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Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.



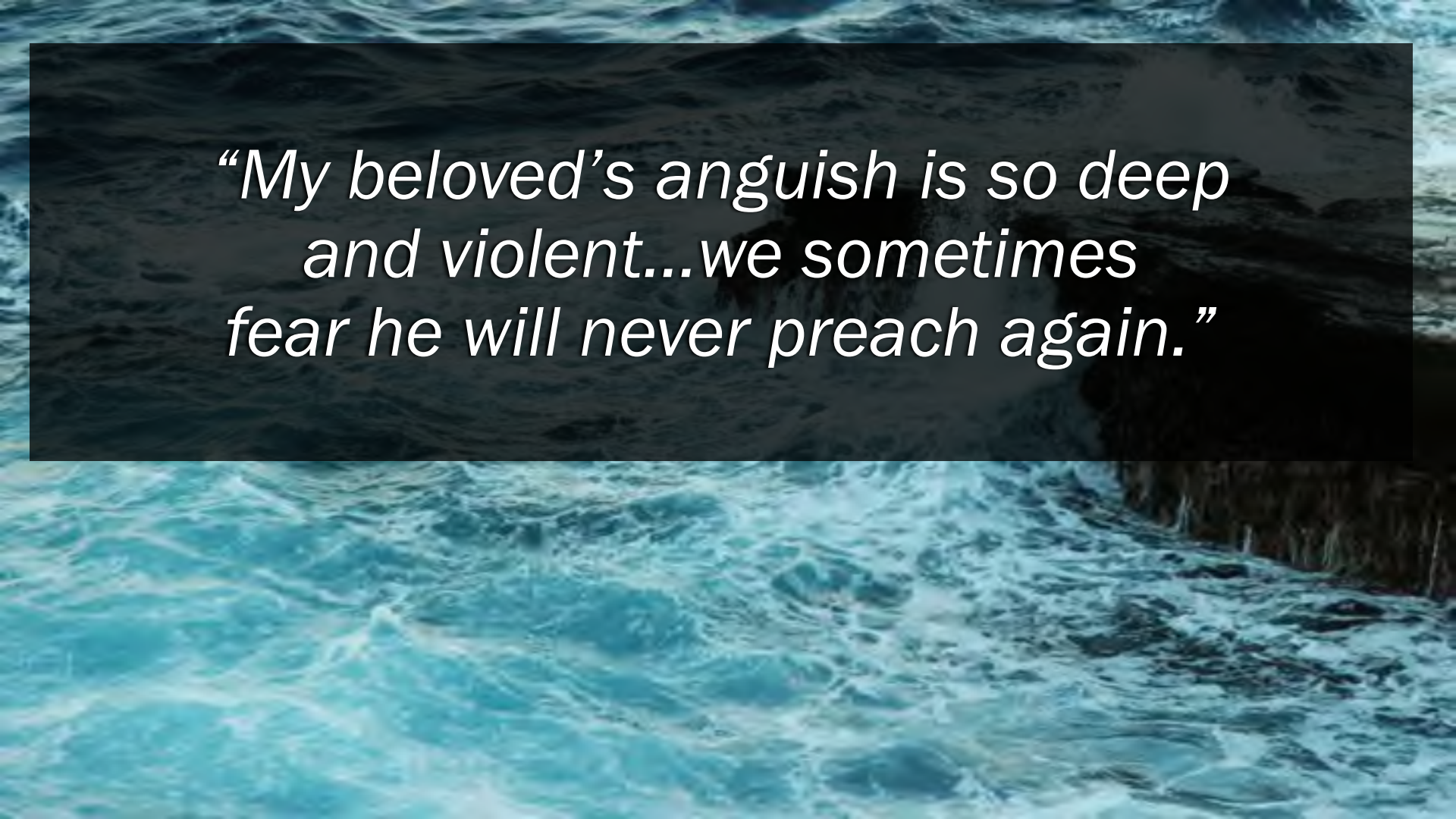








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*“My beloved’s anguish is so deep  
and violent...we sometimes  
fear he will never preach again.”*



*“The waters roll in continually, wave upon wave. I do not mention this to exact sympathy, but simply to let the reader see that I am no dry-land sailor. I have traversed those oceans. I know the roll of the billows, and the rush of the winds.”*

*~ Charles H. Spurgeon*



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## James 1:2 - 4

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

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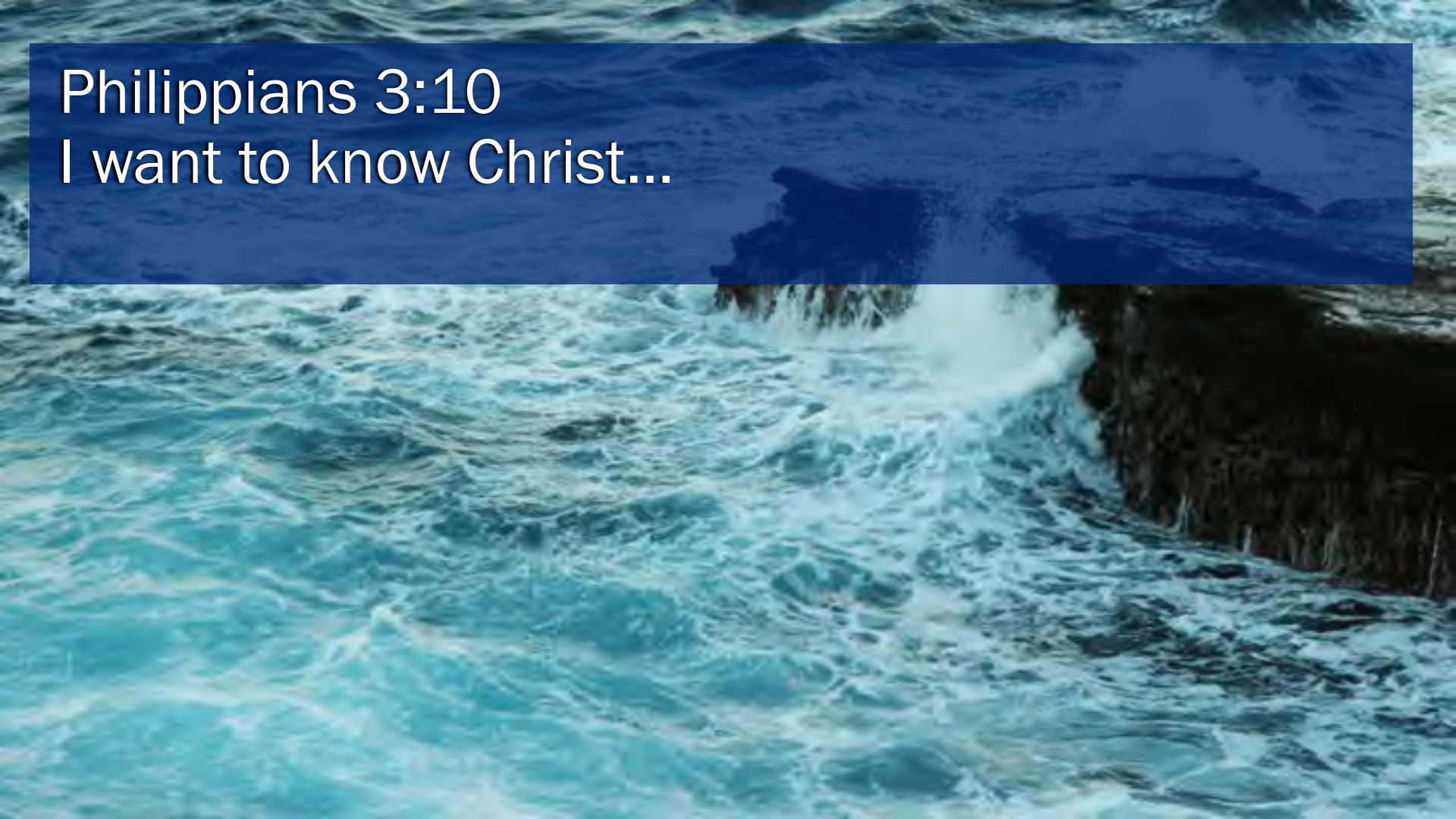
James 1:2

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## *The Five Points of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism:*

- A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
- God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions.
- The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.
- God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to resolve a problem.
- Good people go to heaven when they die.

The image features a background of a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. A dark blue rectangular overlay is positioned at the top, containing the text 'Philippians 3:10' and 'I want to know Christ...' in white. The sea below is a mix of deep blue and turquoise, with white foam from the waves. The overall mood is one of intensity and movement.

Philippians 3:10  
I want to know Christ...





Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection...



Philippians 3:10

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,





James 1:2

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come  
your way,

***Roll tide!***





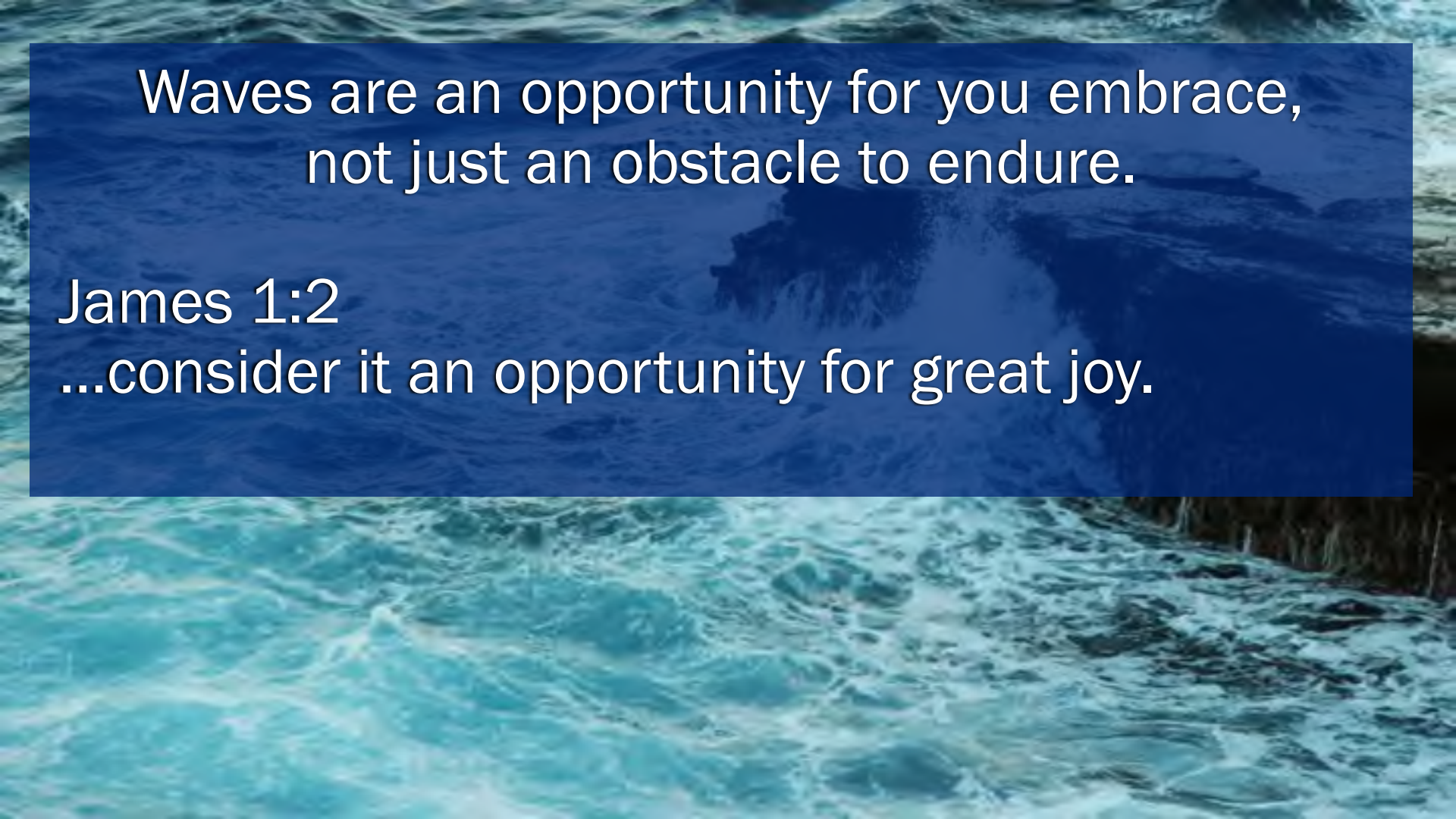




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Waves are an opportunity for you embrace,  
not just an obstacle to endure.

James 1:2

...consider it an opportunity for great joy.



John 16:33

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”





1 Samuel 30:4

So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.



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James 1:3

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James 1:4

So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.



*What if you erased the wave that was intended by God to cast your baby into the arms of the Rock of Ages?*

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