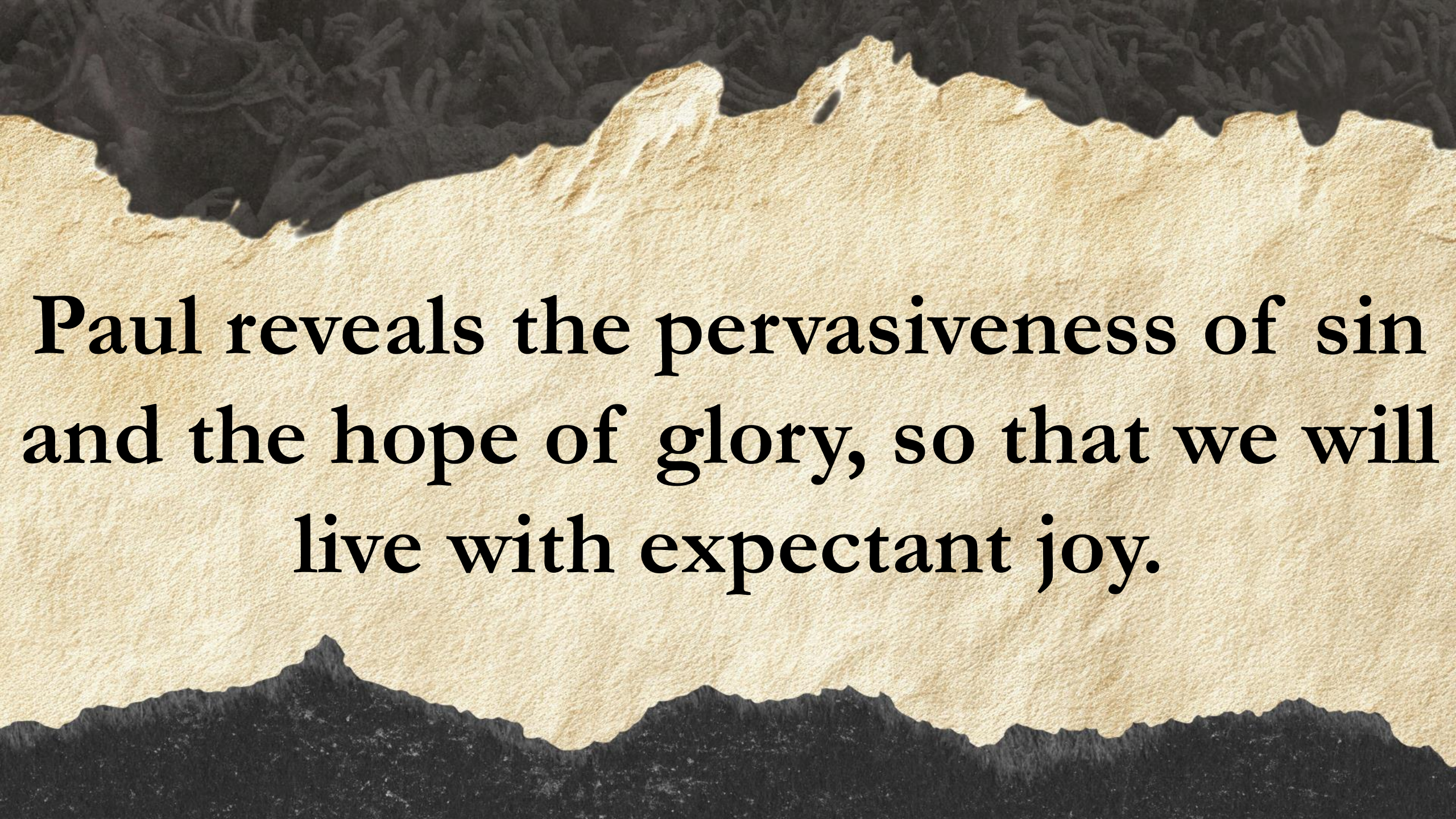


The Birth Pains of Glory

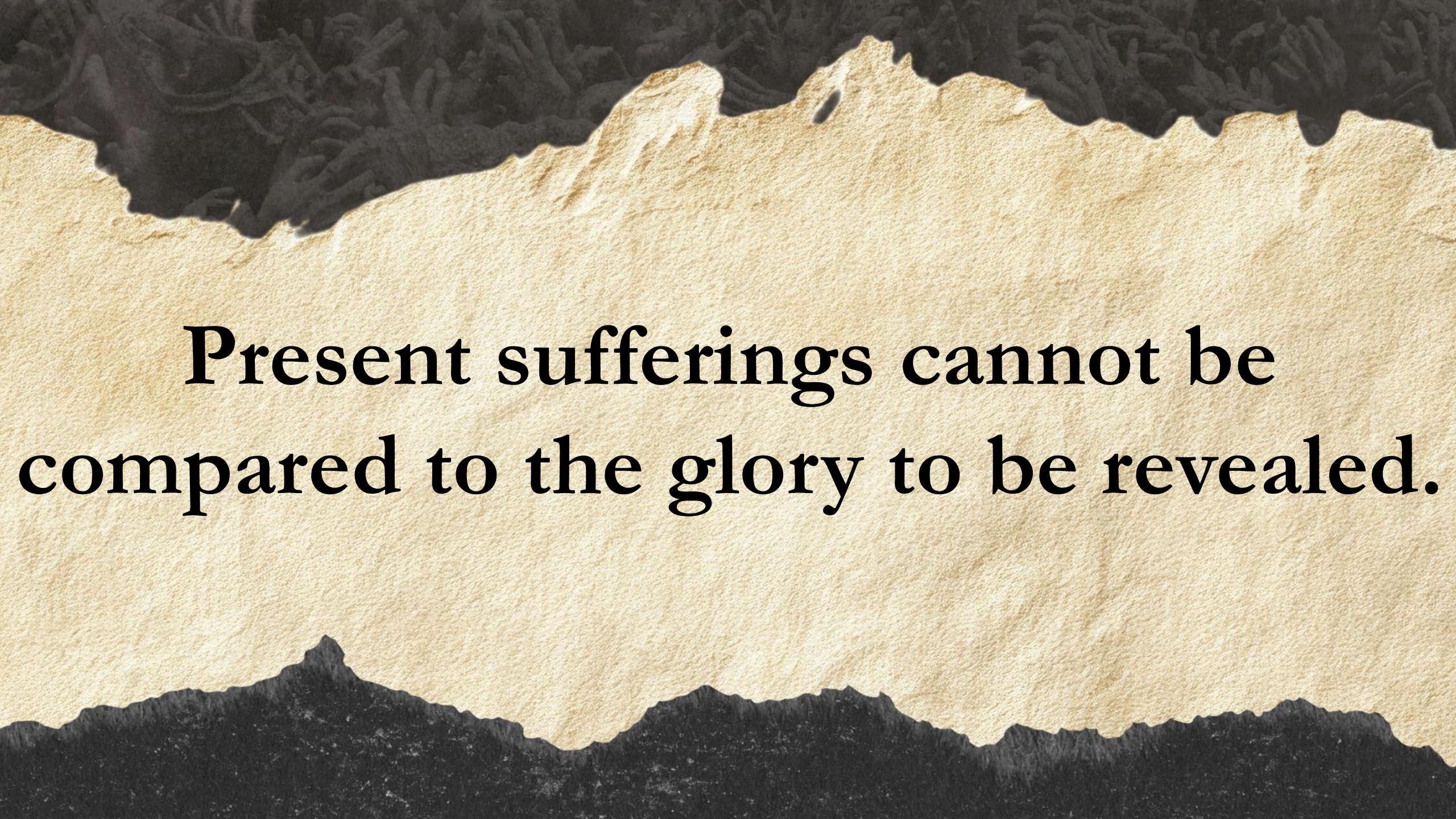
Romans 8:18-25



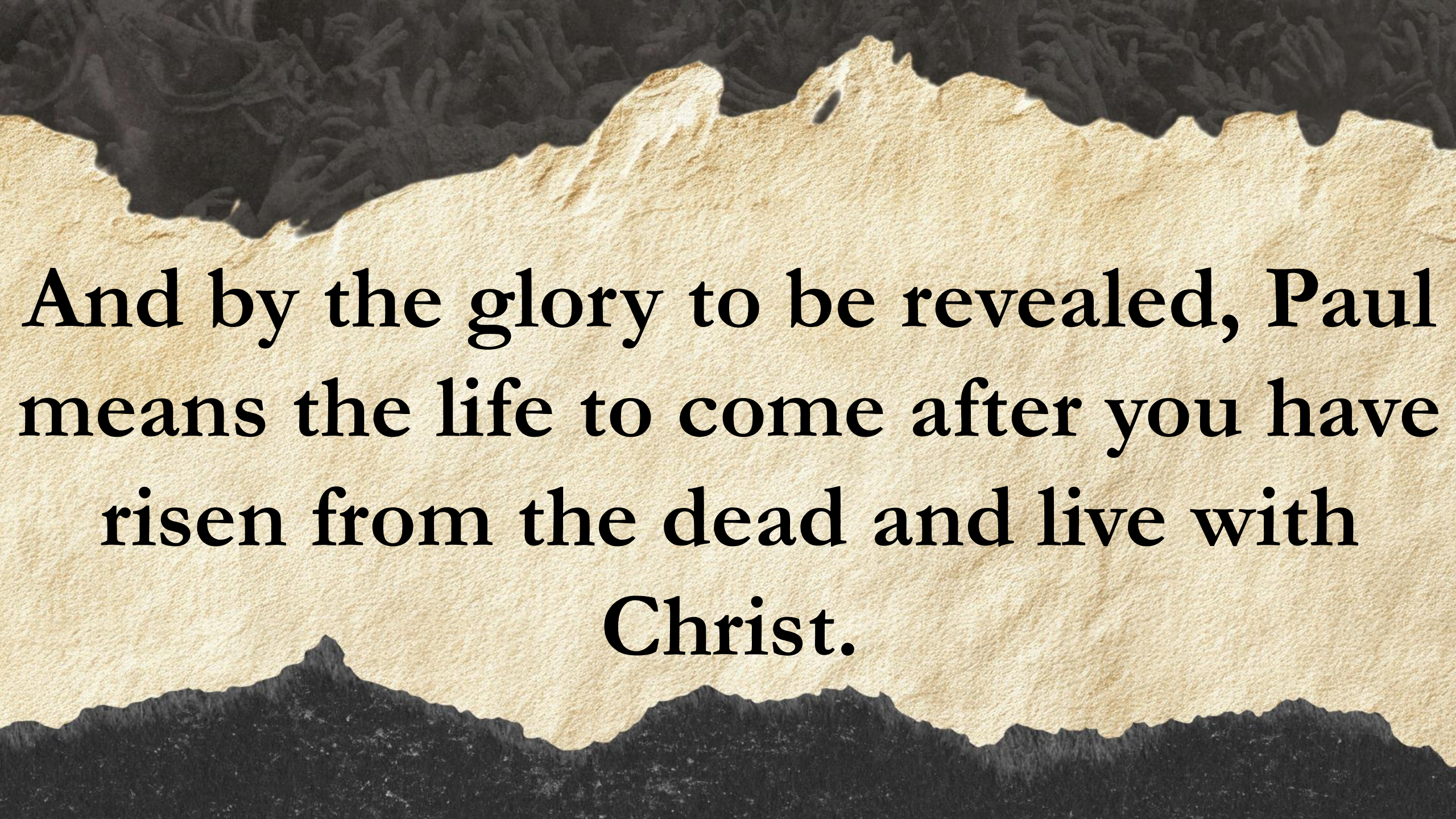
Paul reveals the pervasiveness of sin
and the hope of glory, so that we will
live with expectant joy.

**1. Present
Suffering not
Comparable to
Glory.**





**Present sufferings cannot be
compared to the glory to be revealed.**



**And by the glory to be revealed, Paul
means the life to come after you have
risen from the dead and live with
Christ.**

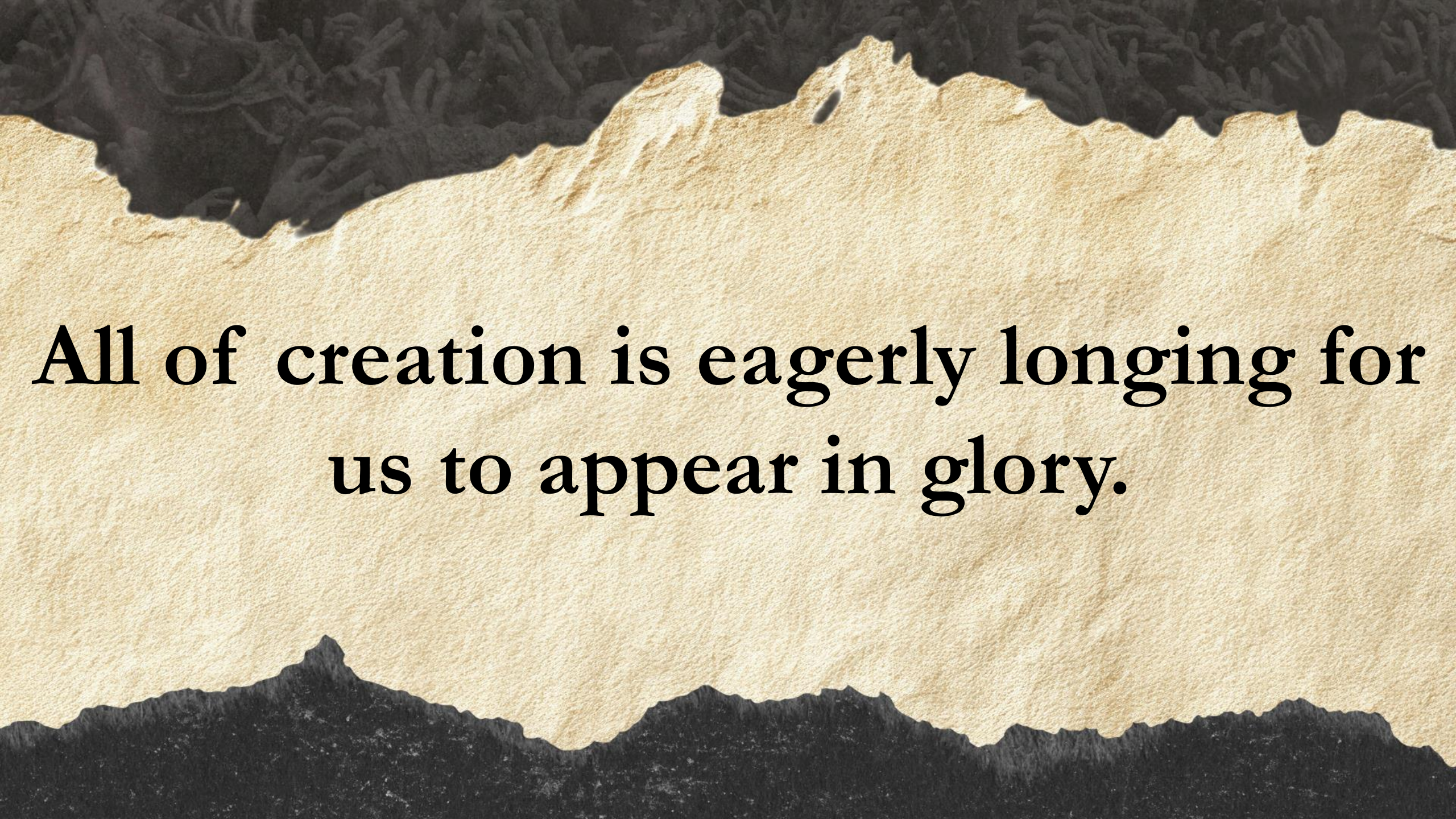
**1. Present
Suffering not
Comparable to
Glory.**

**2. Liberation
Coming with
Christ**



Colossians 3:4

**When Christ who is your life appears,
then you also will appear with him in
glory.**



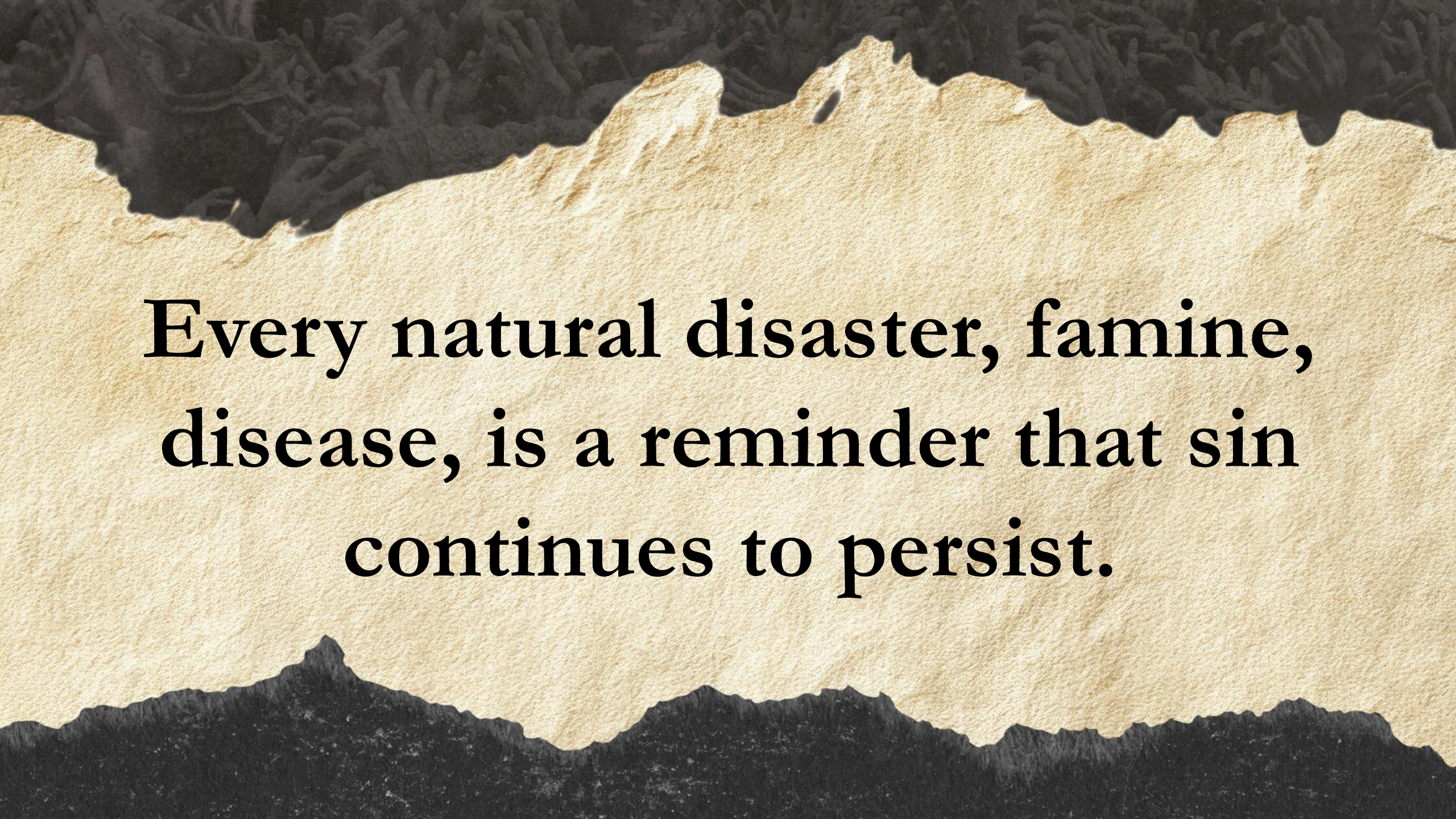
**All of creation is eagerly longing for
us to appear in glory.**

Genesis 3:17

**And to Adam he said, “Because you have
listened to the voice of your wife and
have eaten of the tree of which I
commanded you,**

Genesis 3:17

**‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the
ground because of you; in pain you shall
eat of it all the days of your life;**



**Every natural disaster, famine,
disease, is a reminder that sin
continues to persist.**

Luke 15:31

**And he said to him, 'Son, you are always
with me, and all that is mine is yours.'**

**2. Liberation
Coming with
Christ**

**3. Groaning in
Godliness**





**A new creation is always brought forth
by birth.**

**Creation is not experiencing death pains,
but birth pains.**

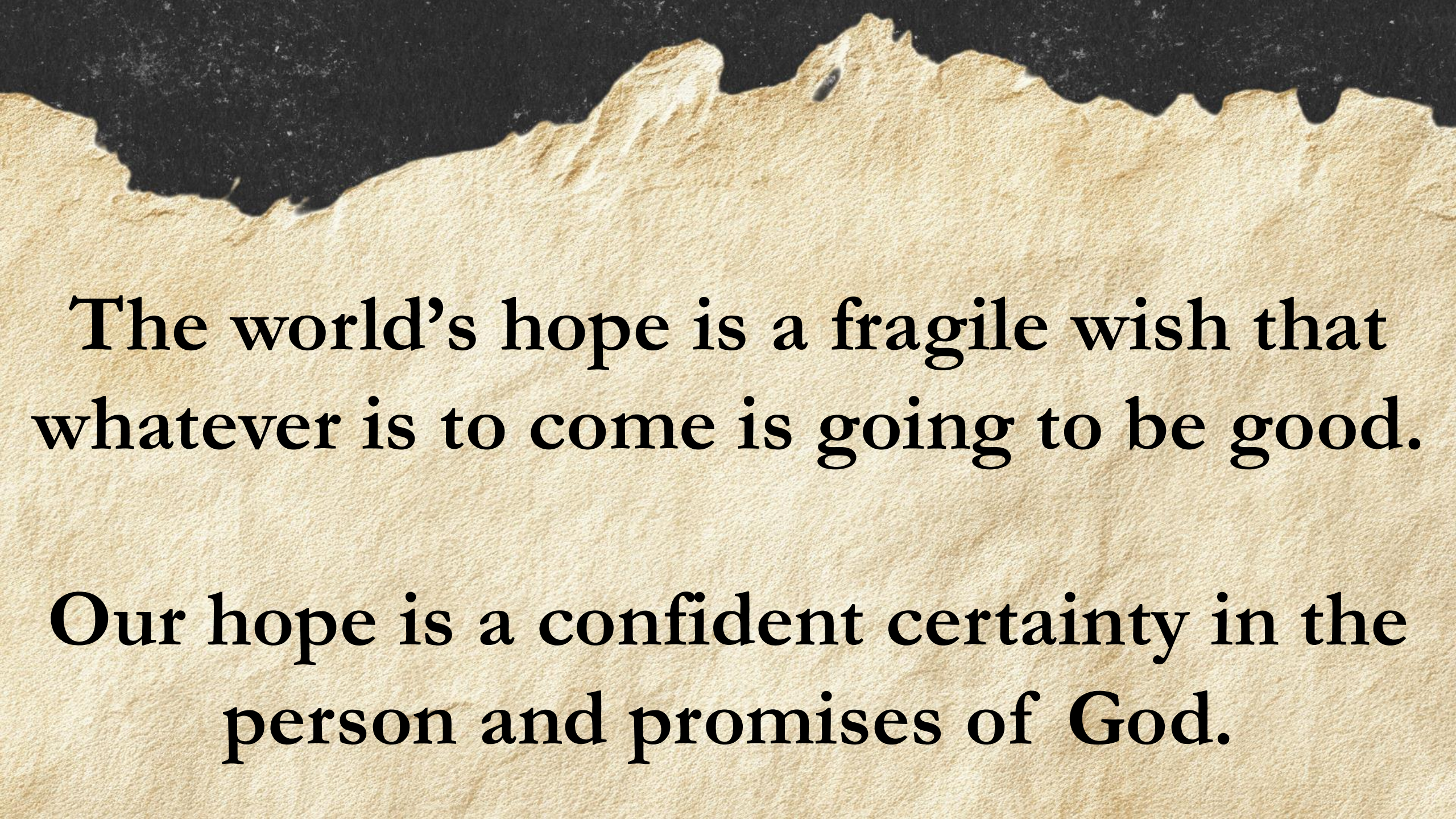


The Spirit works in our hearts to
prepare and cause us to long for our
full adoption and transformation of
our lives.

**3. Groaning in
Godliness**

**4. Living by
Hope-filled
Patience**





The world's hope is a fragile wish that
whatever is to come is going to be good.

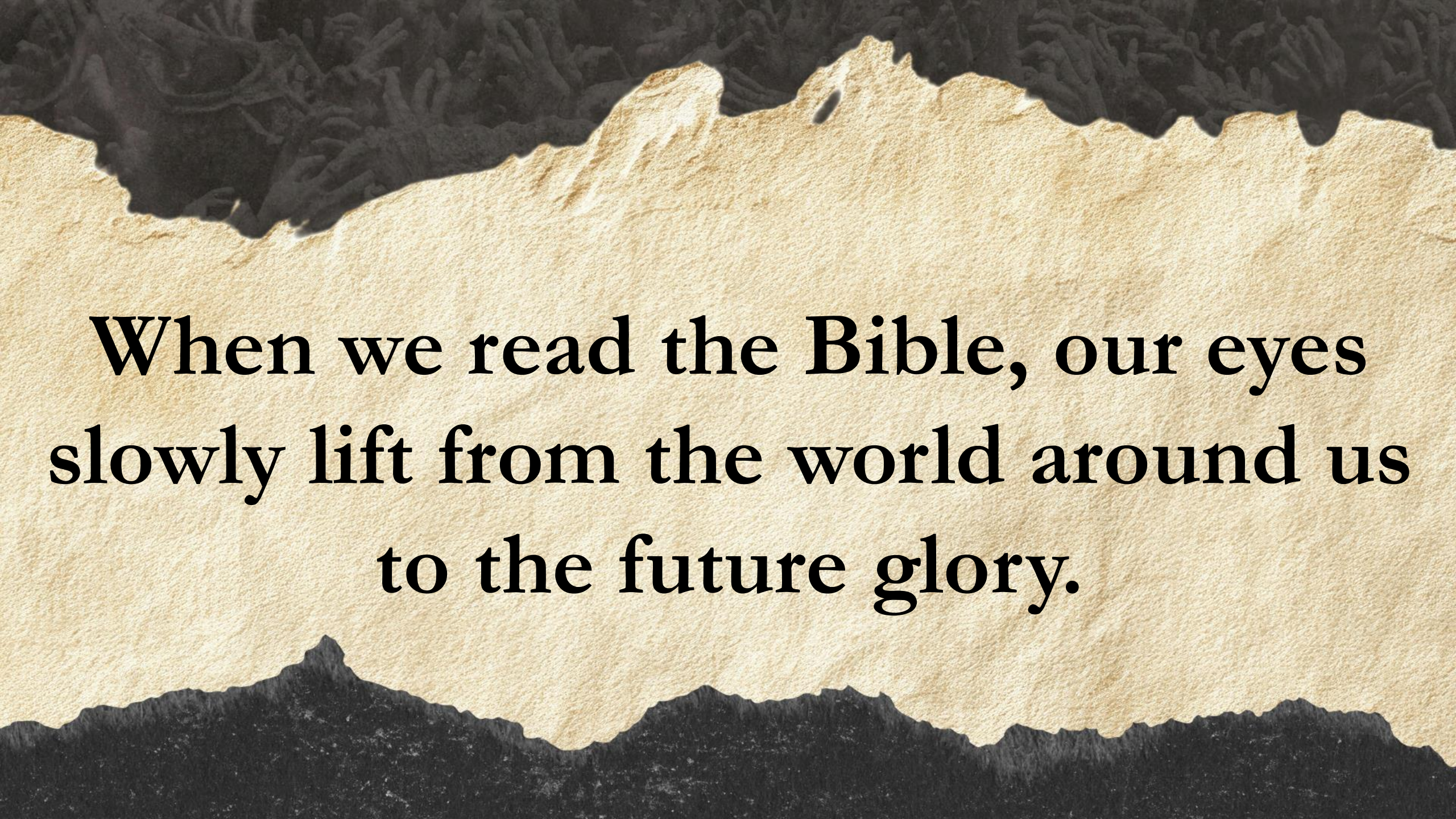
Our hope is a confident certainty in the
person and promises of God.

Romans 5:3-5

[3] Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

Romans 5:3-5

**[5] and hope does not put us to shame,
because God's love has been poured into
our hearts through the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us.**



**When we read the Bible, our eyes
slowly lift from the world around us
to the future glory.**



Walking Points:

**1. Ask God for
homesickness.**



Walking Points:

**2. Think more
about resurrection
than retirement.**

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Walking Points:

**3. Feed your hope
daily.**



Walking Points:

**4. Do not measure
by today's tears,
but tomorrow's
glory.**