



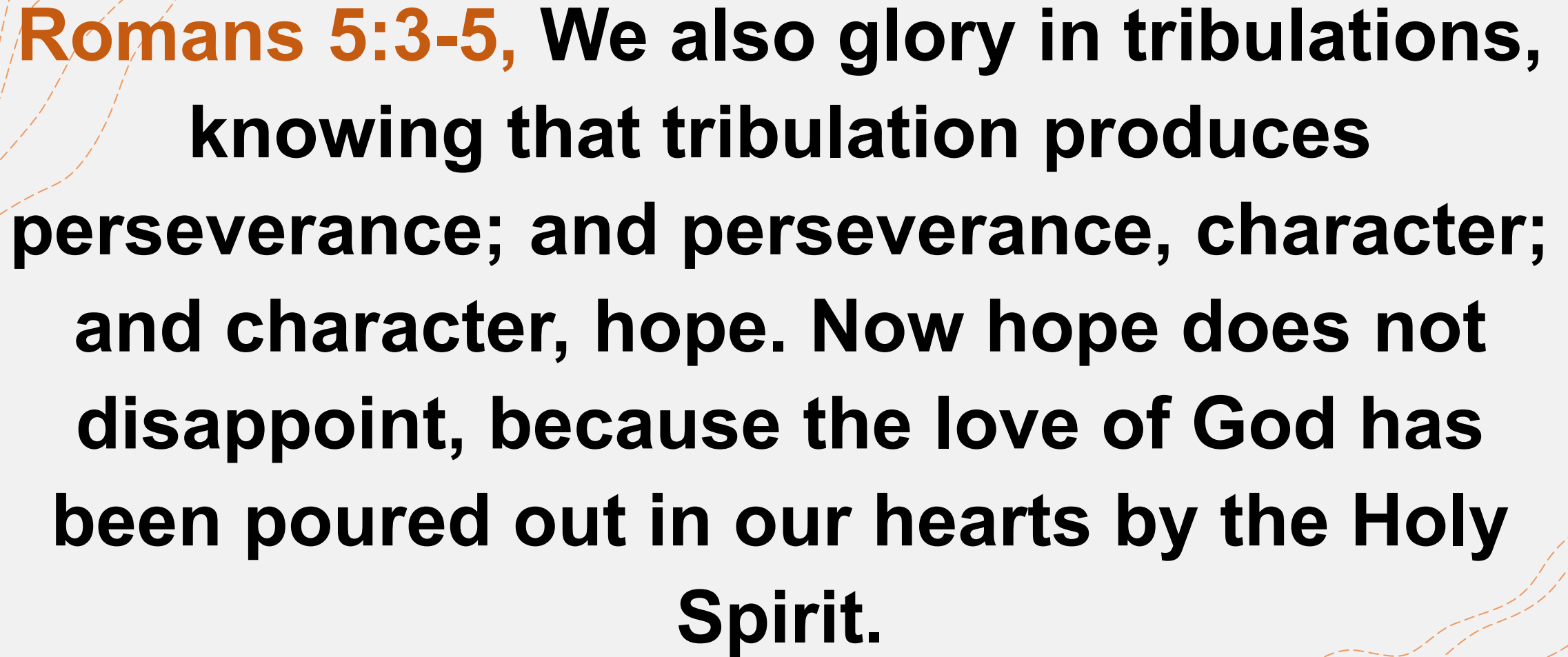
Overflowing with Hope

November Bible Study Series

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Foundation Scripture
Romans 5:3-5



Romans 5:3-5, We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.




Hope, “The God Factor”

Lesson One



Dictionary


**“Hope is a feeling of expectation,
a desire or wish for a certain
thing to happen.”**

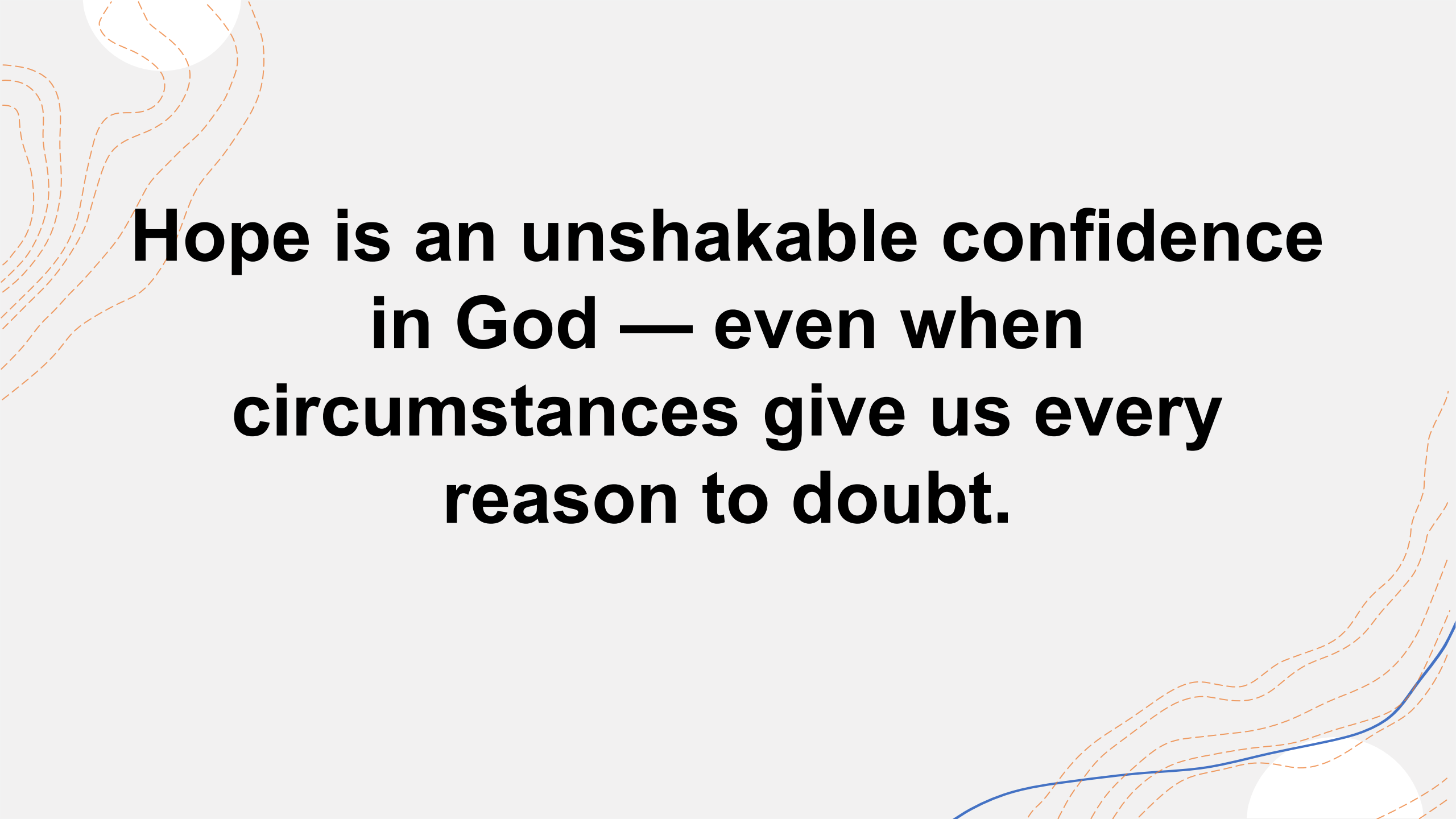




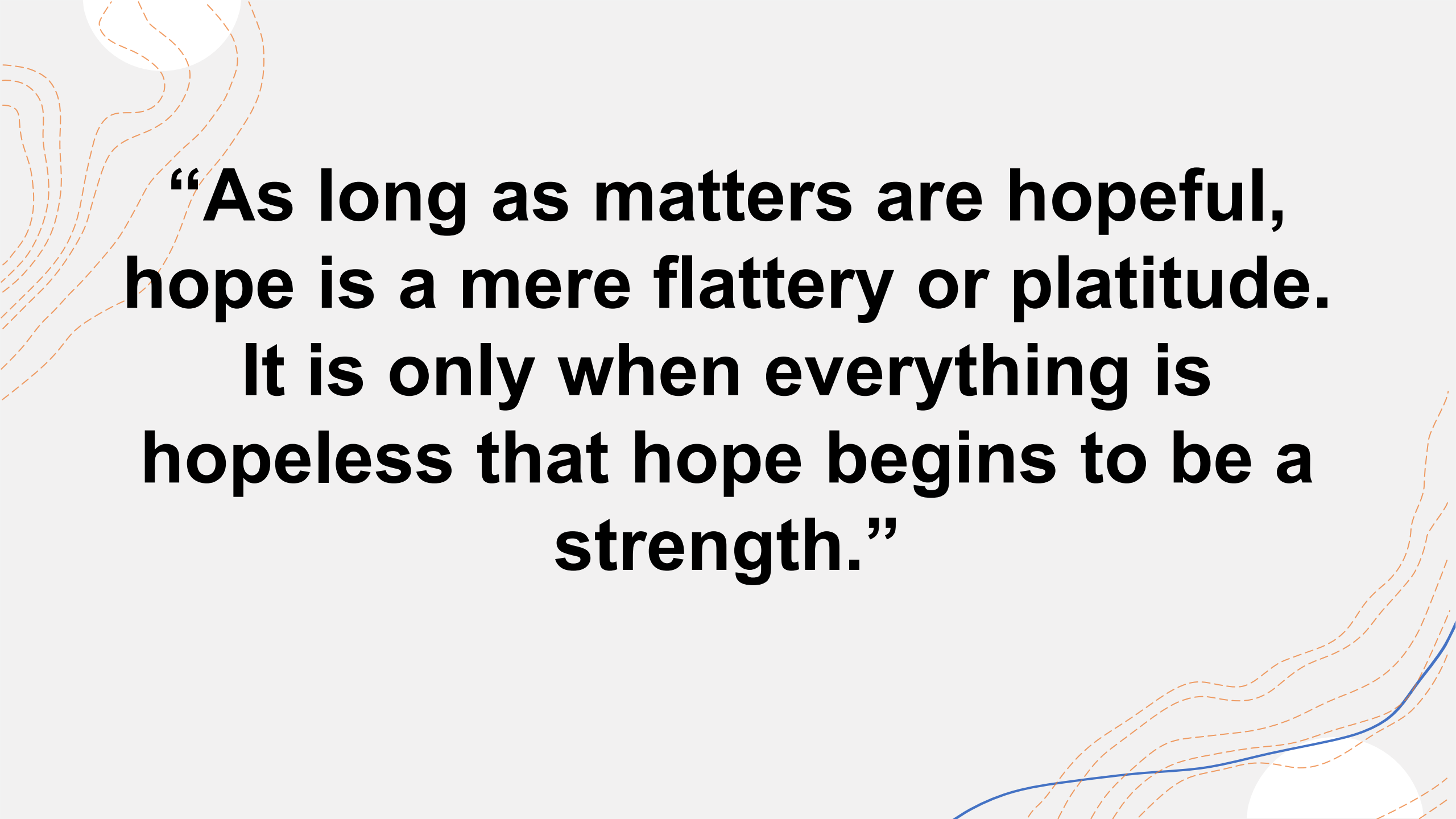
Biblical

“Hope is an expectation with certainty that God will do what He has said.”





**Hope is an unshakable confidence
in God — even when
circumstances give us every
reason to doubt.**

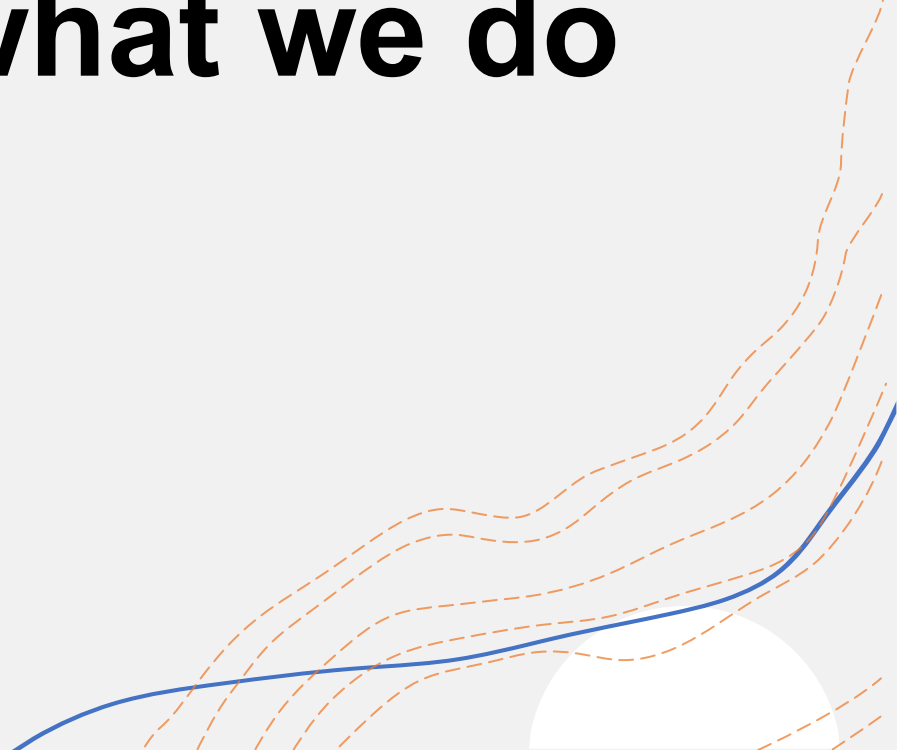


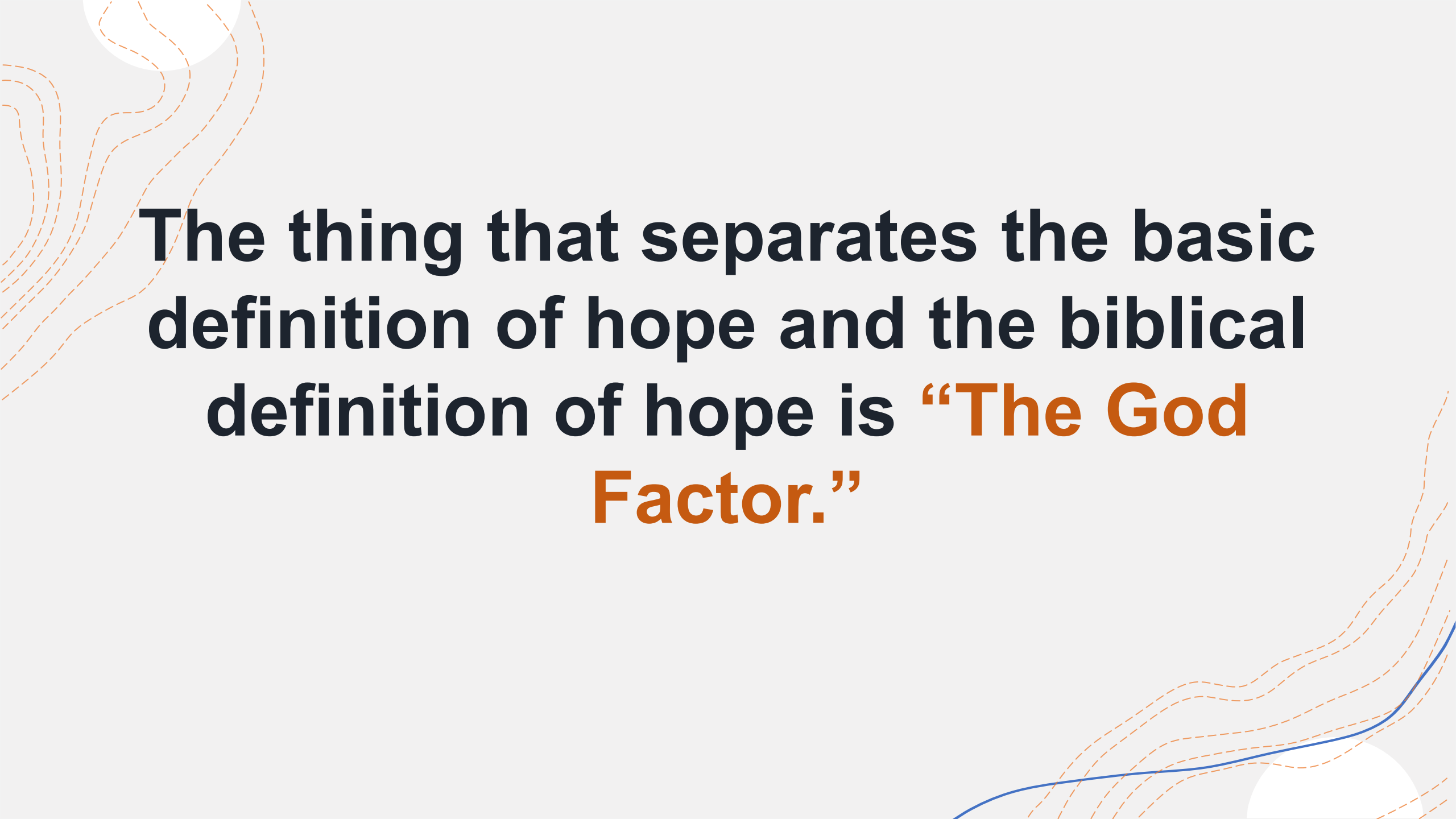
**“As long as matters are hopeful,
hope is a mere flattery or platitude.
It is only when everything is
hopeless that hope begins to be a
strength.”**



Scripture Illustration

Hebrews 11:1, Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

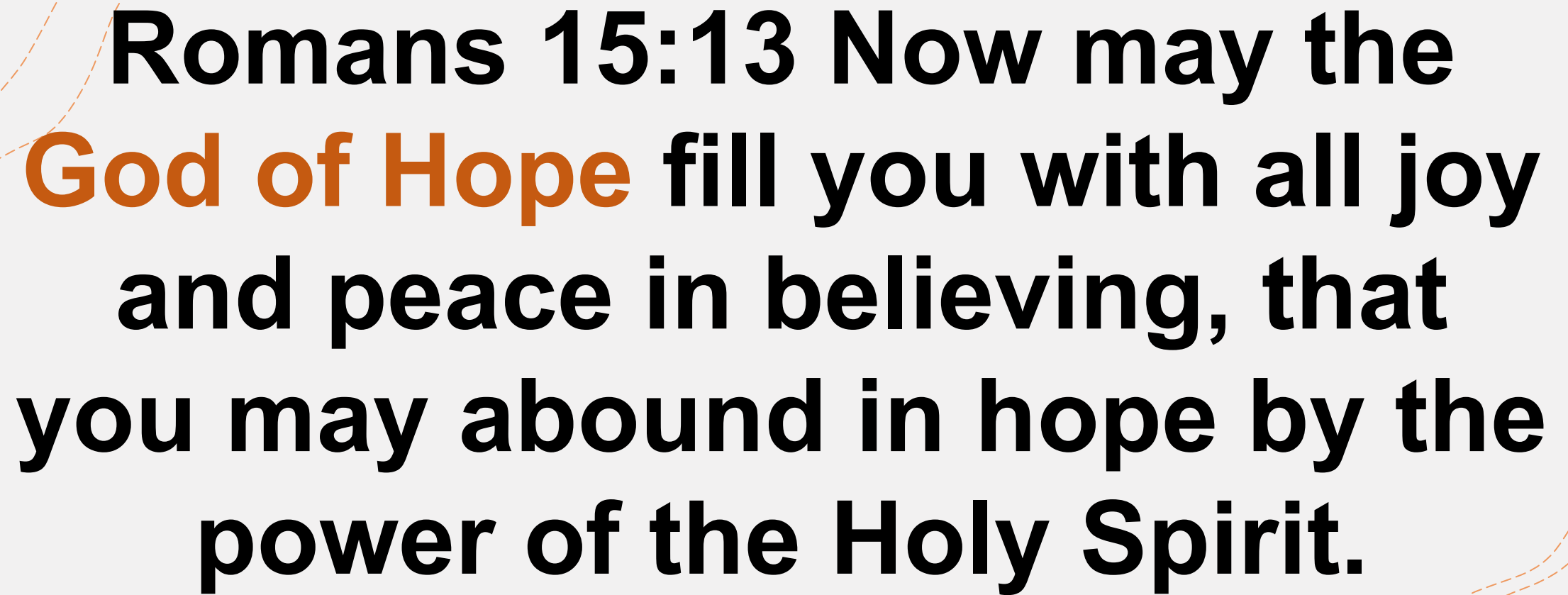




The thing that separates the basic definition of hope and the biblical definition of hope is “The God Factor.”



The Means and Basis of the Only True Hope



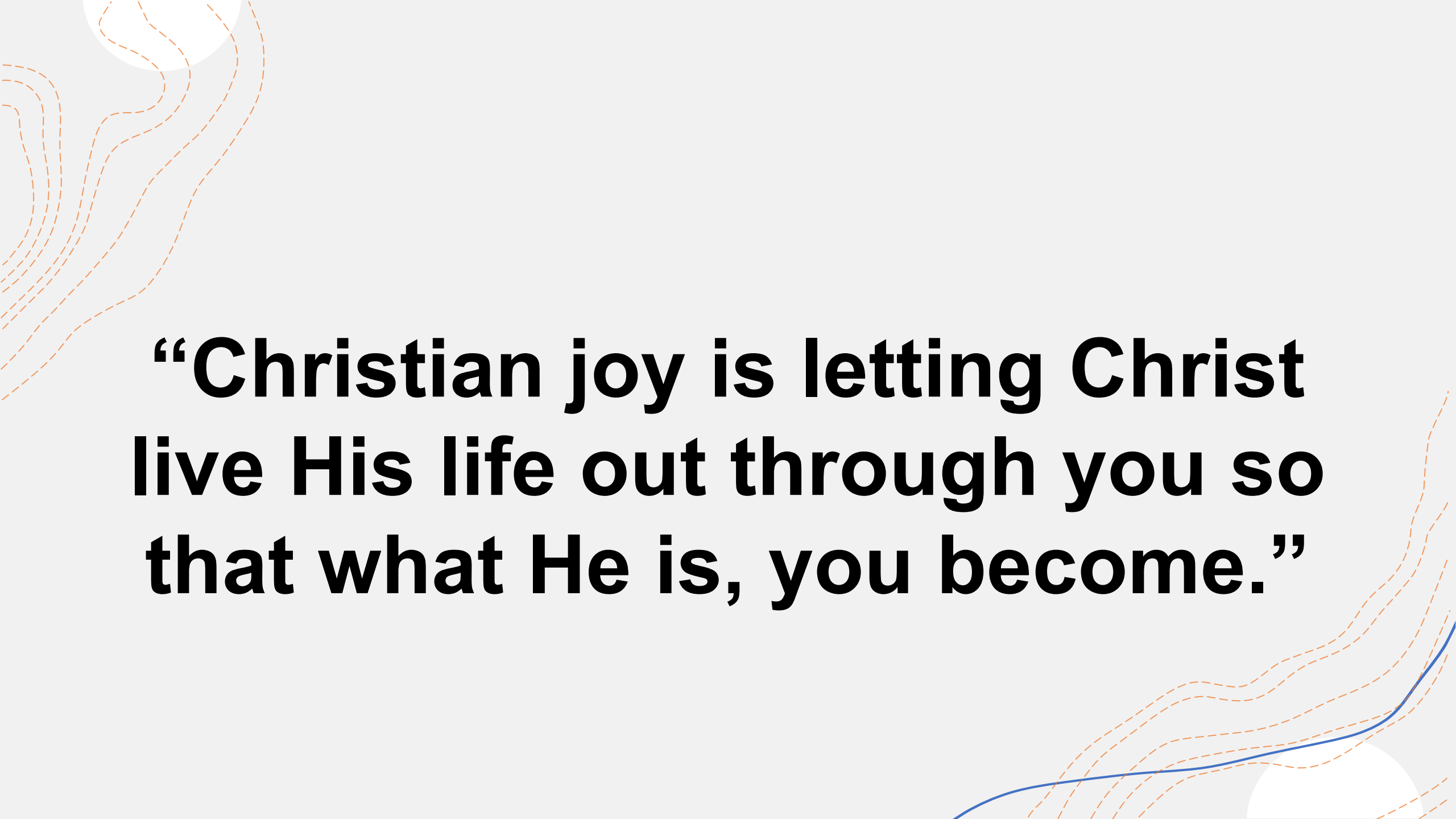
**Romans 15:13 Now may the
God of Hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, that
you may abound in hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.**



1. “May the God of hope...”



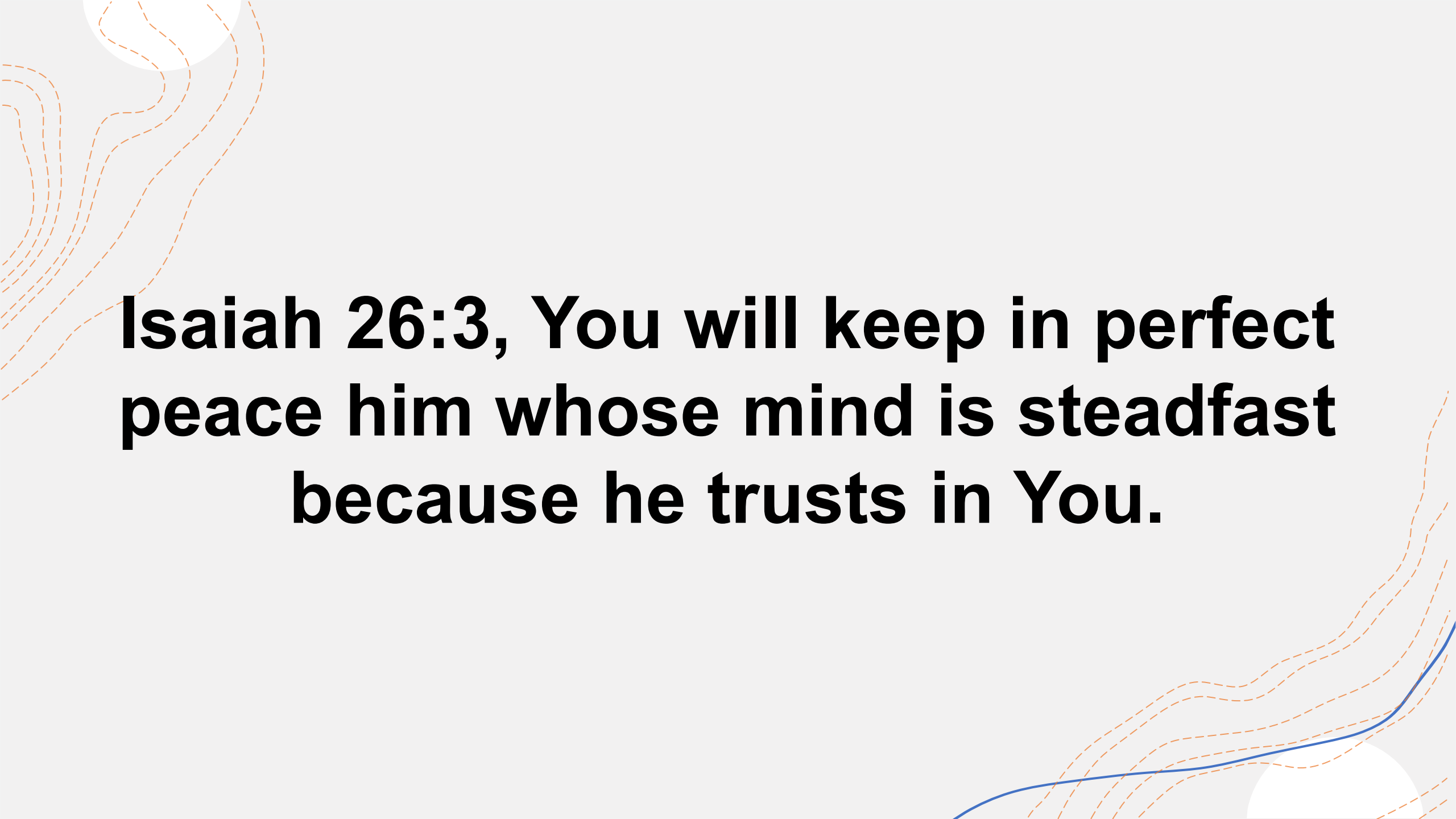
2. “...fill you with all joy...”



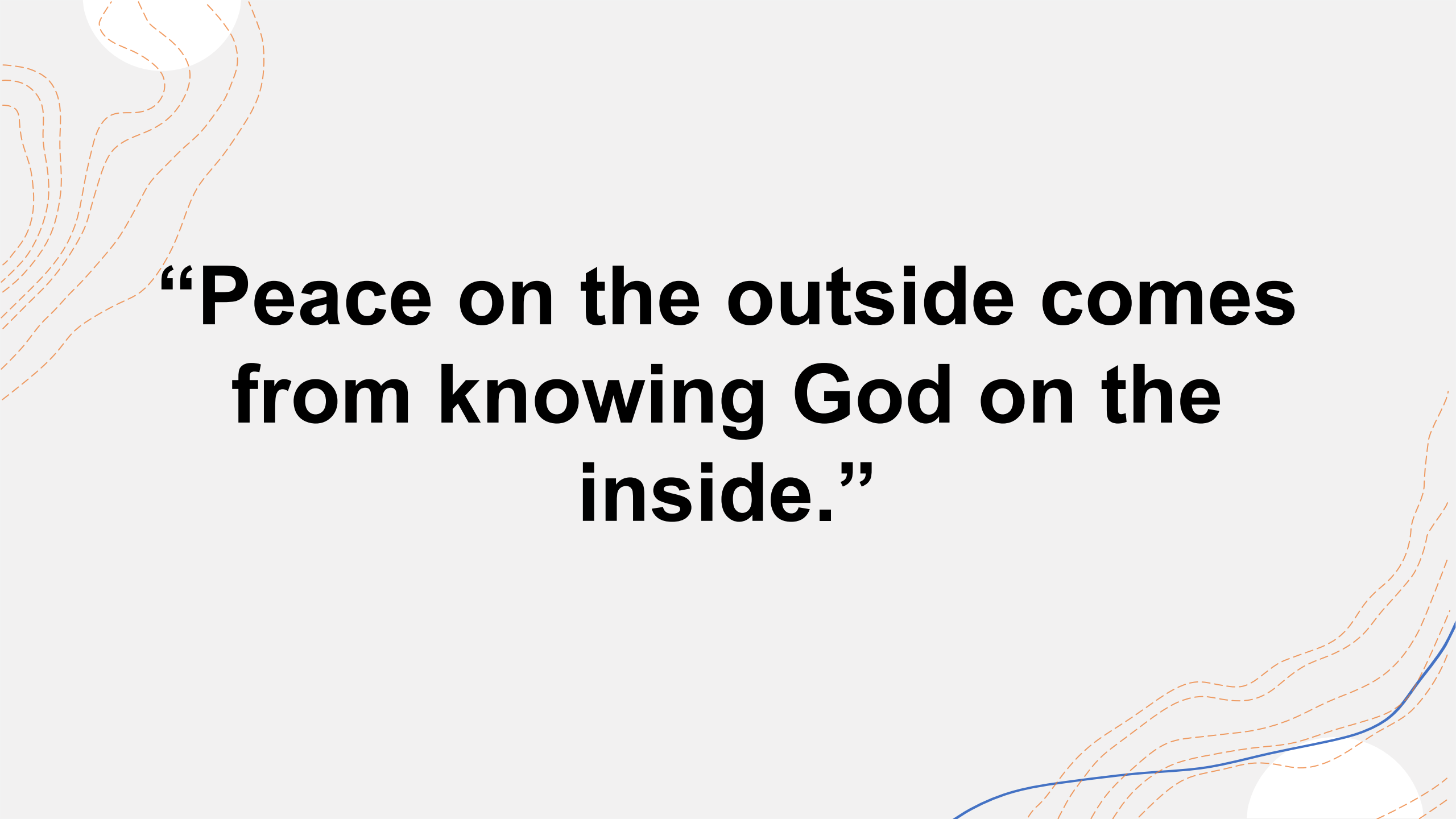
“Christian joy is letting Christ live His life out through you so that what He is, you become.”



3. “...and peace...”



**Isaiah 26:3, You will keep in perfect
peace him whose mind is steadfast
because he trusts in You.**



**“Peace on the outside comes
from knowing God on the
inside.”**



4. “As you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope...”



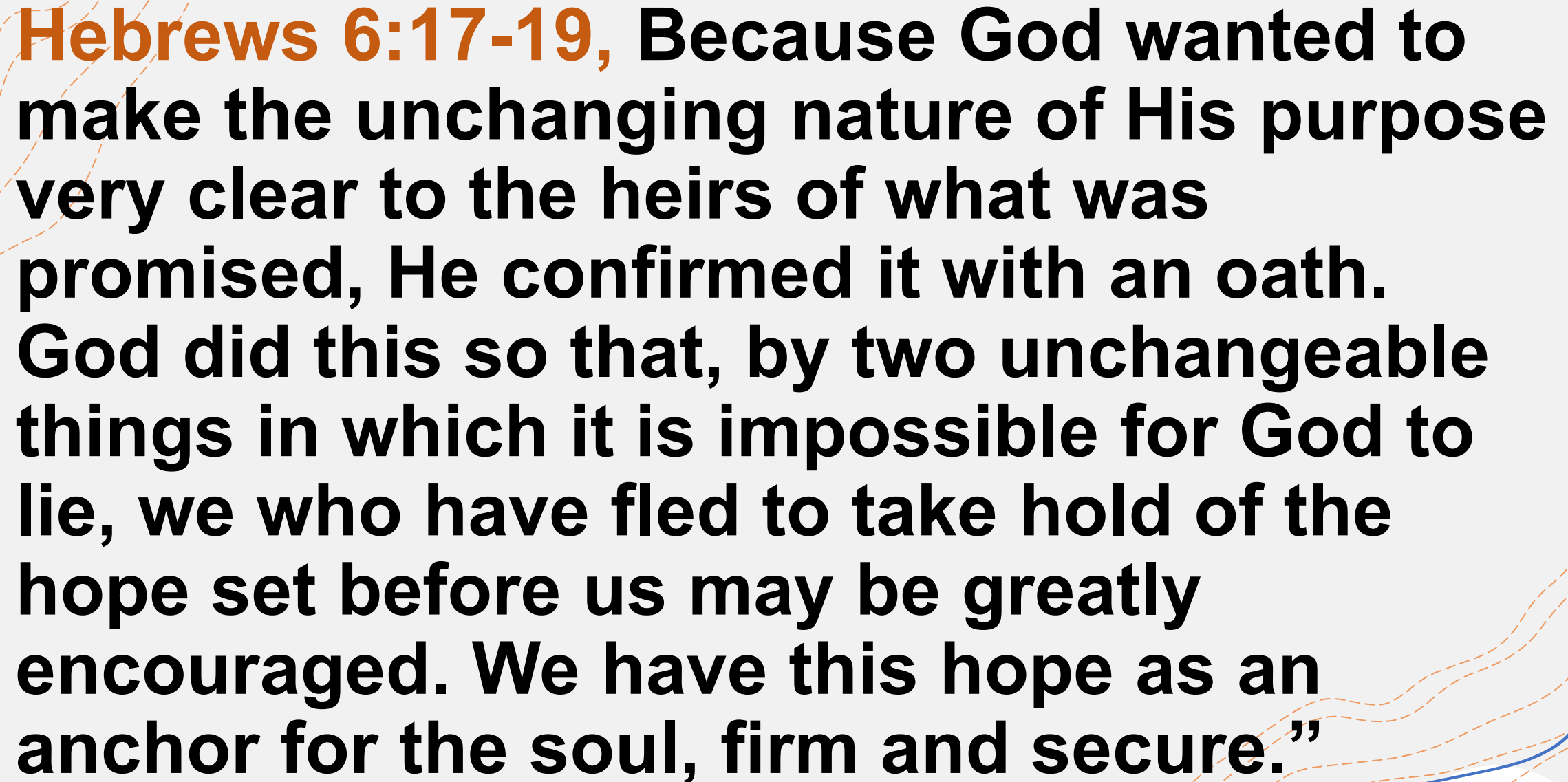
5. “...by the power of the Holy Spirit.”



**Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait in
silence for God only, for my
hope is from Him.**



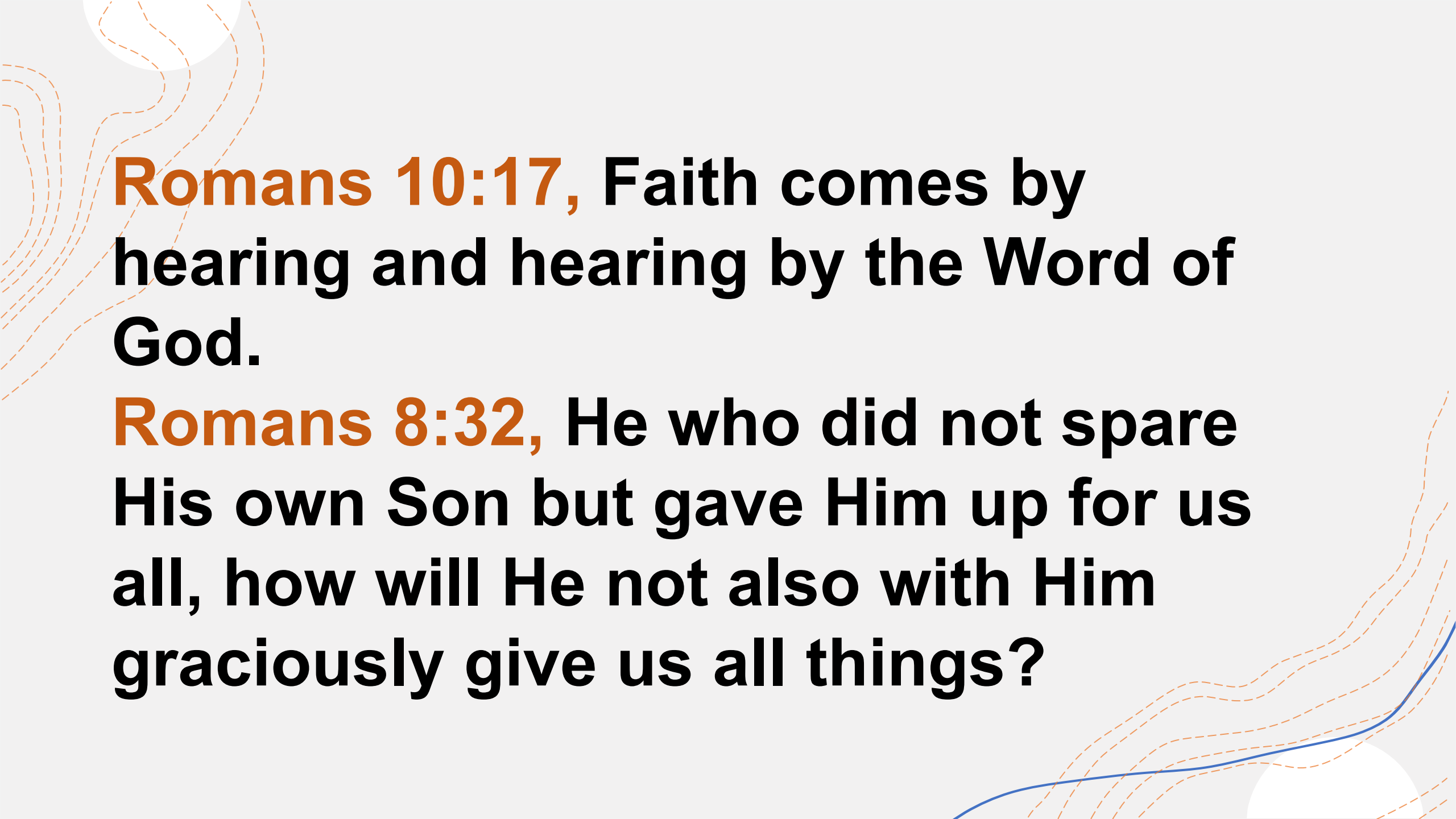
Why Can You Have Hope?



Hebrews 6:17-19, Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of His purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, He confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”



How Do We Build Our Hope in God?

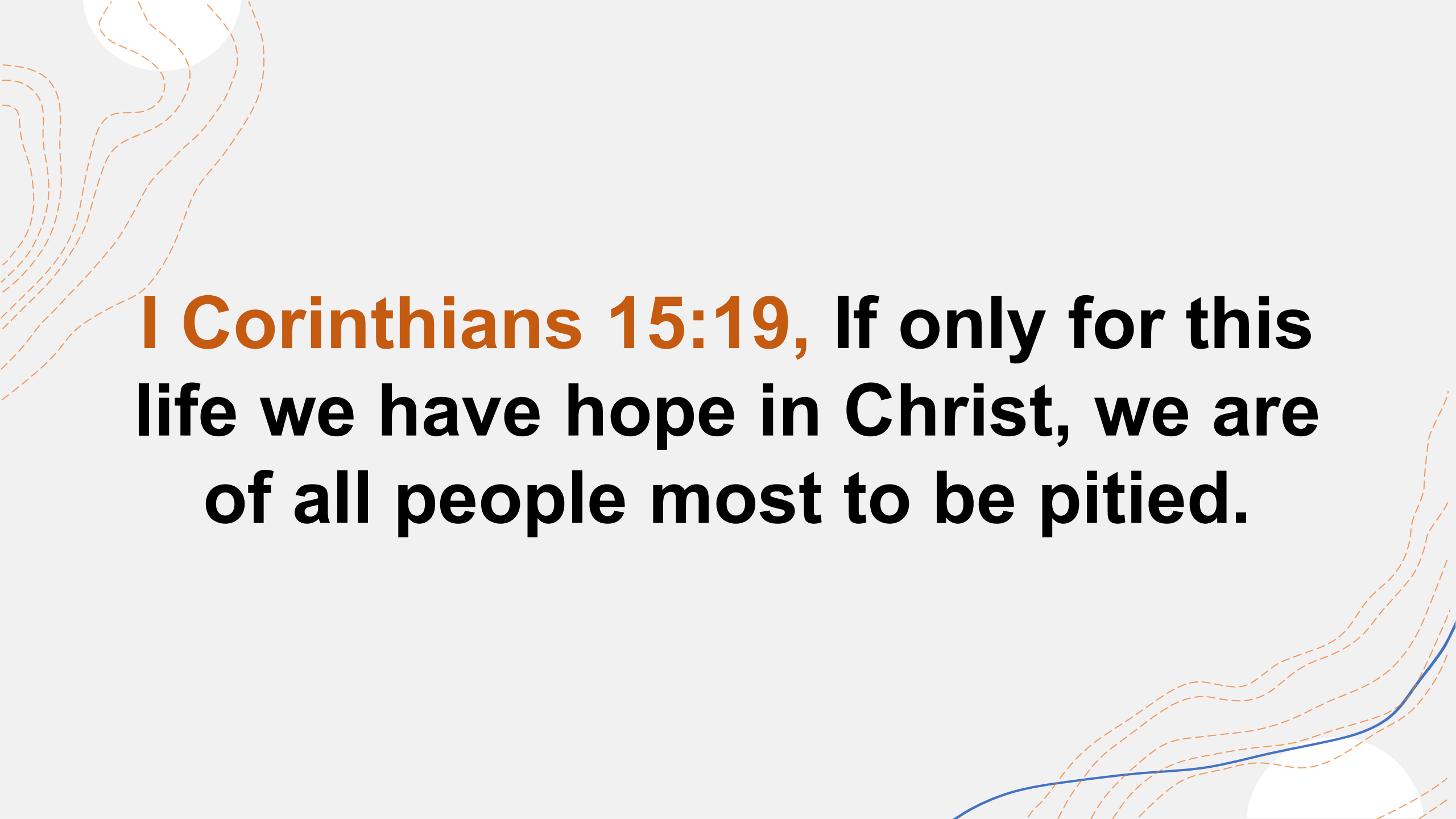


Romans 10:17, Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Romans 8:32, He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?



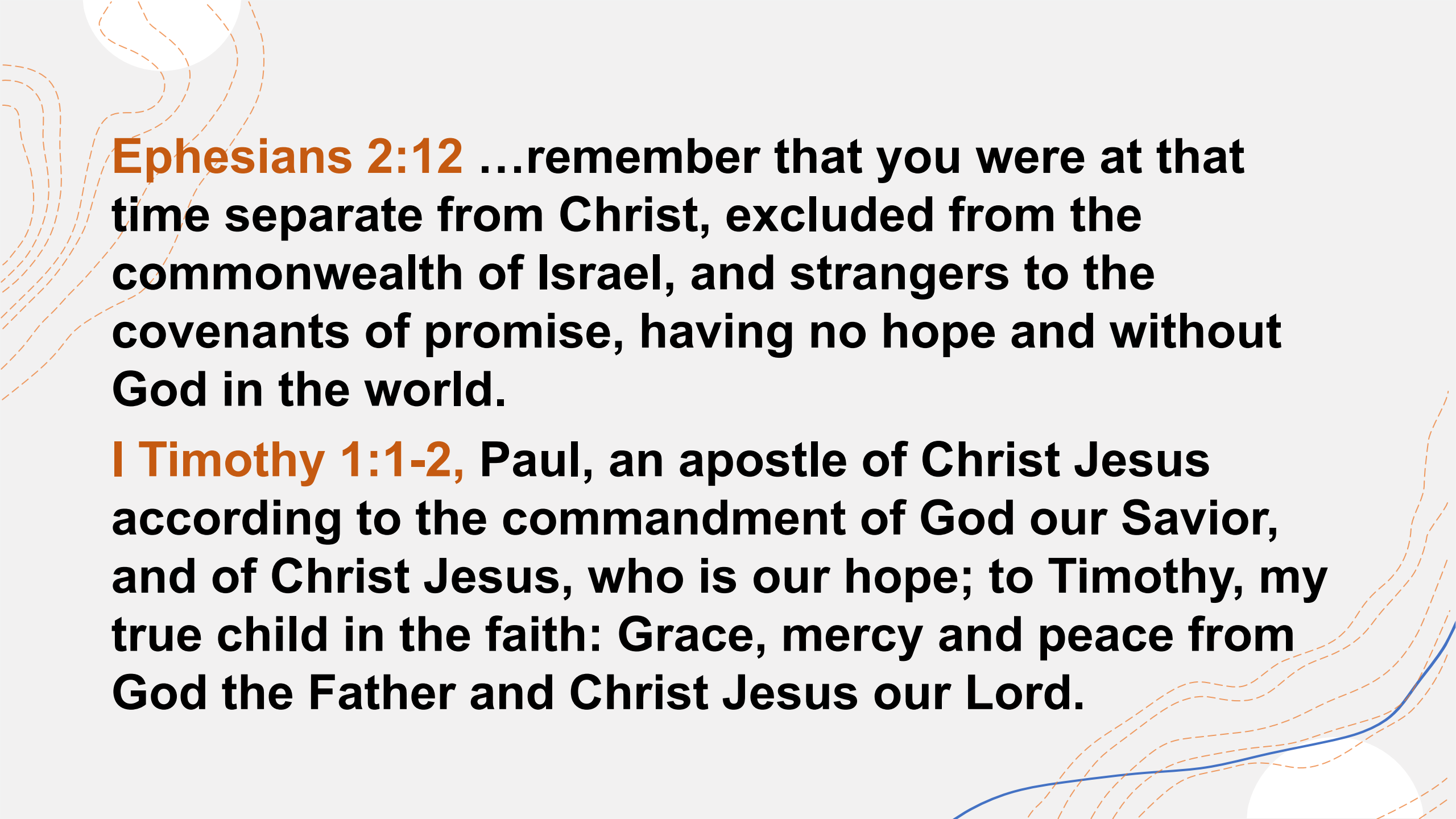
Why Is Hope so Important in the Christian Life?



I Corinthians 15:19, If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.



**If You Are Without Christ, You Are
Without God and Without Hope.**



Ephesians 2:12 ...remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

I Timothy 1:1-2, Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope; to Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.



Three Dependents of Hope:



**Hope Depends on Knowing the Word of
God.**

Romans 15:4, Colossians 1:5-6





**Hope Depends on Knowing and
Resting in God's Grace.**

II Thessalonians 2:16



**Hope Depends on The Spirit Filled
Life.**

Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 1:13





Three Warnings Regarding False Hope:



+Psalm 33:17 – The Horse is a false hope.

+Psalm 146:5 – Man is a false hope.

+Proverbs 11:7 – The Wicked is a false hope.



Three Benefits of Hoping in God:

- 1. Hope In the Lord Gives Us Strength.**
- 2. Hope In the Lord Teaches Us Patience.**
- 3. Hope In the Lord Brings Encouragement.**



**“As long as we have God, we
have hope.”**

Bible Study Chat Follow Up Questions:

1. Share a takeaway from tonight's lesson.
2. Is hope necessary for the Christian? Explain.
3. Is the Bible designed to give us hope? See Romans 15:4.
4. What other things do people tend to put their hope in besides God?
5. Was there a time you felt hopeless? What did you do?
6. Have you ever faced a trial that was sapping your strength and draining your hope?