

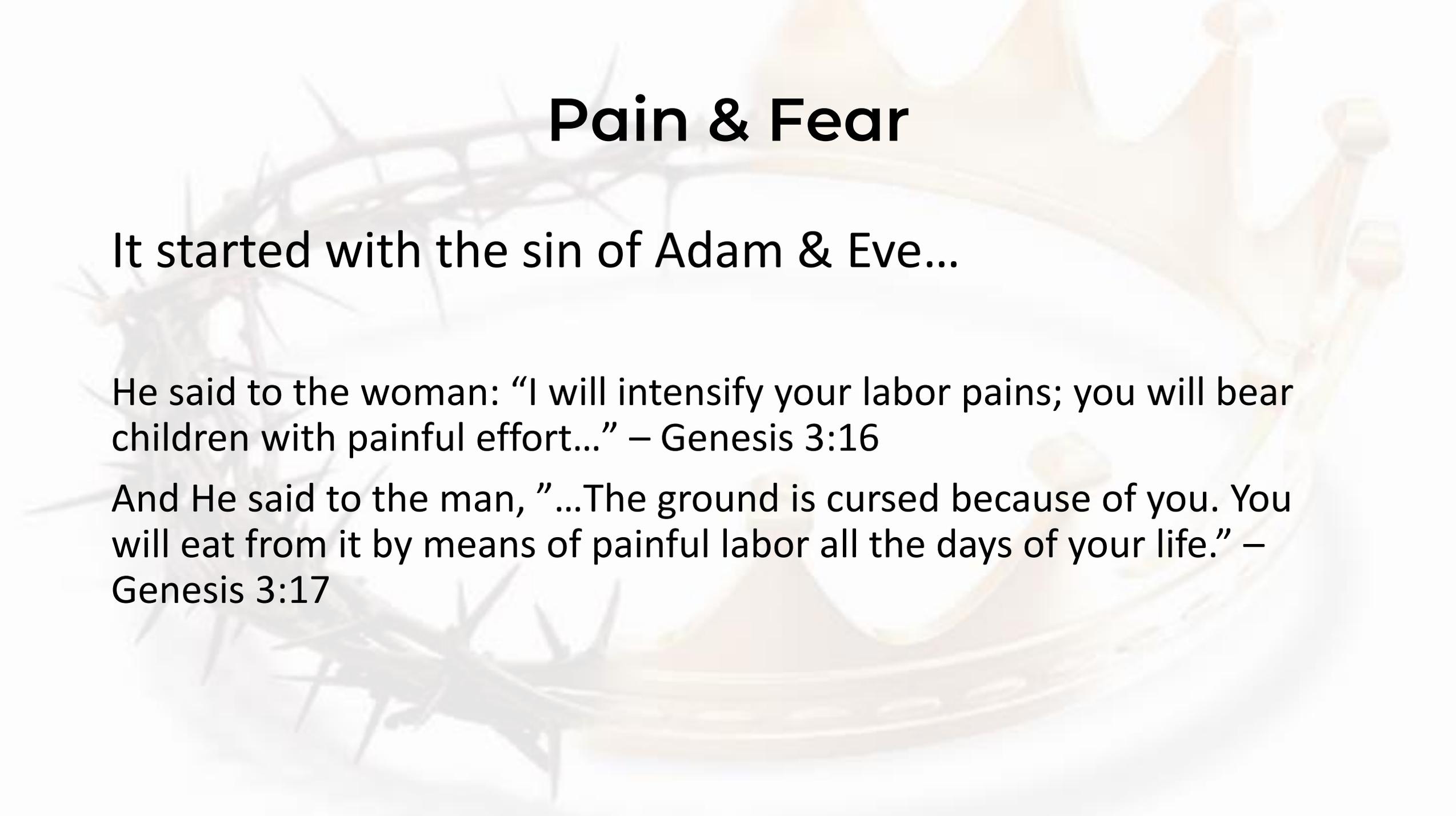


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*Pain and Victory*  
*Pastor Brad Nelson*

# Pain & Fear

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It started with the sin of Adam & Eve...

He said to the woman: "I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children with painful effort..." – Genesis 3:16

And He said to the man, "...The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life." – Genesis 3:17

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It will end with a new heaven & new earth...

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband...— Revelation 21:1-4

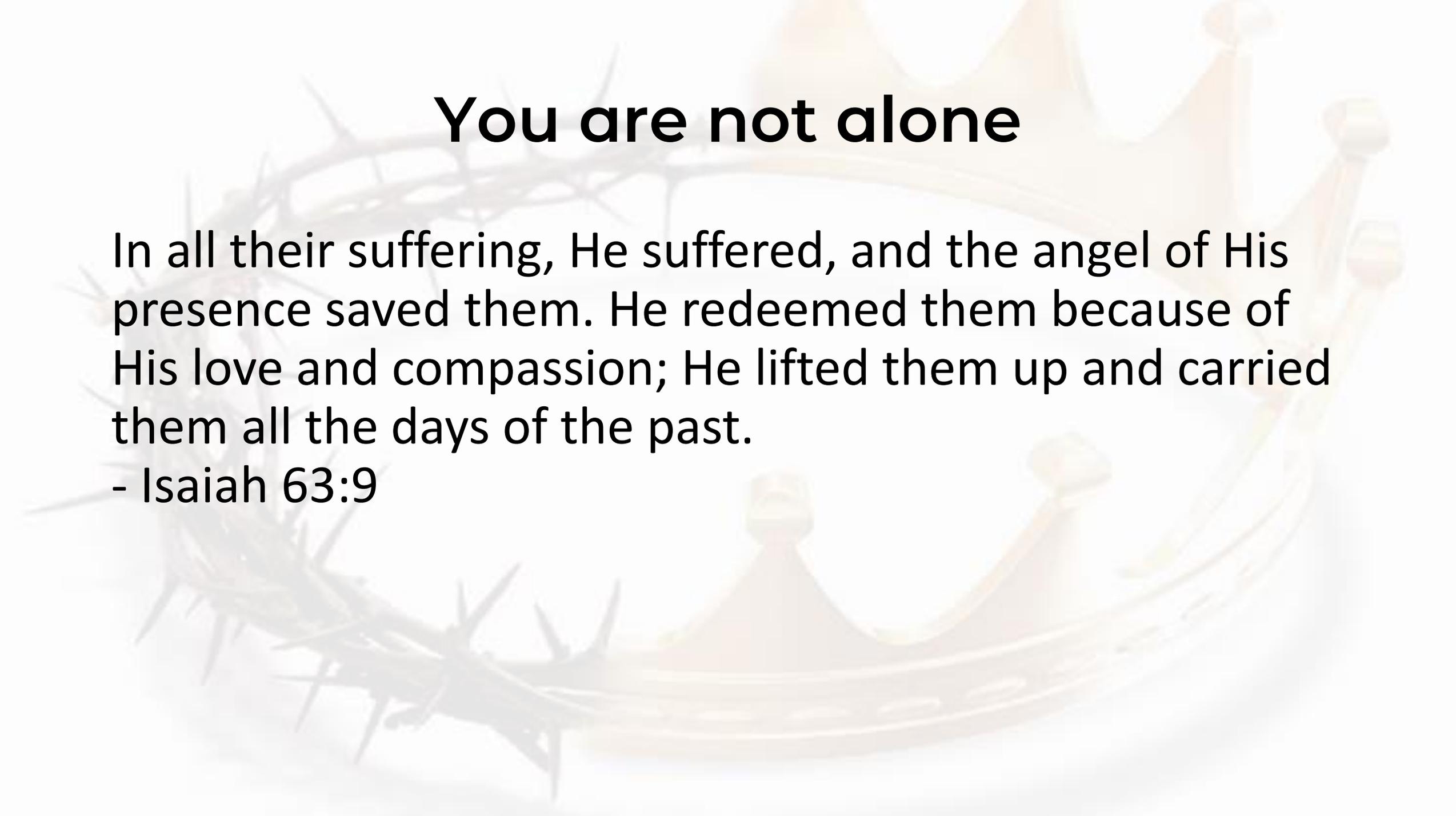
# Pain & Fear



It will end with a new heaven & new earth...

...Then I heard a loud voice from the throne: Look, God's dwelling is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away. – Revelation 21:1-4

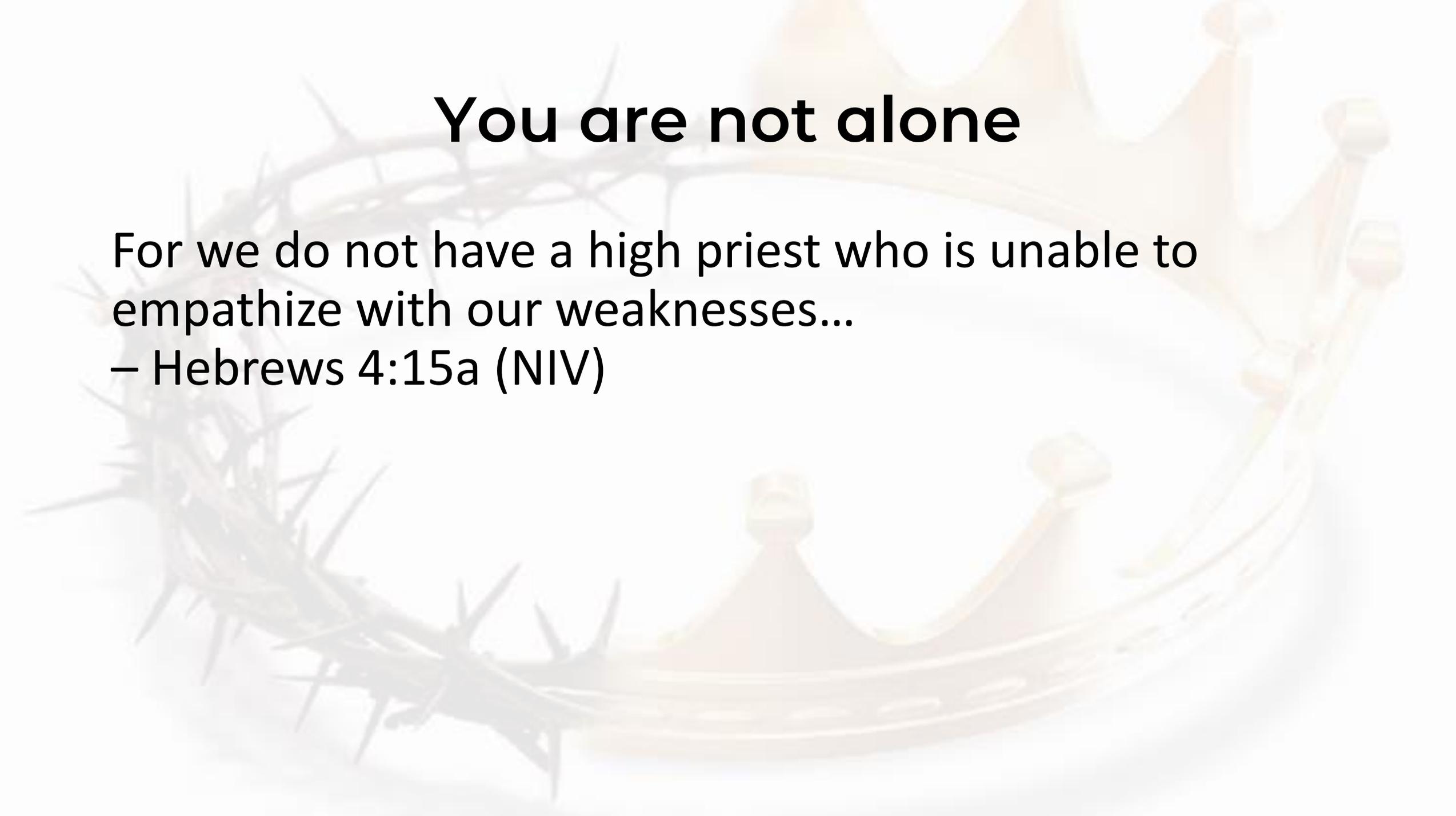
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In all their suffering, He suffered, and the angel of His presence saved them. He redeemed them because of His love and compassion; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of the past.

- Isaiah 63:9

# You are not alone

A faint, light-colored background image featuring a golden crown with three points and a crown of thorns. The crown is positioned on the right side, and the crown of thorns is on the left side, both partially overlapping each other.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...

– Hebrews 4:15a (NIV)

# Jesus can empathize with your pain

The background of the slide features a faint, semi-transparent image of a crown of thorns on the left and a golden crown on the right, both set against a light, hazy background.

Jesus experienced

Emotional Pain

Physical Pain

Spiritual Pain

# Jesus can empathize with your pain

## Emotional Pain

### Garden of Gethsemane

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be **deeply distressed and troubled**. He said to them, “I am **deeply grieved** to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake.” He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

– Mark 14:32-35

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Being in **anguish**, He prayed more fervently, and **His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground**.

– Luke 22:44

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## Physical Pain

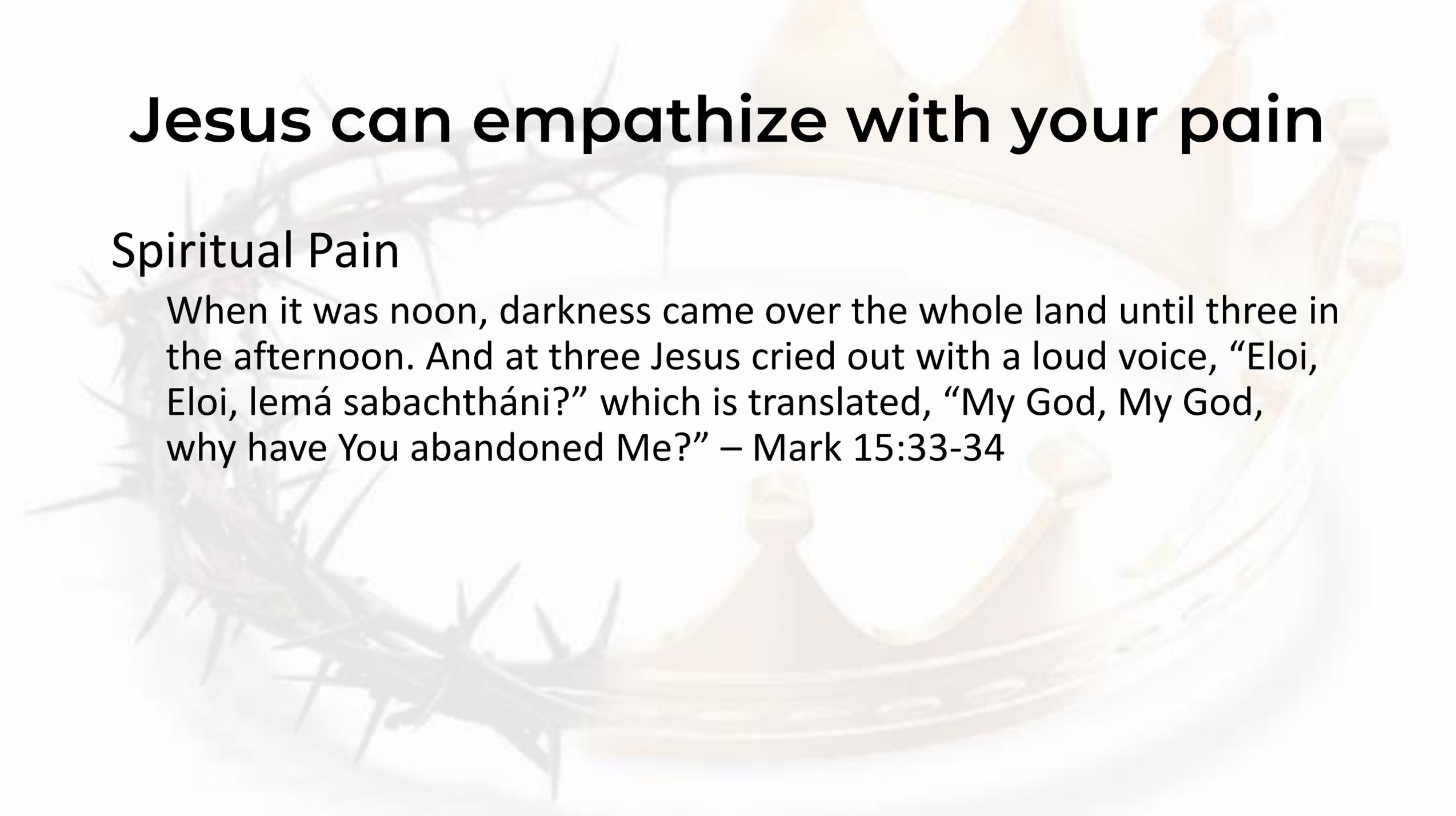
Beaten by the Jewish leaders – Mark 14:61-65

Flogged by the Romans – Luke 23:20-22

Beaten by Roman soldiers – Matthew 27:27-31

Crucified – Mark 15:22-25

# Jesus can empathize with your pain



## Spiritual Pain

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?” – Mark 15:33-34

# Jesus displayed His victory

Abandoned on the cross - not abandoned to the grave

“Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not abandoned in Hades, and His flesh did not experience decay.” – Acts 2:31

# Jesus displayed His victory

Holy Spirit was sent in His place

“God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this. Therefore, since he has been exalted to the right hand of God and has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit, he has poured out what you both see and hear.”

– Acts 2:32-33

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“If you love Me, you will keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (Comforter) to be with you forever. ... I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. But the Counselor (Comforter), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you.”

– John 14:15-16, 25-26

# Jesus victory through pain was foundational

Then He began to teach them that it was necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke openly about this. Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. But turning around and looking at His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are not thinking about God’s concerns but human concerns.” ...

– Mark 8:31-34

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...Calling the crowd along with His disciples, He said to them, “If anyone wants to follow after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me.”

– Mark 8:31-34

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“I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.” – John 16:33

Even before Jesus went to the cross,  
He was already victorious

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

1.) Pain isn't automatically a sign of God's displeasure

When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As He was praying, heaven opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well-pleased."  
– Luke 3:21-22

Yet even on the cross, the Father never stopped being well-pleased with Jesus

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

2.) Pain isn't a sign that God has abandoned you

Be satisfied with what you have, for He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you or abandon you.**" Therefore, we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? – Hebrews 13:5b-6

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We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; and those He called, He also justified; and those He justified, He also glorified... – Romans 8:28-39

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... What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare His own Son but offered Him up for us all. How will He not also with Him grant us everything? Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; He also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us... – Romans 8:28-39

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... Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us... – Romans 8:28-39

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2.) Pain isn't a sign that God has abandoned you

... For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:28-39

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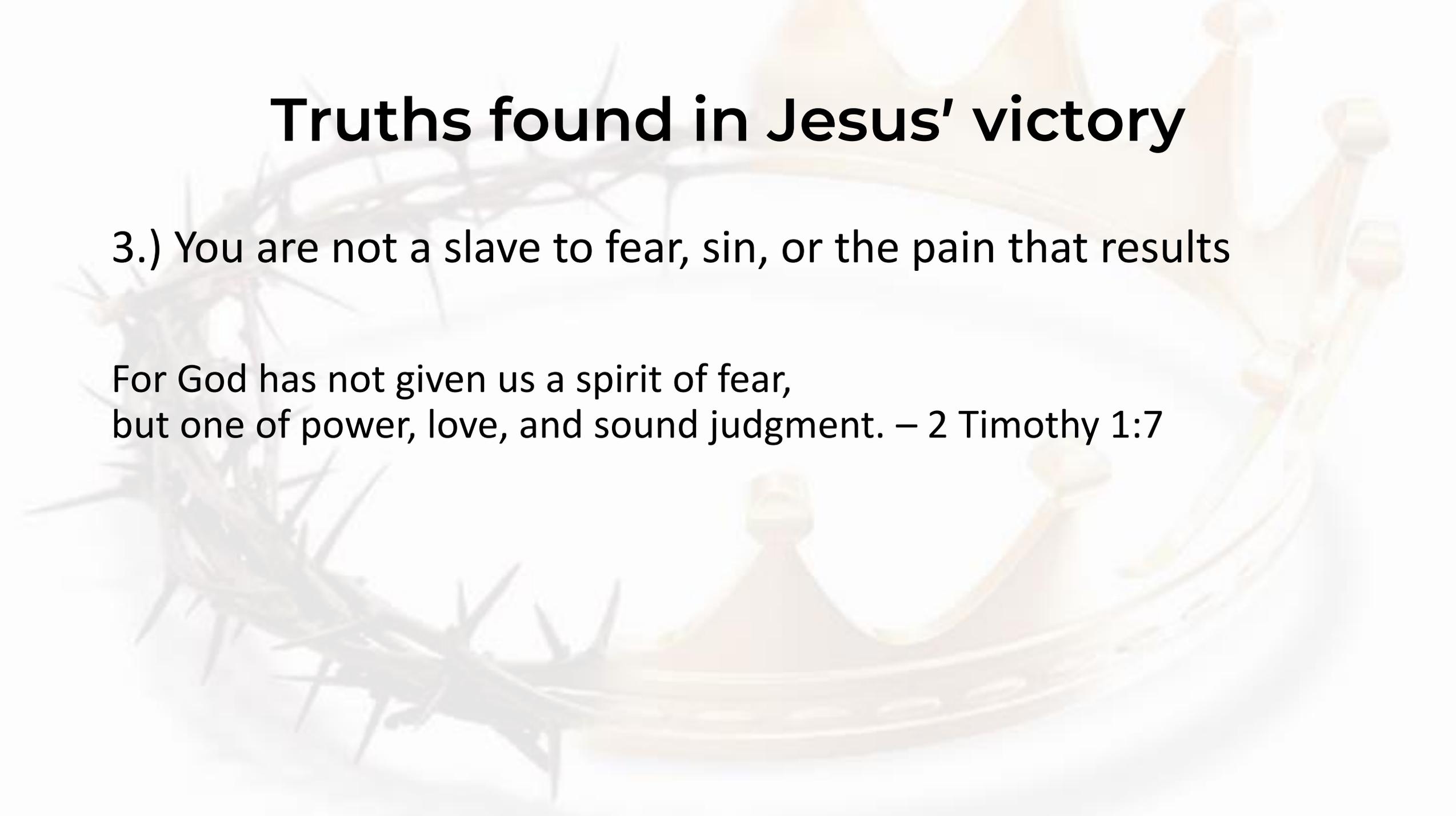
Jesus responded, “Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in the household forever, but a son does remain forever. So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free. – John 8:34-36

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For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. **You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear.** Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "*Abba*, Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children, and if children, also heirs — heirs of God and coheirs with Christ — if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. — Romans 8:14-18

# Truths found in Jesus' victory



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For God has not given us a spirit of fear,  
but one of power, love, and sound judgment. – 2 Timothy 1:7

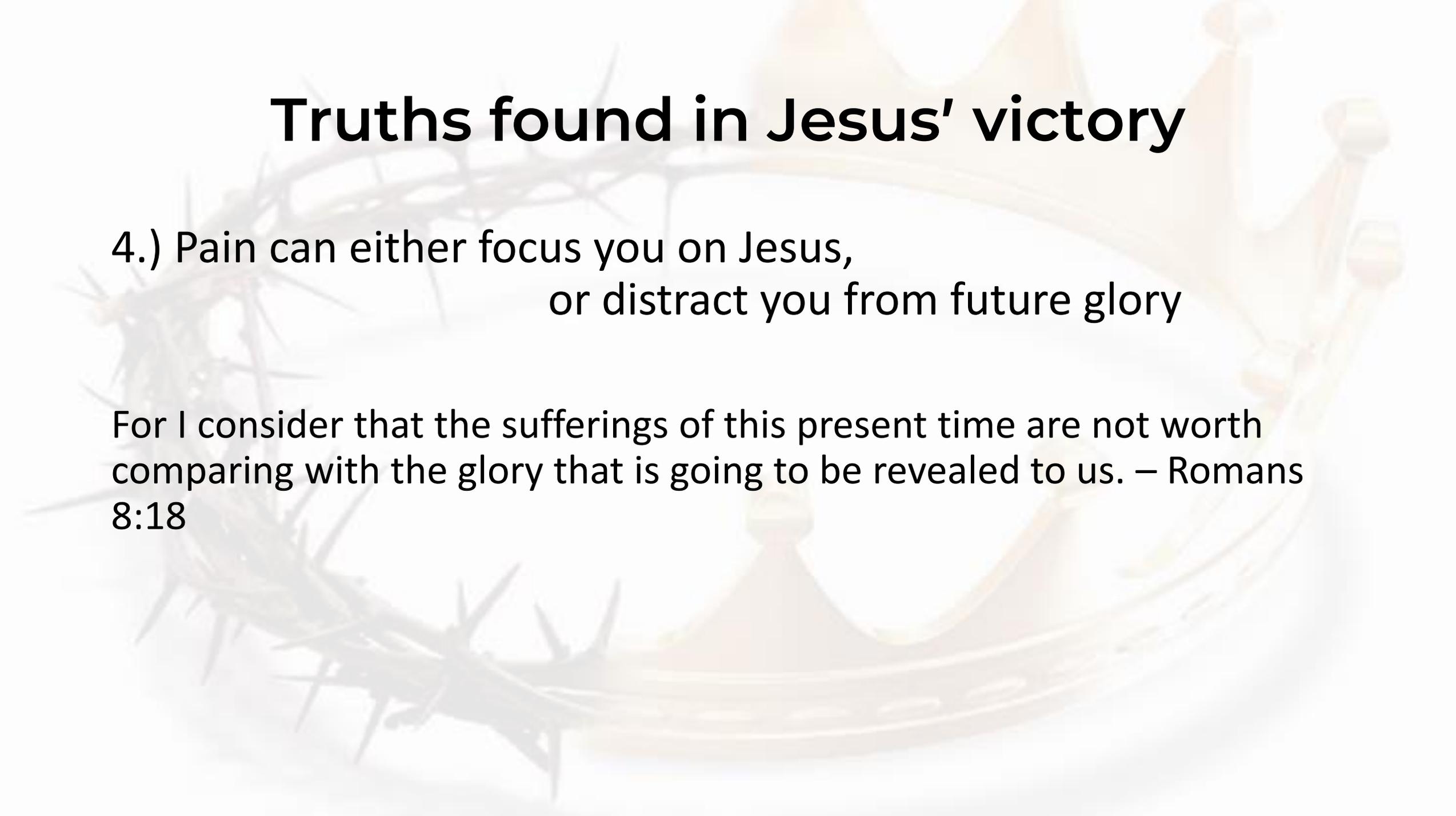
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Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. – Hebrews 12:1-3

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When this corruptible body is clothed with incorruptibility, and this mortal body is clothed with immortality, then the saying that is written will take place:

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, death, is your victory?

Where, death, is your sting?... – 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

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...The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

– 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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Then the One seated on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new." He also said, "Write, because these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life. The one who conquers will inherit these things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son." – Revelation 21:5-

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

5.) Pain can be used by God to display His work in you

As He was passing by, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked Him: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," Jesus answered. "This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him." – John 9:1-3

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

5.) Pain can be used by God to display His work in you

...so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." ... – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

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...Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me. So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

# Truths found in Jesus' victory

6.) Victory though your pain and fear  
is how God will use you to comfort another person

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God... – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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...For just as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings that we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that as you share in the sufferings, so you will also share in the comfort. – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

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