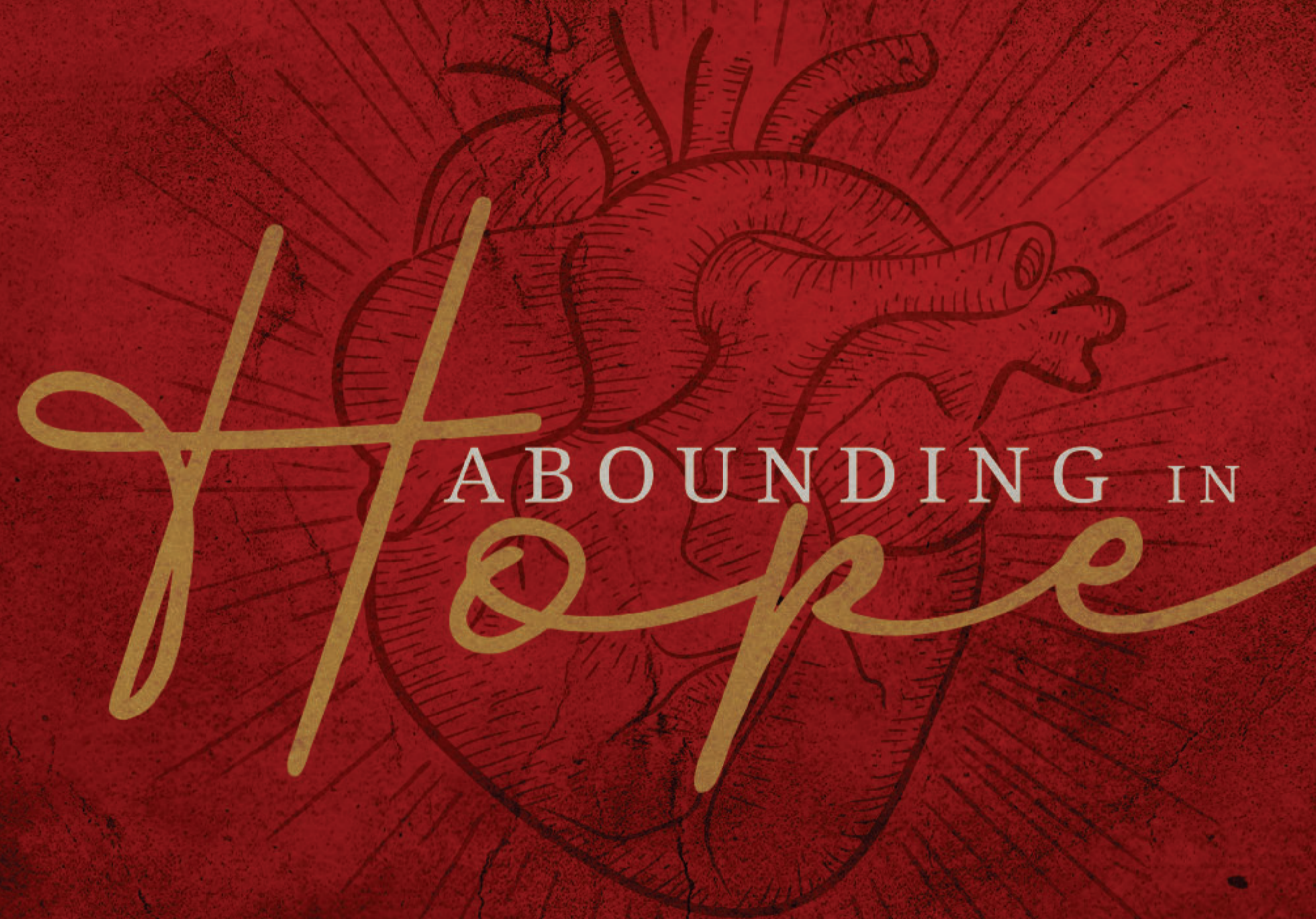


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**Our Ultimate Hope:  
The Return of Christ & our Eternal Home**



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

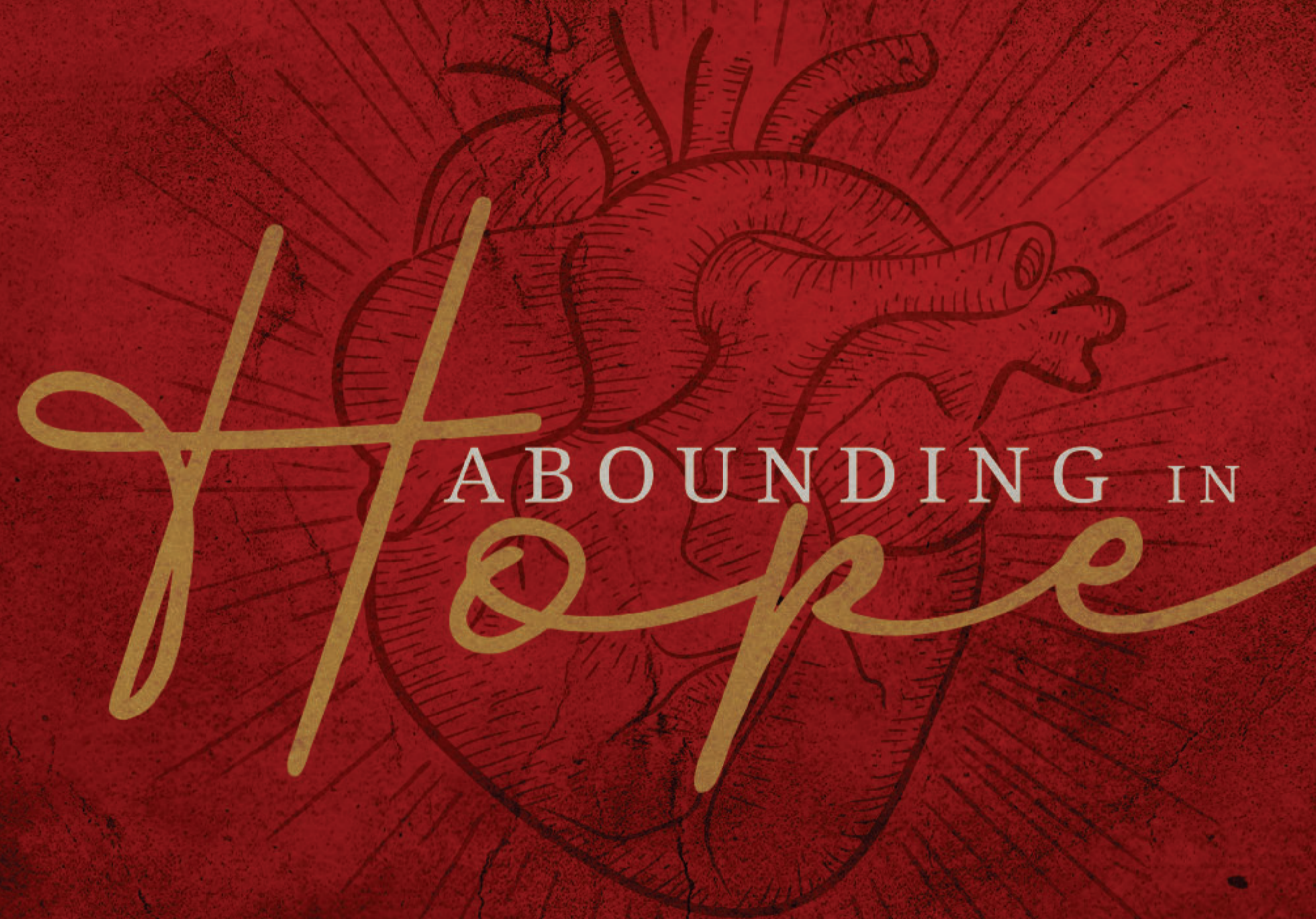


May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the **Holy Spirit** you may abound in hope.

*Romans 15:13 ESV*



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**But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no **hope**.... For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.**

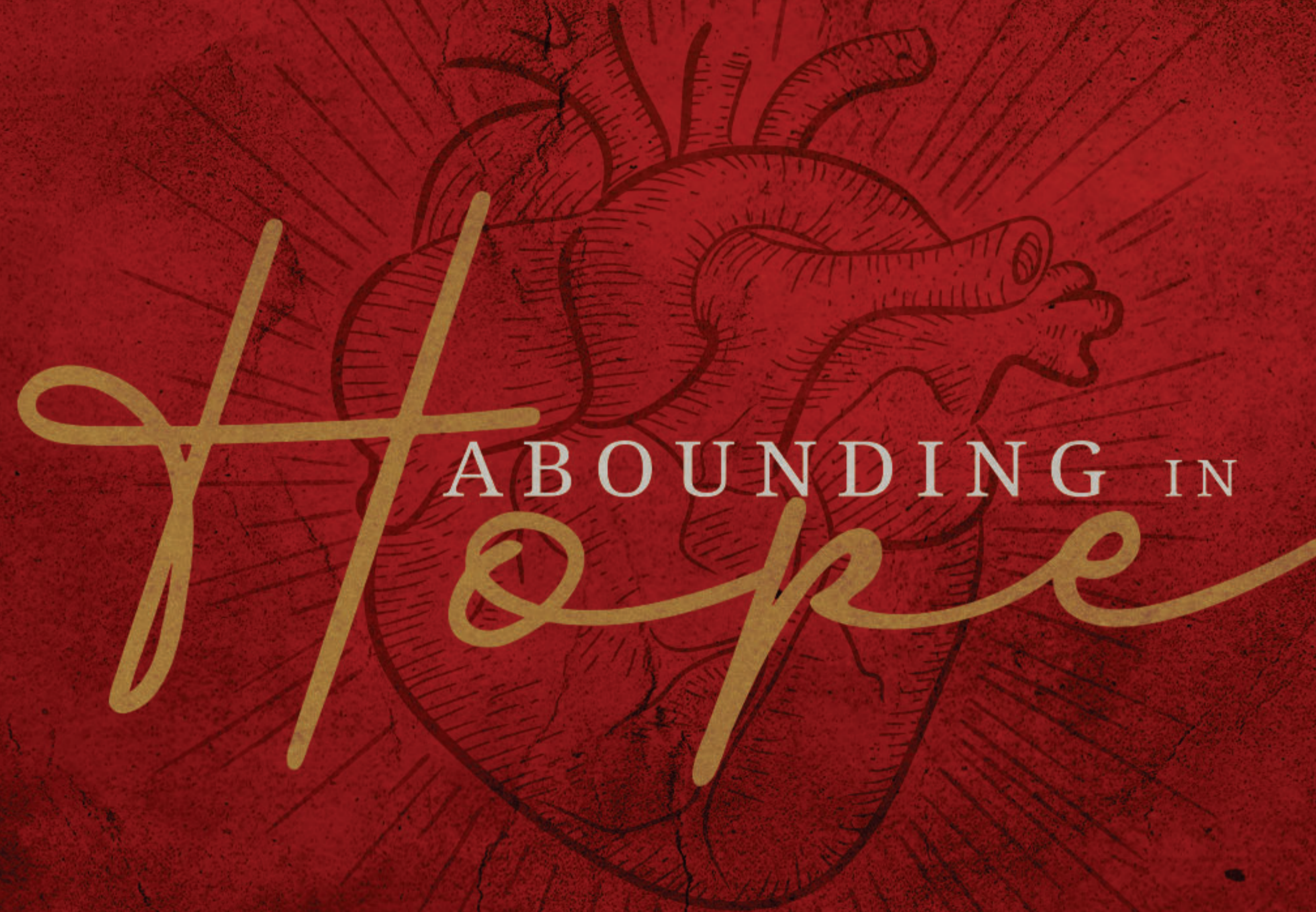


**Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.**

*1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-17 ESV*



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**I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.**



**For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

*1 Corinthians 15:50-53 ESV*



# 1. This World is Not Our Home



**For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked....**

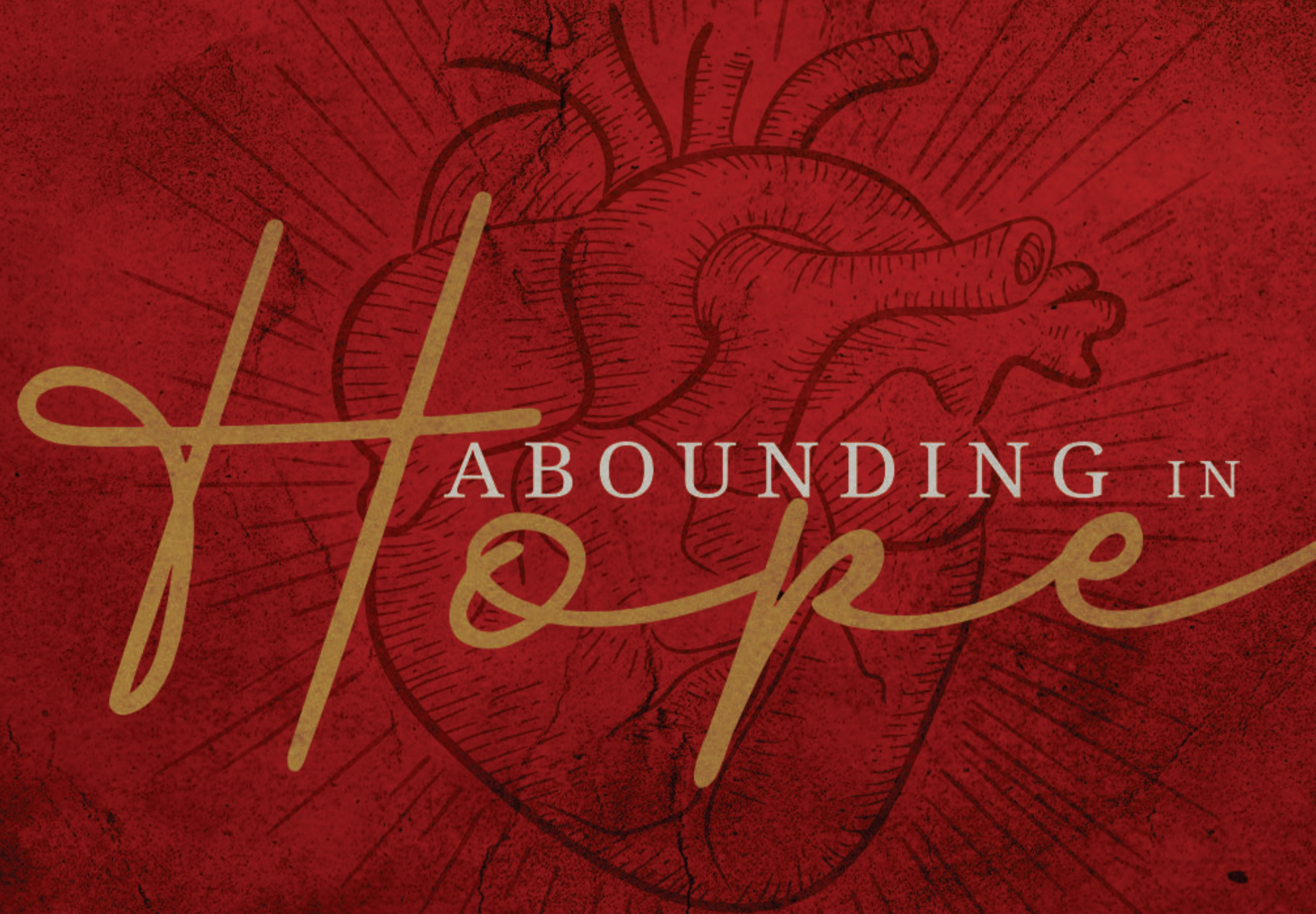


He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the **Spirit** as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

*2 Corinthians 5:1-3, 5-8 ESV*



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**“We are Strangers, we are aliens, we are  
not of this world”**

**~ Petra**



**Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles  
to abstain from the passions of the flesh,  
which wage war against your soul.**

*1 Peter 2:11 ESV*

**...foreigners and strangers... NASB**  
**...aliens and strangers... NASB1995**



**Sojourners/foreigners/aliens – **Paroikos** – One who lives in a place without the right of citizenship.**

**Exiles/Strangers – **Parepidemos** – a person who comes from a foreign country into a land to reside there with the natives temporarily.**

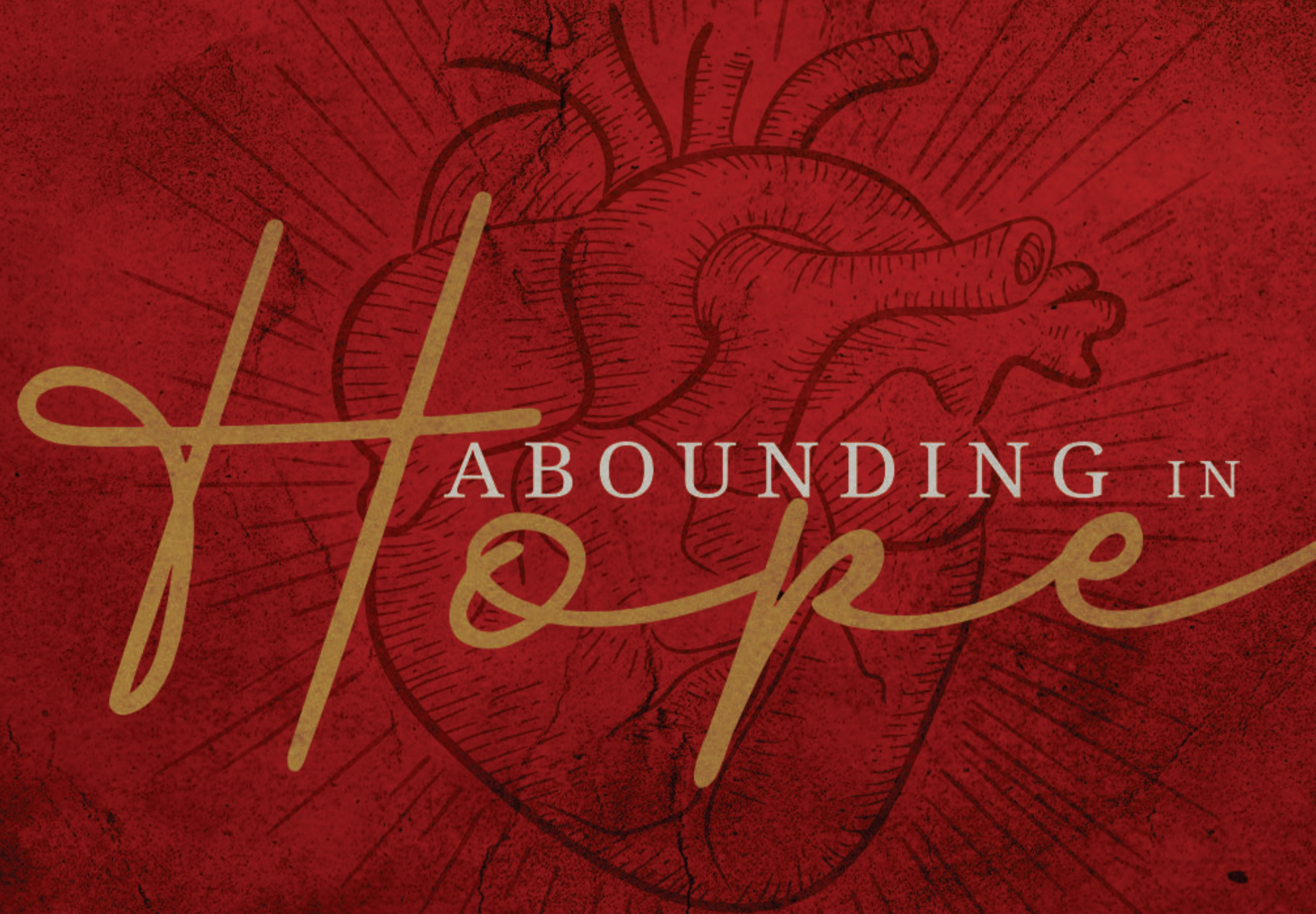


**I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do.**

*John 17:14-16 ESV*



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**My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.**

*Philippians 1:23-24 ESV*



## **2. The Return of Christ is Certain**



**“So often this **hope** in Jesus’ return feels faint, distant, even irrelevant to the details of today. It twinkles like a star in the night sky that accessorizes our view but, at twenty-five light-years away, exerts no gravitational pull on us.”**

*Chris Davis,  
Bright Hope for Tomorrow*



Therefore, preparing your minds for action,  
and being sober-minded, set your **hope** fully  
on the grace that will be brought to you at the  
revelation of Jesus Christ.

*1 Peter 1:13 ESV*

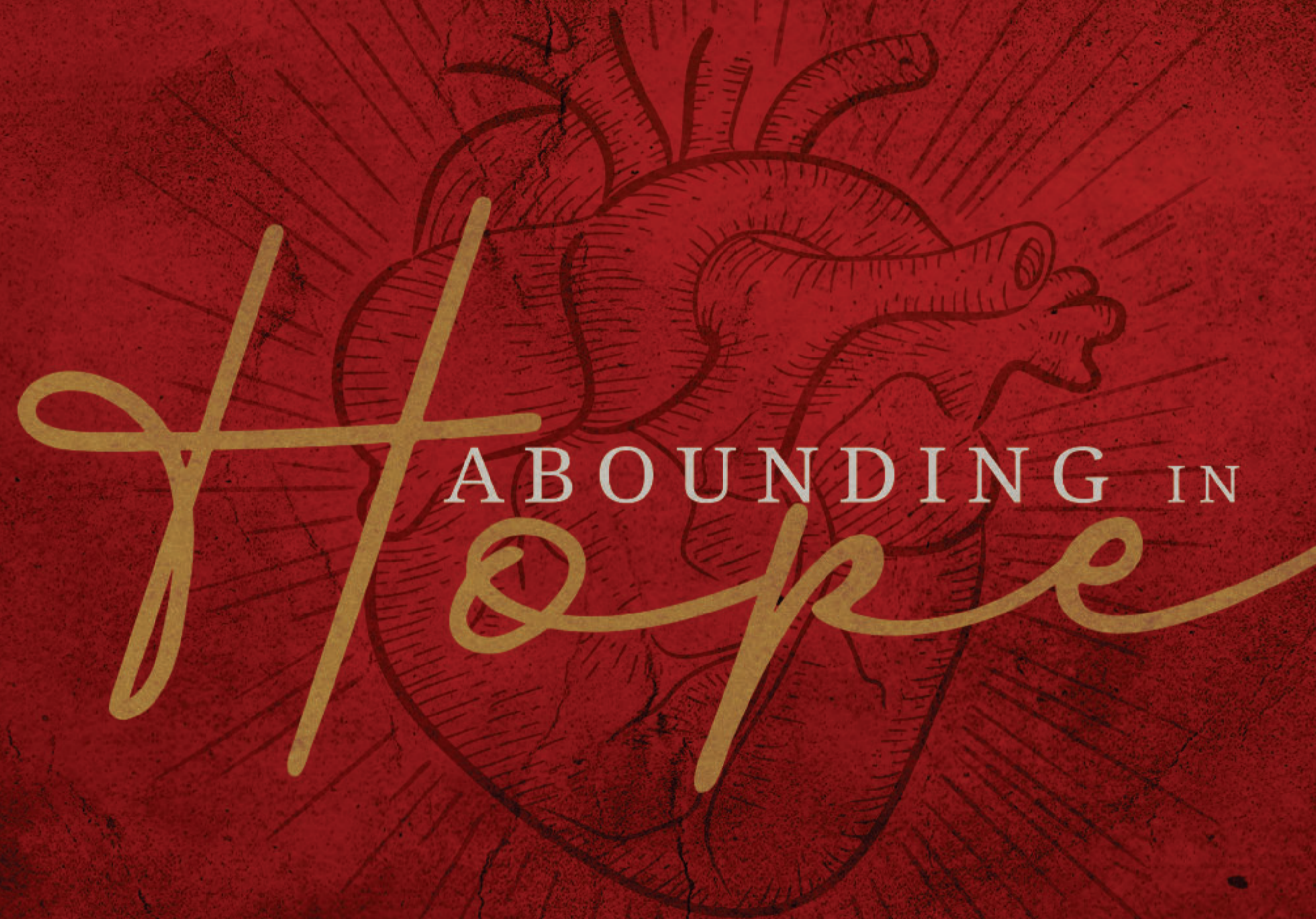


**For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...**

*Titus 2:13 ESV*



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**“I pray that you will be energized by the awareness that all the meditation on Jesus’ beauty by faith – sustaining as it is – will never fully prepare you for being in the blazing presence of his holy love.”**

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### **3. Our Eternal Home is Secure**

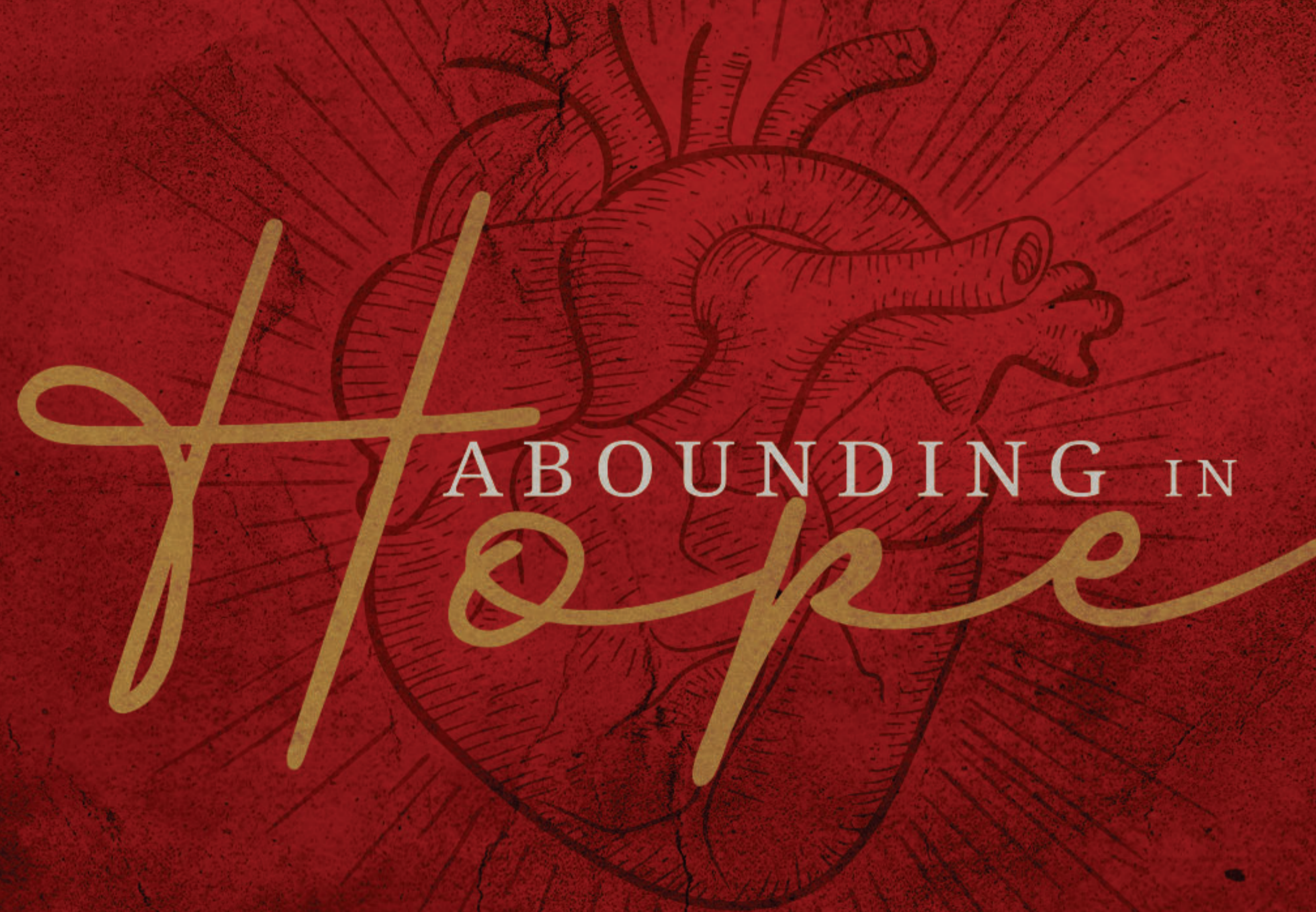


**“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.**

*John 14:1-3 ESV*



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**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...**

*1 Peter 1:3-4 ESV*



...he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the **Holy Spirit**, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the **hope** of eternal life.

*Titus 3:5-7 ESV*



**“Everything good in your earthly life will be even better in heaven. *Alcorn* carefully, kindly, and clearly disassembles any idea that heaven will not be fun, that we will lose something of our own identities, or that we’ll simply strum harps on clouds forever and ever and ever. Instead, he presents the glorious possibilities of worshiping God through an eternity of exercising dominion over a renewed creation.”**

*Caleb Greggson*

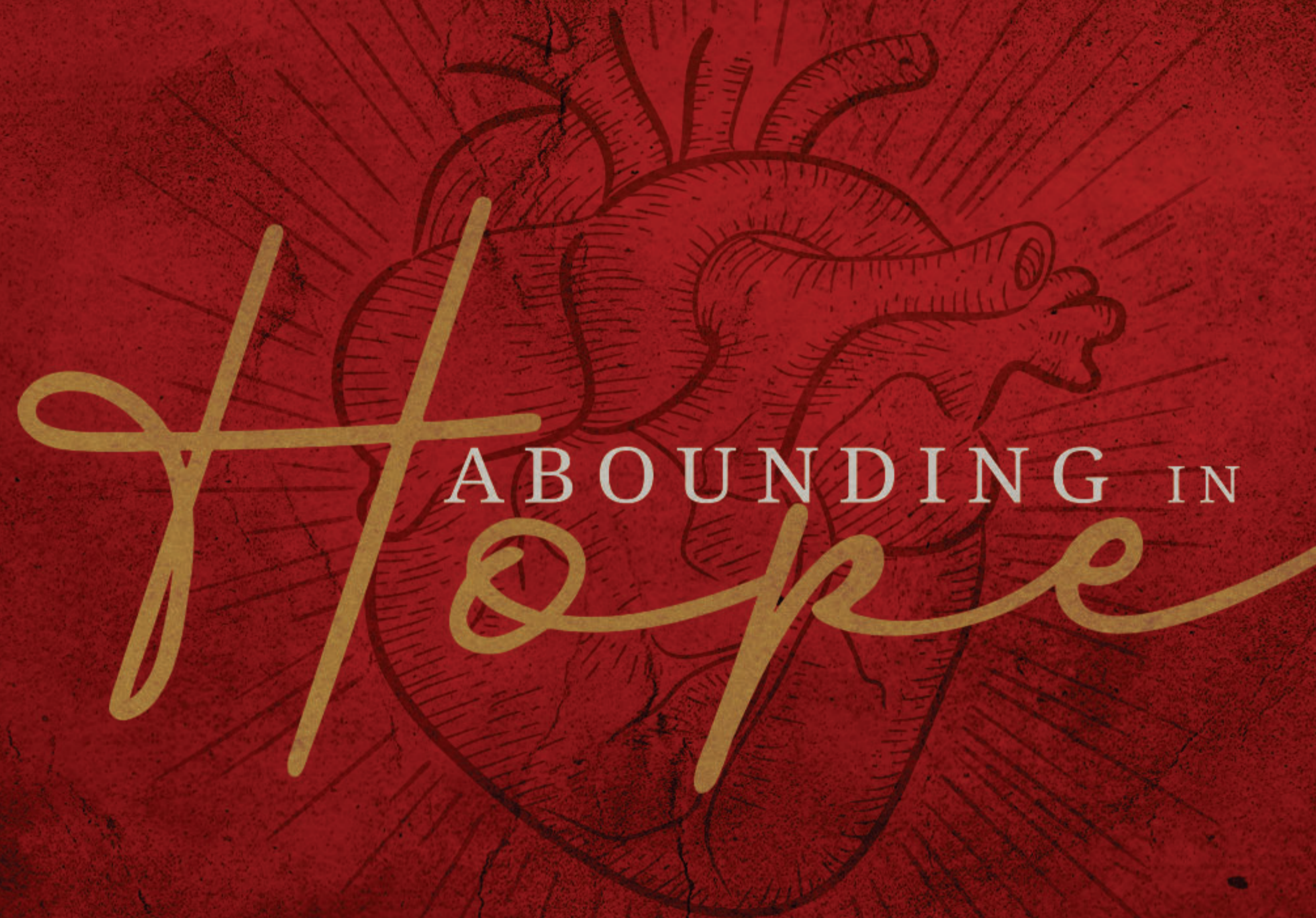


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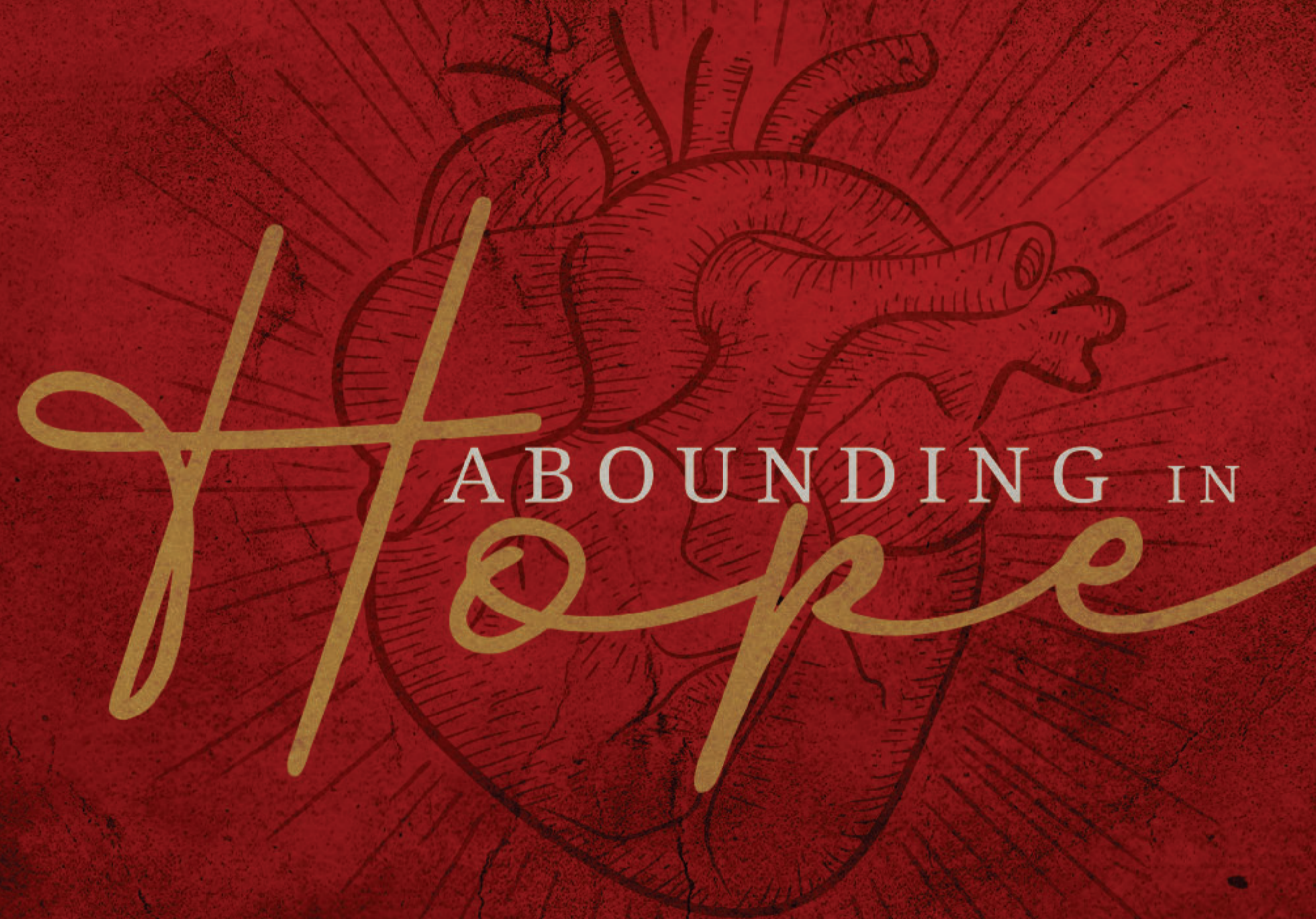


**For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**

*Matthew 24:38-39 ESV*



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**“Plan as though Christ were not coming for ten years. Live as though He were coming in ten seconds.”**

*Unknown*



## **2. Be a Good Steward of This Life**



# **Parable of talents – Matthew 25:14-30**



# **3. Seek First the Kingdom**



**But seek first the kingdom of God and his  
righteousness, and all these things will be  
added to you.**

*Matthew 6:33 ESV*



**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.**

*1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV*



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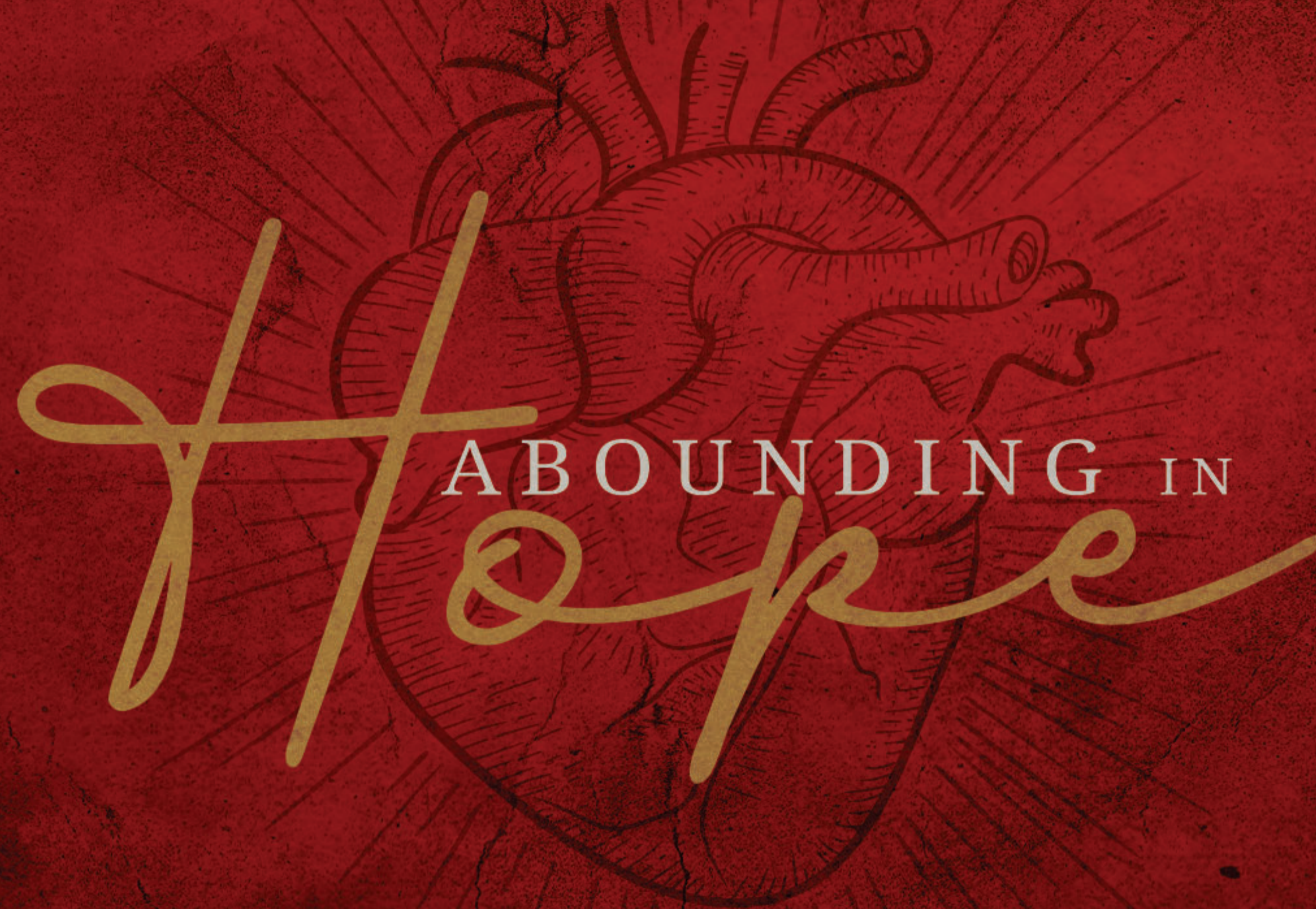
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