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Faith is the Victory

1 John 5:1-5,12

What is the **heart** of
a mature
child of God?

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1 Everyone who believes that Jesus
is the Christ has been born of God,

and everyone who loves the Father
loves whoever has been born of him.

1 John 5:1 (ESV) (p.1/4)

2 By this we know that we love
the children of God,

when we love God
and obey his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God,
that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV) (p.2/4)

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

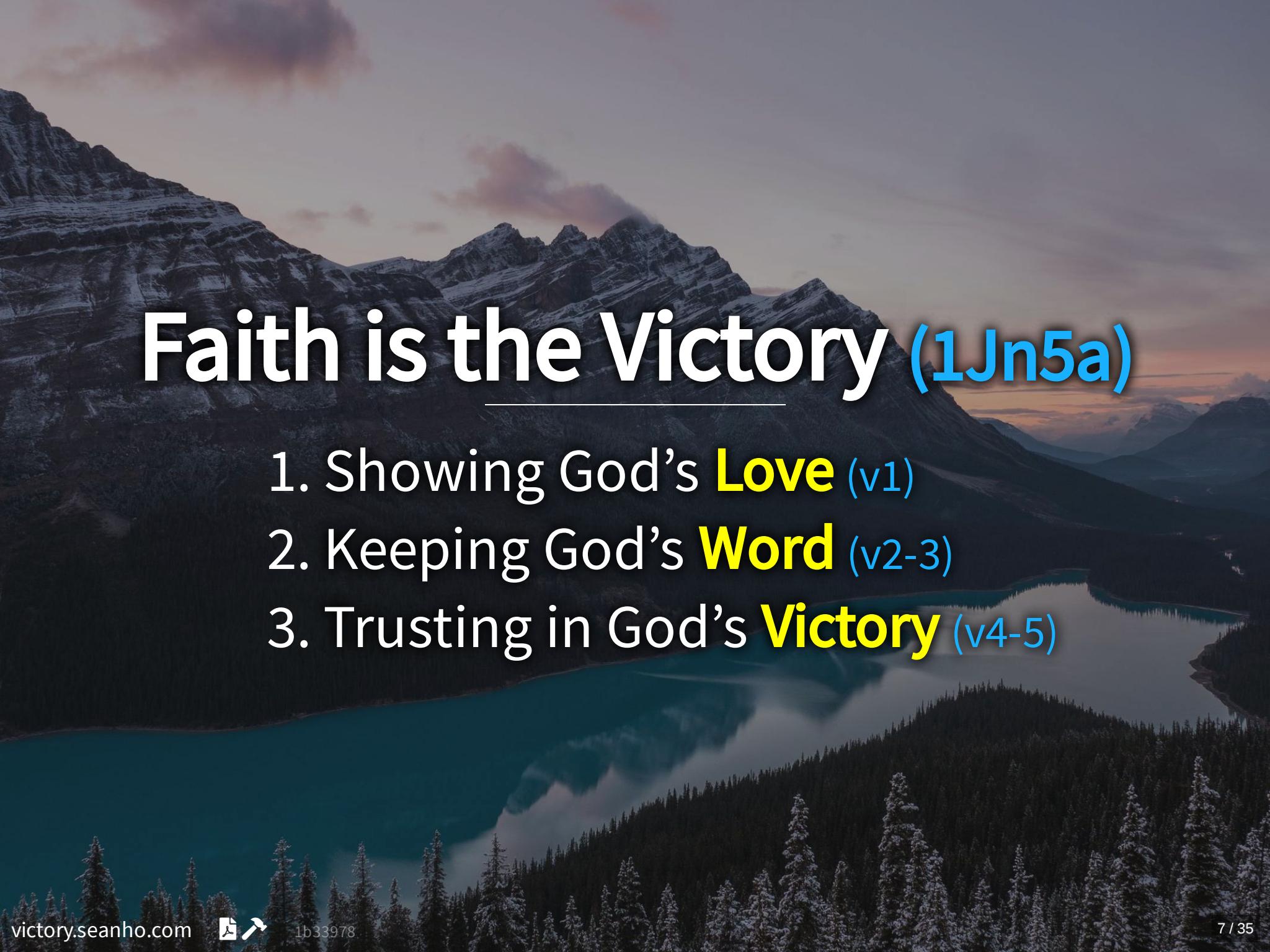
And this is the victory
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5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:4-5 (ESV) (p.3/4)

12 Whoever has the Son has life;
whoever does not have the Son of God
does not have life.

1 John 5:12 (ESV) (p.4/4)

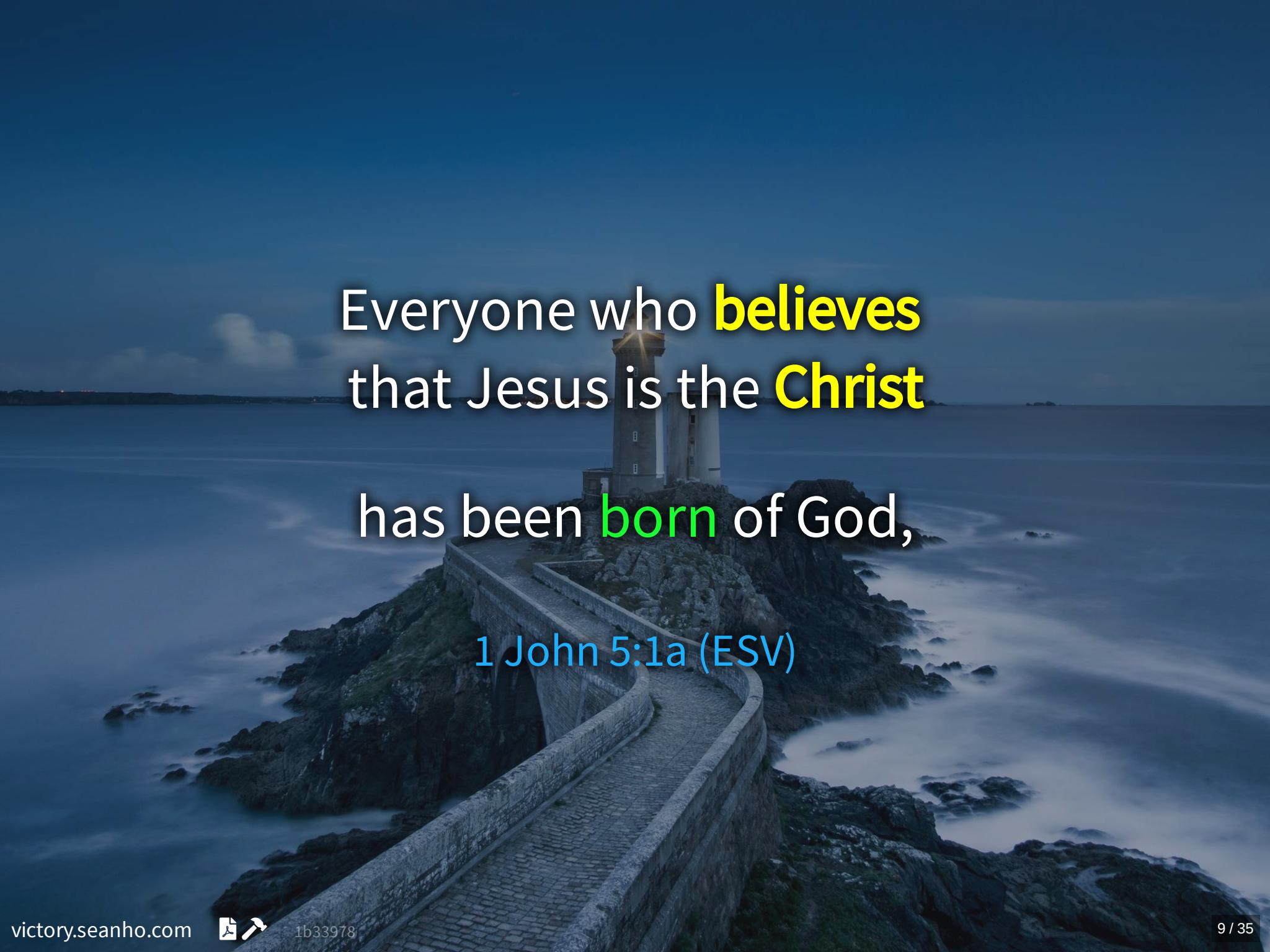
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Faith is the Victory (1Jn5a)

1. Showing God's **Love** (v1)
2. Keeping God's **Word** (v2-3)
3. Trusting in God's **Victory** (v4-5)

Reasons to Love God's Children

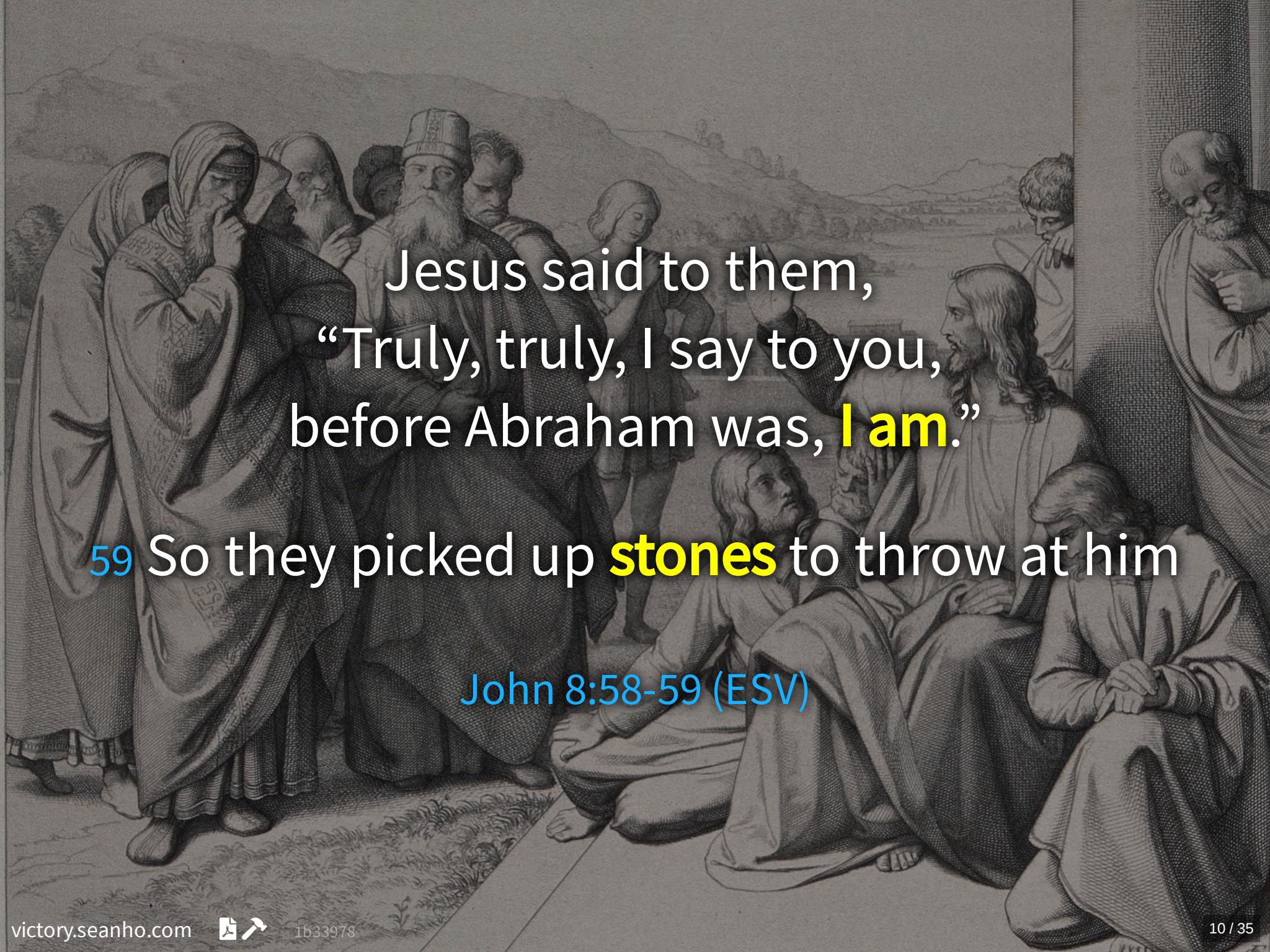
- To be more **godly** (4:7)
- Because God **first** loved us (4:11,19)
- It is **easier** than loving the unseen God (4:20)
- It is God's **command** (4:21)
- They are **born** of God (5:1)

A photograph of a lighthouse situated on a rugged, rocky cliff. A stone walkway leads from the foreground up towards the lighthouse. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn, with some wispy clouds. The lighthouse itself is illuminated, casting a warm glow. The ocean waves are visible crashing against the rocks below.

Everyone who **believes**
that Jesus is the **Christ**

has been **born** of God,

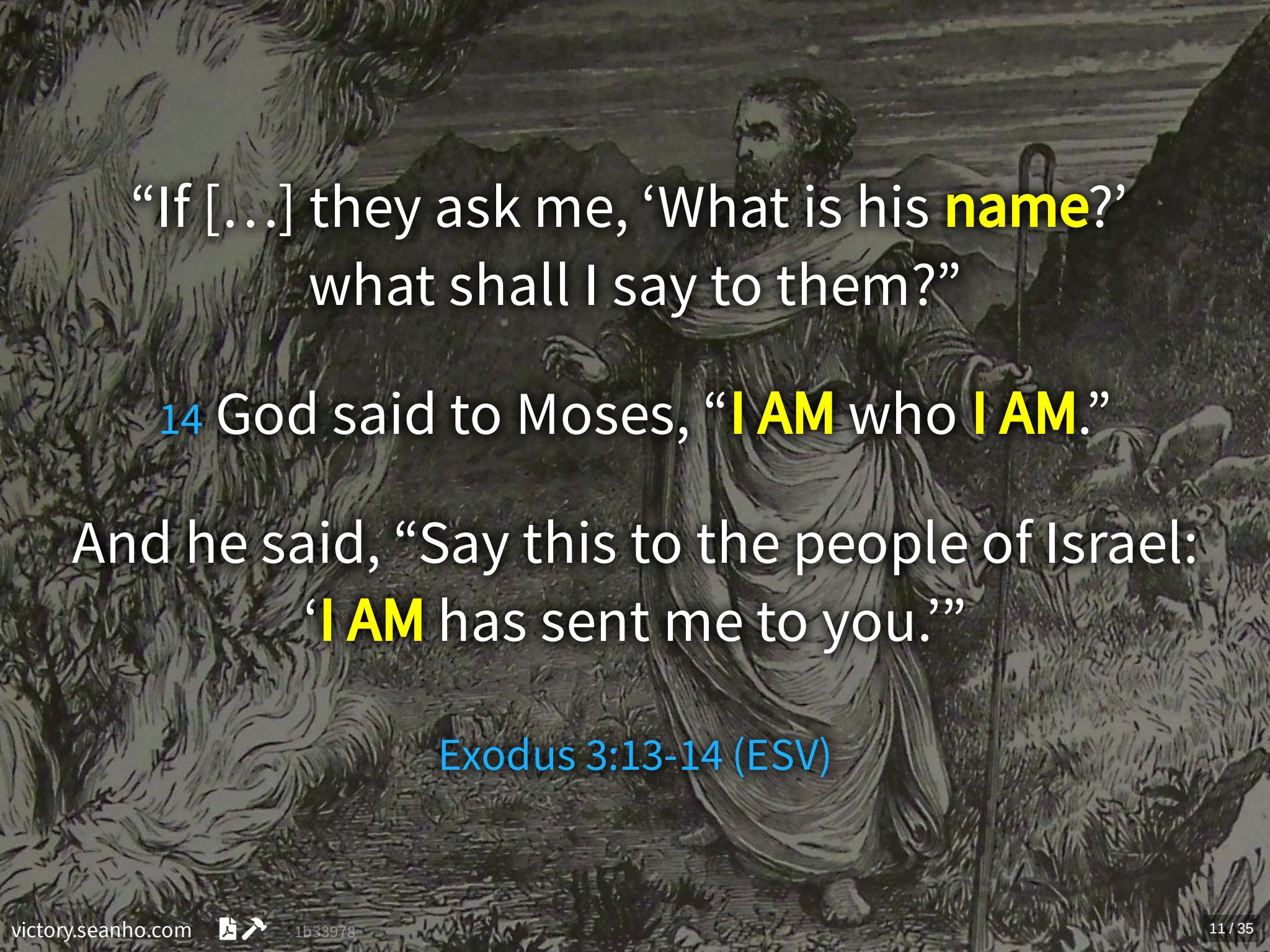
1 John 5:1a (ESV)



Jesus said to them,
“Truly, truly, I say to you,
before Abraham was, **I am.**”

59 So they picked up **stones** to throw at him

John 8:58-59 (ESV)

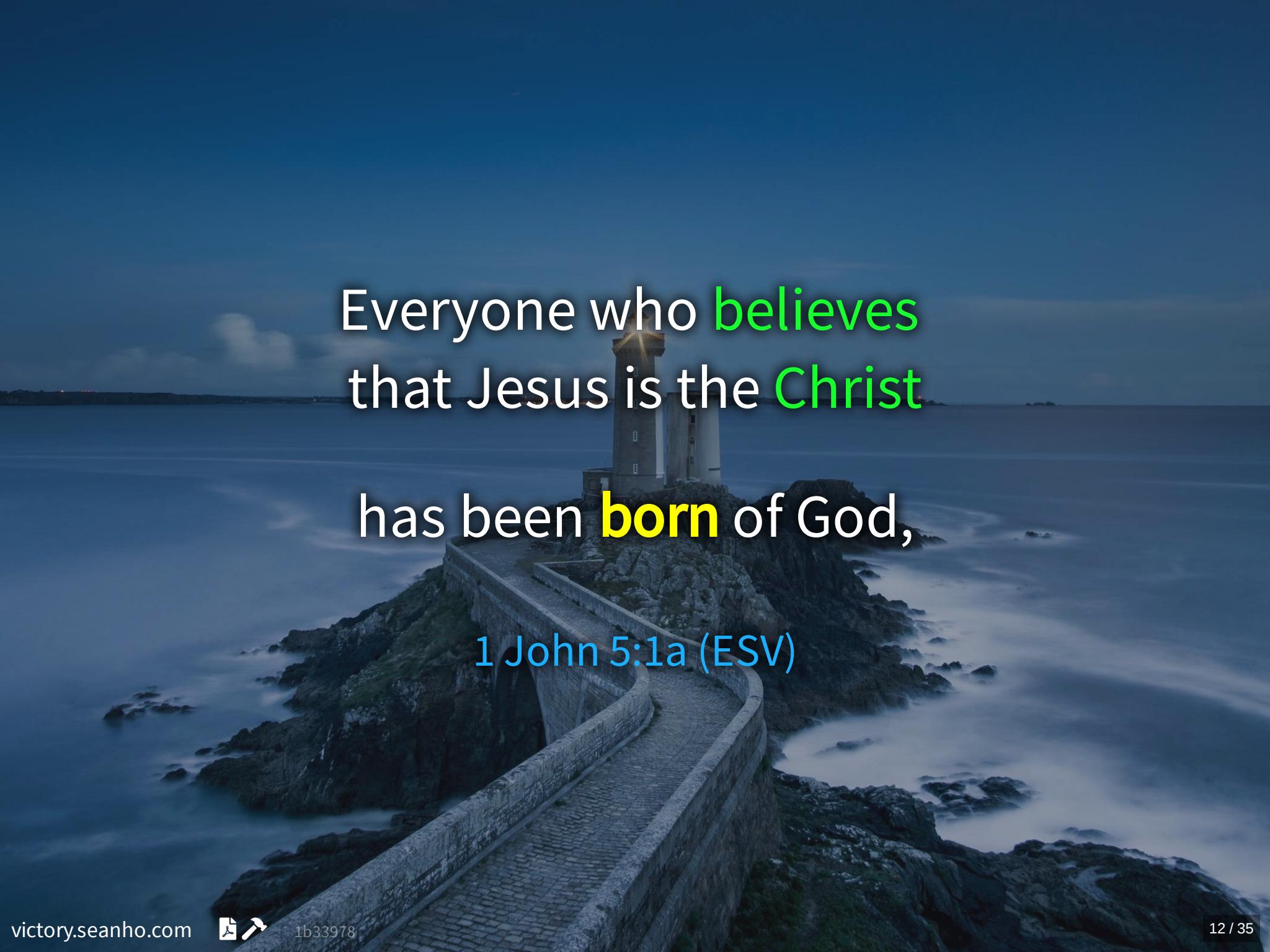


“If [...] they ask me, ‘What is his **name**?’
what shall I say to them?”

14 God said to Moses, “**I AM** who **I AM**.”

And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel:
‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

Exodus 3:13-14 (ESV)

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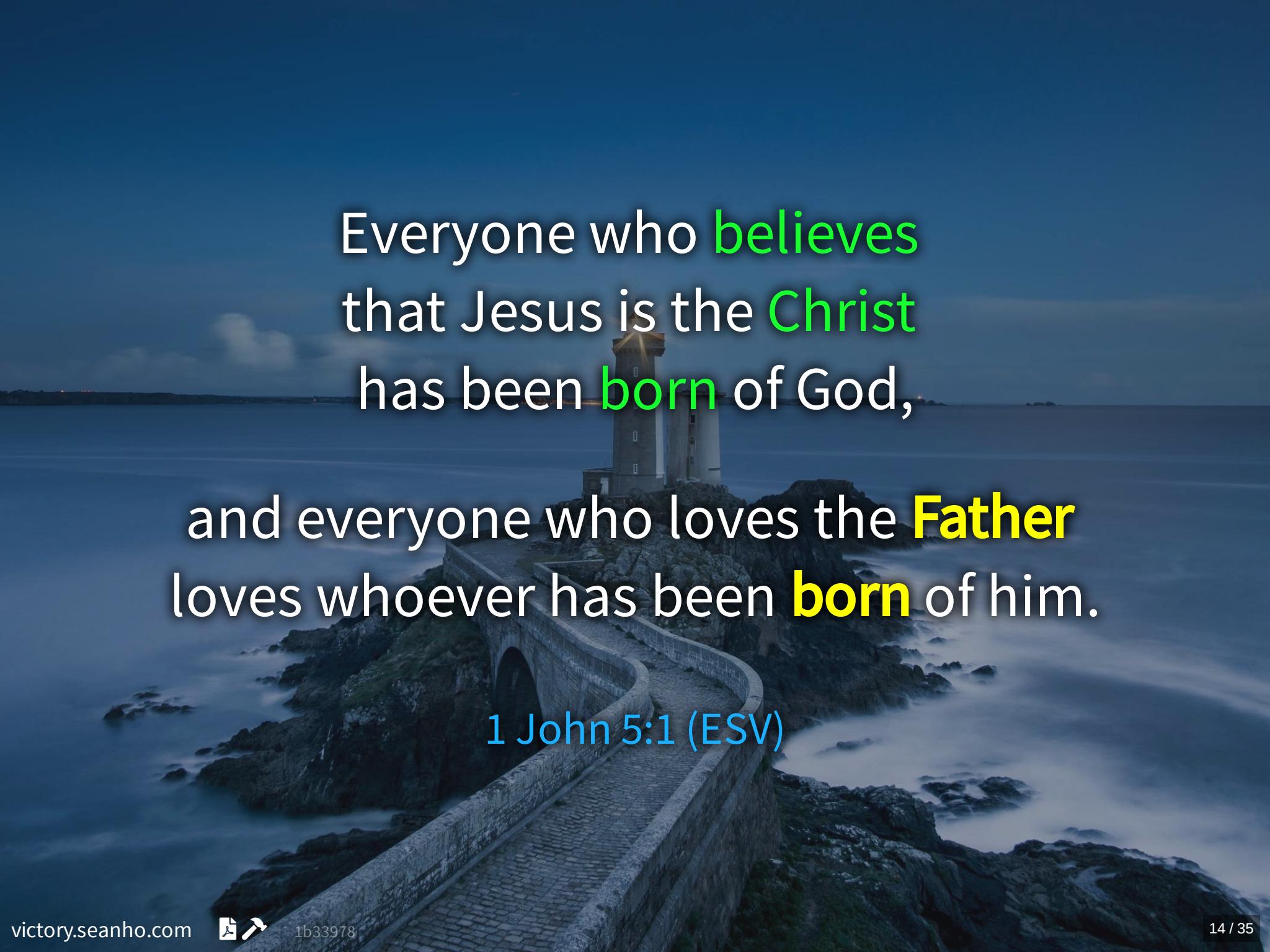
1 John 5:1a (ESV)



God sent forth his **Son**, [...]
5 to **redeem** those who were under the law,
so that we might receive **adoption** as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent
the **Spirit** of his Son into our hearts,
crying, “**Abba! Father!**”

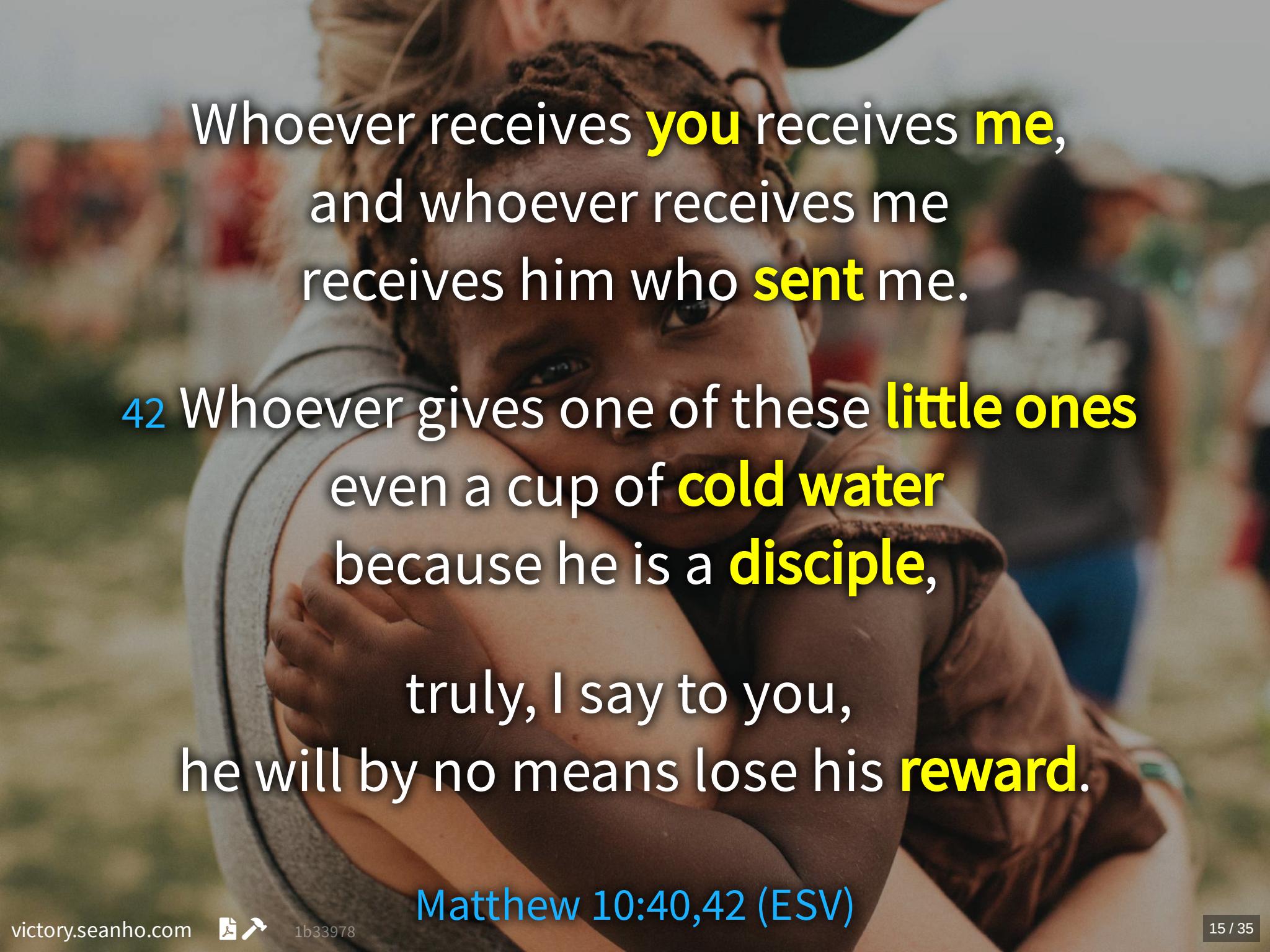
Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

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that Jesus is the **Christ**
has been **born** of God,

and everyone who loves the **Father**
loves whoever has been **born** of him.

1 John 5:1 (ESV)



Whoever receives **you** receives **me**,
and whoever receives me
receives him who **sent** me.

42 Whoever gives one of these **little ones**
even a cup of **cold water**
because he is a **disciple**,

truly, I say to you,
he will by no means lose his **reward**.

Matthew 10:40,42 (ESV)

Why should I love
the children
of God?

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Faith is the Victory (1Jn5a)

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A photograph of a coastal landscape at night. In the center, a tall, illuminated lighthouse stands on a rocky cliff. A long, curved stone walkway leads from the foreground up towards the lighthouse. The sea is visible on both sides, with waves crashing against the rocks. The sky is dark with some clouds. The overall atmosphere is serene and spiritual.

By this we **know** that
we love the children of God,
when we **love** God
and **obey** his commandments.

1 John 5:2 (ESV)

A photograph of a lighthouse perched on a rocky cliff at night. The lighthouse is illuminated, casting a bright beam of light over the dark, choppy water below. A stone walkway leads up to the lighthouse from the bottom left. The sky is dark and filled with clouds.

For this is the **love** of God,
that we **keep** his commandments.

And his commandments
are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 (ESV)



[Love] does not rejoice at **wrongdoing**,
but rejoices with the **truth**.

1 Corinthians 13:6

If anyone **loves** me, he will **keep** my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our **home** with him.

24 Whoever does **not** love me
does not keep my words.

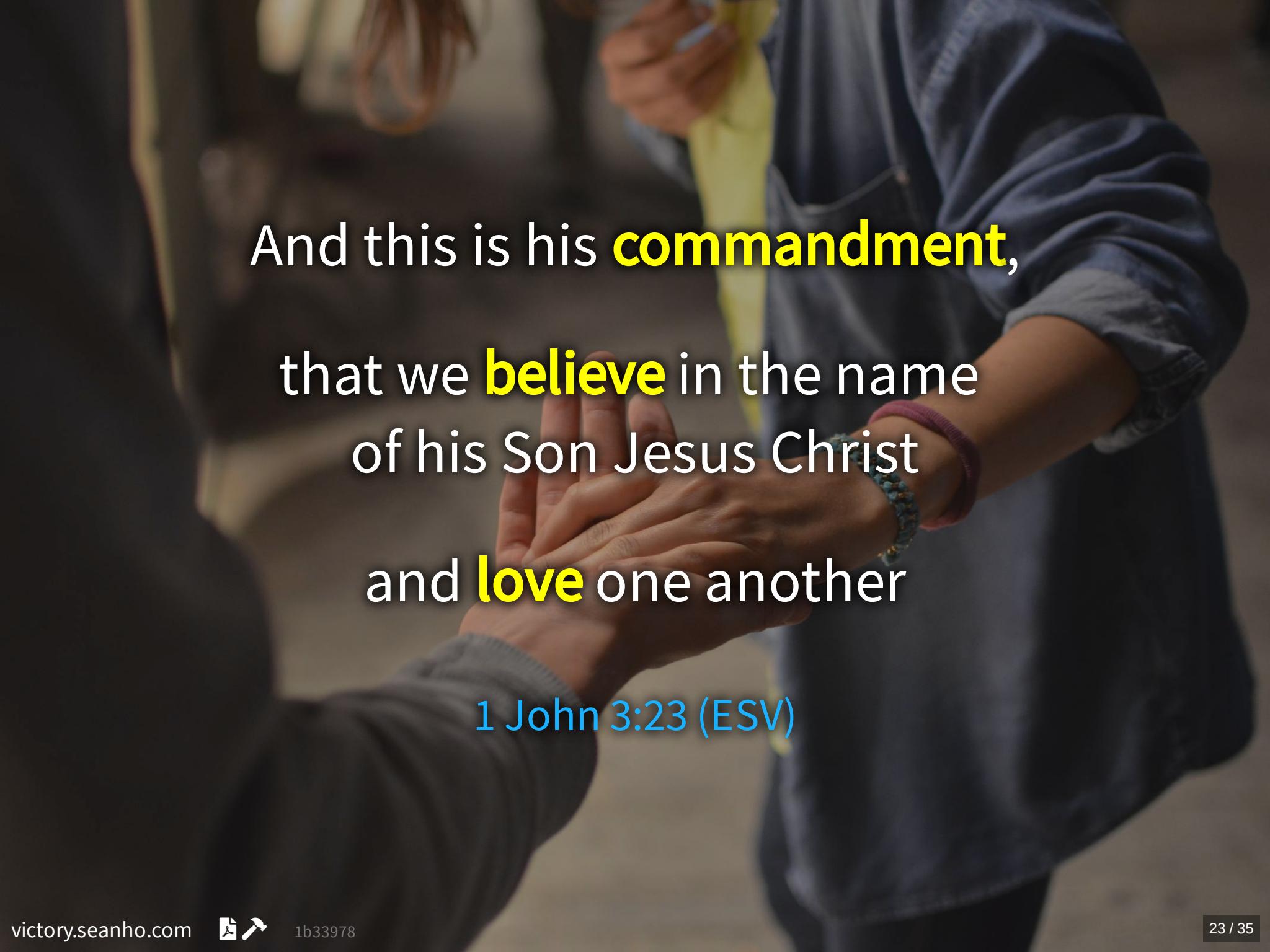
John 14:23-24 (ESV)

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For this is the **love** of God,
that we **keep** his commandments.

And his commandments
are not **burdensome**.

1 John 5:3 (ESV)



And this is his **commandment**,
that we **believe** in the name
of his Son Jesus Christ
and **love** one another

1 John 3:23 (ESV)

In my **love**
for others,
do I treasure
God's Word?

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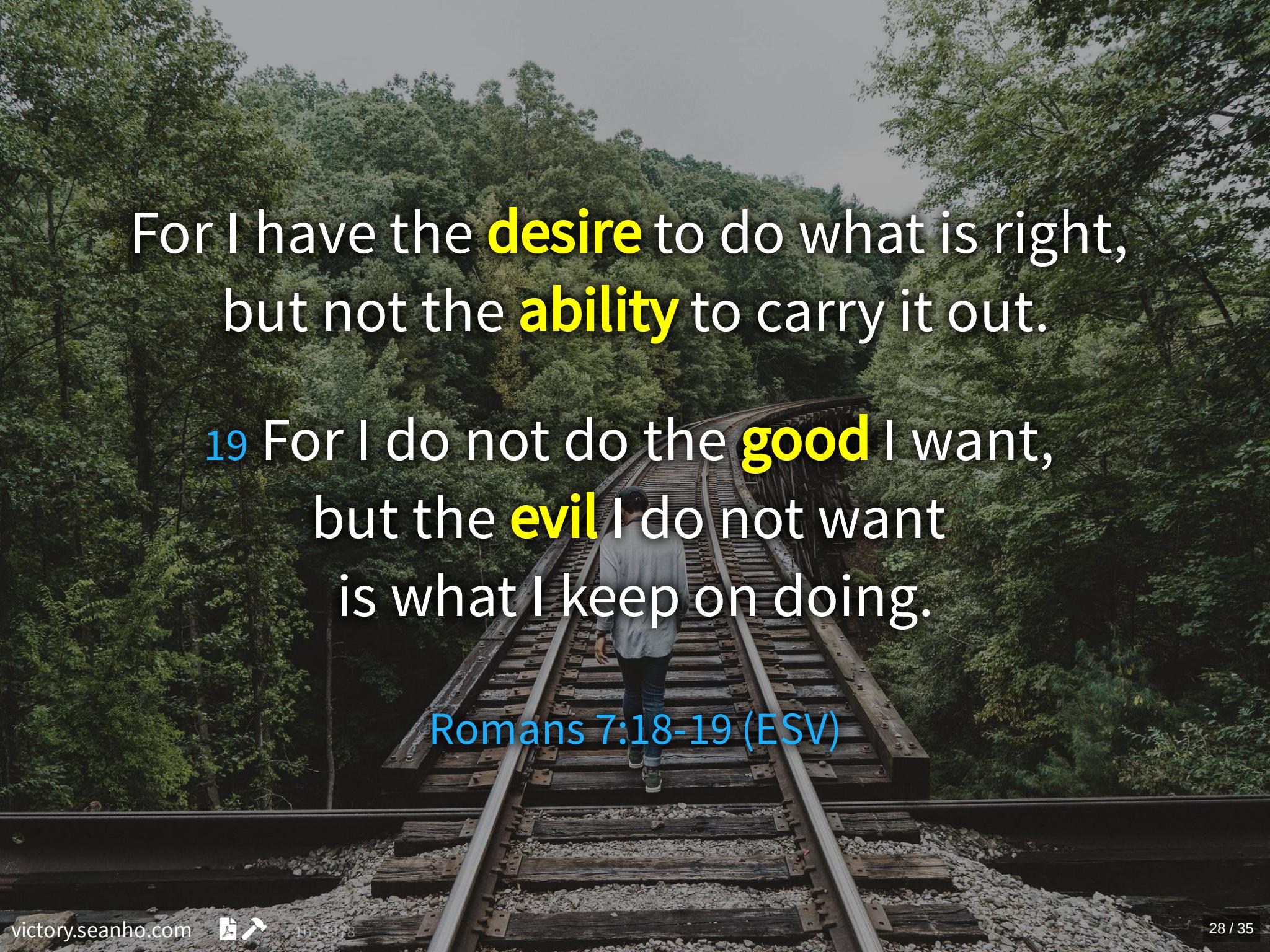
And his commandments are not **burdensome**.

4 For everyone who has been **born** of God
overcomes the **world**.

1 John 5:3b-4a (ESV)

For all that is in the **world** –
the desires of the **flesh**
and the desires of the **eyes**
and **pride** of life –
is not from the Father but is from the **world**.

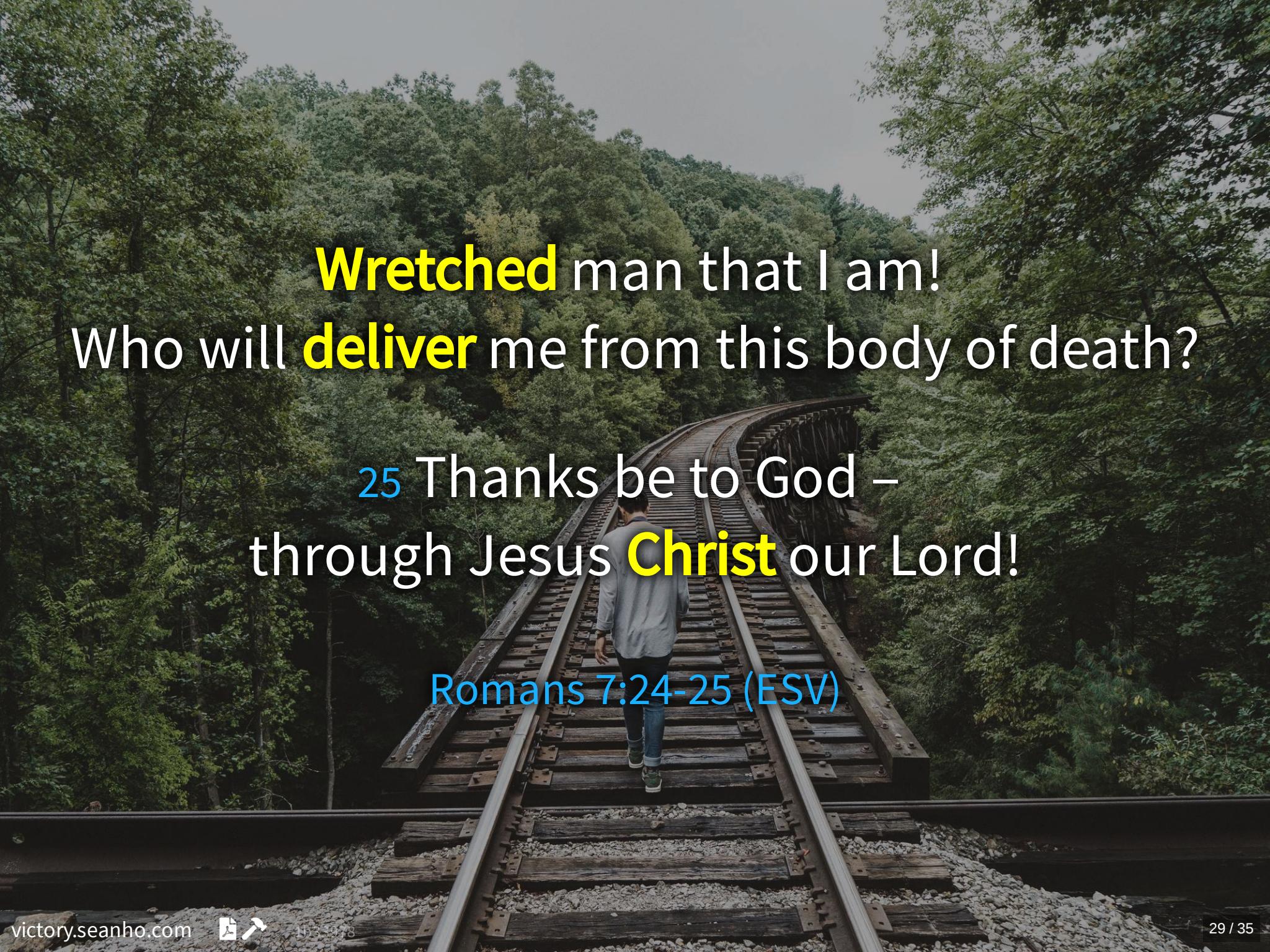
1 John 2:16 (ESV)



For I have the **desire** to do what is right,
but not the **ability** to carry it out.

19 For I do not do the **good** I want,
but the **evil** I do not want
is what I keep on doing.

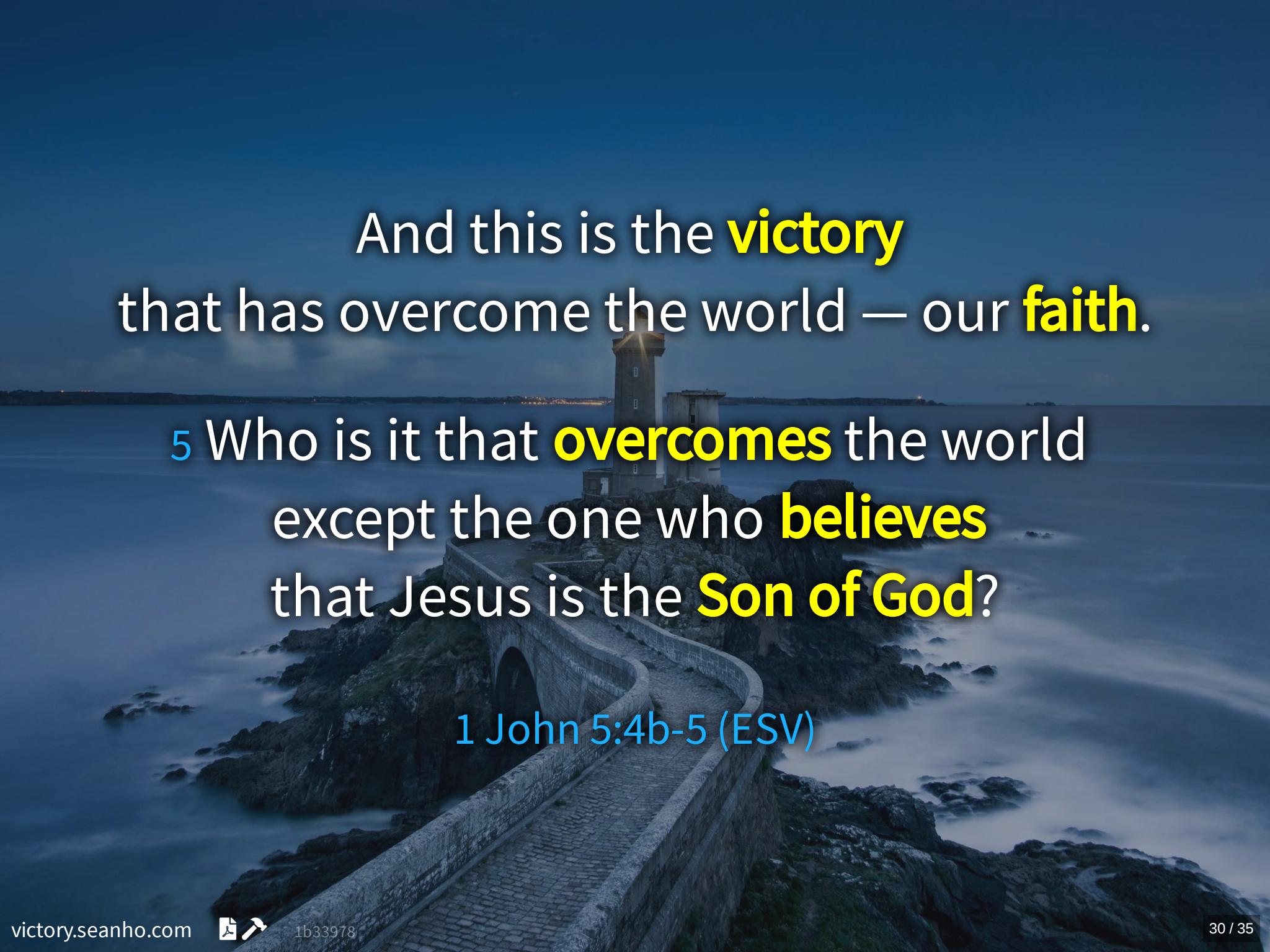
Romans 7:18-19 (ESV)



Wretched man that I am!
Who will **deliver** me from this body of death?

25 Thanks be to God –
through Jesus **Christ** our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25 (ESV)

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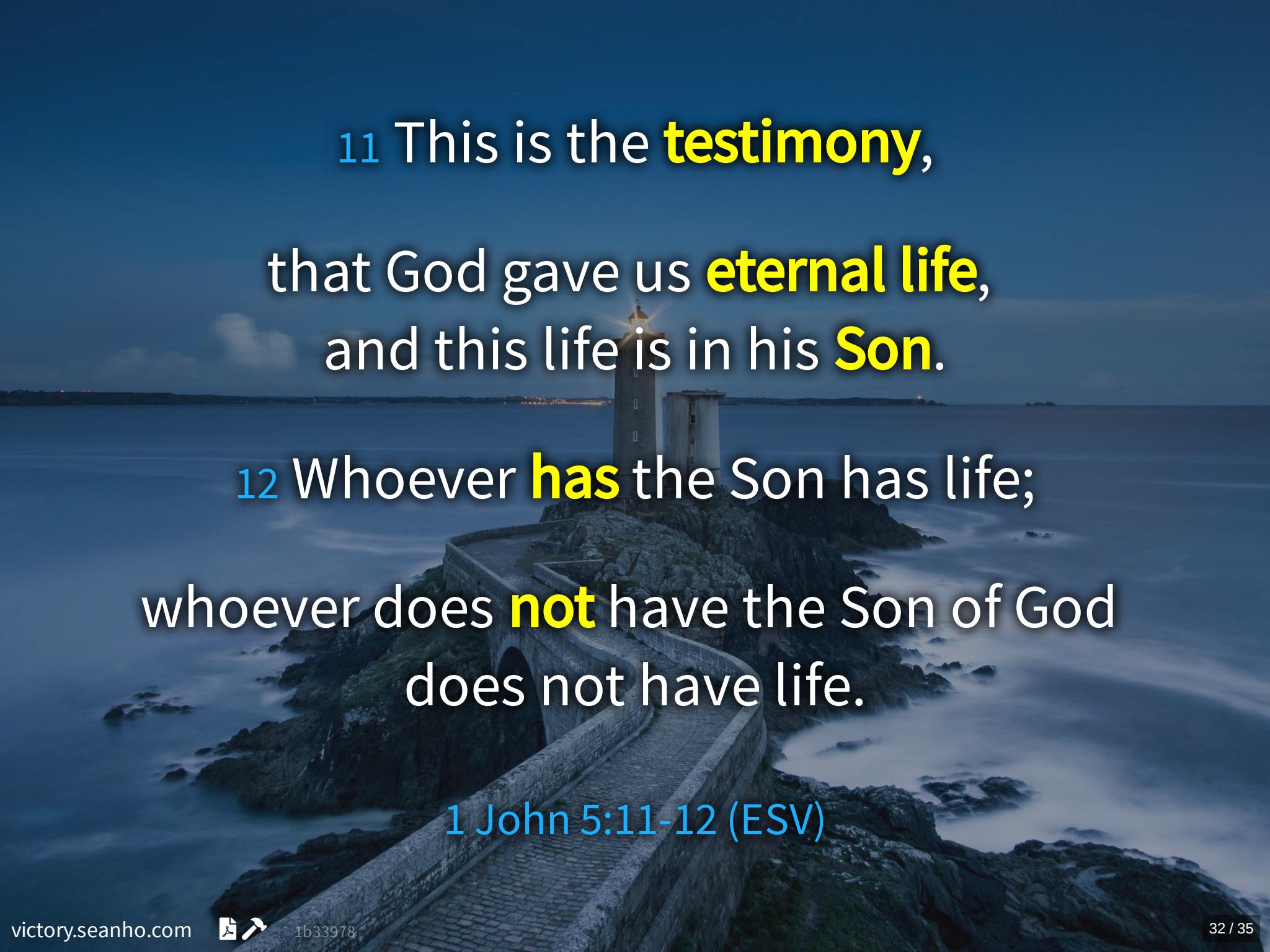
1 John 5:4b-5 (ESV)

“O **death**, where is your victory?
O death, where is your **sting**?”

56 The sting of death is **sin**,
and the power of sin is the **law**.

57 But thanks be to God,
who gives us the **victory**
through our Lord **Jesus Christ**.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (ESV)

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11 This is the **testimony**,

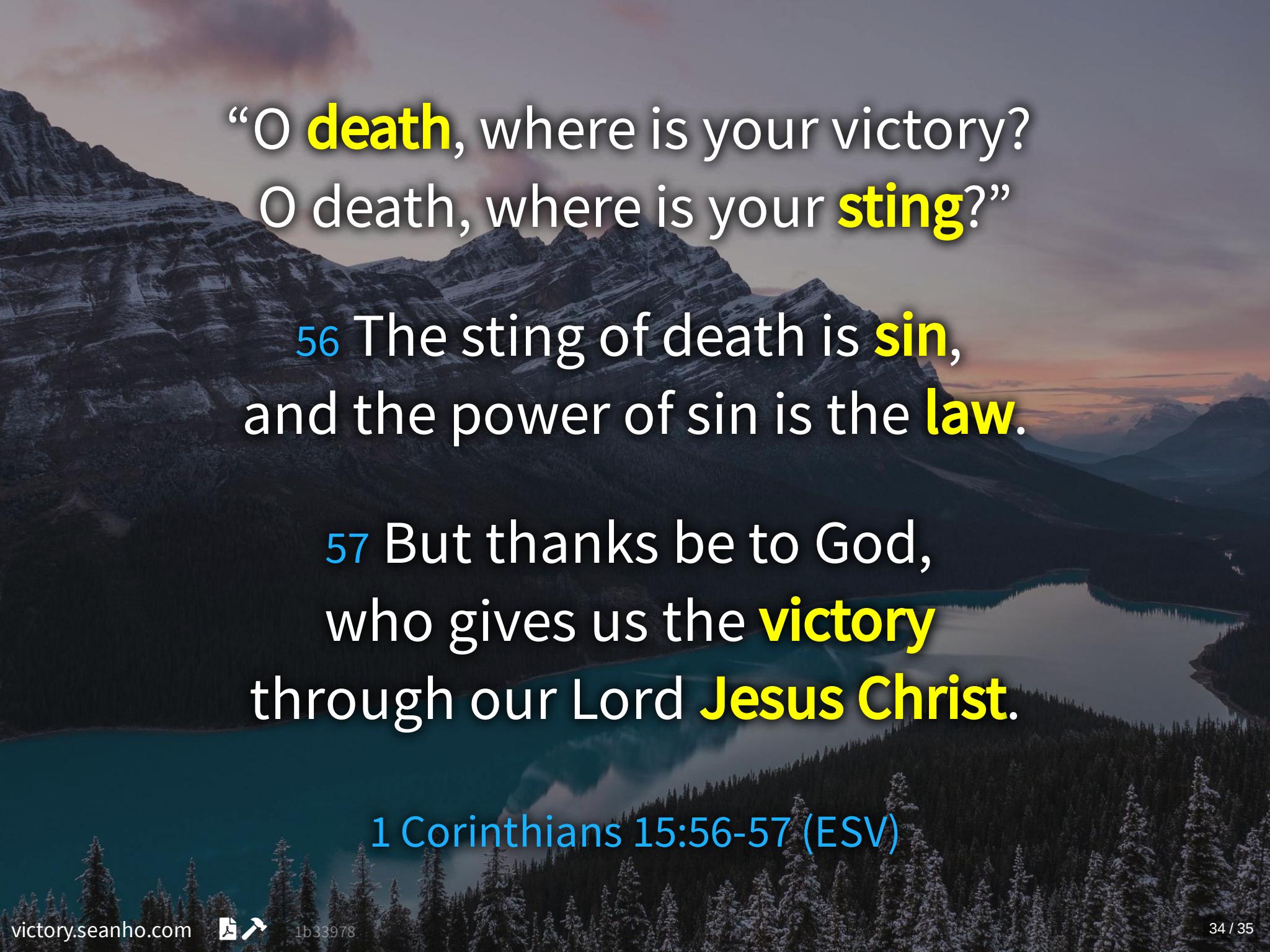
that God gave us **eternal life**,
and this life is in his **Son**.

12 Whoever **has** the Son has life;
whoever does **not** have the Son of God
does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12 (ESV)

Do I struggle with
worldly passions?

Do I believe in
Christ's victory?



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