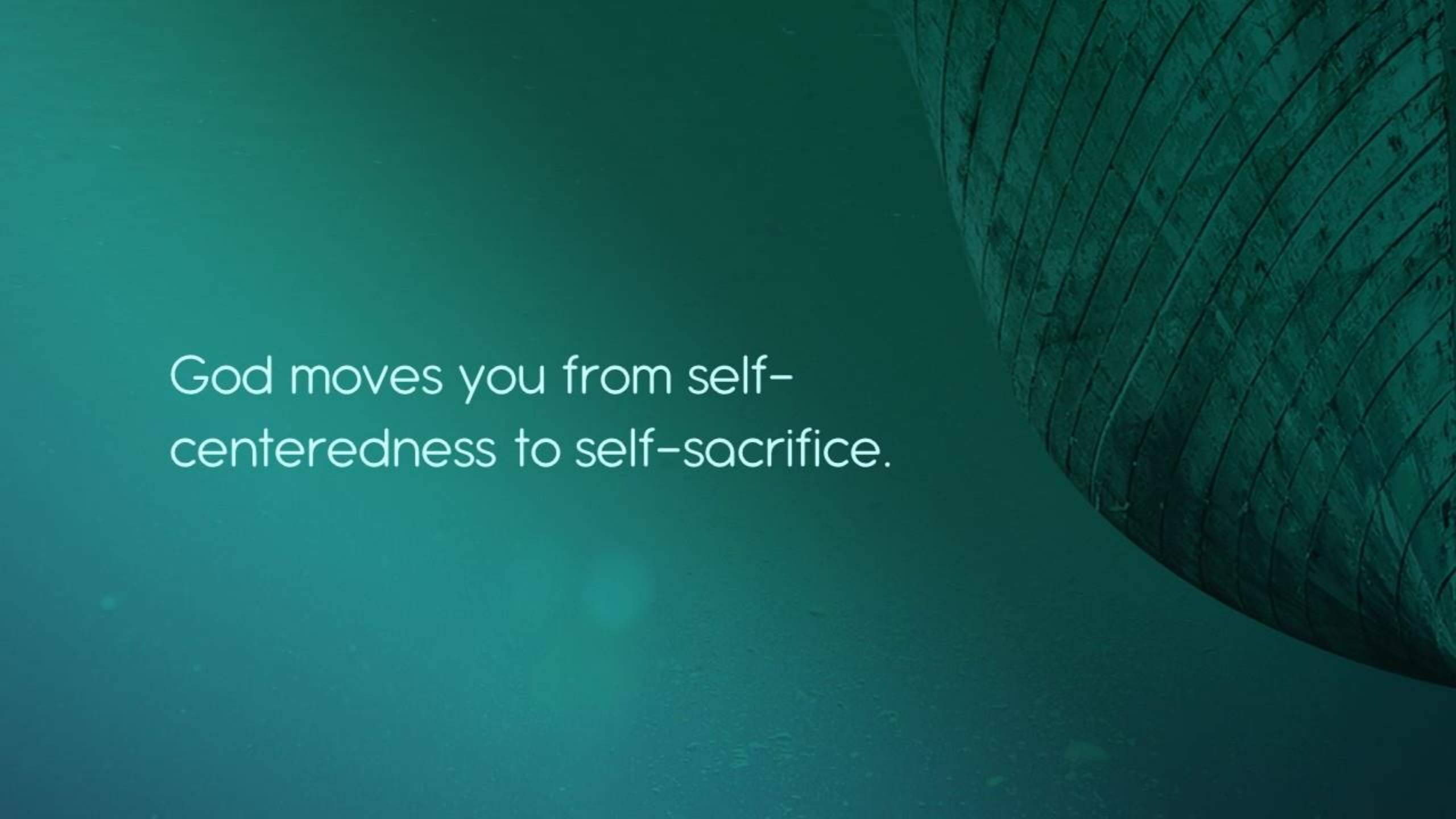




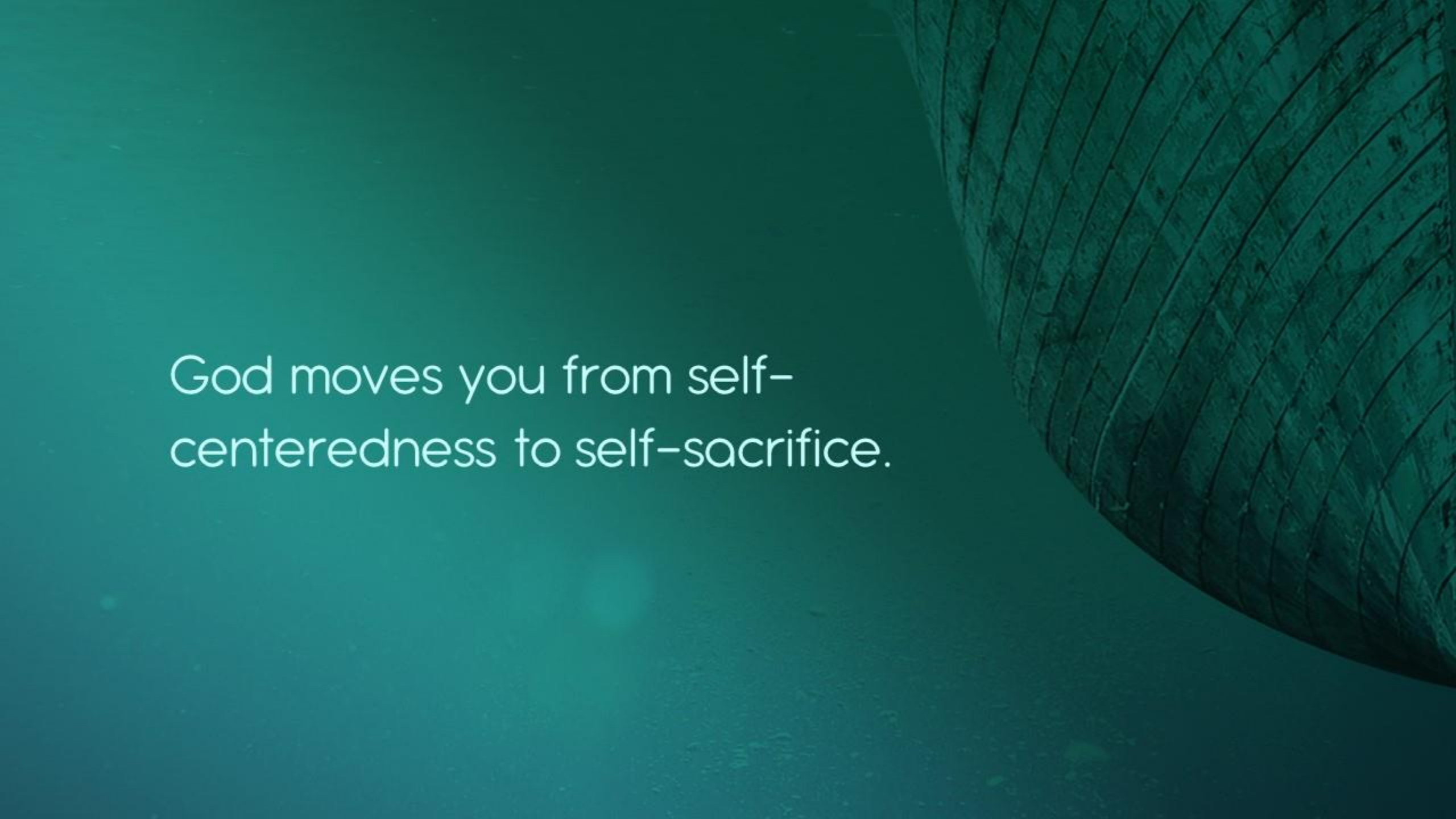
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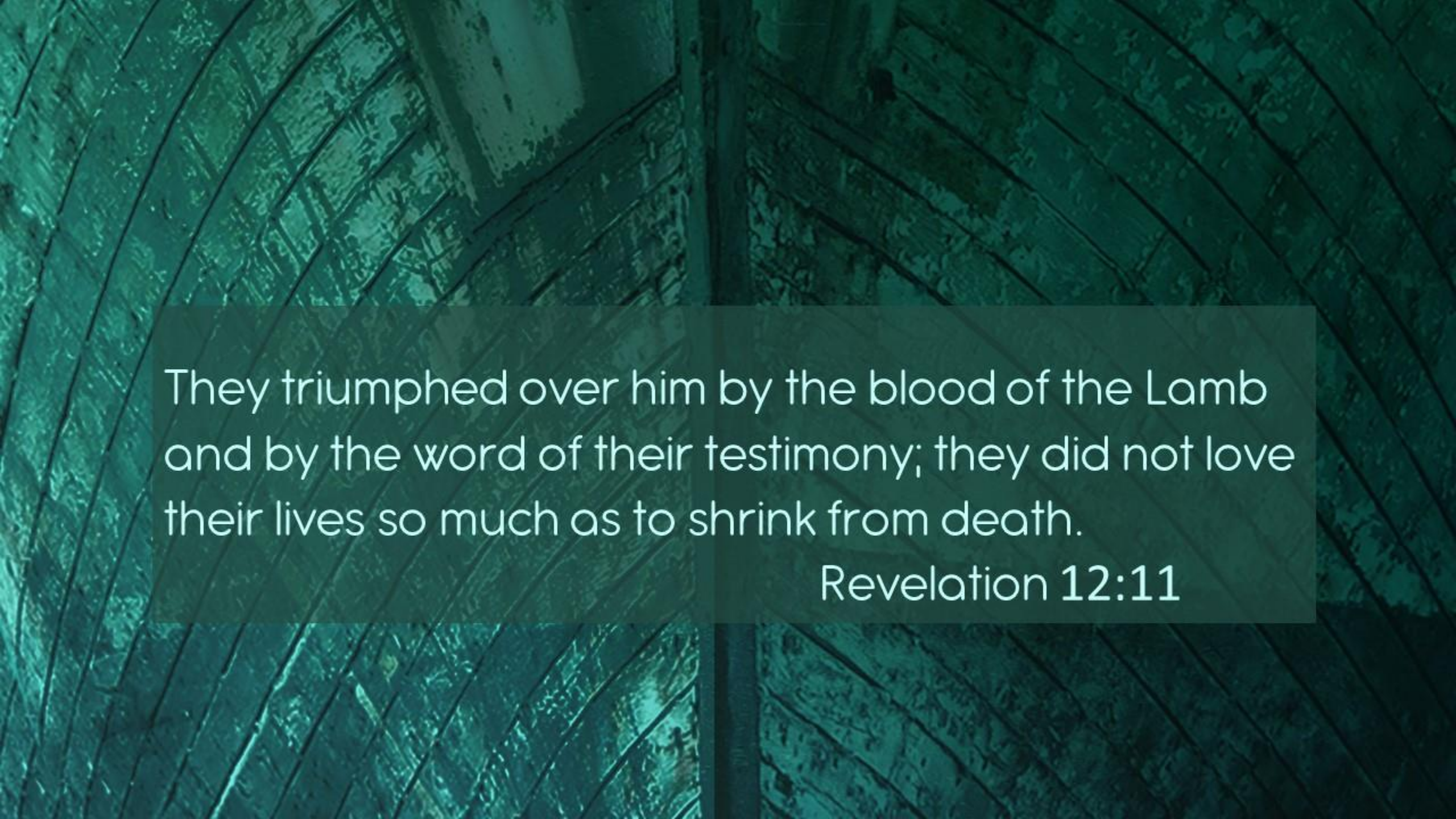


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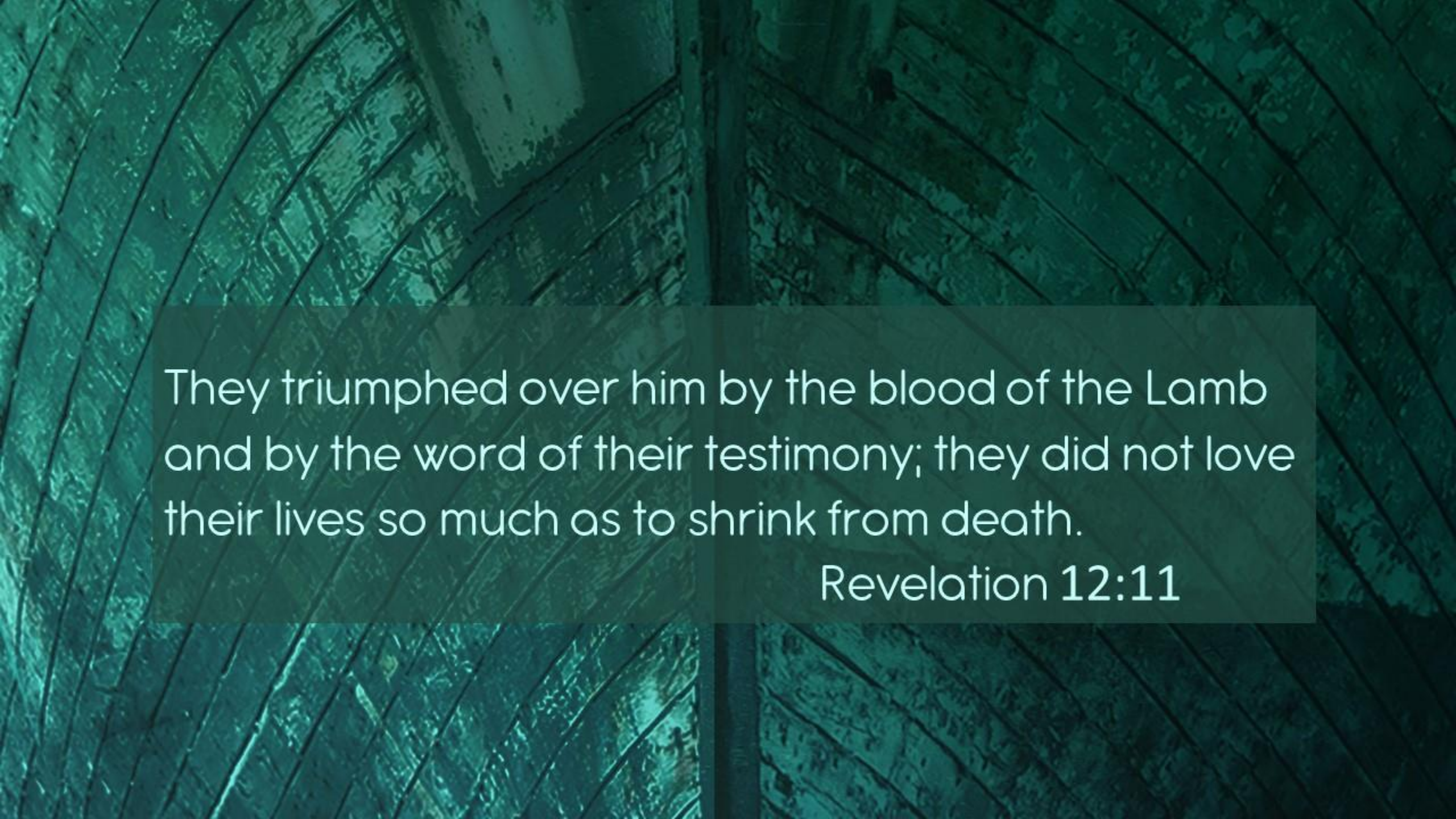


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Revelation 12:11

All life-changing love is some kind of substitutionary sacrifice.... Whenever we keep a promise or a vow to someone despite the cost, whenever we forgive someone whom we could pay back, whenever we stay close to a suffering person whose troubles are draining to her and to all those around her, we are loving according to the pattern of substitutionary sacrifice. Our loss, whether of money, time, or energy, is their gain. We decrease so that they might increase.

Tim Keller



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When the Church is ready to play its part in the world's adventure—and this is why it is sent—it is neither the power which organizes and dominates the world nor the organization which makes speeches and does good works; it is the mother of martyr's, of those who, accepting God's condemnation, sacrifice their life in order that the world may come through the drama.

Jacques Ellul



HOW DOES GOD DEVELOP PEOPLE?

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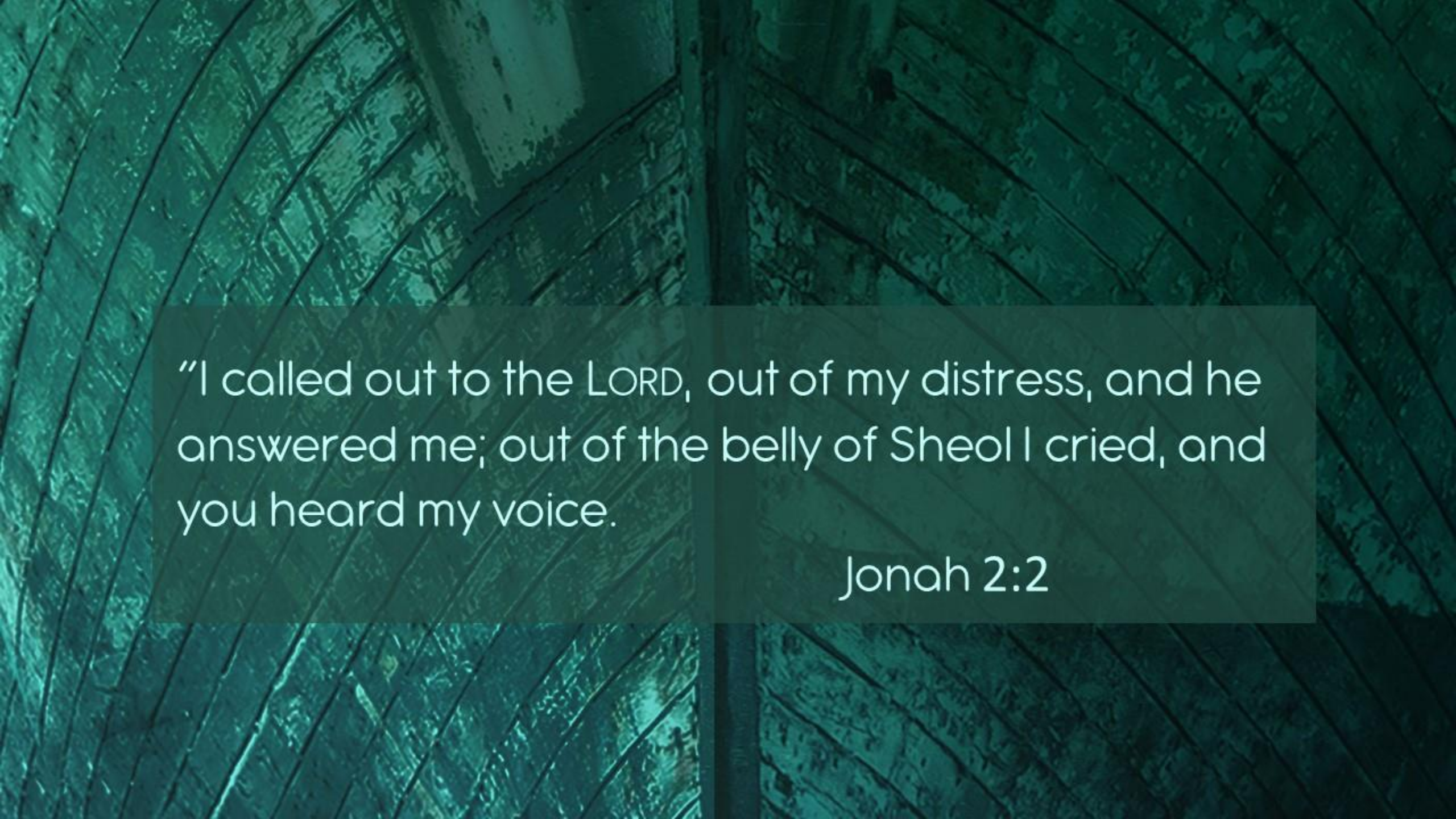
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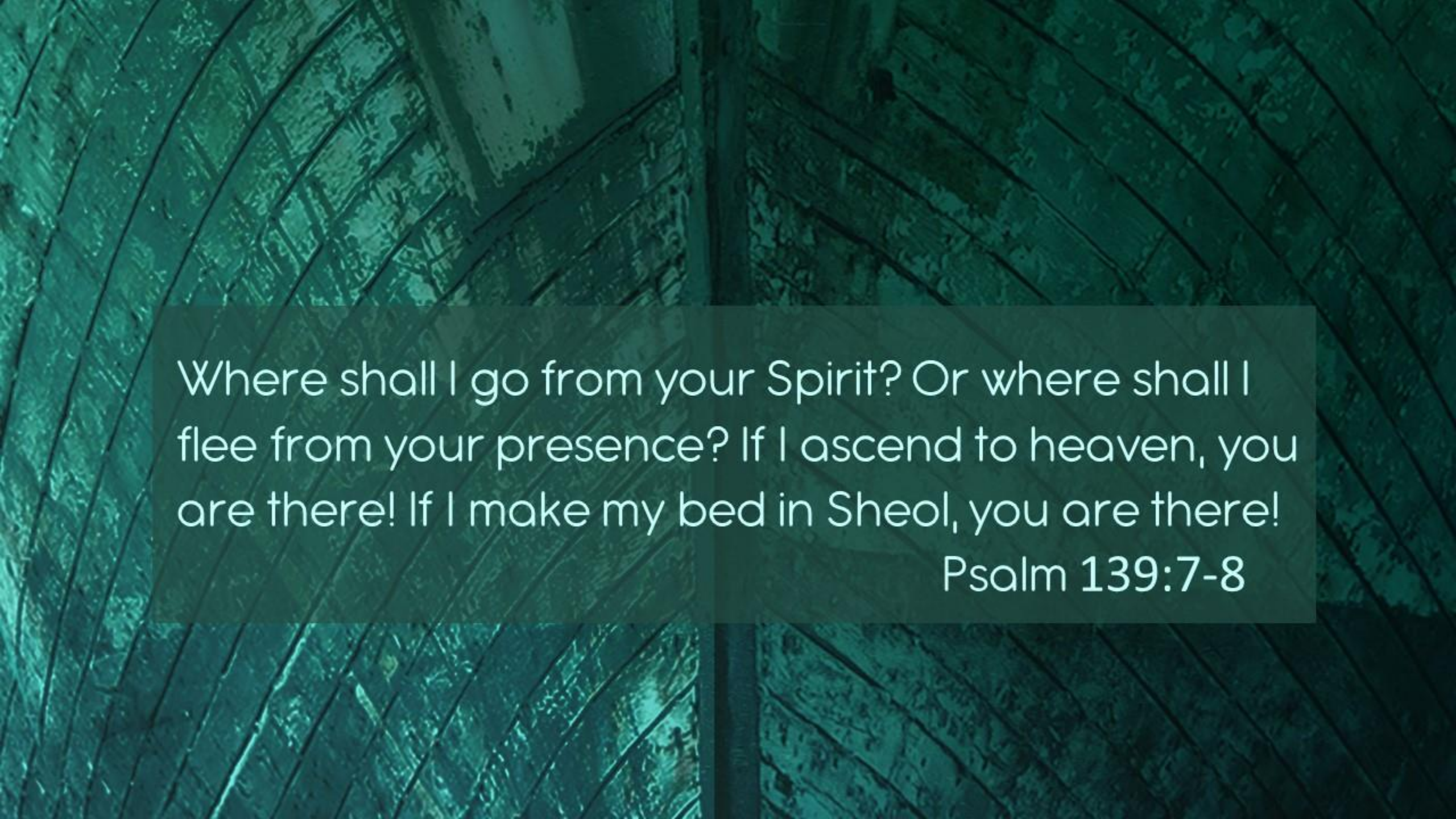
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"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

Jonah 2:2



Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I
flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you
are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

Psalm 139:7-8

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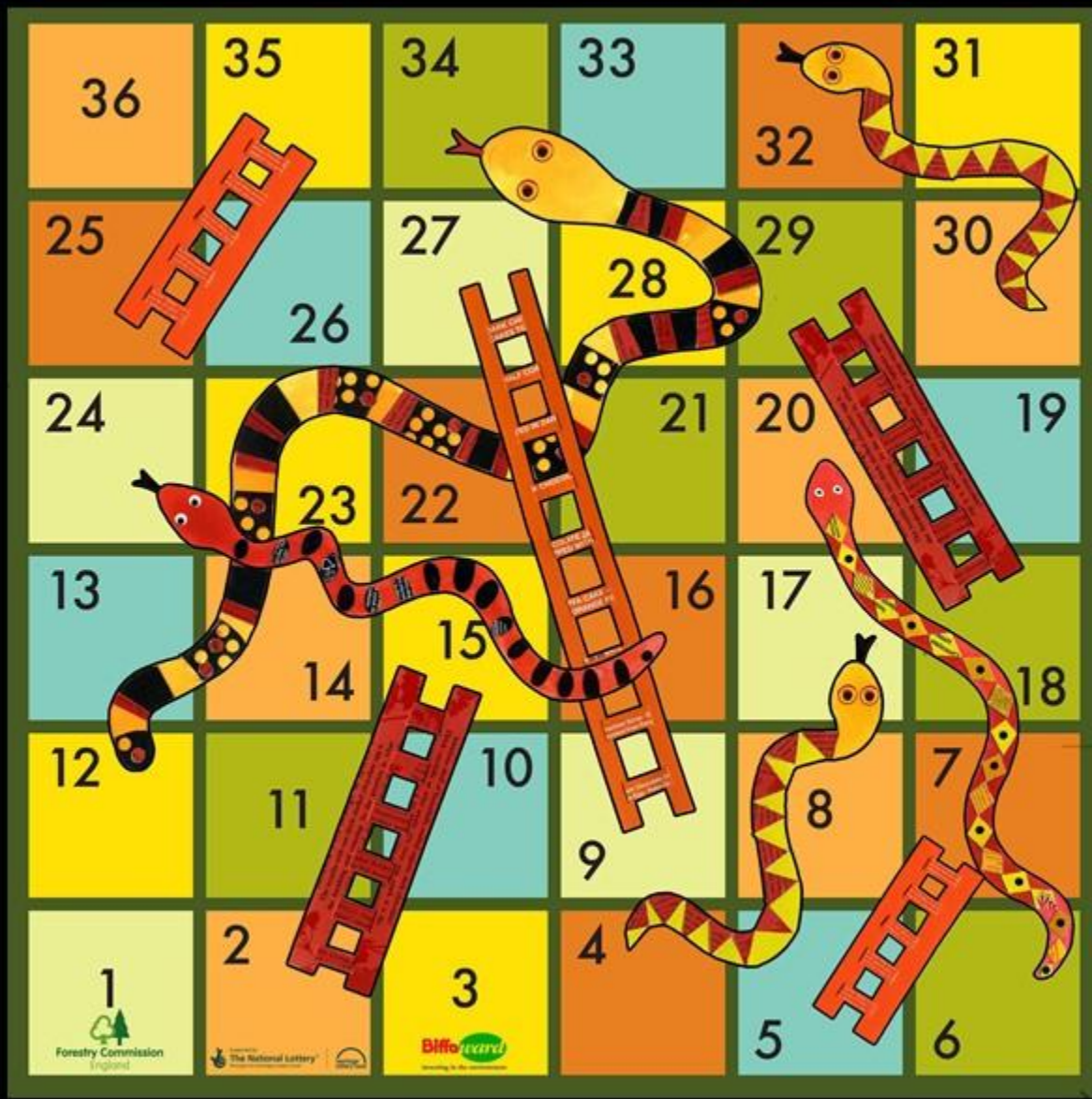
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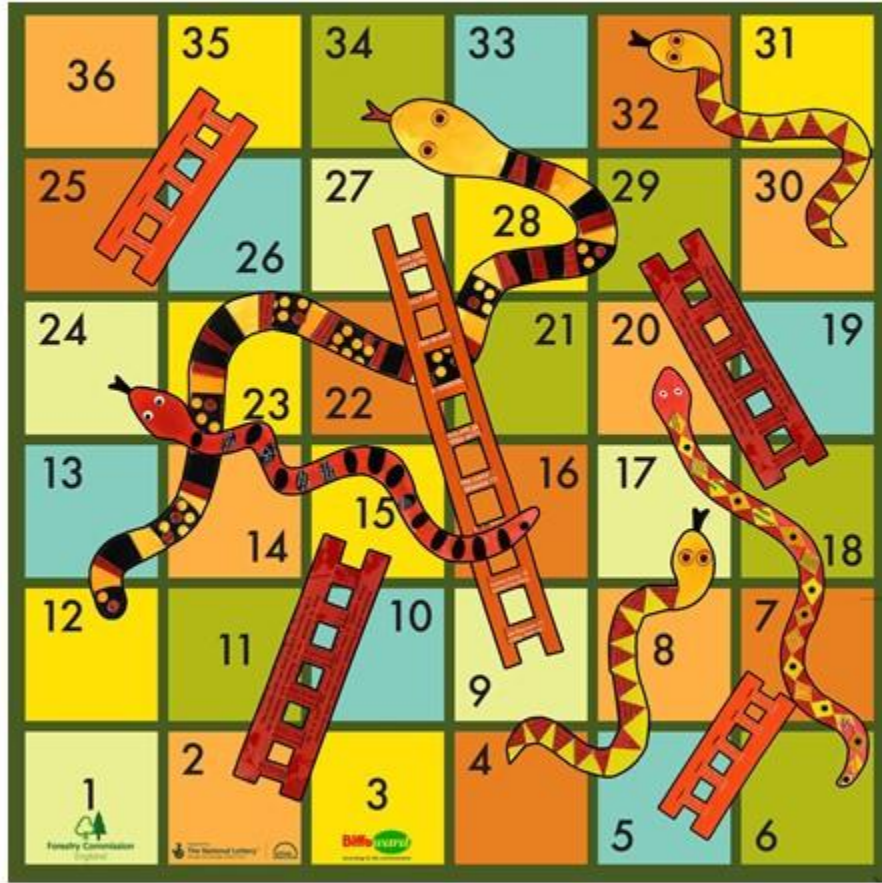


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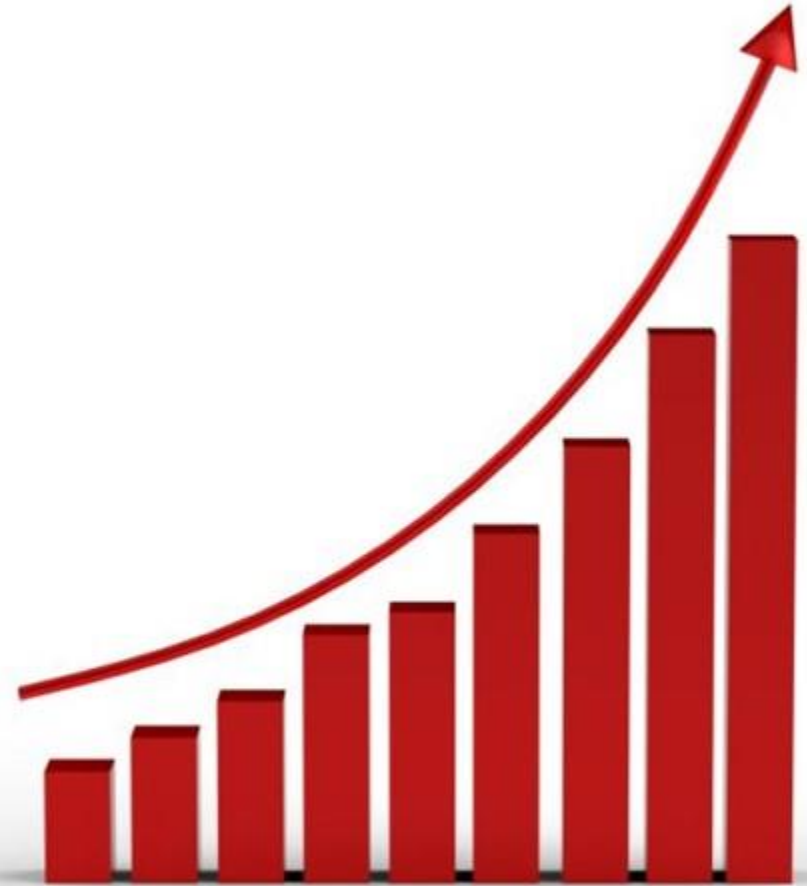
The background is a solid teal color. On the right side, there is a curved, textured pattern that resembles a close-up of a woven material or a series of overlapping, slightly curved lines, creating a sense of depth and movement.

We develop as we navigate our
snakes and ladders.





VS.



Growth, both biological and spiritual (and the spiritual encompasses the biological) is a mystery, a huge mystery, intricate and complex—a work of the Holy Spirit. Most of what takes place we know very little about. Most of what goes on we can do very little about. Our part in spiritual formation is necessarily a very modest affair....

But the alternative must not be neglect. It is necessary that we give careful attention to what we can appropriately do that will assist and not impair the formation of a mature life of Christ in ourselves, and our friends. The little we can do, often makes and enormous difference.

Eugene Peterson



Development = f (P, T, R)

P = God's processing events

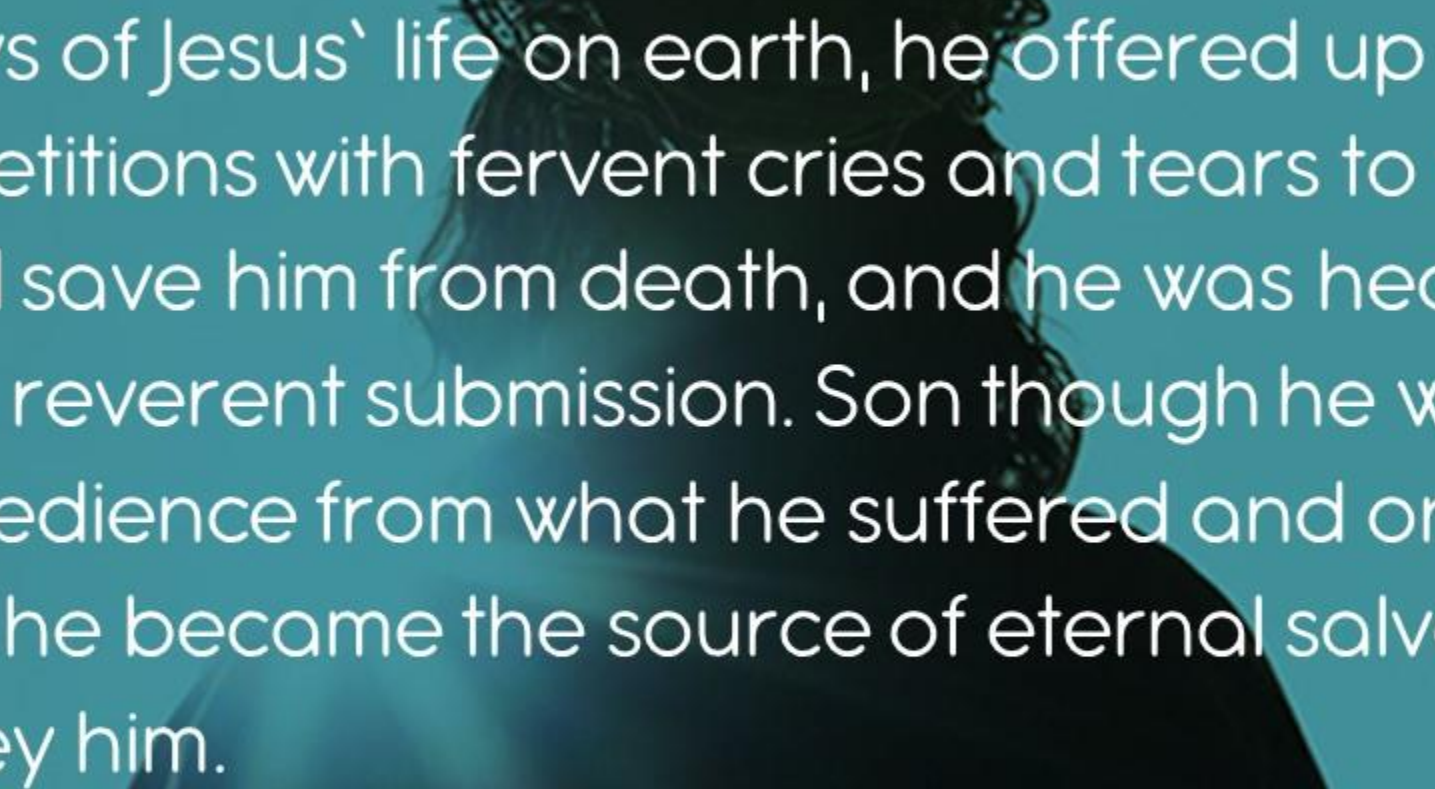
T = Time

R = Your Response

The image features a dark teal background. At the top, there is a curved, textured object that appears to be a piece of wood or stone, possibly a part of a ship's hull or a decorative element. The texture is composed of many small, curved lines that follow the curve of the object. The lighting is soft, creating a subtle gradient from the top to the bottom of the frame.

Can't we get a better hero than Jonah?

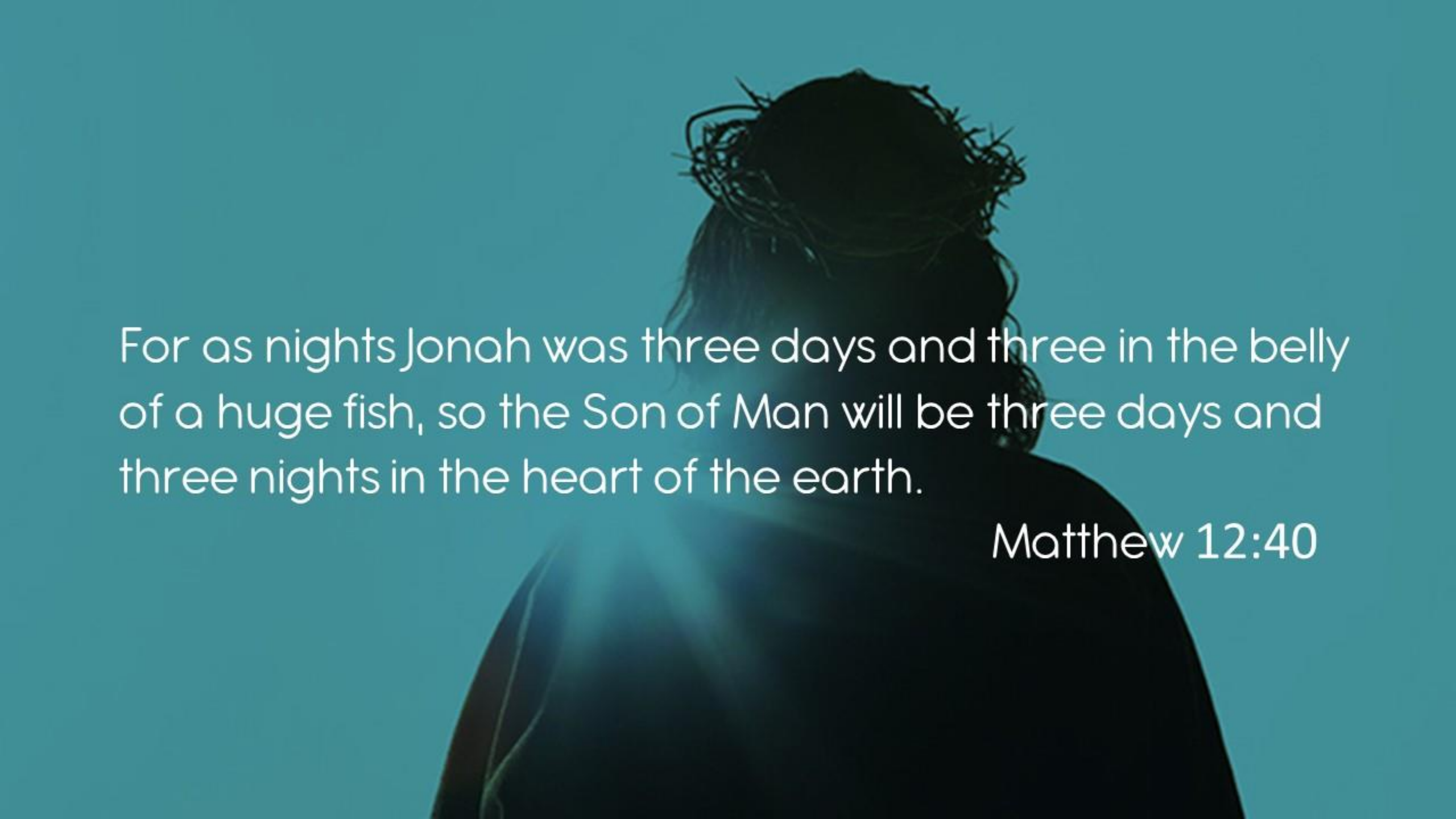


A silhouette of a person, likely Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns. The figure is centered in the background against a teal gradient. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Hebrews 5:7-9



A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a crown of thorns, set against a teal background. The person is facing away from the viewer, looking towards the right. The crown of thorns is made of dark, spiky branches.

For as nights Jonah was three days and three in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:40



A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, wearing a crown of thorns, set against a teal background. The person is facing forward, and the crown of thorns is clearly visible on their head. The overall image has a somber and religious tone.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45



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