



*Psalms of*  
**WISDOM**

## Psalm 1 <sup>NIV</sup>

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

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# Hebrew Parallelism

## ***Synthetic (advancing) parallelism:***

The successive line(s) explain or expand the thought expressed in the first line. (Psalm 1:1)

## ***Synonymous (affirming) parallelism:***

The writer repeats the thought of the first line in the following line. (Psalm 1:2)

## ***Emblematic parallelism:***

The first line contains a figure of speech, and the following lines expand or explain the figure. (Psalm 1:3)

## ***Antithetic (opposing) parallelism:***

The second line expresses a contrasting thought compared to the first line. (Psalm 1:6)

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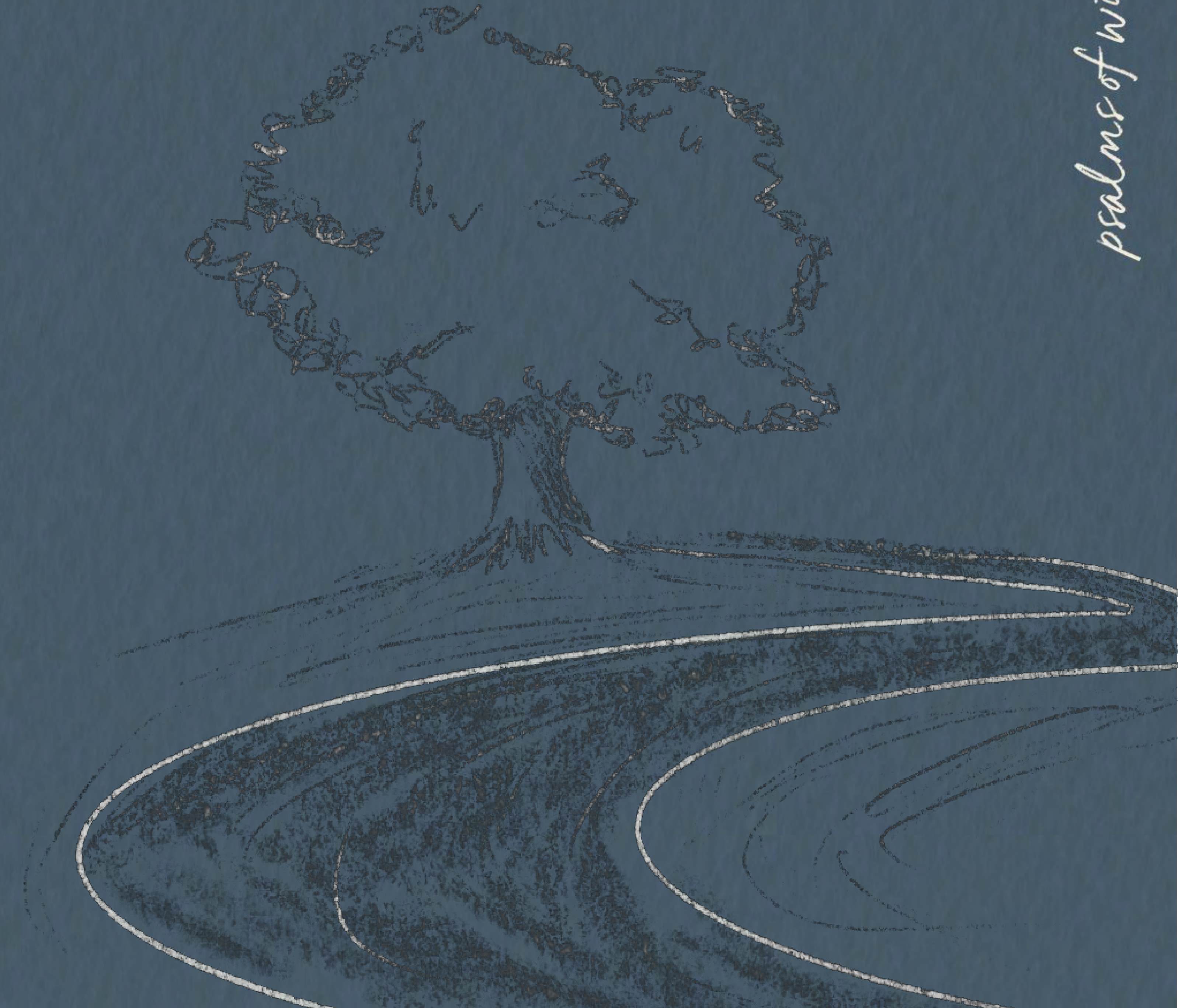
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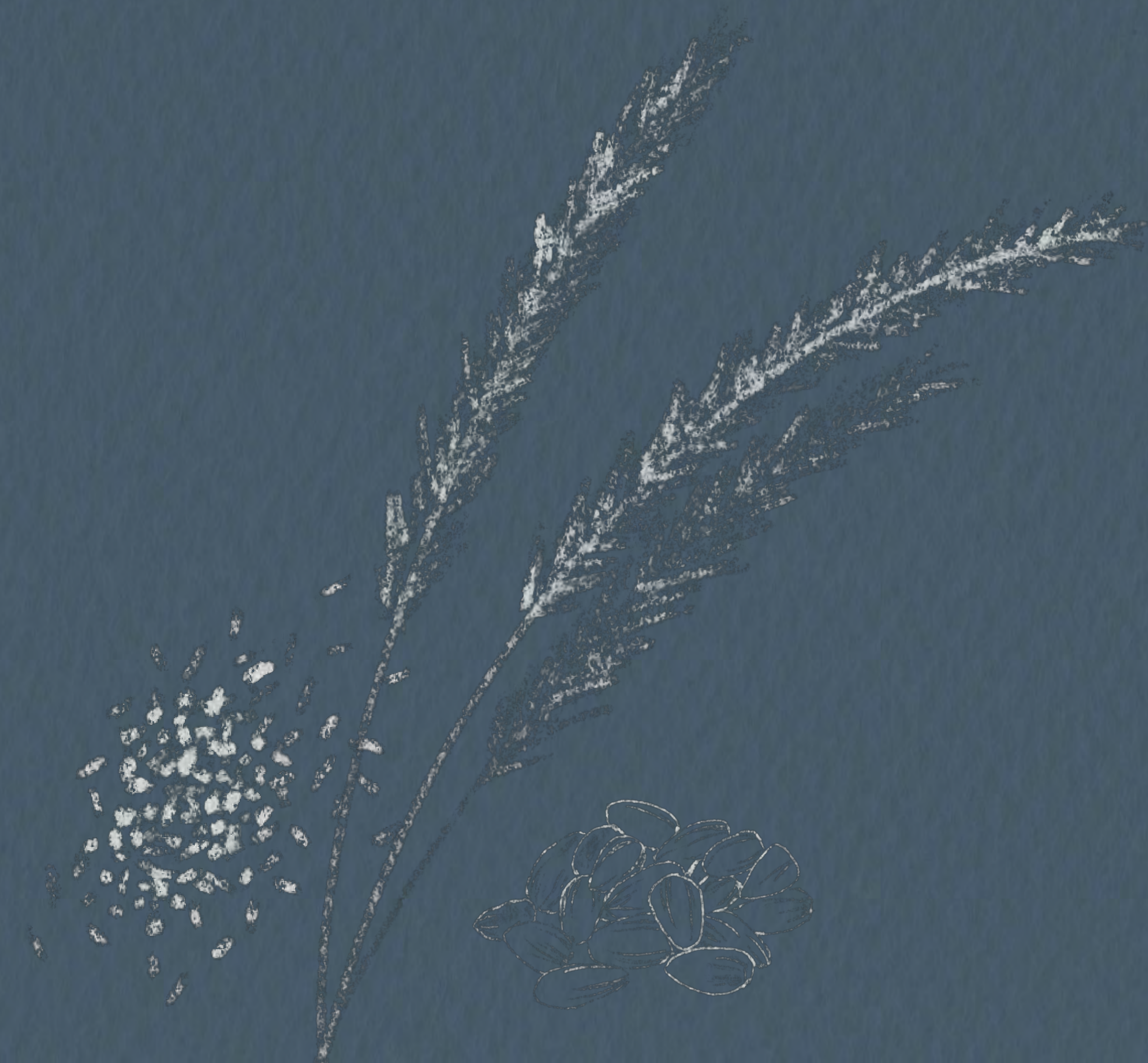
**Psalm 1:3** <sup>NIV</sup>

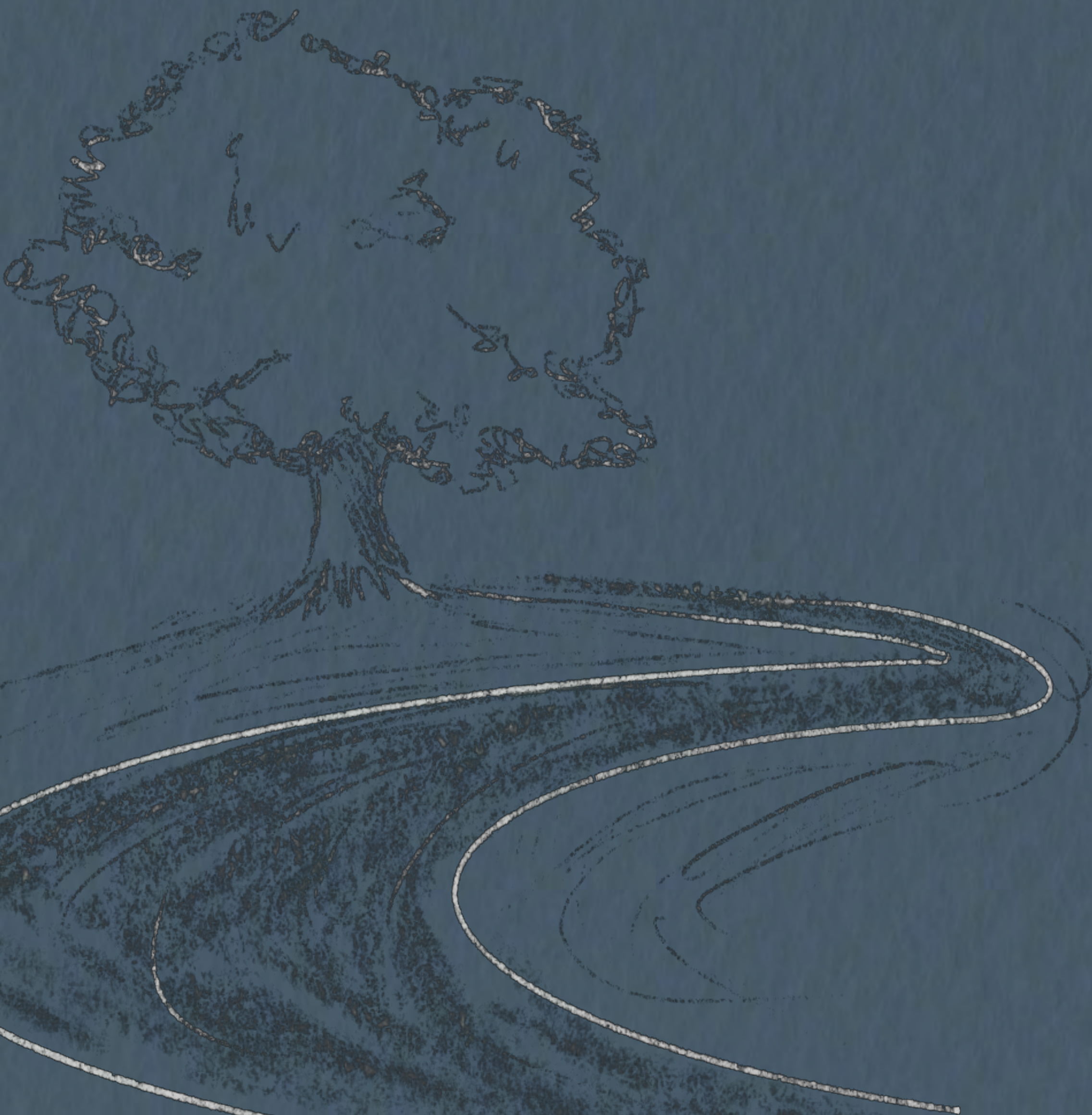
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.



**Psalm 1:4** <sup>NIV</sup>

Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.





*th*  
**Tree**

*e*

Planted

Yields Fruit

Endures

Prosper

*th*  
**Chaff**

*e*

Rootless

Barren

Blown away

Useless





**Psalm 1:5-6** <sup>NIV</sup>

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

God blesses those who follow His Word.