



# God is Faithful

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a

Psalms 121

John 3: 1 – 17

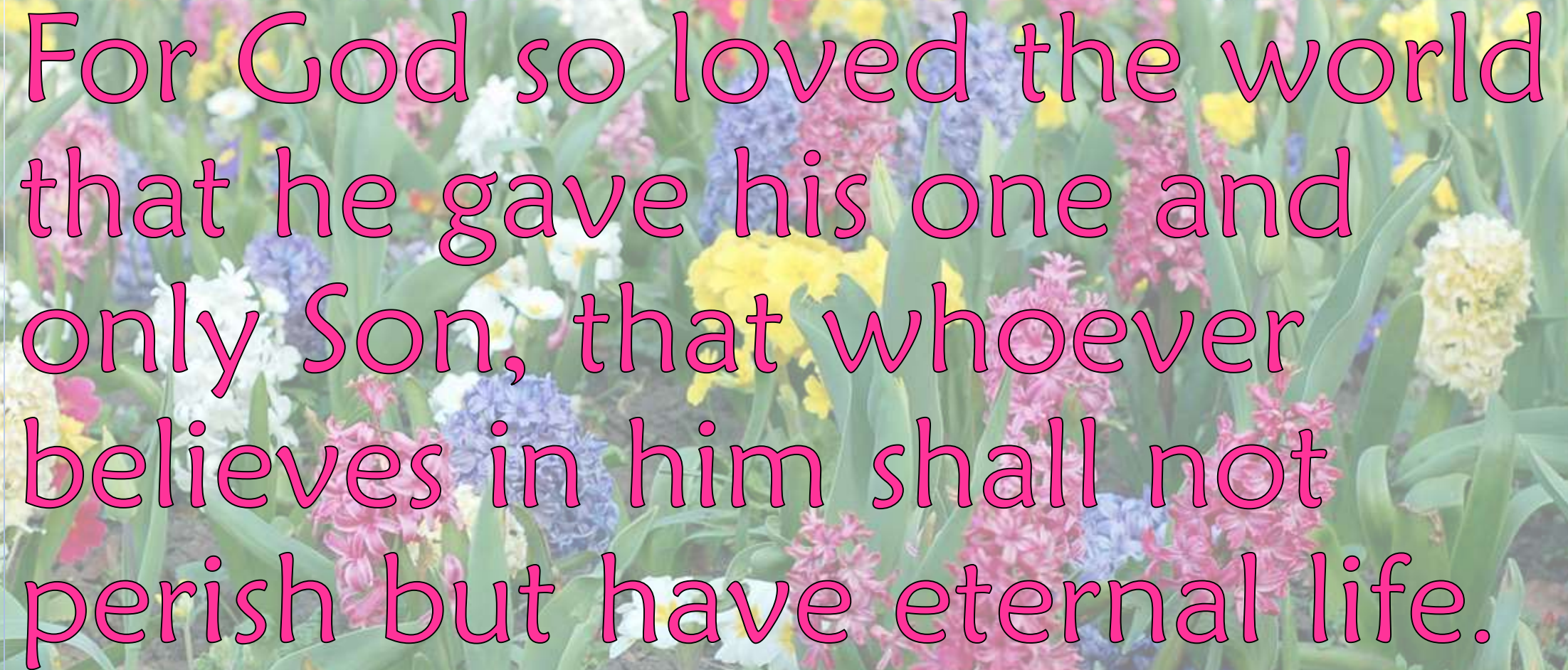
Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 - 17



# I will make you a great nation

- Genesis 17: 4, 5 - “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations
- Romans 4:17 - As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”
- Did this come true?





For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.



# The promises of God

- Do we know what they are?
- From the Compassion website – have a look.  
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<https://www.compassionuk.org/blogs/gods-promises/>



# Bible promises about God's goodness

- **Psalms 145:9** The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
- **1 Chronicles 16:34** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
- **Psalms 100:5** For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
- **James 1:17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
- **2 Samuel 7:28** Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.
- **Psalms 19:7** The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- **Psalms 34:8** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- **Nahum 1:7** The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.
- **Psalms 84:11** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.



# God's promises about being with us

- **Isaiah 40:29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
- **Isaiah 40:31** But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- **Isaiah 43:2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** 'For I know the plans I have for you', declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Deuteronomy 31:8** The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
- **Joshua 1:9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.
- **Psalms 23:4** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- **Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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- **Matthew 6:31-33** So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- **Matthew 7:9-11** Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!
- **2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
- **Psalms 34:10** The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- **Romans 8:32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?



# Amazing things Jesus promised 1

- **Matthew 11:28-30** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.
- **John 14:6** Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'
- **John 8:12** I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
- **Isaiah 61:1** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners ...
- **John 14:15-16** "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever."
- **John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."



# Amazing things Jesus promised 2

- **John 11:25** Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.'
- **John 15:5** Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.
- **Matthew 28:20** Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
- **John 14:1-3** Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.



# God's promises about answering prayer

- **James 1:5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.
- **Mark 11:24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- **Psalms 37:4** Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- **John 14:13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
- **Luke 11:9-13** So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!



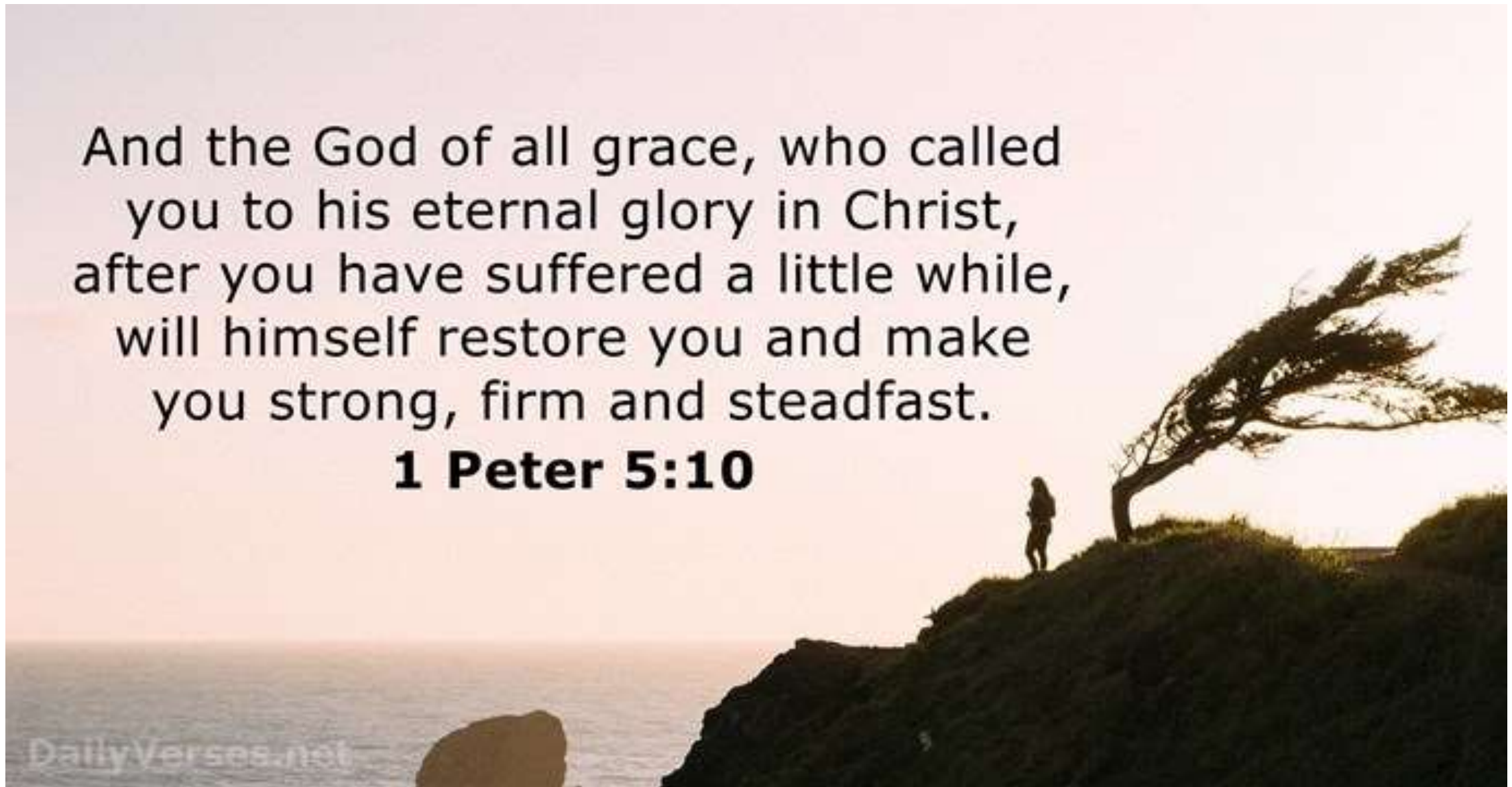
# What God doesn't say

- It'll all be hunky dory. No problems, no difficulties etc. It's all plain sailing.
- Just look at the Beatitudes: mourn, peacemakers, persecution...
- Passages on suffering:




And the God of all grace, who called  
you to his eternal glory in Christ,  
after you have suffered a little while,  
will himself restore you and make  
you strong, firm and steadfast.

**1 Peter 5:10**



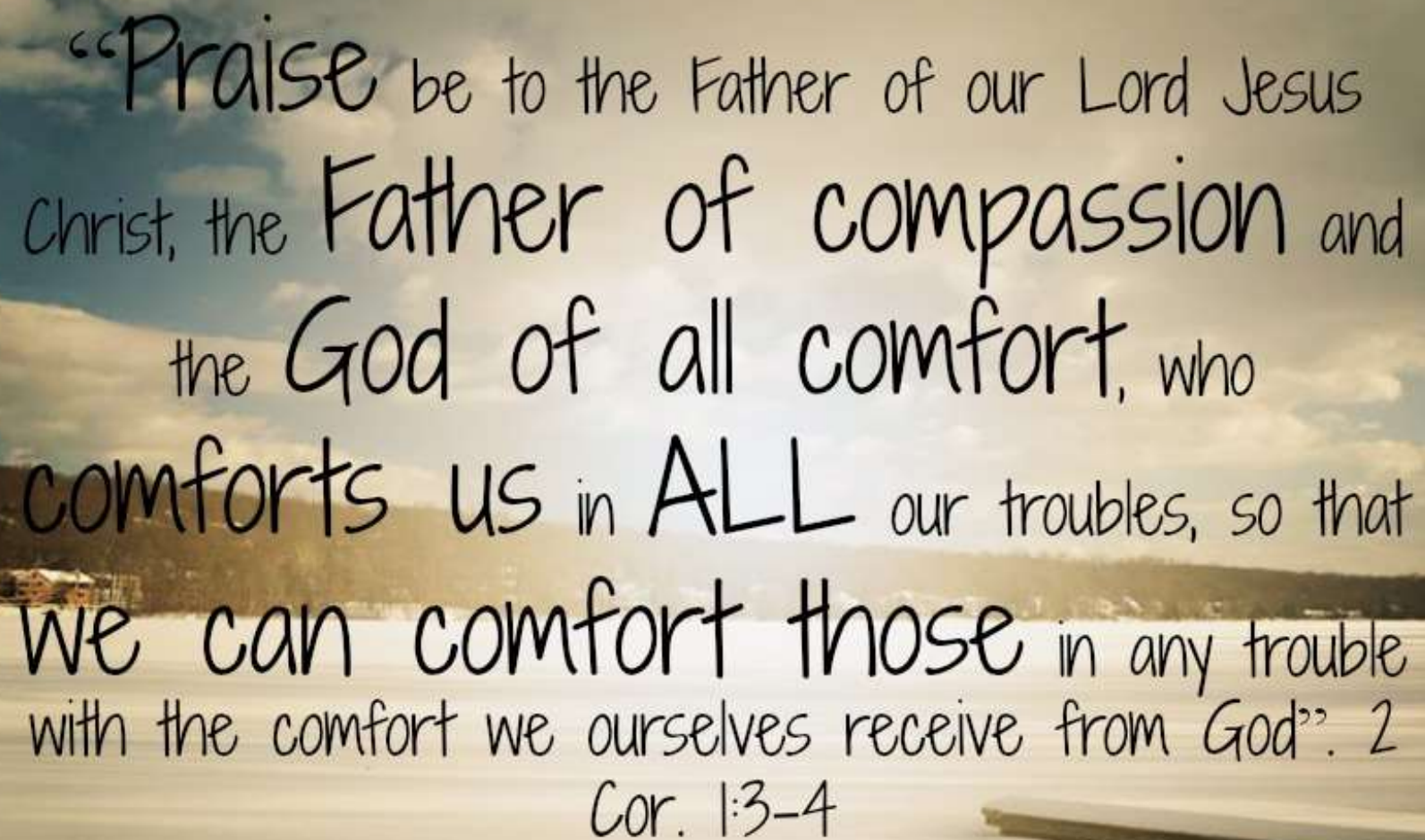




Not only that, but we rejoice  
in our sufferings, knowing  
that suffering produces  
endurance, and endurance  
produces character, and  
character produces hope.

romans 5:3-4





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Cor. 1:3-4



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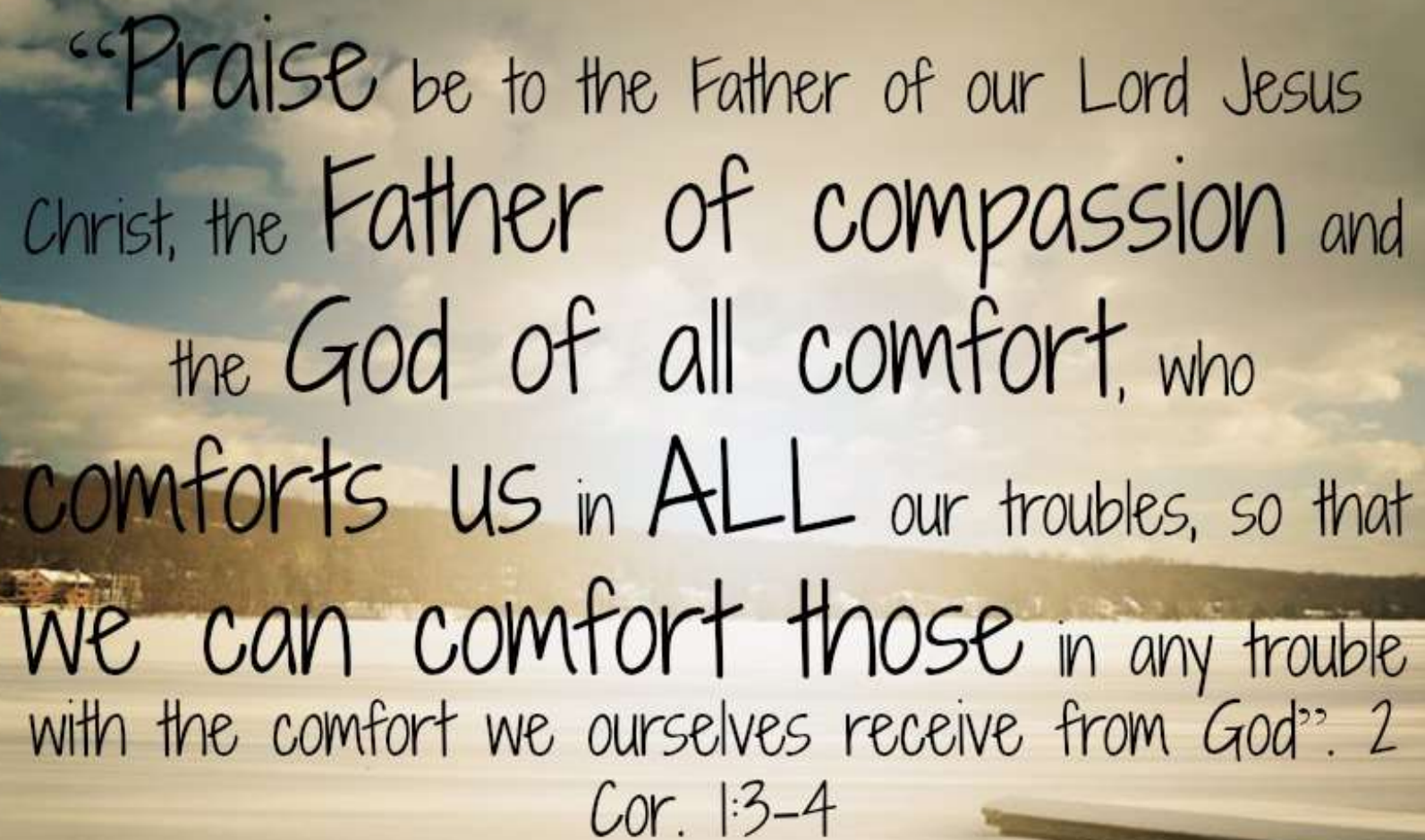
- God calls him to leave his homeland, travels from Ur to Haran and then from Haran to Canaan
- Has to go to Egypt to escape famine
- Terrified for his life so gets Sarai to pretend to be his sister
- Pharaoh learns the truth and is furious and sends them away
- Lot leaves
- Lot taken as a slave and Abram has to rescue him
- God promises him a son and makes a covenant with Abram
- No son for ages so marries Hagar and has son with her
- During her pregnancy, she and Sarai fall out and Hagar leaves



# Abraham's life 2

- New covenant with God which requires circumcision and name changes
- Angels visit and tell that Sarah will have a son
- Abraham intercedes for Sodom
- Sodom is destroyed
- Again Abraham pretends that Sarah is his sister and is caught out
- Isaac is born and Hagar and Ishmael are sent away
- God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac to Him and he sets out to do so.
- Sarah dies, after some time Abraham marries for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and has 6 sons





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A photograph of a rocky coastline with the text "PSALM 121" overlaid in a white box. The background shows dark, jagged rocks in the foreground and middle ground, leading to a calm body of water under a pale, overcast sky. The text is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, centered within a white rectangular frame that has a thin border.

# PSALM 121




PSALMS 121:1-2

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the LORD,  
which made heaven and earth.








I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.

- Psalm 121:1,2





He will not let your foot be moved  
he who keeps you will not slumber

Behold, he who  
keeps Israel  
will neither  
slumber nor sleep


PSALM 134:3-4



P S A L M 1 2 1 : 5 - 6

The Lord watches over you —  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.





The Lord will keep you from  
all harm, He will watch over  
your life.

Psalms 121:7

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# *Psalm 121:8*

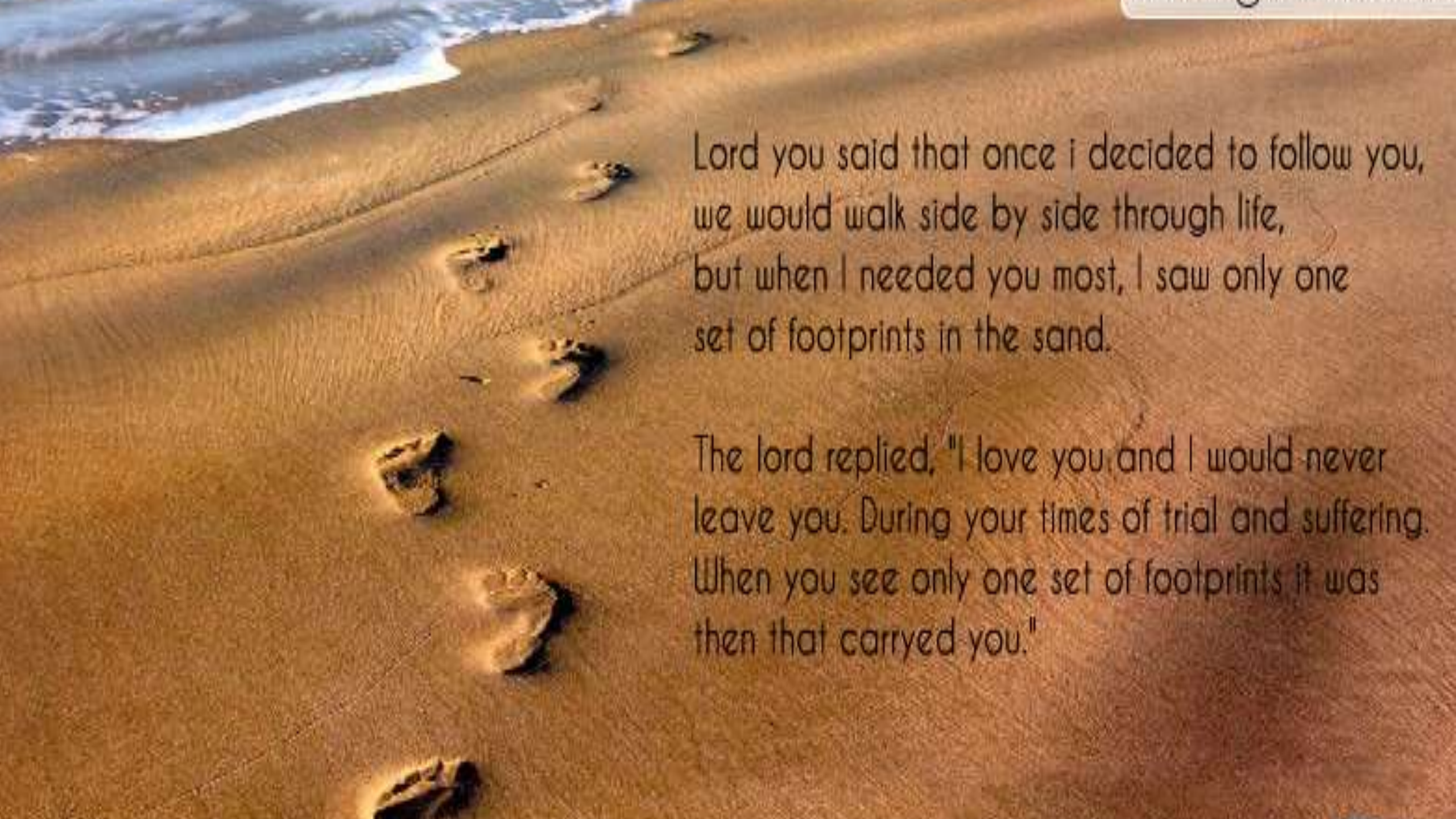
A person wearing a light-colored shirt and a straw hat is seen from behind, sitting on a wooden pier or dock. They are looking out over a body of water towards a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong reflection on the water's surface. The sky is a warm, golden color. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*The Lord will watch over your coming  
and going both now and forevermore.*









Lord you said that once i decided to follow you,  
we would walk side by side through life,  
but when I needed you most, I saw only one  
set of footprints in the sand.

The lord replied, "I love you and I would never  
leave you. During your times of trial and suffering.  
When you see only one set of footprints it was  
then that carryed you."