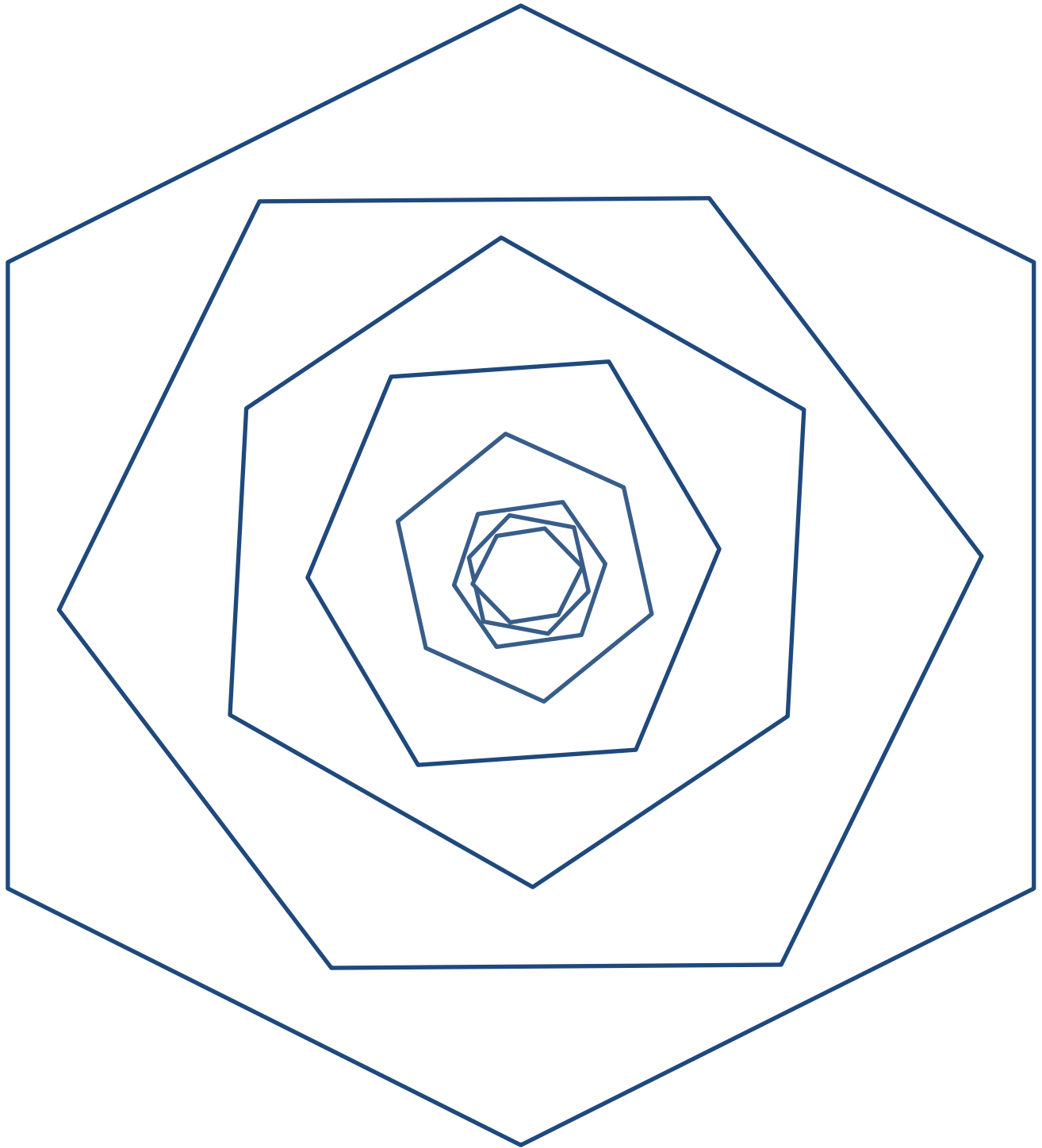


The Rose That Grew From Concrete

Did you hear about the rose that grew
from a crack in the concrete?
Proving nature's law is wrong it
learned to walk without having feet.
Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,
it learned to breathe fresh air.
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
when no one else ever cared.

-Tupac Shakur
1971-1996

*Lesane Parish Crooks was born in New York City, New York on June 16, 1971.
His mother, Afeni Shakur changed his name in 1975 to Tupac Amaru which means "shining serpent"
in the Inca language, and Shakur, Arabic for "thankful to God."
He was frequently called; 2Pac, and Pac.
In his later life he took on the name, Makaveli.
He was a poet, lyricist, rapper, MC, actor, producer, and screenwriter.*



Rose Strength Mandala - Think of a time or a situation that was tough for you. Place a symbol of yourself (it could be a color, word, image, etc.) in the center of the rose. Think of what helped you get through or cope with that difficult time. Use color, lines, shapes, or words for those supports (people, things, art, music, a pet, faith) in the hexagons coming from the center of the rose. Or fill in the rose however you wish.