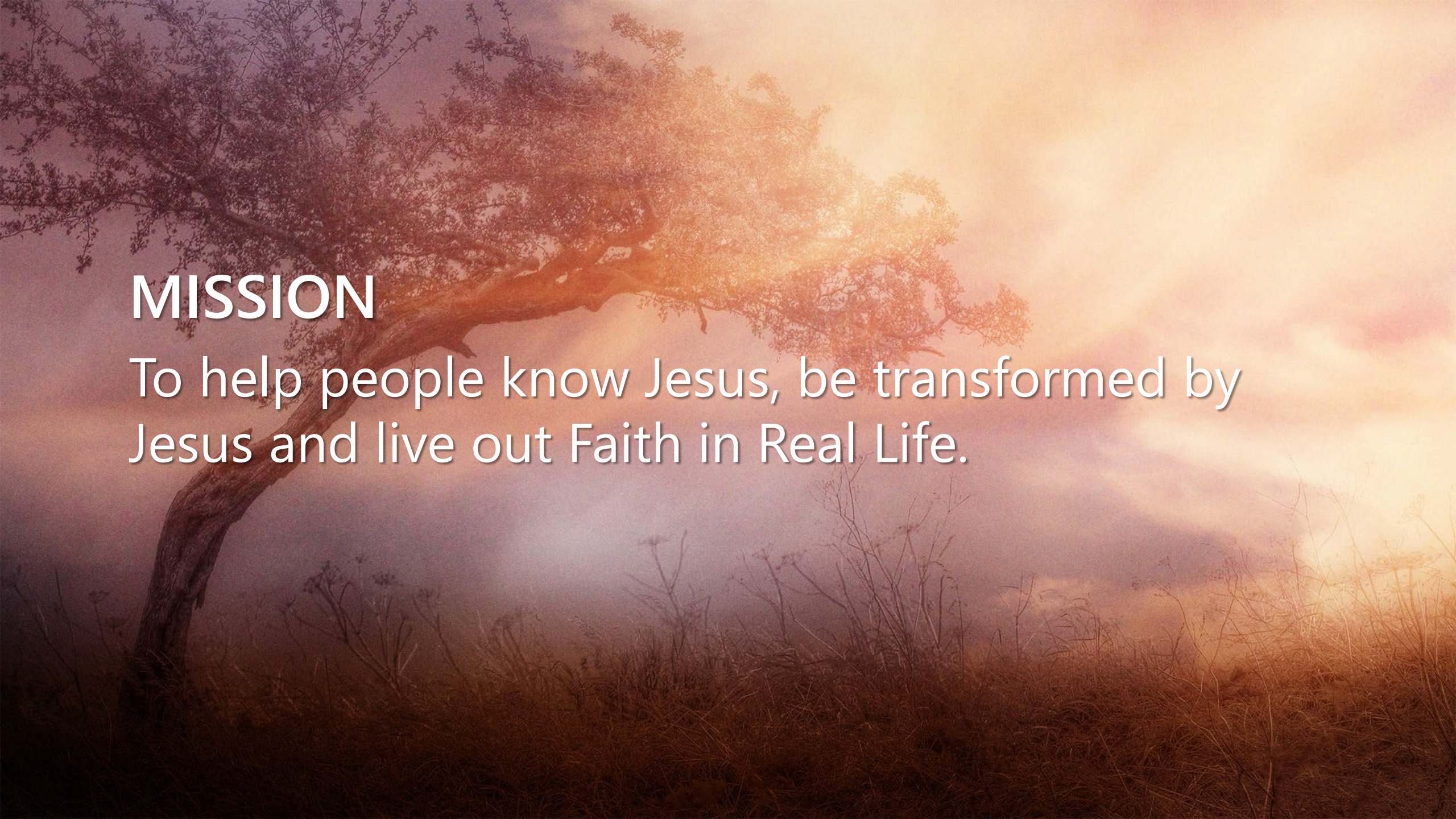




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# MISSION

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## JAMES 1:1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

Greetings.

<sup>2</sup> Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you  
face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup> because you know that the testing of  
your faith produces perseverance. <sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its  
work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking  
anything. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who  
gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given  
to you.

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<sup>6</sup> But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. <sup>8</sup> Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

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# CHOOSING A NARRATIVE

A lone, gnarled tree stands on a grassy hill in the foreground, its branches reaching out against a vast, dramatic sky. The sky is filled with soft, billowing clouds, and a warm, golden-orange light, likely from a low sun, bathes the entire scene, creating a sense of hope and contemplation. The overall mood is serene yet powerful, suggesting a narrative of resilience and faith.

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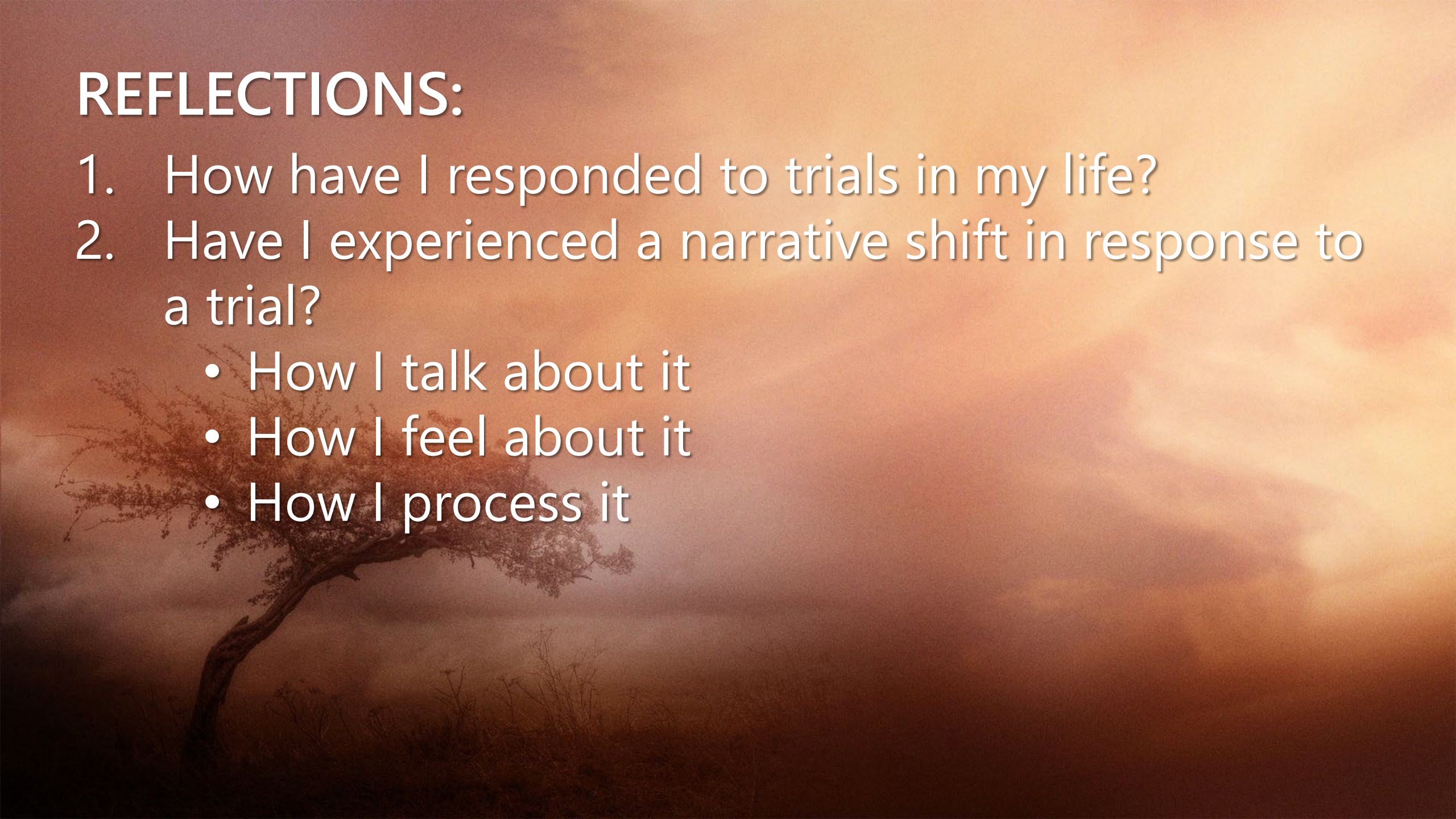
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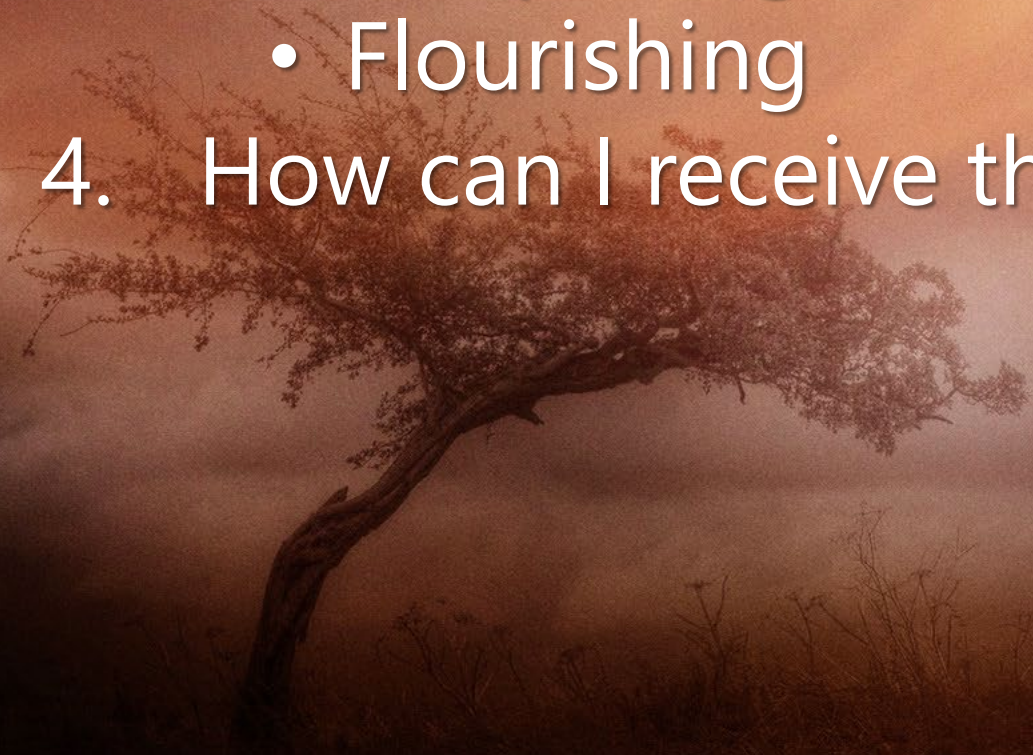


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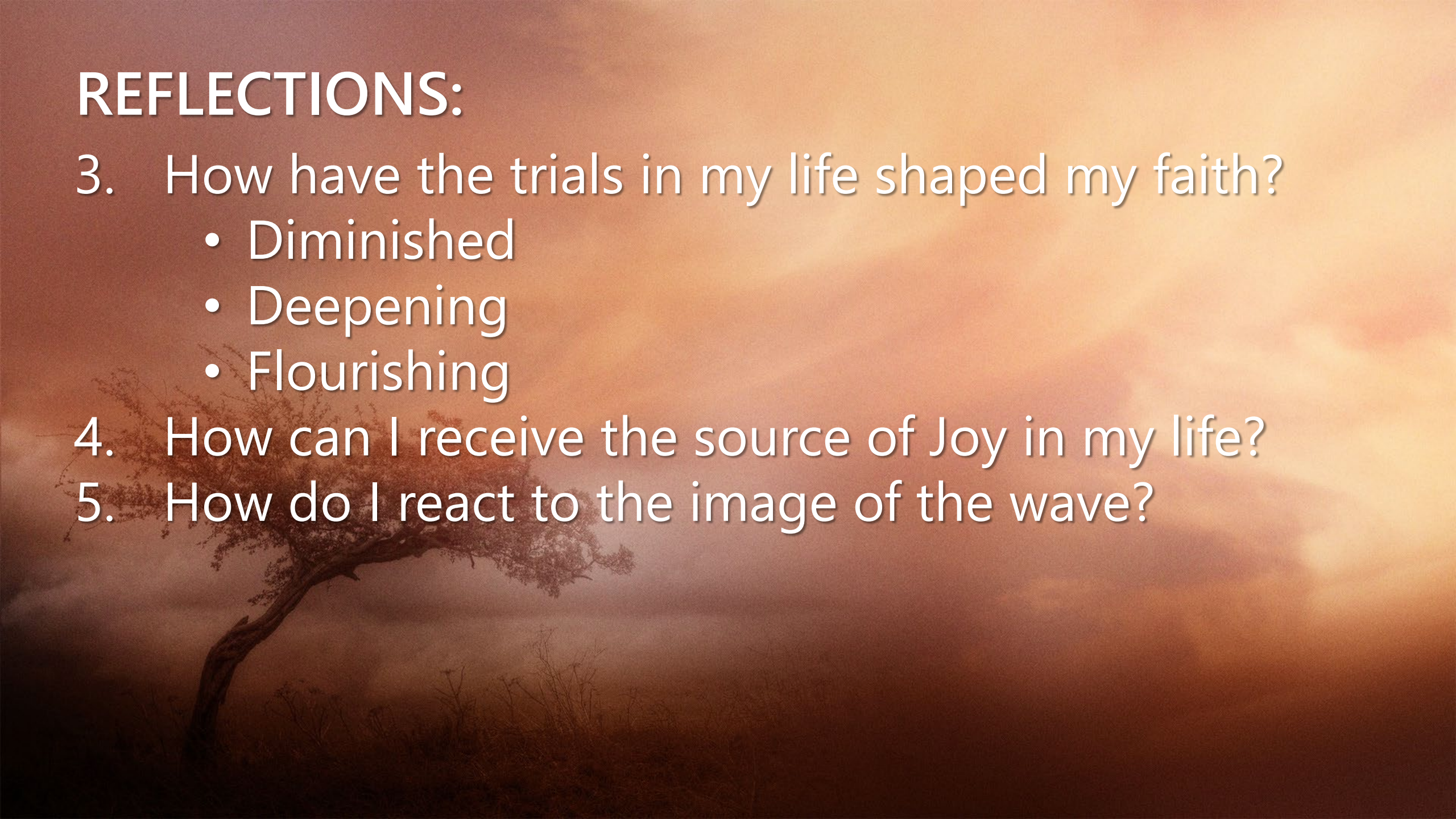
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