

A person stands on a rocky shore, looking out over a calm lake. In the background, a church with a tall spire sits atop a misty, forested hill. The scene is bathed in a soft, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

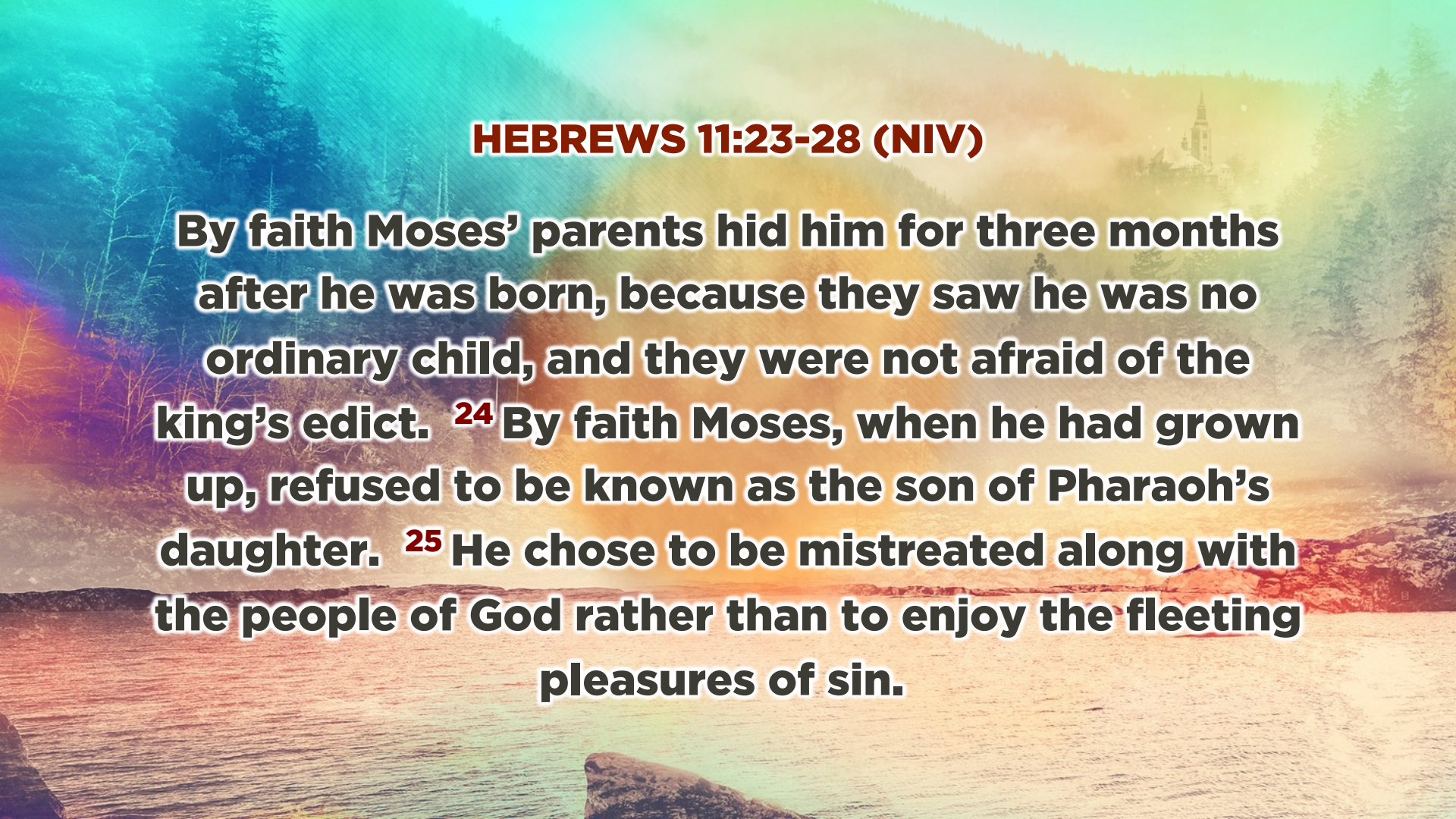
WHAT SHAPE OUR LIVES?

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.

A person stands on a rock in the middle of a calm lake, looking out towards a distant, misty hill. On the hill, a church with a tall spire is visible through the fog. The scene is surrounded by dense evergreen forests. The overall color palette is a mix of cool blues and greens, with a warm, reddish-orange glow emanating from the bottom right corner, creating a contemplative and serene atmosphere.

Road Map

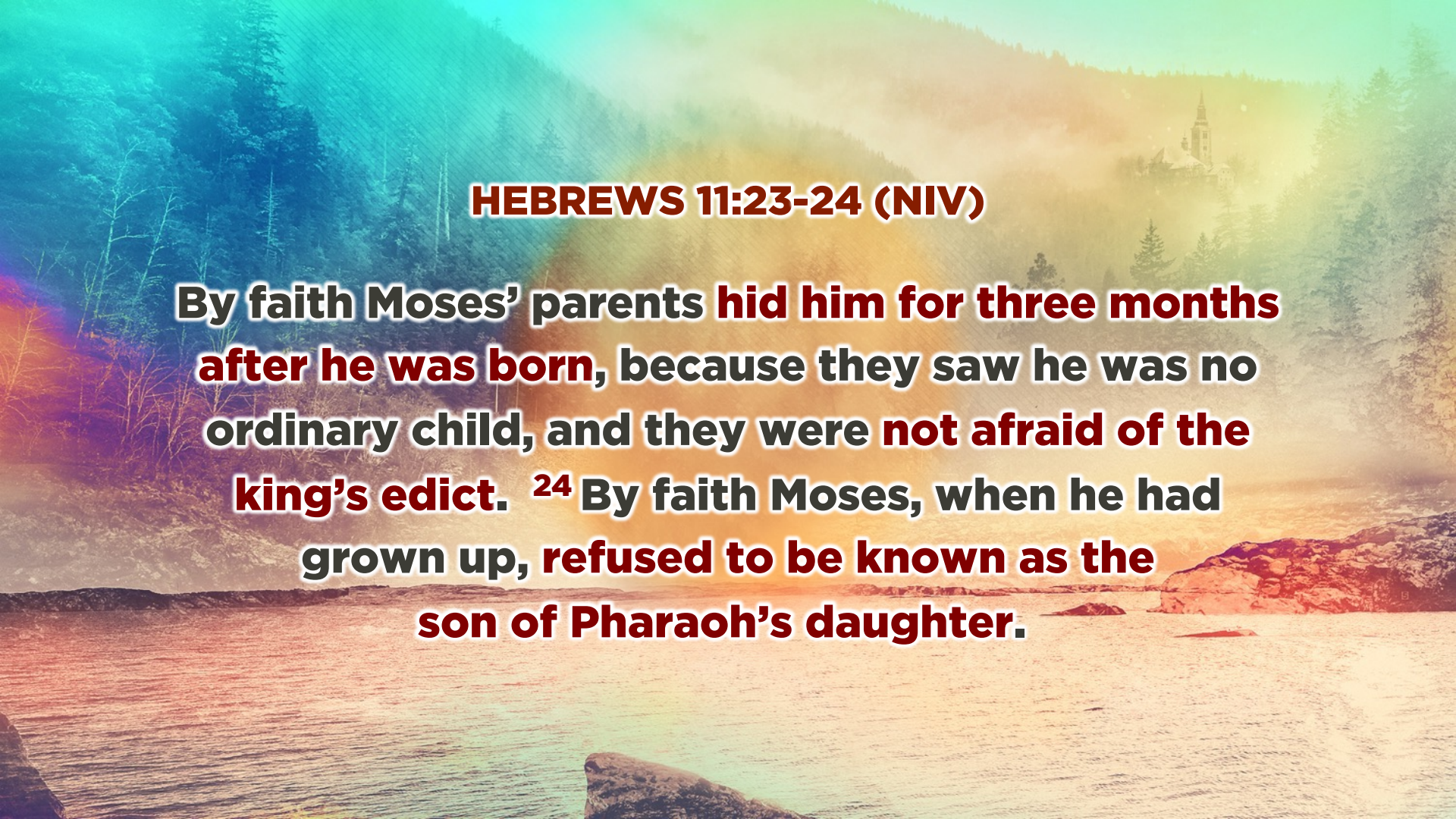
- 1) The Things and Responses that Shape**
- 2) The Decisions that We Need to Make**

A person is standing on a dark rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm body of water. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a soft, hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm, with a mix of greens, yellows, and oranges, giving it a painterly or ethereal feel.

1) The Things and Responses that Shape

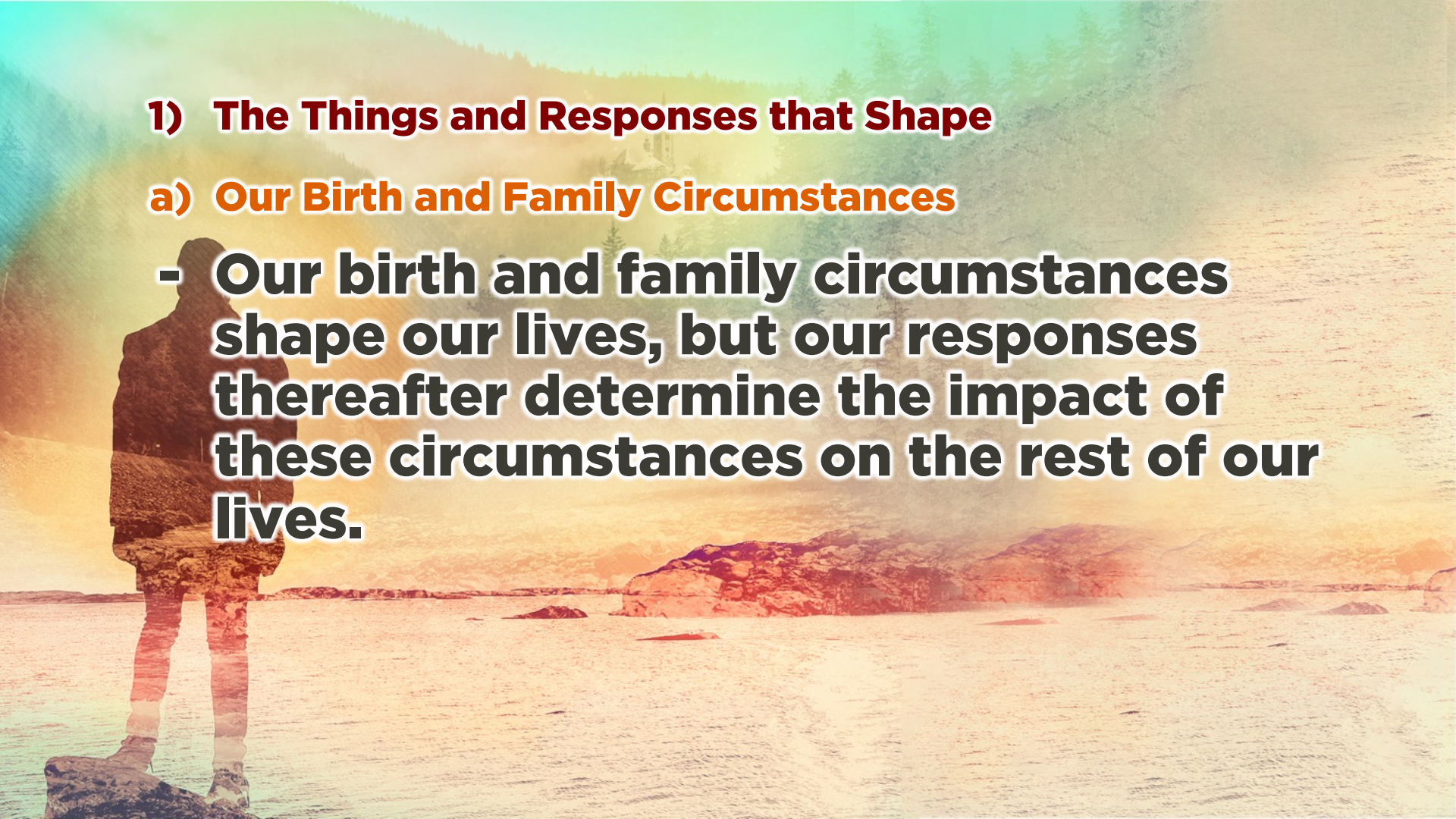
a) Our Birth and Family Circumstances

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

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees on the left, and a misty mountain range in the background. A small church with a tall steeple is visible on a hill in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

HEBREWS 11:23-24 (NIV)

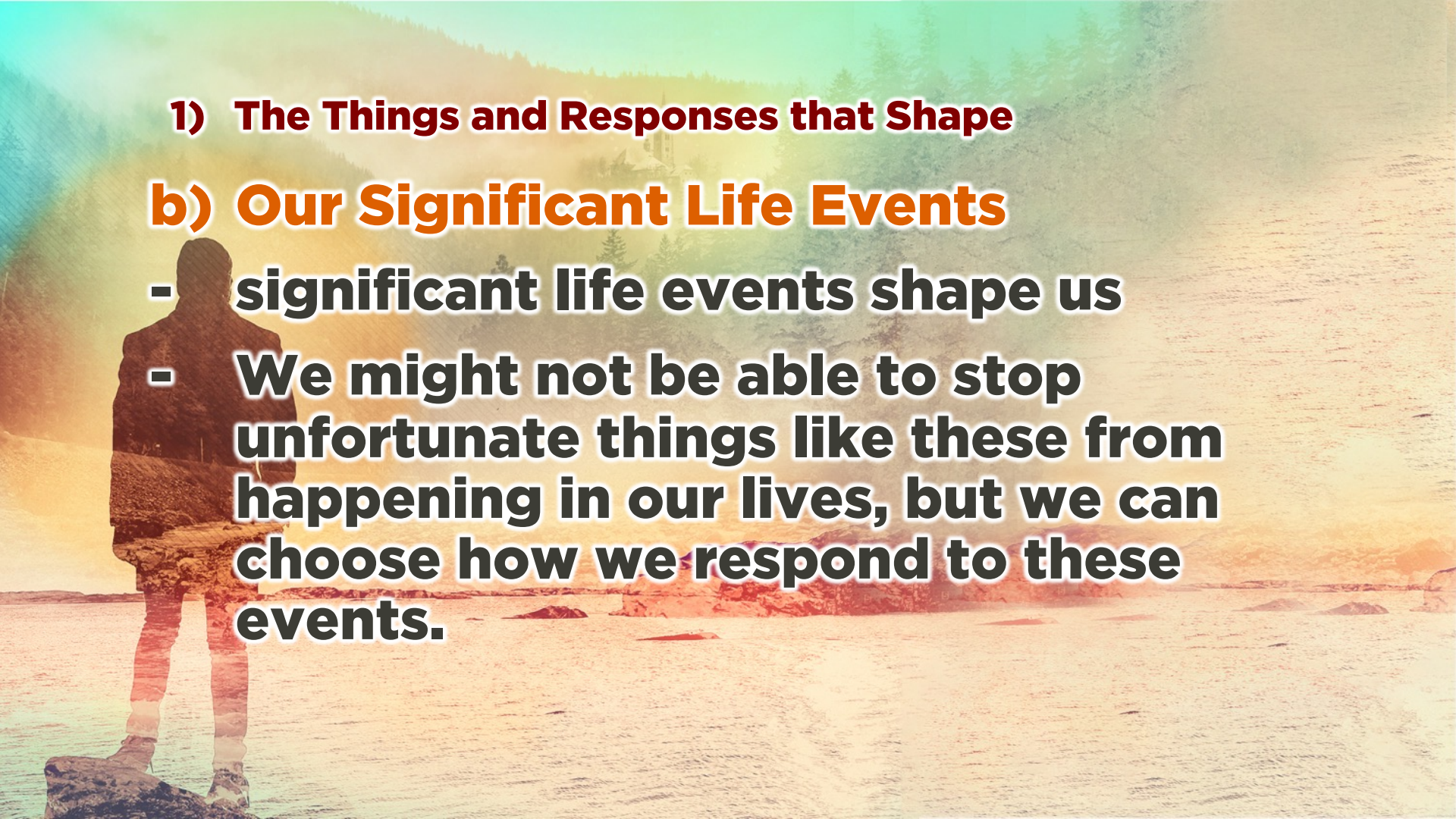
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1) The Things and Responses that Shape

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.**

A person is standing on a rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm body of water. In the background, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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.**

A person is standing on a dark rock in the foreground, looking out over a body of water. In the background, there is a forested hill with a small building visible on the slope. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

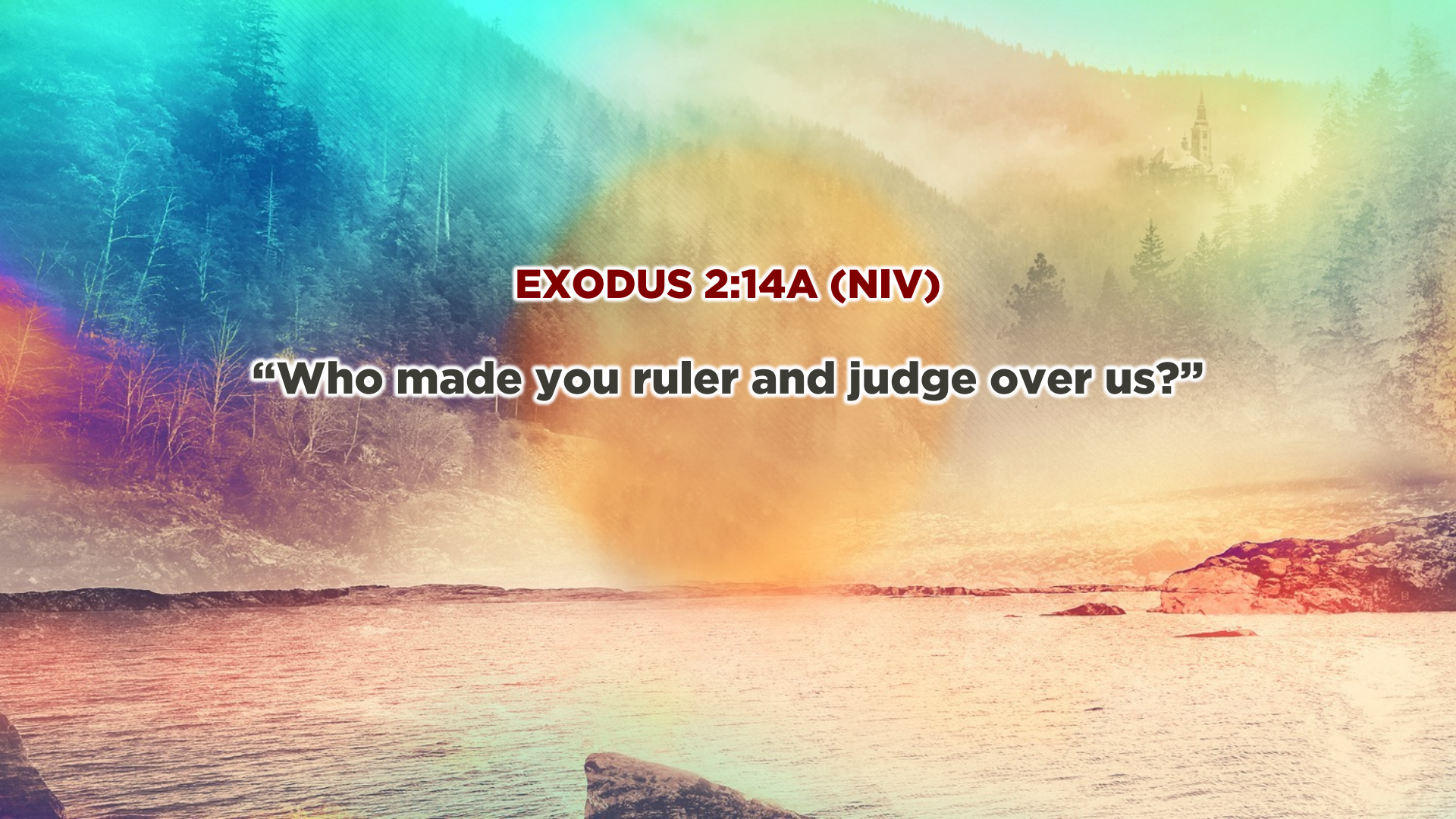
1) The Things and Responses that Shape

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



A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, with dark, rocky shorelines. The background is dominated by steep, forested mountains. A vibrant rainbow arches across the sky, its colors reflecting on the water's surface. In the upper right, a small church with a tall steeple is nestled on a misty, forested hillside. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

EXODUS 2:14A (NIV)

“Who made you ruler and judge over us?”

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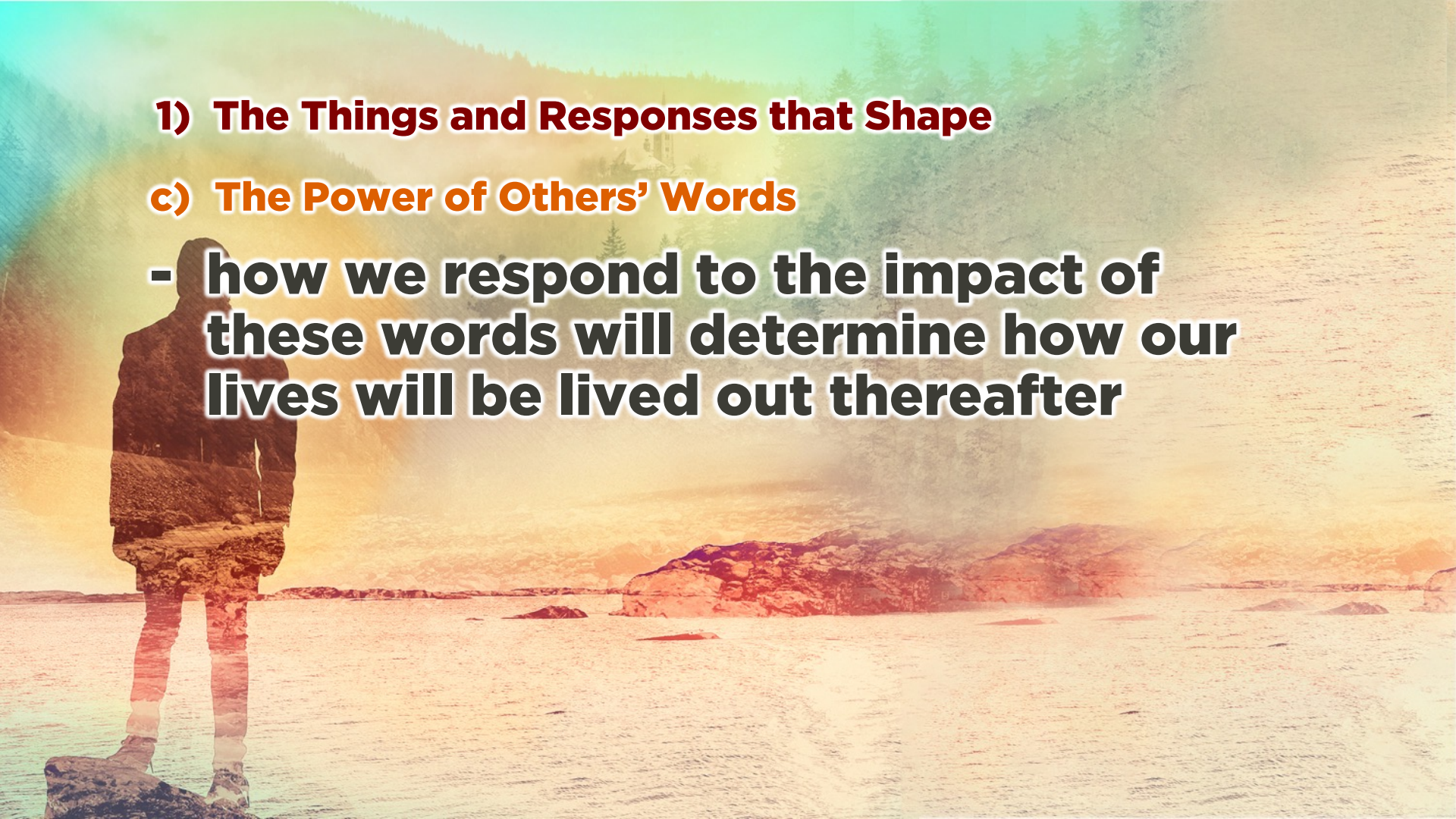
EXODUS 3:11 (NIV)

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

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PROVERBS 18:21 (NIV)

**“The tongue has the power of life and death, and
those who love it will eat its fruit.**

A person is standing on a rock in the foreground, looking out over a body of water towards a forested hillside. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the sky transitioning from orange near the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The water reflects the light, and the distant shore is visible across the lake.

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**

A person is standing on a dark rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm body of water. In the background, there is a large, forested hill or mountain. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

1) The Things and Responses that Shape

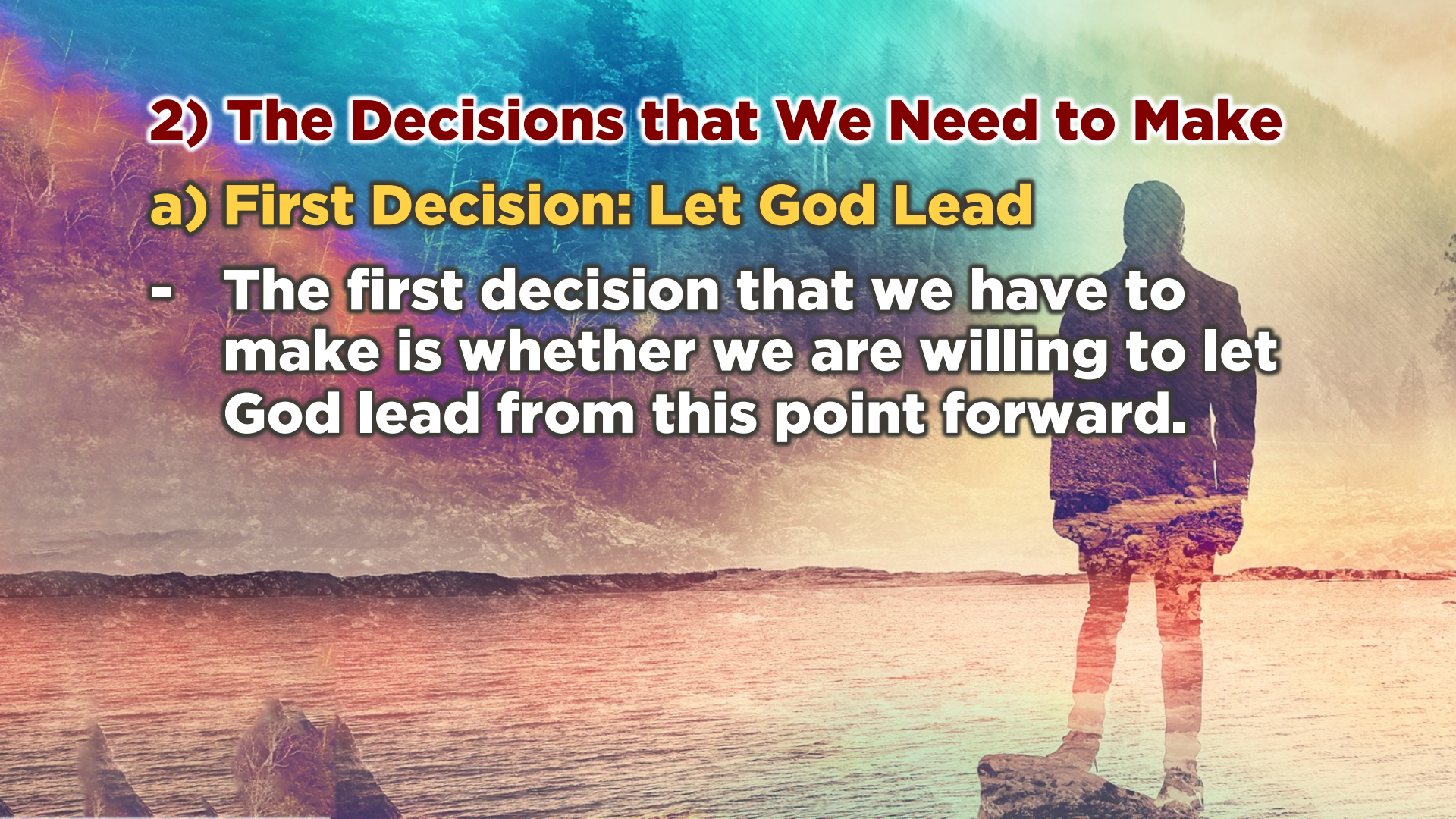
d) Our Successes and Failures

**- 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.**



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EXODUS 3:11-12 (NIV)

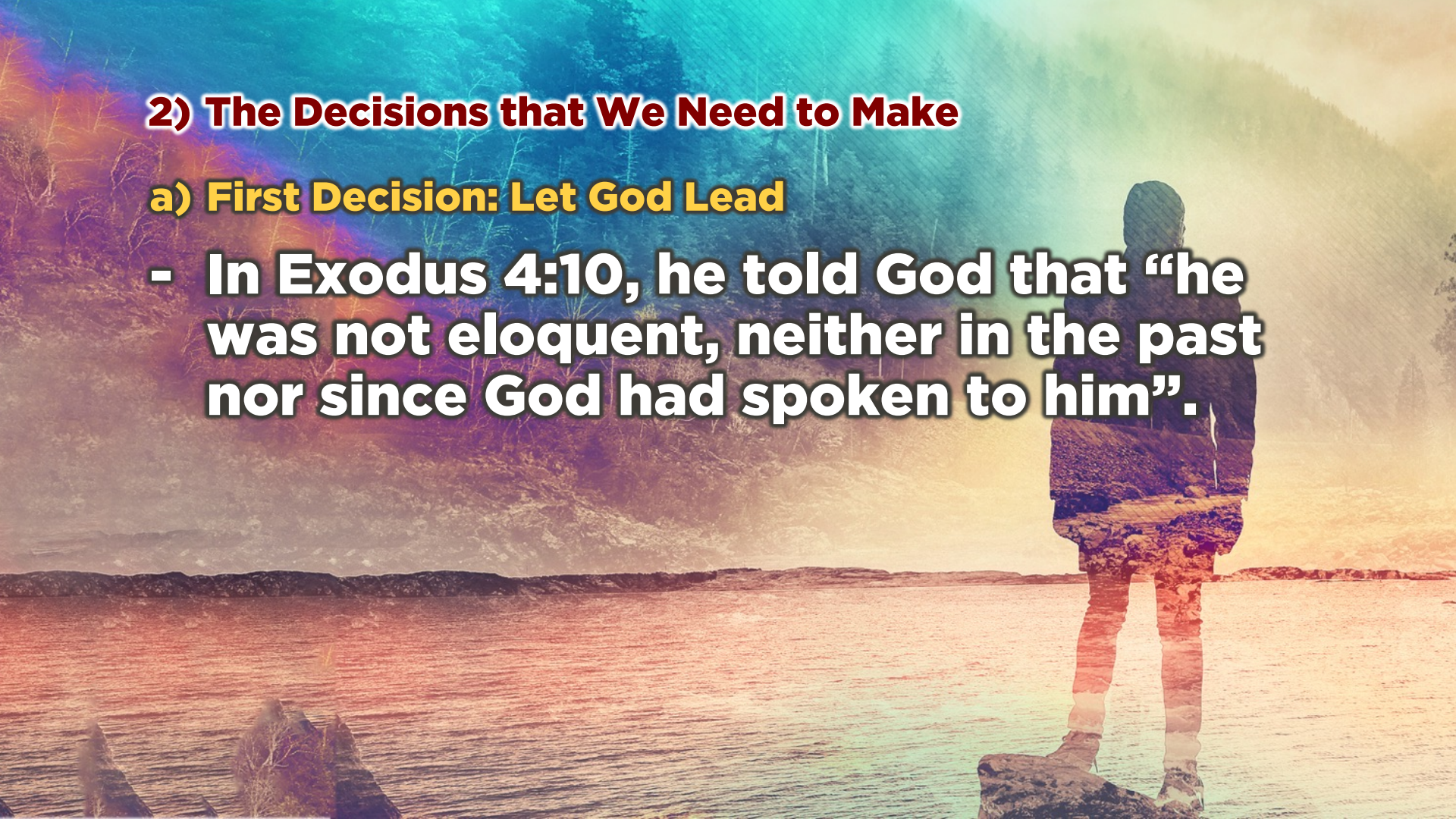
Moses said: ¹¹“Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

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”.**



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HEBREWS 11:27 (NIV)

**By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger;
he persevered because he saw him who is
invisible.**

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HEBREWS 11:28 (NIV)

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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

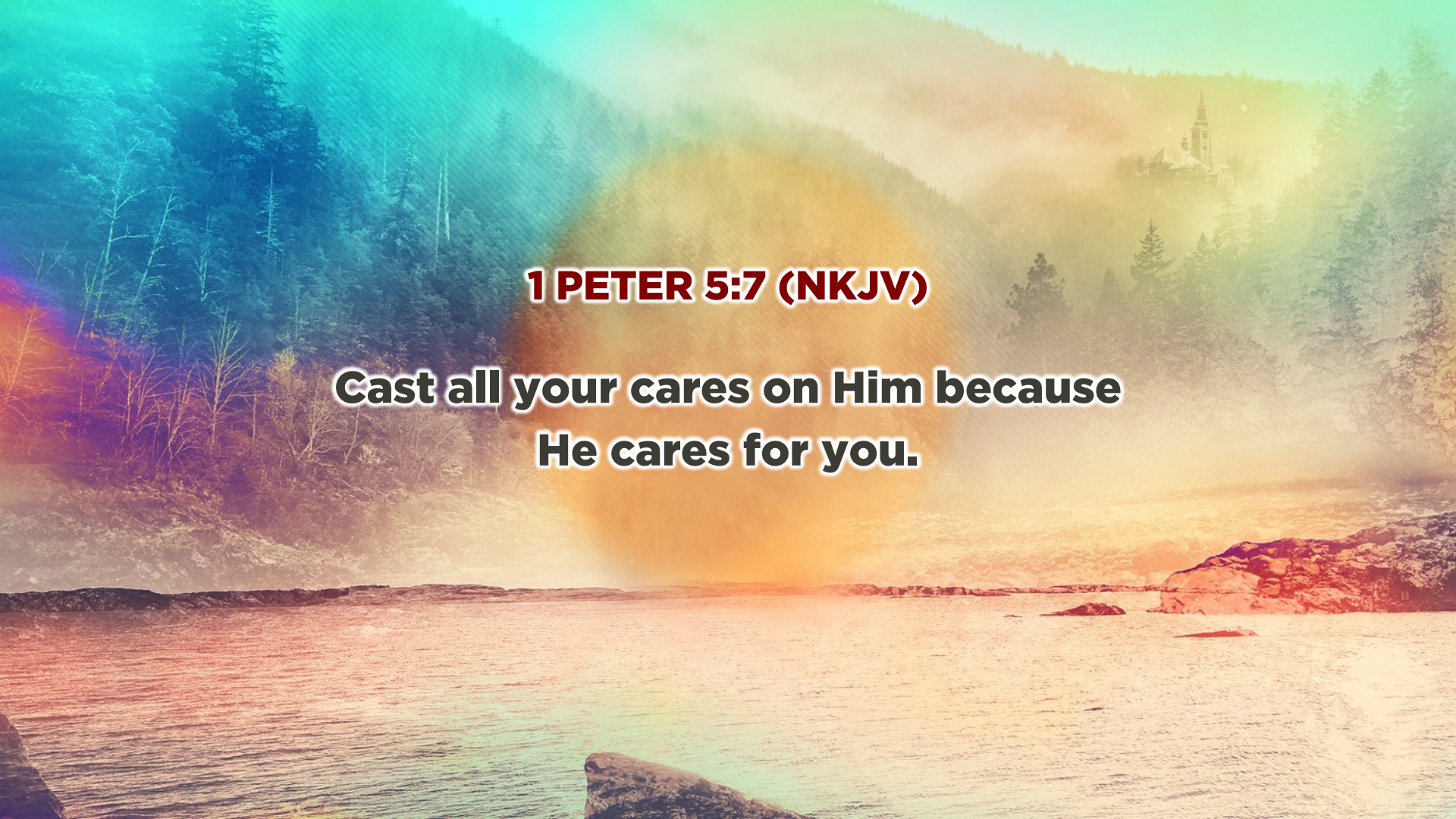
b) Second Decision: A Divine Exchange



A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees on the surrounding mountains, and a small church with a steeple perched on a hill in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

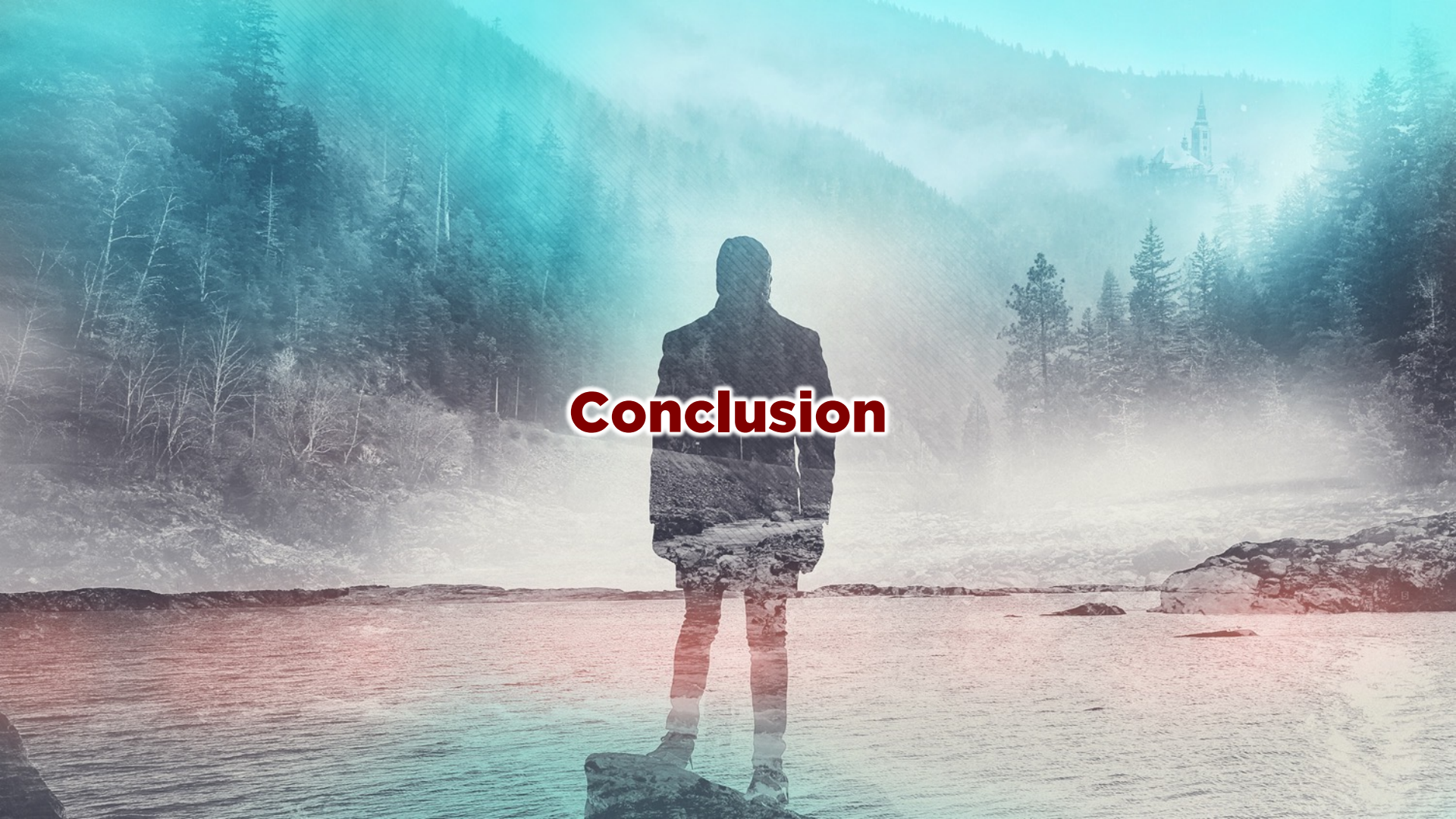
MATTHEW 11:28-30 (NIV)

“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.”

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1 PETER 5:7 (NKJV)

**Cast all your cares on Him because
He cares for you.**

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Conclusion