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Where is God?





➔ “God never simply sees without acting. He is God. He is not a passive participant in a world that exists without him sustaining it. Wherever God is looking, God is acting. If God perceives, he performs. If he inspects, he effects. When God “sees”, he sees to . His seeing is always with a view to doing. Where he patrols he controls.”

John Piper

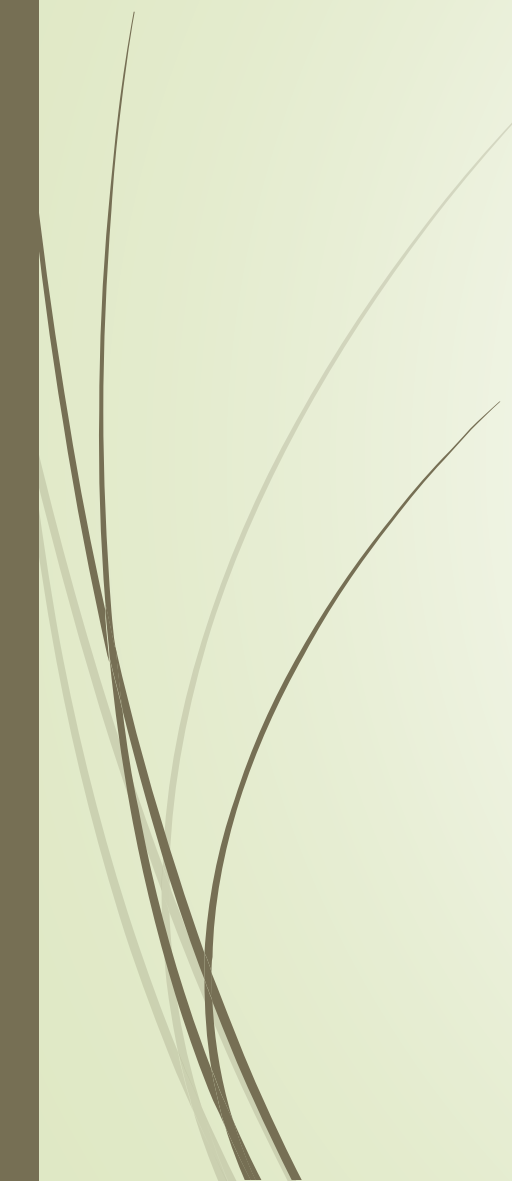


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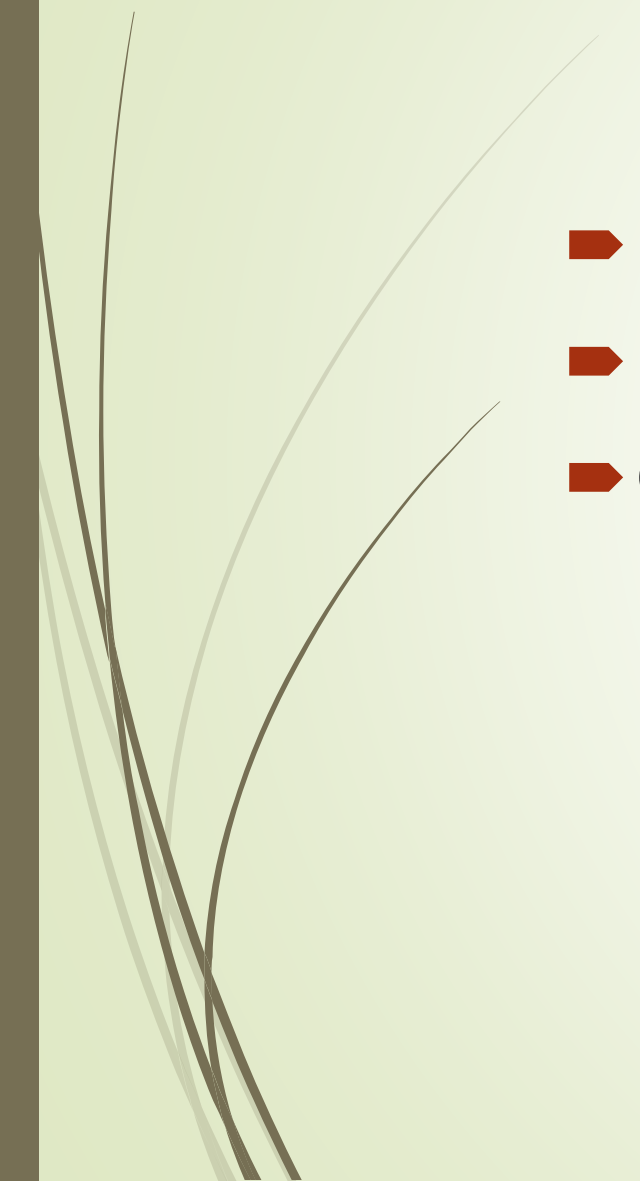


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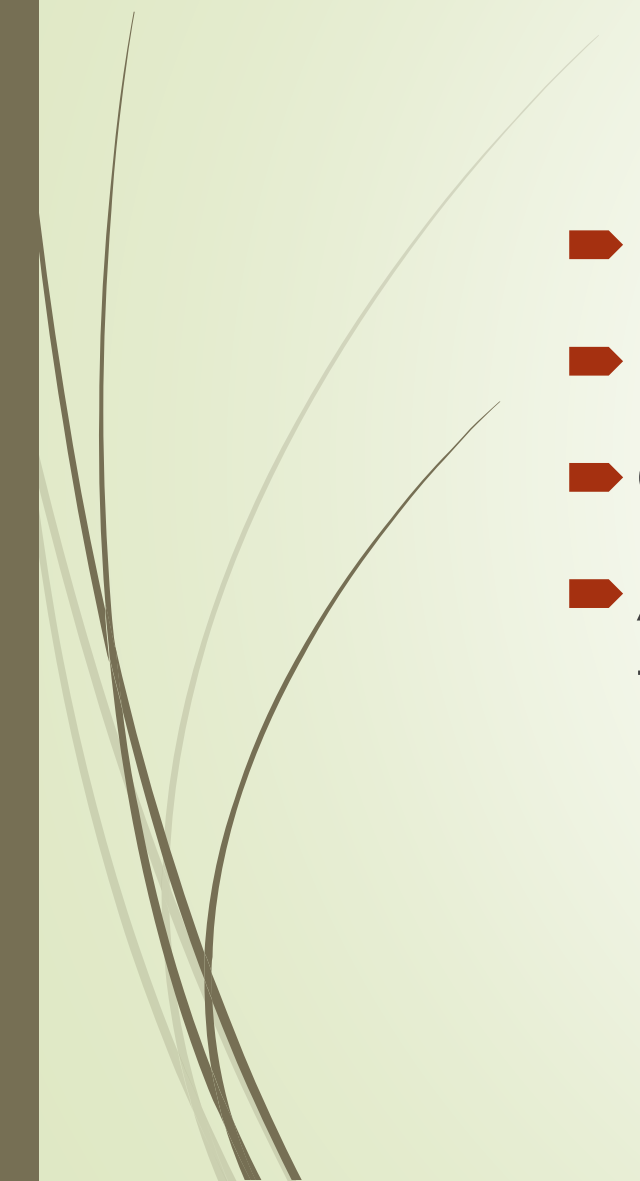


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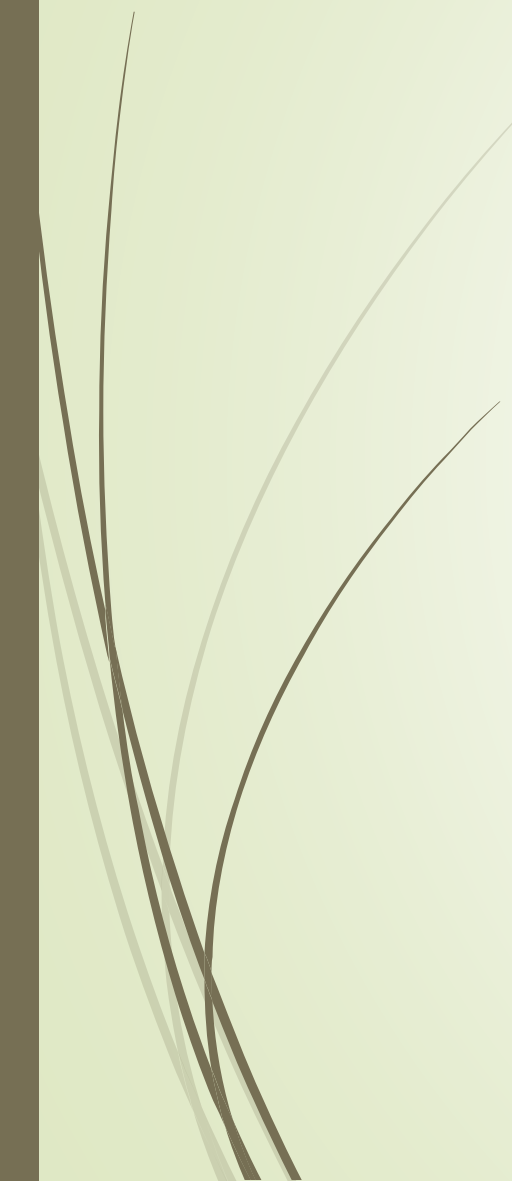


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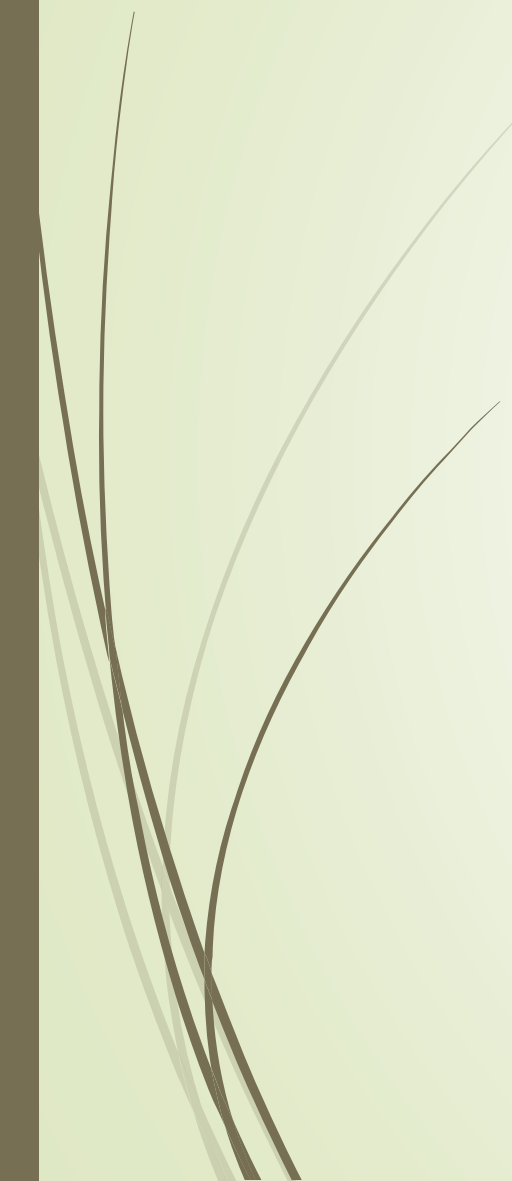


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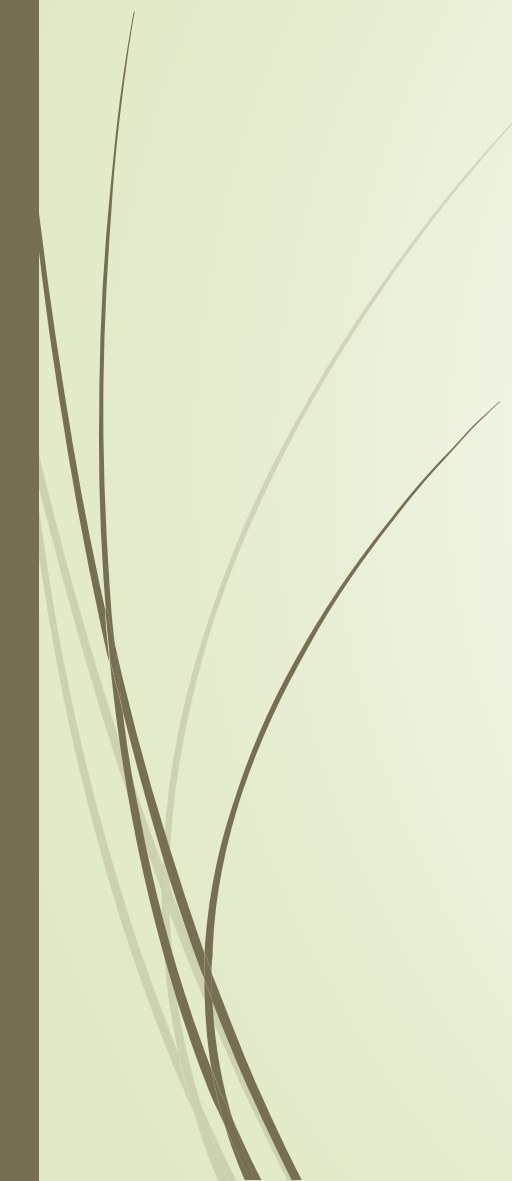


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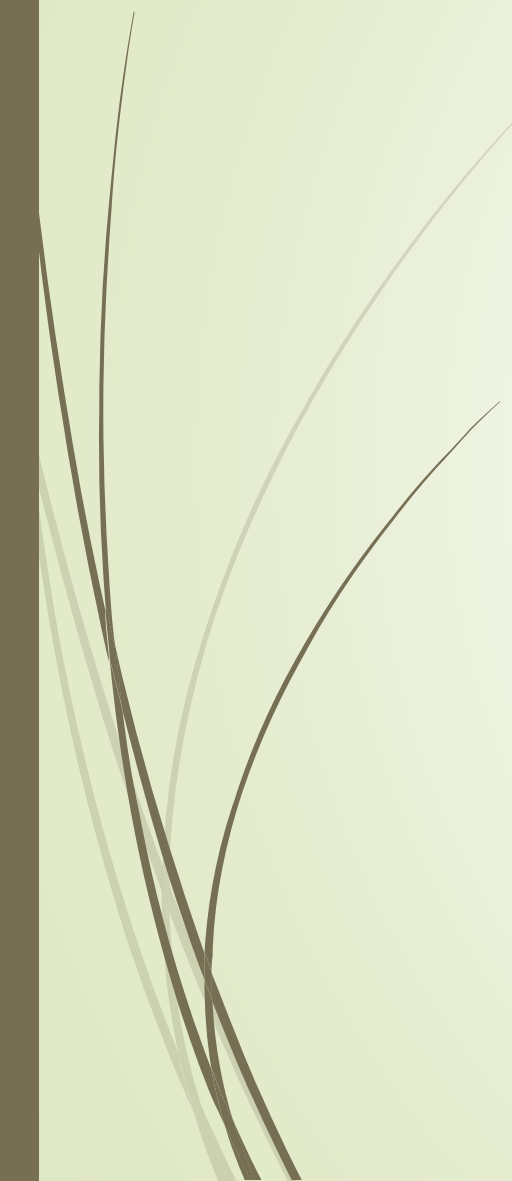


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- How is God prompting us to act?
- Are we asking him?
- Are willing to act on his answers?



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▀ Isaiah 41:9-10

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- ▀ ⁹ I took you from the ends of the earth,
from its farthest corners I called you.
I said, ‘You are my servant’;
I have chosen you and have not rejected
you.
- ¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.



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➤ Ephesians 2:10

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- ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

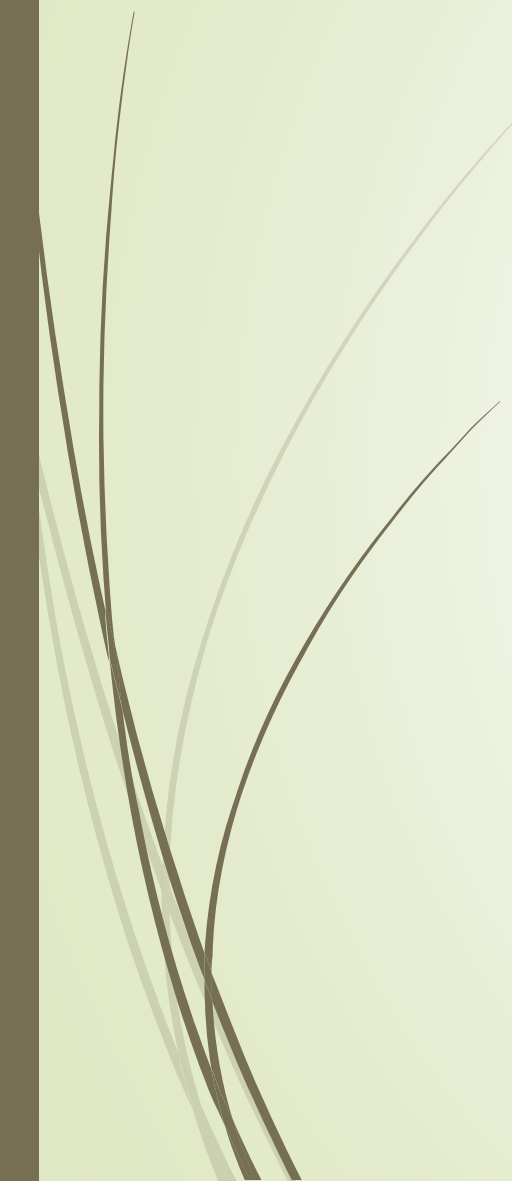


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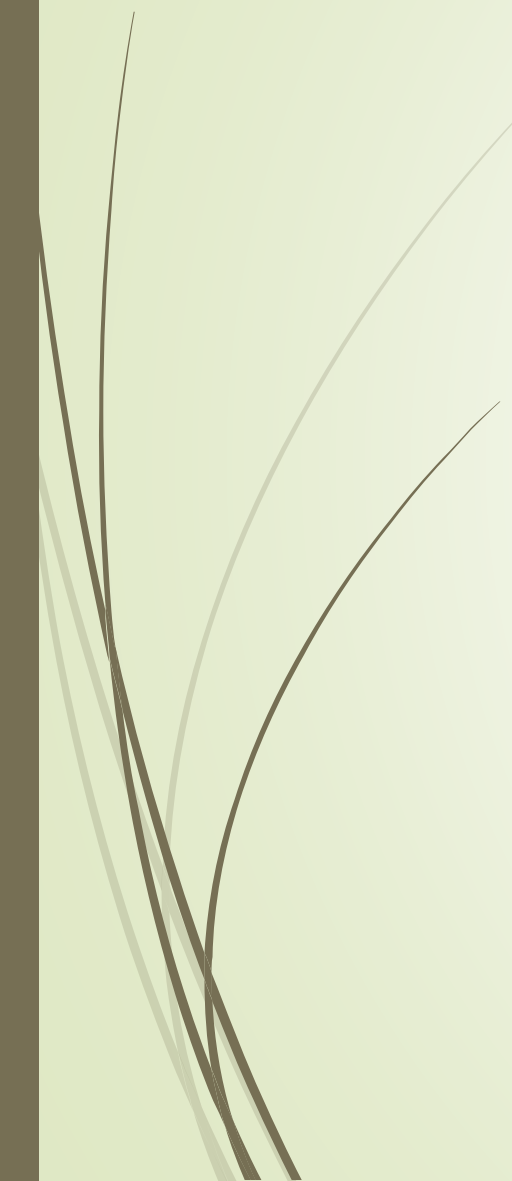


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- So when we feel we can't or we aren't good enough, then it is time to turn toward Him who is able to do all things. To remember his promises and to trust in Him.



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- God is always present. He sees all and acts on all. The faithful in him will be rewarded.



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- ▶ “In the midst of these very circumstances that today have you baffled, wondering what you are going to do, or even how you are going to go on, you can rest assured that God’s power and sovereign control are already at work”

Charles Swindoll



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▶ Colossians 1:16-17

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▶ **16** For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



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► Ephesians 1:4-6

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► ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he ^[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship ^[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.



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- ▶ Our God is not just a God that did, but rather a God that does! And is still doing and will continue to act!
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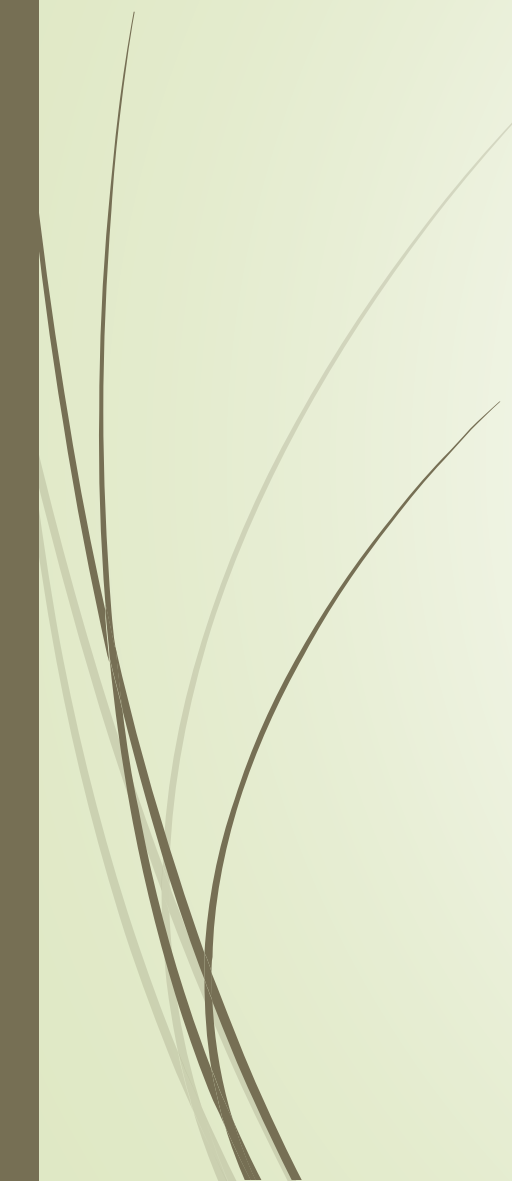


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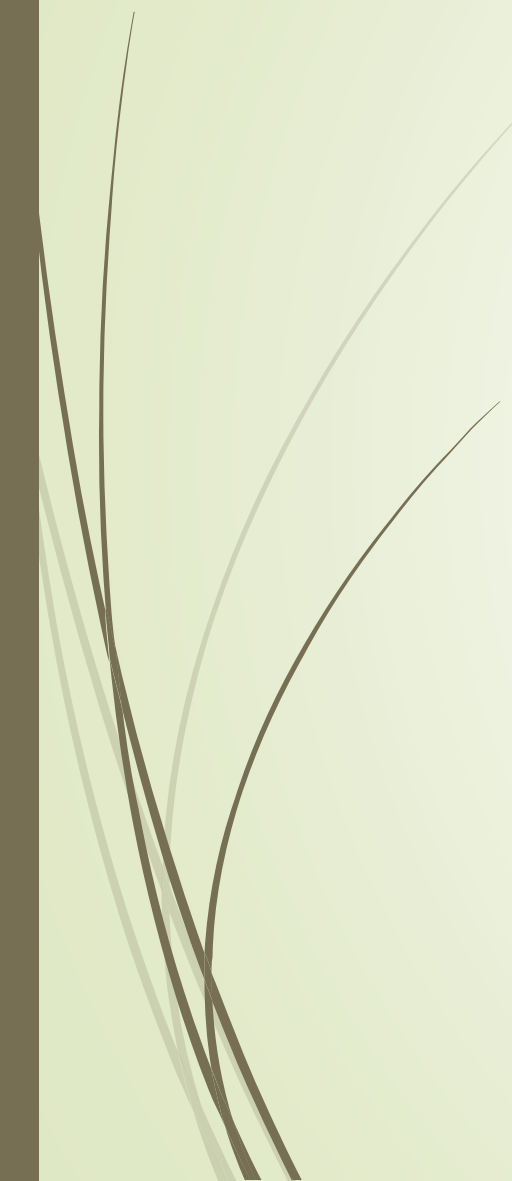


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