
Hopeful
Exiles
1 Peter

1 Peter 3:18-22

Triumph Over Suffering

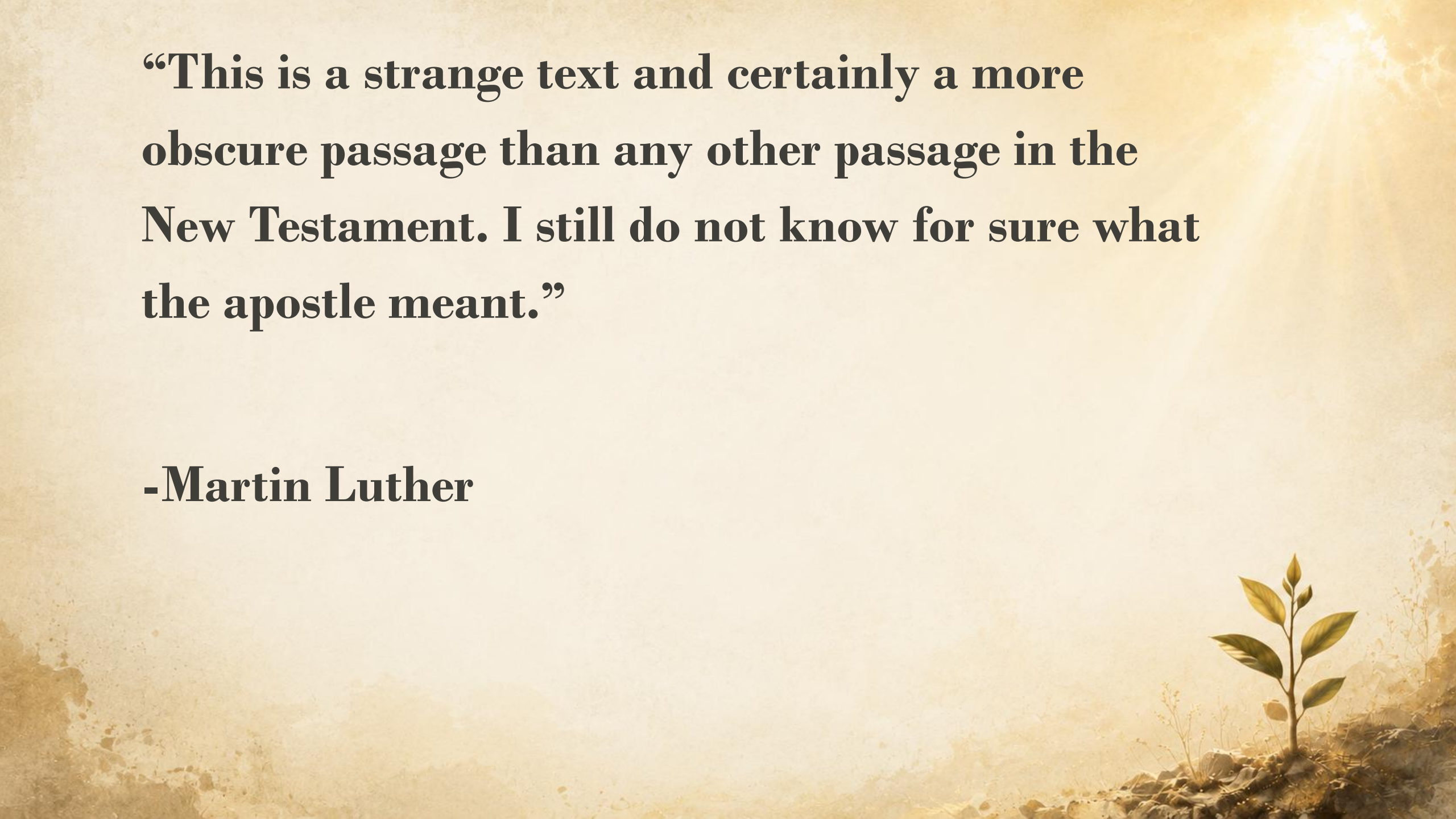
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“This is a strange text and certainly a more obscure passage than any other passage in the New Testament. I still do not know for sure what the apostle meant.”

-Martin Luther

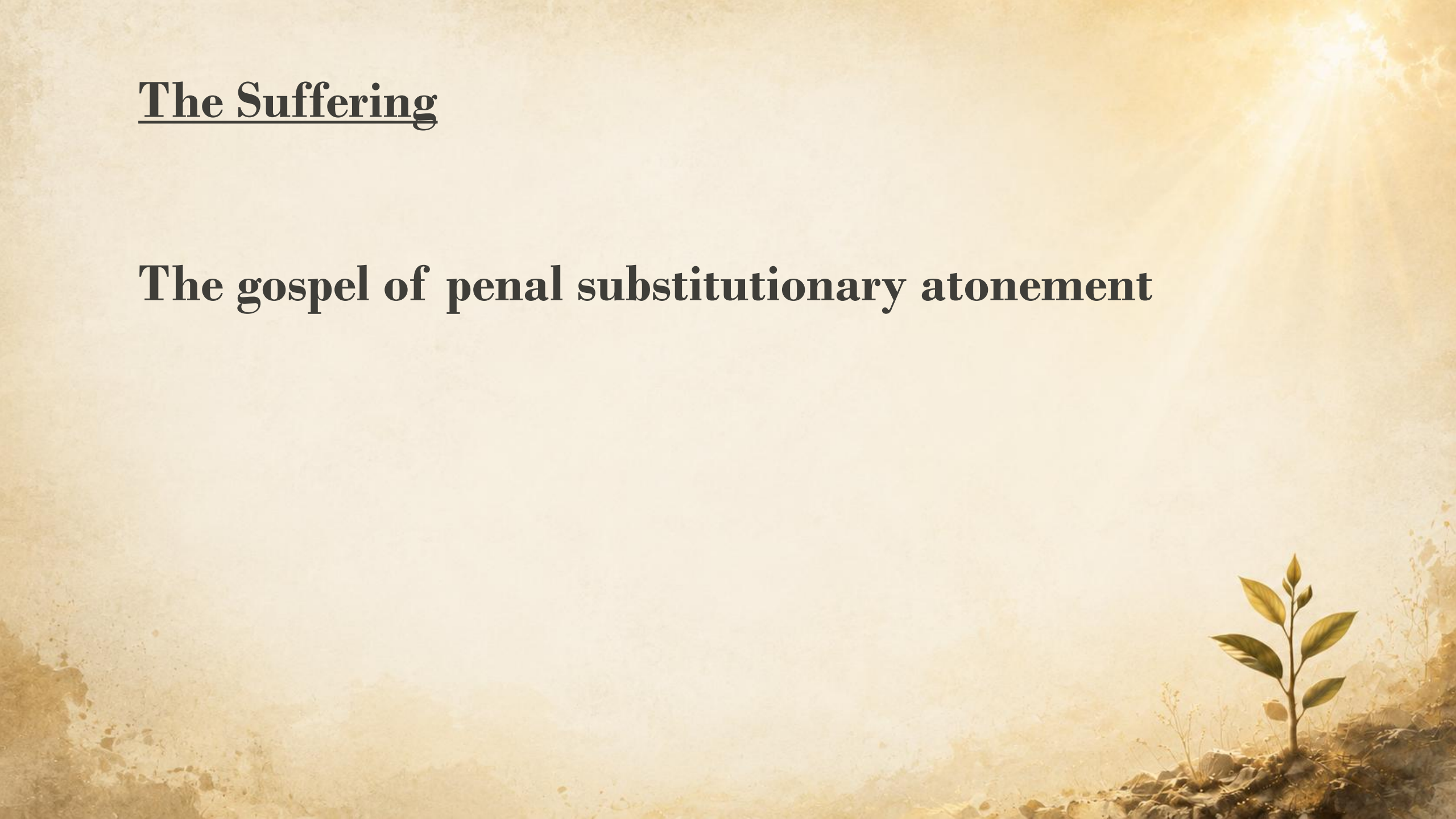


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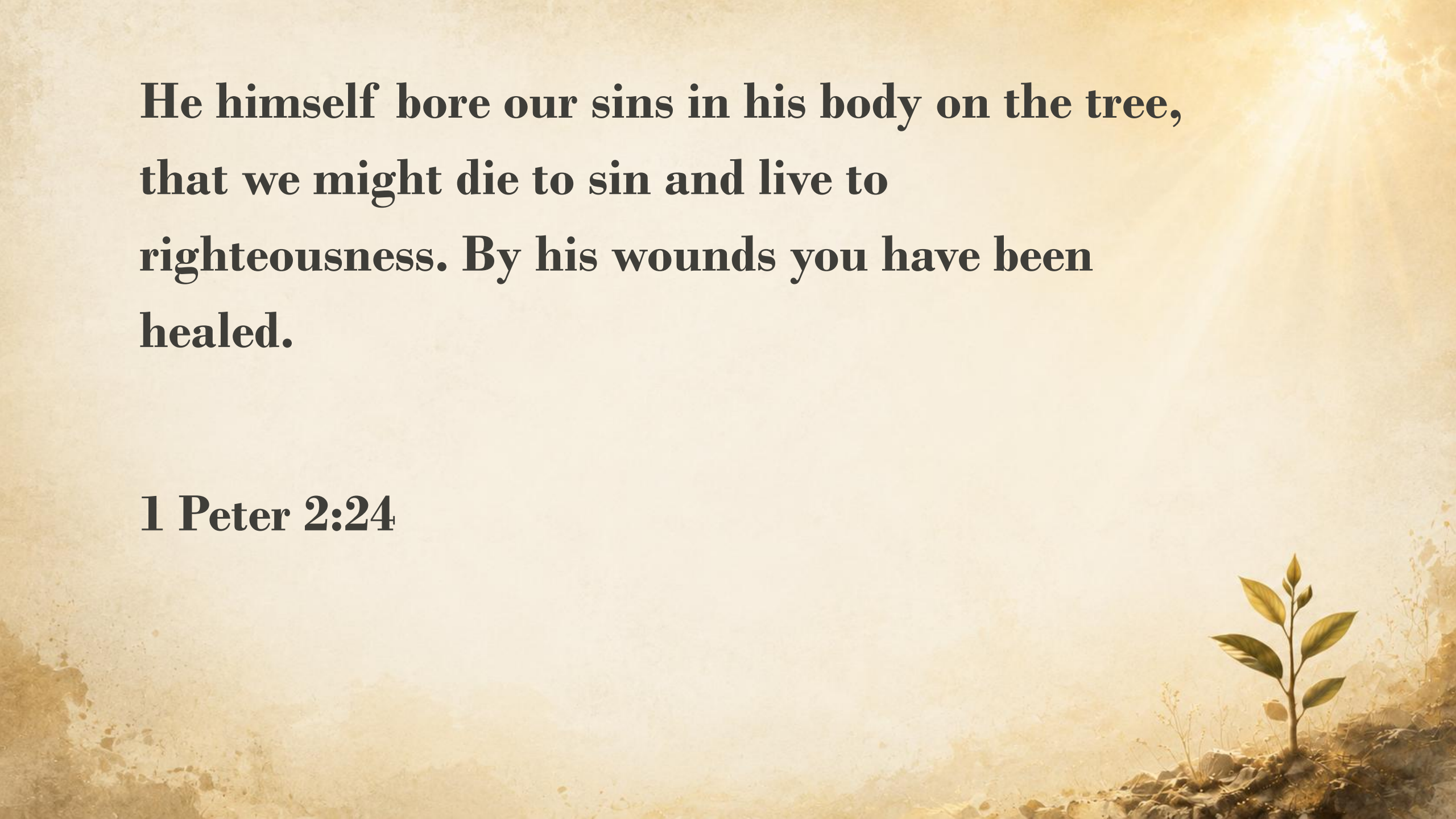
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The gospel of penal substitutionary atonement



He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

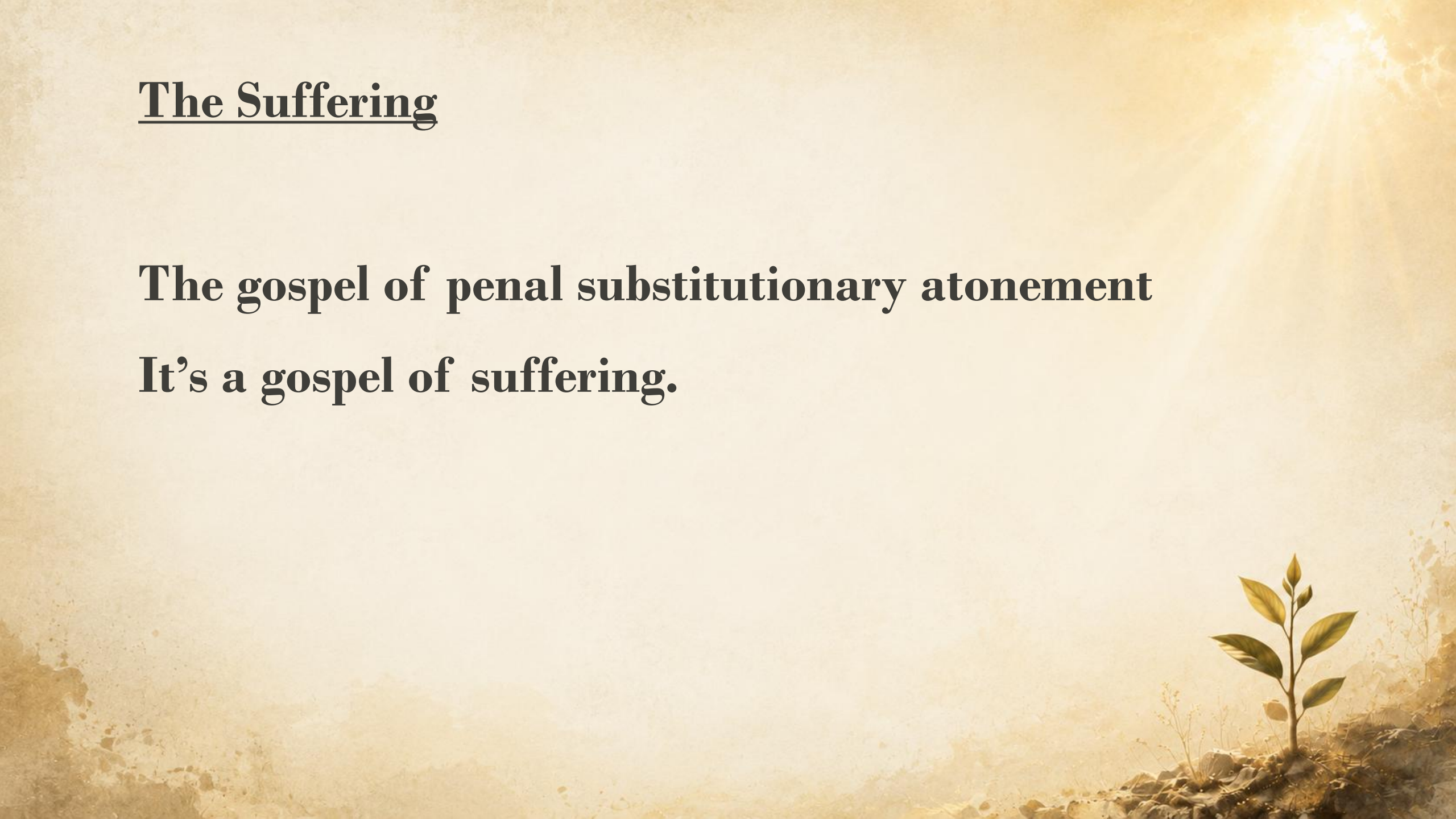
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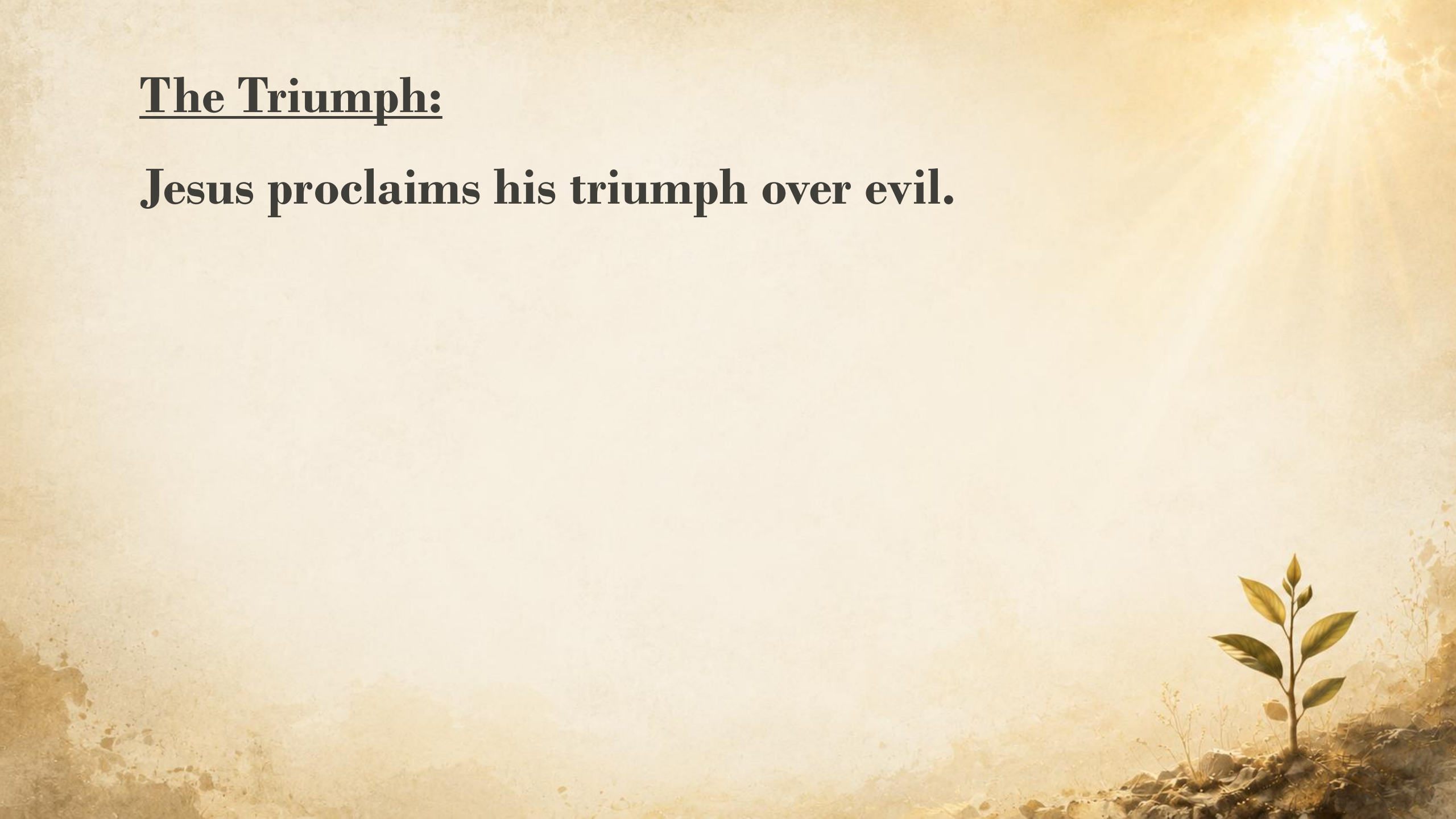
Jesus's suffering was not a defeat; it was a TRIUMPH.



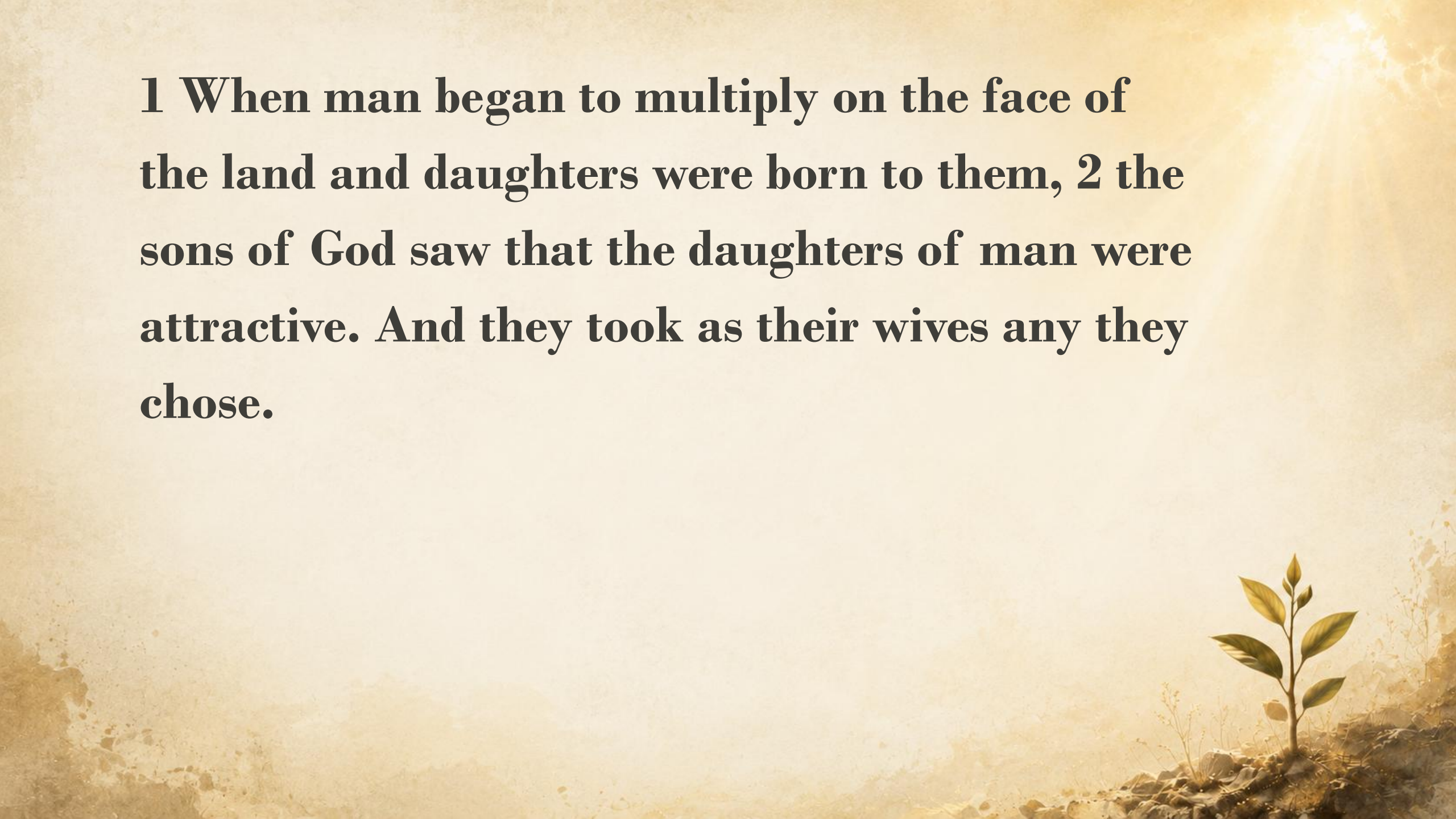
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Jesus proclaims his triumph over evil.

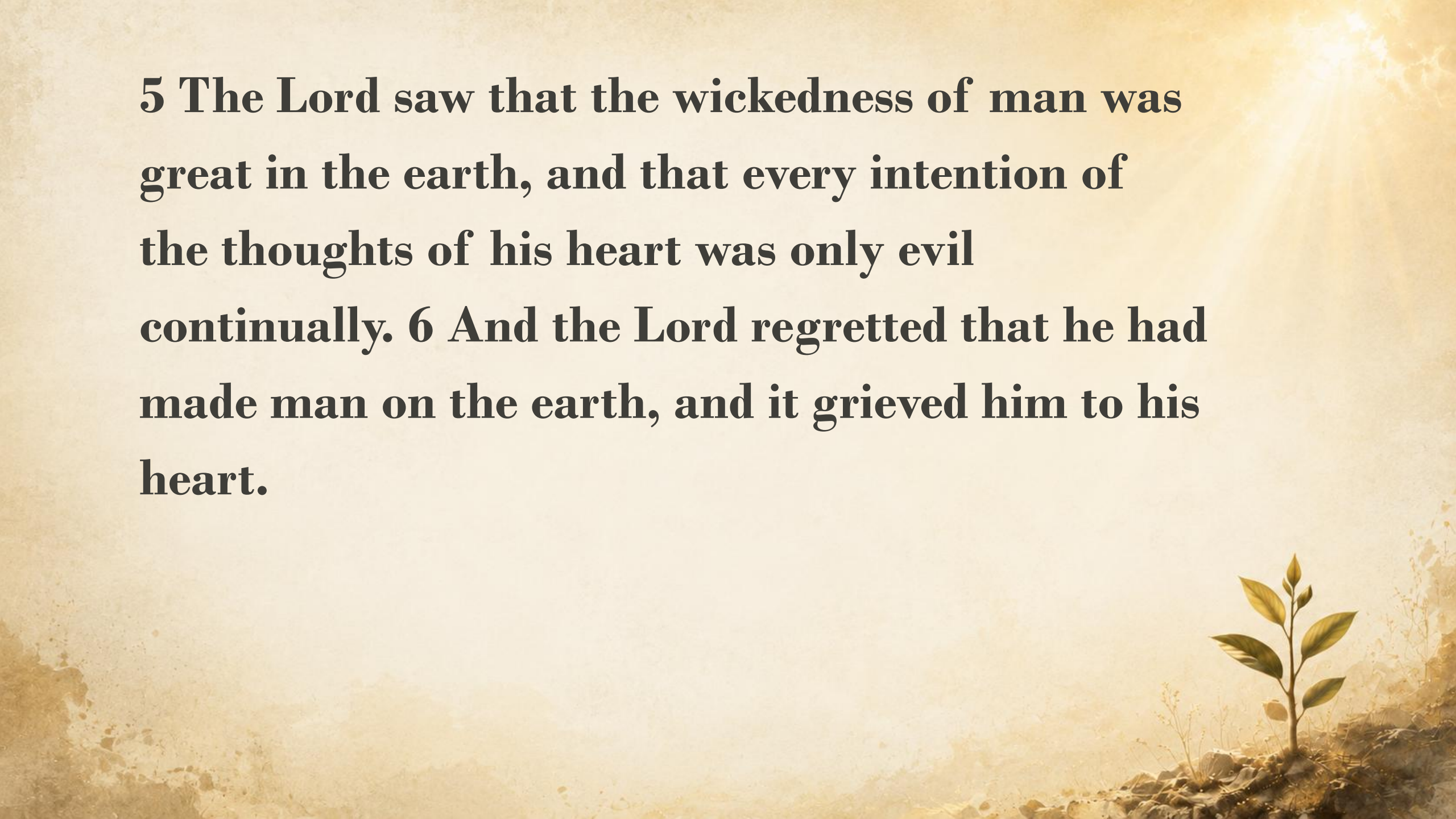


1 When man began to multiply on the face of
the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the
sons of God saw that the daughters of man were
attractive. And they took as their wives any they
chose.



3 Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide
in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be
120 years.” 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in
those days, and also afterward, when the sons of
God came in to the daughters of man and they
bore children to them. These were the mighty
men who were of old, the men of renown.

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was
great in the earth, and that every intention of
the thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually. 6 And the Lord regretted that he had
made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his
heart.



7 So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I
have created from the face of the land, man and
animals and creeping things and birds of the
heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.”
8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:1-8



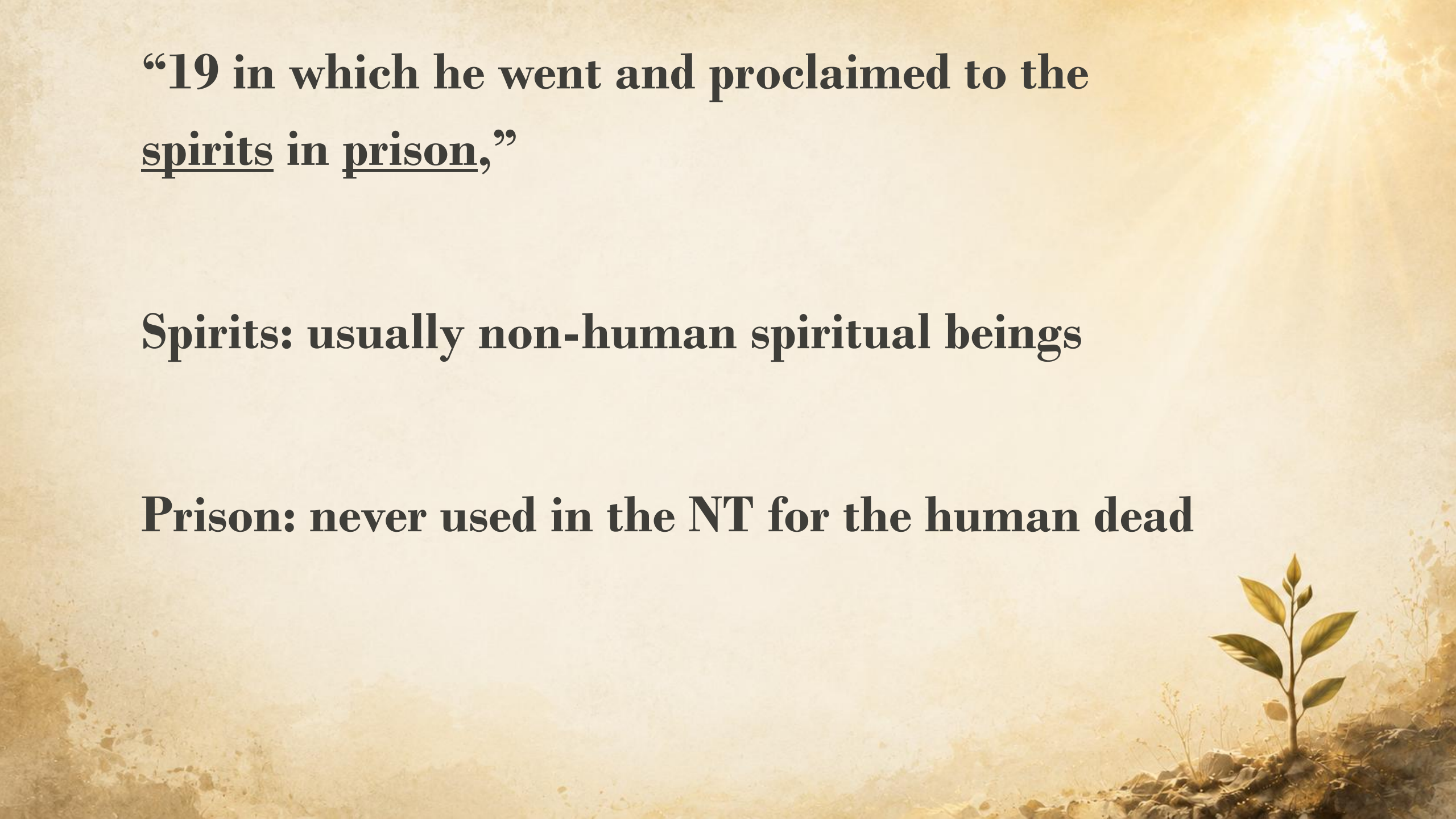
6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day.”

Jude 6

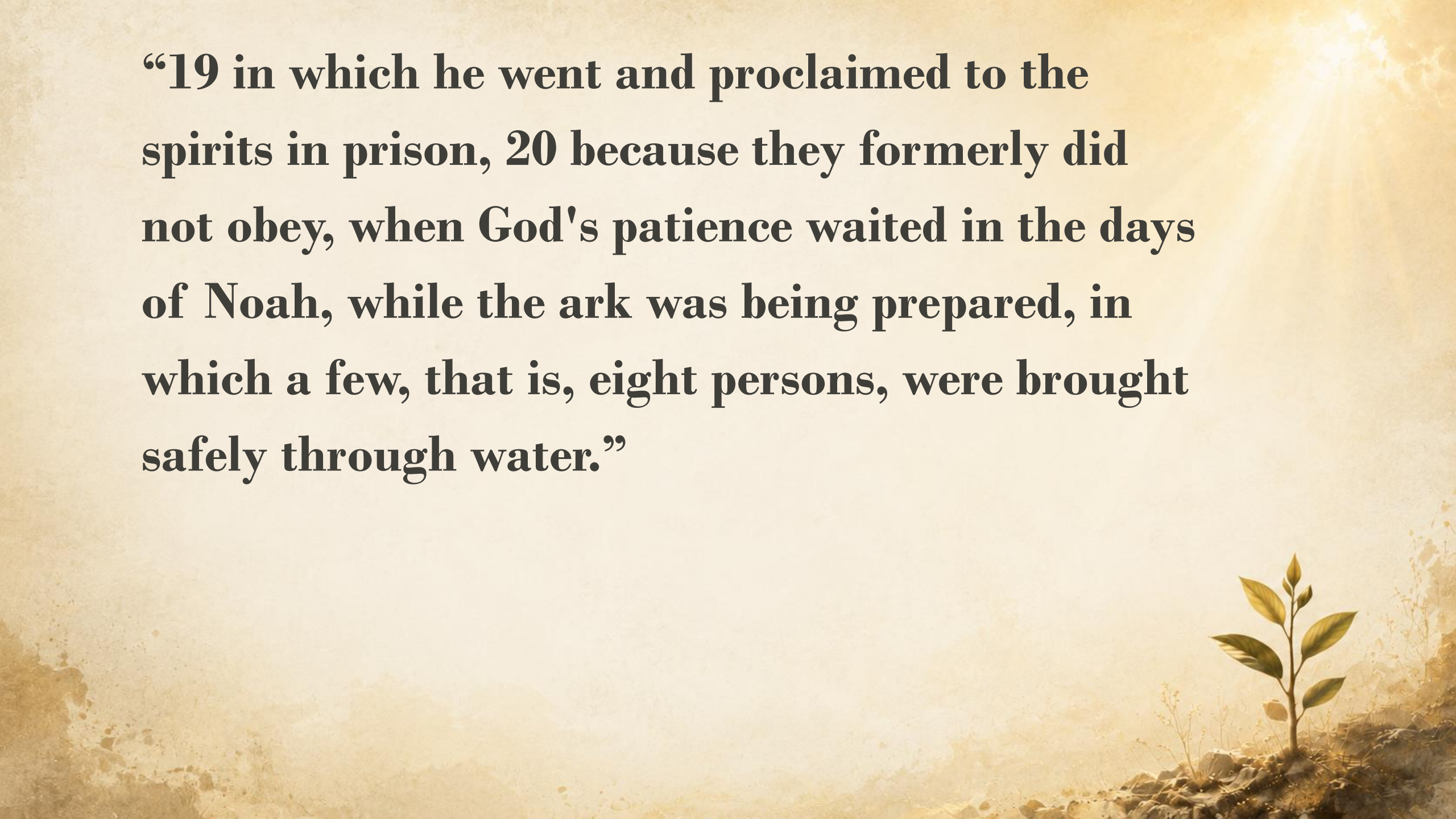
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Prison: never used in the NT for the human dead

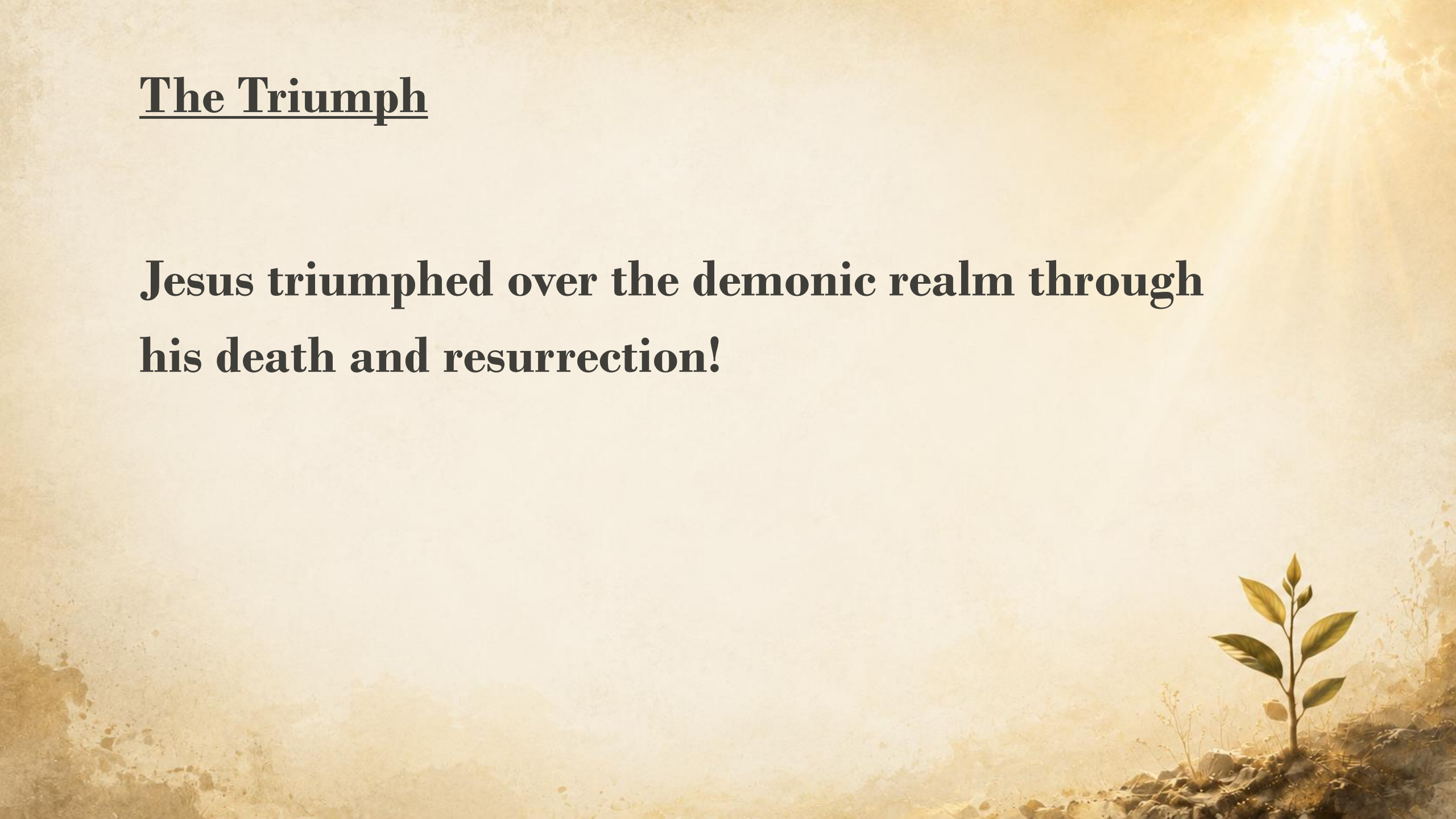


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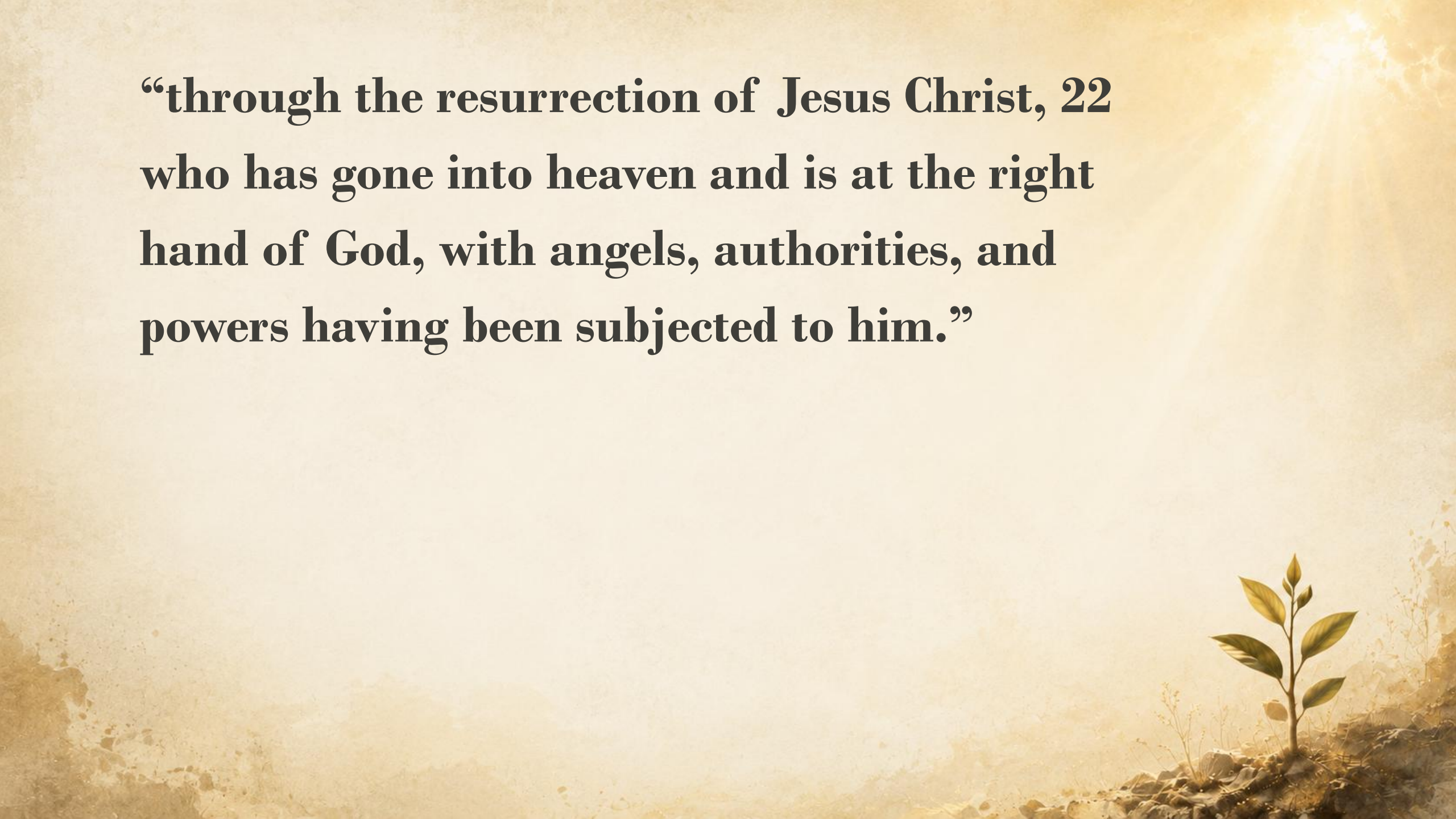


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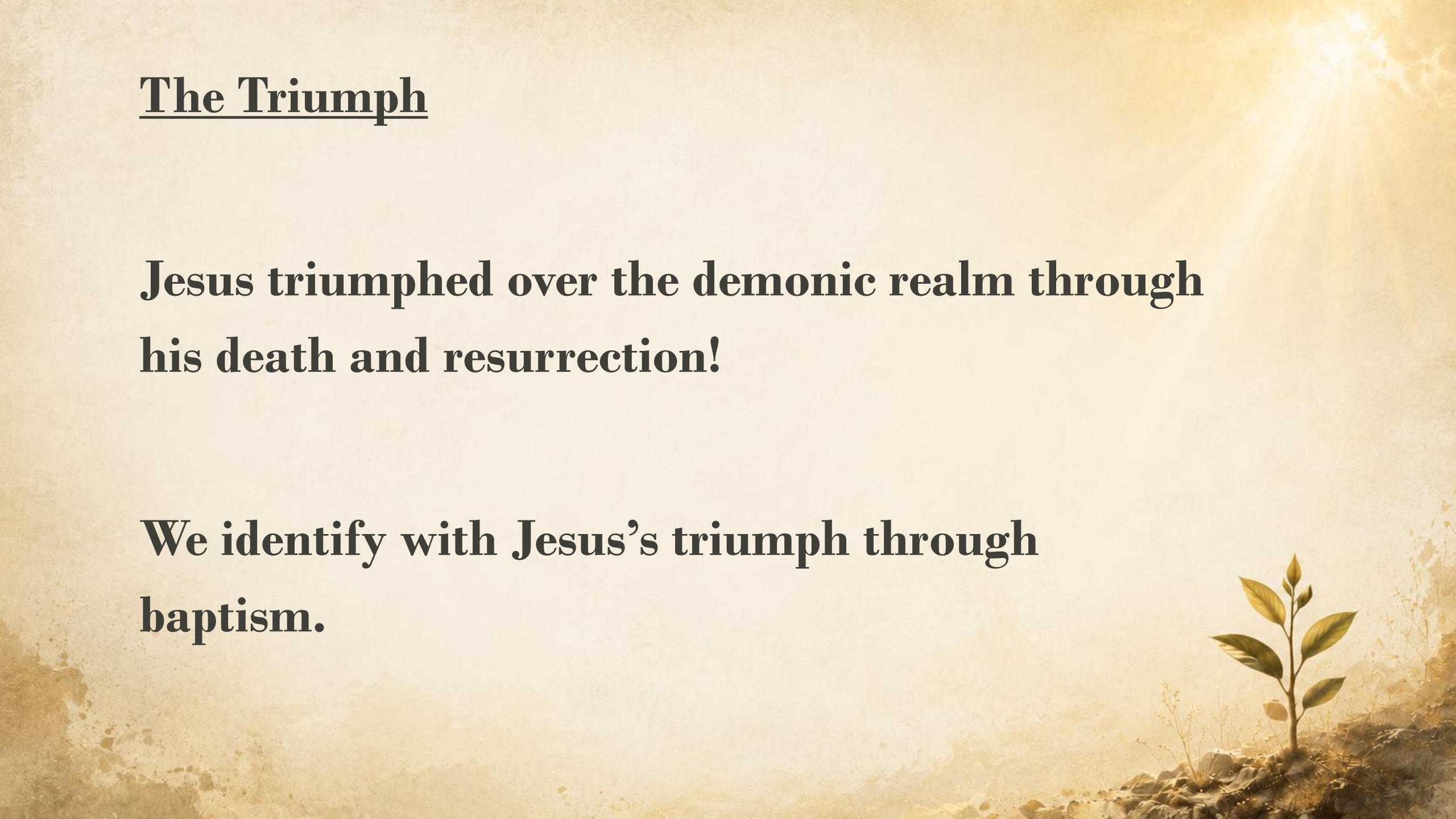
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