

# Faith is the Victory

## 1 John 5:1-5,12

What is the **heart** of  
a mature  
**child** of God?

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1 Everyone who believes that Jesus  
is the Christ has been born of God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves whoever has been born of him.

1 John 5:1 (ESV) (p.1/4)

2 By this we know that we love  
the children of God,  
  
when we love God  
and obey his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God,  
that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV) (p.2/4)



4 For everyone who has been born of God  
overcomes the world.

And this is the victory  
that has overcome the world — our faith.

5 Who is it that overcomes the world  
except the one who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 5:4-5 (ESV) (p.3/4)

12 Whoever has the Son has life;  
whoever does not have the Son of God  
does not have life.

1 John 5:12 (ESV) (p.4/4)

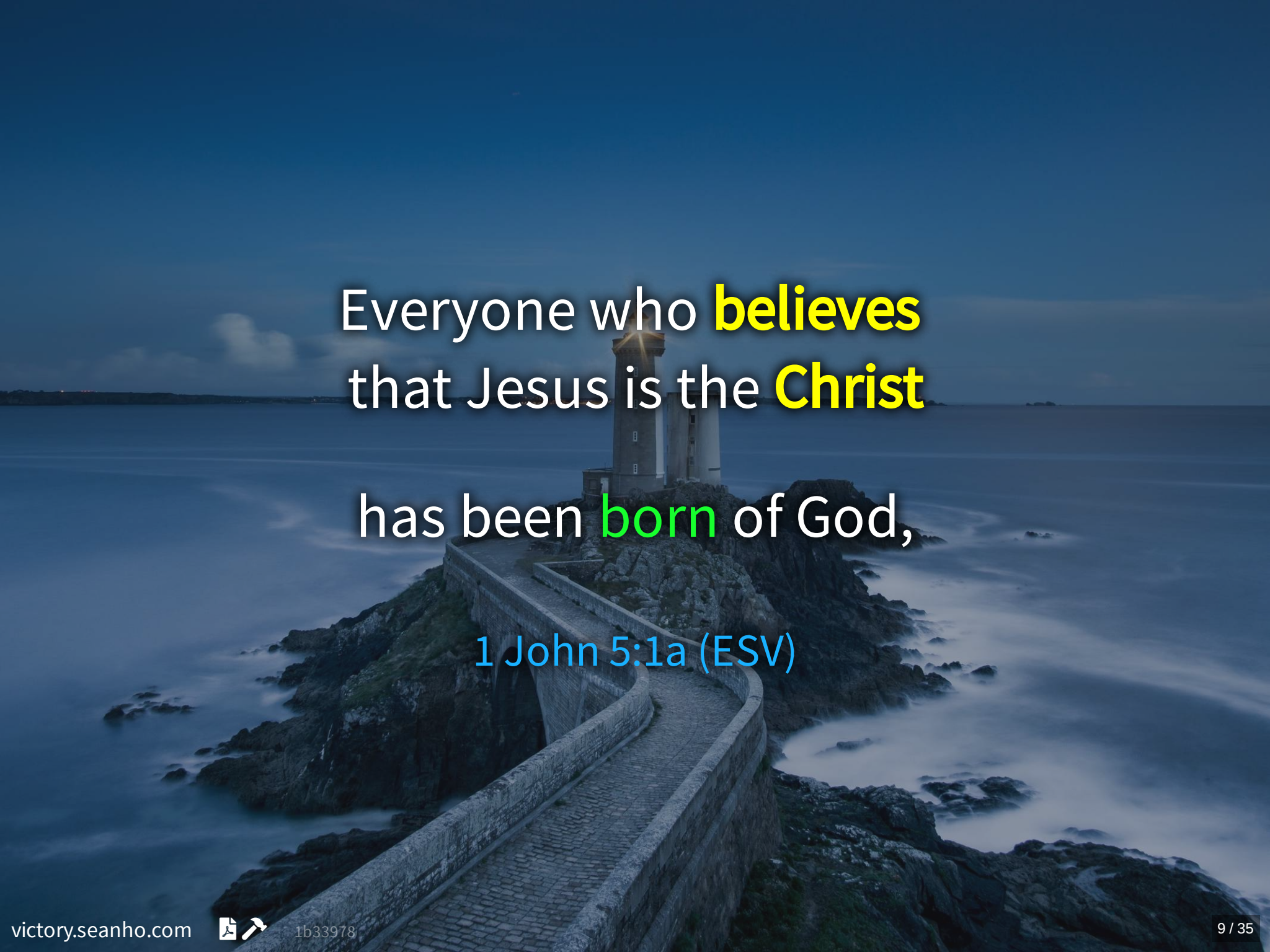
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1. Showing God's **Love** (v1)
2. Keeping God's **Word** (v2-3)
3. Trusting in God's **Victory** (v4-5)

# Reasons to **Love** God's Children

- To be more **godly** (4:7)
- Because God **first** loved us (4:11,19)
- It is **easier** than loving the unseen God (4:20)
- It is God's **command** (4:21)
- They are **born** of God (5:1)

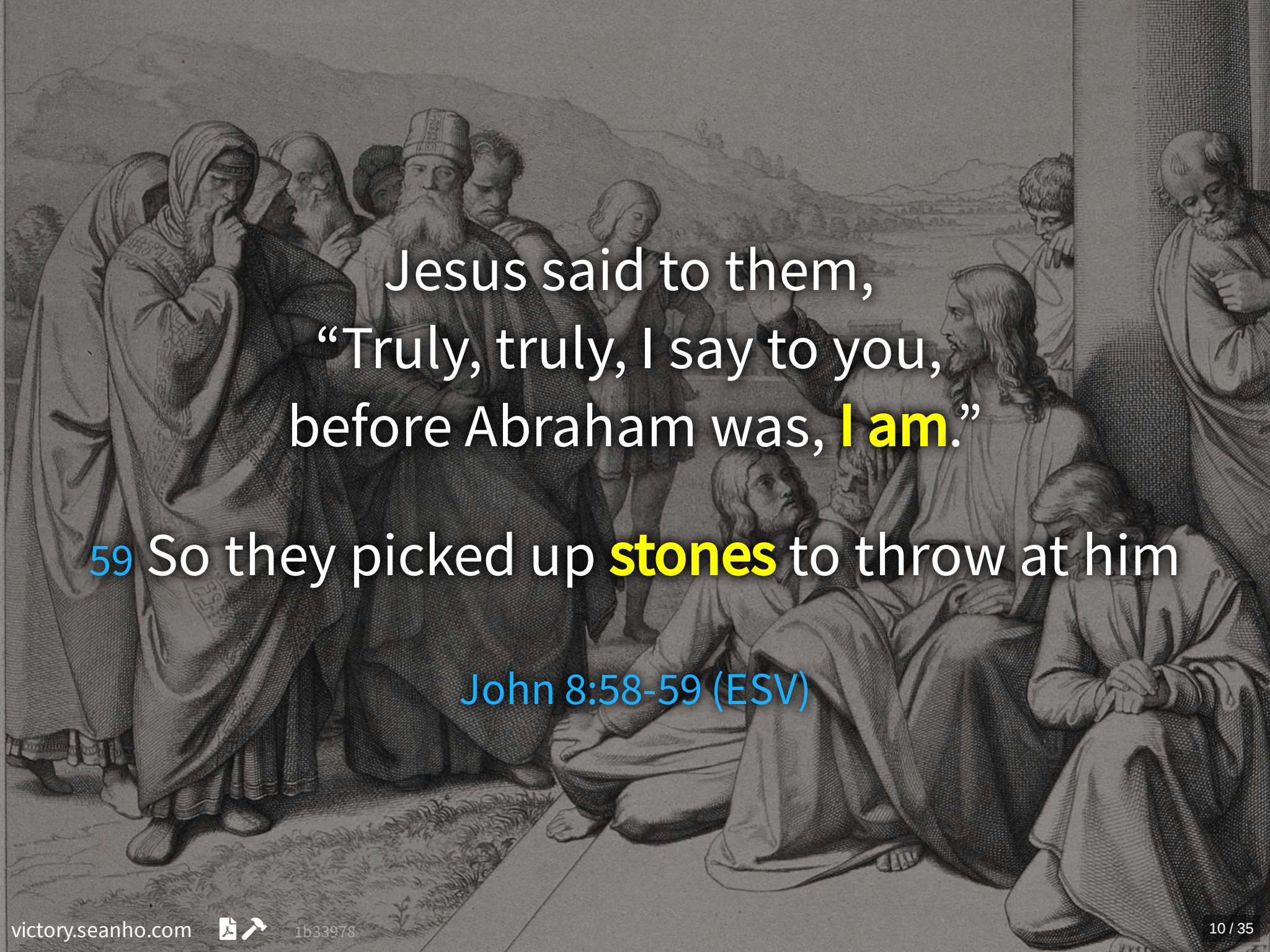


A lighthouse stands on a rocky island at dusk. A stone path leads from the foreground towards the lighthouse. The sky is a deep blue, and the sea is calm with some white foam from waves breaking on the rocks. The lighthouse is a tall, cylindrical structure with a lantern room at the top.

Everyone who **believes**  
that Jesus is the **Christ**  
has been **born** of God,

1 John 5:1a (ESV)



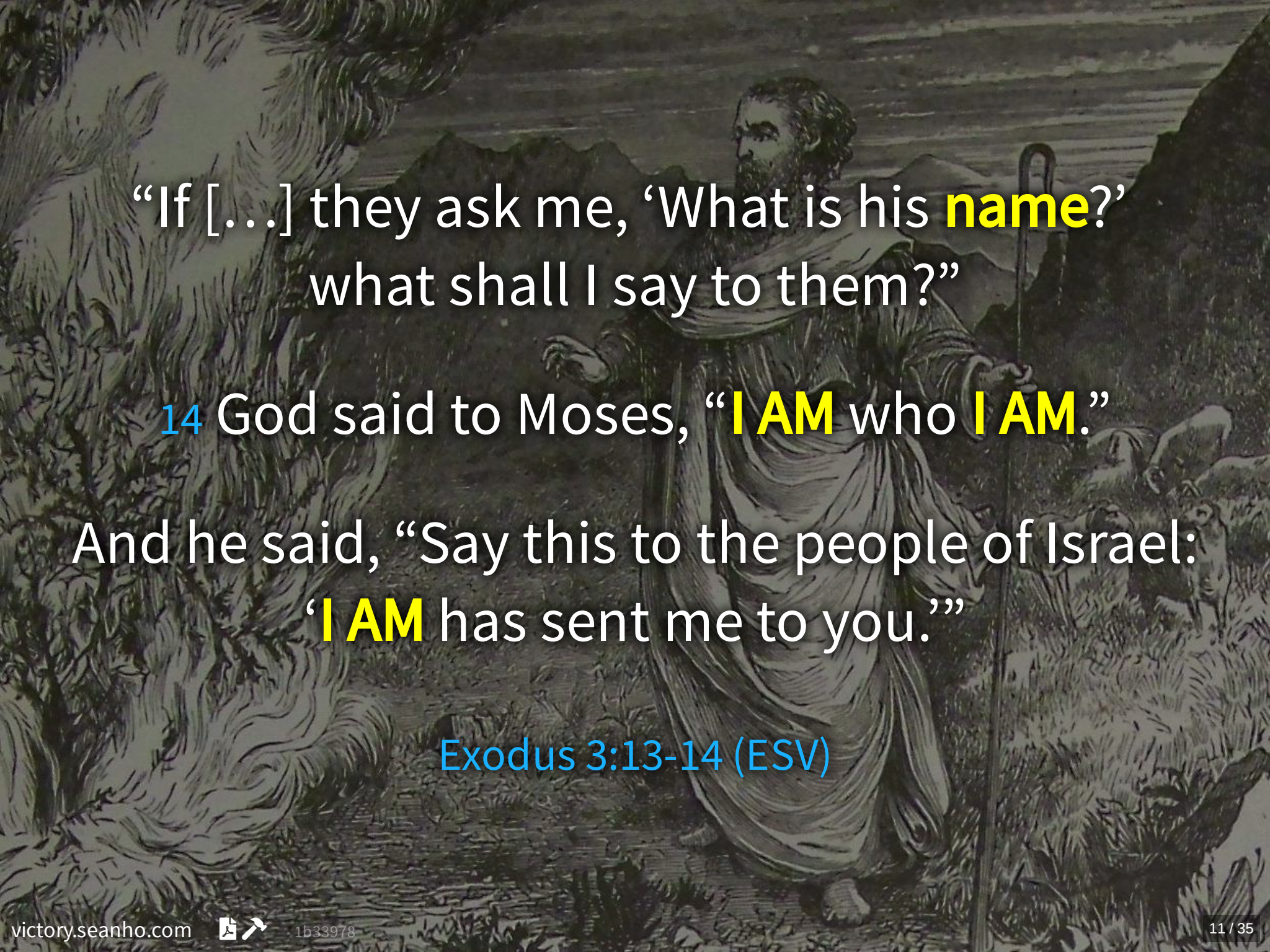


Jesus said to them,  
“Truly, truly, I say to you,  
before Abraham was, **I am**.”

**59** So they picked up **stones** to throw at him

John 8:58-59 (ESV)



A detailed illustration of Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard and hair, wearing a long white robe. He stands in a desert landscape with mountains in the background. To his left is a large, intense fire burning within a bush. He holds a long wooden staff in his left hand and gestures with his right hand towards the fire. The scene is dramatic, with strong contrasts between light and shadow.

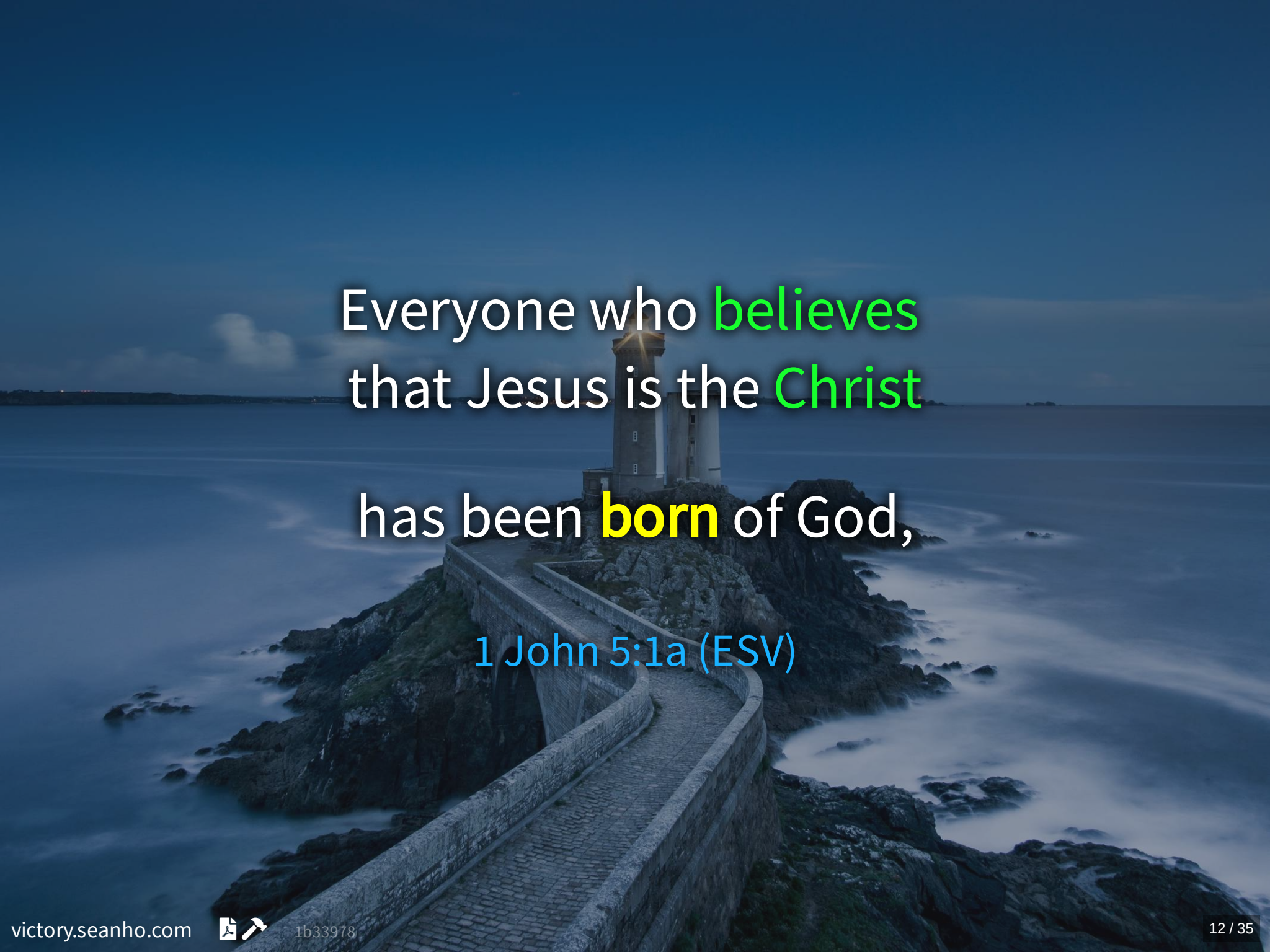
“If [...] they ask me, ‘What is his **name?**’  
what shall I say to them?”

**14** God said to Moses, “**I AM** who **I AM**.”

And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel:  
‘**I AM** has sent me to you.’”

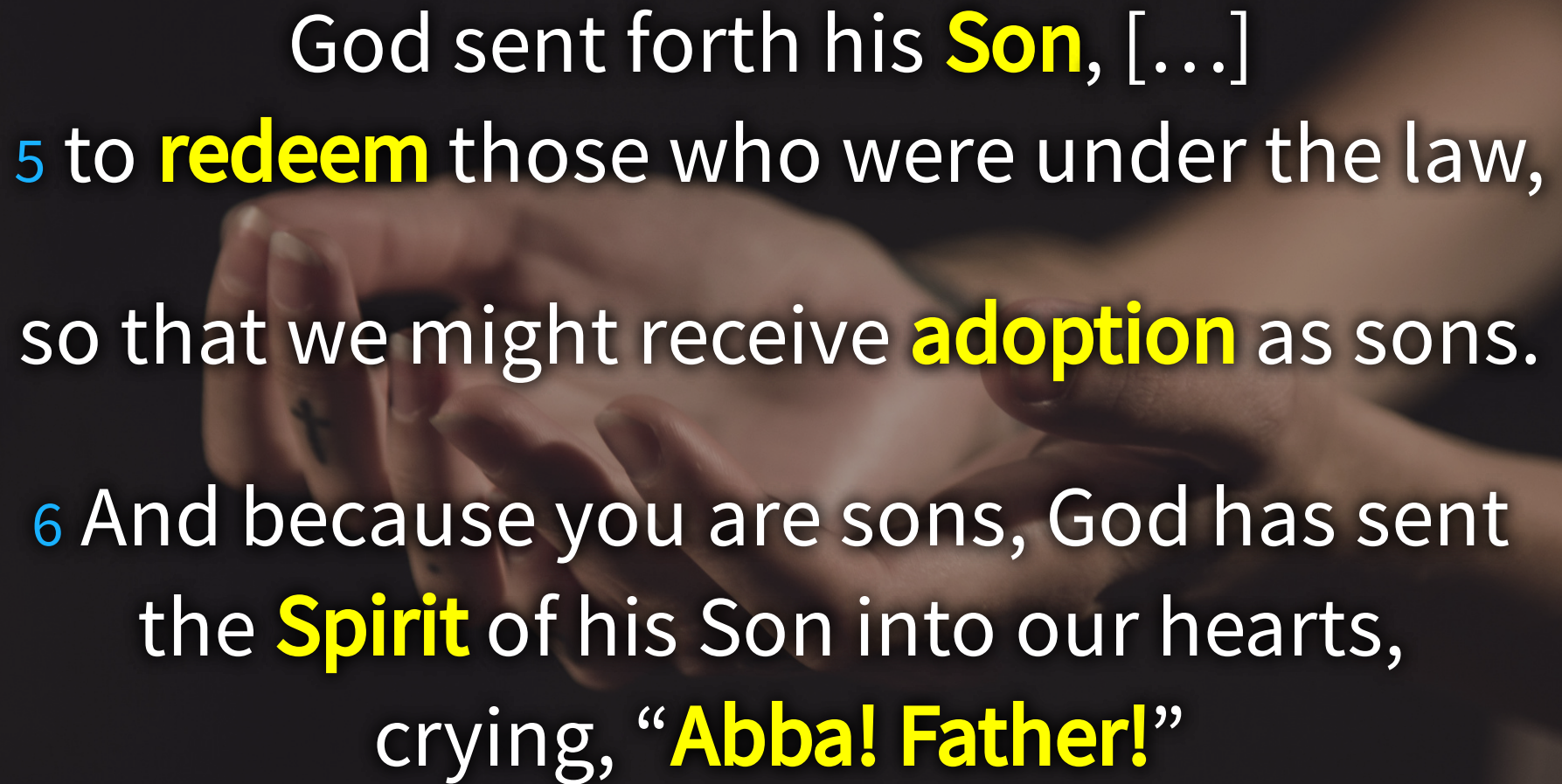
Exodus 3:13-14 (ESV)





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that Jesus is the Christ  
has been **born** of God,

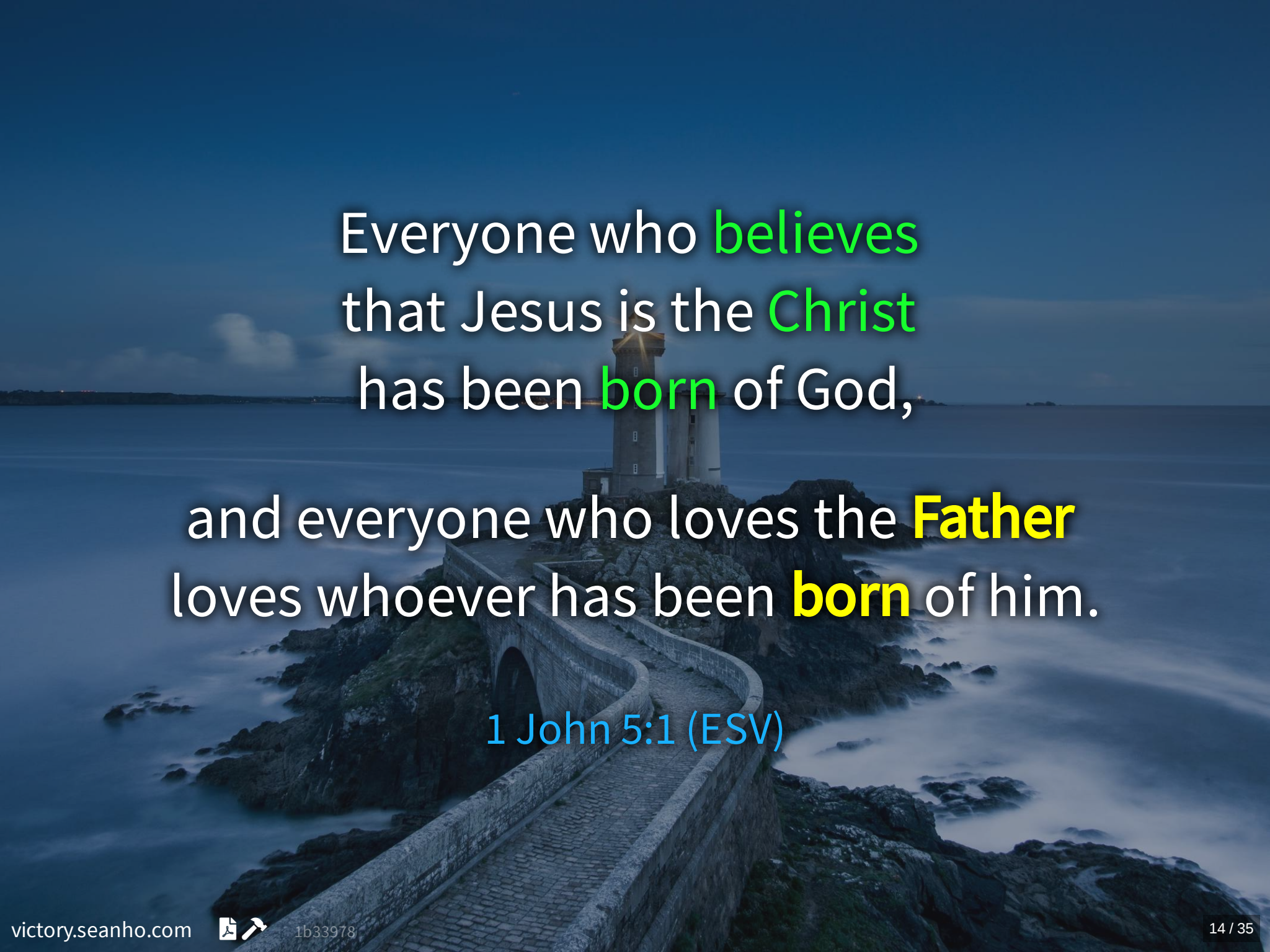
1 John 5:1a (ESV)



God sent forth his **Son**, [...]  
5 to **redeem** those who were under the law,  
so that we might receive **adoption** as sons.  
6 And because you are sons, God has sent  
the **Spirit** of his Son into our hearts,  
crying, “**Abba! Father!**”

Galatians 4:4-6 (ESV)

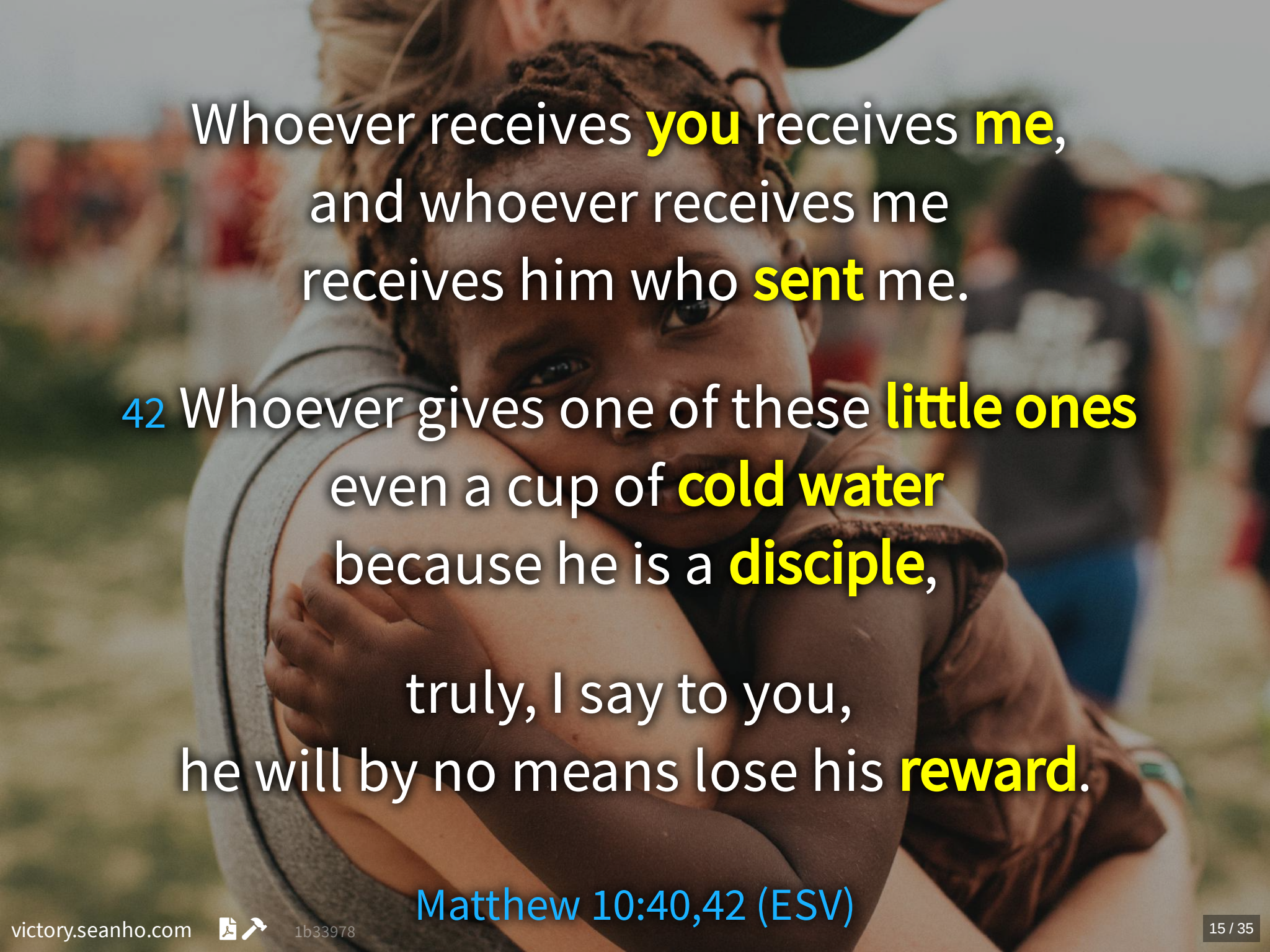


A lighthouse stands on a rocky island at dusk. A stone path leads from the foreground towards the lighthouse. The sky is dark blue, and the sea is calm. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow.

Everyone who believes  
that Jesus is the Christ  
has been born of God,  
and everyone who loves the Father  
loves whoever has been born of him.

1 John 5:1 (ESV)





Whoever receives **you** receives **me**,  
and whoever receives me  
receives him who **sent** me.

**42** Whoever gives one of these **little ones**  
even a cup of **cold water**  
because he is a **disciple**,  
truly, I say to you,  
he will by no means lose his **reward**.

Matthew 10:40,42 (ESV)


**Why should I love  
the children  
of God?**



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By this we **know** that  
we love the children of God,  
when we **love** God  
and **obey** his commandments.

1 John 5:2 (ESV)


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For this is the **love** of God,  
that we **keep** his commandments.

And his commandments  
are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3 (ESV)





[Love] does not rejoice at **wrongdoing**,  
but rejoices with the **truth**.

1 Corinthians 13:6

If anyone **loves** me, he will **keep** my word,  
and my Father will love him,

and we will come to him  
and make our **home** with him.

24 Whoever does **not** love me  
does not keep my words.

John 14:23-24 (ESV)




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are not **burdensome**.

1 John 5:3 (ESV)



And this is his **commandment**,  
that we **believe** in the name  
of his Son Jesus Christ  
and **love** one another

1 John 3:23 (ESV)

In my **love**  
for others,  
do I treasure  
God's **Word**?



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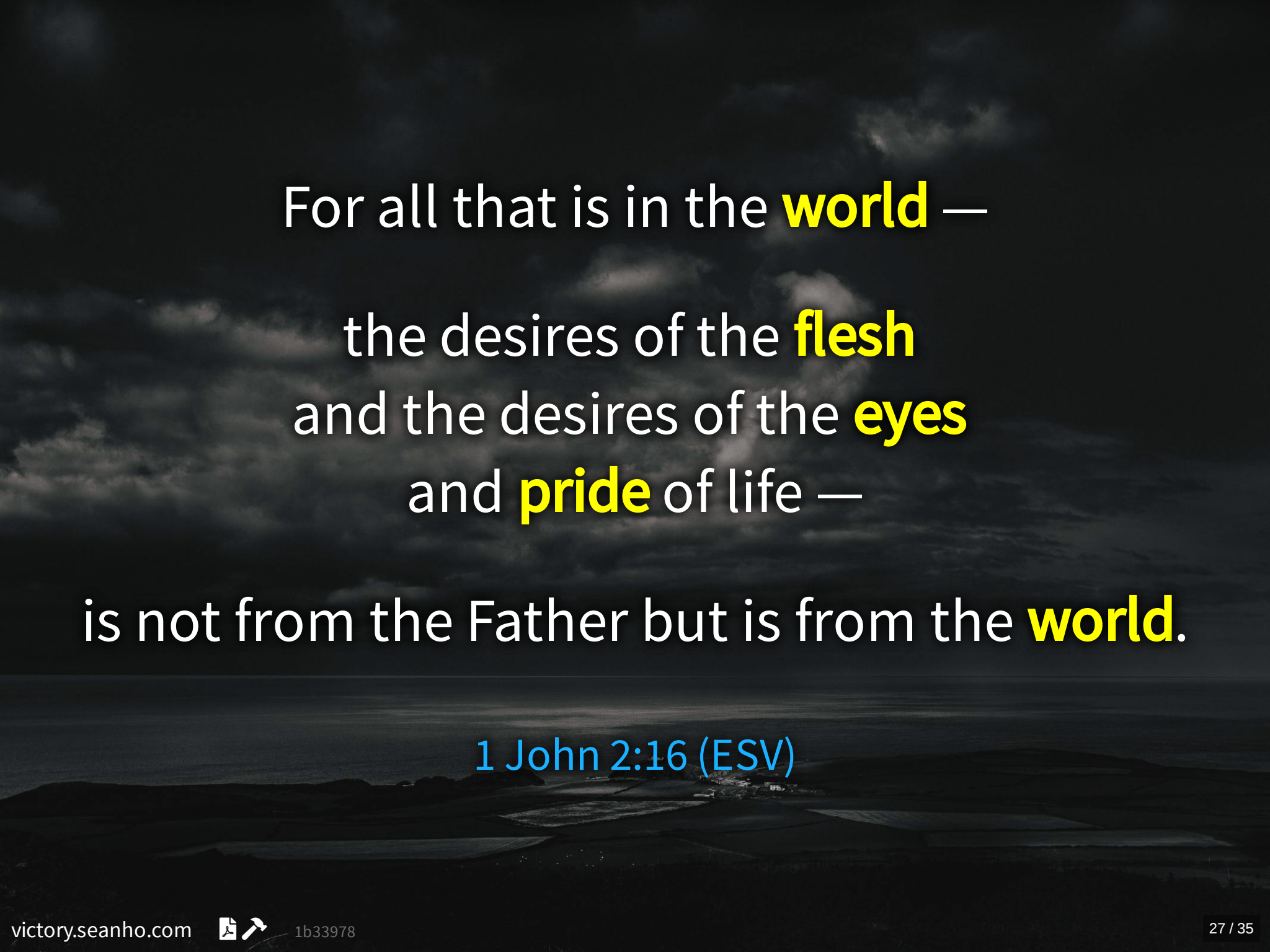


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4 For everyone who has been **born** of God  
**overcomes** the **world**.

1 John 5:3b-4a (ESV)



For all that is in the **world** —  
the desires of the **flesh**  
and the desires of the **eyes**  
and **pride** of life —  
is not from the Father but is from the **world**.

1 John 2:16 (ESV)



A person is walking away from the camera on a set of railroad tracks that curve into a dense forest. The tracks are made of wooden ties and metal rails, and the surrounding area is filled with lush green trees and foliage. The sky is overcast.

For I have the **desire** to do what is right,  
but not the **ability** to carry it out.

**19** For I do not do the **good** I want,  
but the **evil** I do not want  
is what I keep on doing.

Romans 7:18-19 (ESV)



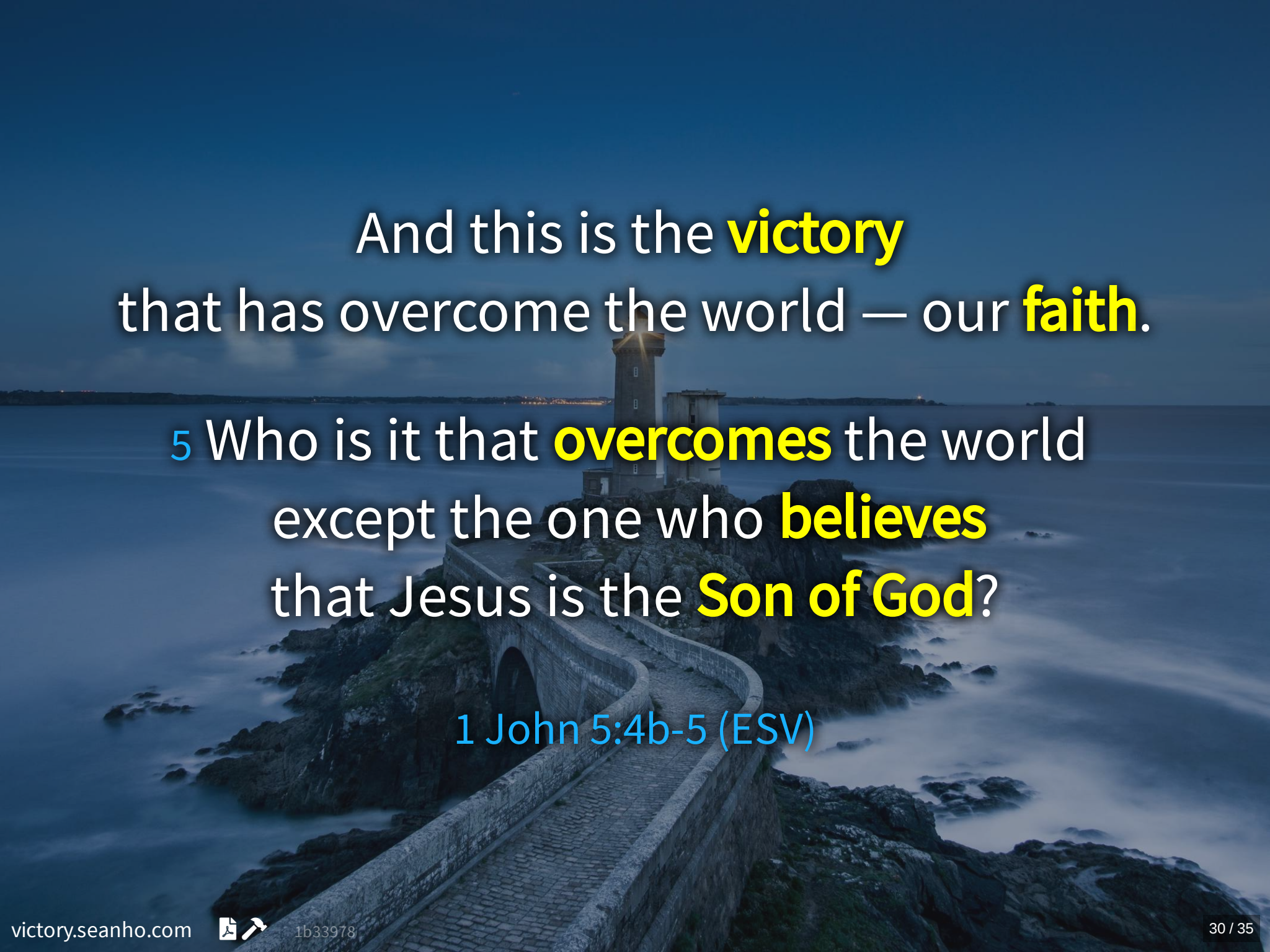
A person is walking away from the camera on a set of railroad tracks that curve through a dense, green forest. The tracks are made of wooden ties and metal rails. The person is wearing a light-colored jacket and dark pants. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage.

**Wretched** man that I am!  
Who will **deliver** me from this body of death?

**25** Thanks be to God –  
through Jesus **Christ** our Lord!

Romans 7:24-25 (ESV)





And this is the **victory**  
that has overcome the world — our **faith**.

5 Who is it that **overcomes** the world  
except the one who **believes**  
that Jesus is the **Son of God**?

1 John 5:4b-5 (ESV)



“O **death**, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your **sting**?”

**56** The sting of death is **sin**,  
and the power of sin is the **law**.

**57** But thanks be to God,  
who gives us the **victory**  
through our Lord **Jesus Christ**.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (ESV)





11 This is the **testimony**,

that God gave us **eternal life**,  
and this life is in his **Son**.

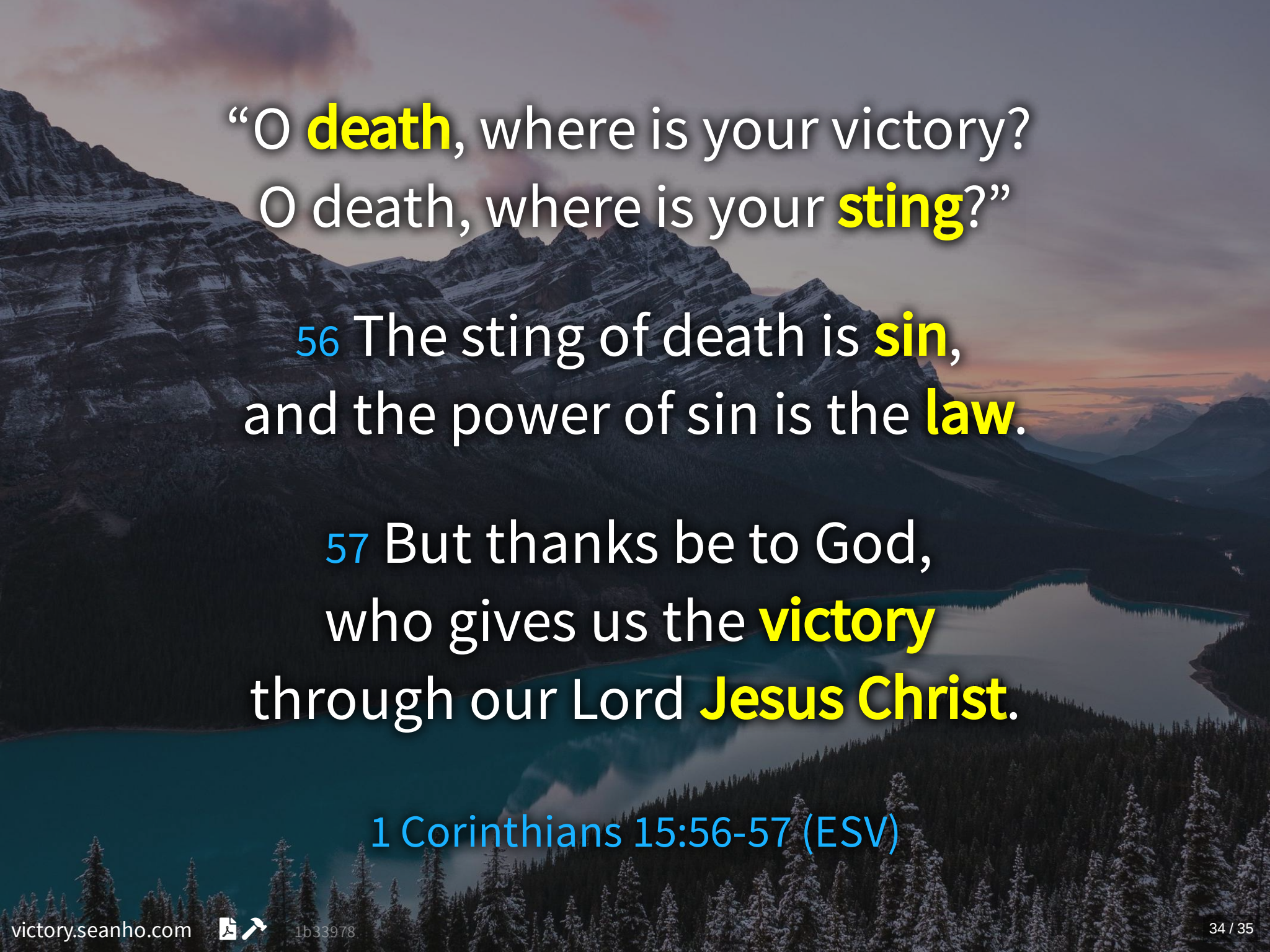
12 Whoever **has** the Son has life;  
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1 John 5:11-12 (ESV)

Do I **struggle** with  
worldly passions?

Do I **believe** in  
Christ's victory?





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