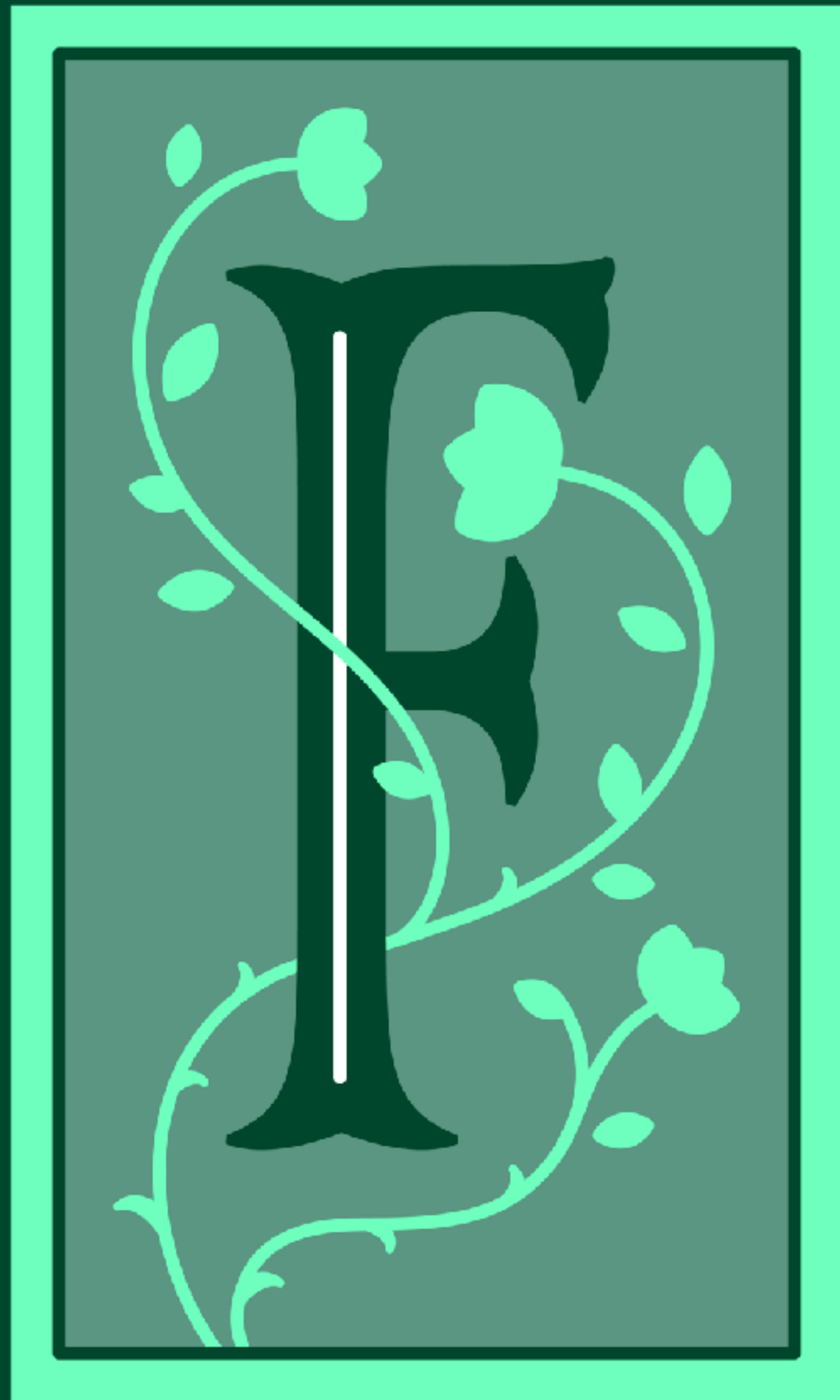




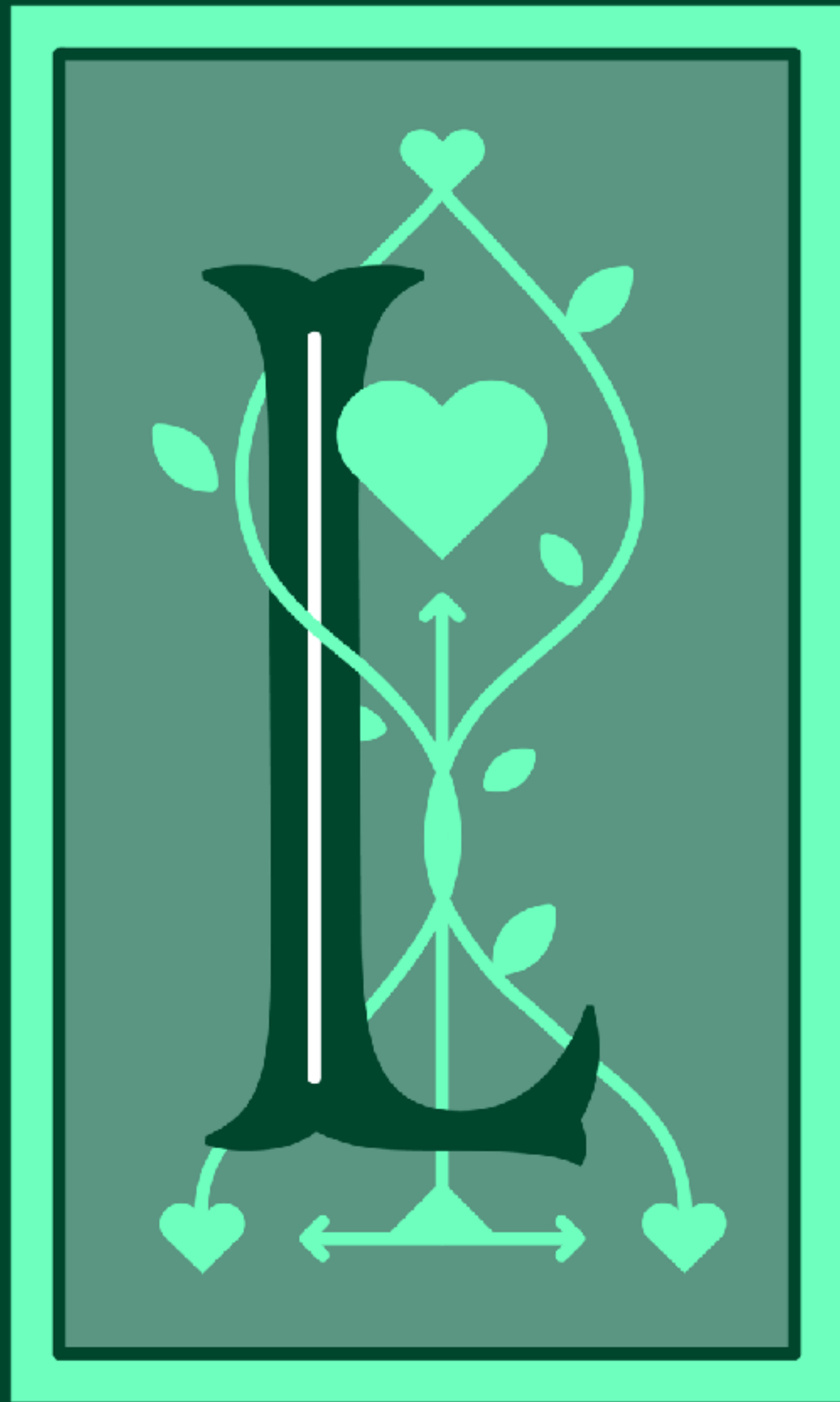
Faith & Flourishing in Politics

Help the Needy / Zechariah 7:8-12 & Matthew 25:31-46

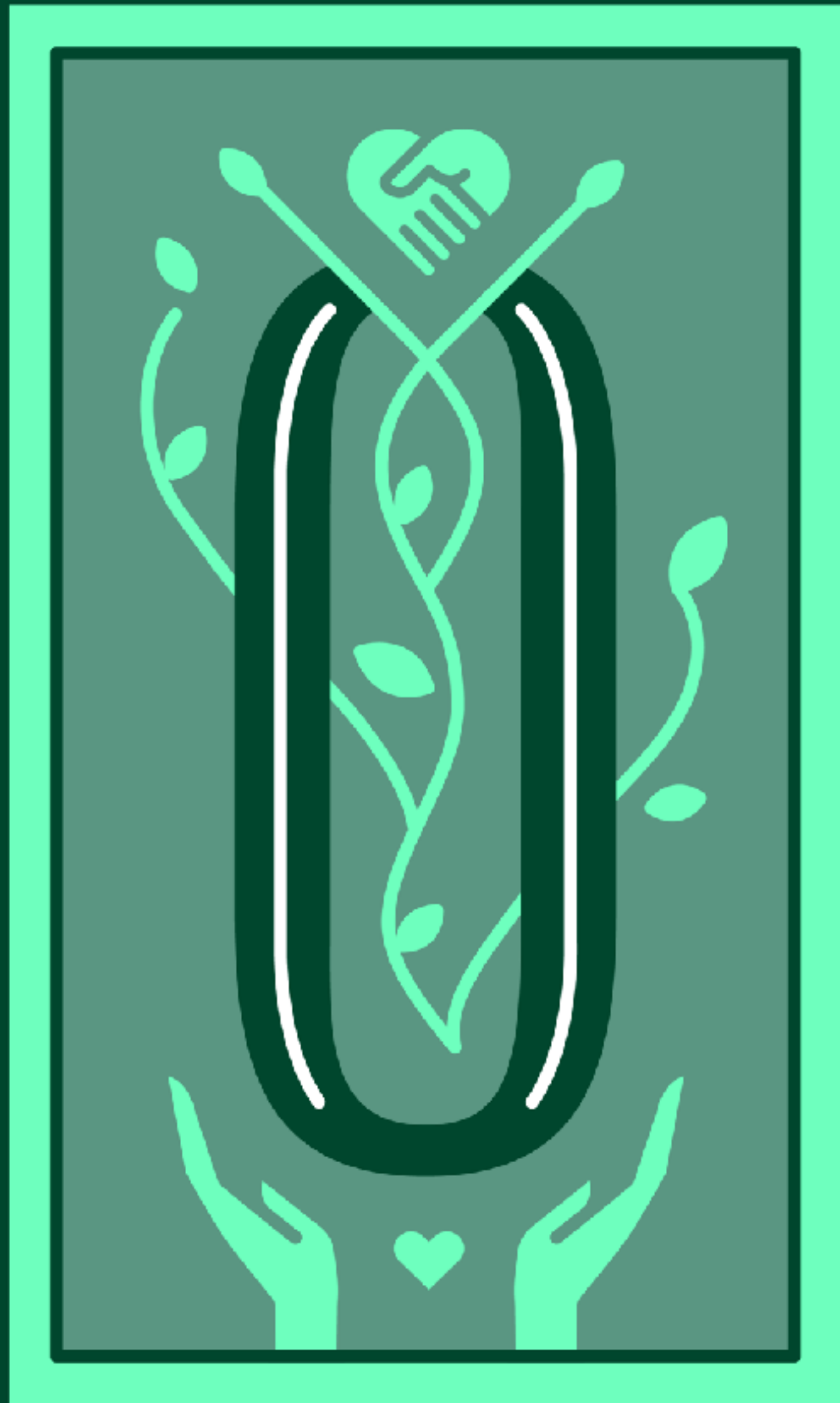
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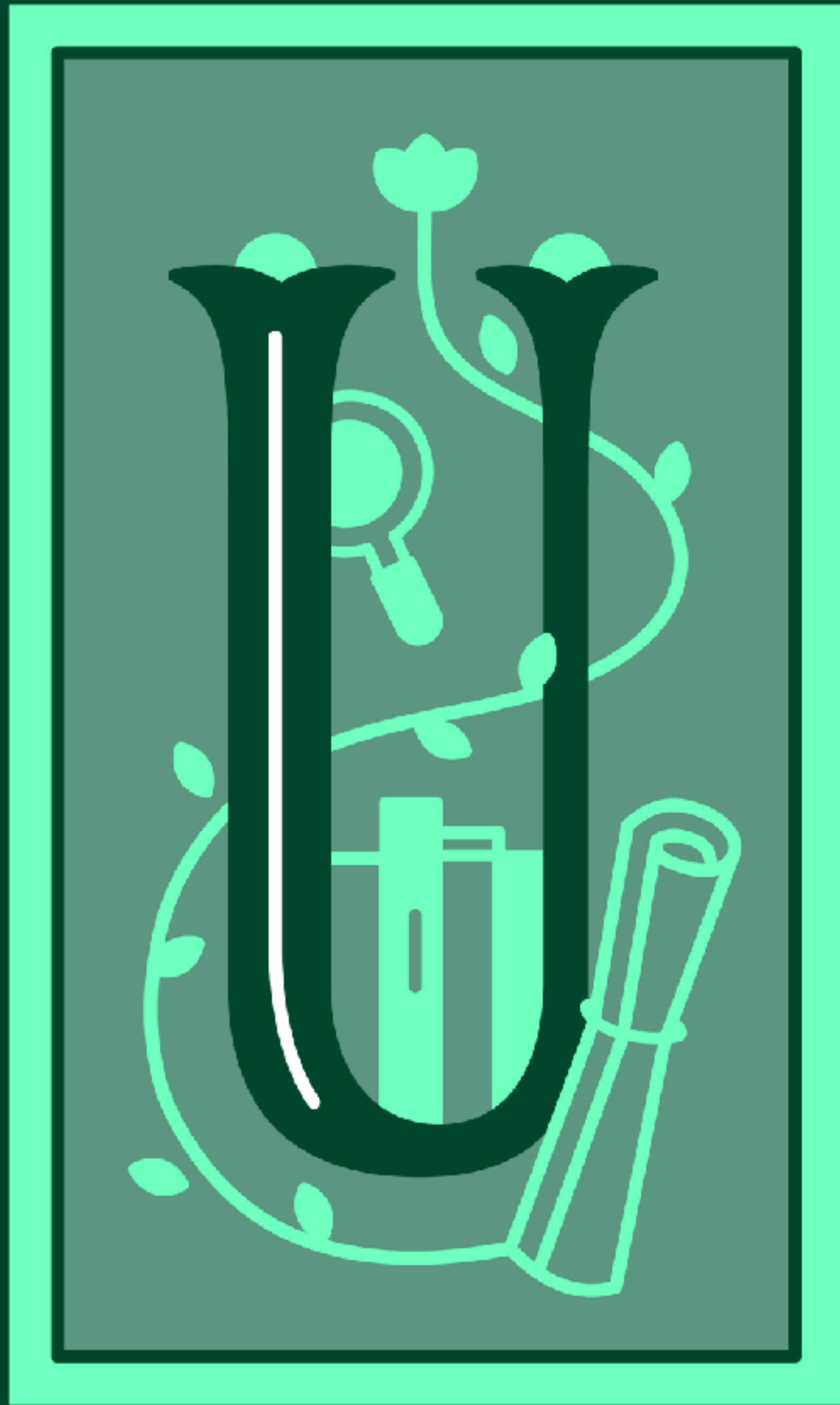
Faith, Not Fear
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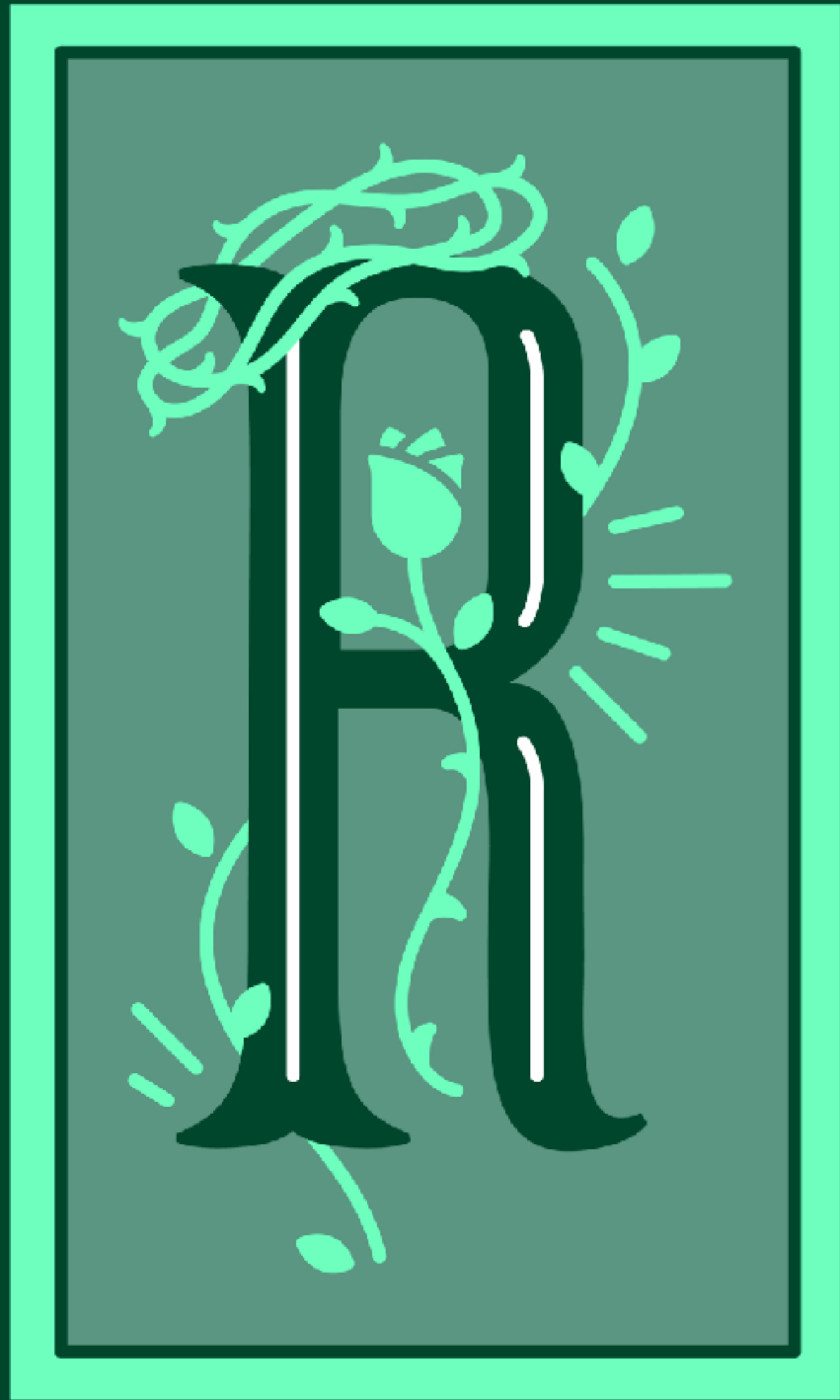
Love God &
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Other Peoples'
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Understanding & Wisdom



Reign of Christ

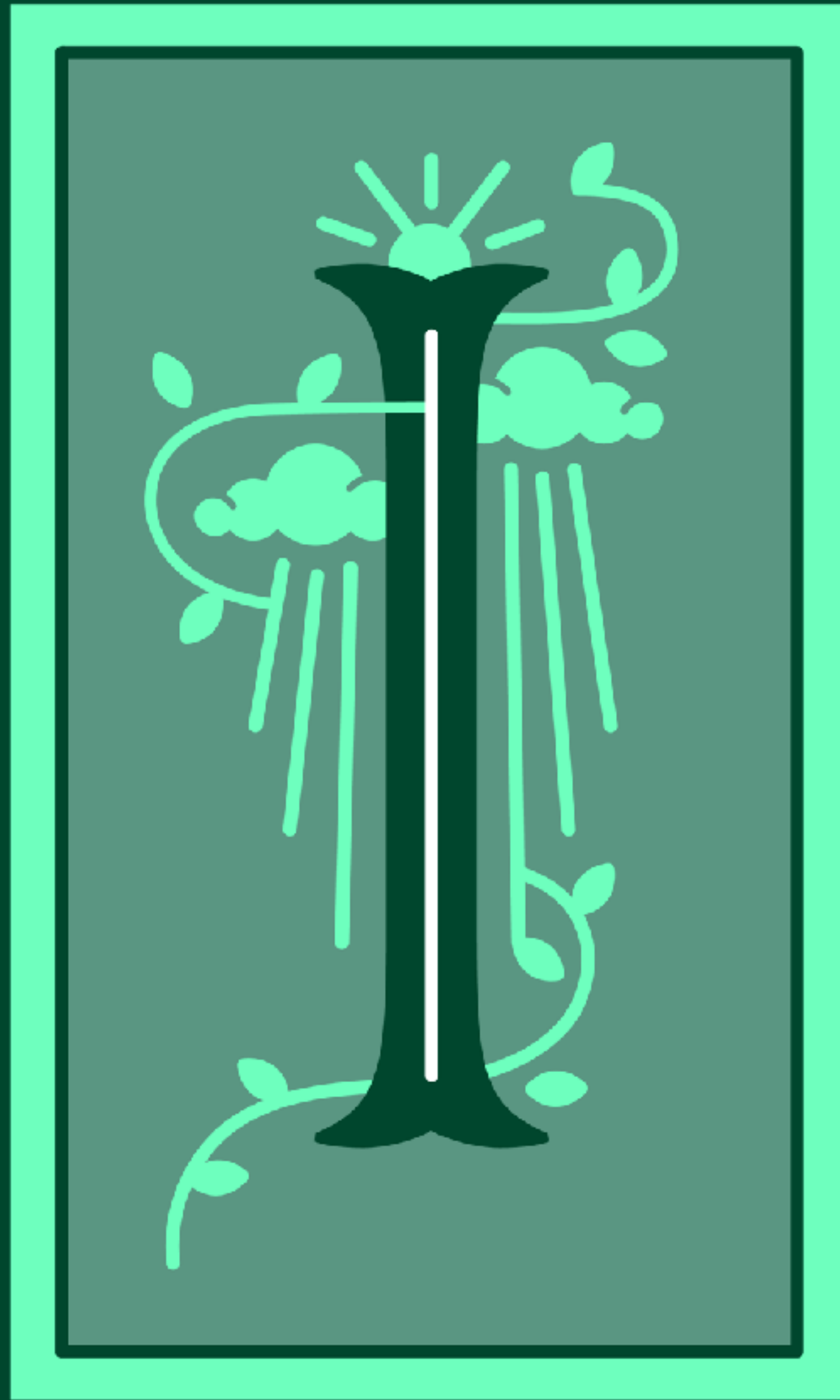
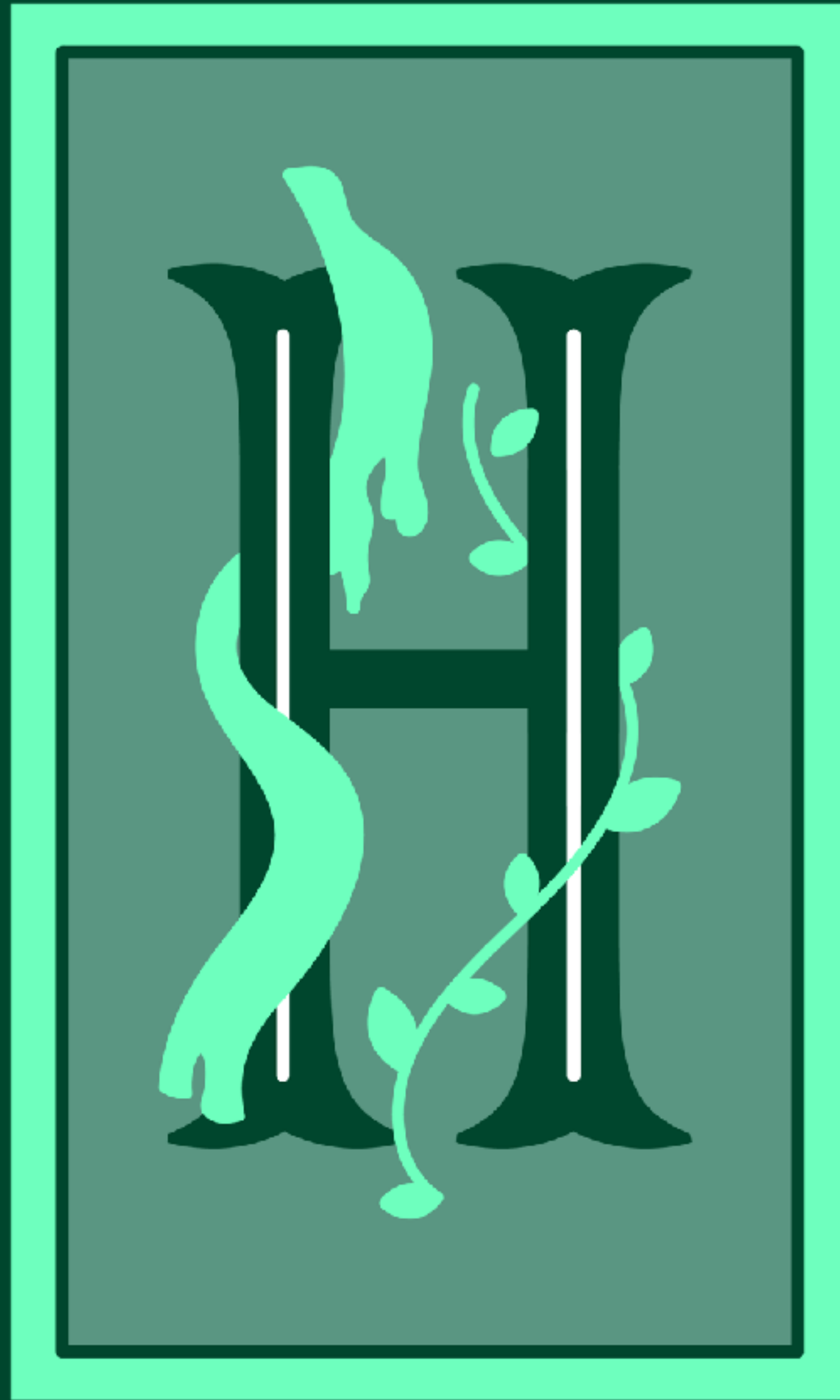


Image of God



Speak Prophetically



Help the Needy

“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.”
– Hélder Câmara (1909–1999)

*Michael R. Wagenman, Engaging the World with Abraham Kuyper (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019)
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Help the Needy

Zechariah 7:9-10 (ESV)

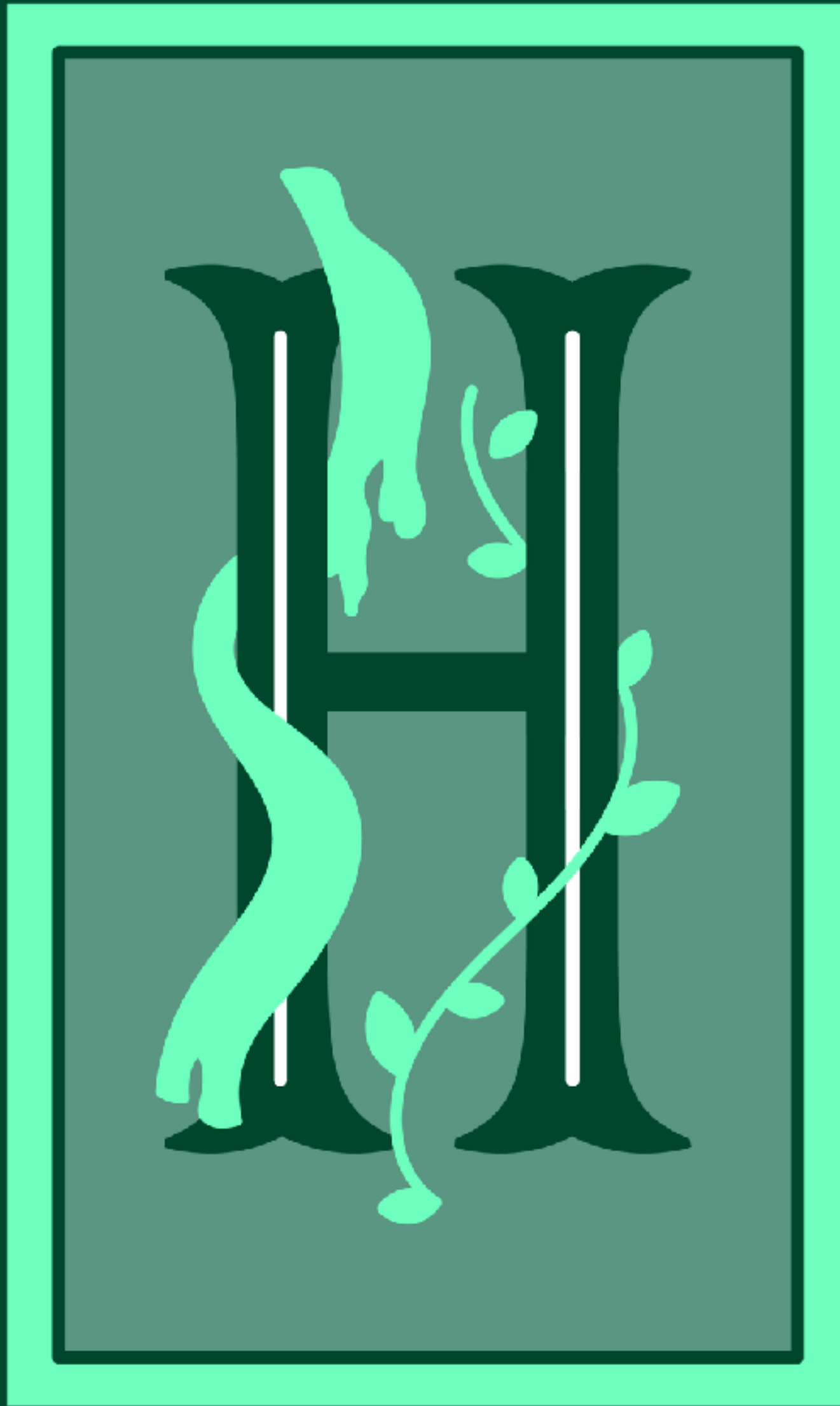
“Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, 10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.”



Help the Needy

Zechariah 7:12 (ESV)

They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts.



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Matthew 25:31-32 (ESV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.



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Matthew 25:33-36 (ESV)

And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'



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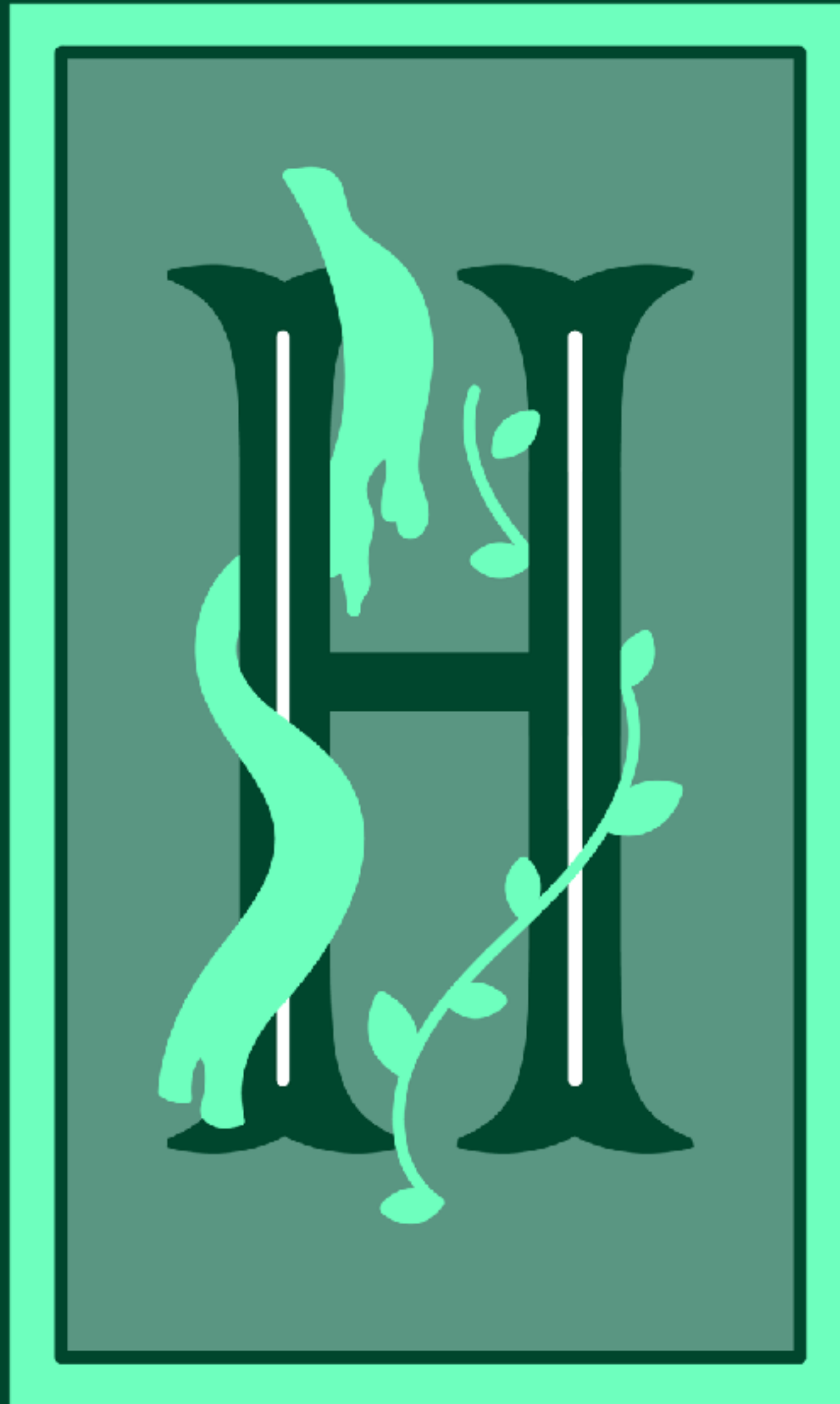


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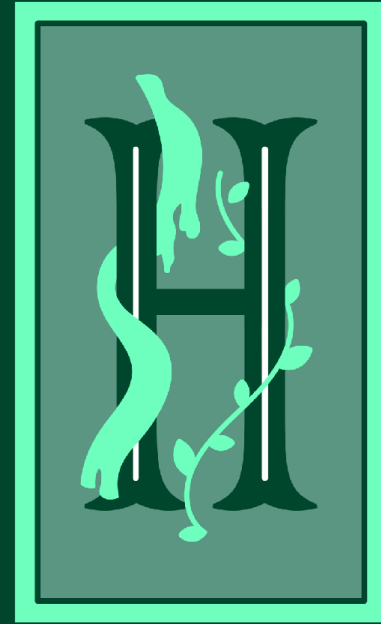
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3. **Restoration & Justice Needs** – Those imprisoned, forgotten, and neglected.



Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project - <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer/build-events/carter-work-project/2018>



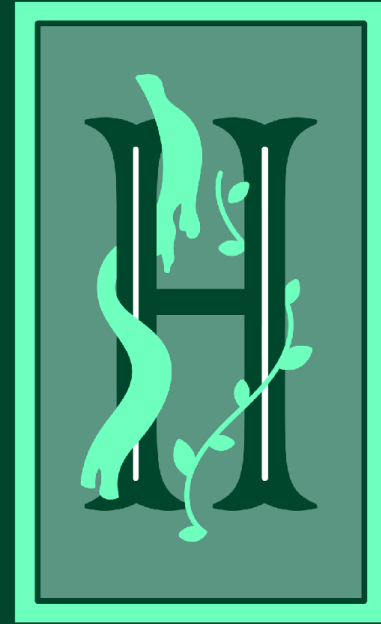
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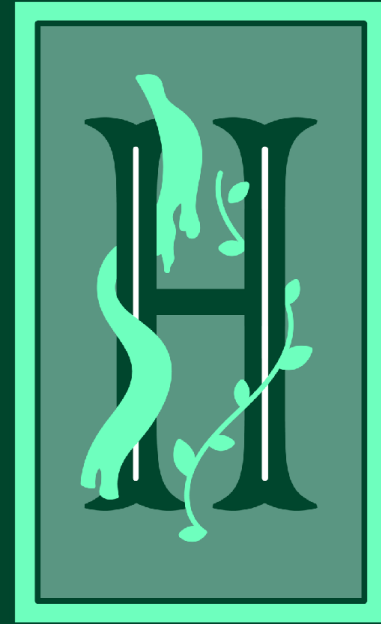
Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



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Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

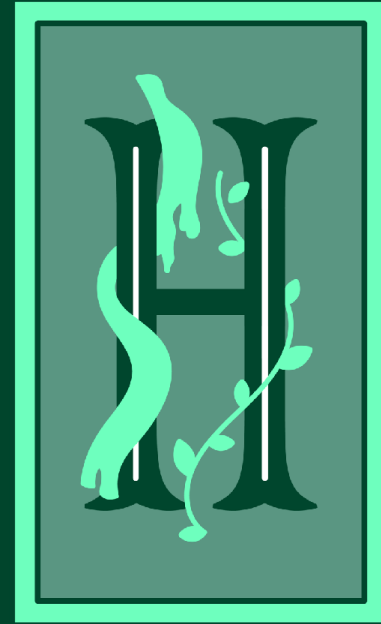
So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



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Matthew 25:41-46 (ESV)

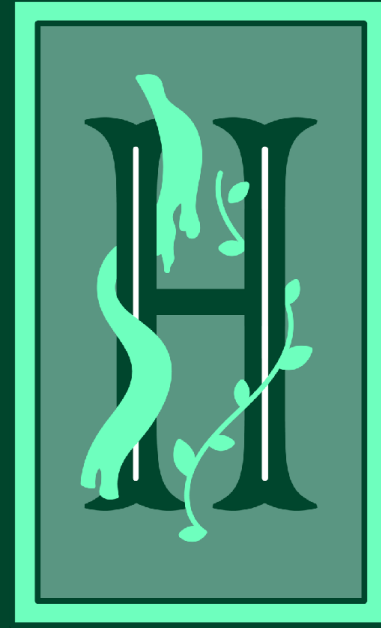
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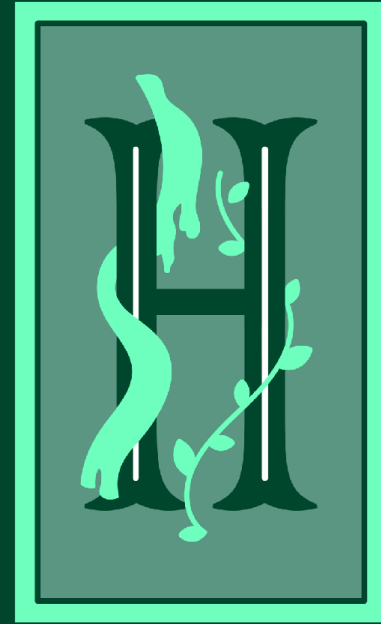
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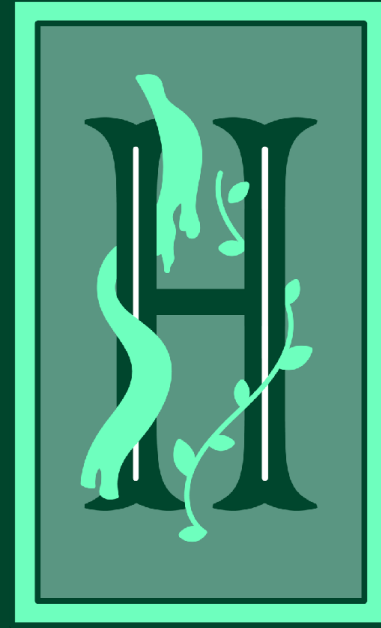


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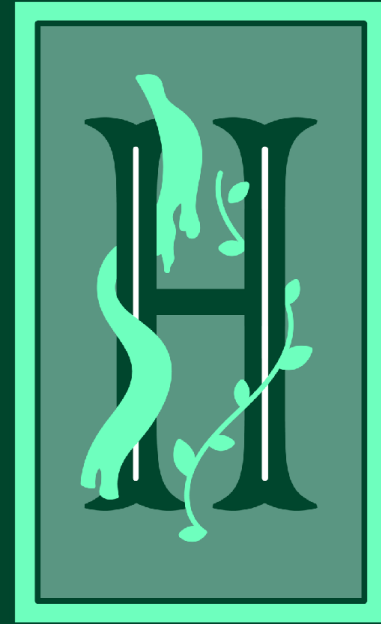
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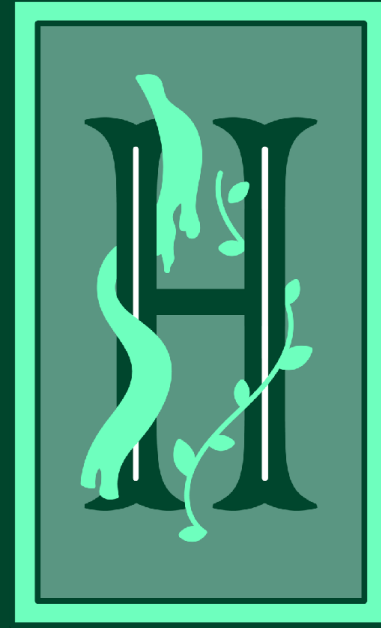
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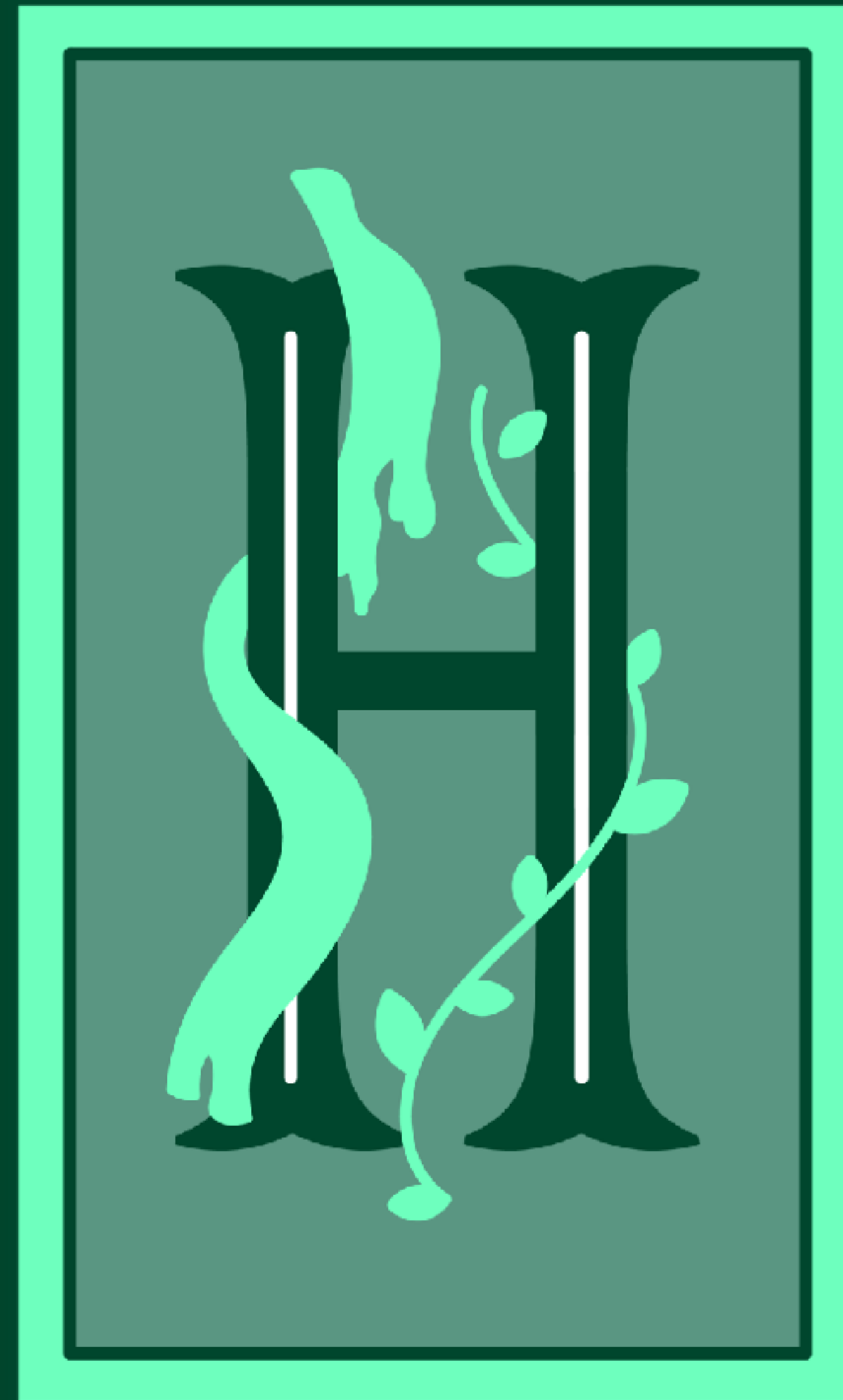
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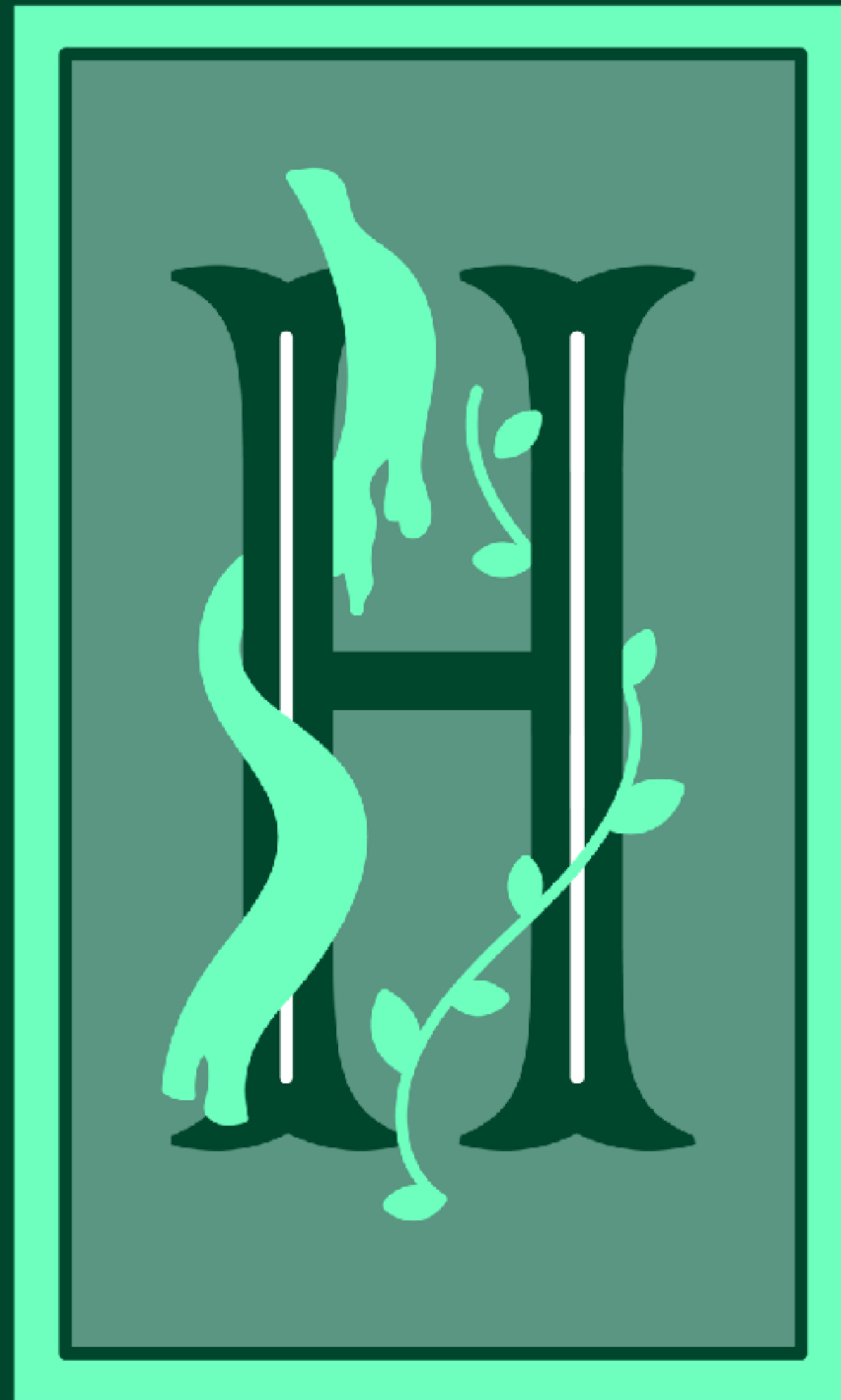
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Let's be
Matthew 25
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