




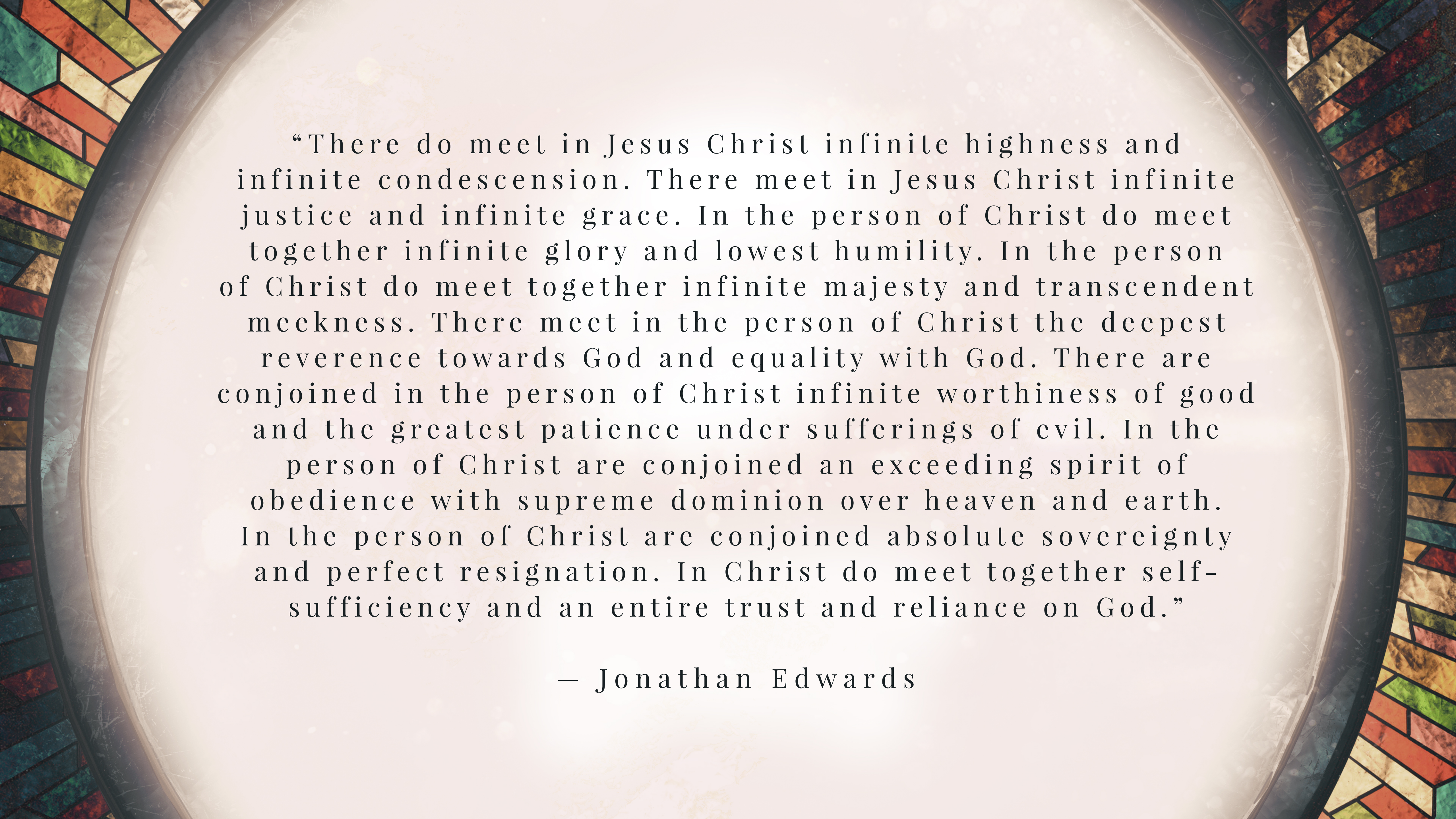
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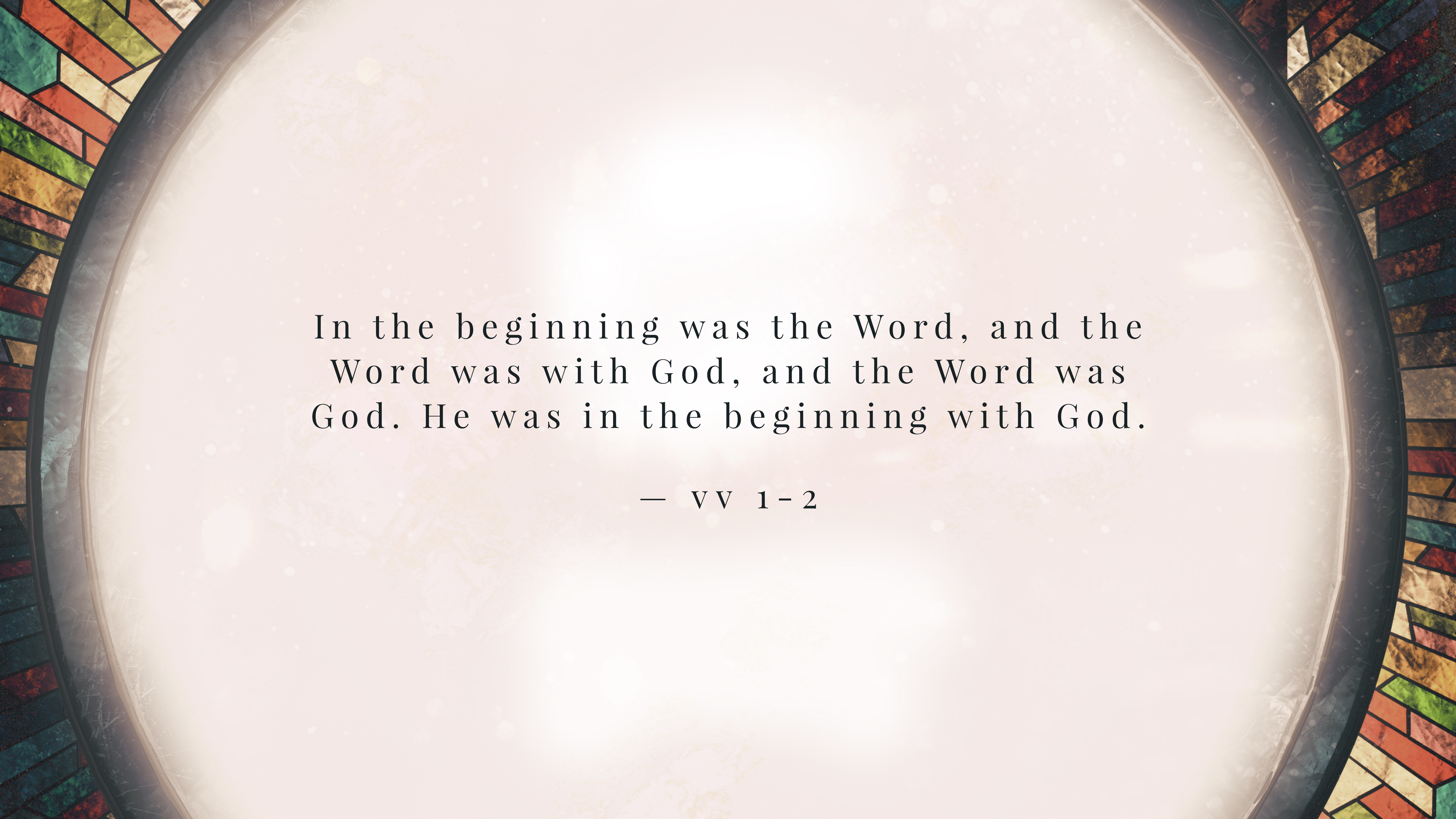
The Word Made Flesh

John 1:1-14



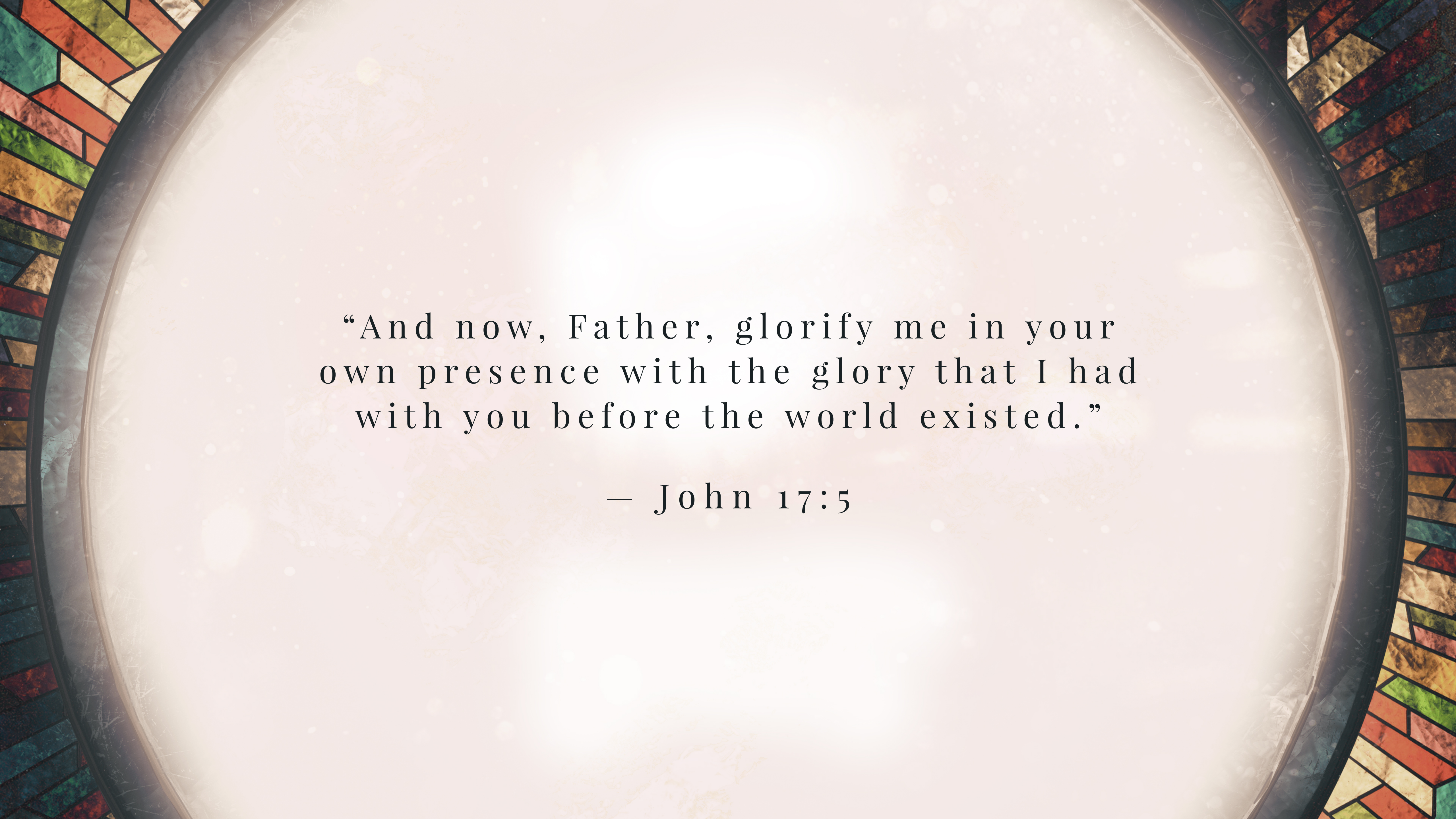
“There do meet in Jesus Christ infinite highness and infinite condescension. There meet in Jesus Christ infinite justice and infinite grace. In the person of Christ do meet together infinite glory and lowest humility. In the person of Christ do meet together infinite majesty and transcendent meekness. There meet in the person of Christ the deepest reverence towards God and equality with God. There are conjoined in the person of Christ infinite worthiness of good and the greatest patience under sufferings of evil. In the person of Christ are conjoined an exceeding spirit of obedience with supreme dominion over heaven and earth. In the person of Christ are conjoined absolute sovereignty and perfect resignation. In Christ do meet together self-sufficiency and an entire trust and reliance on God.”

— Jonathan Edwards



In the beginning was the Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word was
God. He was in the beginning with God.

— V V 1 - 2



“And now, Father, glorify me in your
own presence with the glory that I had
with you before the world existed.”

— John 17:5



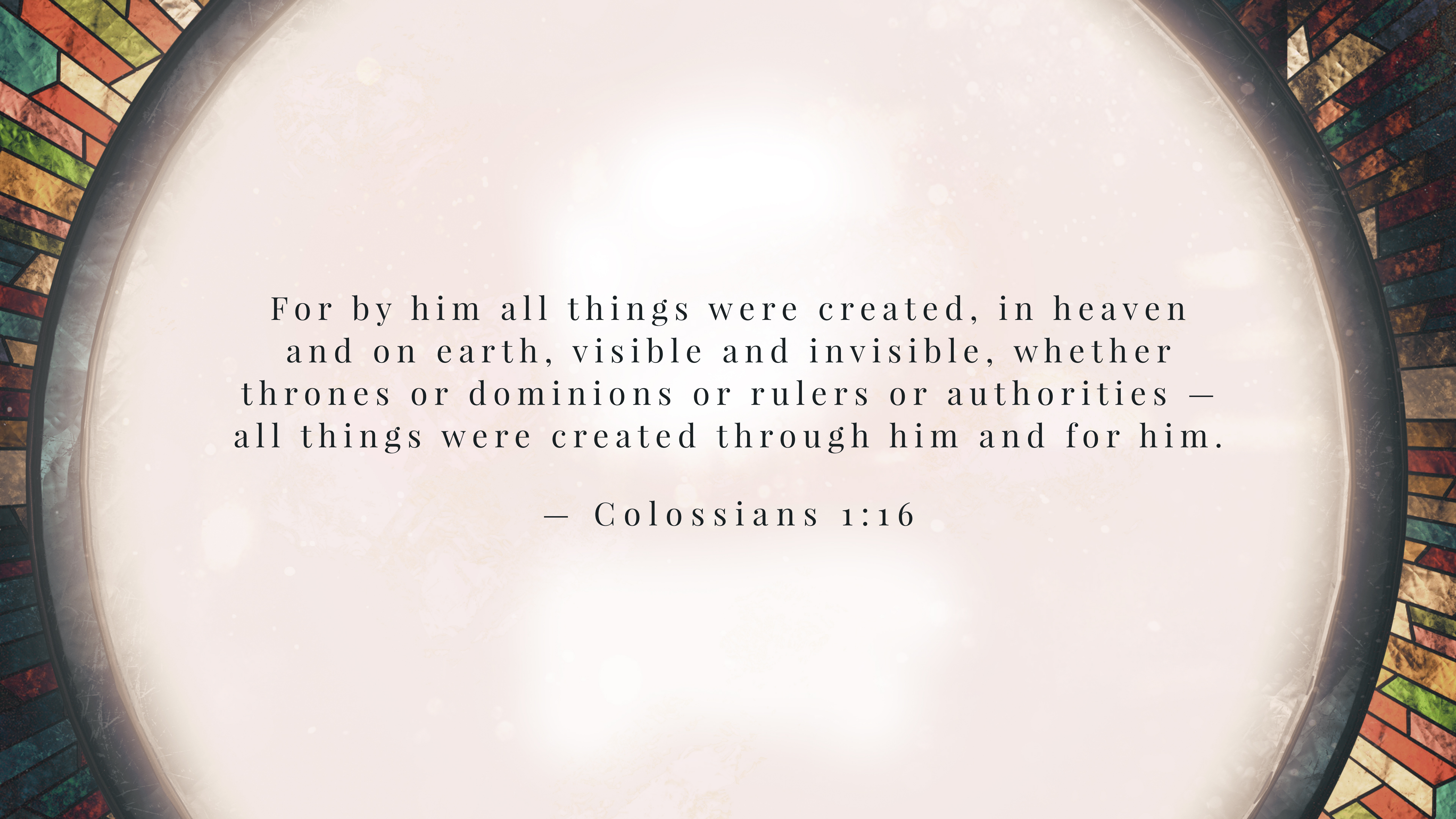
All things were made through him, and without
him was not any thing made that was made.

— V S 3



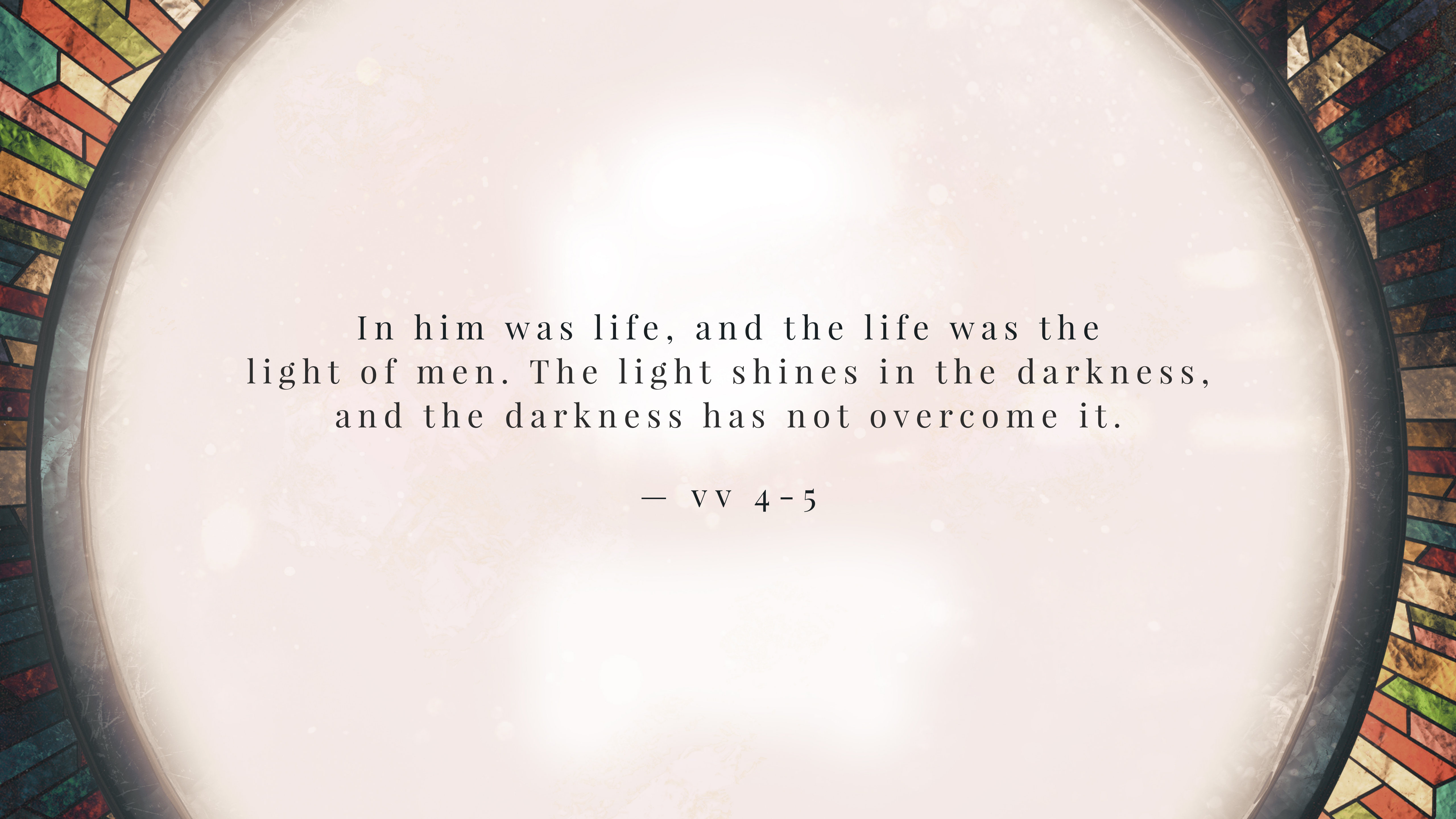
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

— Psalm 33:6



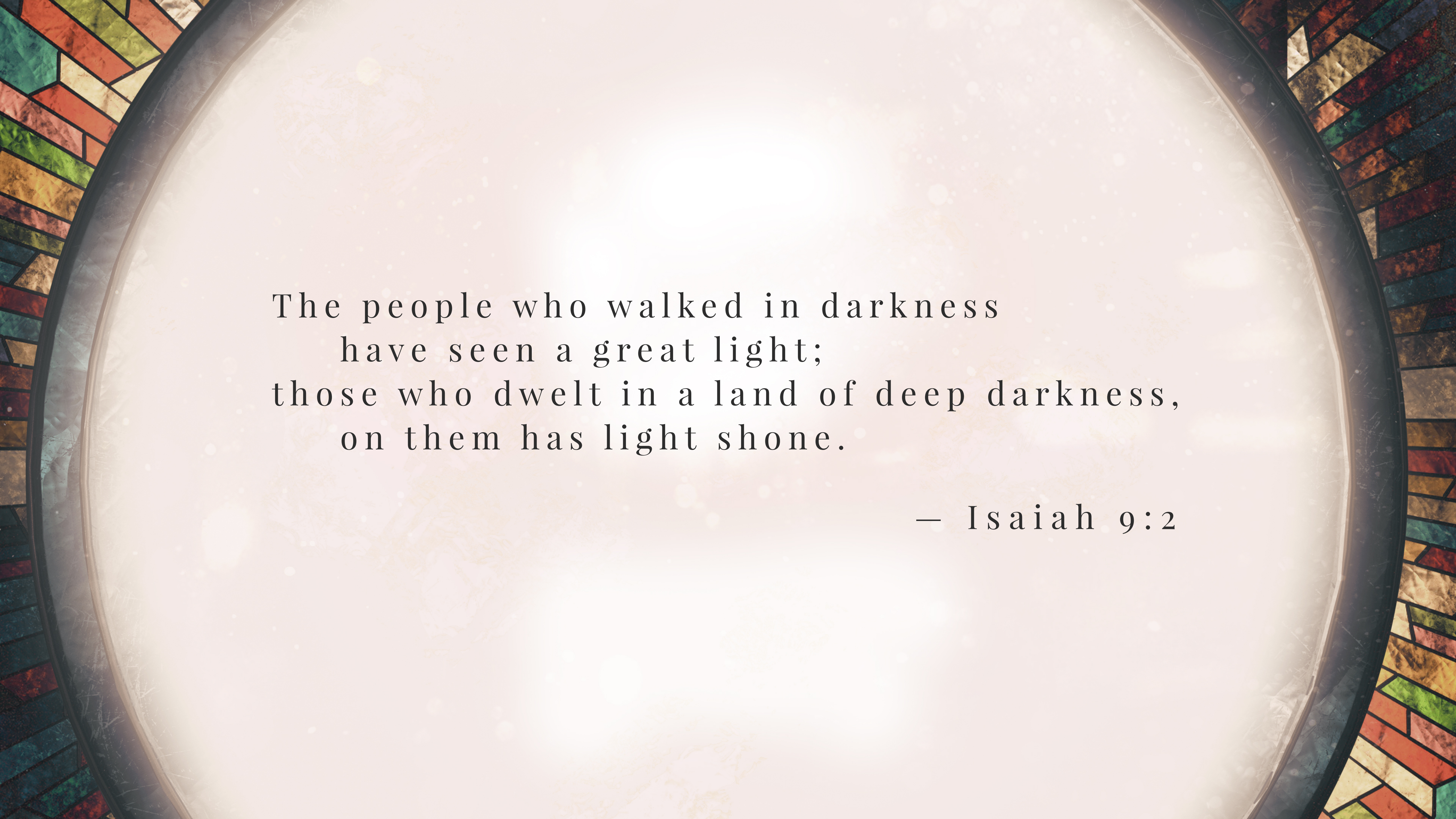
For by him all things were created, in heaven
and on earth, visible and invisible, whether
thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities —
all things were created through him and for him.

— Colossians 1:16



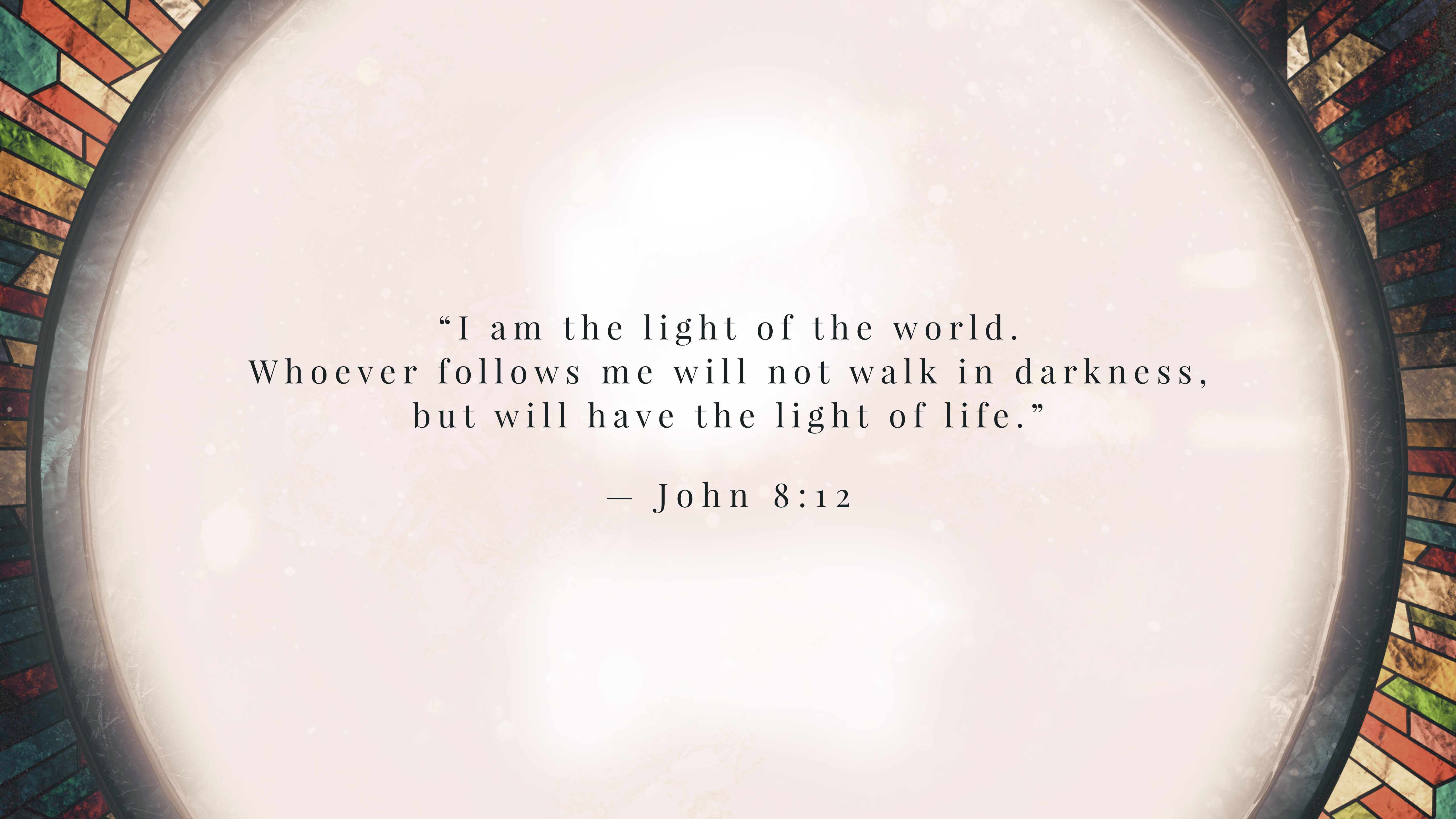
In him was life, and the life was the
light of men. The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— vv 4 - 5



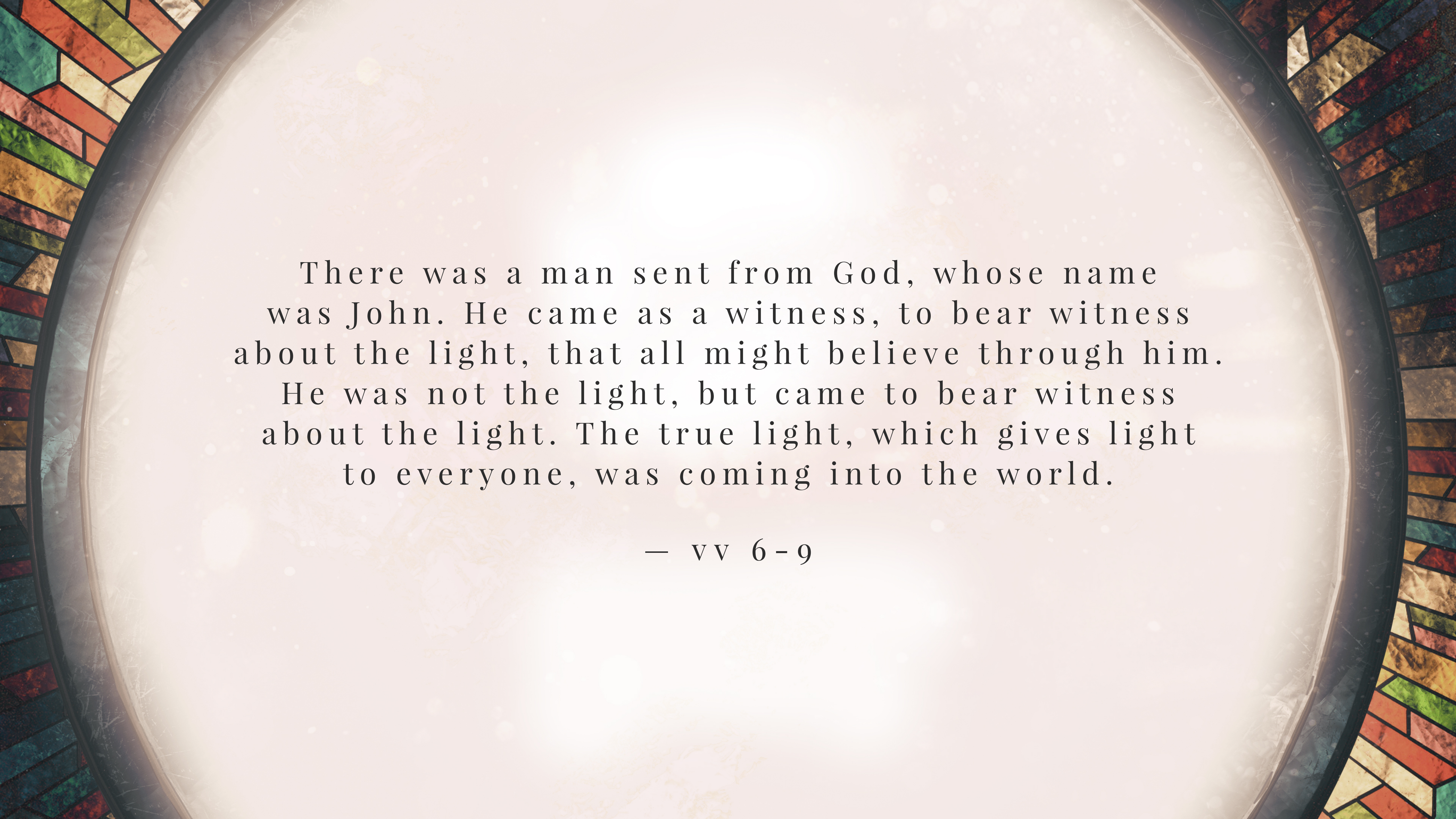
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

— Isaiah 9:2



“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.”

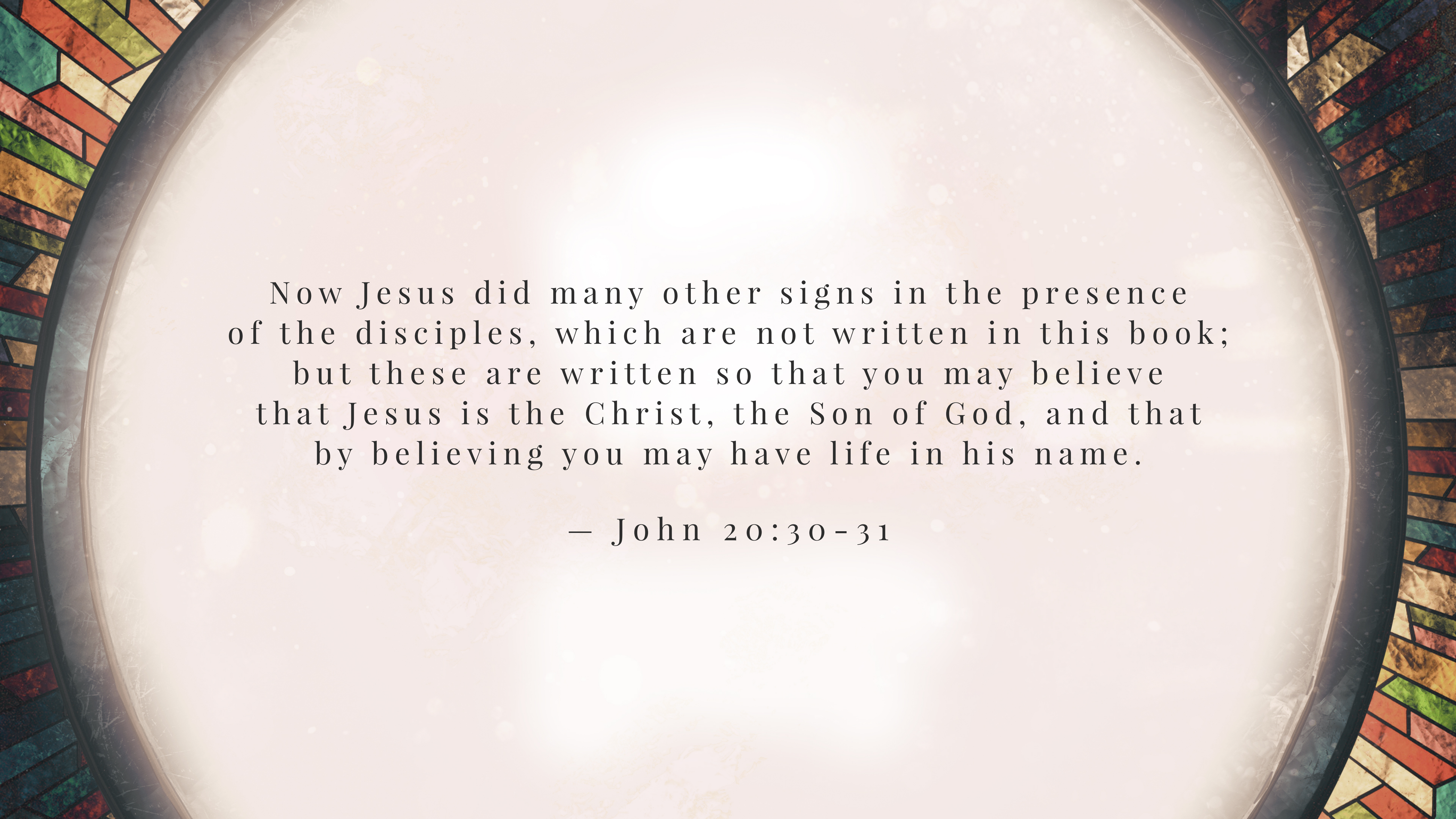
— John 8:12



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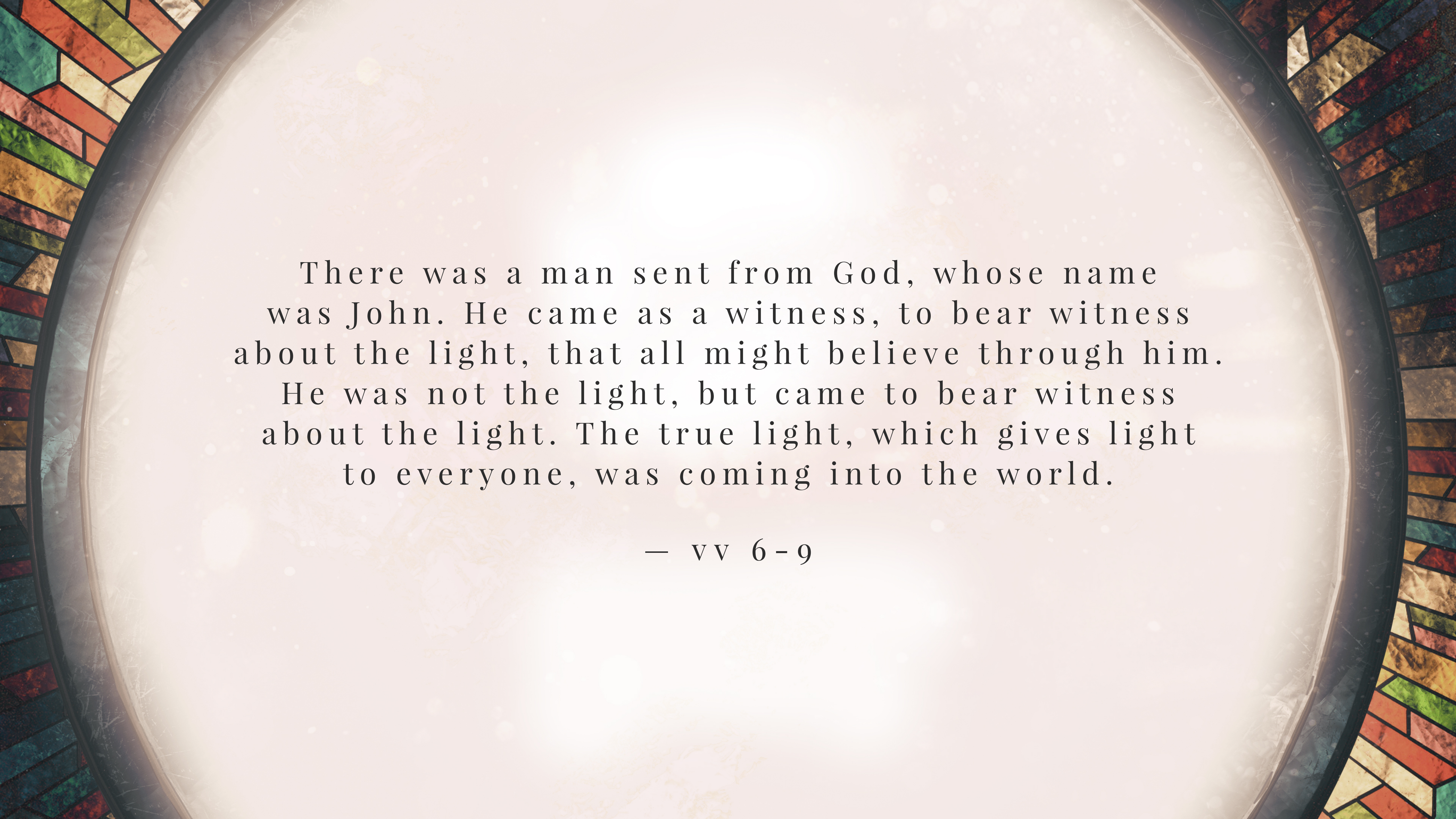
He was not the light, but came to bear witness
about the light. The true light, which gives light
to everyone, was coming into the world.

— vv 6 - 9



Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence
of the disciples, which are not written in this book;
but these are written so that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
by believing you may have life in his name.

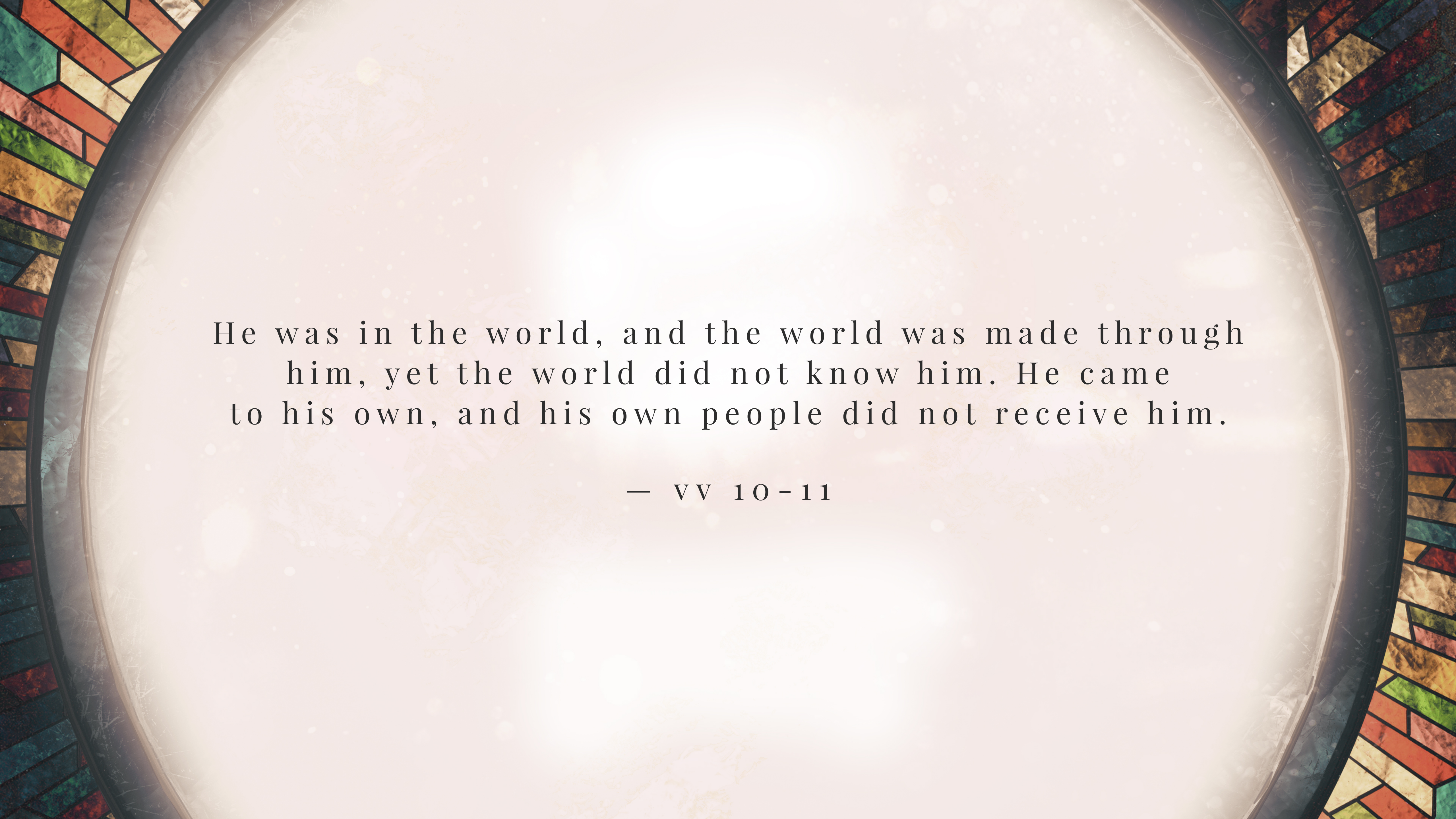
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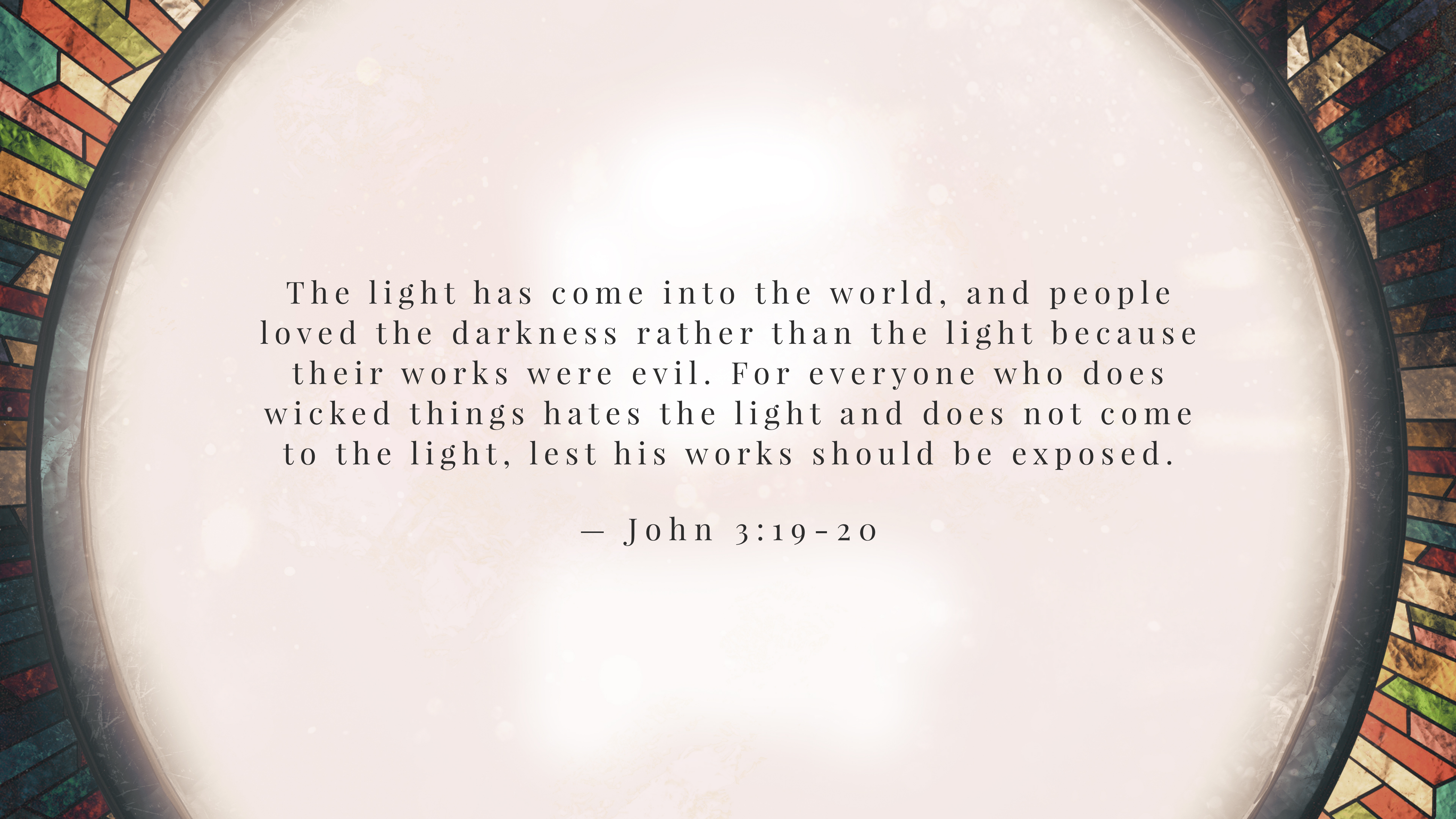
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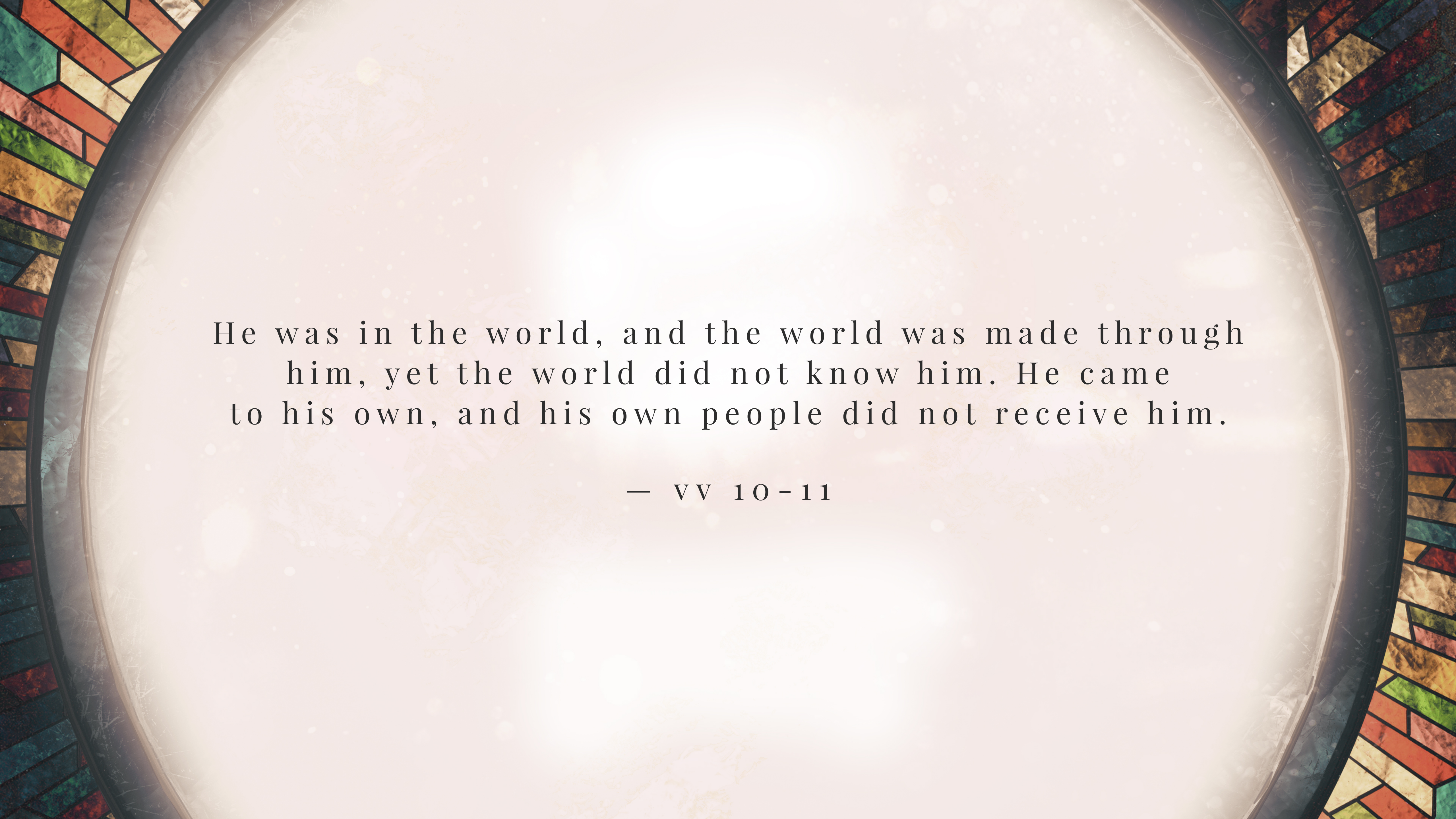
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— VV 10-11



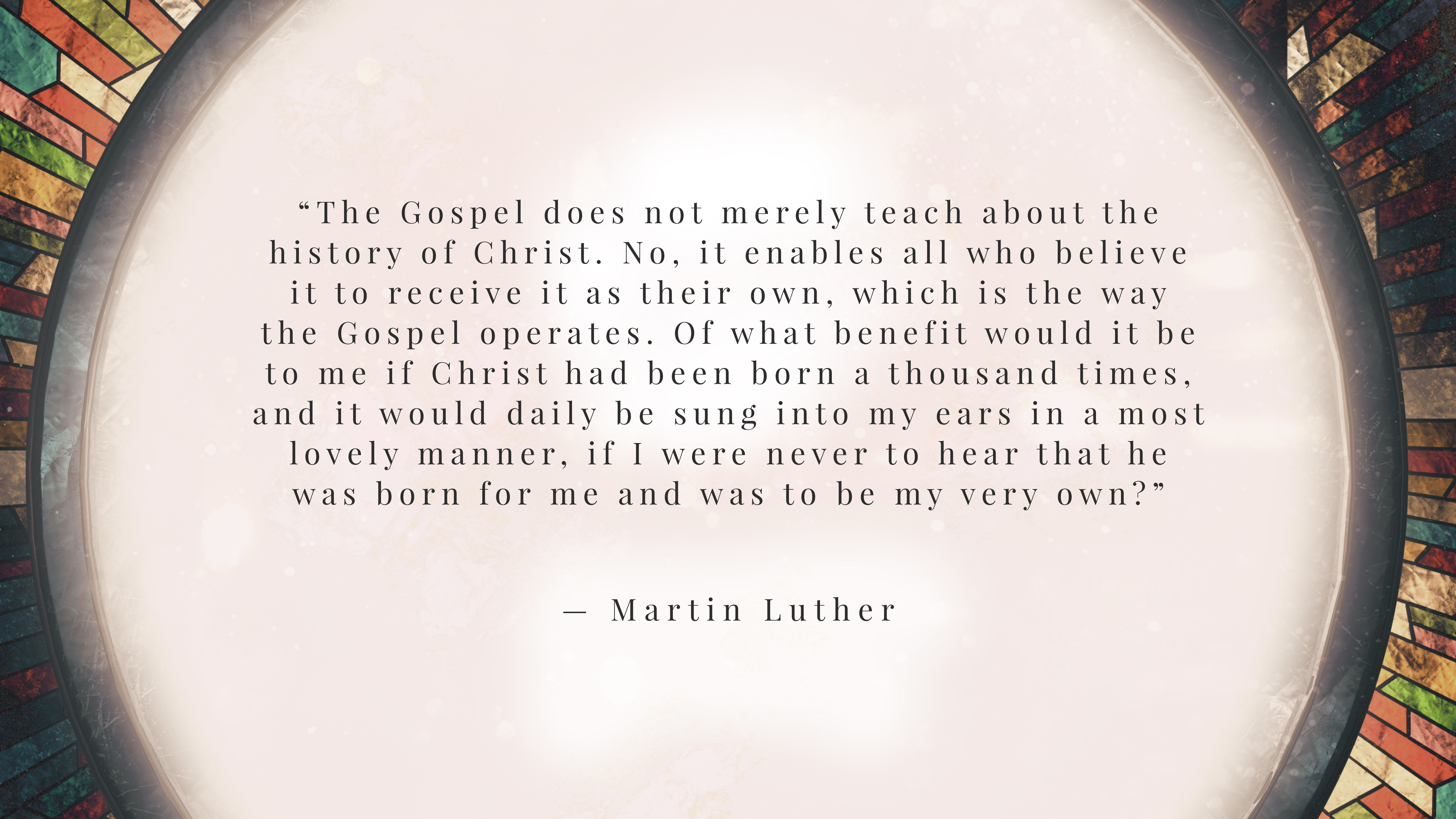
The light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

— John 3:19-20



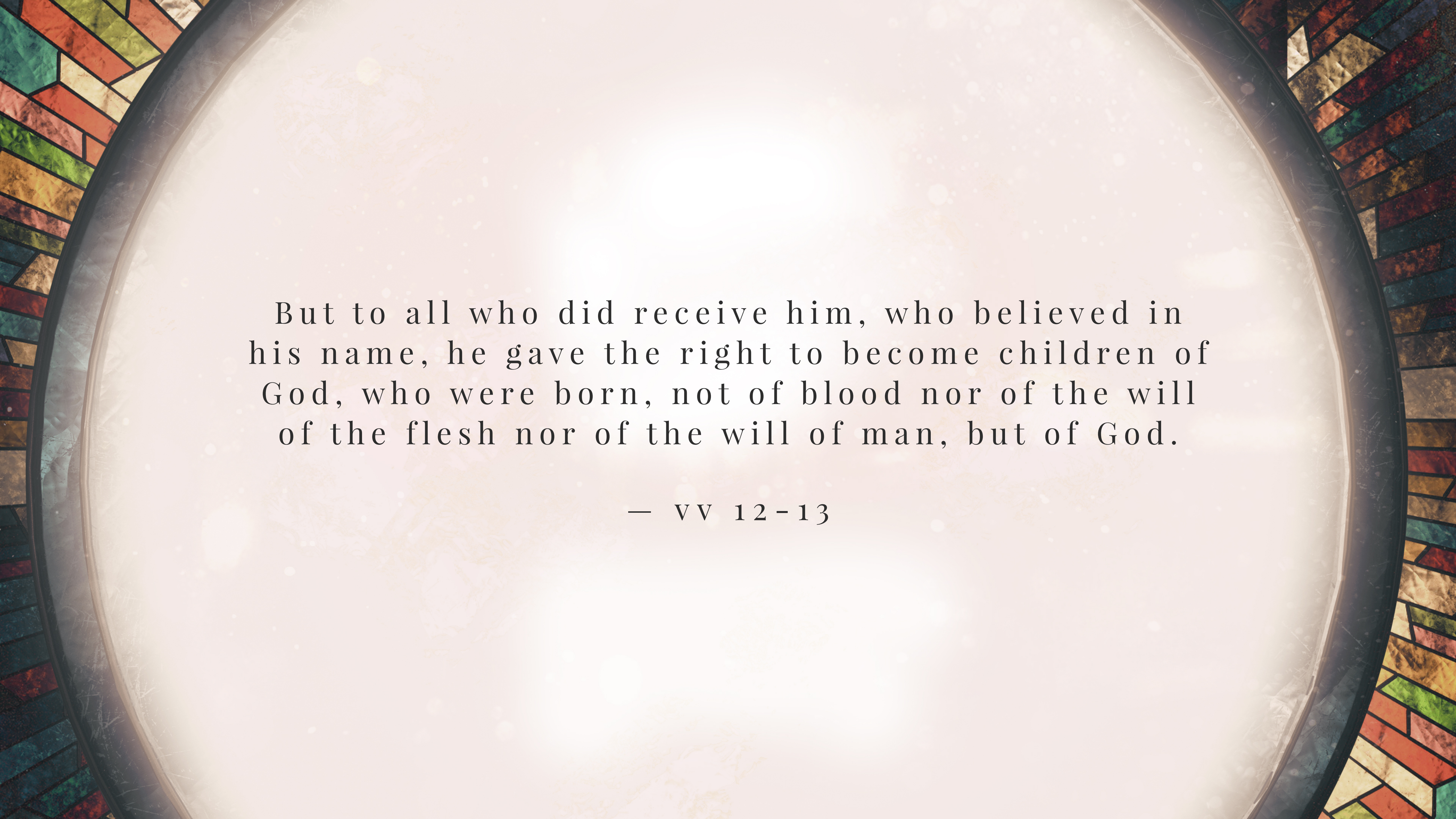
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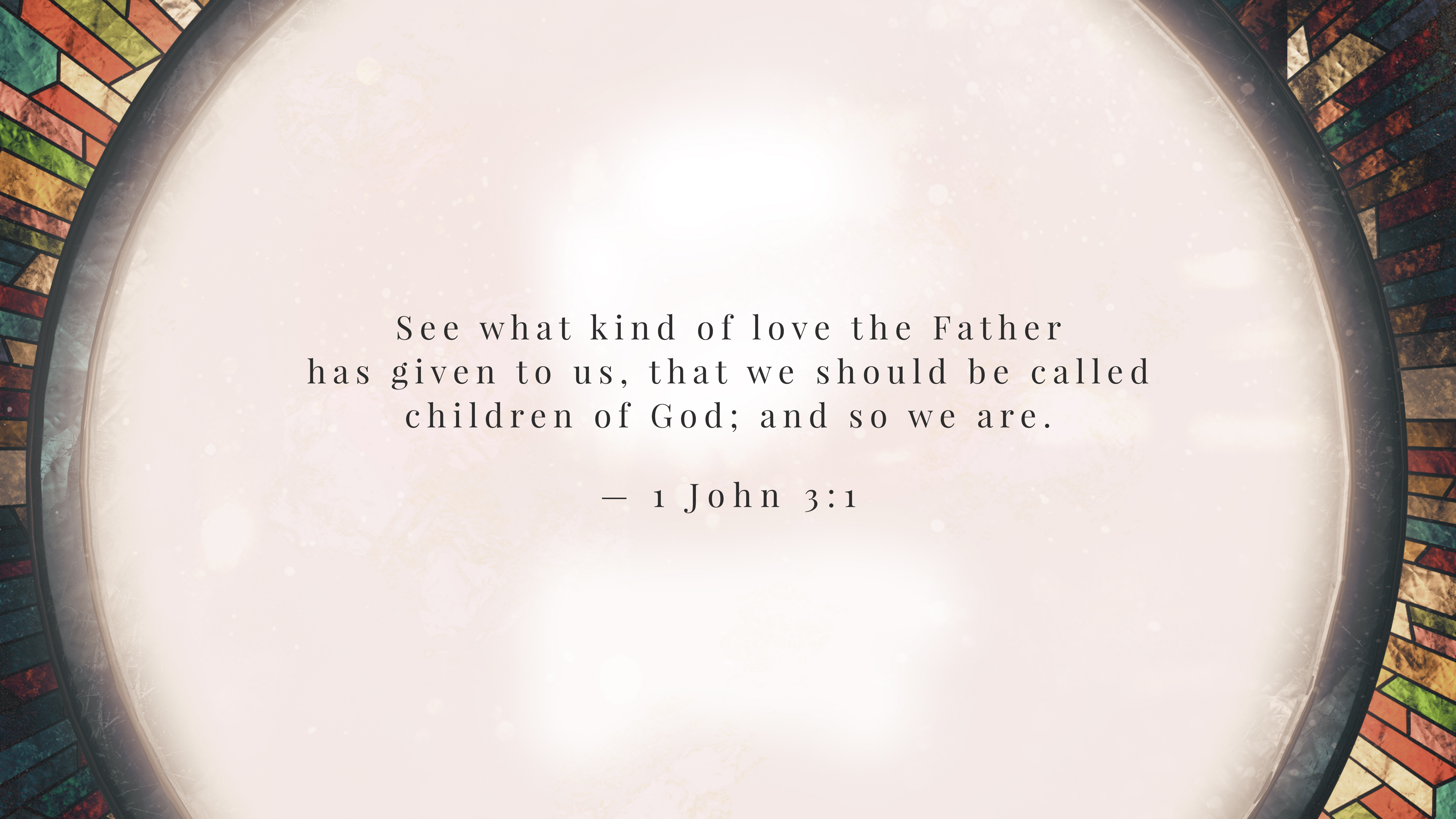
“The Gospel does not merely teach about the history of Christ. No, it enables all who believe it to receive it as their own, which is the way the Gospel operates. Of what benefit would it be to me if Christ had been born a thousand times, and it would daily be sung into my ears in a most lovely manner, if I were never to hear that he was born for me and was to be my very own?”

— Martin Luther



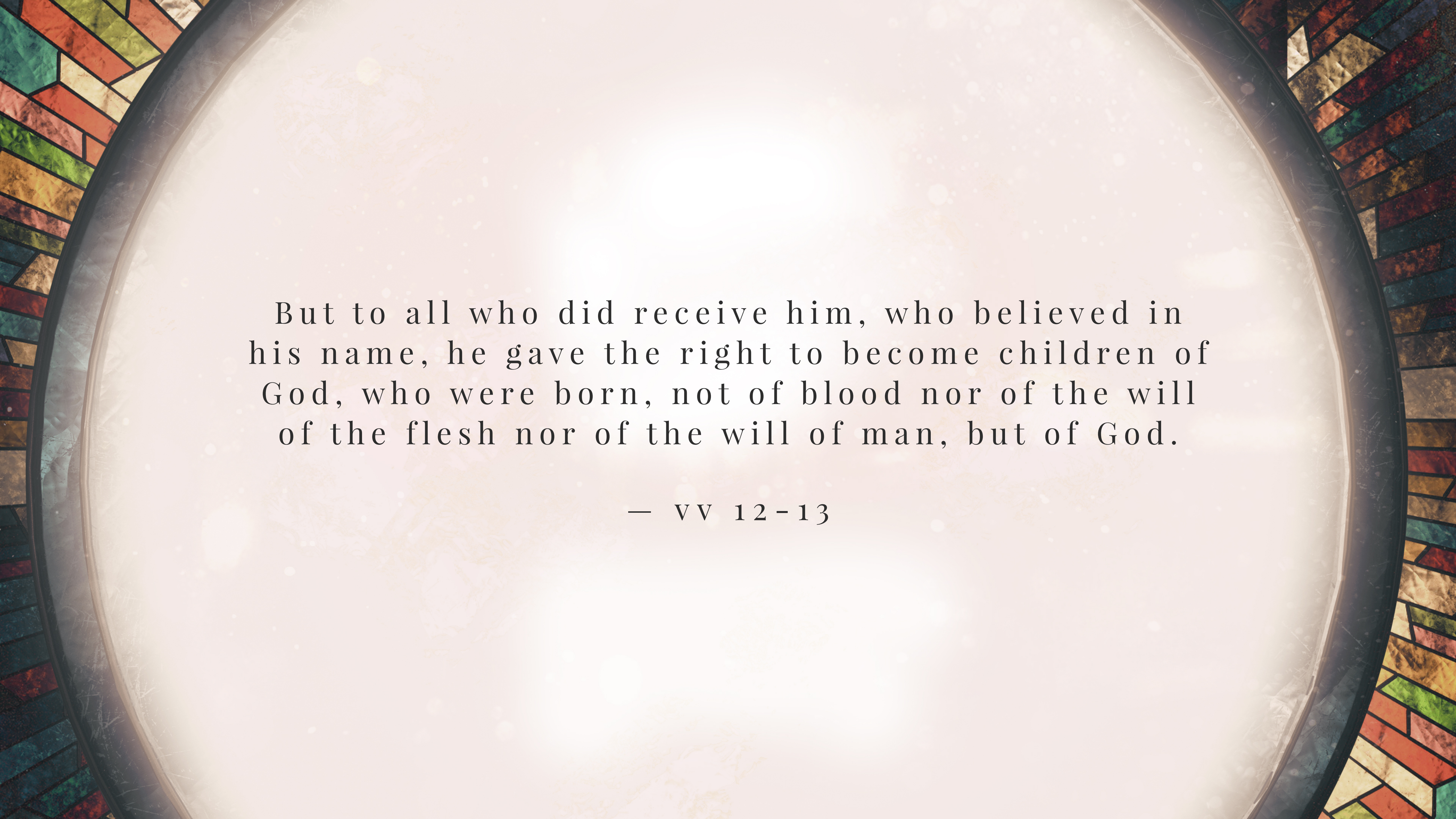
But to all who did receive him, who believed in
his name, he gave the right to become children of
God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will
of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

— V V 12 - 13



See what kind of love the Father
has given to us, that we should be called
children of God; and so we are.

— 1 John 3:1



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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only
Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

— V S 14



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