



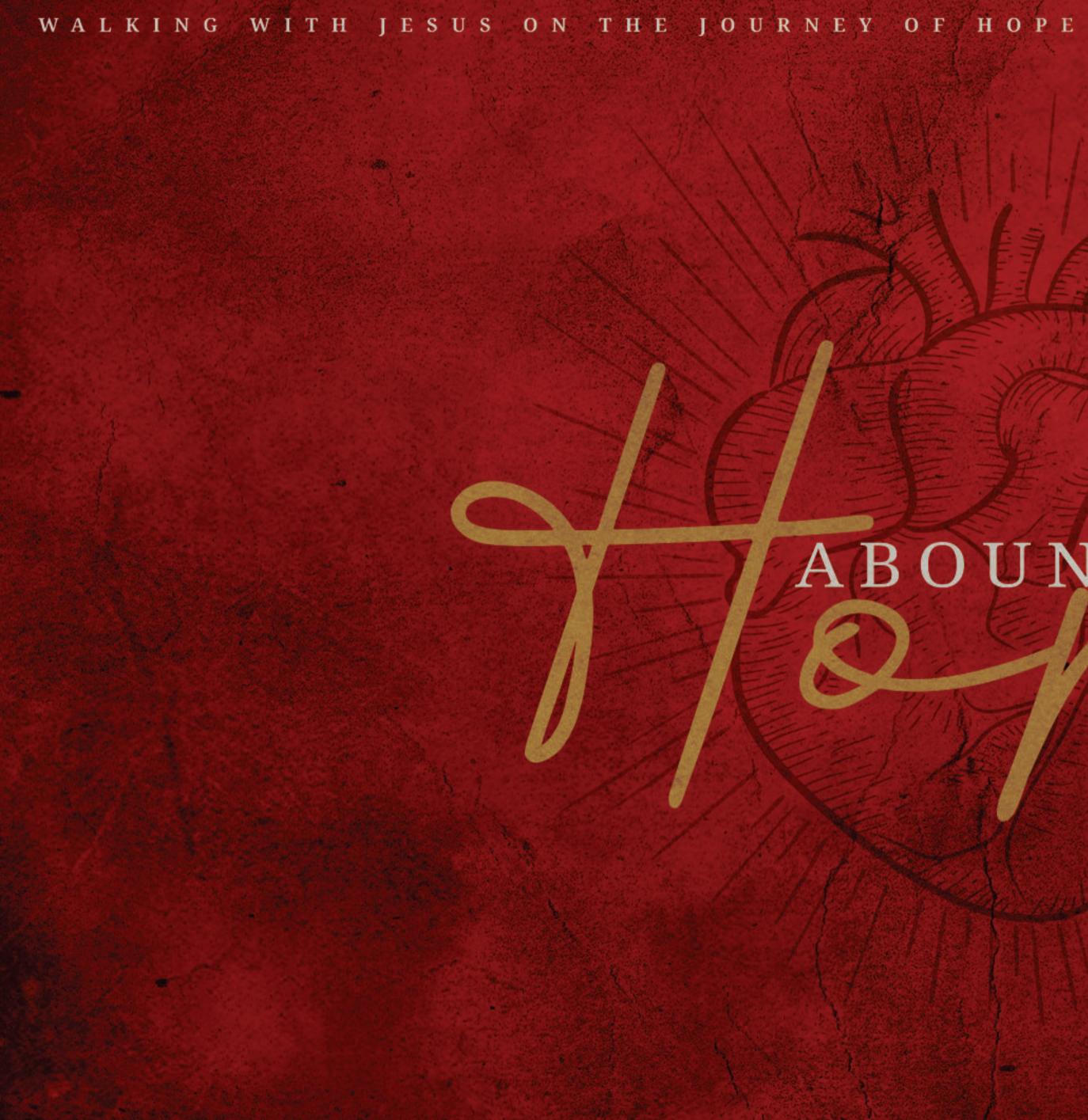
**Biblical Definition – Hope is the confident** trust in the promises of God about that which is yet to take place.



#### 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







#### Week 1: Hope - The Desperate Need of All

Begins with the fear of God We find hope on the road of lament



This life not all there is **Cannot compare to what is to come** This world's trouble is temporary

#### Week 2: "A Know So Hope"



### Week 3: The Return of Christ & Our Eternal Home

Be ready Be a good steward of your life Seek God's kingdom first



#### Week 4: Hope of Conformity to Christ

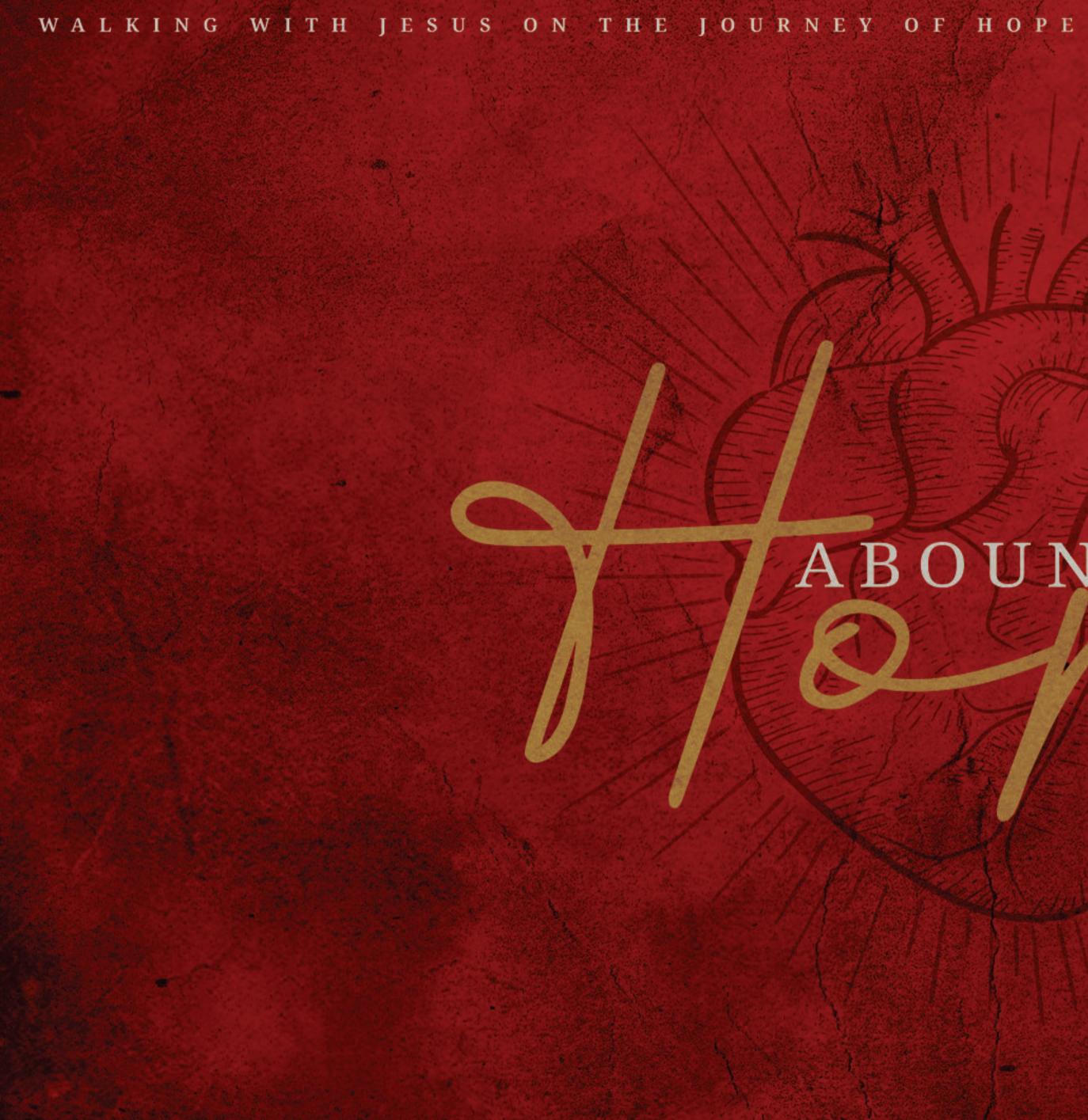
Seek to know Him Submit to Him Commit to the long haul Lean into suffering



### Week 5: Hope in Christ Brings Meaning in this Life

Global call: Make Disciples Specific call: In Body of Christ Unique call: Your Circumstances







For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 4:5-7 ESV



### Identity in Jesus Christ



### "Let light shine out of darkness"



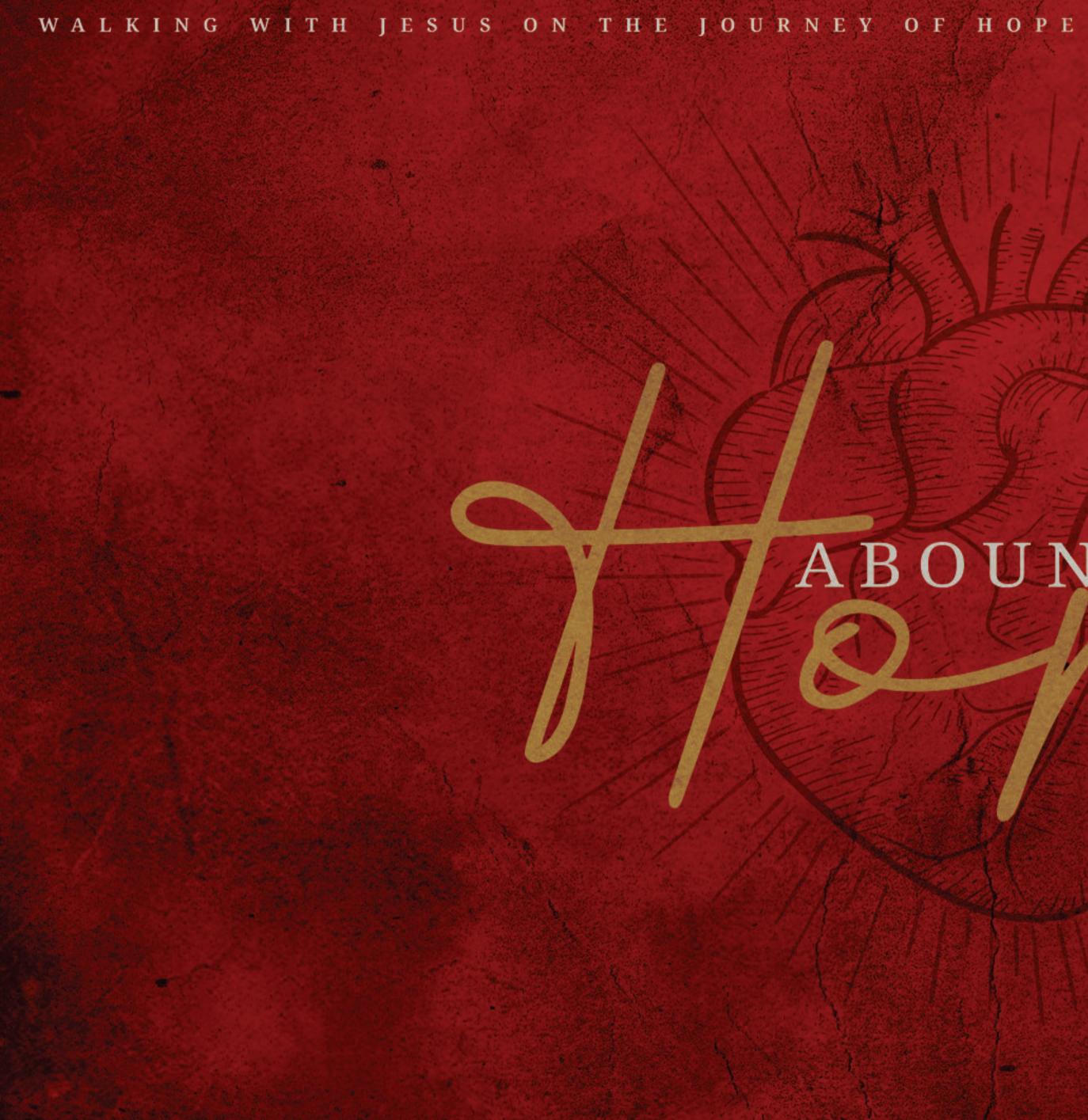


## "to give the light"



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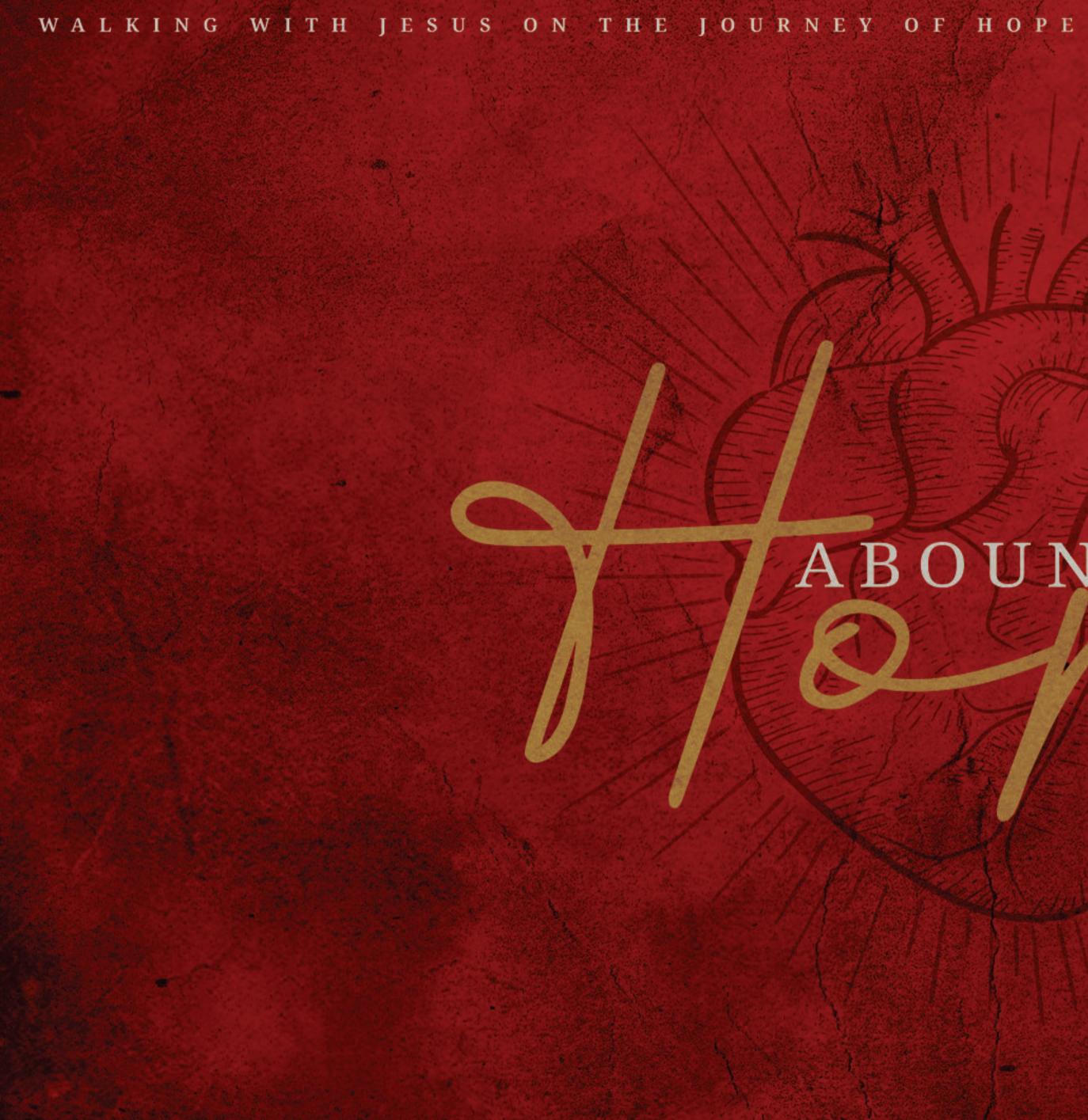
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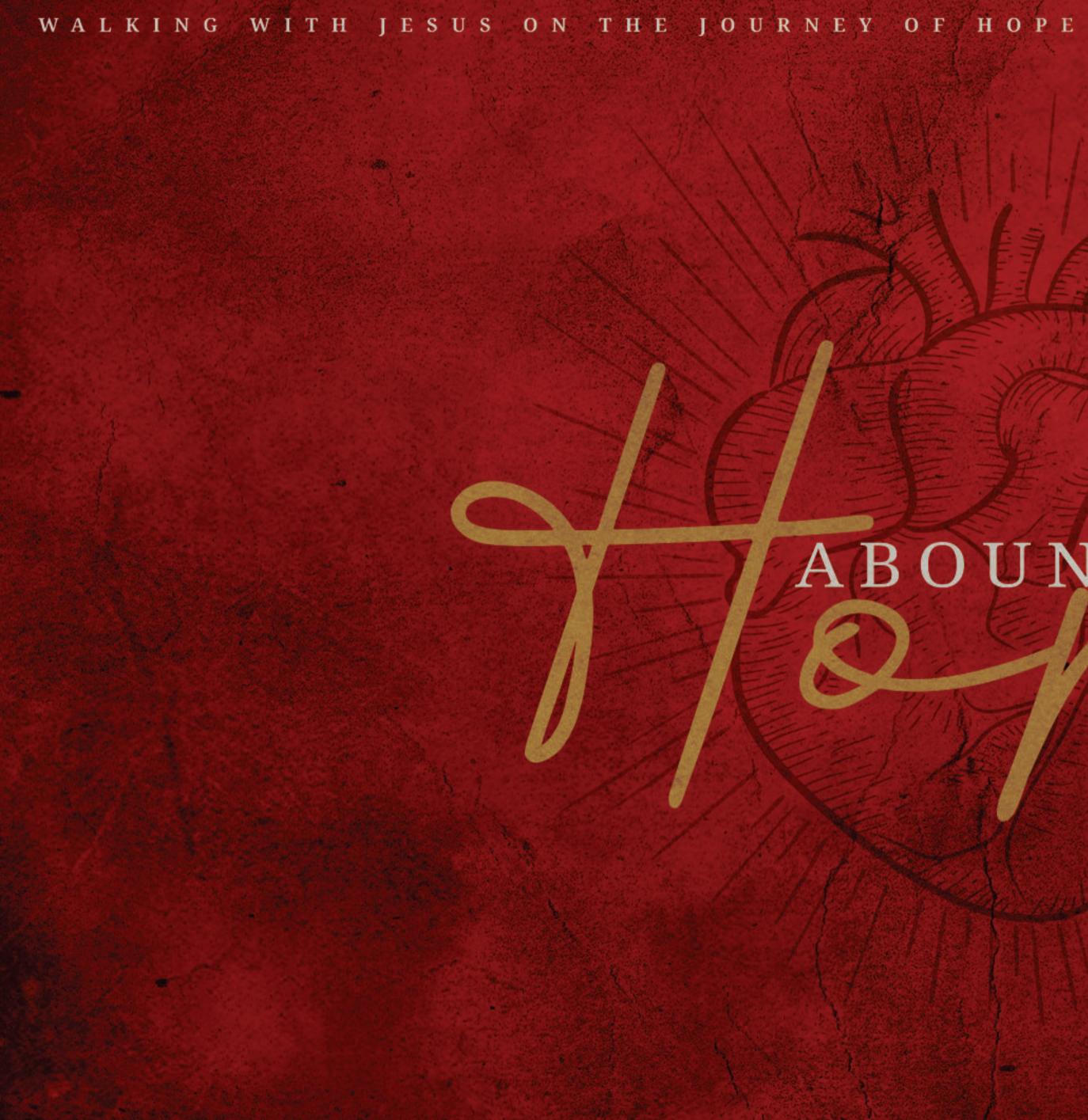






Grant William Veitch Harrold former butler to King Charles III British etiquette expert, and broadcaster.







#### 2. We are His Vessels

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# Treasure – Thesauros – accumulated wealth.

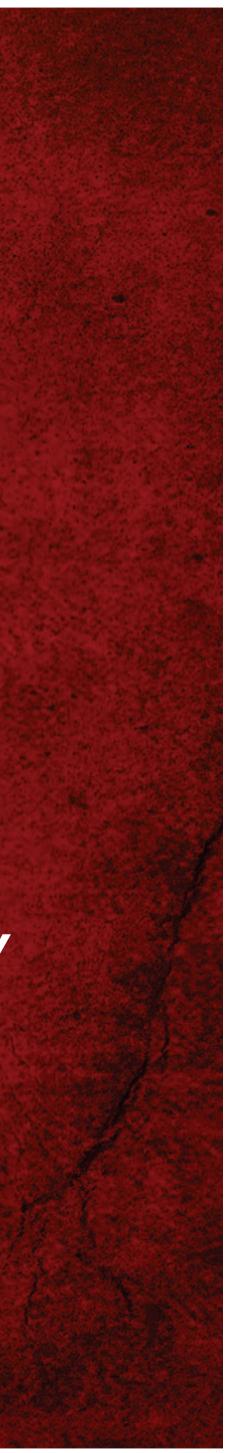


Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.



#### To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 1:24-27 ESV



#### The secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes, Christ in you bringing with him the hope of all glorious things to come.

Colossians 1:27 JB Phillips



If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:15-17 ESV

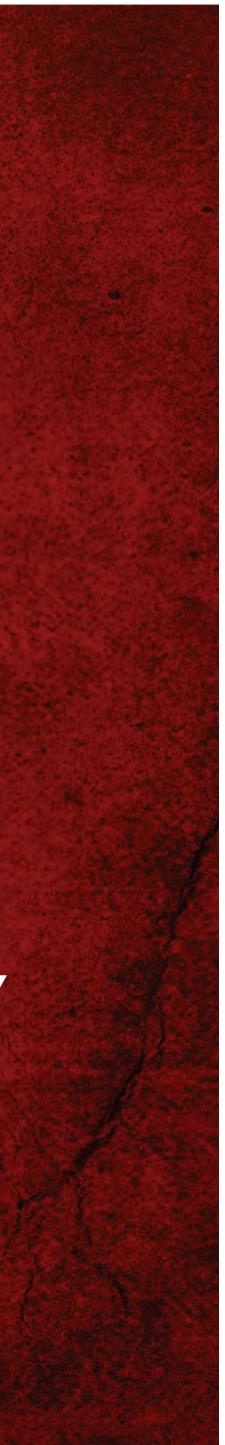


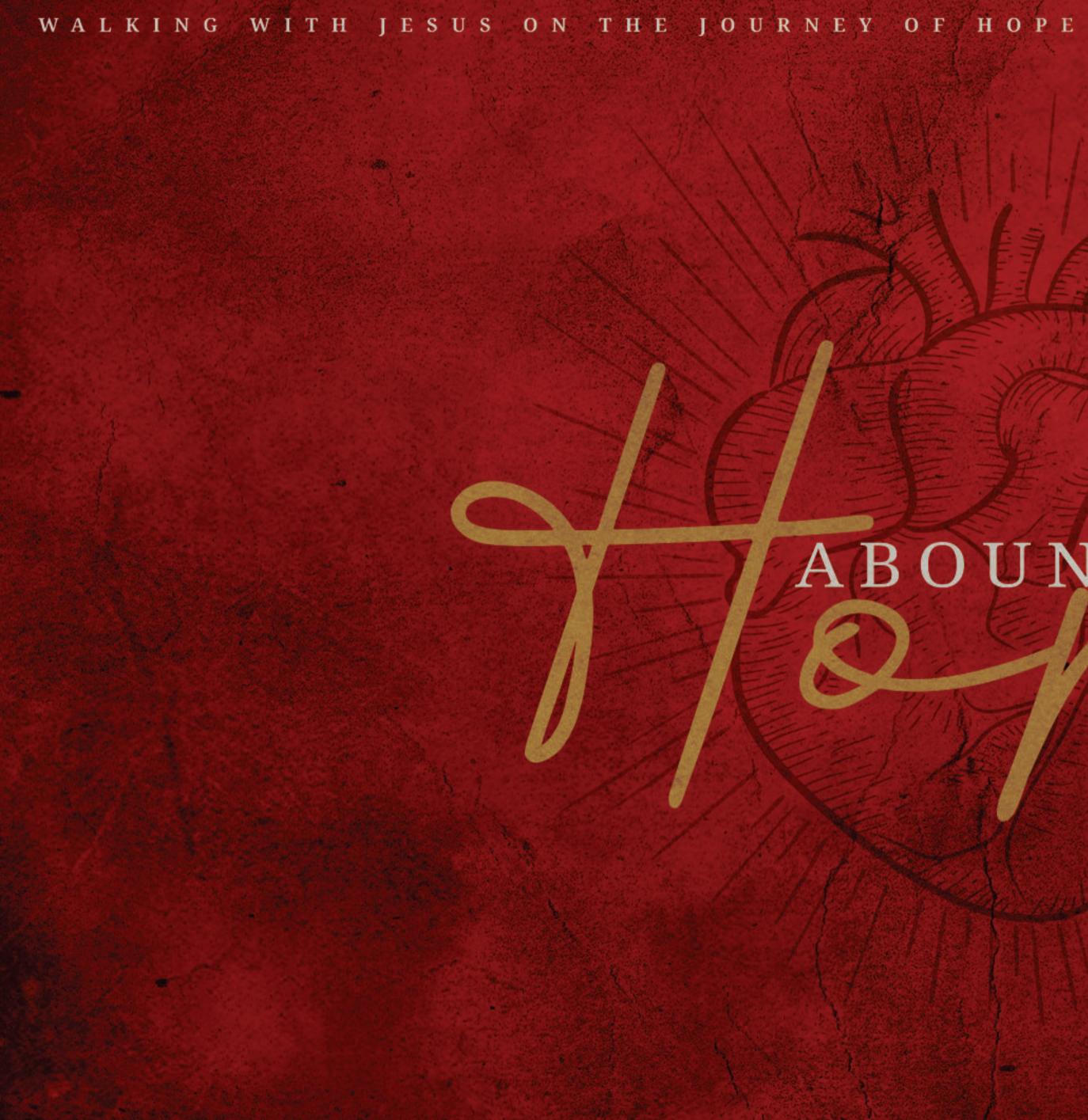
You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.



If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal **bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.** 

Romans 8:9-11 ESV









Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

Romans 9:21 NIV







#### ROMANS 15:13



### 3. We are His Ambassadors

... if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;



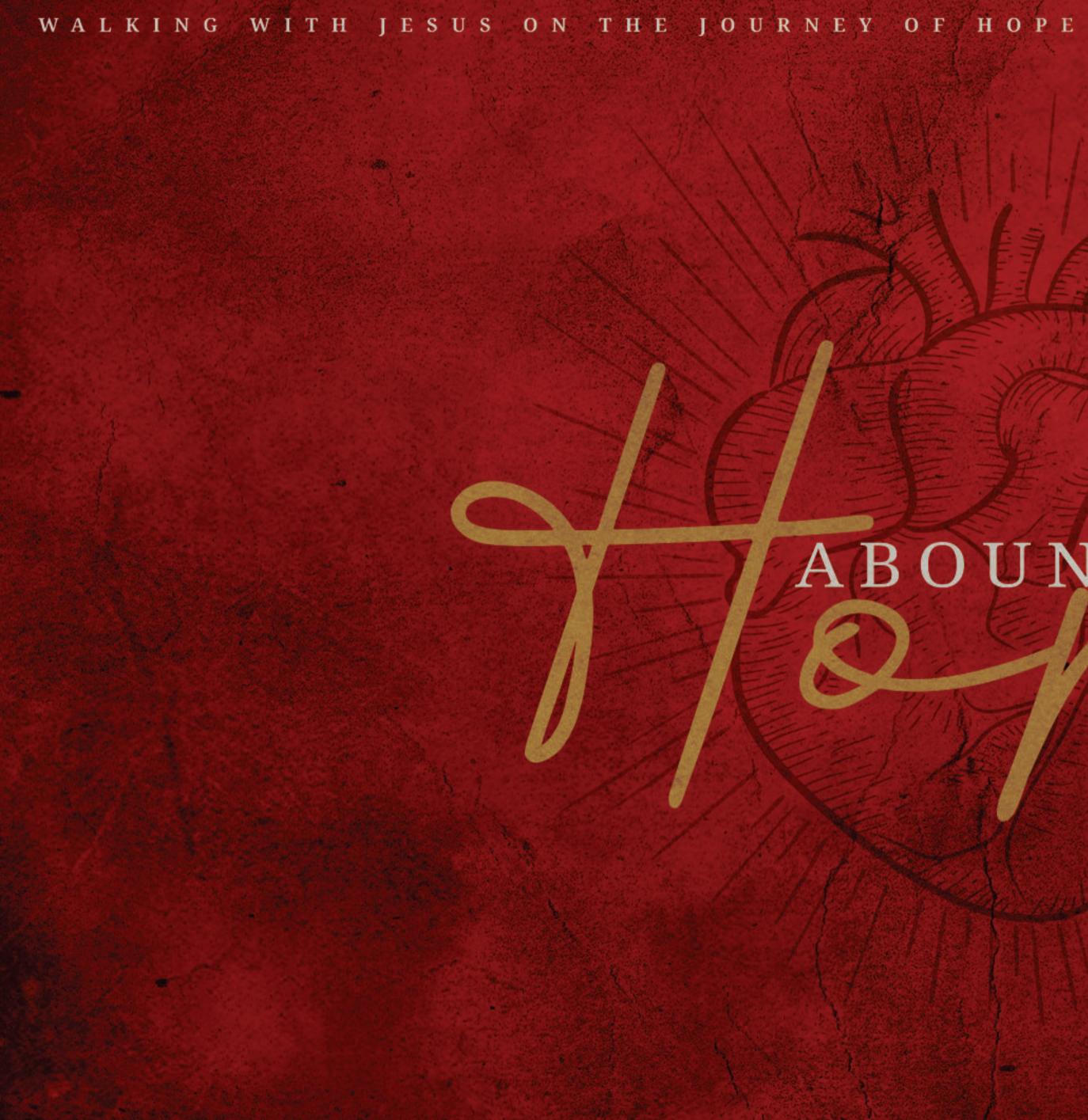
that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 ESV



Ambassador – presbeuo – to act as an authorized representative from one sovereign ruler or country to another.







How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Isaiah 52:7 ESV



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV



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Colossians 1:27 ESV





### **Embracing Biblical Hope leads to an Identity in Jesus Christ**

And is expressed as:
We are His Servants
We are His Vessels
We are His Ambassadors



Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16 ESV



