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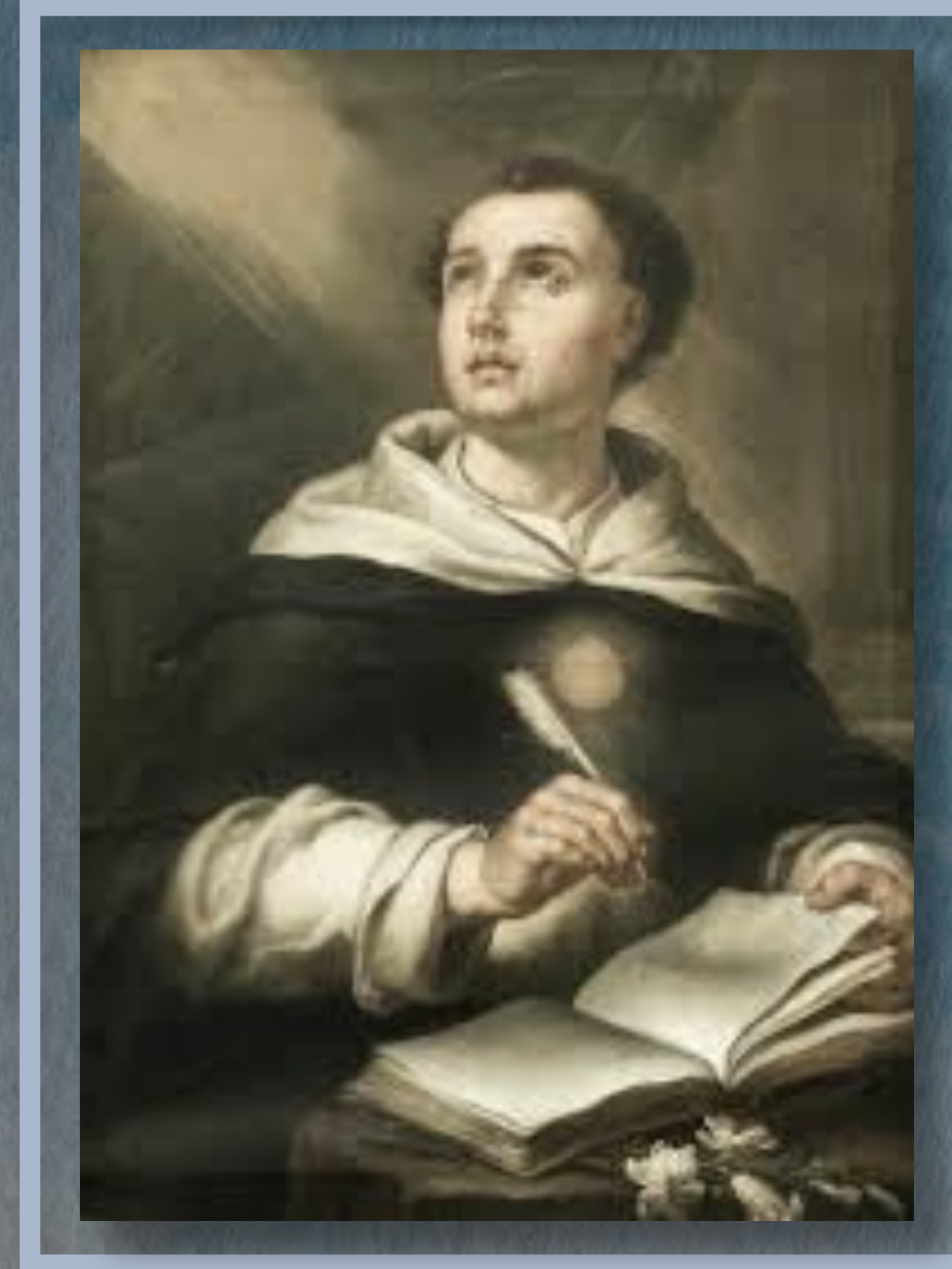
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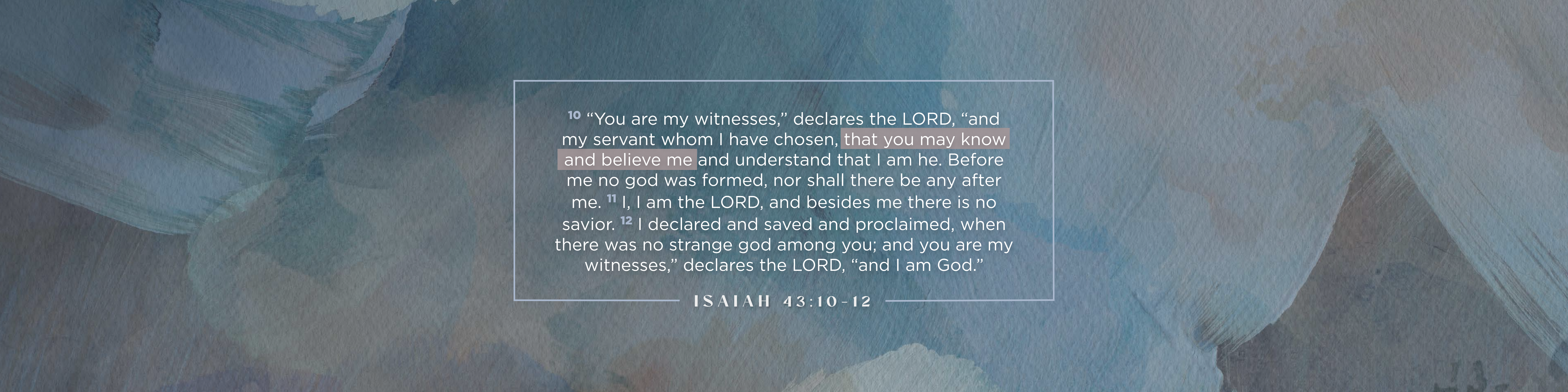
DEFINING  
*Faith*



*St. Thomas Aquinas*  
1225-1274

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“FAITH IS THE ACT OF  
THE INTELLECT WHEN IT  
ASSENTS TO DIVINE  
TRUTH UNDER THE  
INFLUENCE OF THE WILL  
MOVED BY GOD  
THROUGH GRACE.”



<sup>10</sup> “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, **that you may know and believe me** and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. <sup>11</sup> I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup> I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and I am God.”

— ISAIAH 43:10-12 —

# FAITH/BELIEVE

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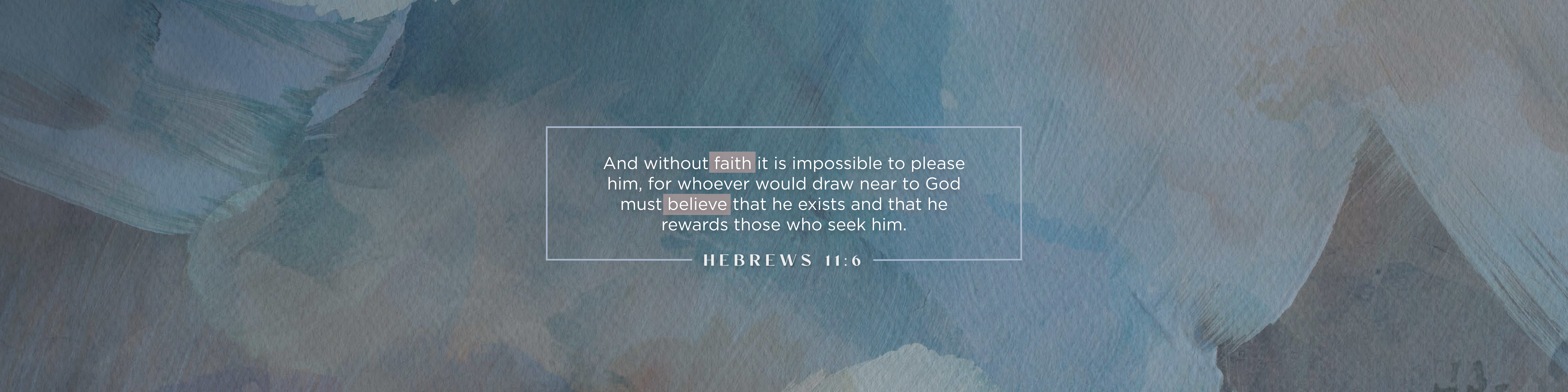
-GREEK-

**ΠΙΣΤΕÚΩ**

*PISTEUŌ*

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trust — strong confidence in, and  
reliance upon, someone or  
something; often with the object  
of trust understood.



And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

— HEBREWS 11:6 —

# FAITH

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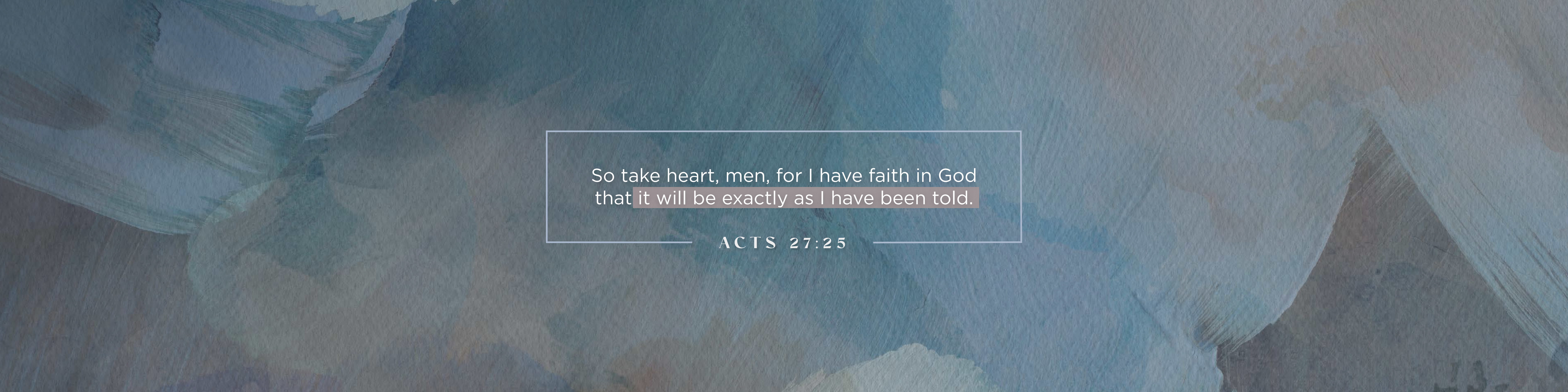
*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*

an affectionate practical confidence in the testimony of God.

a firm, cordial belief in the veracity of God, in all the declarations of his word; or a full and affectionate confidence in the certainty of those things which God has declared, and because he has declared them.

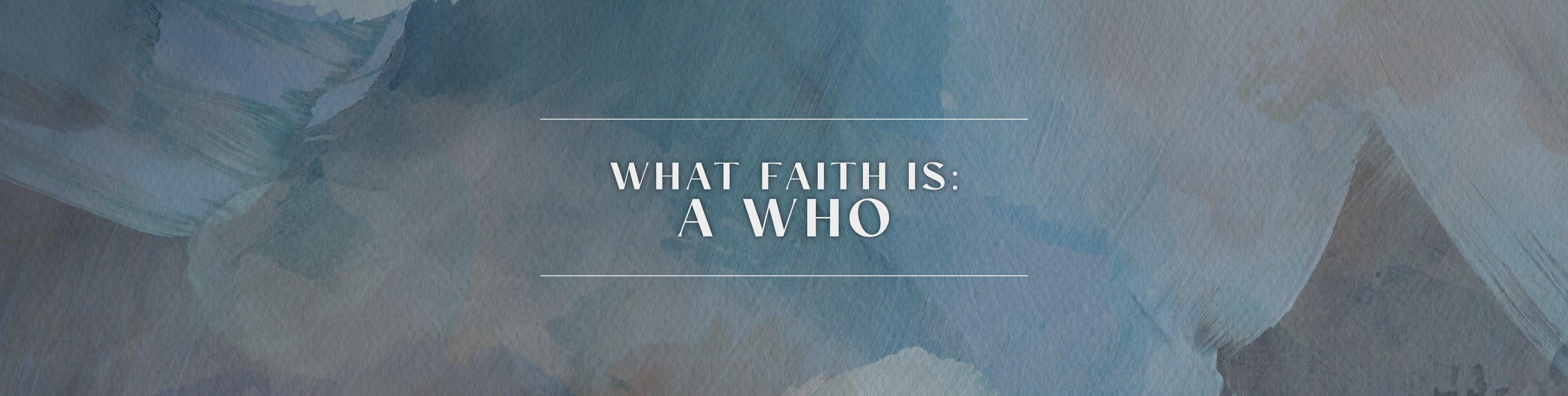
in theology, the assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed. Simple belief of the scriptures, of the being and perfections of God, and of the existence, character and doctrines of Christ, founded on the testimony of the sacred writers.

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So take heart, men, for I have faith in God  
that it will be exactly as I have been told.

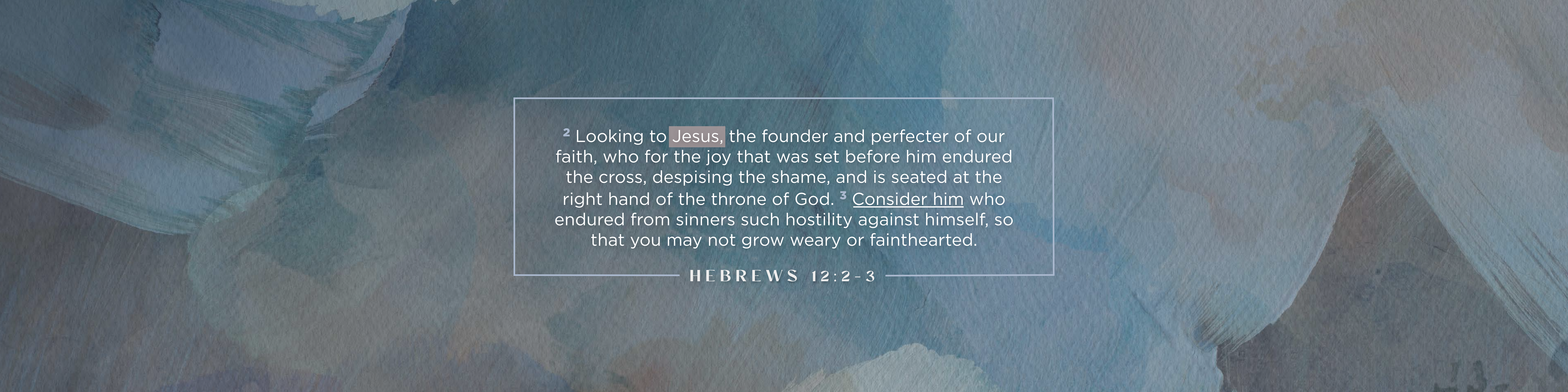
— ACTS 27:25 —



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WHAT FAITH IS:  
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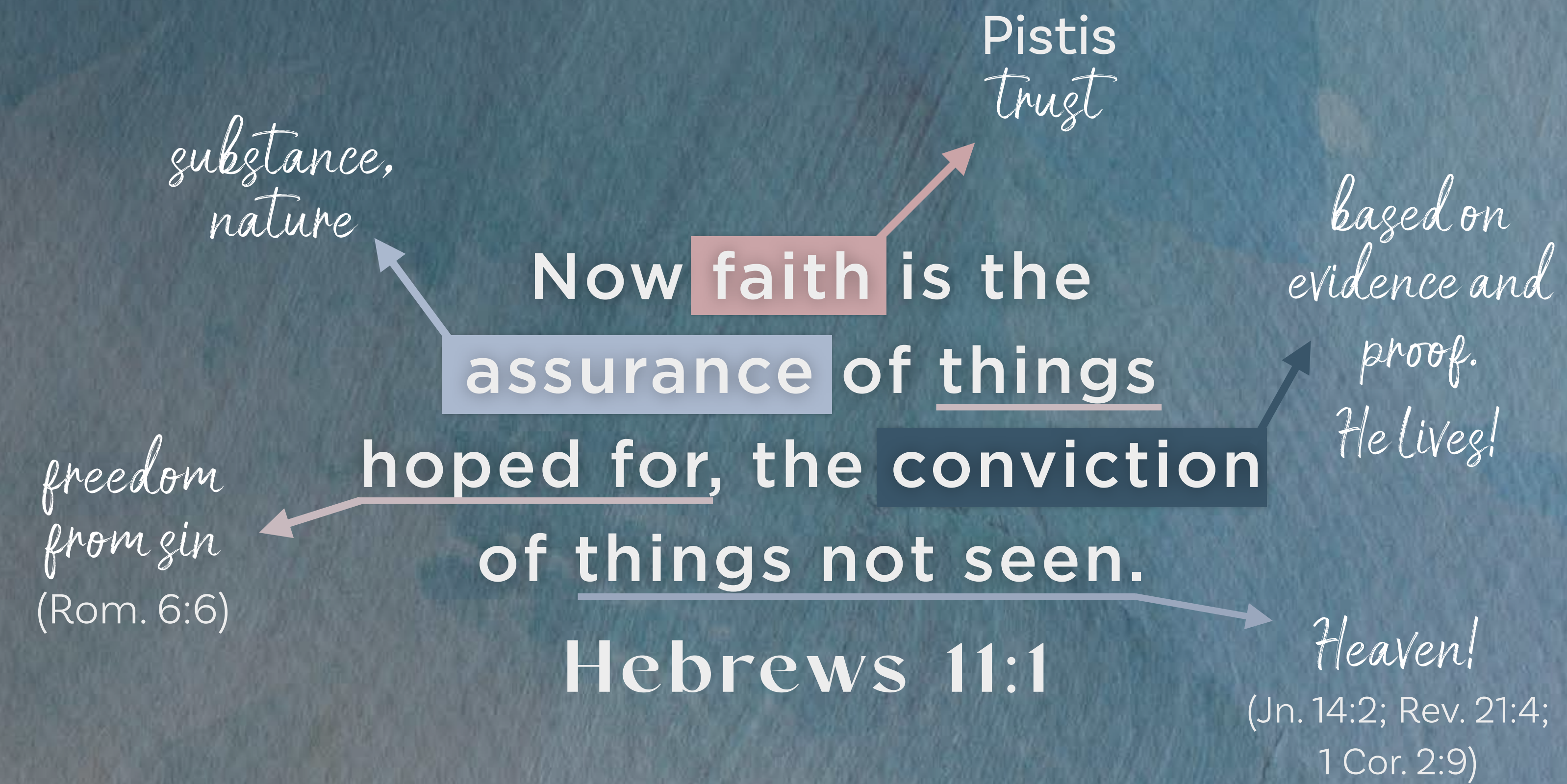


<sup>2</sup> Looking to **Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

— HEBREWS 12:2 - 3 —



WHAT FAITH DOES






*C. H. Spurgeon*  
1834-1892

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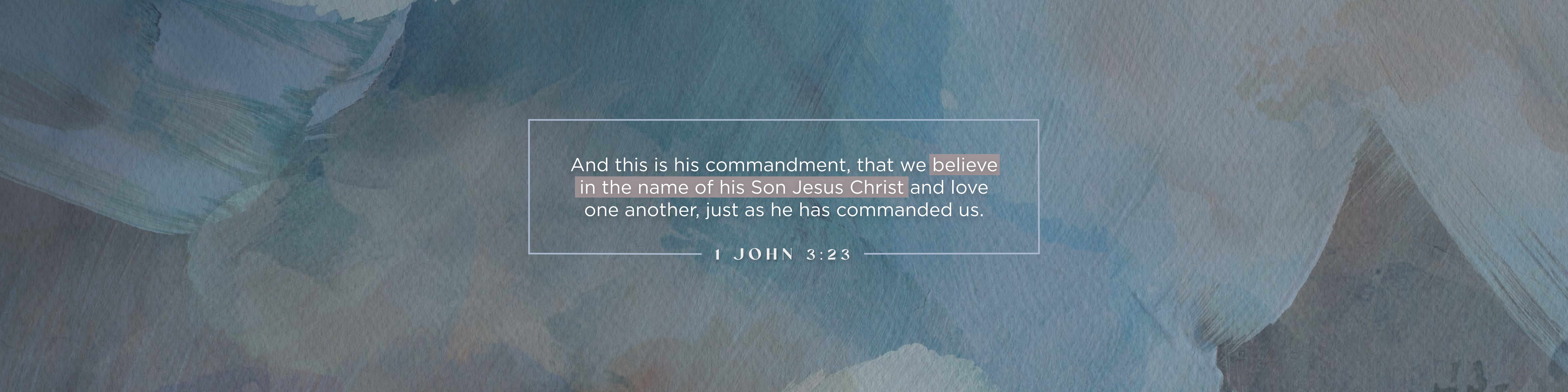
“Faith is believing that Christ is what He is said to be, and that He will do what He has promised to do, and then to expect this of Him. It is the substance of things hoped for, because it gives them a present reality in the soul. It is the evidence of things not seen, because it brings them out of the future into the present, and makes them real to the believer. Faith is simply the soul’s leaning on God, resting on His Word, and trusting Him for everything.”



WHY DO YOU  
NEED FAITH?

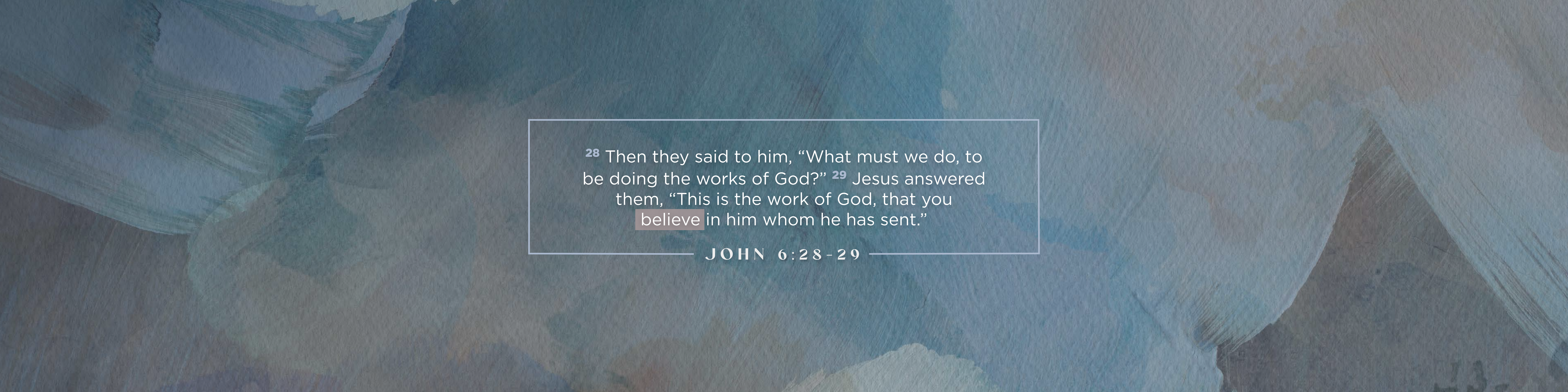
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MARK 11:12-14; 20-24



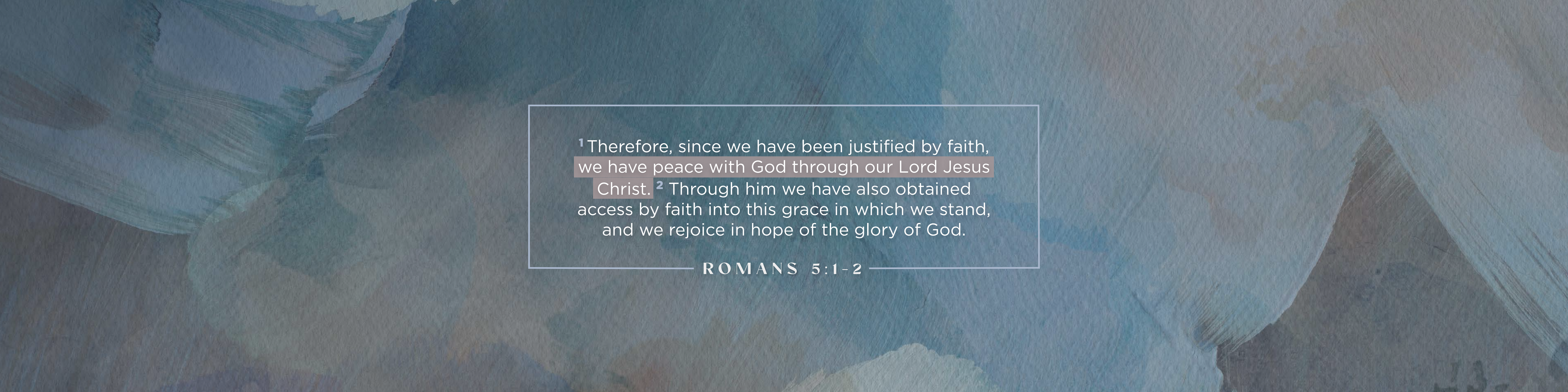
And this is his commandment, that we believe  
in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love  
one another, just as he has commanded us.

— 1 JOHN 3:23 —



<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

— JOHN 6:28-29 —



<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained  
access by faith into this grace in which we stand,  
and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

— ROMANS 5:1-2 —

*For further*  
**STUDY:**

*Listen to:*

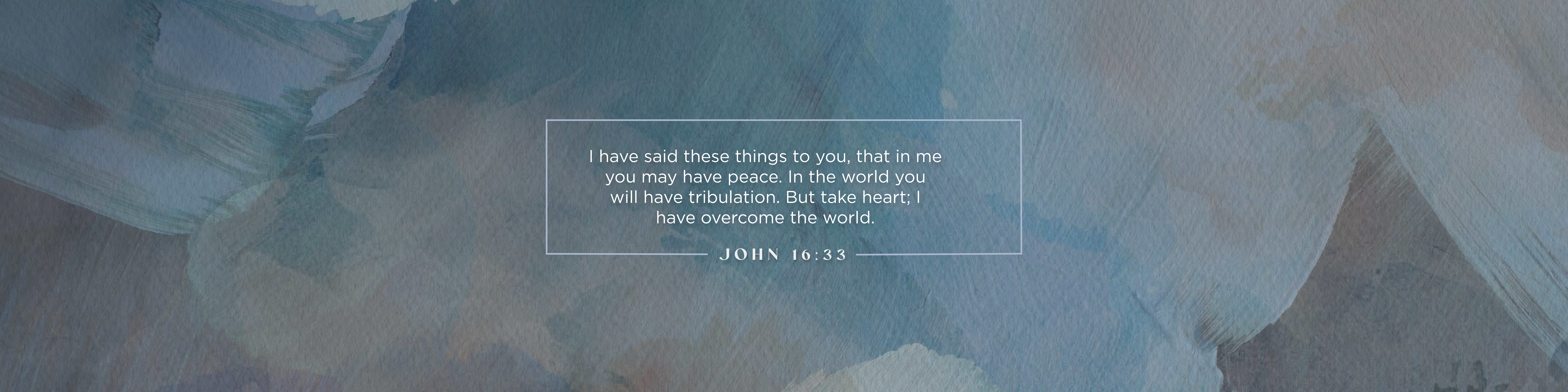
**Through the Bible | Hebrews 11:1-6**

<https://athecreek.com/teachings/m1-615>

*Memorize and verse map:*  
**HEBREWS 12:2-3**

*Answer:*

1. What two things are we commanded to do in 1 John 3:23?
2. How can we fulfill these commands?  
(Romans 10:9-13; Philippians 2:3; Luke 6:31)



I have said these things to you, that in me  
you may have peace. In the world you  
will have tribulation. But take heart; I  
have overcome the world.

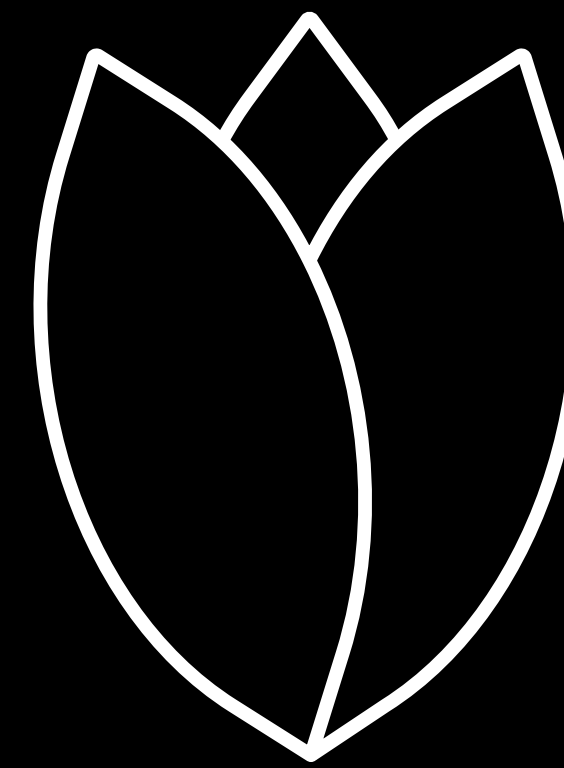
— JOHN 16:33 —



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