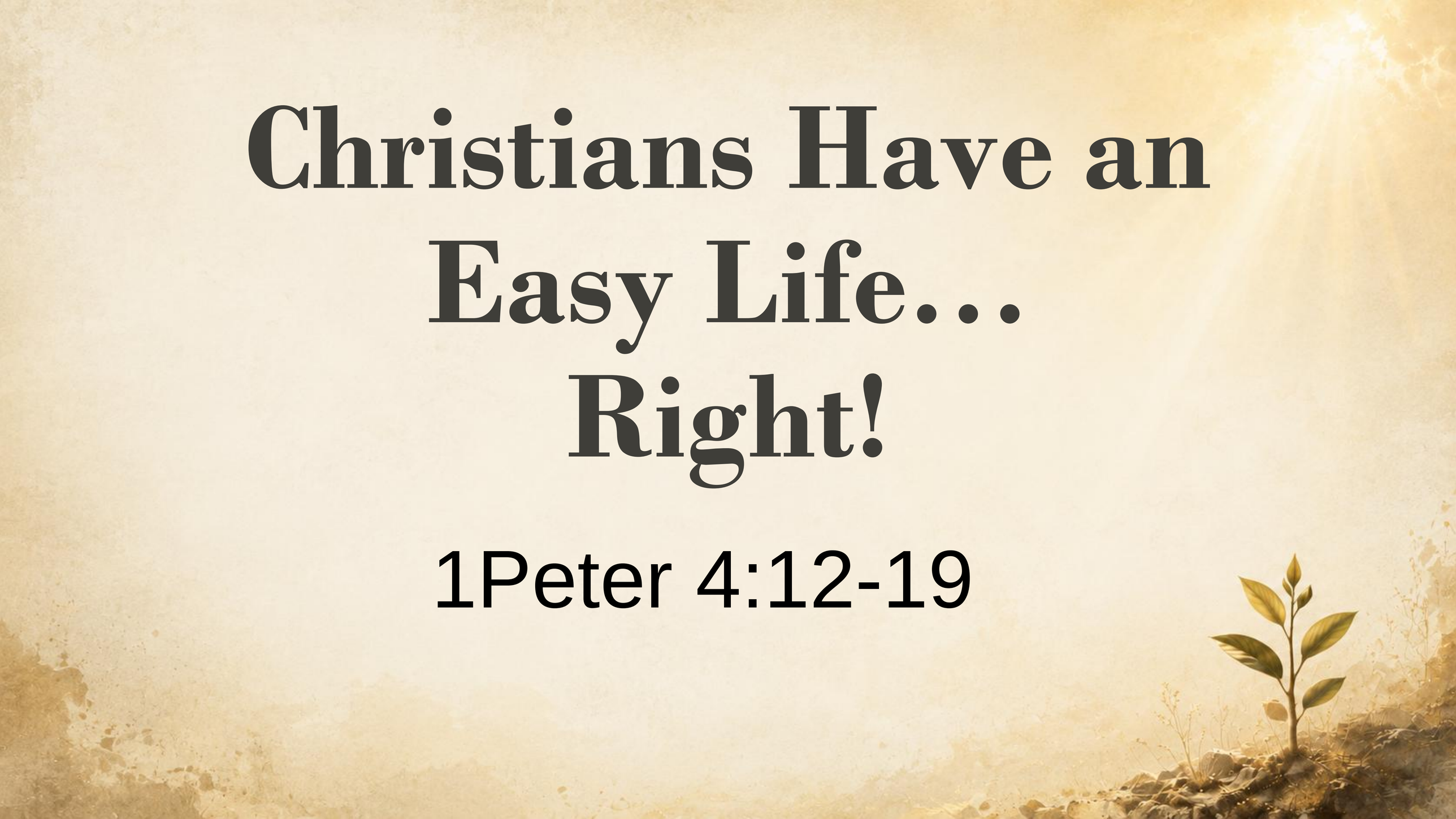
Hopeful Exiles

1 Peter



Christians Have an Easy Life… Right!

1Peter 4:12-19



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God in that name.

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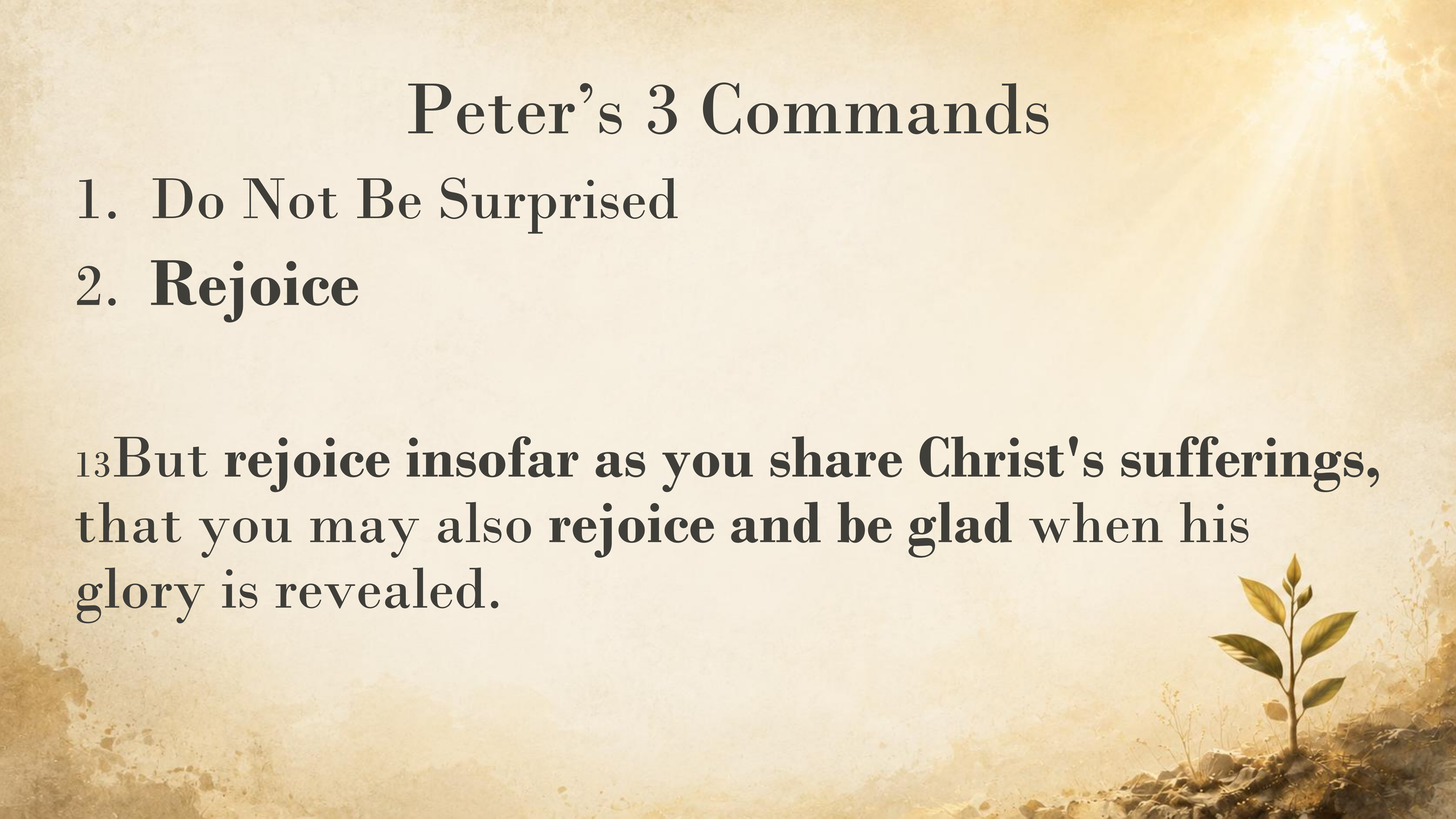
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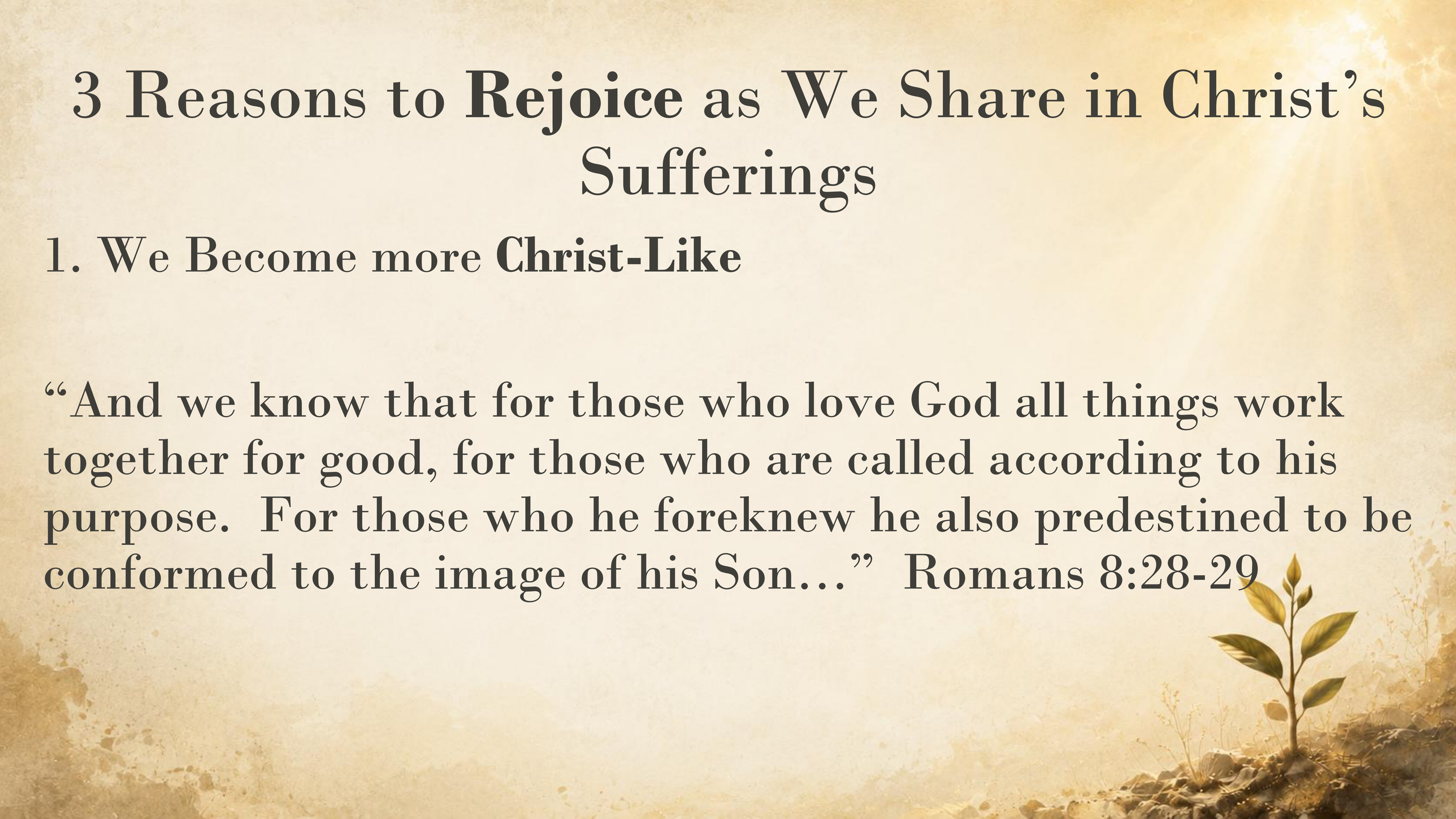


John Piper…. “This is an utterly radical, abnormal, supernatural way to respond to suffering. It’s not in our power. It’s not for the sake of our honor. It’s the way spiritual aliens and exiles live on the earth for the glory of the great King” ….**Surprise**

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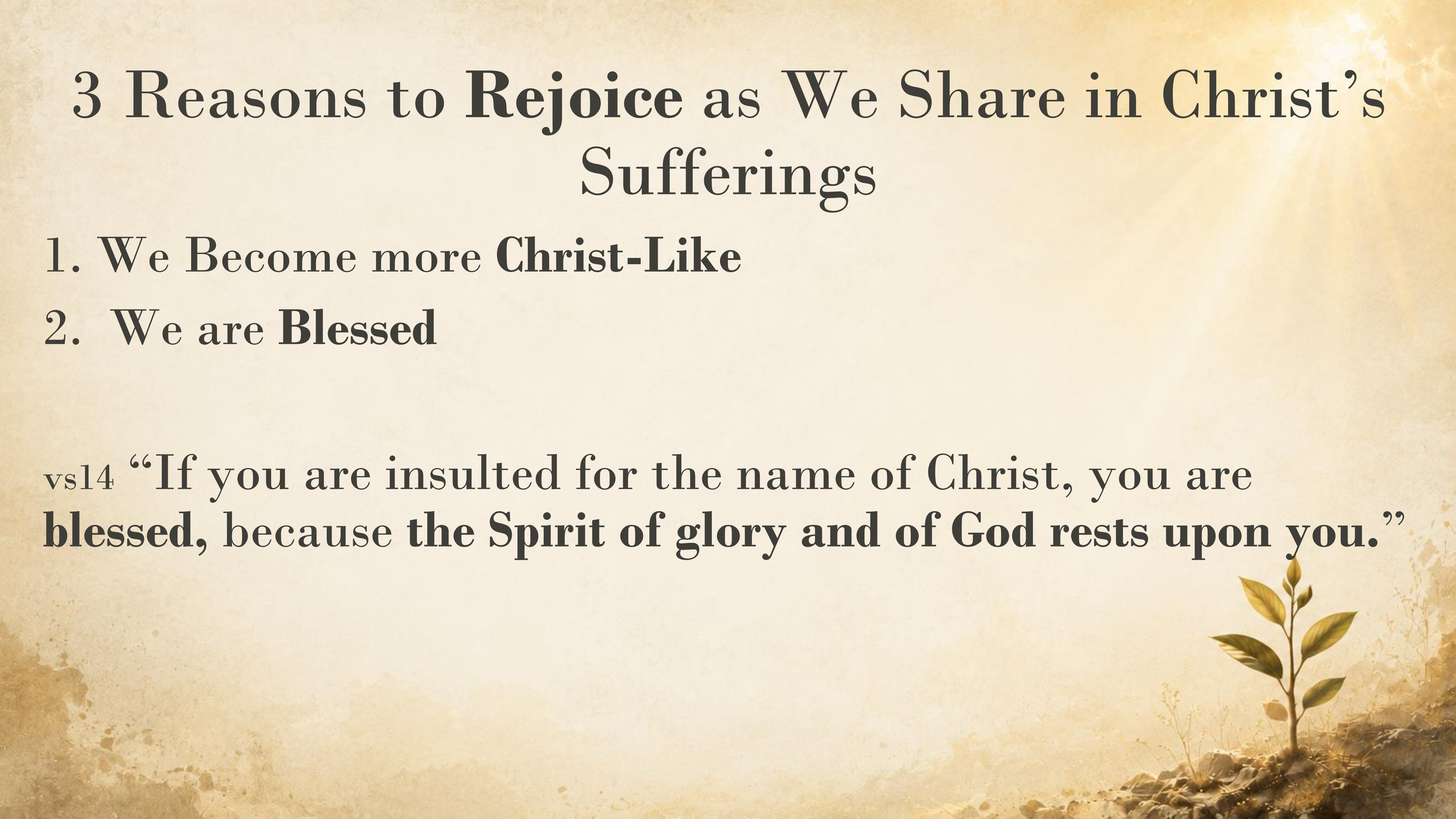
"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those who he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son…" Romans 8:28-29



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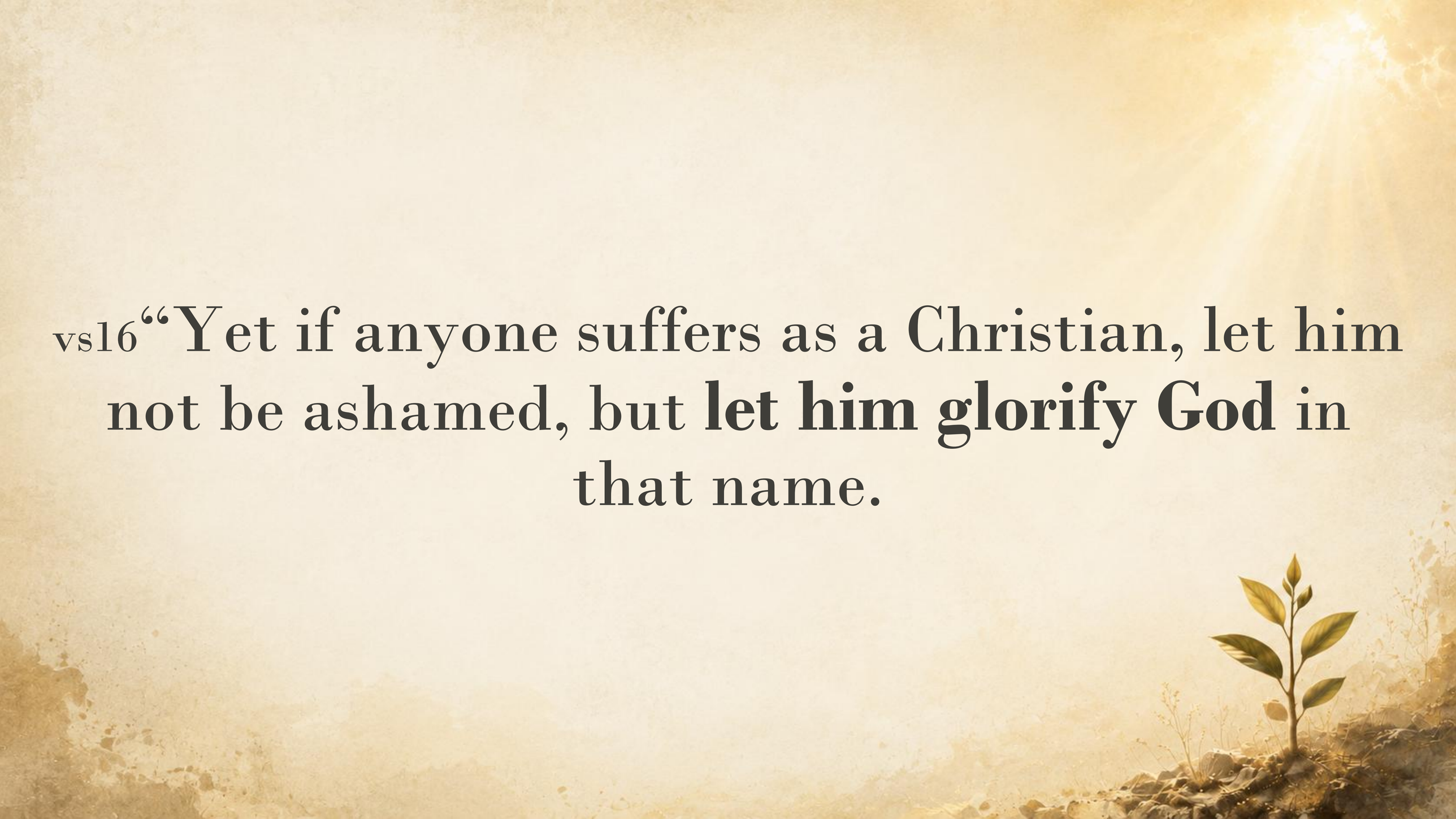


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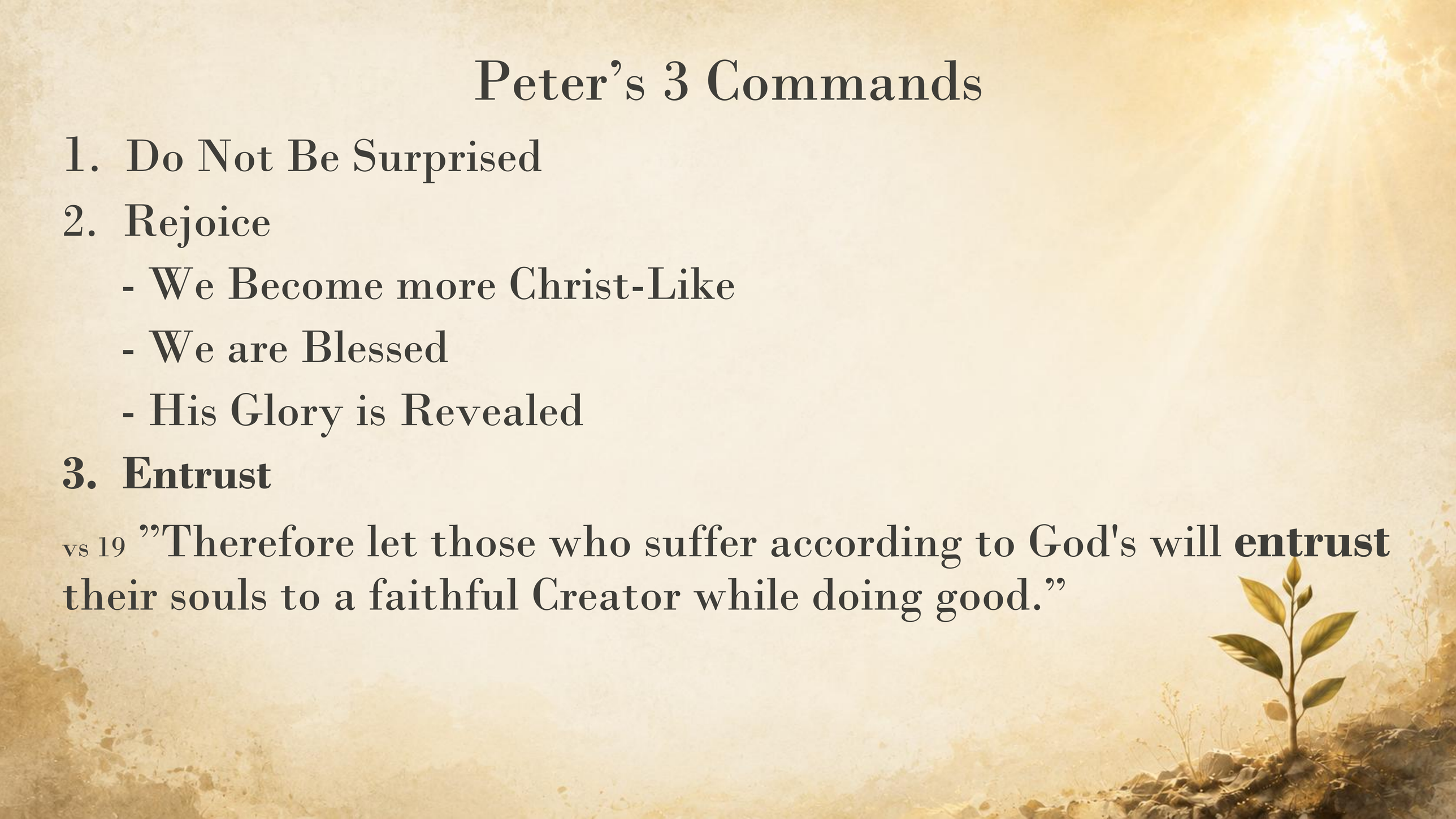
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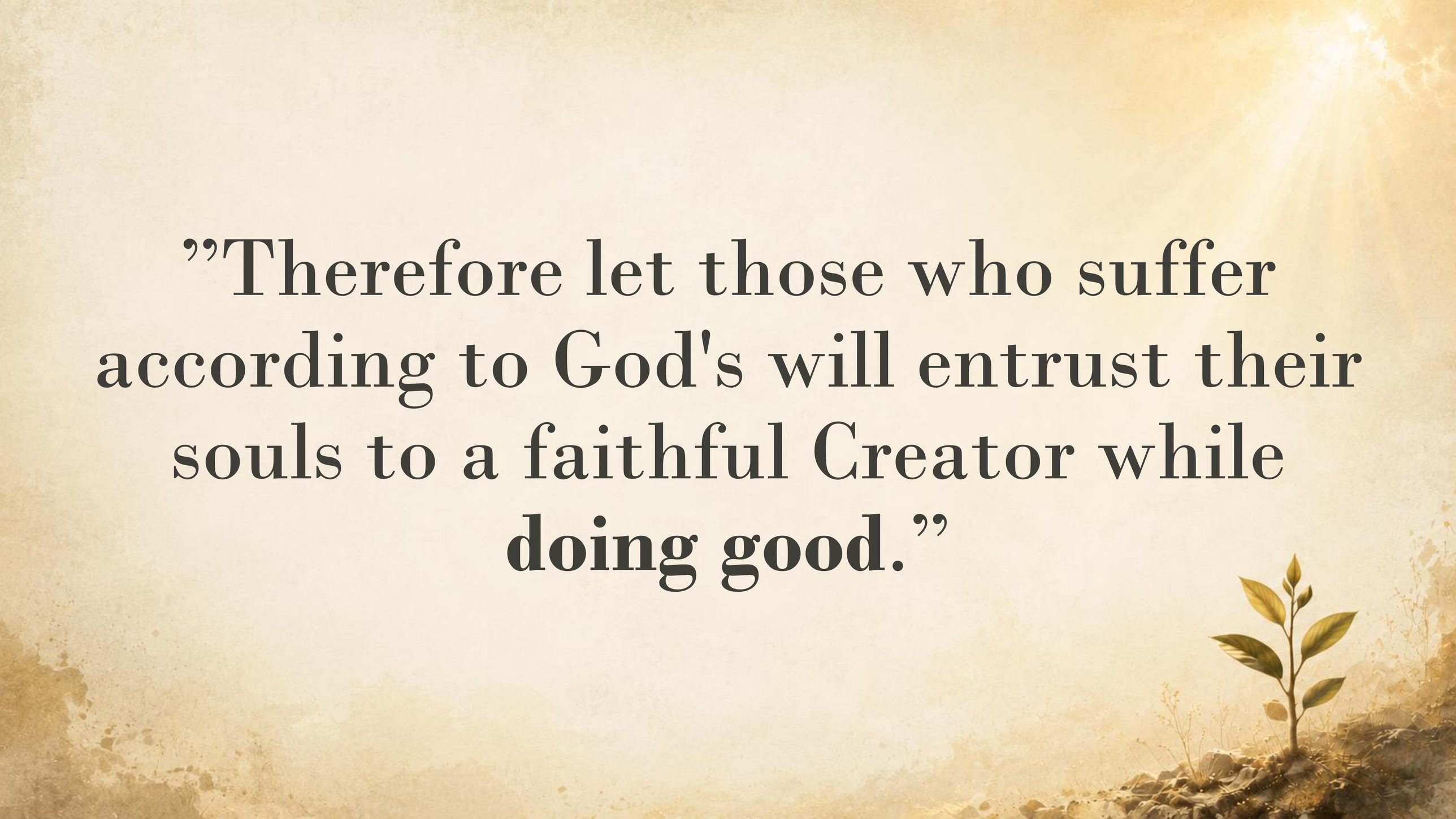


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Do the people you come into contact with on a regular basis….do they know you're a Christian? Does your speech, your actions, your demeanor communicate….I am a Christian and I love Jesus?

When you encounter people who are struggling in life…. Do you point them to Jesus, encouraging them to put the Gospel in the center of their mess?… Maybe even pray over them.

Do you hang out or serve those who don't know Jesus? Do you look for opportunities to share the gospel with them?

Do you stand firm on Biblical truth when faced with a worldview that goes against God's teachings and design?

