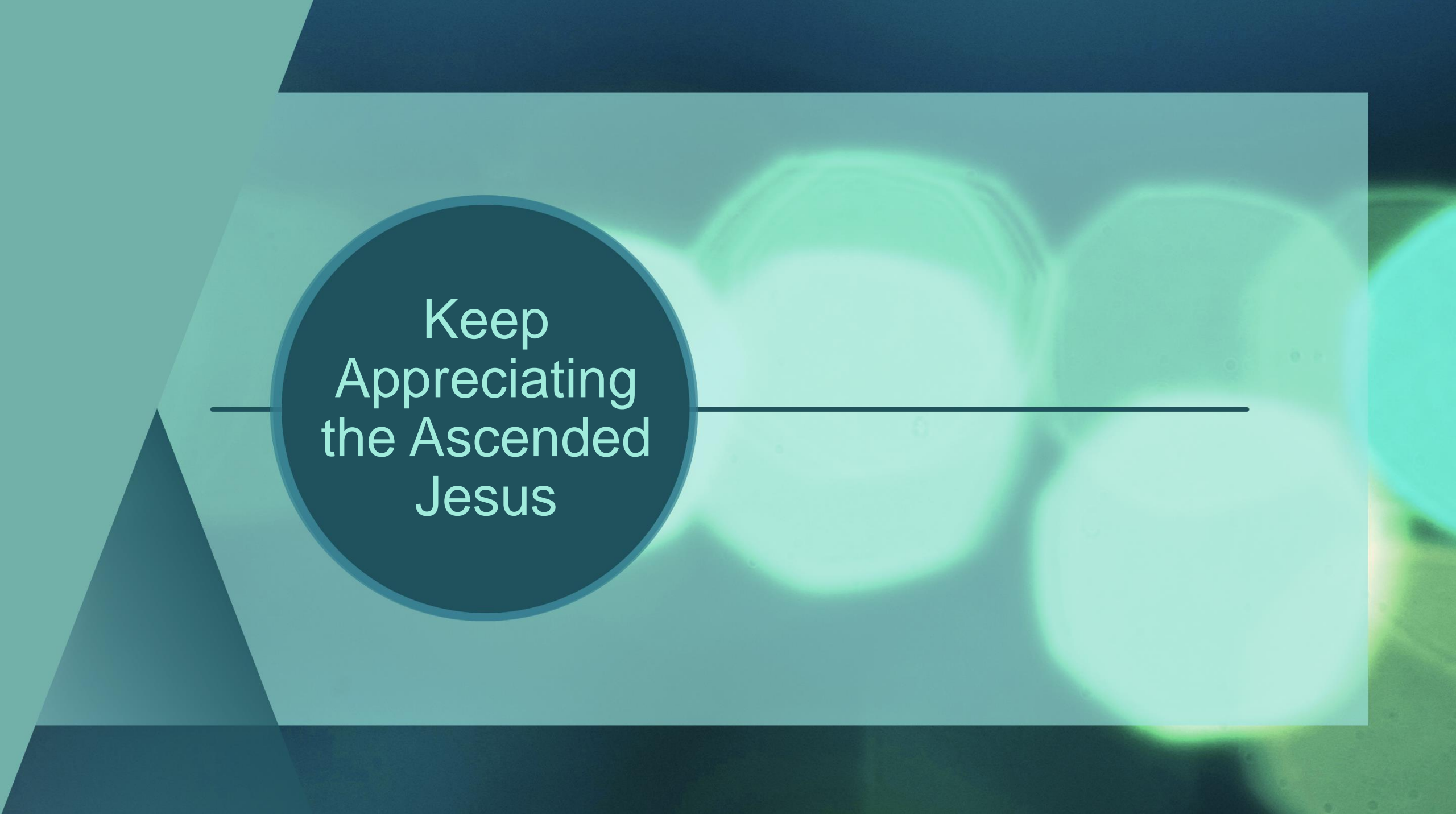


NAVIGATING
LIFE'S
TRANSITIONS

Jesus and His Church







Keep
Appreciating
the Ascended
Jesus

Ascension of Christ

50 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. 53 And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

Luke 24:50-53

Ascension of Christ

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Acts 1:1-3

Ascension of Christ

9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

Acts 1:9-11

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The Ascended Christ is

Advocate (John 16:7; 1 John 2:1)

High Priest (Hebrews 7:25)

Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)

**Seated at the Right Hand of the Father
(Psalm 110, Acts 2:32-26 and Acts 3:19-21)**

Preparing a Place (John 14:1-7)

Head of the Church (Ephesians 4:1-16)



Keep Seeking
the Kingdom of
God First

Kingdom First

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Keep Waiting
for the Promise

Promise Received

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you **the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”**

Acts 1:4-5



Keep Trusting
the Father's
Plan

The Father's Plan

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” 7 He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.

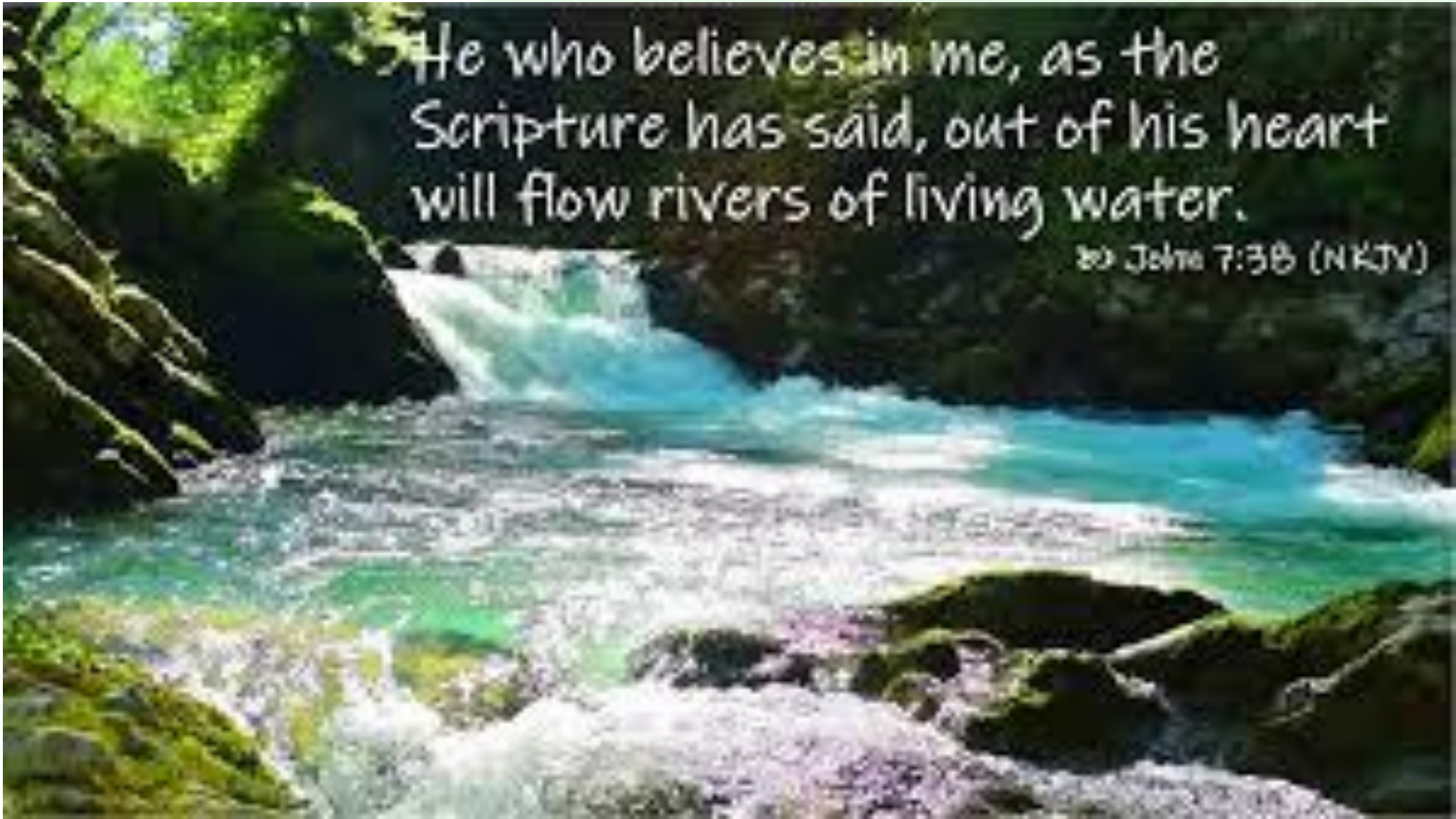
Acts 1:6-7

Keep Relying
on the Holy
Spirit to be His
Witnesses

Holy Spirit Reliant

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



He who believes in me, as the
Scripture has said, out of his heart
will flow rivers of living water.

John 7:38 (NKJV)



Keep
Anticipating the
Return of
Jesus

Ascension and Return of Christ

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