

# CHRIST OUR HOPE

IN LIFE  
AND DEATH



# Romans 8:28-39





Frodo:

“I wish it need not have happened in my time.”

Gandalf:

“So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

- J. R. R. Tolkien  
*Fellowship of the Ring*



# Romans 8

both opens and closes with two bold declarations:

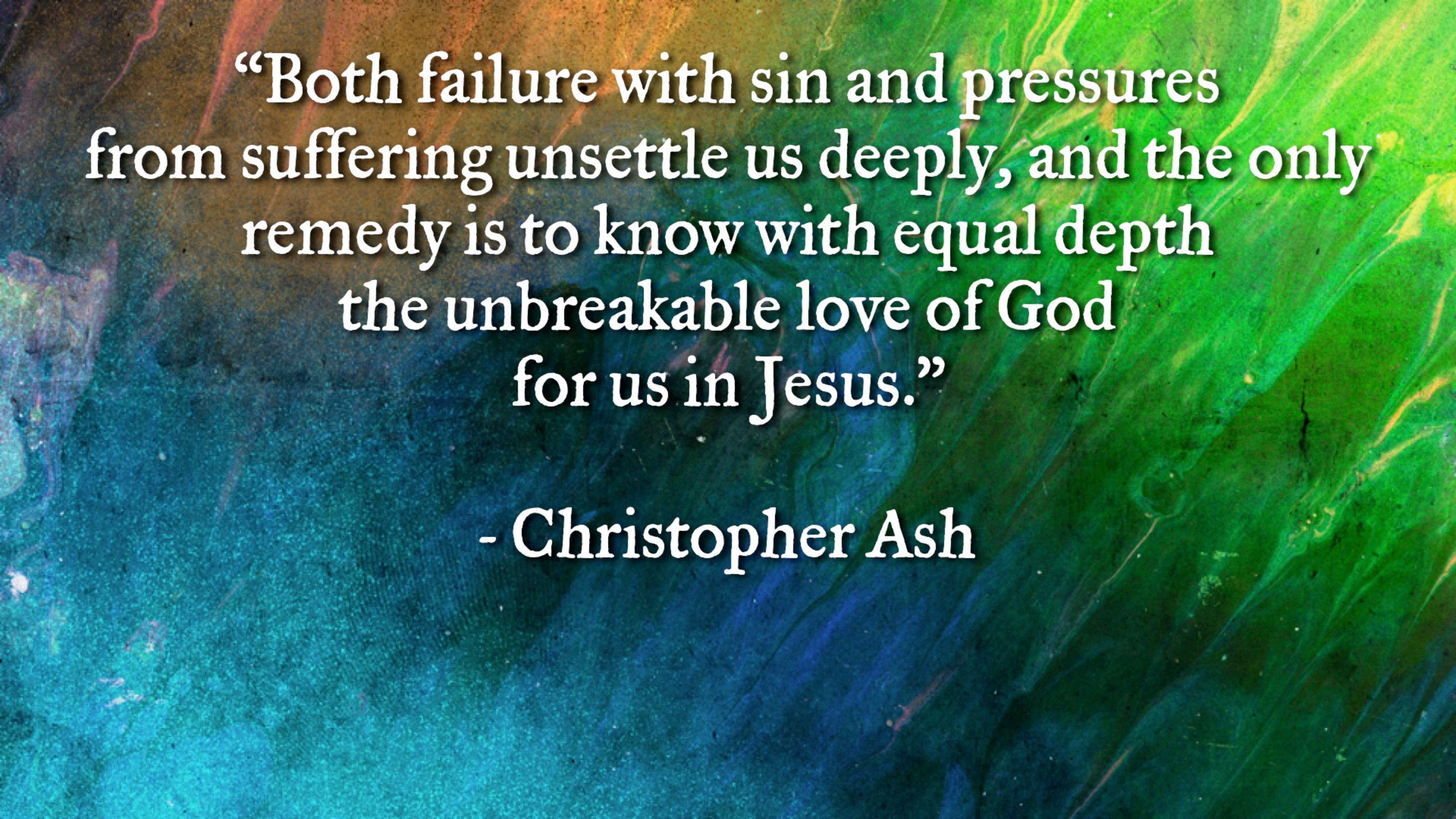
Open:

There is therefore now, **NO CONDEMNATION**  
for those who are **IN CHRIST JESUS**.

Close:

There is **NOTHING** that can **SEPARATE** us  
from the **LOVE OF GOD** which is **IN CHRIST**  
**JESUS OUR LORD!**



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“Both failure with sin and pressures  
from suffering unsettle us deeply, and the only  
remedy is to know with equal depth  
the unbreakable love of God  
for us in Jesus.”

- Christopher Ash



# Romans 8:28-39

- 5 Unshakeable Convictions [v. 28]
- 5 Undeniable Affirmations [v. 29-30]
- 5 Unanswerable Questions [v. 31-39]



# 5 Unshakeable Convictions [v. 28]

1. God is at work.
2. God is at work **FOR THE GOOD**
3. God is at work for the good **IN ALL THINGS**
4. God is at work for the good in all things  
**FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM**
5. God is at work for the good in all things for those  
who love Him and are **CALLED ACCORDING  
TO HIS PURPOSES**



## 5 Undeniable Affirmations [v. 29-30]

1. God has set His affections on us.
2. We were predestined to be like Christ.
3. God has called us personally and by name.
4. God has set things right between us.
5. God intends to restore us to the fullness of His original design for us.

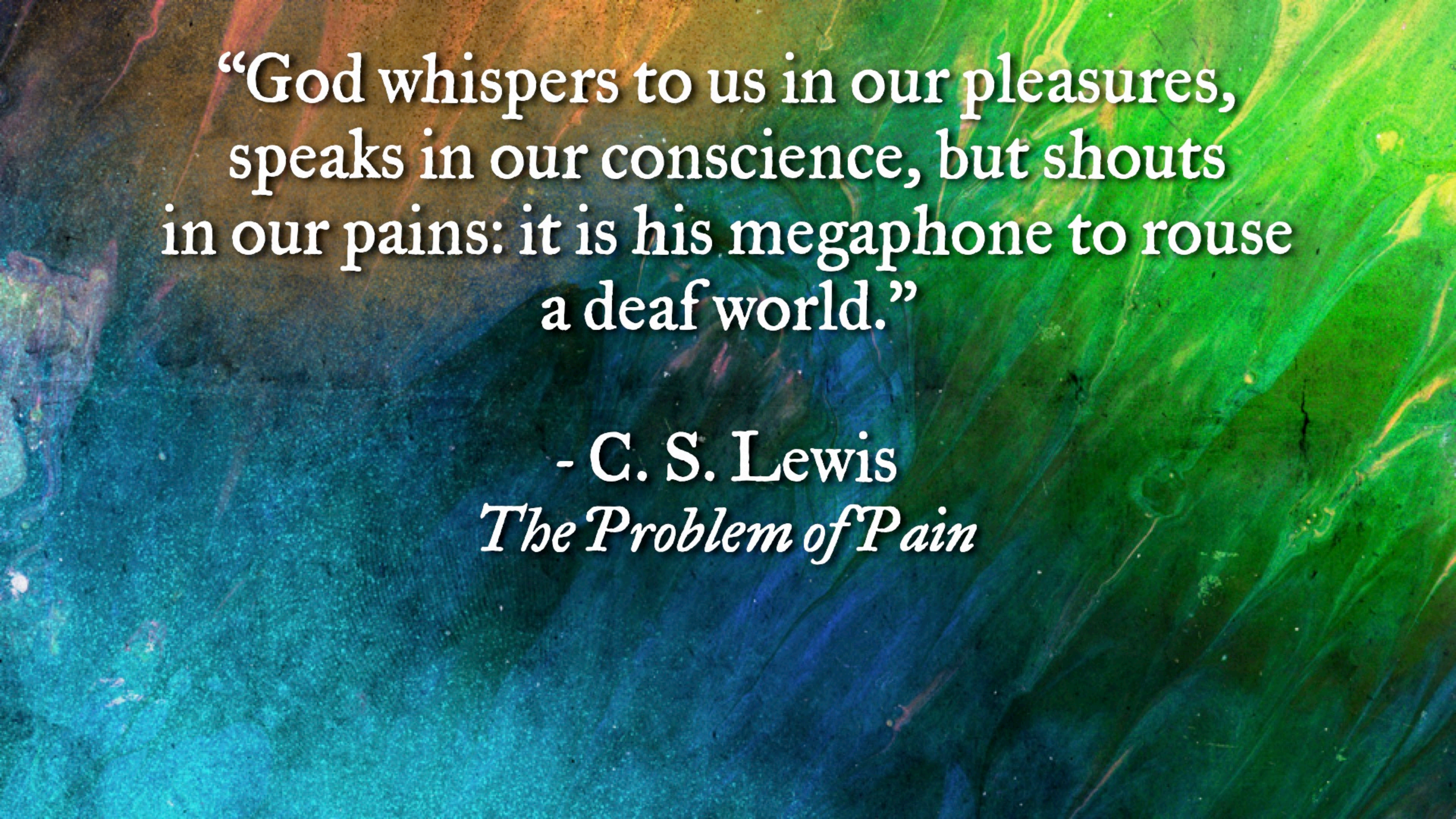


# 5 Unanswerable Questions [v.31-39]

“If God is for us...”

1. Who can be against us?
2. What good would God withhold from us?
3. Who can rightly accuse us?
4. Who can rightly condemn us?
5. What can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord?





“God whispers to us in our pleasures,  
speaks in our conscience, but shouts  
in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse  
a deaf world.”

- C. S. Lewis  
*The Problem of Pain*



“Christianity’s unsurpassed offers: a meaning that suffering cannot remove, satisfaction not based on circumstances, a freedom that does not hurt but rather enhances love, an identity that does not crush you or exclude others, a moral compass that does not turn you into an oppressor, and a hope they can face anything, even death.”

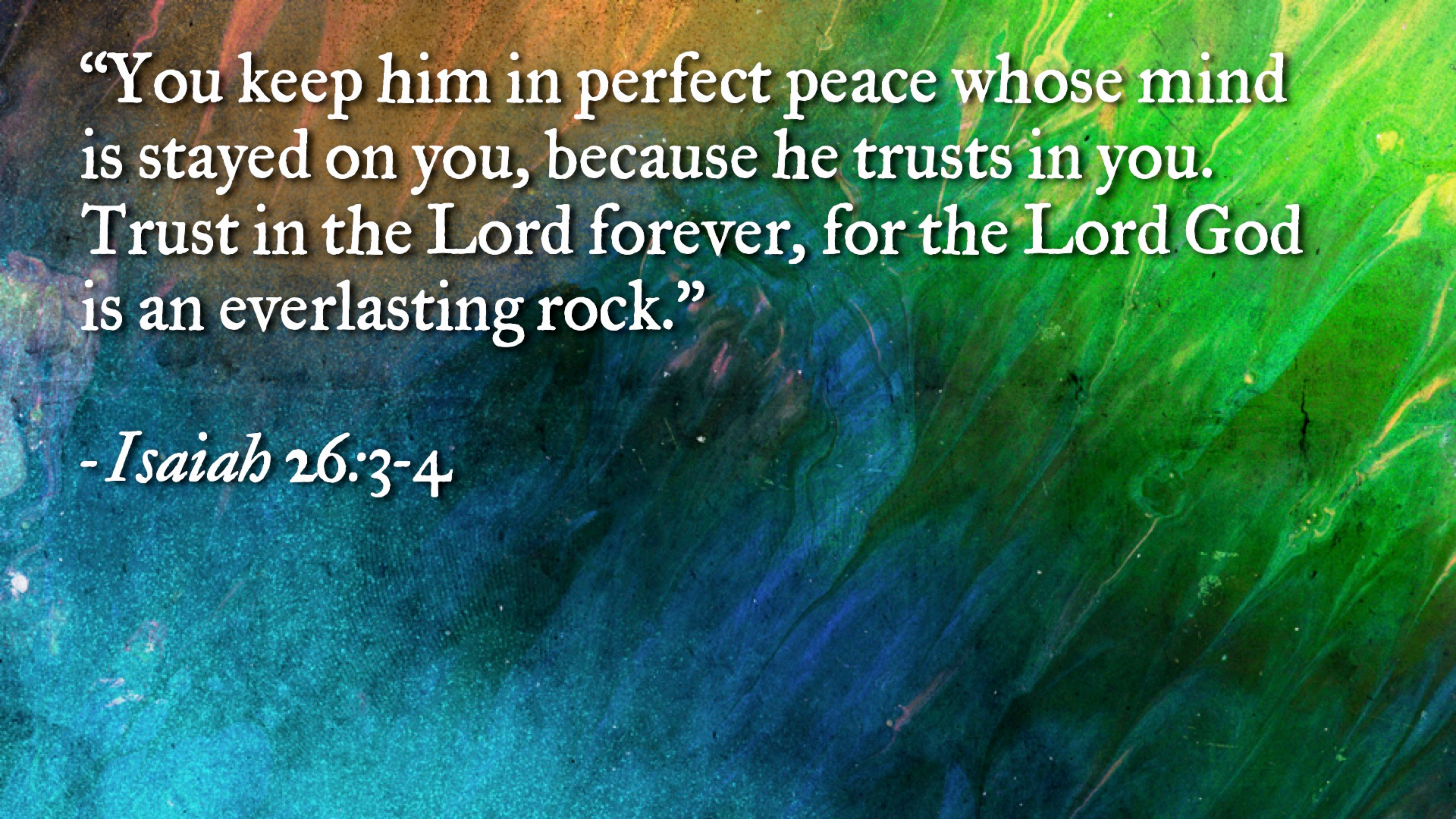
- Tim Keller  
*Making Sense of God*



“Our confidence is not in our love for him,  
which is frail, fickle and faltering, but in his  
love for us, which is steadfast, faithful  
and persevering.”

- John Stott  
*The Message of Romans*





“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind  
is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.  
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God  
is an everlasting rock.”

*-Isaiah 26:3-4*