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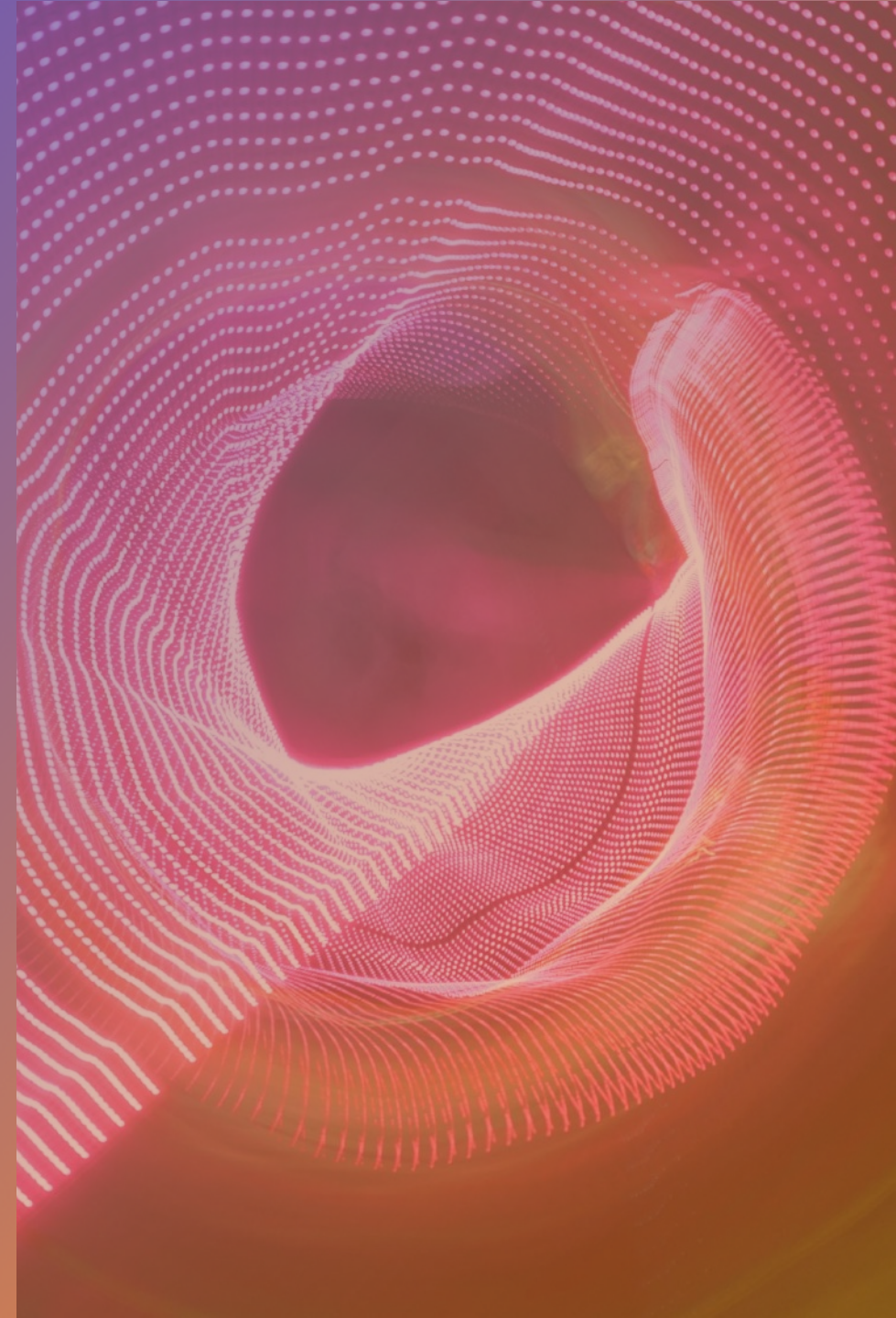
# I CAN'T MAKE YOU LOVE ME

'Living On Purpose'

A Journey Through Genesis

Bethel Bible Fellowship

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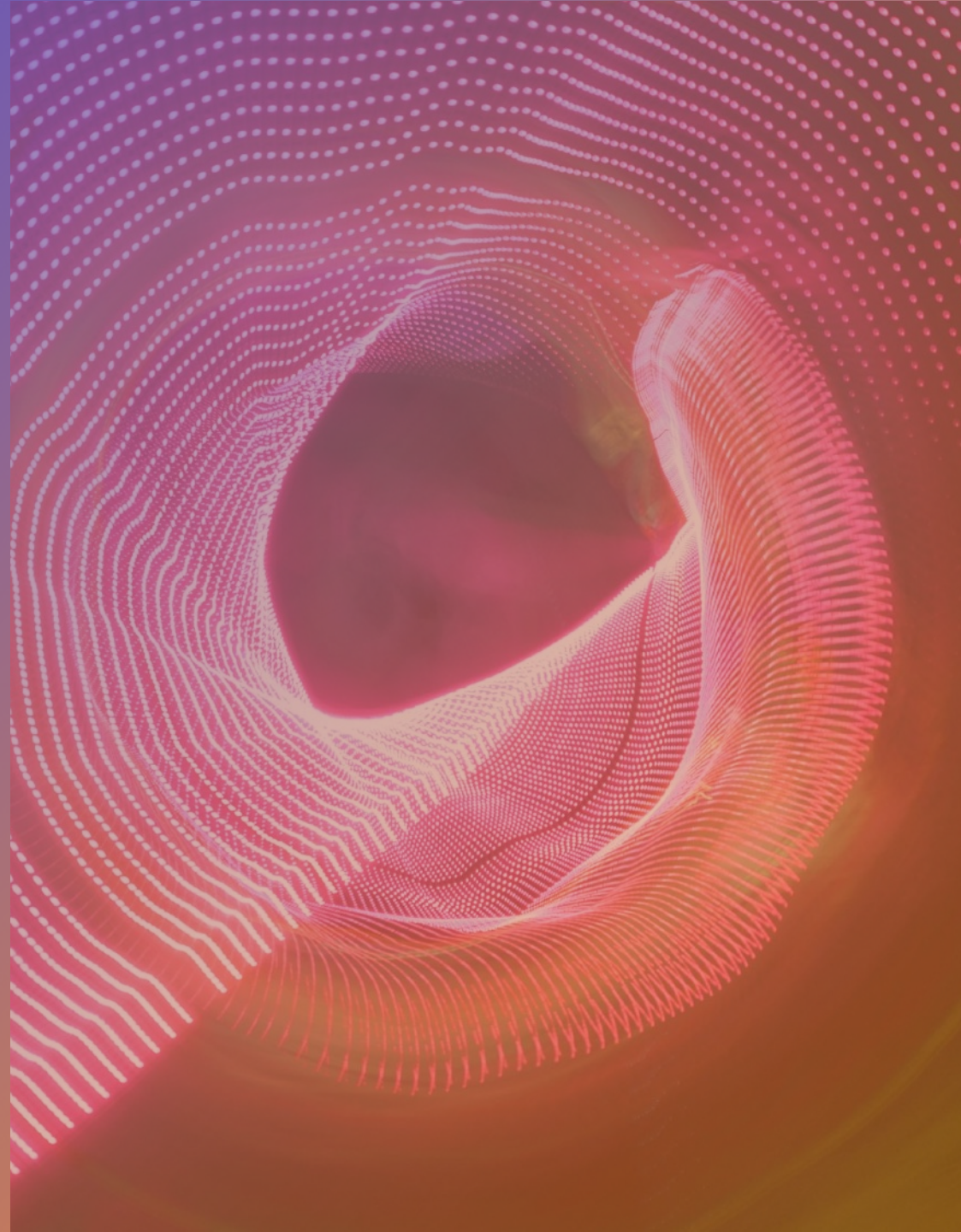


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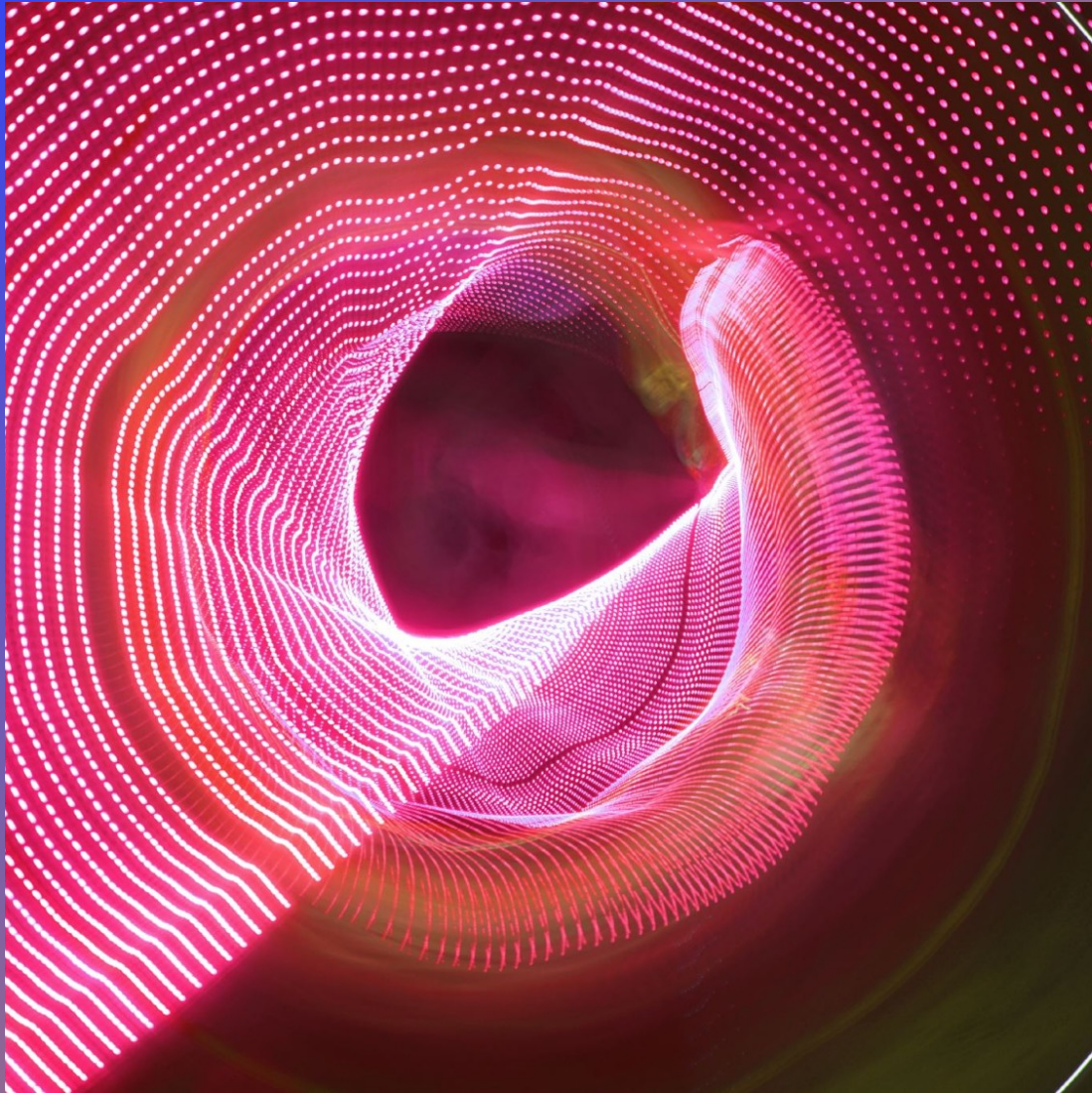
# REFLECTION

I, Too

By Langston Hughes







# REVIEW: JACOB & ESAU

The Blessing of God is particular and designed just for you

You can't walk in another person's blessing

We should be concerned if we don't get what we believe we deserve

Blessing should not be contingent upon social status, race or connectedness

We all have a universal and particular blessing

Called to overthrow social structures that suggest one person should be blessed more than another

***Revisit Sister Temi's Questions***





# REVIEW OF GENESIS

We should not try to vindicate the characters of the text to quickly

The Good news of Genesis is that God can renew and save no matter how the story unfolds.

God is always trying to Initiate Blessing

God is presented as being supreme and unlimited. This is a departure from the ancient Mediterranean religious culture.

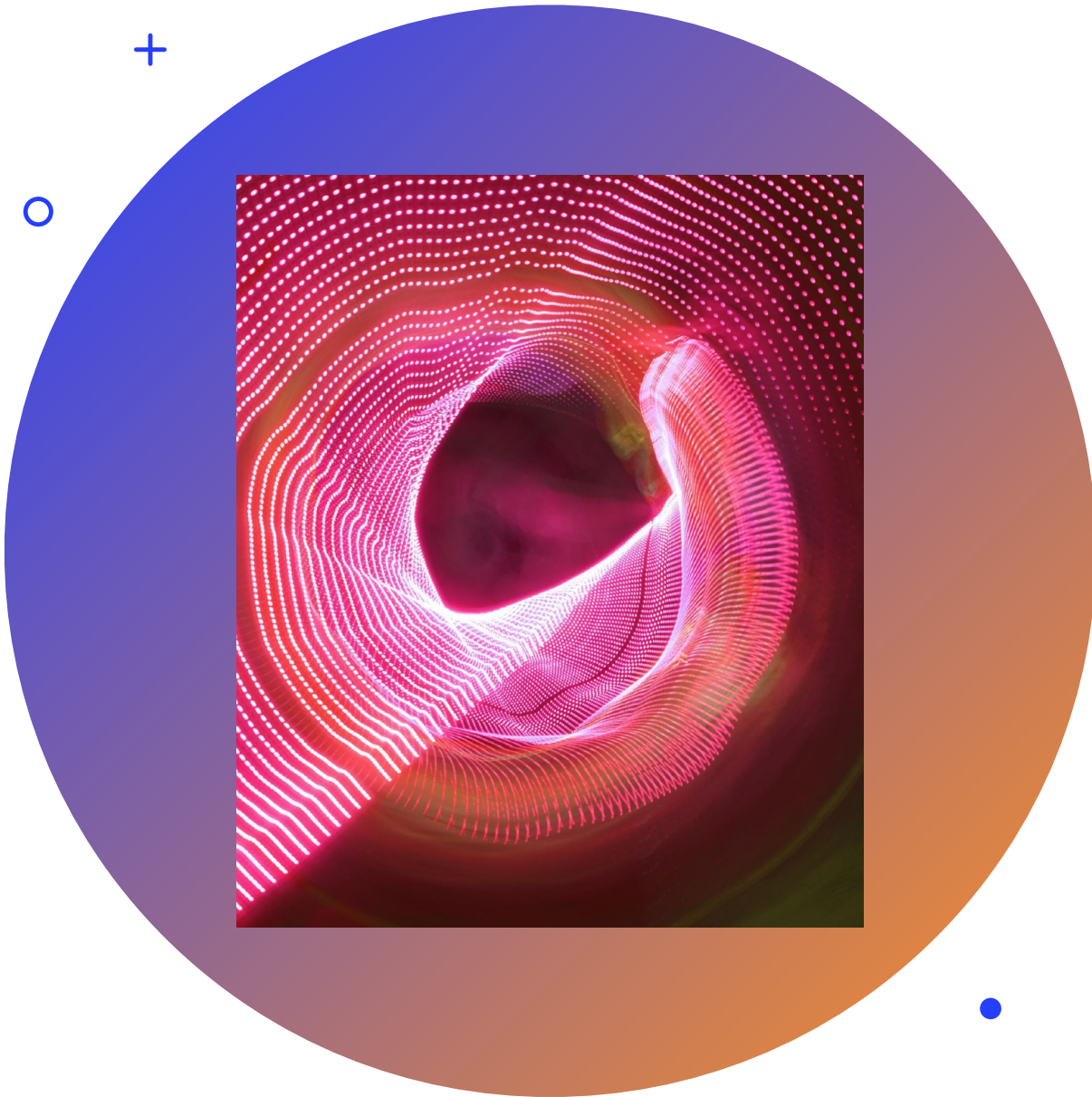




# DEFINITIONS

**Living On Purpose-** Living with divine intention, a divine plan, a thoughtful pursuit towards self-discovery, community and intimacy with God

**Theodicy-** to reconcile the power and goodness attributed to God with the presence of evil in the human experience



# WHAT WE HOPE FOR TOGETHER

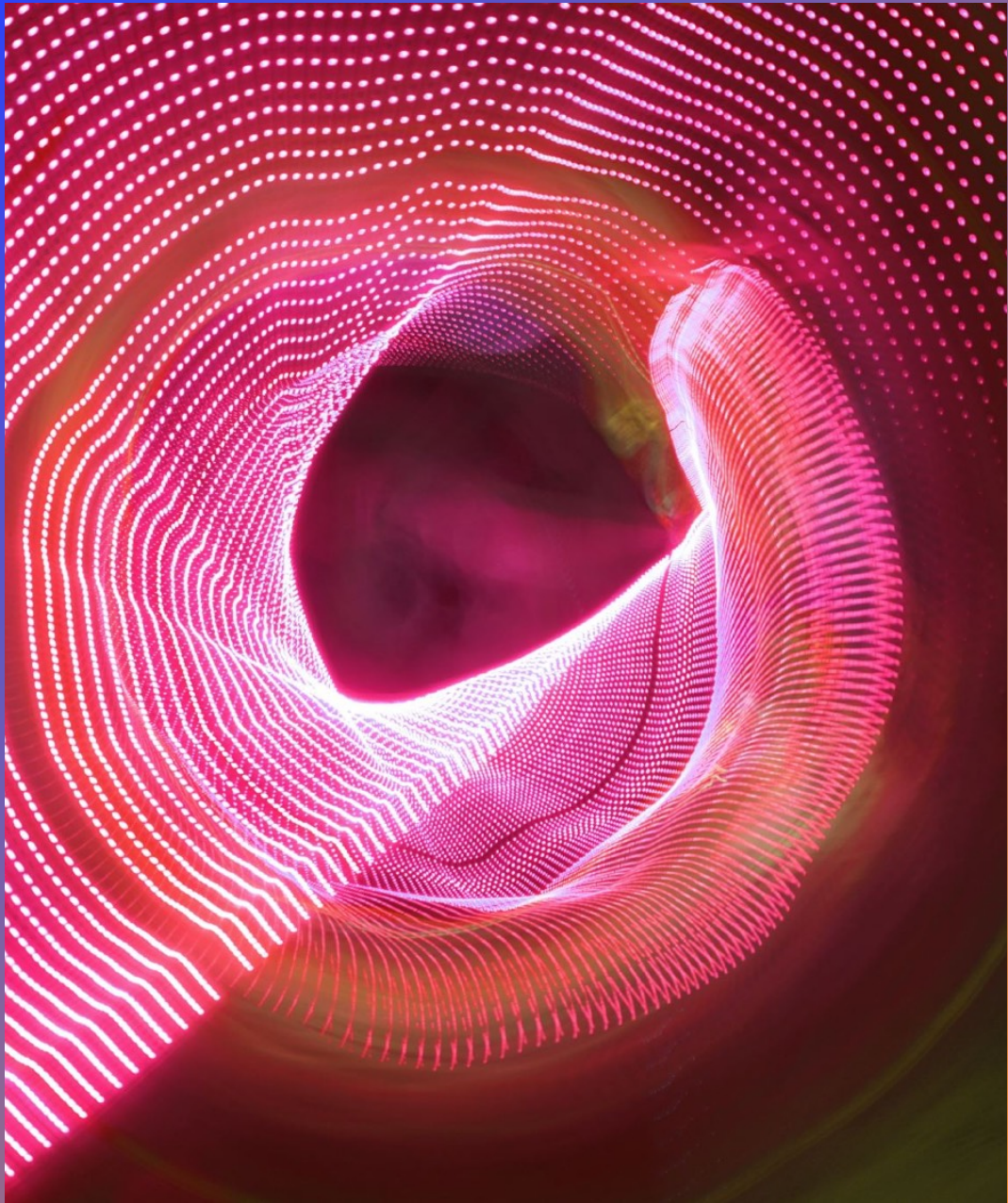
A Deeper concept regarding the formulation of Genesis

A Fresh look at the person of Leah

Theological highlights that uplift  
longsuffering, promise & theodicy

Read Genesis 29: 14-35





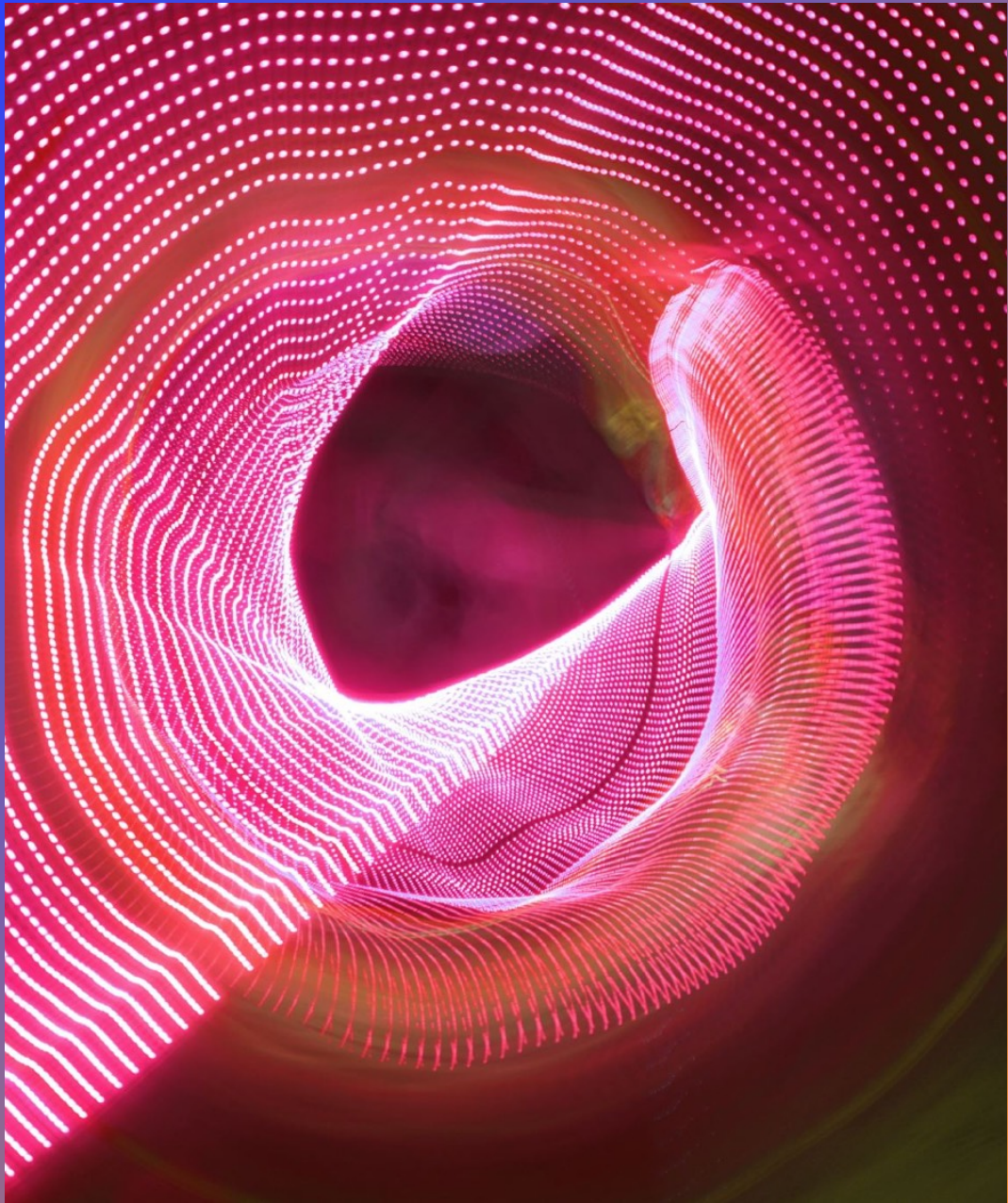
## HOW DO YOU FEEL?

What do you know and how do you feel about Jacob?

What do you know and how do you feel about Rachel?

What do you know and how do you feel about Leah?





# UNDERSTANDING LEAH

Leah as a Woman

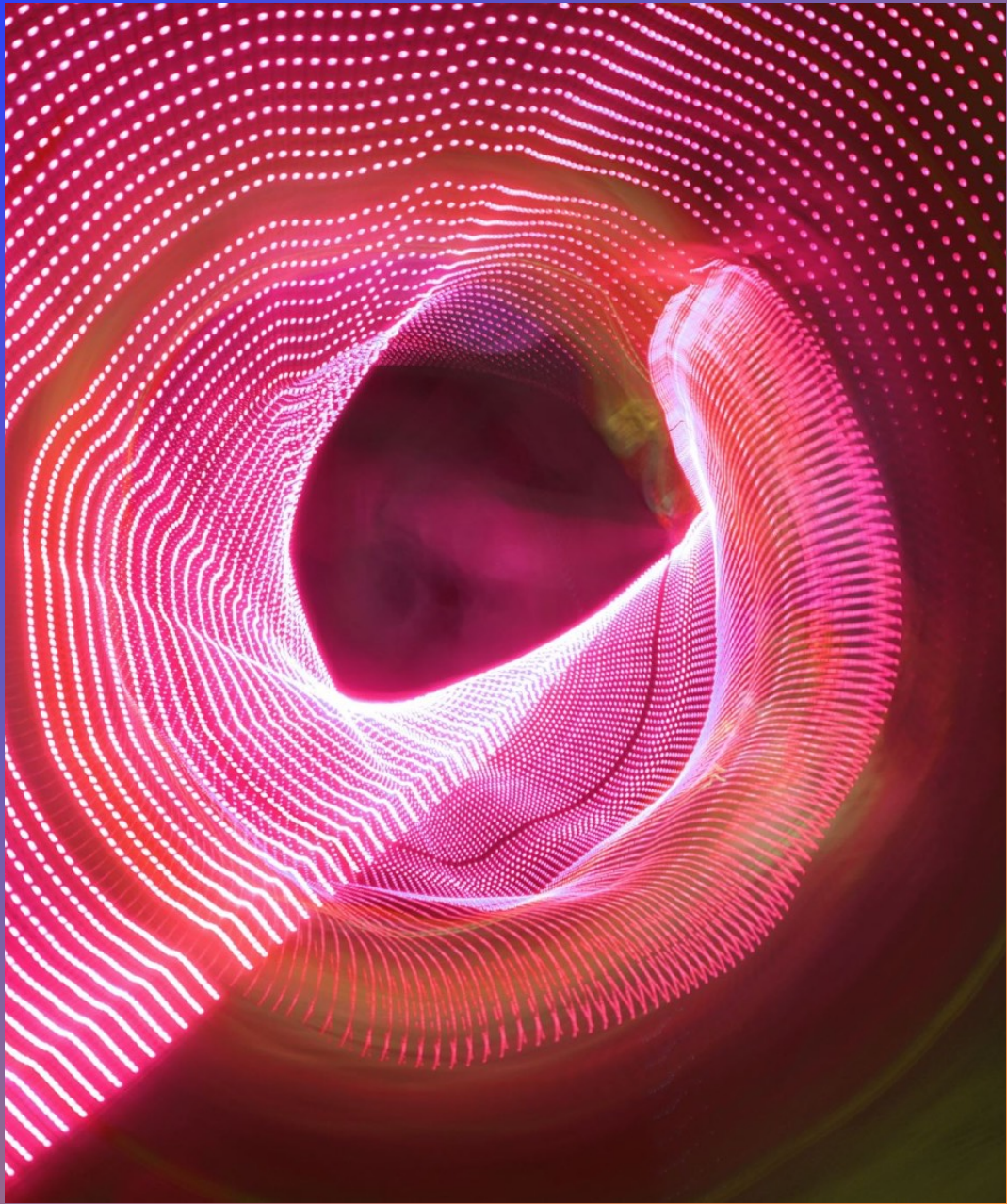
Leah as a Daughter

Leah as a Sister

Leah as a Wife

Leah as a Mother





# LOVING LEAH & LOVING OURSELVES

How will I know?

I can't make you love me

Maybe I deserve!

Your Once, Twice, Three Times....

Here & Now I promise to love...





# LOVING LEAH & LOVING OURSELVES

Expectation to be loved well

Expectation that love changes & can  
evolve and look different

Expectation to love like Christ loves us

Expectation to work at Love

Expectation to love through the ups &  
downs