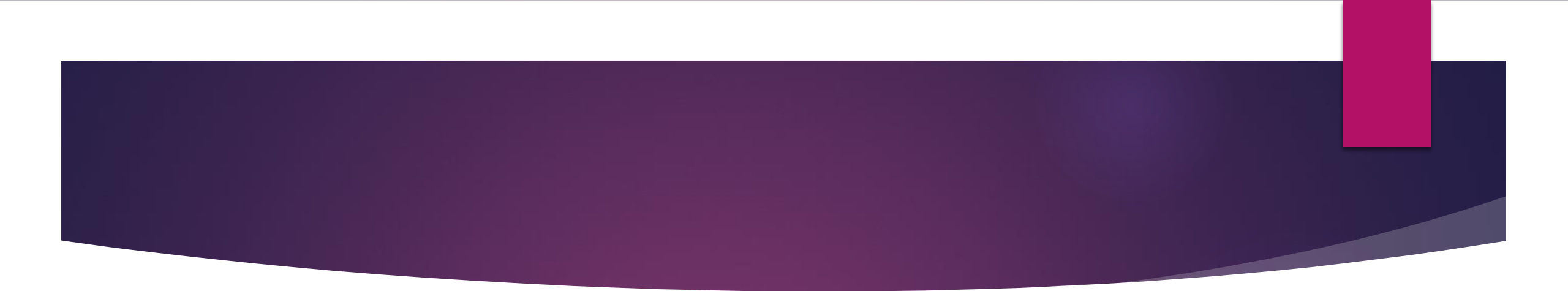
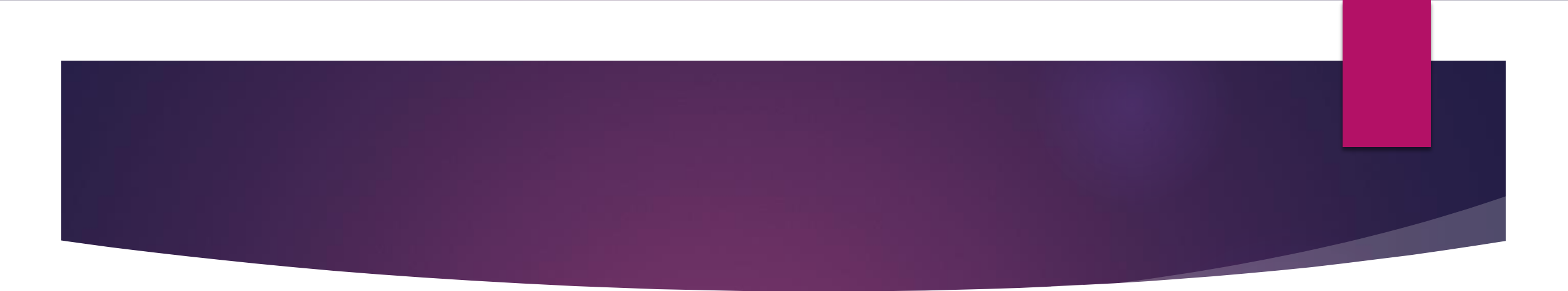
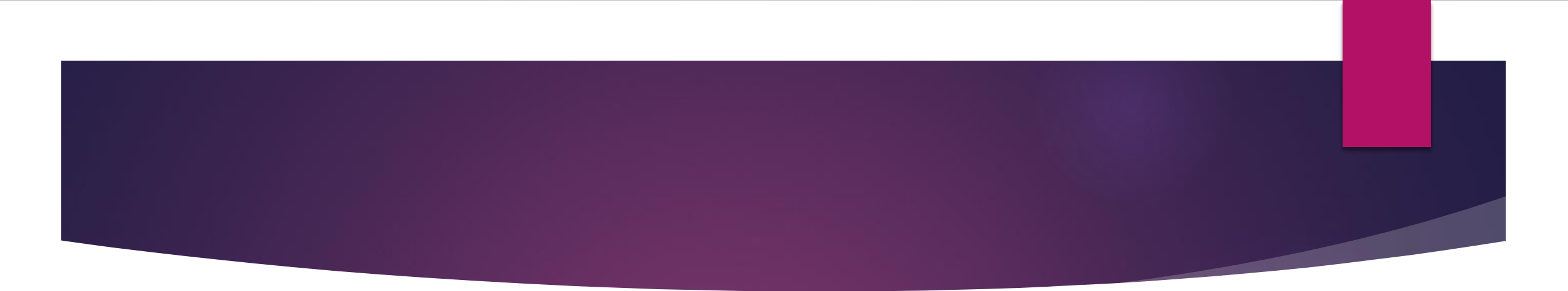


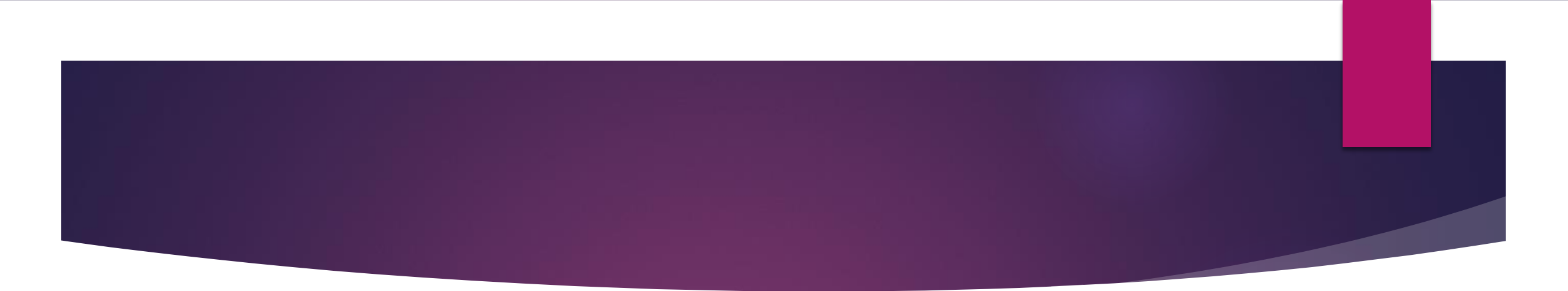


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- ▶ **“Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Luke 12:13**
 - ▶ **“Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” Luke 12:14**
 - ▶ **“How often have we gone to God asking him to change our situation rather than asking him to change our heart?”**

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- ▶ **“And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetous-ness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” Luke 12:15**
 - ▶ **“Greed or covetousness” - “the lust to have more than one’s fair share, a grasping for more that is never satisfied” or “wanting more of what you already have enough of!”**

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- ▶ **“They are always greedy for more, while the godly love to give.” Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)**
 - ▶ **“Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness.” (NLT) Ecclesiastes 5:10**

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- ▶ **“Ones life does not consist in the abundance of His possessions.”**
 - ▶ **“The one who dies with the most toys wins.”**
Malcolm Forbes

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **1. When Our Hearts Are Focused On Ourselves We Do Not Give God The Credit for the Things He Has Done.**
- ▶ **“Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully.”
Luke 12:16**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **2. When Our Hearts Are Focused On Ourselves We Make Plans But Leave God Out.**
- ▶ **"And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' (18) "So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods.'" Luke 12:17-18**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **3. When Our Hearts Are Focused On Ourselves We Consider Spending Our Resources Only On Ourselves.**
- ▶ **“ ‘And I will say to myself, You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy, eat drink and be merry.’ Luke 12:19**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.” James 4:13-16**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **4. When Our Hearts Are Focused On Ourselves We Store Our Treasure In The Wrong Places.**
- ▶ **"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'" Luke 12:20**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **“The fool has said in his heart there is no God.”
Psalm 14:1**
- ▶ **“For though I do my work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, I must leave everything I gain to people who haven’t worked to earn it. This is not only foolish but highly unfair. (22) So what do people get for all their hard work? (23) Their days of labor are filled with pain and grief; even at night they cannot rest. It is all utterly meaningless.” (New Living Translation)
Eccles 2:21-23**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.” Jim Elliot**

What Happens when our hearts are focused exclusively on ourselves:

- ▶ **5. When Our Hearts Are Focused On Ourselves We Will Find Ourselves In Conflict With God's Plan For Our Lives.**
- ▶ **"So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:21**
- ▶ **God said: "You fool, this very night your soul will be required from you."**