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LUKE 1:26-30

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!"

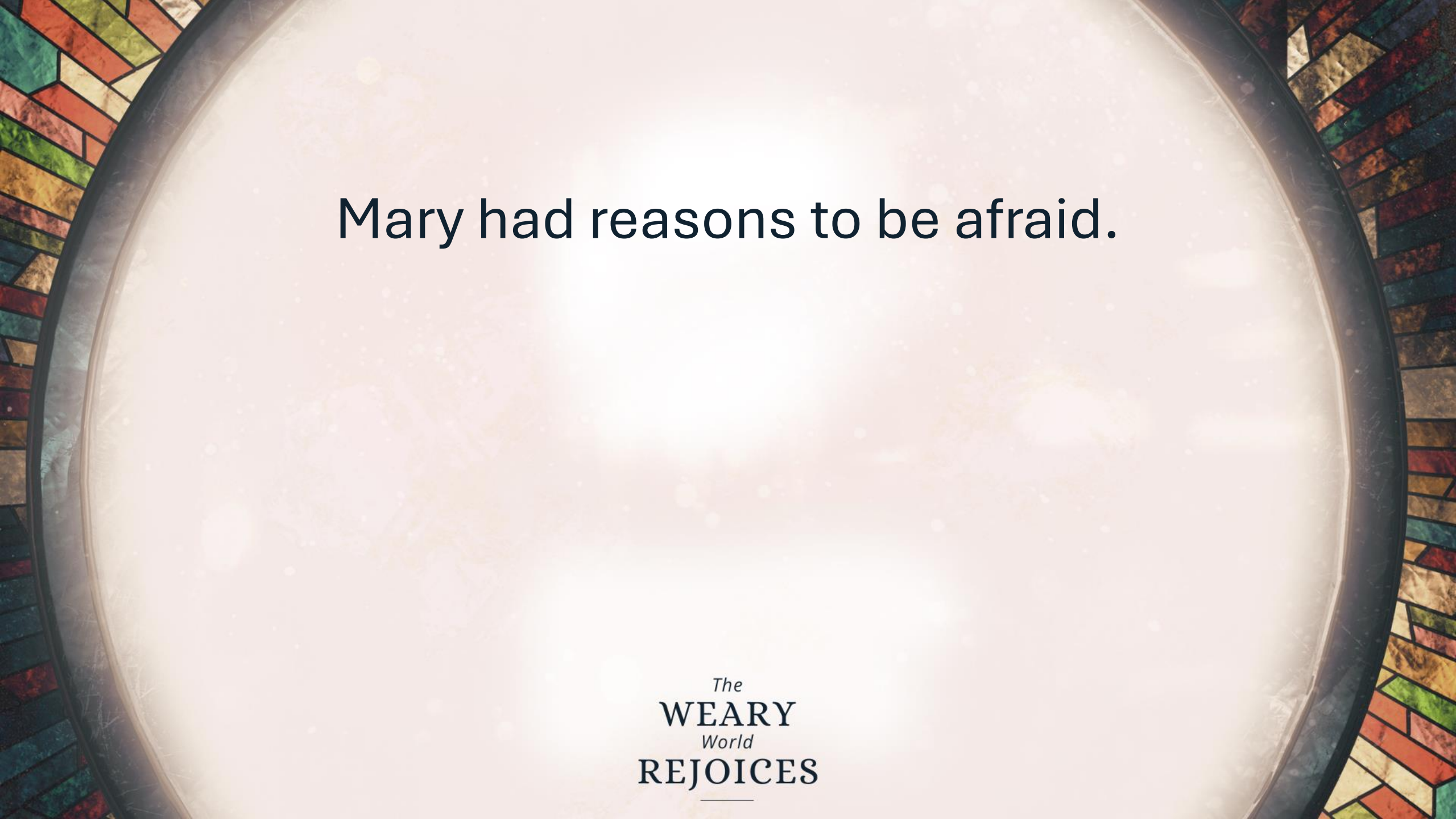
LUKE 1:31-33

³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

LUKE 1:34-35

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.



Mary had reasons to be afraid.

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LUKE 1:36-38

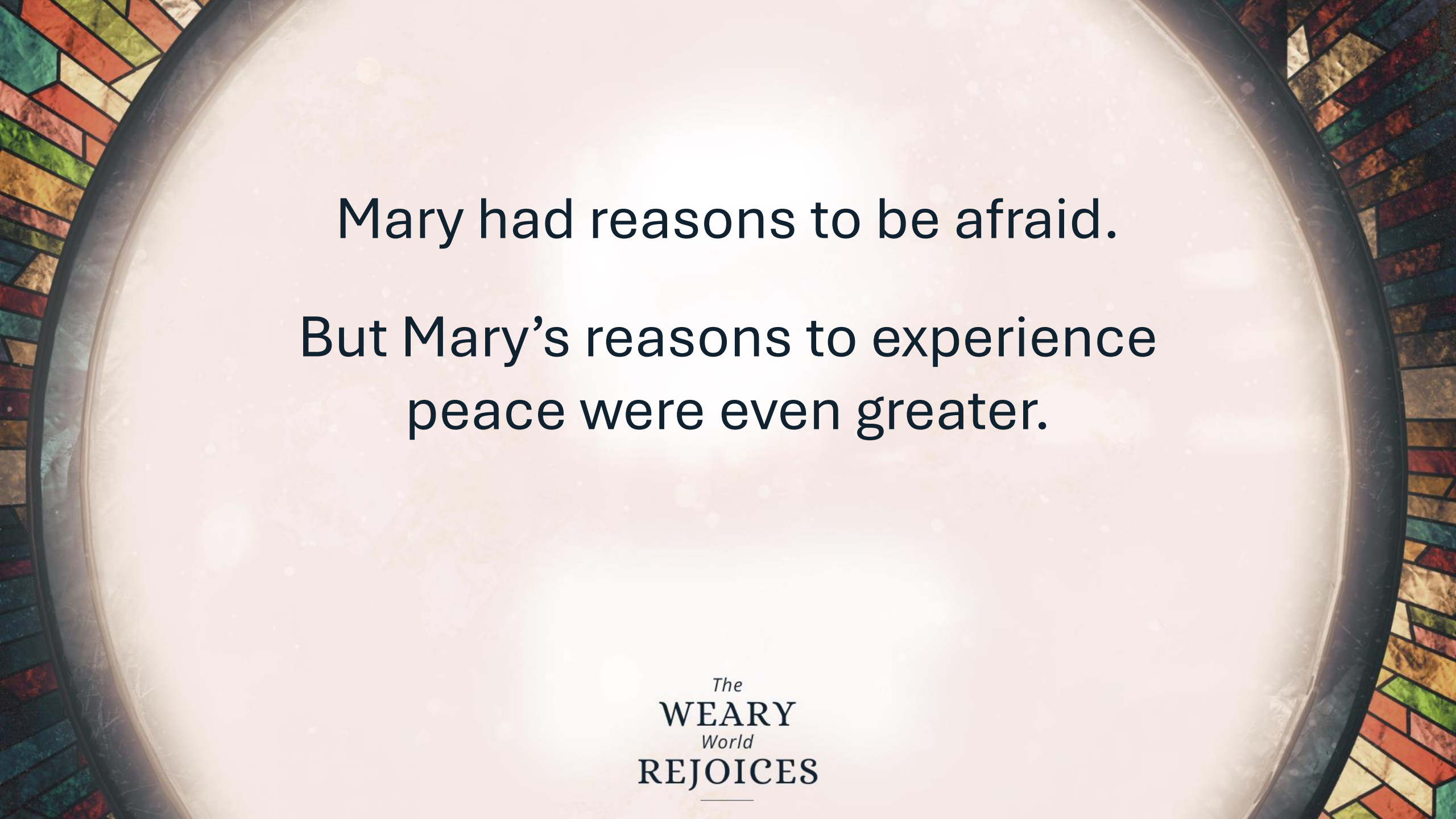
³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail."

³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

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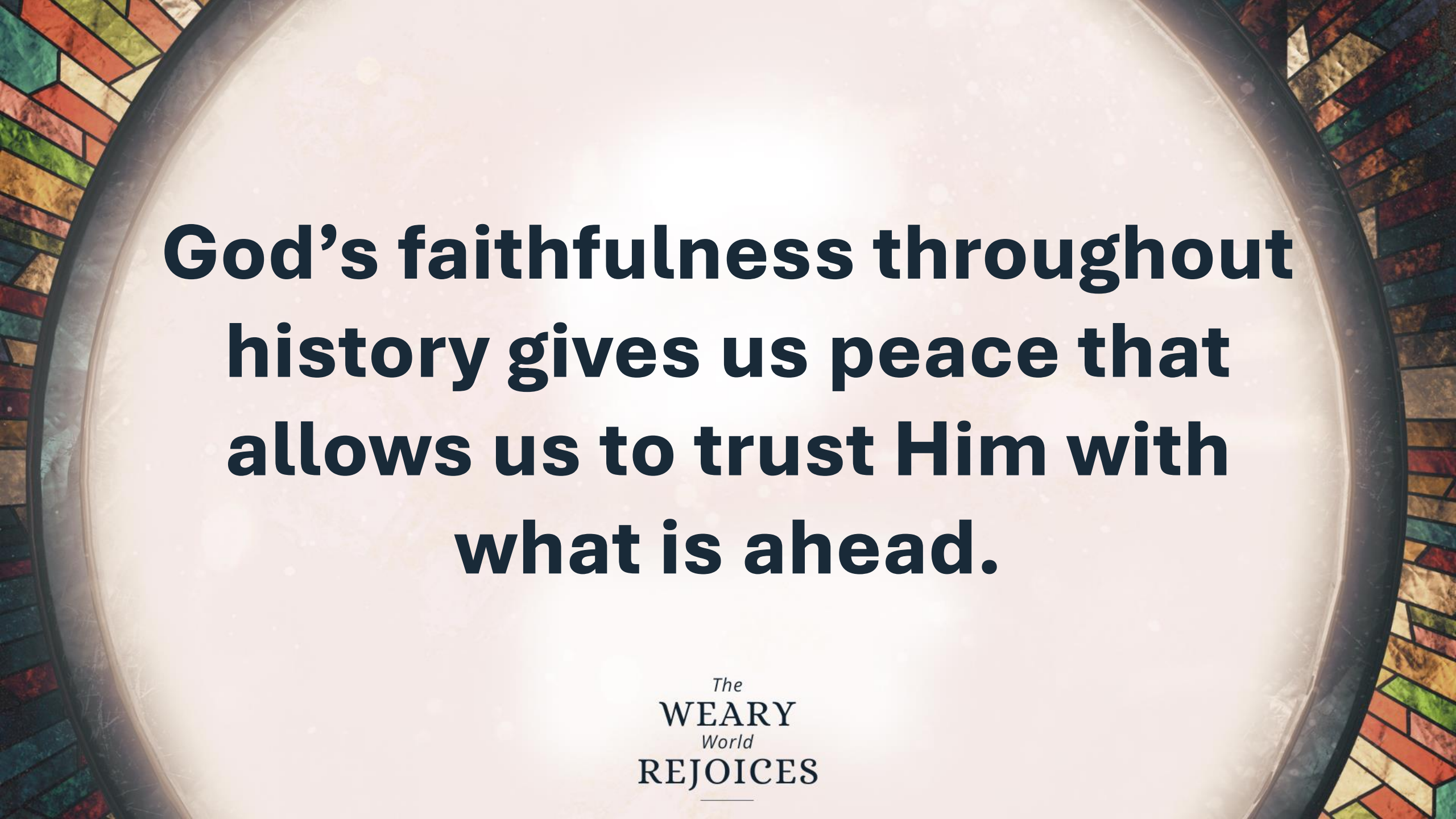
GOD DELIVERED A PROMISE BUT DIDN'T EXPLAIN THE PROCESS

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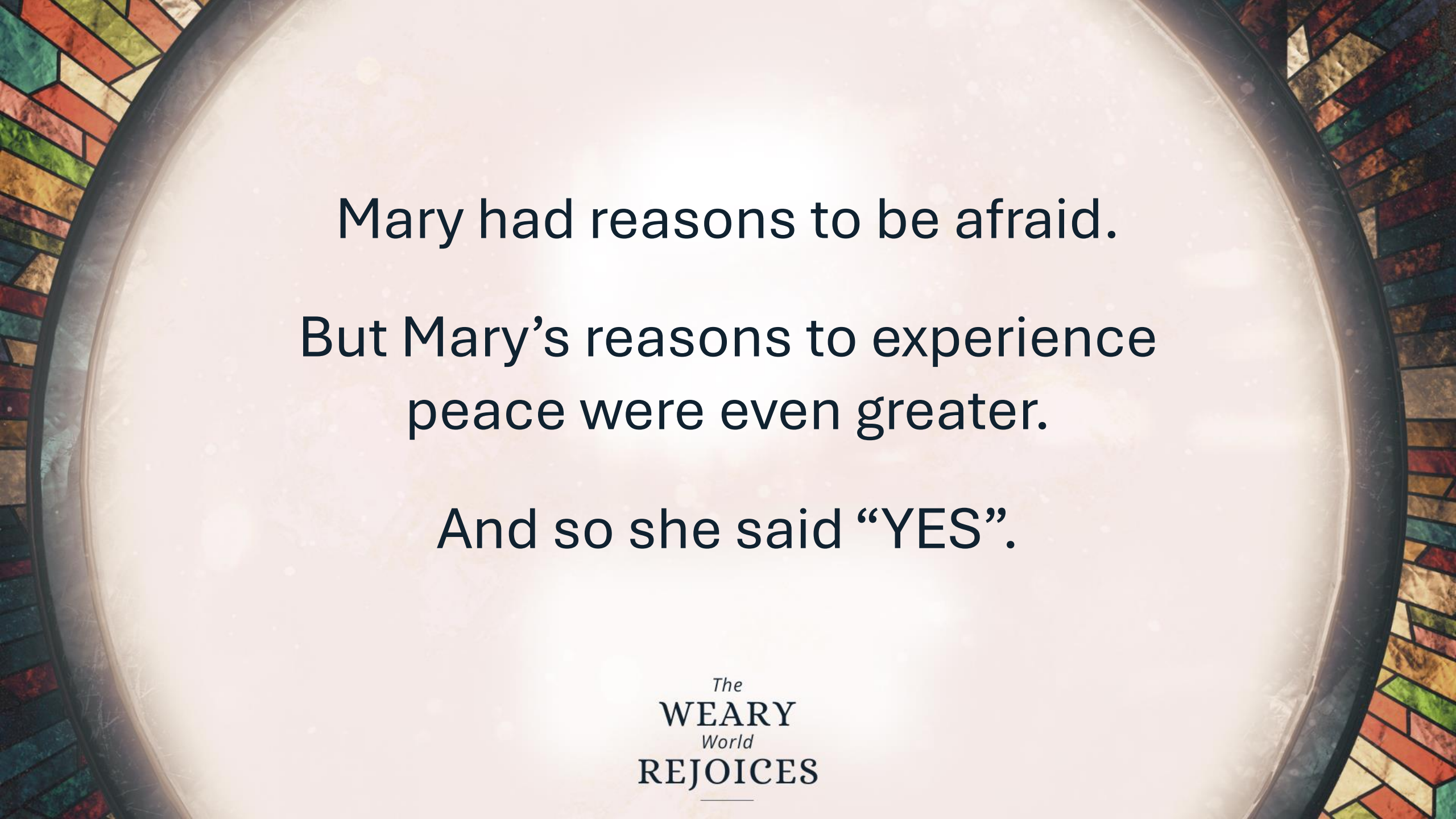
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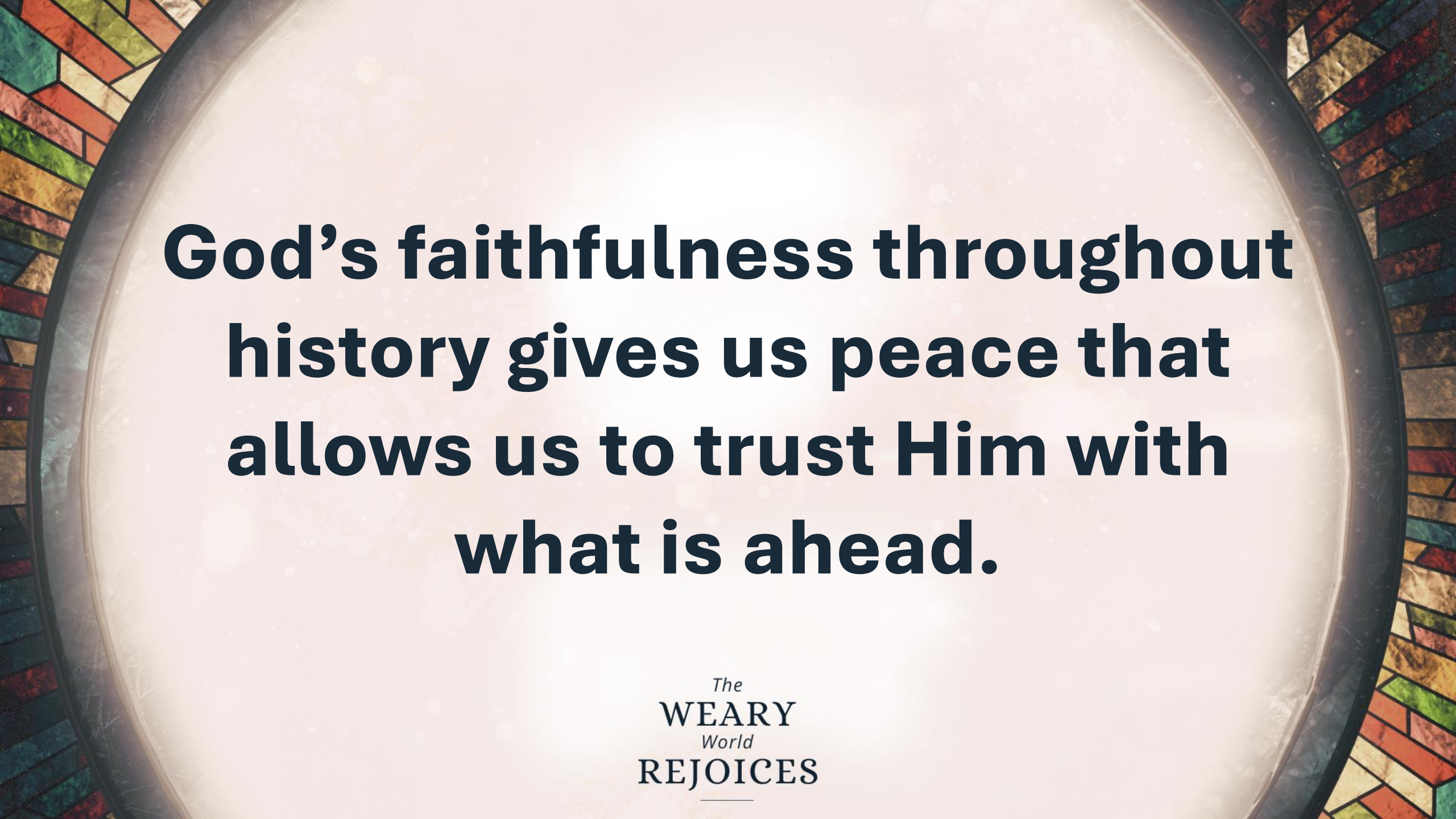


Mary had reasons to be afraid.
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And so she said "YES".

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LUKE 1:38

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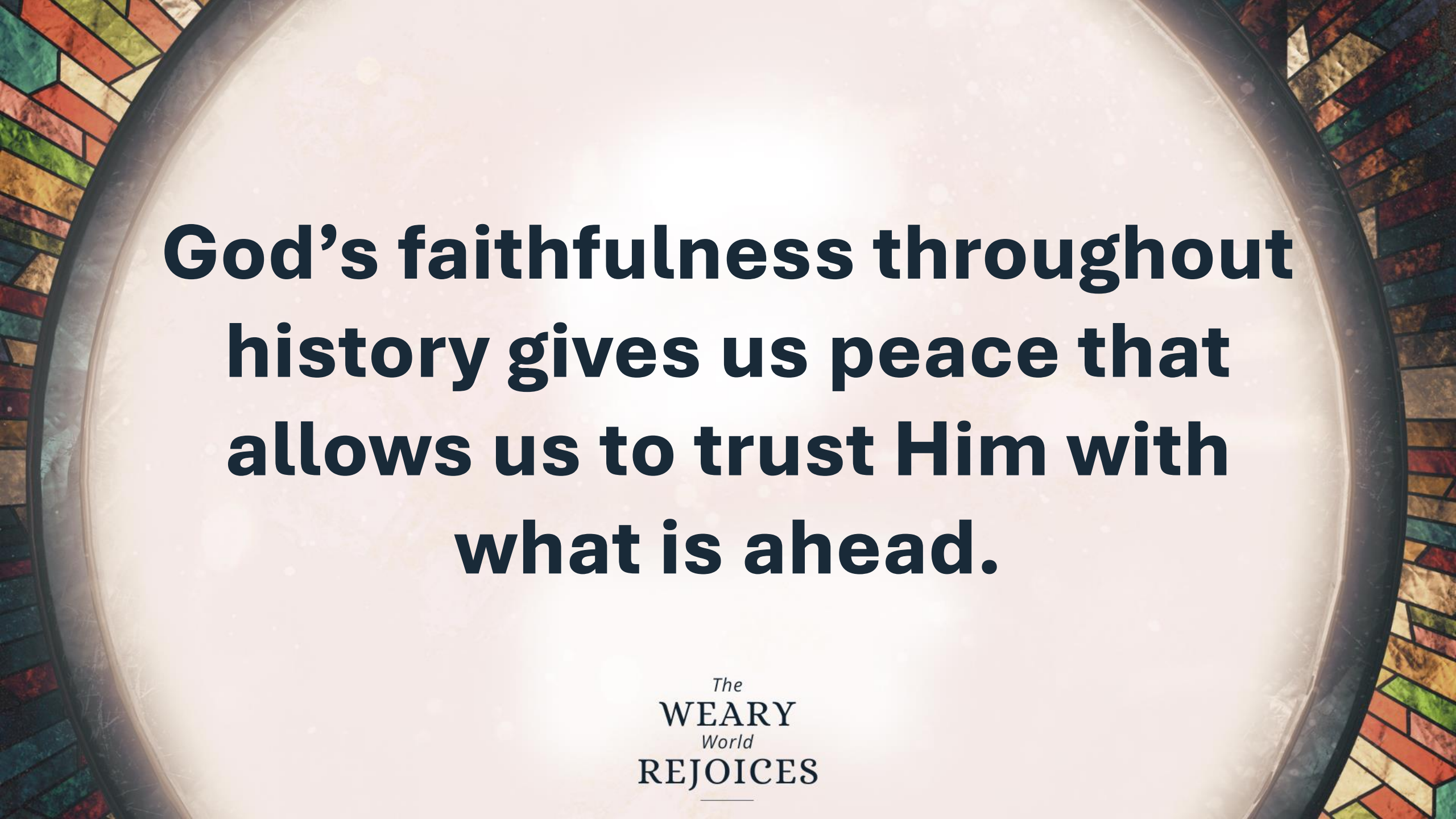
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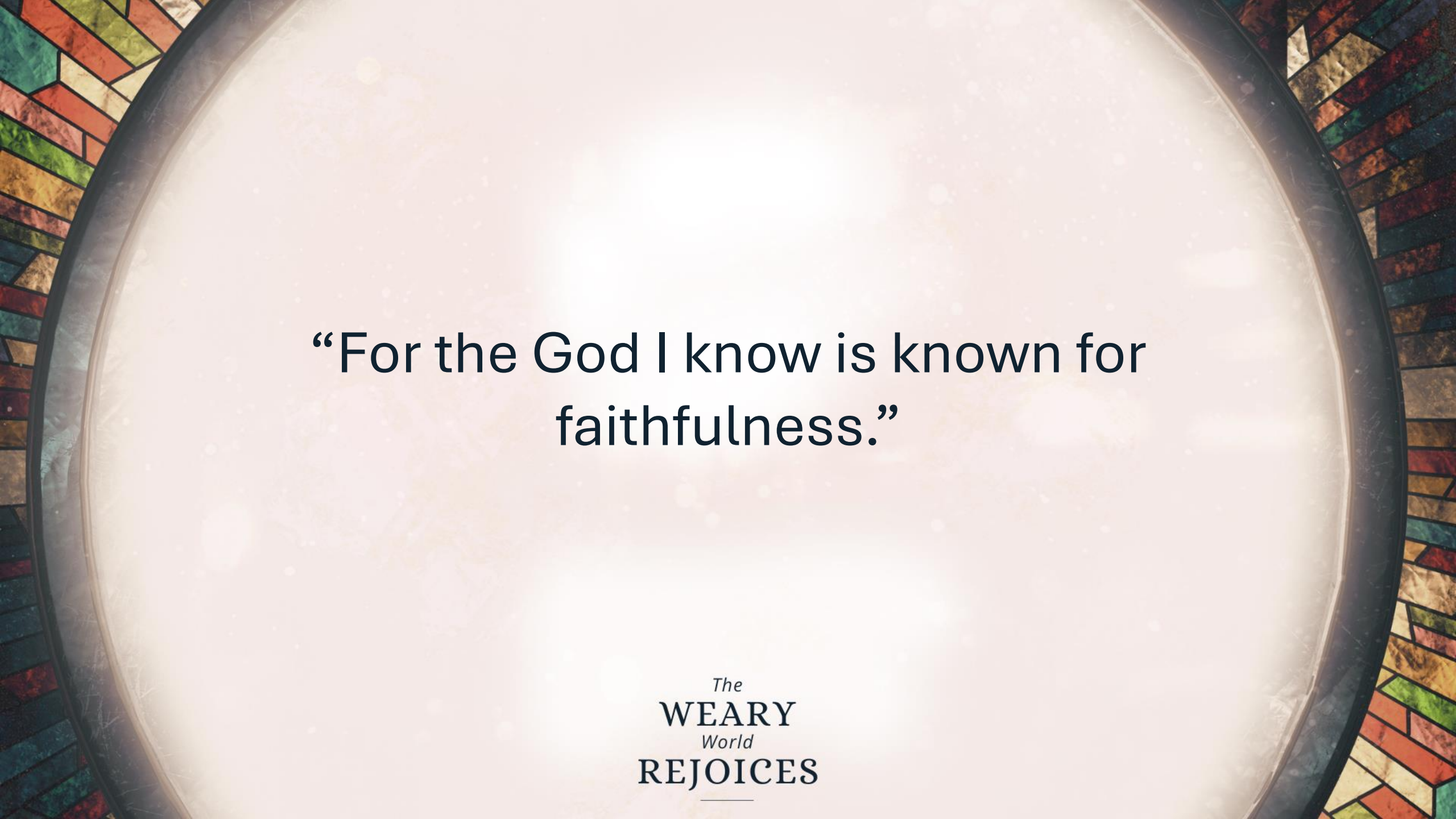
LUKE 1:39-40

³⁹ A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town ⁴⁰ where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.

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“For the God I know is known for
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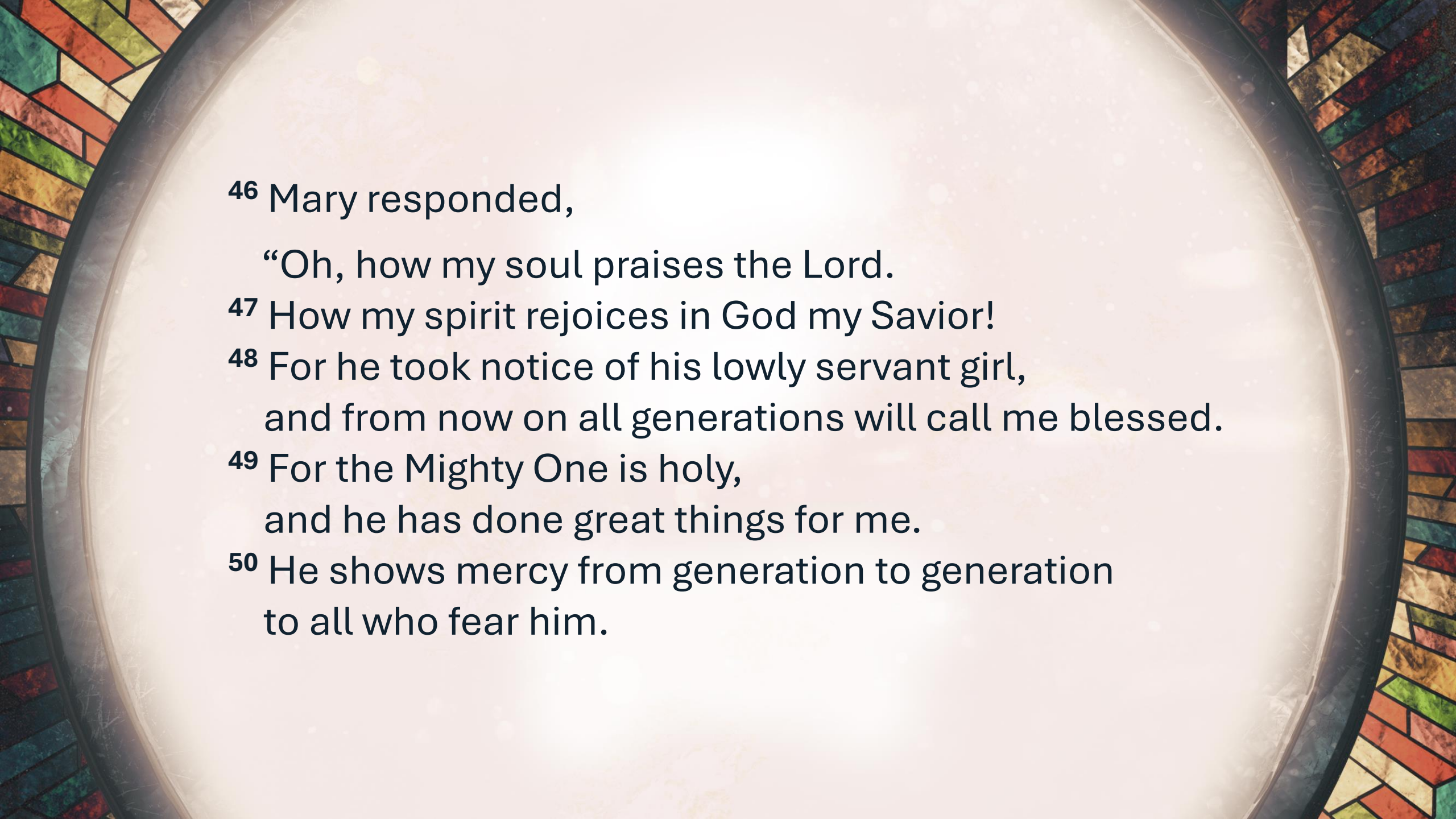
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- Who can I encourage by sharing my story of God's faithfulness with this week?



46 Mary responded,

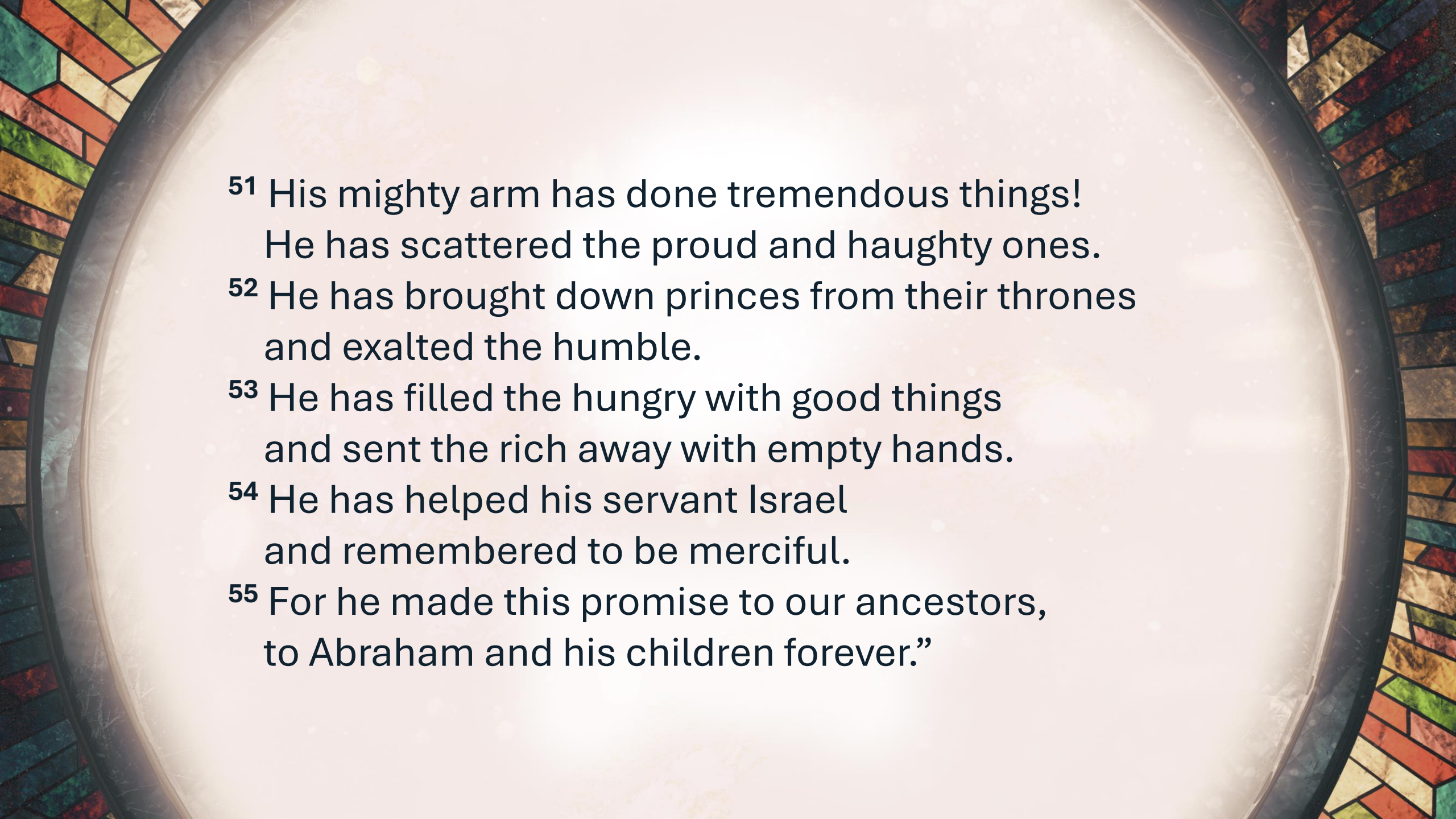
“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

47 How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

48 For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

49 For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.

50 He shows mercy from generation to generation
to all who fear him.

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- 51 His mighty arm has done tremendous things!
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.
- 52 He has brought down princes from their thrones
and exalted the humble.
- 53 He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.
- 54 He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.
- 55 For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”



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