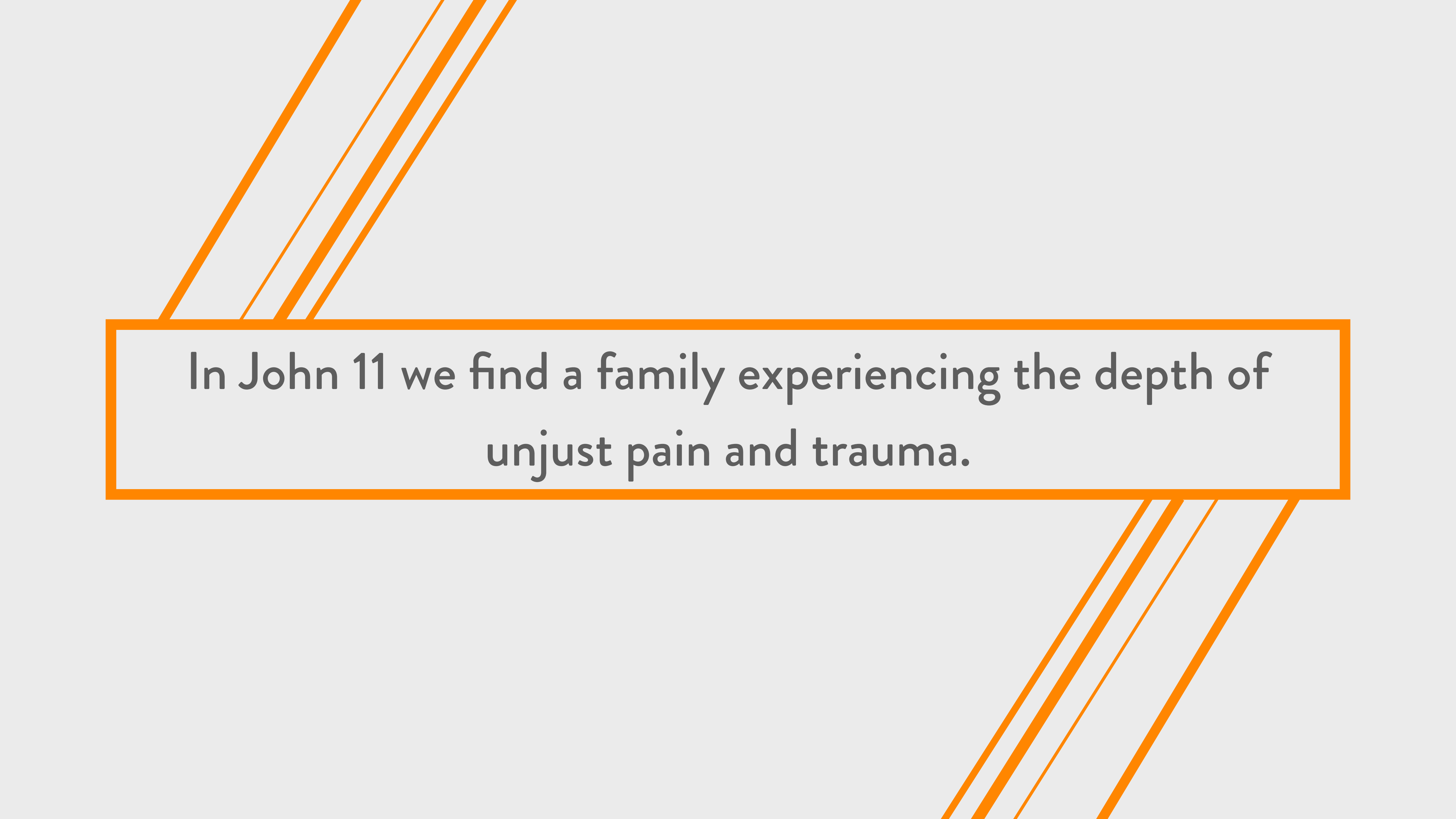


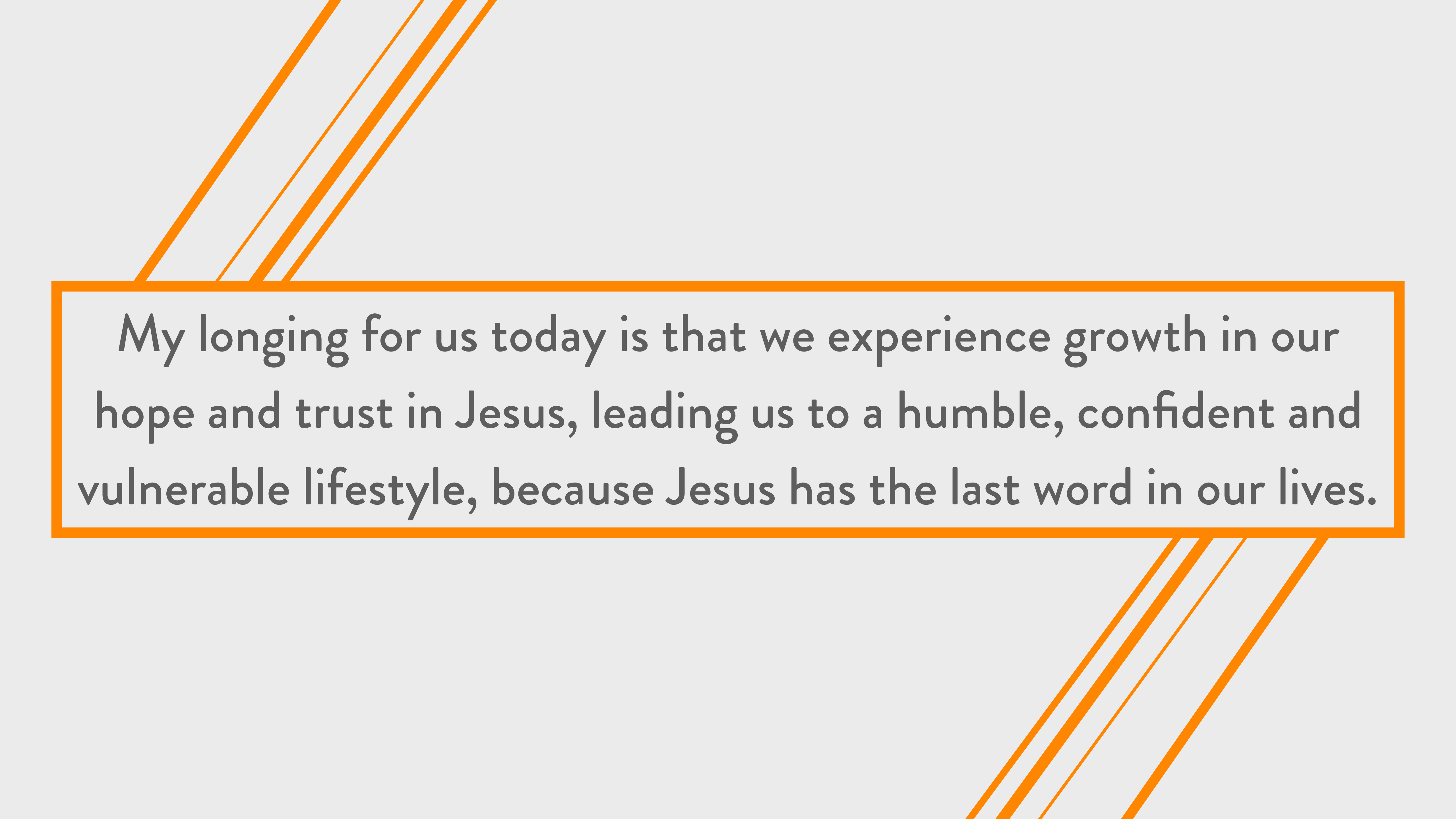
“Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany. Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death. No it is for God’s glory so that God’s son may be glorified through it. I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this? Take away the stone. Lazarus, come out! Take off the grave clothes and let him go.’

A dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him [Jesus].
Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.”

words from john 11 and john 12



In John 11 we find a family experiencing the depth of unjust pain and trauma.



My longing for us today is that we experience growth in our hope and trust in Jesus, leading us to a humble, confident and vulnerable lifestyle, because Jesus has the last word in our lives.



Jesus has the Last Word

john 11

1. Gateway was sick. (11:1)
2. Gateway knows affliction. (11:1)
3. Jesus loves Gateway. (11:3)
4. Gateway hasn't always understood what was happening. (11:6, 12, 16, 21, 27, 39)
5. Gateway is shedding grave clothes. (11:45)
6. Jesus wants Gateway to sit at the table with Him. (12:9)



Gateway = People

Nick Champlin's word to Gateway

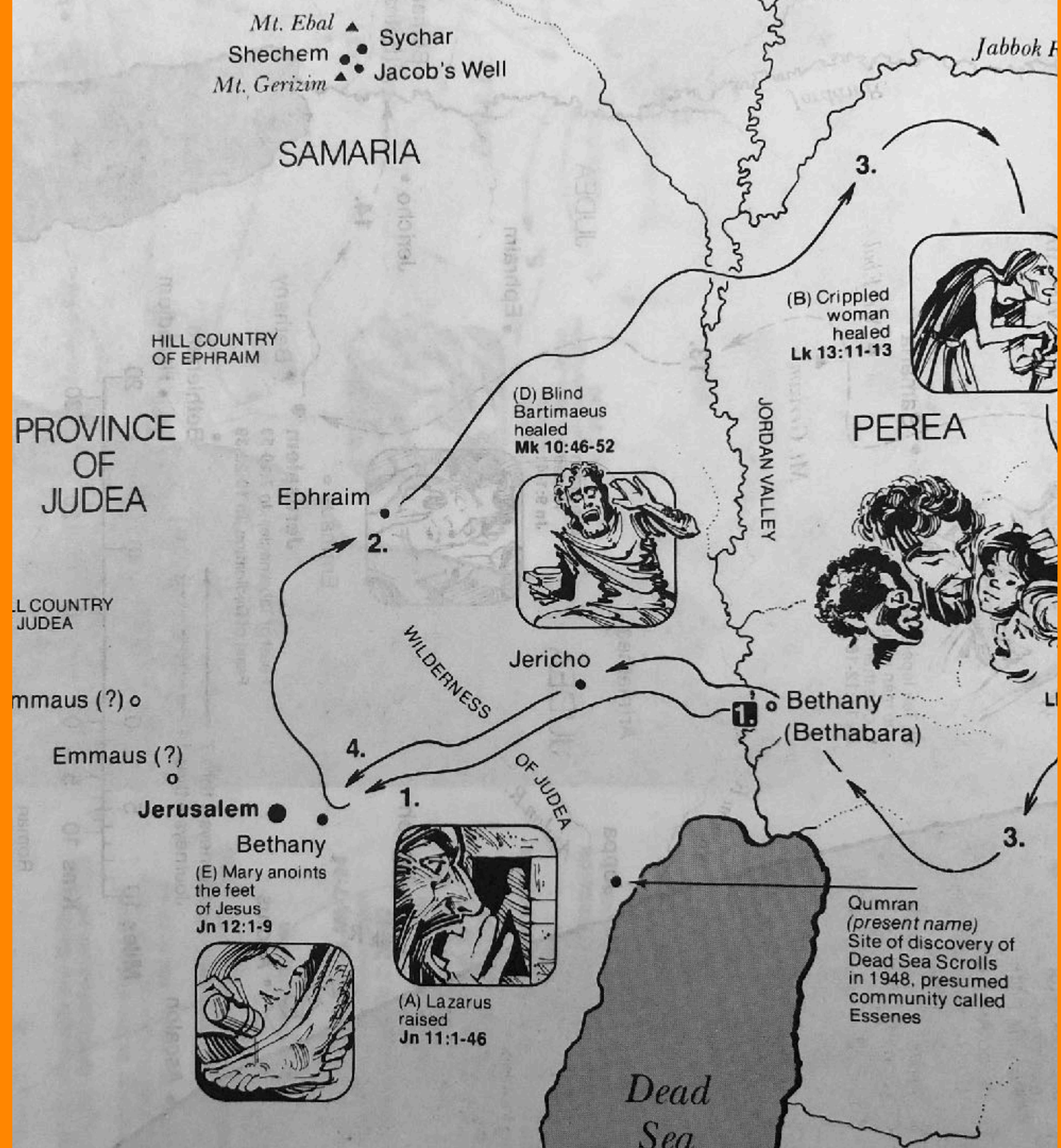
1. A great wind is coming.
2. New levels.
3. We are in a solid place right now.
4. We are called to rebuild like Isaiah 58.
5. We will have a positive impact on this region - greater than our history.



Do you believe this? (11:26)

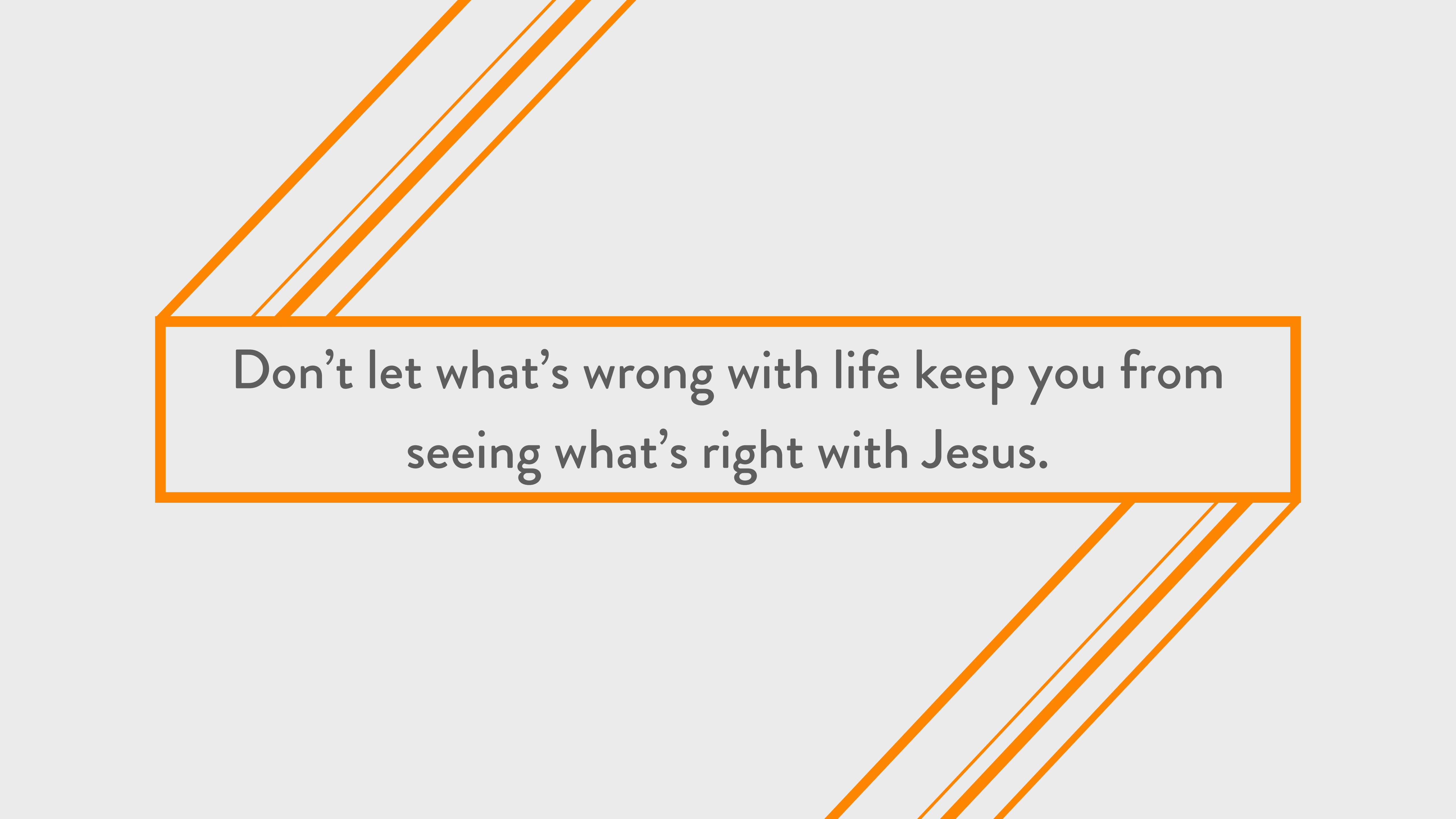
Challenges we face:

1. **Bethany** (11:1)
2. **Sickness** (11:1, 3)
3. **Geography** (10:42, 11:6)



Challenges as Opportunities:

1. **Bethany** (11:1)
2. **Sickness** (11:1, 3)
3. **Geography** (10:42, 11:6)
4. **Hostility** (11:8, 37, 53)
5. **Community of the confused and critical** (11:12, 16, 21-27)



Don't let what's wrong with life keep you from
seeing what's right with Jesus.



You can't choose what happens TO you, but you can
choose what happens IN you.

Four “Lazarus’s”

1. Dead Lazarus
2. Resurrected Lazarus (with grave clothes)
3. Transitioned Lazarus (without grave clothes)
4. Reclining with Jesus Lazarus

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1. Be seen.
 2. Be humble.
 3. Be obedient.
 4. Be confident.
 5. Be bold.
 6. Be hopeful.

Measuring Our Success

1. Our sending capacity, not seating capacity.
2. Our blessing of others, not our building.
3. Our depth in God & community, not our public profile.
4. Our love, not our systems & efficiencies.