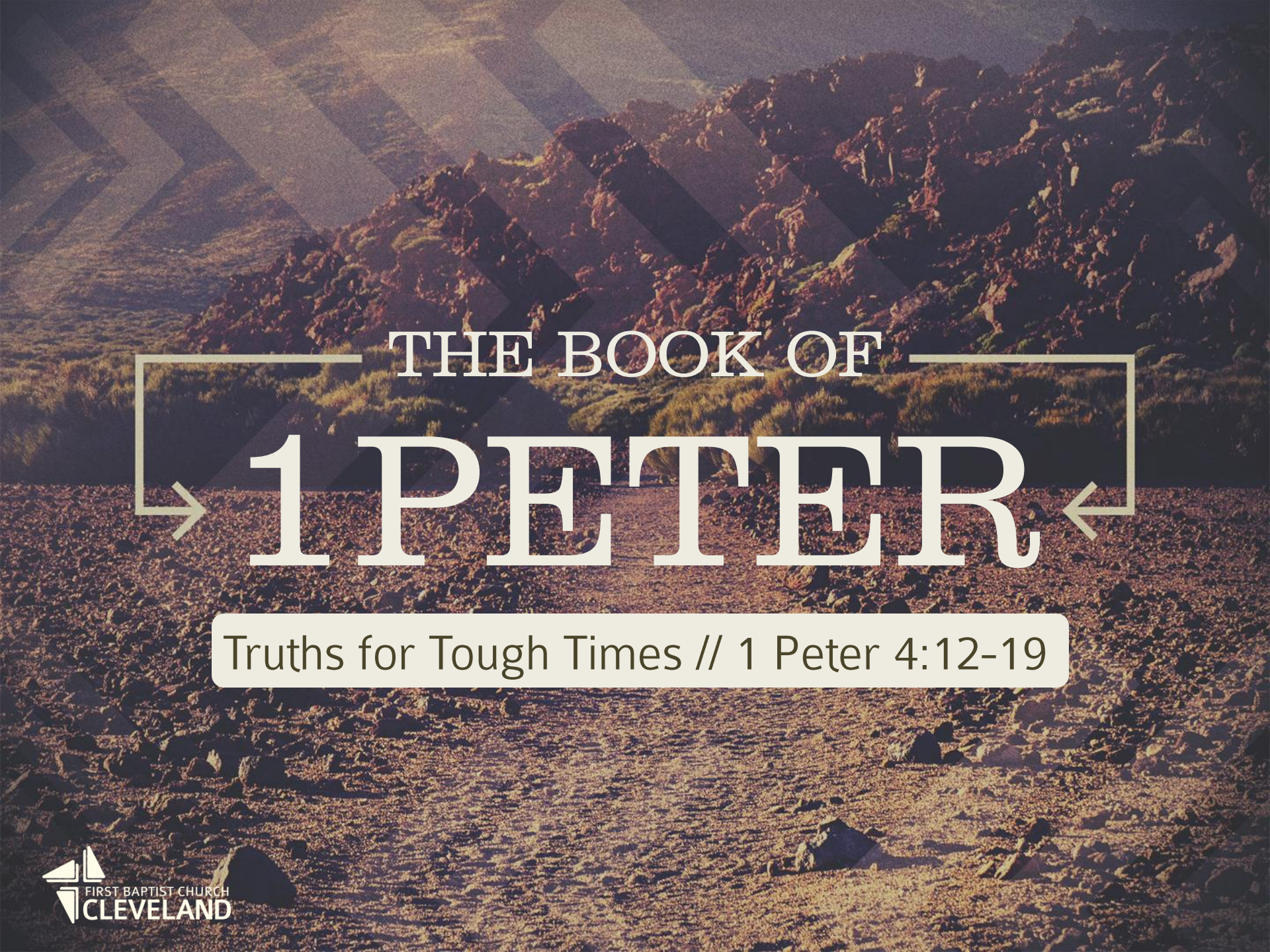
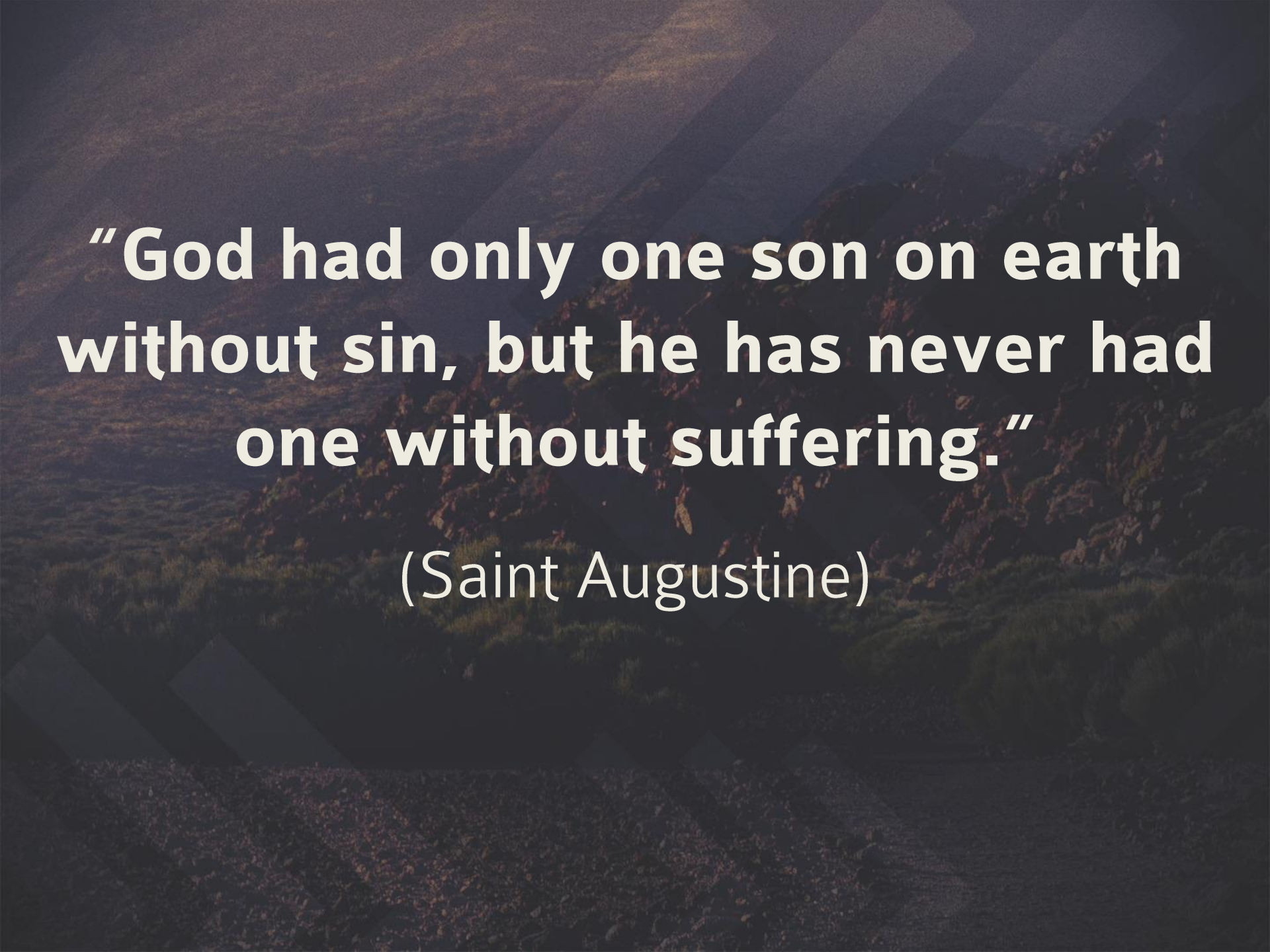




THE BOOK OF 1 PETER

Truths for Tough Times // 1 Peter 4:12-19



**“God had only one son on earth
without sin, but he has never had
one without suffering.”**

(Saint Augustine)

3 Kinds of Suffering

1. Christian Suffering
2. Carnal Suffering
3. Common Suffering

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"¹² Beloved..."

We typically question God's love the most when we've sinned and when we're **suffering**.

"¹² Beloved, do not be surprised..."

Even God's children, at times, will go through suffering.

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“...fiery trials...to test you...”

Suffering has a purifying affect on us as Christians.

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"...that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."

Suffering for the Christian is a prelude to glory in heaven.

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...the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

When you suffer God’s Spirit rests upon you in power.

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Three Questions:

1. Is my suffering caused by my sin? (v. 15)
2. How can I glorify God? (v. 16)
3. Have I viewed my suffering from an eternal perspective? (v. 17-18)

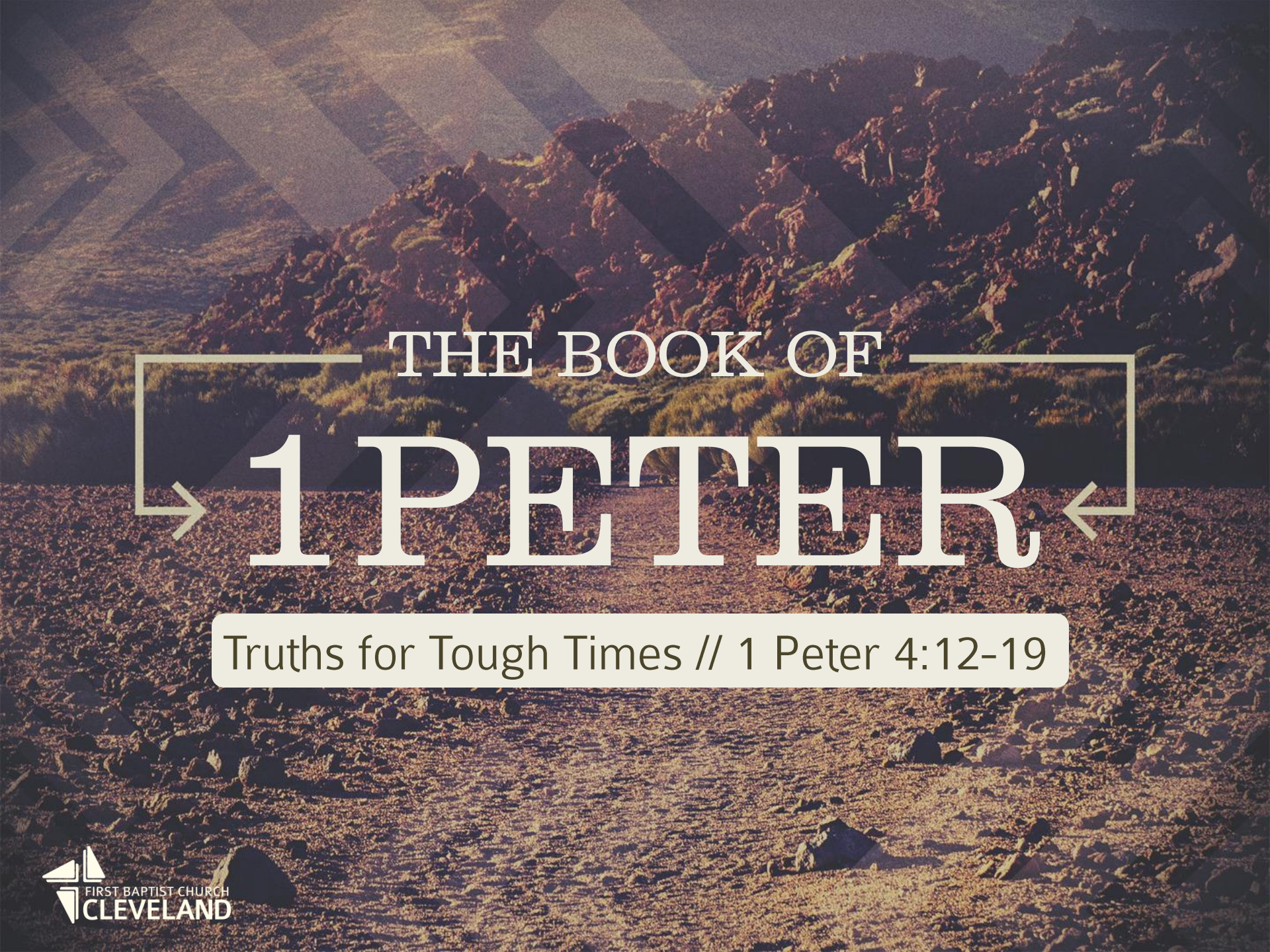
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“¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.”



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