



Easter Sunday

Hope Is Alive!

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Failed Expectations

1. Expected Jesus To Lead On

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

2. Expected Jesus To Prevail Over Rome

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.

Matthew 27:33-35 ESV

3. Expected Jesus To Be In The Tomb

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it... The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said..."

Matthew 28:1-2, 5-6 ESV

The Resurrection: The Cornerstone Of Our Faith

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain... If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

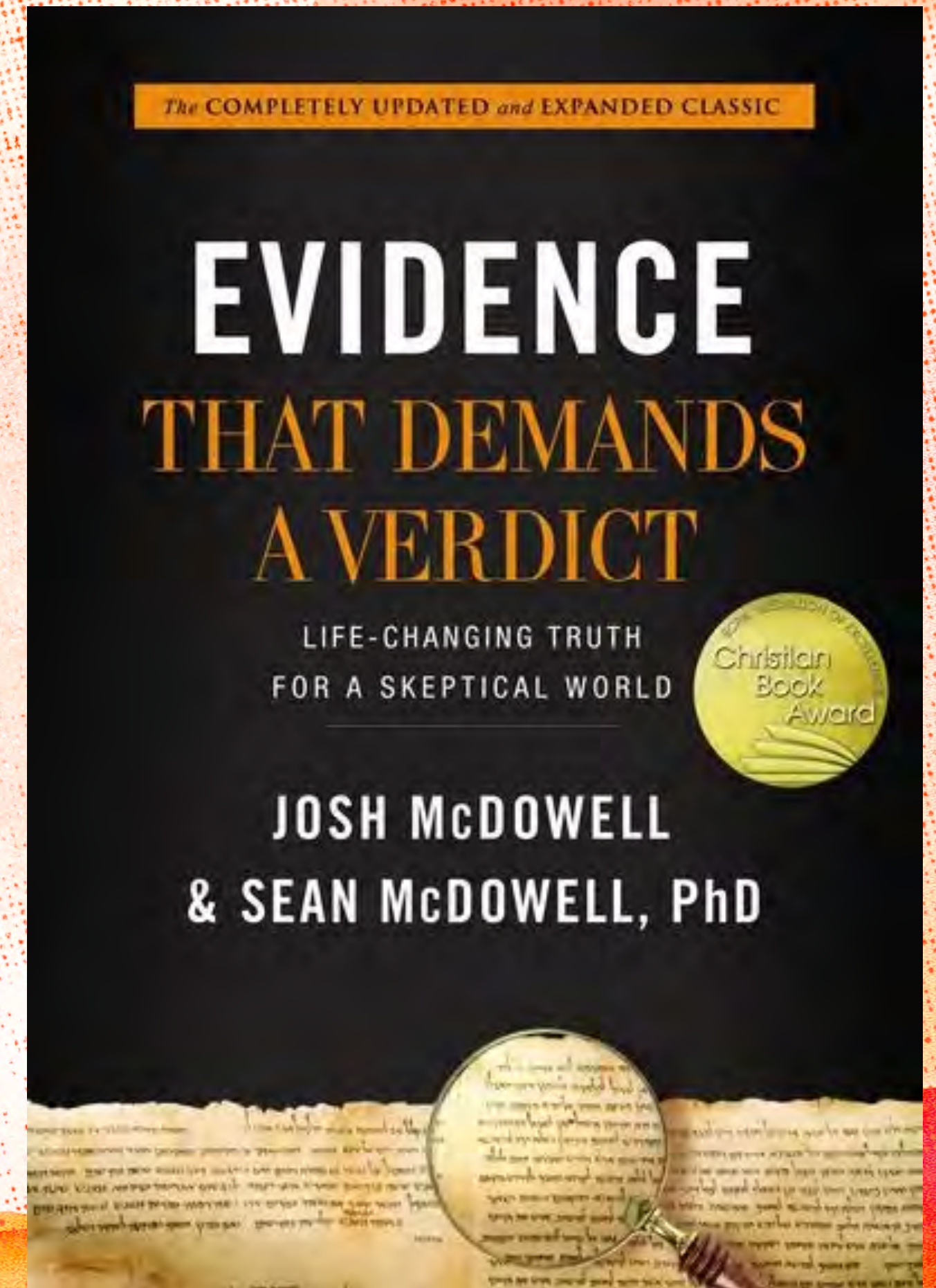
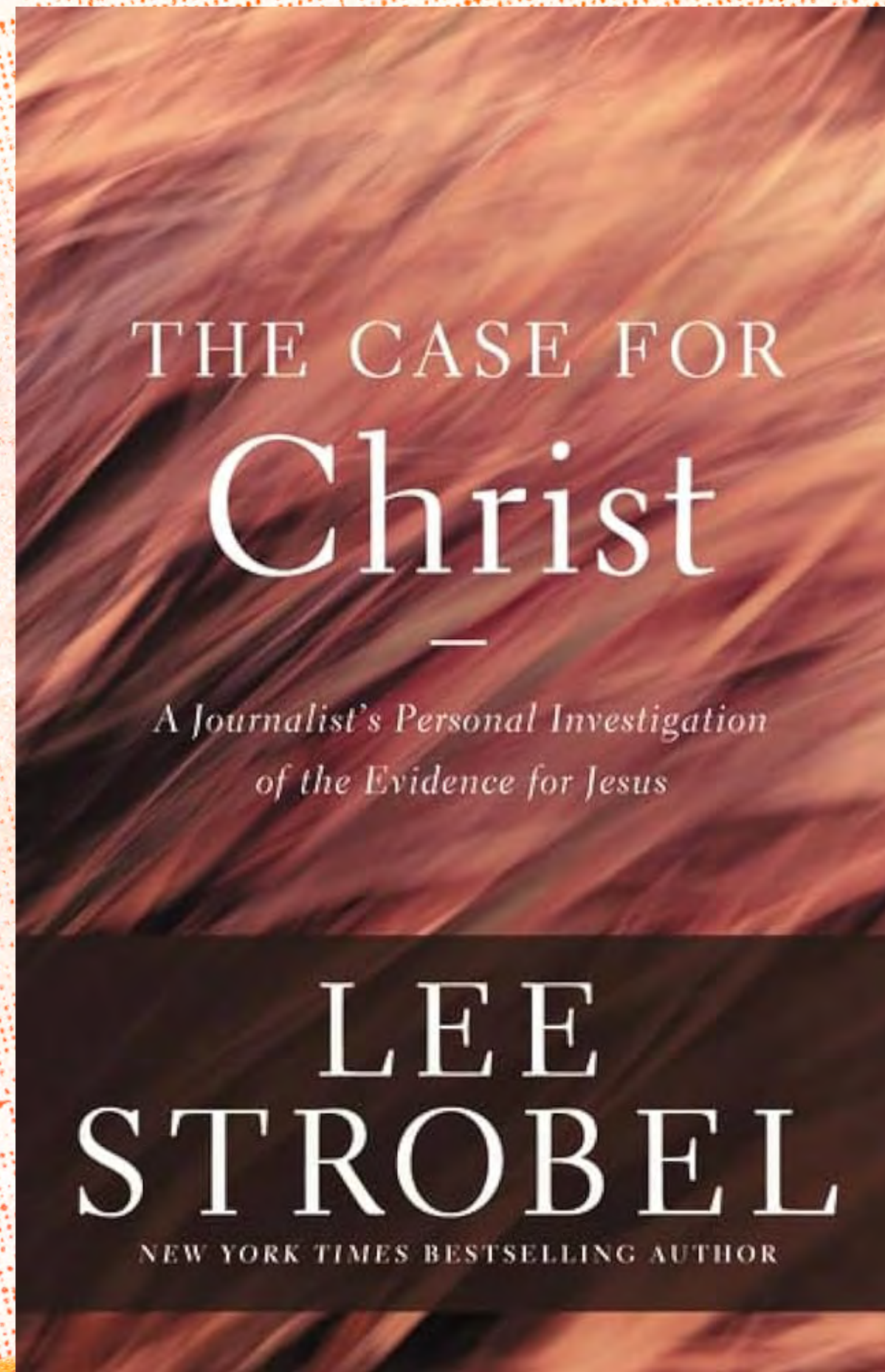
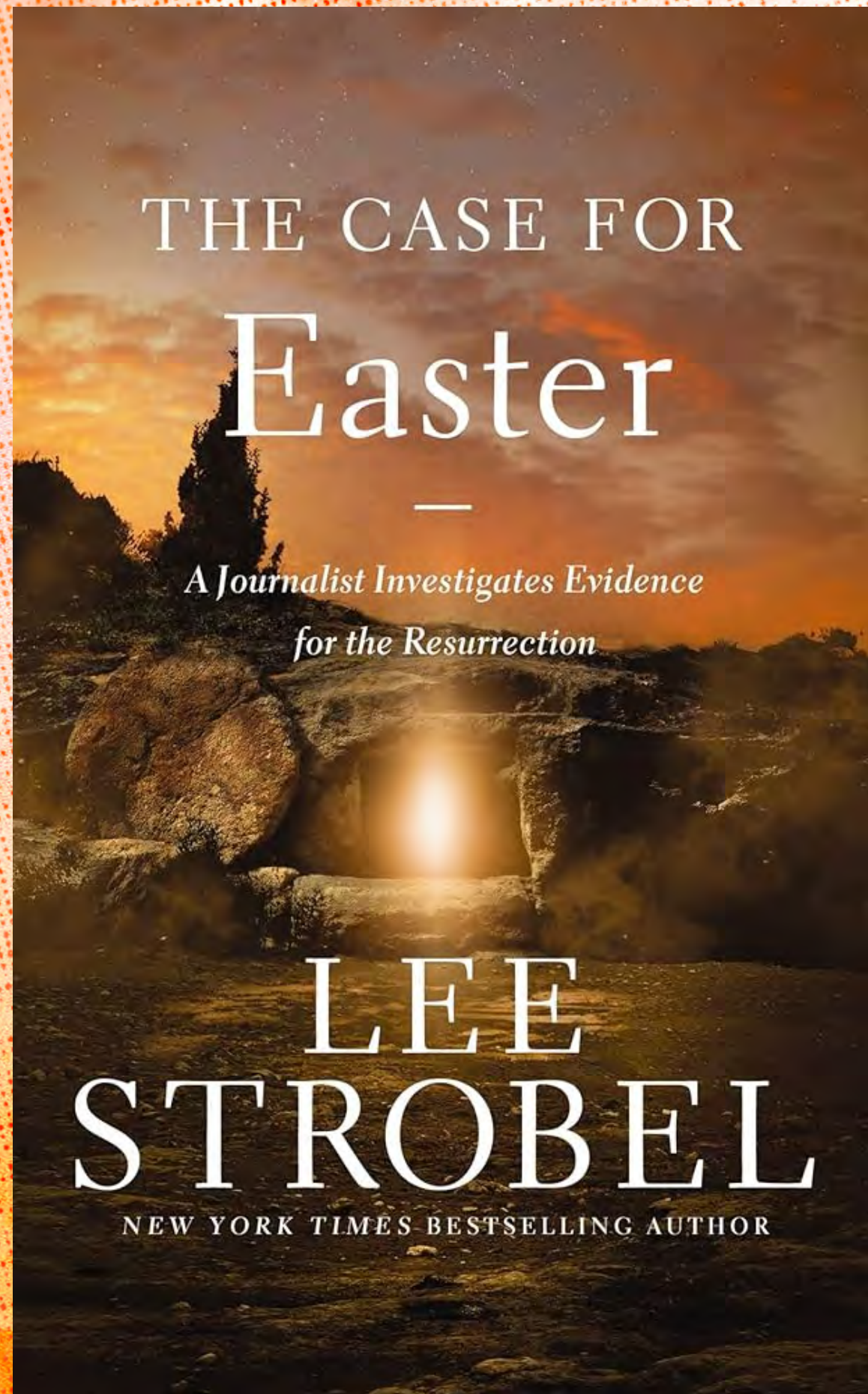
1 Corinthians 15:12-14, 19 ESV

The Martyrdom Of The Disciples

“Watergate embroiled 12 of the most powerful men in the world, and they couldn’t keep a lie for three weeks. You’re telling me 12 apostles could keep a lie for 40 years? Absolutely impossible.”

Chuck Colson







The Biblical Expectations That Accompany The Resurrection

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1. The Promise Of Forgiveness Of Sins

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

1 Peter 3:18 ESV

“Jesus’ death on the Cross is the payment for sin. The resurrection proves that the payment cleared.”

Costi Hinn



2. The Defeat Of Death & Promise Of Eternal Life

**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift
of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Romans 6:23 ESV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10 ESV

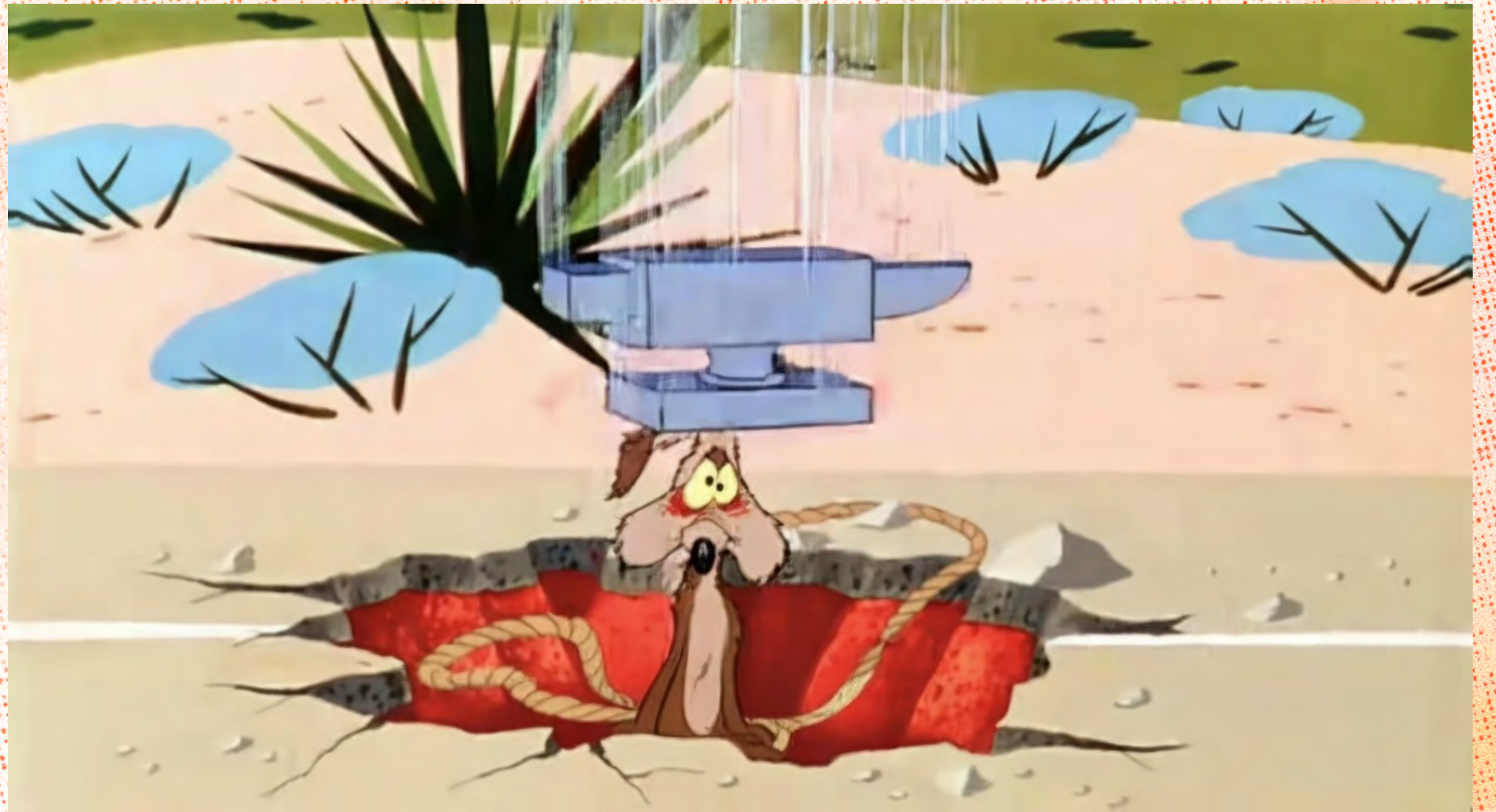
3. The Promise Of His Presence, Power, & Purpose In Difficulty

**And behold, I am with you always, to the end
of the age.**

Matthew 28:20 ESV

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5 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

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 ESV

4. The Promise Of His Return

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Revelation 21:4 ESV



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