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1 Peter 3:18-22



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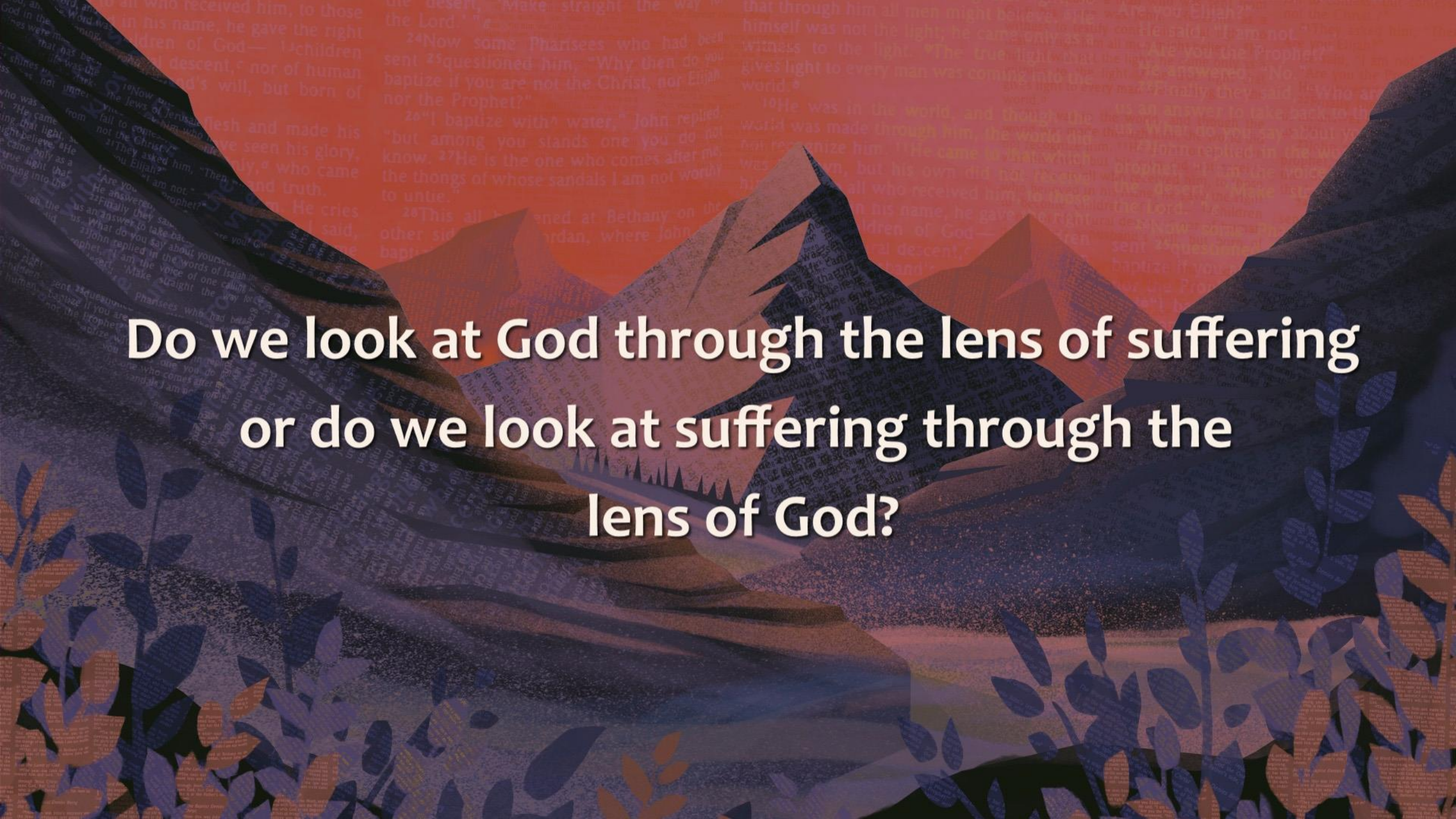


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Do we look at God through the lens of suffering  
or do we look at suffering through the  
lens of God?



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Live in such a way that unbelievers are curious  
about your life.





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**"Fear of man will keep us quiet, but God's love  
will open our mouths."**

**Juan Sanchez**



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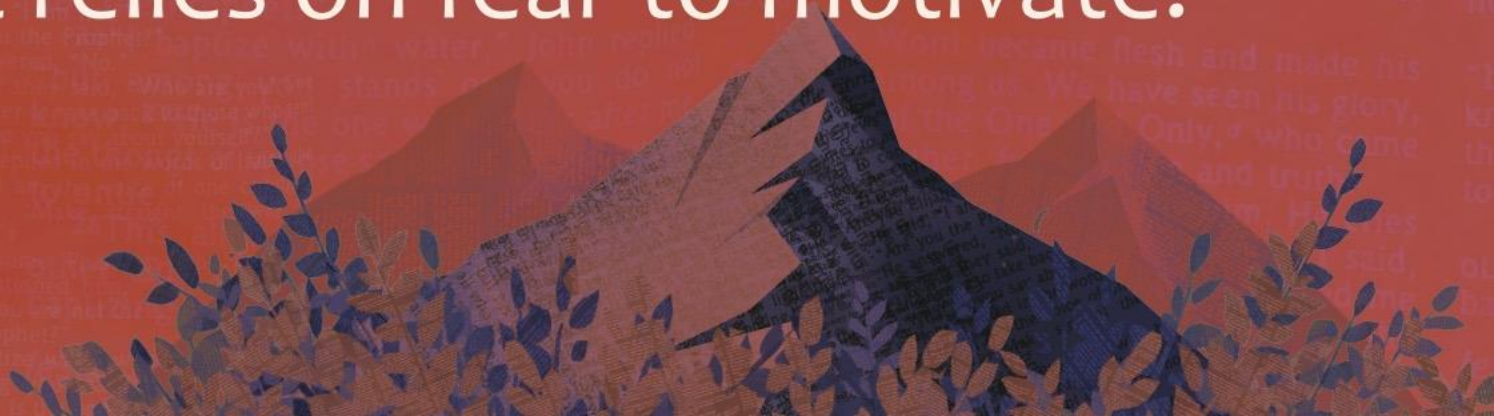




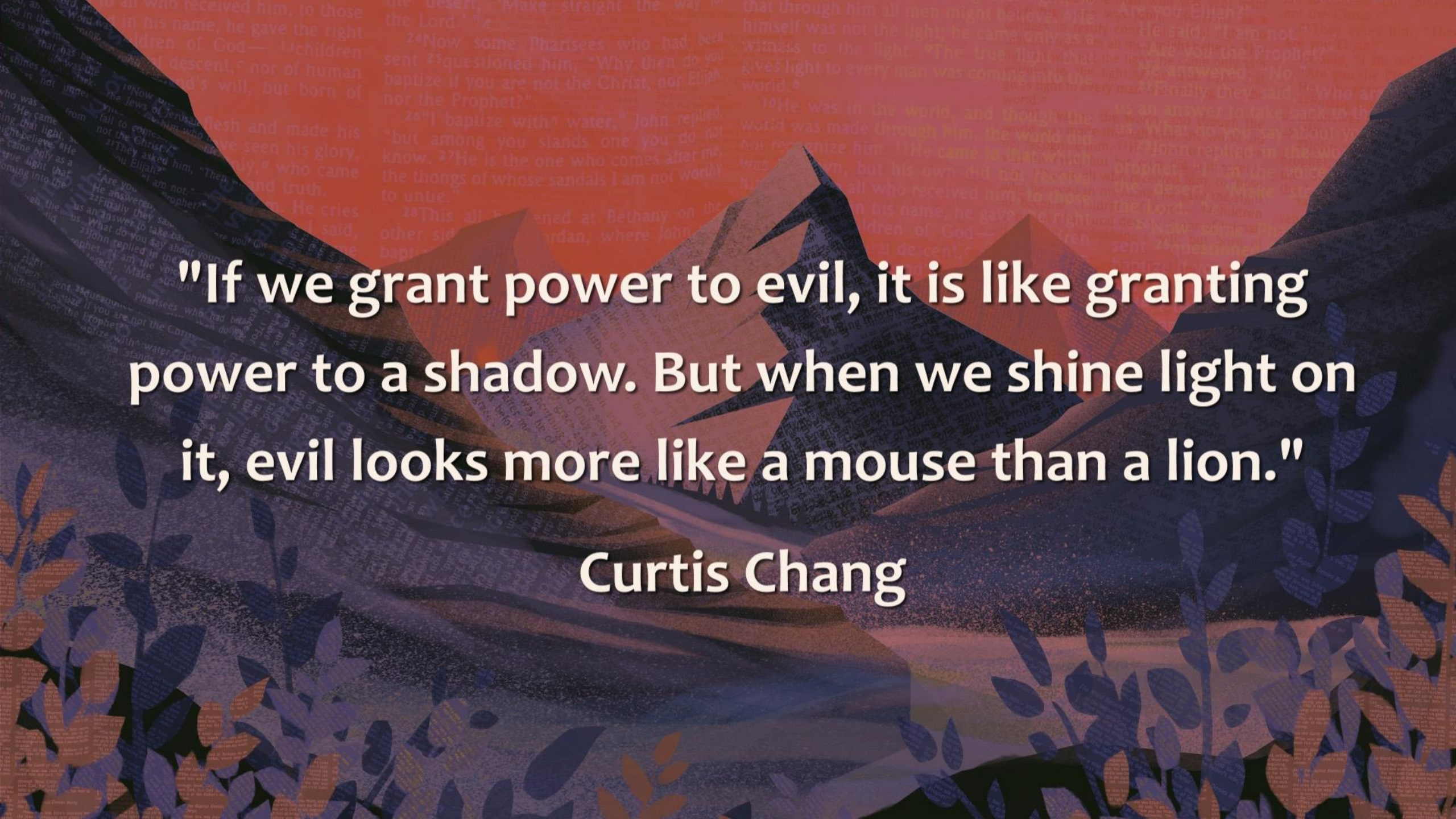
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**"If we grant power to evil, it is like granting  
power to a shadow. But when we shine light on  
it, evil looks more like a mouse than a lion."**

**Curtis Chang**

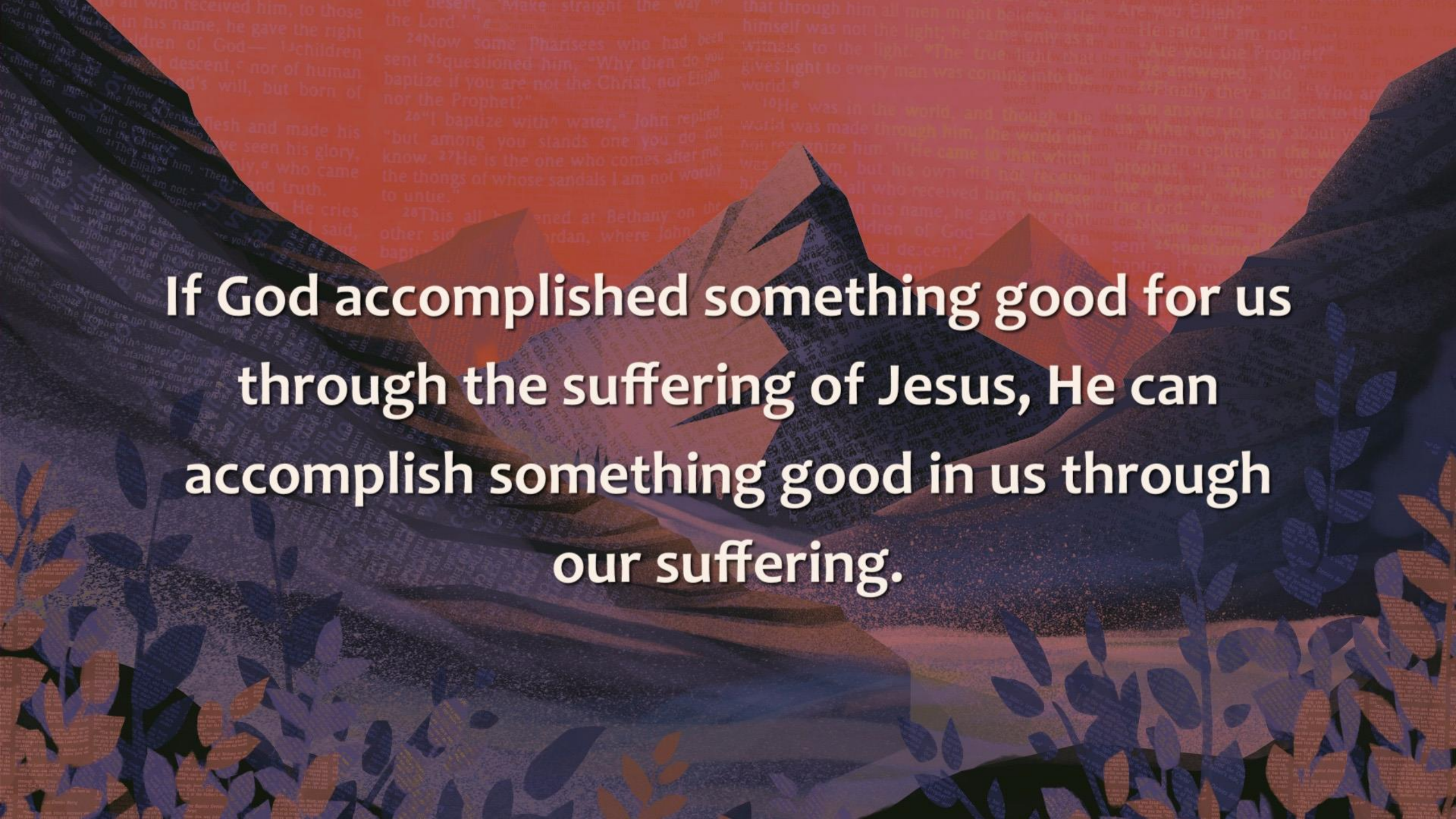


For Christ also suffered once for sins, the  
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If God accomplished something good for us  
through the suffering of Jesus, He can  
accomplish something good in us through  
our suffering.



For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

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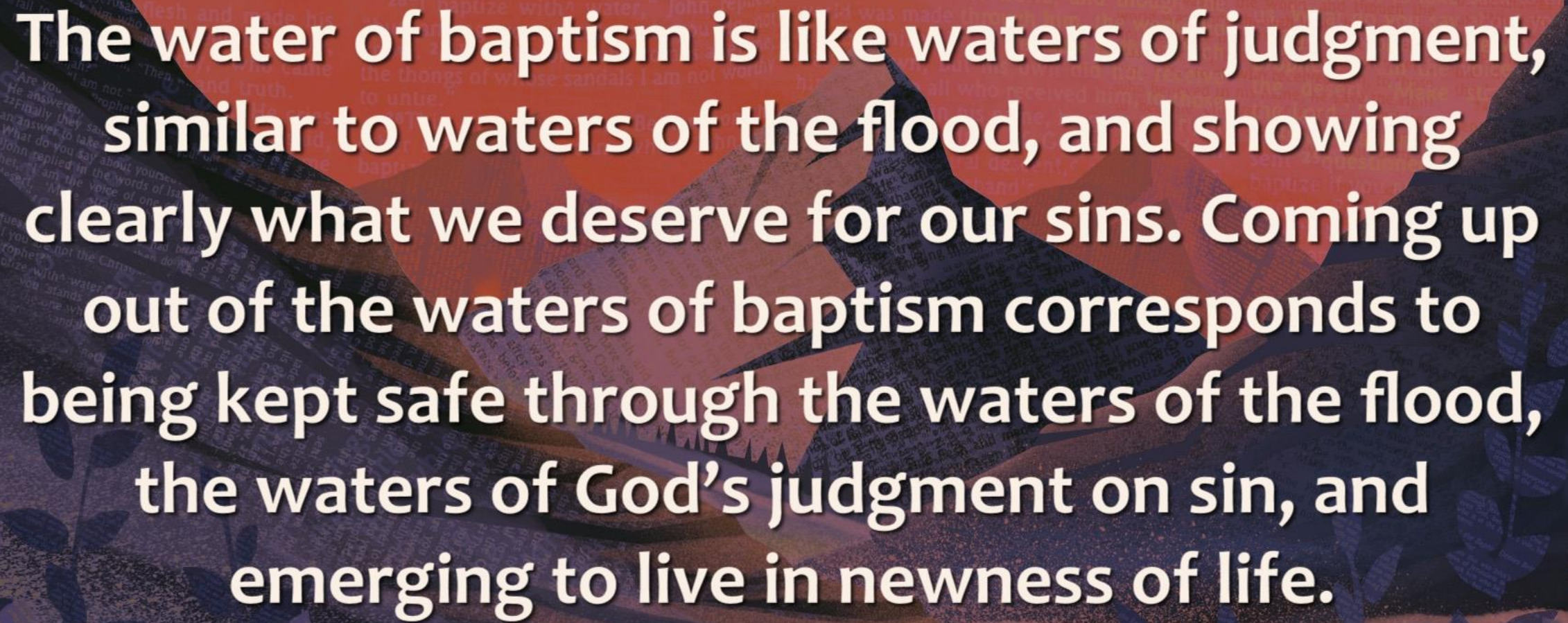


Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

1 Peter 3:21-22







The water of baptism is like waters of judgment,  
similar to waters of the flood, and showing  
clearly what we deserve for our sins. Coming up  
out of the waters of baptism corresponds to  
being kept safe through the waters of the flood,  
the waters of God's judgment on sin, and  
emerging to live in newness of life.

Wayne Grudem



# Noah's family was saved from the water by the water.





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We are saved from eternal suffering by the  
suffering of Jesus.







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