

A Life-Sustaining Hope

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*The Letter to
God's Elect*



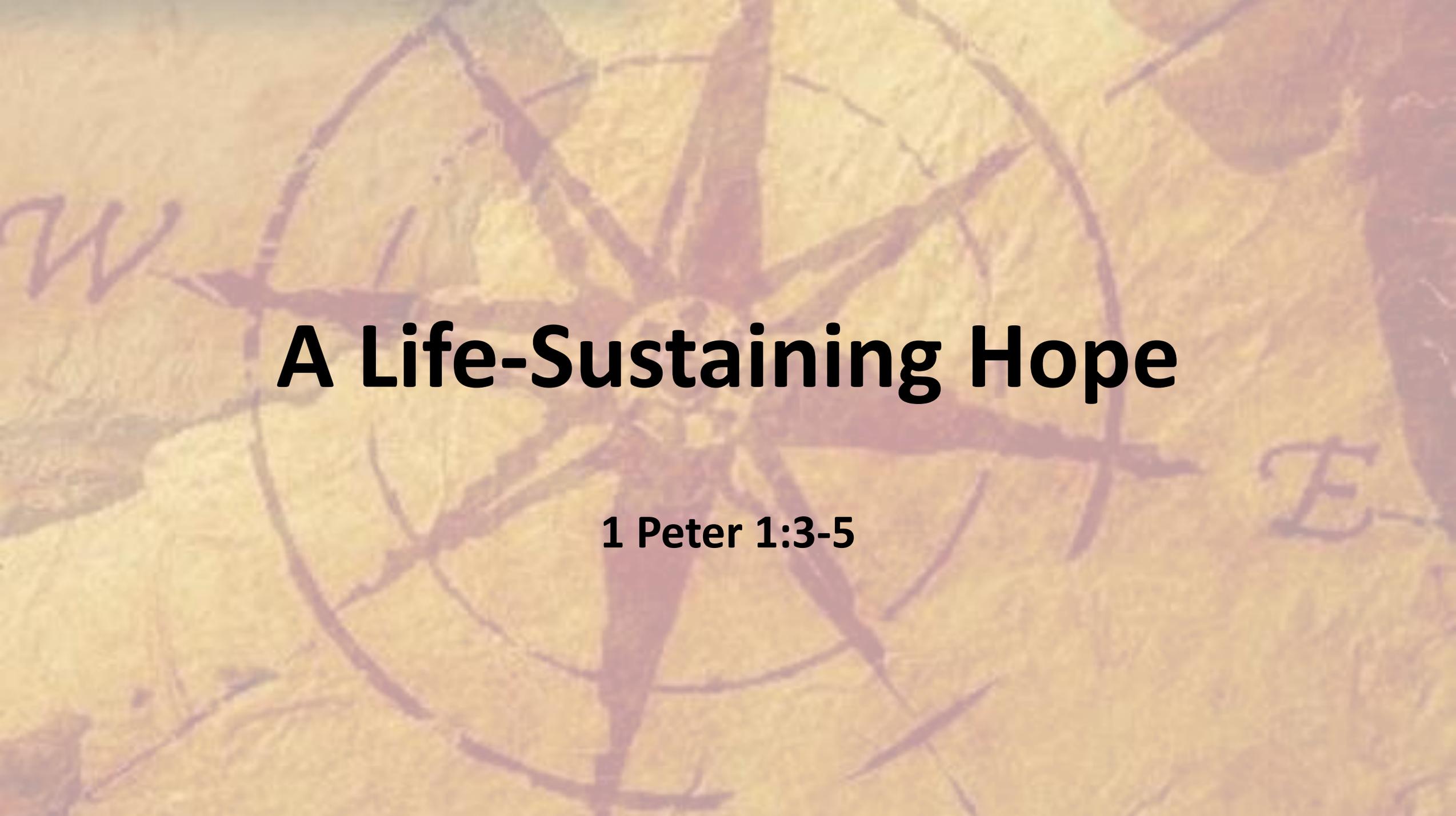
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What is hope?

**Hope, as an objective reality,
is the guarantee of our inheritance
in Christ.**

Ephesians 1:18

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is **the hope** of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

Colossians 1:5

We give thanks...because of **the hope** laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel.

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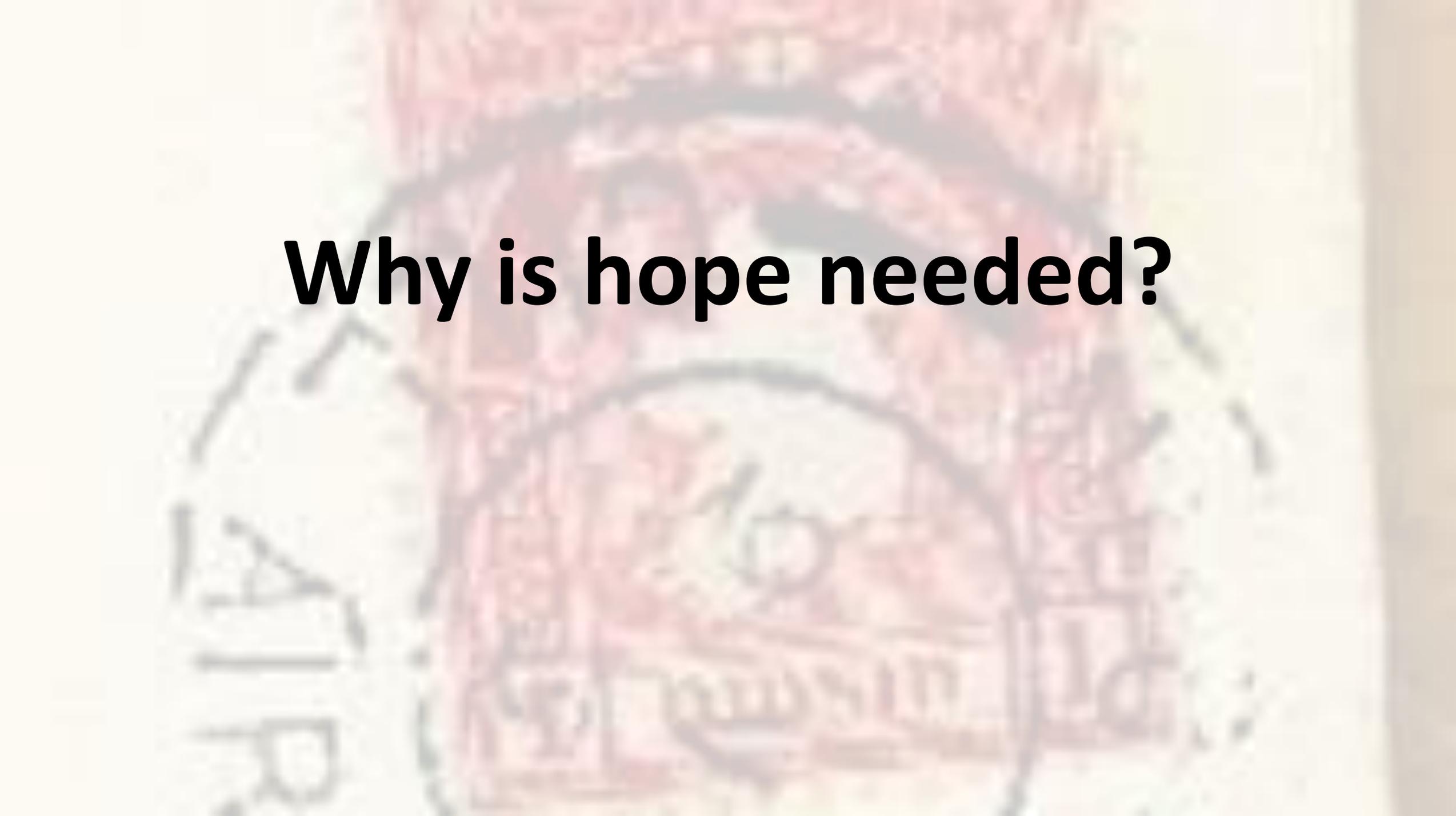
Hope, as something we experience, is the confident assurance that results when we believe that God will keep His promises.

Romans 8:25

But **if we hope** for what we do not see,
with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Romans 15:13

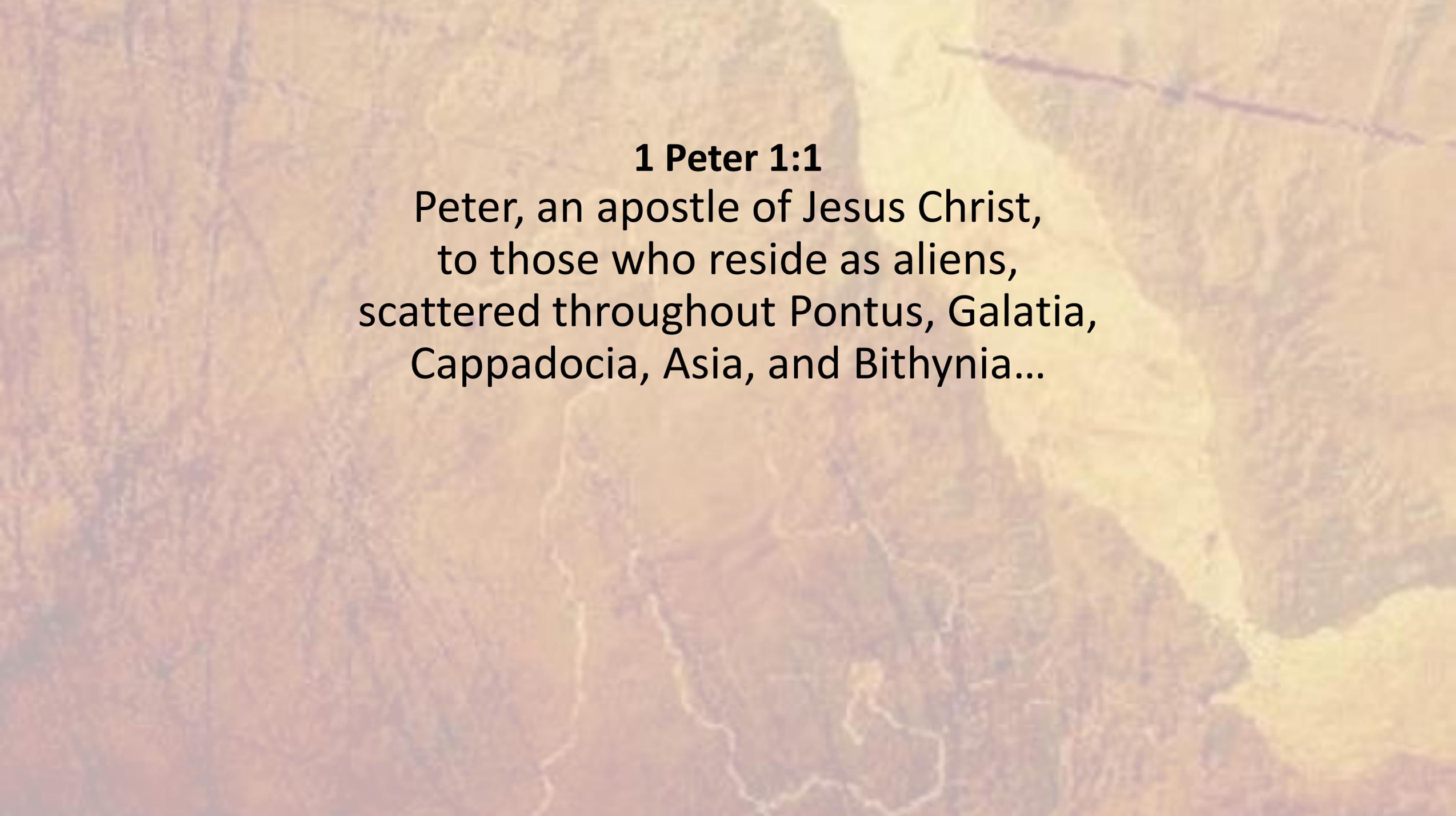
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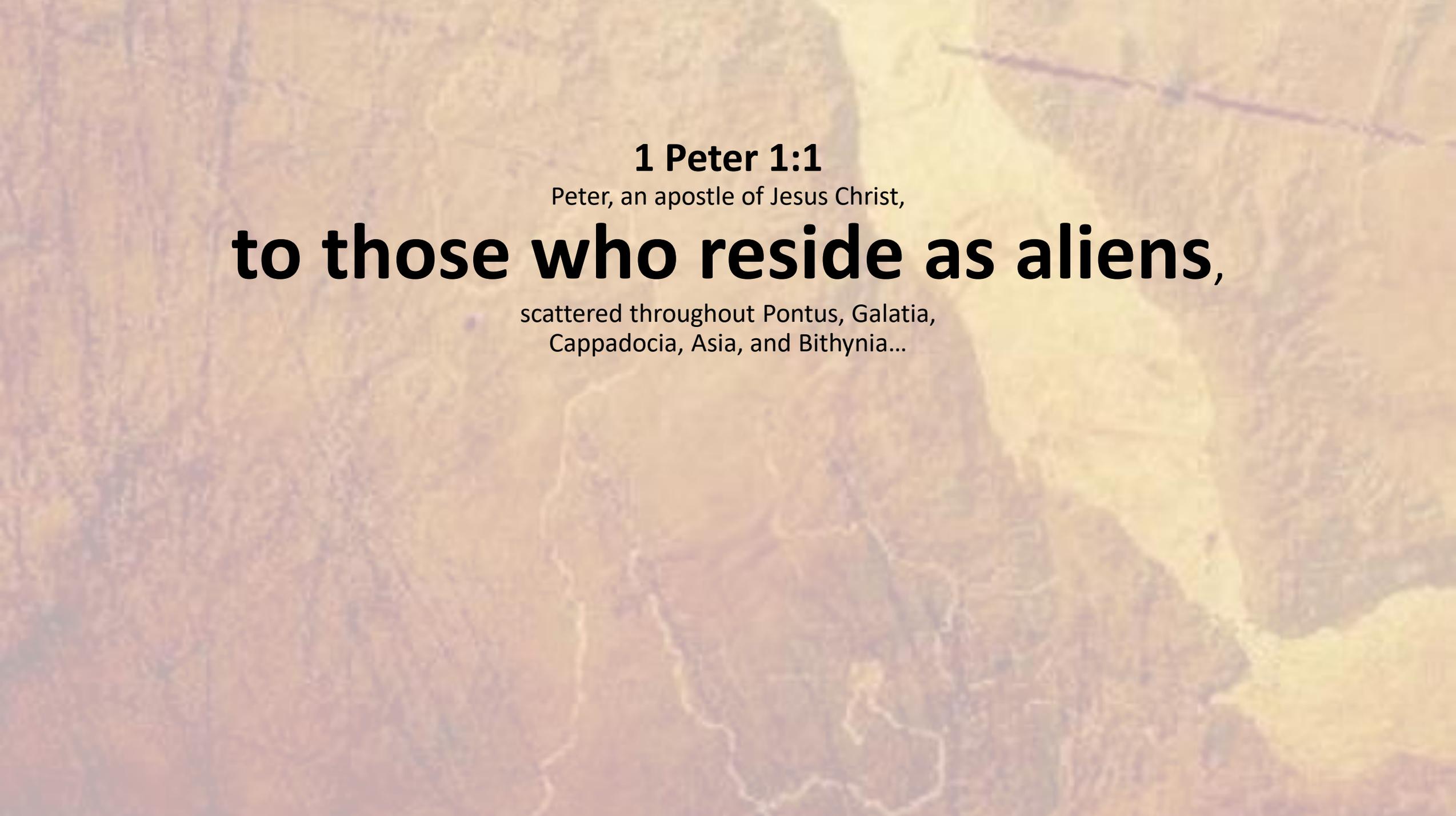
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1 Peter 4:12-14

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you,
which comes upon you for your testing,
as though some strange thing were happening to you;
but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ,
keep on rejoicing...

Why is hope needed?

Because persecution is possible.

Because grief is real.

1 Peter 1:6

In this you greatly rejoice,
even though now for a little while, if necessary,
you have been distressed [***grieved***] by various trials...

*There is legitimate grief that results
from the experience of trials.*

***But grief will not overwhelm
and control us if we have hope!***

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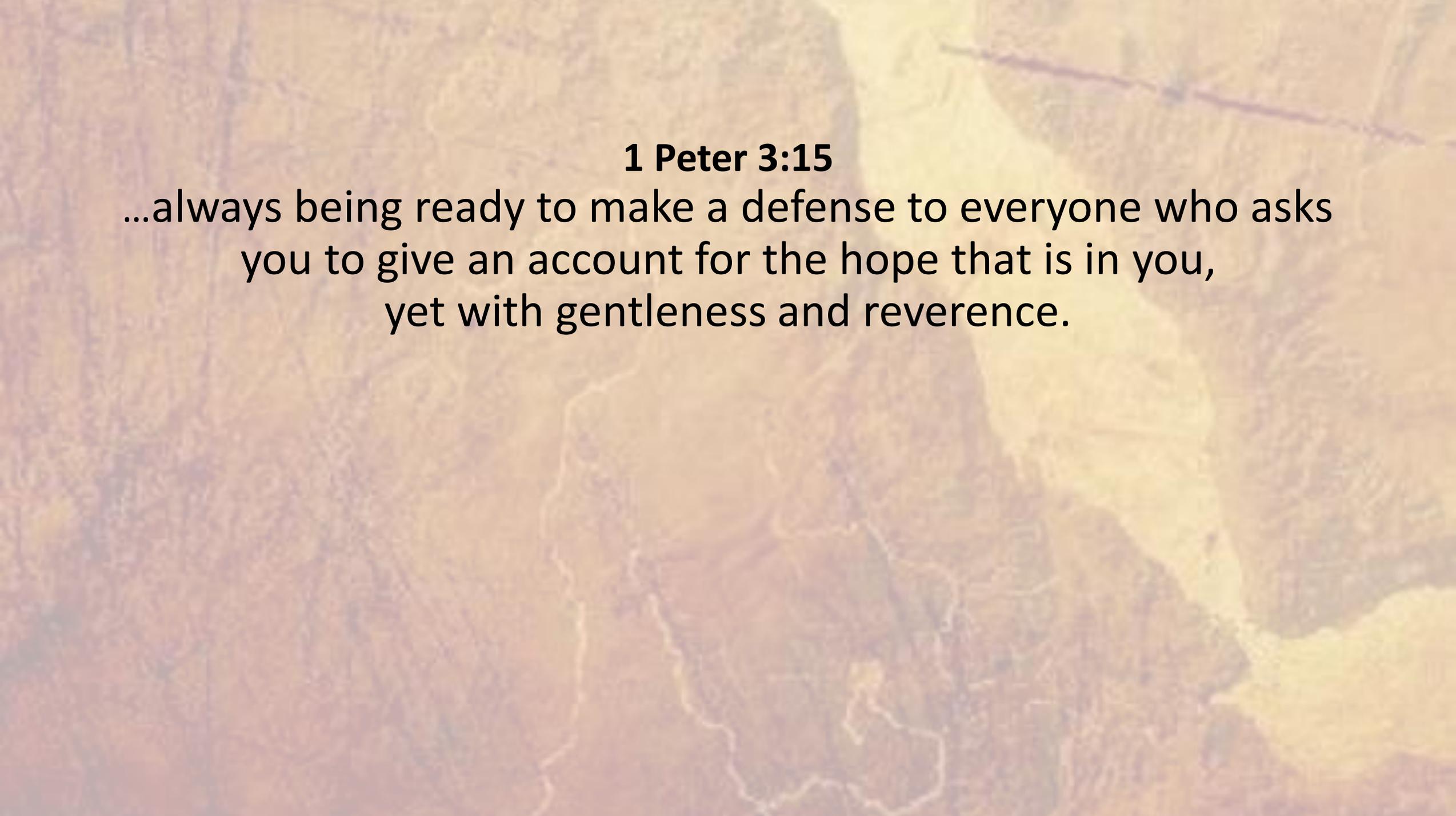
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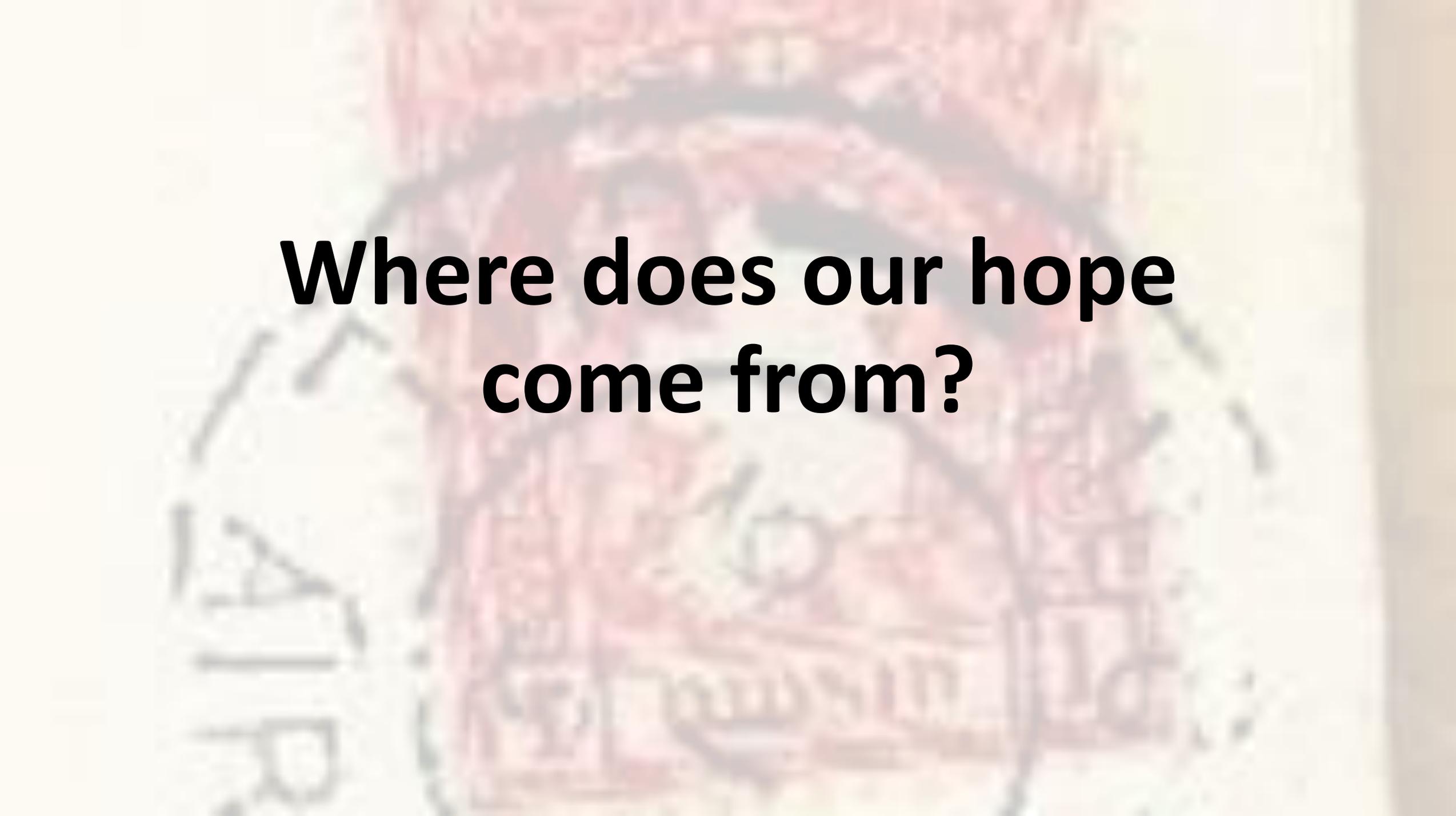
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Hope reshapes grief in ways that demand an explanation from a world controlled by its passions.



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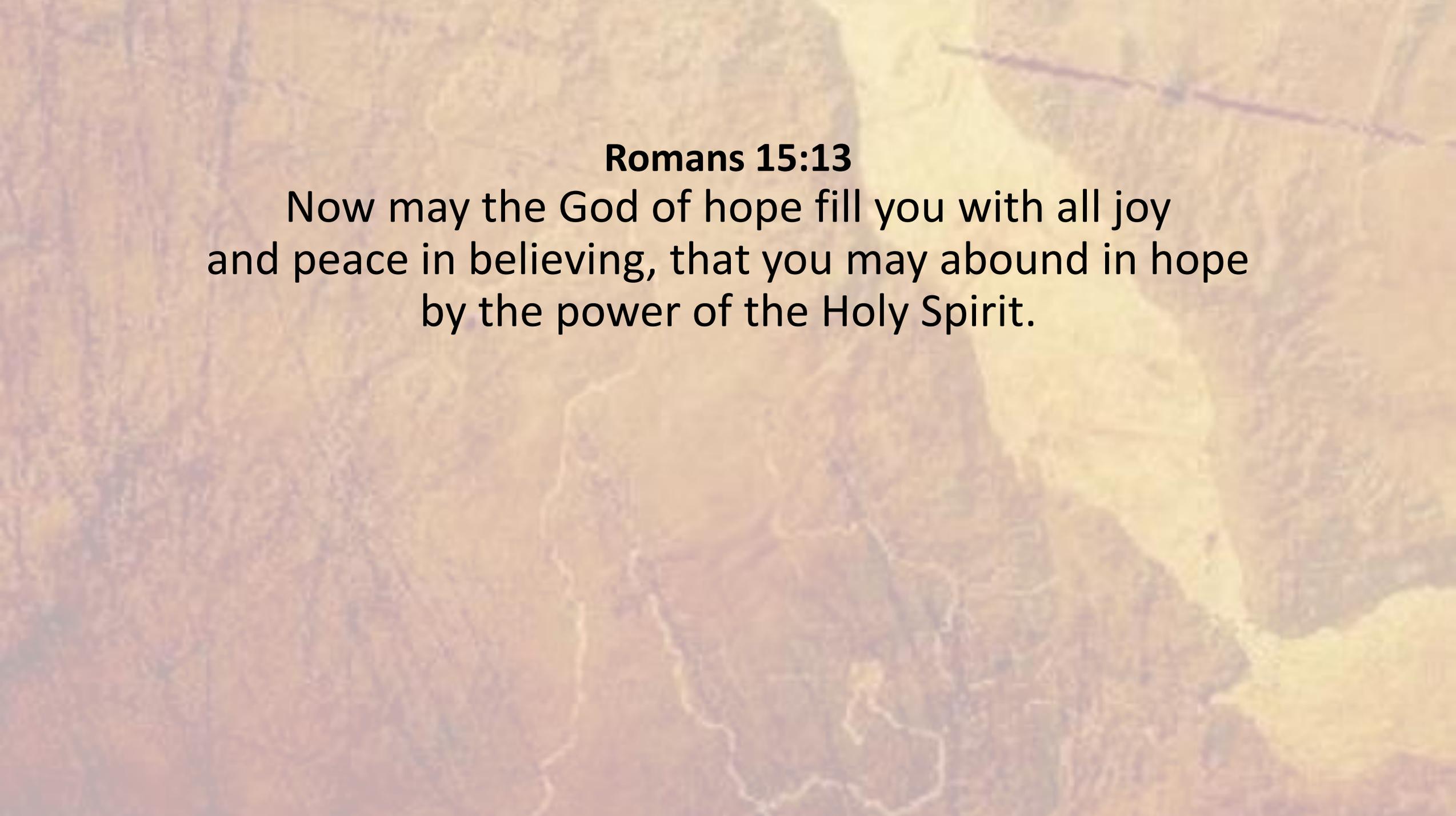
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The new birth changes the condition of your heart so that hope not only becomes possible but increasingly natural.



Romans 15:13

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Where does hope come from?

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Hope is formed by faith.

*Our present practice of faith is
what forms our confident
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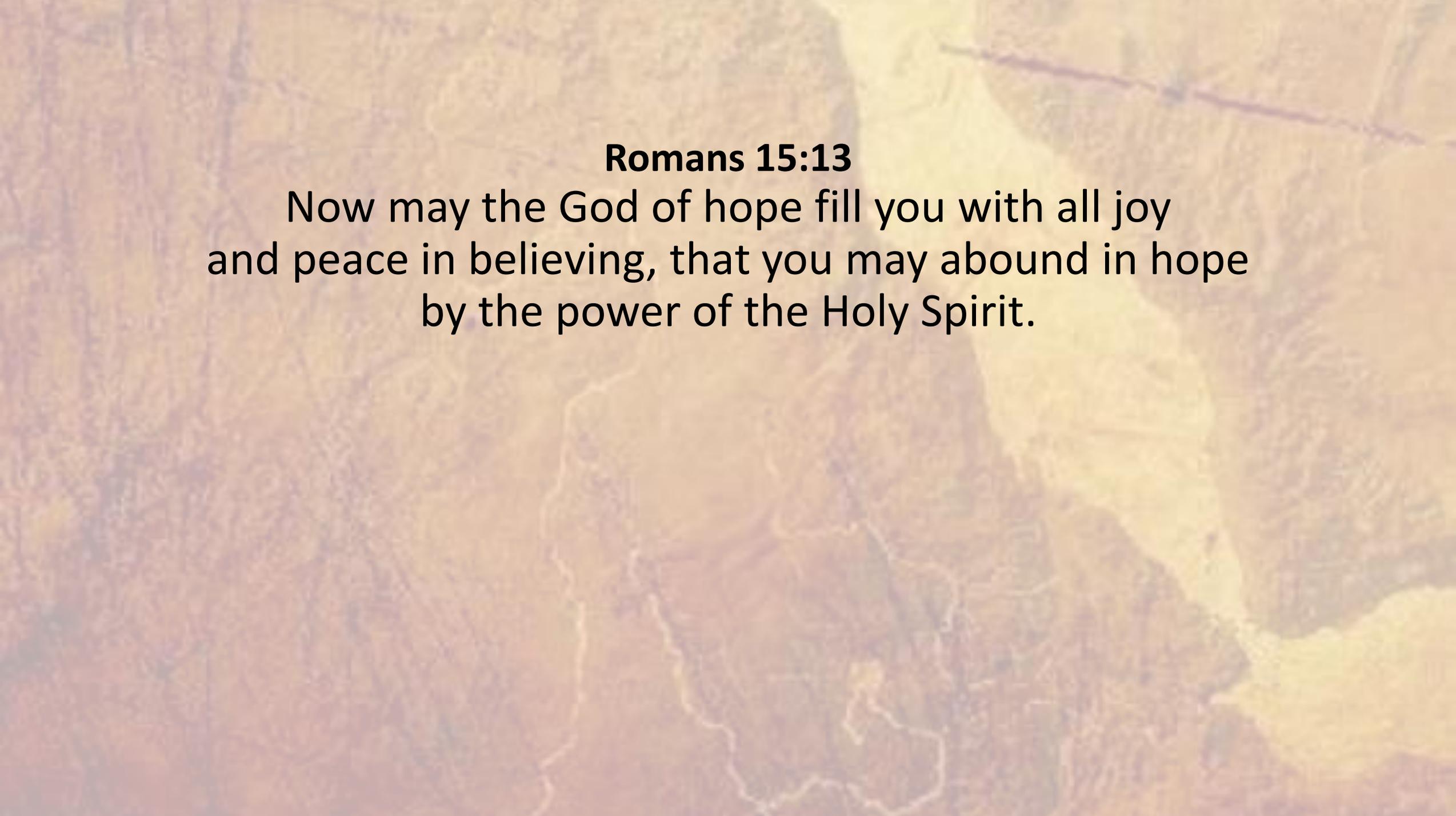
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For whatever was written in earlier times
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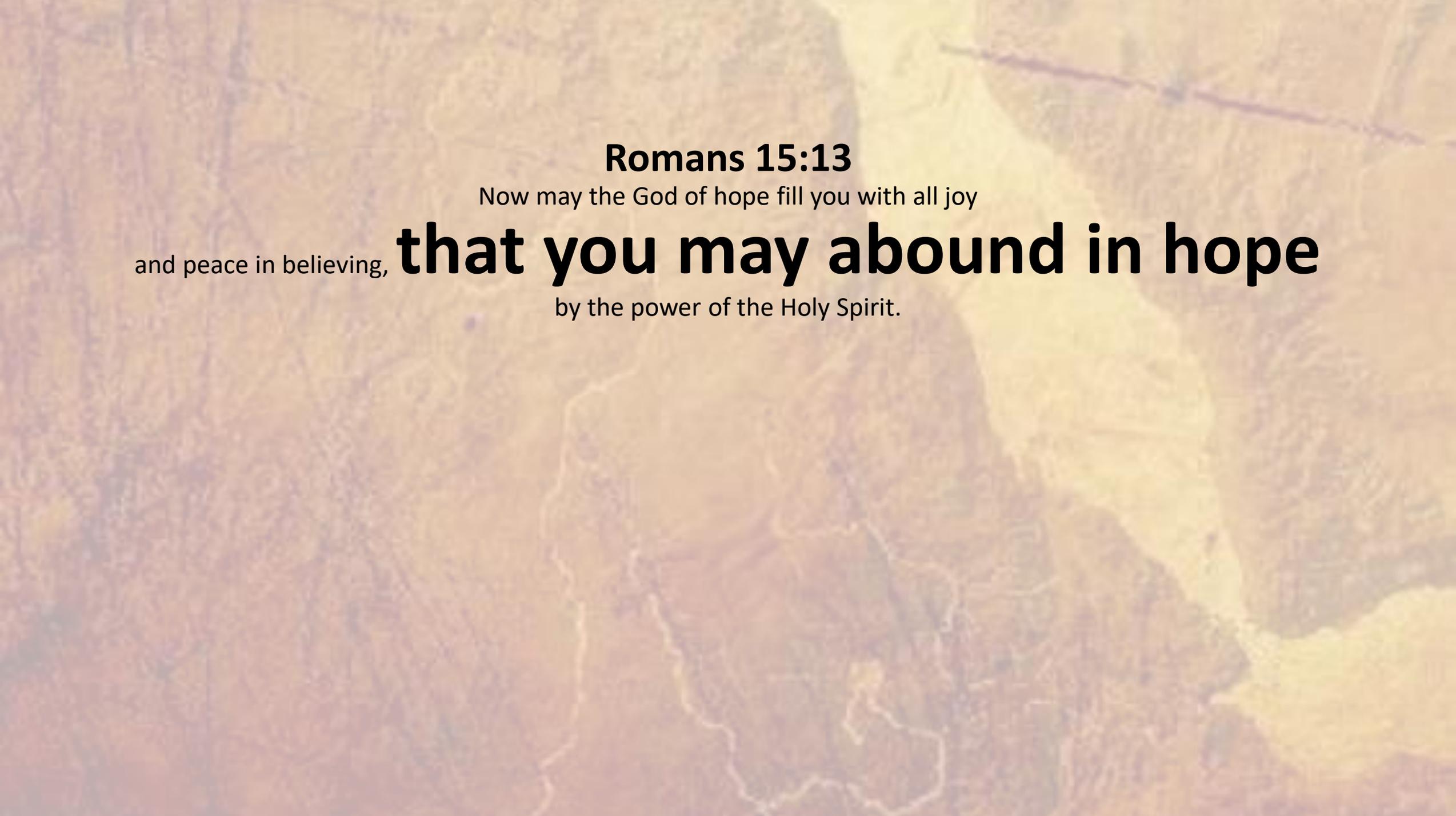
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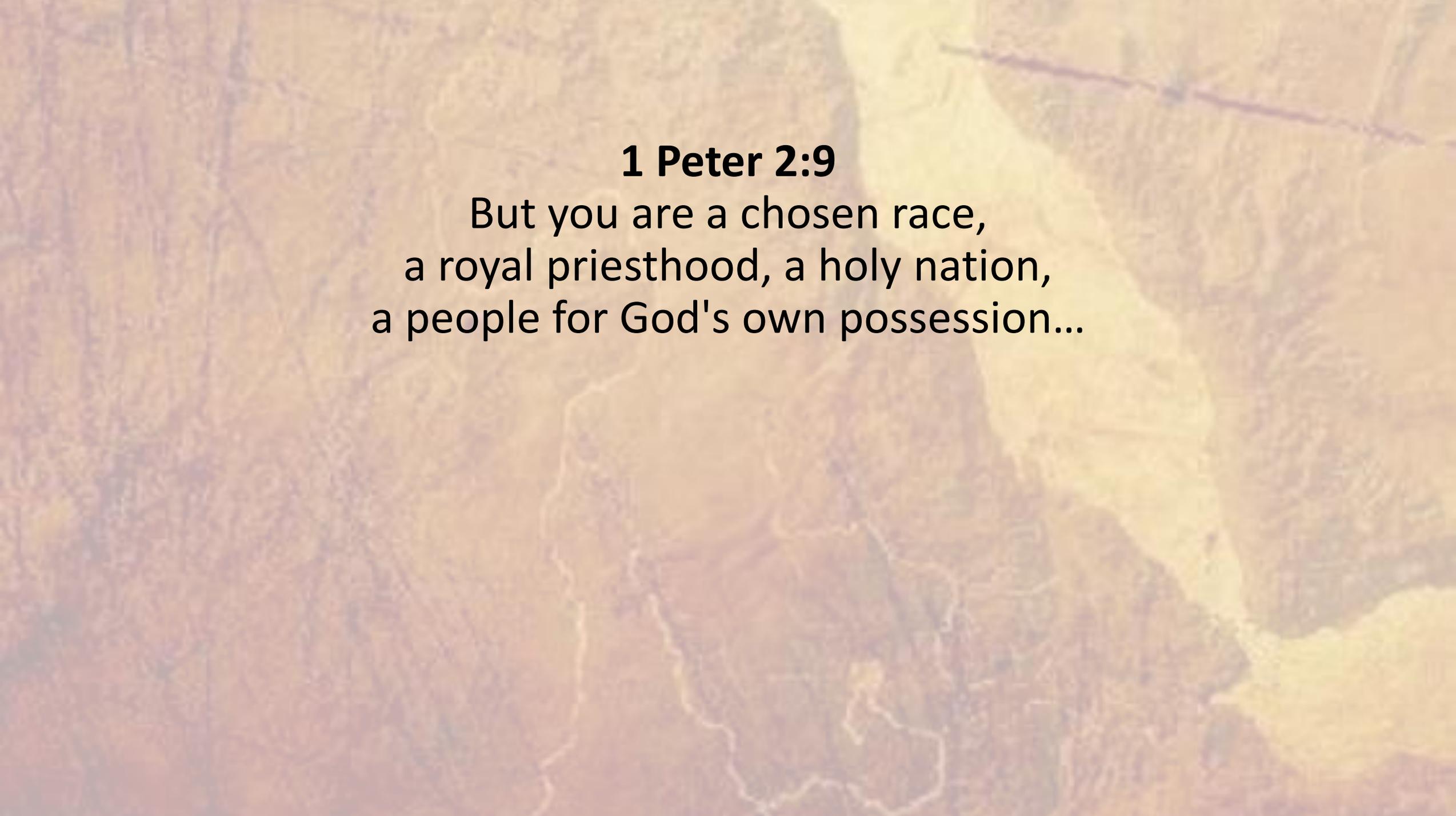
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*Our hope is grounded in God's
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*That God is faithful and will keep
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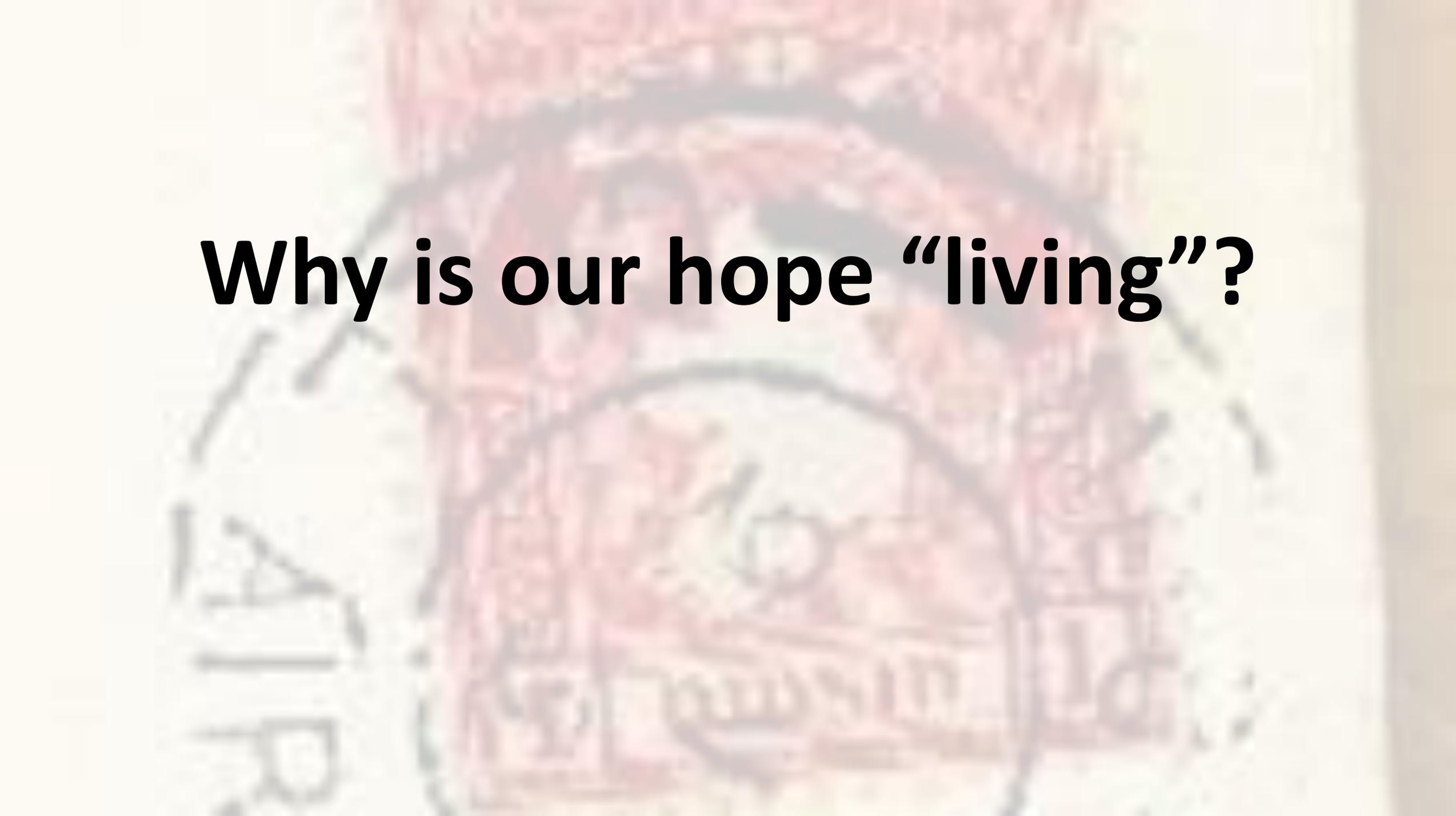
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yet **the spirit is alive** because of righteousness.

Colossians 1:27

...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches
of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles,
which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.

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