

And above all these
put on love,

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



The background is a high-contrast, black and white photograph of a rugged landscape. On the left, a powerful waterfall cascades over dark, craggy rocks, creating a misty spray. The right side shows more jagged rock formations. In the center, a circular graphic is superimposed, consisting of a solid white outer ring and a dashed white inner ring. Two small white dots are positioned on the horizontal line where the rings intersect, one on each side of the word 'WELCOME'.

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The Greatest Agony bought The Greatest Victory!

Josh Kruger

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Matthew 26:36-38

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Matthew 26:39-40

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Matthew 26:41-43

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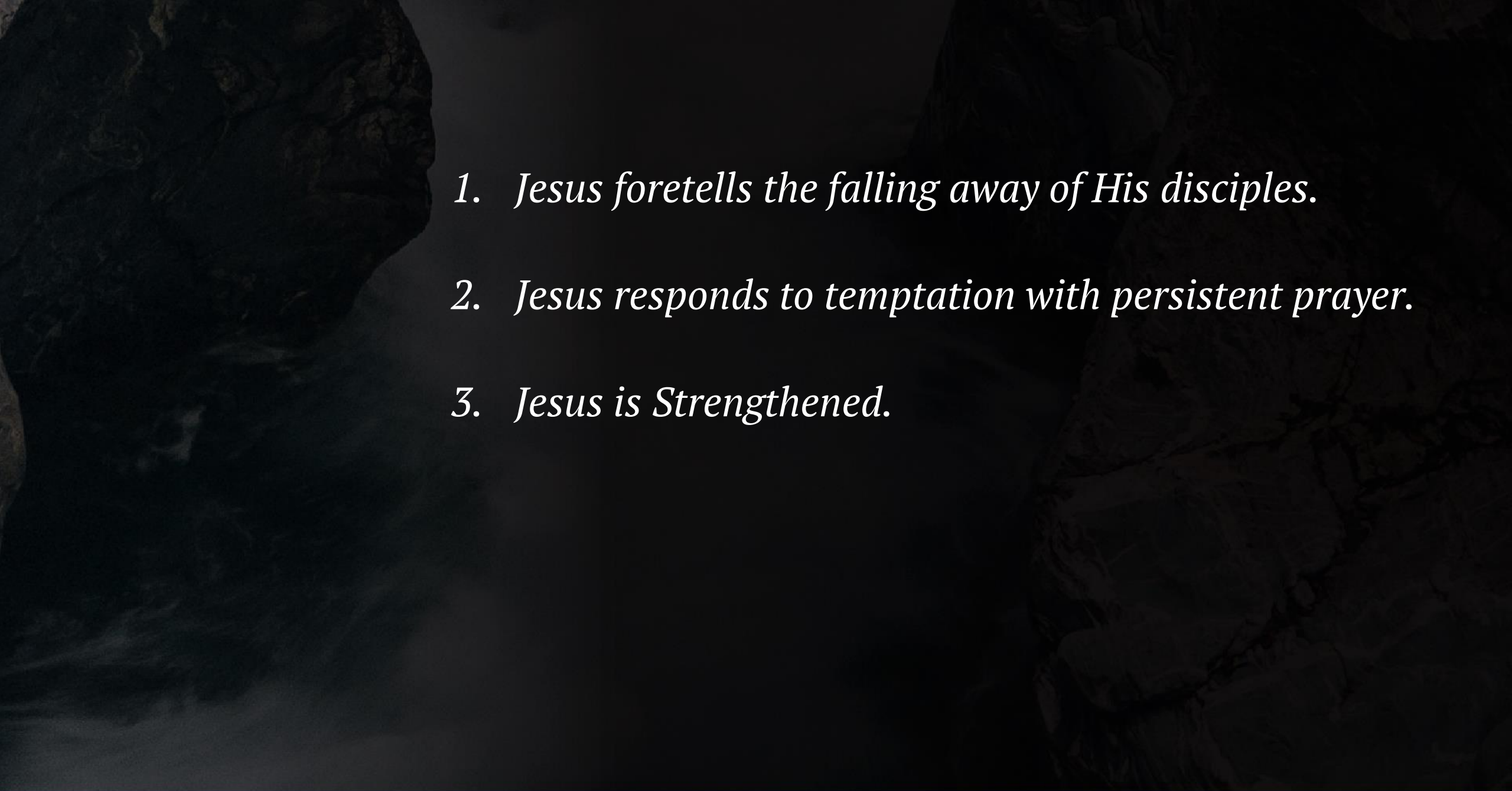
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Romans 5:9

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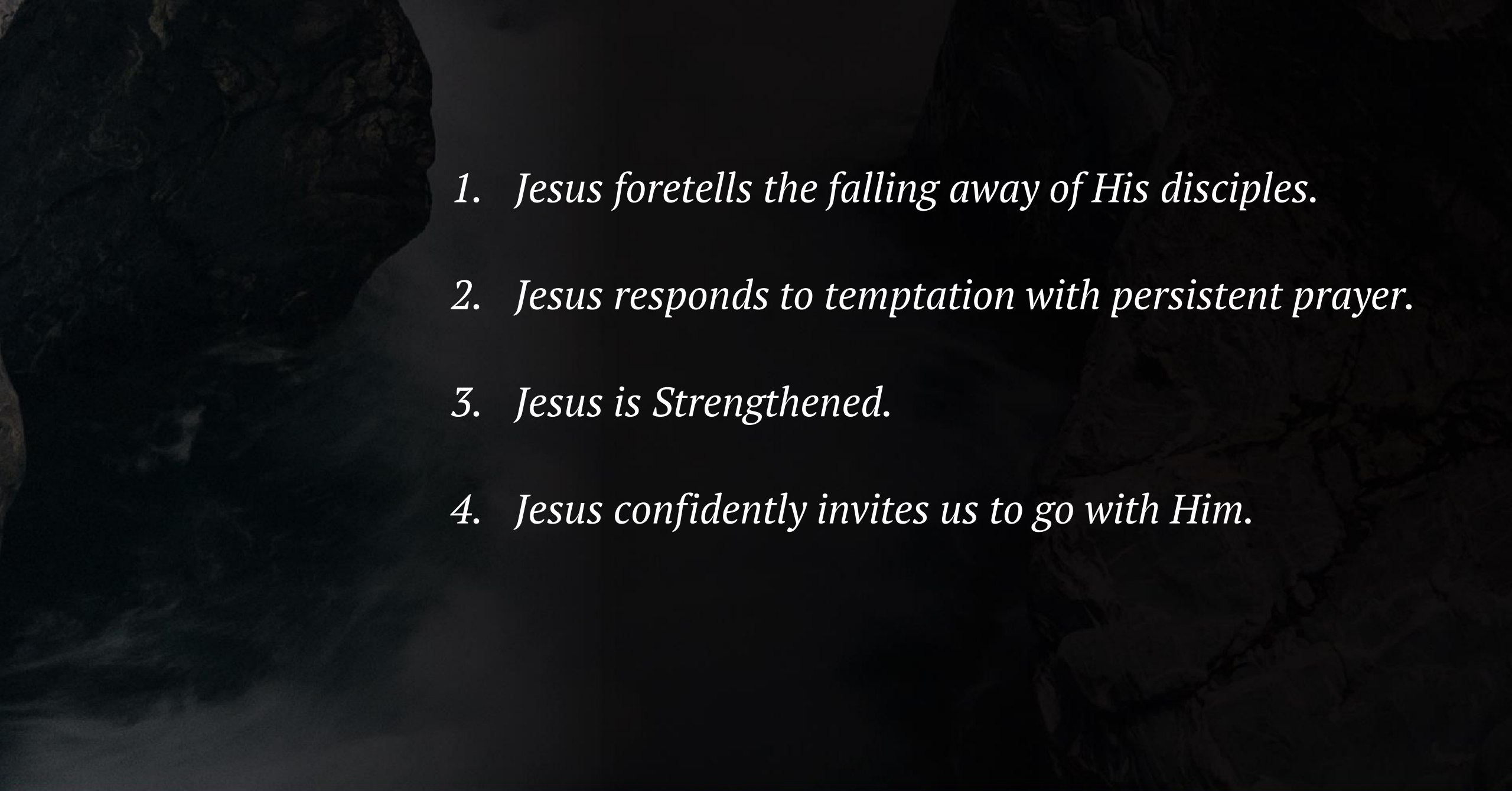
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Matthew 26:43-46

“41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” 43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.”

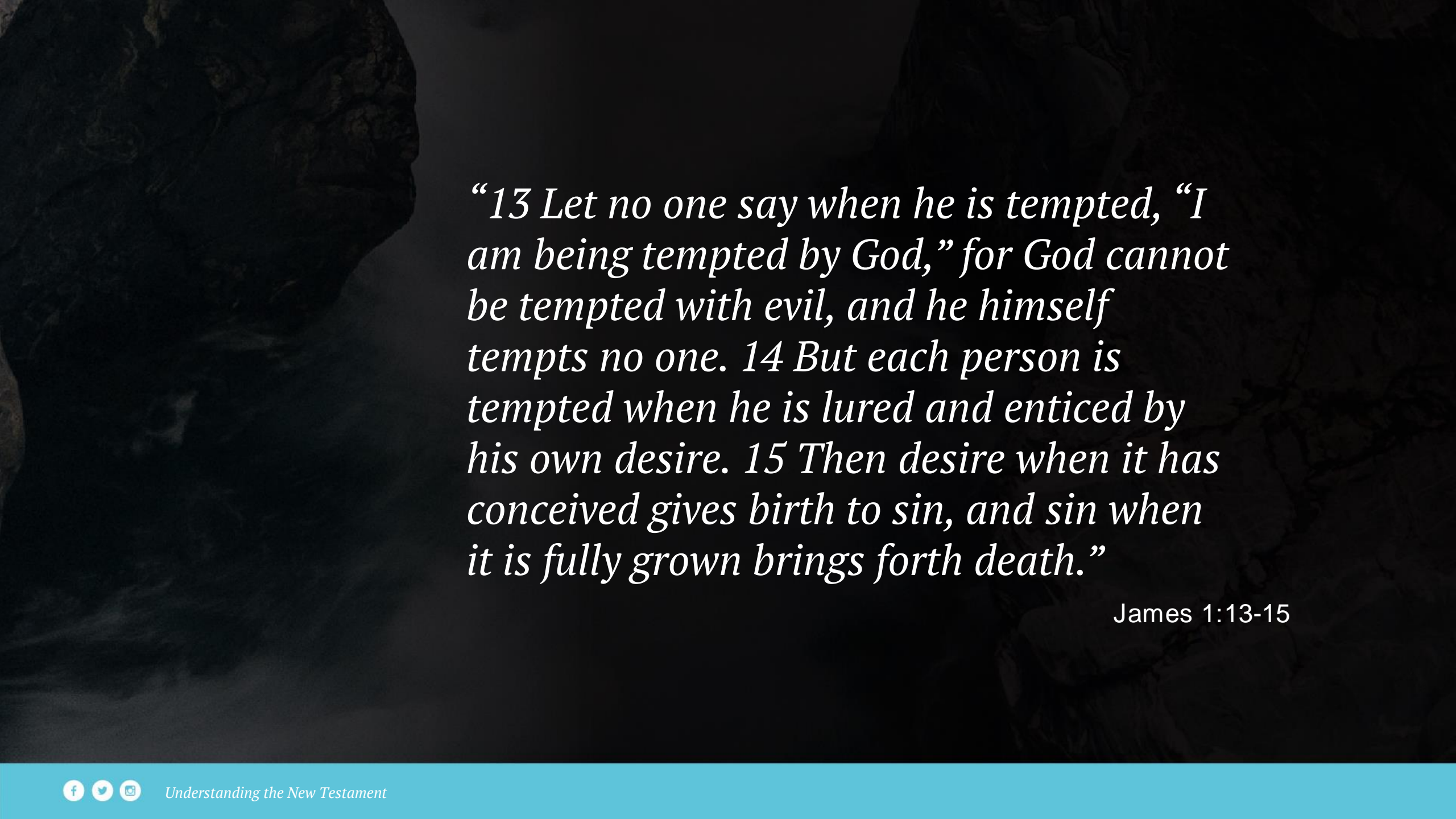
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“13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

James 1:13-15

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Matthew 26:45-46

7“...Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”

Hebrews 5:7

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Matthew 26:39

1 “And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind,

Ephesians 2:1-3

and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. [4](#) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5](#) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— [6](#) and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:3-6

7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:7-10