

## FILLED – WITH LIFE (John 20:19-22)

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We live in a world that saps us and drains us at every turn. If it's not the demanding work schedule, it's the cost of living. If it's not the cut-throat competition, it's the hair-pulling traffic. And if it's not strife in the news or on social media, it's strife in our relationships. Isn't there something that can fill us up rather than wear us down? Yes there is, but it's not a something, it's a Someone. Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). The enemy wants to destroy your life, but Jesus died to give you life - eternal life! May your life be full in Him.

*"In this world you will have trouble..." – John 16:33*

**But take heart! ... in Christ, your life is FILLED ...**

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Filled Life.

John 16:33, John 20:19-20

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" – John 20:19*

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Filled Life.

John 20:21, Acts 1:8

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." – John 20:21*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – Acts 1:8*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Filled Life.

John 20:22, Acts 2:38

*And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit..." – John 20:22*

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – Acts 2:38*

## Questions for individual or group reflection:

Who comes to mind when you think of someone who "has it all?" ... do you think their life is without suffering?

How do you judge/determine success?

Would you say that you are fulfilled in your life?

Where do you find fulfillment?

What things tend to take away your peace? What restores it?

How did Jesus give His disciples peace (see John 20:19-20)

What gives a person purpose in life?

As believers how do we discover our purpose in life?

What do you believe God has called you, specifically, to do?

Where do you find the power & energy for that challenge?

How does this power relate to the Resurrection of Jesus? How does it relate to your baptism?

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ into the world even though You knew that we would reject Him and that He would die in our place. Lord Jesus, thank you for coming and dwelling among us and giving us the gift of your Spirit. And Holy Spirit, ever dwell in our hearts, giving us peace – knowing that we have purpose, and giving us the power to live that out each and every day . In Your Name we pray. Amen!

## Do:

- Find PEACE in receiving God's complete forgiveness for any and all of your sins. Confess. Repent. Believe and Receive!
- Live your life with PURPOSE – boldly witnessing to Christ's grace and work in your life.
- Live with the POWER that comes from Christ's Holy Spirit dwelling in you through your baptism. What can't you do as His disciple? ... Do what He's calling you to do today!

**Memory Verse:** "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." – John 10:10

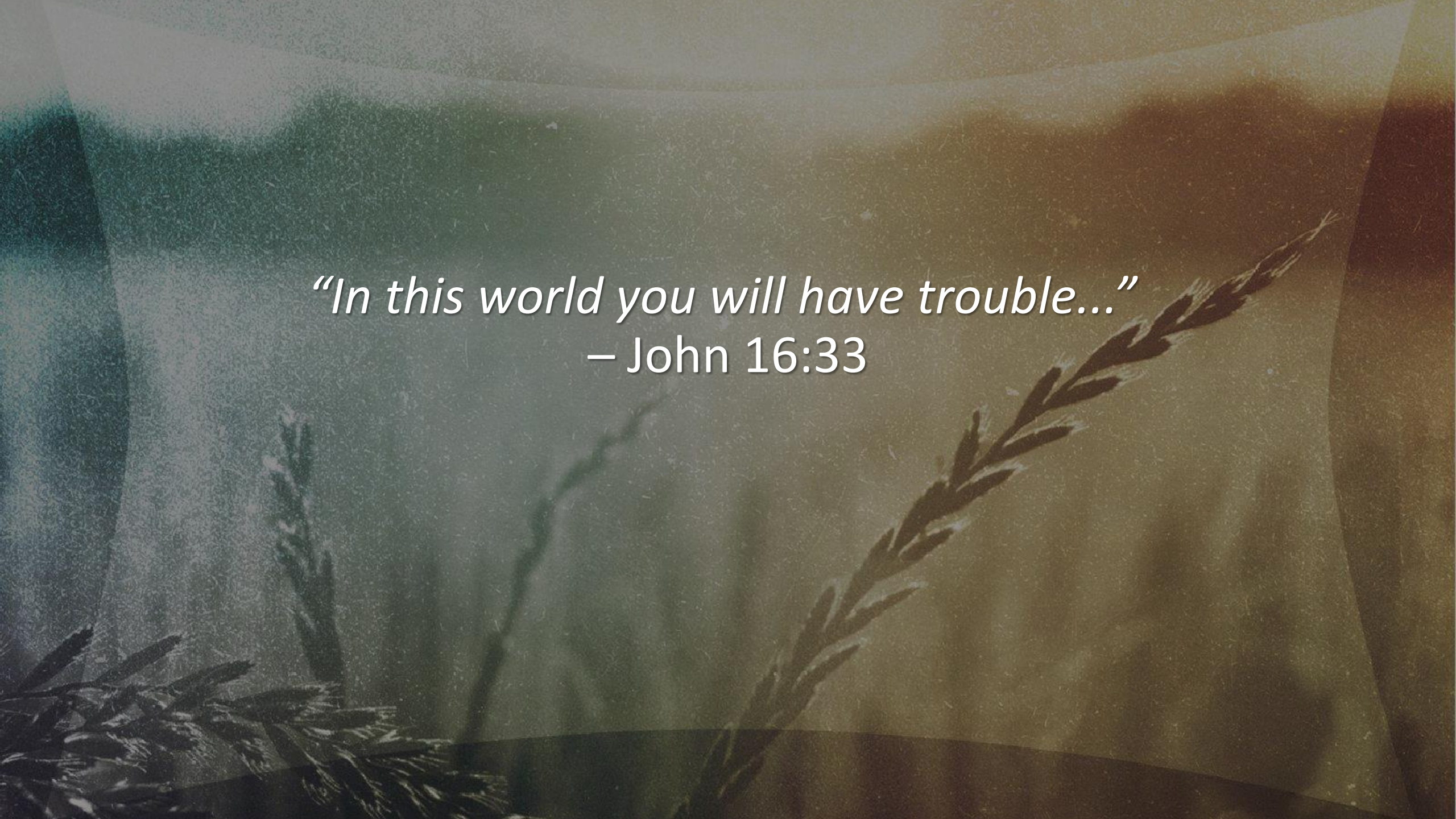
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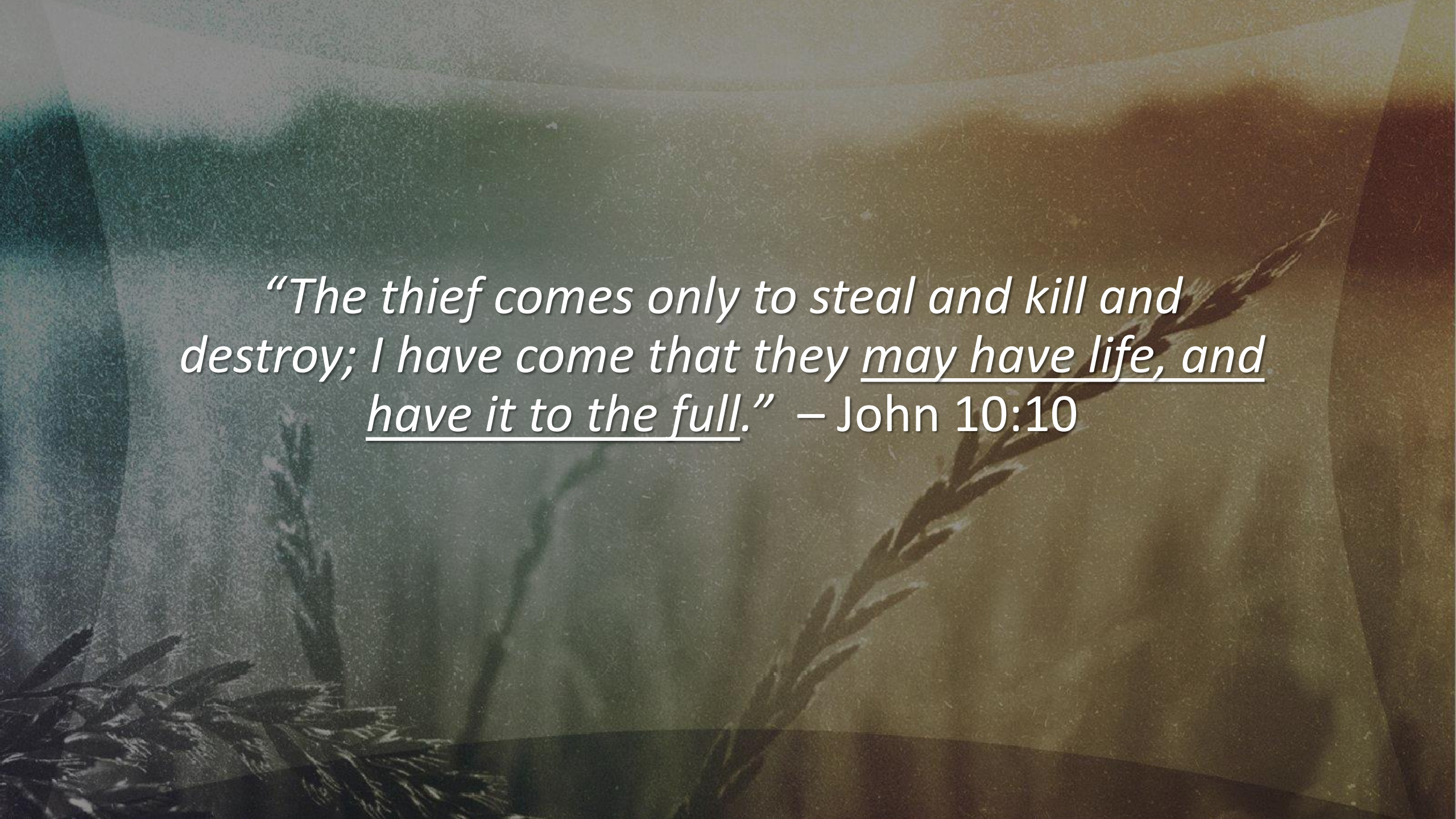
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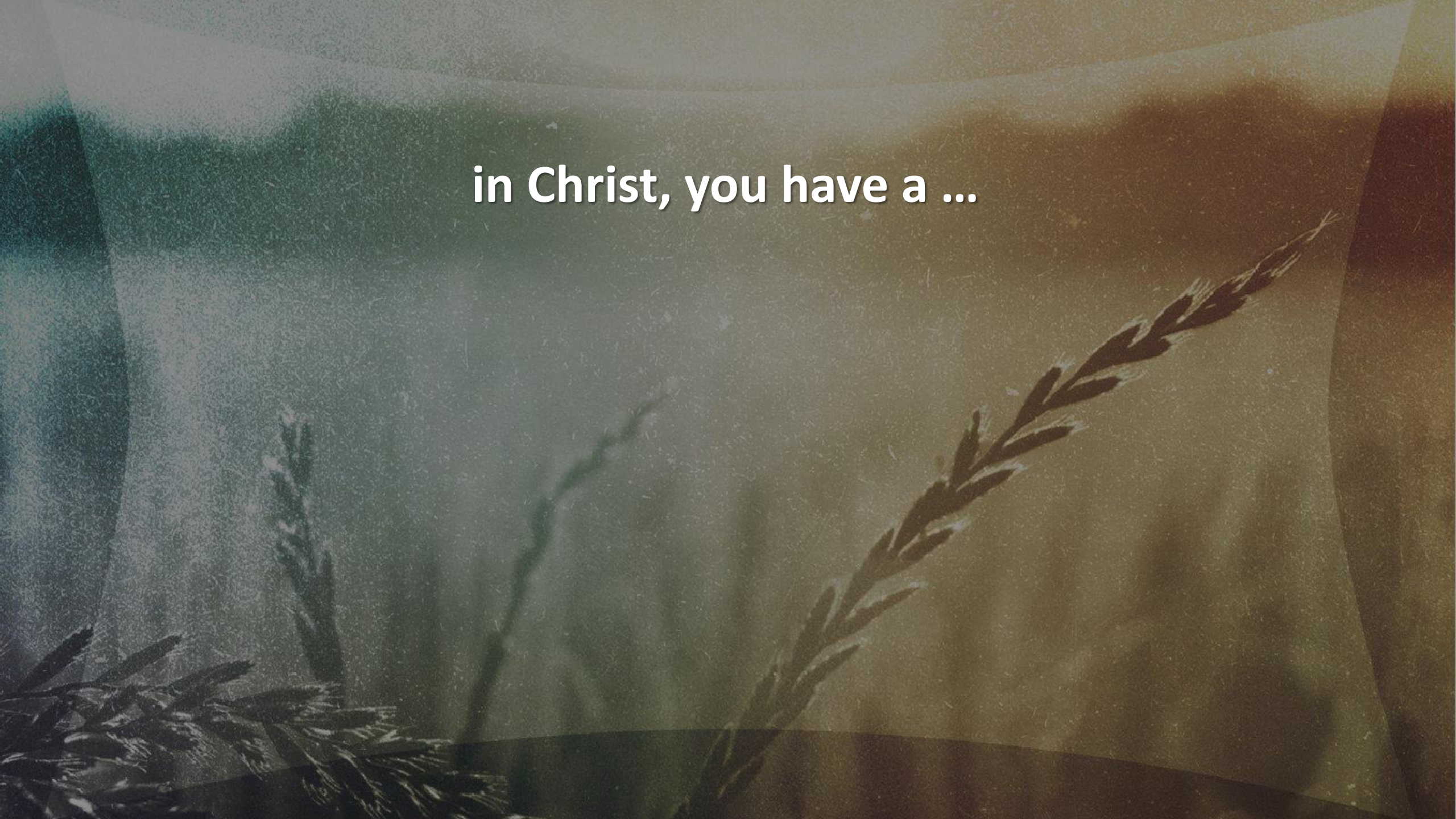
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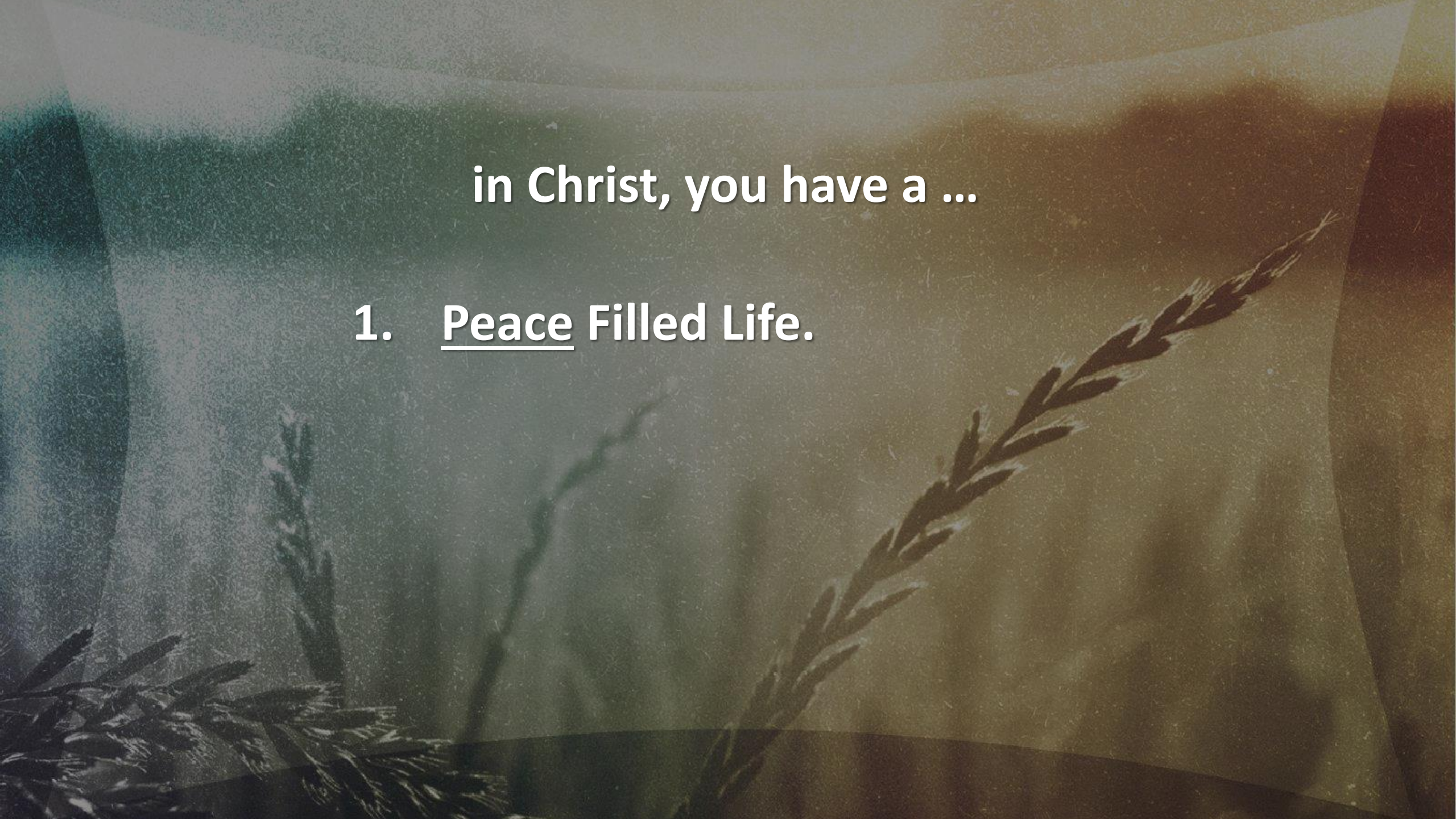




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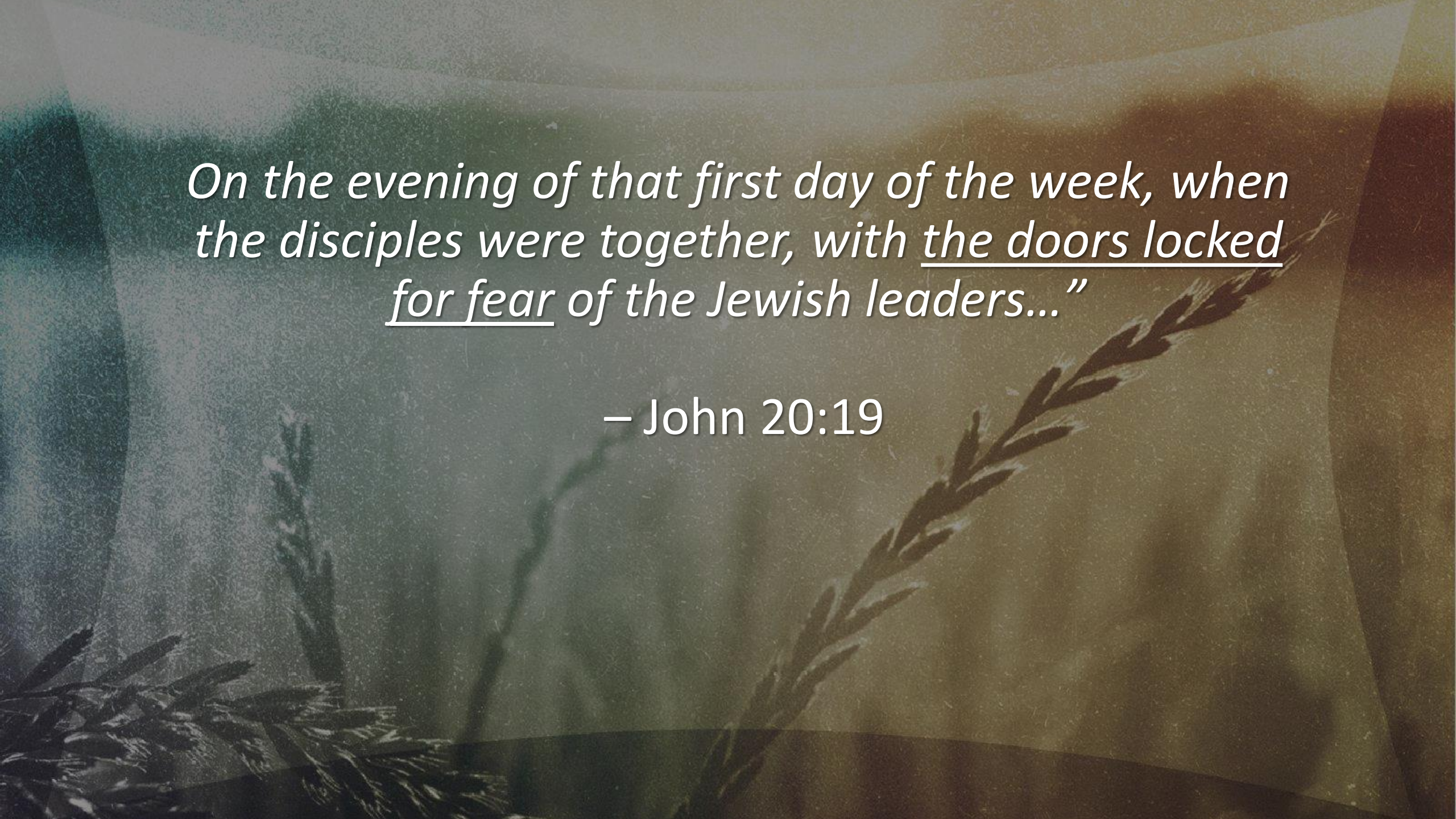
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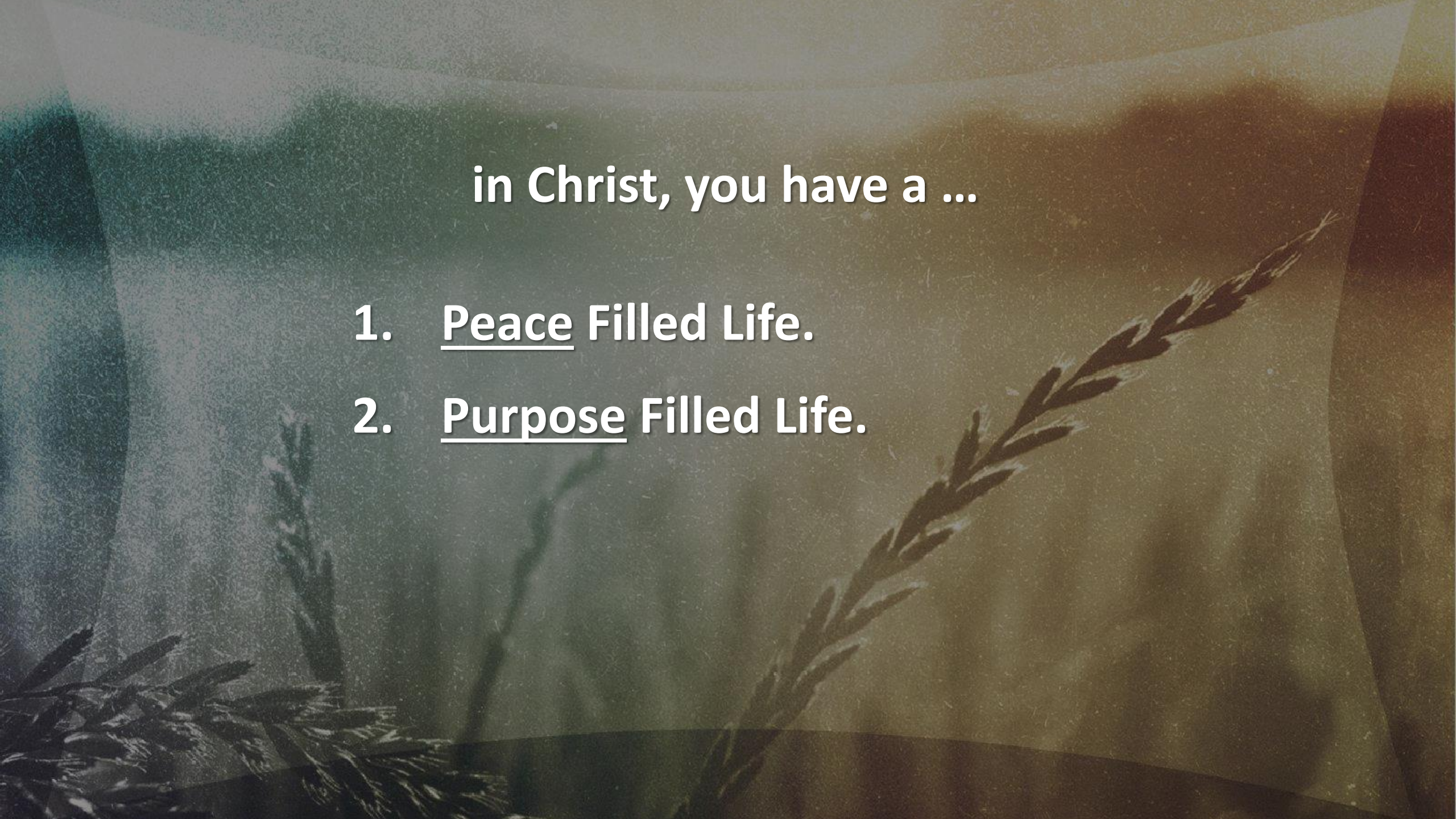
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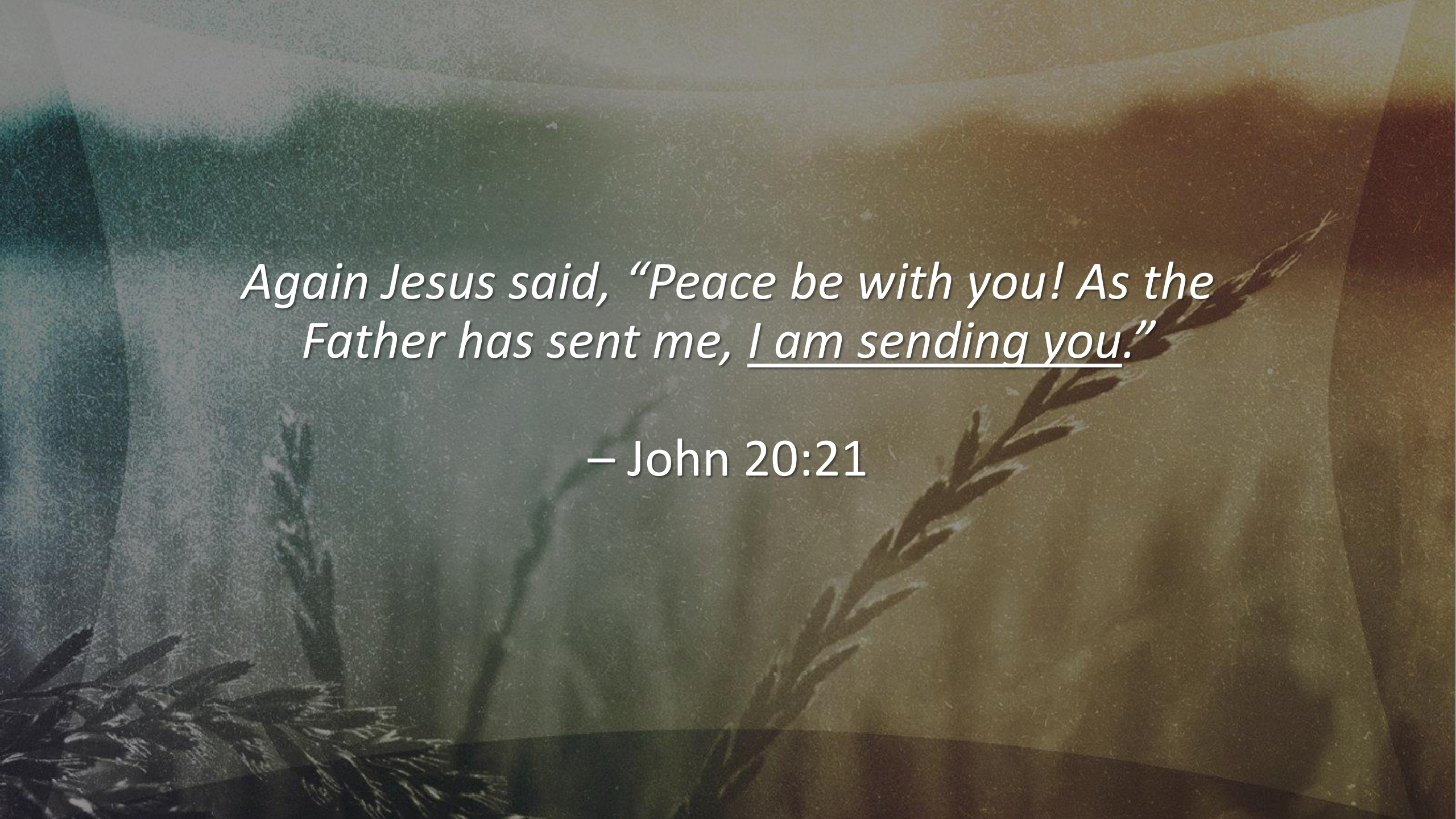
*Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.*

*– John 20:19-20*

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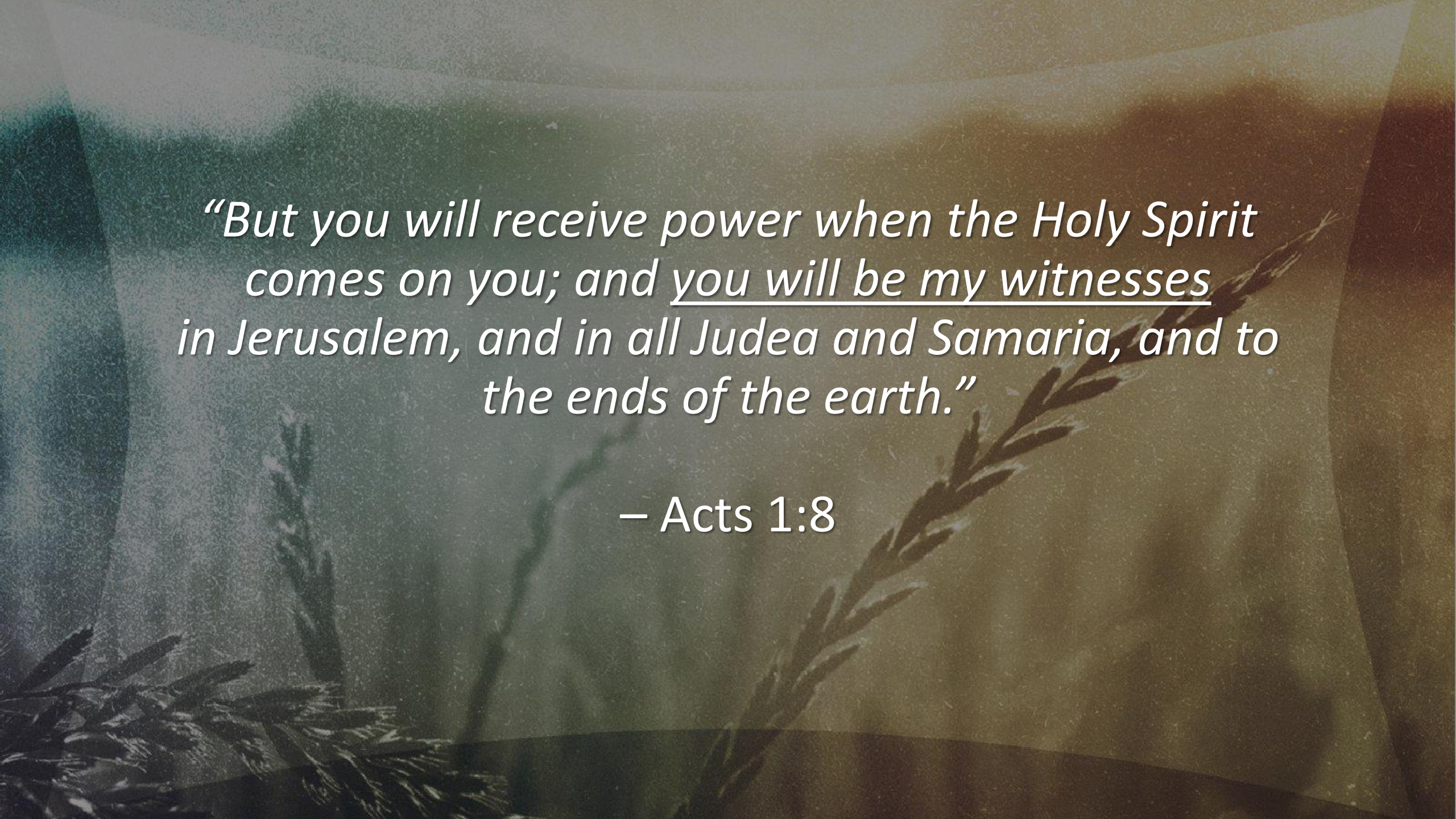
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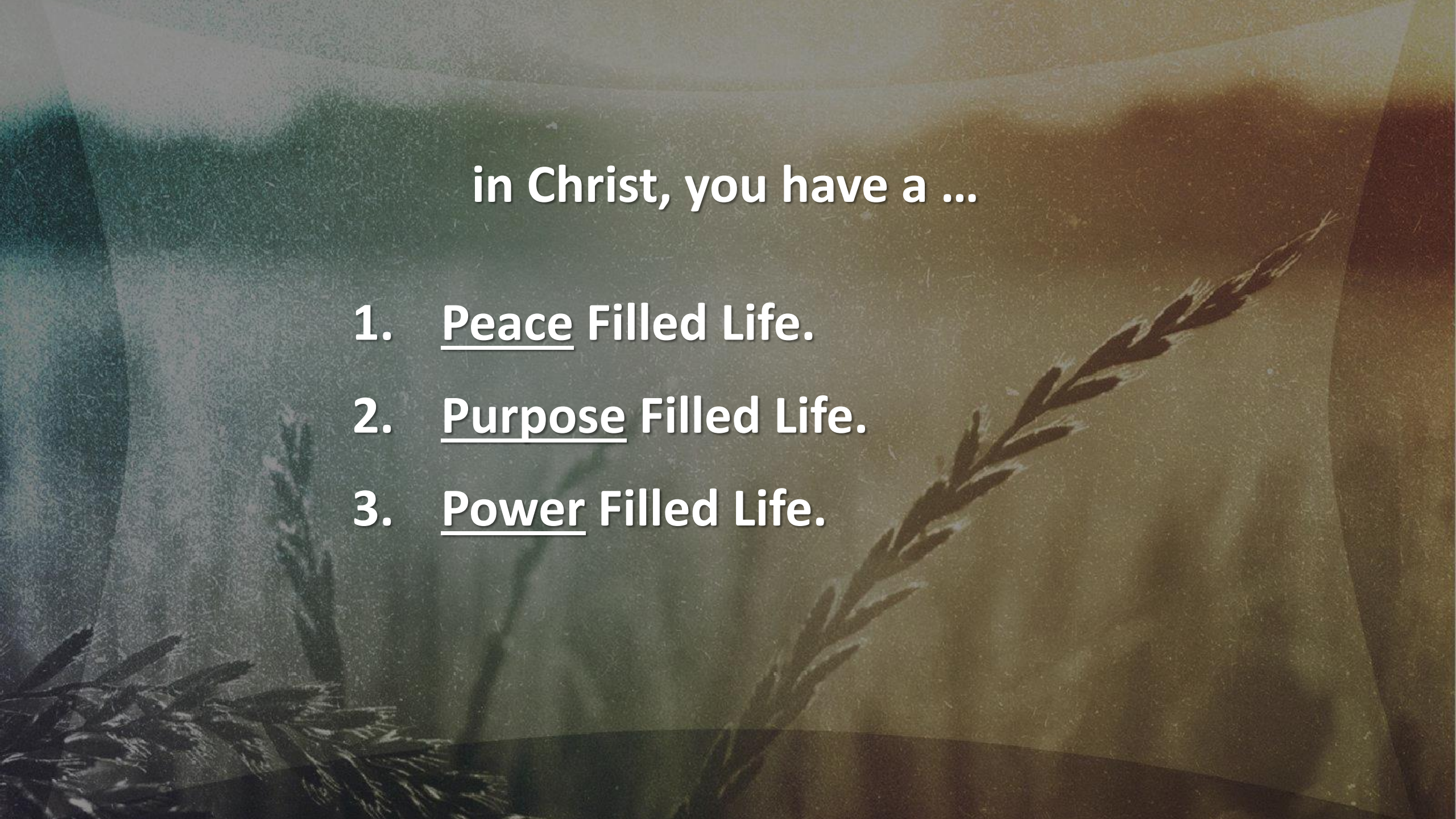
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