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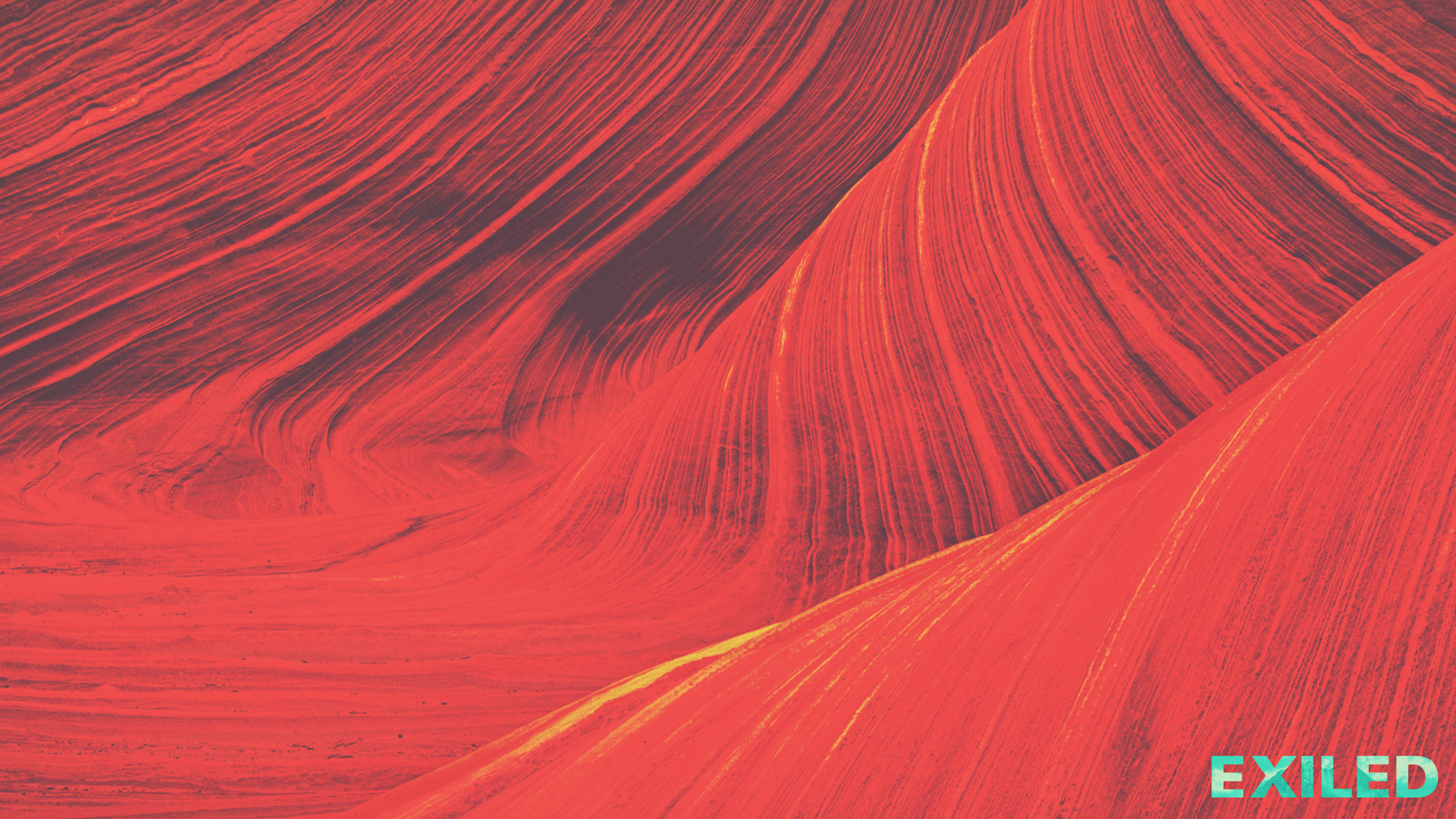


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How to live in a place that isn't home

“Embracing Exile”
by Pastor Steve Durand



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Jeremiah 29:1-14

¹ This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests,

Jeremiah 29:1-14

the prophets and all the other people
Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from
Jerusalem to Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

² (This was after King Jehoiachin[a] and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.)

Jeremiah 29:1-14

³ He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said:

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁴ This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁵ “Build houses and settle down;
plant gardens and eat what they produce.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁶ Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁷ Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁸ Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

¹⁰ This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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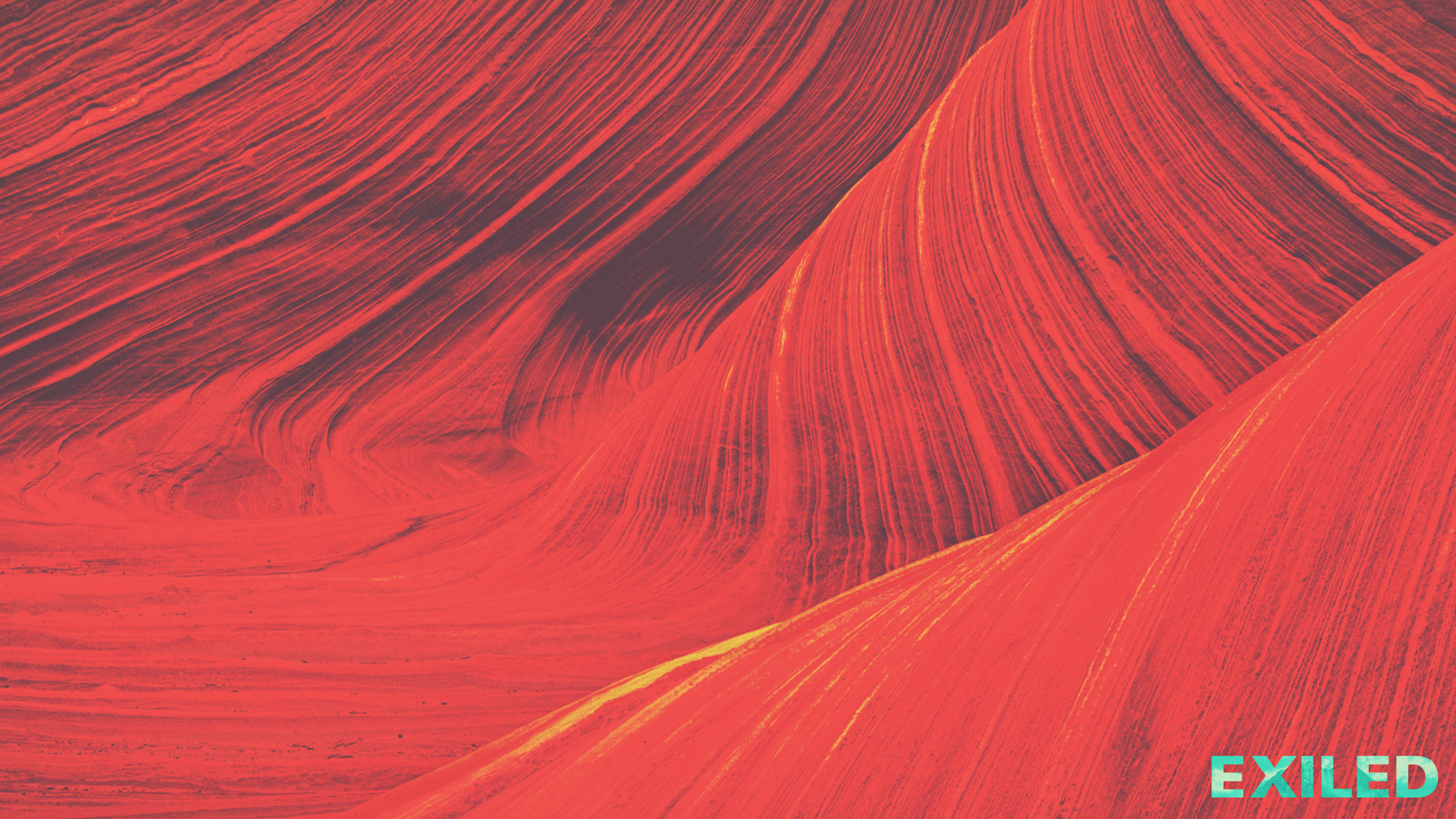
¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord,

Jeremiah 29:1-14

“and will bring you back to the place
from which I carried you into exile.”



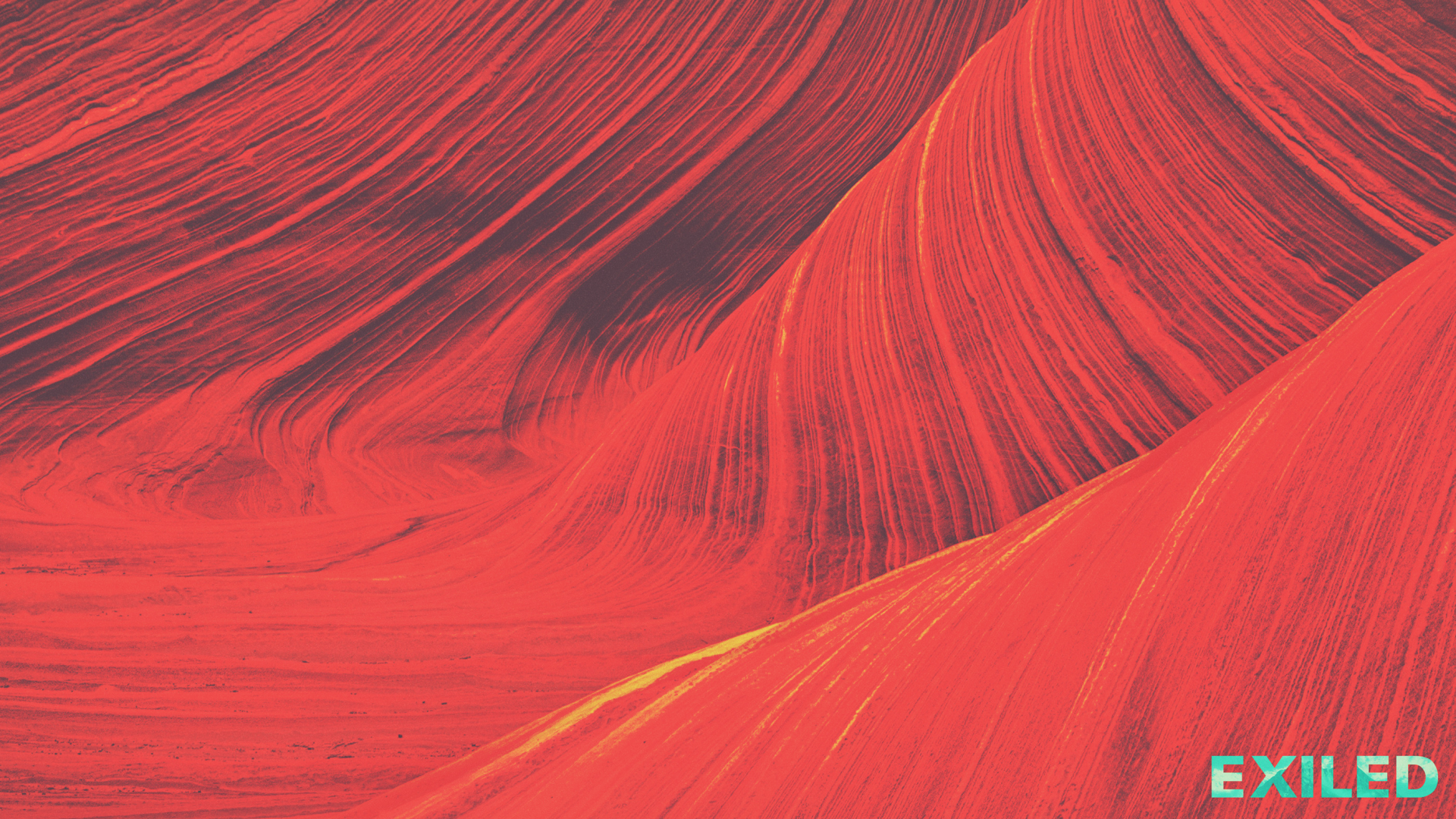
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God's blueprint for living in and relating to the culture today:

1. Bloom where God has planted you

Jeremiah 29:5-6

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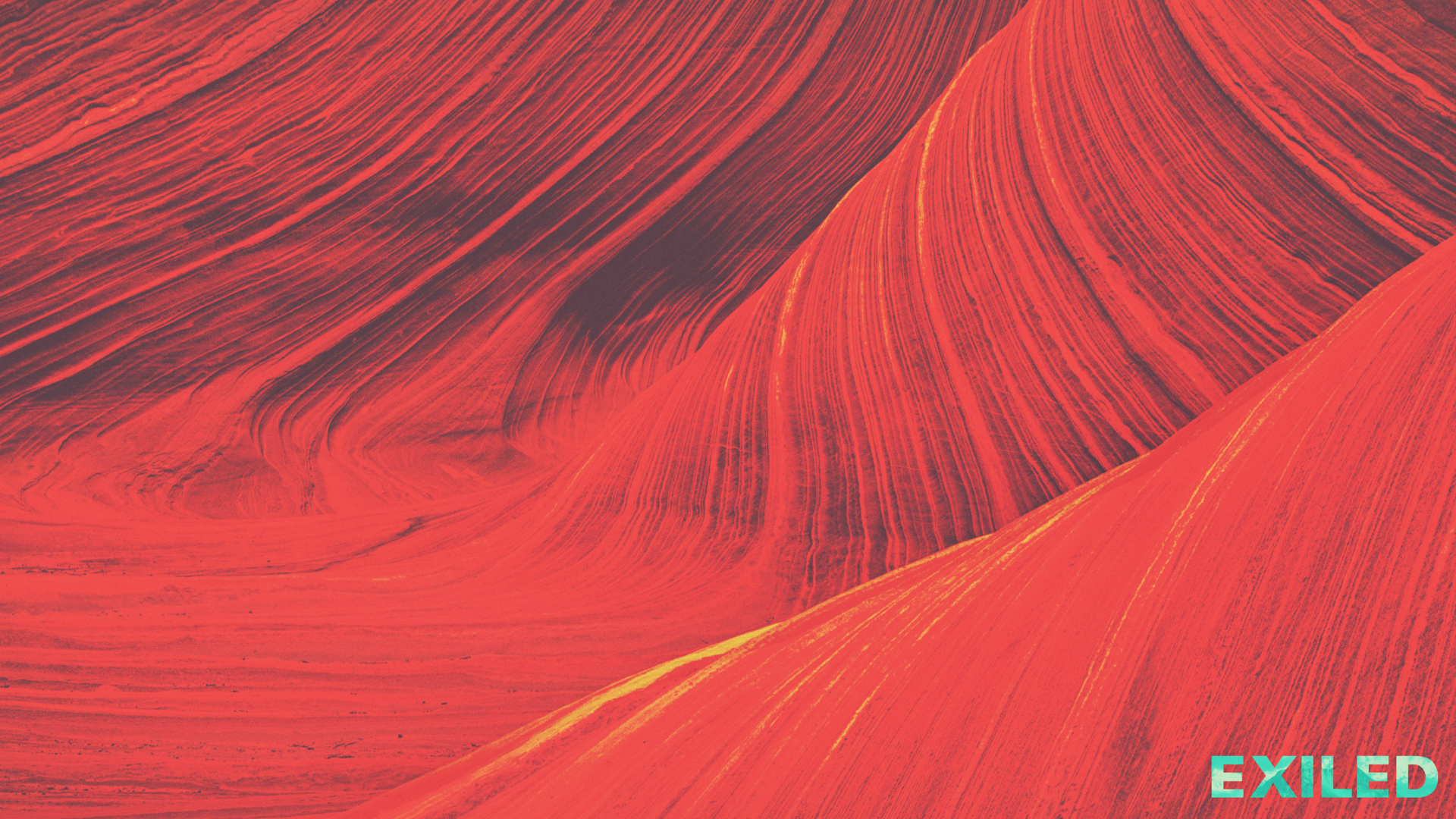
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God's blueprint for living in and relating to the culture today:

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2. Seek the welfare of the city

Jeremiah 29:7

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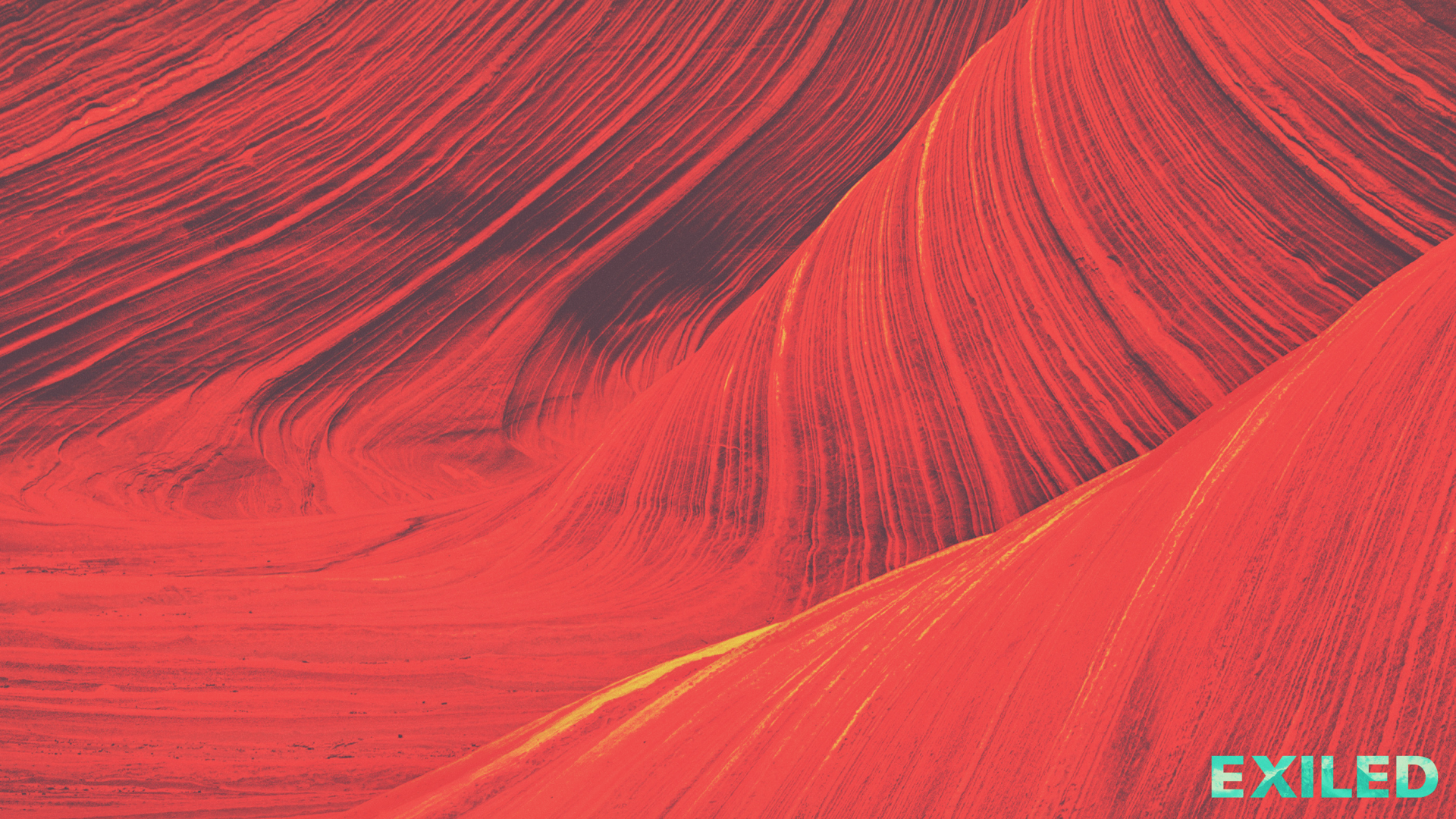
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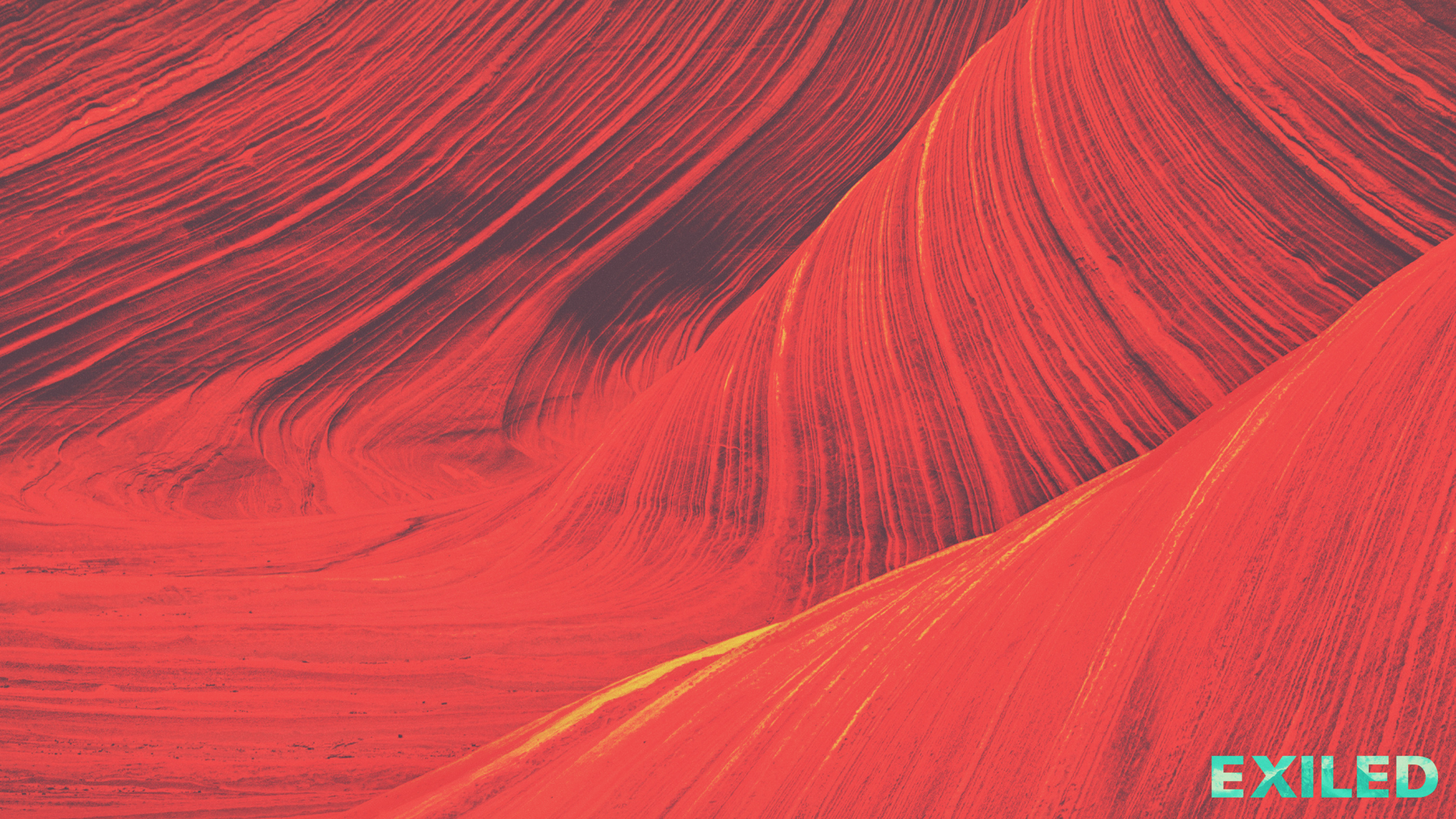
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God's blueprint for living in and relating to the culture today:

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3. Remember that God is still in control



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