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2. Be sober.

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3. Choose hope.

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*The Letter to
God's Elect*



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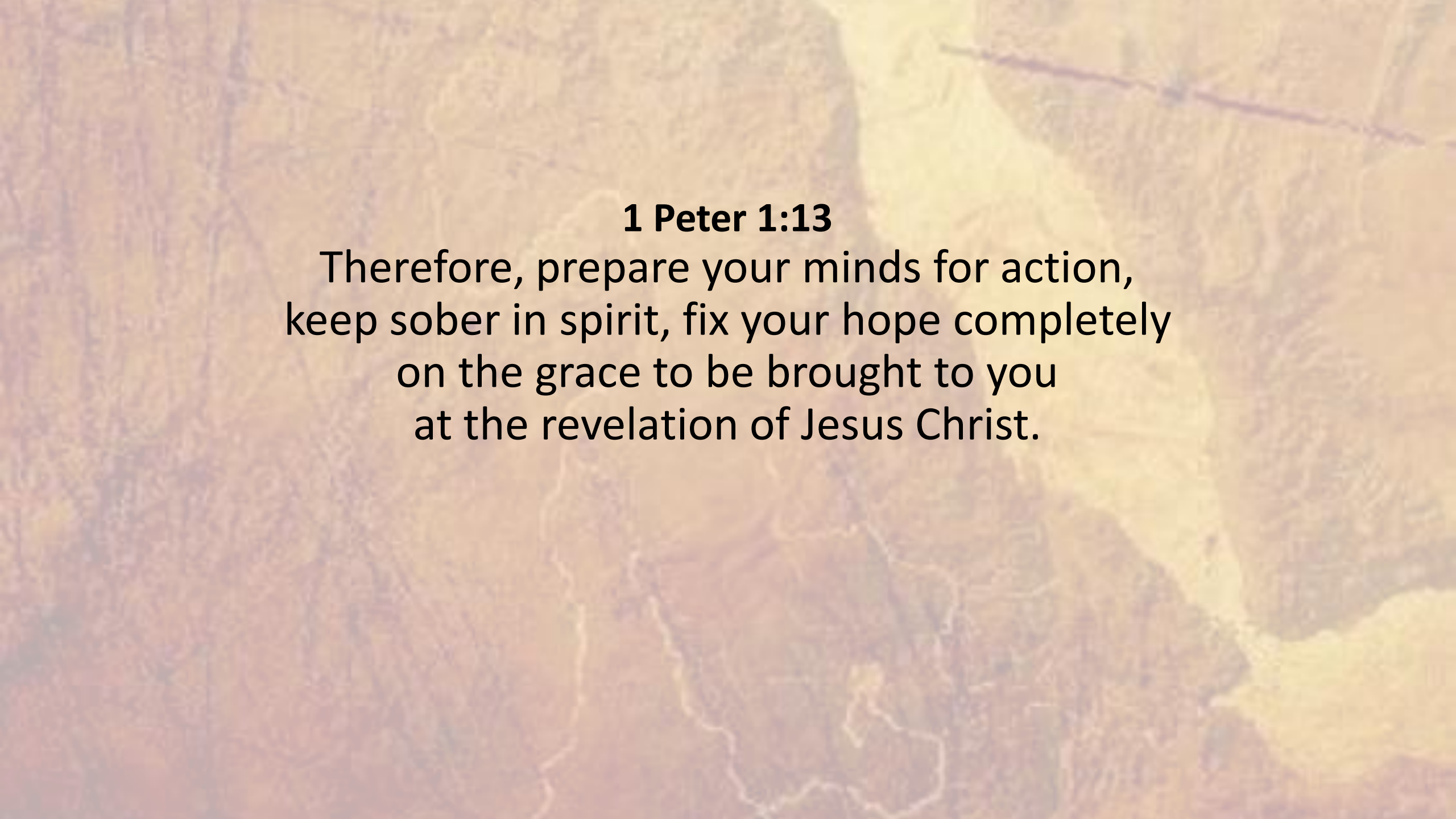
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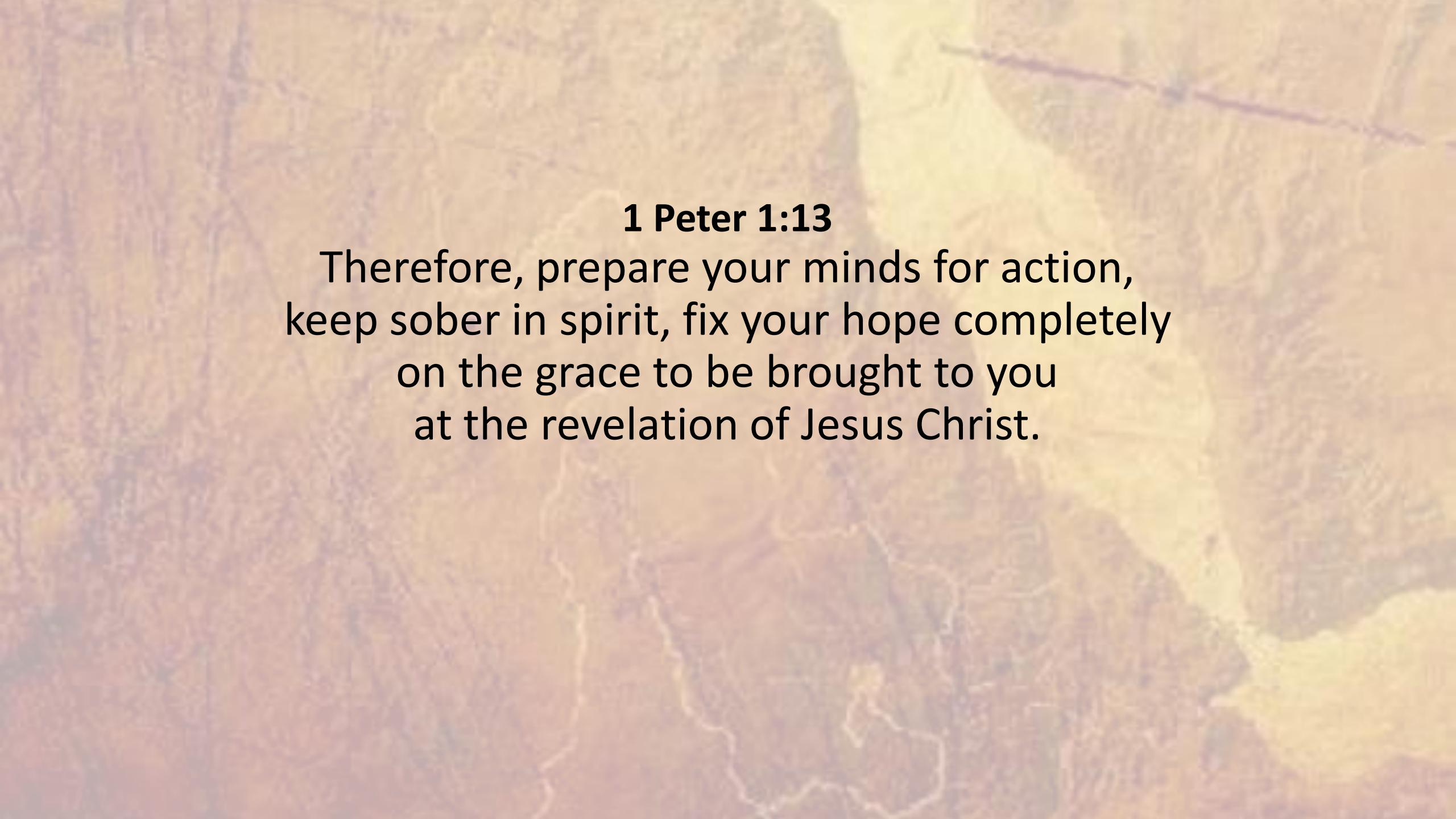
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We are commanded to govern our lives by a strong hope in the grace of God revealed to us in the gospel.

Governing your life by grace.

Prepare your mind for action.



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Preparing your mind.

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A rule to consider:

You cannot understand something
you have not earnestly considered.

Psalm 64:9

Then all men will fear, and will declare the work of God,
and will **consider what He has done.**

Psalm 107:43

Who is wise? Let him give heed to these things;
And **consider the lovingkindnesses of the LORD.**

Psalm 119:95

The wicked wait for me to destroy me;
I shall diligently **consider Your testimonies.**

Ecclesiastes 7:13

Consider the work of God,
For who is able to straighten what He has bent?

Isaiah 5:12-13

But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the LORD,
Nor do they consider the work of His hands.
Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge.

Luke 12:24 and 27

Consider the ravens...**consider** the lilies...

1 Corinthians 1:26

For **consider your calling**, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble...

2 Timothy 2:7

Consider what I say,
for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, **consider Jesus**, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.

Hebrews 10:24

...and **let us consider** how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds...

Hebrews 12:3

For **consider Him** who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, **so that** you may not grow weary and lose heart.

Another rule to consider:

You cannot defend something you have not labored to understand.

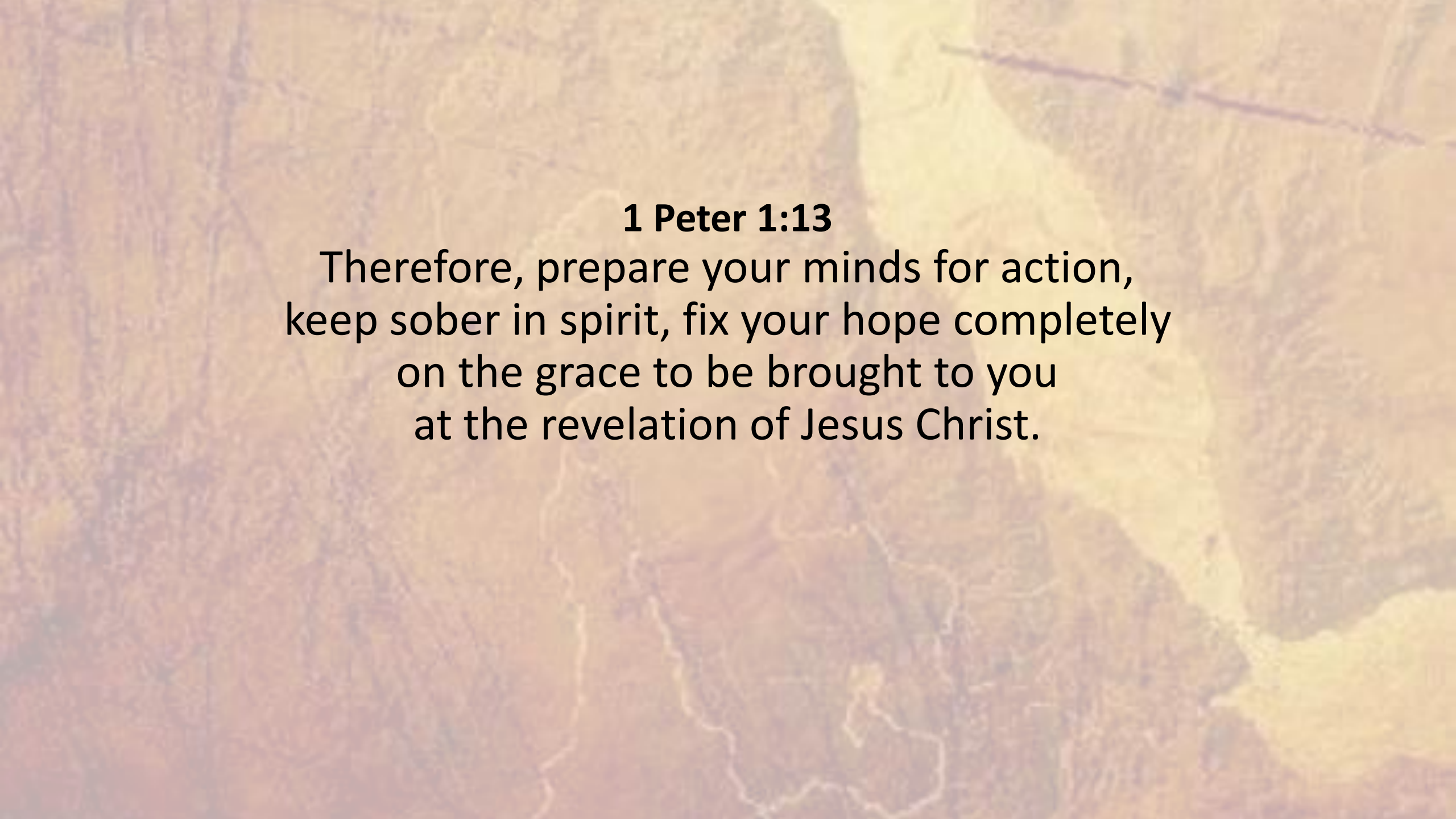
1 Peter 3:15

...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts,
always being ready to make a defense
to everyone who asks you to give an account
for the hope that is in you...

Preparing your mind.

The necessity of thoughtfulness.

The necessity of readiness.



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Readiness is required because each day we are at risk of falling into the pitfalls of a broken world.



1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be on the alert.

Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.

A Suggested Response:

Take time at the start of each day to consider what pitfalls may lie in your path, then seek to apply the gospel in advance.

Governing your life by grace.

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Be sober.

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Maintaining sobriety.

What is intoxication?

Intoxication is loss of control over your mind and your emotions; and, consequently, over your behavior.

Intoxication

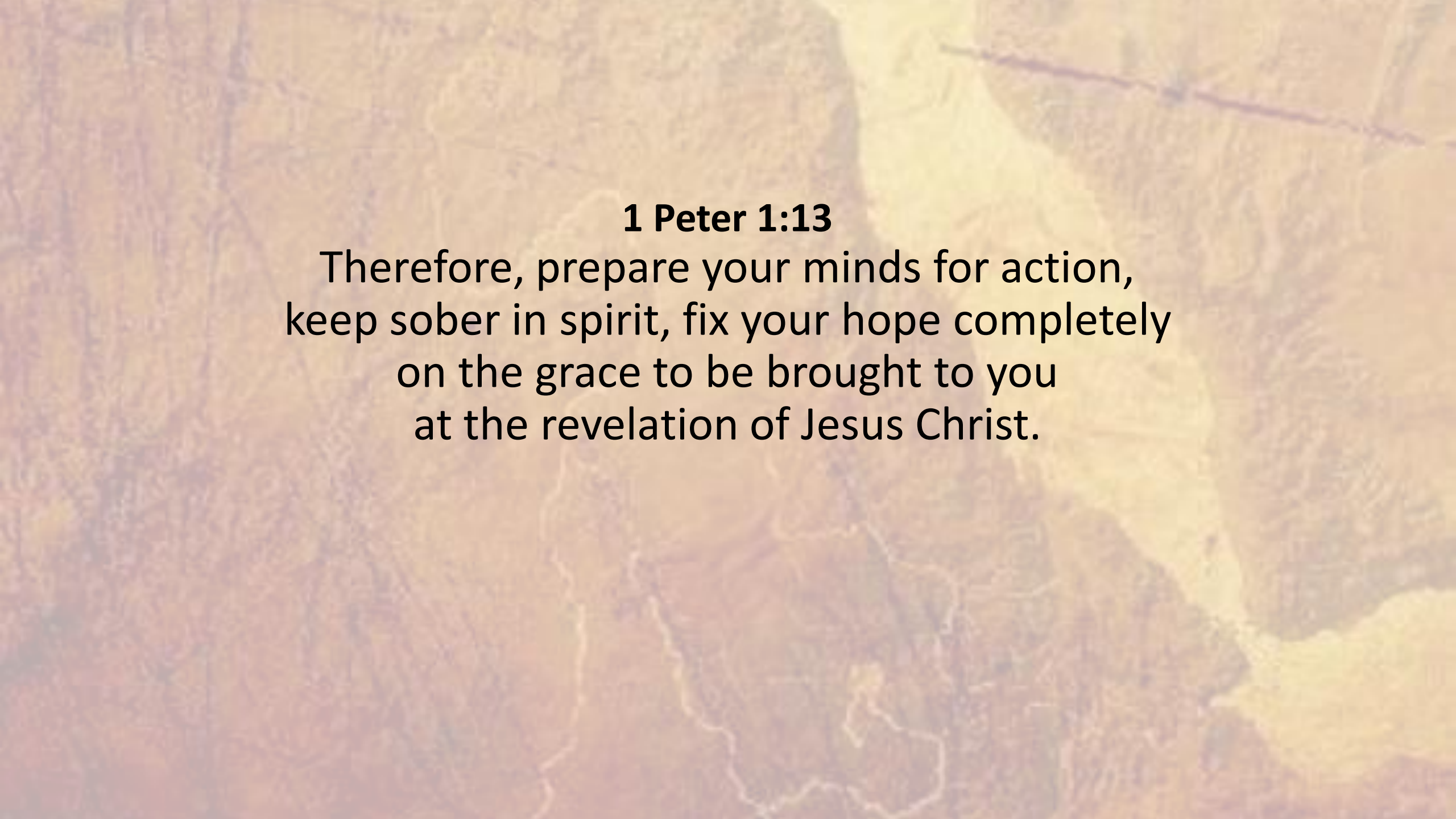
Genesis 9:21

[*Noah*] drank of the wine and became drunk,
and uncovered himself inside his tent.

1 Samuel 1:13

As for Hannah, she was speaking in her heart,
only her lips were moving, but her voice was not heard.
So Eli thought she was drunk.

Peter was clearly prohibiting physical drunkenness, but he had much more in mind.



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Spiritual Intoxication

Isaiah 29:9

They become drunk, but not with wine;
They stagger, but not with strong drink.

Revelation 18:3

For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed acts of immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality.

Important Consideration:

*Are you in control of your
spiritual mind and emotions?*

Maintaining sobriety.

What is intoxication?

What are the intoxicants?

*Intoxication requires
an intoxicant.*

Romans 6:12

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts...

Titus 3:3

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, **enslaved to various lusts and pleasures**, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

The intoxicants of this world:

Alcohol, drugs, controlling substances.

Food, sex, gambling.

Sports, entertainment, gaming.

Comfort, recreation, risk.

Family, friends, relationships.

Success, significance, identity.

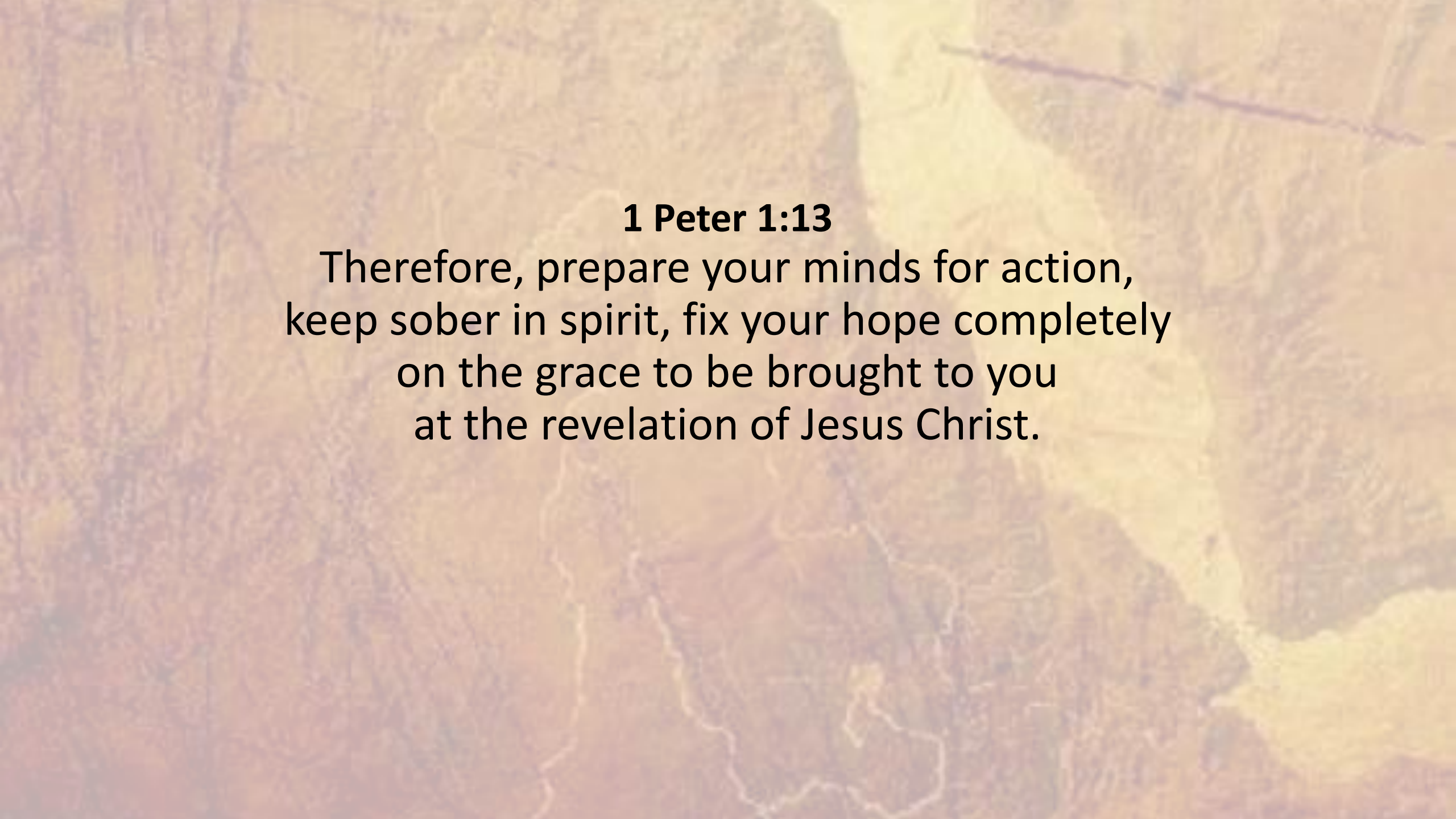
Security, stability, control.

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Choosing hope.

Choose to anticipate grace.

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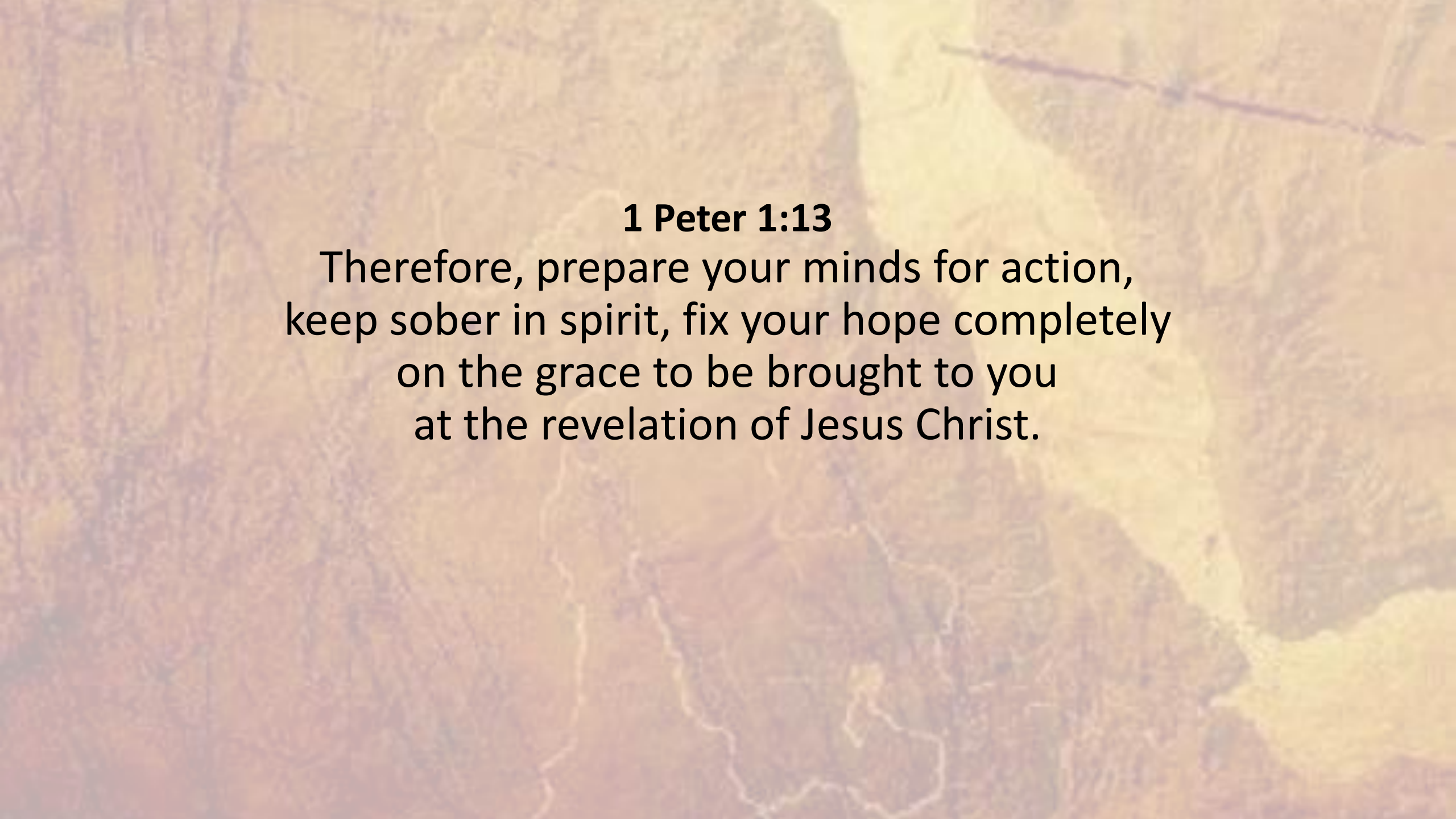
*Are you anticipating
God's grace now?*

*Are you anticipating the fullness
of that grace when He returns?*

Choosing hope.

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Choose to hope in grace alone.

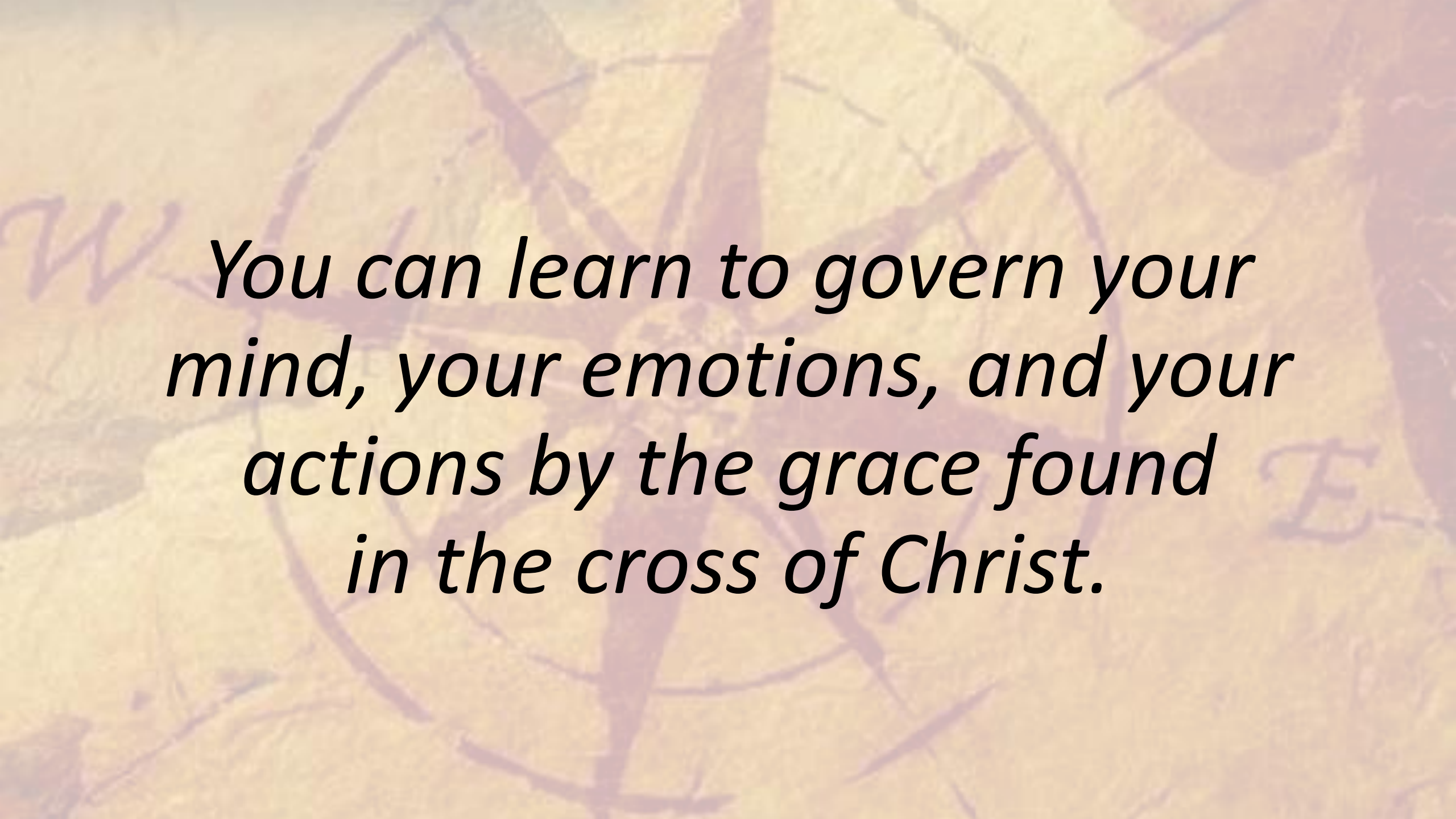


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*Are you resting in the gracious work
and character of God?*

*Or are you placing burdens upon
your soul He never intended
for you to carry?*

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*You can learn to govern your
mind, your emotions, and your
actions by the grace found
in the cross of Christ.*