

**“I wake up energized. I never go to bed that way. Just once I’d like to end a day feeling as good as I did when the day started. I don’t want to live like this anymore.”**

**- West Wing TV Drama**



**“People can’t change.”**

**“Life has no meaning. You wake up,  
go to work, go home, cook dinner,  
go to bed, wake up and do it all over  
again.”**

A circular frame containing a monochromatic, blue-toned image of a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is on the left, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the right, and the baby lies in a manger of straw in the center. The background is a dark, textured blue with decorative elements: a four-pointed starburst in the top-left, a grid of small dots in the top-right, a vertical line of dots on the left, and another four-pointed starburst in the bottom-right.

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anymore.**

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A circular frame containing a monochromatic, blue-toned image of a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is on the left, the infant Jesus is in the center, and Joseph is on the right. They are surrounded by other figures and a manger with hay.


# Jesus: Our Christmas Hope

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**In areas where we lack hope, we are embracing a lie.**

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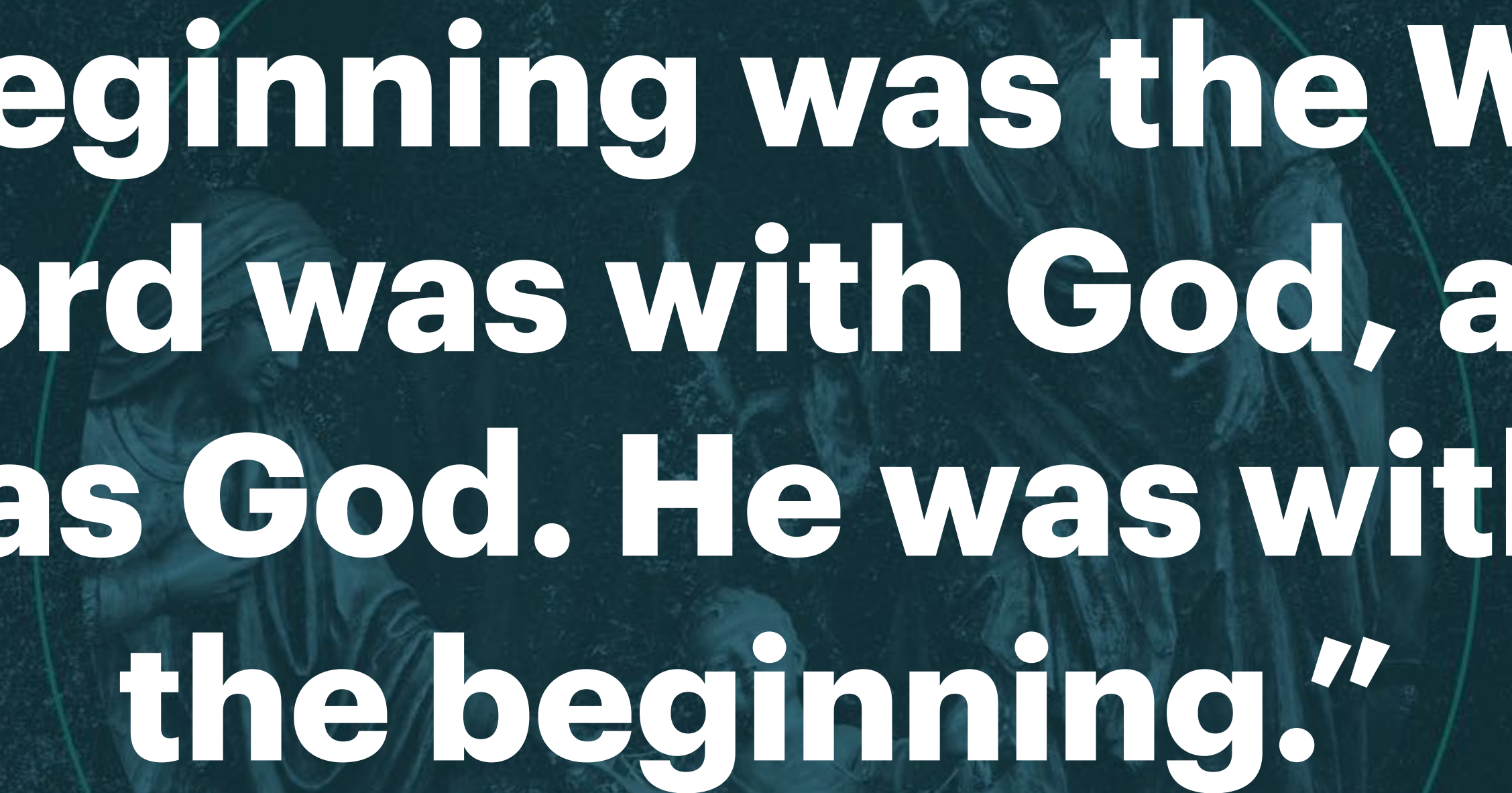
**“For nothing is impossible with  
God.”**

**Luke 1:37 NIV**

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**“No freshly spoken word from God is impossible.”**

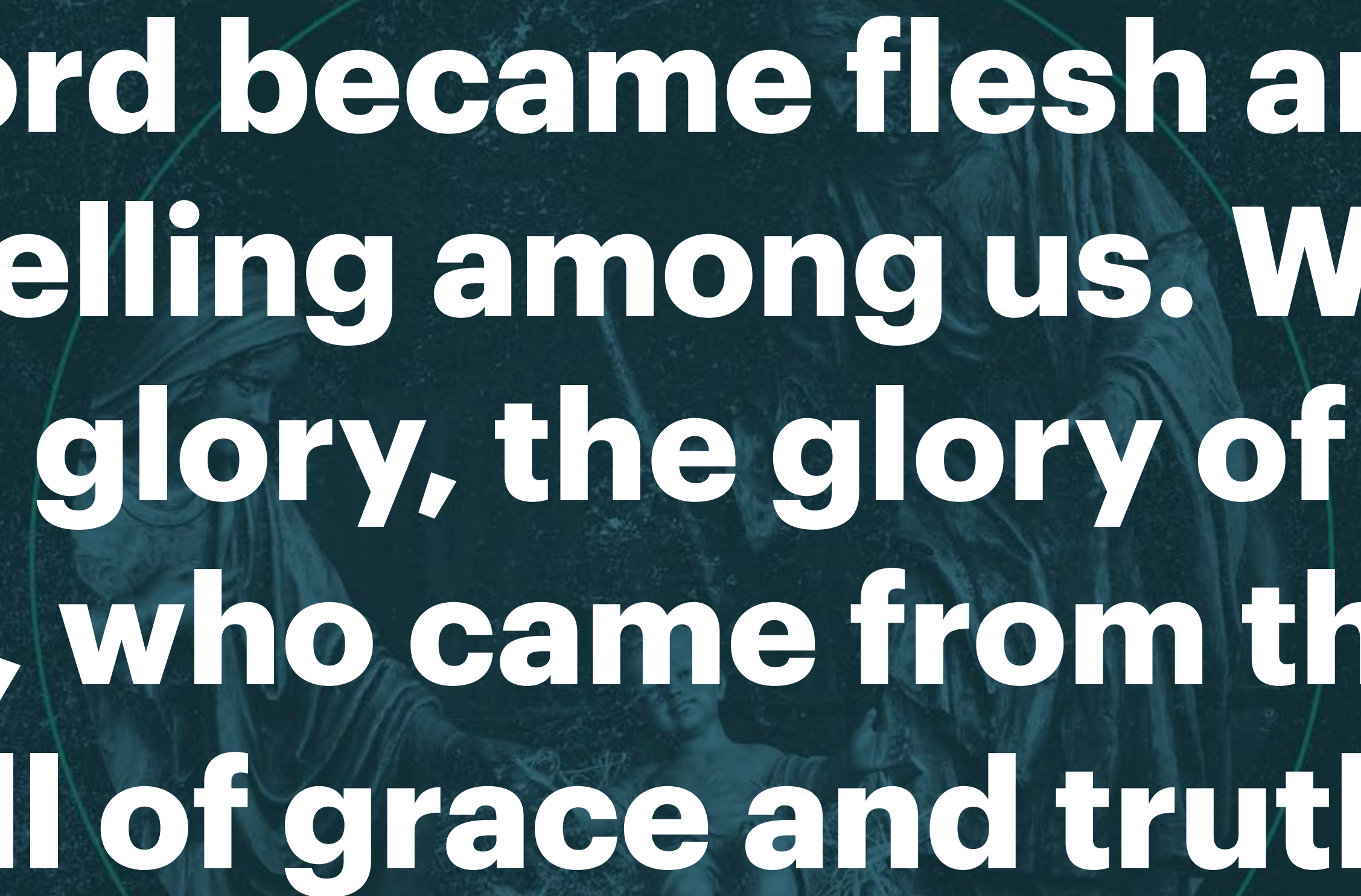
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A circular frame containing a faint, blue-toned image of a nativity scene, showing Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger. The background of the entire slide is a dark teal with a subtle texture. Decorative elements include a yellow starburst in the top-left corner, a grid of yellow dots in the top-right corner, a vertical line of yellow dots on the left side, and another yellow starburst in the bottom-right corner.

**“In the beginning was the Word, and  
the Word was with God, and the  
Word was God. He was with God in  
the beginning.”**

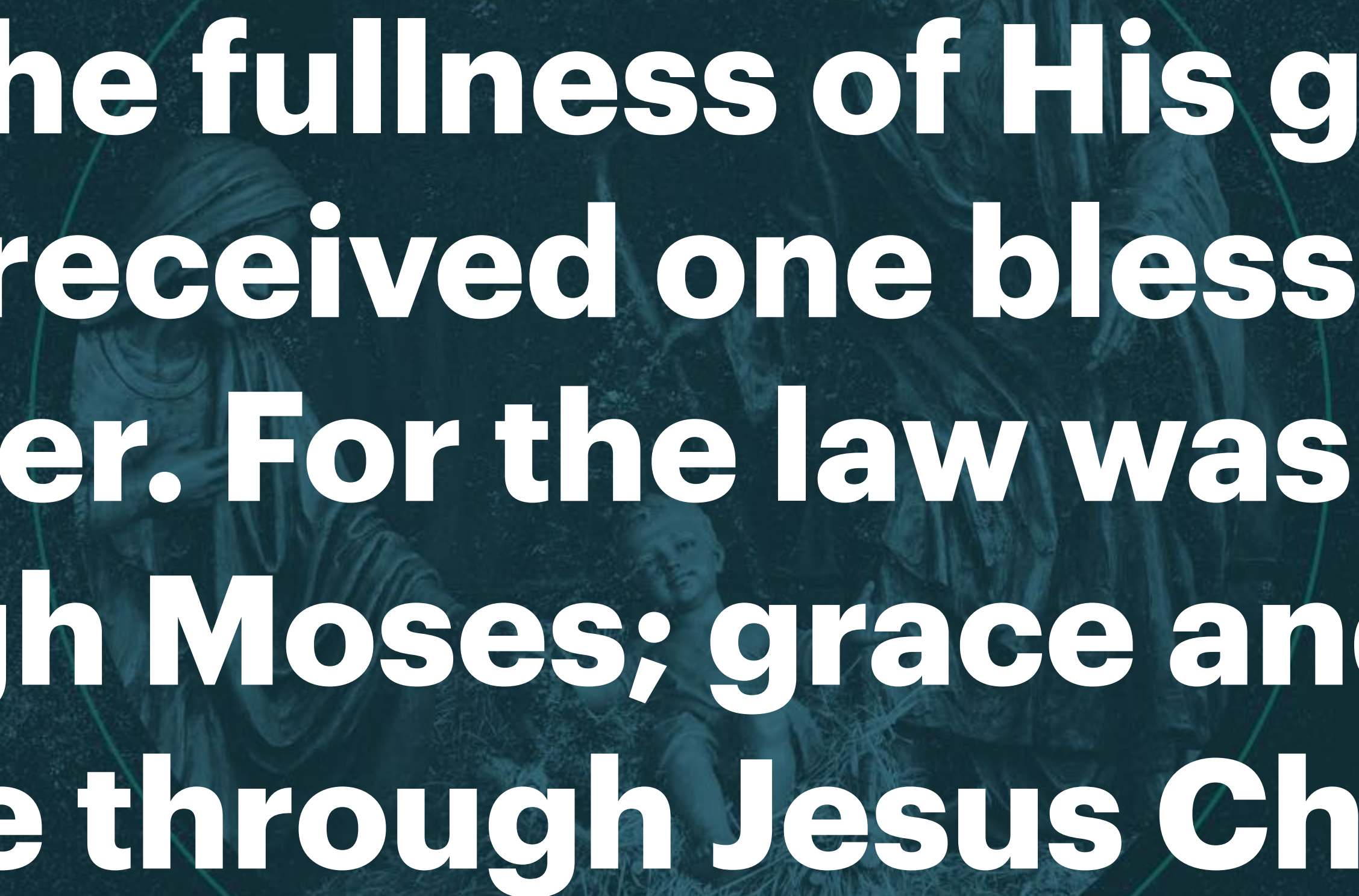
**John 1:1-2 NIV**



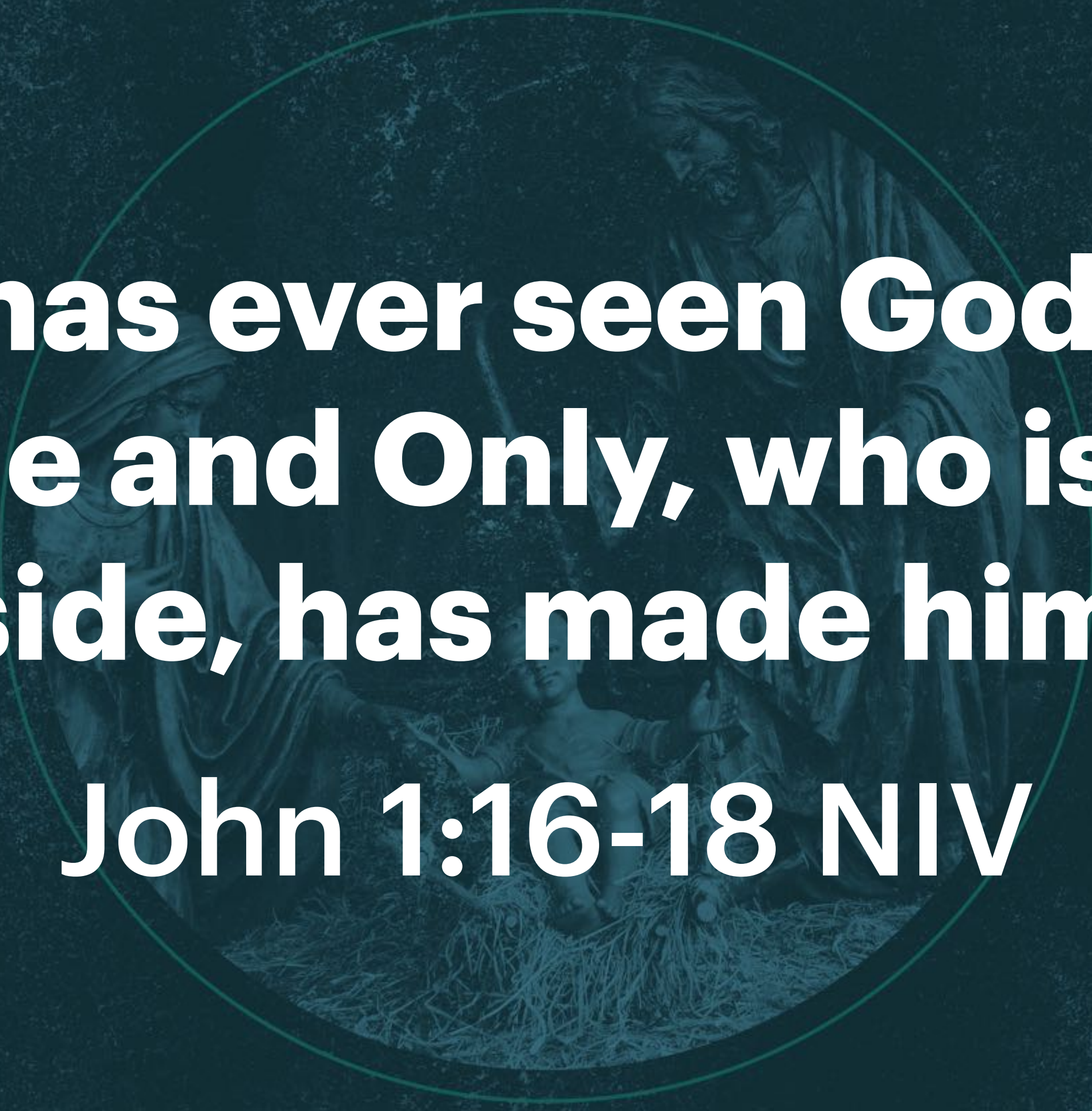


**“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

**John 1:14 NIV**

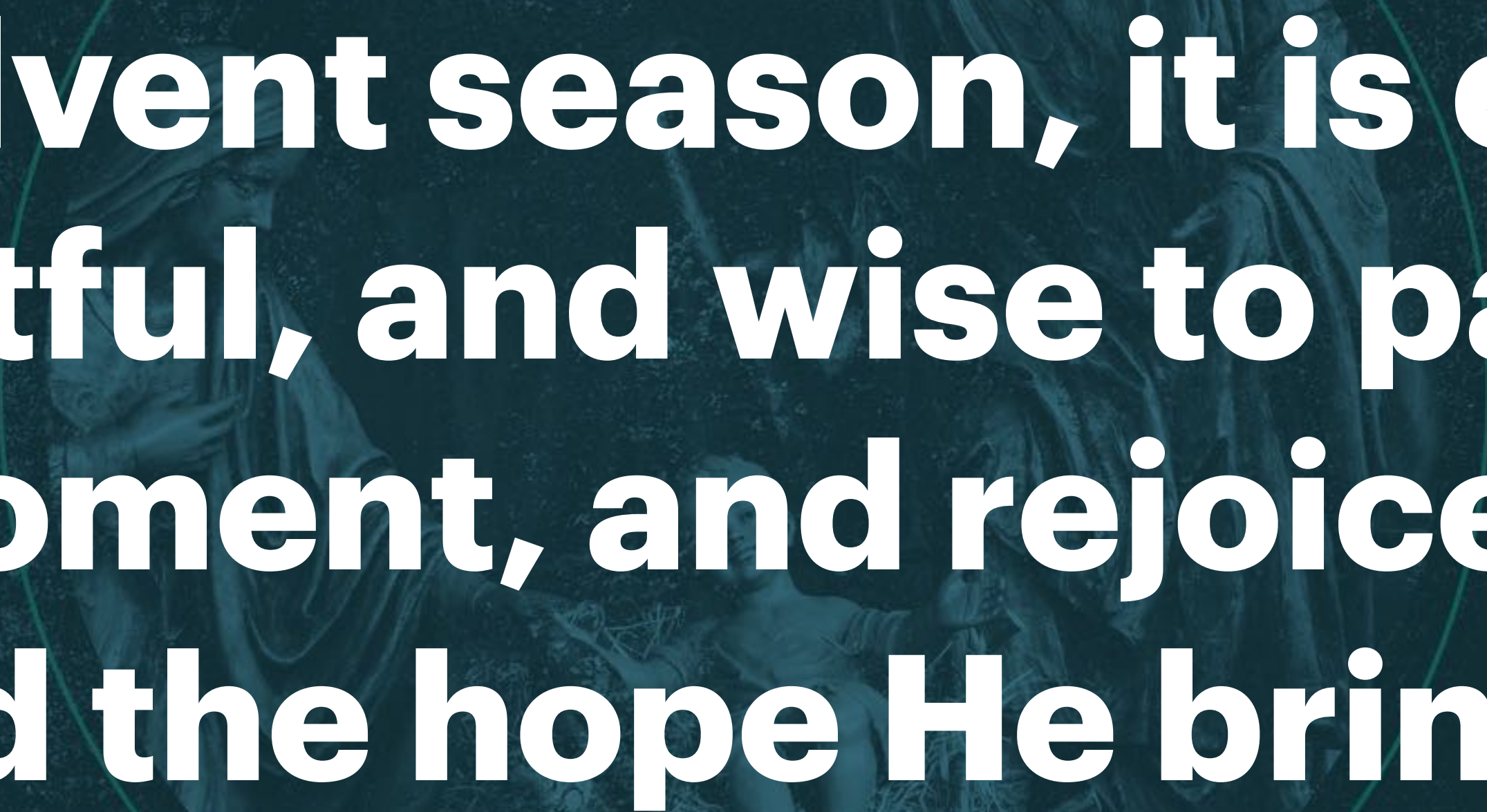


**“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”**



**“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.”**

**John 1:16-18 NIV**



**In this Advent season, it is essential,  
thoughtful, and wise to pause, to  
take a moment, and rejoice in Jesus  
and the hope He brings.**

# Four Facts about Jesus' Hope:

## 1. Emanating Hope

Hope finds its origin in the Trinity, not in our willpower, good deeds, or positive attitudes. It is a gift from God.

	<b>Father</b>	<b>Son</b>	<b>Spirit</b>
<b>Creation</b>	<b>Gen 1:1, 26; 2:7</b>	<b>Gen 1:3, 26; Col. 1:15-18</b>	<b>Gen 1:2, 16; 2:7</b>
<b>Incarnation</b>	<b>Luke 1:26, 30, 35</b>	<b>Matthew 1:21, 24; Luke 1:31</b>	<b>Gen 1:1, 26; 2:7</b>
<b>New Creation</b>	<b>Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 1:3-4; 4:4</b>	<b>Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 1:3-4; 4:4-5</b>	<b>Jn 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 1:3-4; 4:6-7</b>

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## 2. Enduring Hope

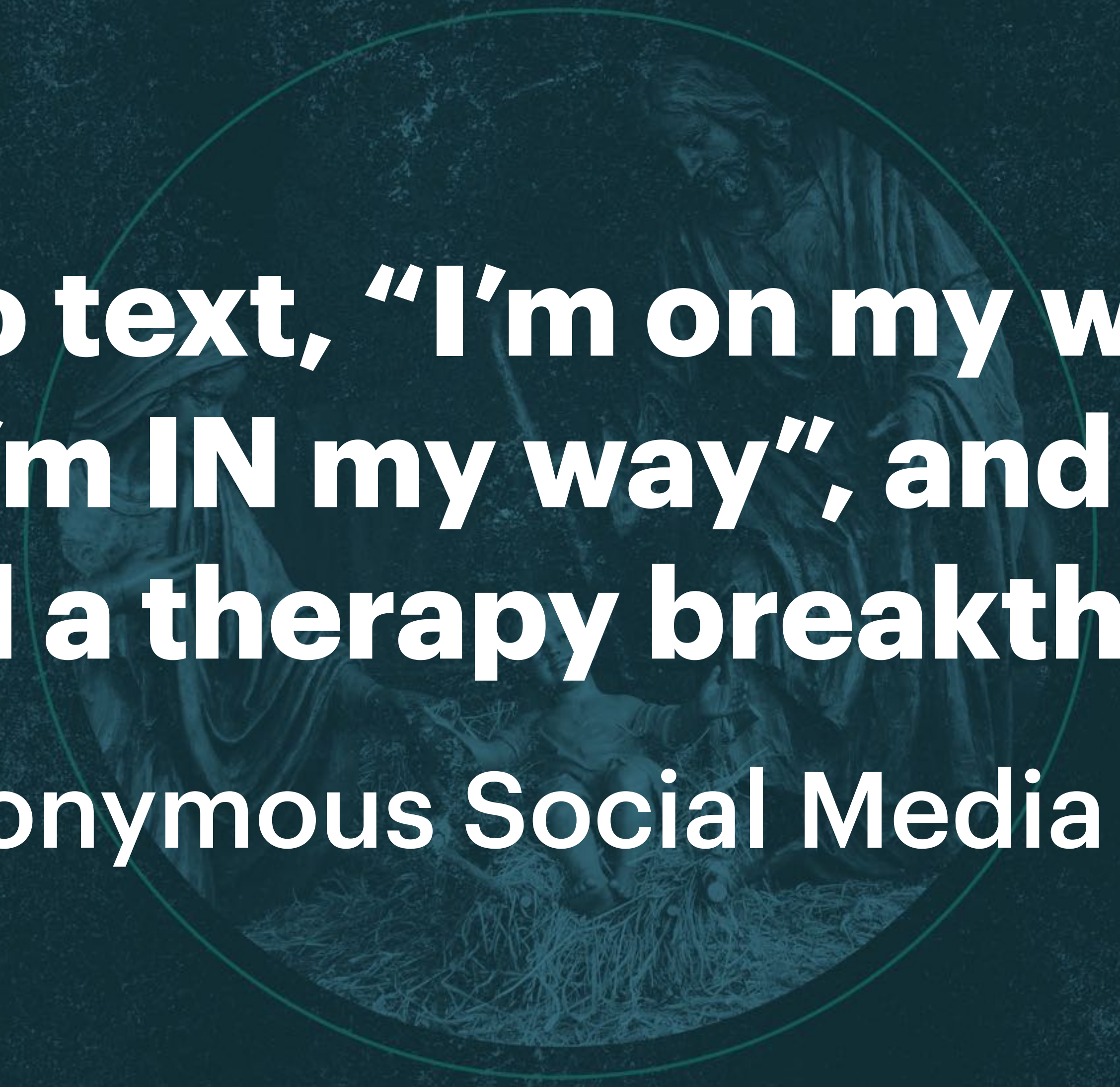
Luke 1:32-33, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

# Four Facts about Jesus' Hope:

## 3. Effectual Hope

Matthew 1:21, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." NIV





**I tried to text, "I'm on my way", but sent, "I'm IN my way", and I think I just had a therapy breakthrough."**

**- Anonymous Social Media Post**



**While hope is accessible it requires  
trust and surrender.**

**Romans 15:13**

# Four Facts about Jesus' Hope:

## 4. Embodying Hope

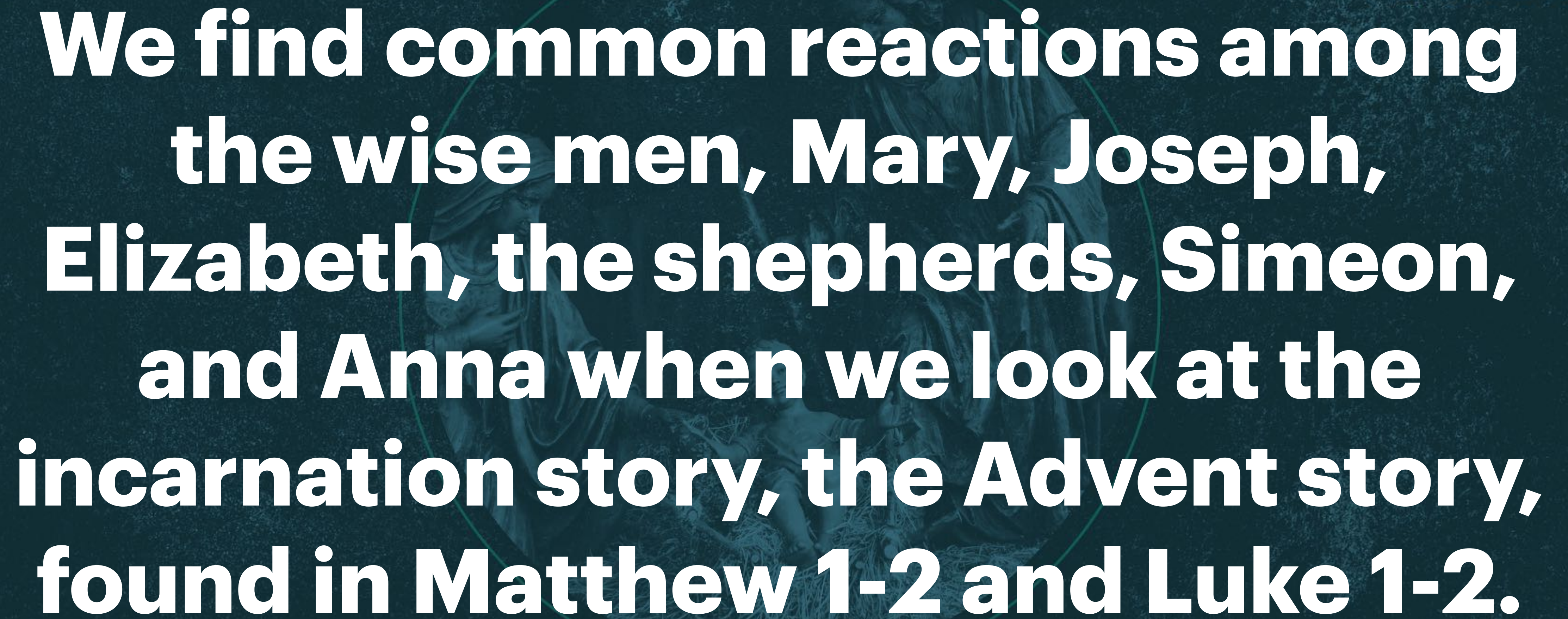
Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." NIV



# Four Facts about Jesus' Hope:

## 4. Embodying Hope

- a. God is hope.
- b. We can overflow with hope.
- c. The Holy Spirit will empower us.



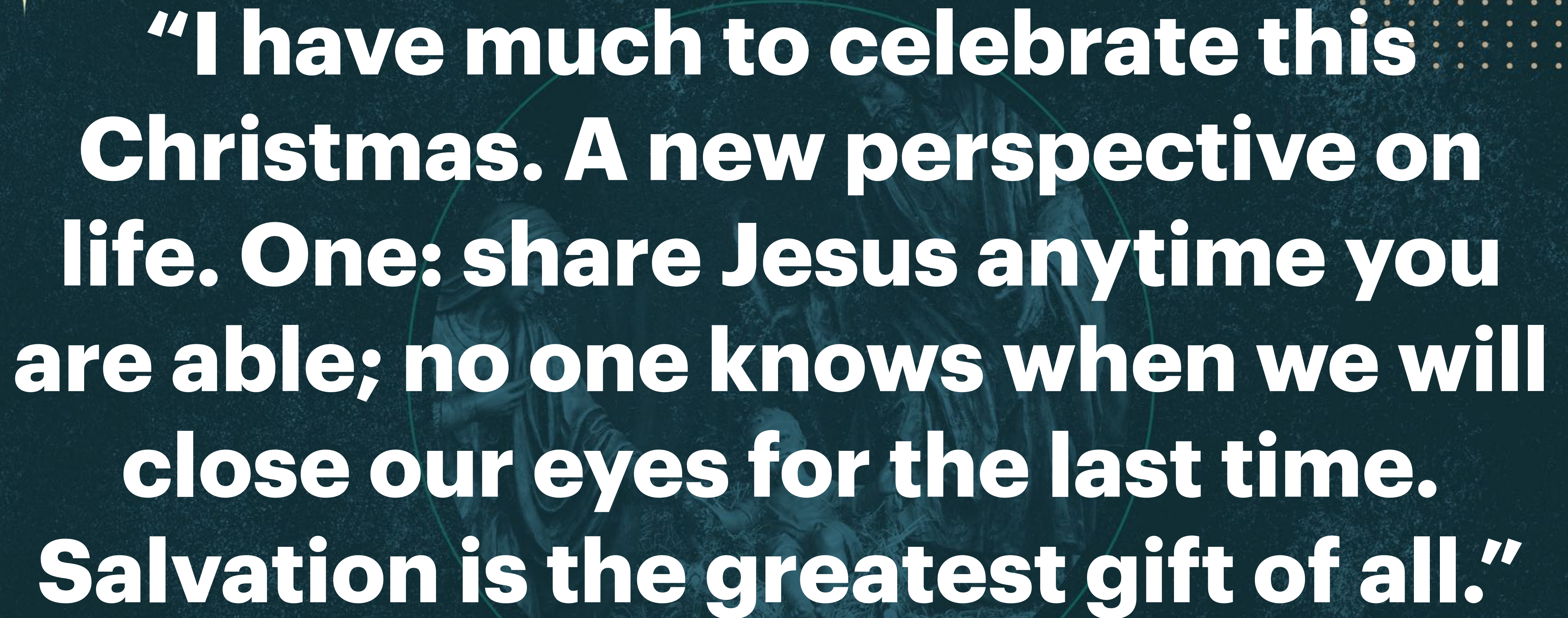
**We find common reactions among the wise men, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna when we look at the incarnation story, the Advent story, found in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.**



# How to Respond to this Message:

**Response #1: Go see Jesus. (Luke 2:15)**

**Response #2: Talk with others about Jesus.  
(Luke 2:17)**

A dark blue background featuring a faint, circular image of a nativity scene. The scene shows Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, surrounded by animals and shepherds. The text is overlaid on this background in a bold, white, sans-serif font. There are decorative elements: a yellow starburst in the top left, a grid of yellow dots in the top right, a vertical line of yellow dots on the left, and another yellow starburst in the bottom right.

**“I have much to celebrate this Christmas. A new perspective on life. One: share Jesus anytime you are able; no one knows when we will close our eyes for the last time. Salvation is the greatest gift of all.”**

**Pastor Tom Buchan**



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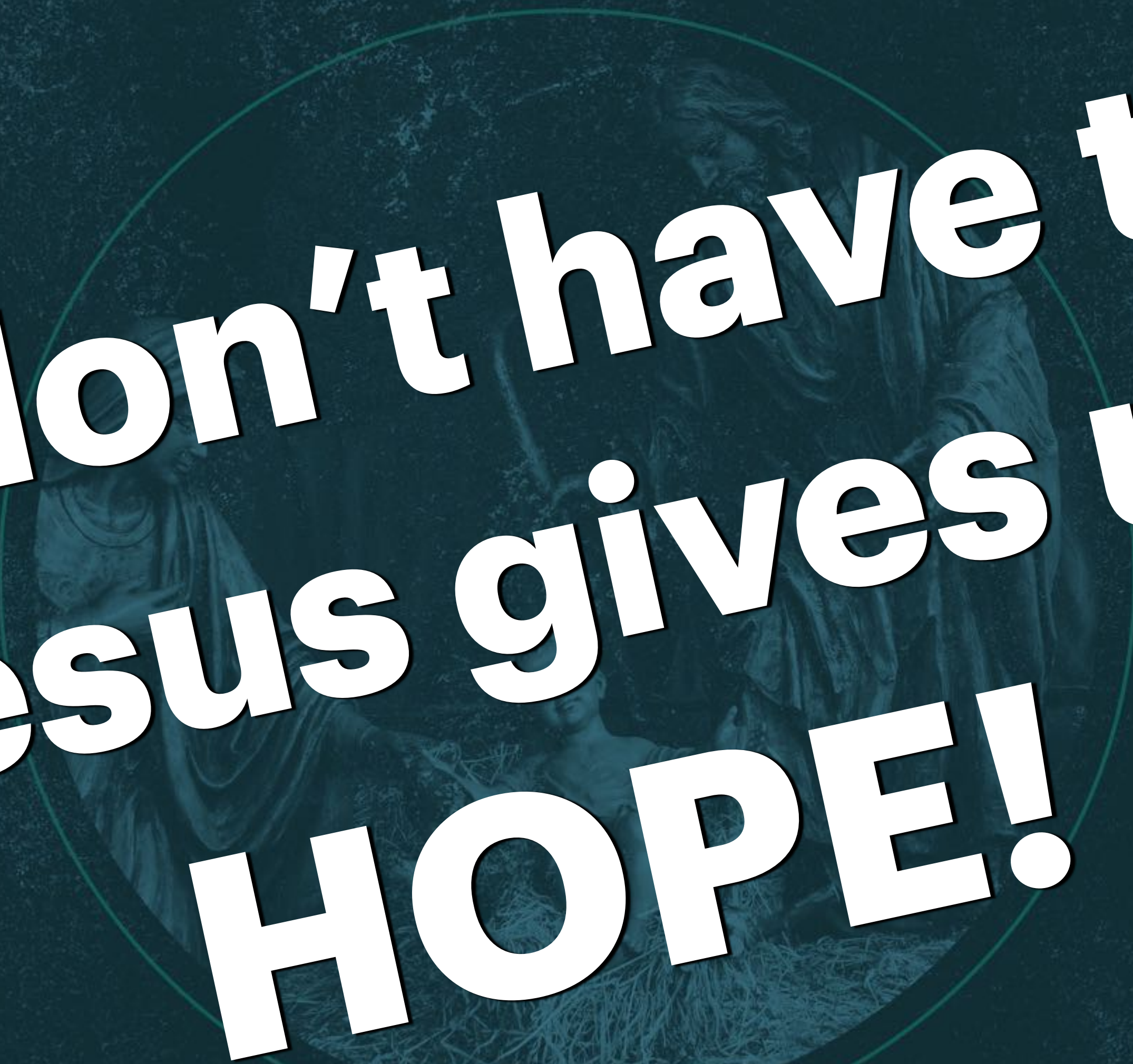
**Response #3: Do this wherever you live.  
(Luke 2:20)**



A circular frame containing a monochromatic, blue-toned image of a nativity scene. The Virgin Mary is on the left, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the right, leaning over the manger. The baby Jesus lies in a manger filled with straw. The background is a dark, textured blue with decorative elements: a four-pointed starburst in the top-left, a grid of small dots in the top-right, a vertical line of dots on the left, and another four-pointed starburst in the bottom-right.

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Jesus gives us  
HOPE!**