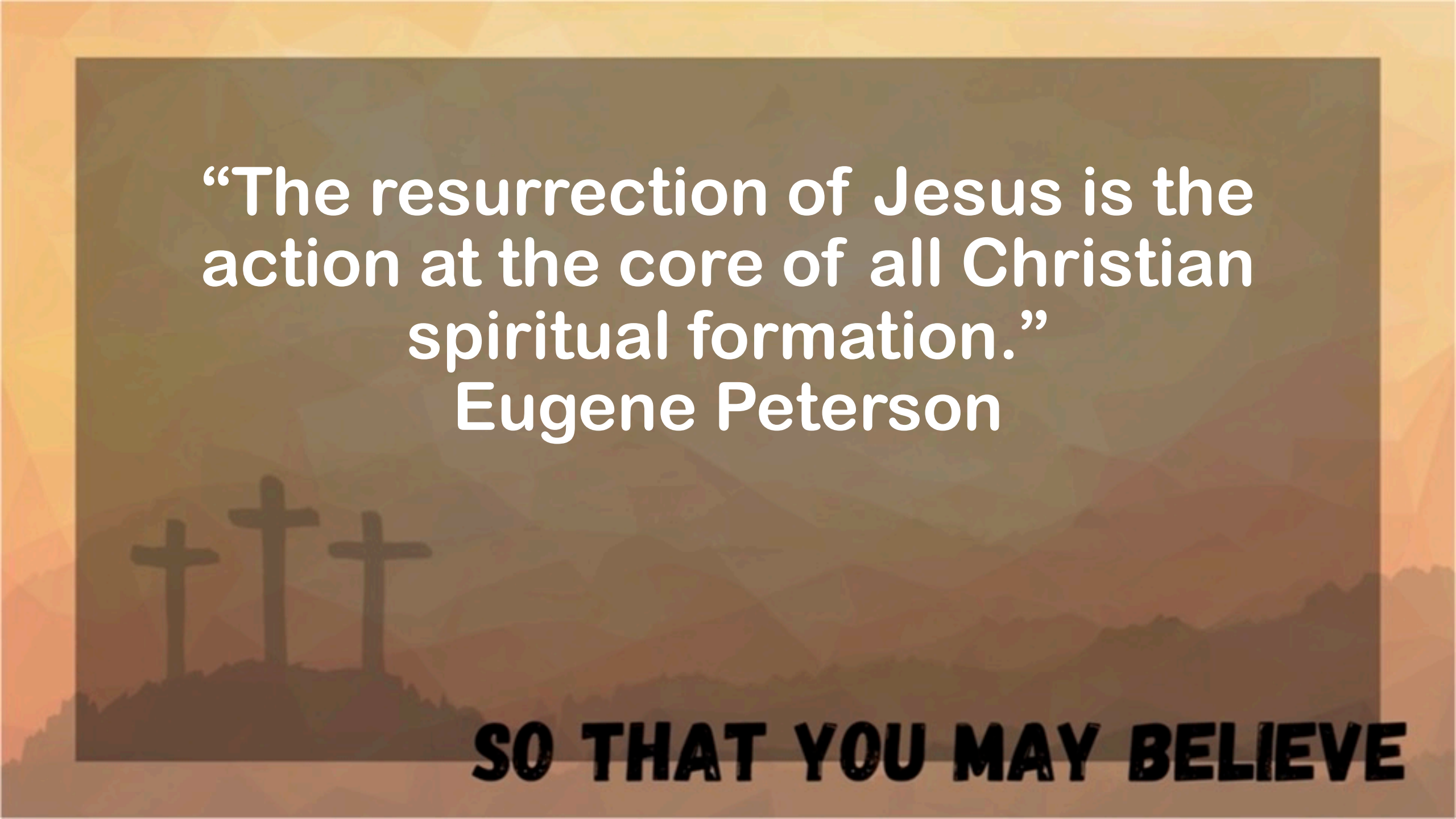


From Doubt to Belief!

John 20:19-29

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

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“The resurrection of Jesus is the
action at the core of all Christian
spiritual formation.”

Eugene Peterson

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“Faith is a voluntary anticipation.”
Clement of Alexandria

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John 20:30

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

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John 20:31

...but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

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The name Thomas is derived from the Hebrew word **תאום** ta'om, (#H8380) meaning "twin."

His name in Hebrew would then be Ta'om.

In the Syriac Peshitta (4th Century) of the New Testament, this name is written as - **תאומא** (Toma). When this Aramaic name is Hellenized, an "s" is added to the end of the name, as is done with most male names, and becomes Tomas or Thomas.

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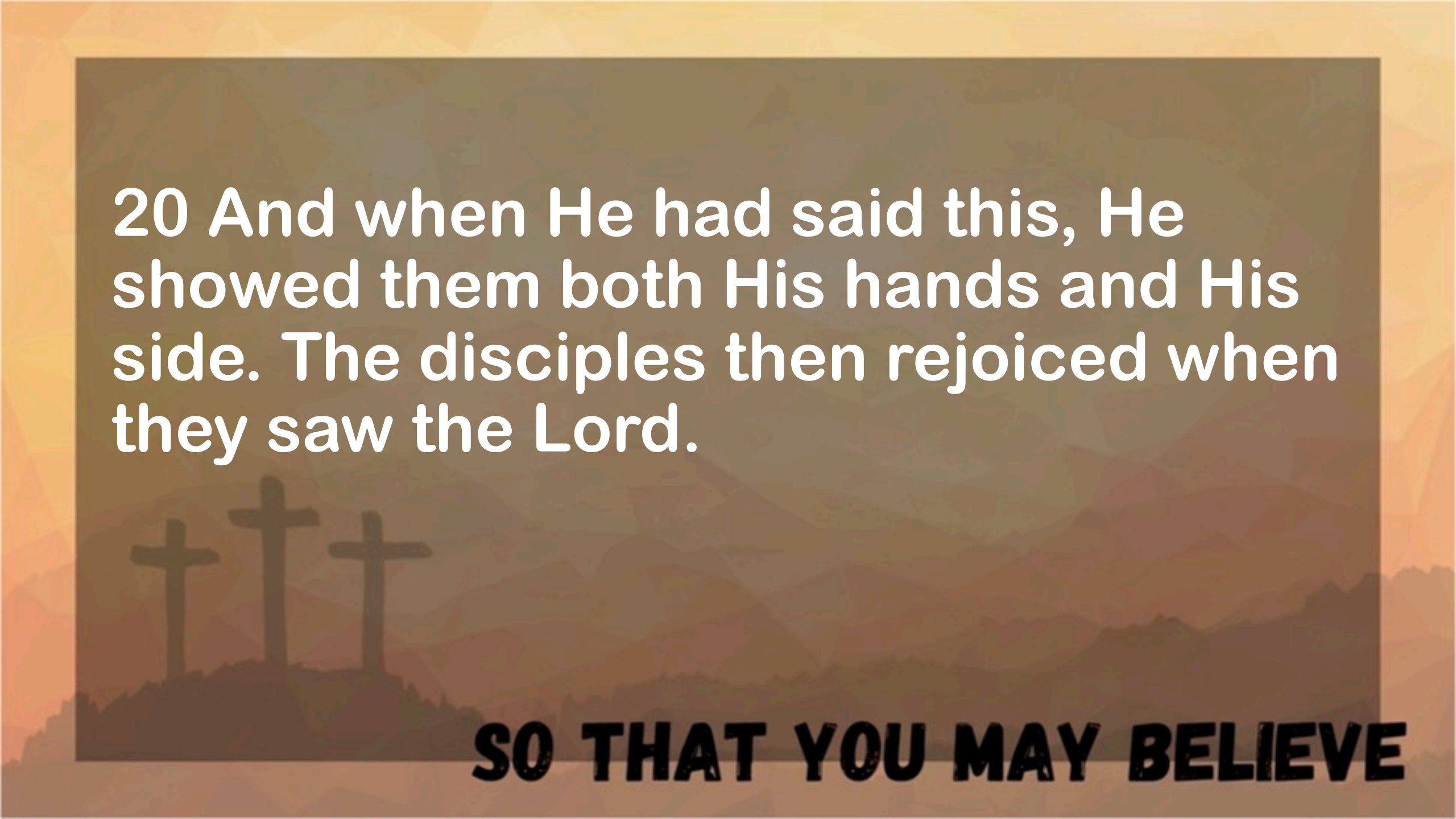
About Thomas

- 12 mentions in the NT
- 3X in Gospels – 1X in John – 1X in Acts - list
- 7X in John's Gospel
- John 11:16 – we will go and die with you!
- John 14:5 – we will follow if you tell us how!
- The Cross – death and burial and raised
- John 20:19-29 – 5X – our story today

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19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

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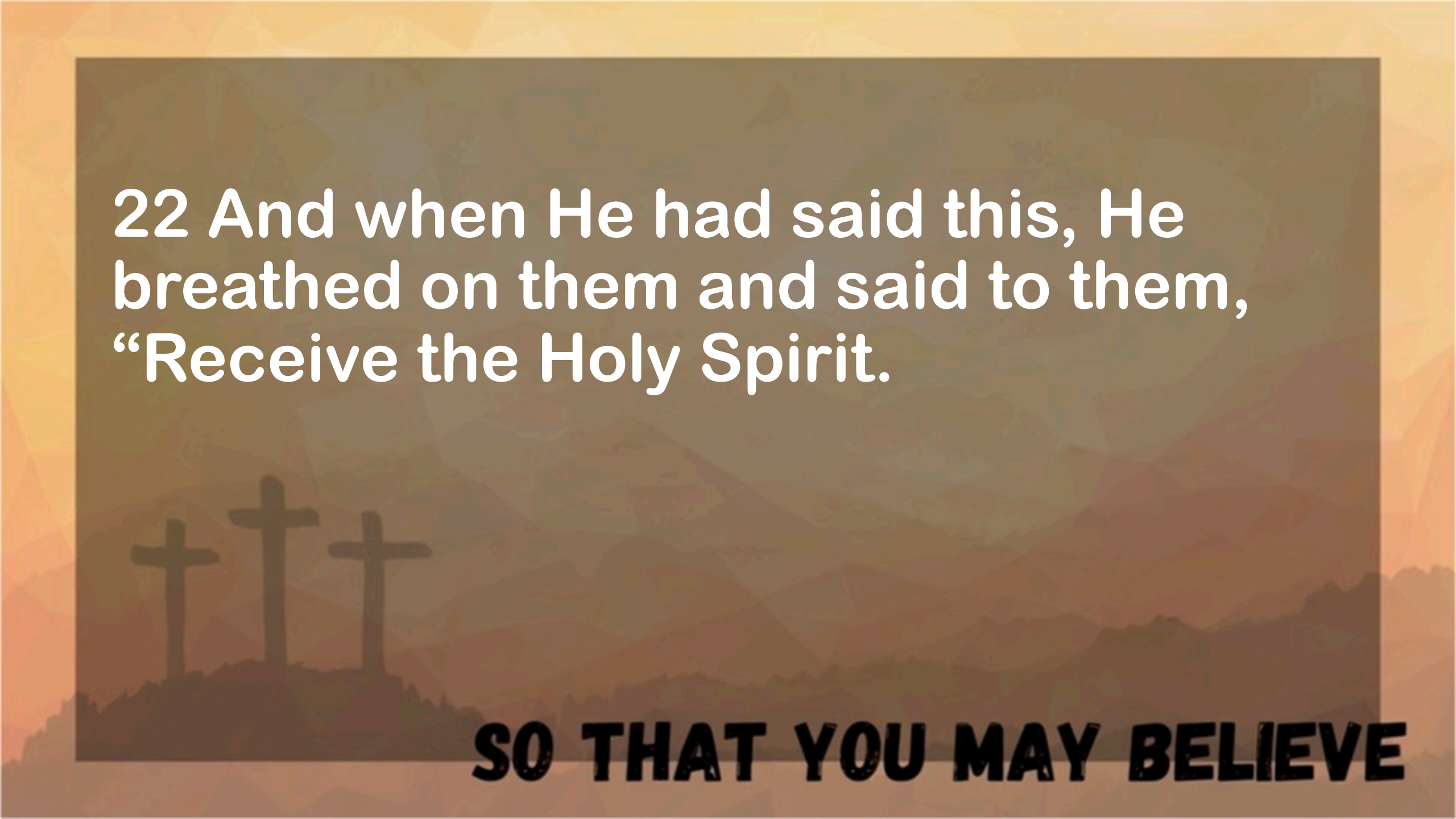


20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

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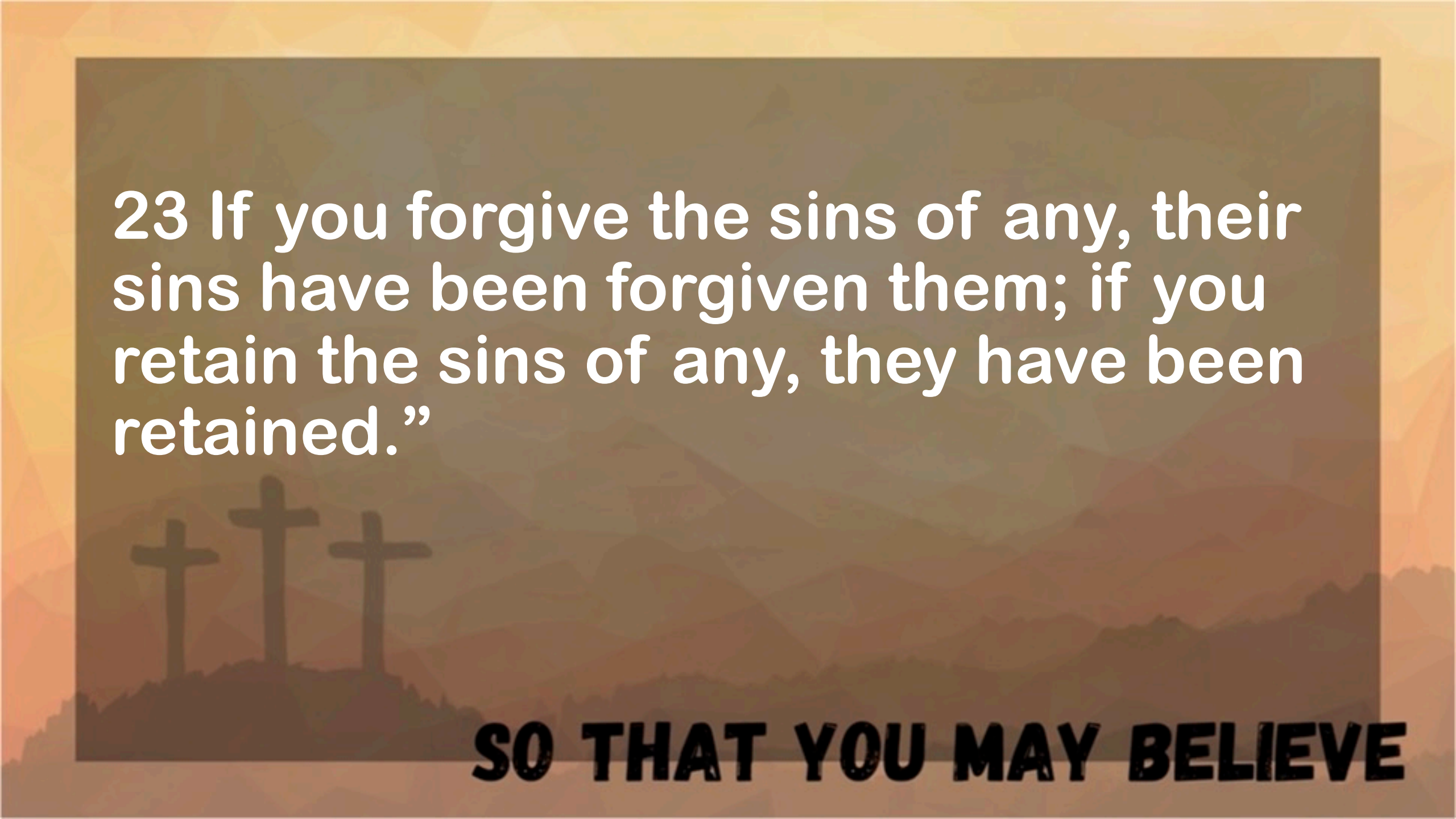
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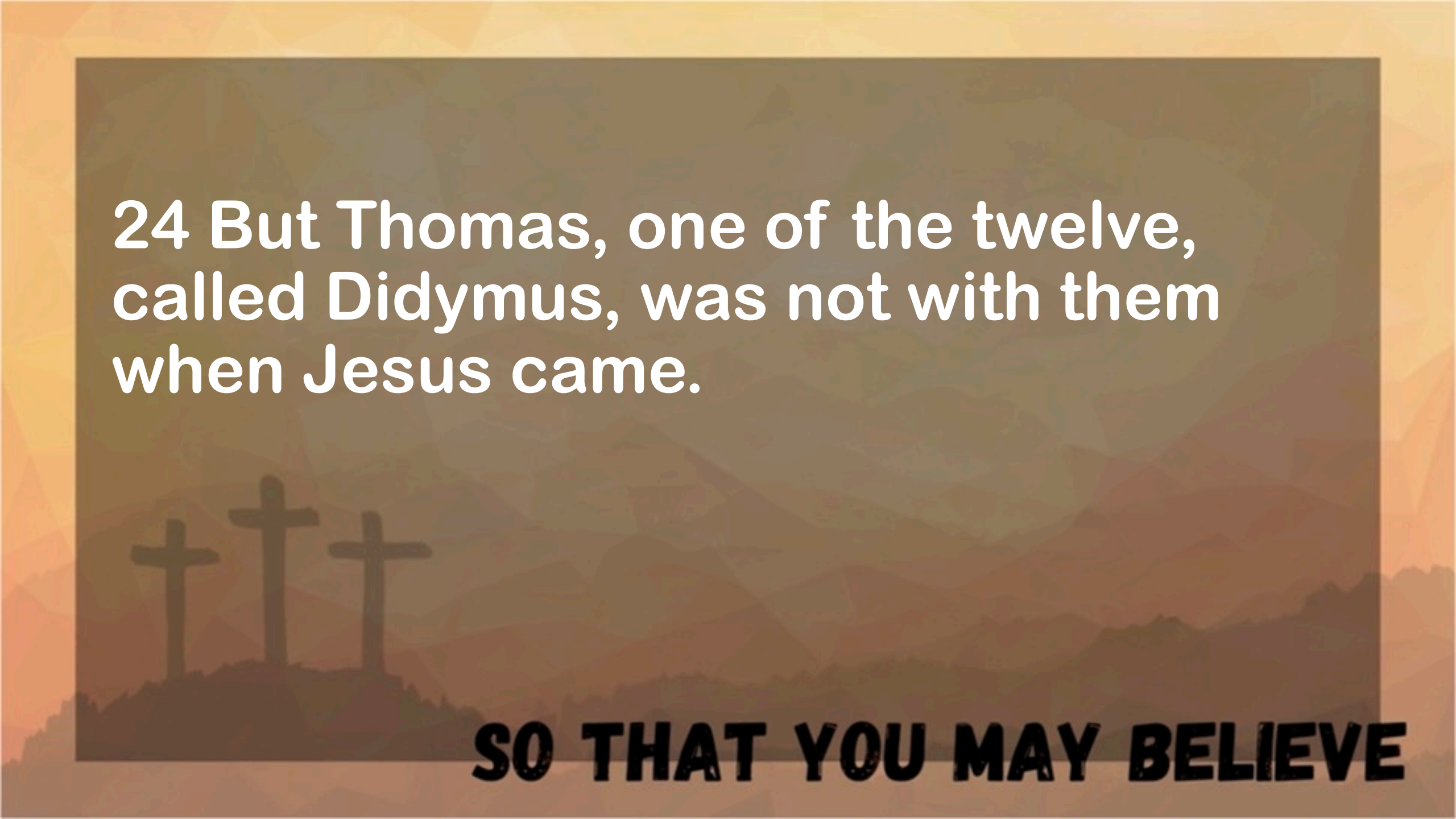
22 And when He had said this, He
breathed on them and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.

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23 If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

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24 But Thomas, one of the twelve,
called Didymus, was not with them
when Jesus came.

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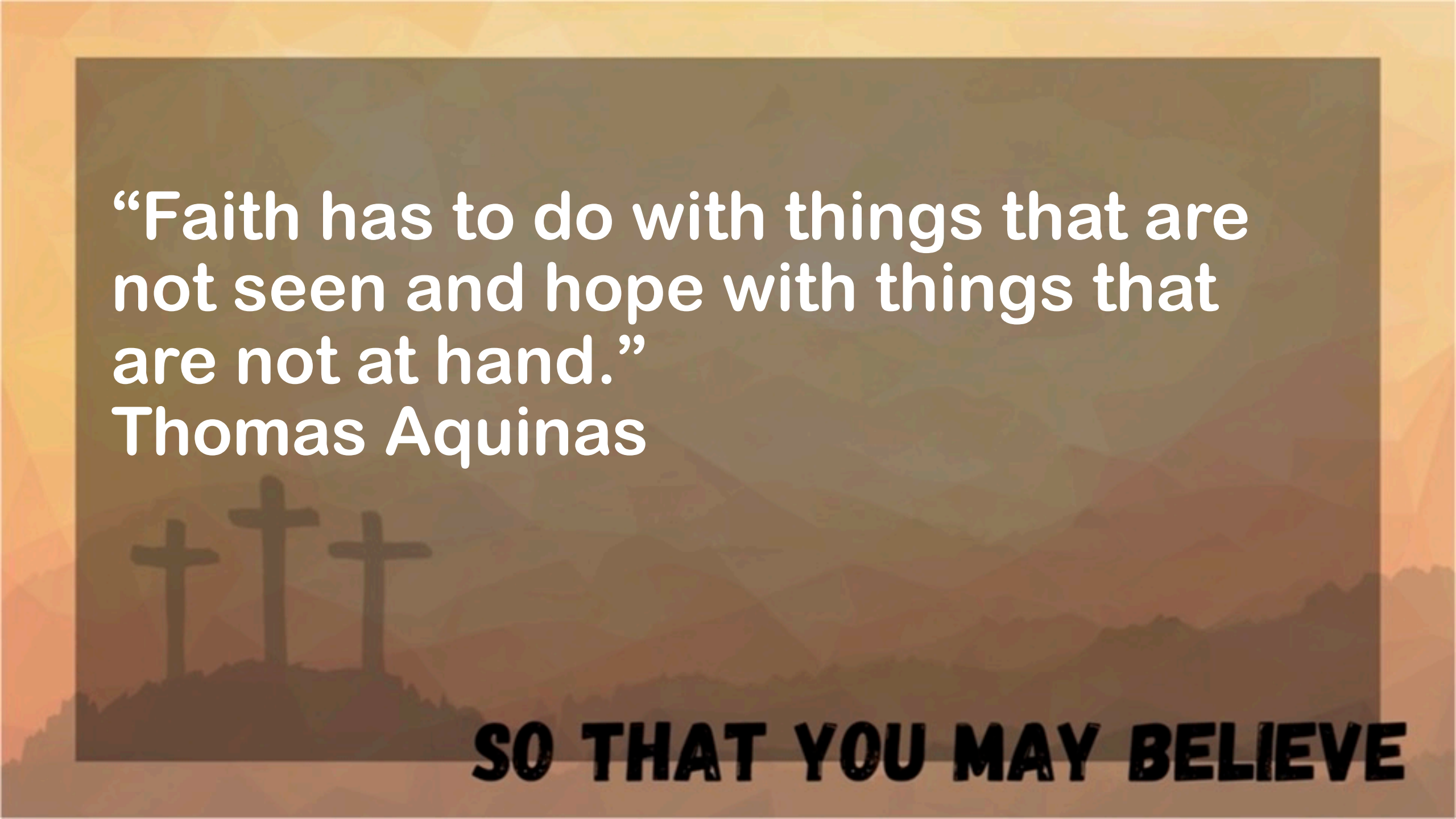
25 So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

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Pouting Thomas 19-25

- “was saying” - continued to say in the past
- “will not believe” – future - will not – shall not!
- He missed in the present:
 - Presence of the Lord – doors shut, ALIVE!
 - Peace of the Lord - “Peace be with you”
 - Proof of the Lord - “showed them both...”
 - Purpose of the Lord - “I also send you”
 - Power of the Lord - “Receive the Holy Spirit”

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“Faith has to do with things that are not seen and hope with things that are not at hand.”

Thomas Aquinas

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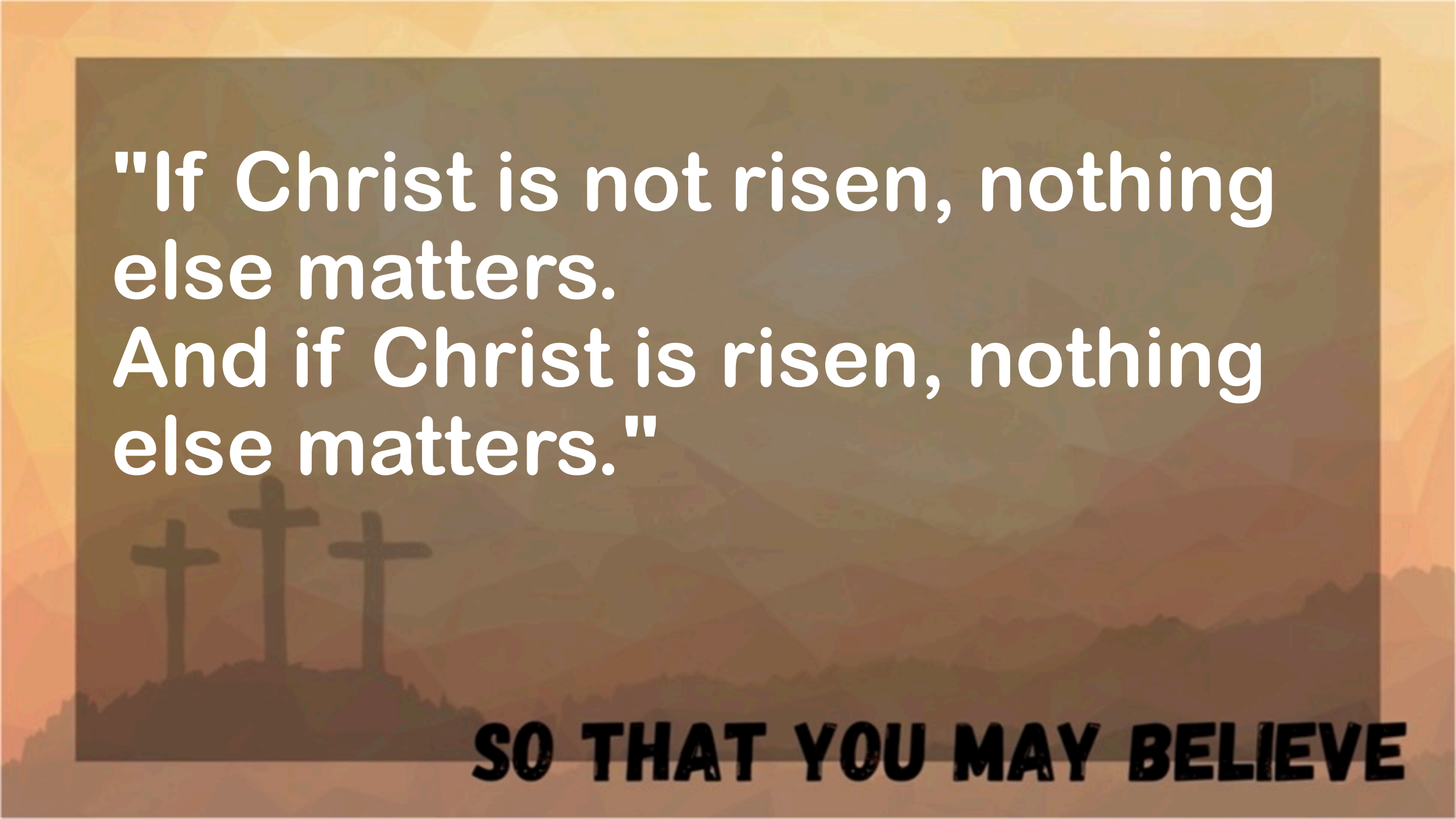
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Doubting Thomas 25

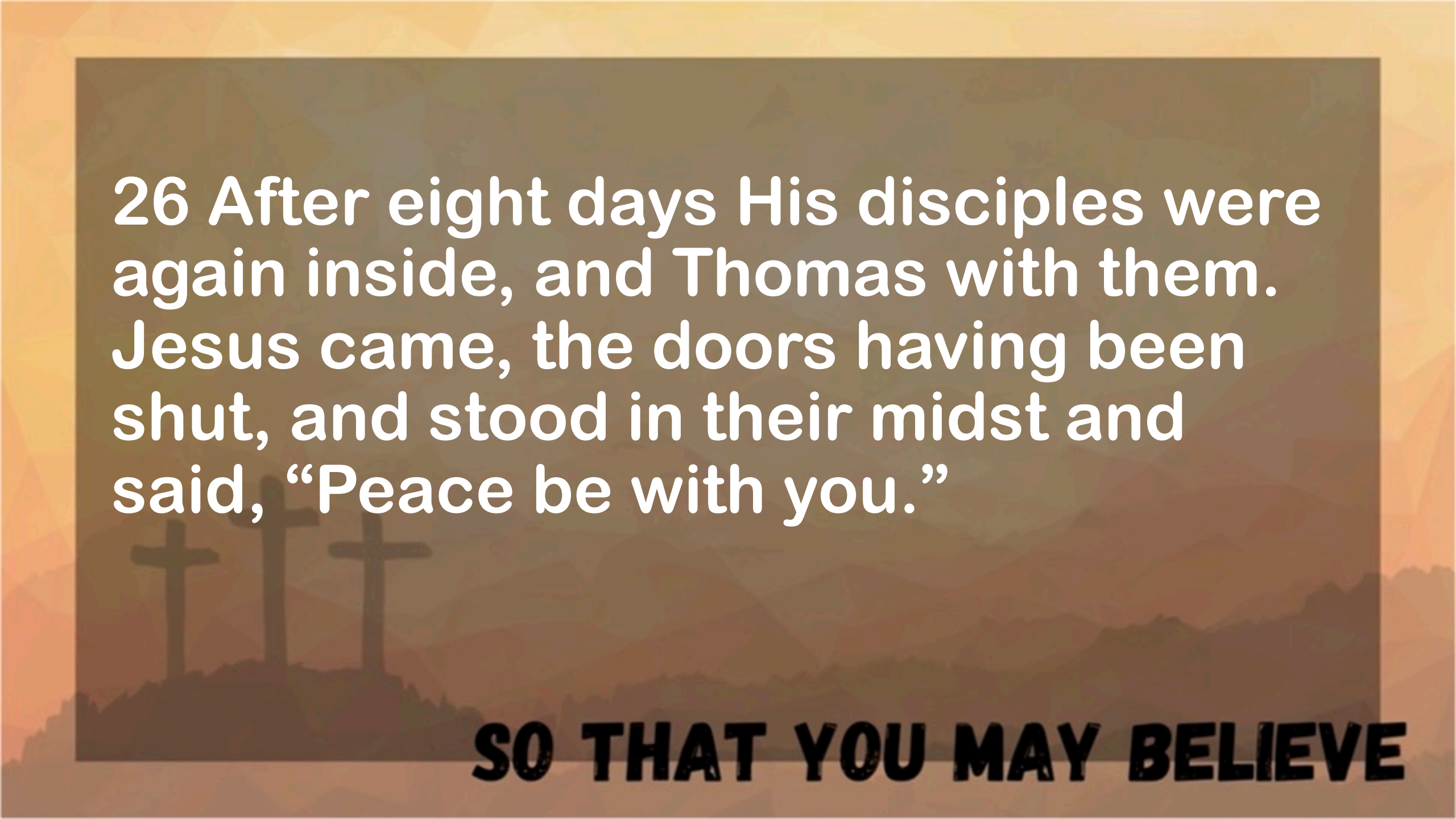
- “I will not believe”
- Double Greek negative particles – VERY NO!
- Personal Need
 - I see
 - My finger
 - My hand
- Priority Need
 - We saw – unless I see, I will not ever...

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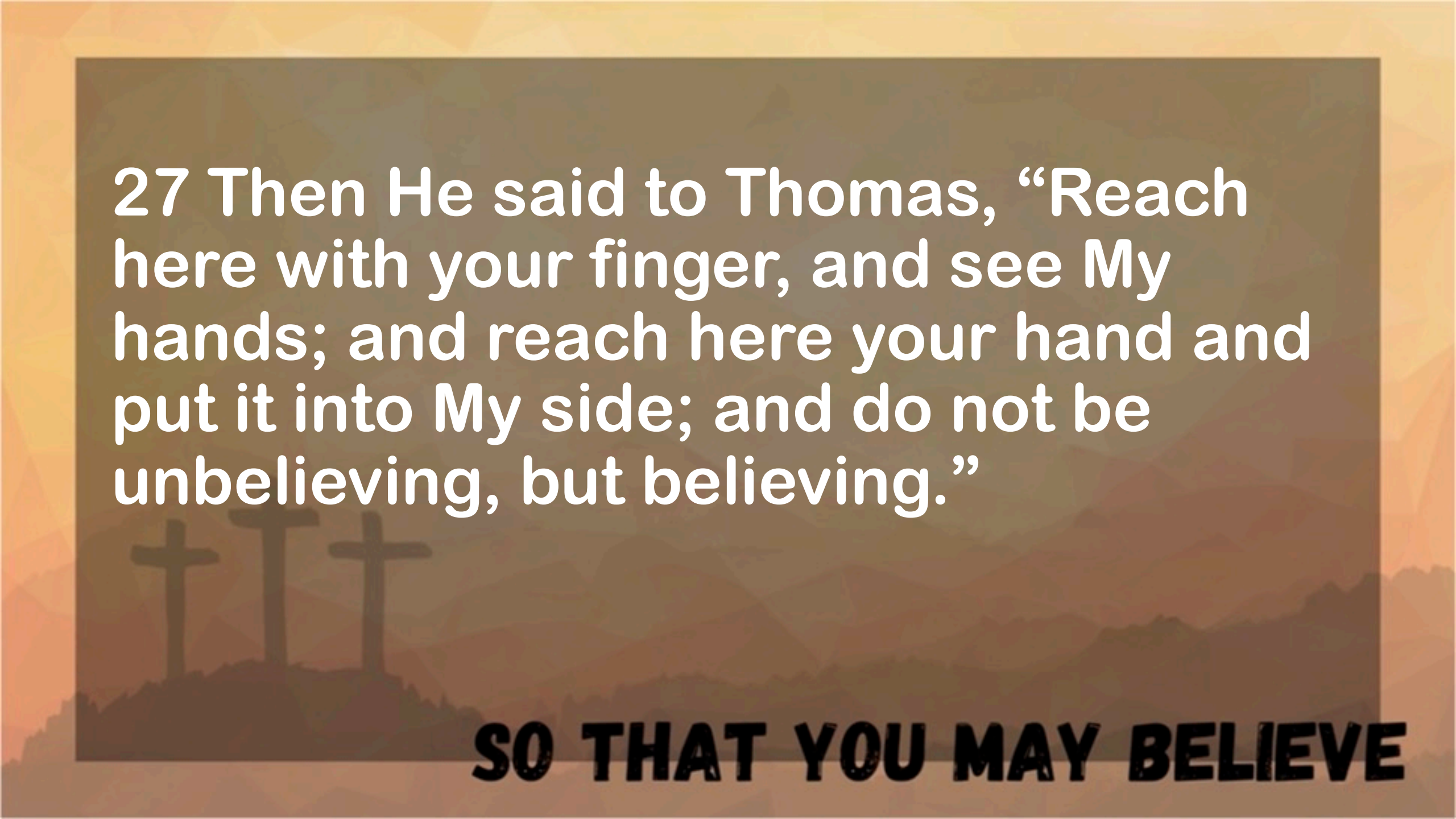
"If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters.
And if Christ is risen, nothing else matters."

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26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”

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27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

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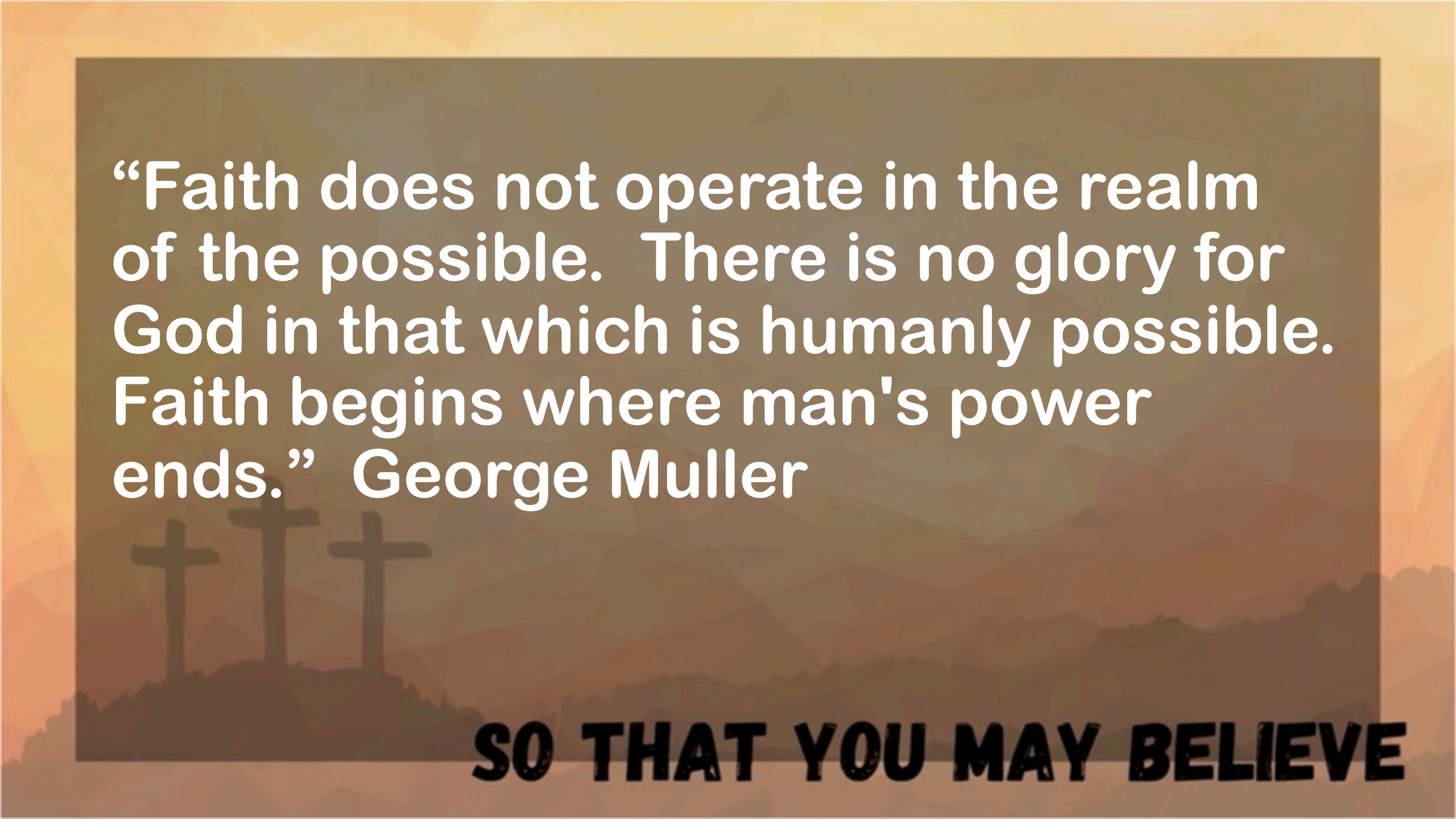
28 Thomas answered and said to Him,
“My Lord and my God!”

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Shouting Thomas 26-29

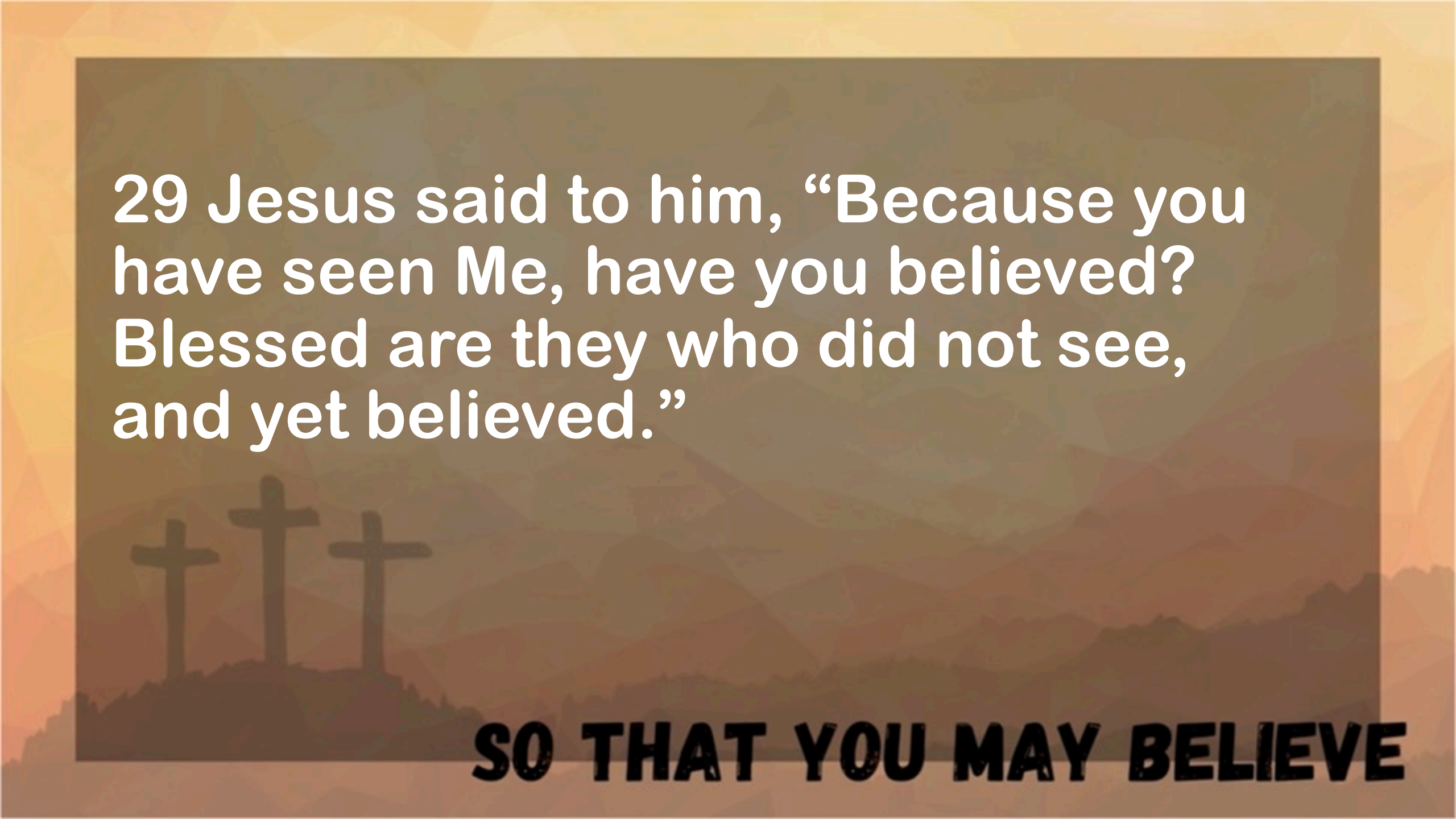
- Repeated experience vs 26
 - 'doors shut'
- Reviewed experience vs 27
 - 'reach here'
- Result of this experience 28
 - My Lord – following
 - My God – faith

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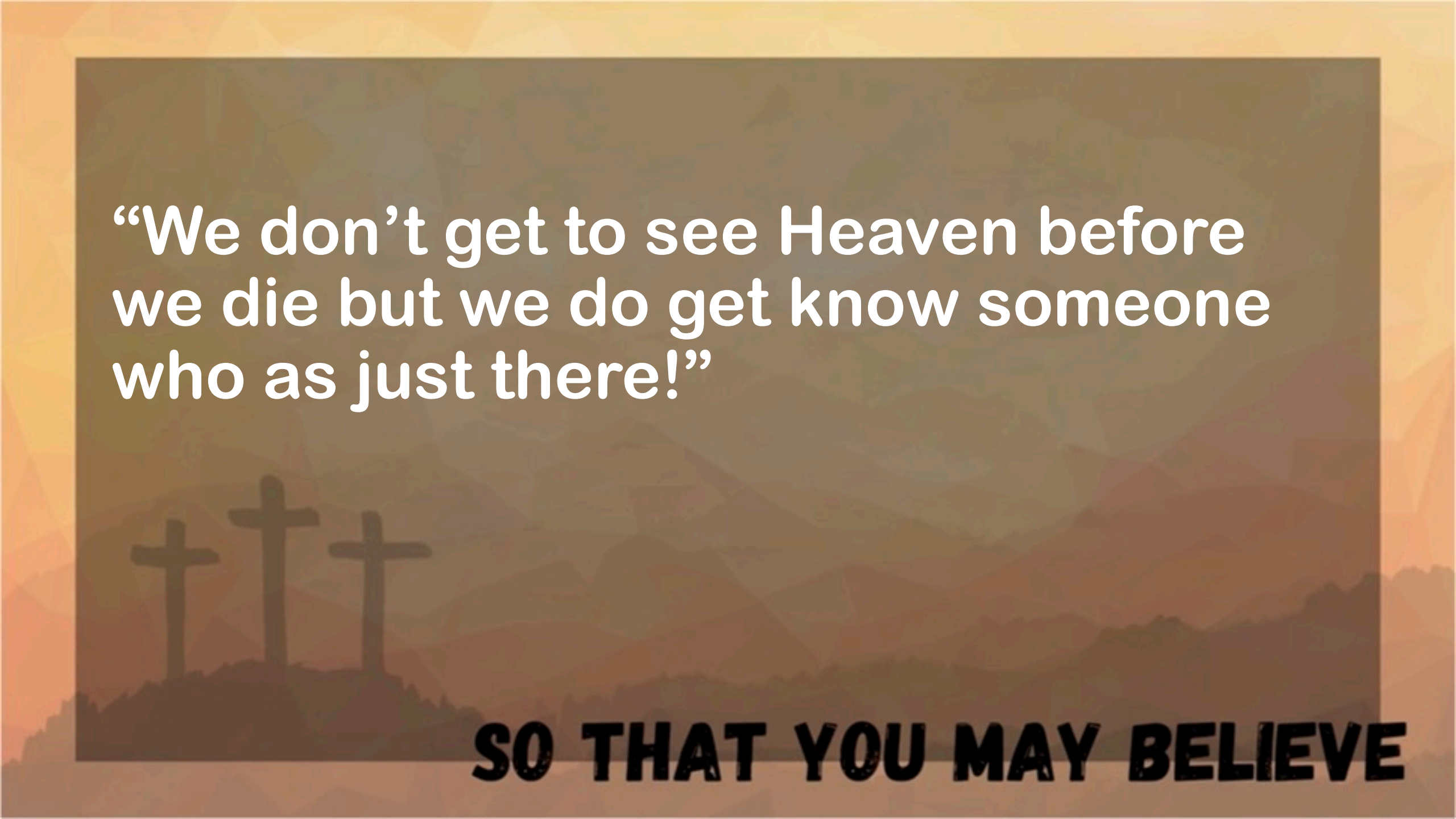
“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.” George Muller

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29 Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, have you believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

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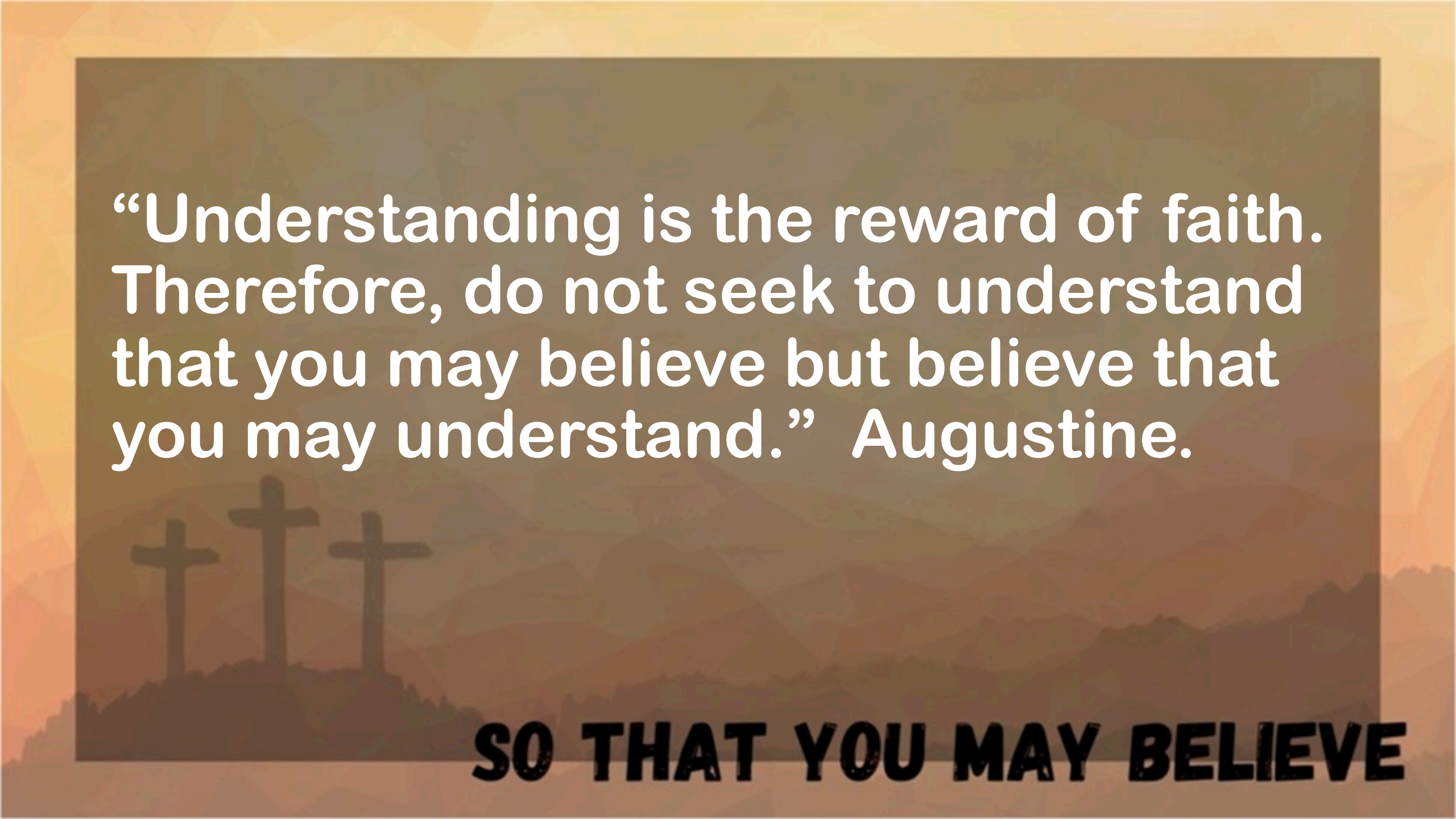
“We don’t get to see Heaven before we die but we do get know someone who as just there!”

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Our Easter Doubts!

- We had faith
- We drifted
- We are confronted
- We believe!
- What makes the difference?
 - Personal touch
 - Priority friends

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“Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, do not seek to understand that you may believe but believe that you may understand.” Augustine.

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