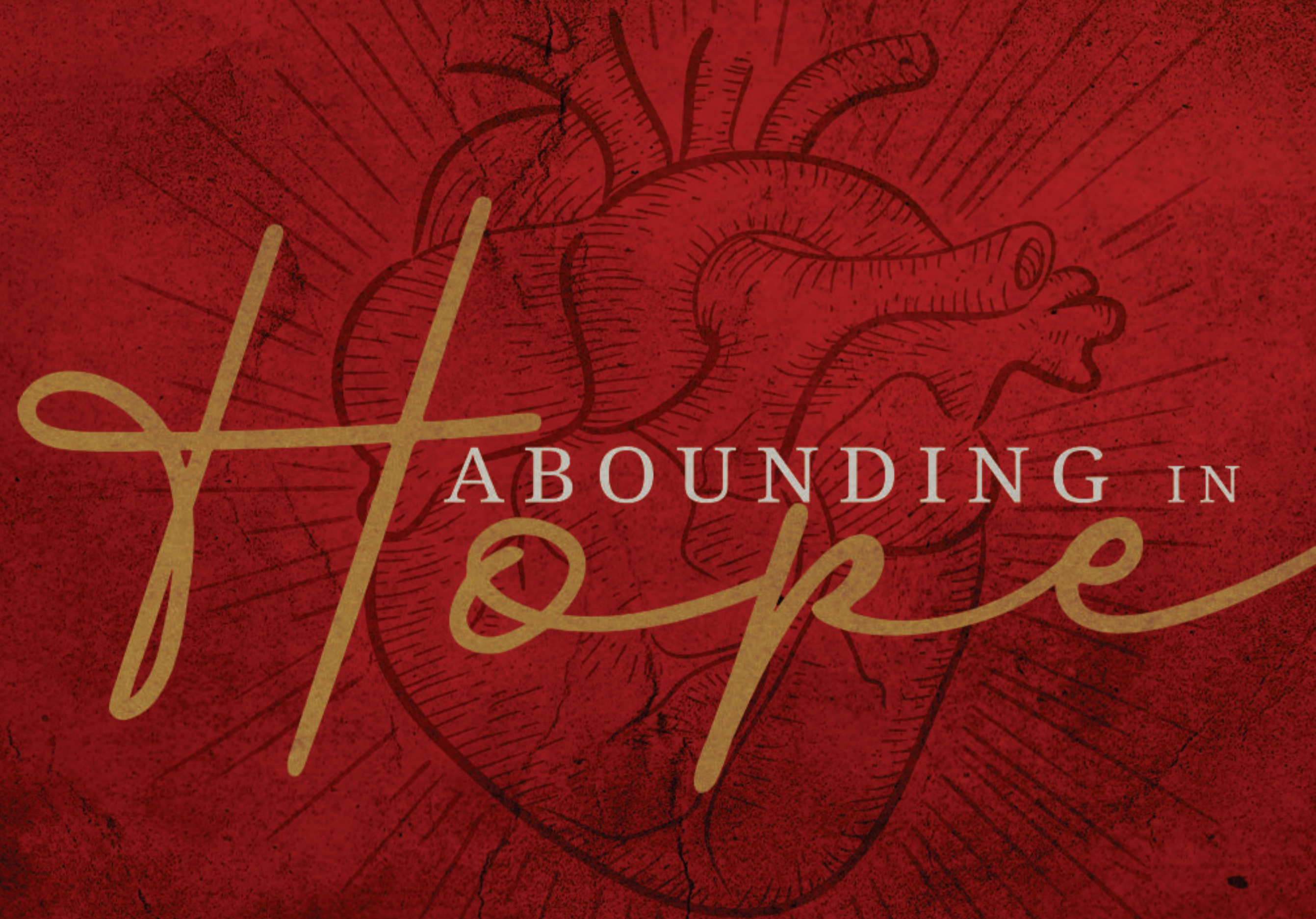


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**Hope in Our Conformity to Christ**

**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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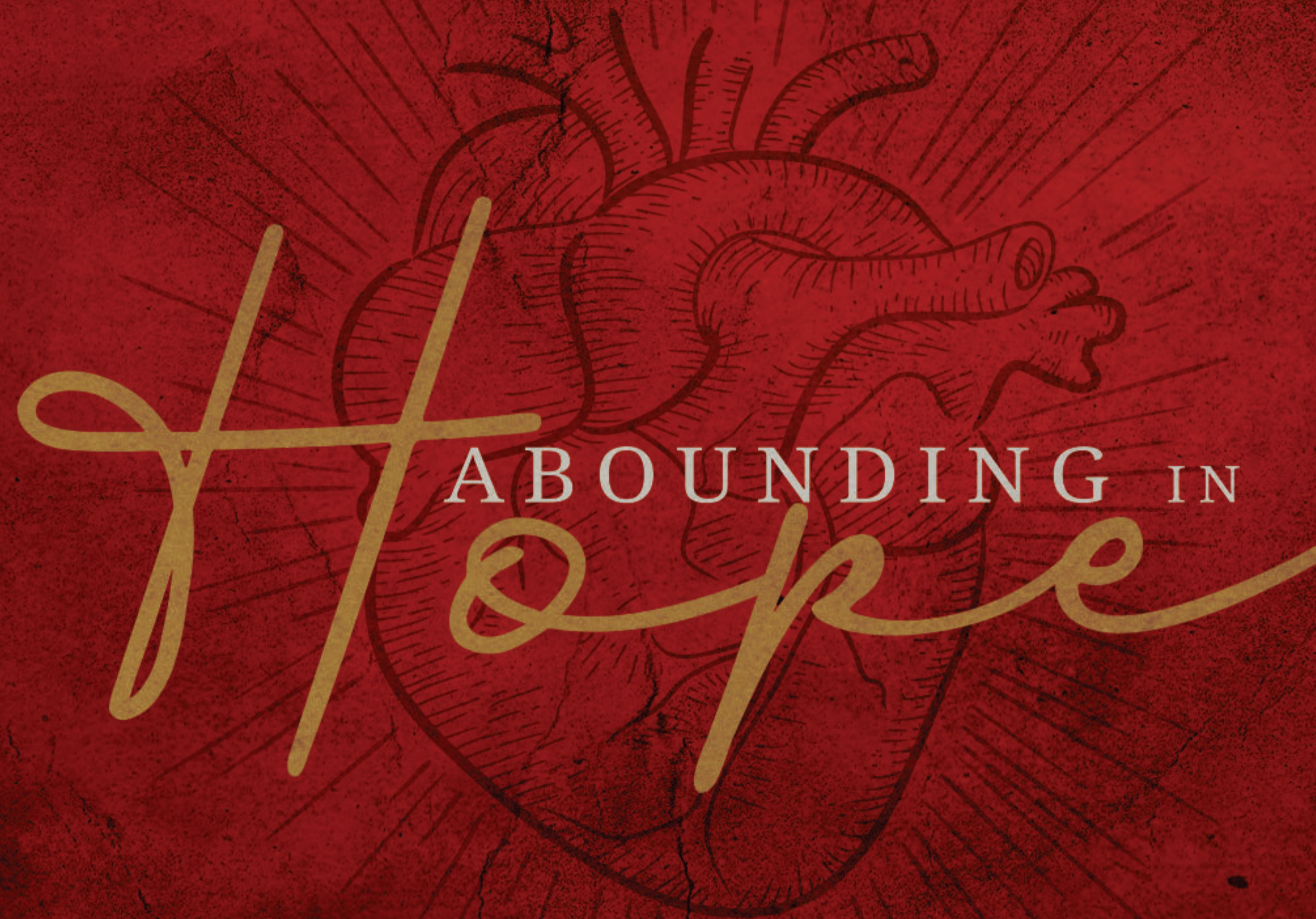
**For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.**

*Romans 8:29 ESV*

**“He wants to make us clones of Christ, people who mirror Christ’s character and conduct.”**

*Pastor Tony Evans*

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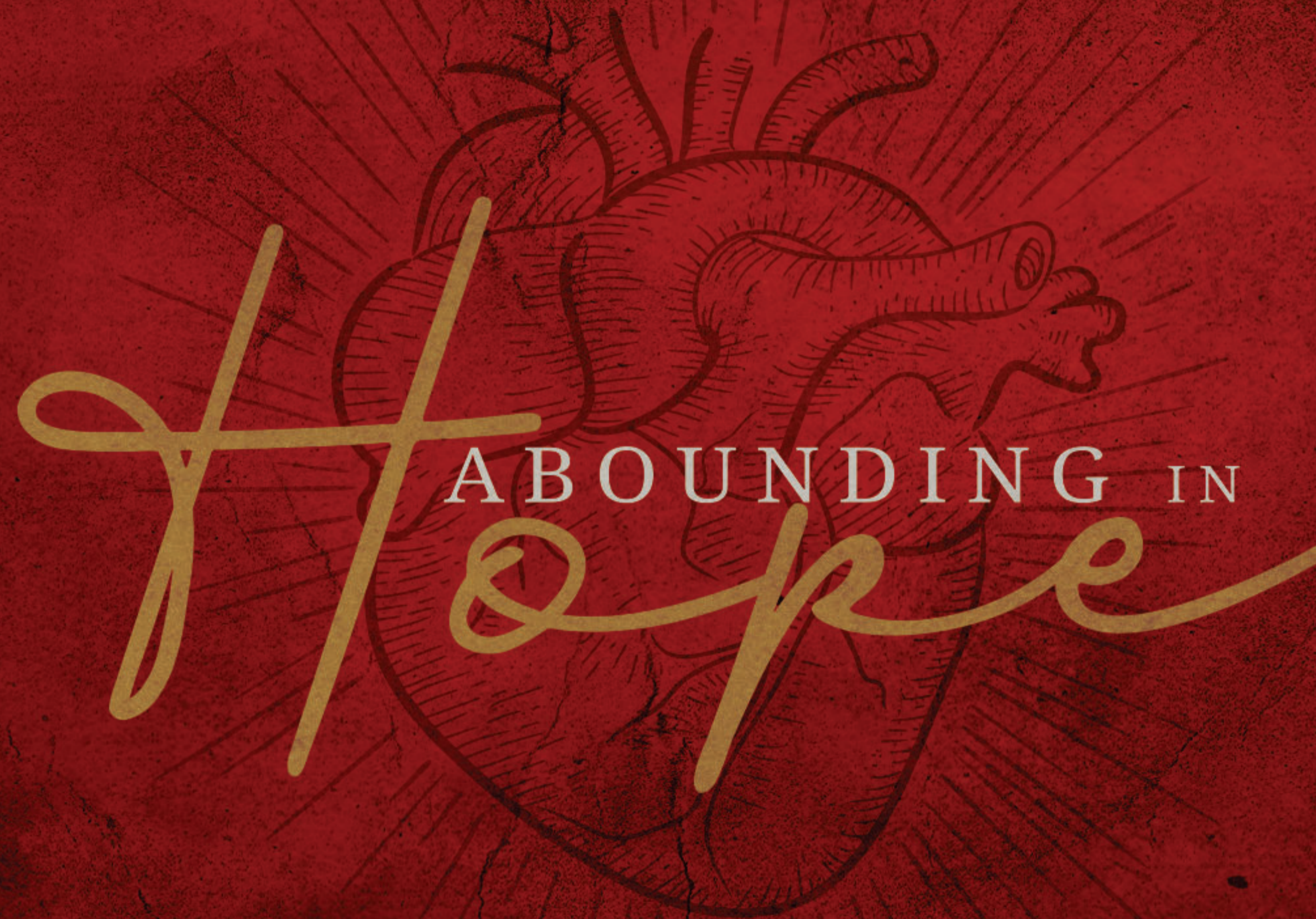


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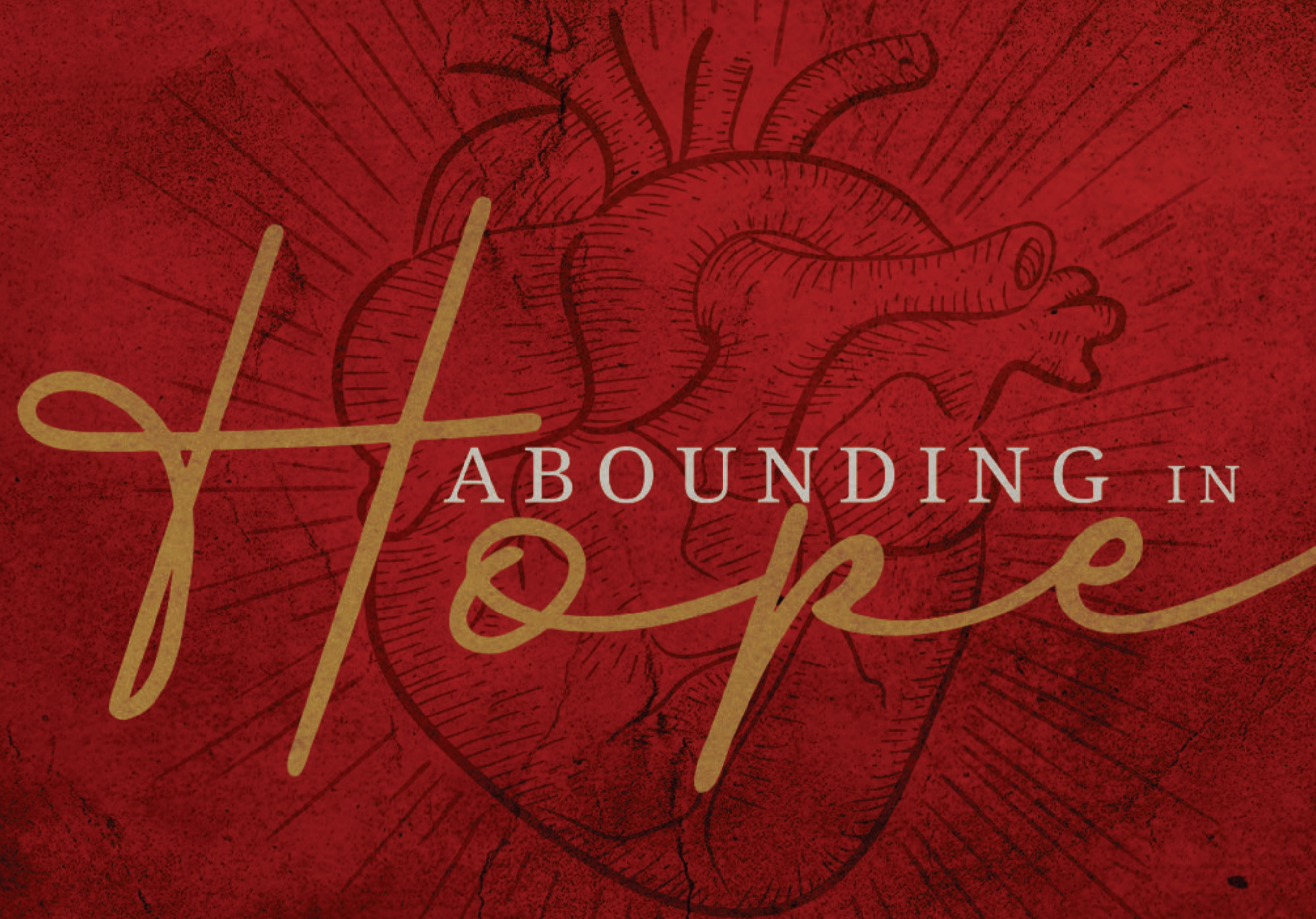
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**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.**

*Philippians 1:6 ESV*

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**Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?... But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

*1 Corinthians 6:9, 11 ESV*

**Sanctified – Hagiazo – Separate out.  
Make holy.**

**Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.**

*1 John 3:2 ESV*



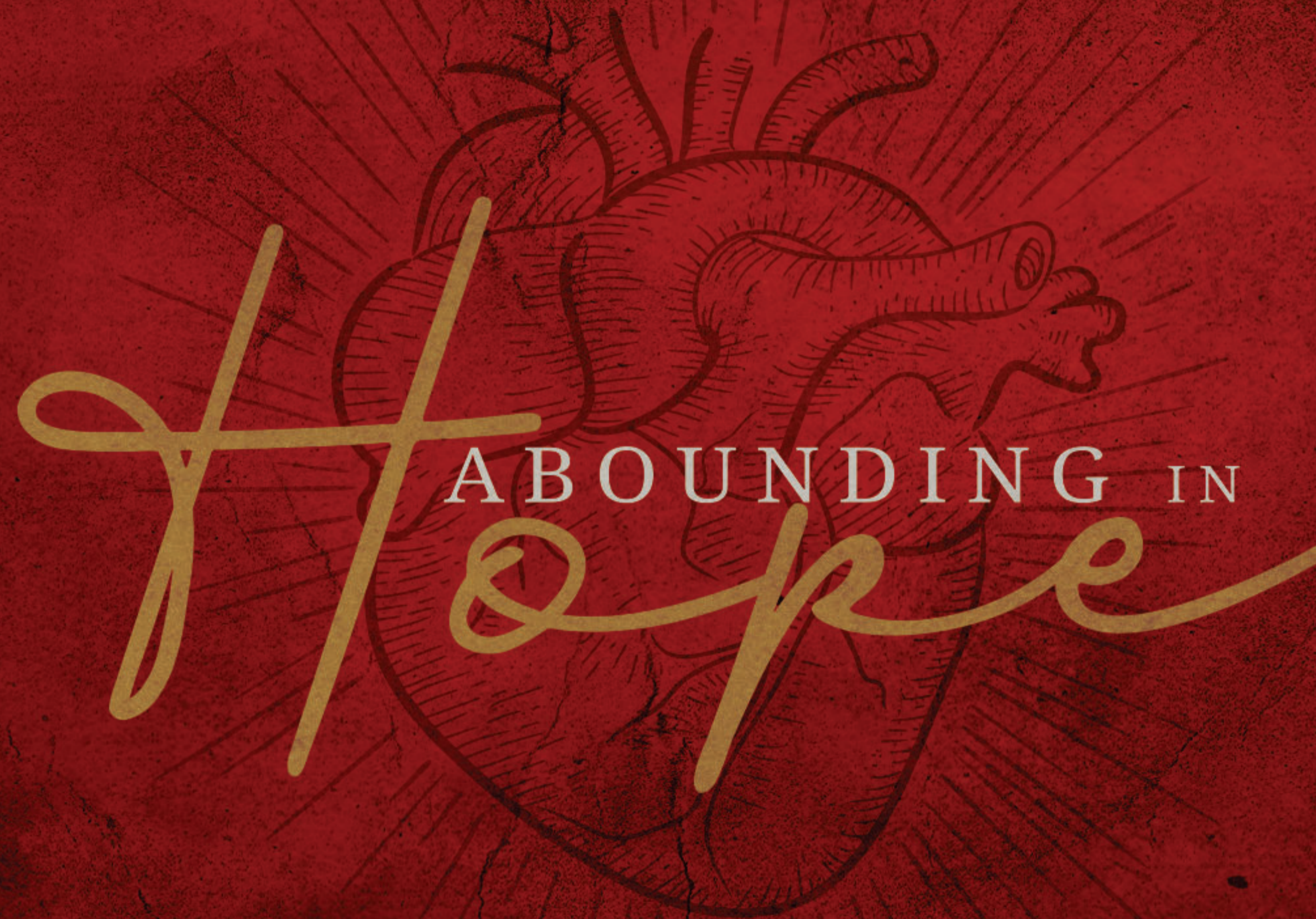
**“When Christ returns, He shall conform every believer to His image, i.e., His nature... At Christ’s return, the believer will experience ultimate conformity to His likeness.”**

*John MacArthur*

**“Sanctification is the one area in the Christian life that requires human cooperation.”**

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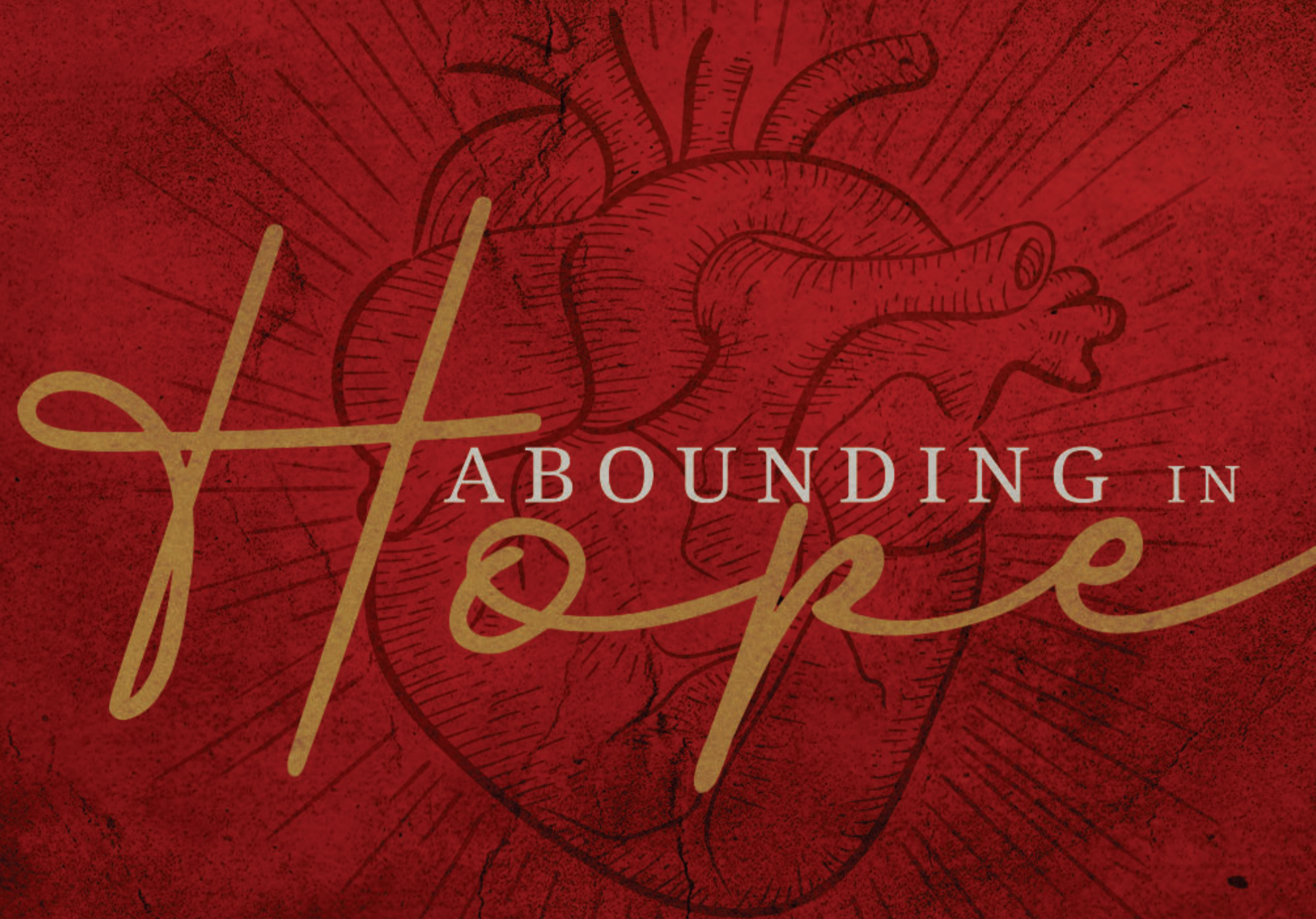
# **1. Begins with Seeking to Know Him**

**But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...**

**...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.**

*Philippians 3:7-8, 10-11 ESV*

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**"Lord, I pray that Jews would come to know Jesus Christ. And I pray that Buddhists would come to know Jesus Christ. And I pray that Muslims would come to know Jesus Christ. "....." And Lord, I pray that Christians would come to know Jesus Christ."**

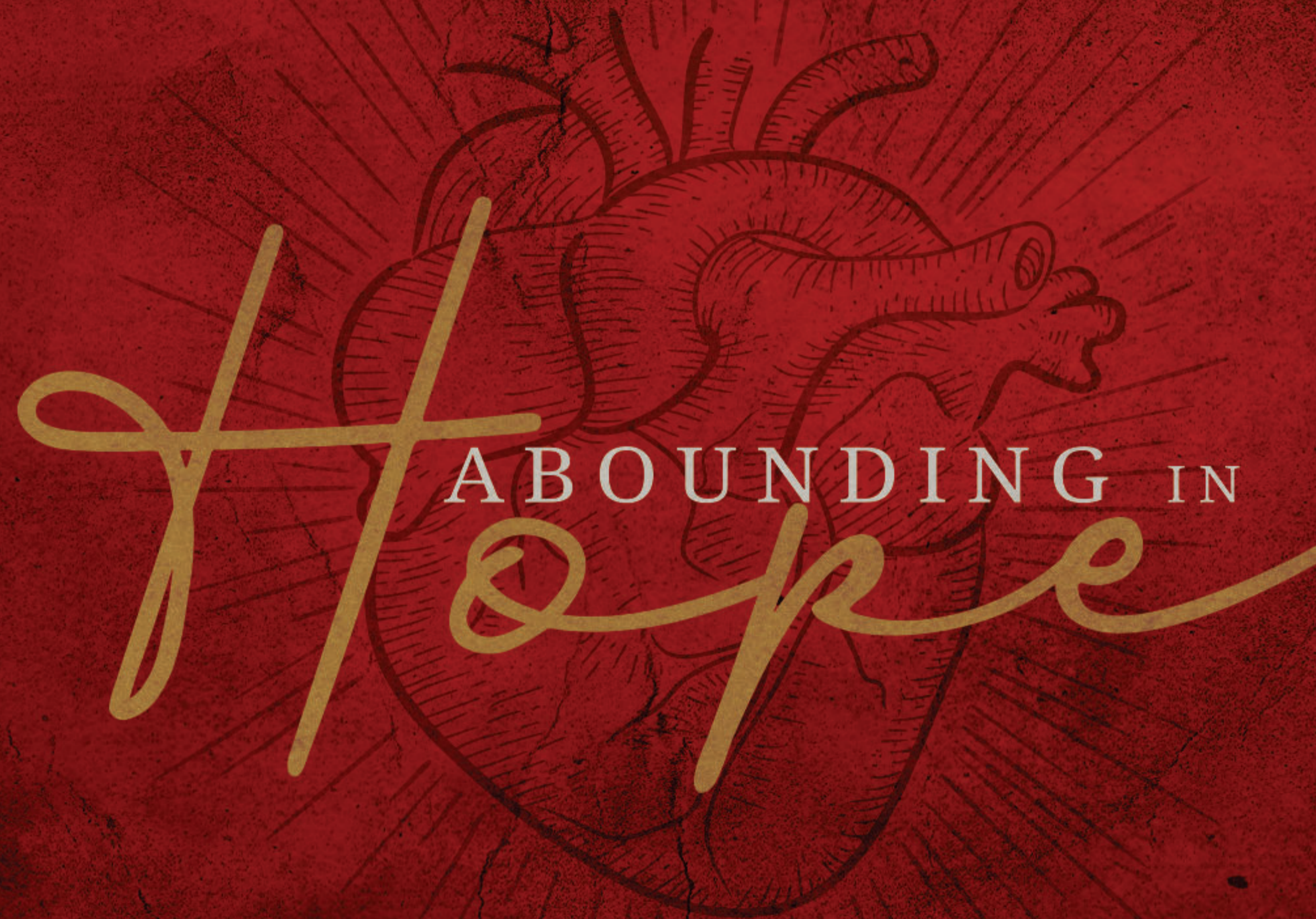
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## **2. Is Built on Submission to Him**

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*Philippians 3:8 ESV*

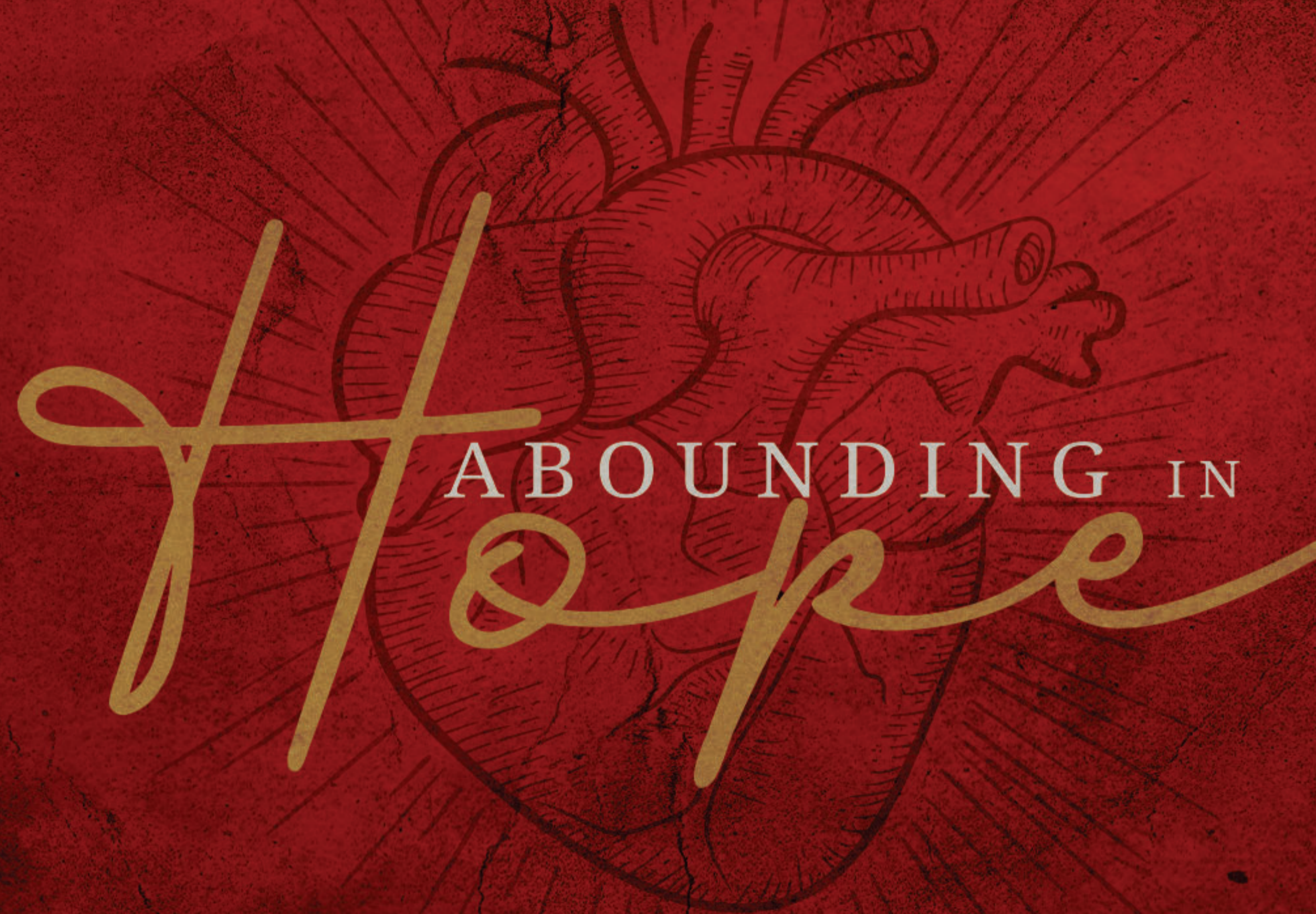
**And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”**

*Luke 9:23-24 ESV*

**“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”**

**Luke 22:42 ESV**

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**3. Is a Process that Takes Time**



**And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

*2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV*

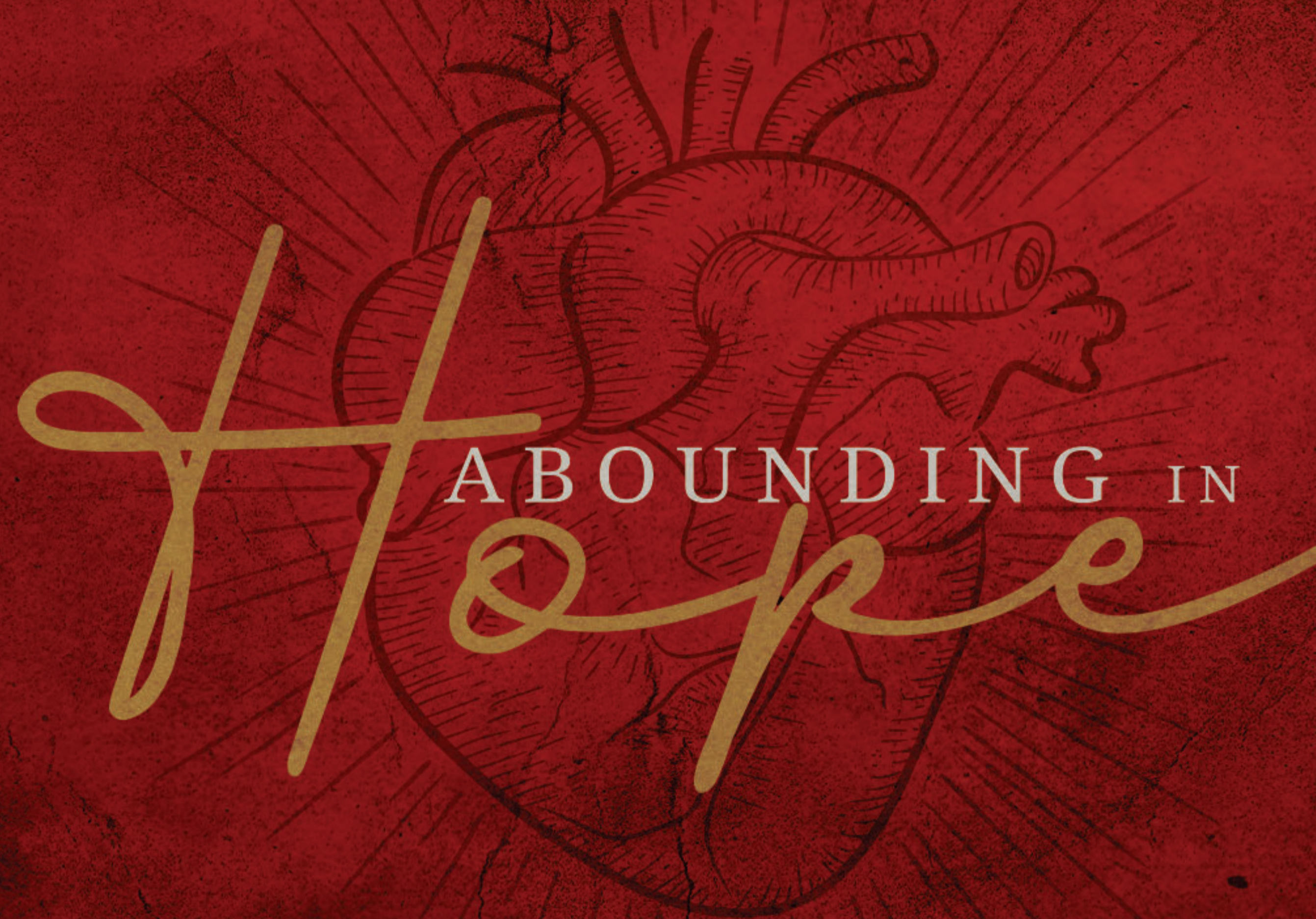
**Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

*Philippians 3:12-14 ESV*

**“The more we grow in knowledge and experience with Christ the more He is revealed in us.”**

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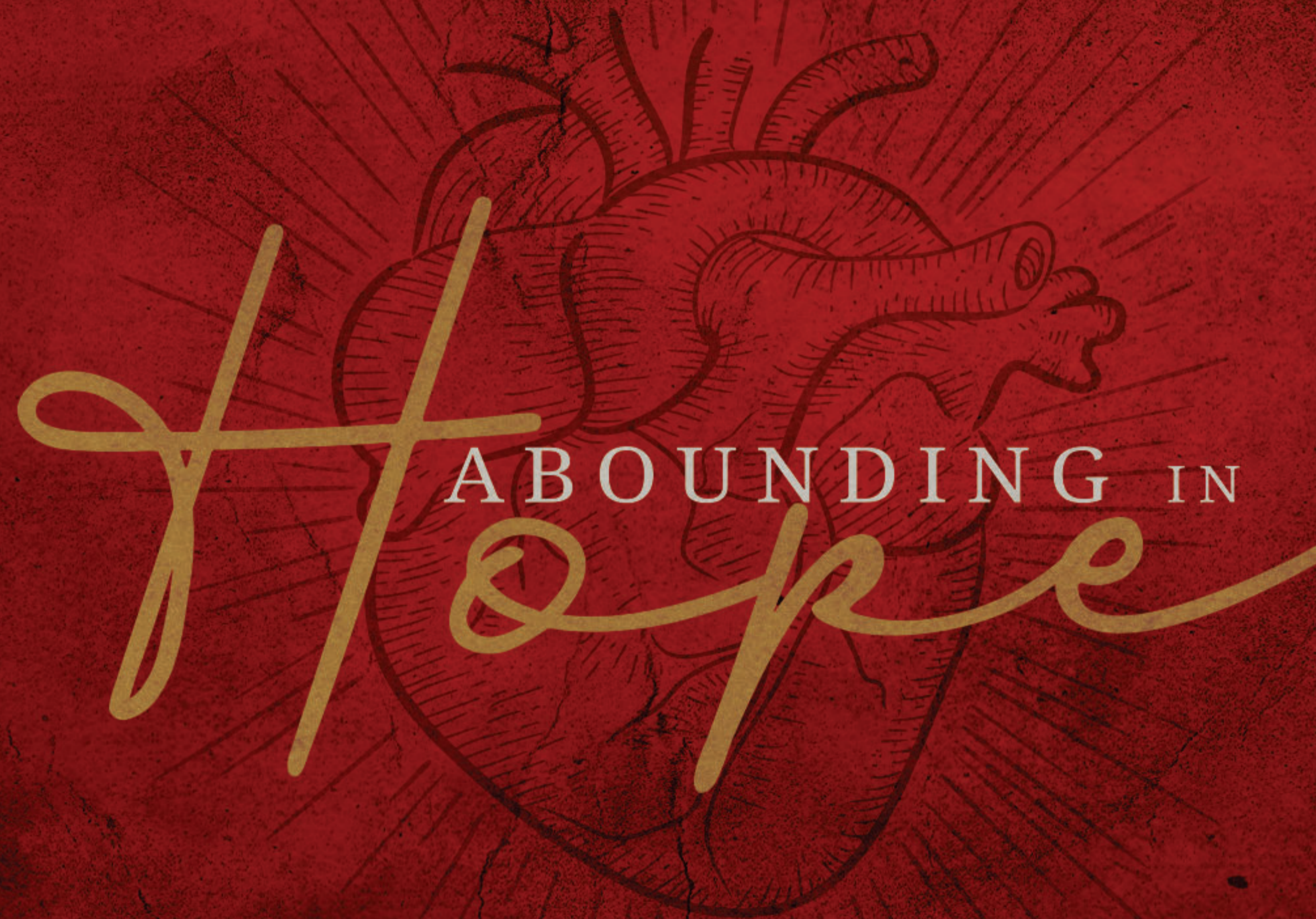


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## **4. Is a Journey Through Suffering**

**Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.**

*2 Corinthians 4:10 NLT*



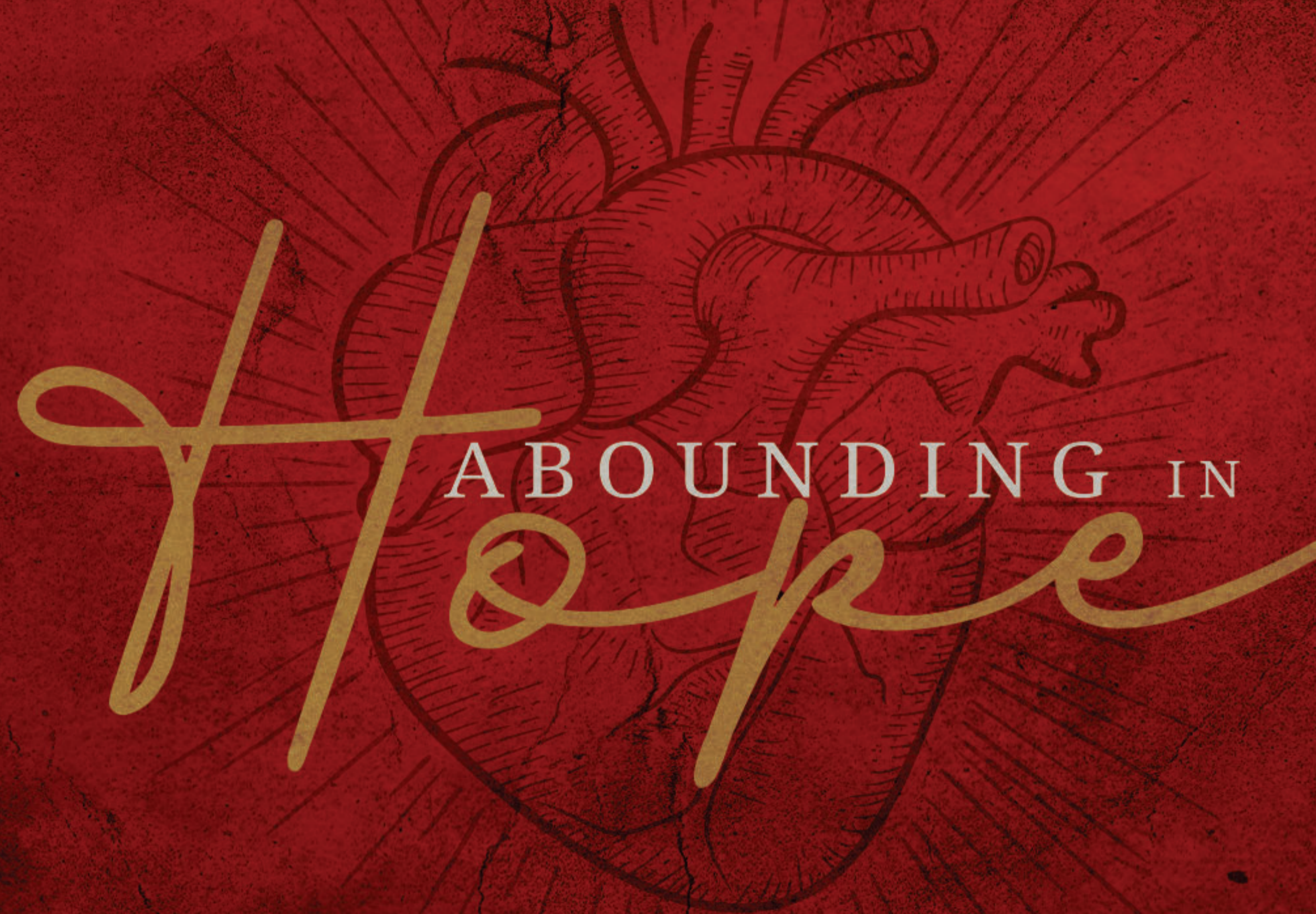
**So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ESV*

**“By sharing in the sufferings of Christ that is based on having the mind of Christ, the believer is gradually being made into his likeness. This is the essence of Sanctification.”**

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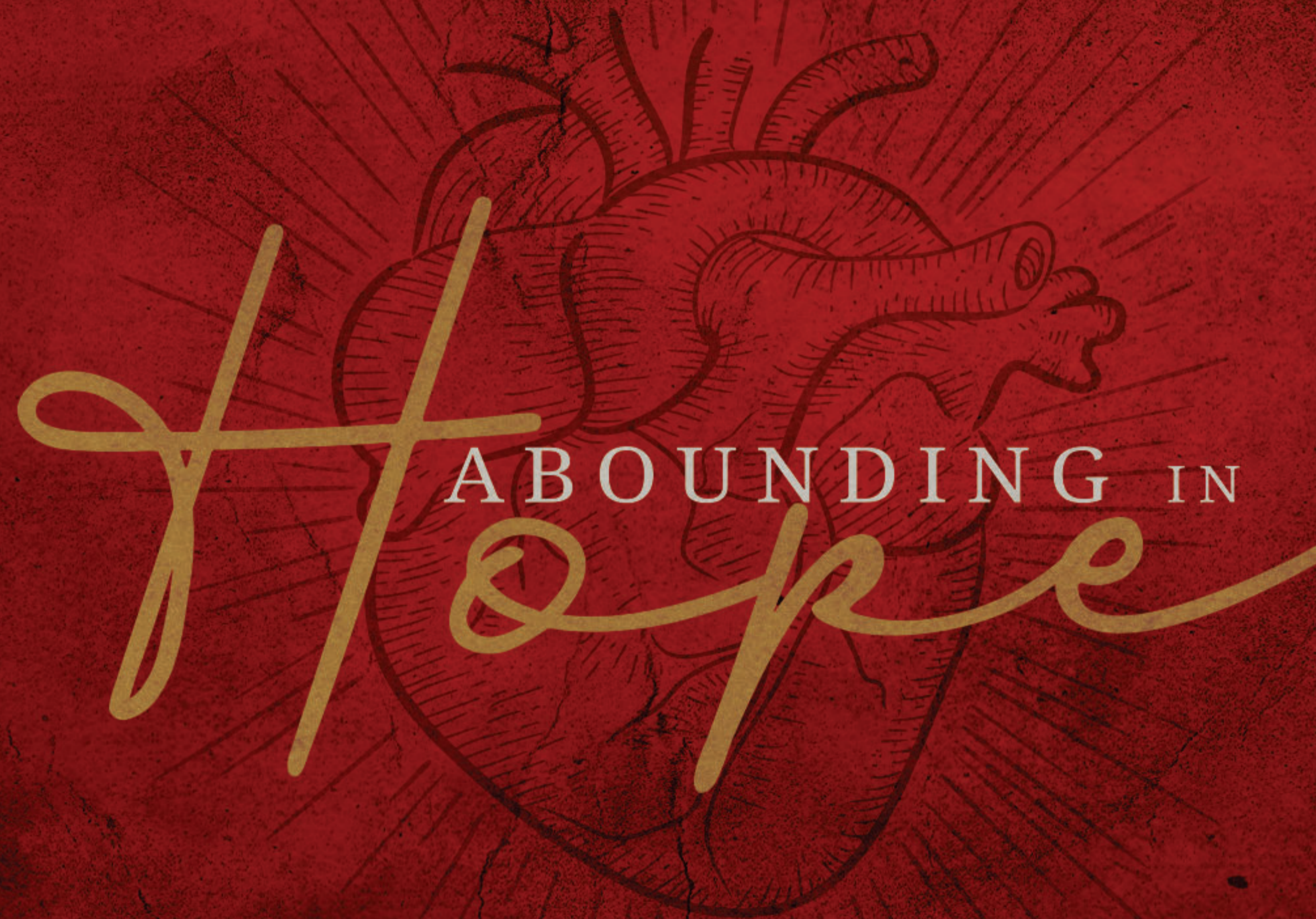
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**If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory...**

**...seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator...**

*Colossians 3:1-4, 10 ESV*

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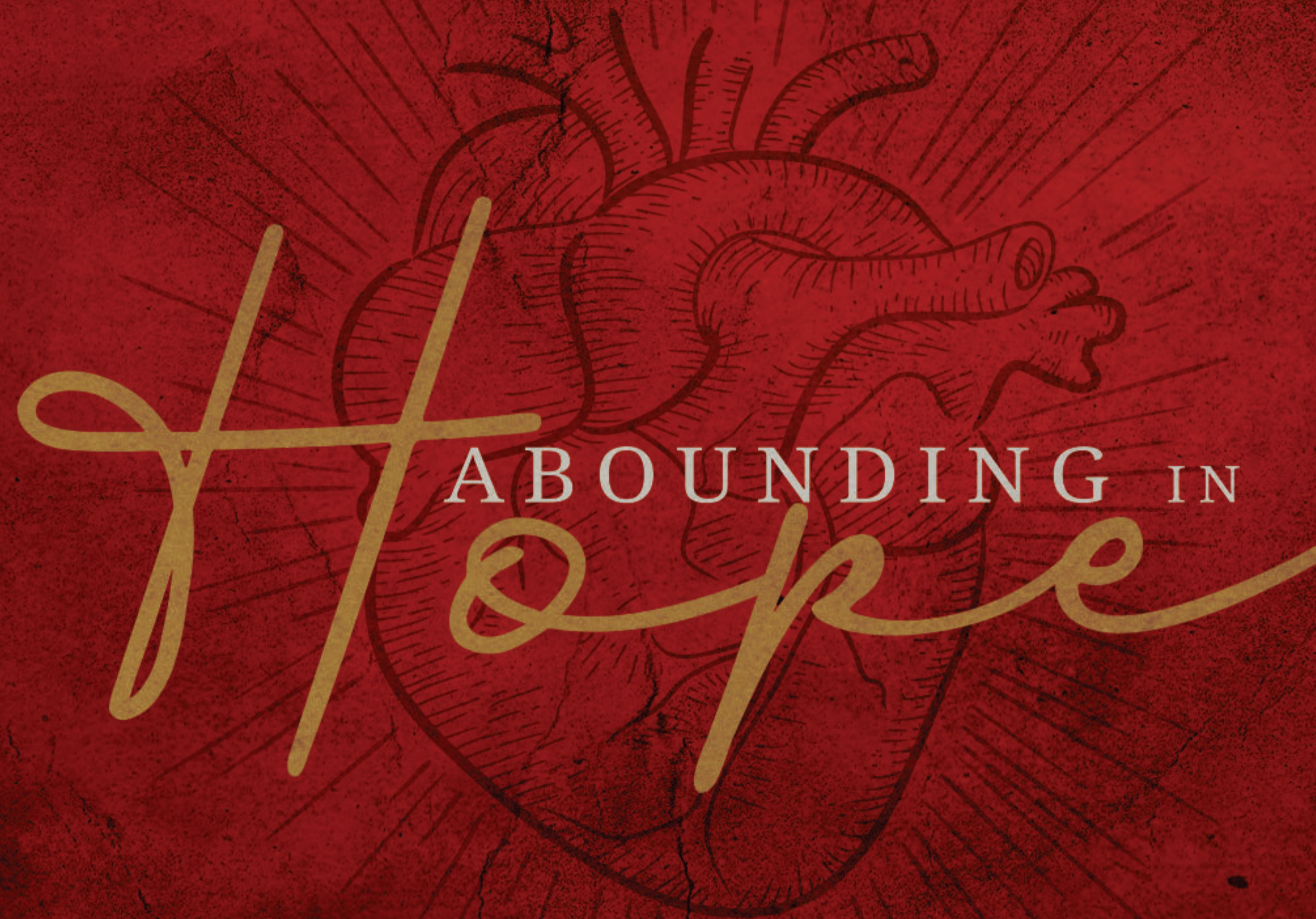
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