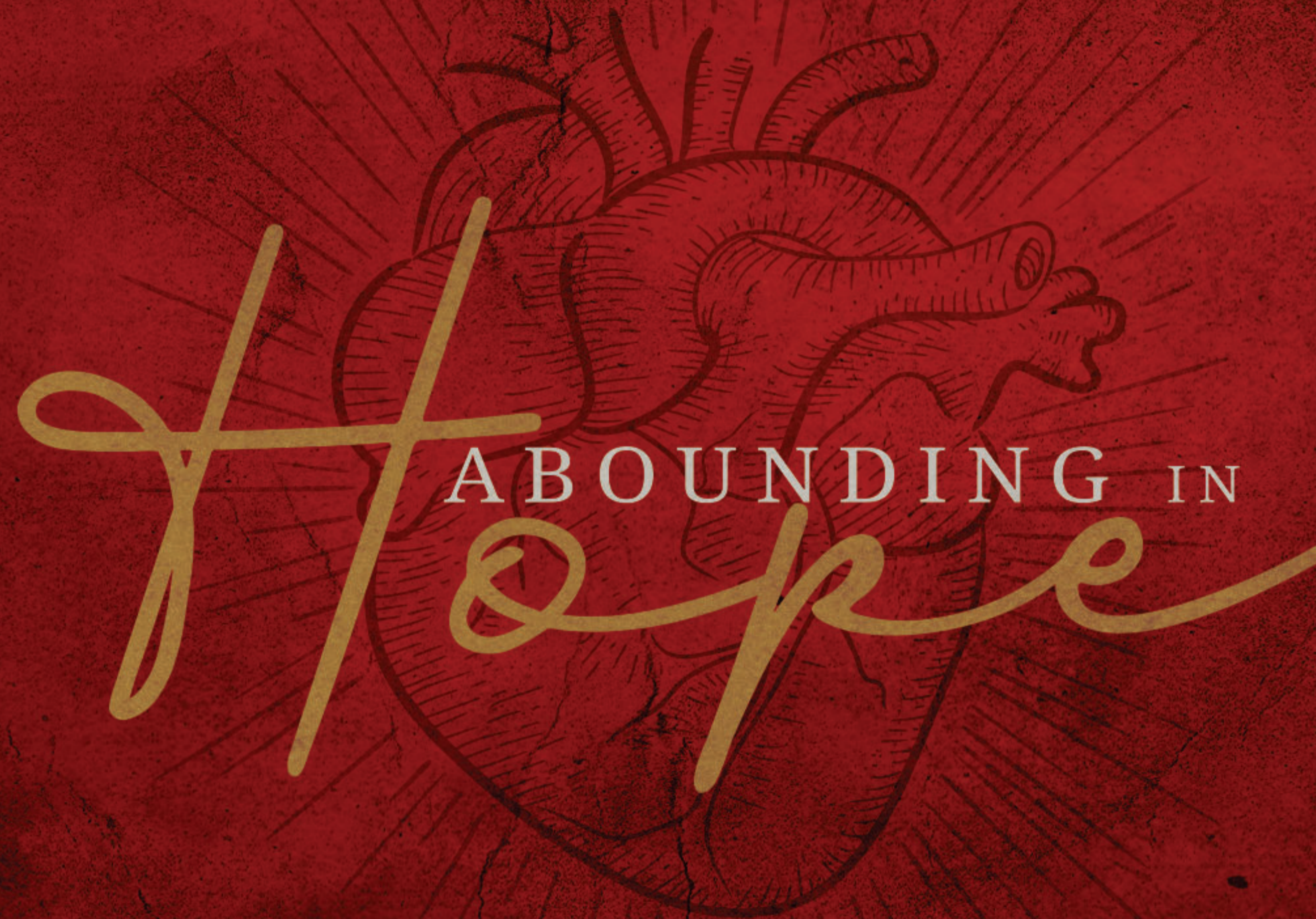


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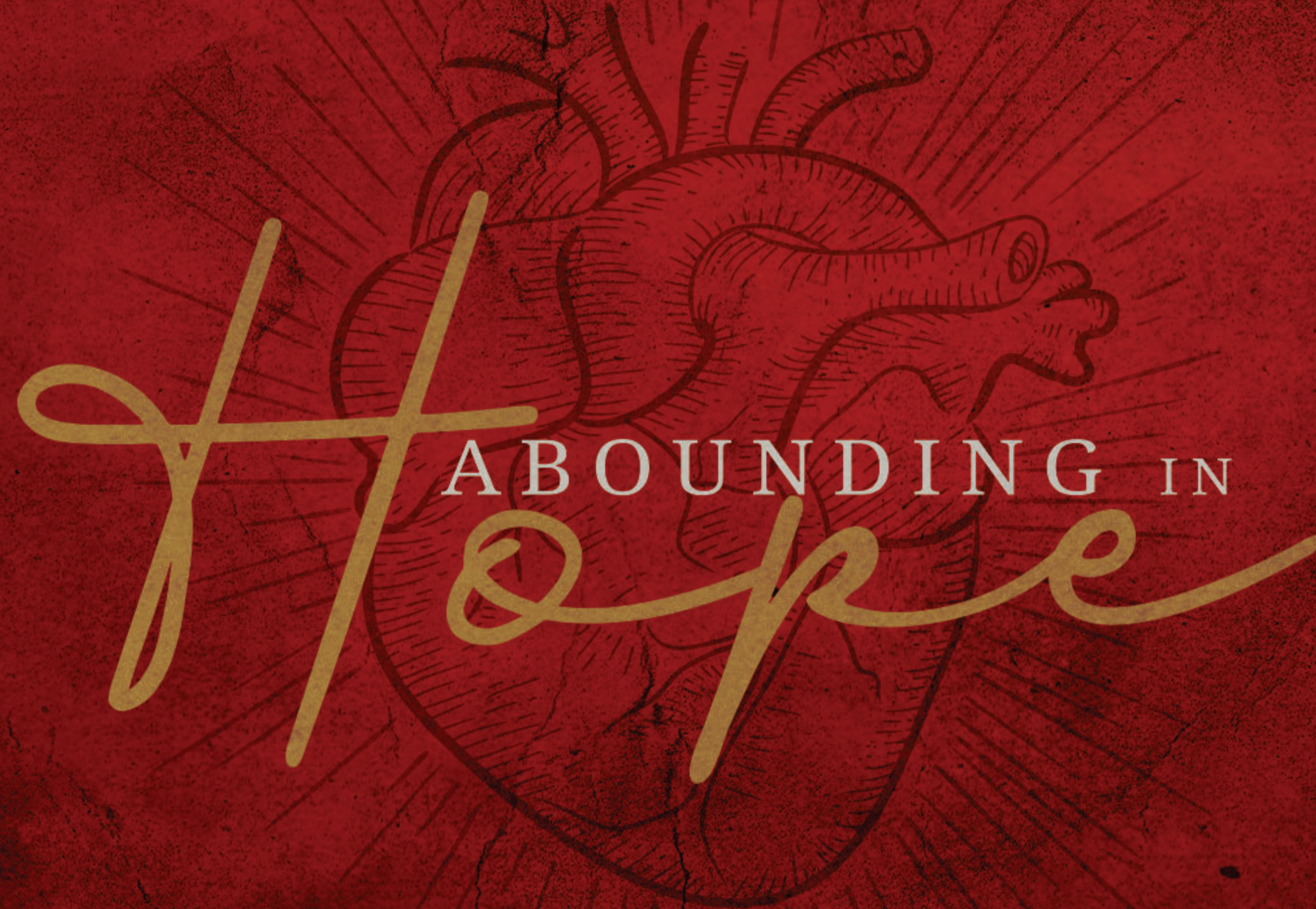
**Hope in Christ Brings
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Biblical Definition – Hope is the confident trust in the promises of God about that which is yet to take place.

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The words of the Preacher, the son of David,
king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, says the
Preacher, vanity of vanities! **All is vanity.**

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 ESV

Vanity – Hevel – Breath or Vapor
– having no value or significance due to
be futile or absurd. **Meaninglessness.**
Can also mean an Idol.

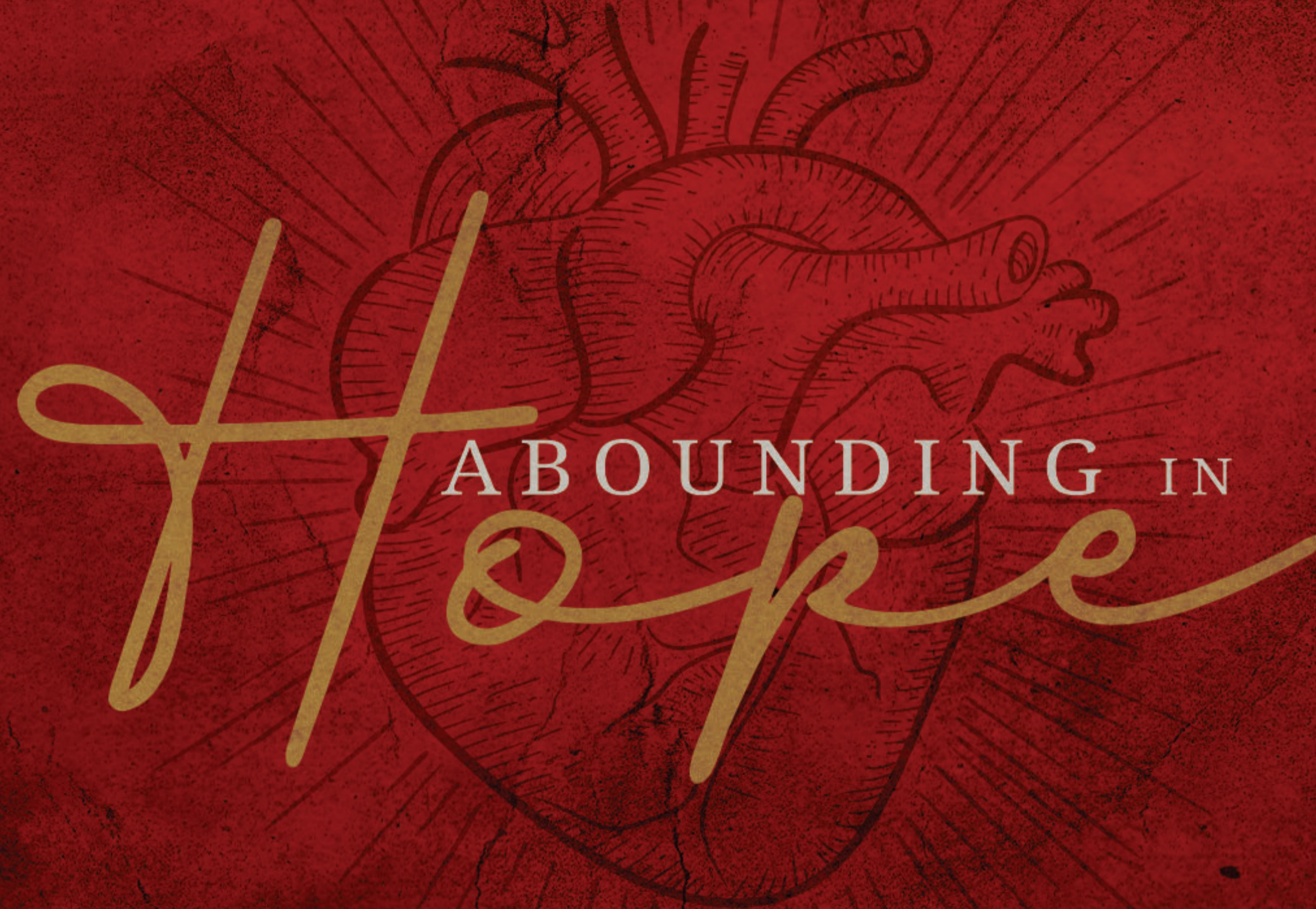
The end of the matter; all has been heard.
Fear God and keep his commandments, for
this is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 ESV

“Our Hearts are Idol Factories.”

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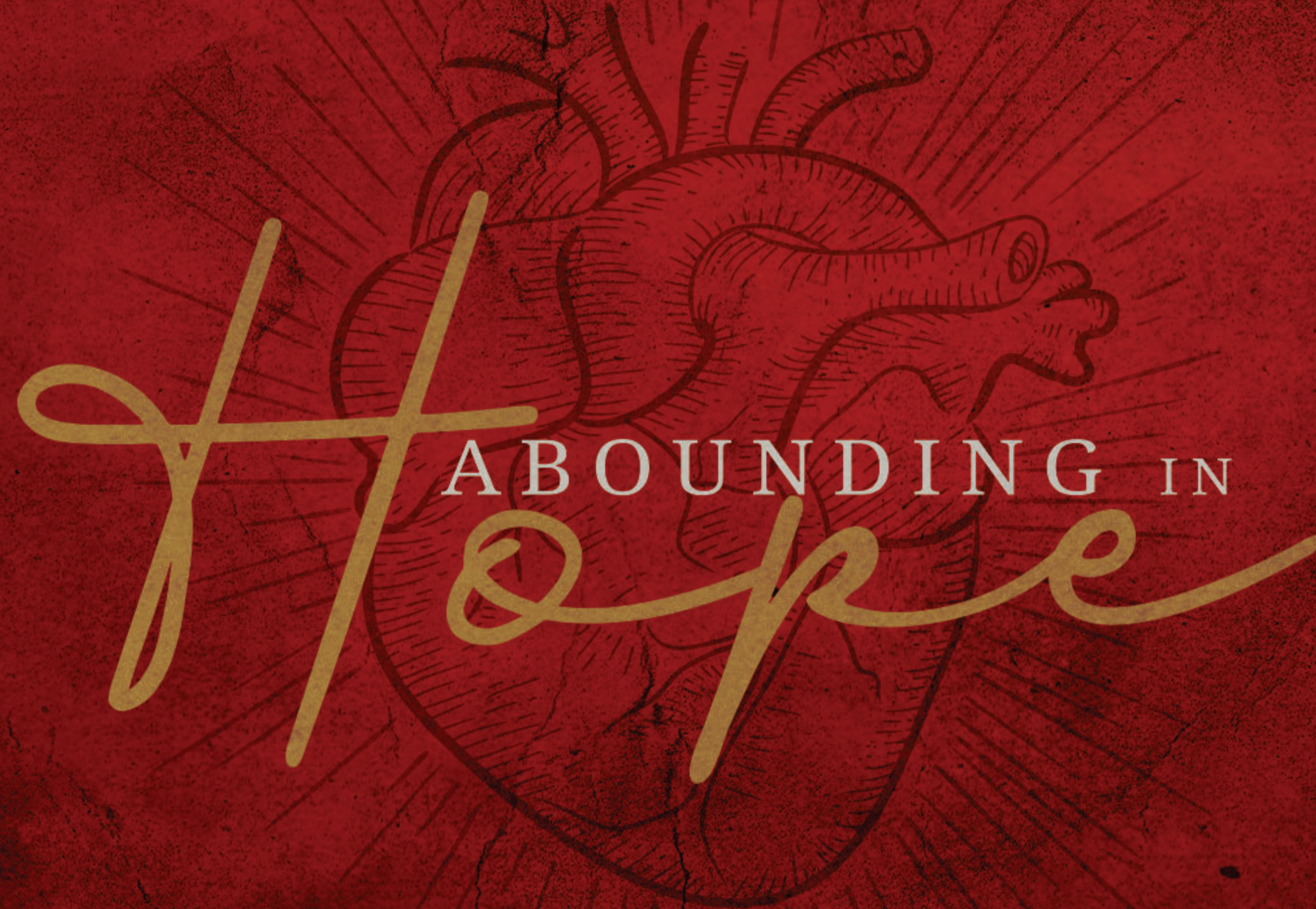
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And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 ESV

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So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, **do all to the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV

For David, after he had **served the purpose of God in his own generation**, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption...

Acts 13:36 ESV

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

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

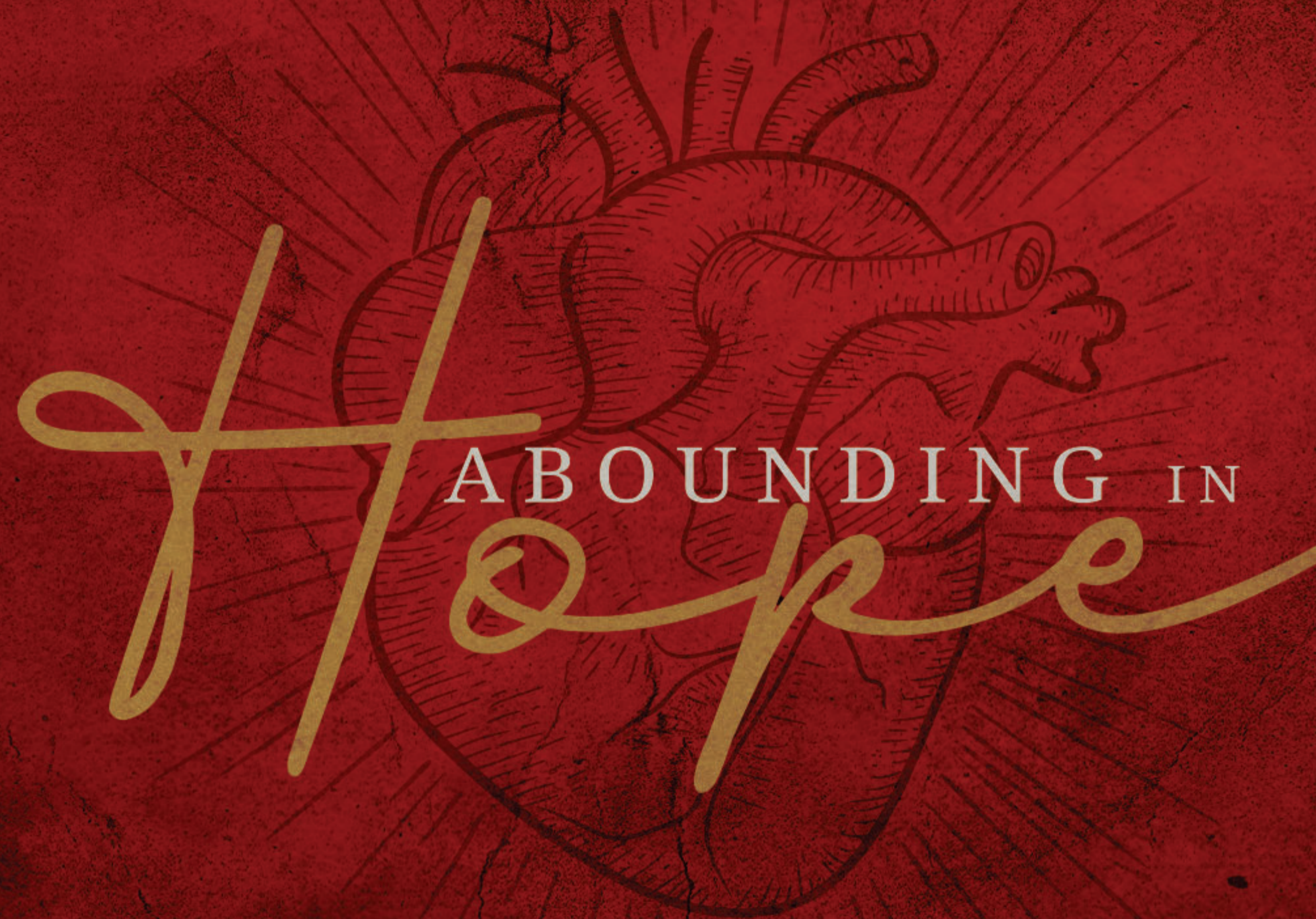
Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

Workmanship – **poiema – His Creation**

“For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:10-11 ESV

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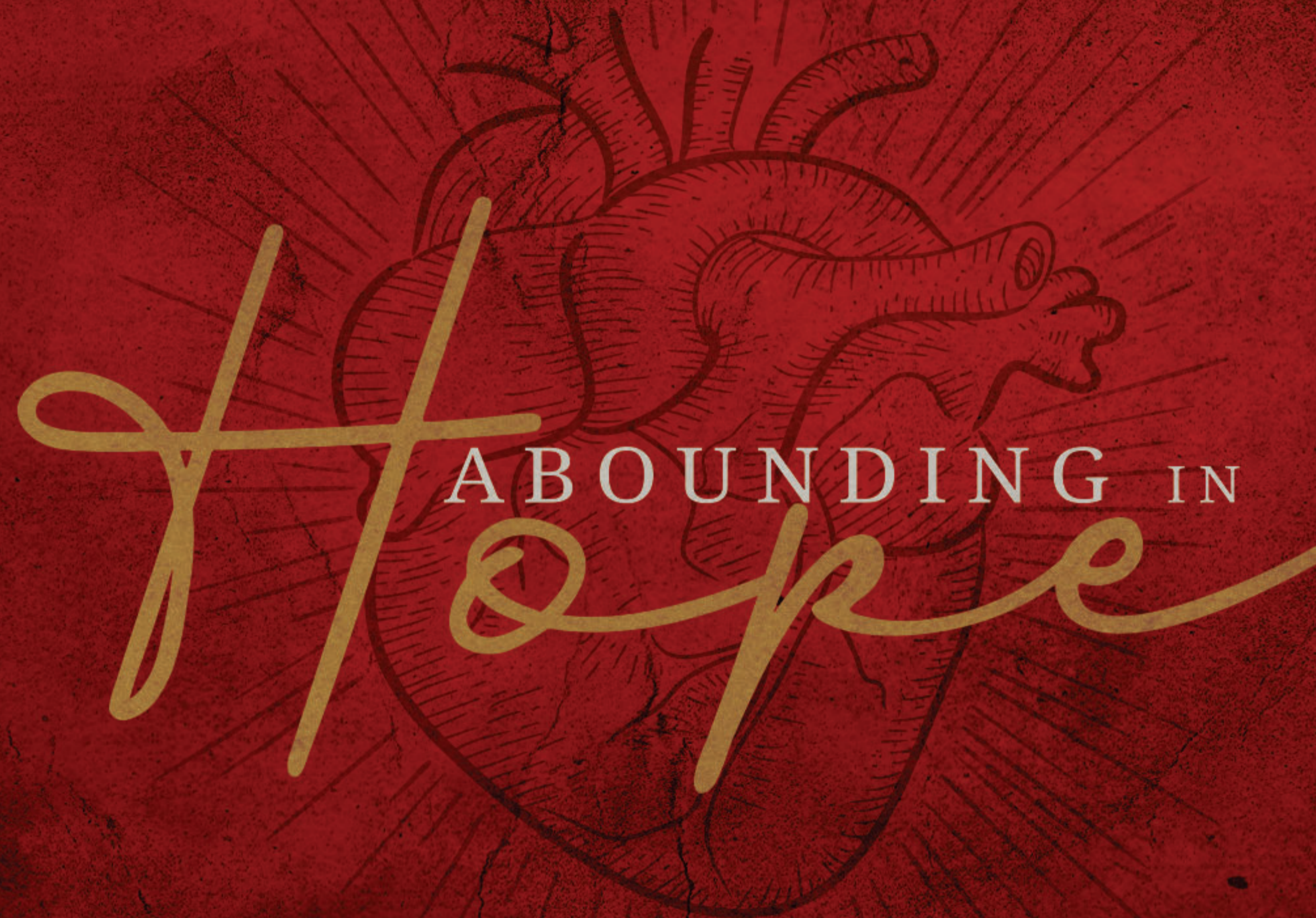
Go therefore and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. **So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.**

1 Corinthians 3:5-7 ESV

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**2. God's Specific Call -
All are a Part of the Body**

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good....**

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ESV

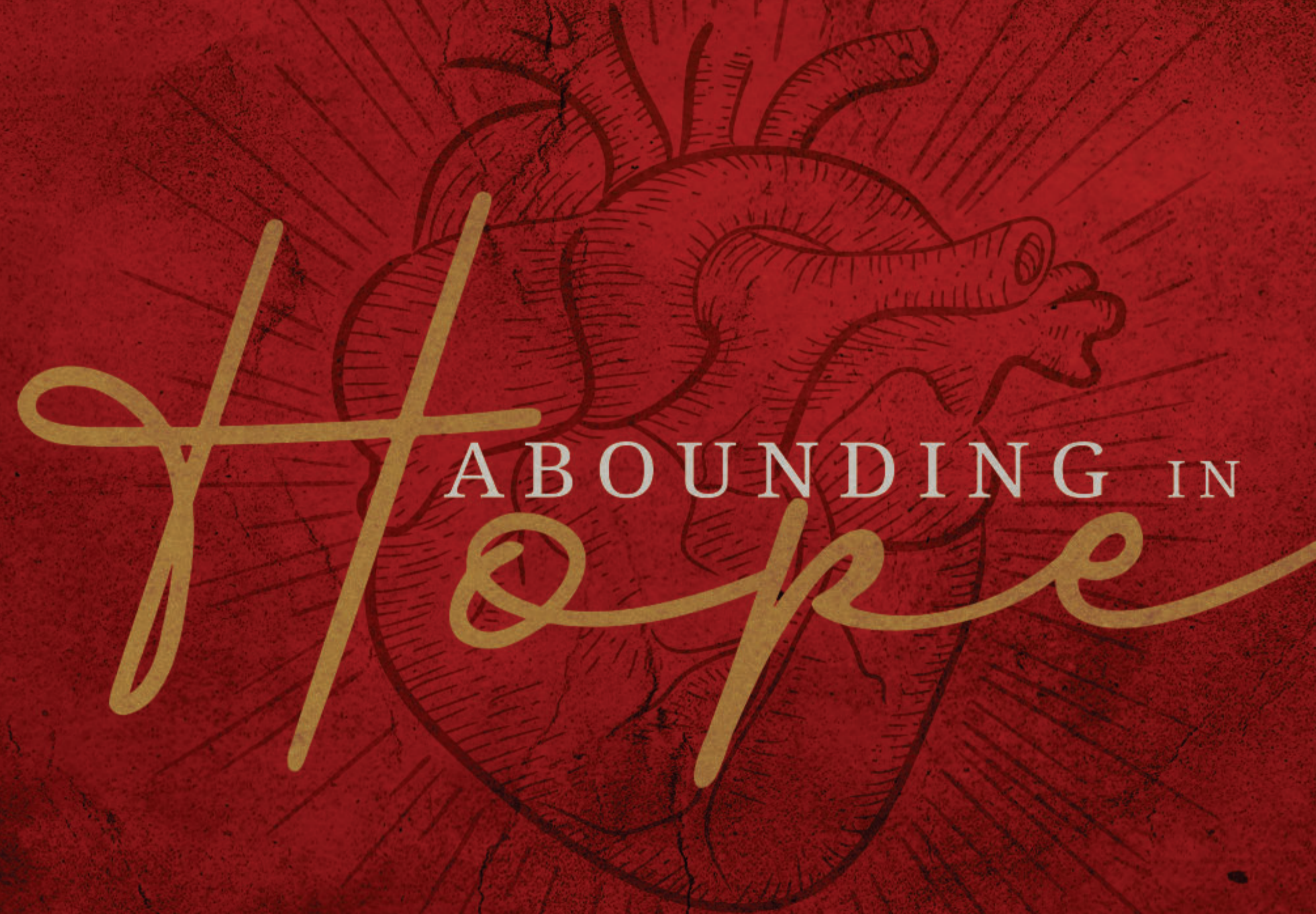
Do Not Diminish Yourself

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, **God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.**

1 Corinthians 12:14-18 ESV

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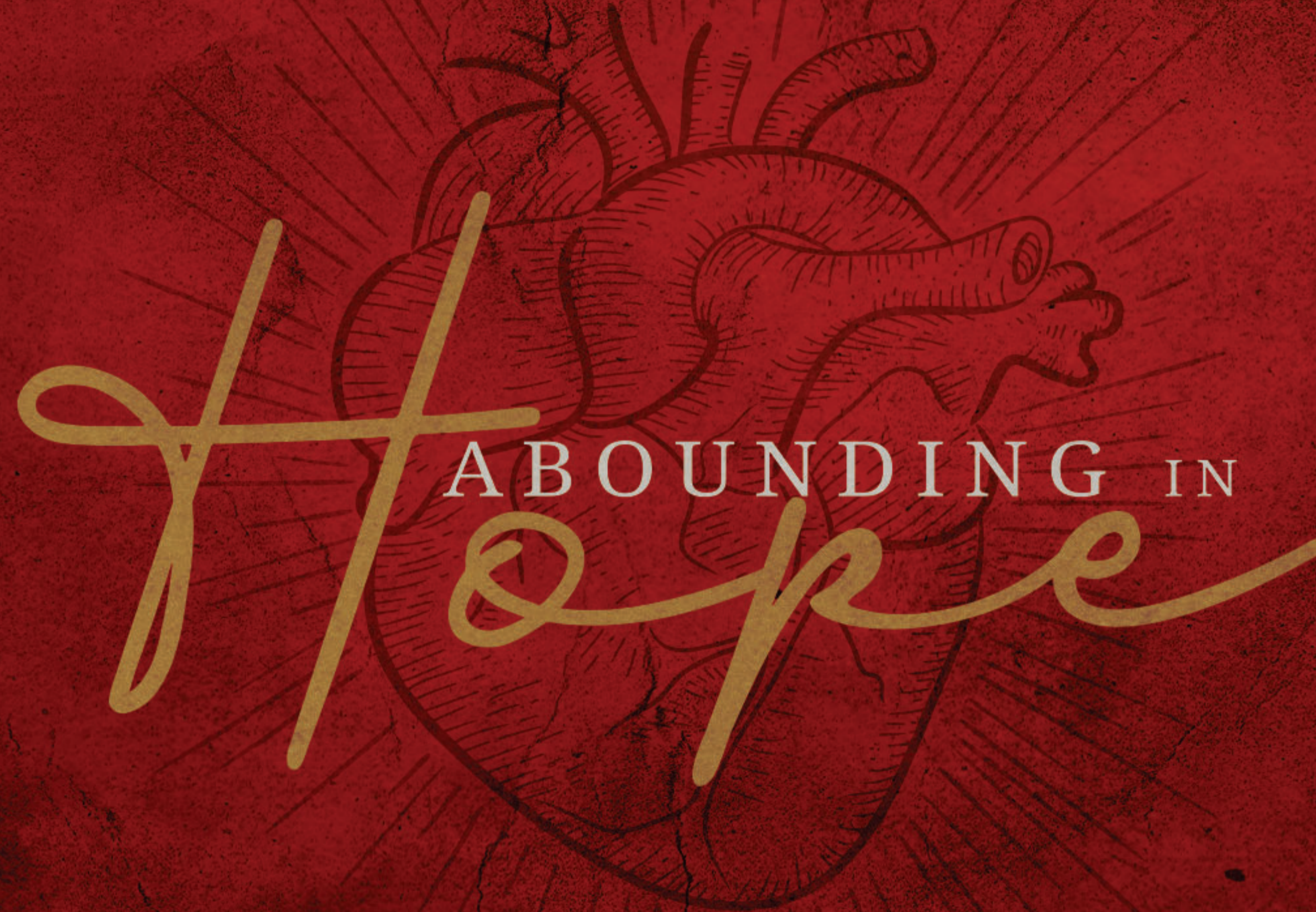
Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. **You are serving the Lord Christ.**

Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

We urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, (love one another) and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders...

1 Thessalonians 4:10-12 ESV

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He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3:30 ESV

Diminish Ourselves, not Others

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but **that the members may have the same care for one another.**

1 Corinthians 12:21-25 ESV

3. God's Unique Call - Personal Circumstanced

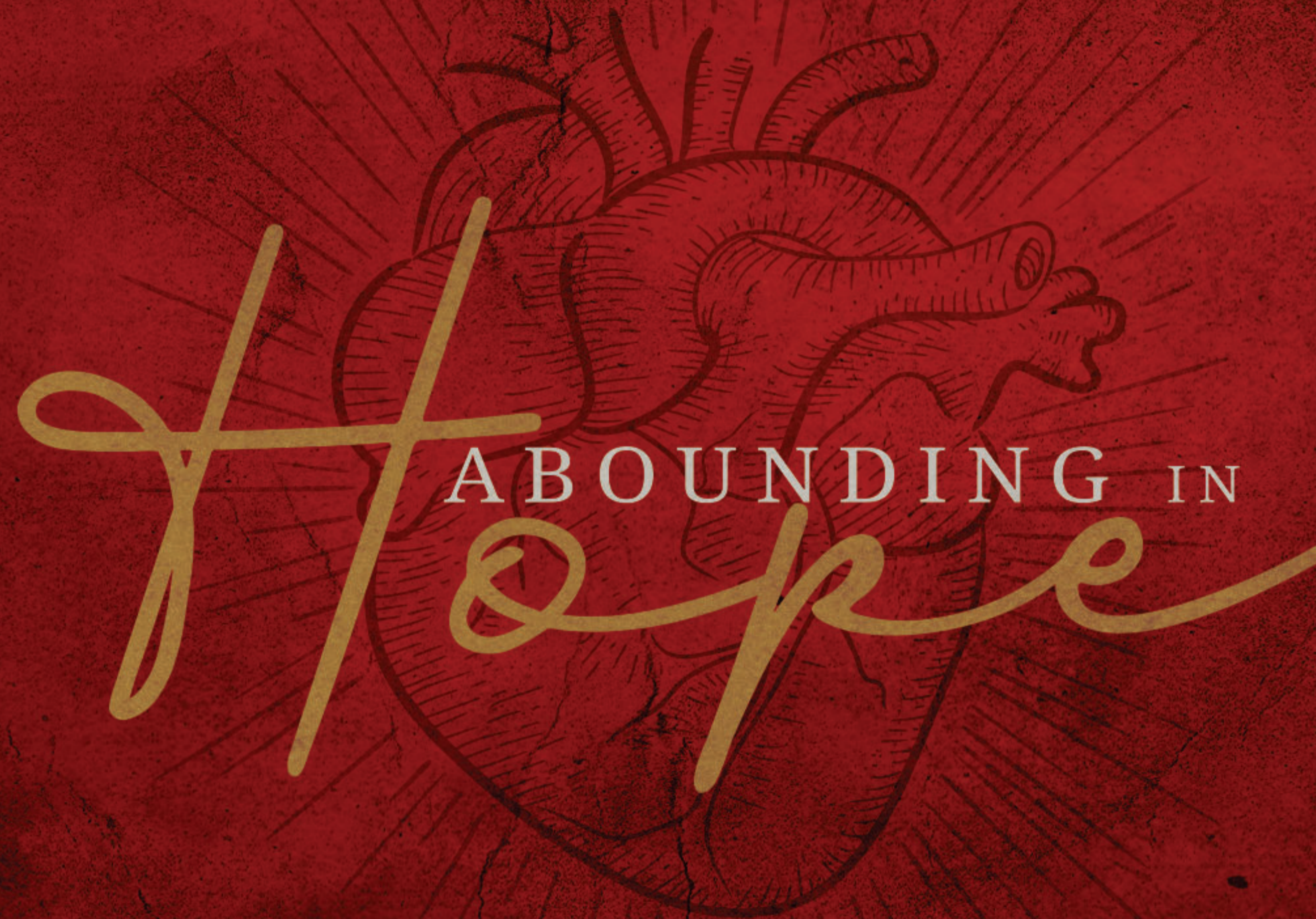
And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, **having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place**, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for in him we live and move and have our being.

Acts 17:26-28 ESV

**He determined the times set for them and
the exact places they should live.**

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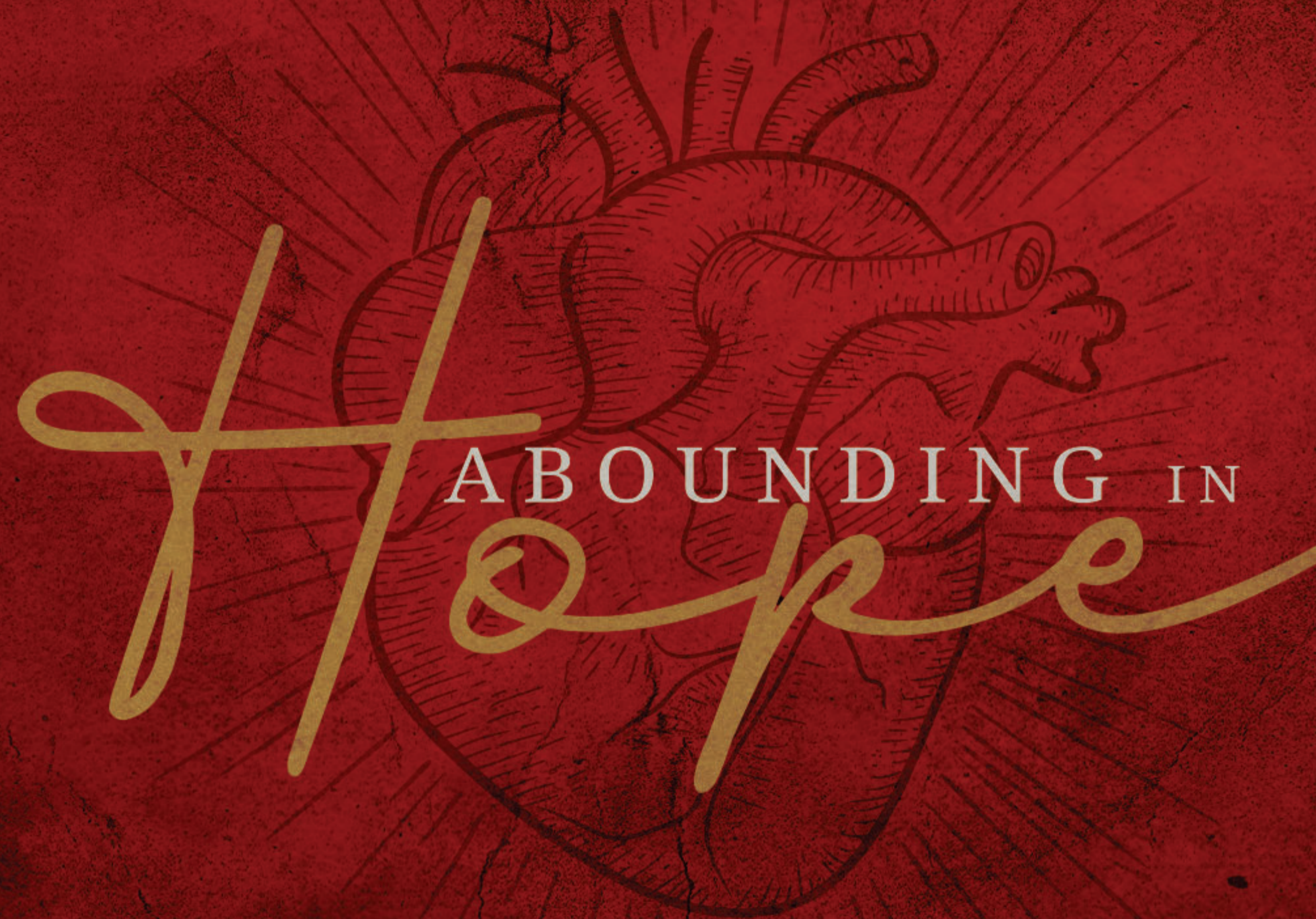
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For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom **for such a time as this?”**

Esther 4:14 ESV

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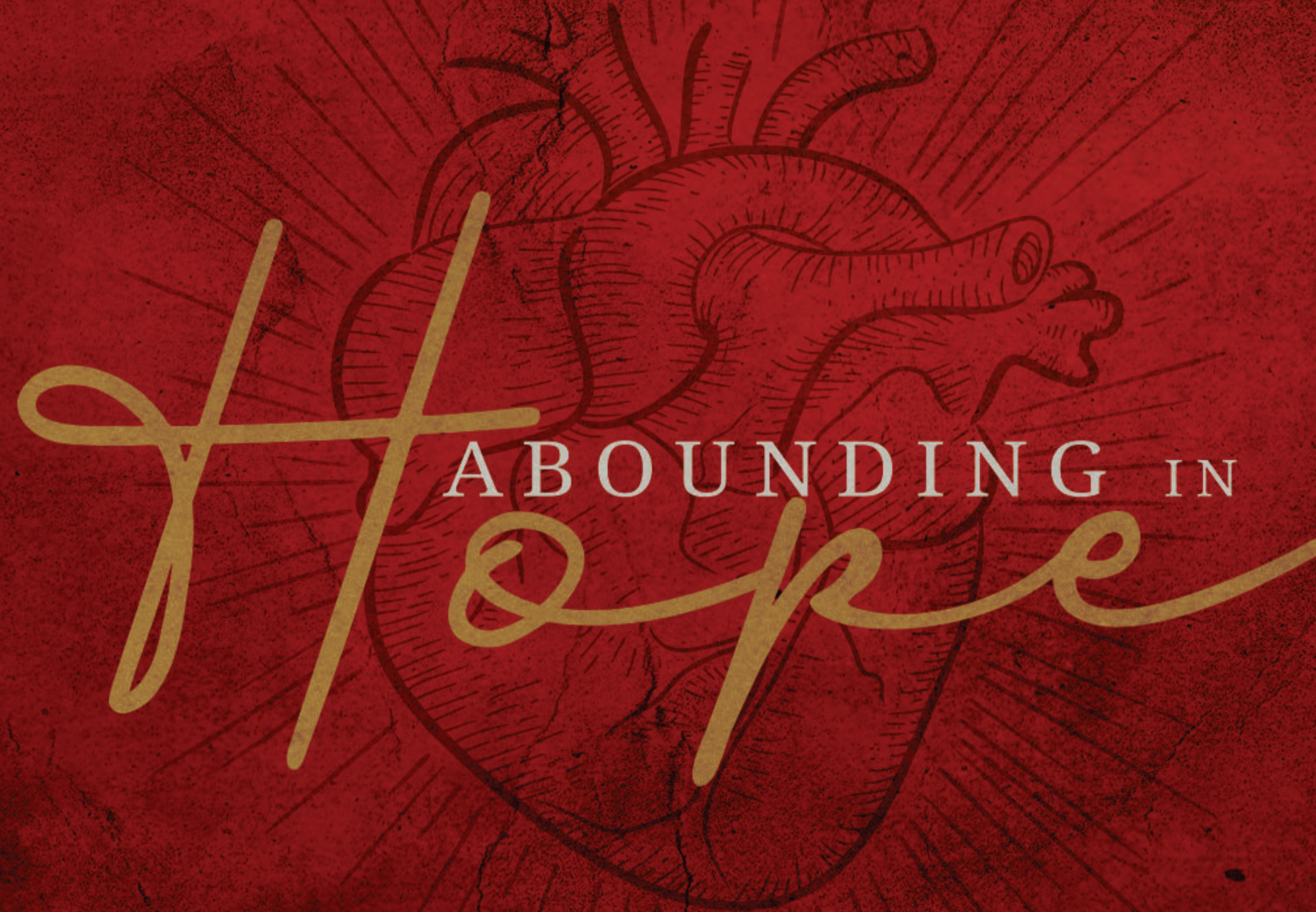
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I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and the lawyers **rejected the purpose of God for themselves**, not having been baptized by him.

Luke 7:28-30 ESV

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