WHAT
SHAPE
OUR LIVES?
HEBREWS 11:23-28
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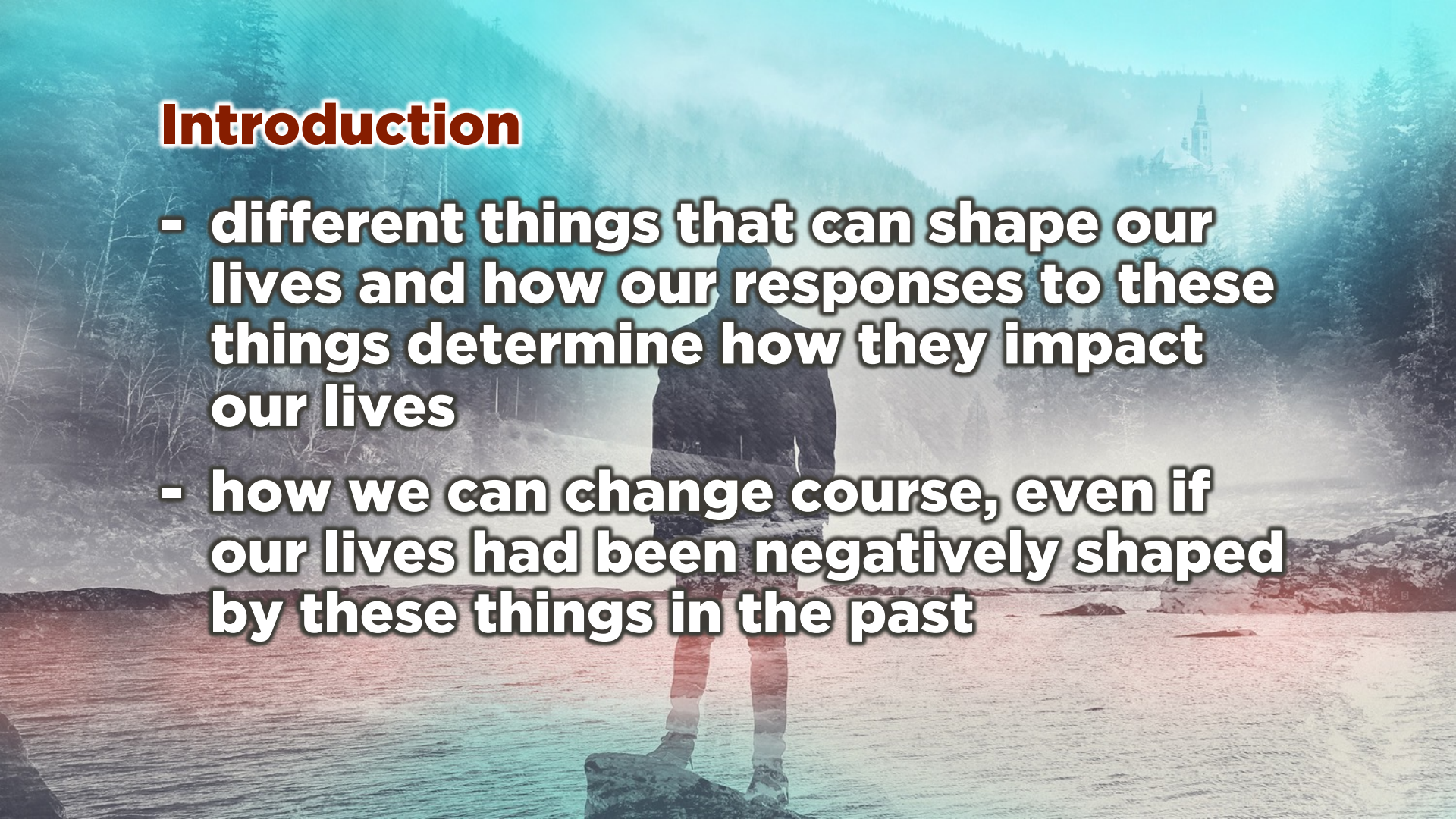
Introduction
- different things that can shape our lives and how our responses to these things determine how they impact our lives
- how we can change course, even if our lives had been negatively shaped by these things in the past

HEBREWS 11:23-28 (NIV)

By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months
after he was born, because they saw he was no
ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the
king's edict. 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown
up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's
daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with
the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting
pleasures of sin.

HEBREWS 11:23-28 (NIV)

26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of
greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because
he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he
left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he
persevered because he saw him who is
invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the
application of blood, so that the destroyer of the
firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Road Map
1) The Things and Responses that Shape
2) The Decisions that We Need to Make

1) The Things and Responses that Shape

a) Our Birth and Family Circumstances

- Firstly, our lives are greatly shaped by our birth circumstances and family upbringing.

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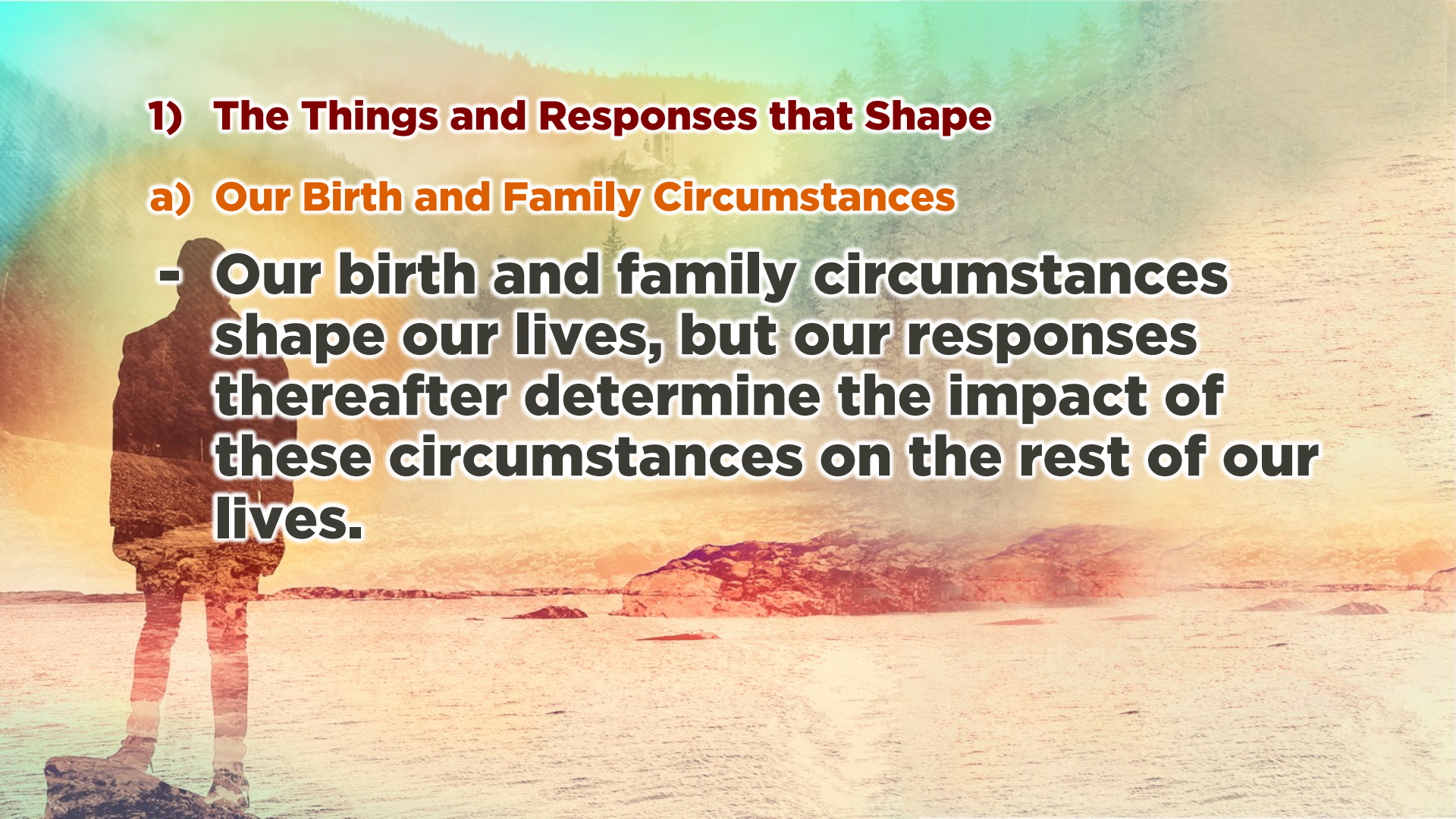
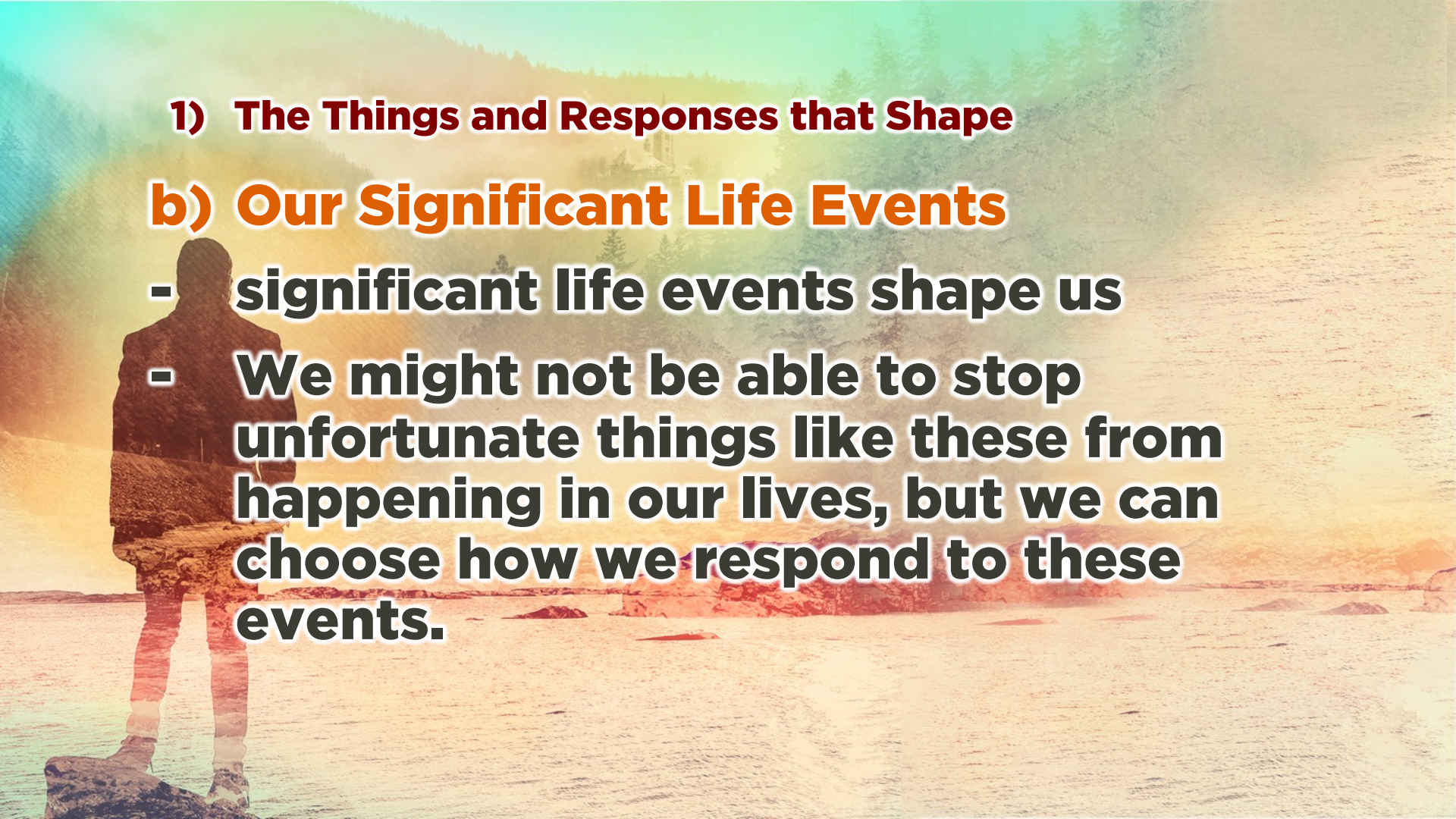


1) The Things and Responses that Shape

a) Our Birth and Family Circumstances

- Our birth and family circumstances shape our lives, but our responses thereafter determine the impact of these circumstances on the rest of our lives.



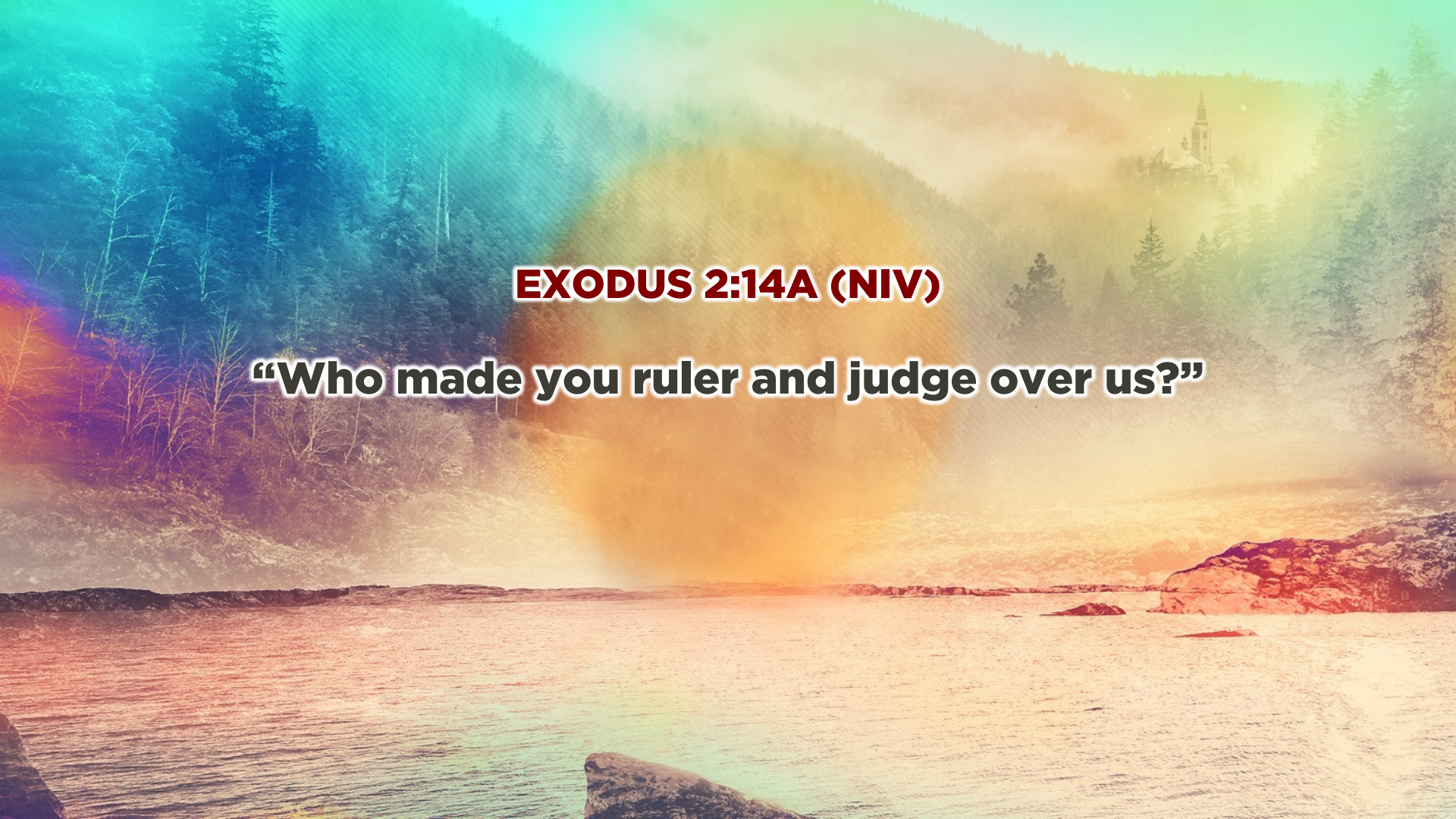
1) The Things and Responses that Shape

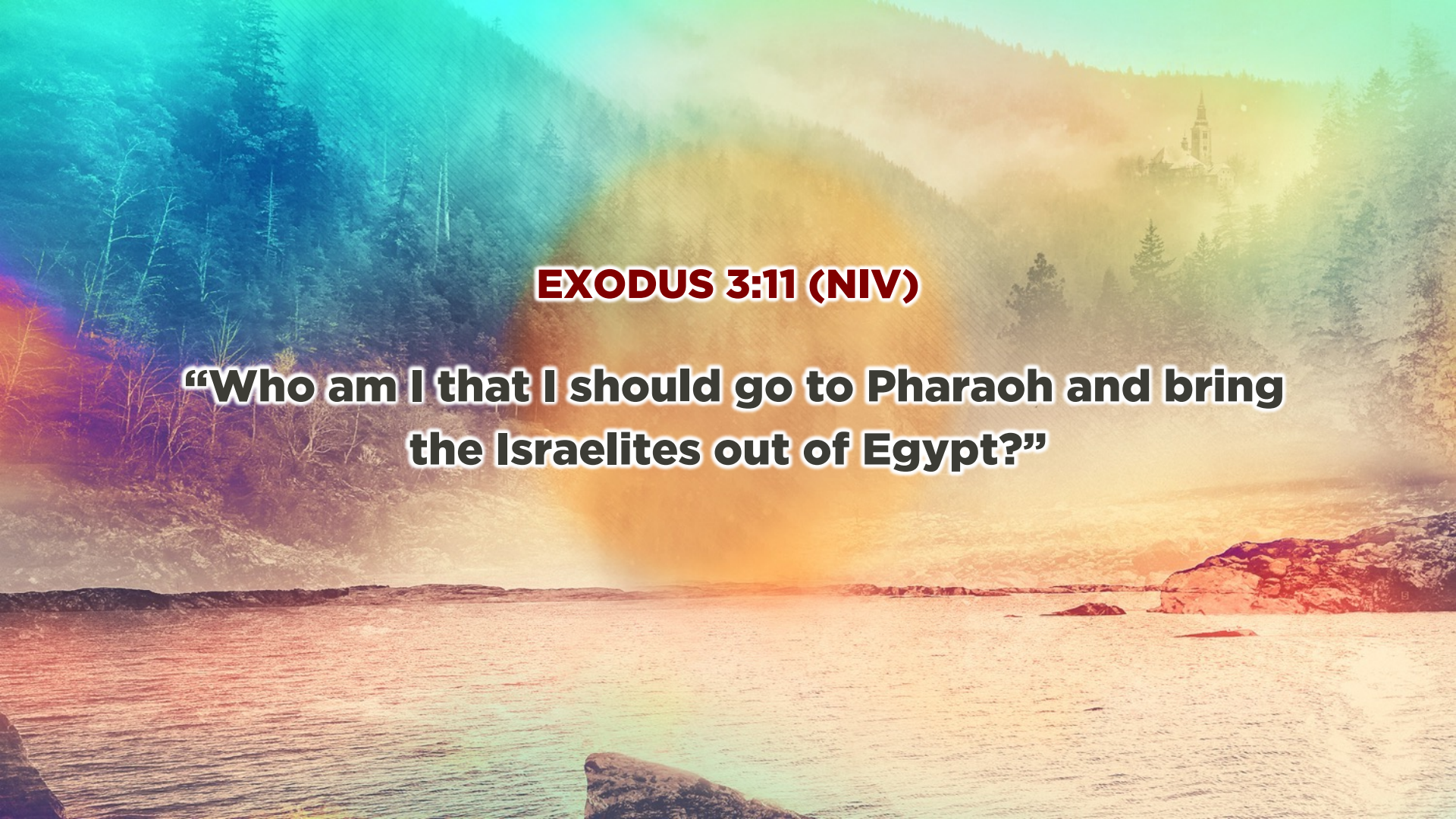
b) Our Significant Life Events

- significant life events shape us
- We might not be able to stop unfortunate things like these from happening in our lives, but we can choose how we respond to these events.

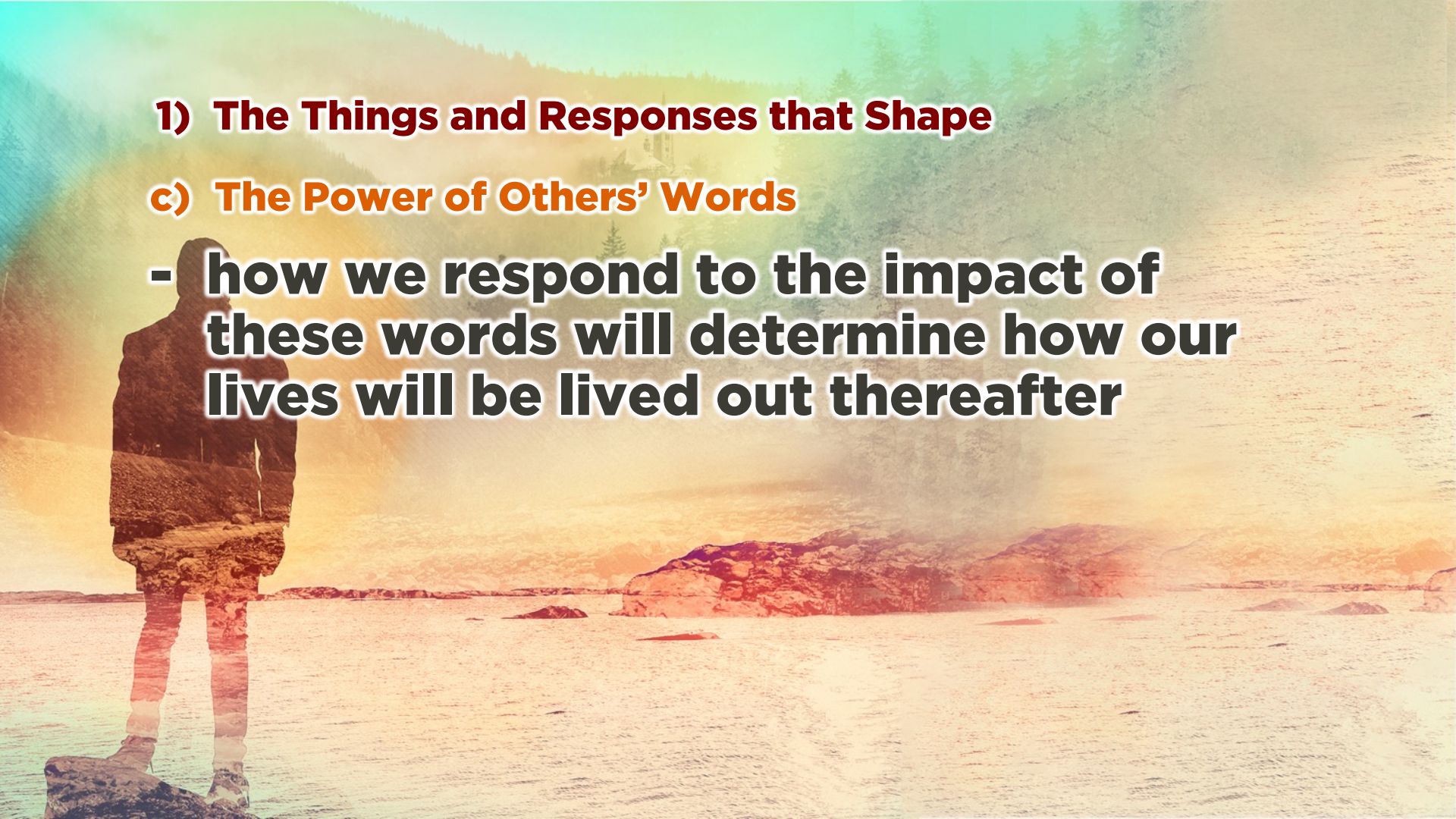
1) The Things and Responses that Shape
b) Our Significant Life Events
- Life events significantly impact us.
- But we need to decide if we will let such events determine the rest of our lives.

1) The Things and Responses that Shape
c) The Power of Others' Words


EXODUS 2:14A (NIV)
“Who made you ruler and judge over us?”


EXODUS 3:11 (NIV)
“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

PROVERBS 18:21 (NIV)
“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.



1) The Things and Responses that Shape

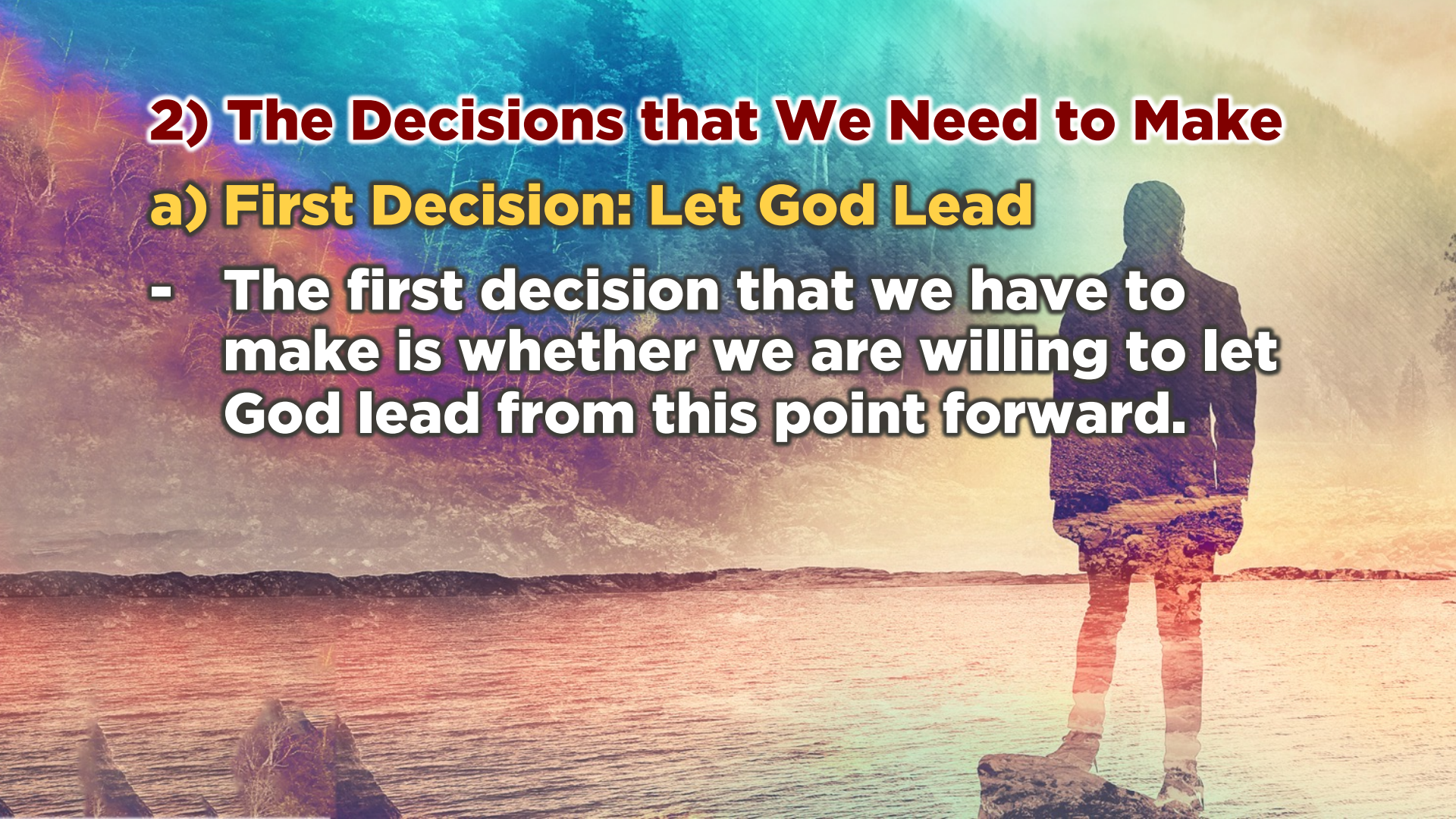
c) The Power of Others' Words

- how we respond to the impact of these words will determine how our lives will be lived out thereafter

1) The Things and Responses that Shape

d) Our Successes and Failures

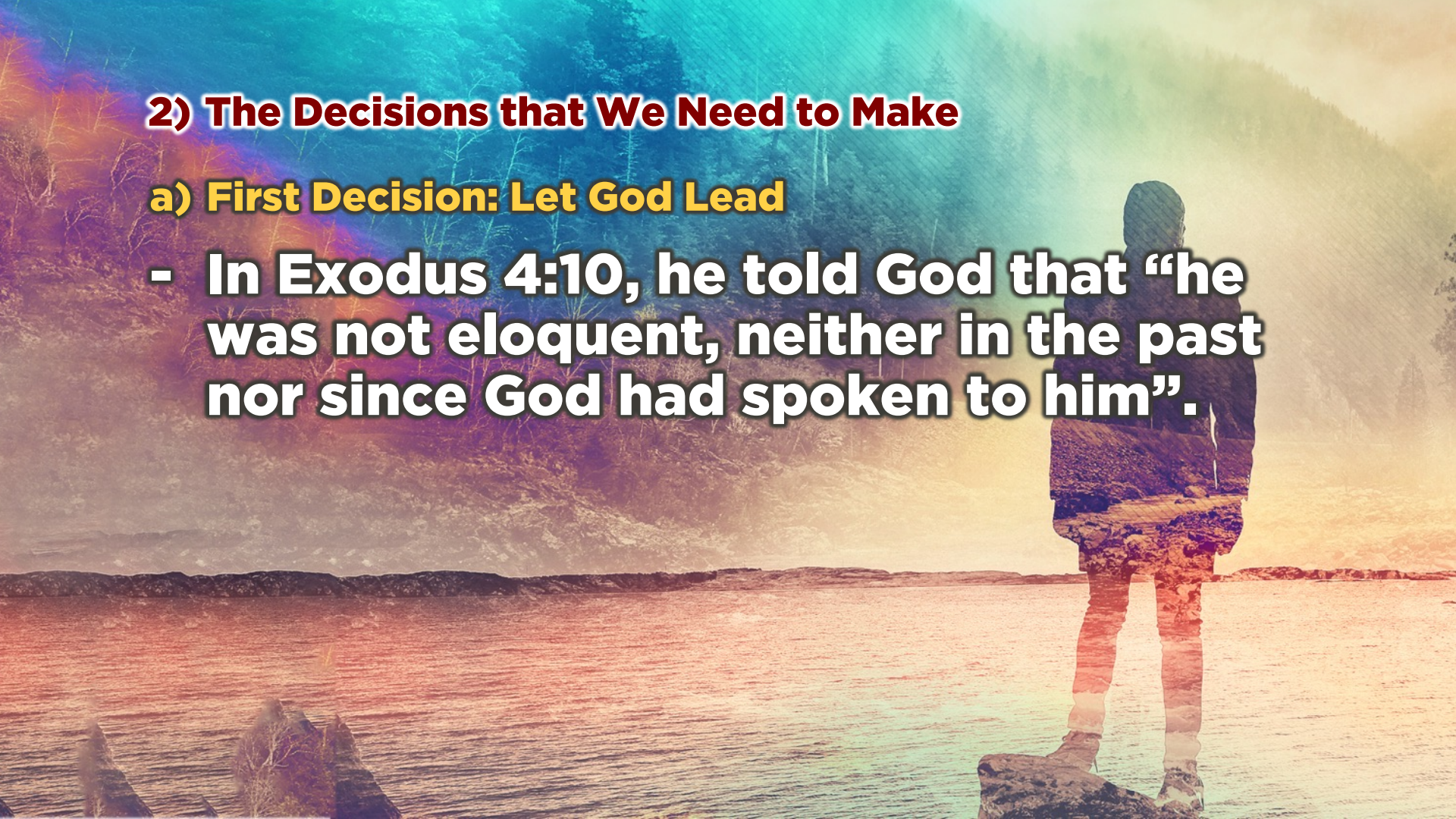
- Our lives can be shaped negatively by our past failures.


2) The Decisions that We Need to Make
a) First Decision: Let God Lead
- The first decision that we have to make is whether we are willing to let God lead from this point forward.

EXODUS 3:11-12 (NIV)

Moses said: 11 “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 “I will be with you”.



2) The Decisions that We Need to Make

a) First Decision: Let God Lead

- In Exodus 4:10, he told God that “he was not eloquent, neither in the past nor since God had spoken to him”.

HEBREWS 11:27 (NIV)
By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

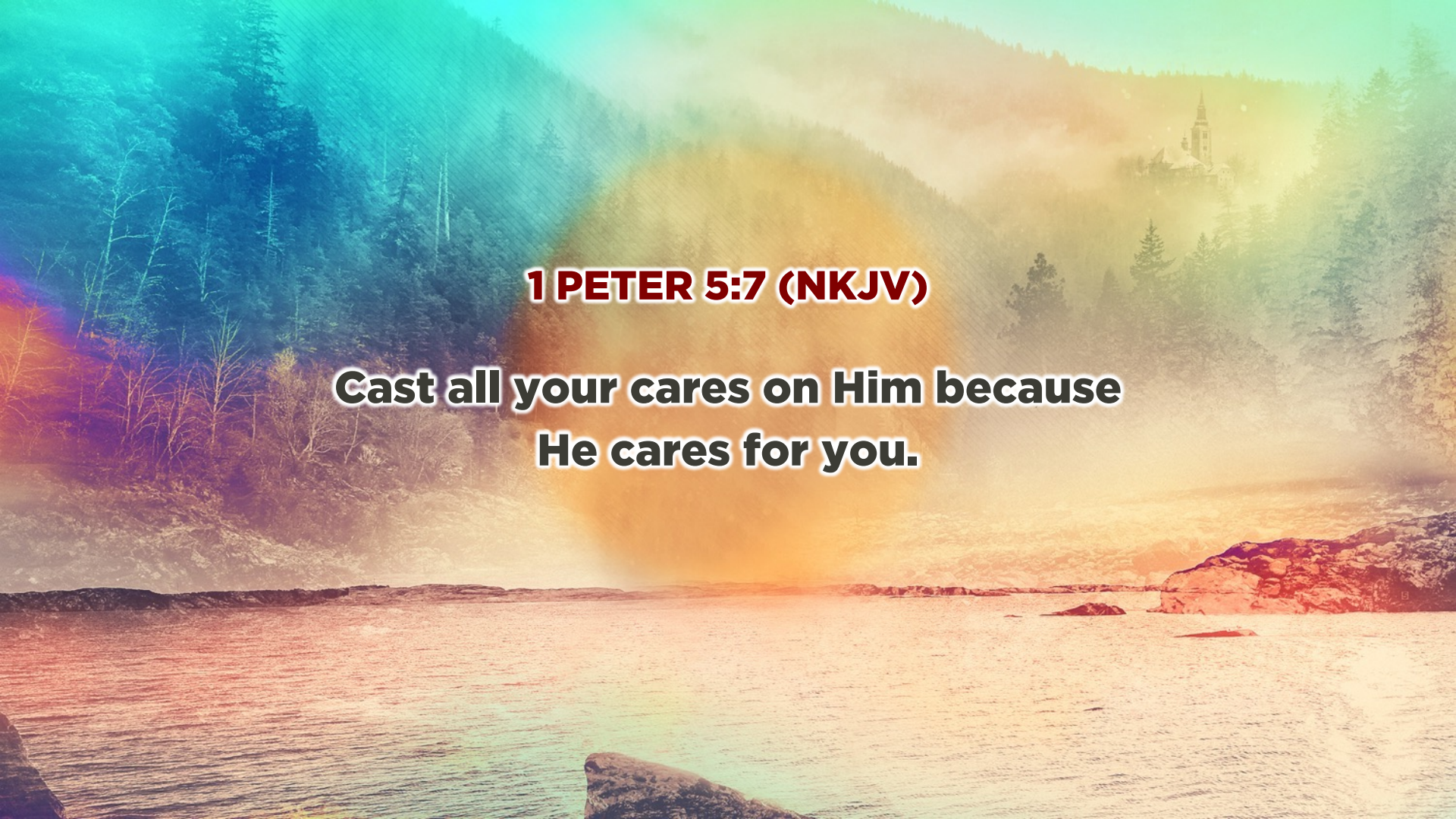
HEBREWS 11:28 (NIV)
28 By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

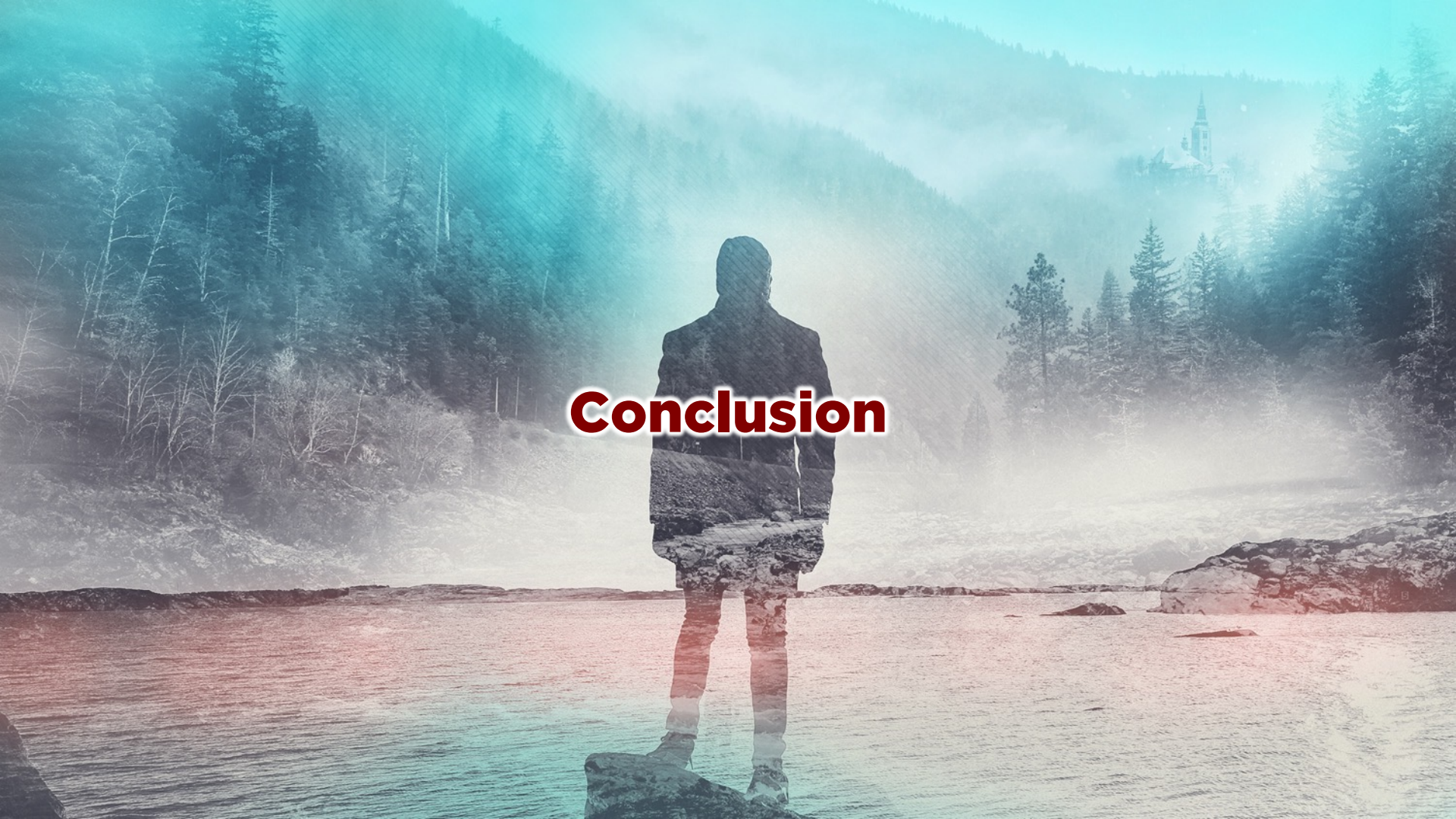
HEBREWS 11:29 (NIV)
By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

2) The Decisions that We Need to Make
b) Second Decision: A Divine Exchange

MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NIV)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke
upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.”


1 PETER 5:7 (NKJV)
Cast all your cares on Him because
He cares for you.


Conclusion