OUR PRODIGALS

HELPS FOR WHAT TO DO

LUKE 15

THE LOST CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE

Luke 15:1-3

Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him.

And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying,

“This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:4-7

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I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:7

PARABLE OF LOST COIN

Luke 15:8-10

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Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

Luke 15:10

PARABLE OF LOST SON

Luke 15:11-31

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The Father's Heart

IS THERE HOPE FOR OUR PRODIGALS ?

How can we help?

STORIES

- Worry over their situation
- Embarrassment
- Anger
- Fear for their lives physically and spiritually
- Defeated

1. Help them focus on the Lord's Power and Love to change the situation.

From the story of the Prodigal Son

The Father's great love

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The wicked are like the troubled sea,
When it cannot rest,
Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
"There is no peace,"
Says my God, "for the wicked.

Isaiah 58:20-21

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MATTHEW 19:26

With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

MOVIE COMING IN FEBRUARY 2016

Reminds us of the impossible accomplished by God

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EPHESIANS 1:17-21 NKJV

... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

EPHESIANS 1:17-21 THE VOICE

… God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Friends, it is this same might and resurrection power that He used in the Anointed One to raise Him from the dead and to position Him at His right hand in heaven. There is nothing over Him. He's above all rule, authority, power, and dominion; over every name invoked, over every title bestowed in this age and the next.

JEREMIAH 31:16-17

Thus says the LORD:
"Refrain your voice from weeping,
And your eyes from tears;
For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD,
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
There is hope in your future, says the LORD,
That your children shall come back to their own border.

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For out of it spring the issues of life.
Proverbs 4:23 (New King James Version)

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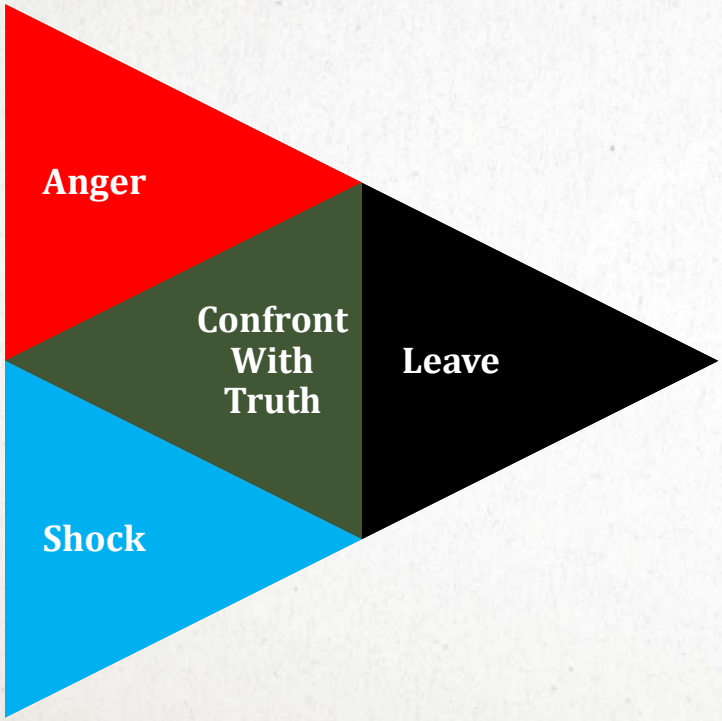

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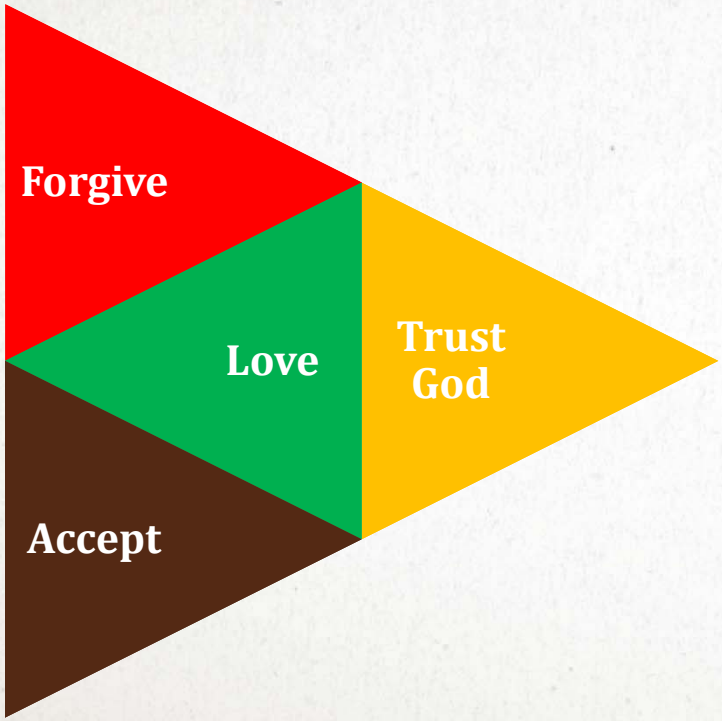

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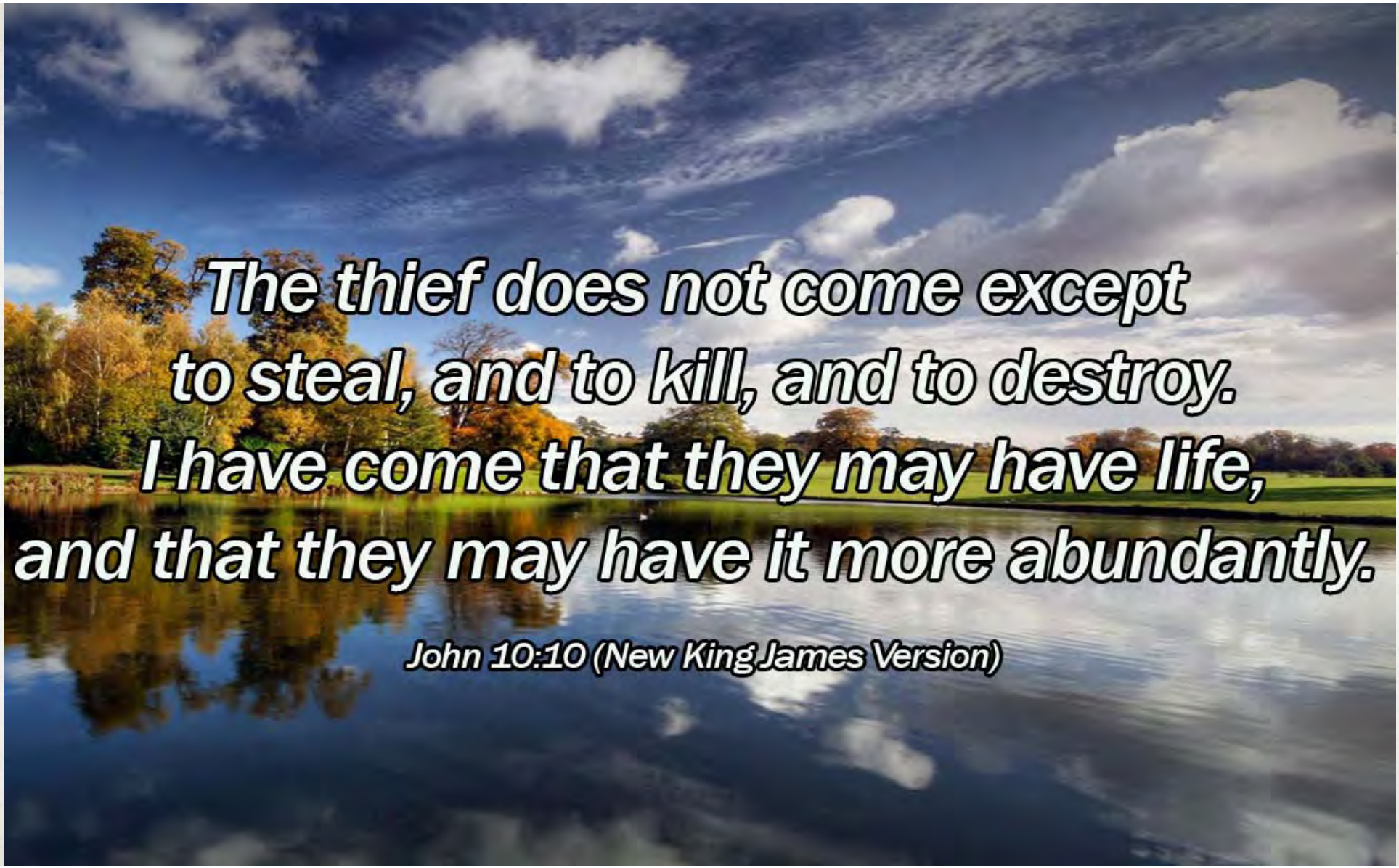
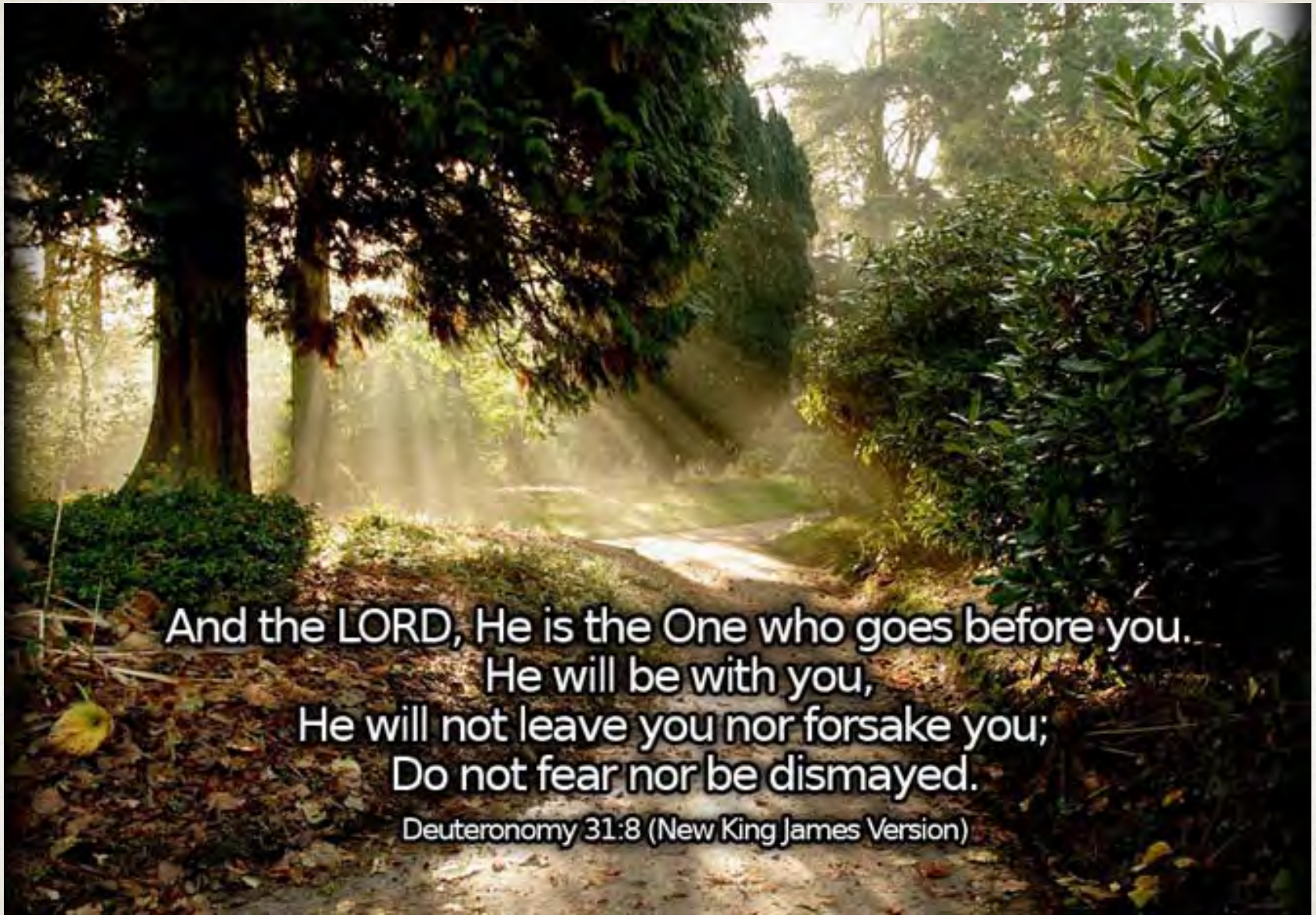

The thief does not come except
to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.
I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have it more abundantly.
John 10:10 (New King James Version)


And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you.
He will be with you,
He will not leave you nor forsake you;
Do not fear nor be dismayed.
Deuteronomy 31:8 (New King James Version)

Be strong
and of good courage;
do not be afraid,
nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God
is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9
(New King James Version)

For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand,
Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13 (New King James Version)

Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!
Psalm 27:14 New King James Version

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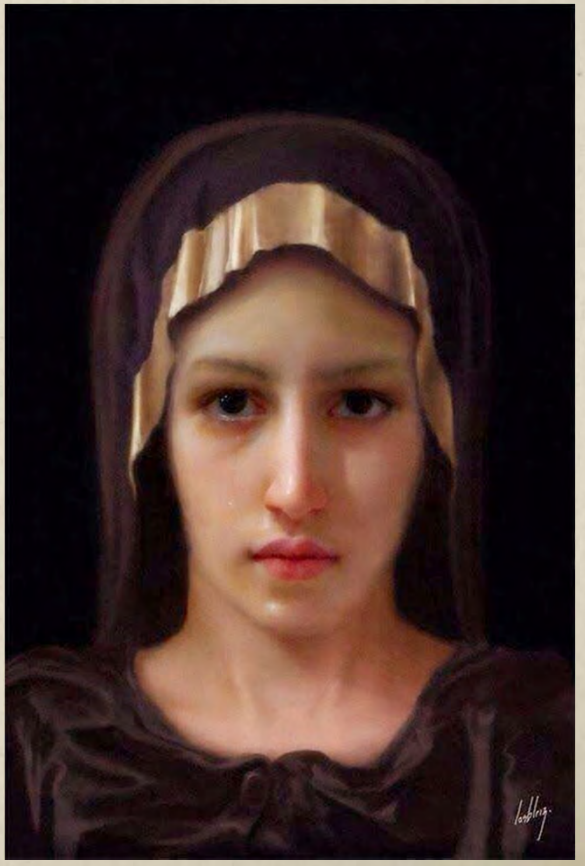
MONICA OF HIPPO
AD 331 – 387

- Married by parents to a abusive pagan man
- Had 3 children who survived
- Youngest son – brightest – rebelled
- Wine, Women, Child out of Marriage
- Joined a cult



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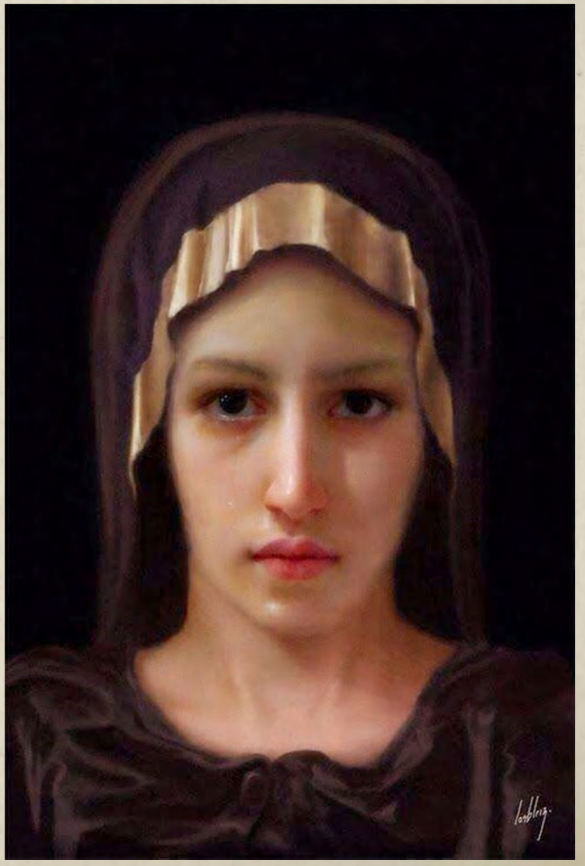

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Go now, it is not possible that

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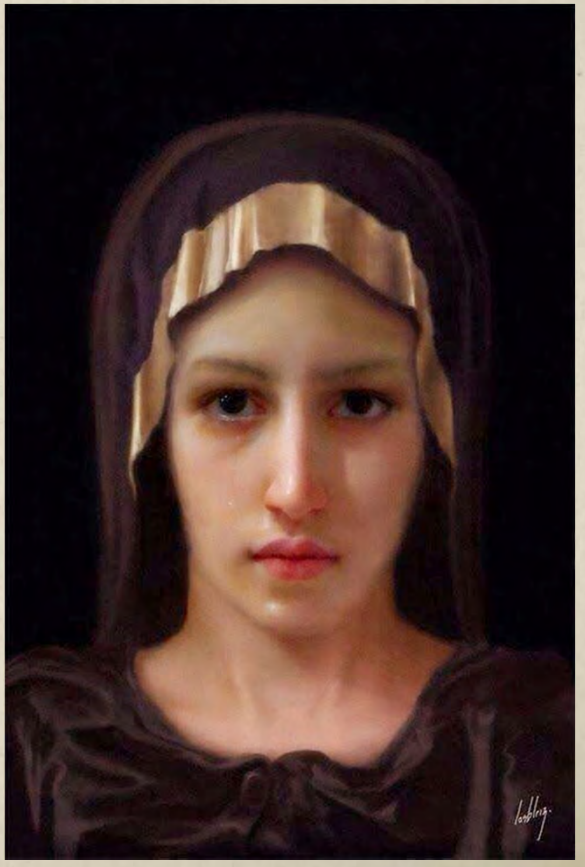
- Finally her son came to Jesus Christ for salvation



AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO AD 354 –430

- Came to Christ at age 33
- Pastor, Theologian, Philosopher, Bible Scholar, Author
- Books are still in print today

FAITH IS TO BELIEVE WHAT YOU DO NOT YET SEE;

THE REWARD FOR THIS FAITH

IS TO SEE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD IS THE GREATEST ROMANCE; TO SEEK HIM THE GREATEST ADVENTURE; TO FIND HIM, THE GREATEST HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

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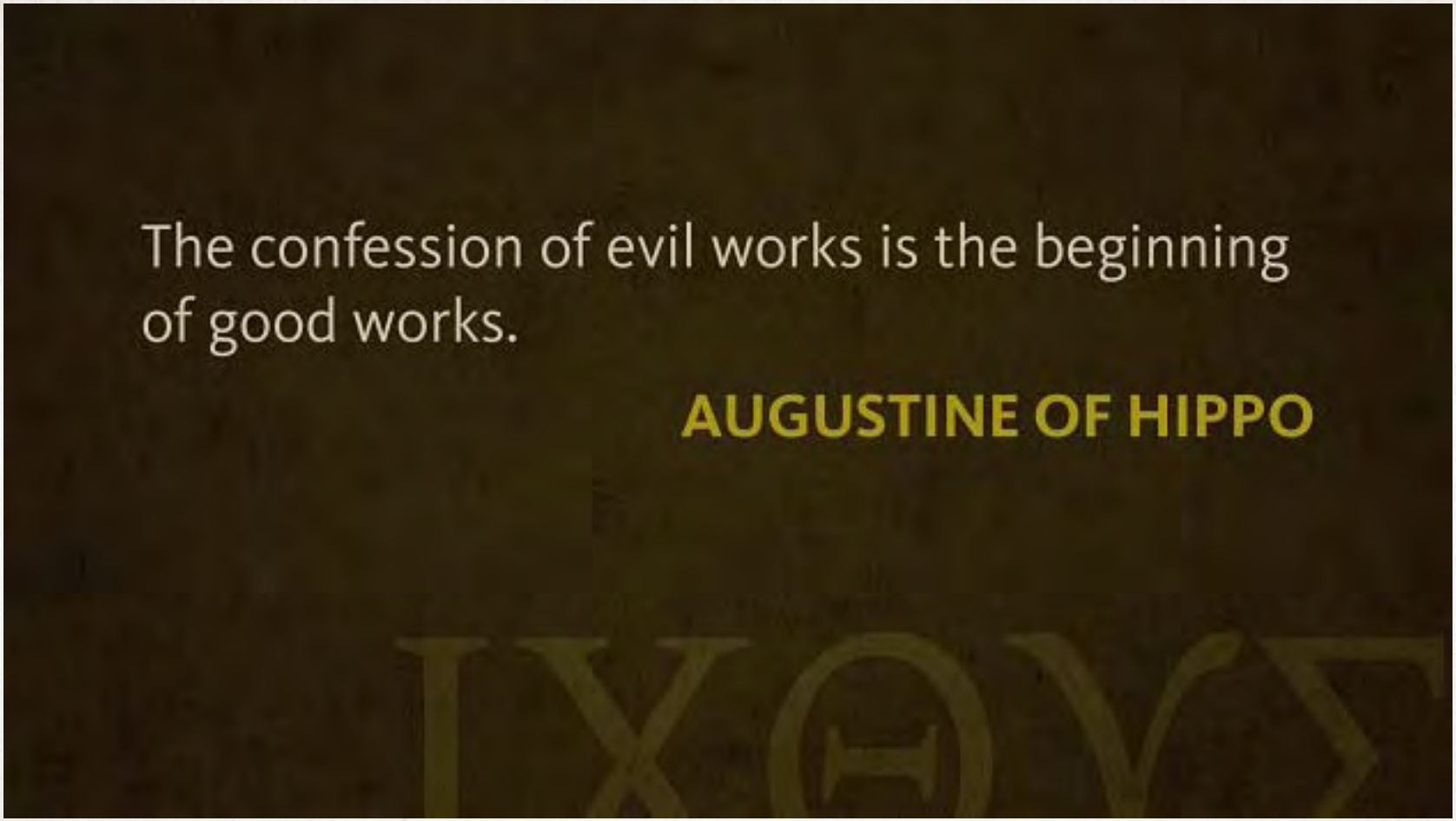
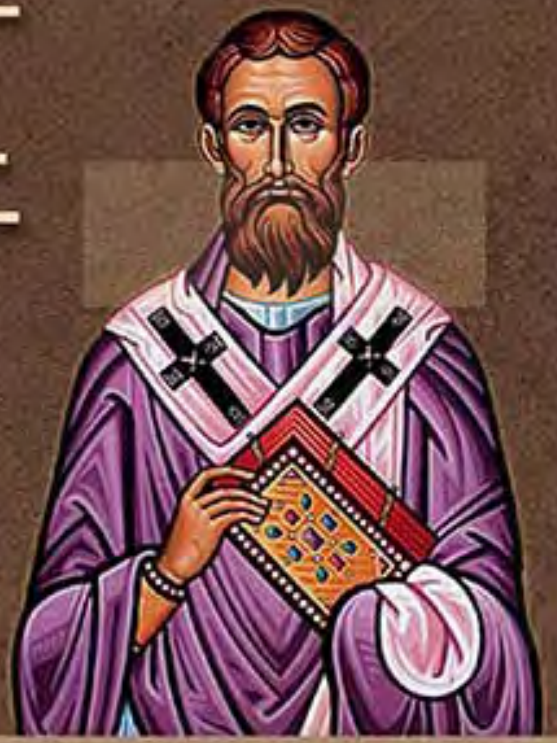

The confession of evil works is the beginning of good works.
AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

There is no saint
without a past,
no sinner
without a future.
-Augustine of Hippo

AUGUSTINE

"You have made us
for Yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts
are restless until
they rest in You."



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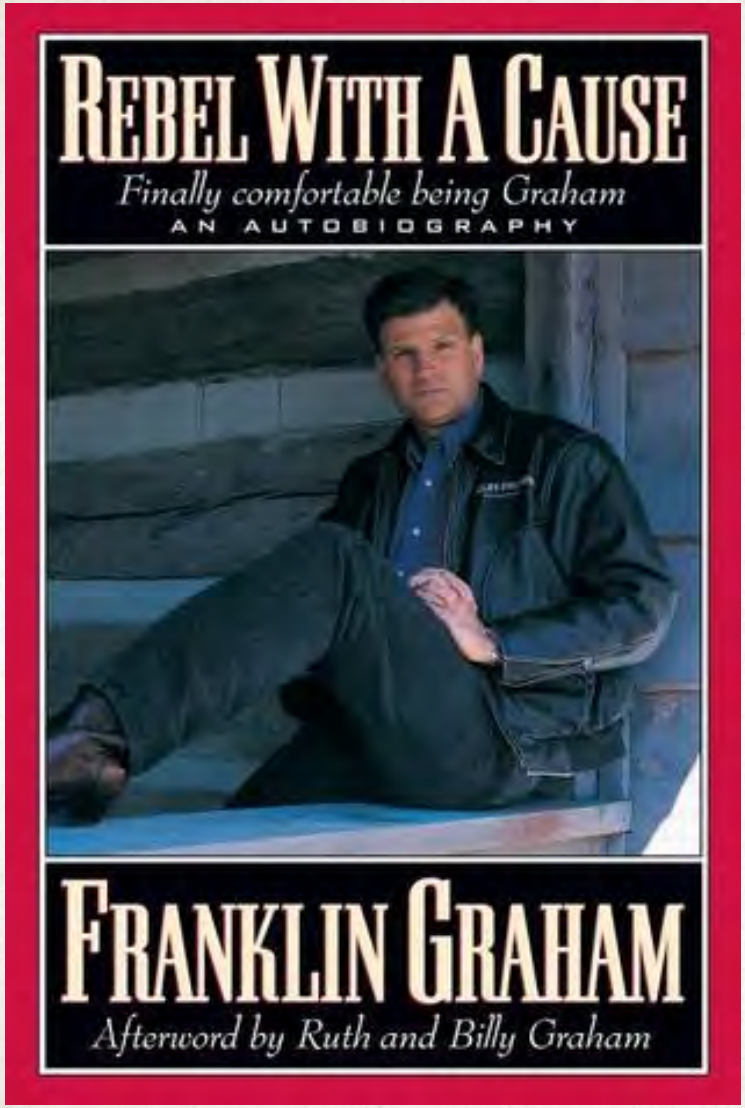

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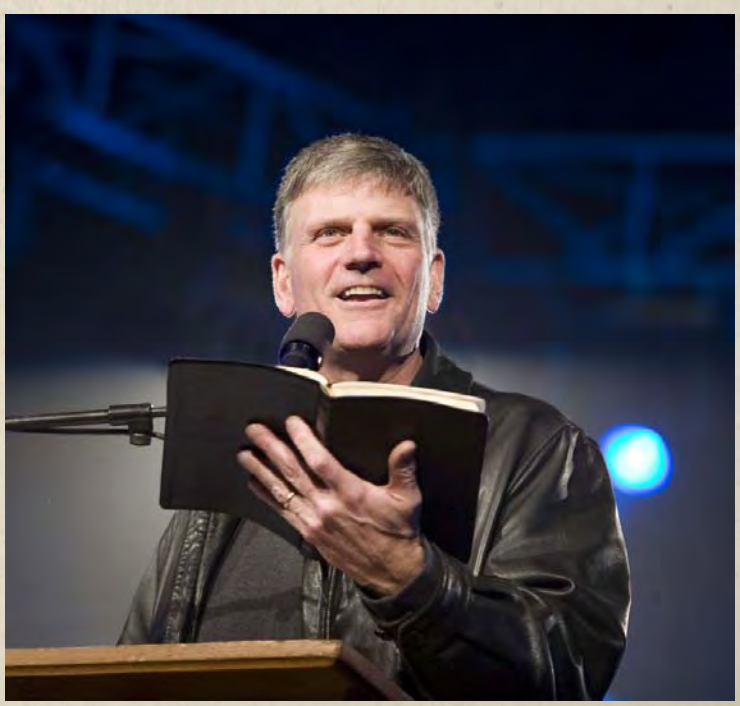

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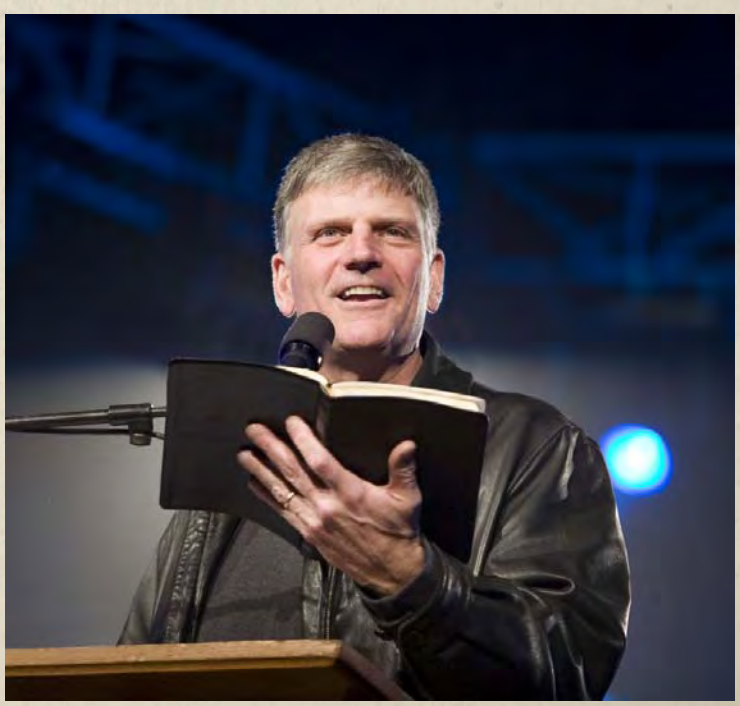
- Rebelled against parents
- Kicked out of High School
- Kicked out of College
- Went around Europe with Bottle of whisky in one hand



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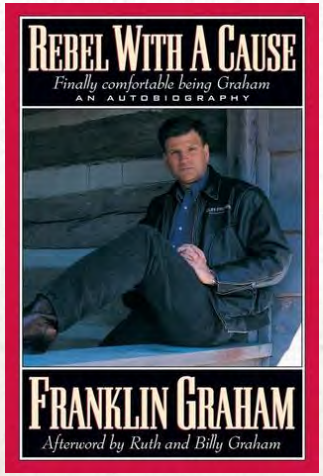
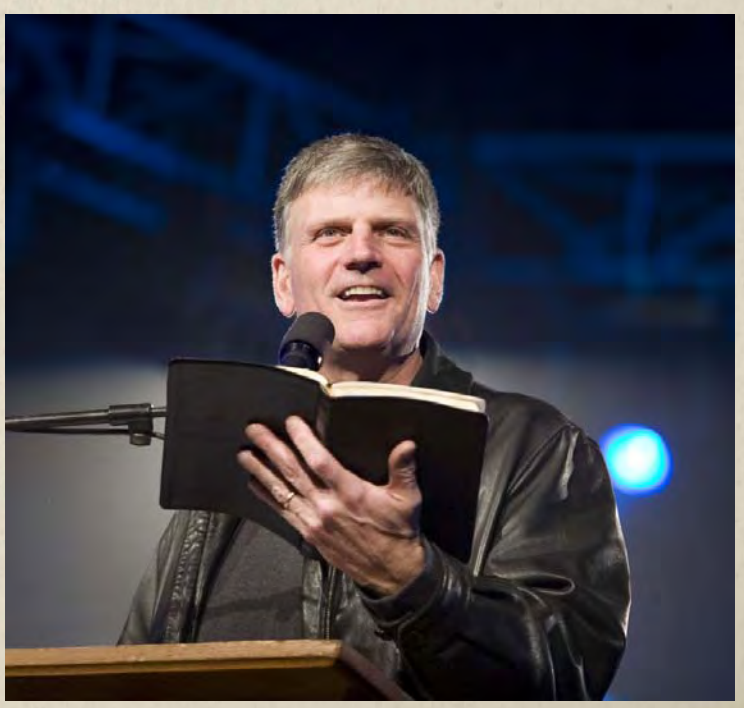
- Met Jesus Christ in Jerusalem
- God was working in his heart
- in a room reading John 3





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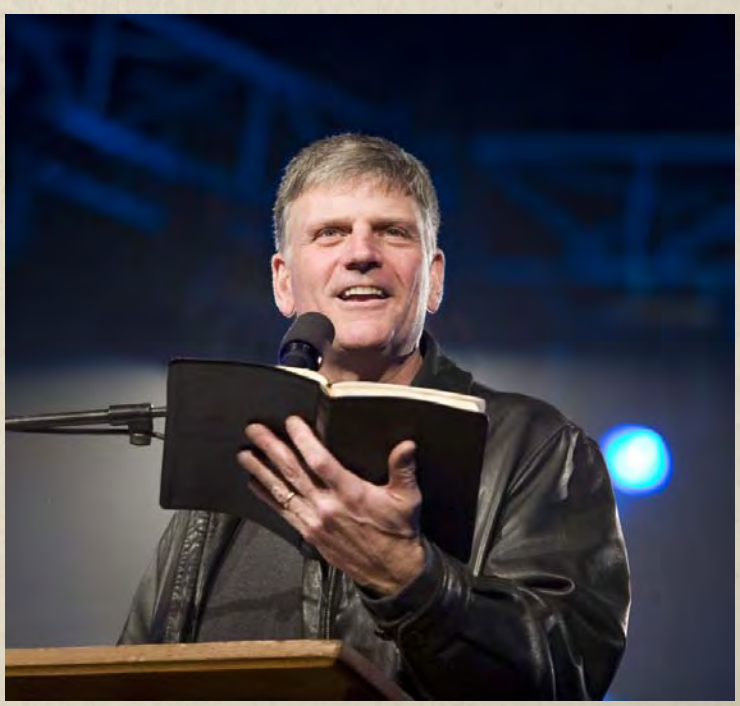
- Operation Christmas Child
- Samaritan's Purse
- Billy Graham Organization Pres.
- Preacher of the Gospel



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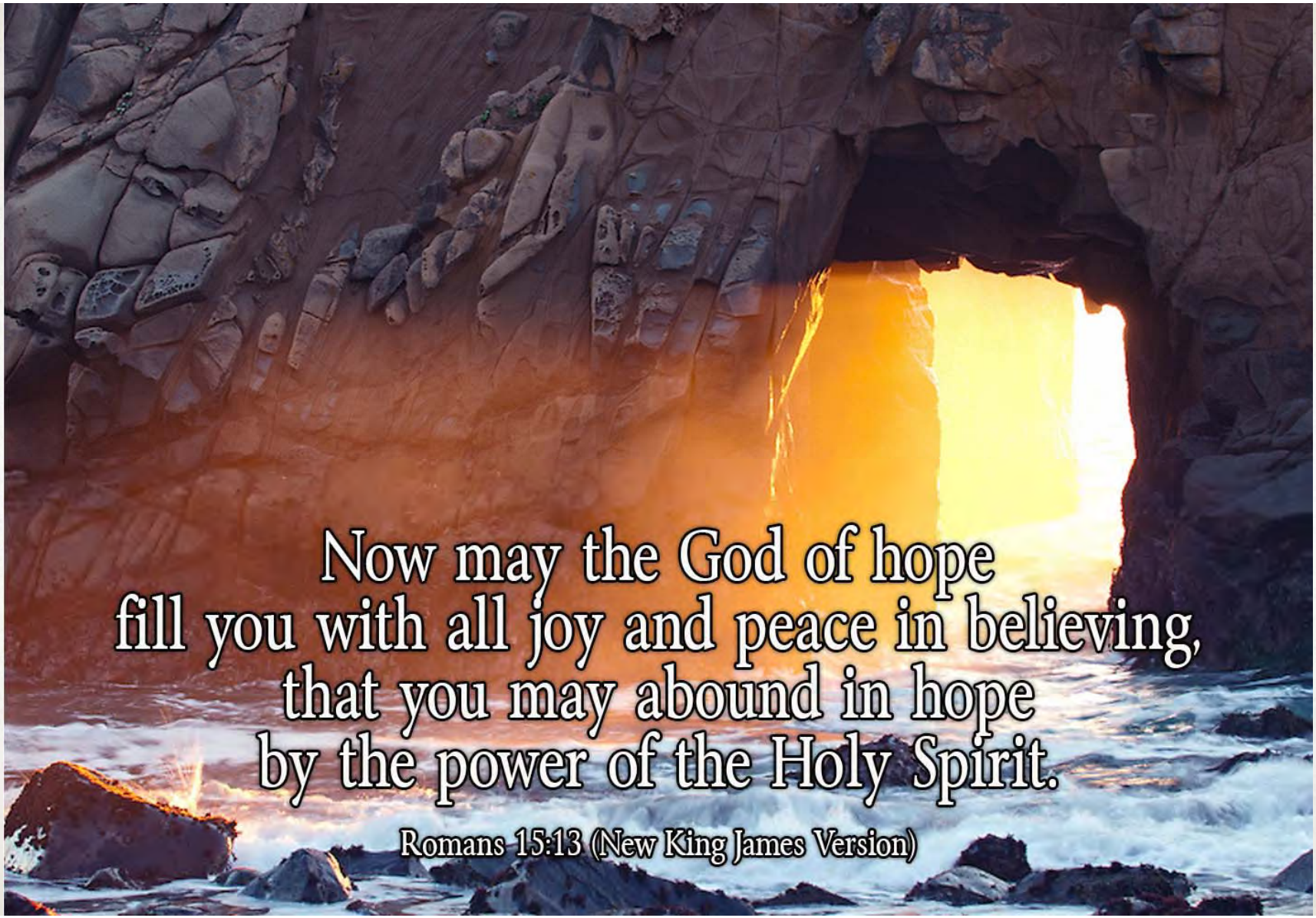
Now may the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13 (New King James Version)