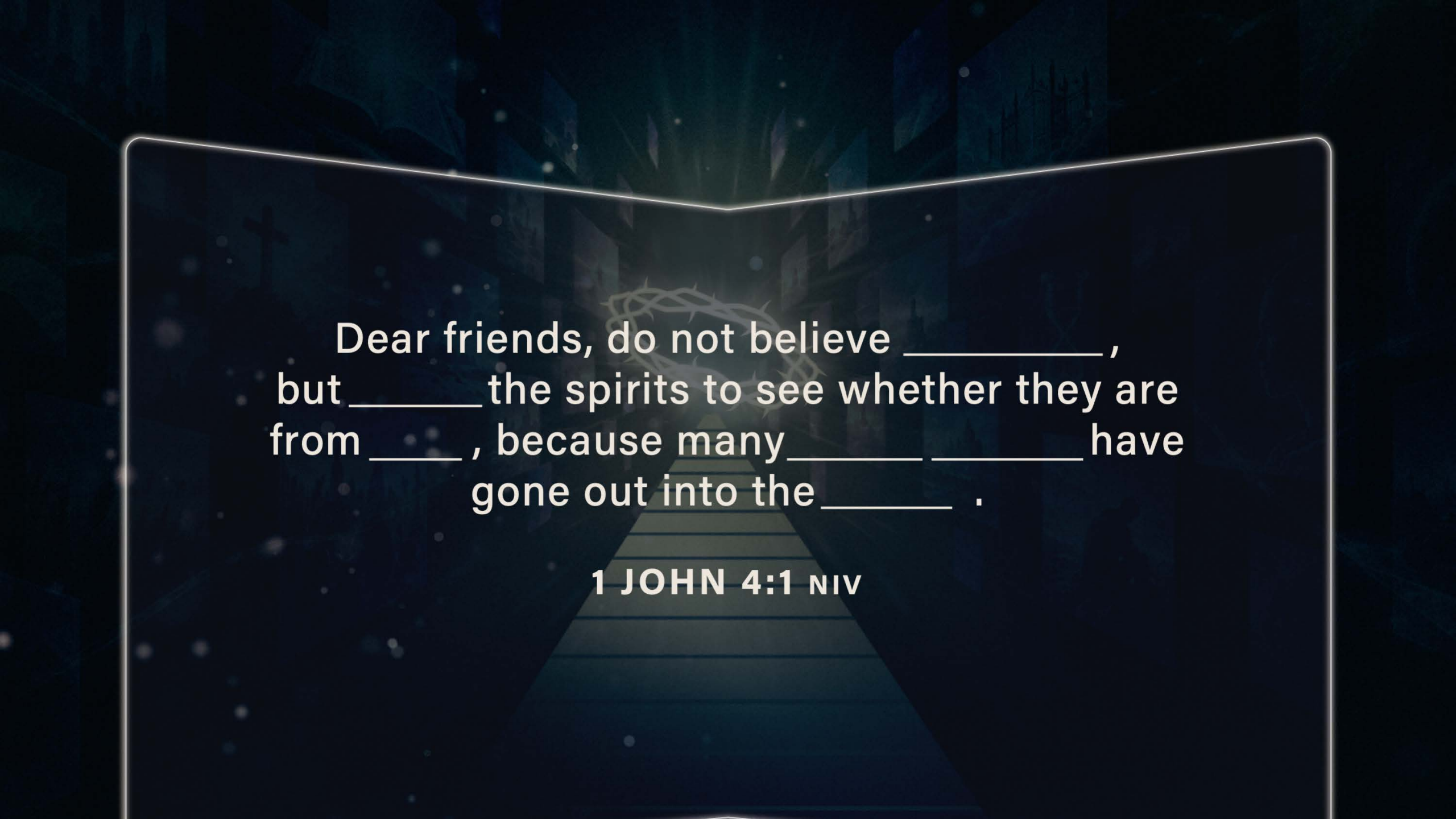

FOUR-PART SERMON SERIES
ARE YOU
READY
FOR THE
END?
ETERNAL TRUTHS IN UNCERTAIN LIVING
OCT 10/11 TO OCT 31/NOV 1


Dear friends, do not believe _____,
but _____ the spirits to see whether they are
from _____, because many _____ _____ have
gone out into the _____ .
1 JOHN 4:1 NIV

MEMORY VERSE

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether they are
from God, because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.

1 JOHN 4:1 NIV

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL

ABOUT THE BIBLE?

PART 1/4



- The Bible is God's revelation to us
- The Bible is trustworthy
- The Bible is our authority

WHY IS

SALVATION IMPORTANT?

PART 2/4



- Salvation **saves us from sin**
- Salvation **crucifies our old life**
- Salvation **unites us with Christ**
- Salvation **brings us under the Lordship of Christ**

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE END?

- Jesus is Coming Back!
- Everyone will stand before God
- Jesus will make all things new

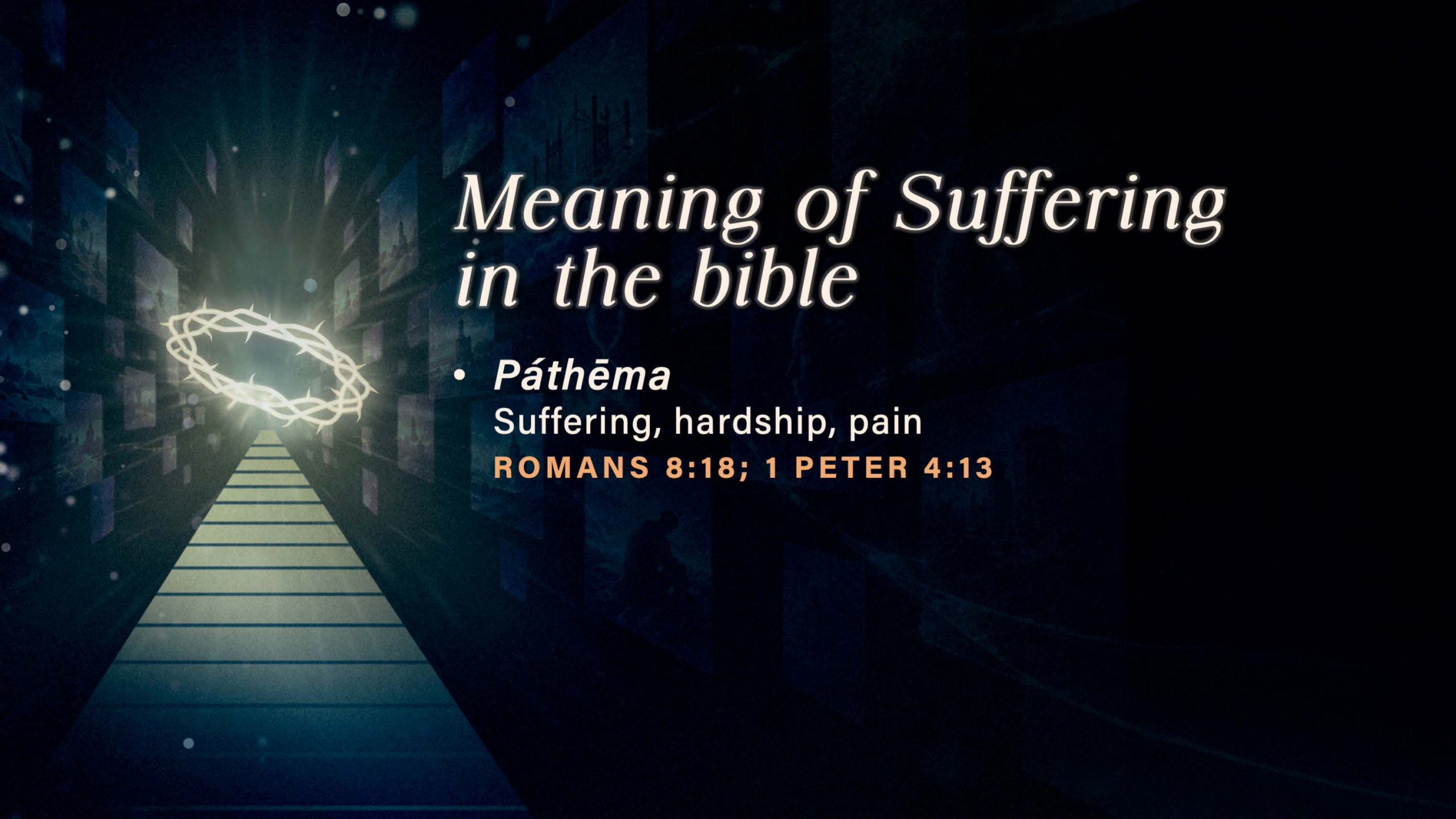
WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

- Be Watchful
- Be Wise
- Be a Witness



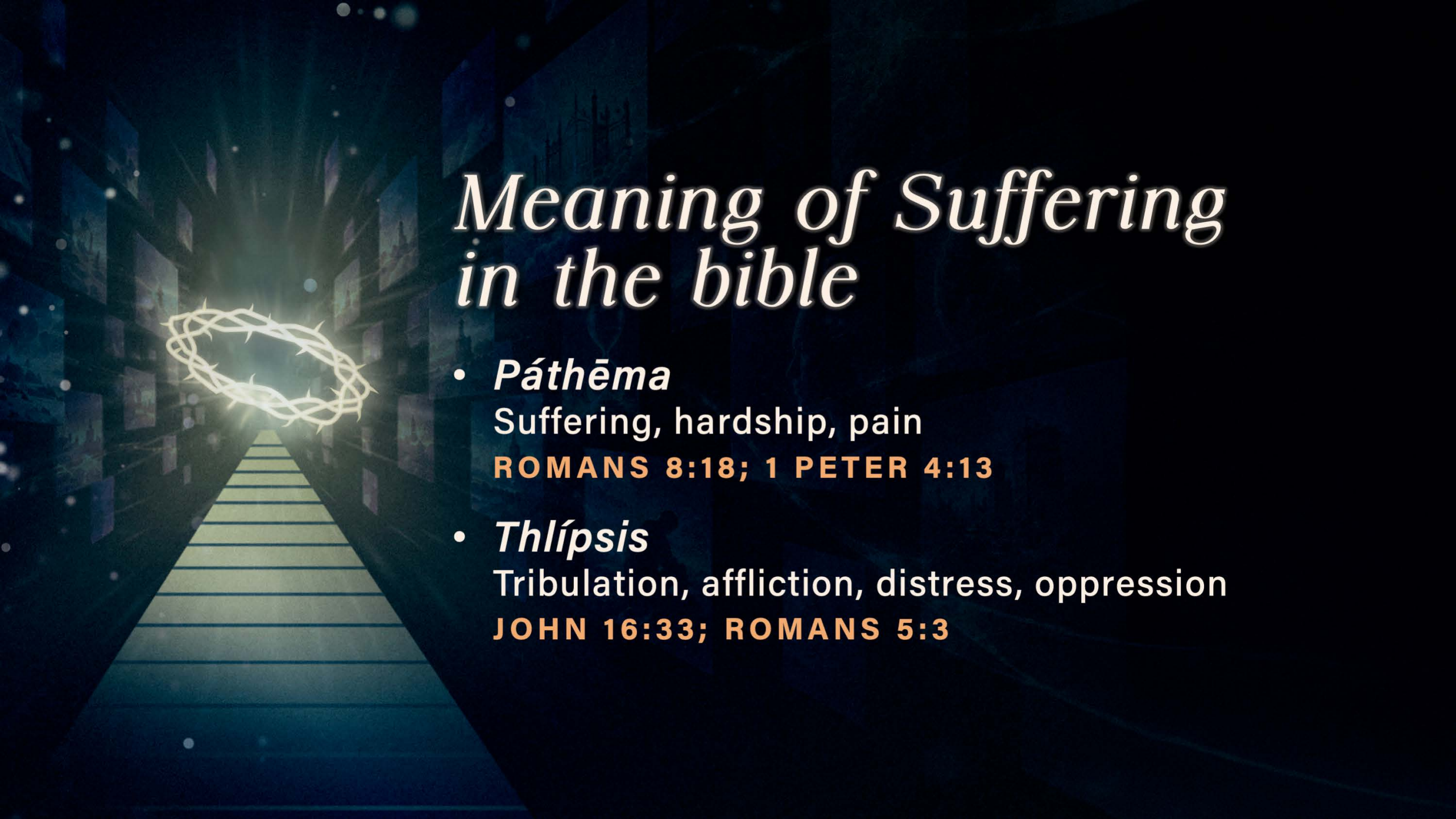
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HOW SHOULD WE
DEAL WITH
SUFFERING?
PART 4/4



Meaning of Suffering in the bible

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  Suffering, hardship, pain
  ROMANS 8:18; 1 PETER 4:13



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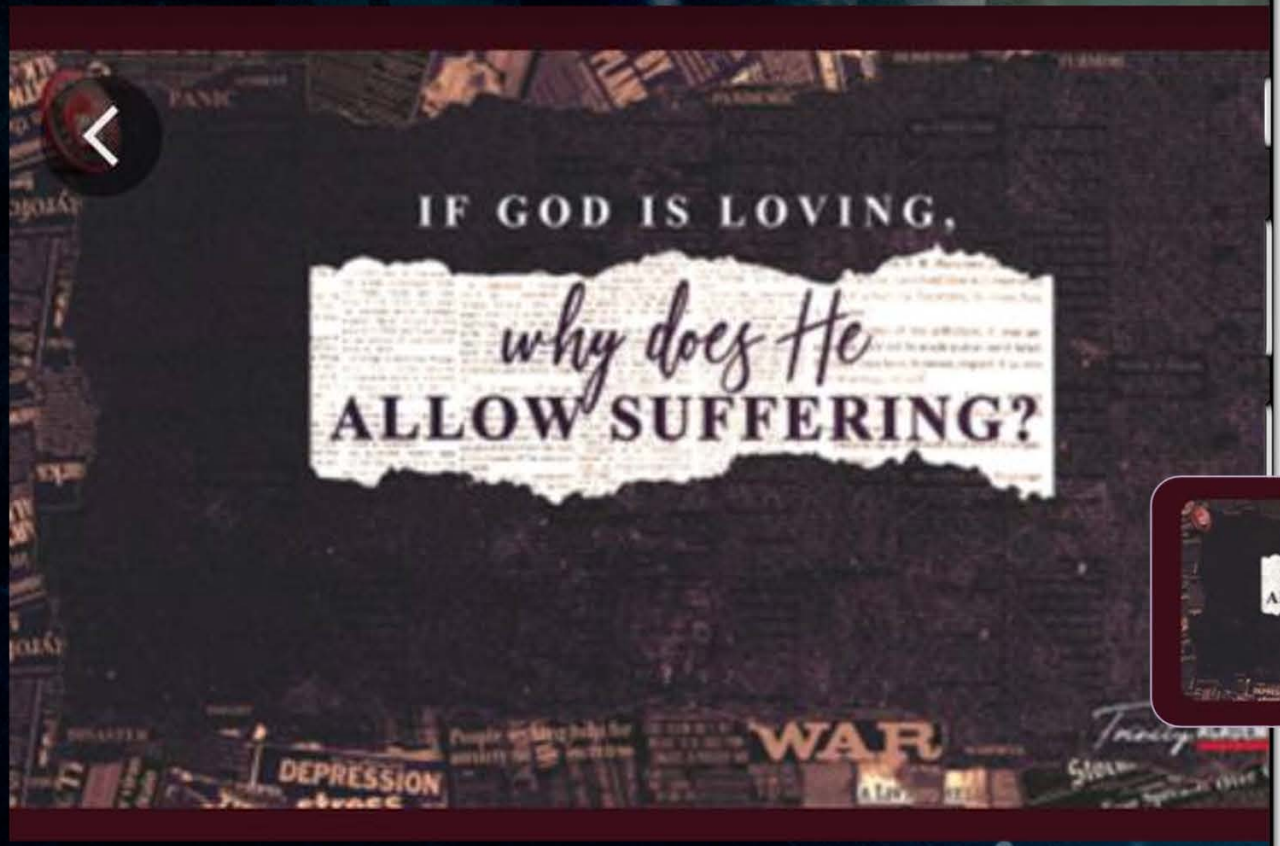
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- ***Thlípsis***
  Tribulation, affliction, distress, oppression
  JOHN 16:33; ROMANS 5:3



REALITY OF SUFFERING

TRINITY ACADEMY ON-THE-GO







Why is there suffering?

- We live in a fallen broken world due to sin
- Suffering is not necessarily evidence of weak faith or God's punishment, e.g. Job **JOB 1** and Paul **2 CORINTHIANS 11:23B-29a**

God's presence is still with us



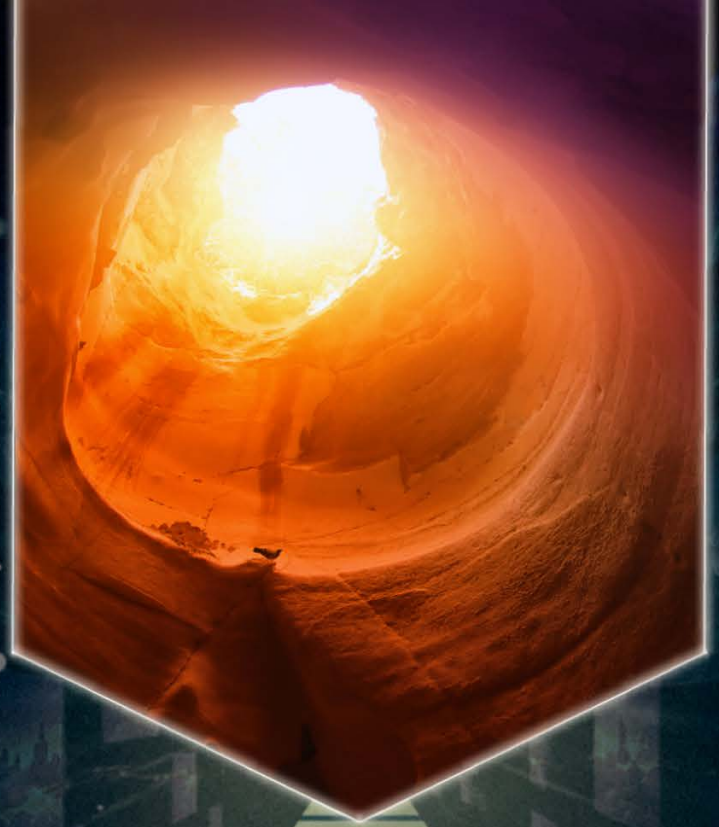
MATTHEW 28:20b

JOSHUA 1:5





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REMEMBER

JESUS SUFFERED
BUT OVERCAME

Encounter God in the midst of suffering

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize with our weaknesses**, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—**yet he did not sin.** 16 Let us then **approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

HEBREWS 4:15-16 NIV

Encounter God in the midst of suffering



9 But he said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you,**
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NIV

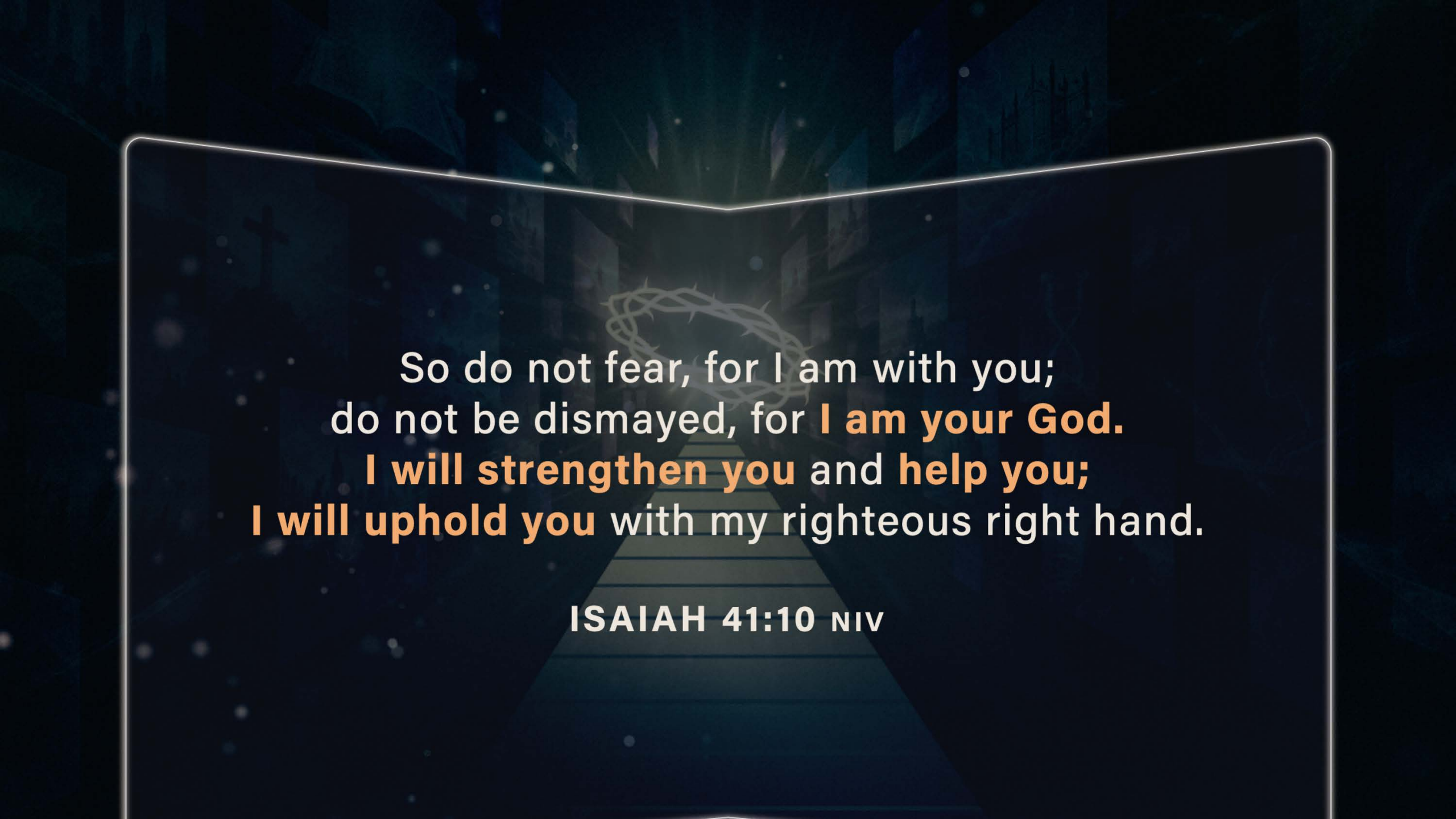


Questions to ask ourselves:

- Am I seeking God's presence, or only seeking an escape from my pain?
- What might it look like to trust God when I do not understand what He is doing?
- How can I continue to pray, worship, and remain rooted in His Word during this season of pain?



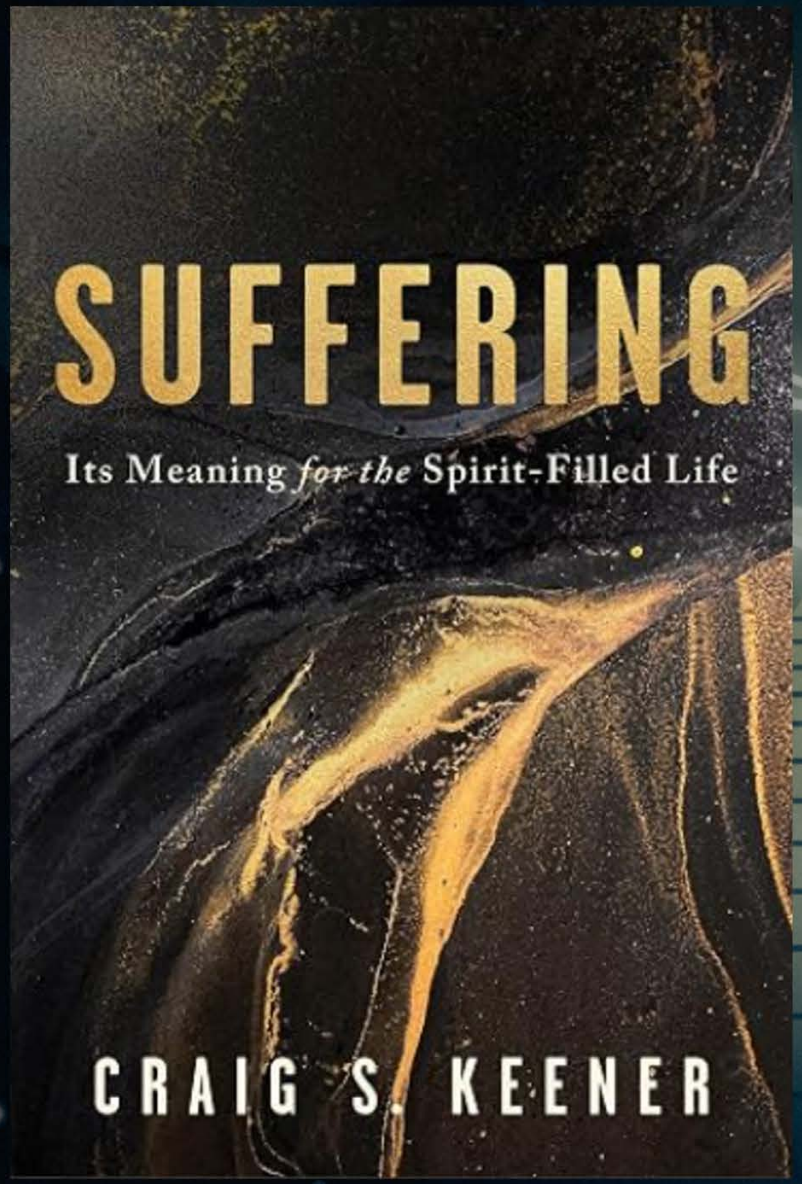
RELY ON GOD'S STRENGTH

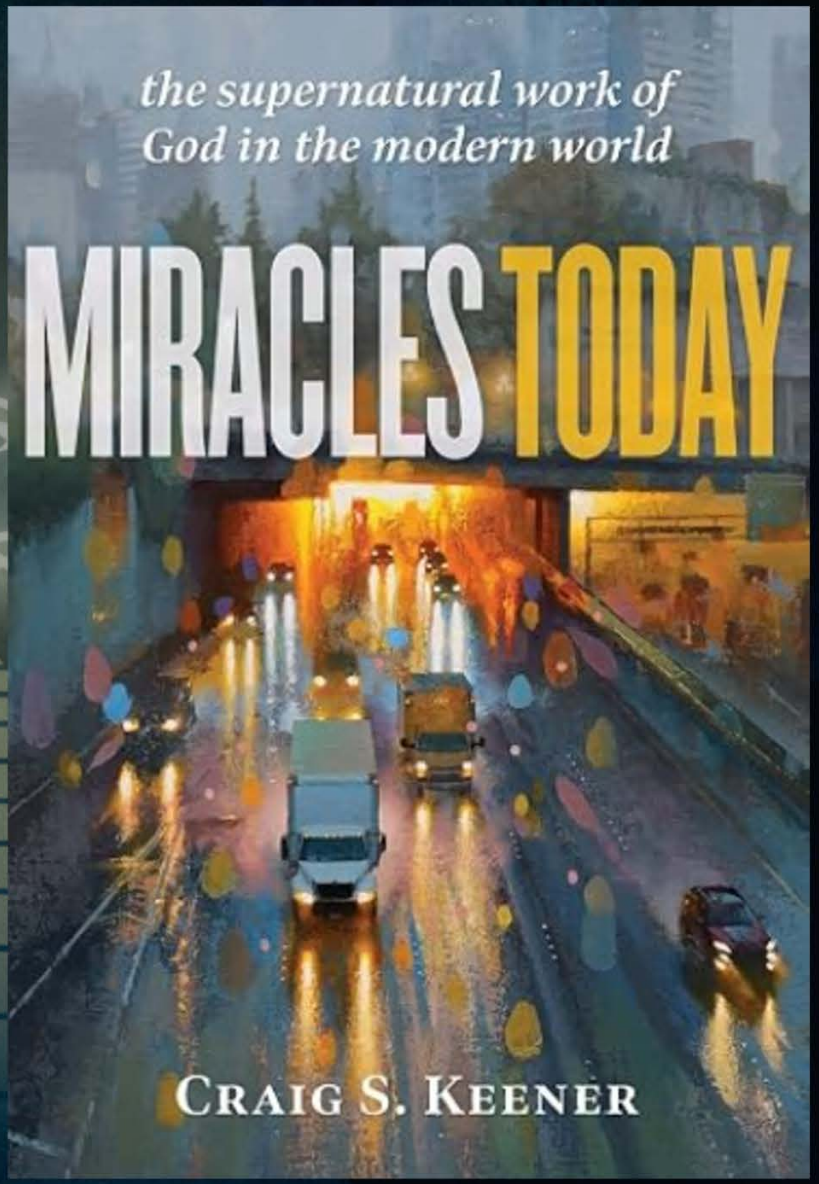

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
ISAIAH 41:10 NIV

Endure suffering with hope

For I consider that the **sufferings** of this present time are **not worthy to be compared** with the **glory** that is to be revealed to us.

ROMANS 8:18 NIV


SUFFERING
Its Meaning for the Spirit-Filled Life
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Embody Christ's presence to those who are suffering

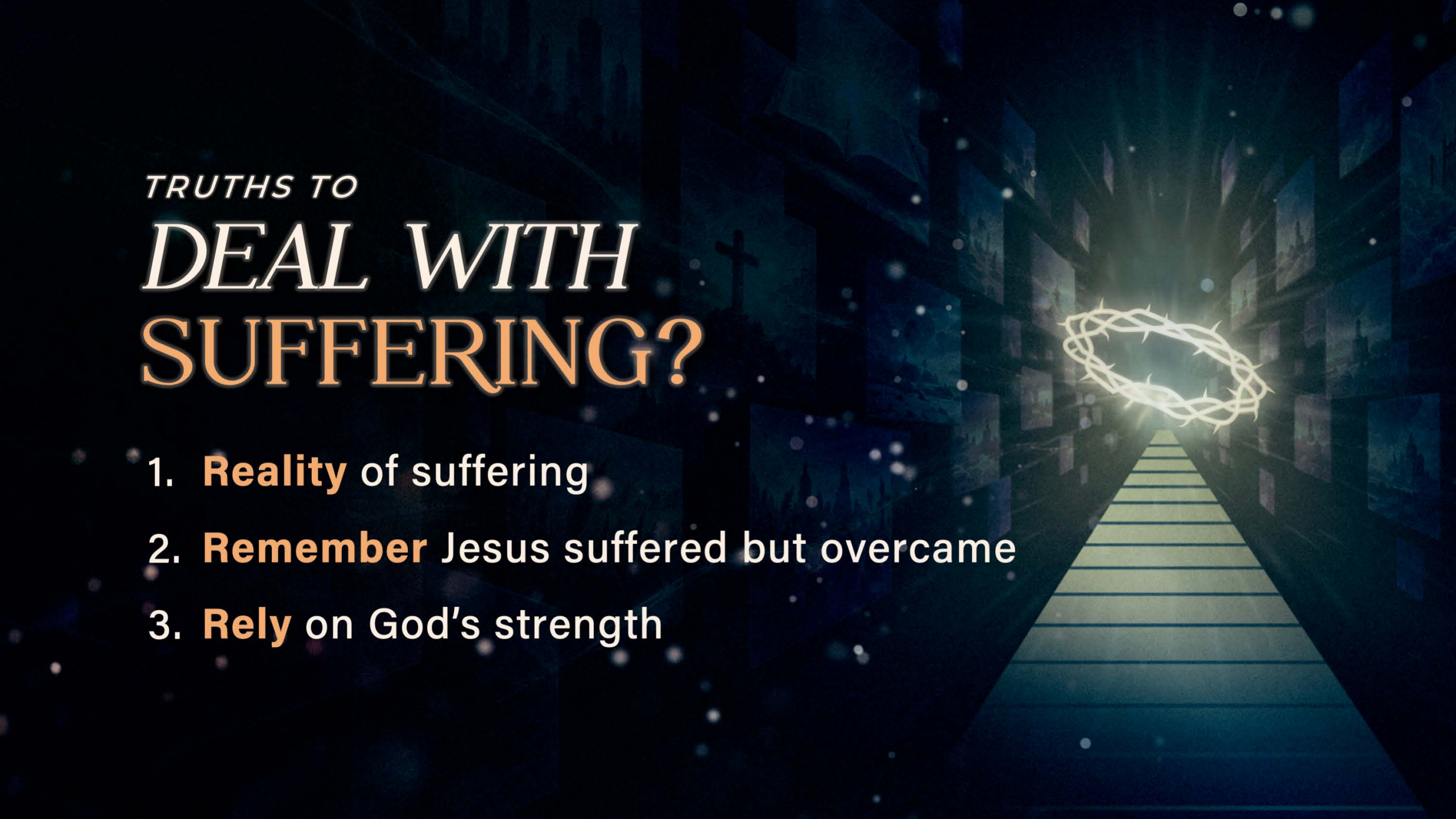
4...comfort those in any trouble with the
comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:4



Questions to ask ourselves:

- How can I be proactive to look out for those who are suffering?
- Am I willing to sit with someone in pain even when I cannot fix their situation?
- What practical action can I take this week to demonstrate the compassion of Christ?


TRUTHS TO
DEAL WITH
SUFFERING?
1. Reality of suffering
2. Remember Jesus suffered but overcame
3. Rely on God's strength