A circular frame containing a scenic landscape. In the foreground, a calm lake with turquoise water reflects the sky. The middle ground is a dense forest of dark green trees. In the background, rugged, dark grey mountains rise, with patches of white snow or ice clinging to their slopes. Wispy white clouds drift through the mountain valleys. A dashed white circle outlines the entire scene, with a solid white dot on the left side.

And above all these
put on love,

*which binds everything together in perfect unity.
Colossians 3:14*



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Reflections from the Island

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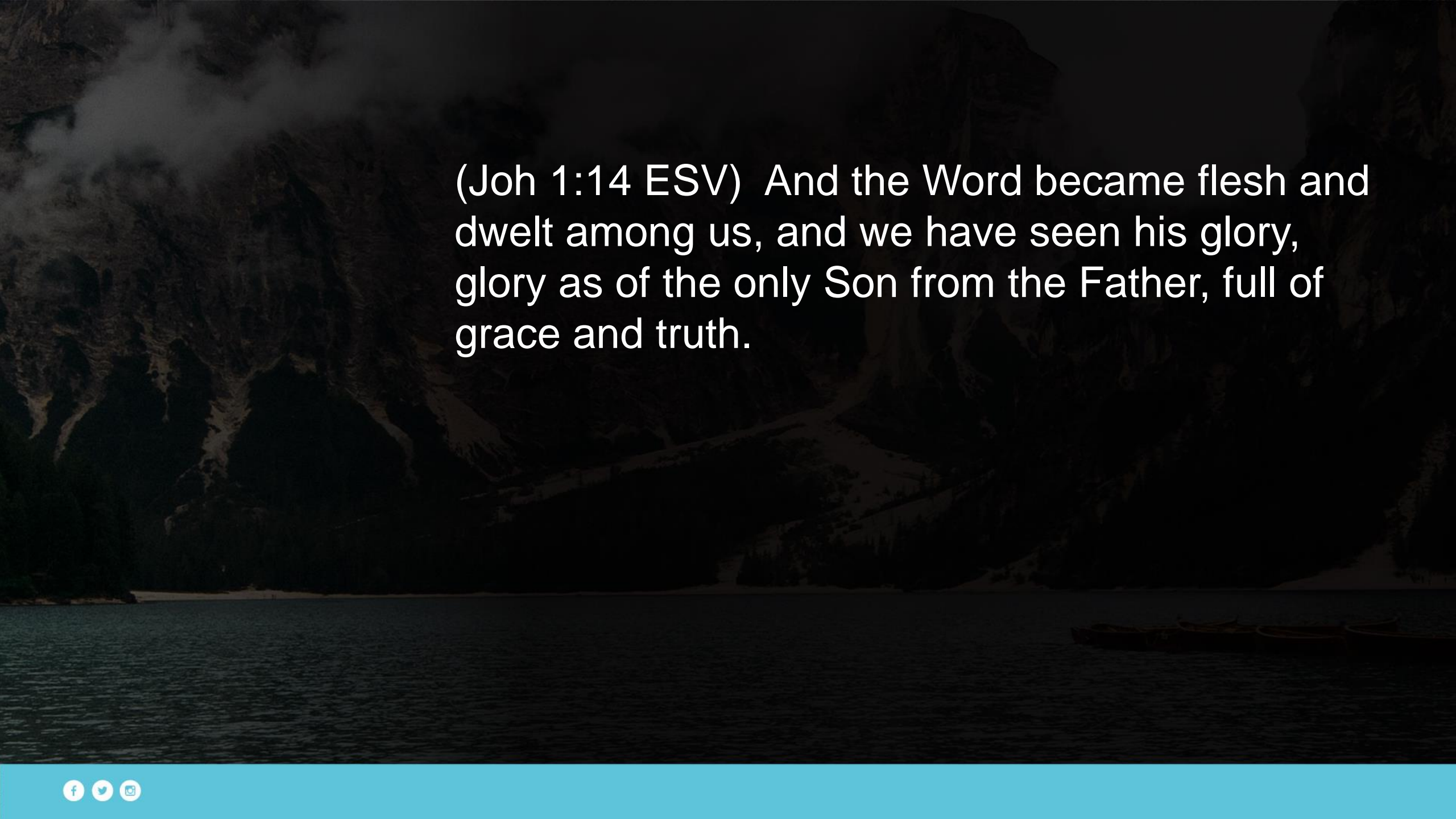
(Col 4:3 ESV) At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

(Col 4:4 ESV) that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

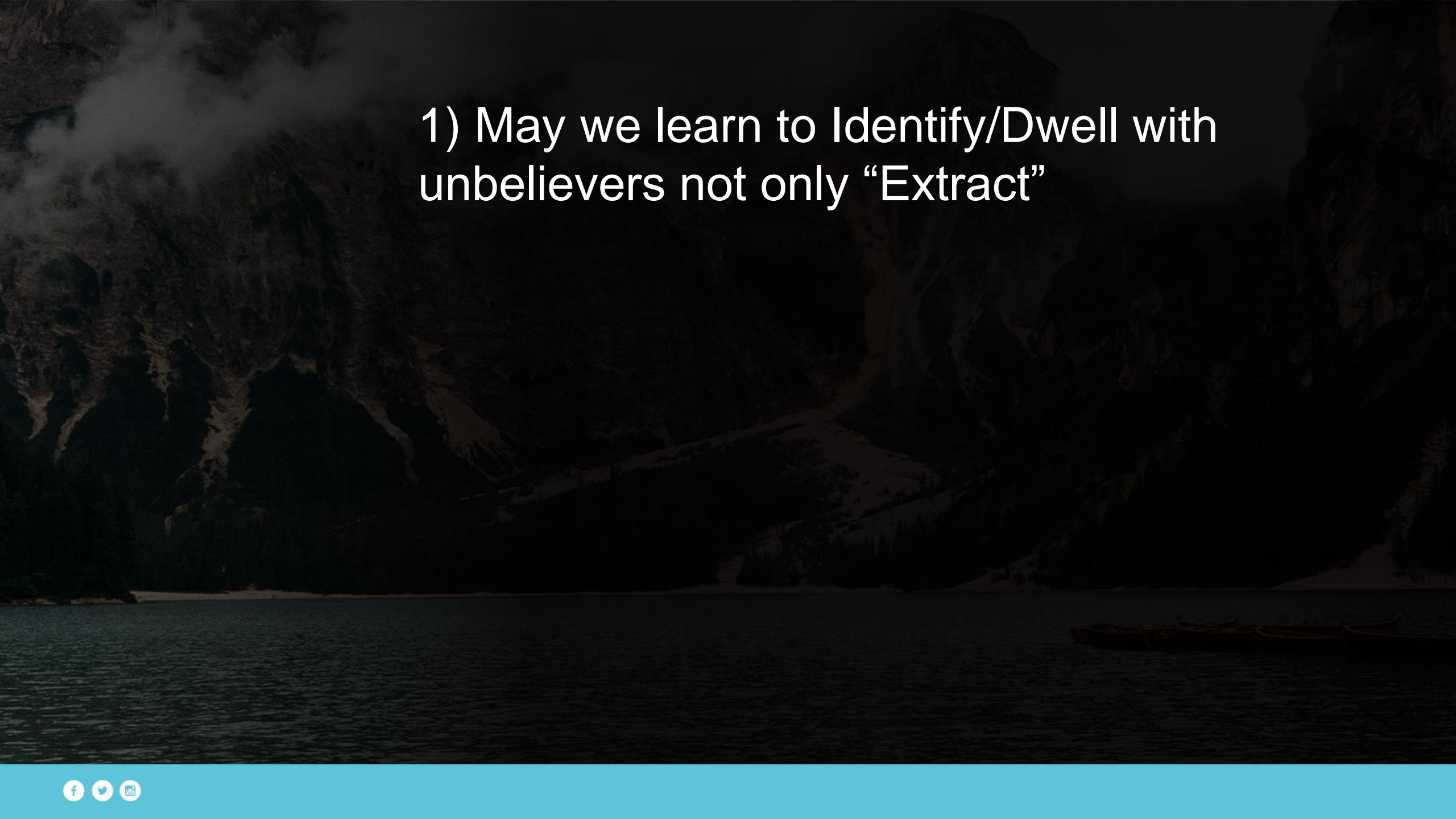
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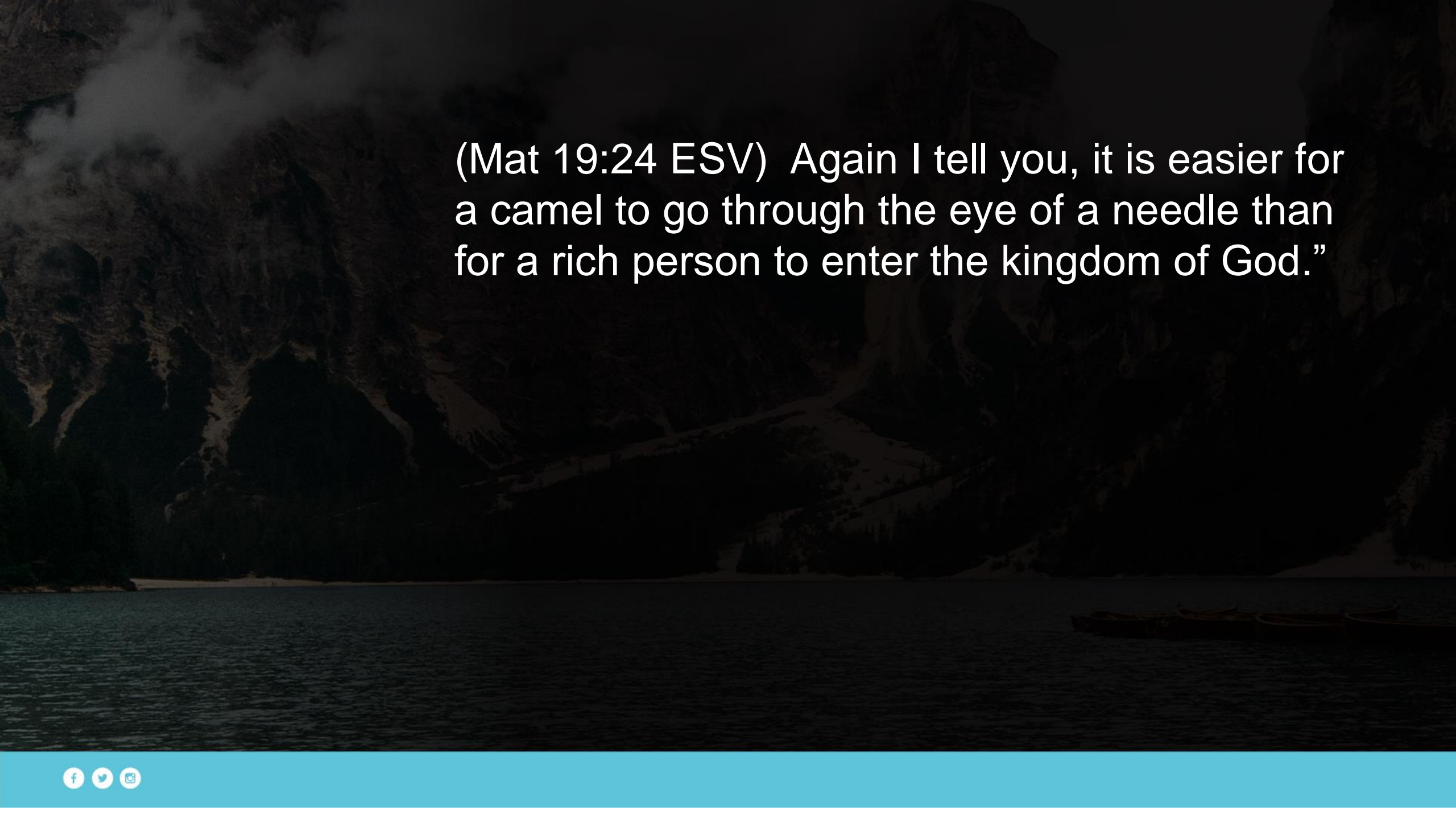
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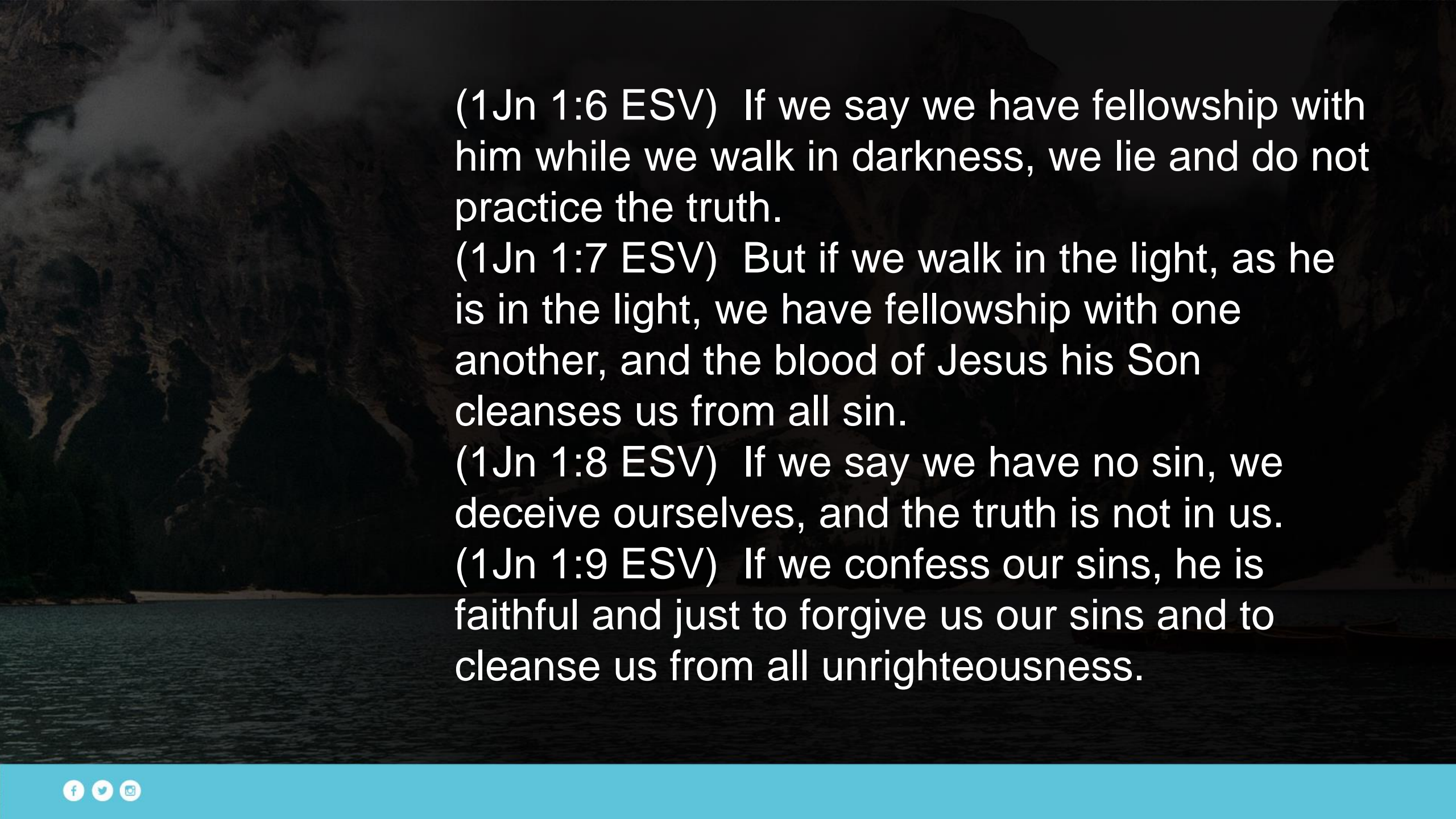
(Joh 1:14 ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



1) May we learn to Identify/Dwell with
unbelievers not only “Extract”



(Mat 19:24 ESV) Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

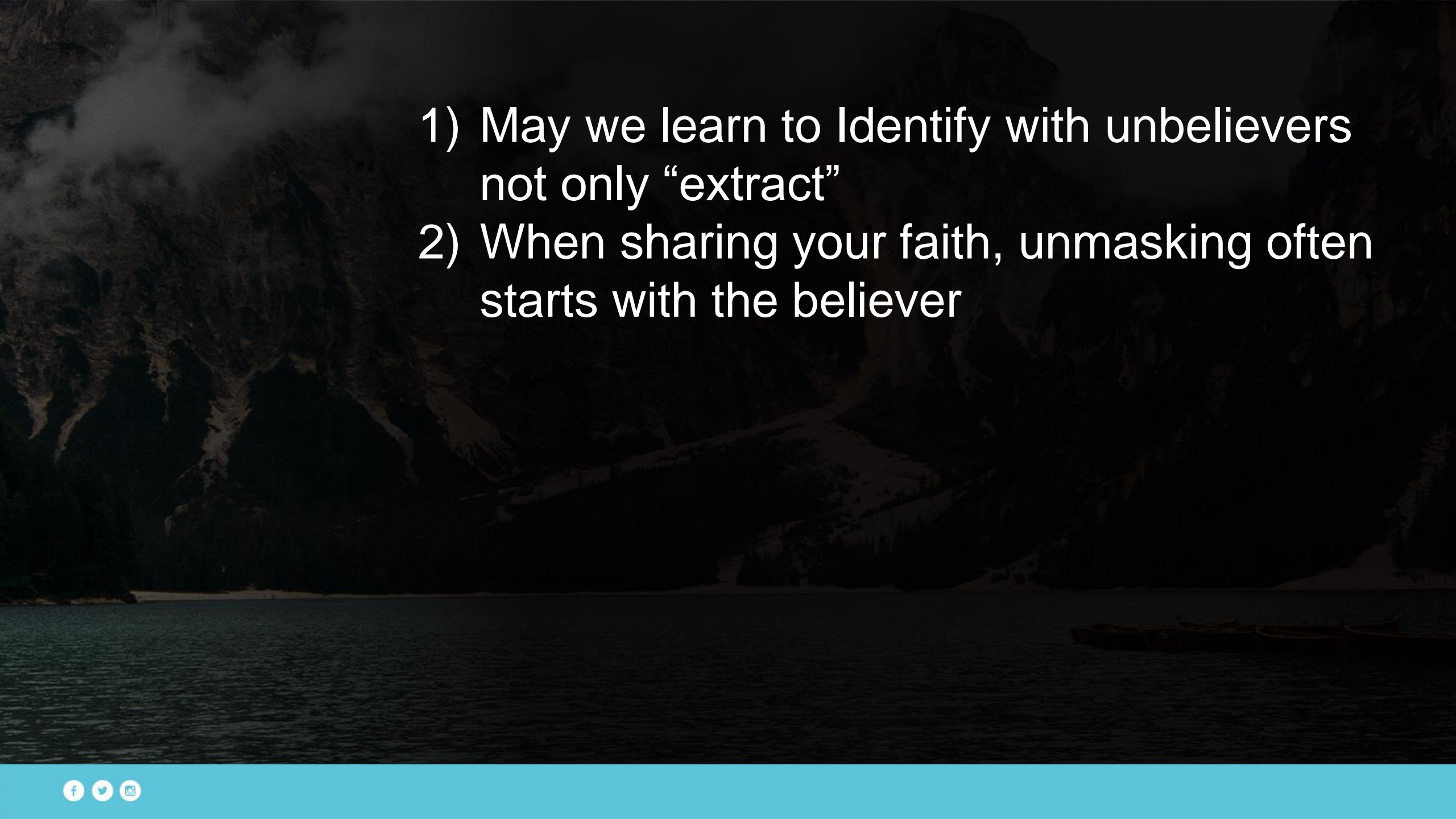


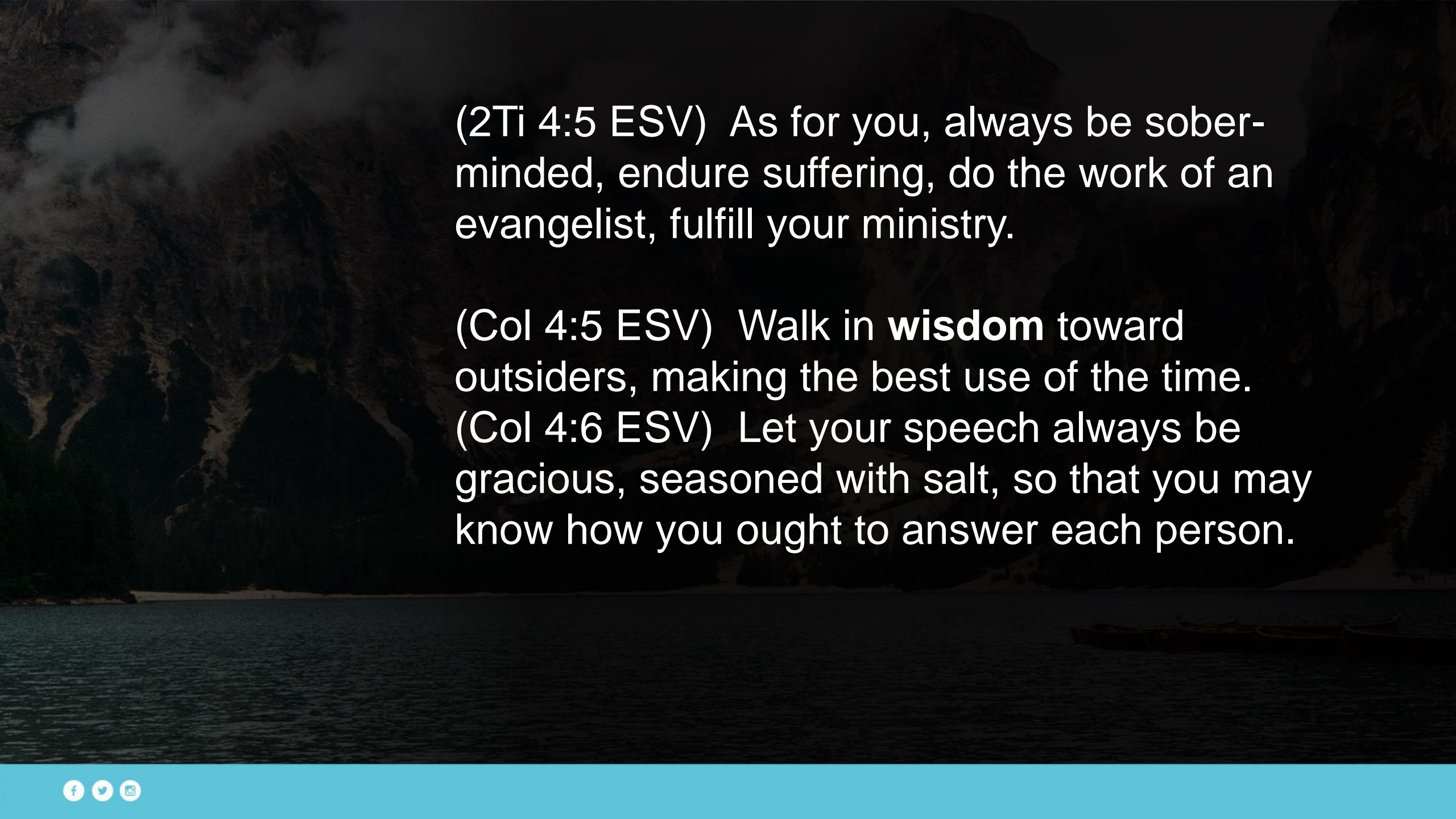
(1Jn 1:6 ESV) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

(1Jn 1:7 ESV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

(1Jn 1:8 ESV) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

(1Jn 1:9 ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

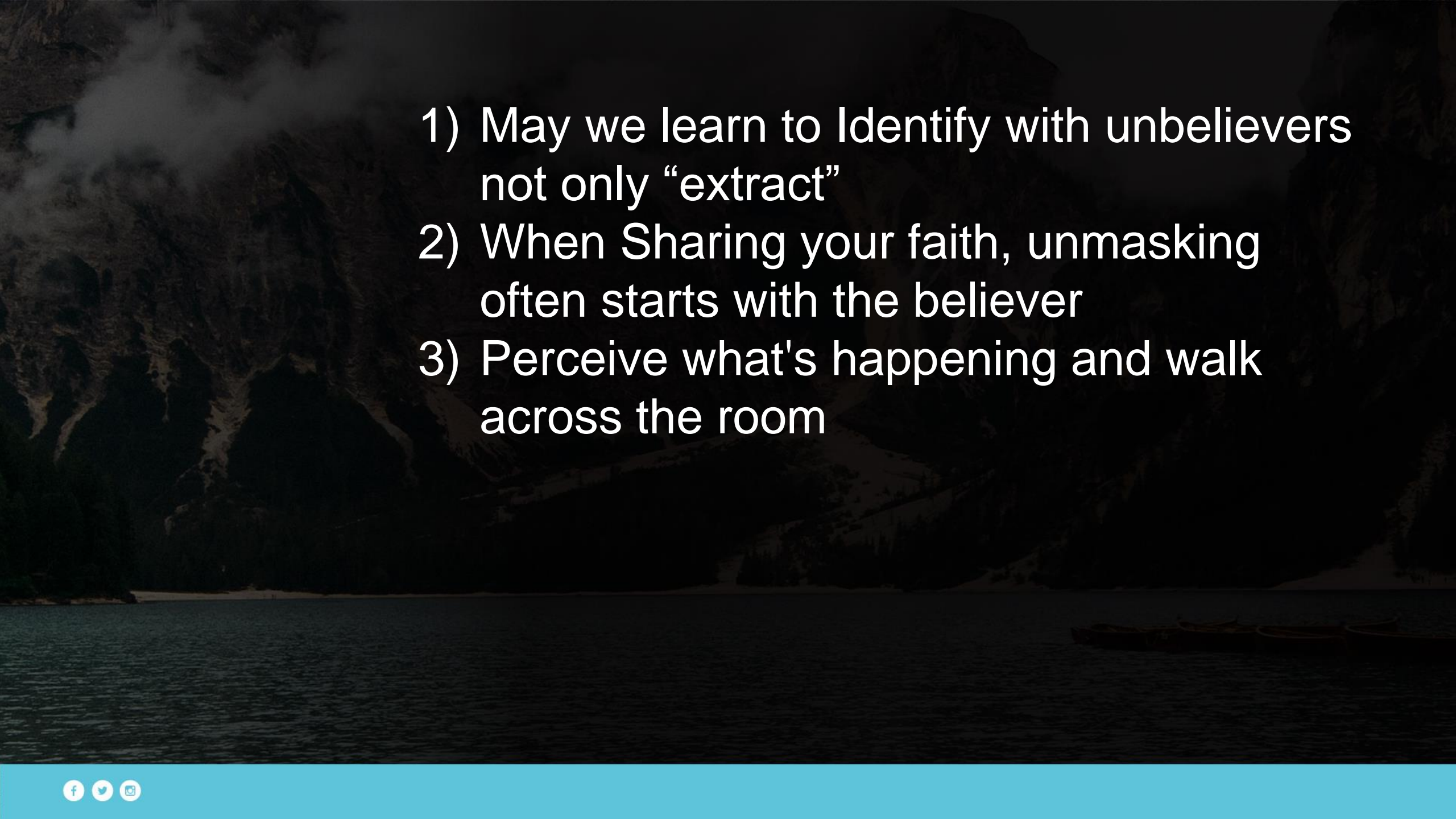
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- 1) May we learn to Identify with unbelievers not only “extract”
 - 2) When sharing your faith, unmasking often starts with the believer



(2Ti 4:5 ESV) As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

(Col 4:5 ESV) Walk in **wisdom** toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.

(Col 4:6 ESV) Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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 - 2) When Sharing your faith, unmasking often starts with the believer
 - 3) Perceive what's happening and walk across the room