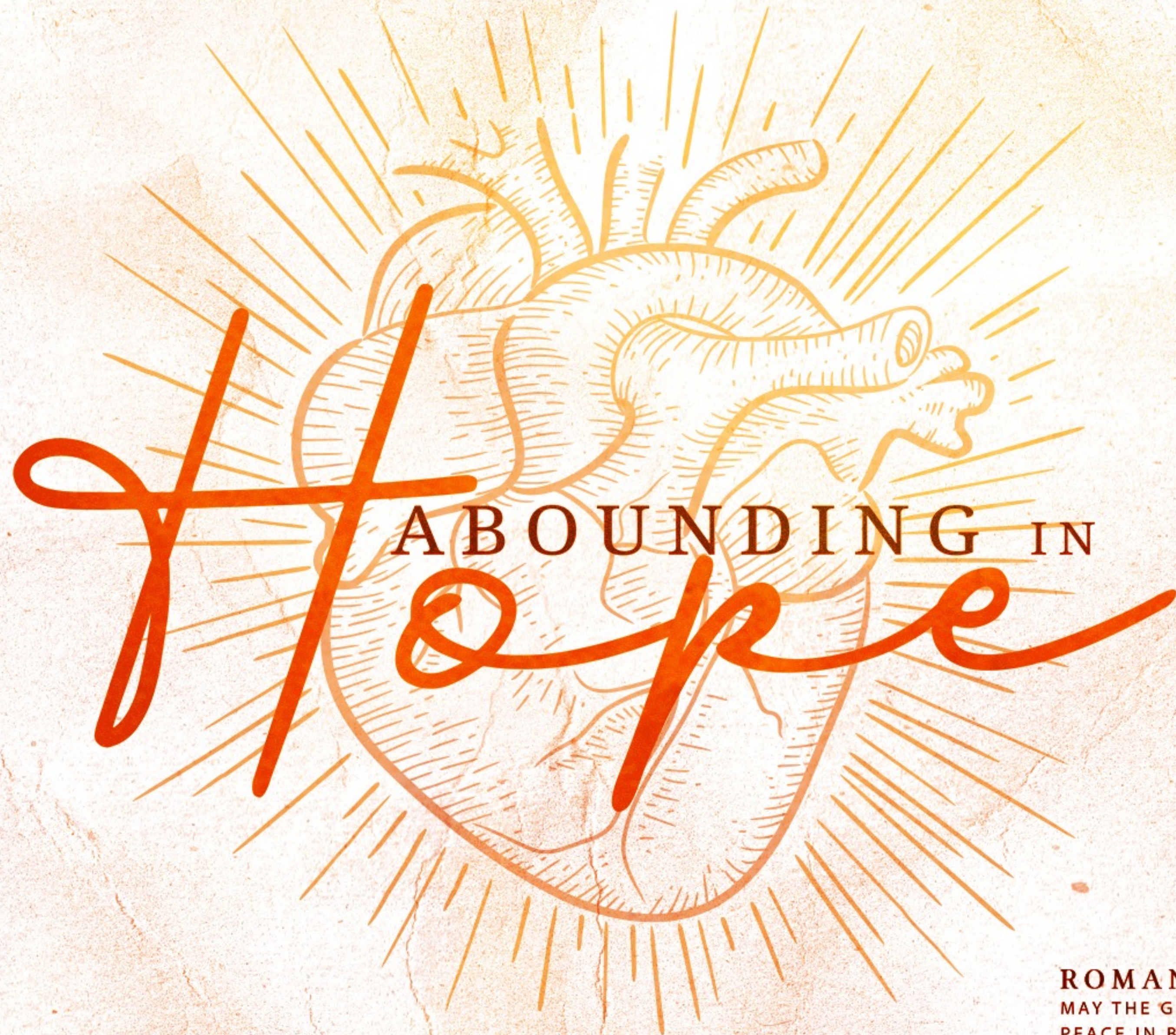


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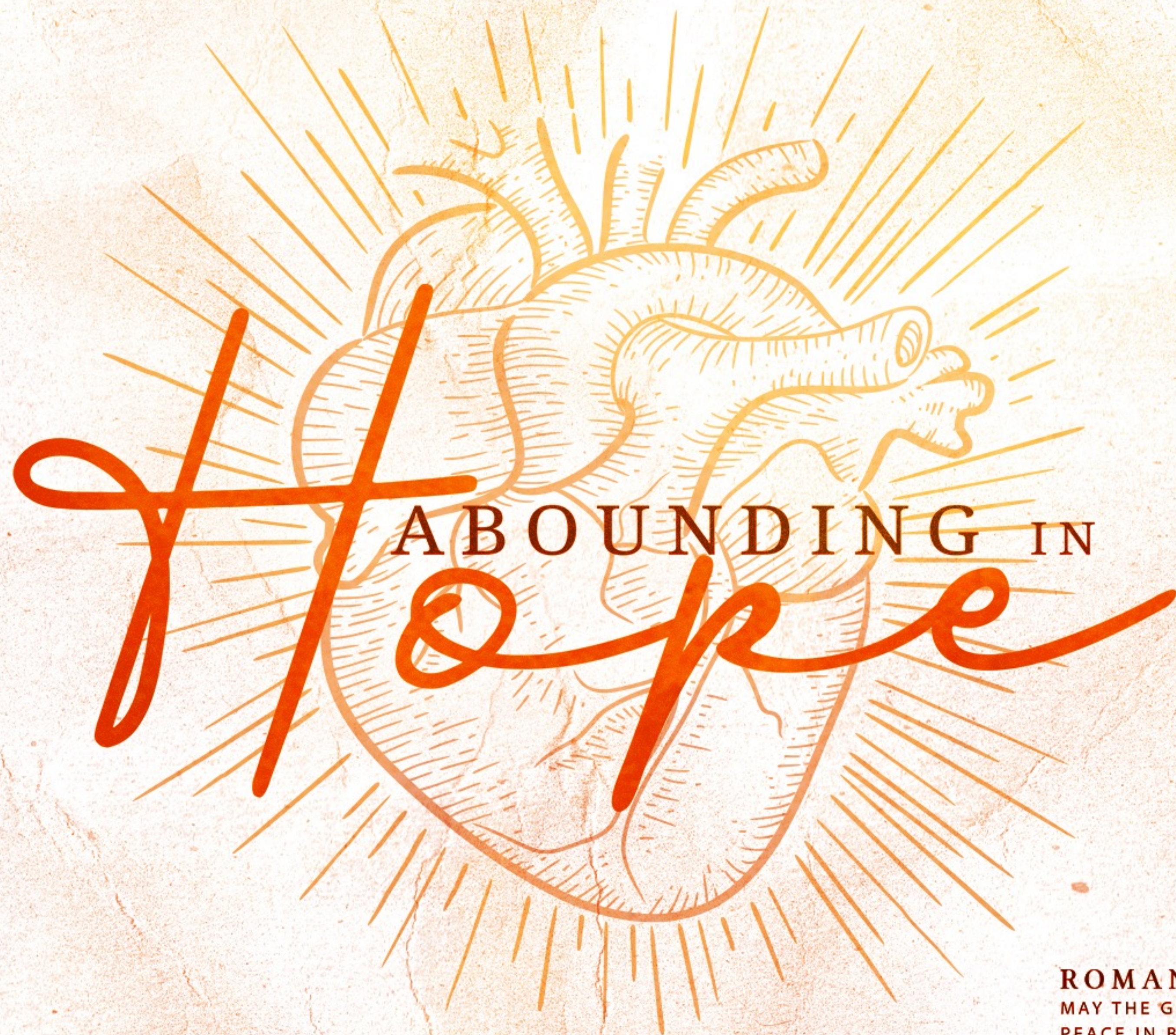
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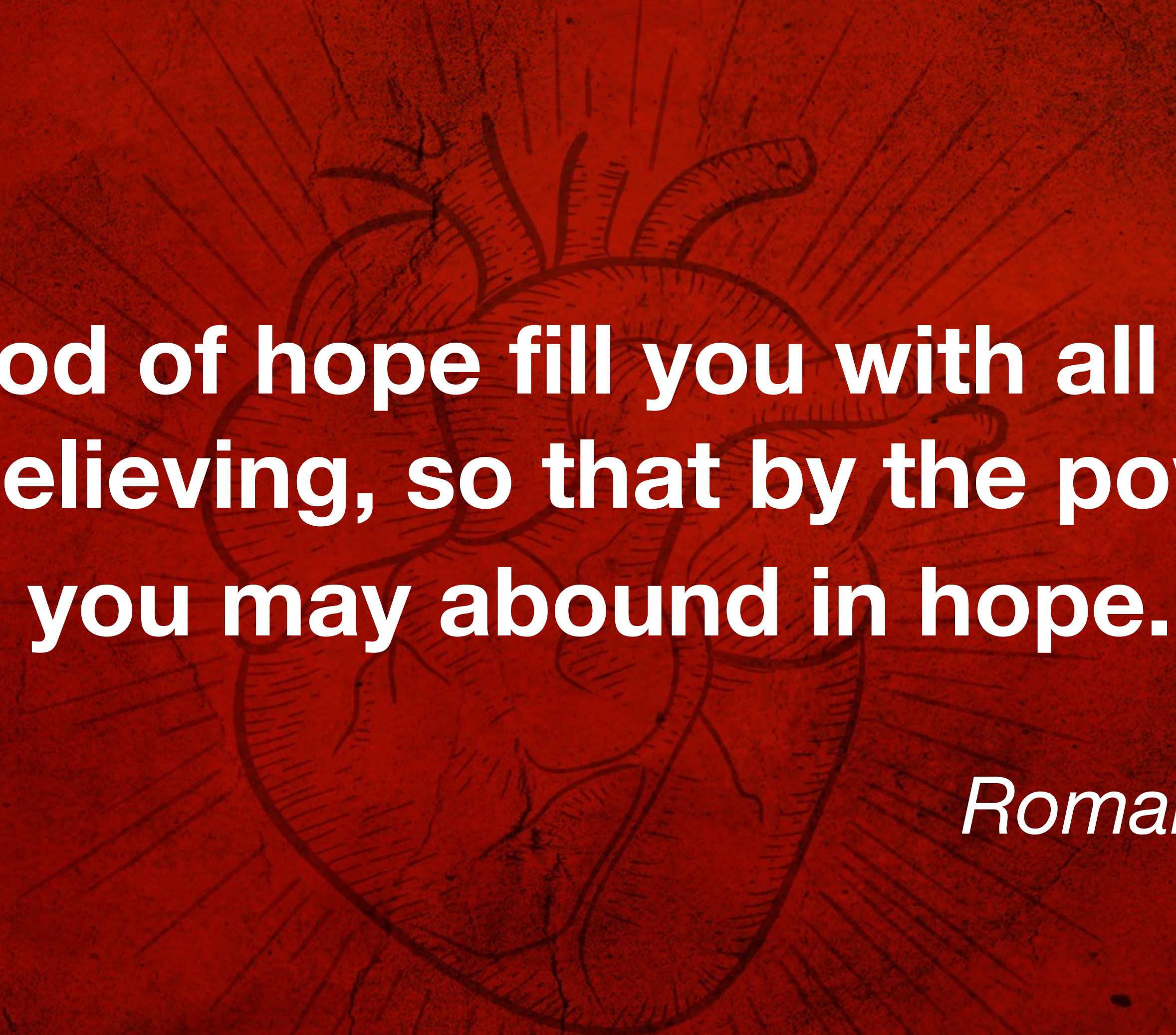
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13 ESV

Hope – Noun – the feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best

Hope – Verb – to look forward to with desire and reasonable confidence.



Biblical Definition – Hope is the confident trust in the promises of God about that which is yet to take place.

**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.**

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

**Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for,
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Hebrews 11:1 NASB

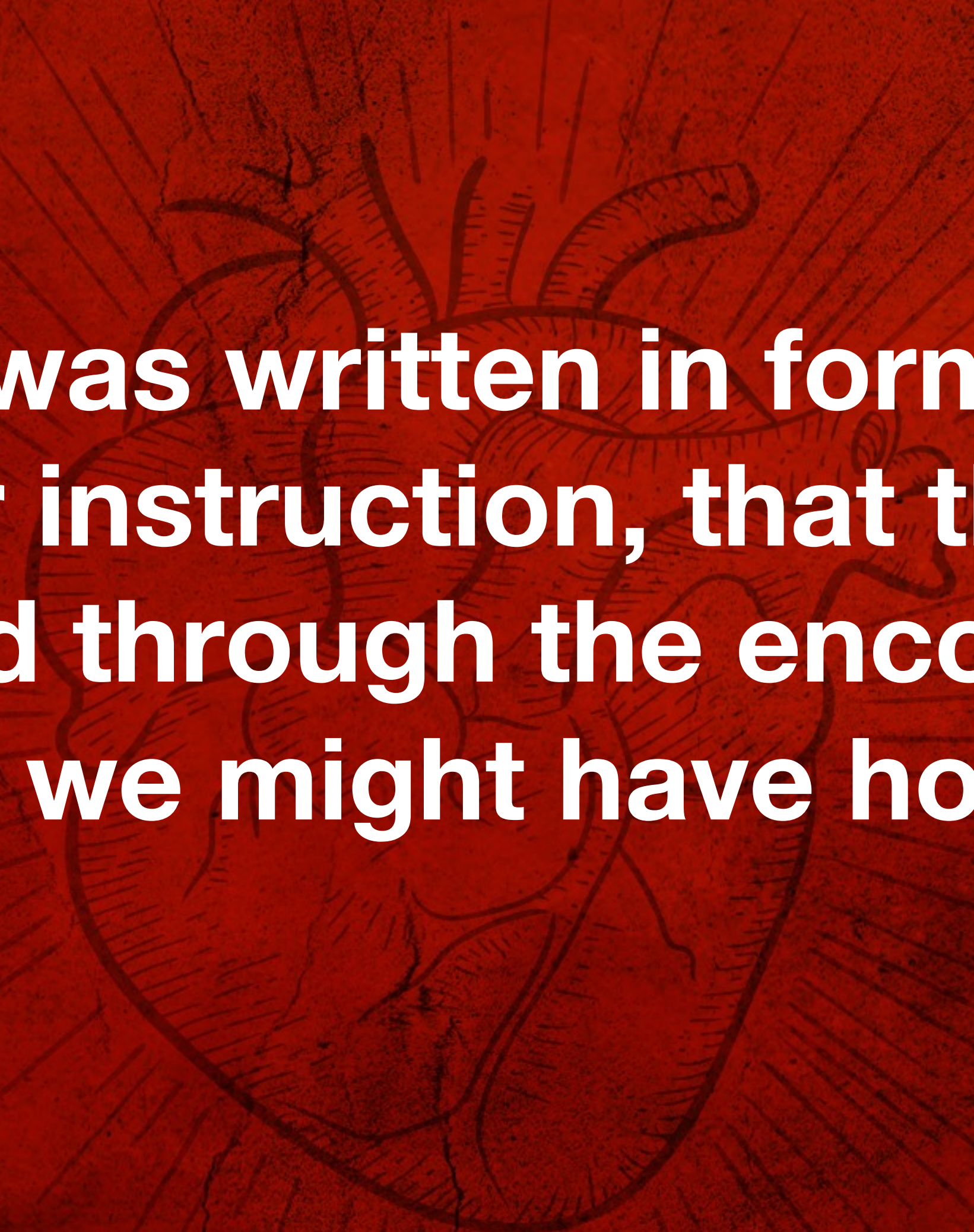
**Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.**

Hebrews 11:1 NIV



**Assurance – Hypostasis – a legal document
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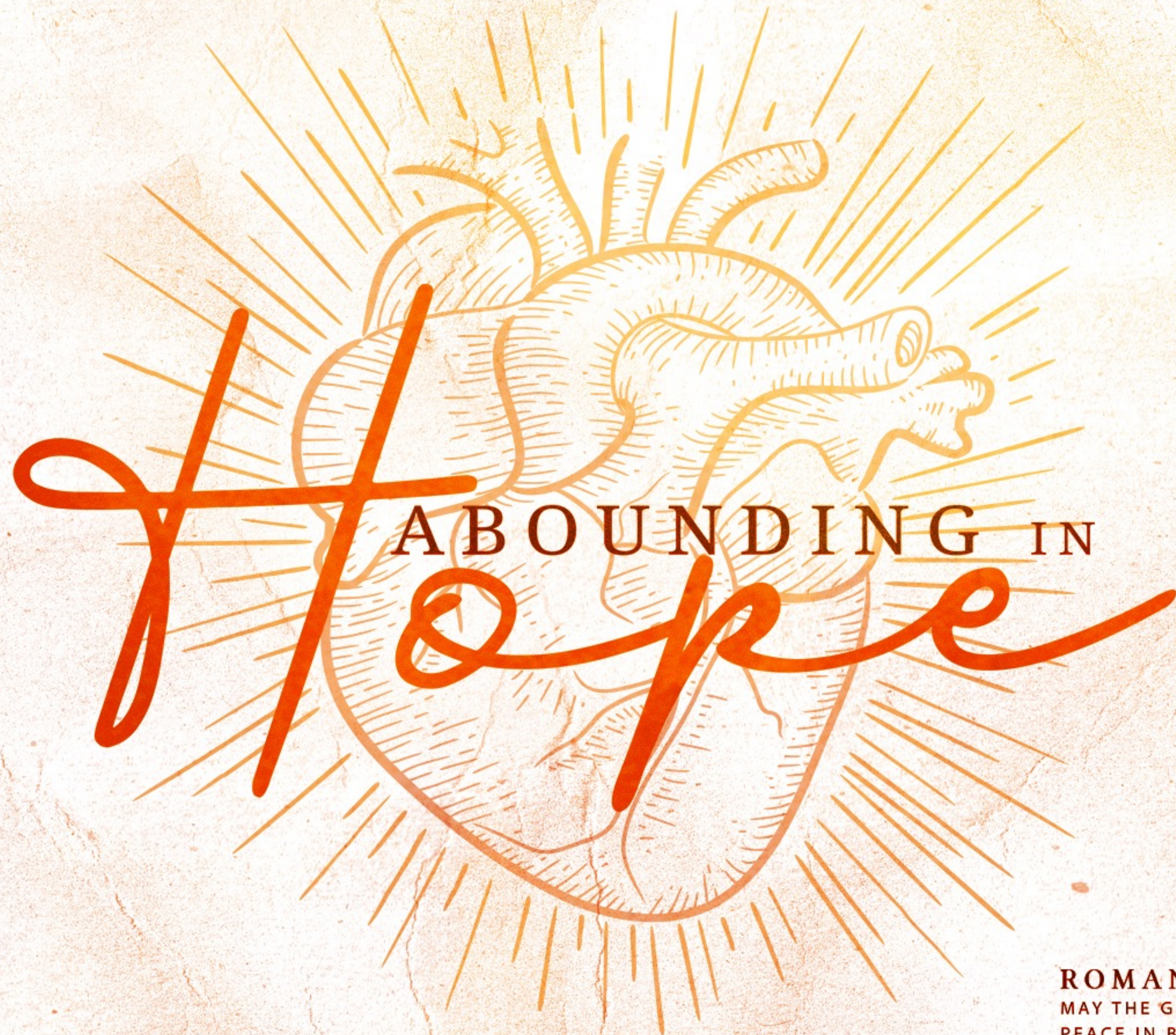
**Conviction – Elenchos – realizing the truth
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For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4 ESV

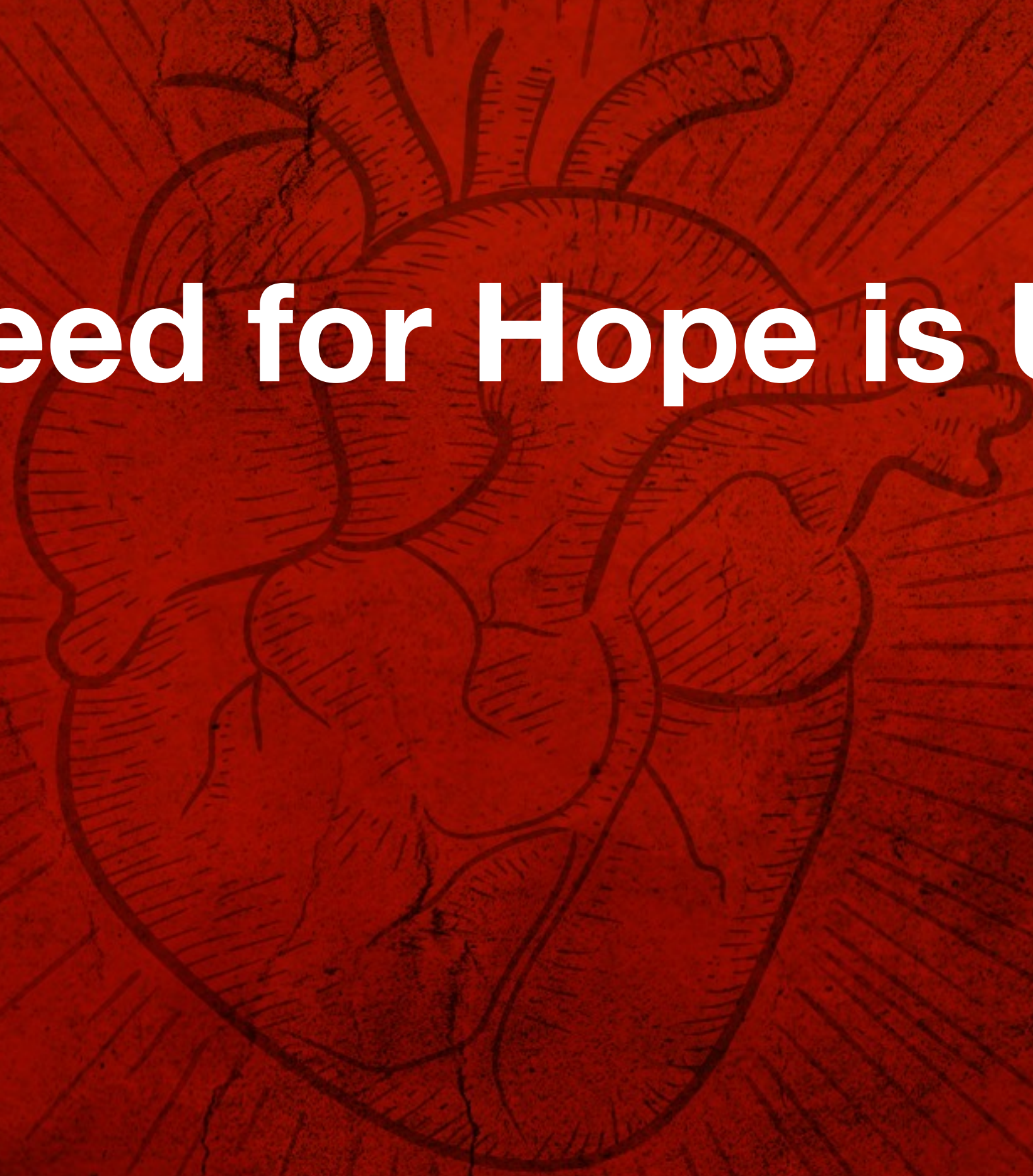
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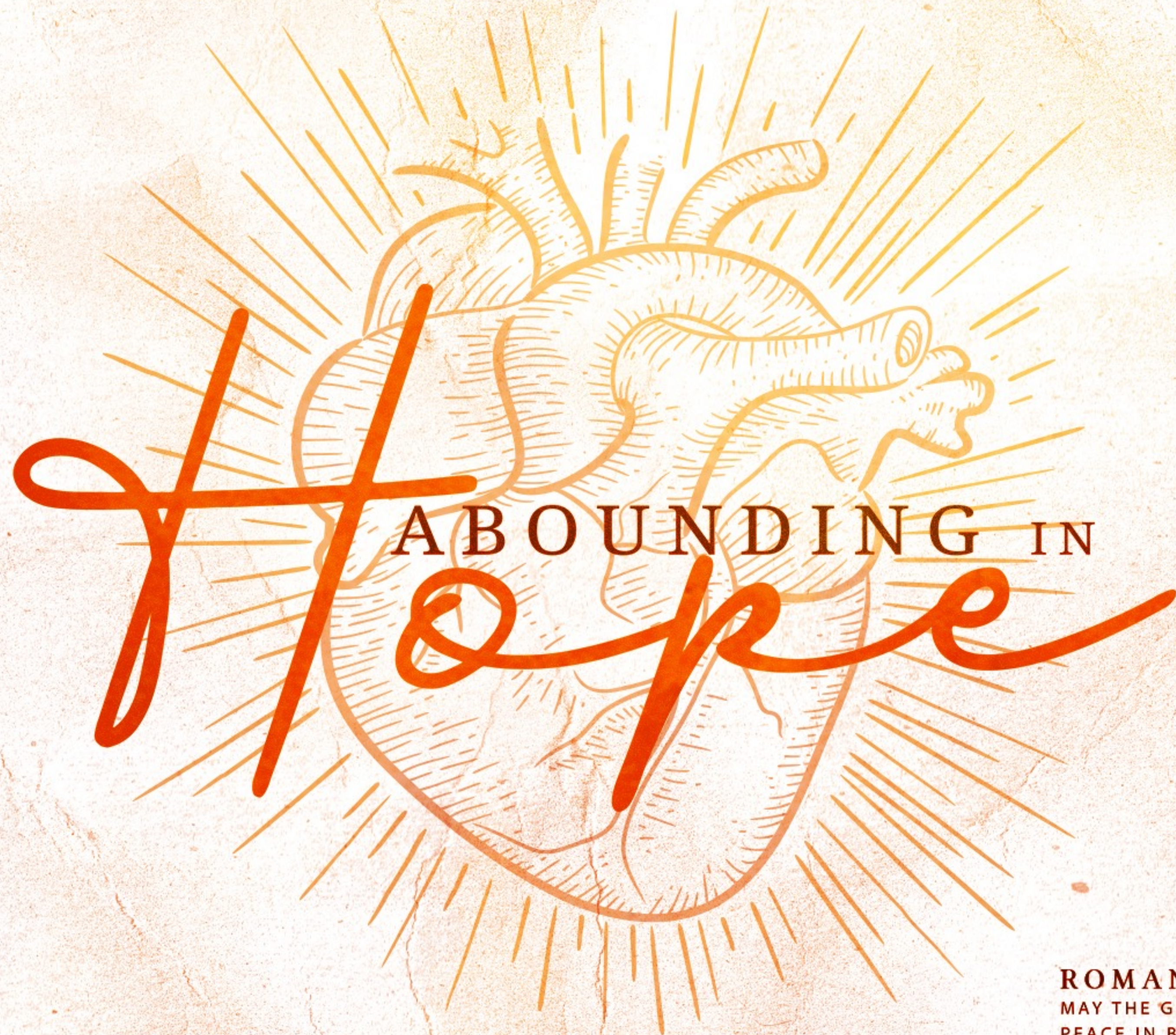
1. The Need for Hope is Universal



For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 ESV

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2. Hope Begins with Godly Fear



**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord,
who could stand? But with you there is
forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4 ESV

**But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear
him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Psalm 147:11 ESV

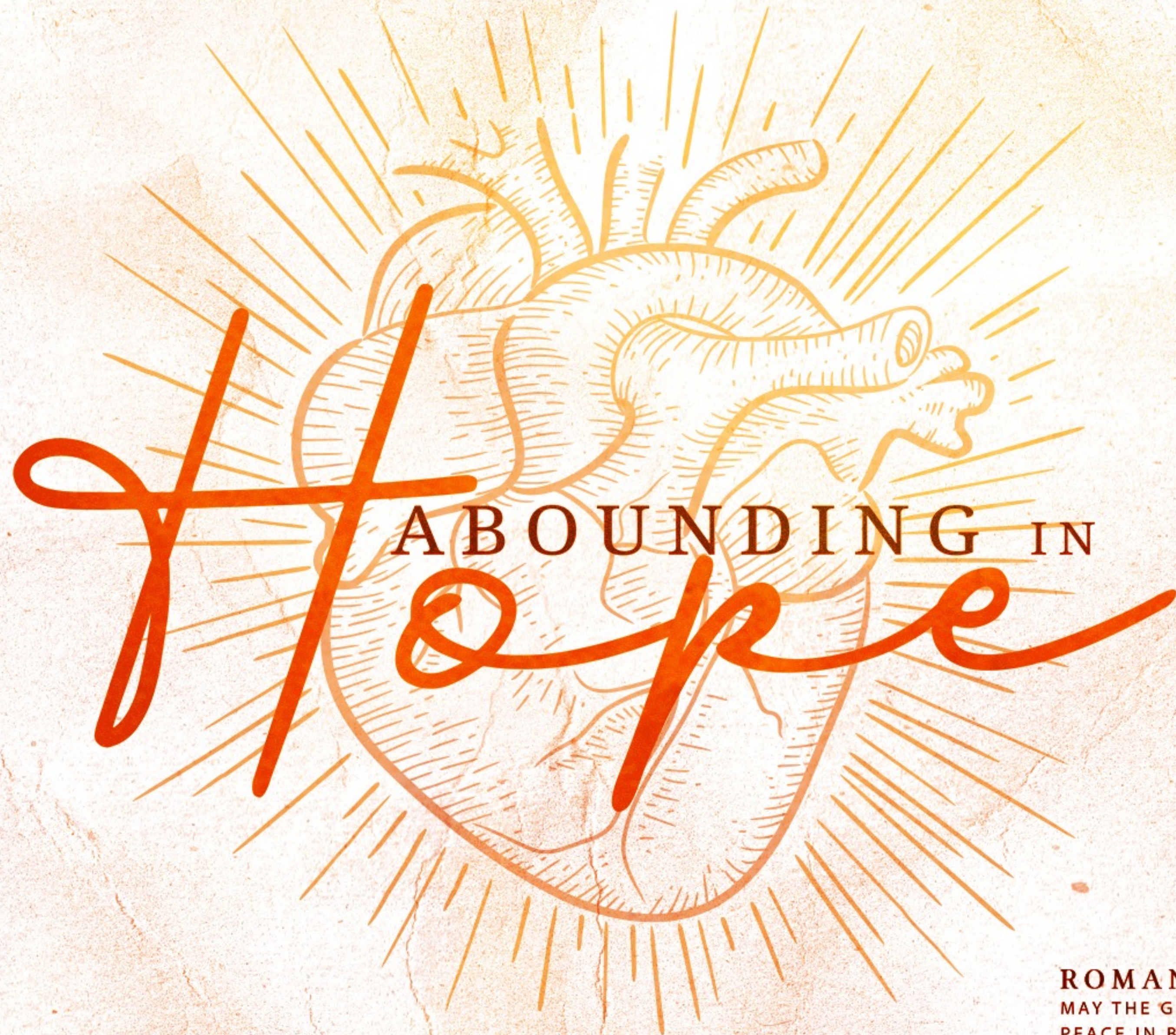
**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
knowledge...**

Proverbs 1:7 ESV

**Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in
your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

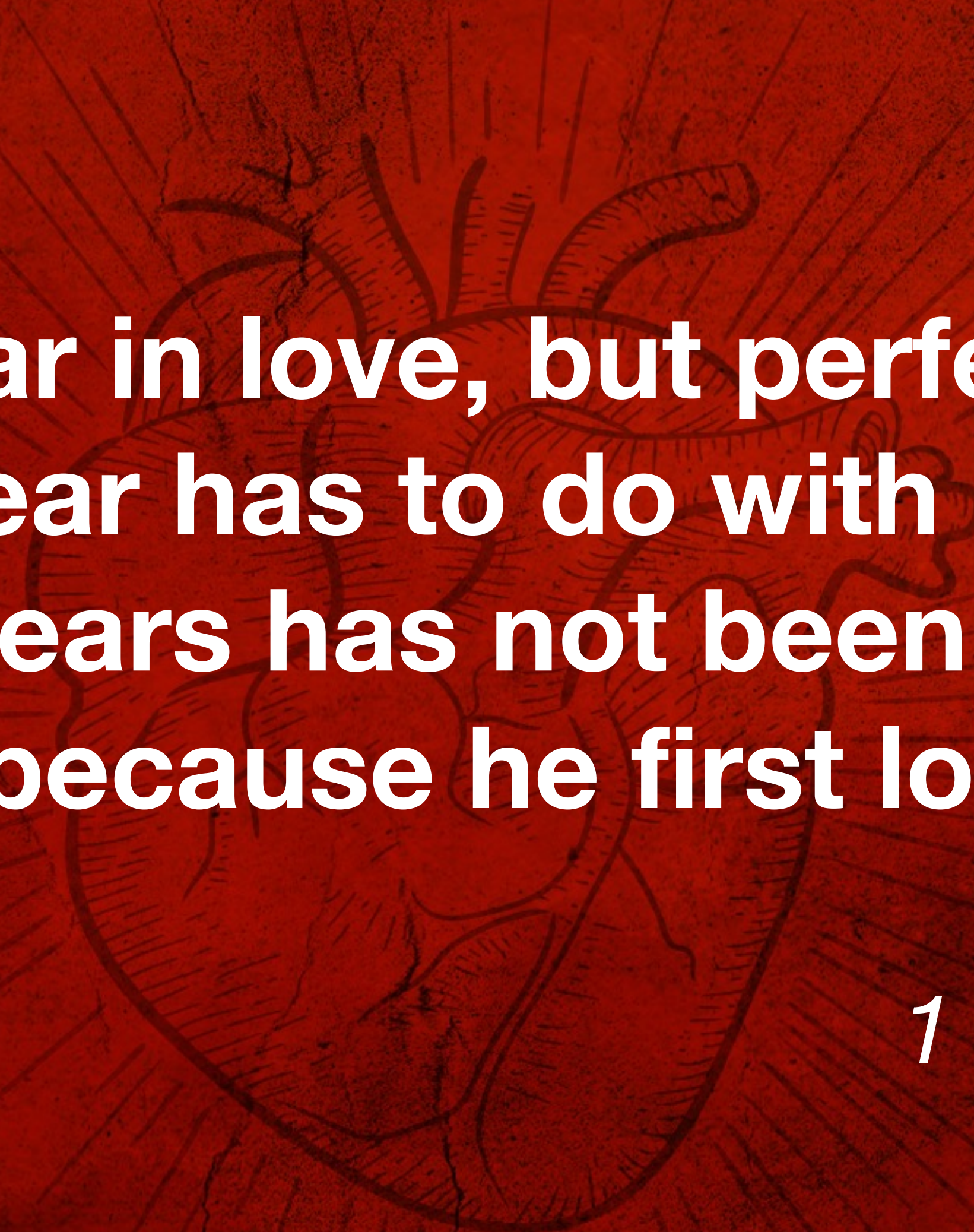
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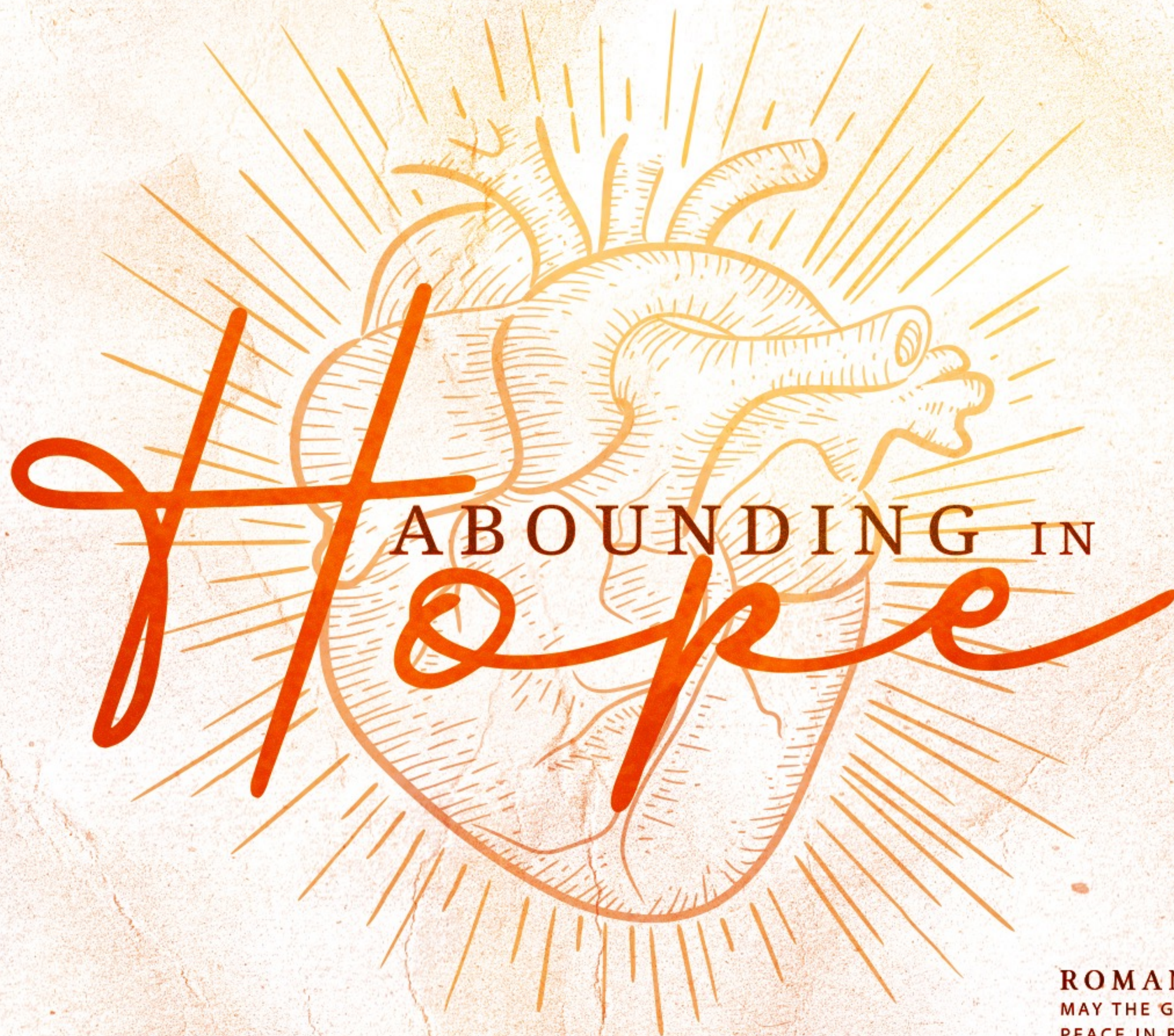
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There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

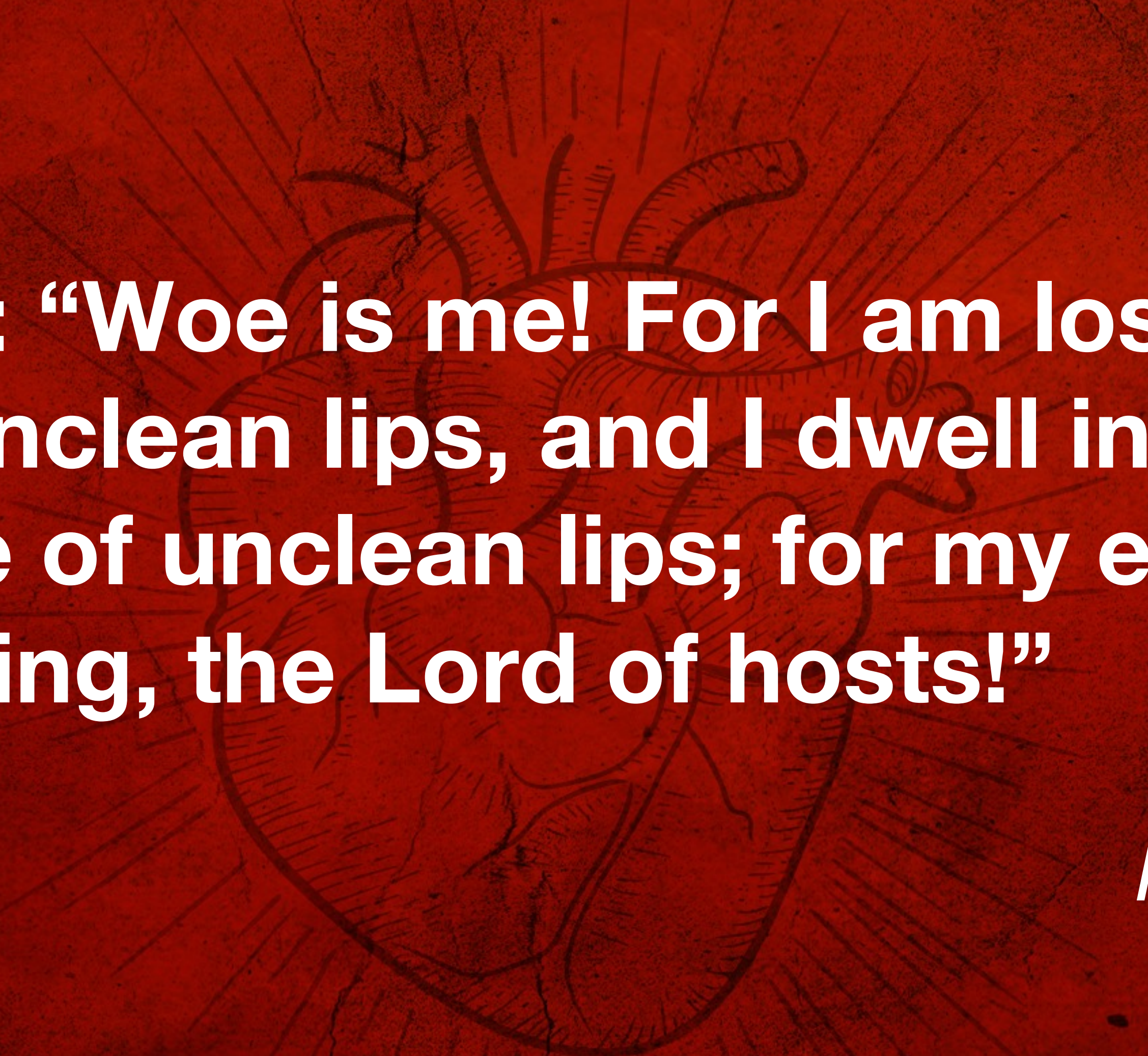
1 John 4:18-19 ESV

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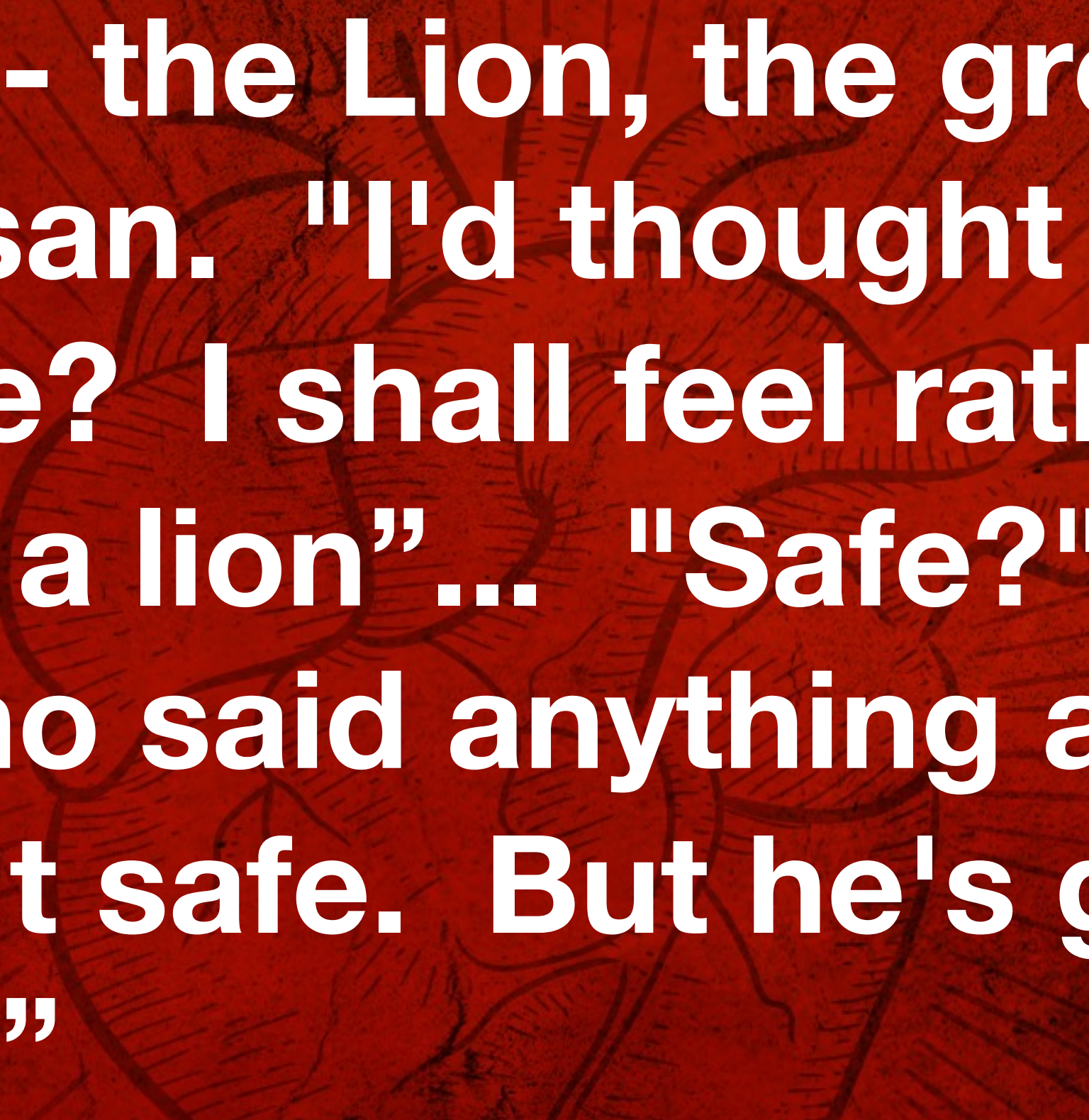


And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:5 ESV

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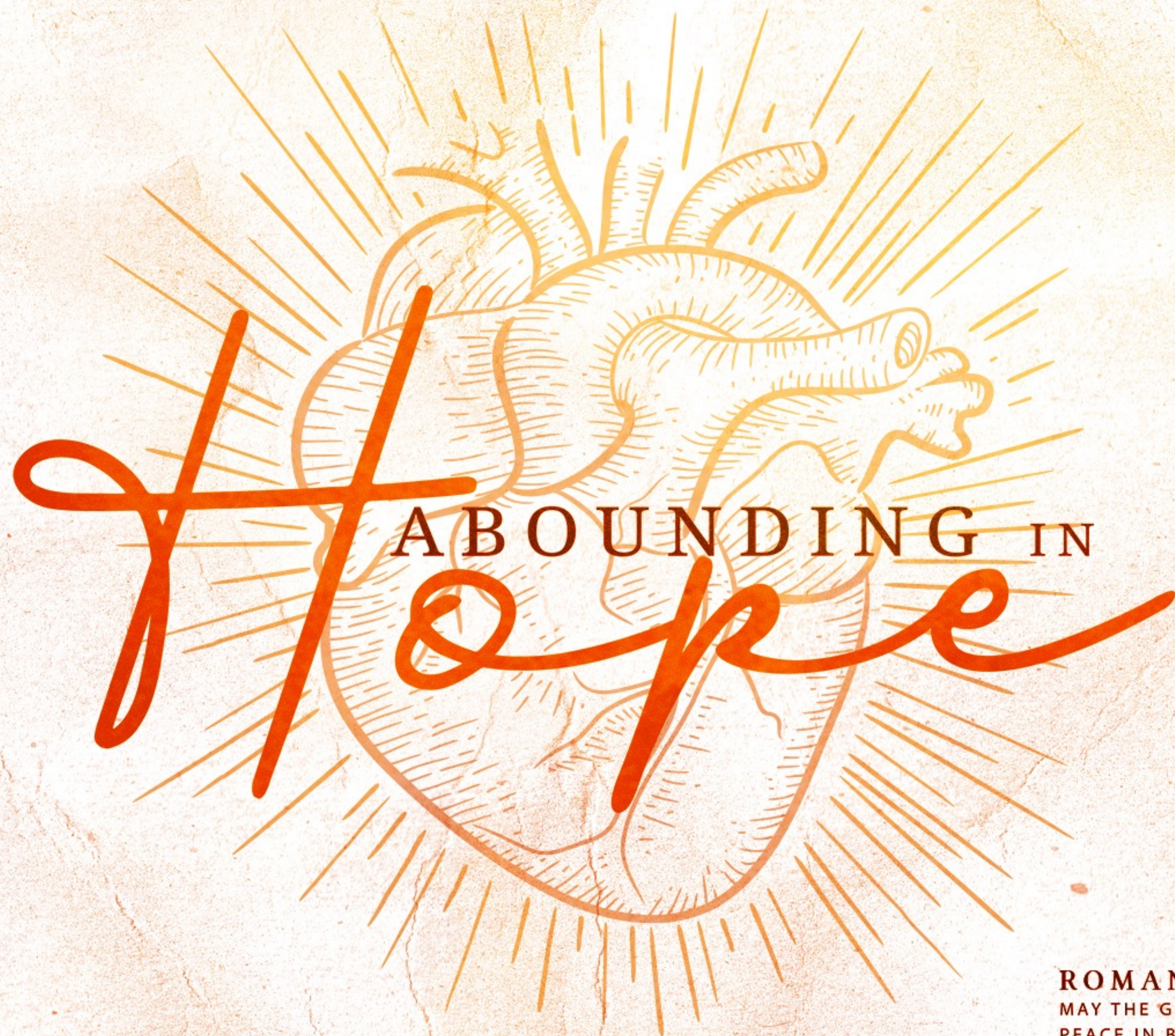




**“Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion.”
"Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man.
Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous
about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr.
Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe?
'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the
King, I tell you.”**

*— C.S. Lewis:
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

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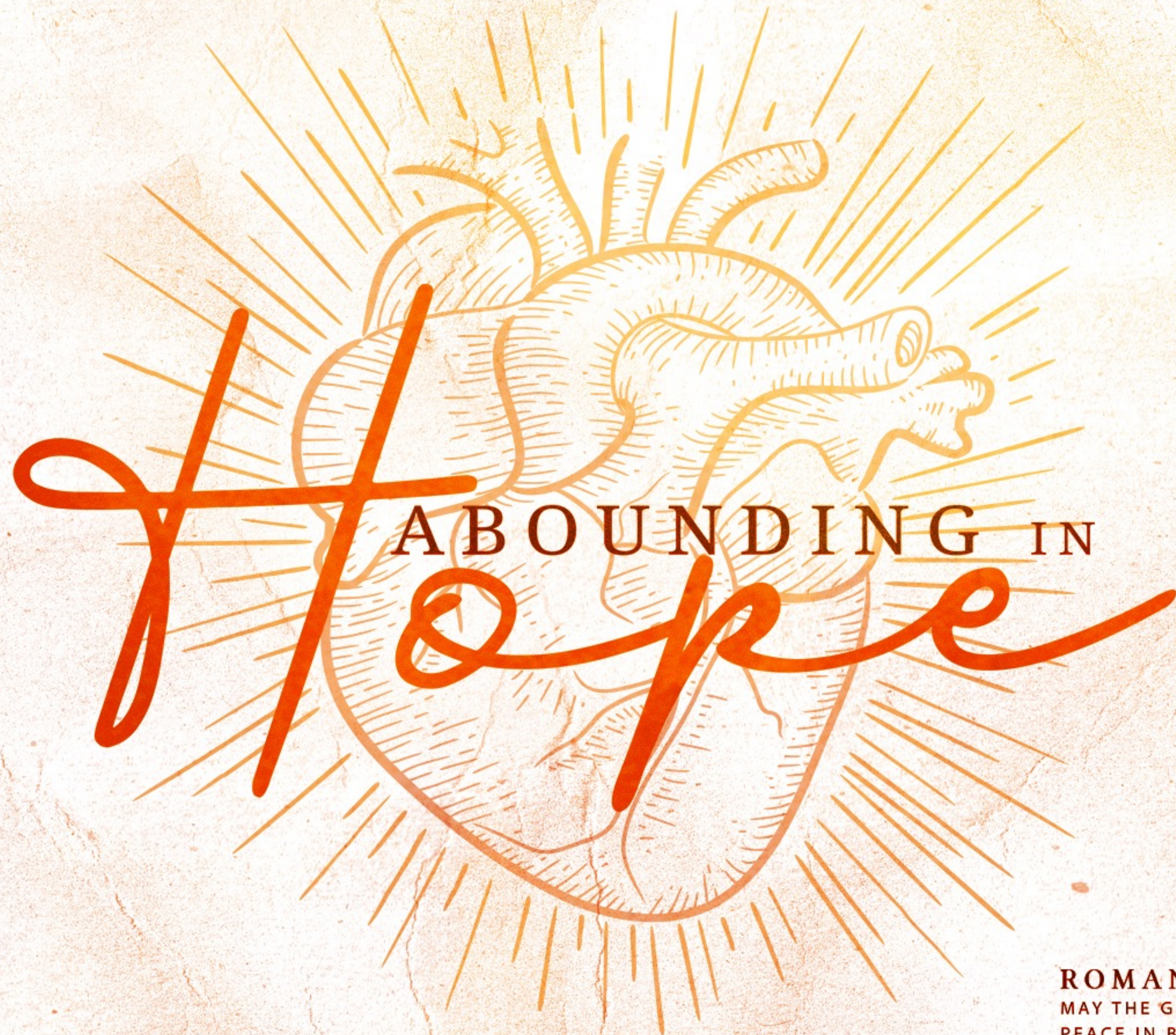
Mather Point view illuminated during a stormy sunset. NPS-M.Quinn



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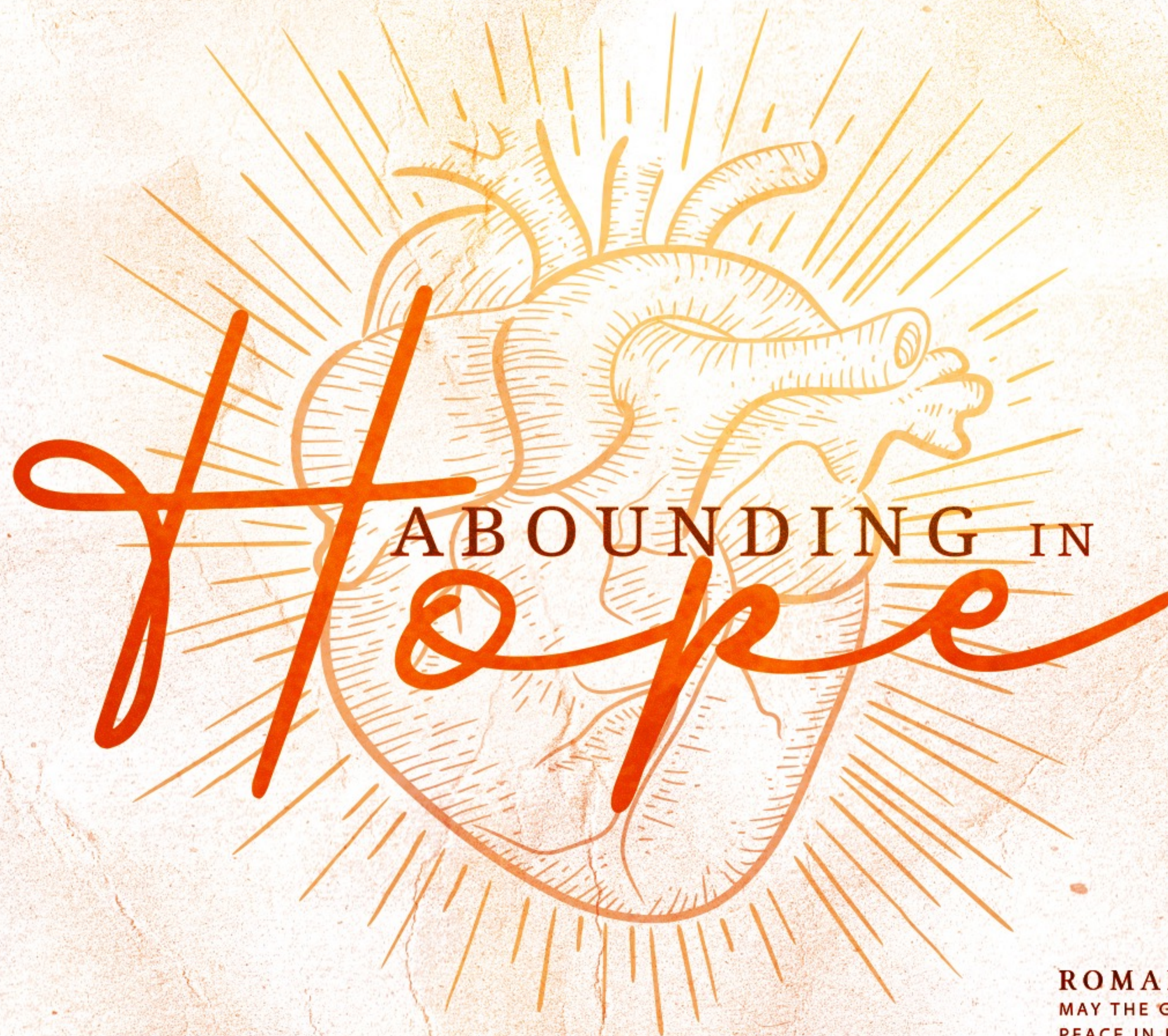
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**When a man's folly brings his way to ruin,
his heart rages against the Lord.**

Proverbs 19:3 ESV

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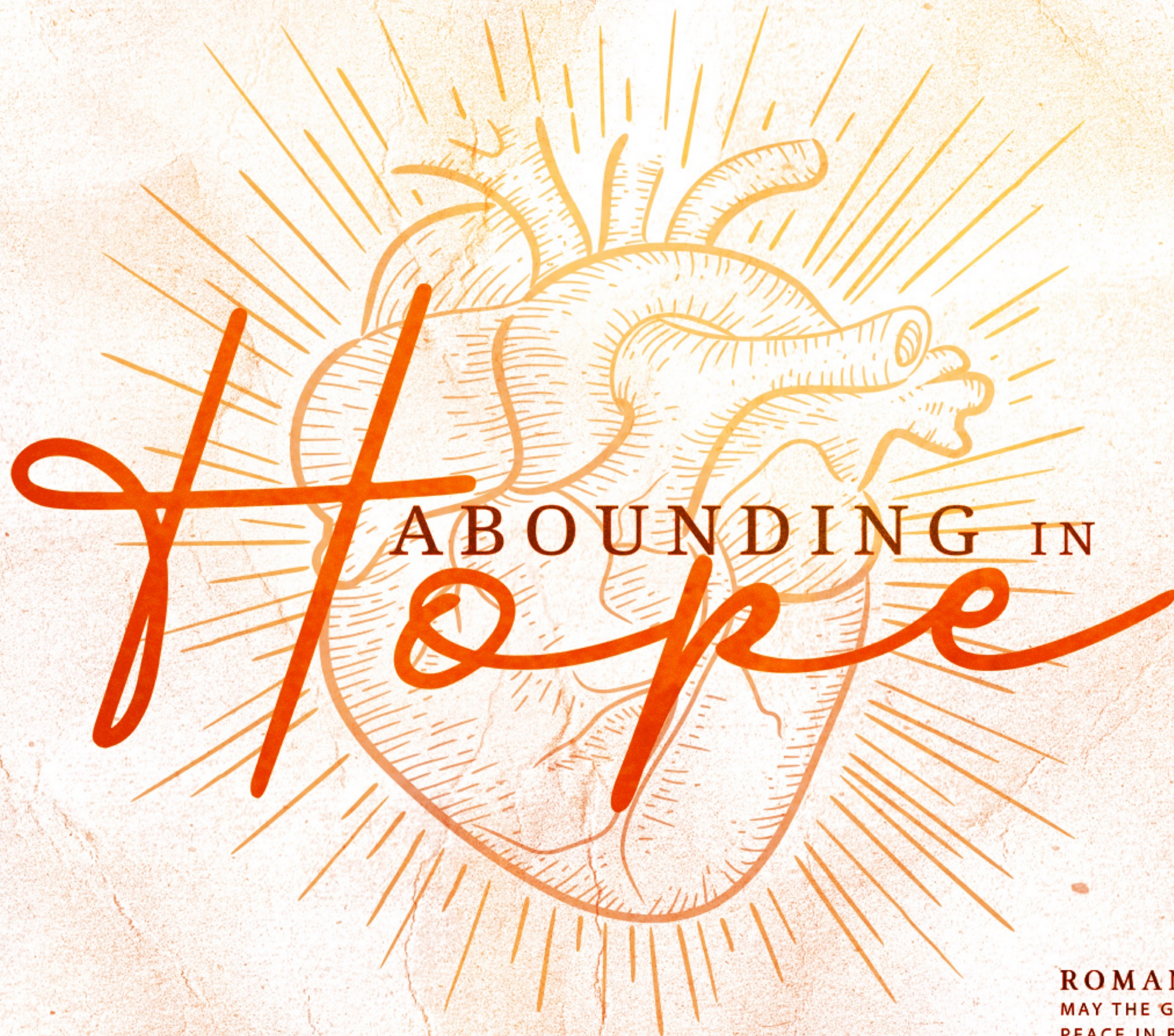
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Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Job 38:1-5 ESV

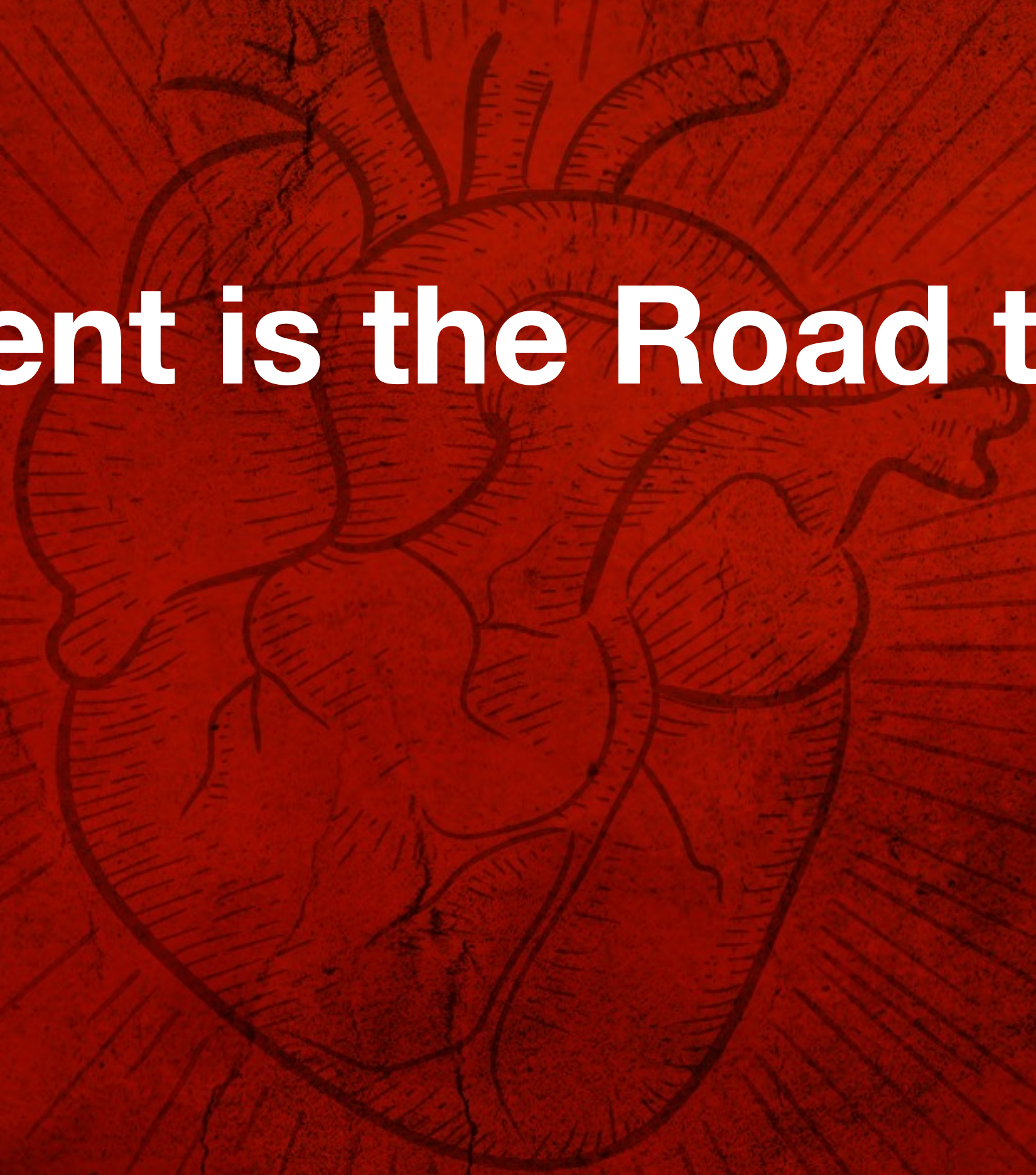
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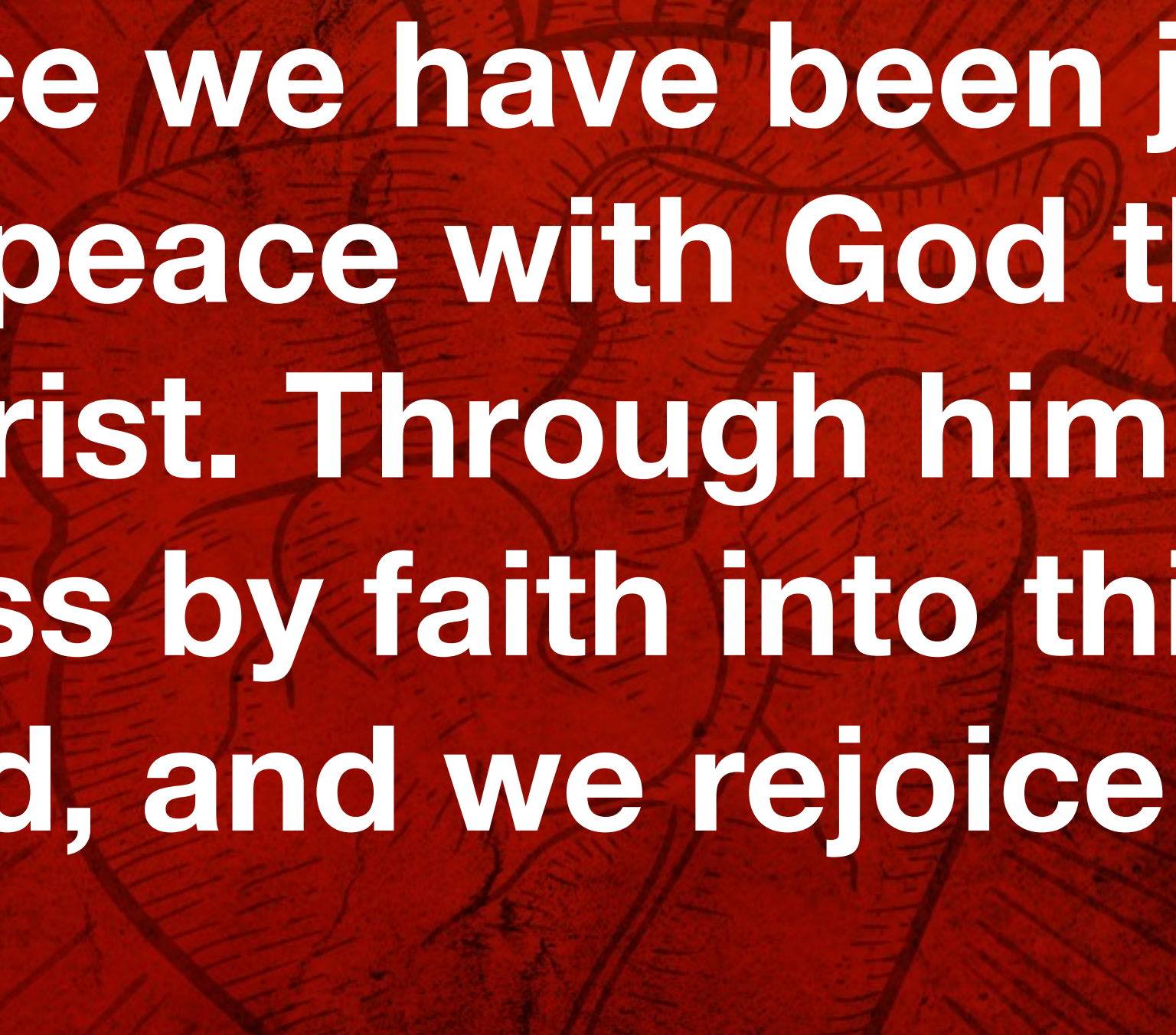


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3. Lament is the Road to Hope



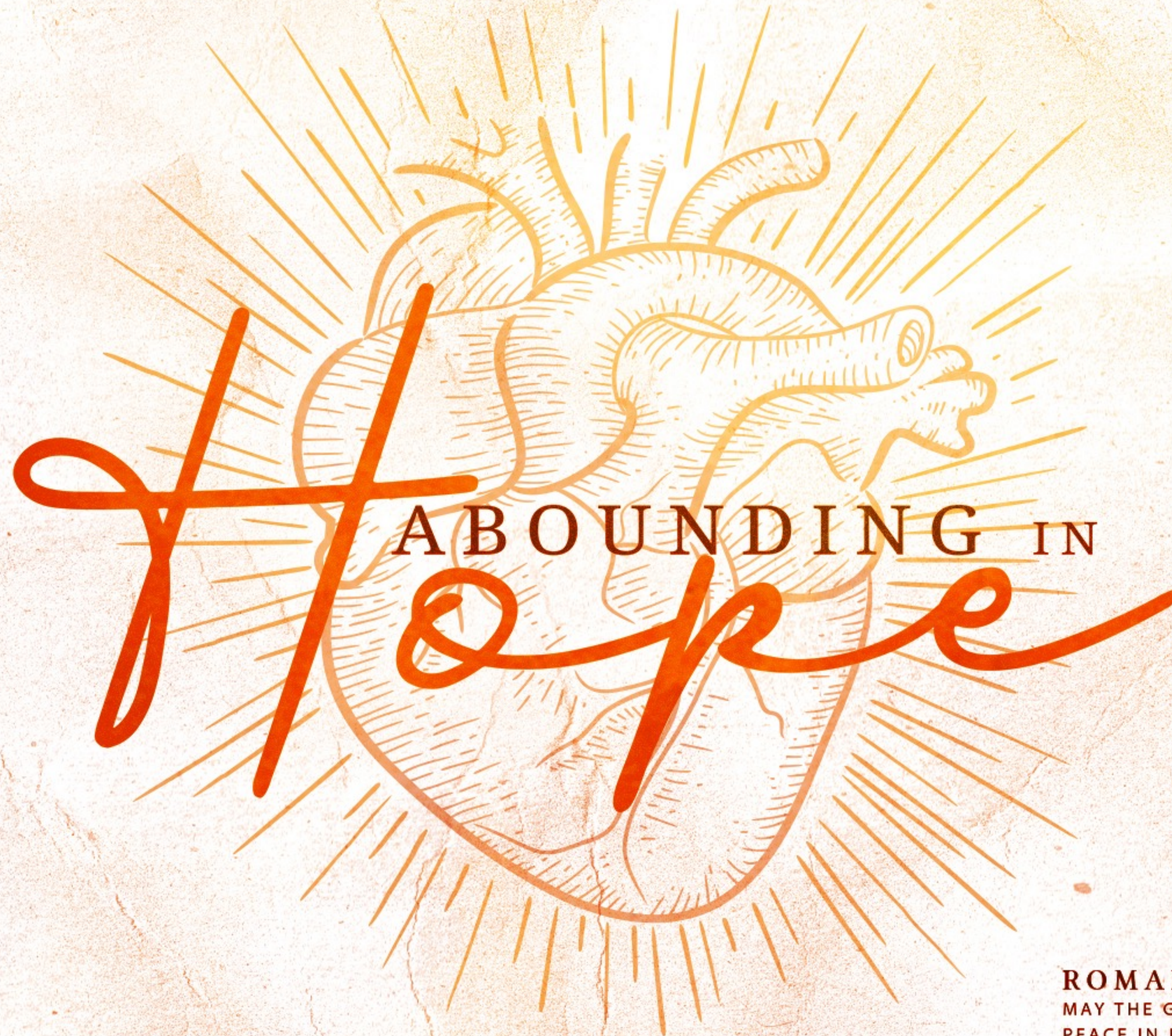


Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

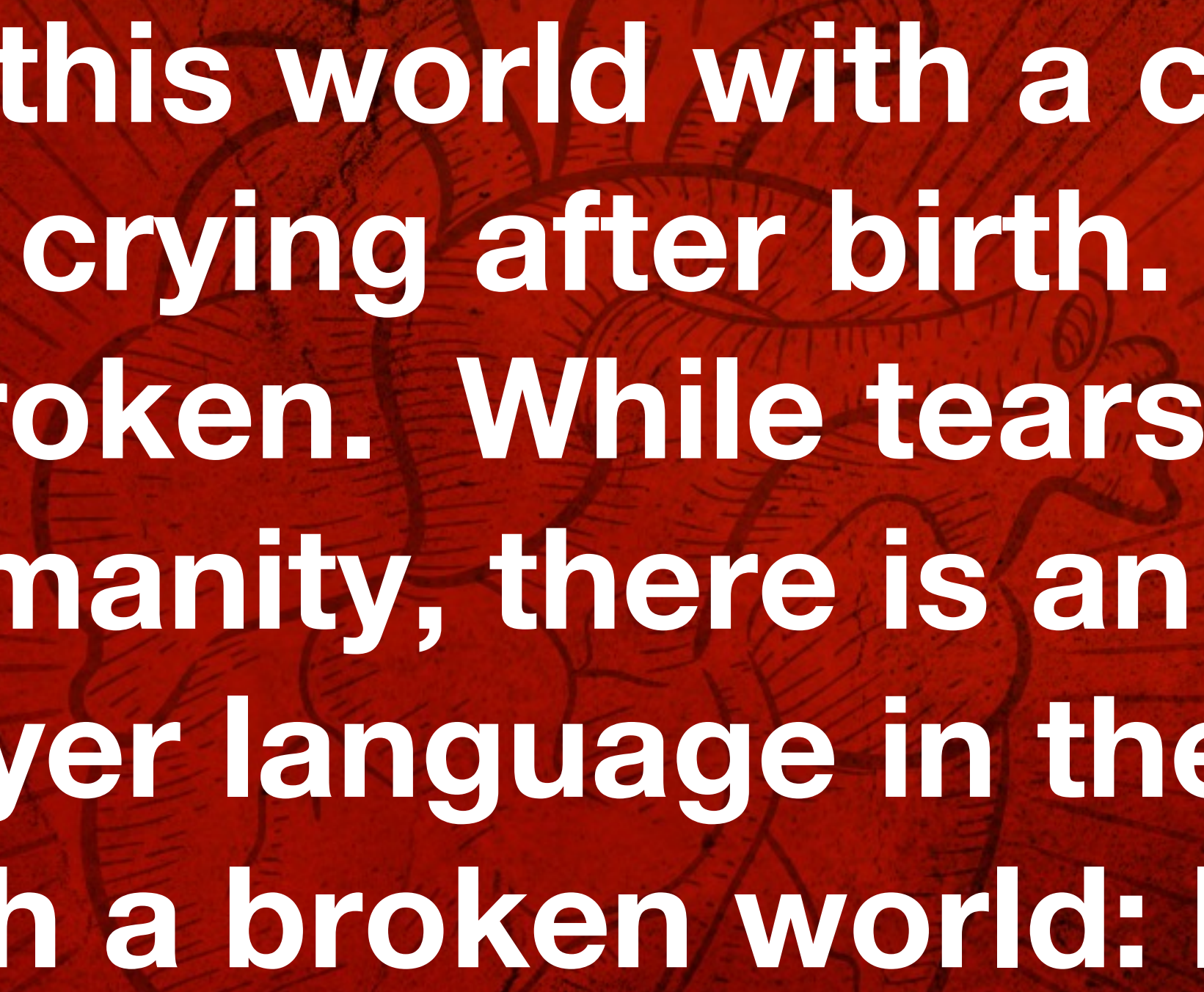
Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5 ESV

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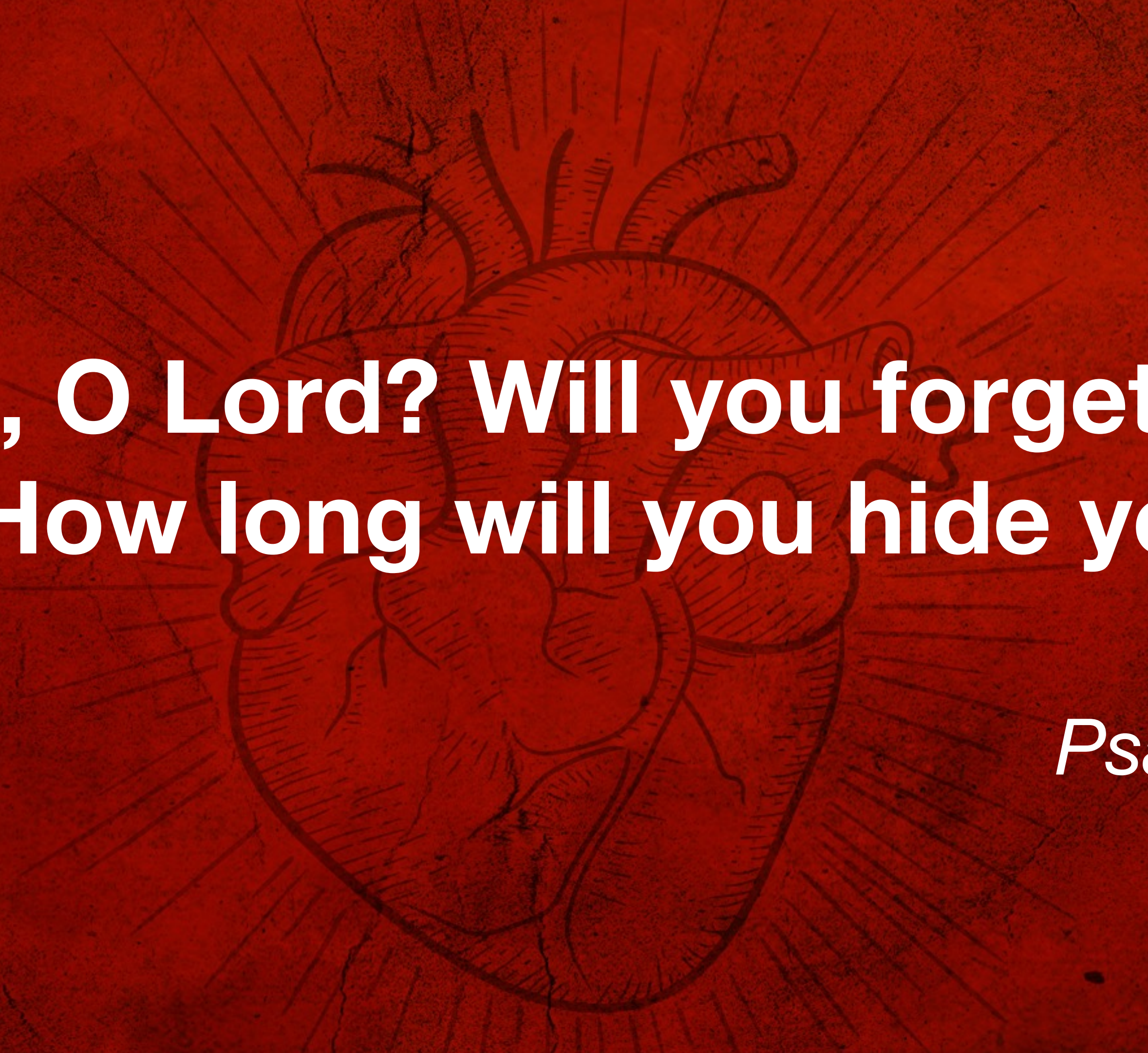
**“We step into this world with a cry (birth)...
We don’t stop crying after birth. It is because
the world is broken. While tears and sorry are
part of our humanity, there is an often-
neglected prayer language in the Bible for our
travels through a broken world: lament.”**

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4 Steps to Lamenting Well:

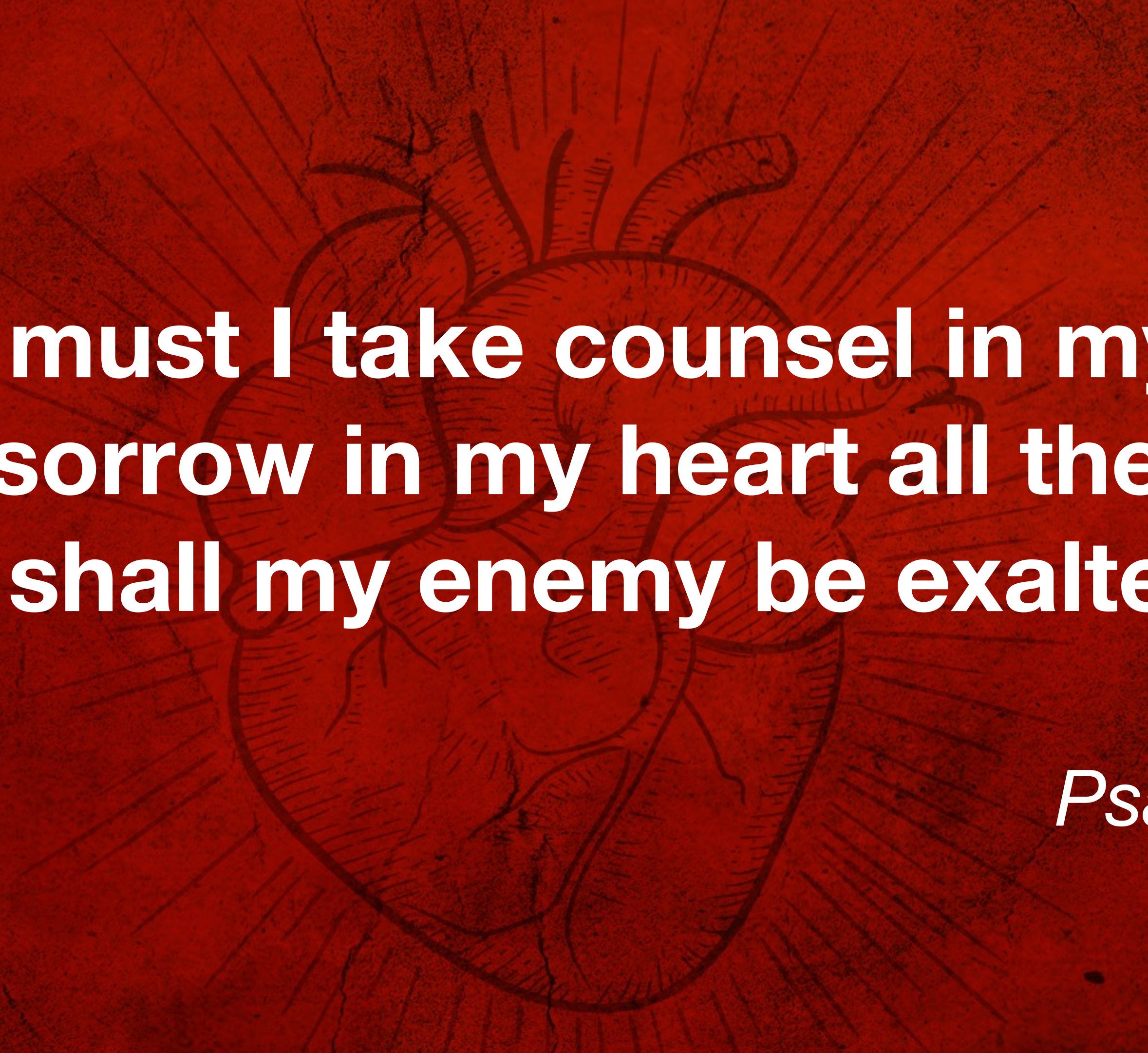


Turn to God
Bring Your Complaint
Ask Boldly for Help
Choose to Trust God



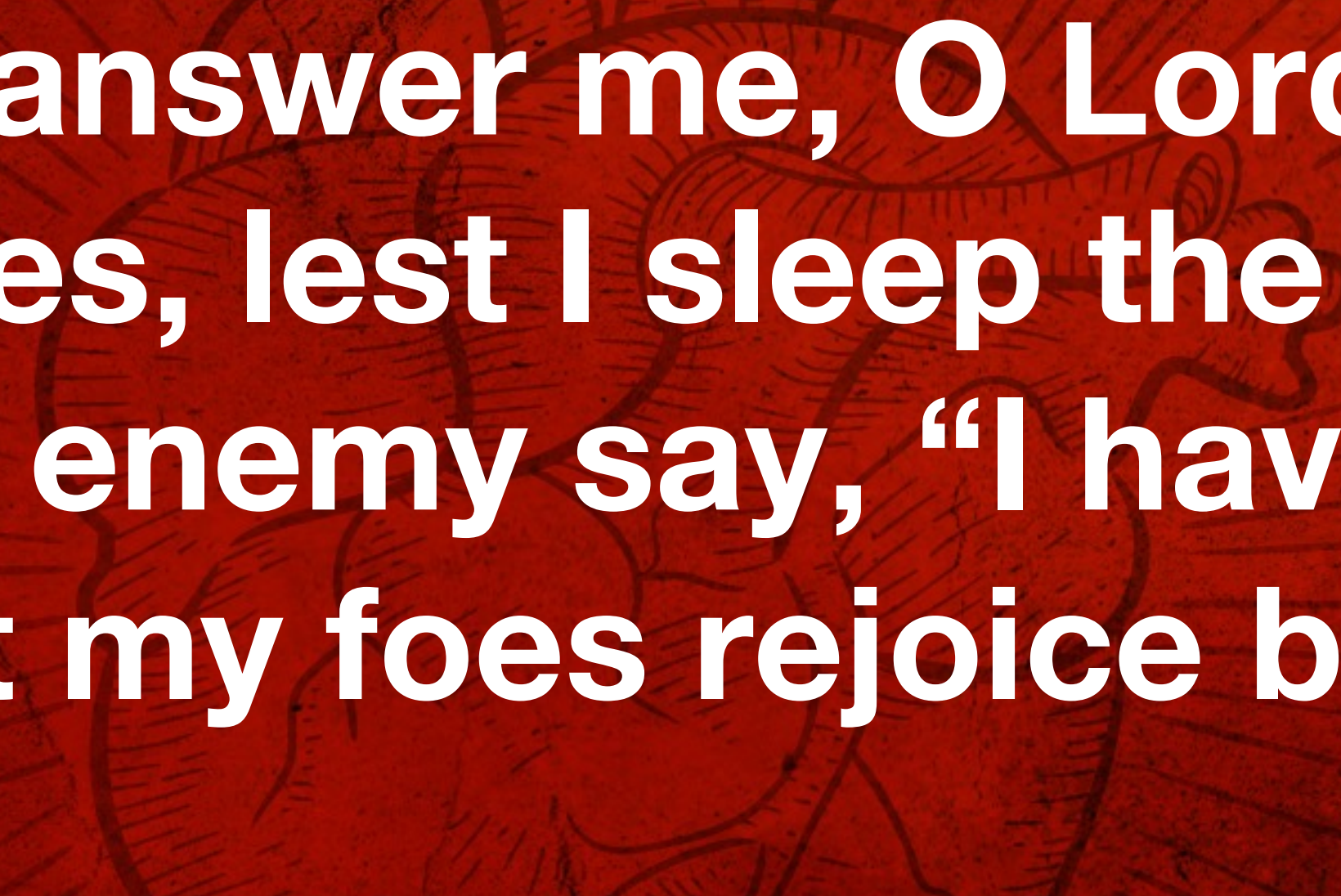
**How long, O Lord? Will you forget me
forever? How long will you hide your face
from me?**

Psalm 13:1 ESV



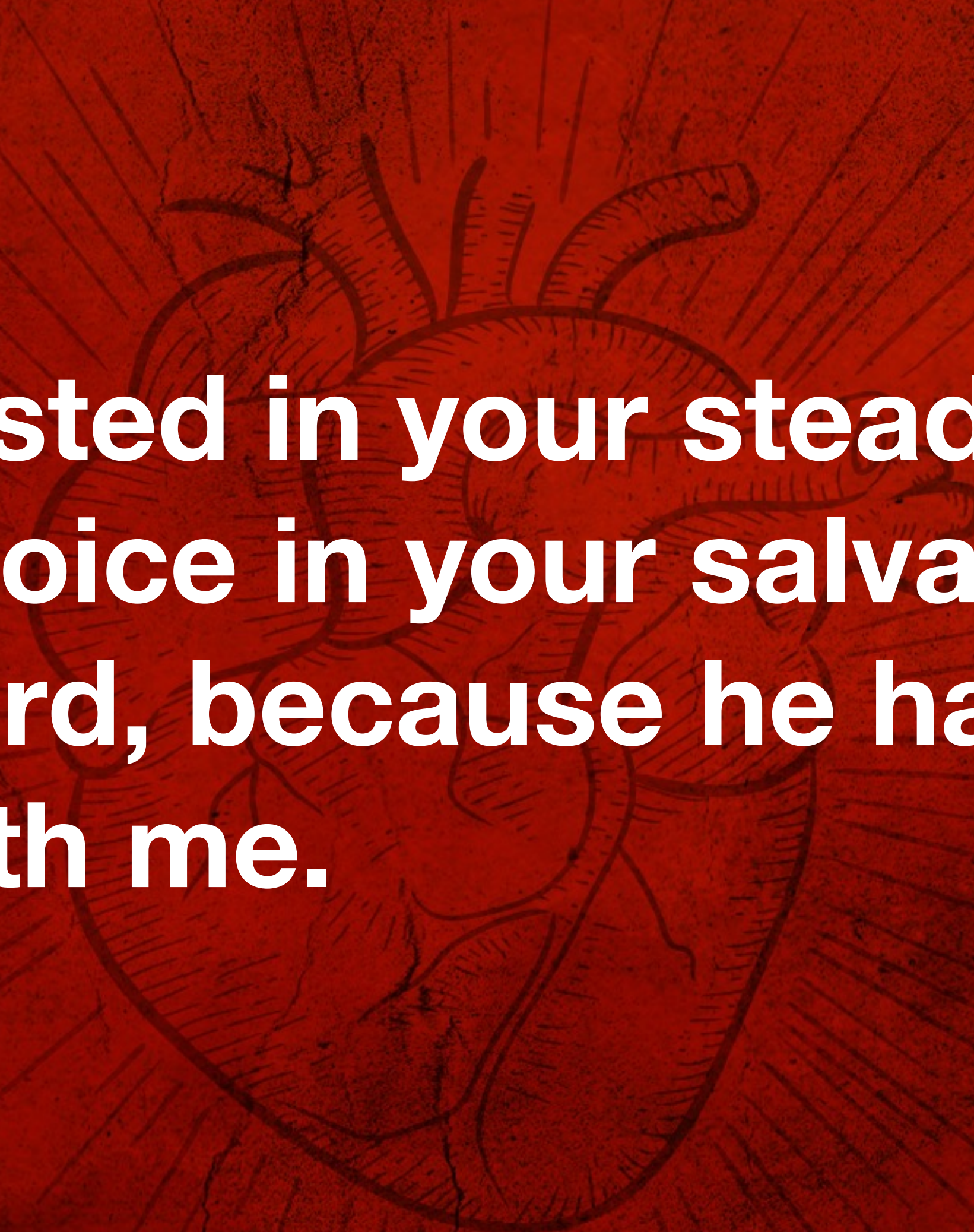
**How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over
me?**

Psalm 13:2 ESV



**Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of
death, lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed
over him,” lest my foes rejoice because I
am shaken.**

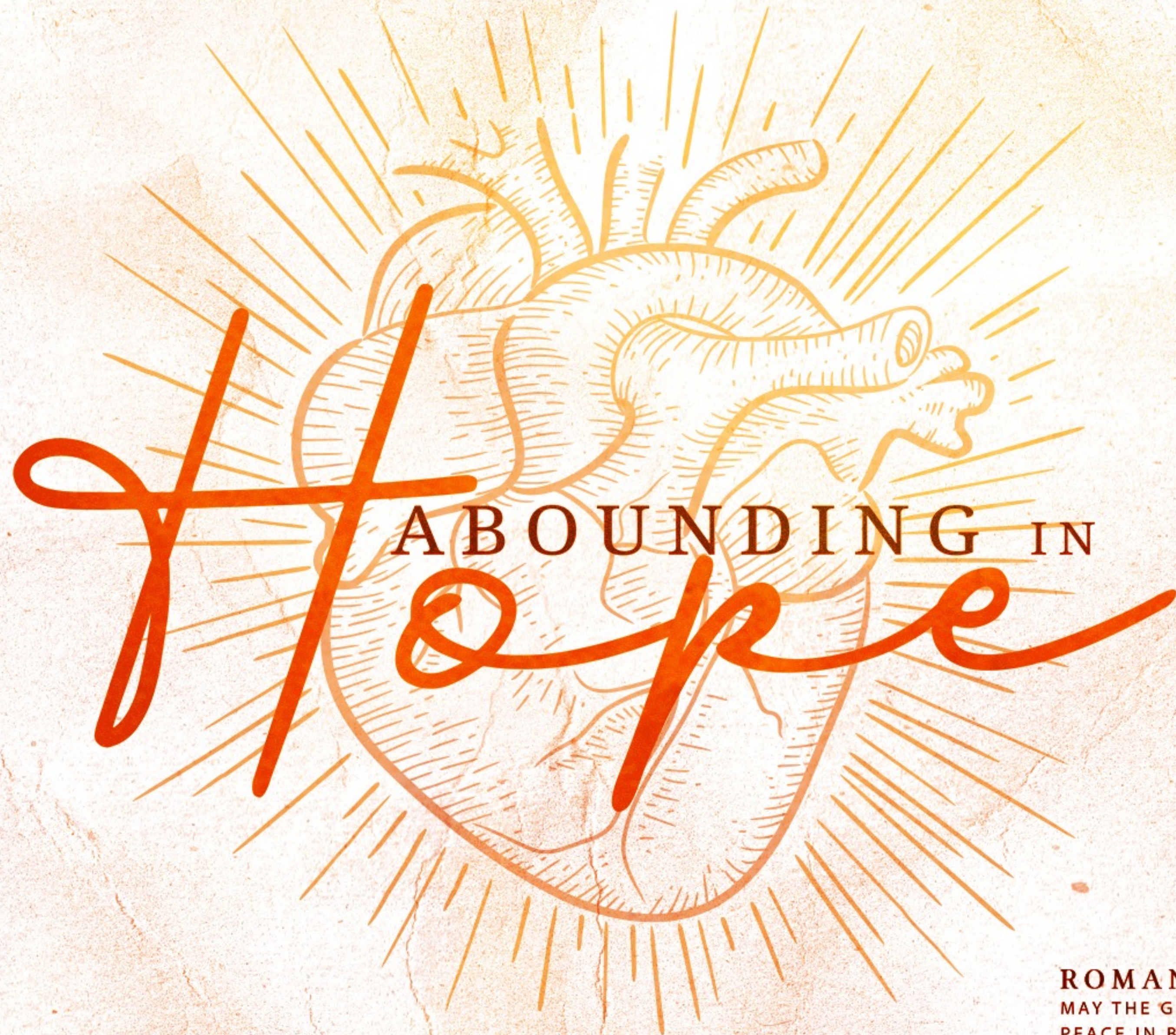
Psalm 13:3-4 ESV



But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13:5-6 ESV

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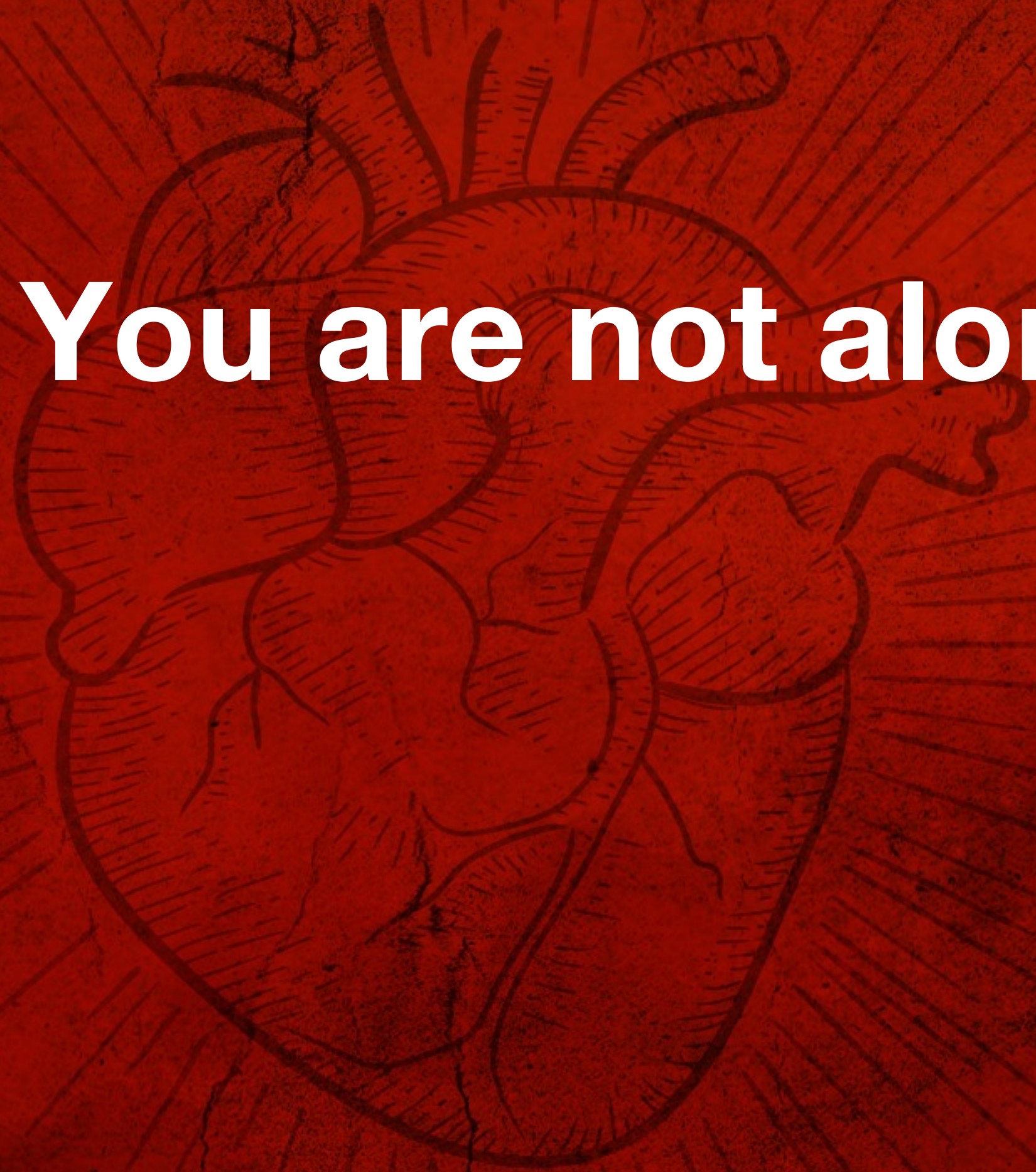
“Talking to God instead of getting sinfully angry or embittered requires biblical conviction... Laments turn toward God when sorrow tempts you to run from him... Laments interpret the world through a biblical lens... because we know the long arc of God’s plan: creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.”

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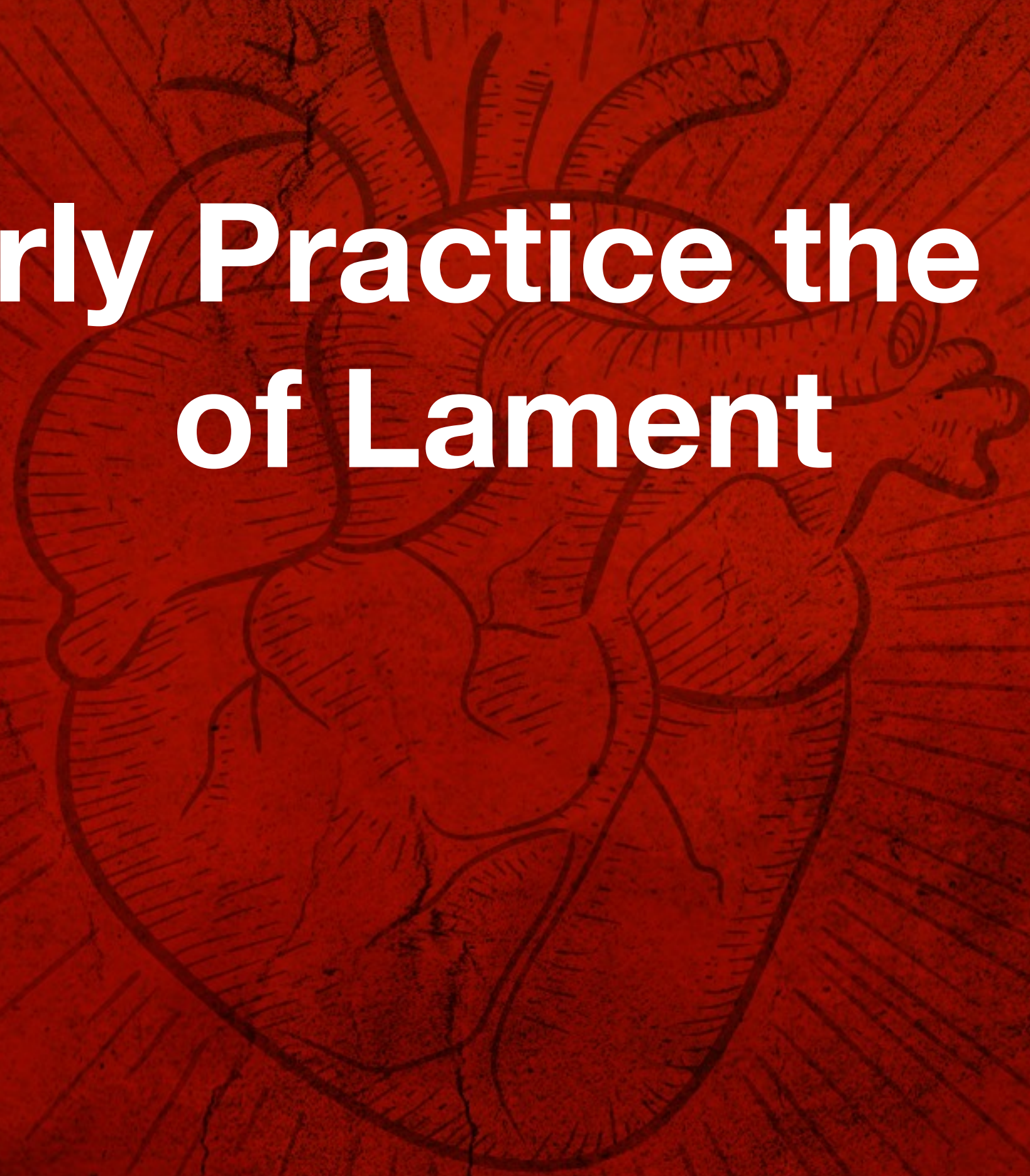


2. Increase Your Holy Fear of God?

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Psalm 147:11 ESV

3. Regularly Practice the Discipline of Lament



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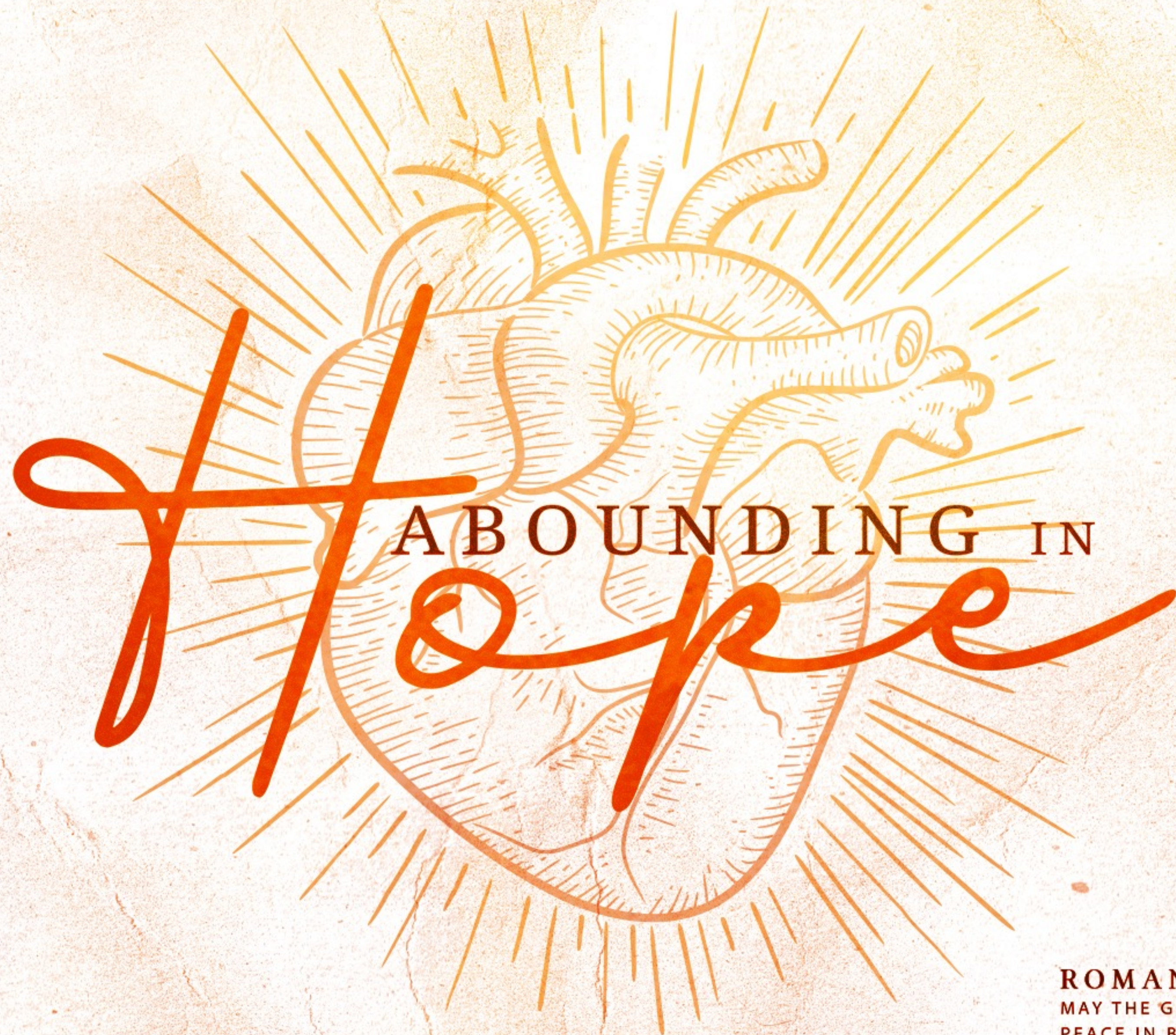
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