



Suffered but Saved

1 Peter 3:8 – 4:1a



How might they live in a world that hostile to them ?

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⁸ Finally, **all of you**, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, **repay evil with blessing**, because **to this you were called** so that you may inherit a blessing.

10 For, “Whoever would love life and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.

11 They must turn from evil and do good;
they **must seek peace and pursue it.**

12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”

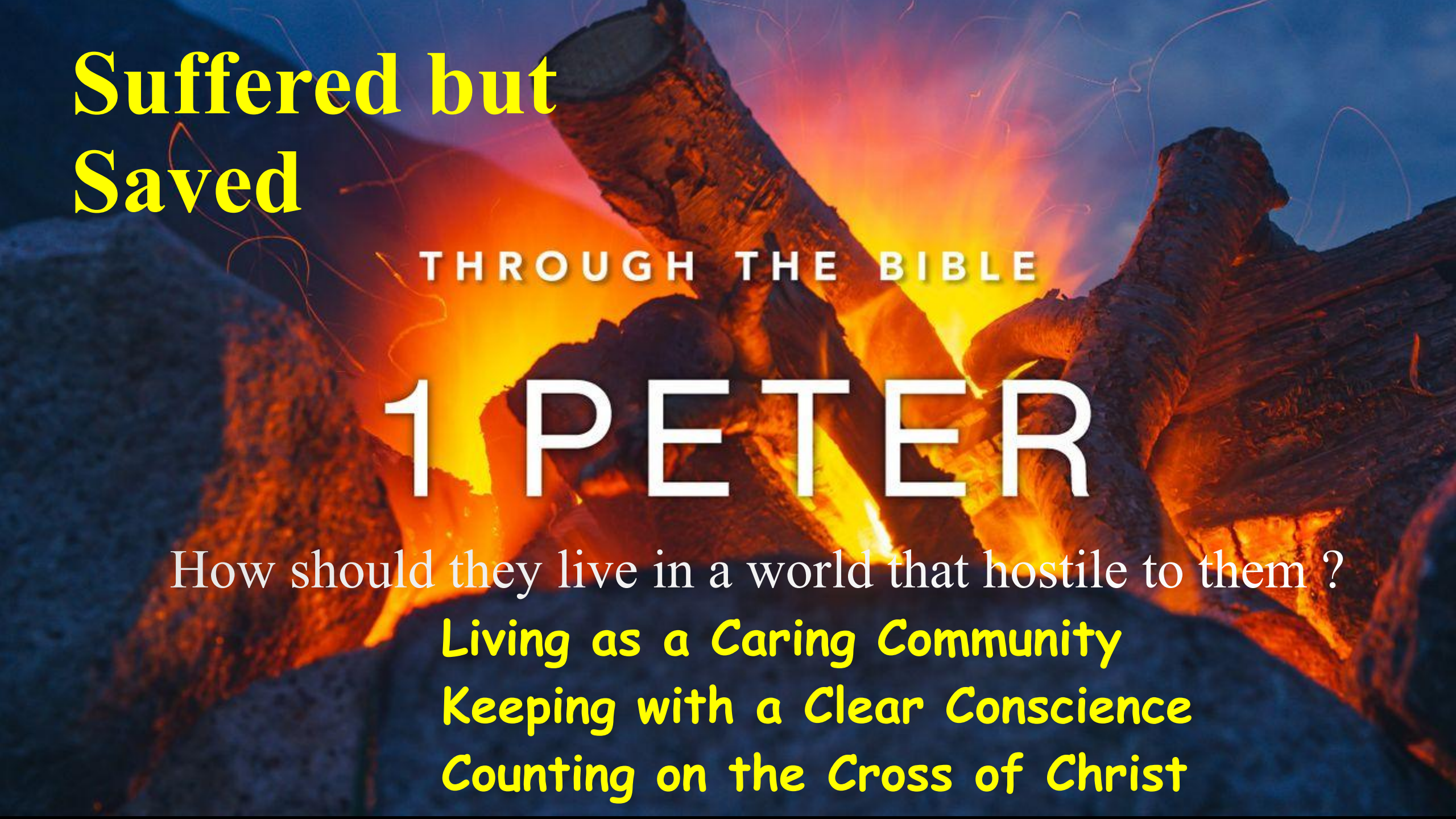
¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits — ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago **when God waited patiently in the days of Noah** while the ark was being built. In it **only a few people**, eight in all, **were saved** through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand — with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

1 Peter 4:1a, Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, **arm yourselves also** with the same attitude,



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THROUGH THE BIBLE

1 PETER

How should they live in a world that hostile to them ?

Living as a Caring Community

Keeping with a Clear Conscience

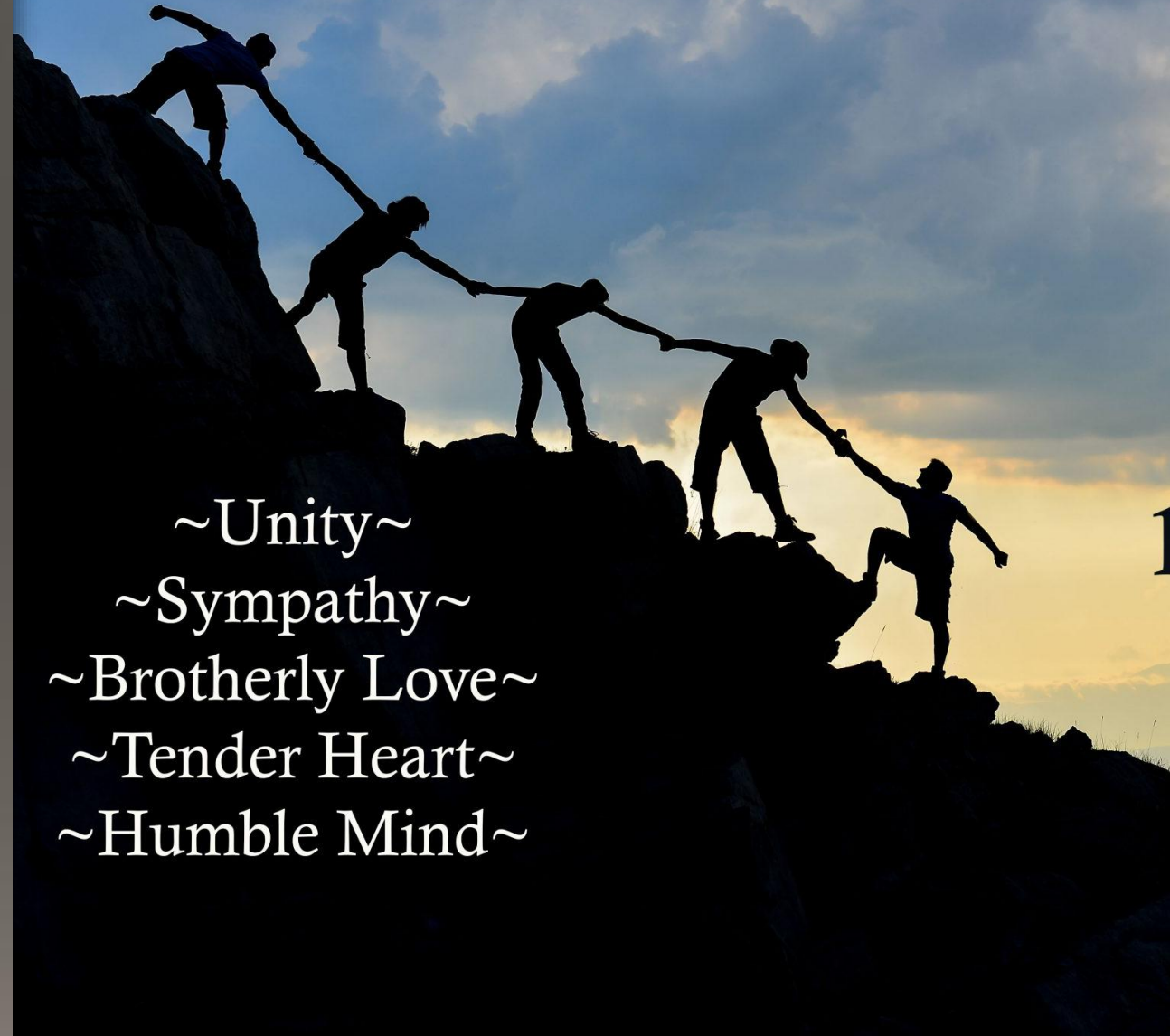
Counting on the Cross of Christ

v8, “..all of you ...” - the church
First, caring for one another

When the world outside becomes
difficult, the church inside must
become more loving.

- Be like-minded (harmony)
- Be sympathetic
- Love one another
- Be compassionate
- Be humble

Living as a Caring Community (v8-12)



~Unity~
~Sympathy~
~Brotherly Love~
~Tender Heart~
~Humble Mind~



Living as a Caring Community

**for to this
you were called,**

1 Peter 3:8,9

v9, “Do not repay evil for evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, **repay evil with blessing**. For to this you were called.. ”

**WHEN HURT, DON'T BECOME WHAT
HURT YOU**

v10-12 (c.f. Ps 34) Seek peace; Do good;
Control your tongue; Turn from evil; (yet)

**DOING GOOD MAY STILL BRING
SUFFERING**

The Lord see, The Lord hear

Keeping with a Clear Conscience (v13-17)

A black and white photograph showing a hand pressed against a rough, textured wall. A knife is visible, with its blade pointing towards the hand. The image is used as a background for the text on the left side of the slide.

**WHO IS
THERE TO
HARM YOU**

1 Peter 3:13

“Who could truly / really harm you ?”

v14, “..even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.”

DO NOT FEAR PEOPLE

“Everybody does it.”

“Don't be so serious.”

“Why make things difficult?”

“Just compromise.”

Revere Christ as Lord

Keeping with a Clear Conscience

v15, “..with gentleness & respect,
keeping a clear conscience.”

Why are you not bitter?

Why are you still honest?

Why do you still have hope?

“Can your life create a question?”

v16, (so that) “.. speak maliciously
against your good behavior in Christ
may be ashamed of their slander. “

IF SOMEONE ASKS ABOUT
YOUR HOPE AS A BELIEVER,

**ALWAYS
BE READY TO
EXPLAIN IT.**

1 PETER 3:15



For Christ also suffered once
for sins to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the body
but made alive in the Spirit.

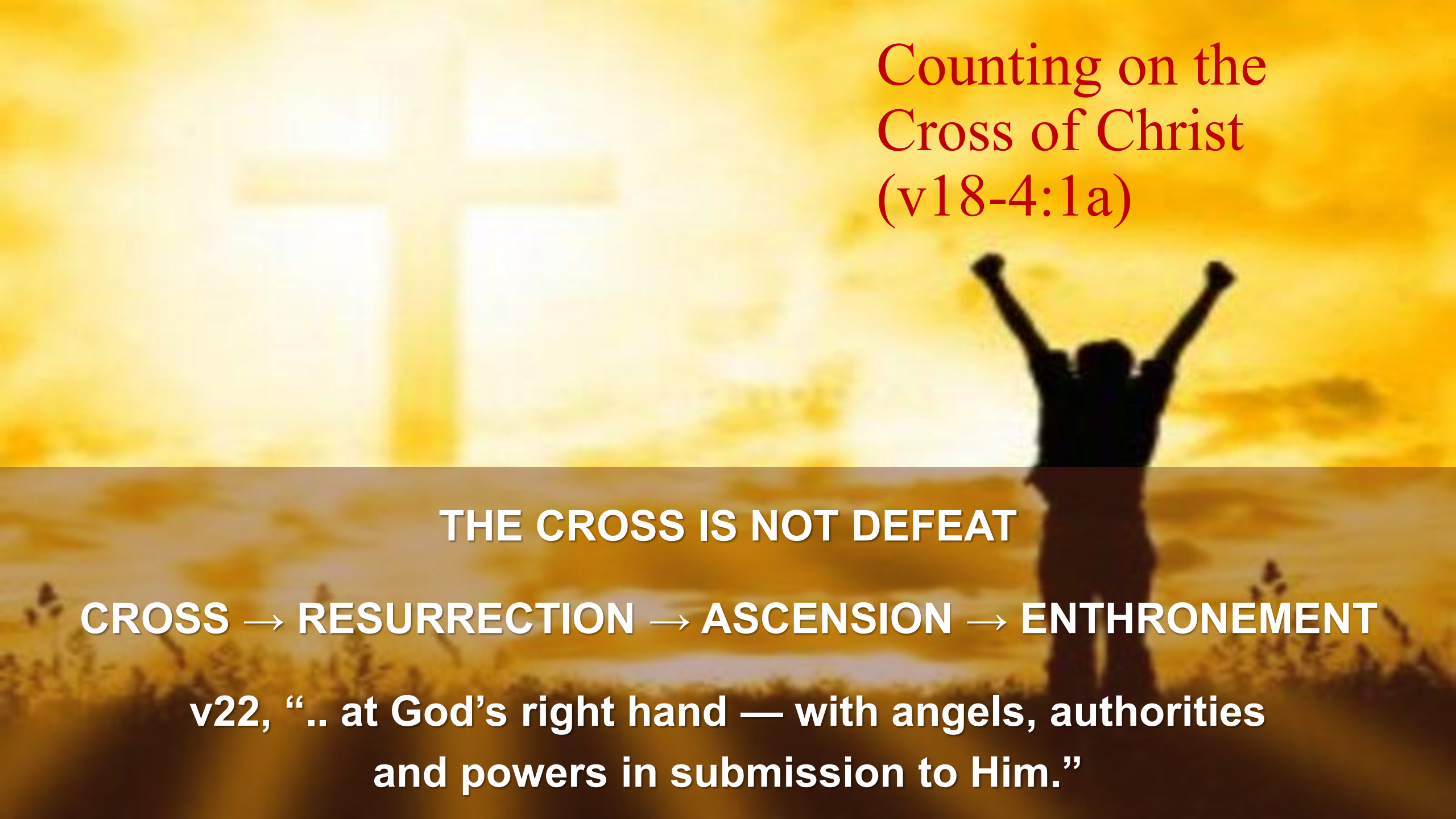
1 PETER 3:18



Counting on the Cross of Christ

HE suffered for sins.

HE suffered to save us, we may suffer because we are saved.
The righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God

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Counting on the Cross of Christ (v18-4:1a)

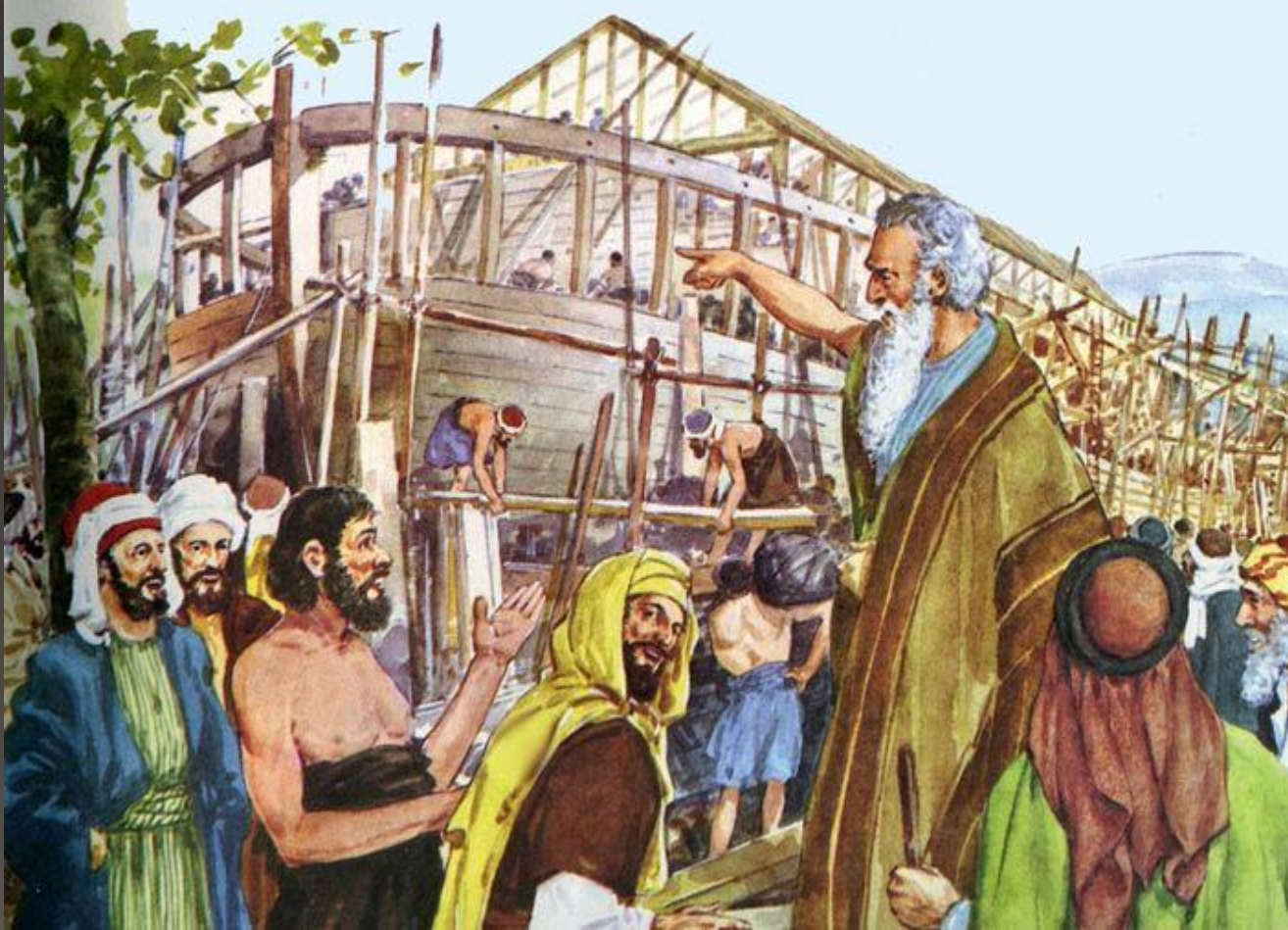
THE CROSS IS NOT DEFEAT

CROSS → RESURRECTION → ASCENSION → ENTHRONEMENT

**v22, “.. at God’s right hand — with angels, authorities
and powers in submission to Him.”**

Counting on the Cross of Christ

v19, “ ... he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits..”



**Never judge God's final work
by your present suffering**

Remember Noah

v20, Only a few were saved

**THE MAJORITY
IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT**

Faithfulness may look foolish,
until God vindicates it



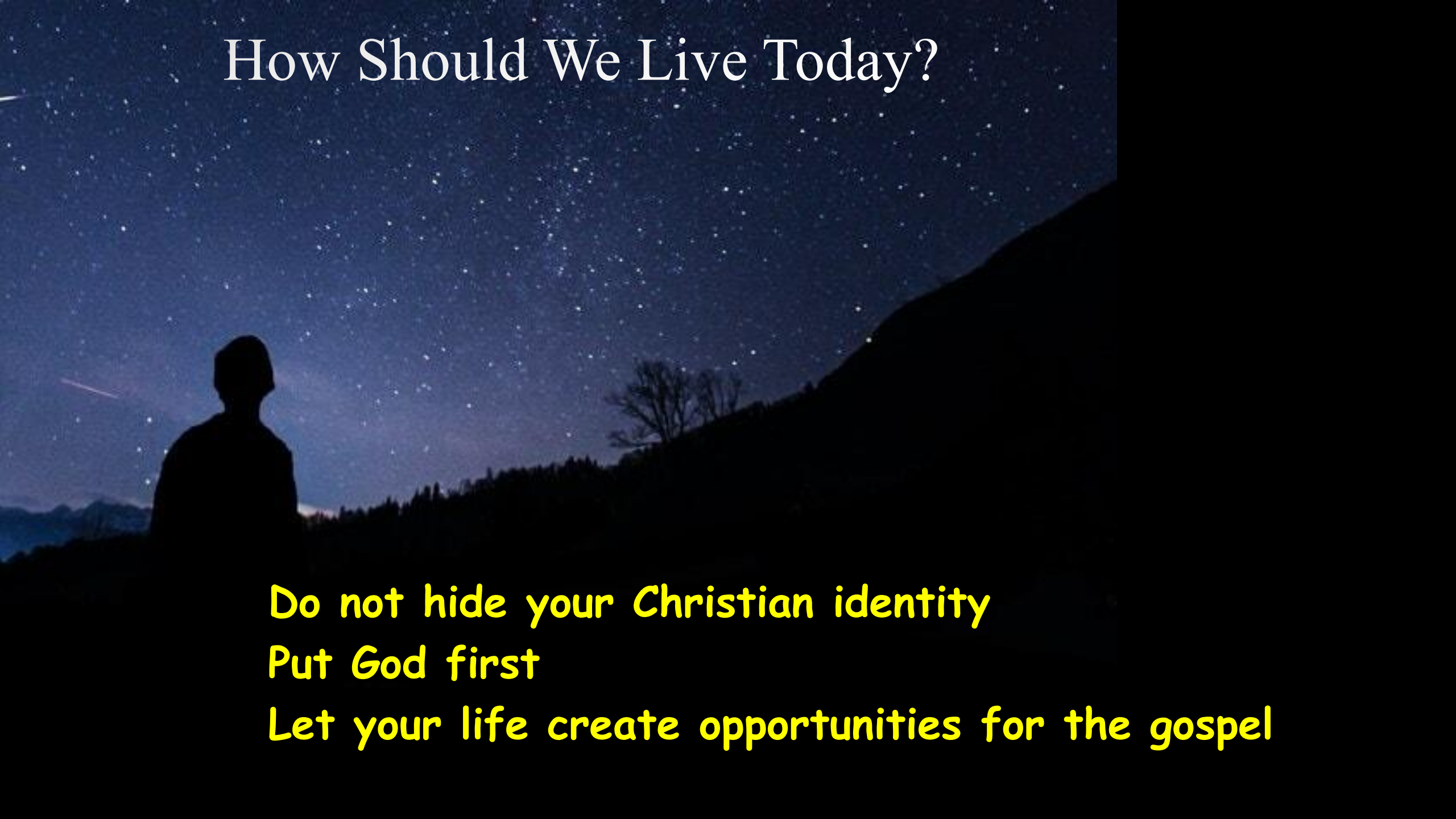
- 4:1:
- “Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude

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Suffered - Living as a Caring Community
Suffered - Keeping with a Clear Conscience
But Saved- Counting on the Cross of Christ

How Should We Live Today?



Do not hide your Christian identity

Put God first

Let your life create opportunities for the gospel