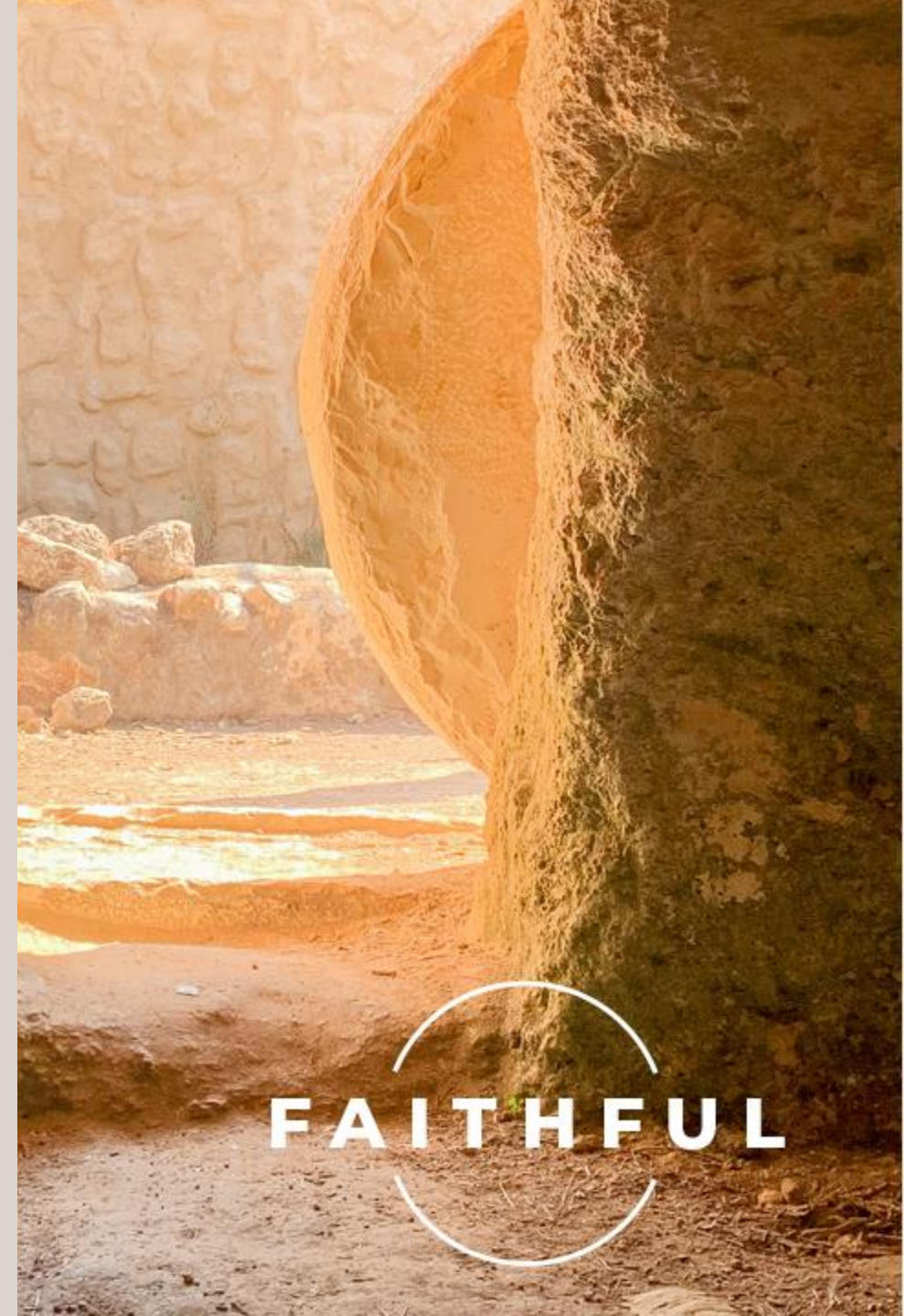


A photograph of a cave entrance. The cave walls are made of rough, textured stone. In the background, there is a pile of large, light-colored rocks. A white circle is overlaid on the image, centered on the word 'FAITHFUL'.

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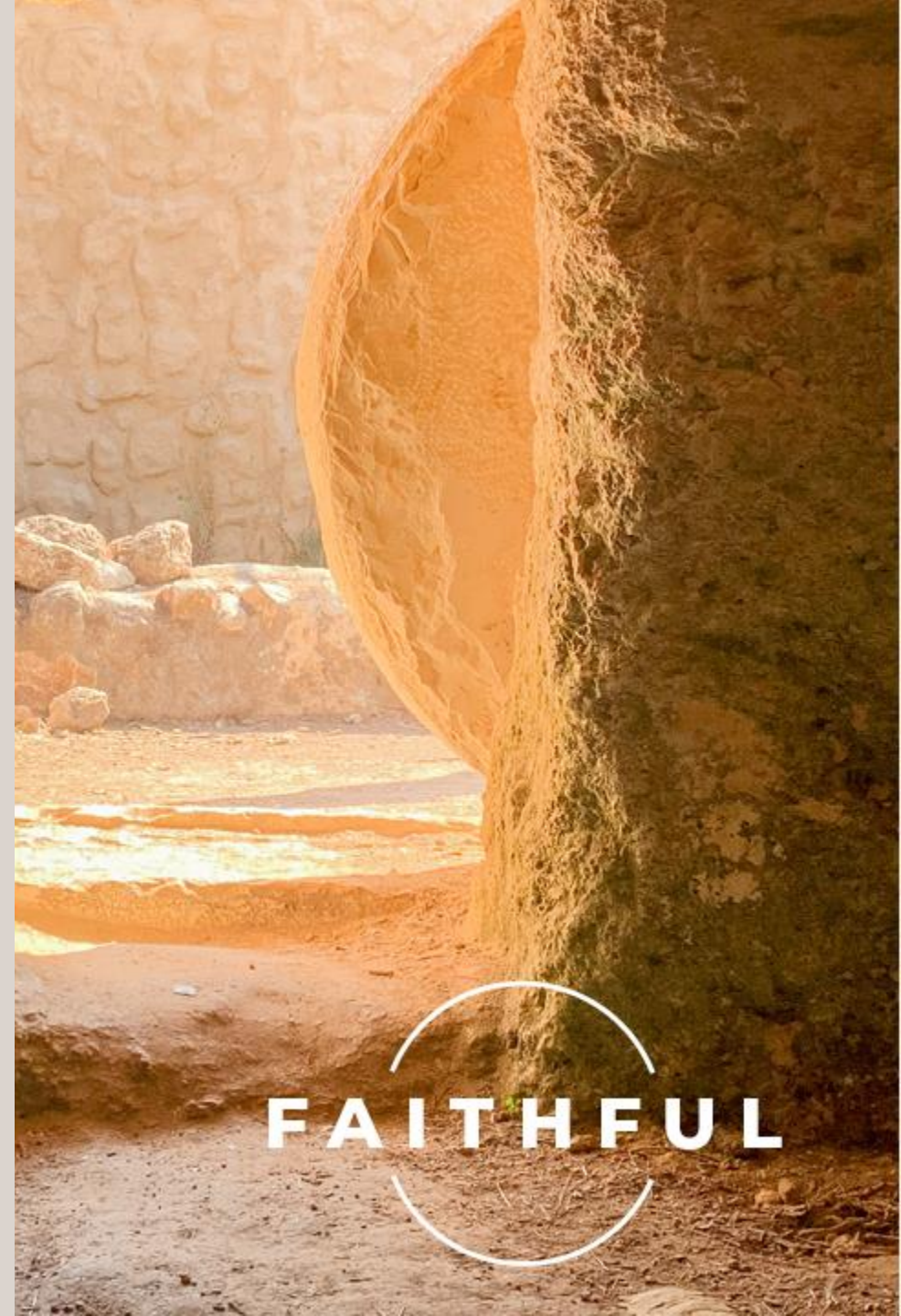
***Though you have not seen him, you love him;
and even though you do not see him now, you
believe in him and are filled with inexpressible
and glorious joy.***

1 Peter 1:8



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1. The Resurrected Body



11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"



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17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ***20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.***

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ***22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."***

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24 Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:11-29



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V16 – ‘Mary’

V17 – ‘Do not hold on to me’

V19 - Jesus came and stood among them

V20 - he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

V21 - he breathed

V27 – ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.’



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These things are recorded "So that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

John 20:31

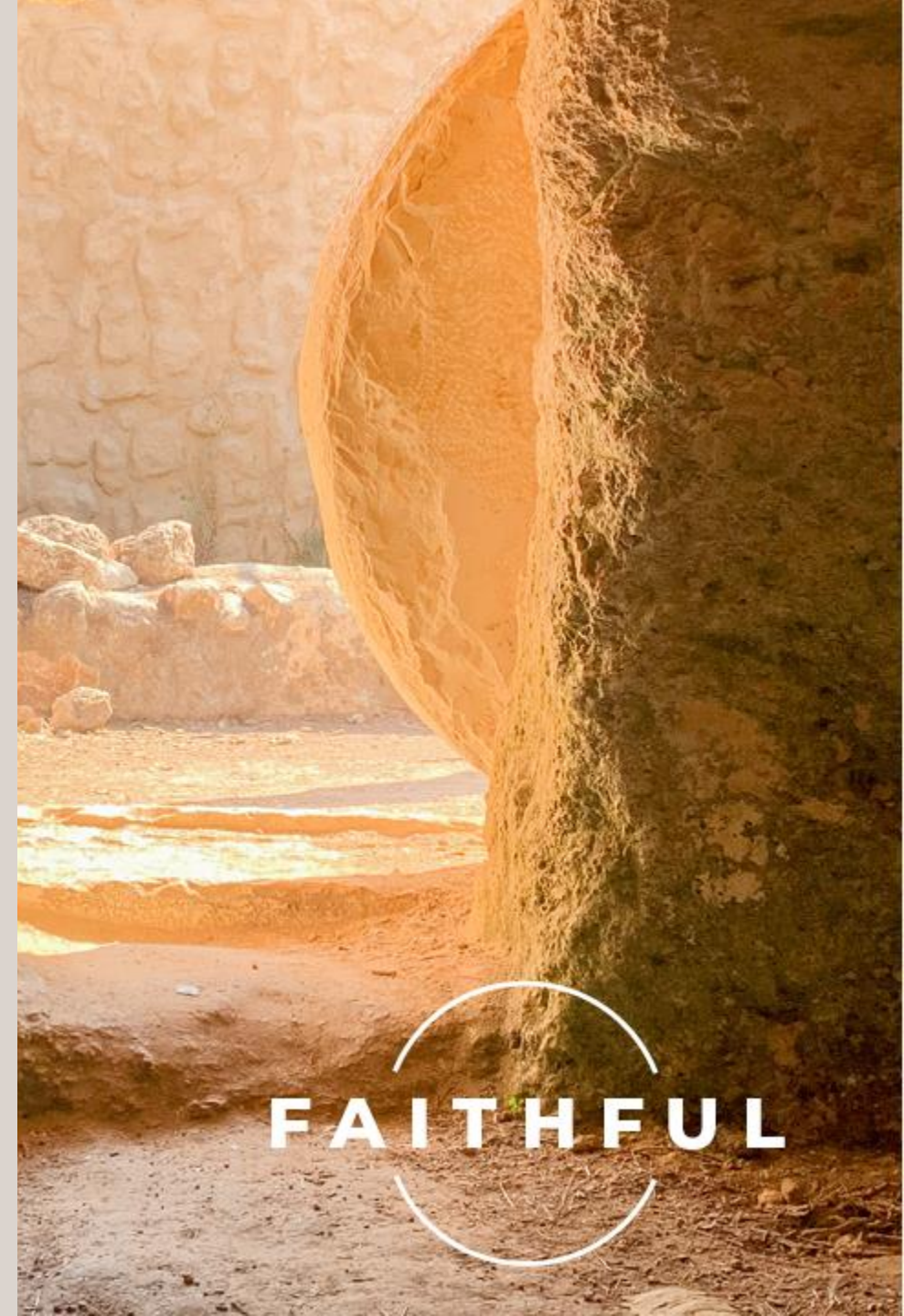
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He (Jesus) appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

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2. A sure and steady hope.



And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

1 Corinthians 15:17-19



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