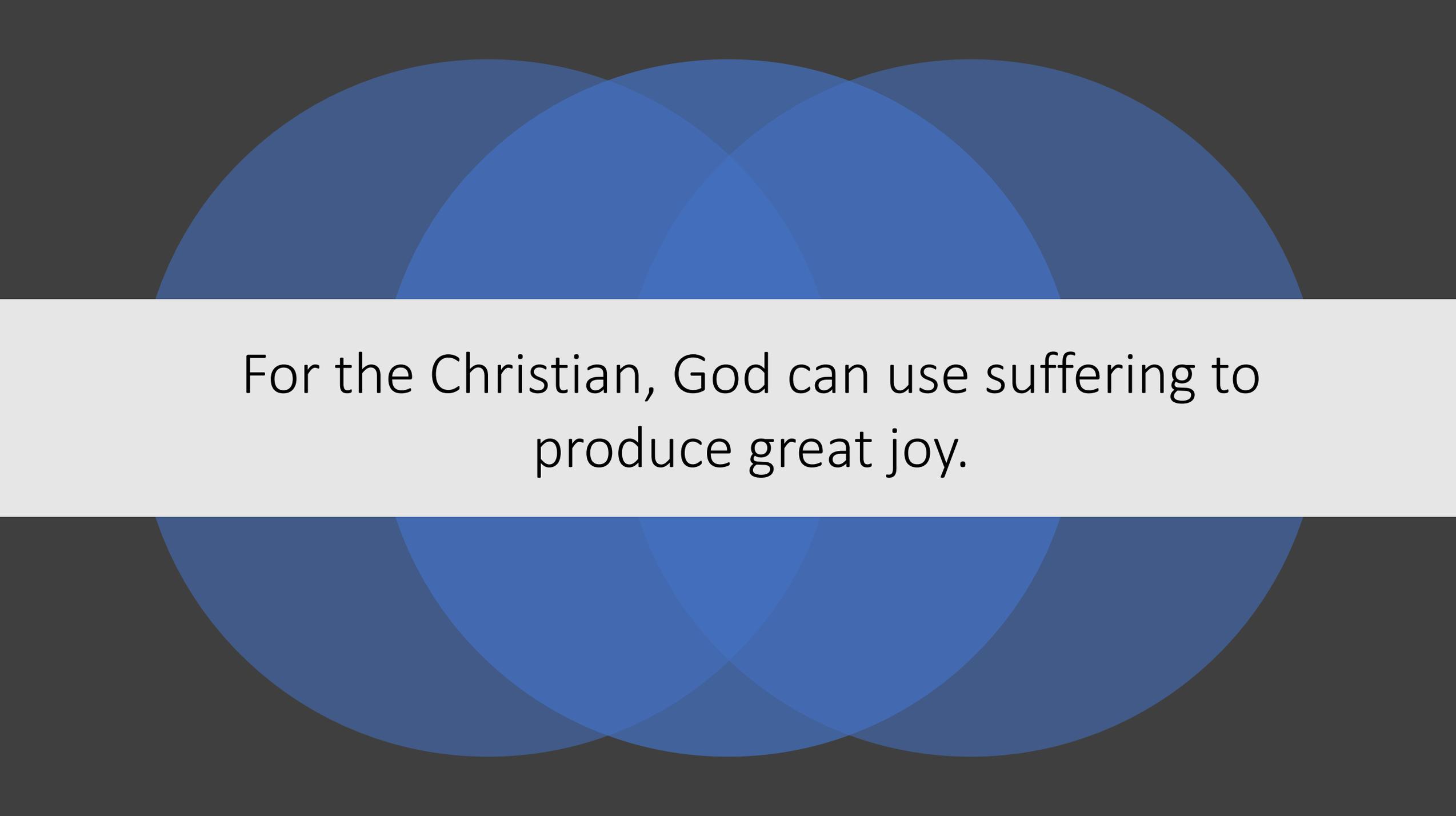


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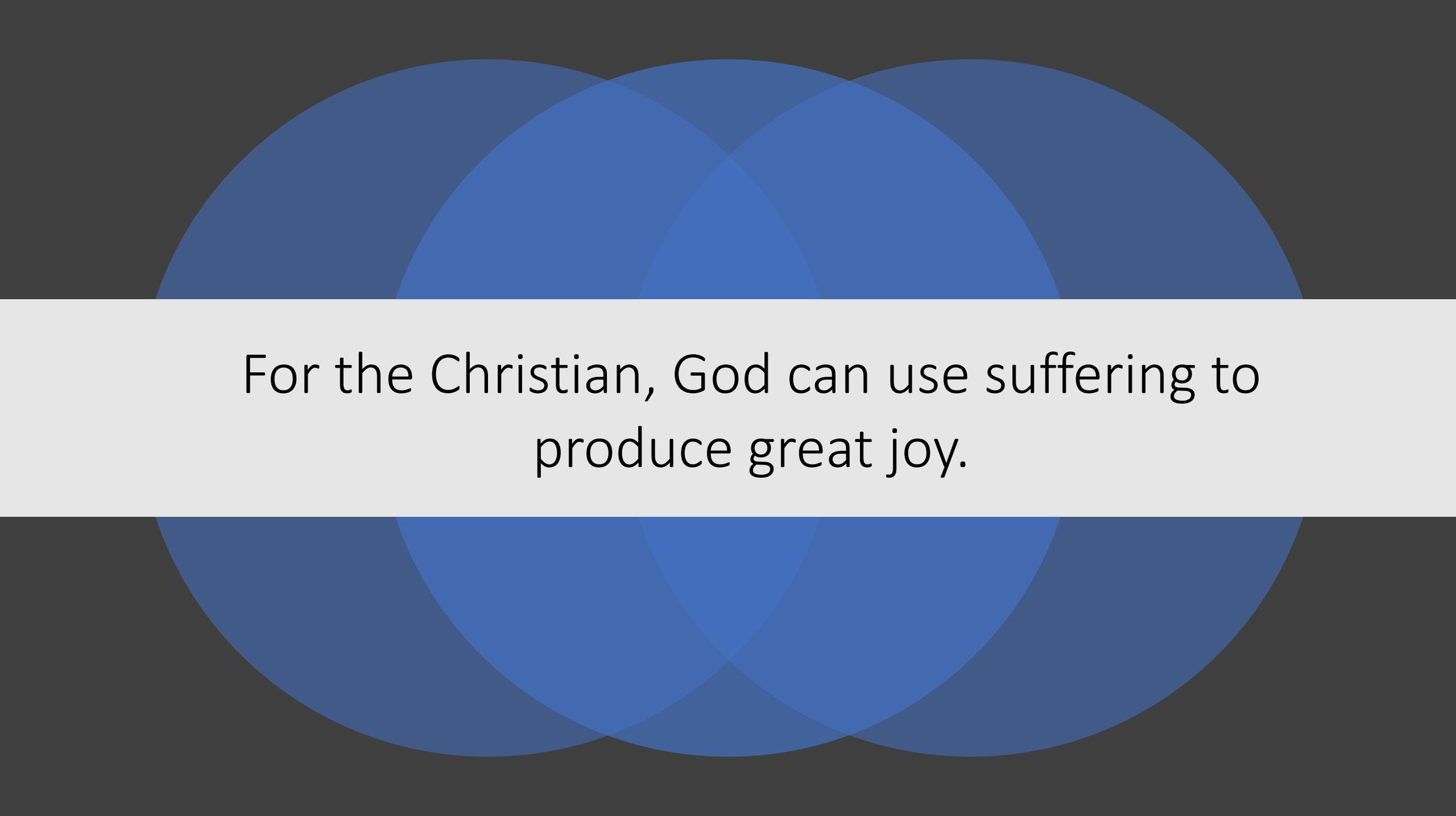
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“Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves** in a manner worthy of **the gospel** of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you are **standing firm** in the one Spirit, **striving together** as one for the **faith** of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you...

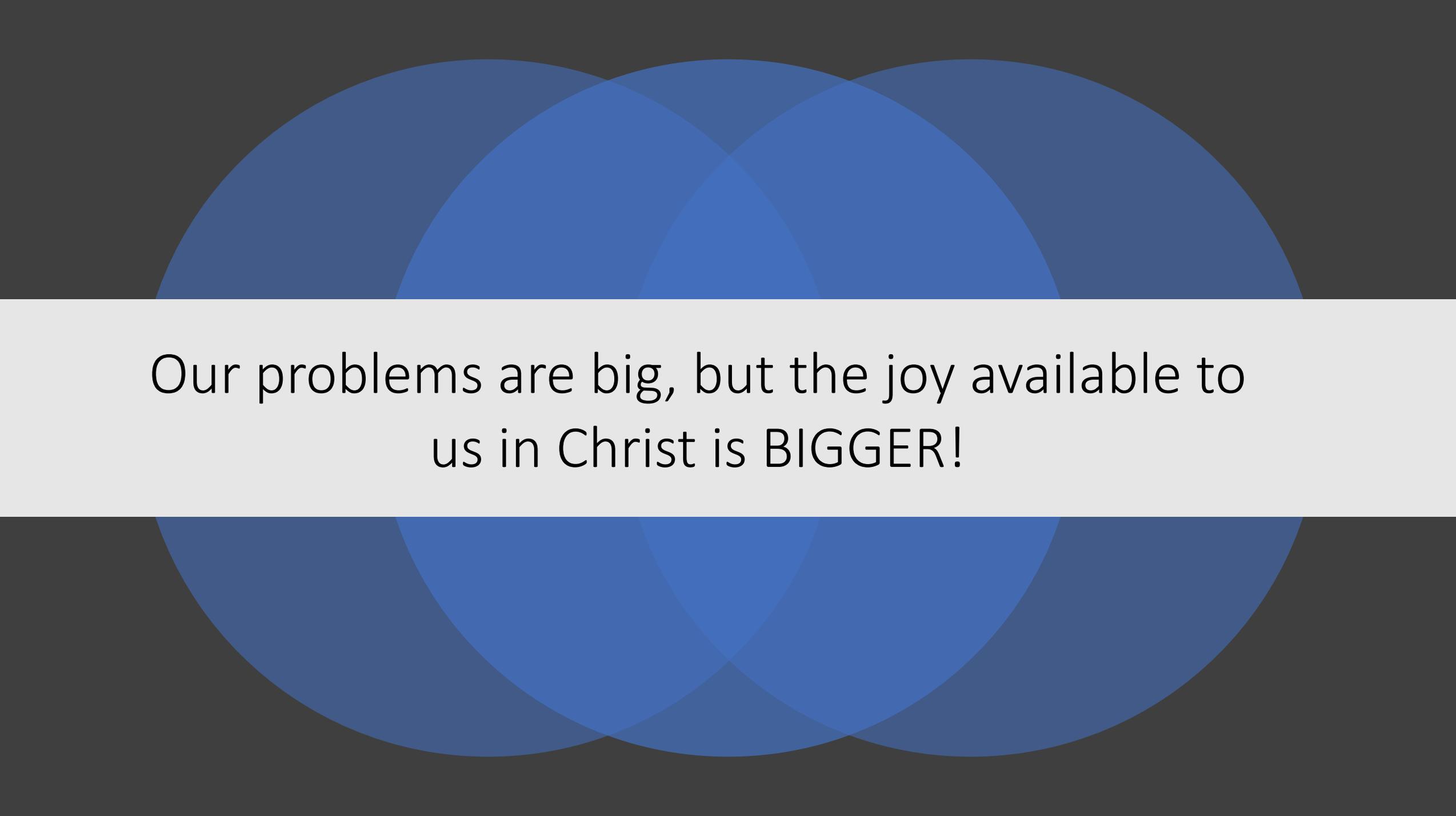
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Phil. 1:27-29





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Our problems are big, but the joy available to
us in Christ is BIGGER!

Today:

JOY EVEN WHEN YOU ARE SUFFERING

THE QUESTION:

SUFFERING:

Will I waste it or be a good steward of it?

First:

Be proactive in filling your life with
Gospel conversations.

“Because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to **proclaim** the gospel without fear.

It is true that some **preach Christ** out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former **preach Christ** out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? **The important thing** is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, **Christ is preached**. And because of this I rejoice.”

Phil. 1:14-18



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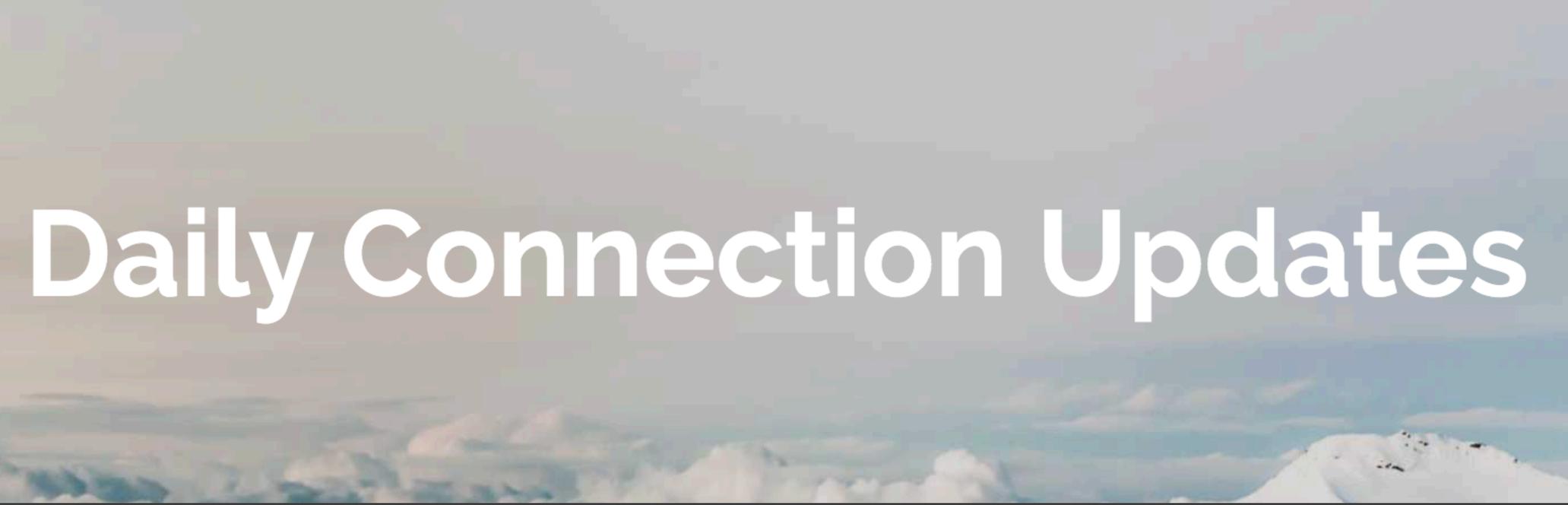


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Daily Connection Updates

How are you finding your faith in Christ a help to you at this time?

What are you learning in your daily Bible reading?

How is this time challenging you to live out what you have always known yet never experienced?

When you pray, what are you asking Jesus for and why?

Do you have a faith background; if so, how is it helping you in this situation?

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What we **talk** about is what we will **think** about,
and what we **think** about is what we will **be** about.

Second:

Connect God's sovereign external work
to the Spirit's deeply personal inner work in your life.

“Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God’s provision of **the Spirit of Jesus Christ** what has happened to me will turn out for my **Salvation**. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have **sufficient courage** so that now as always Christ will be **exalted** in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Phil. 1:19-21

“Saul, trembling and astonished, said, ‘Lord, what do You want me to **do**?’” Acts 9:6

“It has always been **my ambition** to preach the gospel where Christ was not known,”

I Cor. 15:20

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Spirit, what are You wanting to do inside of me in this, and how are You asking me to trust You?

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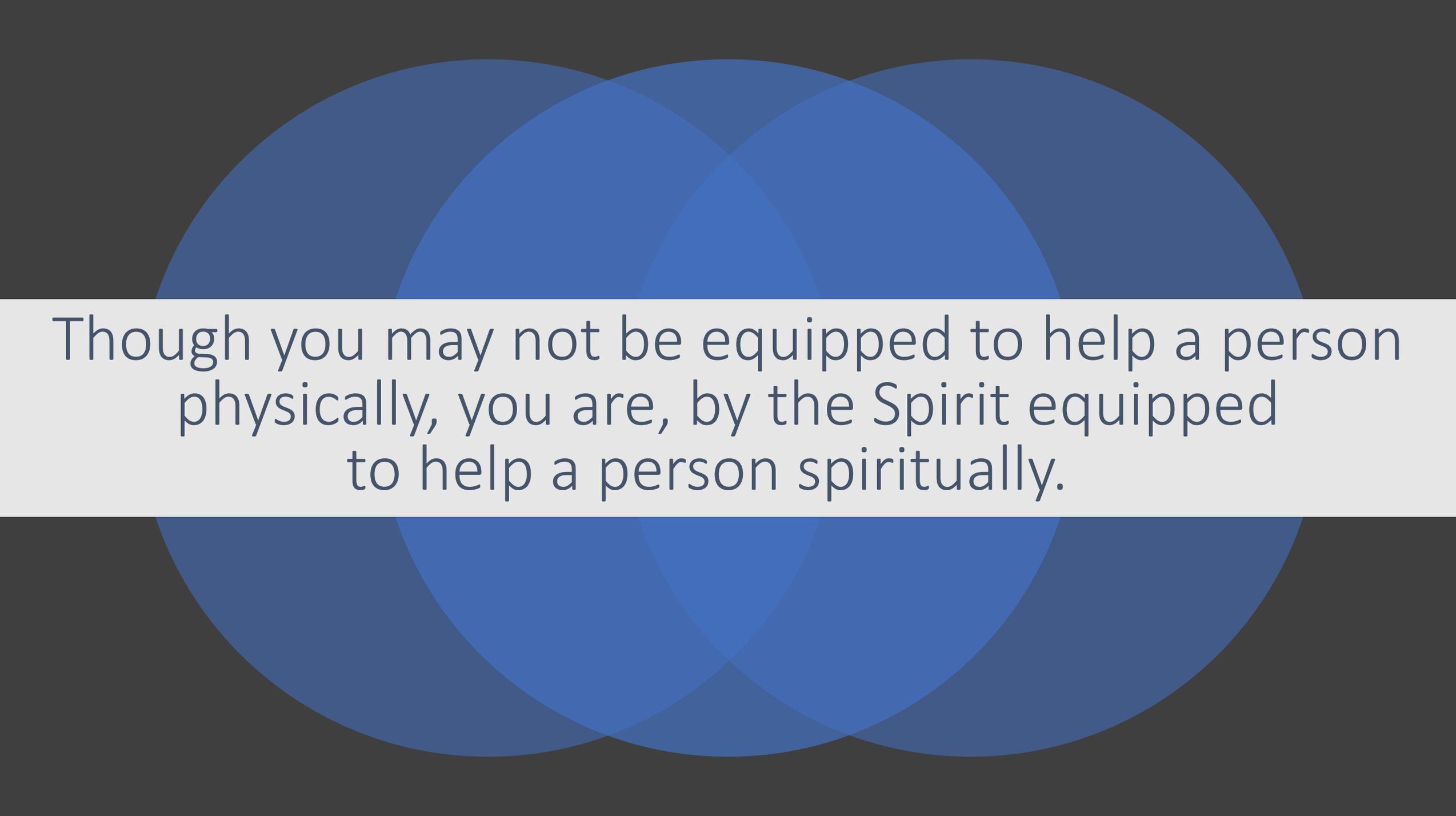
Look for ways to serve the purposes of God in the life of another person.

“If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary **for you** that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, **I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith,** so that through my being with you again **your boasting** in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.”

Phil. 1:22-26





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Though you may not be equipped to help a person physically, you are, by the Spirit equipped to help a person spiritually.

How can I Help?

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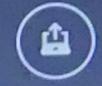
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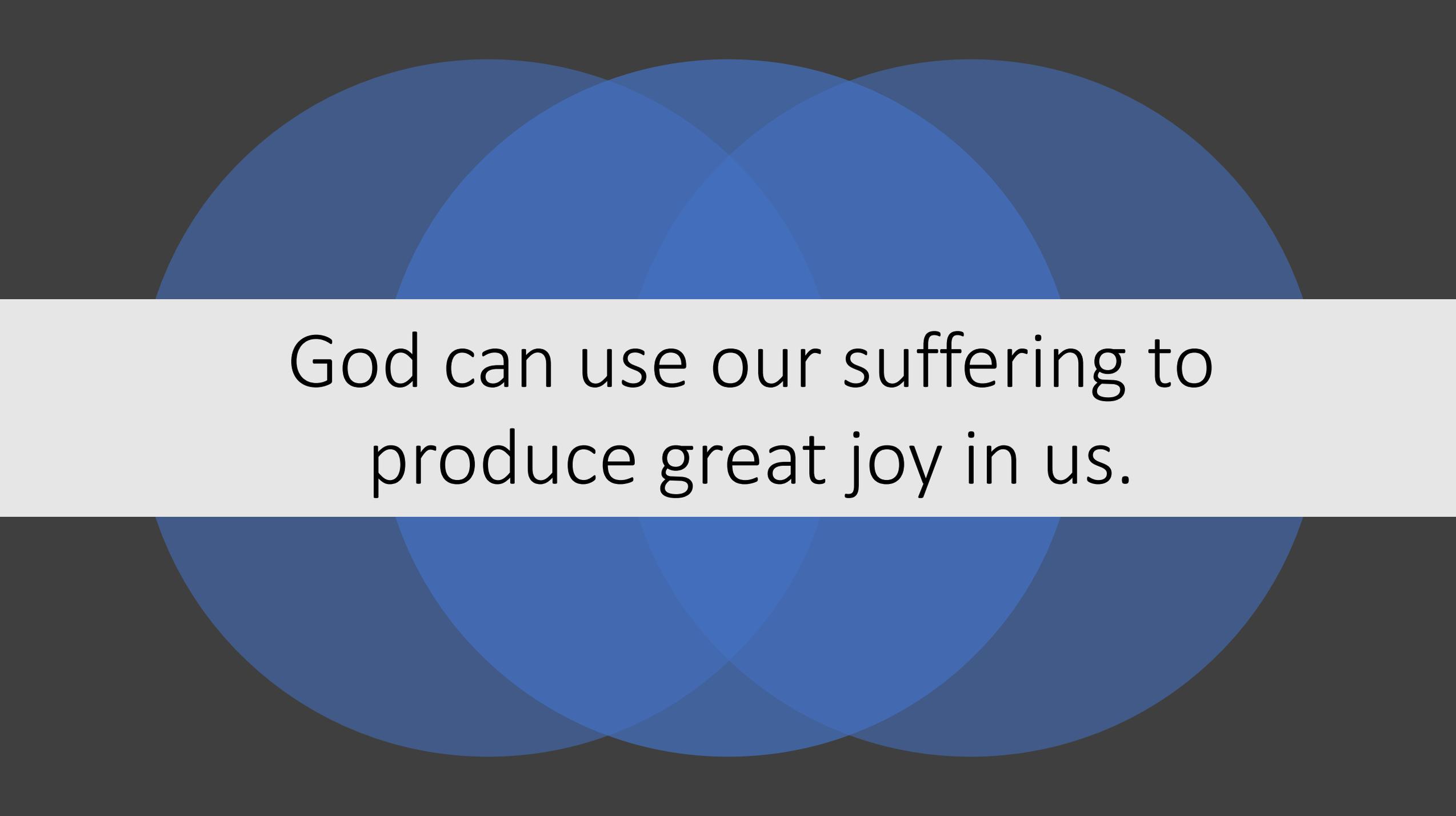
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