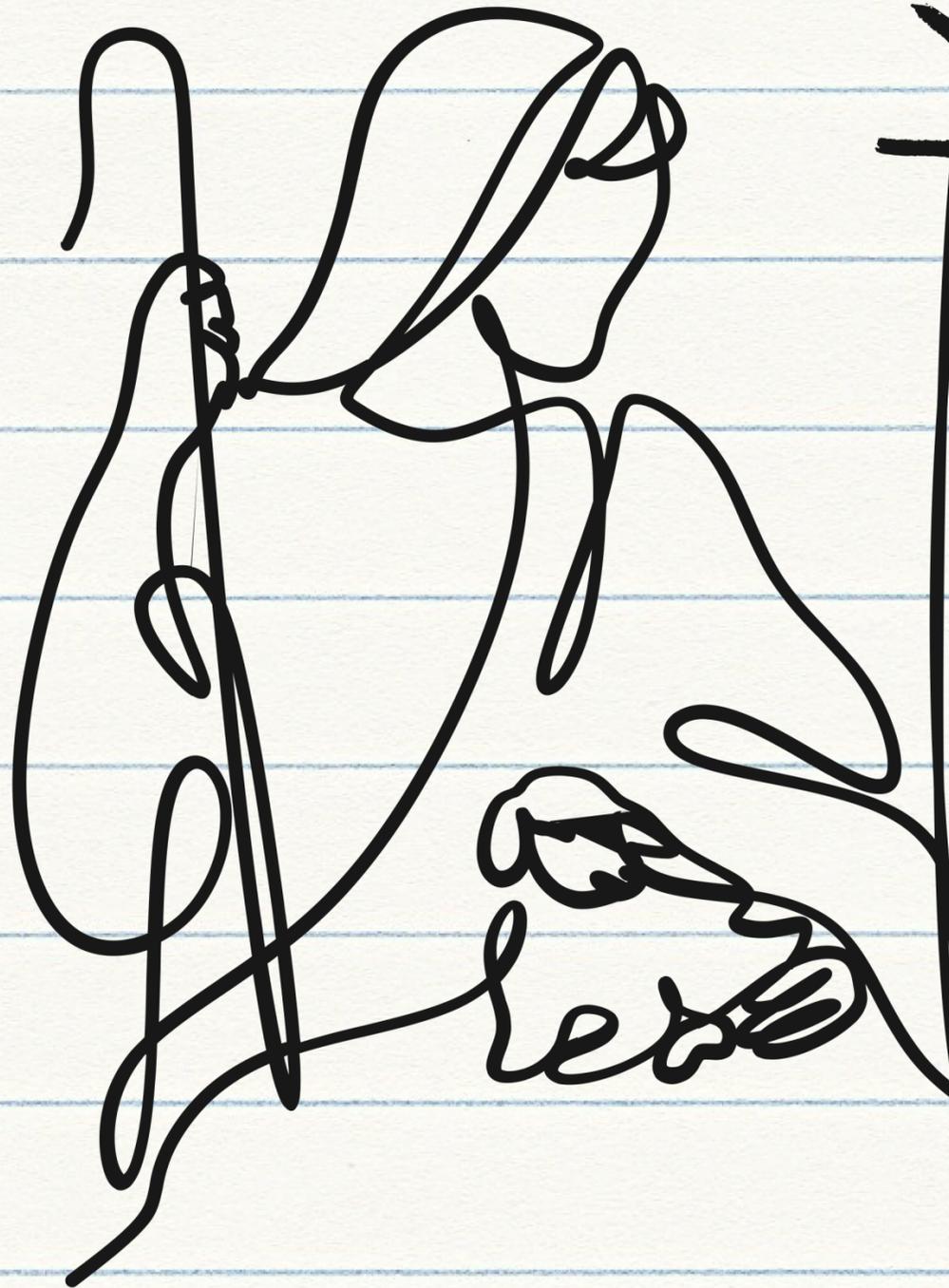


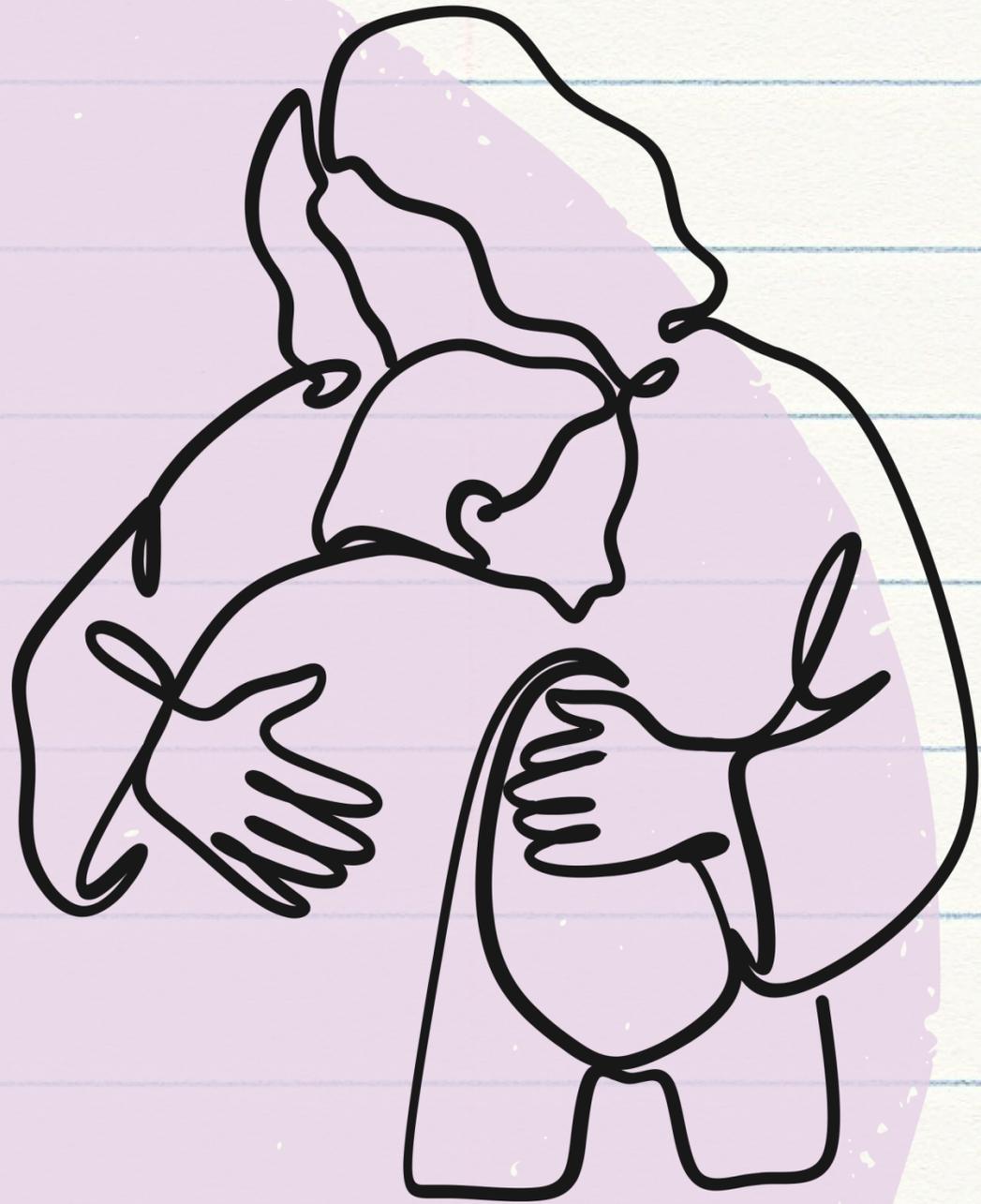
February Sermon Series

DARE TO BE A
DANIEL

DARE TO PRAY LIKE
DANIEL



DANIEL 6:10



But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

1. Prayer is a Skill
2. Pray Publicly
3. Pray in Secret



LESSON TWO:

INGREDIENTS
FOR A VIBRANT
PRAYER LIFE





1. True Humility is the
Foundation of a Vibrant
Prayer Life.

PROVERBS 16:5

The Lord detests all
the proud of heart.



ISAIAH 66:2

This is the one I esteem;
he who is humble and
contrite in spirit, and
trembles at My Word.



DANIEL 9:7

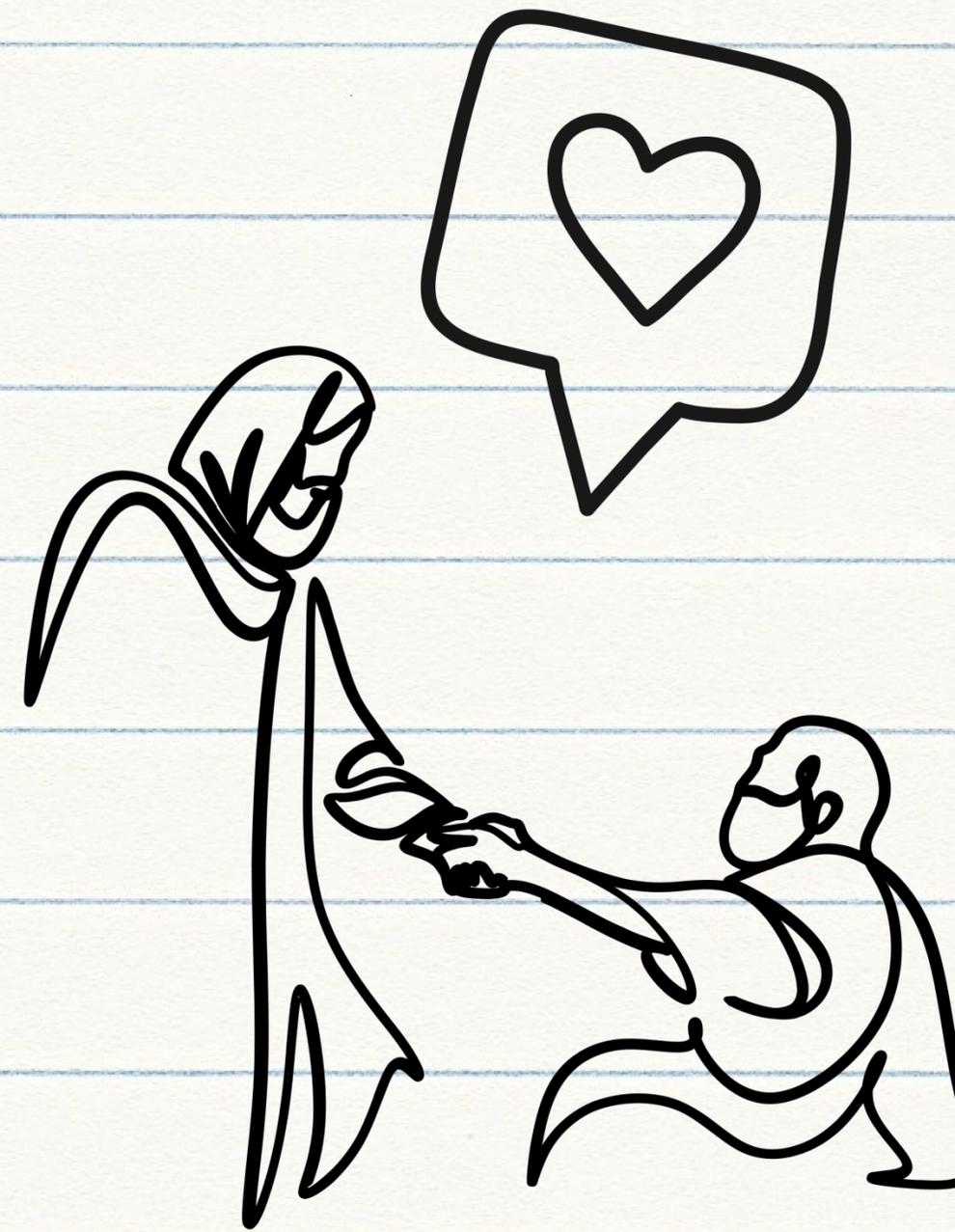
You, Lord, are righteous.
But we-the men of Judah,
the citizens of Jerusalem,
and all the Israelites whom
you scattered in countries
near and far-are still
ashamed because we have
been unfaithful to You.

DANIEL 9:18

Daniel 9:18, Open your ears and listen, my God. Open Your eyes and look at our ruins and at the city called by Your name. We are not requesting this from You because we are righteous, but because You are very compassionate.



“Those who are most ready to hit their knees in desperate times will be those who have learned the habit of bowing even in the best of times.”



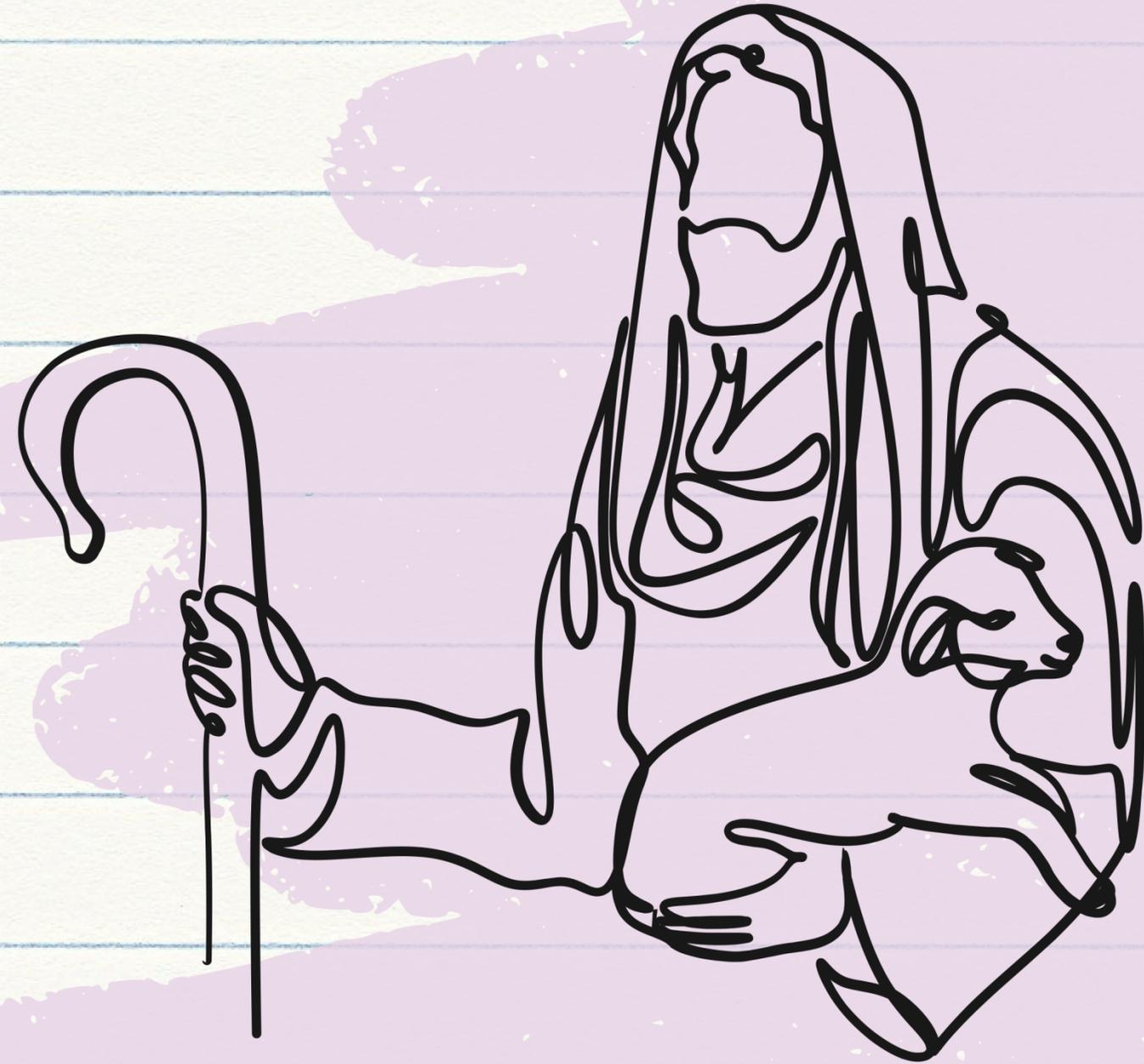
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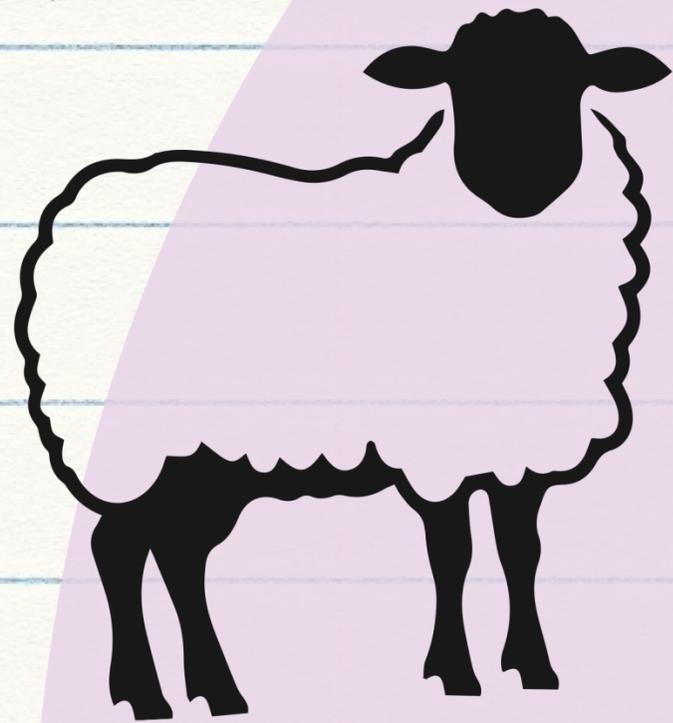
Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words [prayers] were heard.



LUKE 18:10-14

Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get."

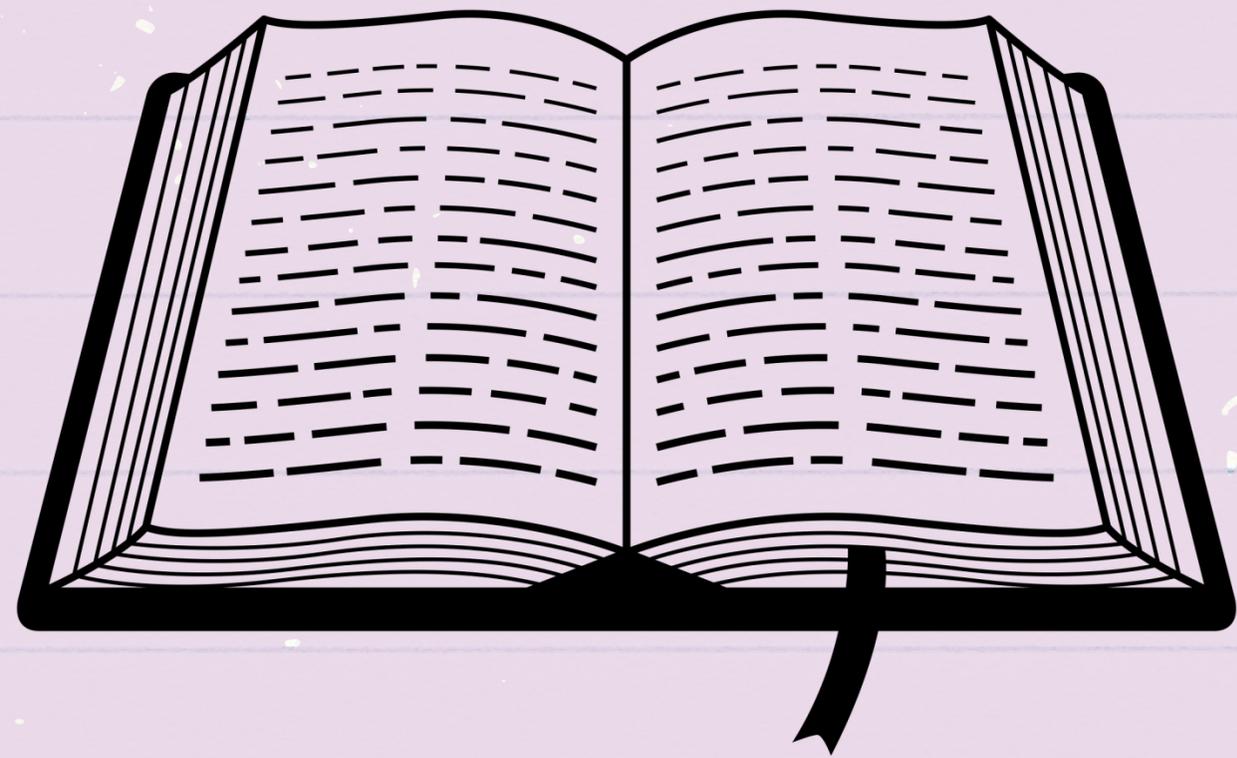




But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you; this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

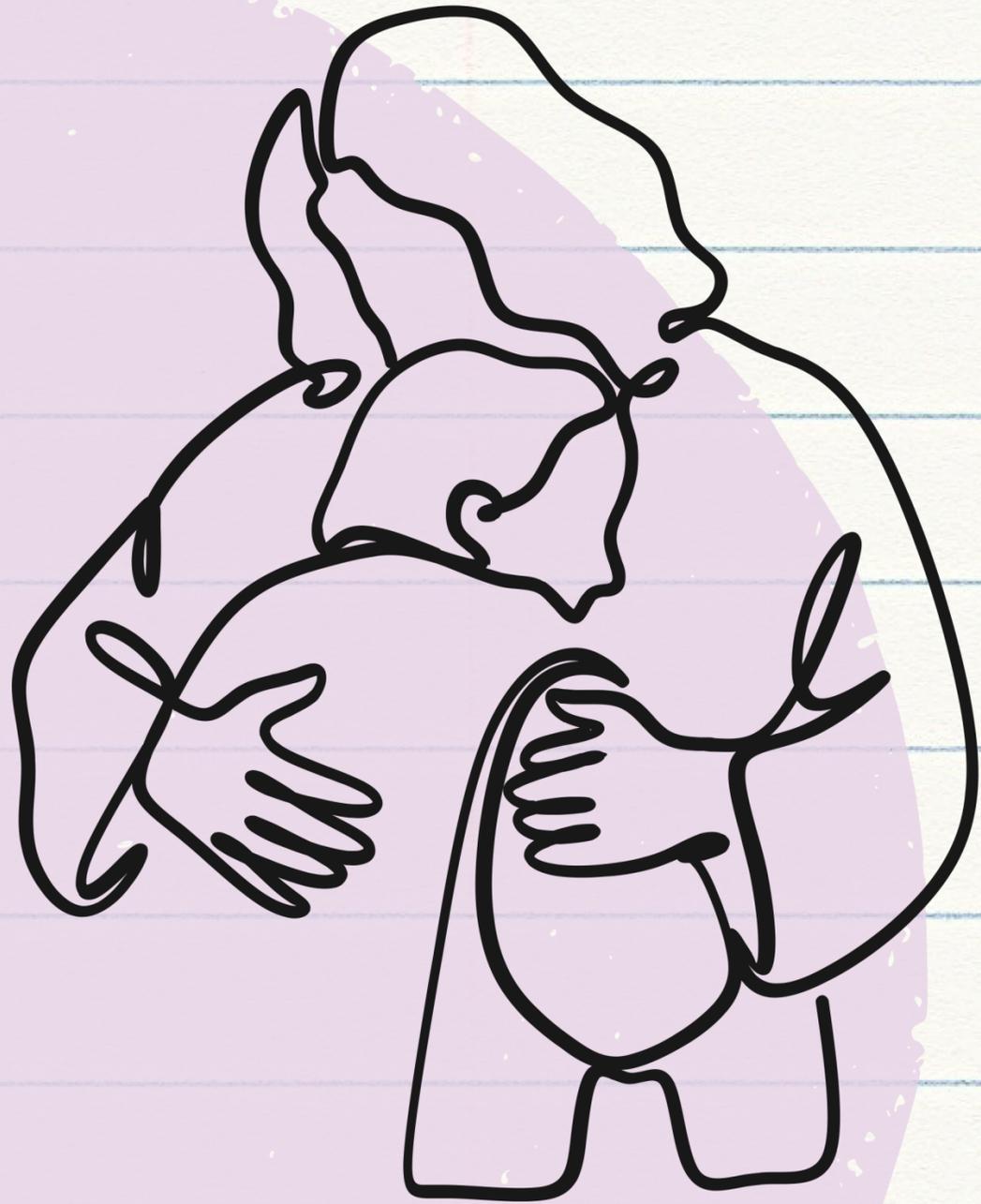


2. A Vibrant Prayer Life is Fueled by the Word.



“Reading the Bible and Praying are the bread and butter of a Christian’s spiritual life. They are like breathing in and breathing out. If you stop praying and you stop reading the Bible, you will shrivel up spiritually.”

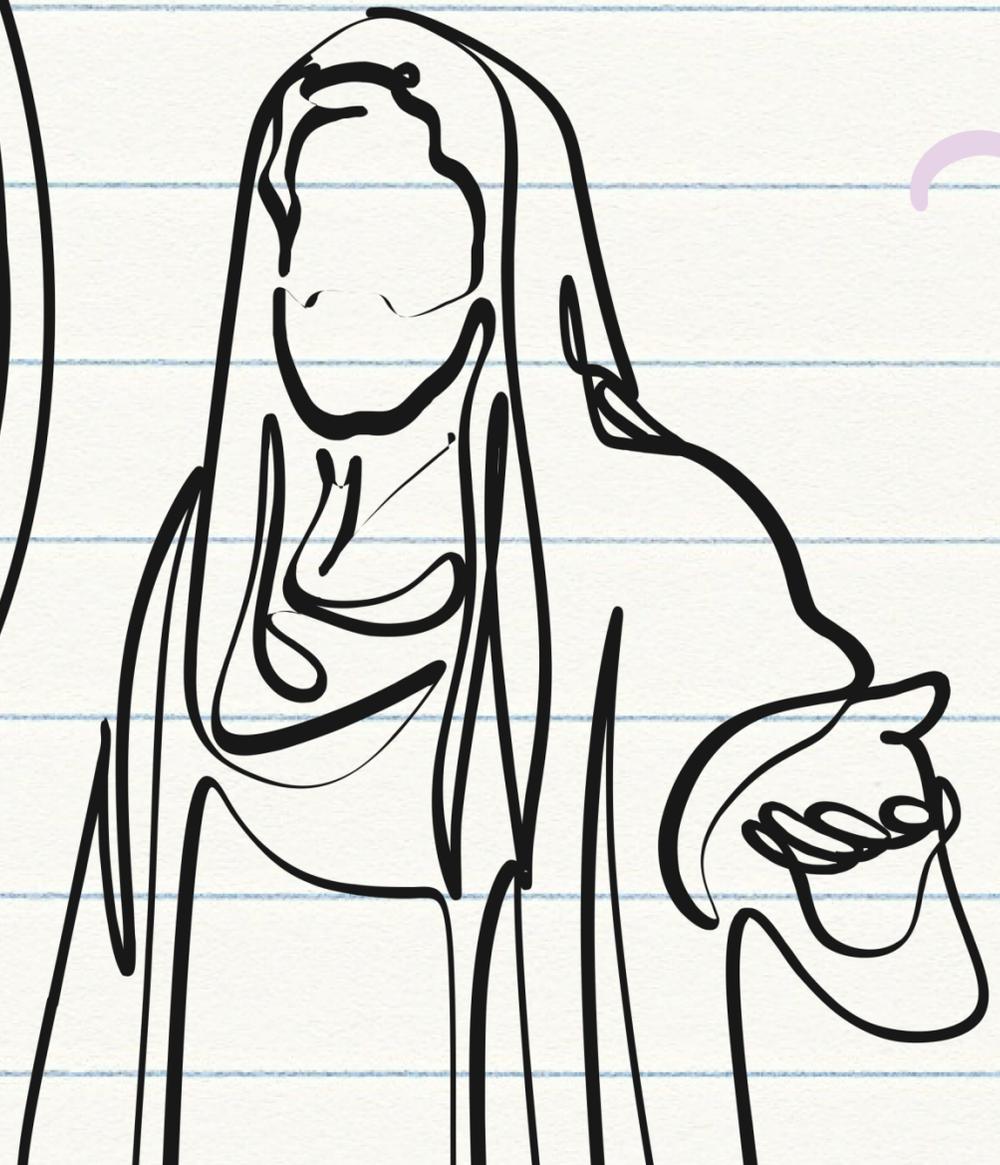
DANIEL 9:2



In the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, learned from the Scriptures the number of years that Jerusalem would remain in ruins. The LORD had told the prophet Jeremiah that Jerusalem would remain in ruins for 70 years.

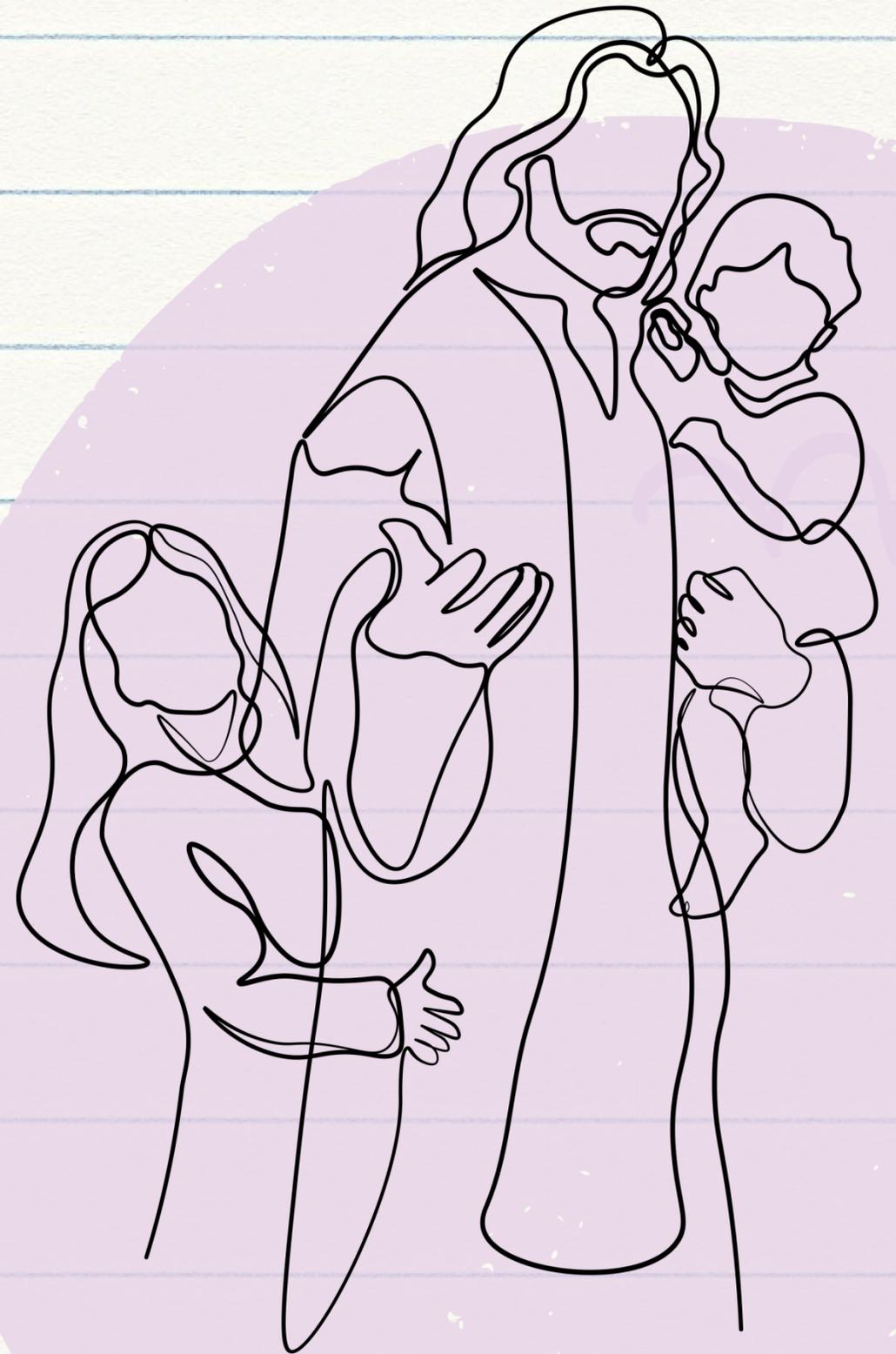
JOHN 15:7

“If you remain in Me
and My Words remain
in you, ask whatever
you wish, and it will
be given you.”



I JOHN 5:14-15

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

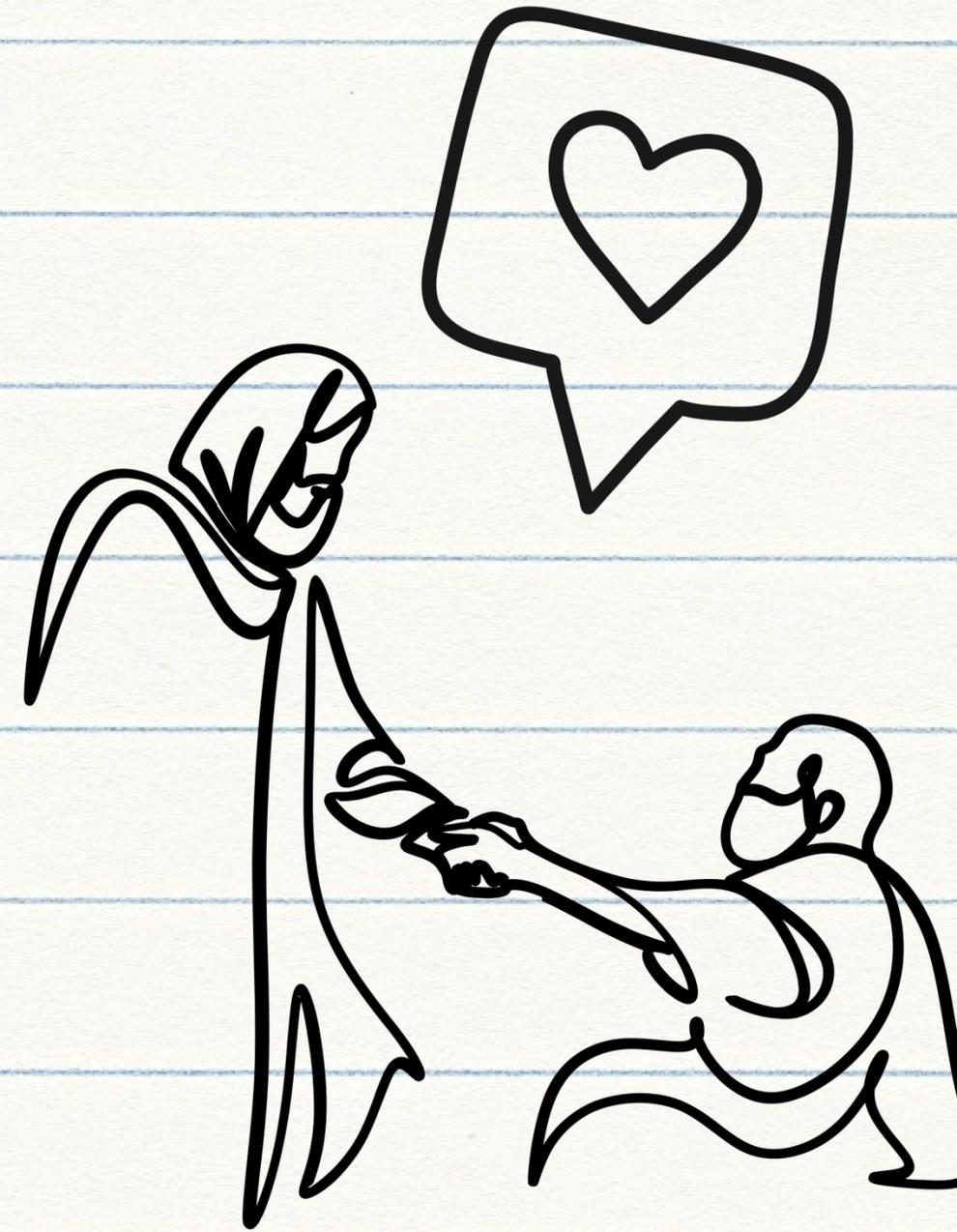




3. A Vibrant Prayer Life is Fueled By Fasting.

DANIEL 9:3

So I turned to the Lord
God and pleaded with
Him in prayer and
petition, in fasting, and
in sackcloth and ashes.



THREE WAYS
THAT FASTING
FUELS OUR
PRAYERS:

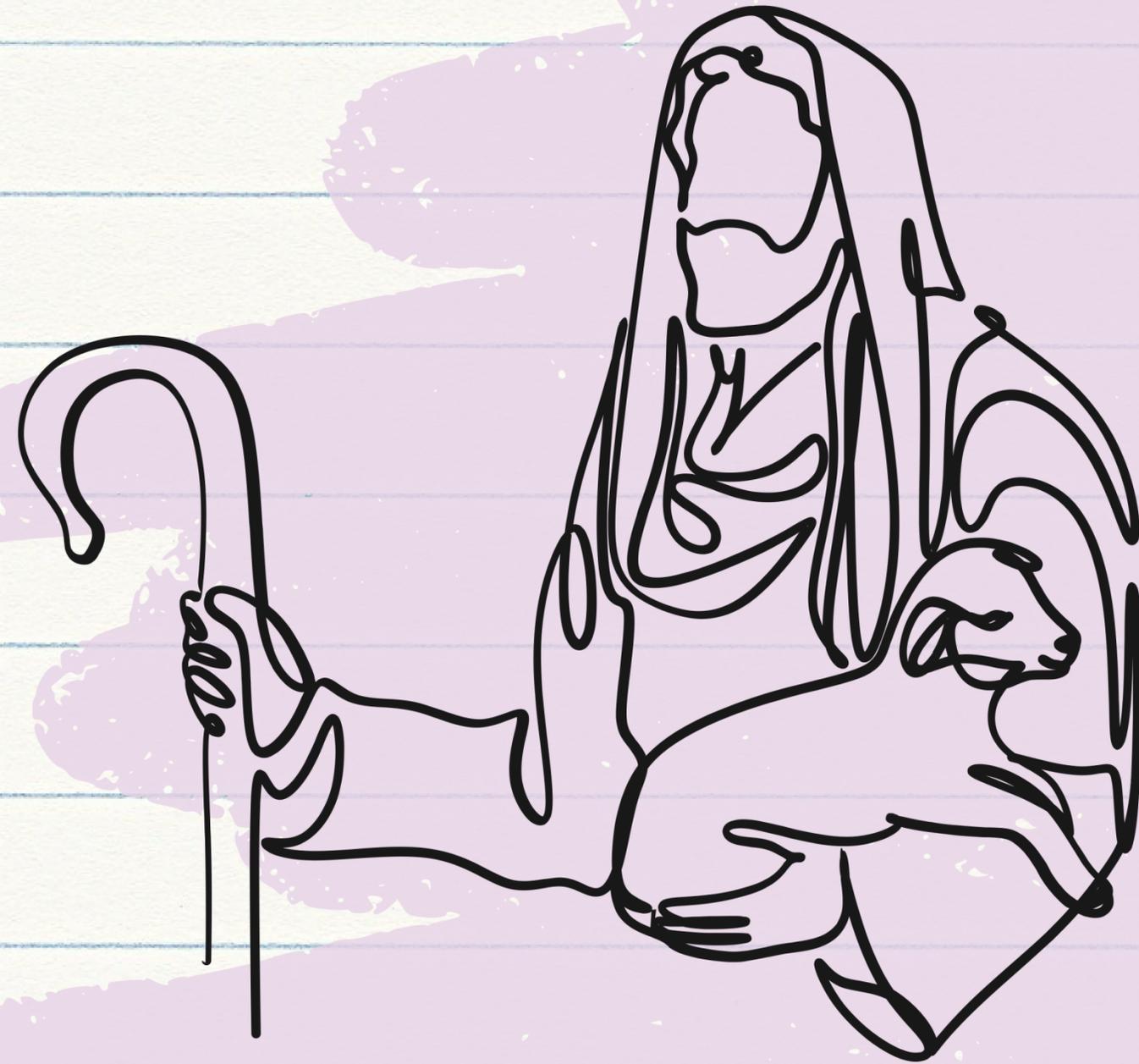




a. Fasting Creates Space.

NEHEMIAH 1:4

“So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”





b. Fasting Produces
Dependence.



c. Fasting Sharpens Focus.

“Fasting does not change God’s hearing so much as it changes our praying.”

