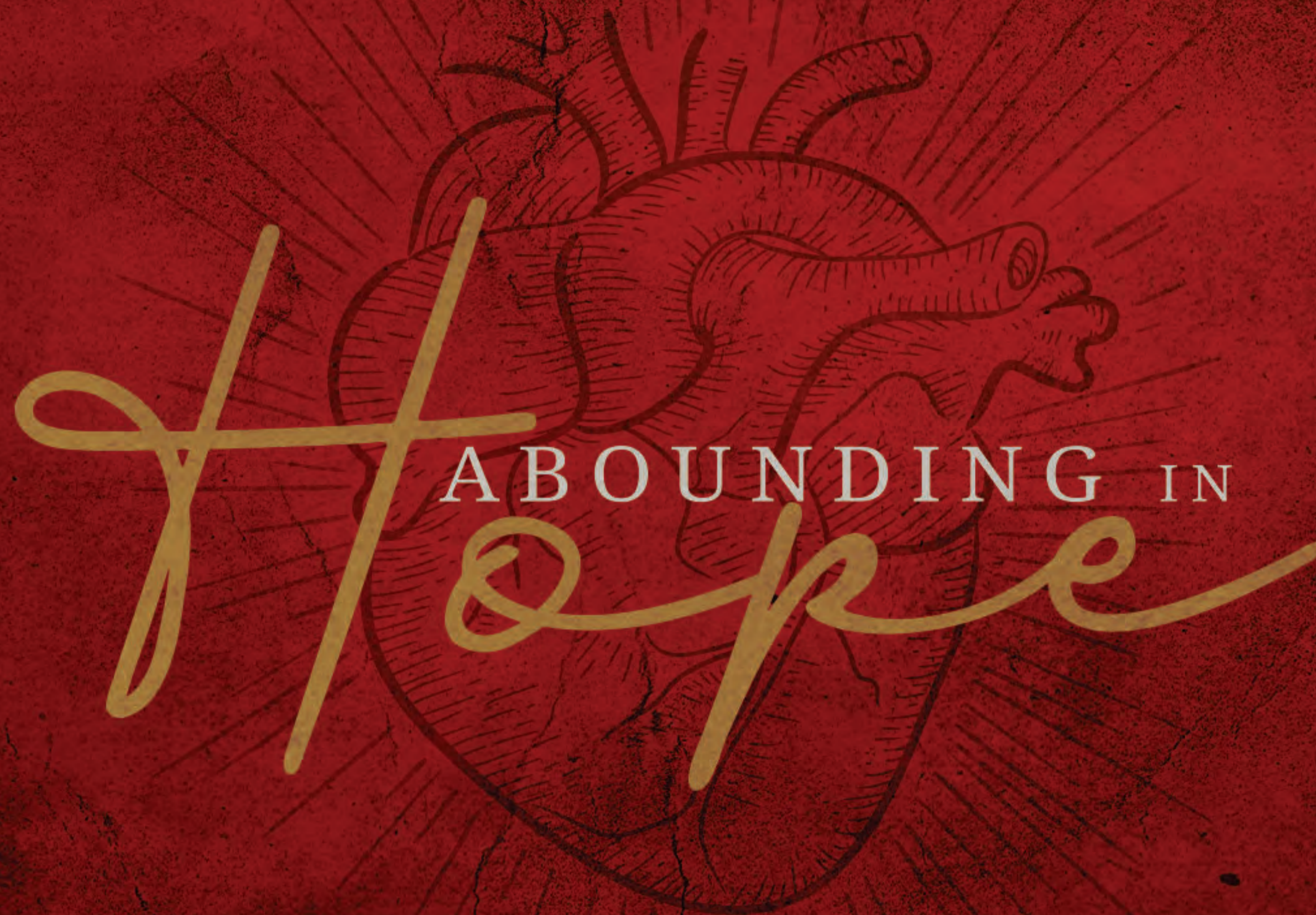


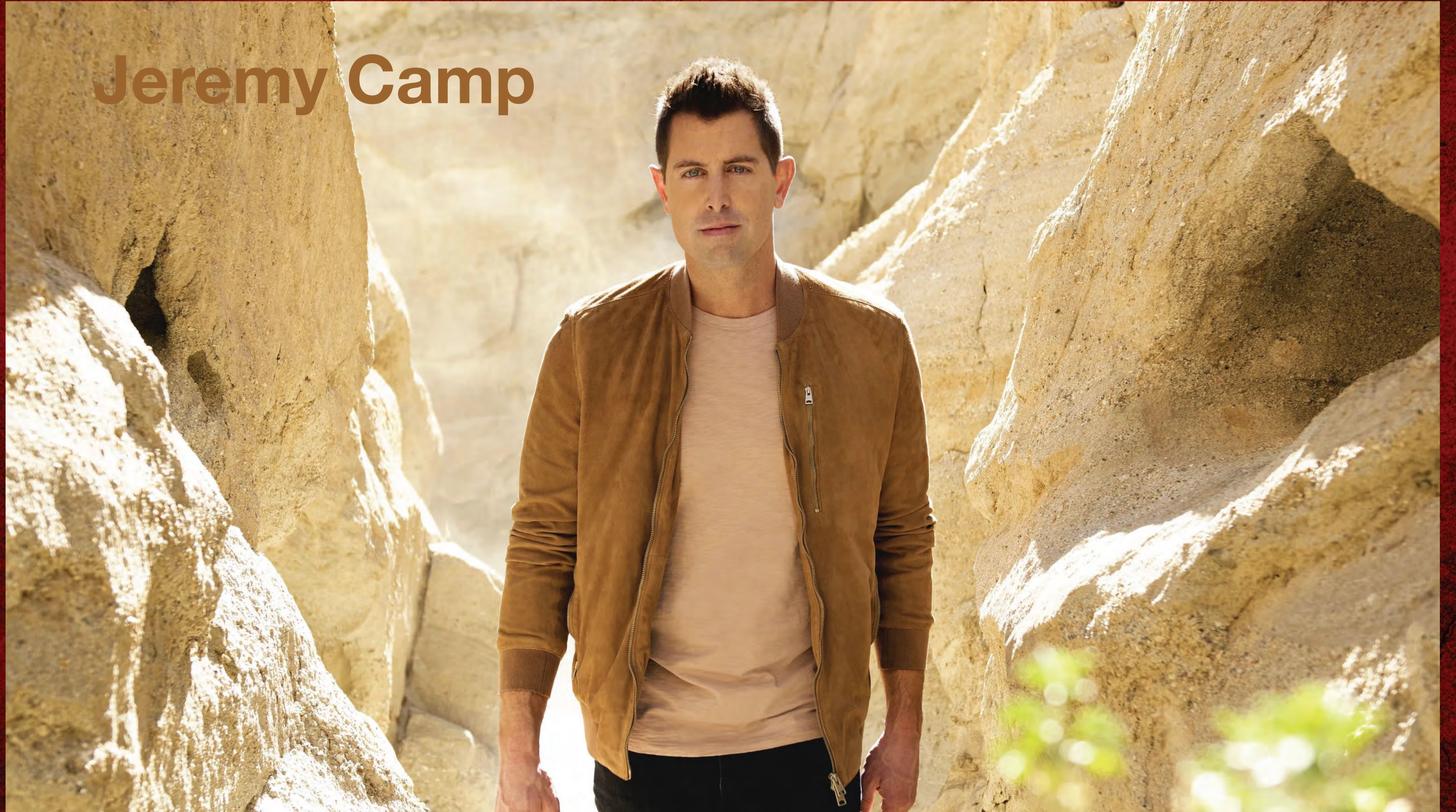
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ROMANS 15:13

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.

Jeremy Camp



“Know So Hope”

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth.

Hebrews 11:13 ESV

The hope of the righteous brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Proverbs 10:28 ESV

1. To Doubt is Human

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

Matthew 16:21 ESV

Then he (Jesus) said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

John 20:27-29 ESV

In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

Romans 4:18 ESV

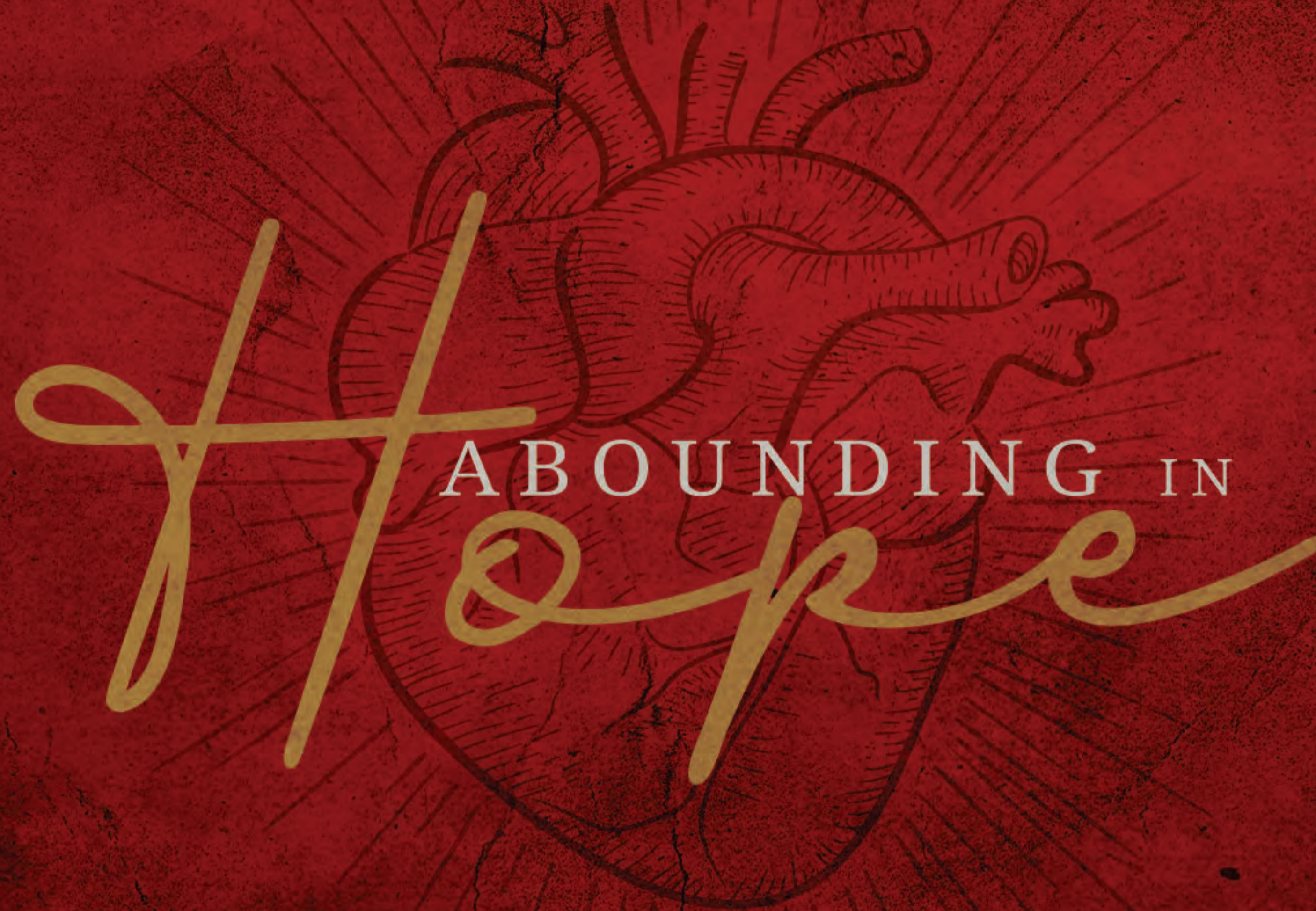
In hope against hope he believed...

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He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Romans 4:19-21 ESV

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2. This Life is Not All There Is

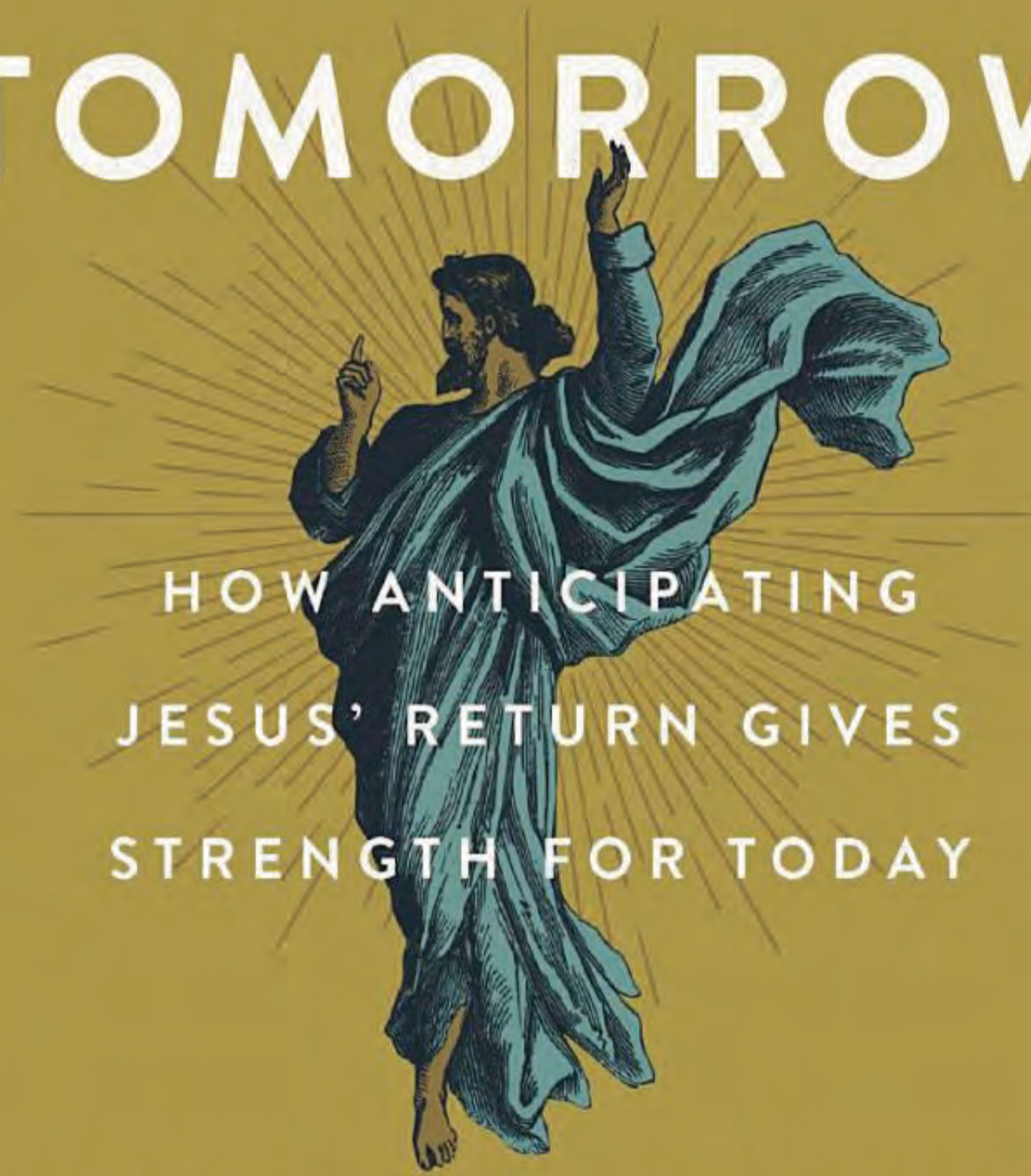
And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:14-19 ESV

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3. This Life Does Not Compare to What is to Come

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us... For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:18, 22-25 ESV



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4. This World's Trouble is Temporary

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 ESV

Trouble – Thlipsis – an oppressive state of physical, mental, social or economic adversity.

Light – Elaphros – comparatively small by weight.

Momentary – Parautika – Markedly brief time.

...with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

**on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers,
danger from robbers, danger from my own
people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the
city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea,
danger from false brothers; in toil and
hardship, through many a sleepless night, in
hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold
and exposure.**

2 Corinthians 11:23-27 ESV



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“All that please is but for a moment.”

“All that troubles is but for a moment.”

**“Nothing is important save that which is
eternal.”**

“Who told you that the night would never end in day? Who told you that the sea would ebb out till there should be nothing left but a vast track of mud and sand? Who told you that the winter would proceed from frost to frost, from snow, and ice, and hail, to deeper snow, and yet more heavy tempest?”

Who told you this, I say? Don't you know that day follows night, that flood comes after ebb, that spring and summer succeed to winter? Hope then! Hope you ever! For God fails you not."

~ Charles Spurgeon

**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope
without wavering, for he who promised is
faithful.**

Hebrews 10:23 ESV

A “Know So Hope” Means Recognizing:

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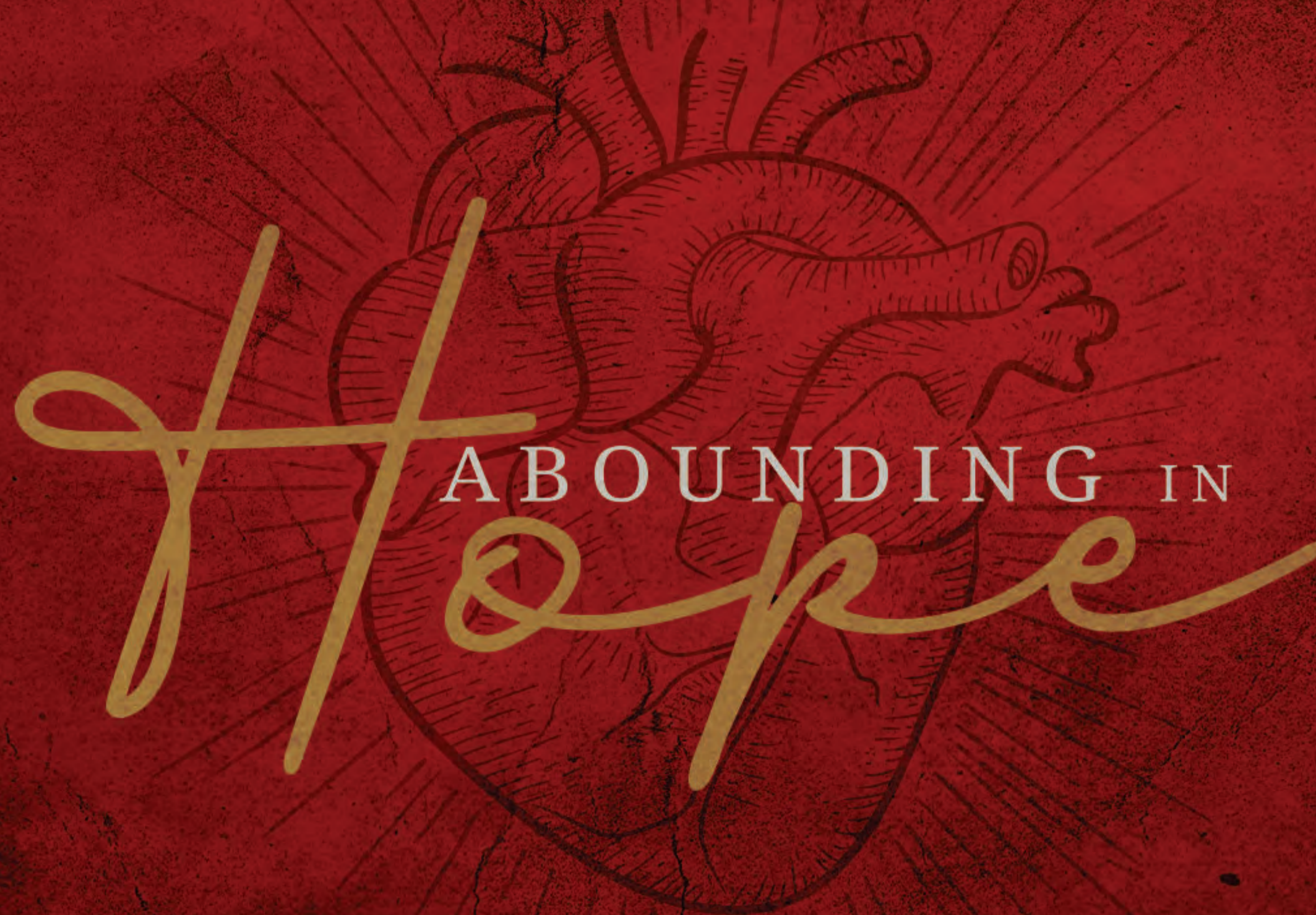
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3-7 ESV

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4 Steps to Lamenting Well:

Turn to God

Bring Your Complaint

Ask Boldly for Help

Choose to Trust God

**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