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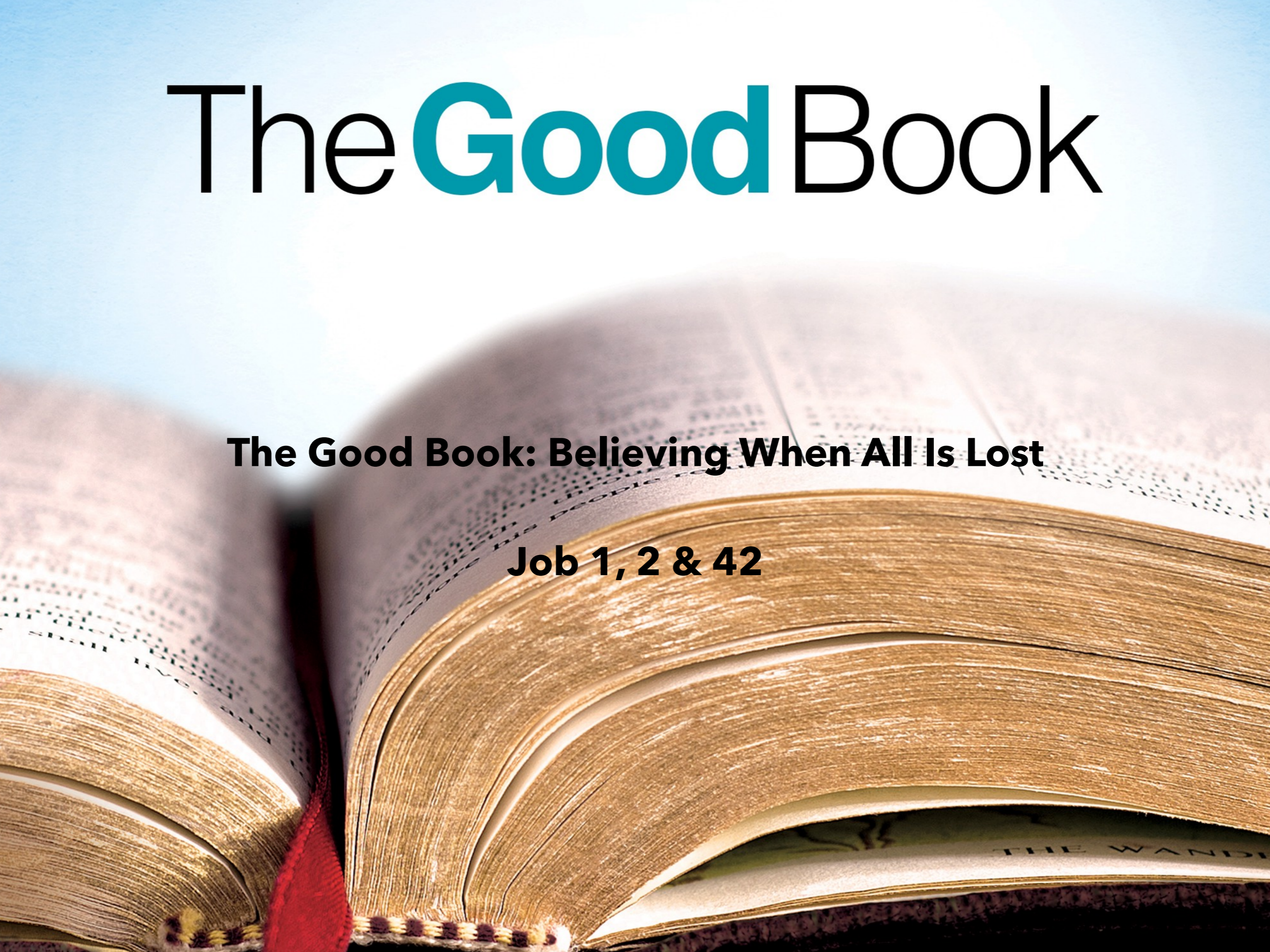
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# The Good Book

**The Good Book: Believing When All Is Lost**

**Job 1, 2 & 42**





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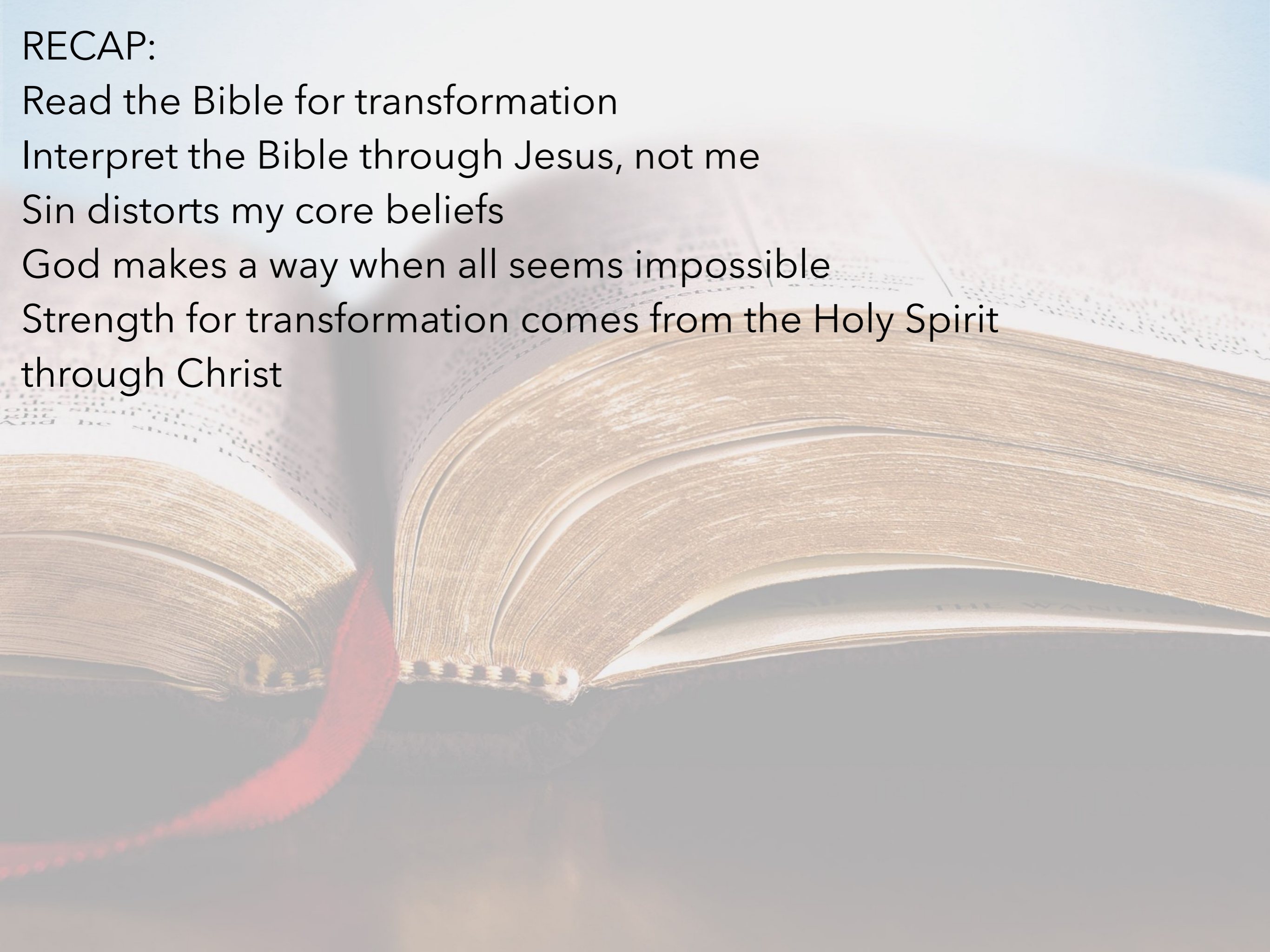
Read the Bible for transformation

Interpret the Bible through Jesus, not me

Sin distorts my core beliefs

God makes a way when all seems impossible

Strength for transformation comes from the Holy Spirit  
through Christ

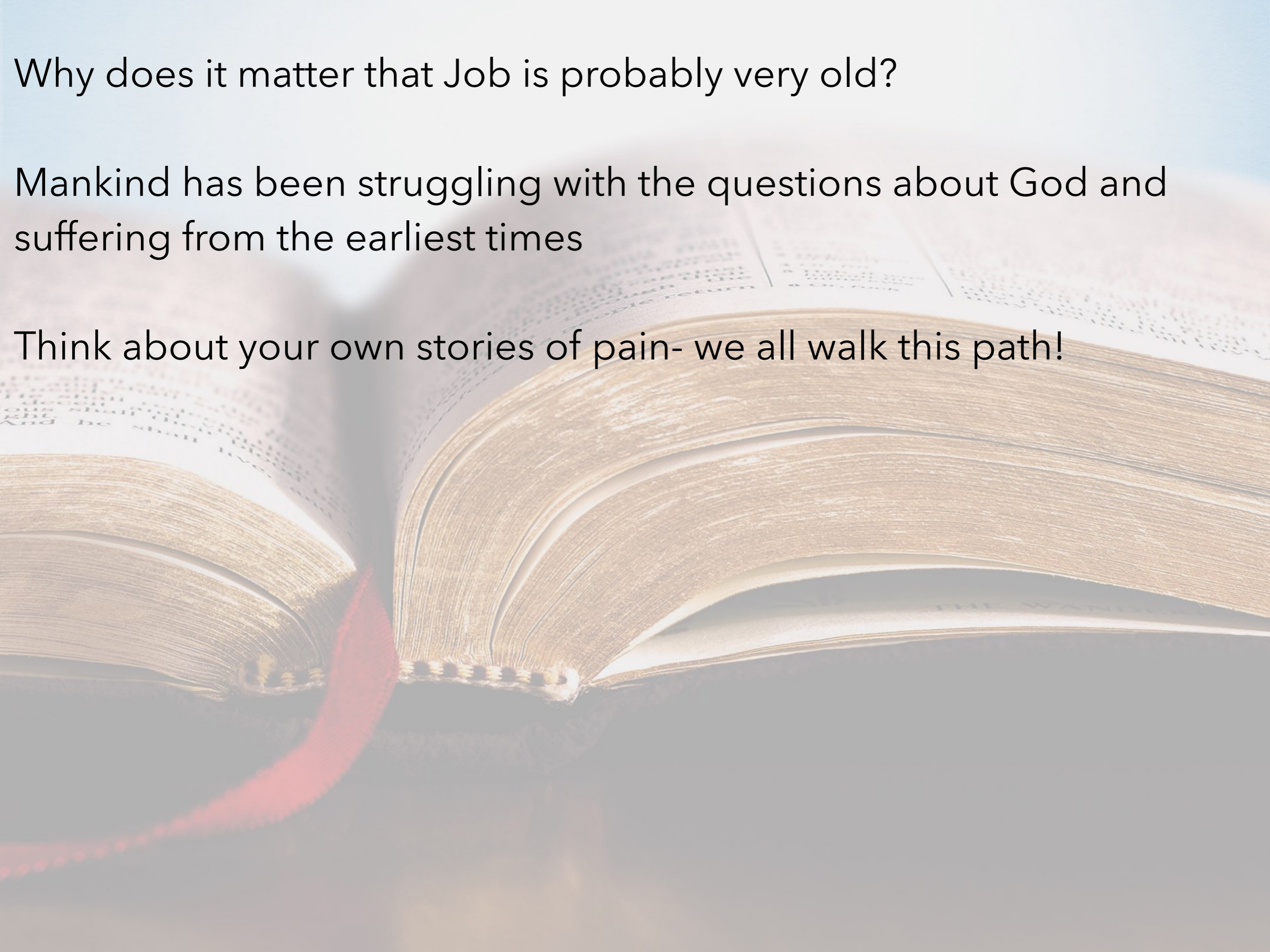




Why does it matter that Job is probably very old?

Mankind has been struggling with the questions about God and suffering from the earliest times

Think about your own stories of pain- we all walk this path!





Why can suffering be so hard to handle?

bad, bad theology

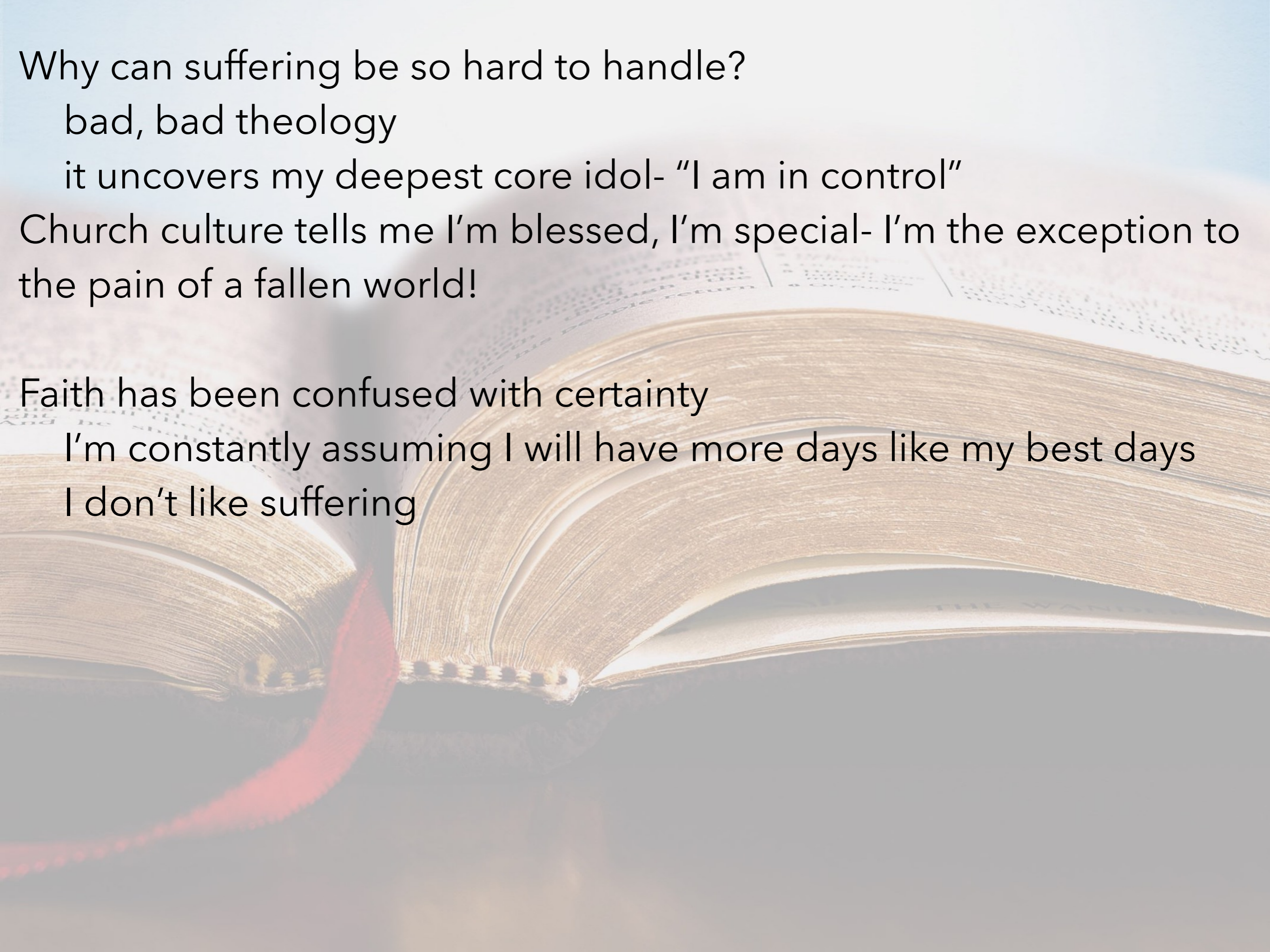
it uncovers my deepest core idol- "I am in control"

Church culture tells me I'm blessed, I'm special- I'm the exception to the pain of a fallen world!

Faith has been confused with certainty

I'm constantly assuming I will have more days like my best days

I don't like suffering







Job will tell us much of what the Holy Spirit wants us to know about suffering

Job is never given a reason for his suffering

God is worthy of love and praise separate from his blessings

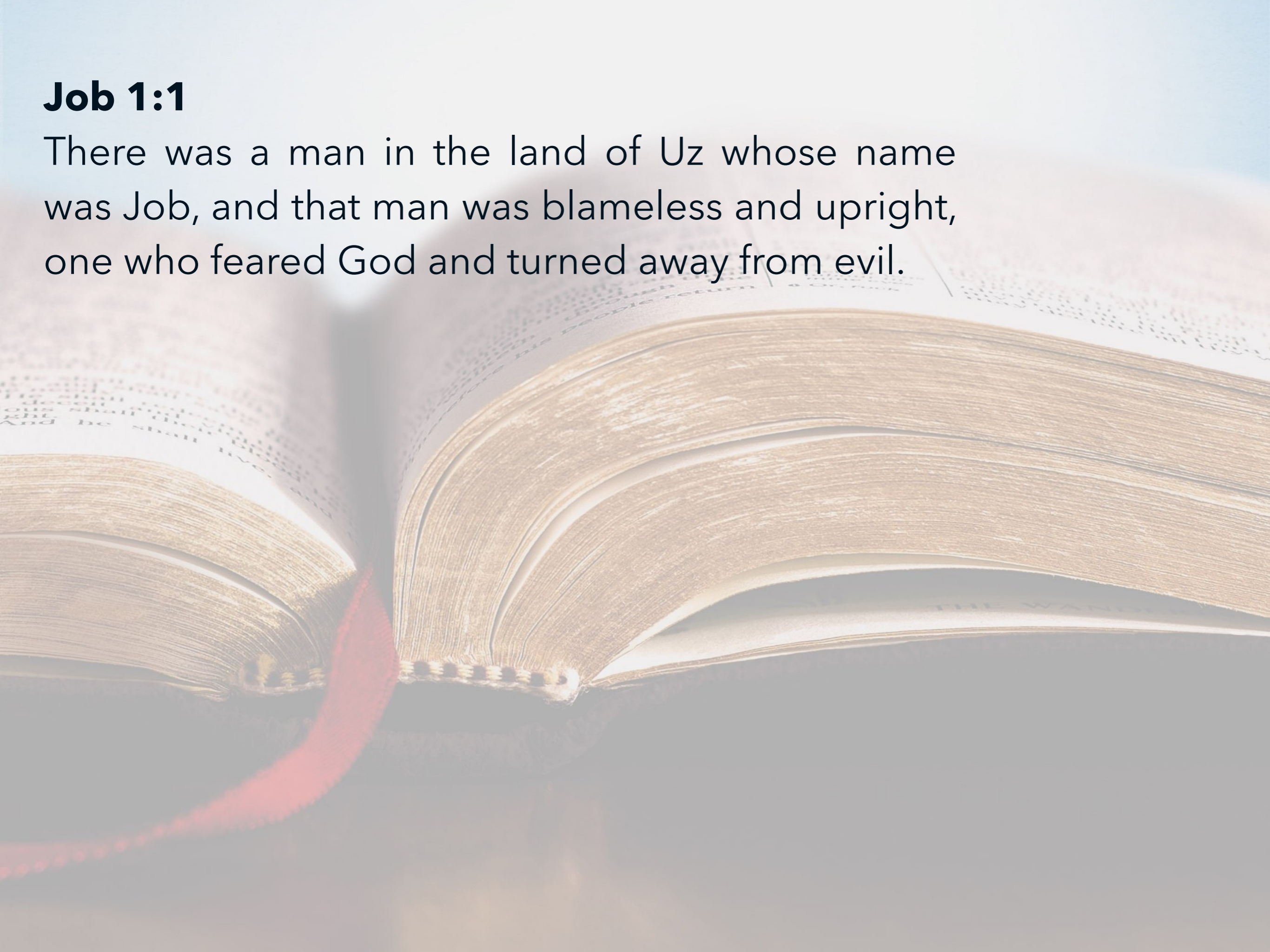
Man cannot understand his world from God's perspective

When God blesses the righteous, it 1) doesn't hinder his work of sanctification 2) nor is it the ultimate sign of God's pleasure

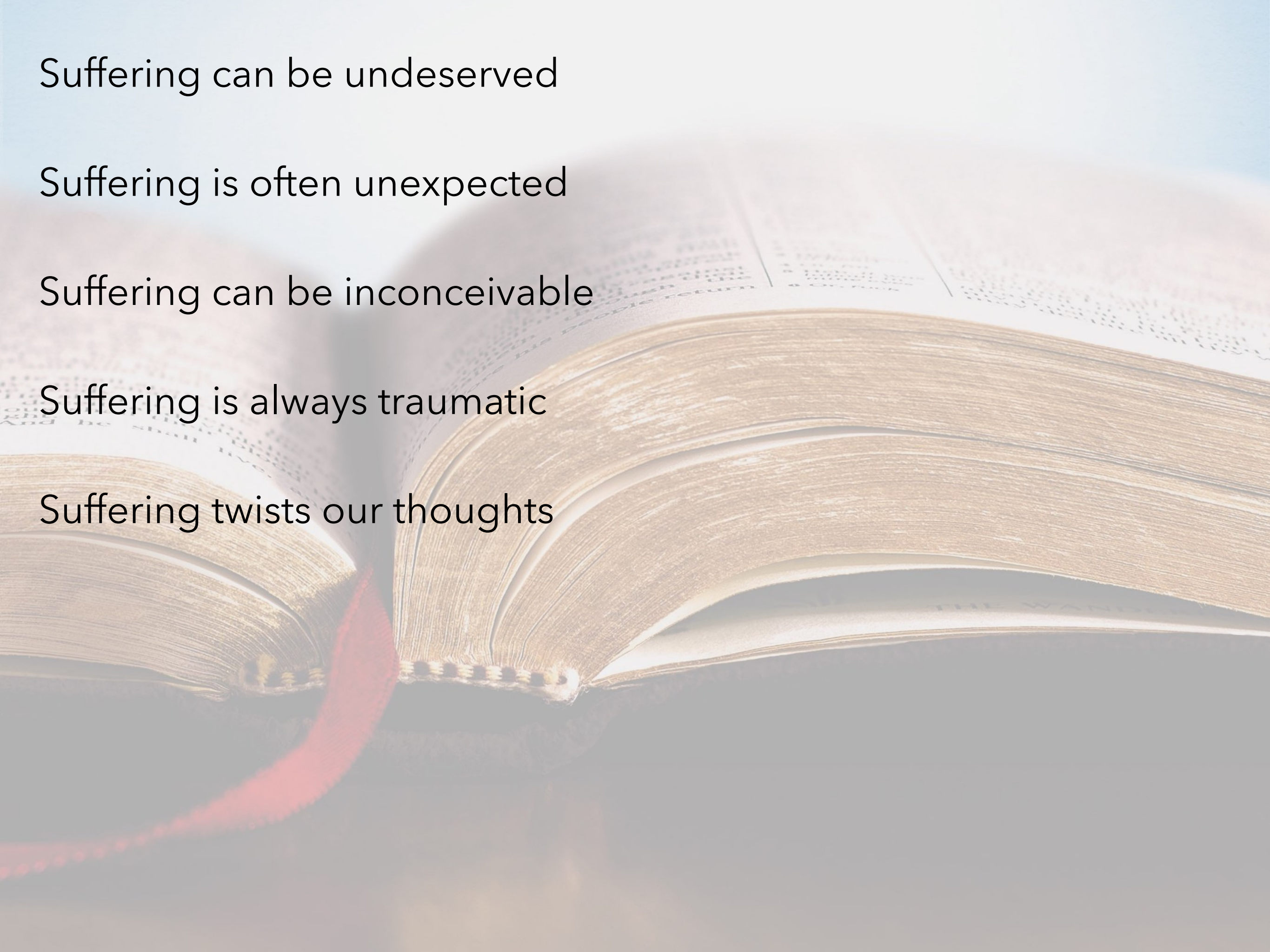


## **Job 1:1**

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.







Suffering can be undeserved

Suffering is often unexpected

Suffering can be inconceivable

Suffering is always traumatic

Suffering twists our thoughts



## **Job 1:6-12**

**6**Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

**7**The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." **8**And the LORD said to

Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" **9**Then Satan answered the LORD and said,

"Does Job fear God for no reason? **10**Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. **11**But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." **12**And the LORD

said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.



Some of us get all hung up on "Satan did this" or "God did this"

When you read the Bible and take it in its whole witness, it teaches:

God is over all things, including suffering

Satan can be given permission to bring suffering

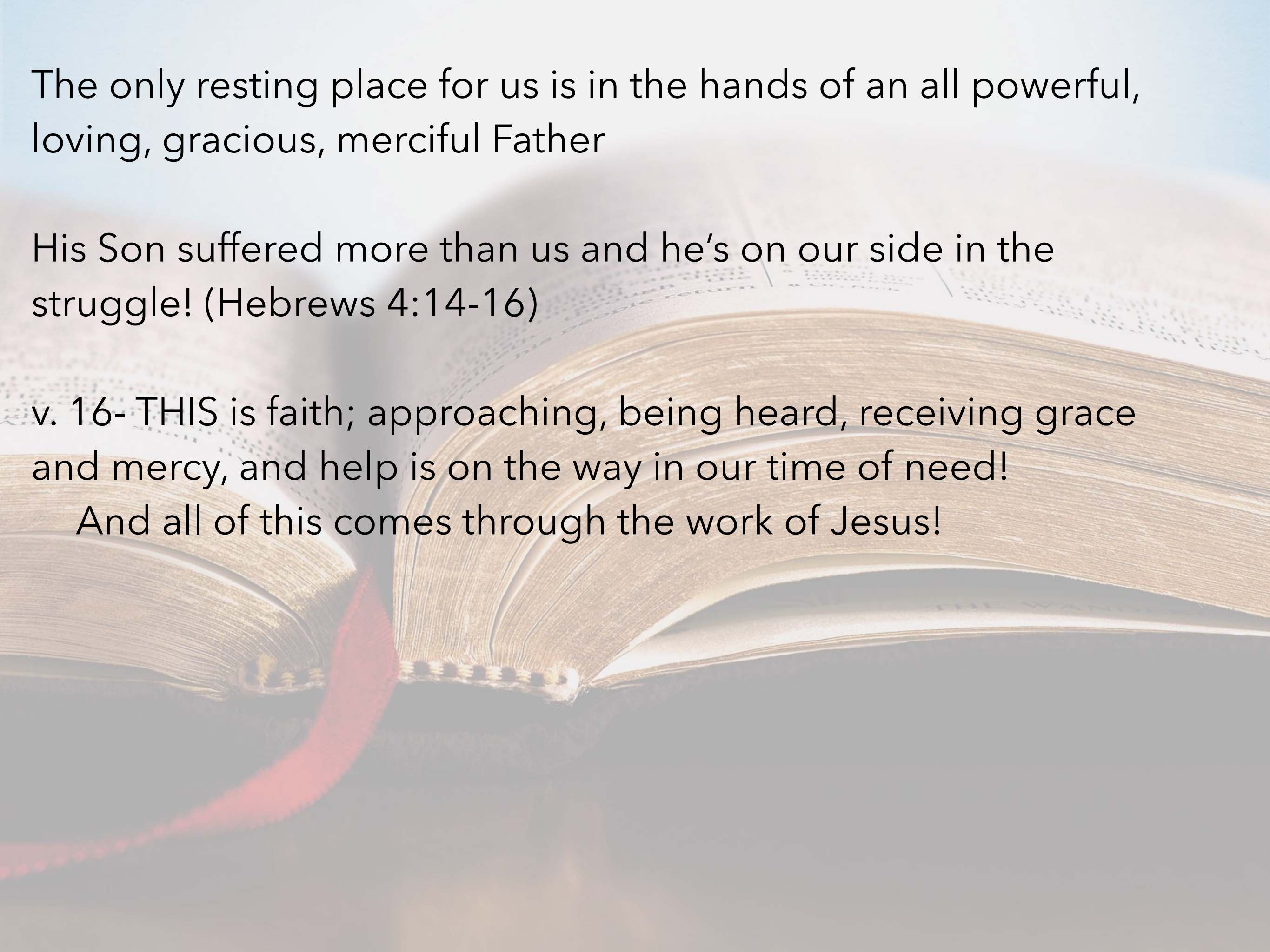
people are sometimes the vehicle of suffering

nature can bring suffering

Through it all, God is good, in control, moving all things toward his plan, and he's purifying me

Is this offensive?





The only resting place for us is in the hands of an all powerful,  
loving, gracious, merciful Father

His Son suffered more than us and he's on our side in the  
struggle! (Hebrews 4:14-16)

v. 16- THIS is faith; approaching, being heard, receiving grace  
and mercy, and help is on the way in our time of need!

And all of this comes through the work of Jesus!



## **Job 1:6-8; 2:3**

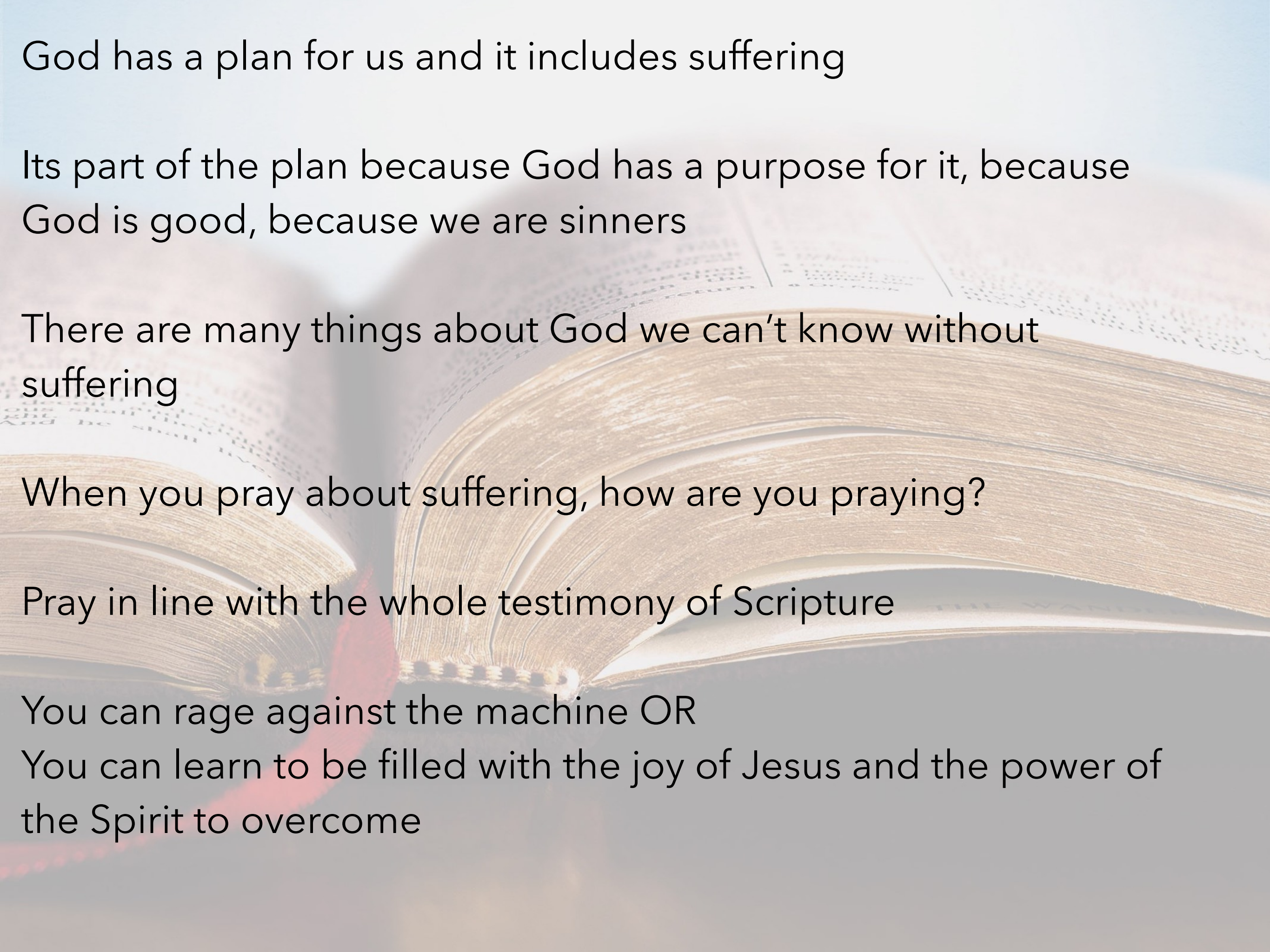
**6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.

**7** The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." **8** The LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil."

## **Job 2:3**

And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason."





God has a plan for us and it includes suffering

Its part of the plan because God has a purpose for it, because God is good, because we are sinners

There are many things about God we can't know without suffering

When you pray about suffering, how are you praying?

Pray in line with the whole testimony of Scripture

You can rage against the machine OR

You can learn to be filled with the joy of Jesus and the power of the Spirit to overcome



The book of Job makes no sense without the cross (1 Cor. 1:18-25)

We don't just need an example of how to suffer well; we need a suffering Savior who overcame all suffering so we can be freed from the cause of our suffering (sin) and the results of our sin (suffering)

#### LOWER STORY:

Suffer like Job; persevere; seek God through it all

How are you doing when you suffer?

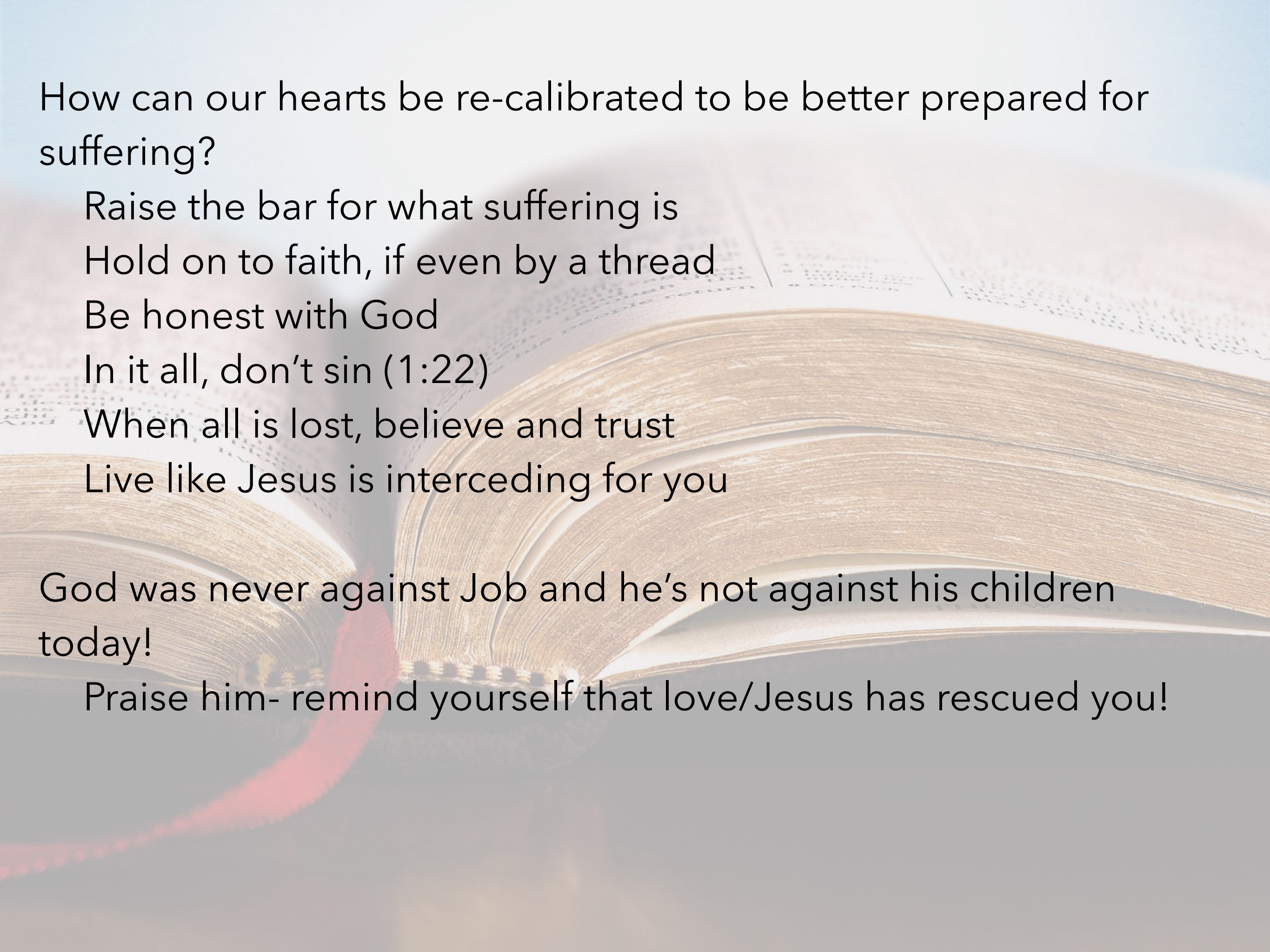
Seek to suffer and fight well, with integrity and grit and strength

#### UPPER STORY:

Job represents Jesus

We suffer and our only hope is that Jesus overcame this painful world and he gives us the Spirit who empowers us to overcome





How can our hearts be re-calibrated to be better prepared for suffering?

Raise the bar for what suffering is

Hold on to faith, if even by a thread

Be honest with God

In it all, don't sin (1:22)

When all is lost, believe and trust

Live like Jesus is interceding for you

God was never against Job and he's not against his children today!

Praise him- remind yourself that love/Jesus has rescued you!