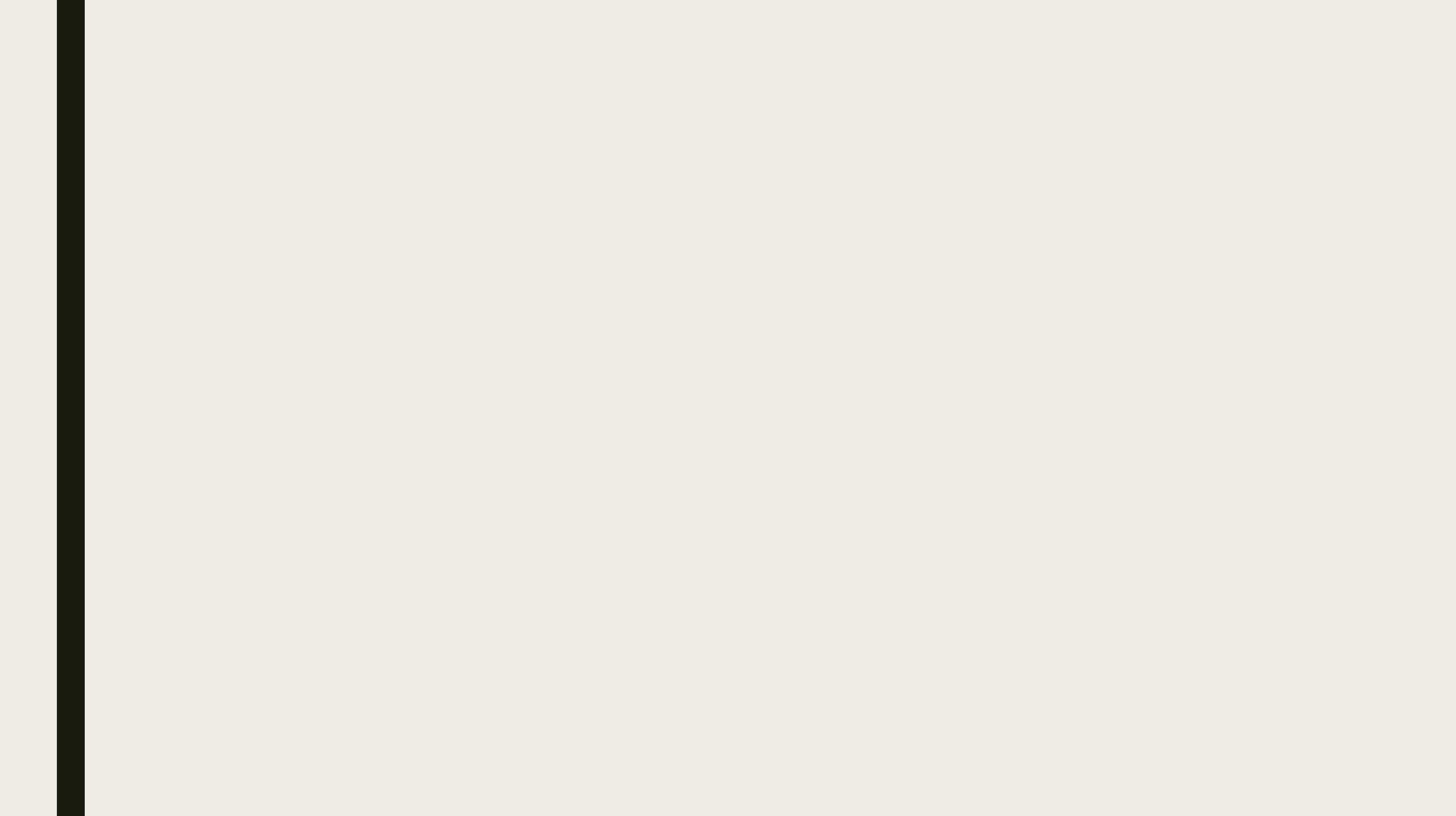


# **HOLD THE LINE: FIGHTING PORNOGRAPHY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**

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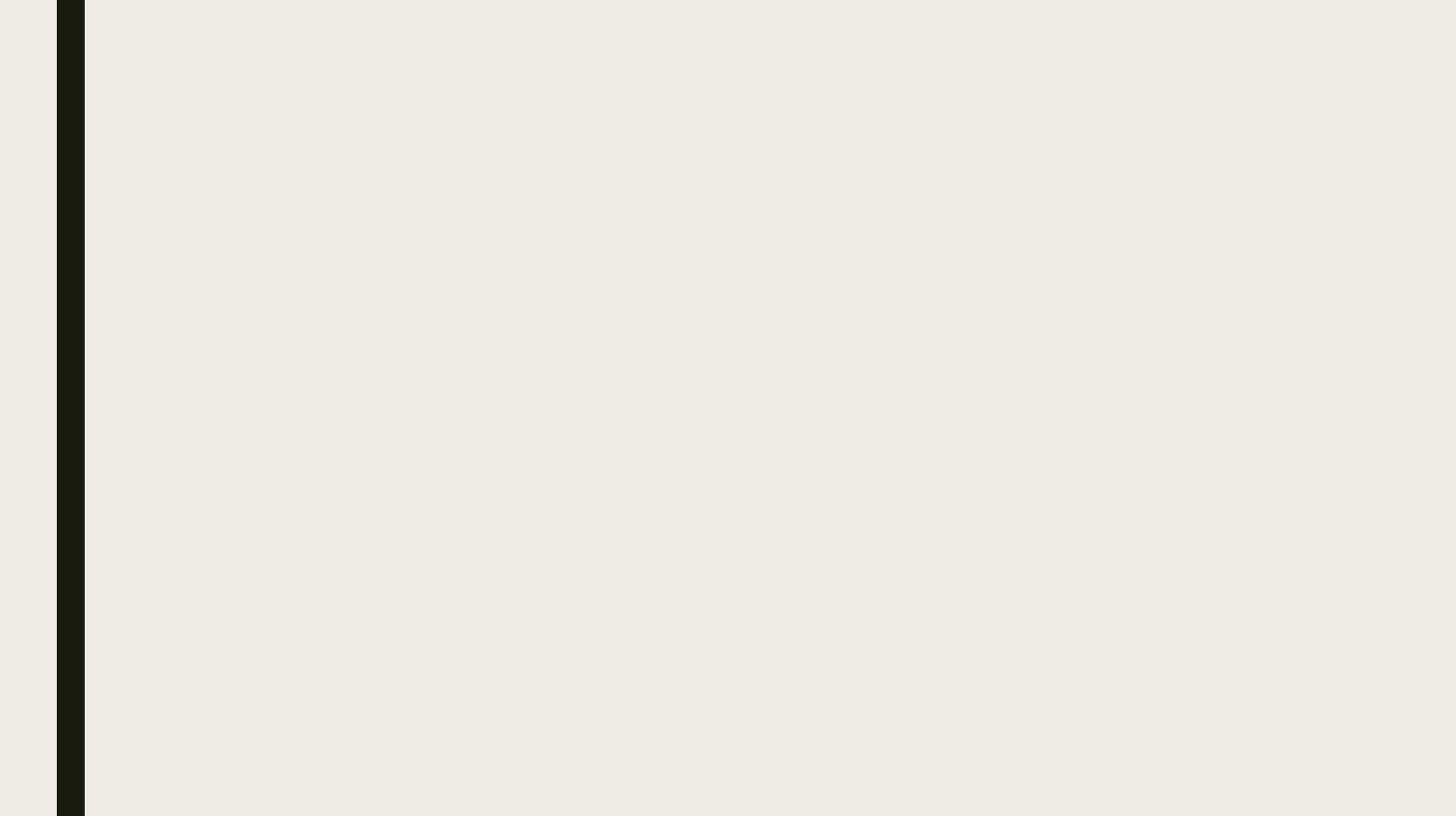


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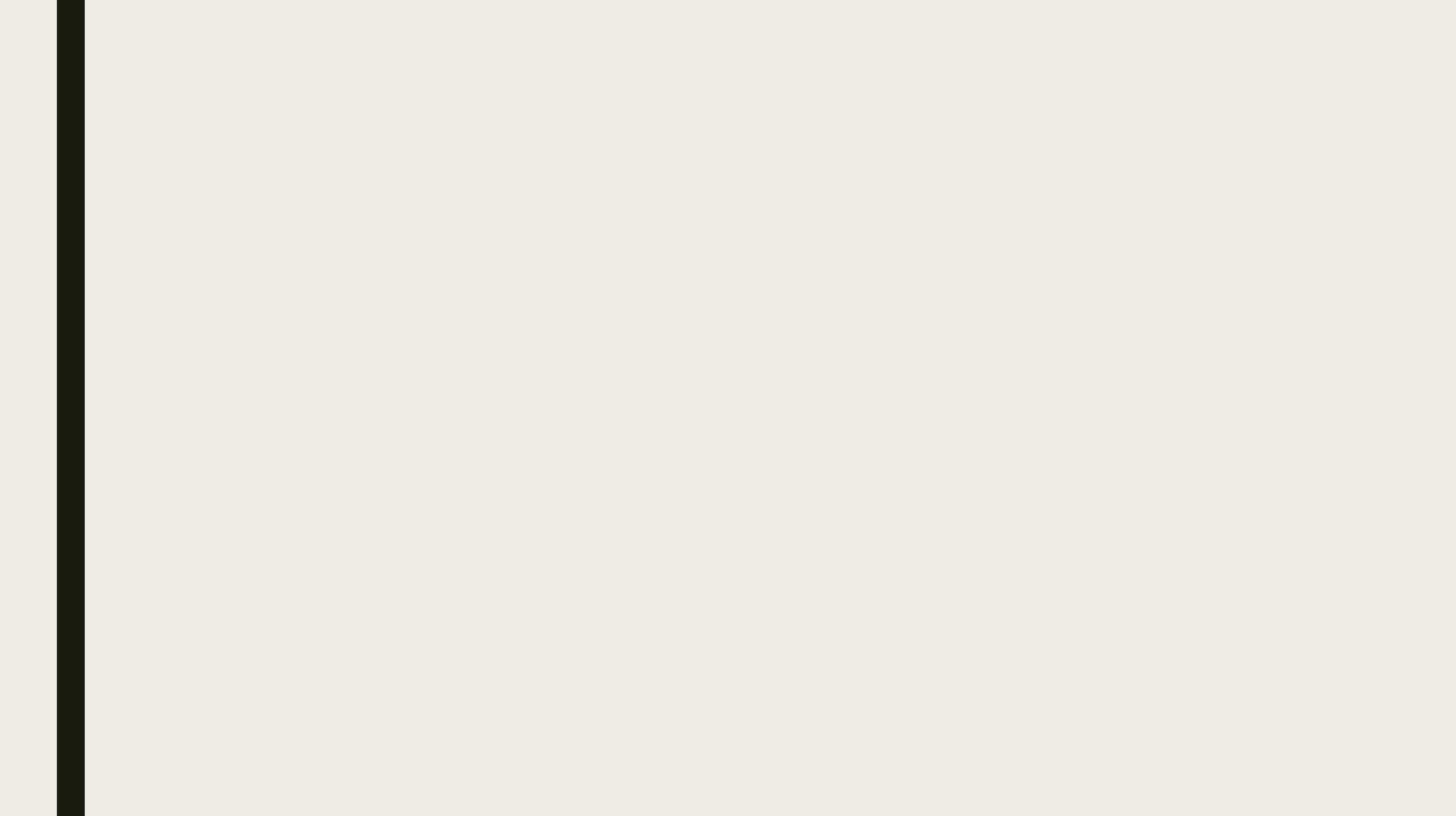


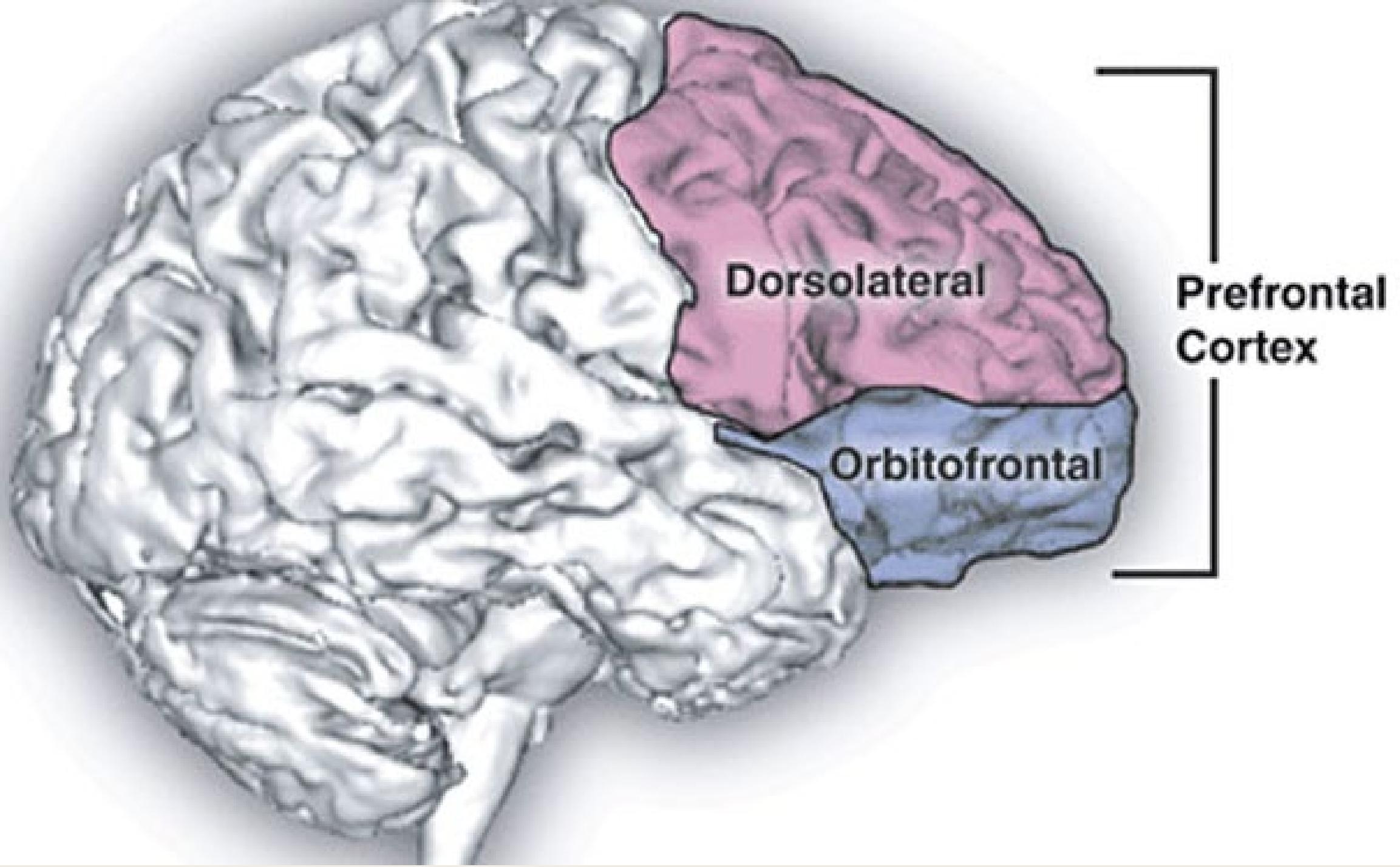


**What is  
pornography?**

**Why is  
pornography  
sinful?**









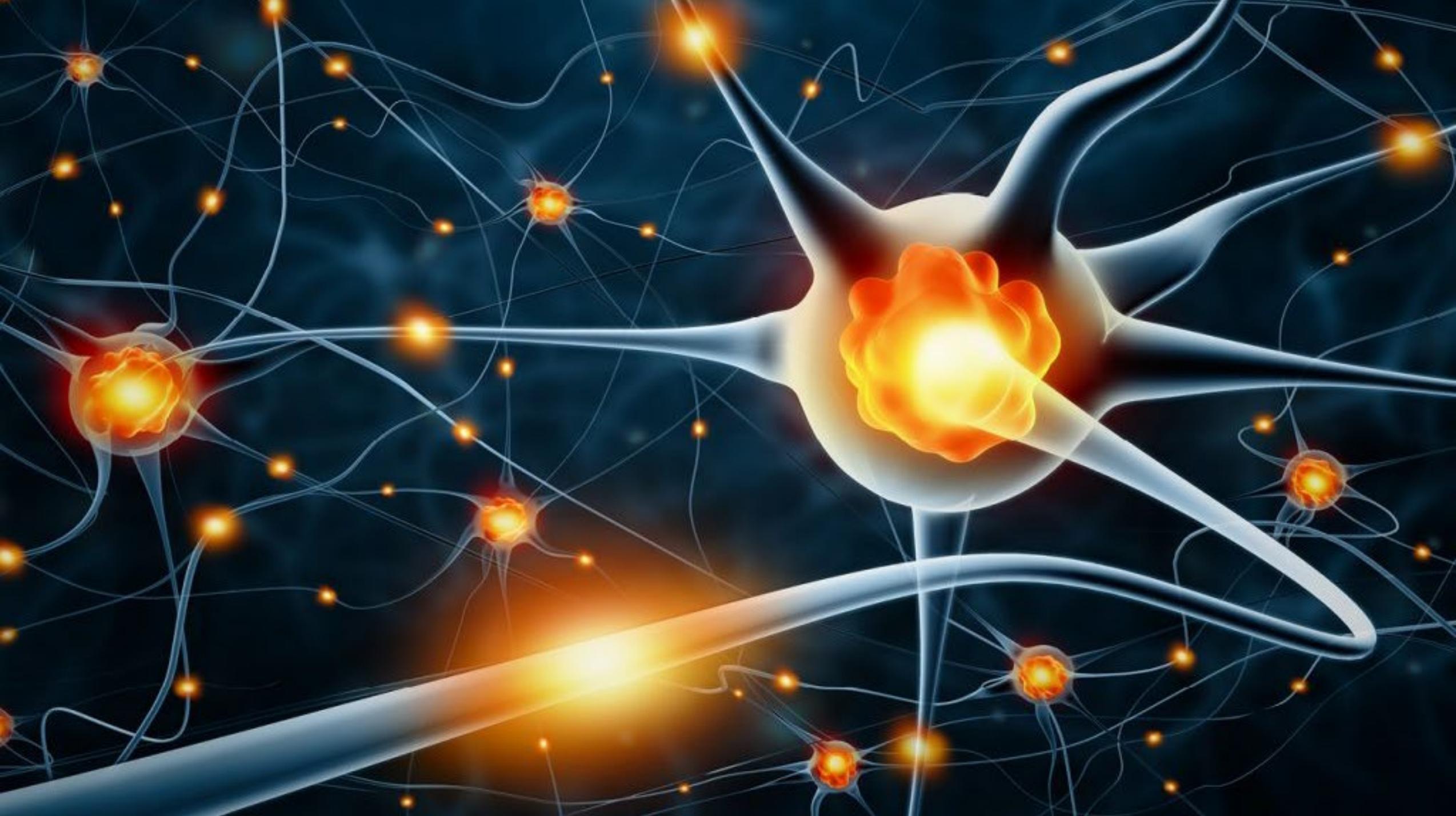


# 1 Peter 5:8a ESV

Be sober-minded; be watchful.

# Watching pornography rewires the brain to a more juvenile state

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# Neuroscience News (2019)

“From depression to erectile dysfunction, porn appears to be hijacking our neural wiring with dire consequences.”

# Neuroscience News (2019)

“Porn scenes, like addictive substances, are hyper-stimulating triggers that lead to unnaturally high levels of dopamine secretion. This... can leave [the brain] unresponsive to natural sources of pleasure. This is why users begin to experience difficulty in achieving arousal with a physical partner.”

# Neuroscience News (2019)

“The desensitization of our reward circuitry sets the stage for sexual dysfunctions to develop, but the repercussions don’t end there. Studies show that changes in the transmission of dopamine can facilitate depression and anxiety.”

# National Institute on Drug Abuse (Bethesda, MD) and Brookhaven National Laboratory (Upton, NY):

“The more time you spend at those elevated levels, the more your brain’s dopamine receptors (the parts of the brain that respond to dopamine) start to ‘plug their ears.’ Think of them as little referees becoming more and more oblivious to complaining players and screaming fans.”

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

Norman Doidge, MD

# The Brain That Changes Itself

REVISED EDITION

Stories of personal  
triumph from  
the frontiers of  
brain science



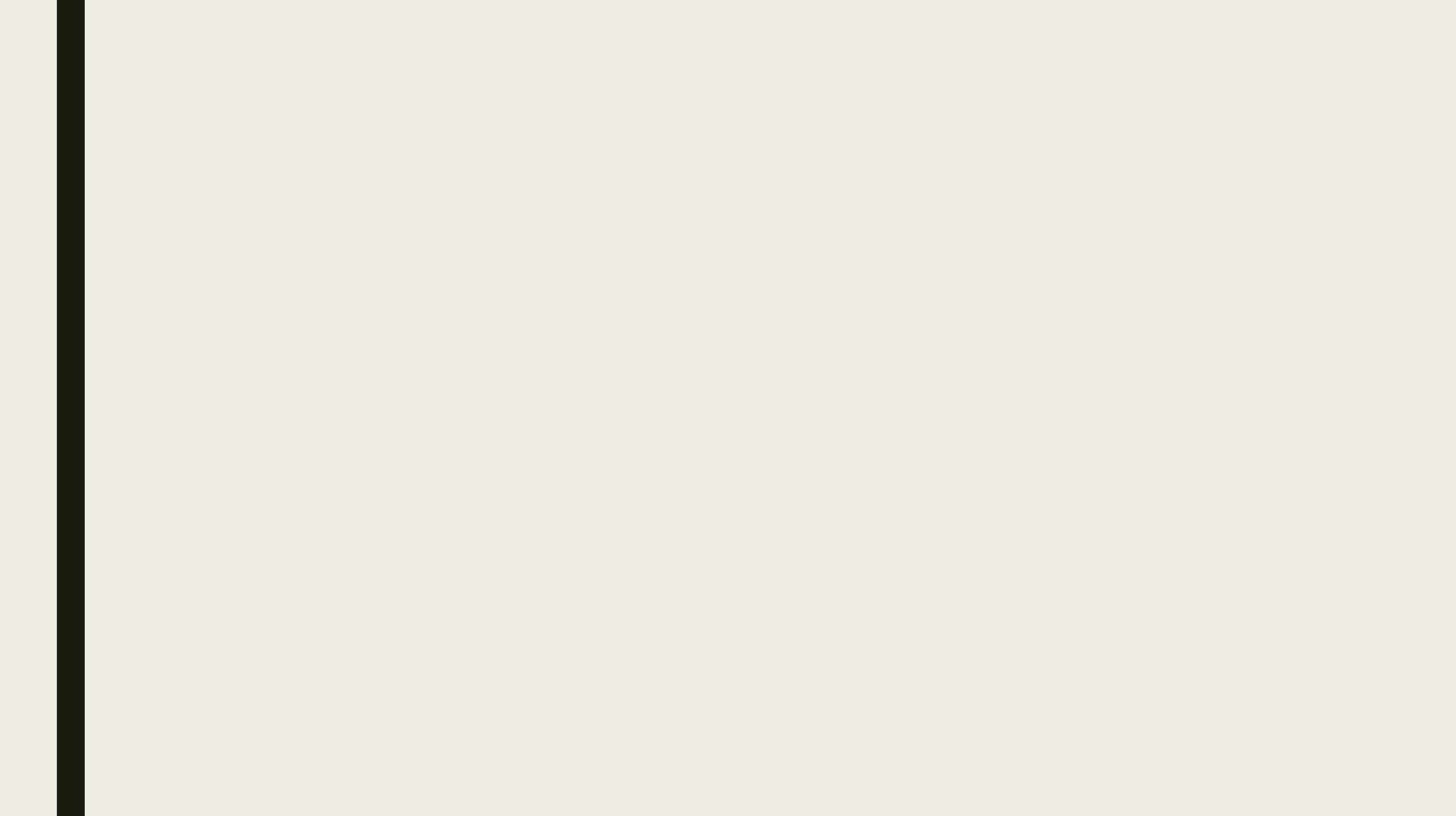
'A remarkable and hopeful portrait of the endless  
adaptability of the human brain.' **OLIVER SACKS**

# Norman Doidge

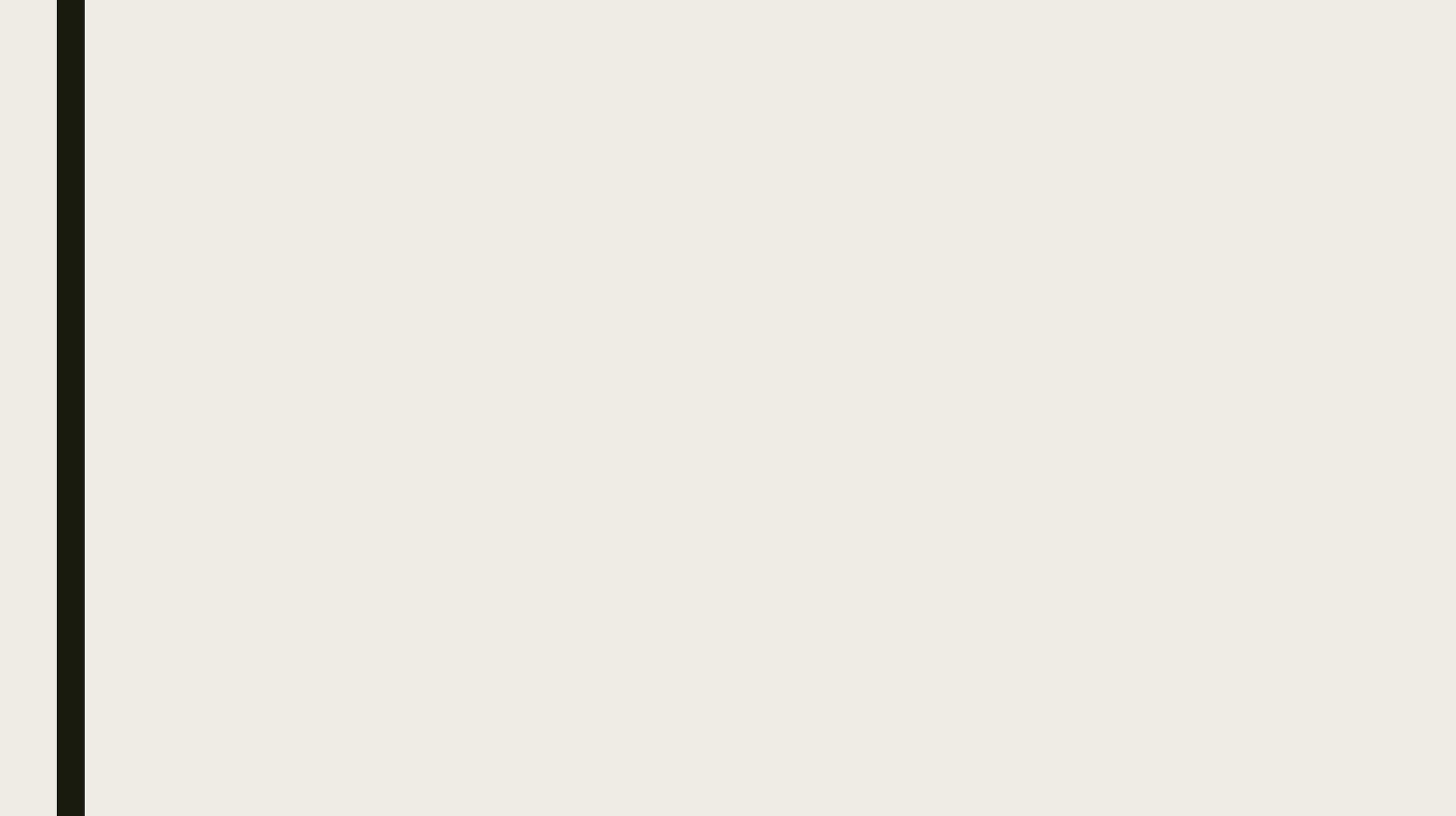
“Pornography satisfies every one of the prerequisites for neuroplastic change. When pornographers boast that they are pushing the envelope by introducing new, harder themes, what they don’t say is that they must, because their customers are building up a tolerance to the content.”

# Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (2016)

Nearly 47% of respondents reported that, over time, they began watching pornography that had previously disinterested or even disgusted them.



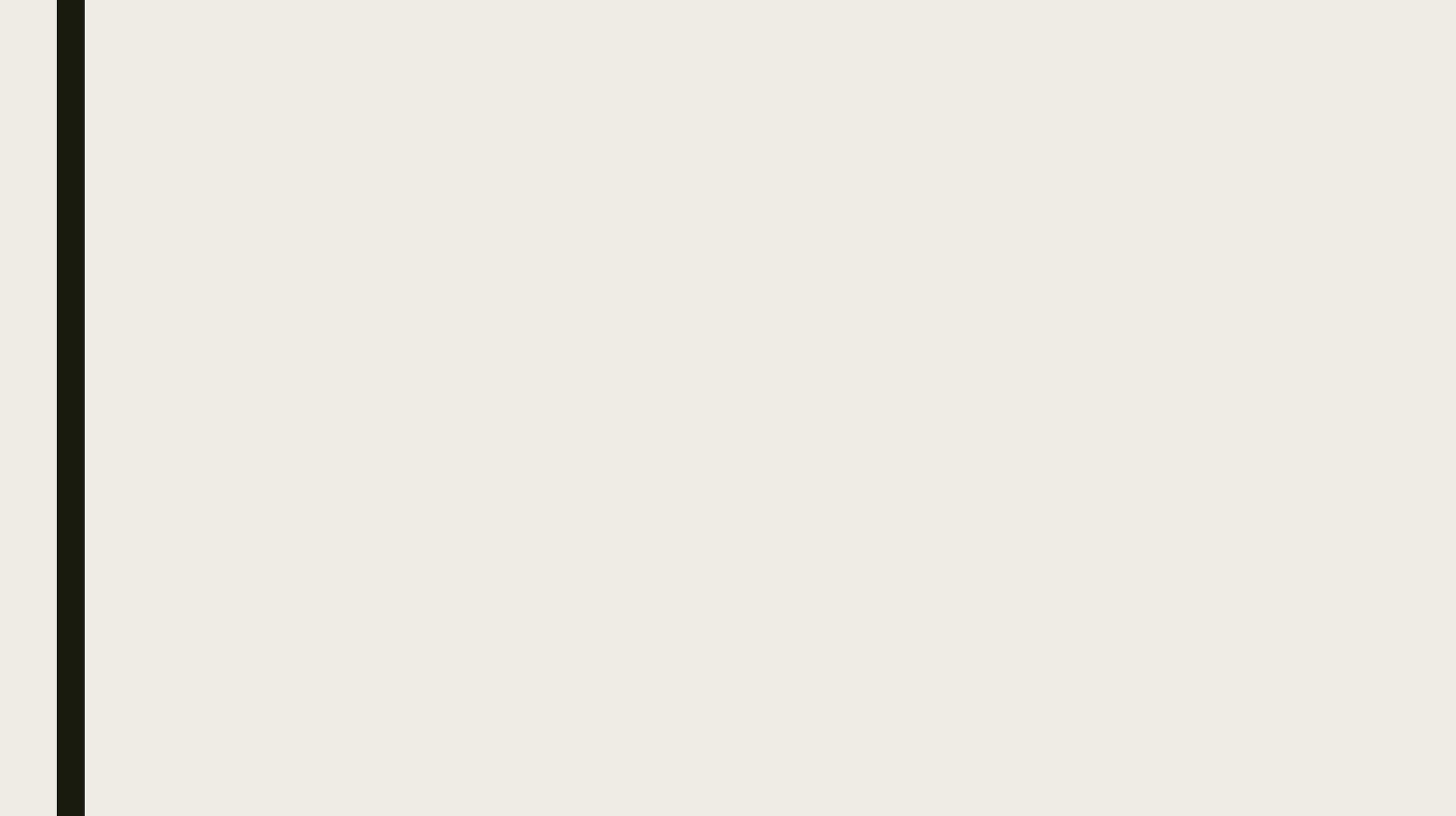
**Pornography is sinful  
because it causes  
tremendous damage  
to God's creation.**



**BUT WAIT**



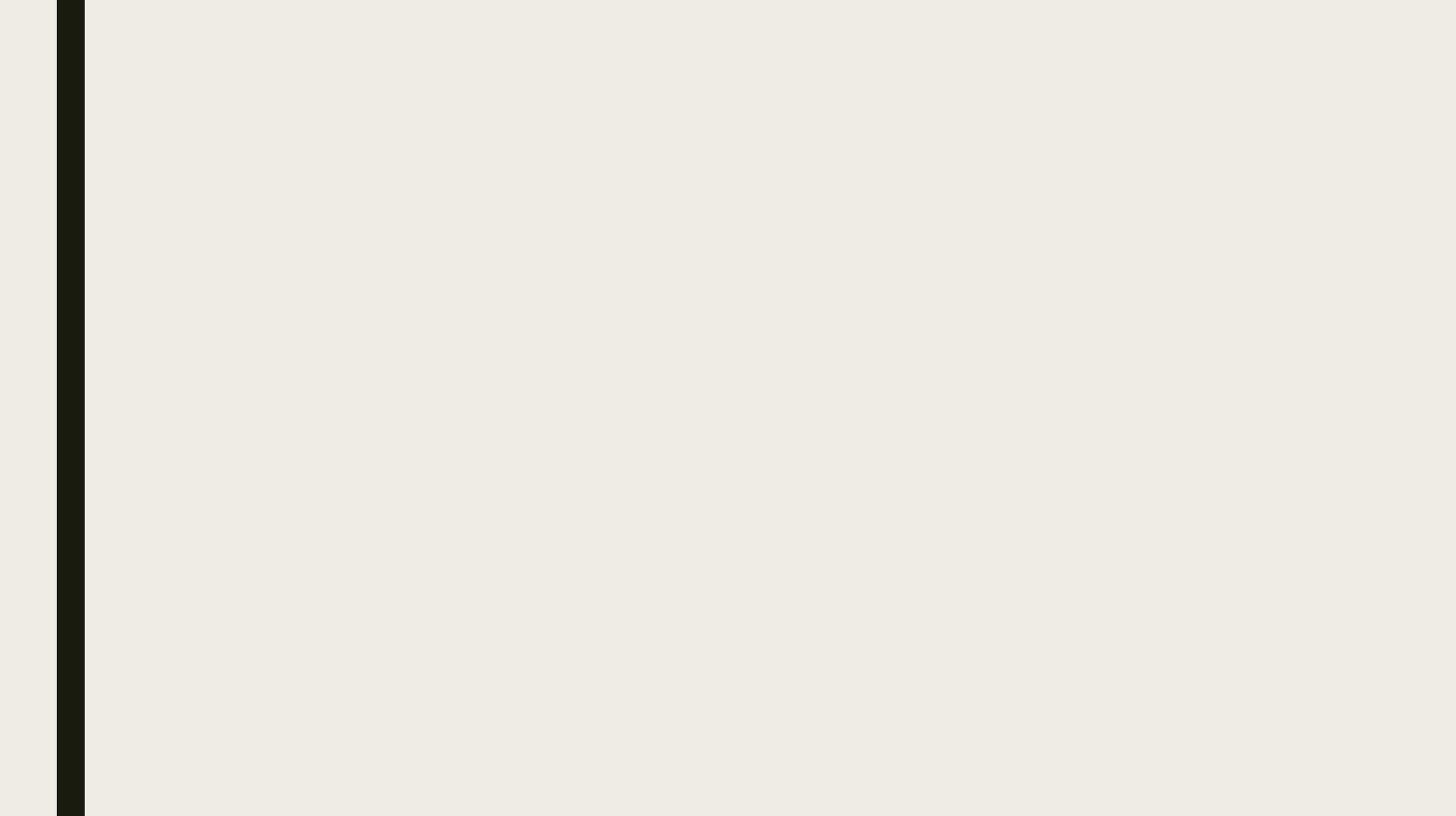
**THERE'S MORE**





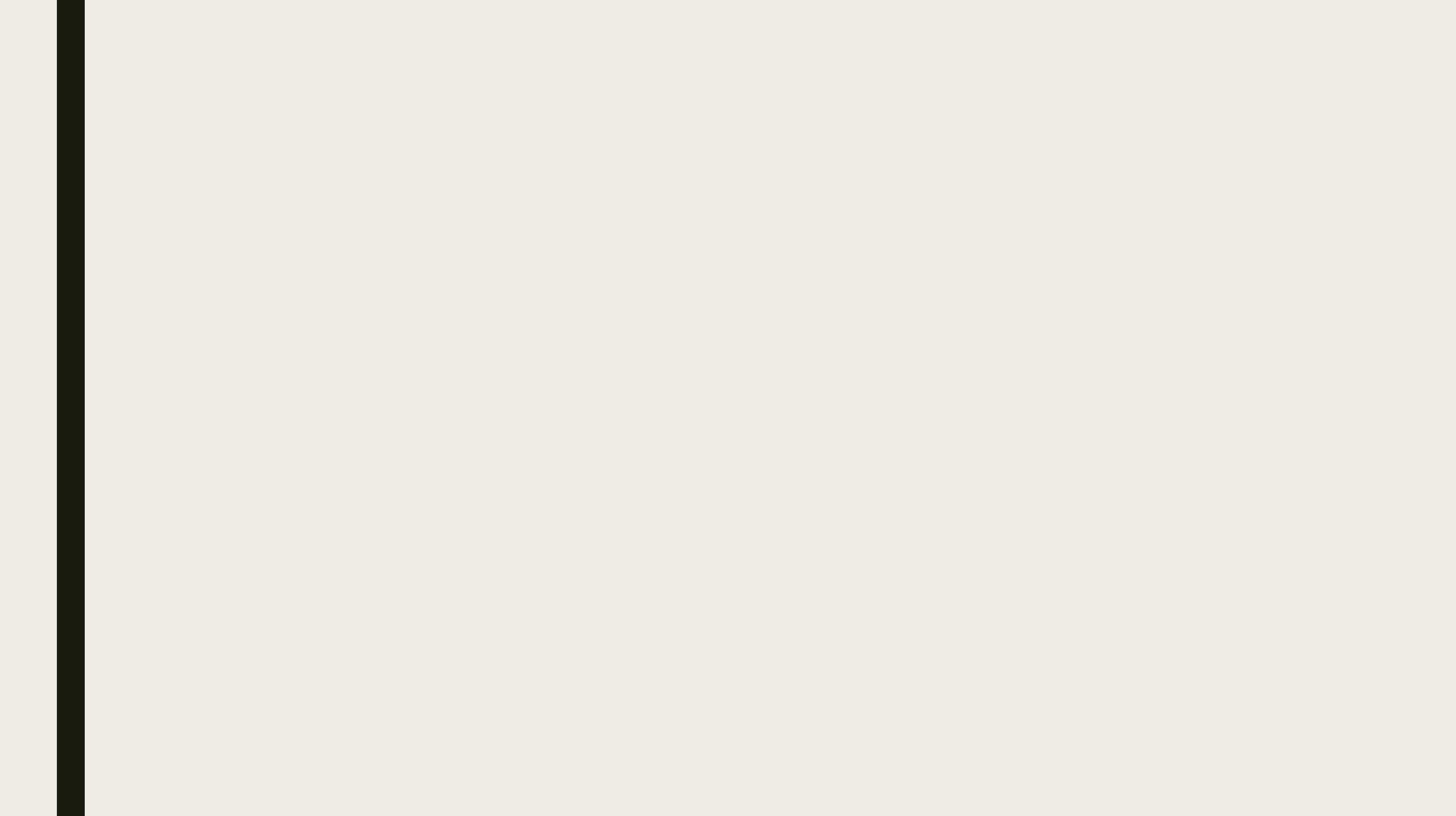
# Genesis 1:26 ESV

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”





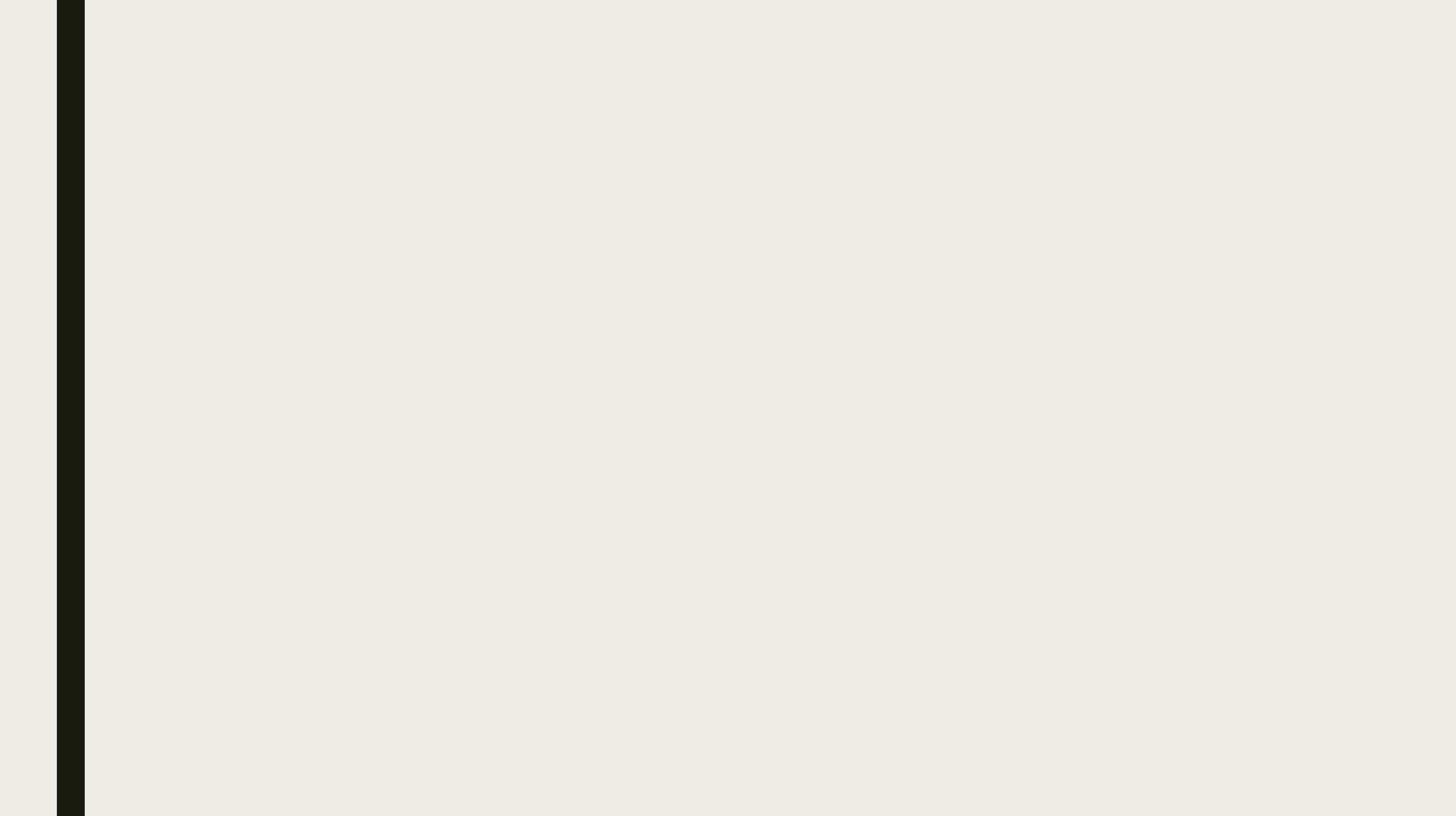
**Pornography is sinful  
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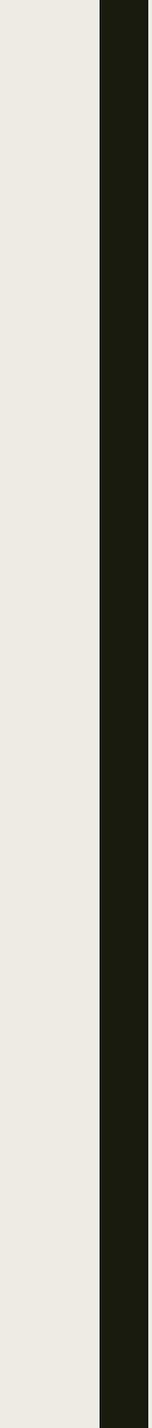


**What do we do  
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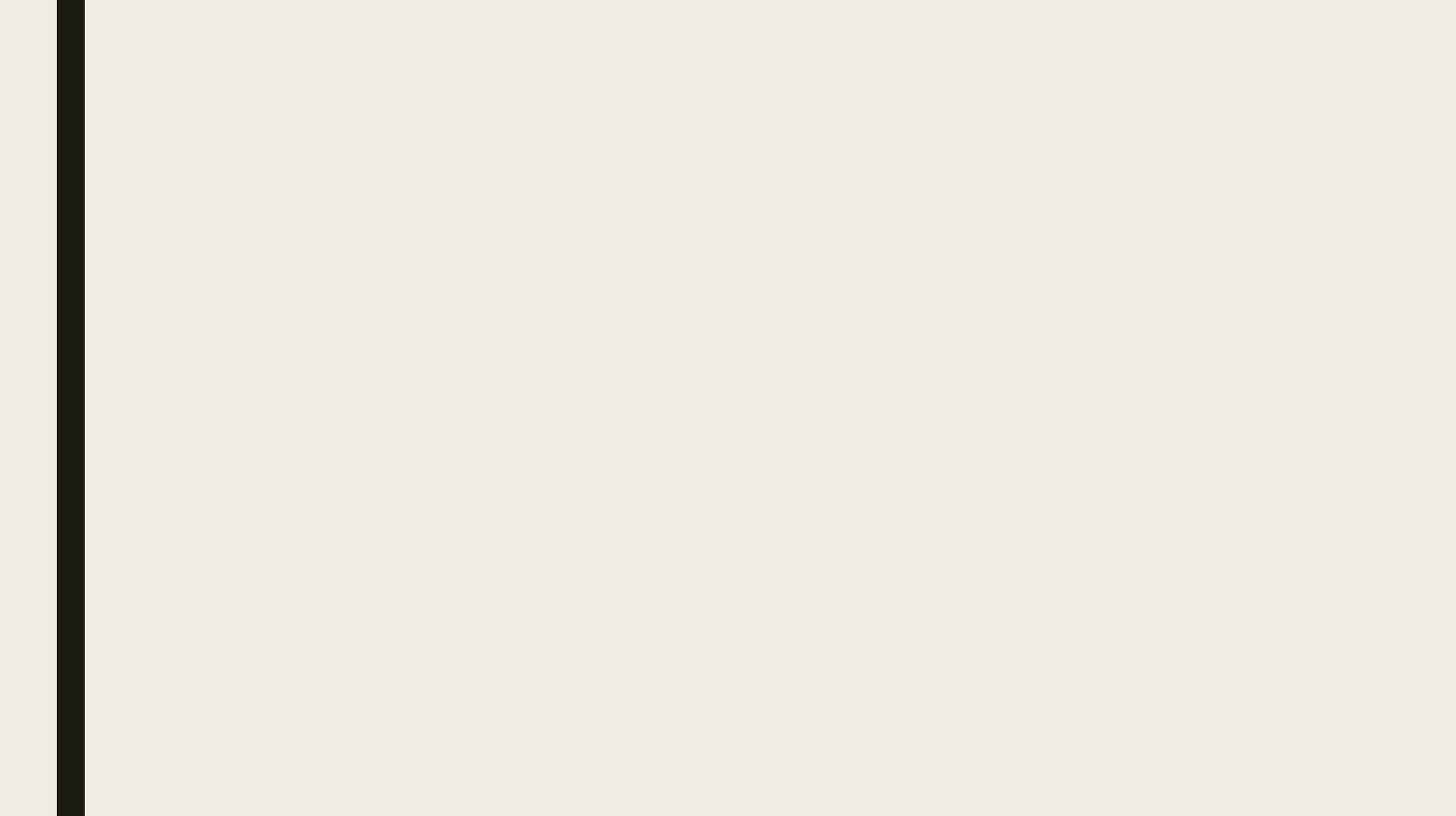
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**Limit**

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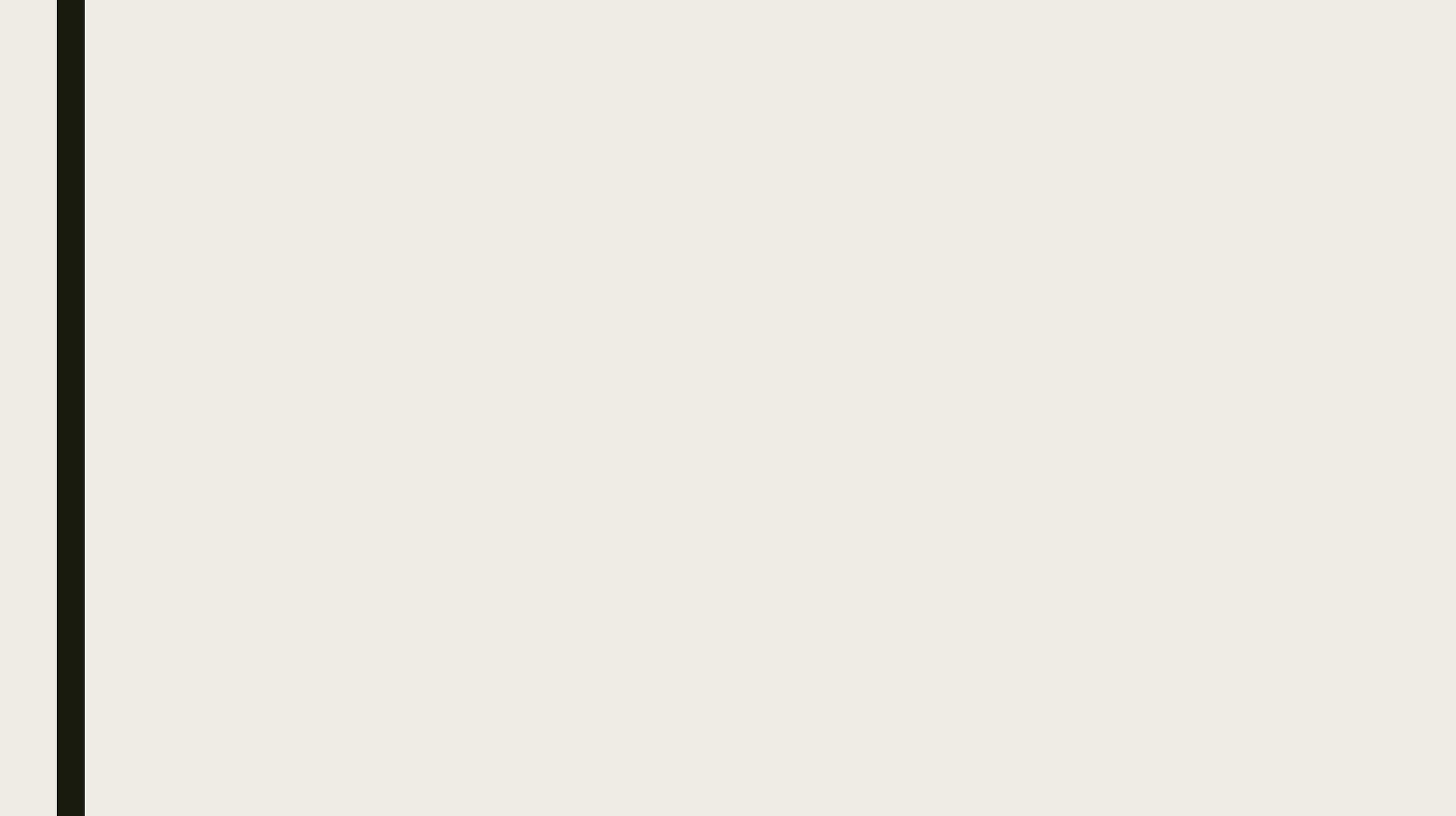


**Help people see  
foolishness of  
short-term  
satisfaction.**

# Hebrews 12:15-16 ESV

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that **no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau**, who sold his birthright for a single meal.





**Praise the things  
of earth.**

# 1 Timothy 4:4-5 ESV

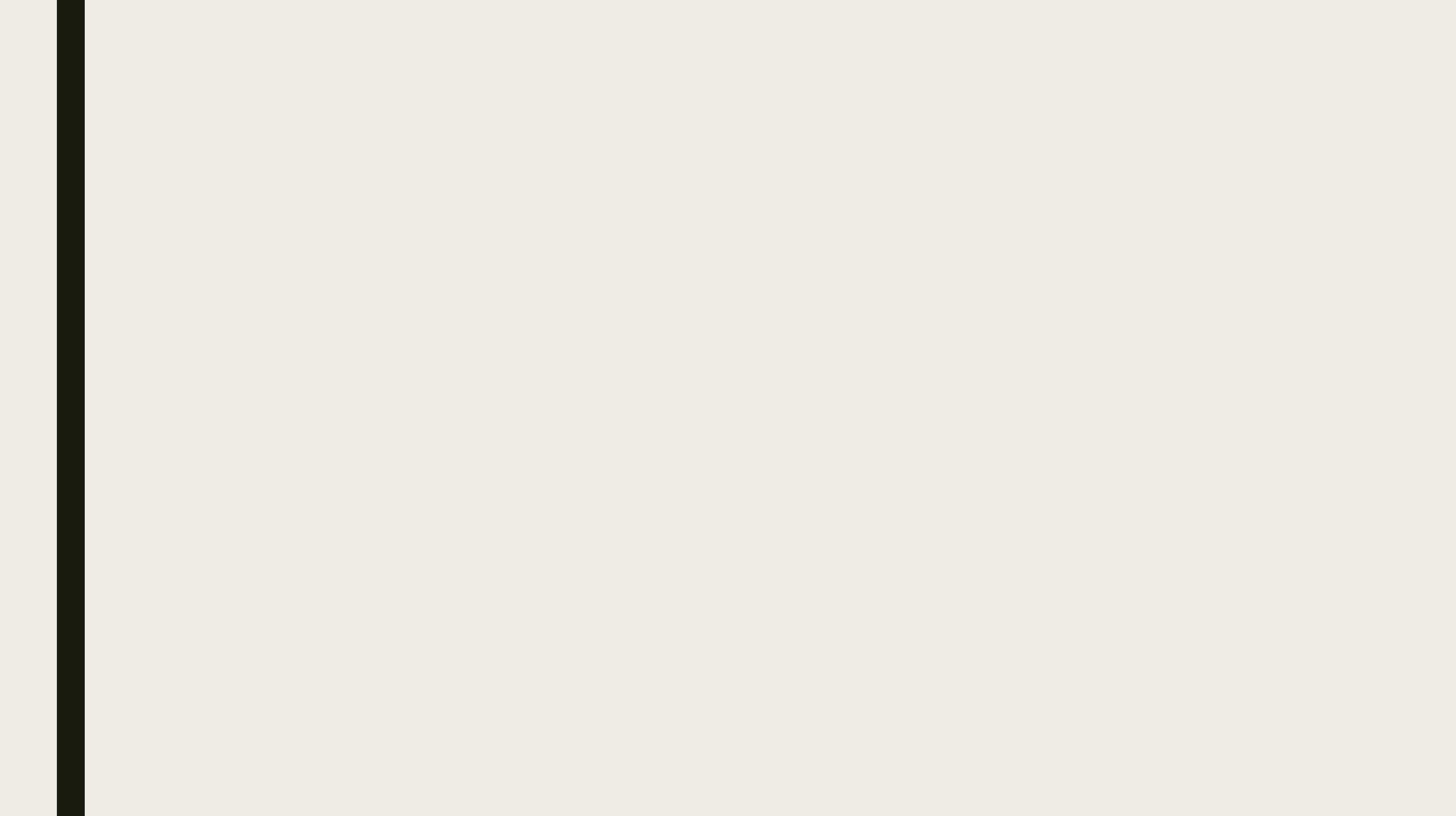
For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving,

5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

# Romans 1:20a ESV

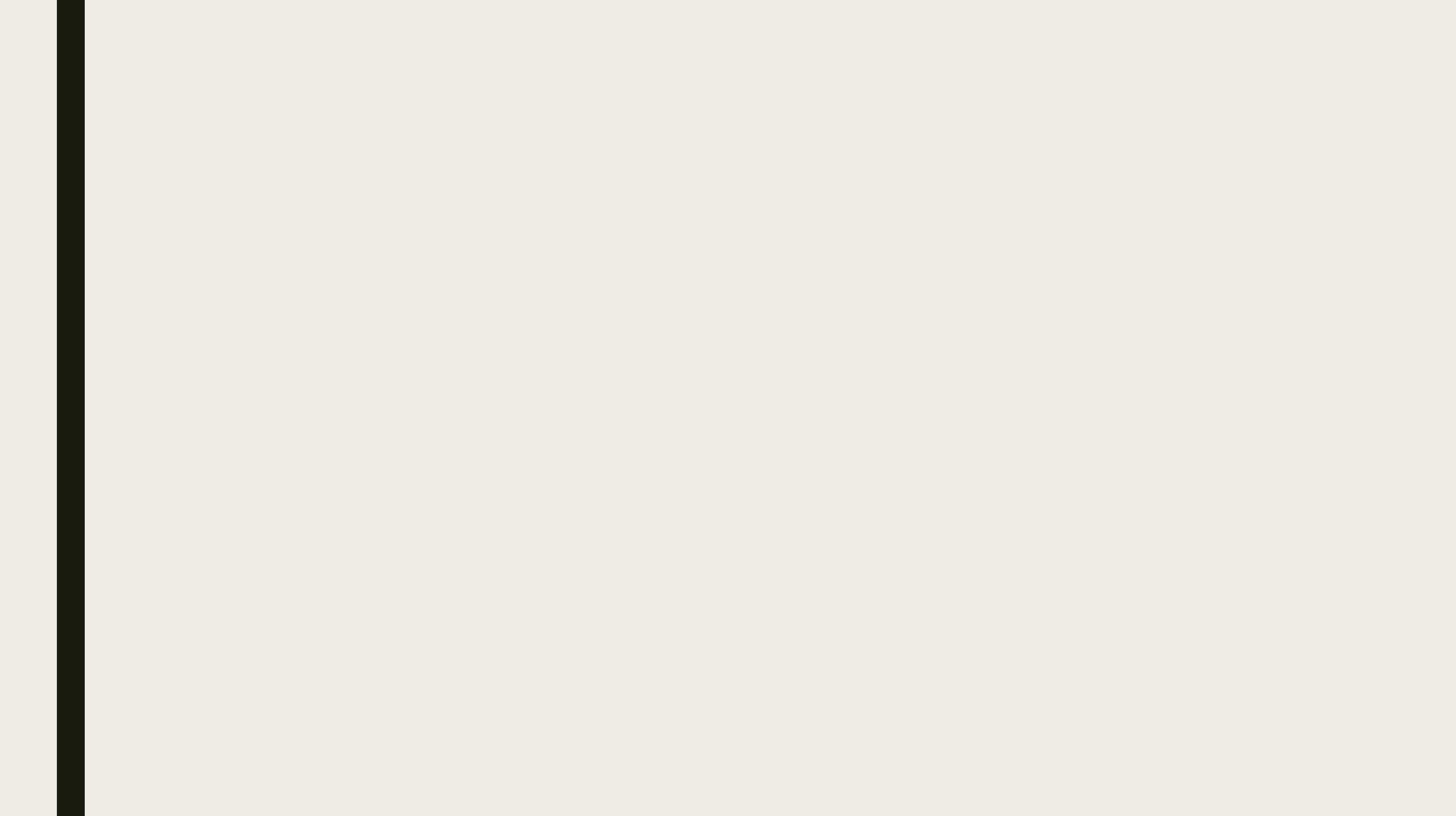
[God's] invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.





**Help your kids  
see other  
persons as  
persons.**





**Help people see  
that Jesus is  
better!**



