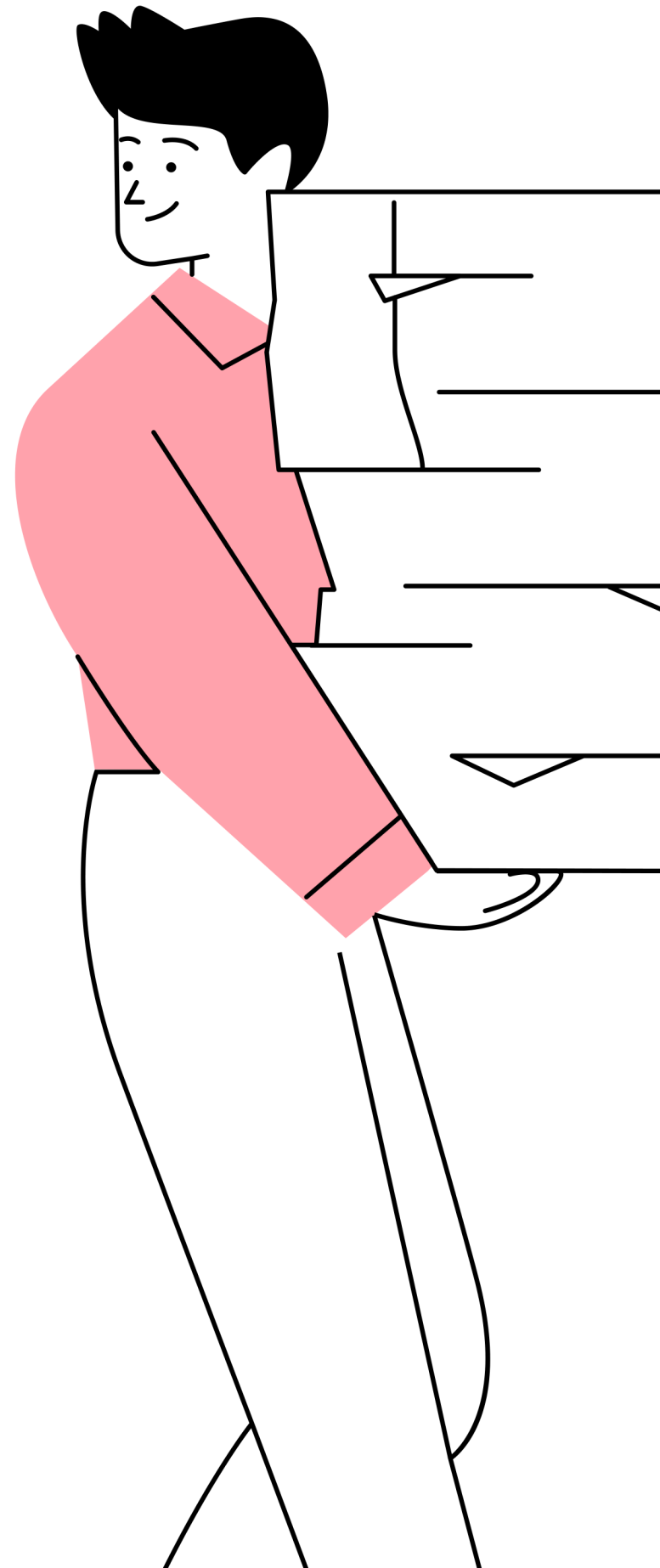
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**ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
FOR YOUR BAD CHOICES.**



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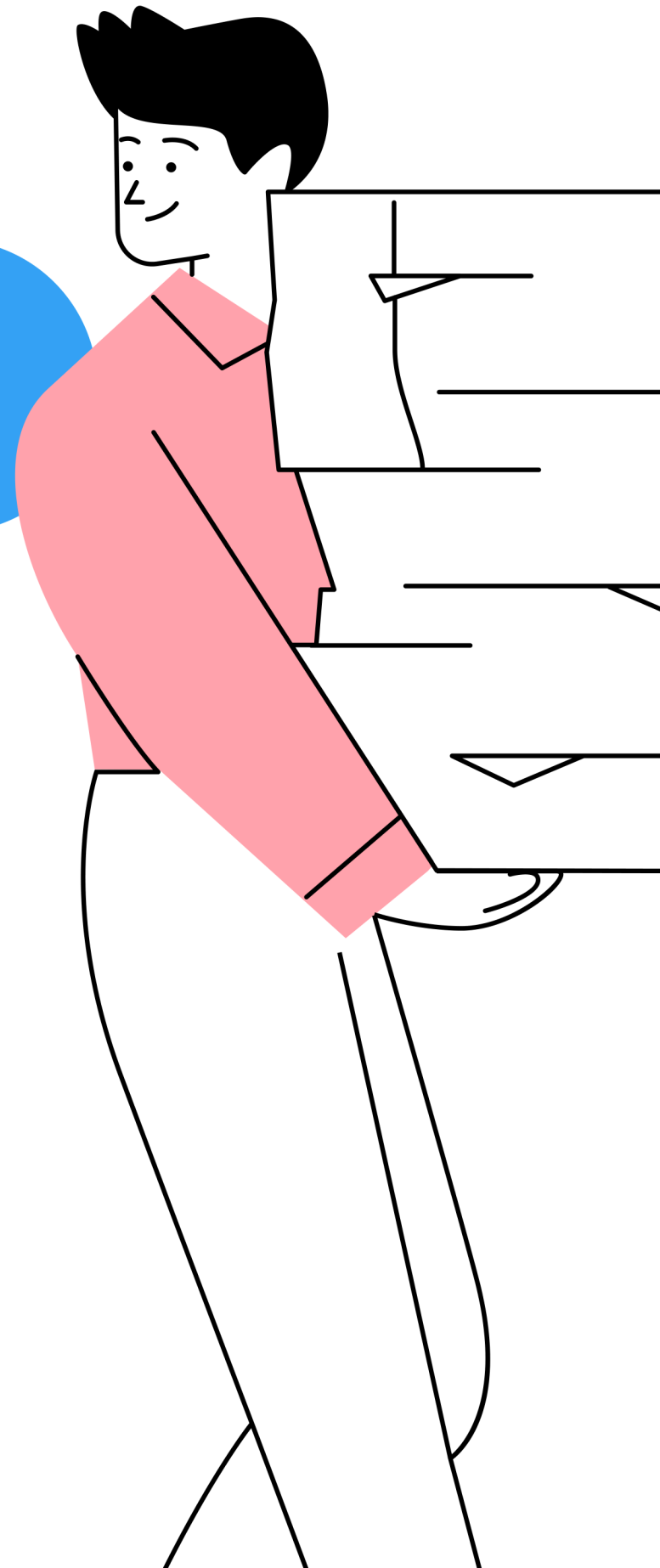
JONAH 1:11-15



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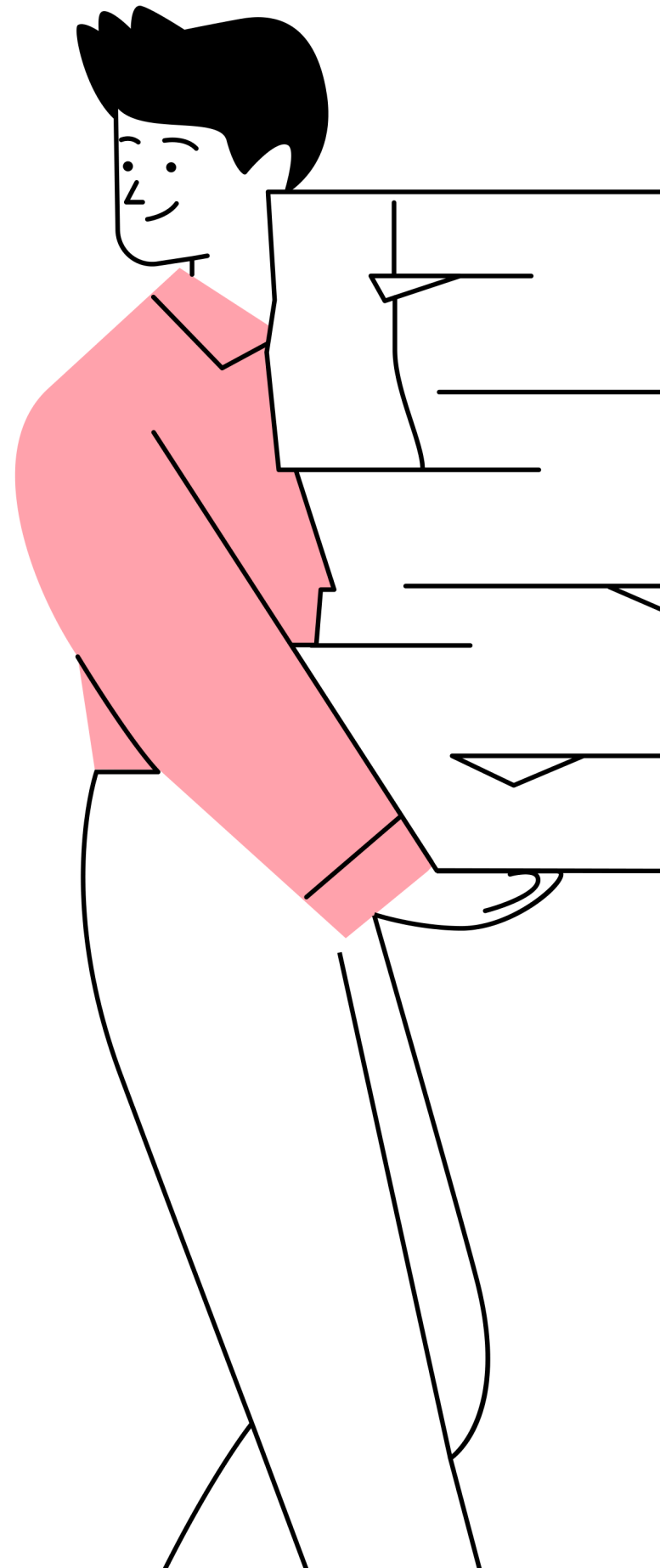
**YOUR PATH BACK MAY
NOT BE EASY.**

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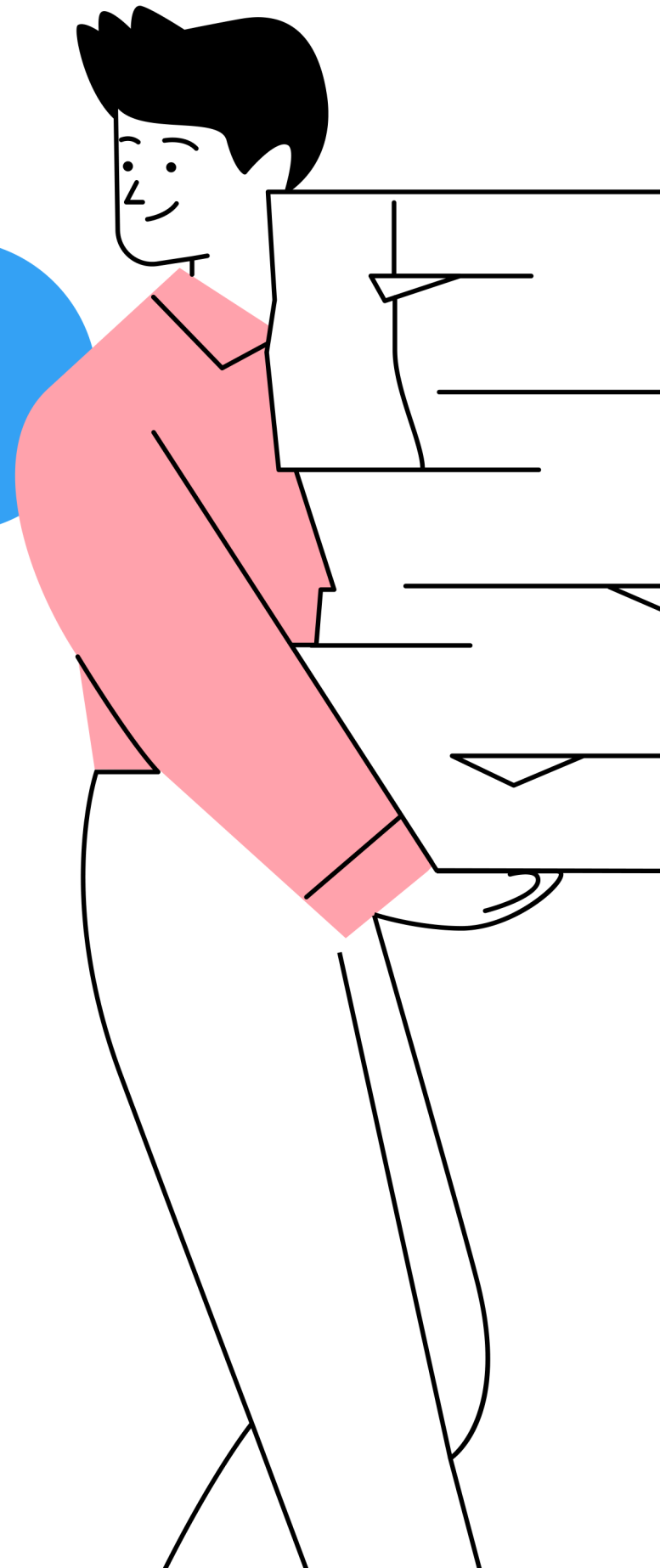
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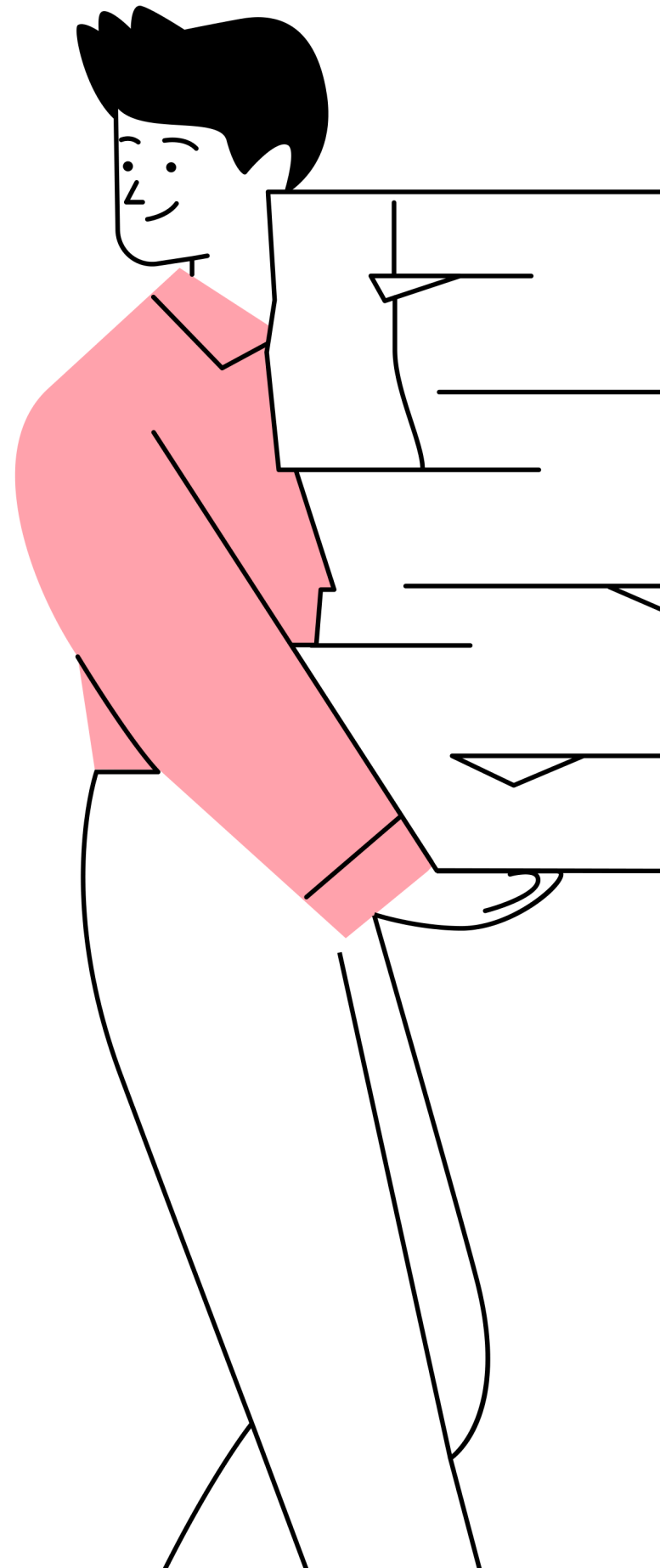
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**COMMIT TO GET BACK ON
TRACK.**



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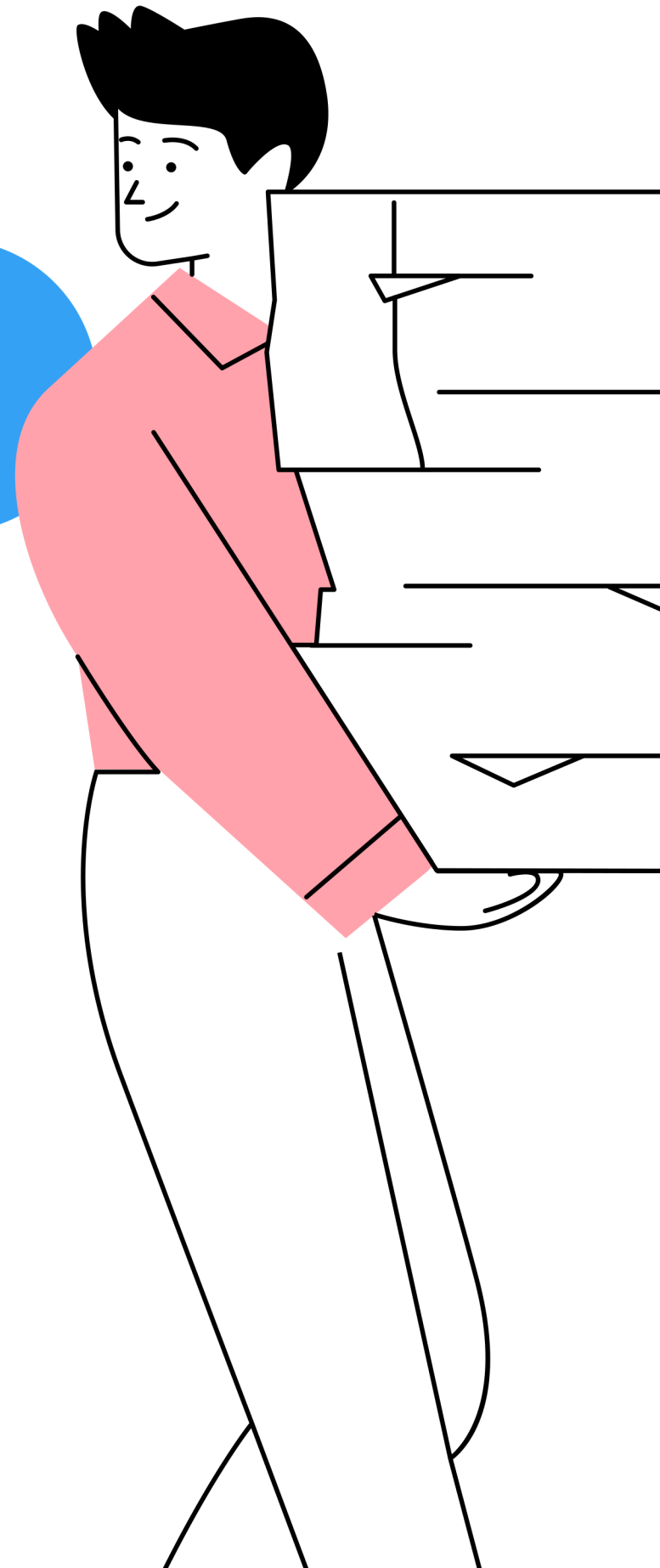
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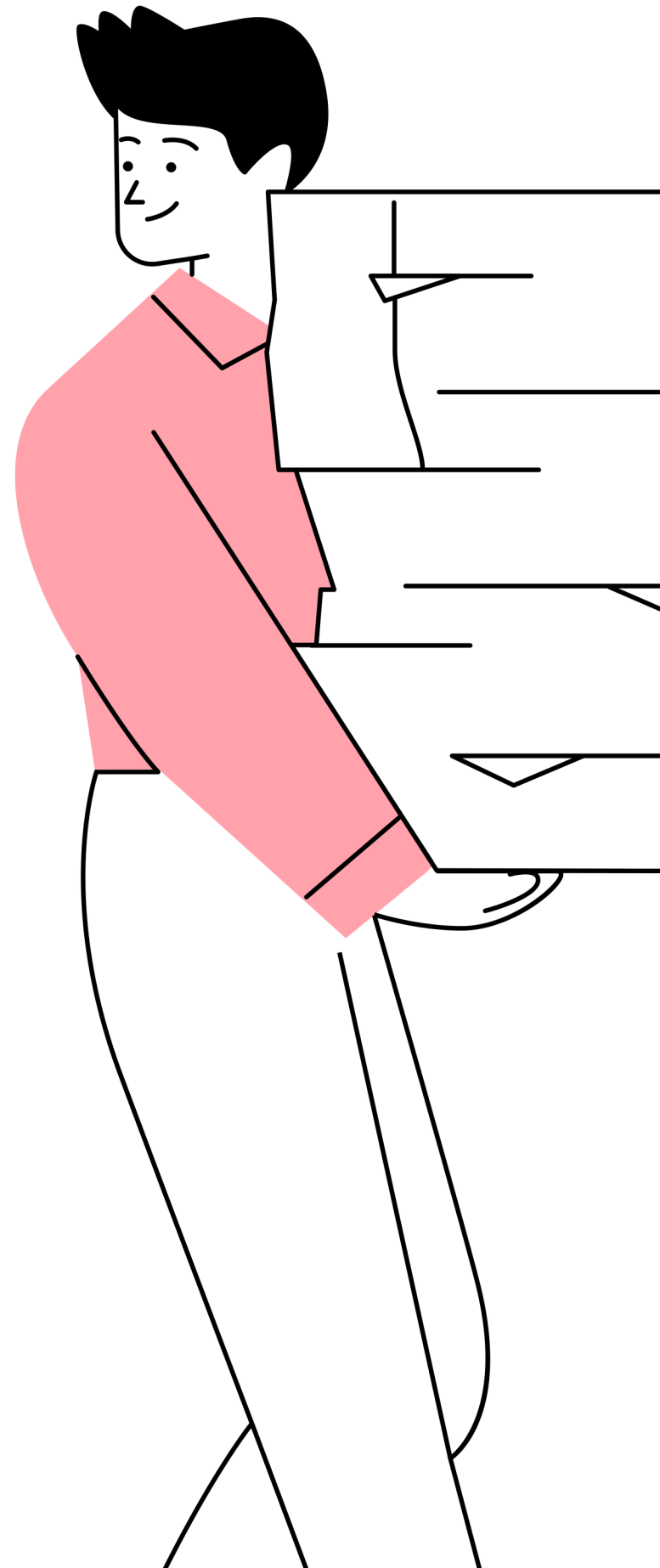
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**BE WILLING TO ACCEPT
THE LORD'S OUTCOME.**



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JONAH 3:5, 10; 4:1





**DON'T LET BAD DECISIONS KEEP YOU FROM
MOVING FORWARD IN LIFE.**

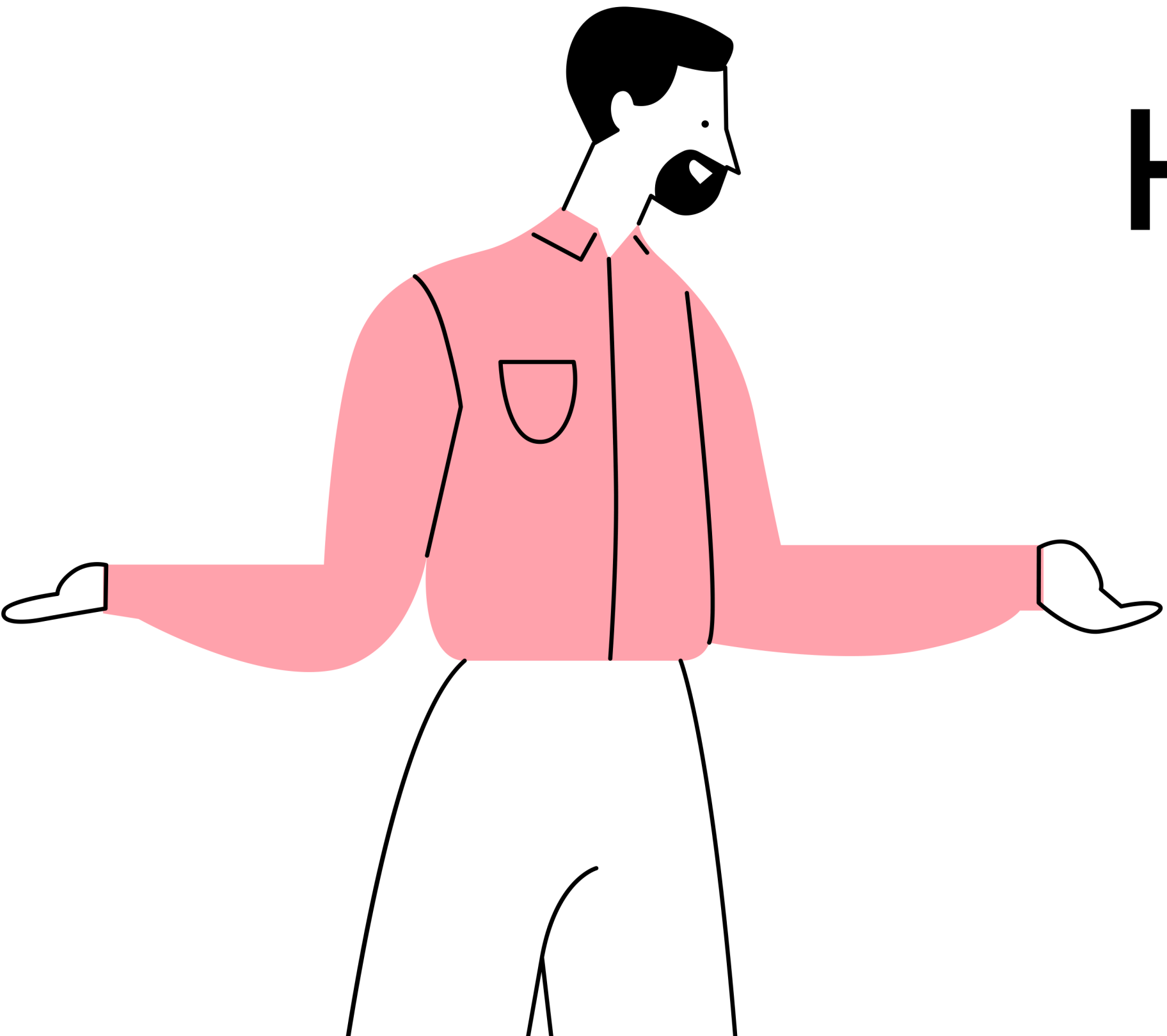
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I JOHN 3:19-20

THIS IS HOW WE WILL KNOW WE BELONG TO THE TRUTH AND WILL CONVINCE OUR CONSCIENCE IN HIS PRESENCE, EVEN IF OUR CONSCIENCE CONDEMNS US, THAT GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR CONSCIENCE, AND HE KNOWS ALL THINGS.” IF GOD DOES NOT CONDEMN US THERE IS NO REASON TO ALLOW OUR CONSCIENCE TO DO SO.

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**HE'S THE GOD OF SECOND
CHANCES.**