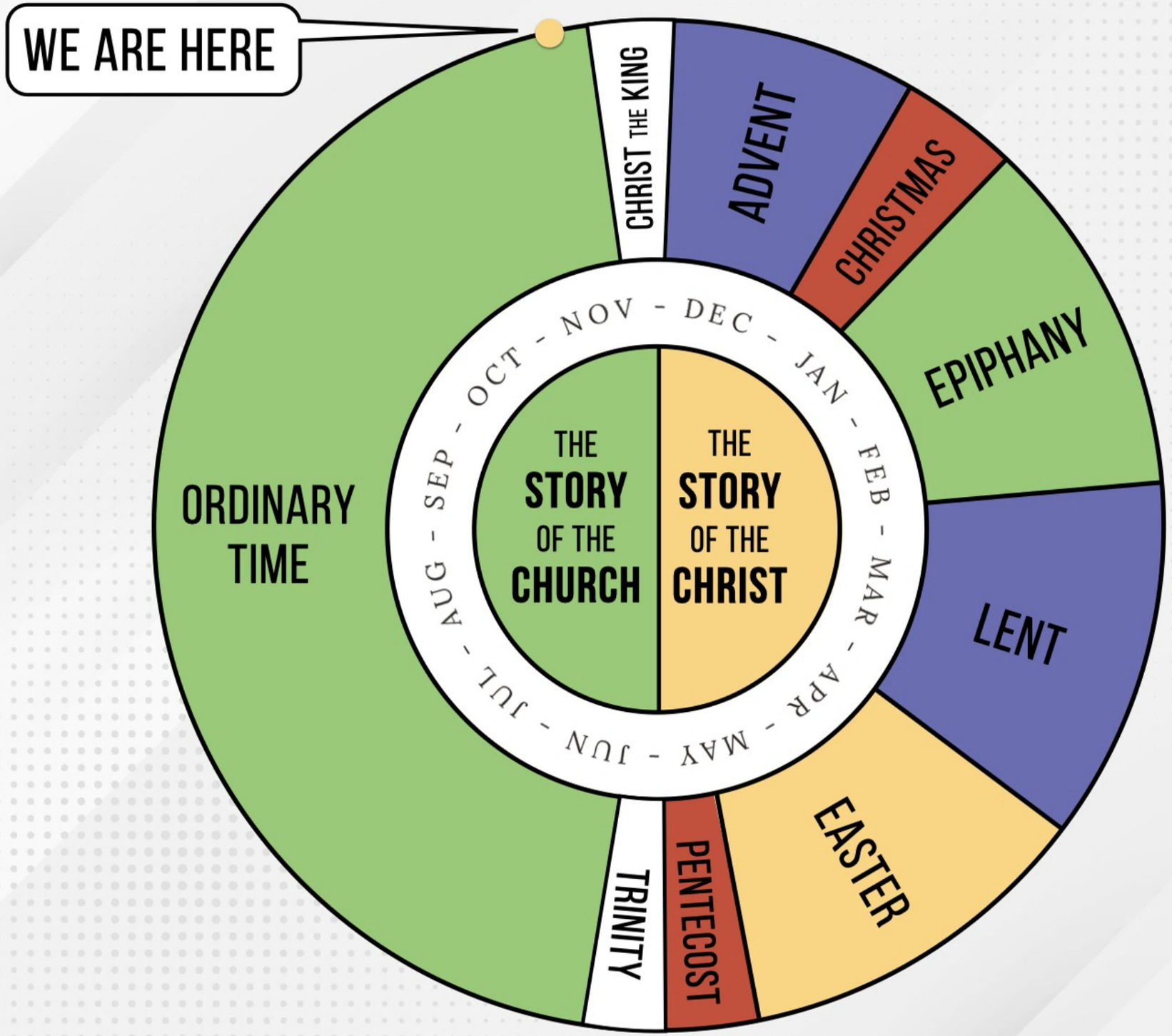

This is how
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WE ARE HERE
CHRIST THE KING
ADVENT
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TRINITY
ORDINARY TIME
JAN - FEB - MAR - APR - MAY - JUN - JUL - AUG - SEP - OCT - NOV - DEC
THE STORY OF THE CHURCH
THE STORY OF THE CHRIST



THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

CYCLE OF LIGHT — *GOD with us*

Advent: Anticipation
Christmas: Incarnation
Epiphany: Revelation

CYCLE OF LIFE — *GOD for us*

Lent: Crucifixion
Easter: Resurrection
Pentecost: Ascension

CYCLE OF LOVE — *GOD in us*

Trinity: Magnification
Ordinary Time: Mission
Christ the King: Conclusion



Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:1

ORTHODOX CHURCH

CHURCH IN THE EAST



Emphasizes continuity with the early Church through liturgy, mystery, and the teaching of the ancient councils and Fathers, understanding **salvation as theosis**, a transforming union with God.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH IN THE WEST



Holds that Christ's authority is visibly preserved in a universal, sacramental Church united under the Pope, so that grace and truth are mediated through **the Church's structures, tradition, and sacraments.**

PROTESTANT CHURCH

CHURCH IN THE WILD WEST



Insists that Scripture is the final authority, Christ is the sole mediator, and that people are made right with God **by grace through faith alone** —challenging ecclesial hierarchy and tradition.

BRETHREN CHURCH

A HUMBLE CREEK IN THE HINTERLANDS



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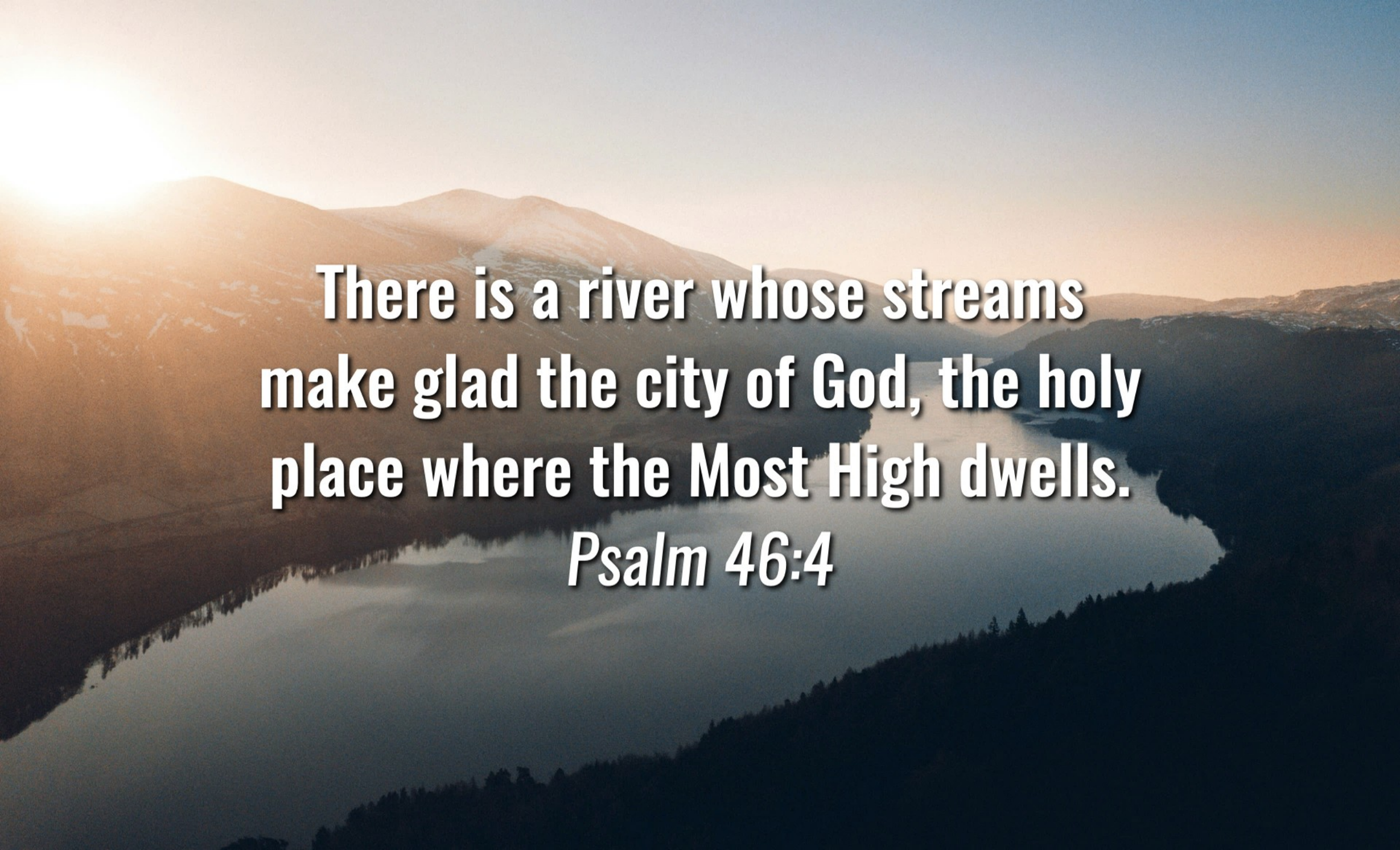


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There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God, the holy
place where the Most High dwells.
Psalm 46:4


This is how
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I John in one sentence:

We know that we belong to God (who is light and love) when we trust Christ, obey His Word, and love one another.

1 JOHN 5:13

13 I write these things to you
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Son of God so that you may
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JOHN 20:31

31 But these are written that
you may believe that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may
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EPHESIANS 1:3

3 Praise be to the God and Father
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every spiritual blessing in Christ.

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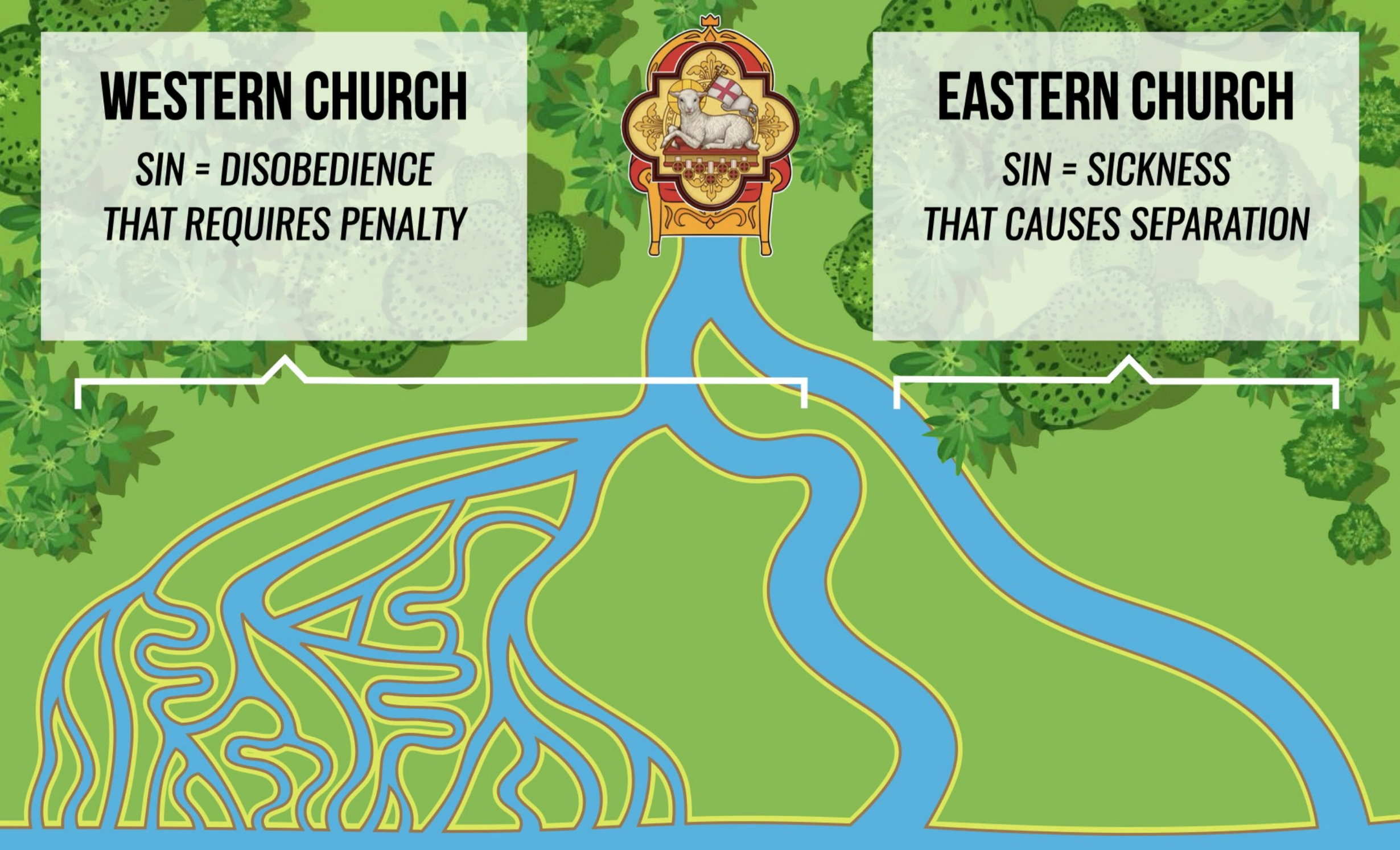
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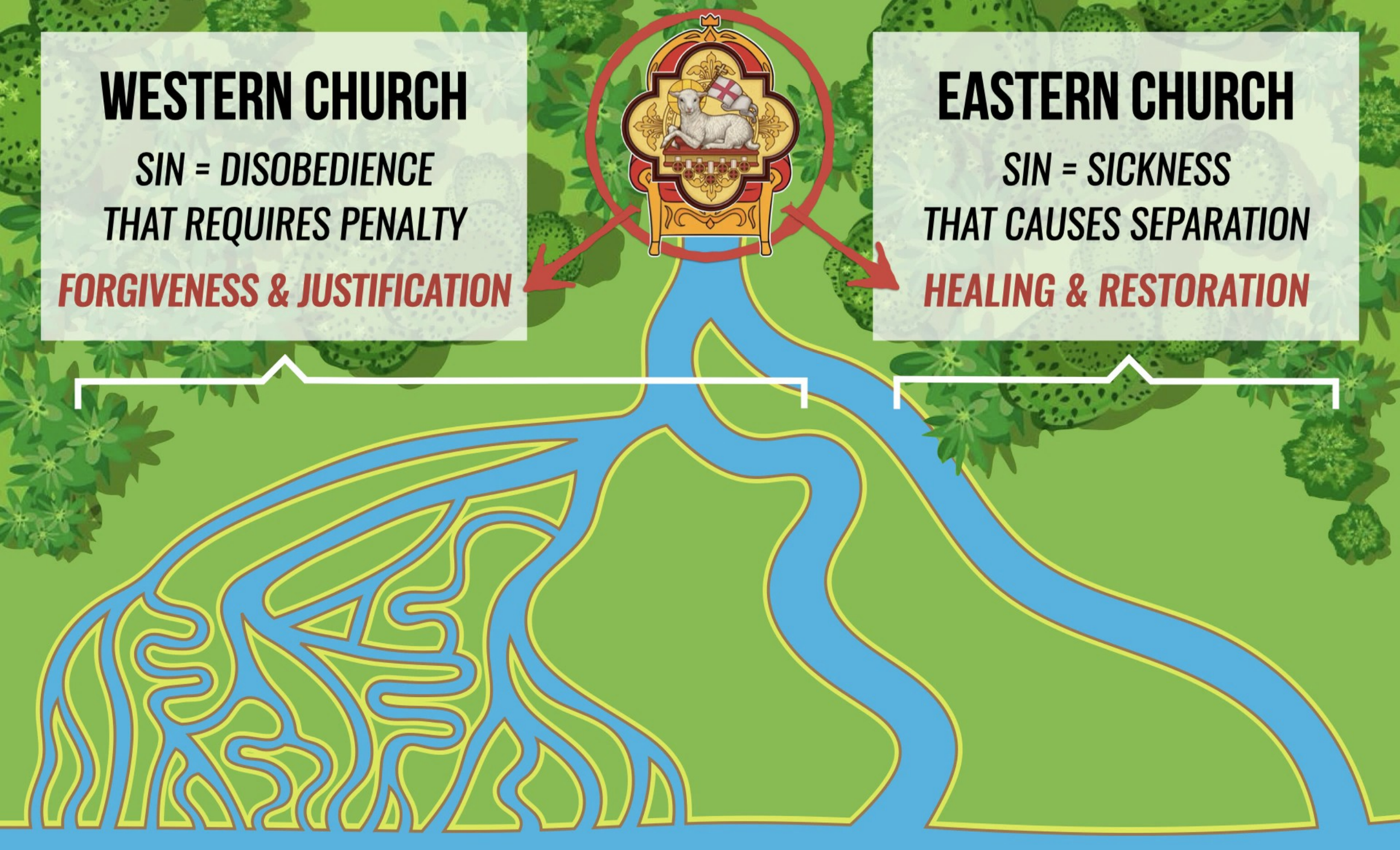
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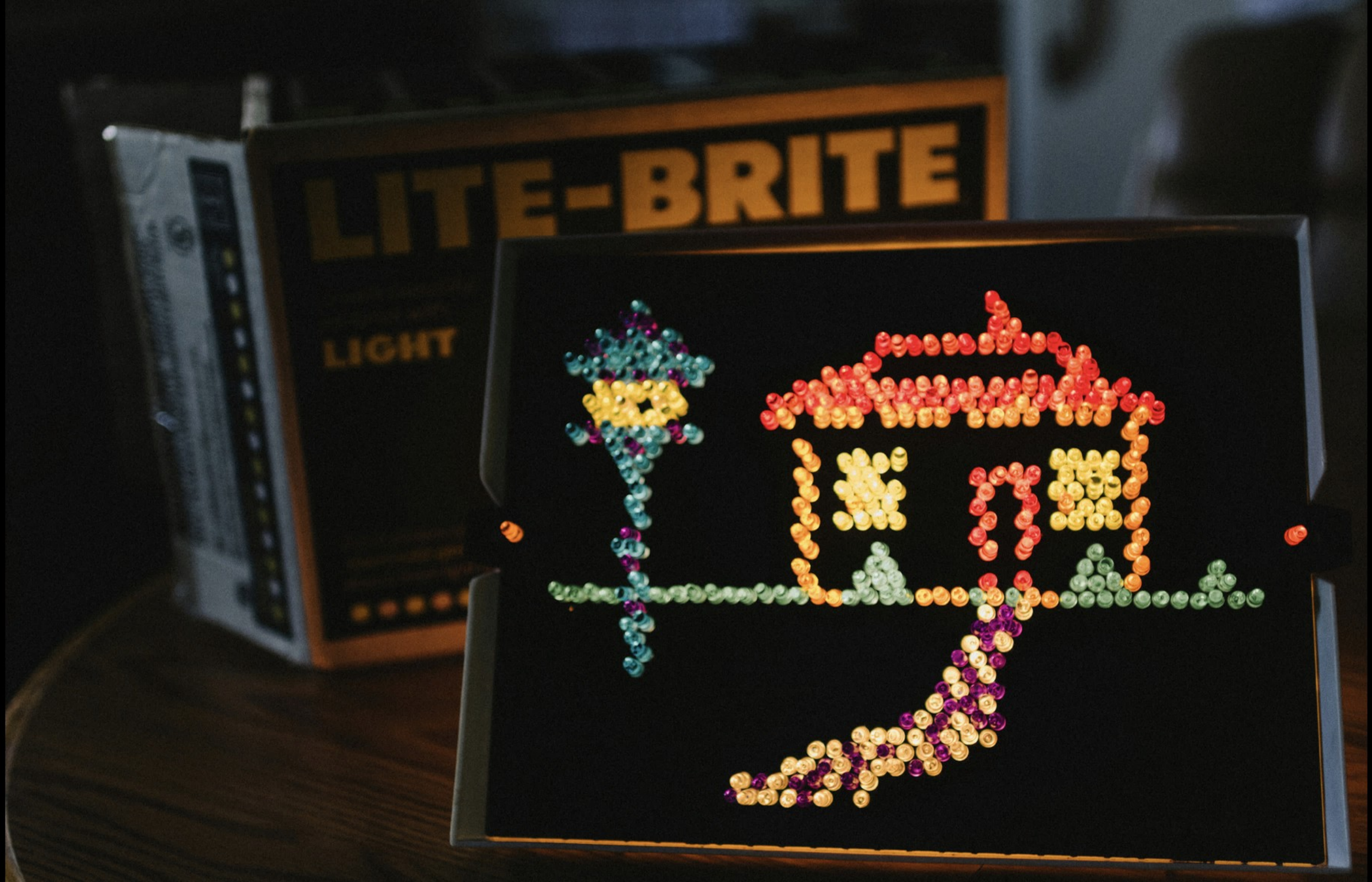
16 If you see any brother or sister
commit a sin that does not lead to
death, you should pray and God
will give them life. I refer to those
whose sin does not lead to death.
There is a sin that leads to death.
I am not saying that you should
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1 JOHN 5:18-19

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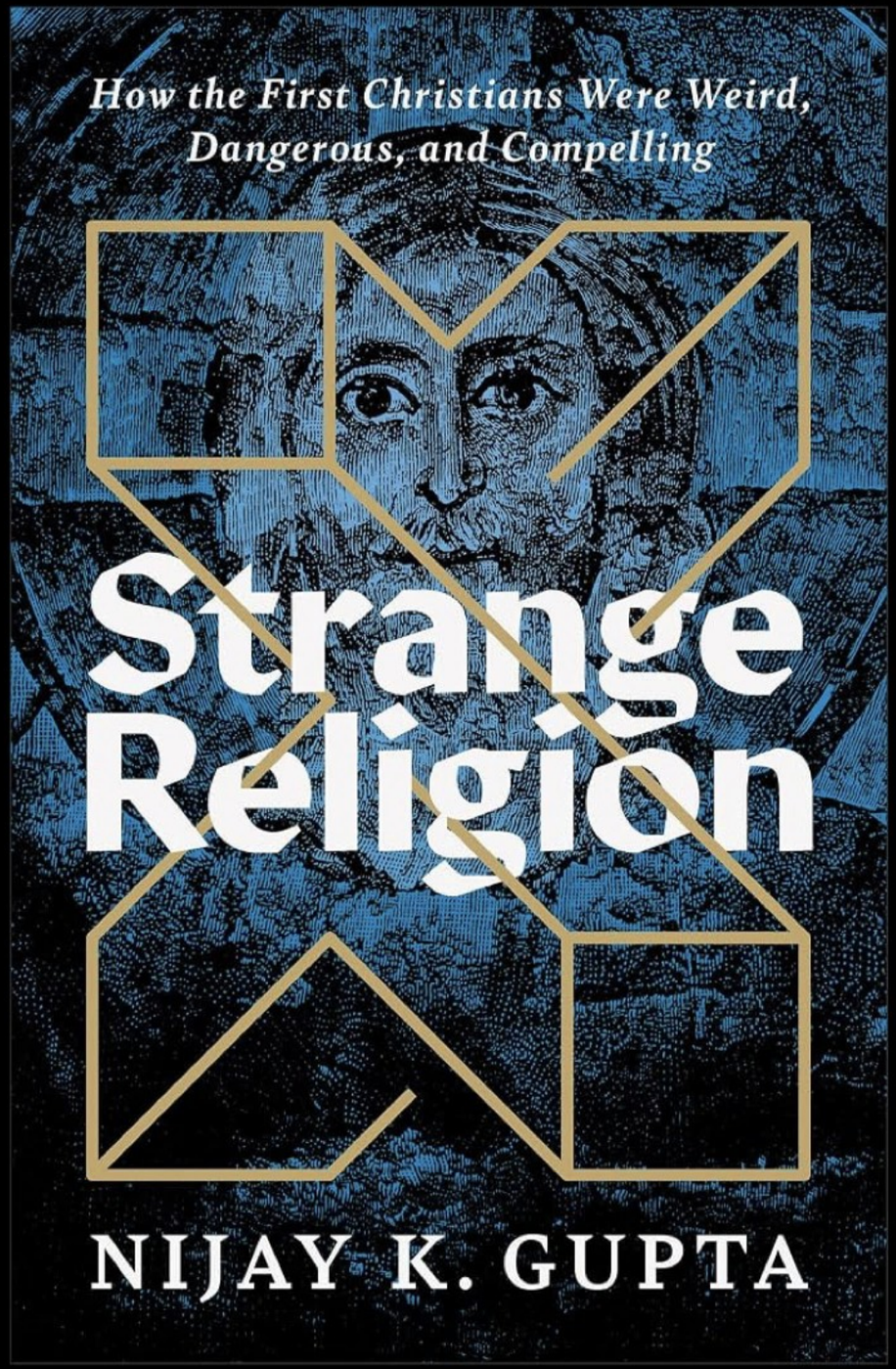
18 We know that anyone born
of God does not continue to sin;
the One who was born of God
keeps them safe, and the evil one
cannot harm them.

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19 We know that we are
children of God, and that
the whole world is under the
control of the evil one.

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Largely, I see the work I have done as descriptive–these are the first Christians, warts and all. They were not bucking conventions and pop religion to be special or different. In their best and most genuine moments, they were simply following Jesus… as they did so, they deviated from the norm of religion, and, whether they were intending to or not, they stood out in society.

1 JOHN 5:20

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20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

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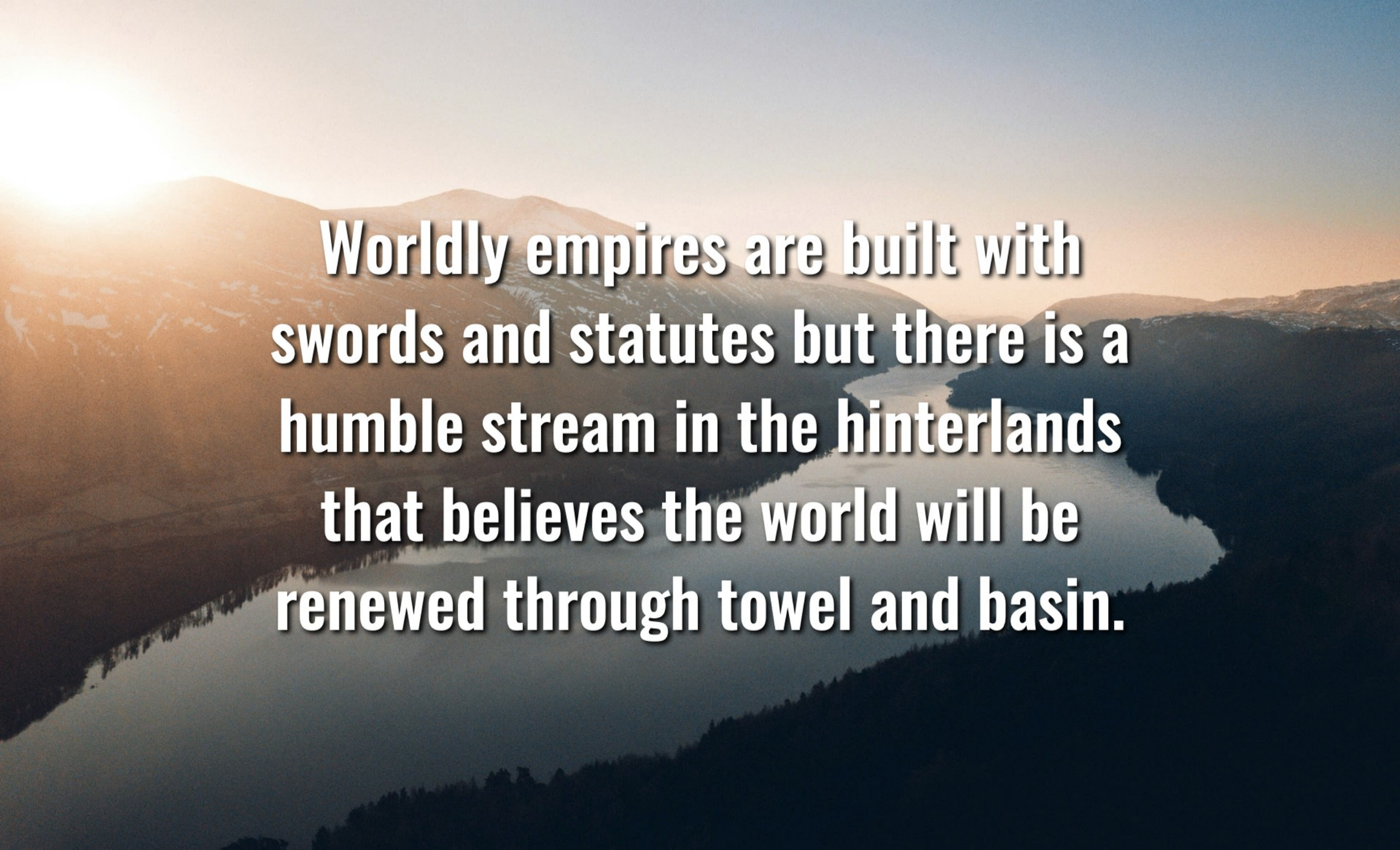
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21 Dear children, keep
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Worldly empires are built with swords and statutes but there is a humble stream in the hinterlands that believes the world will be renewed through towel and basin.


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