



SCRIPTURE READING

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The difference is Jesus.

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1 PETER

HOPE FOR WHEN THE
WORLD SEEMS STRANGE

**MEGA-CHURCH
PASTOR
FAILS**



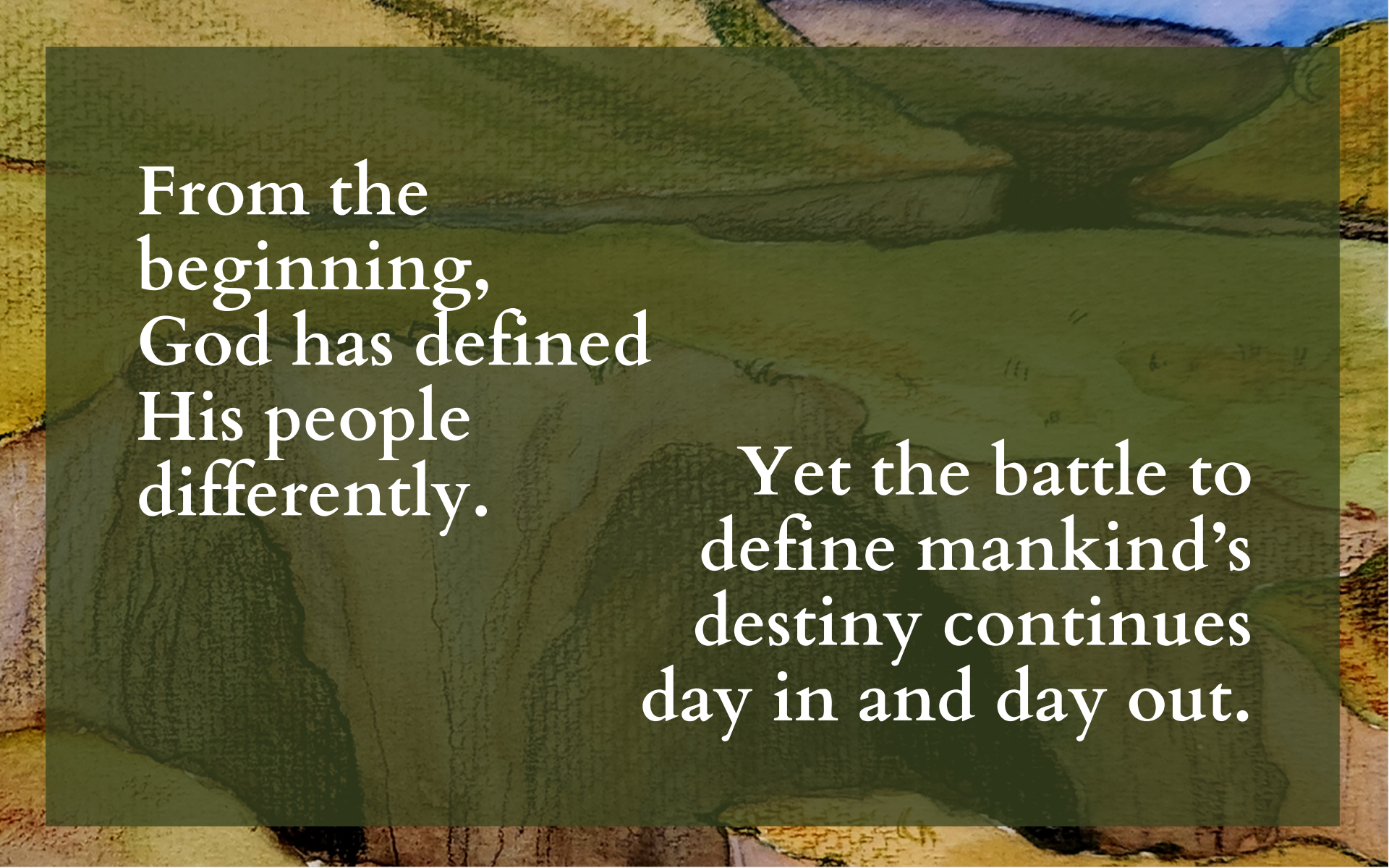
**Church
closes after
youth...**

**CHRISTIANS
EXCLUDE
PEOPLE**

**The
religious
right....**

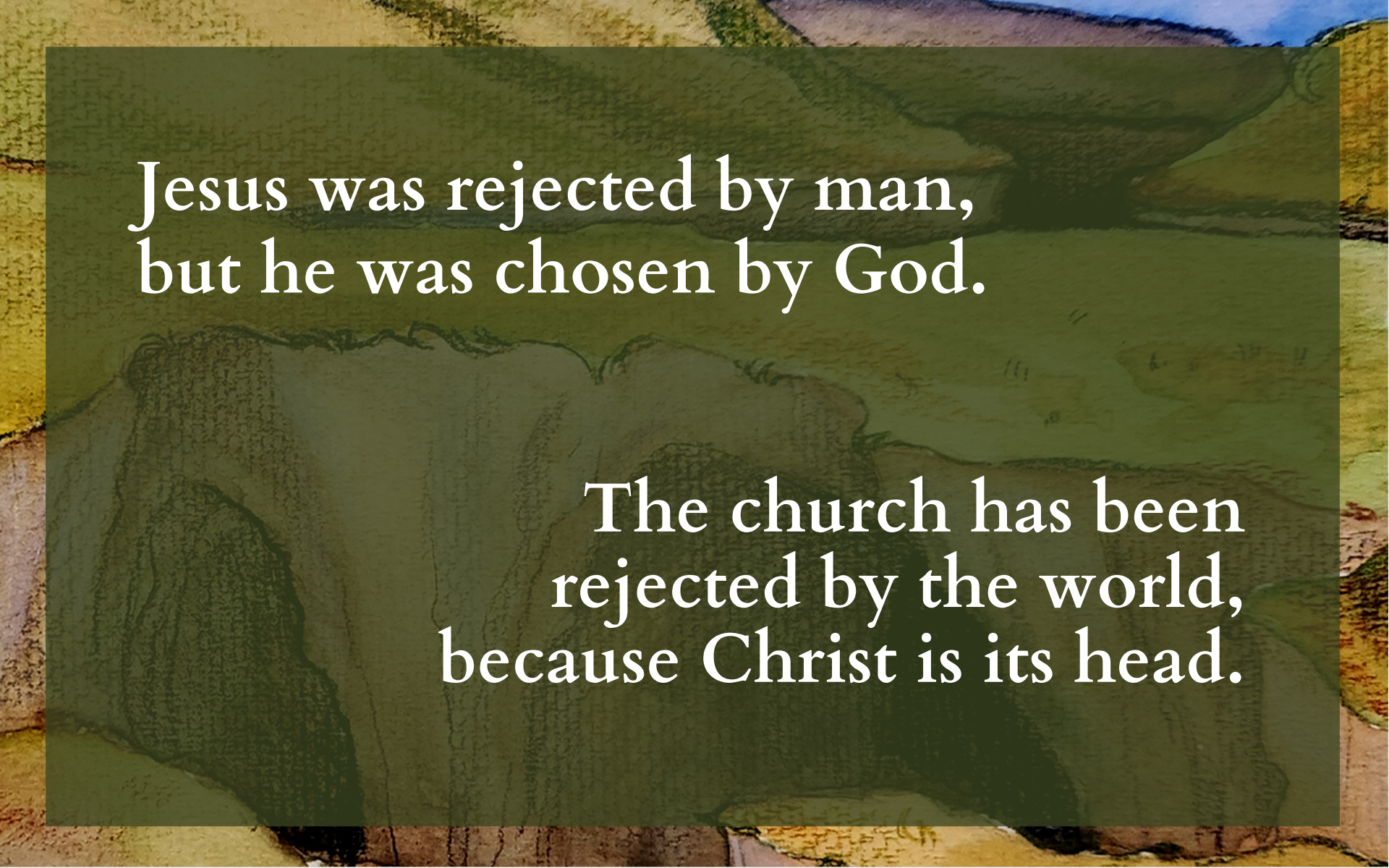
**Church
board
member
embezzles...**

Who determines our identity?



From the
beginning,
God has defined
His people
differently.

Yet the battle to
define mankind's
destiny continues
day in and day out.



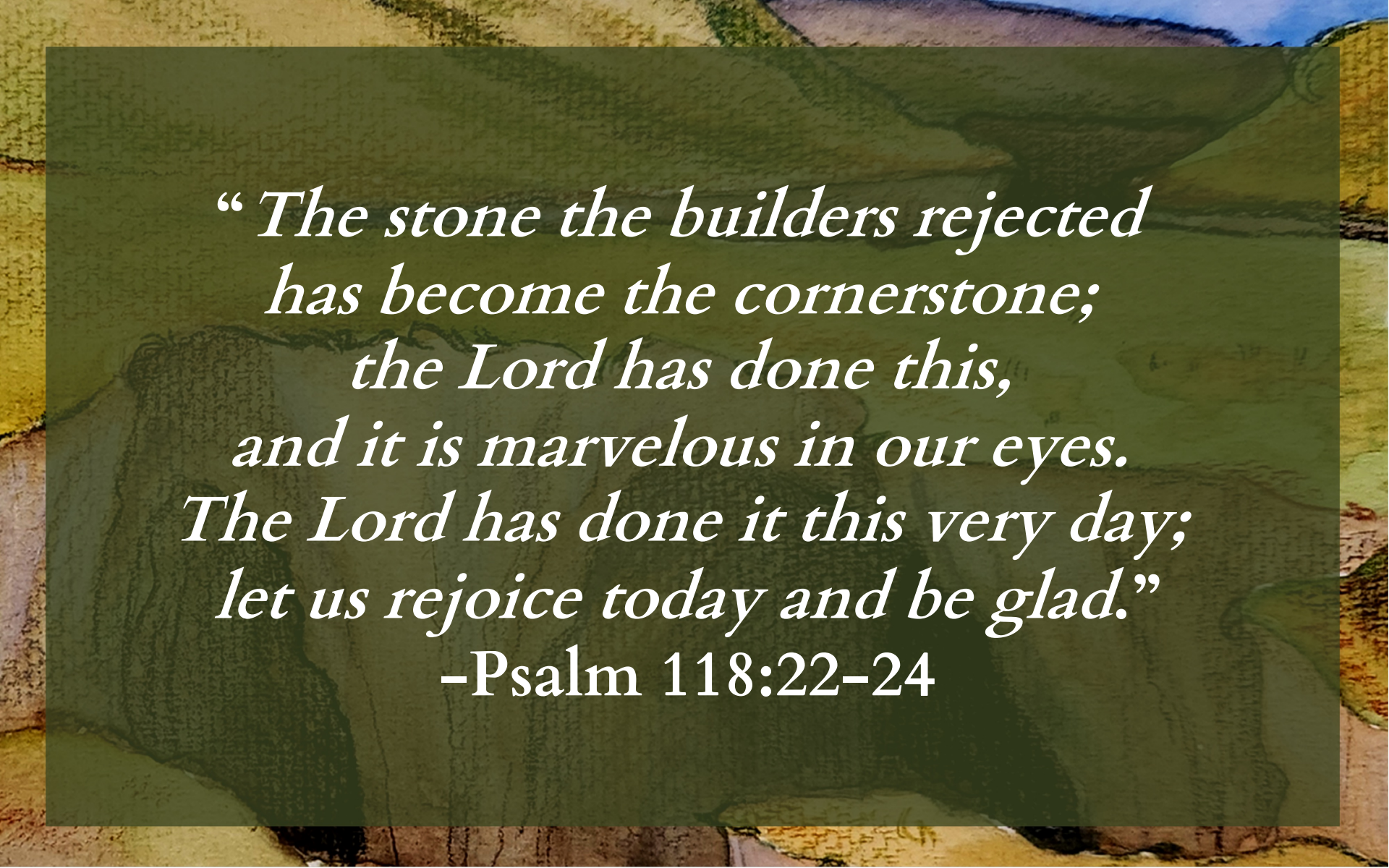
Jesus was rejected by man,
but he was chosen by God.

The church has been
rejected by the world,
because Christ is its head.

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says:

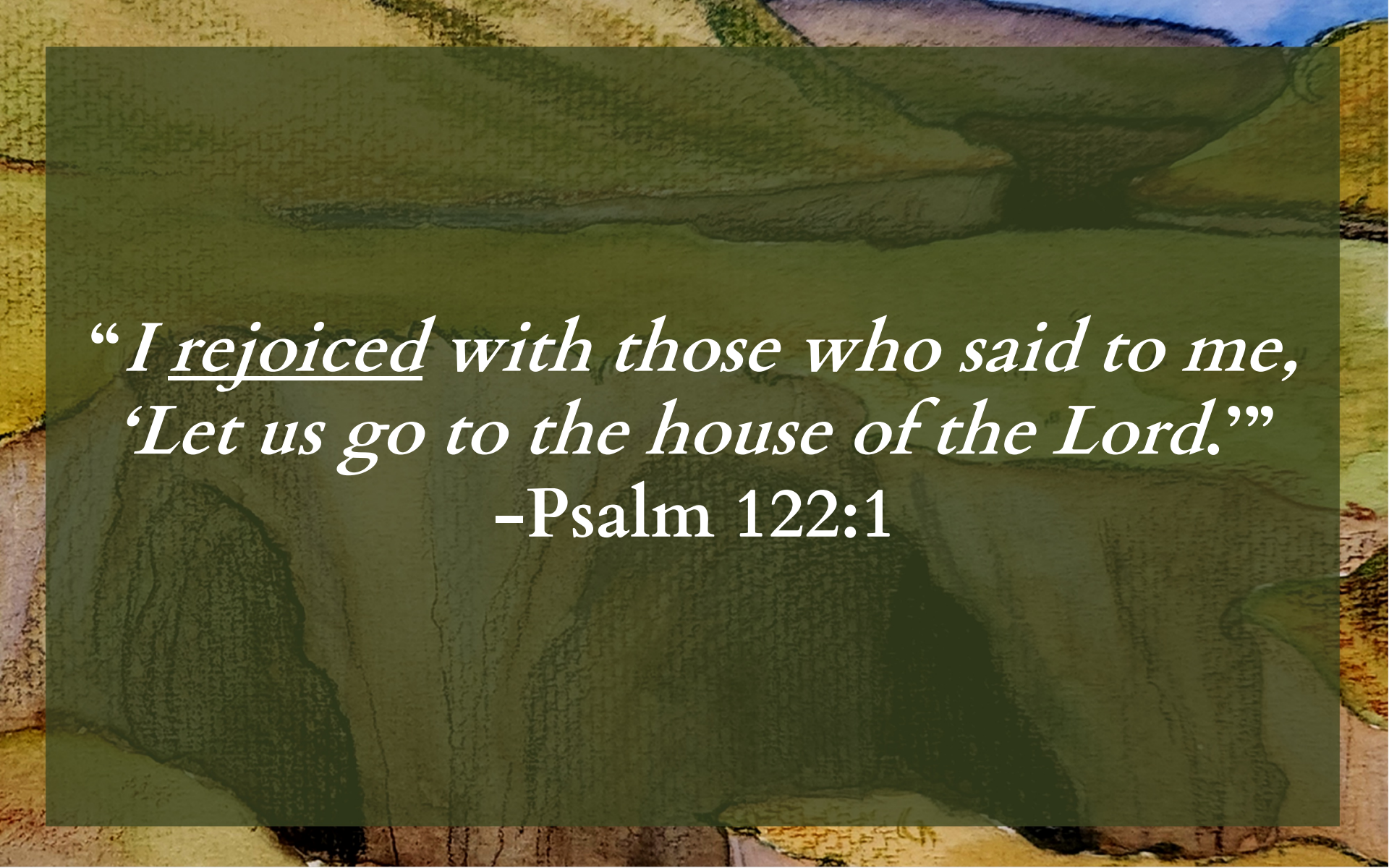
“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.”

–Isaiah 28:16



*“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.”*

–Psalm 118:22–24



*“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”
-Psalm 122:1*



This is what Scripture says:

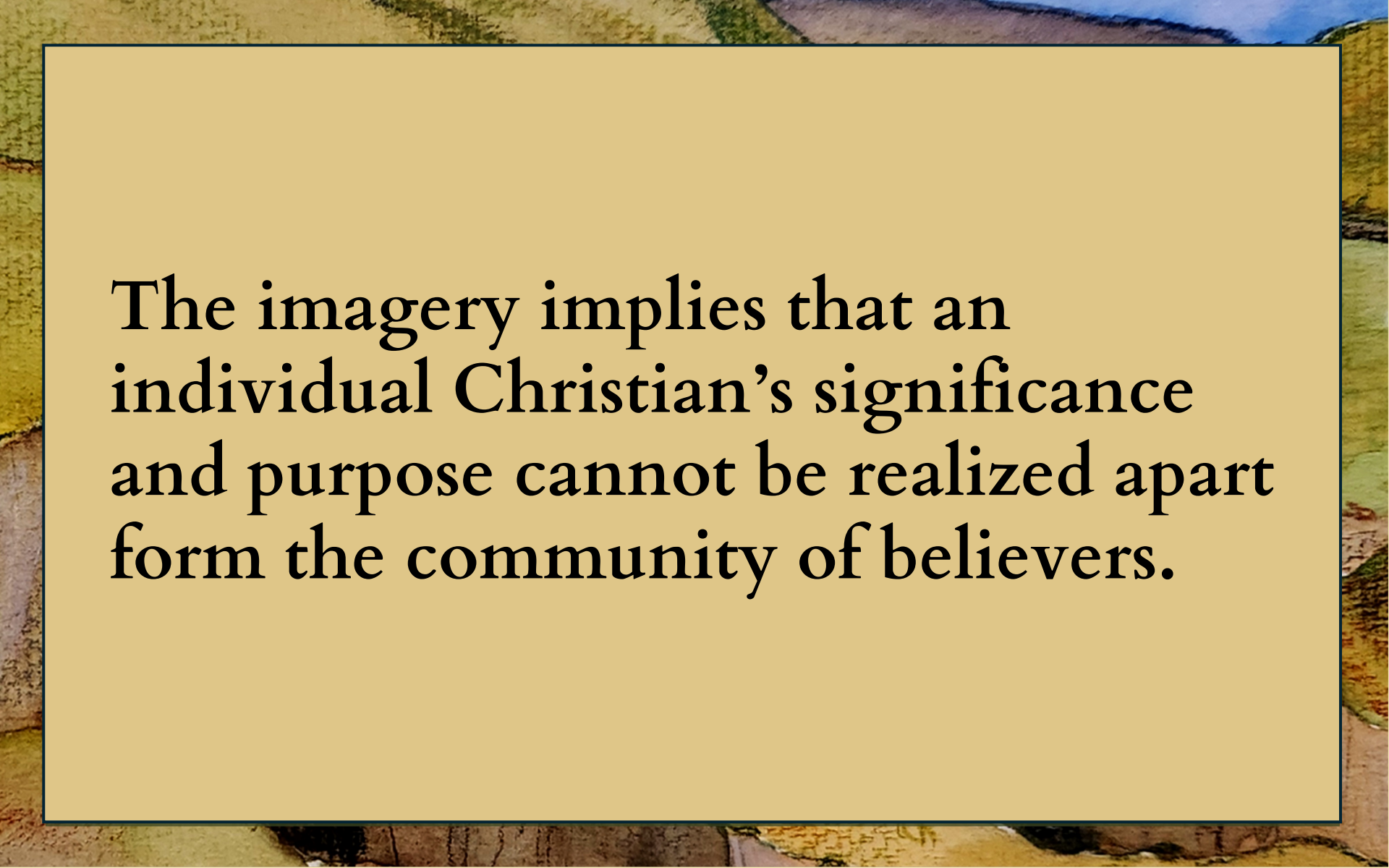
1. The Living Stone was set as the foundational cornerstone. vs4-5
2. We, the living stones, will be a spiritual house and a holy priesthood who make spiritual sacrifices. vs4-5
3. The cornerstone would be laid in Zion.
(showing continuity from the beginning) v6
4. Jesus, is either the honored cornerstone or a stumbling block to those who refuse him. vs7-8



The Living Stone and the living 'stones'

The Holy Spirit:

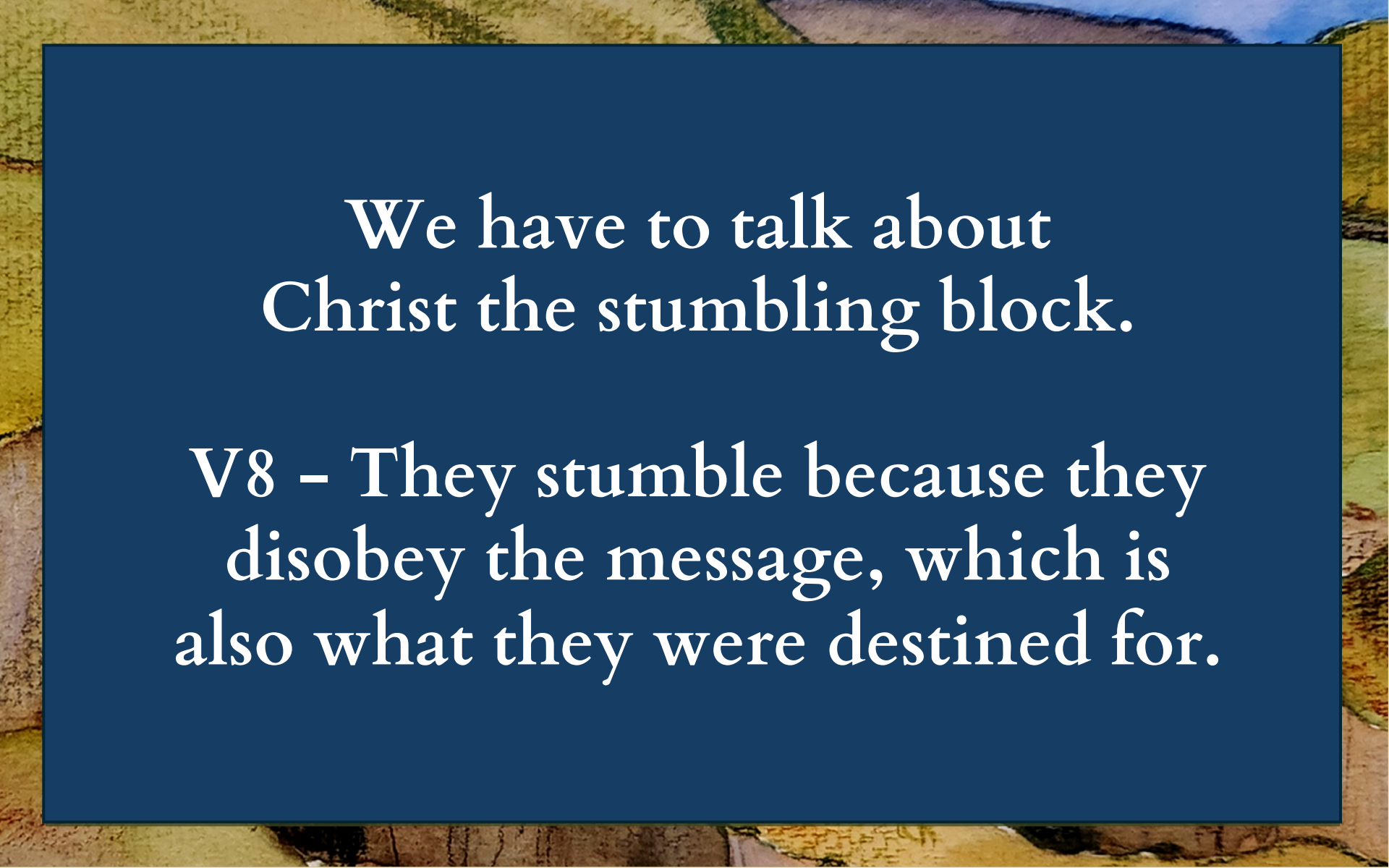
1. Makes each person holy and sets them apart from the world, belonging to God.
2. Maintains the unity of the temple.
3. Assures there is but one *Cornerstone* and one purpose.



The imagery implies that an individual Christian's significance and purpose cannot be realized apart from the community of believers.



The Church: An everlasting community



We have to talk about
Christ the stumbling block.

V8 – They stumble because they
disobey the message, which is
also what they were destined for.

“So who are you, who believe?” vs9-10

1. A chosen race
2. A royal priesthood
3. A holy nation
4. God's special possession
5. People who have received
God's mercy



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