



SUFFERING

So in the end every major
disaster, every tiny error,
every wrong turning, every
fragment of discarded clay,

all the blood, sweat and
tears—everything has
meaning. I give it meaning.
I reuse, reshape, recast all
that goes wrong so that

in the end nothing is
wasted and nothing is
without significance and
nothing ceases to be
precious to me.



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3 Praise be to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, the Father of
compassion and the
God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

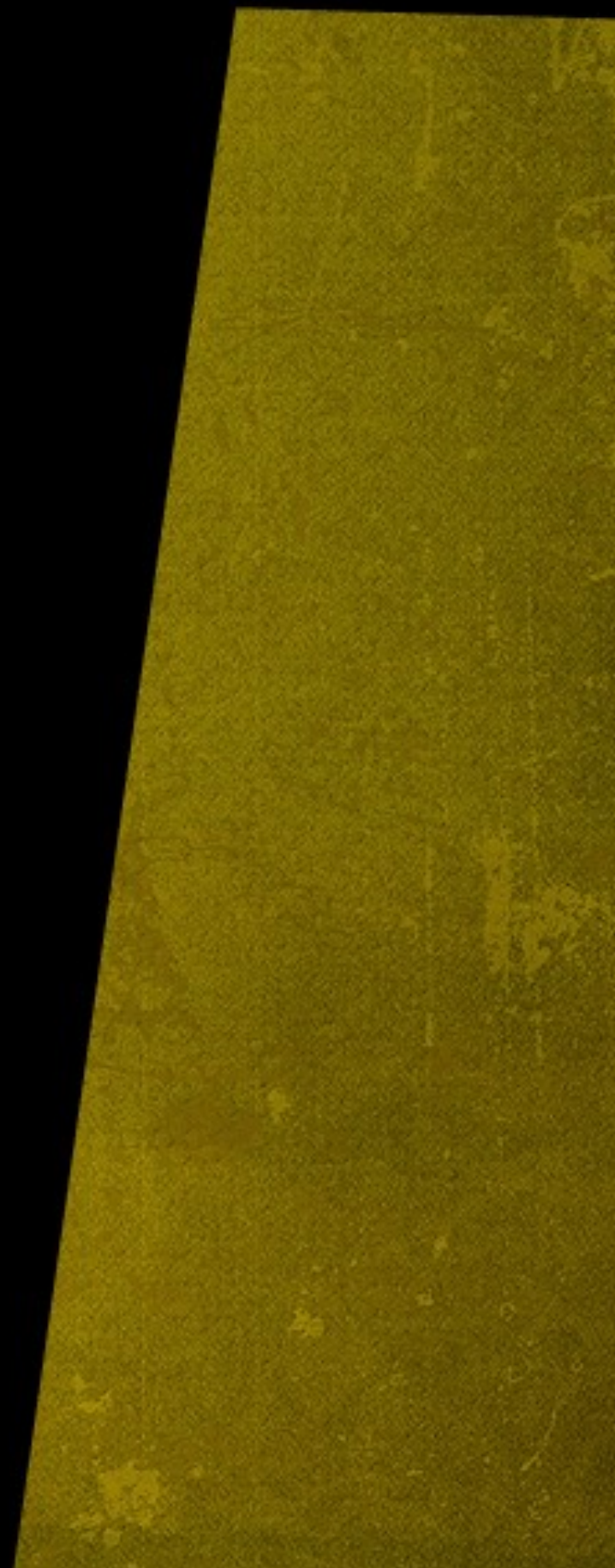
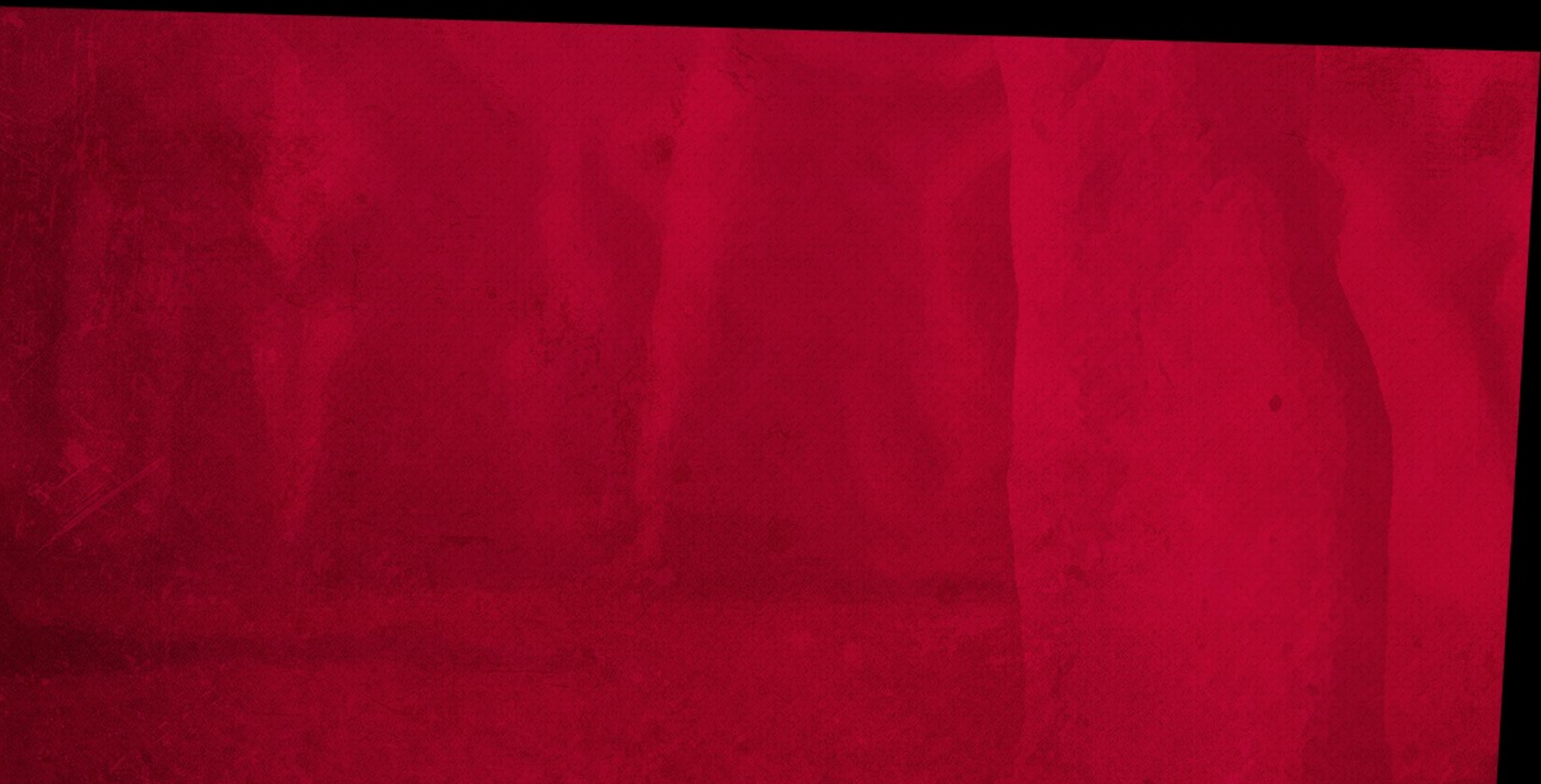
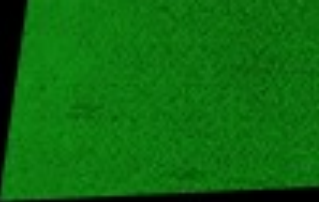
5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

6 If we are distressed,
it is for your comfort
and salvation;
if we are comforted,
it is for your comfort,

which produces in you
patient endurance of the
same sufferings we suffer.

- II Corinthians 1:3-7

7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.



3 We put no stumbling
block in anyone's path,
so that our ministry will
not be discredited.

4 Rather, as servants of
God we commend
ourselves in every way:

in great endurance;
in troubles, hardships
and distresses;

5 in beatings,
imprisonments and riots;
in hard work,
sleepless nights
and hunger;

6 in purity, understanding,
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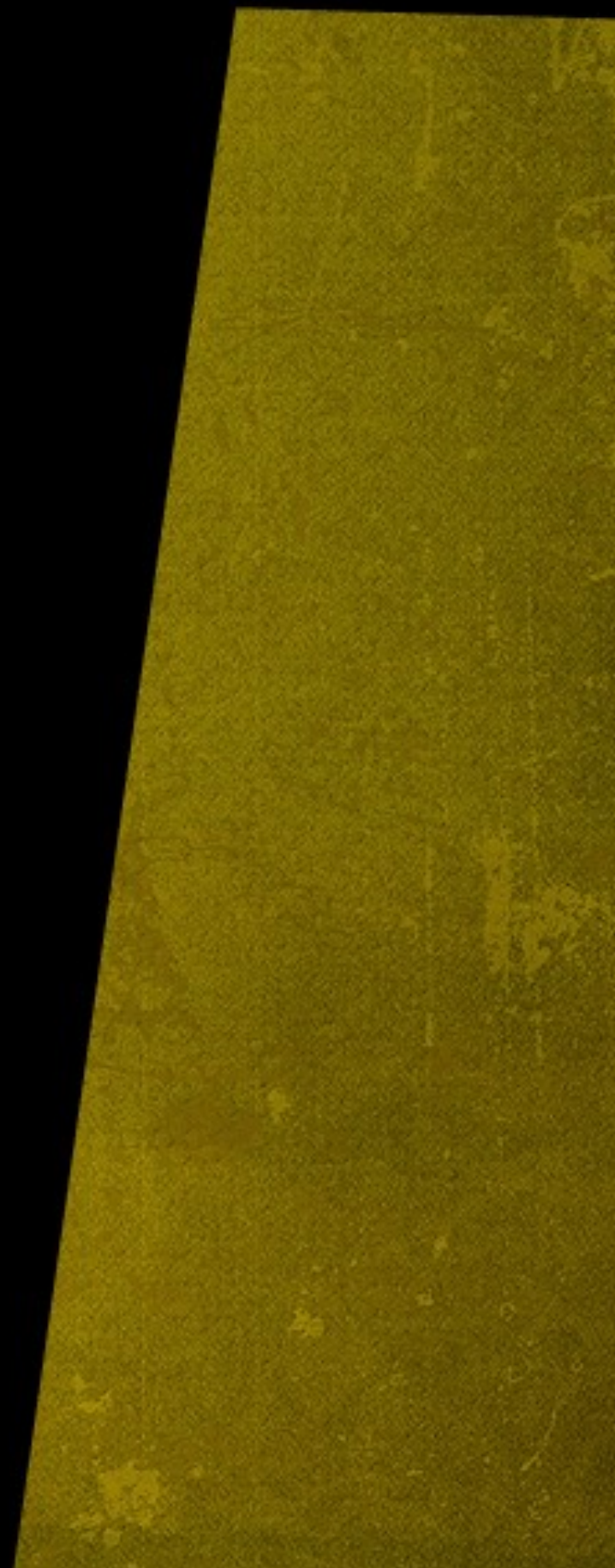
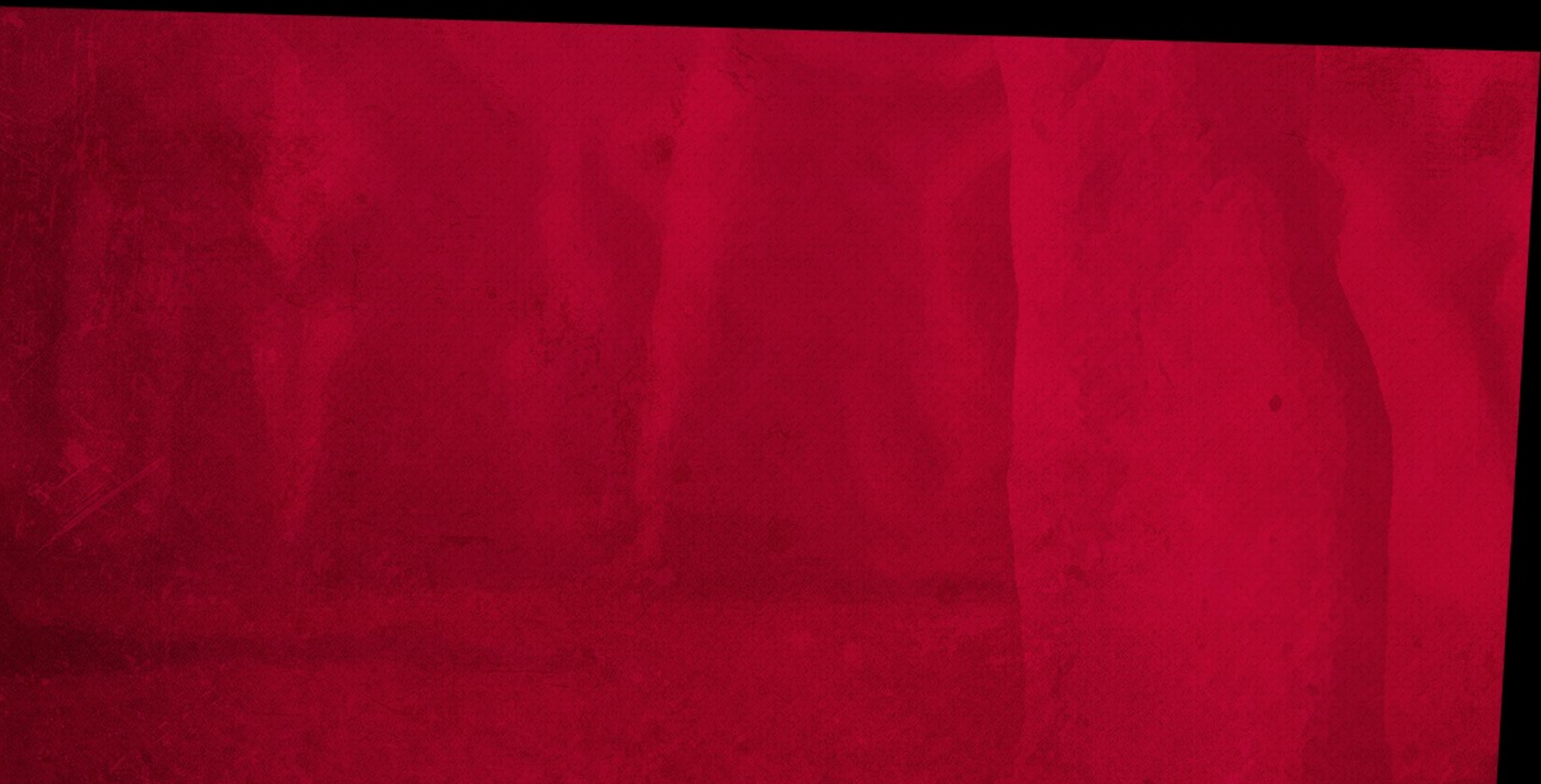
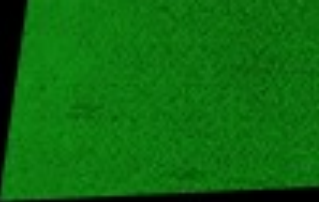
7 in truthful speech and in
the power of God;
with weapons of
righteousness in the right
hand and in the left;

8 through glory and
dishonour, bad report and
good report; genuine, yet
regarded as impostors;

9 known, yet regarded as
unknown; dying,
and yet we live on;
beaten, and yet not killed;

- II Corinthians 6:3-10

10 sorrowful, yet always
rejoicing; poor, yet making
many rich; having
nothing, and yet
possessing everything.



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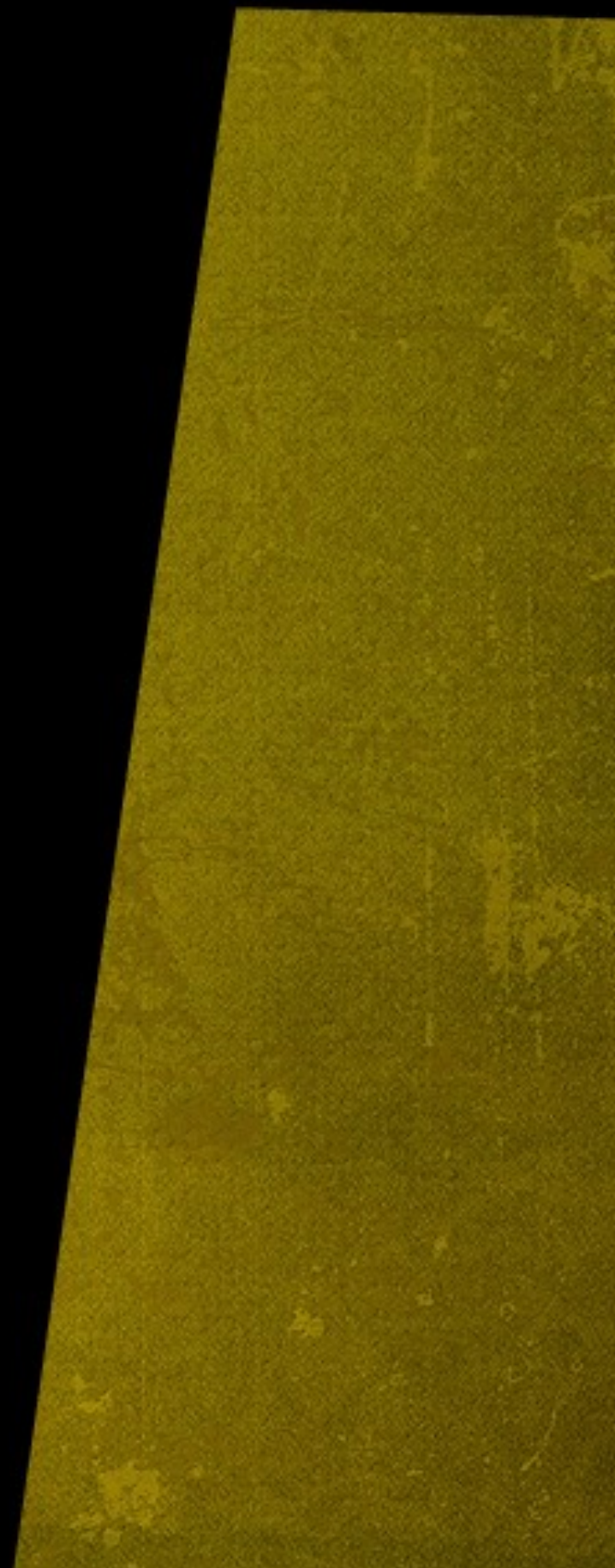
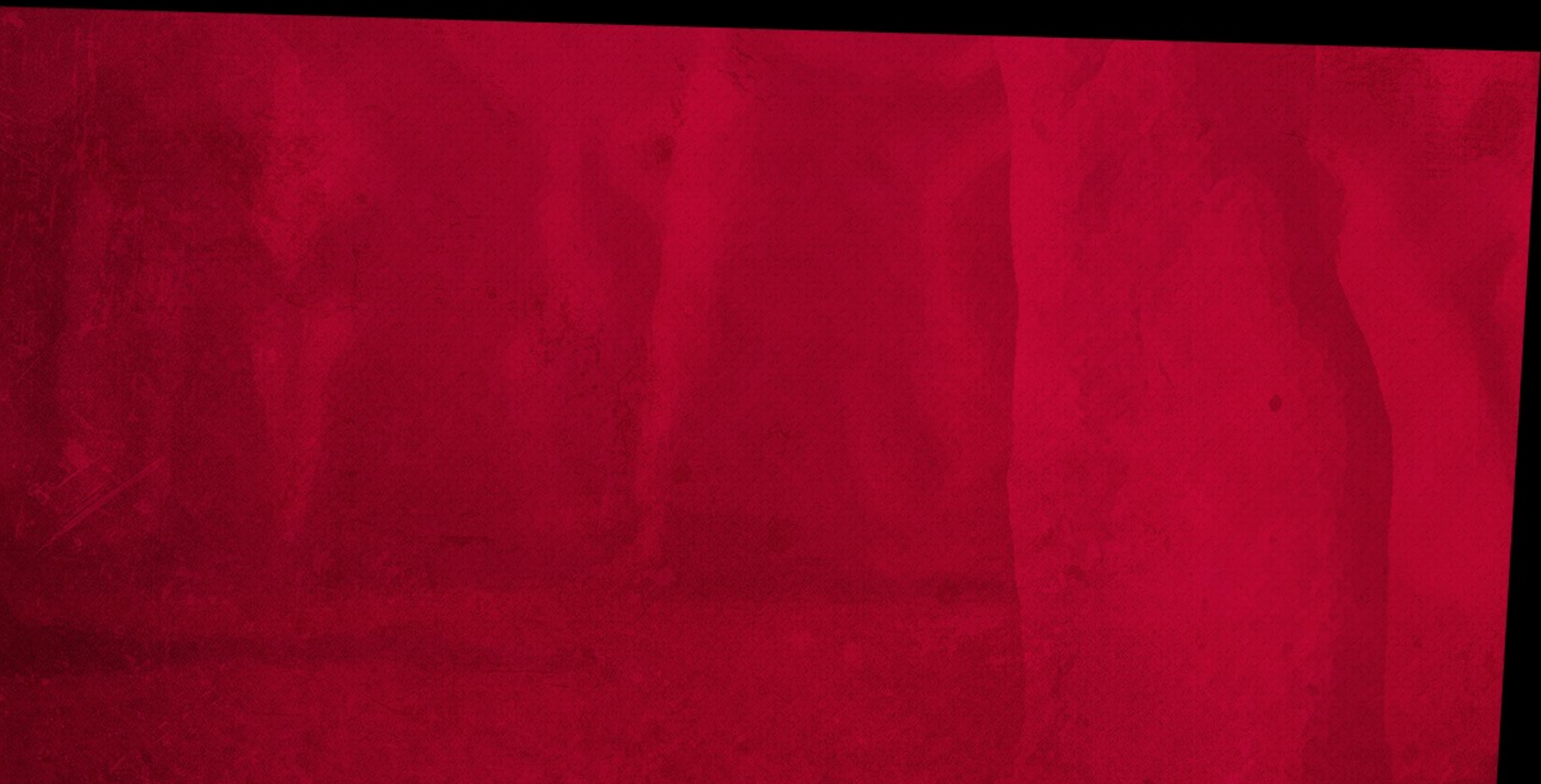
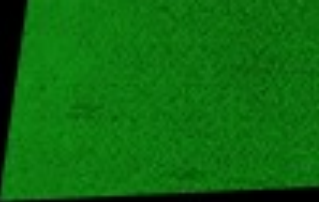
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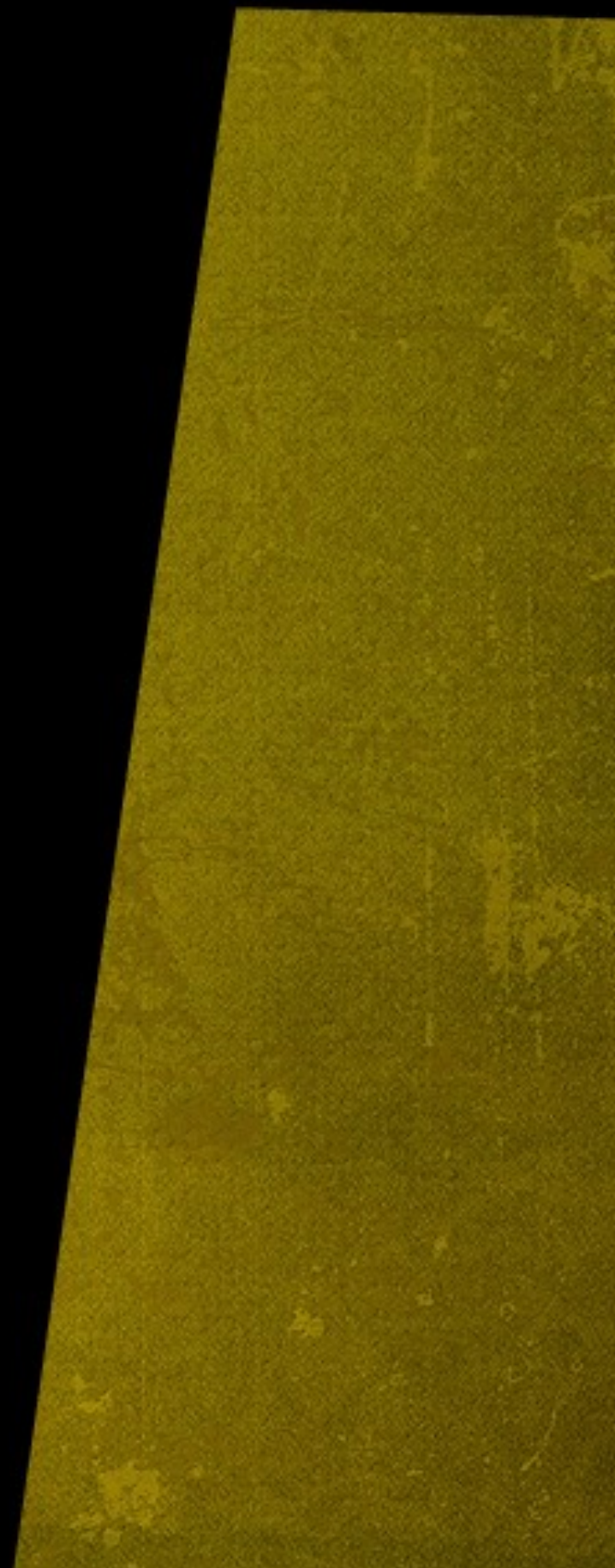
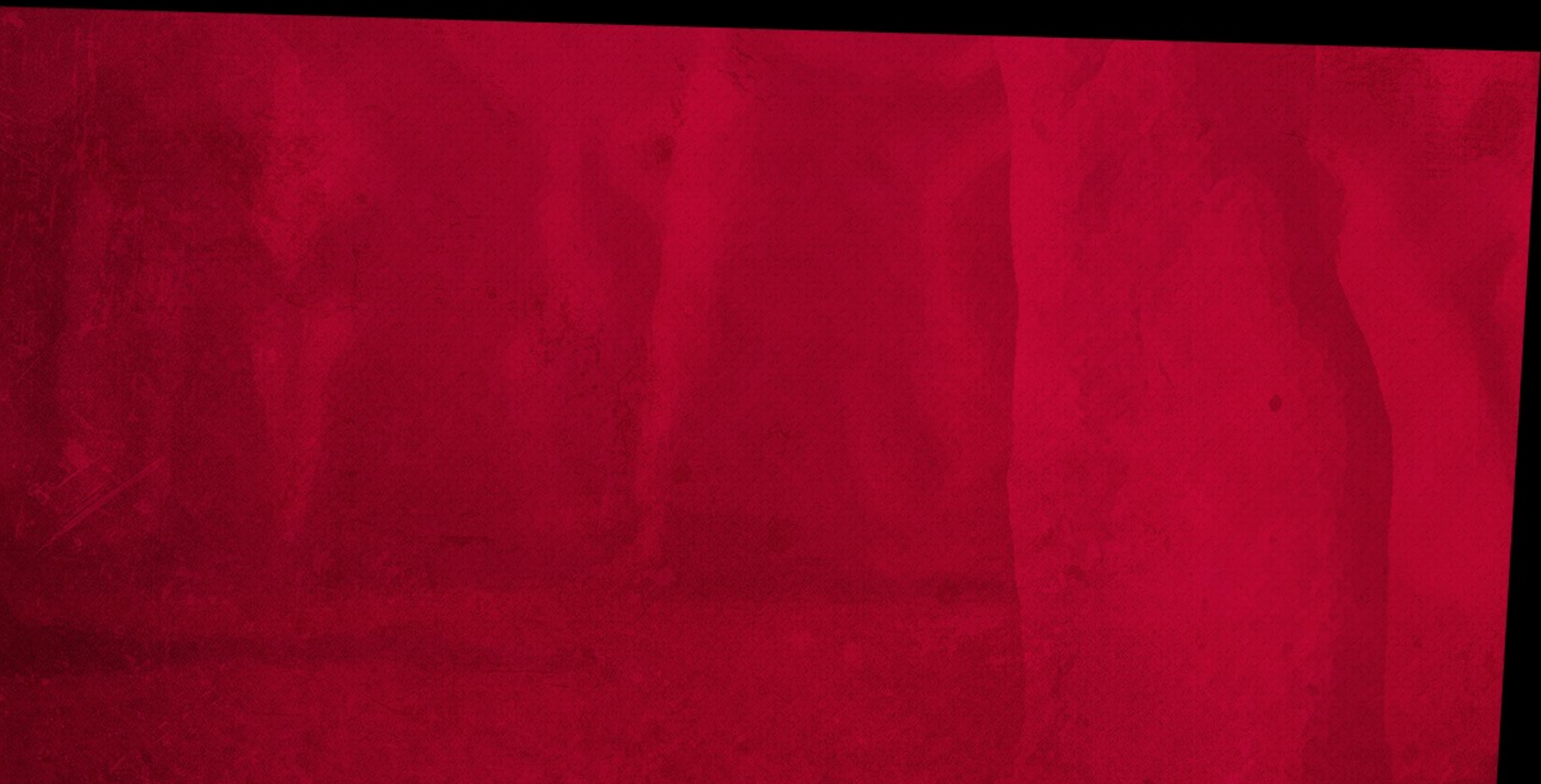
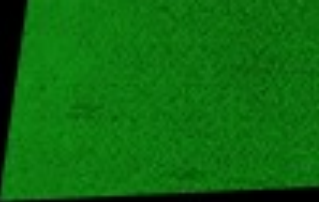
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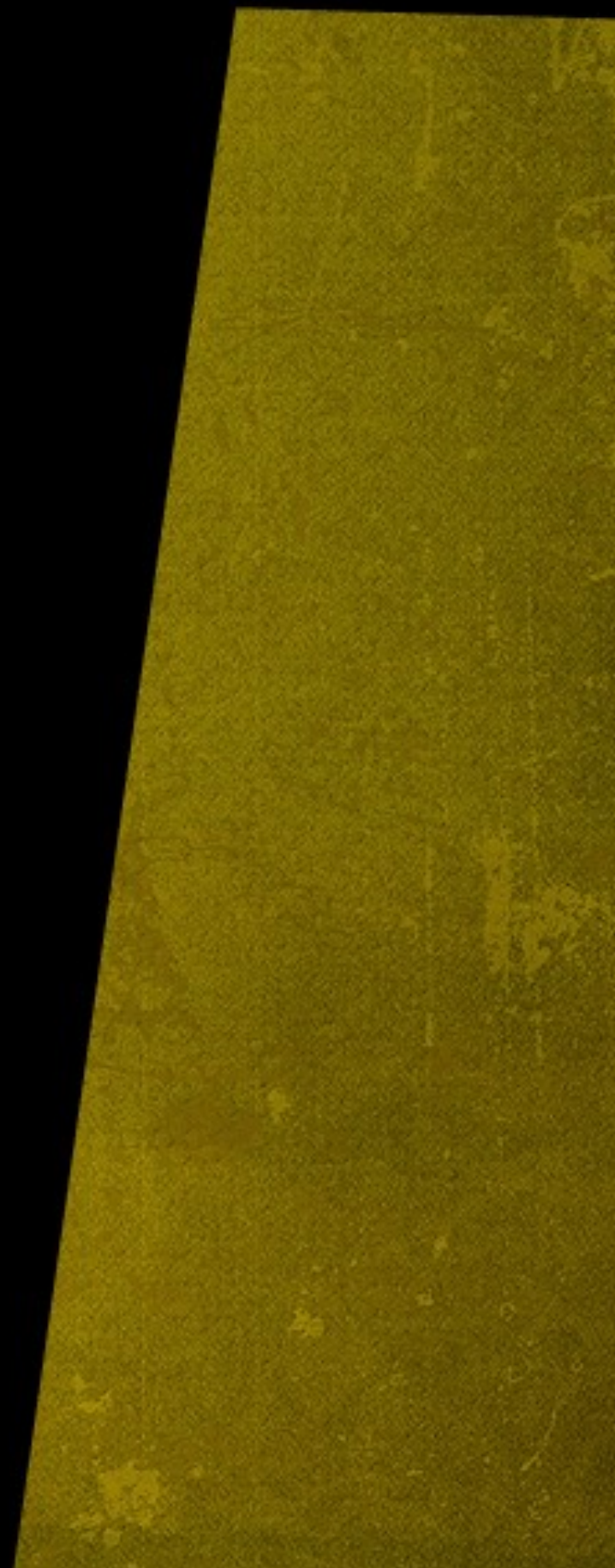
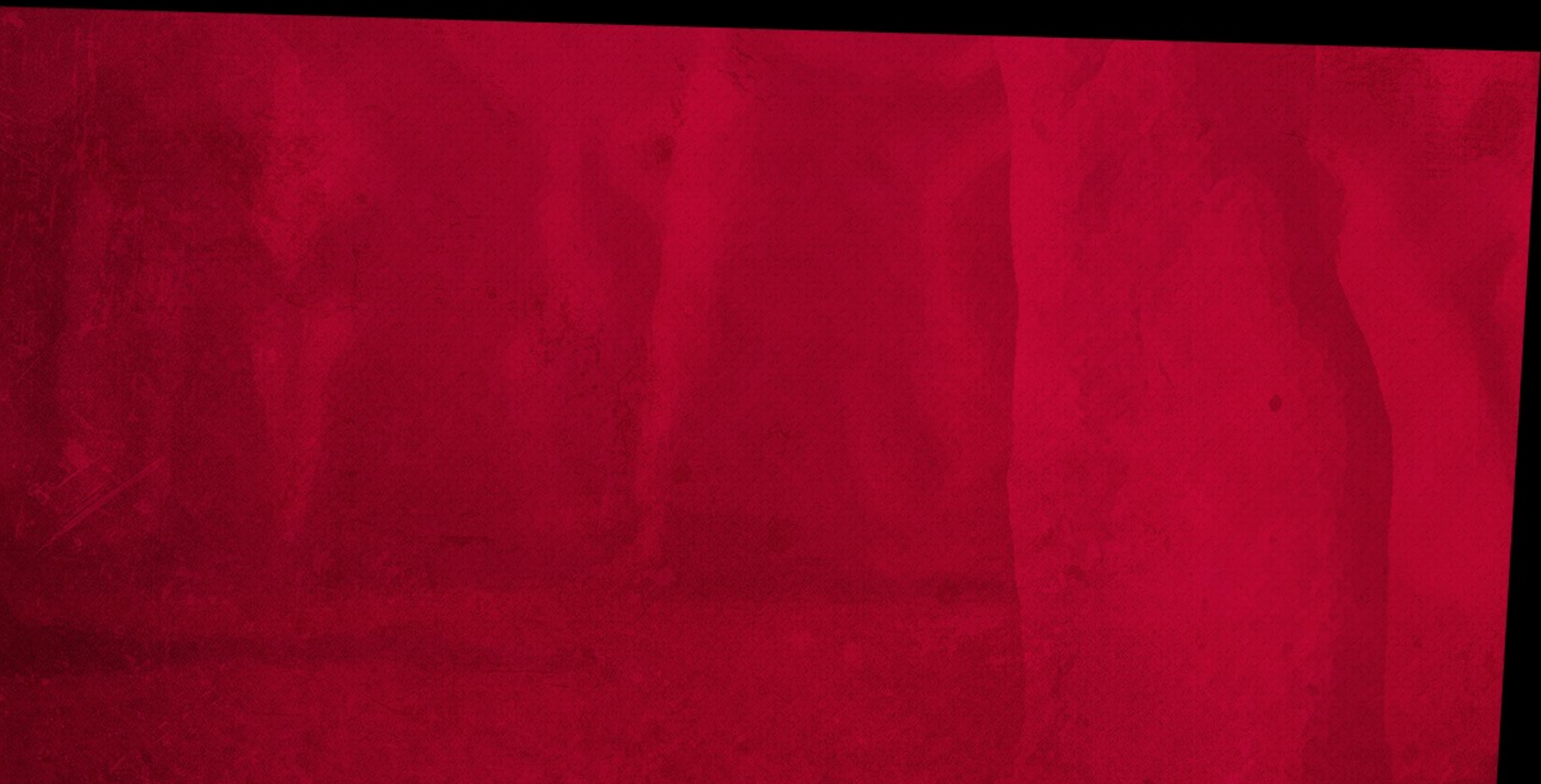
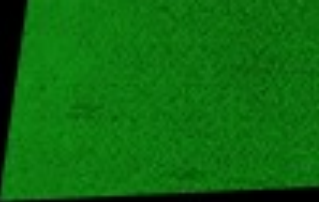
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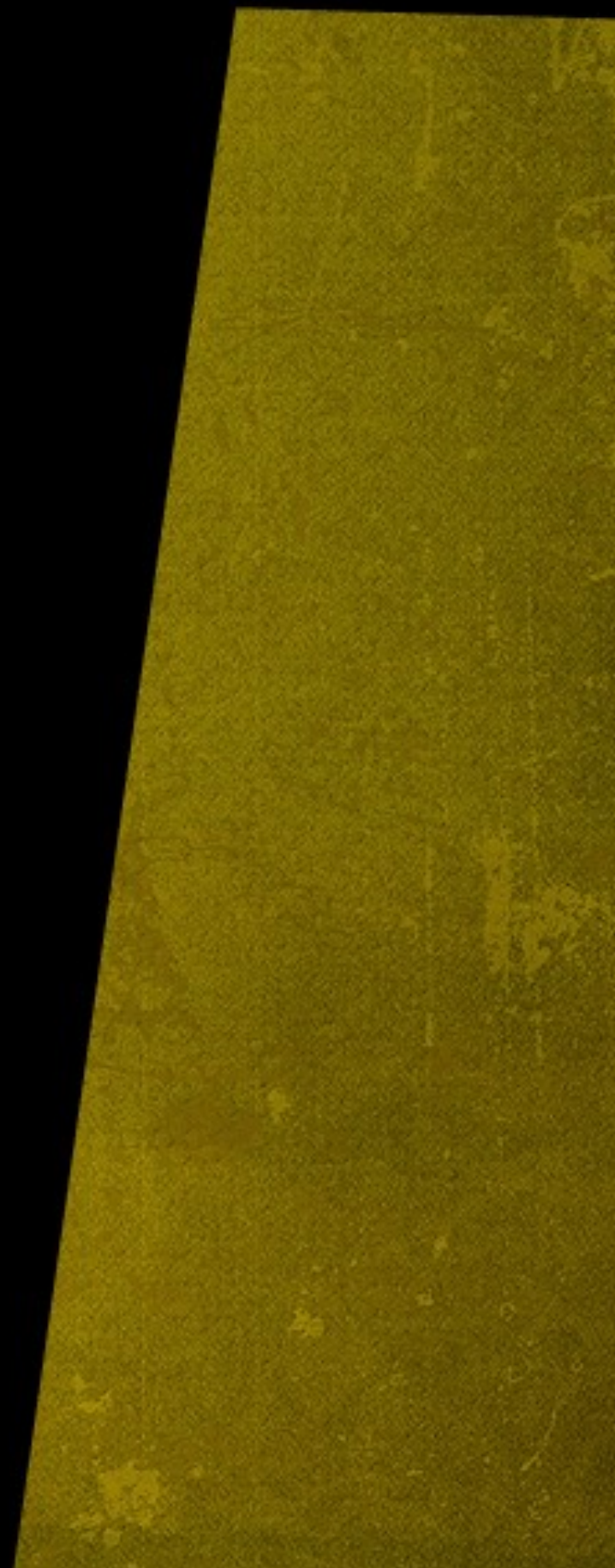
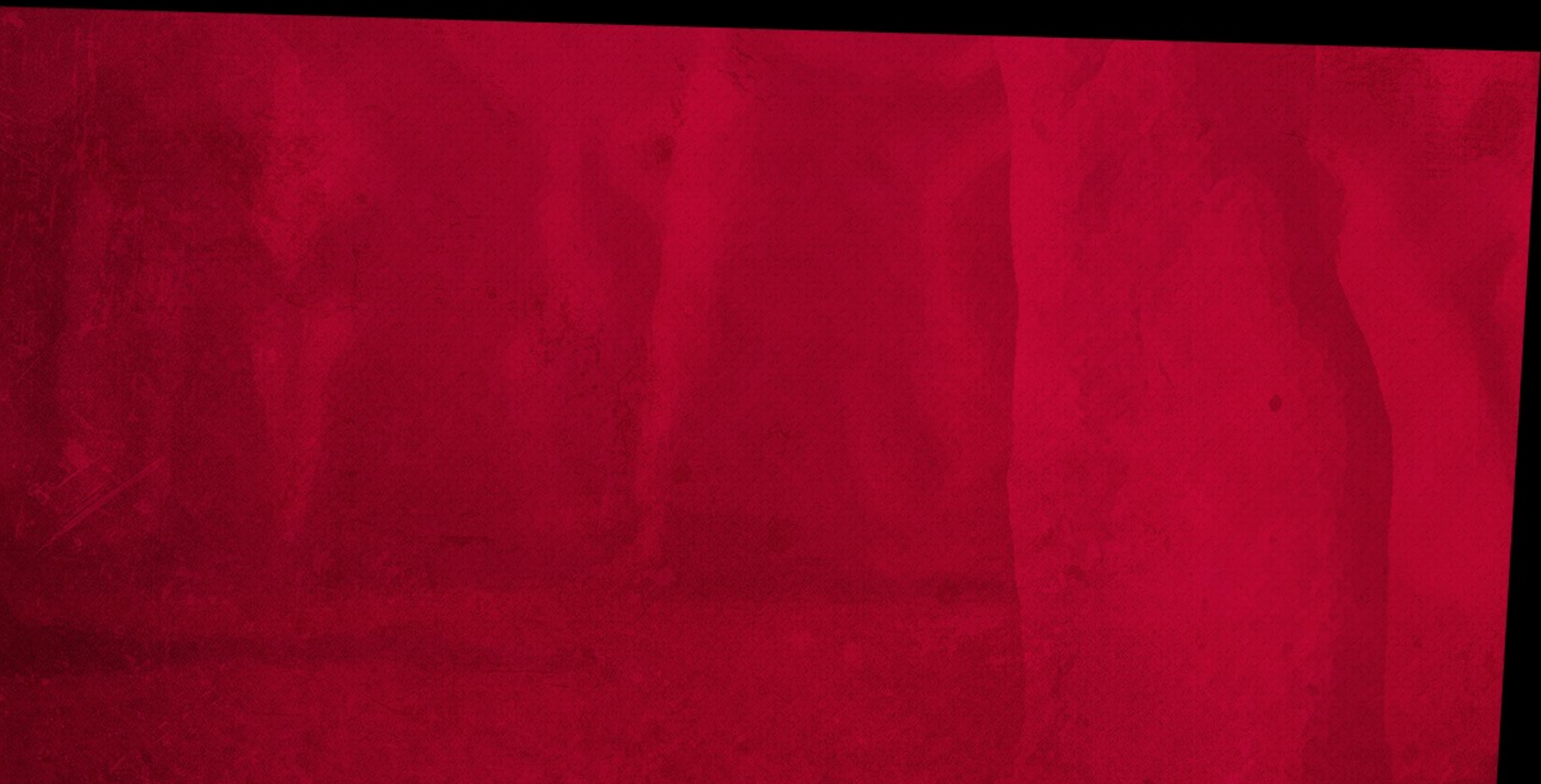
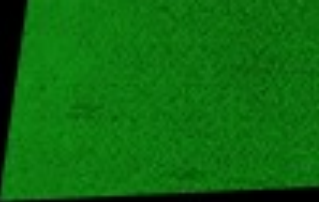




everything is already good,
everything is already good,
because Jesus still sits on
His throne

everything is already good,
everything is already good,
because Satan lost the
battle

everything is already good,
everything is already good,
because Jesus gives us
victory



the elimination factor

the awareness factor

I learned that everyday is
precious, everyone, don't
waste them.

We remember everyday
God's goodness and the
hope we have for the future.

I learned how incredibly
difficult it is to pray
“Your will be done”
and actually mean it.

I give thanks for what Christ
has done for us and it gives
peace and I look forward to
seeing Him face to face.

I celebrate smiles,
especially on children.

We learned that God has always been steadfast and with us, even if we did not recognize it at the time.

Life goes by fast, take time
to enjoy it while continuing
to be productive for God's
Kingdom.

I count my blessings
each day and rely on God
for my strength and know
He gives comfort.

the awareness factor

Sometimes what happens
to us when we suffer is that
we become open to the
mercy and grace and
gratitude and gift and

appreciation and joy that
are always around us
all the time that we
otherwise may miss.

the awareness factor



suffering pushes us deeper

Will you be alive
in suffering?

Though the fig tree does not
bud and there are no
grapes on the vines, though
the olive crop fails and the
fields produce no food,

though there are no sheep
in the pen and no cattle in
the stalls, yet I will rejoice in
the LORD, I will be joyful in
God my Saviour.

- Habakkuk 3:17-19

The Sovereign LORD is my strength, And He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.



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