



EASTER SUNDAY

LIVING HOPE



1 Peter 1:1-9

¹ To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.



1 Peter 1:1-9

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⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.



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⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's
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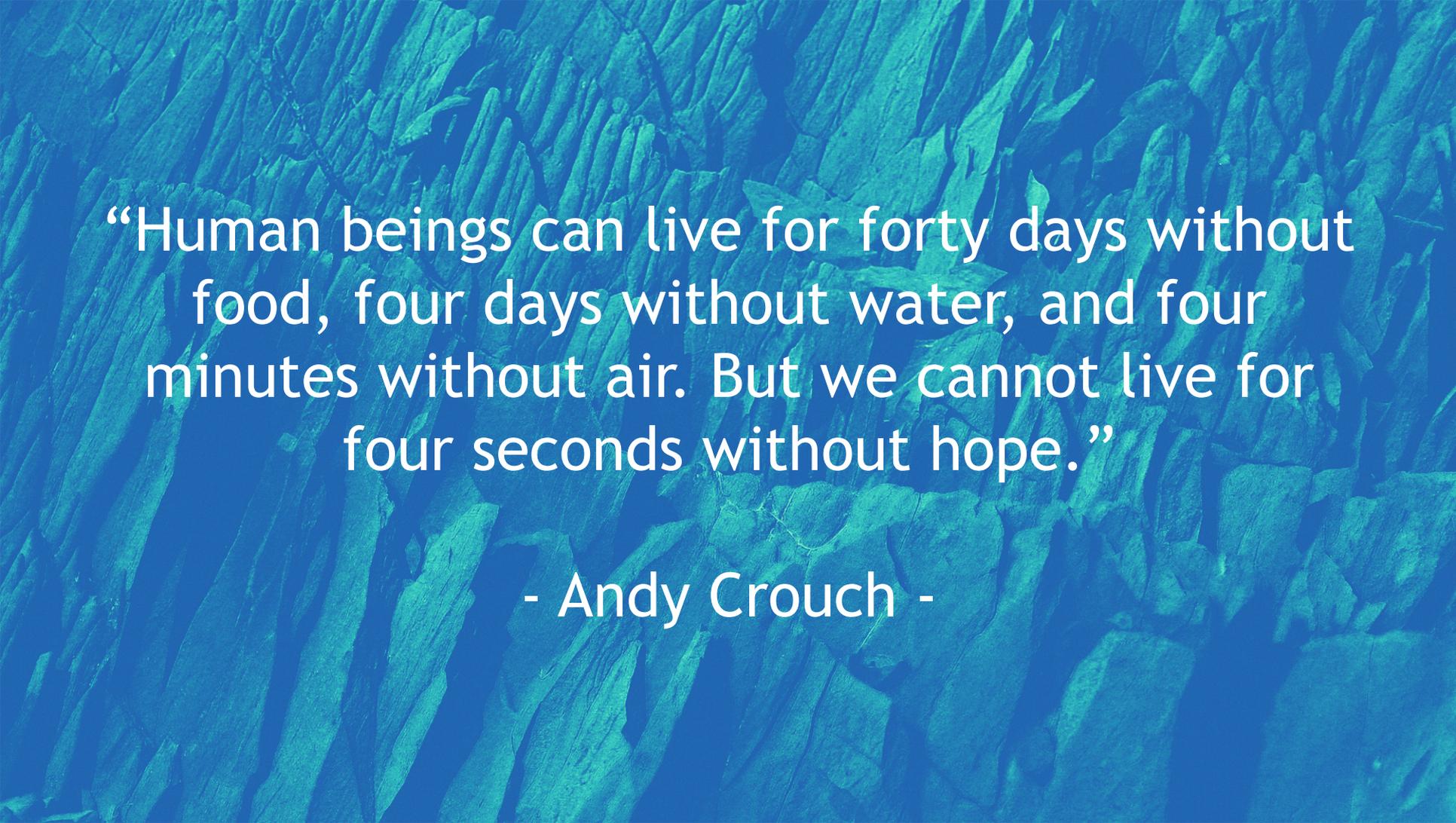
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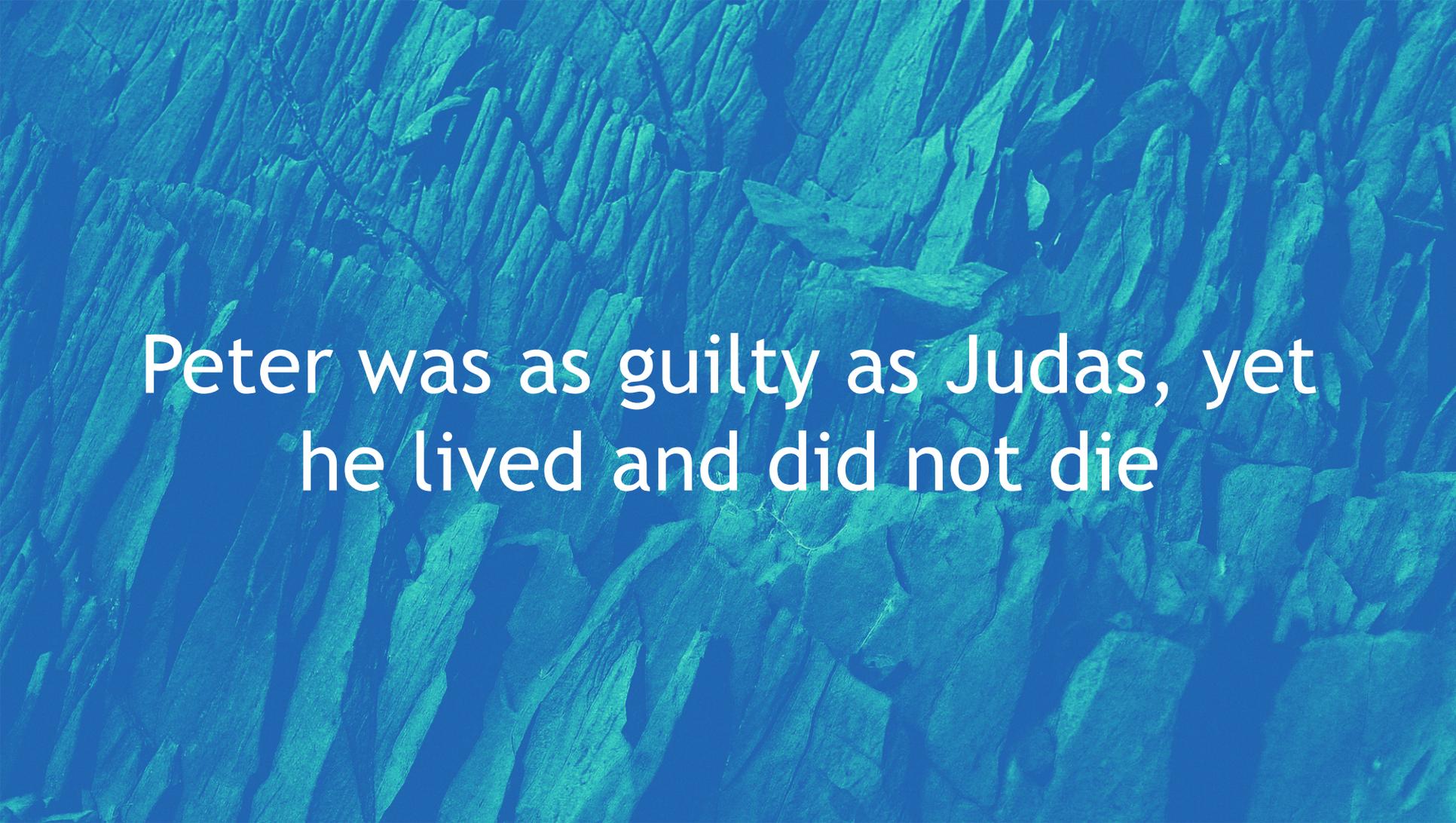
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you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



“Human beings can live for forty days without food, four days without water, and four minutes without air. But we cannot live for four seconds without hope.”

- Andy Crouch -



Peter was as guilty as Judas, yet
he lived and did not die



1) LIVING HOPE IS ETERNAL



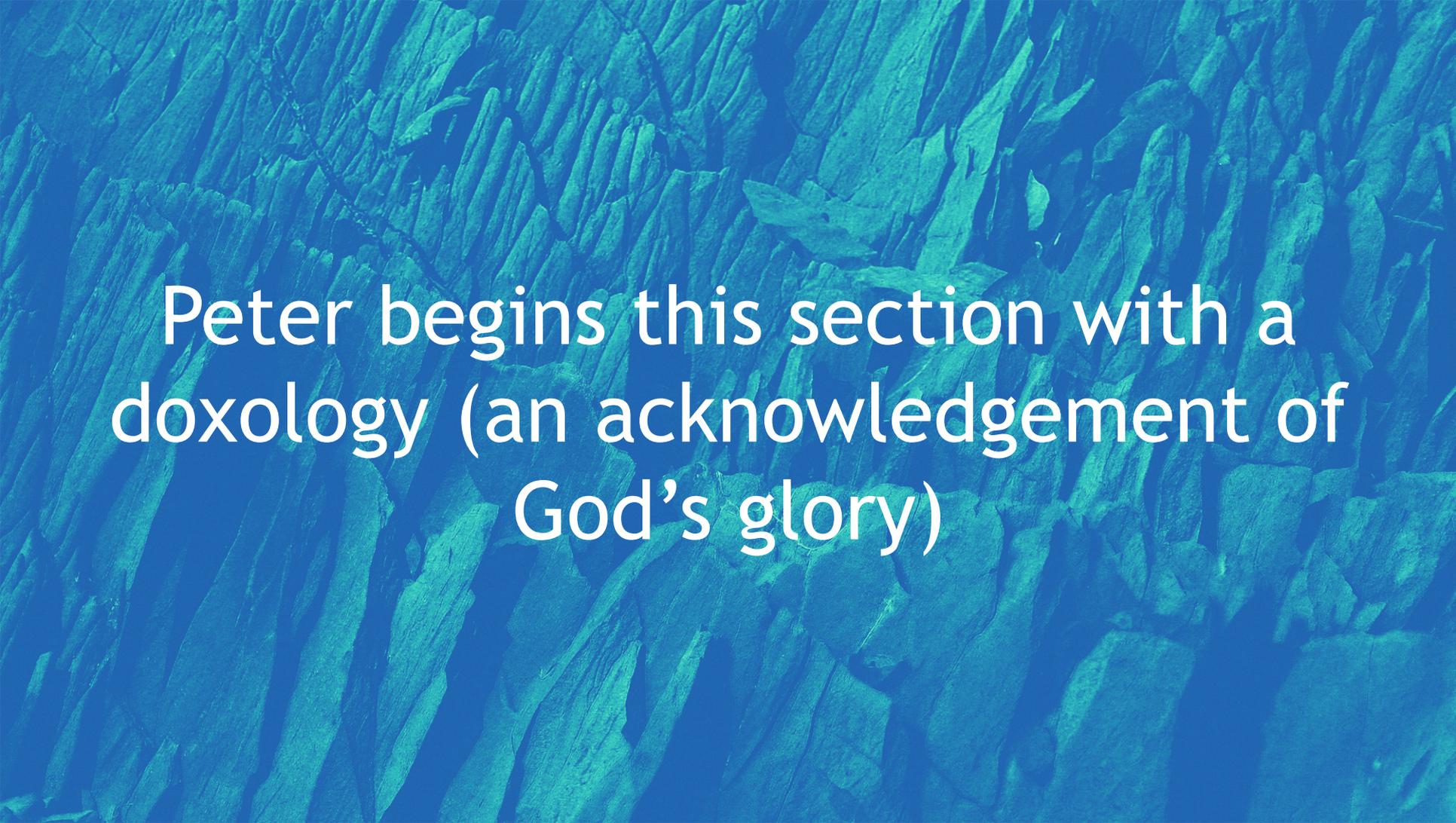
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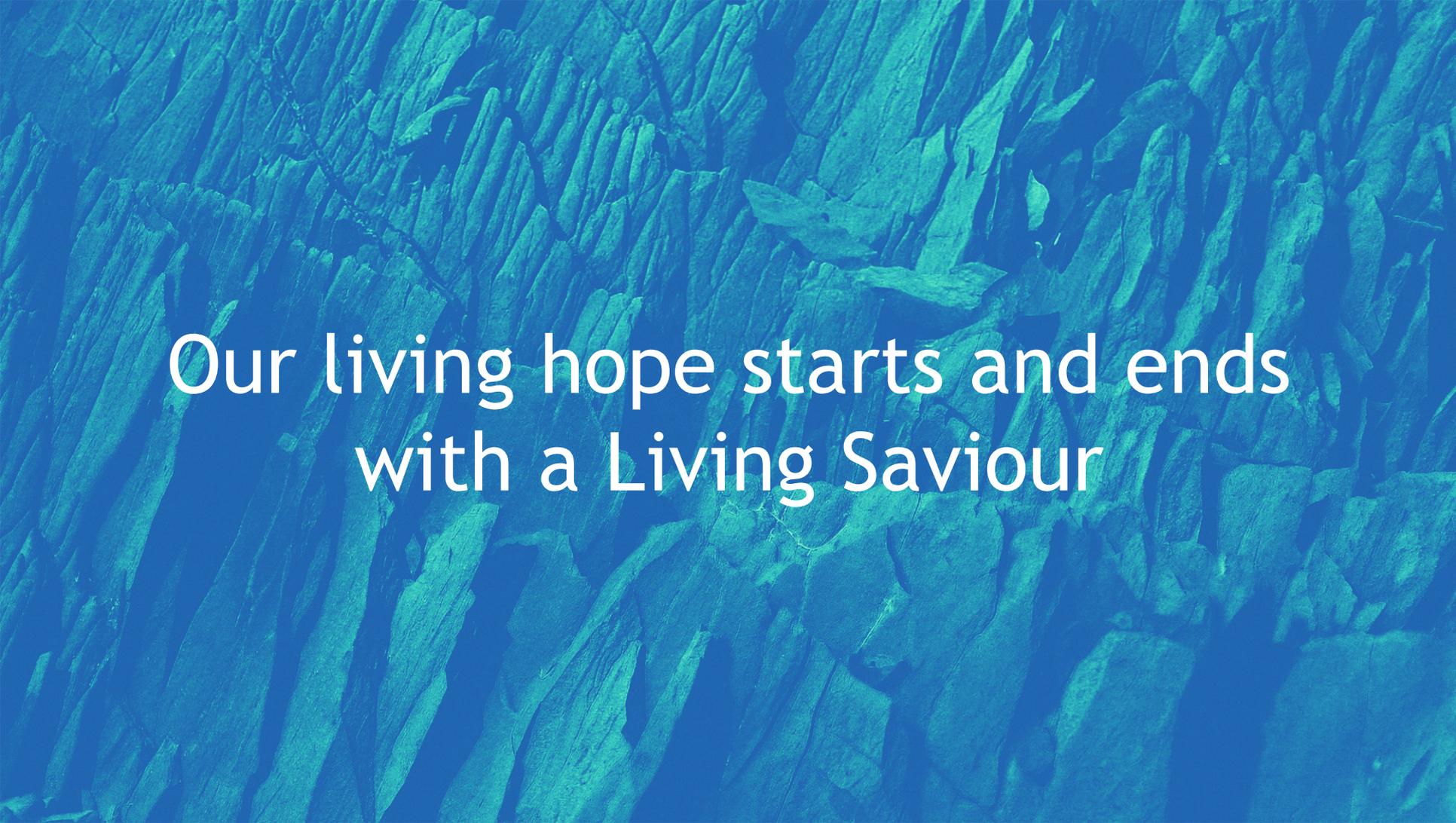


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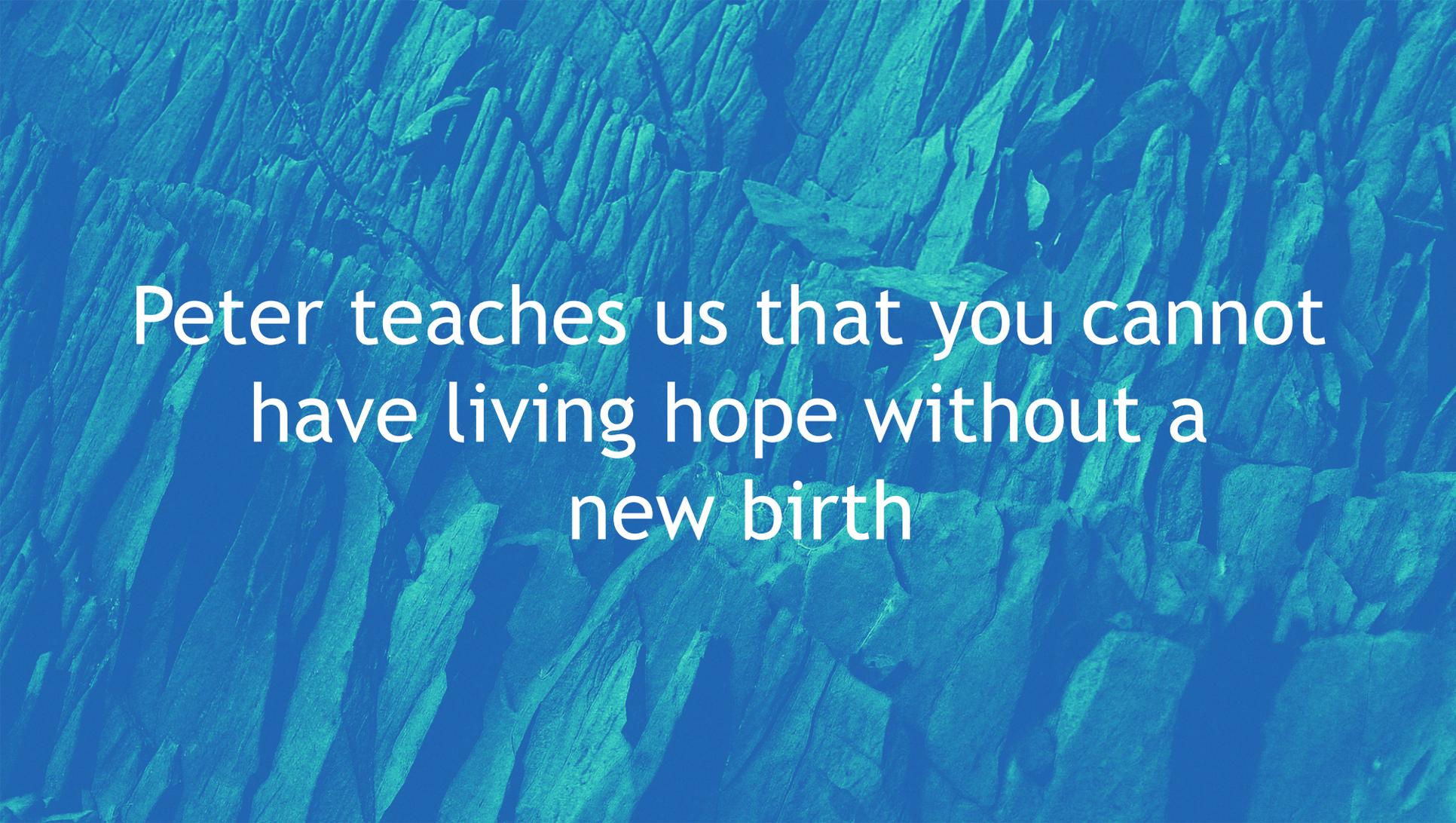
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Peter begins this section with a doxology (an acknowledgement of God's glory)

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Our living hope starts and ends
with a Living Saviour

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Peter teaches us that you cannot
have living hope without a
new birth



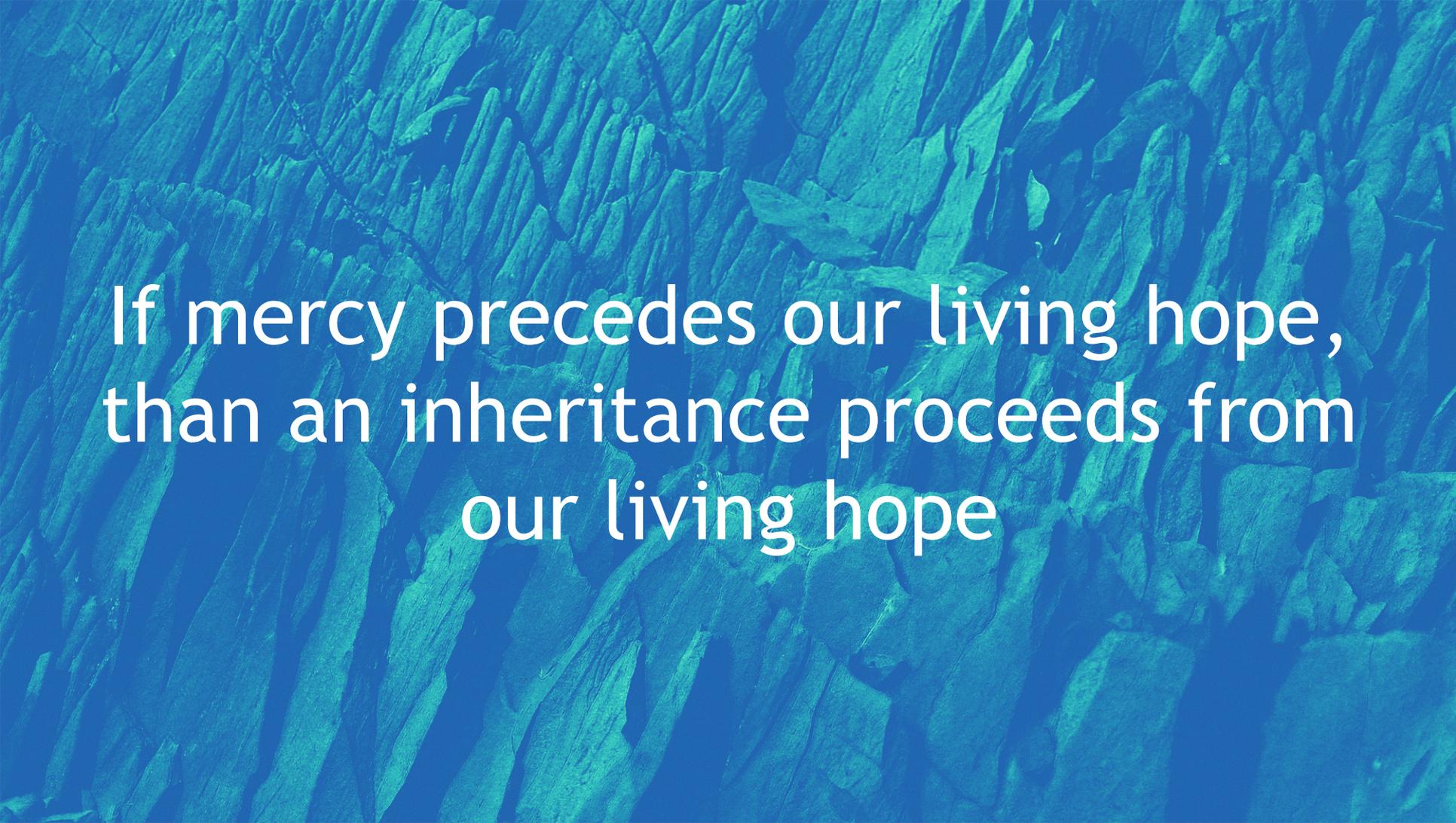
John 3:3-6

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”



John 3:3-6

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.



If mercy precedes our living hope,
than an inheritance proceeds from
our living hope



2) LIVING HOPE IS ENDURING



1 Peter 1:6-7

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Ten Reasons for Hopelessness

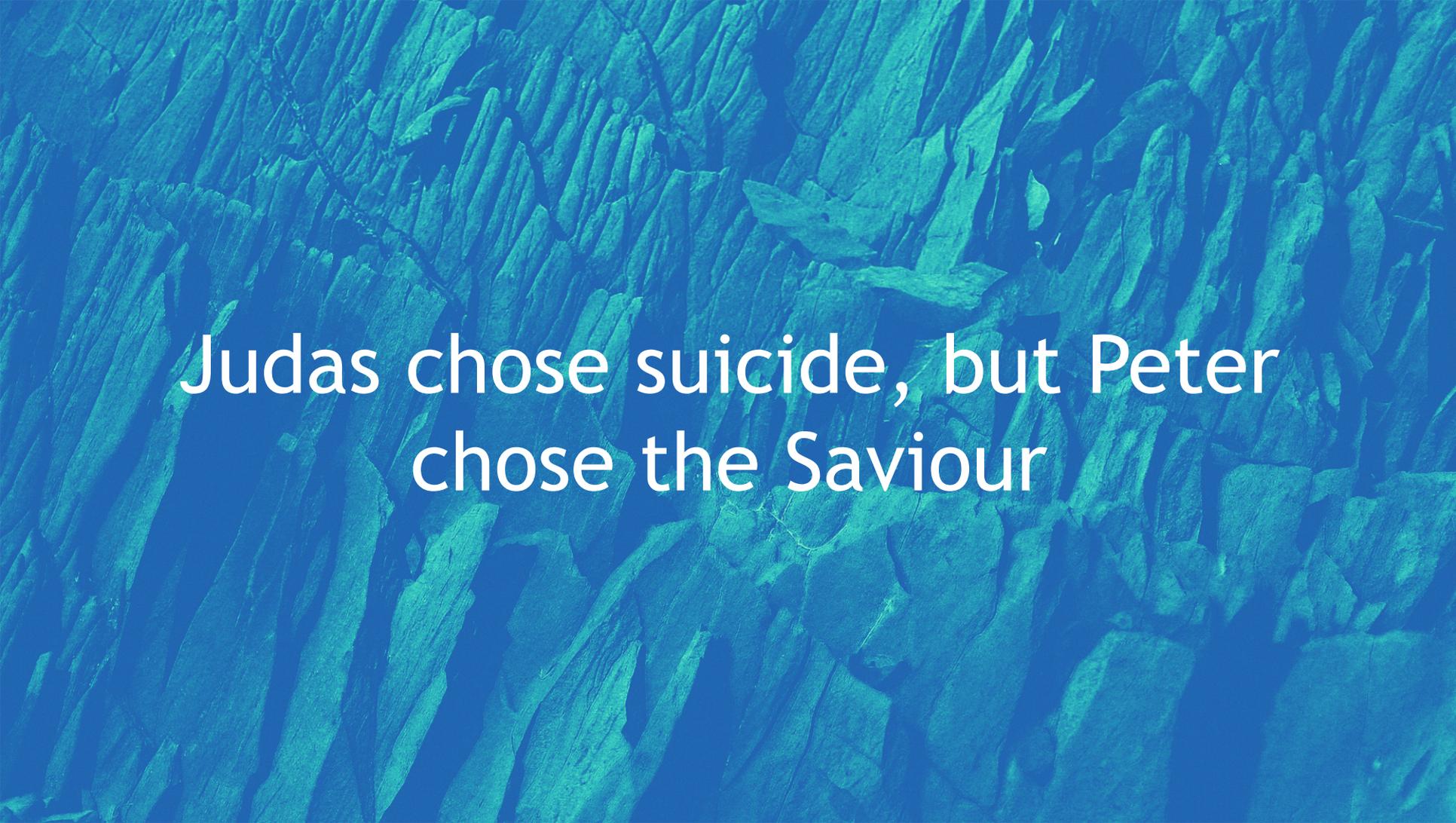
(Rick Warren)

- i. Feel alone/abandoned
- ii. Life seems out of control
- iii. Don't see a purpose
- iv. Grieving a loss
- v. Don't have what you need

Ten Reasons for Hopelessness

(Rick Warren)

- vi. Done something wrong
- vii. Deeply wounded by someone
- viii. Pulled in the wrong direction
- iv. Hounded by fear
- x. When it looks like defeat

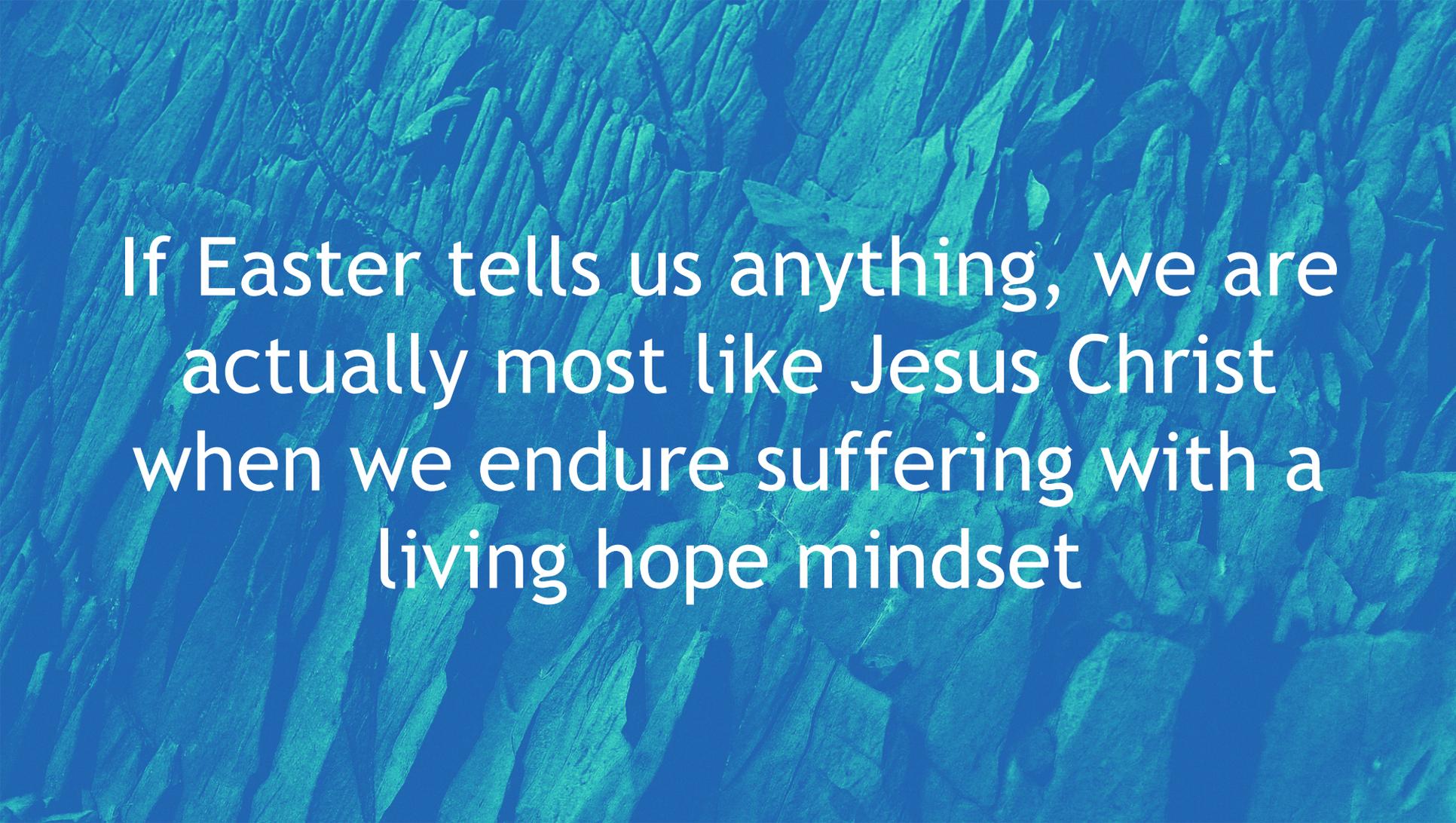
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Judas chose suicide, but Peter
chose the Saviour

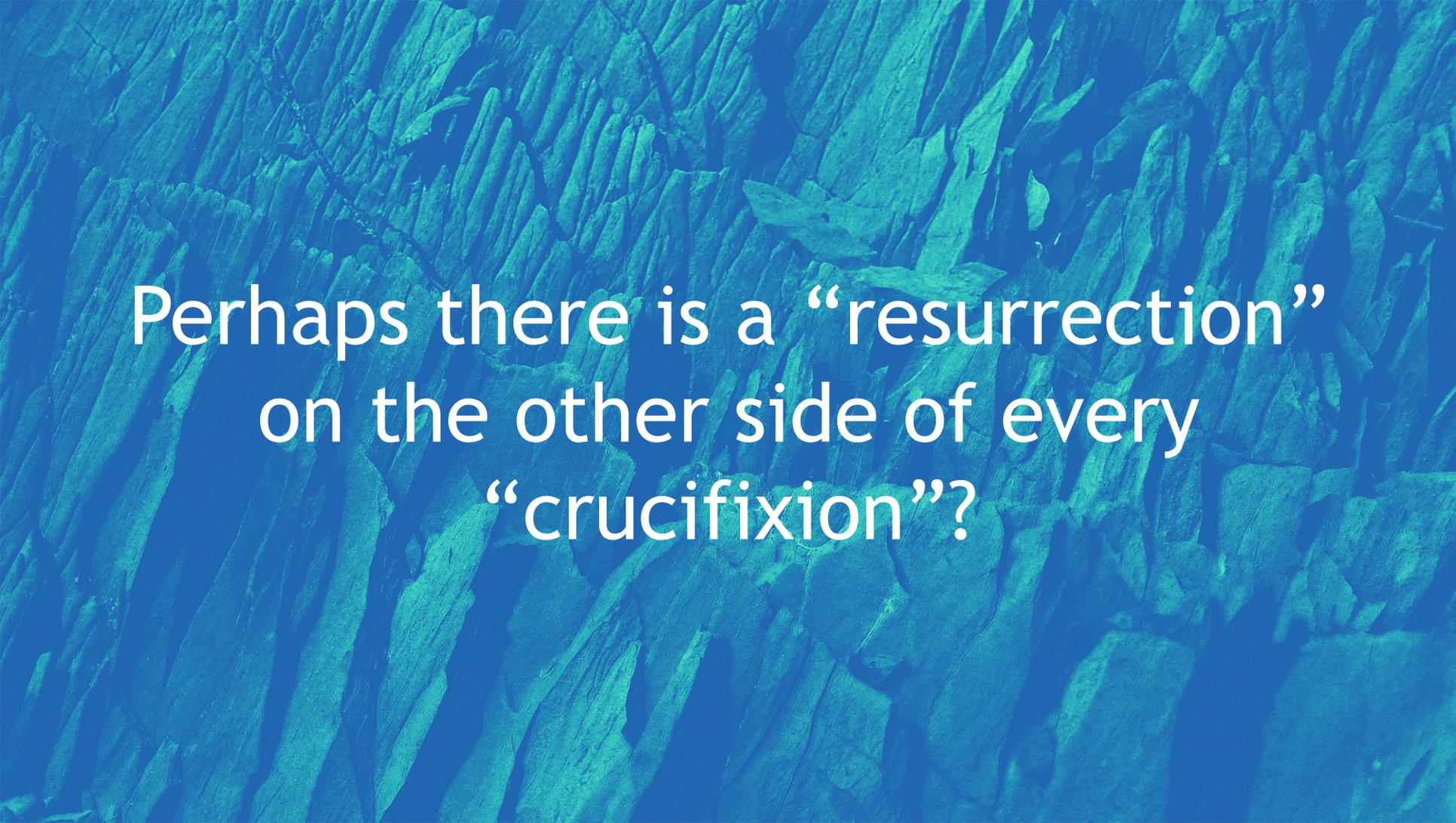


2 Cor. 4:16-17

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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If Easter tells us anything, we are
actually most like Jesus Christ
when we endure suffering with a
living hope mindset



Perhaps there is a “resurrection”
on the other side of every
“crucifixion”?



1 Cor. 15:58

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

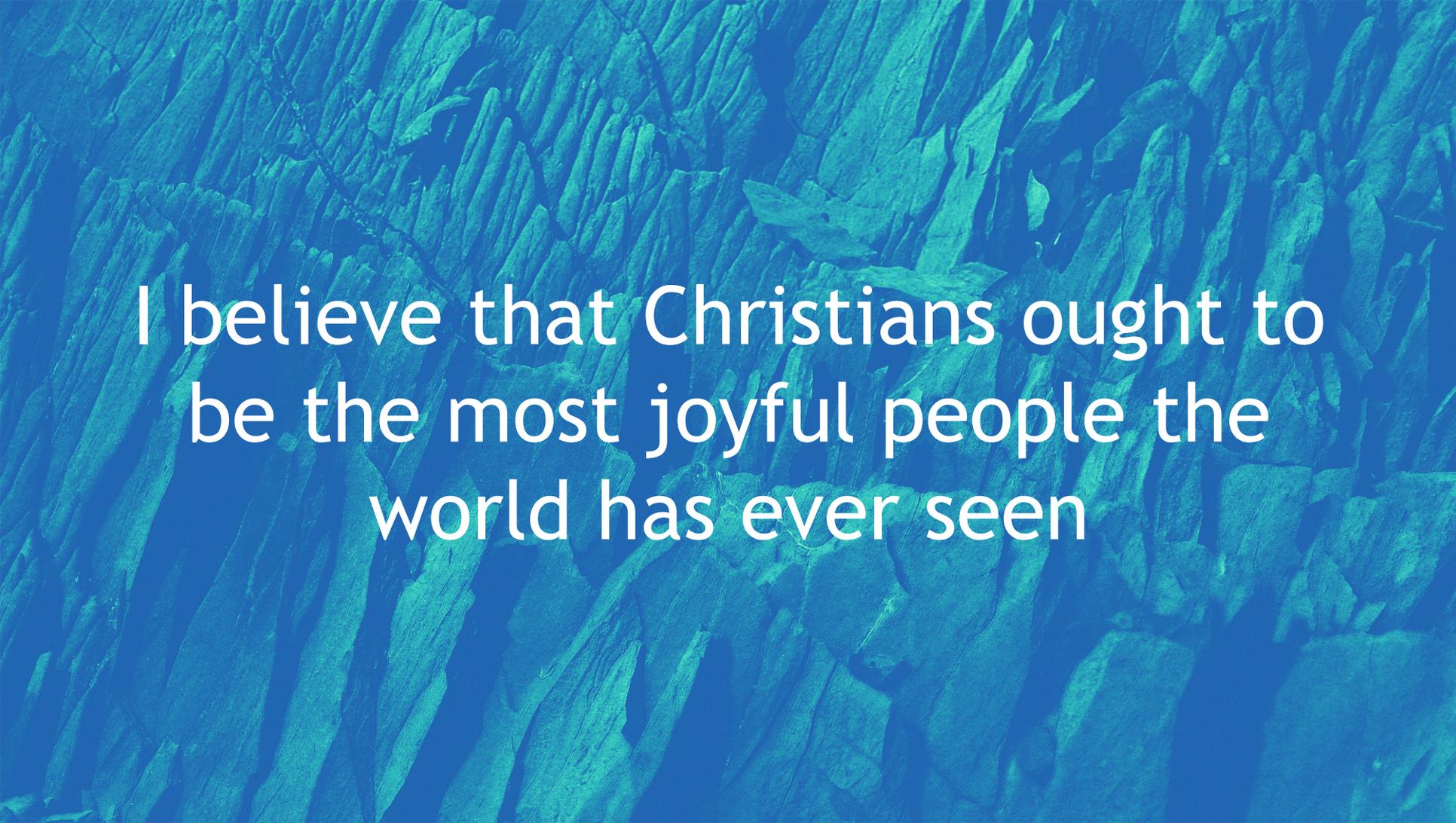


3) LIVING HOPE IS ENJOYABLE

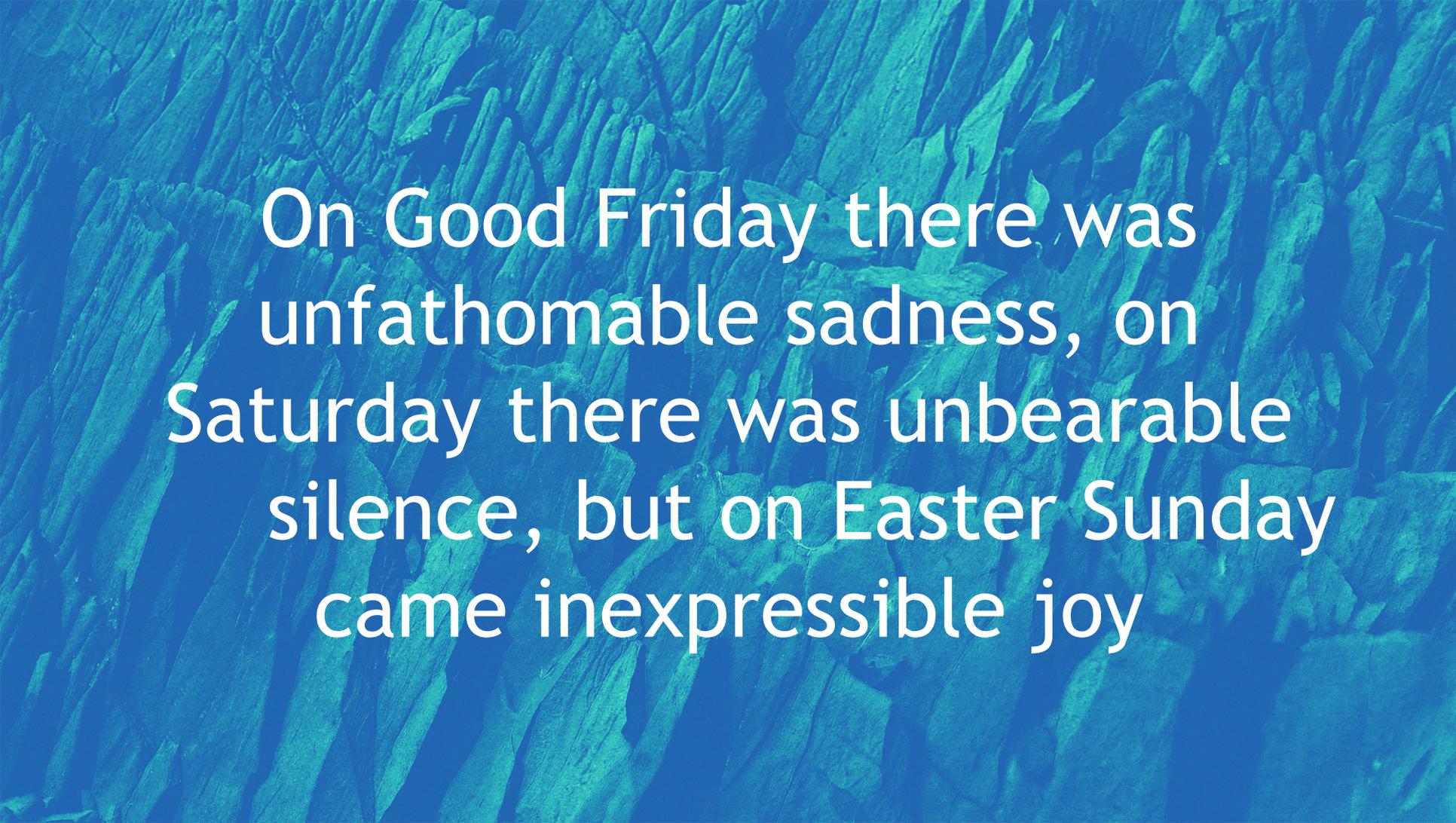


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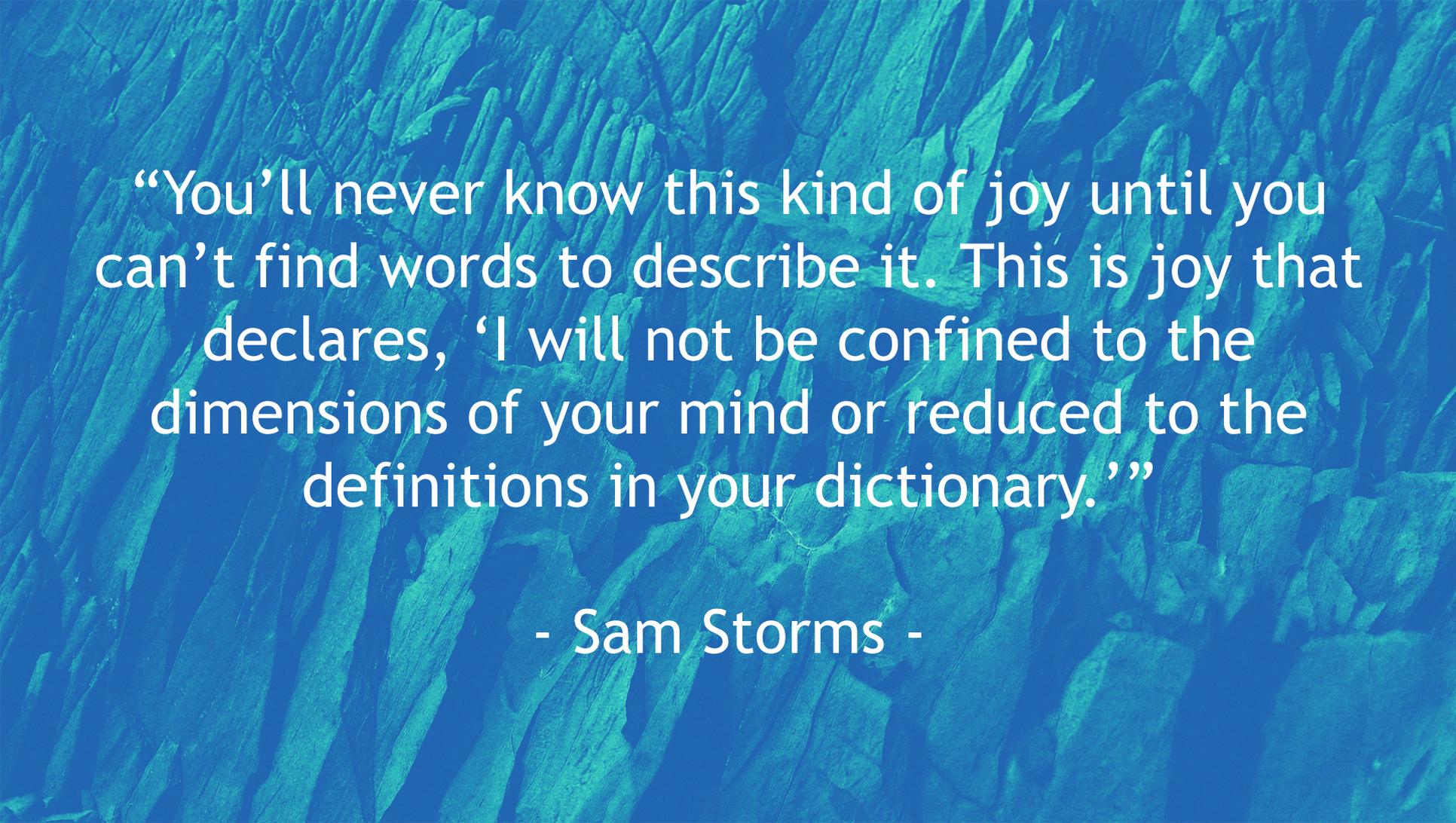
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I believe that Christians ought to
be the most joyful people the
world has ever seen

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On Good Friday there was
unfathomable sadness, on
Saturday there was unbearable
silence, but on Easter Sunday
came inexpressible joy



“You’ll never know this kind of joy until you can’t find words to describe it. This is joy that declares, ‘I will not be confined to the dimensions of your mind or reduced to the definitions in your dictionary.’”

- Sam Storms -



Philippians 4:4

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!





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