



Hope

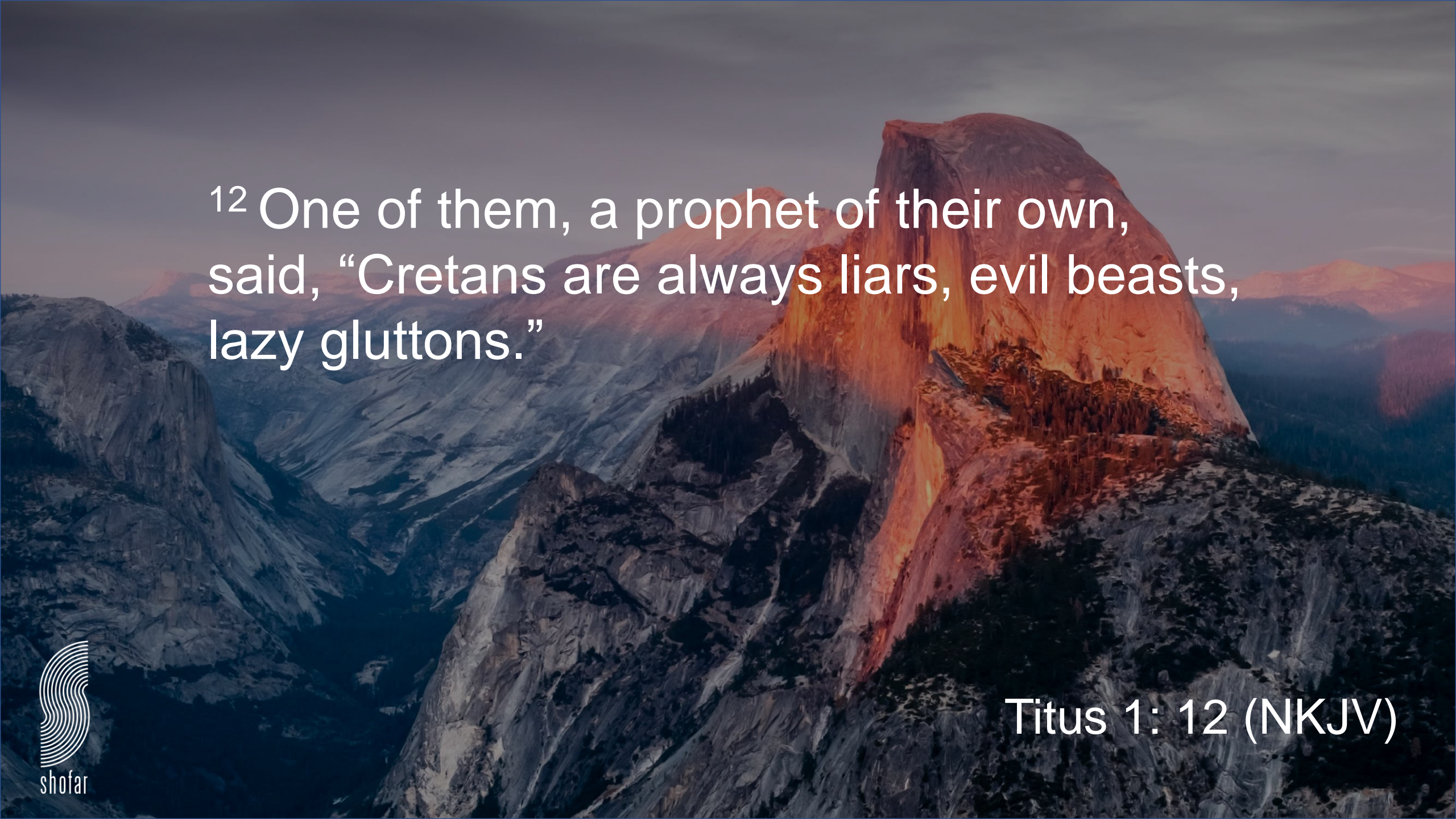
Derk Jan van der Veen

¹ Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness, ² in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, ³ but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Titus 1: 1 - 5 (NKJV)

⁴ To Titus, a true son in our common faith:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁵ For this
reason I left you in Crete, that you should set
in order the things that are lacking, and appoint
elders in every city as I commanded you—

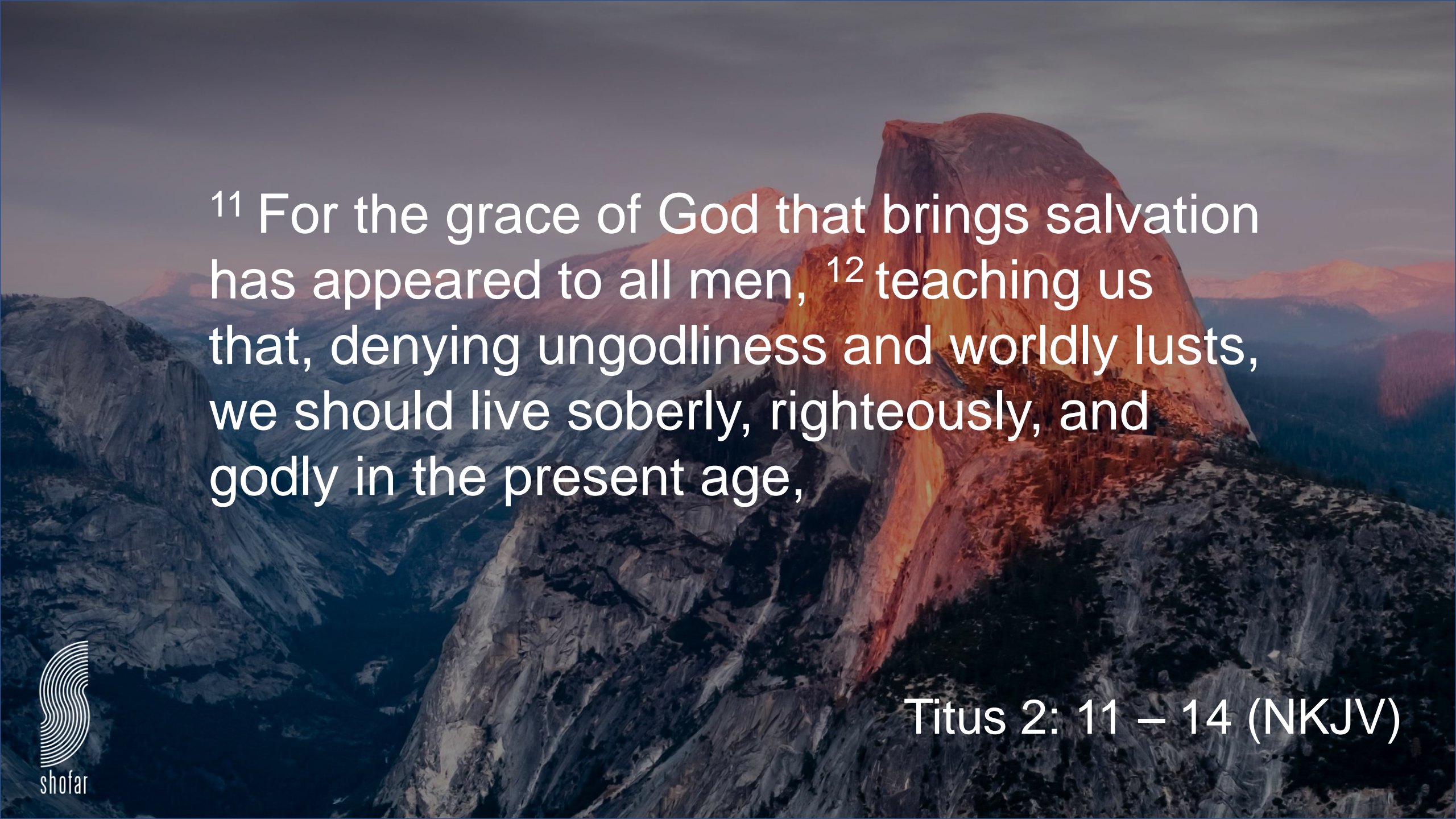
Titus 1: 1 – 5 (NKJV)



¹² One of them, a prophet of their own,
said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts,
lazy gluttons.”

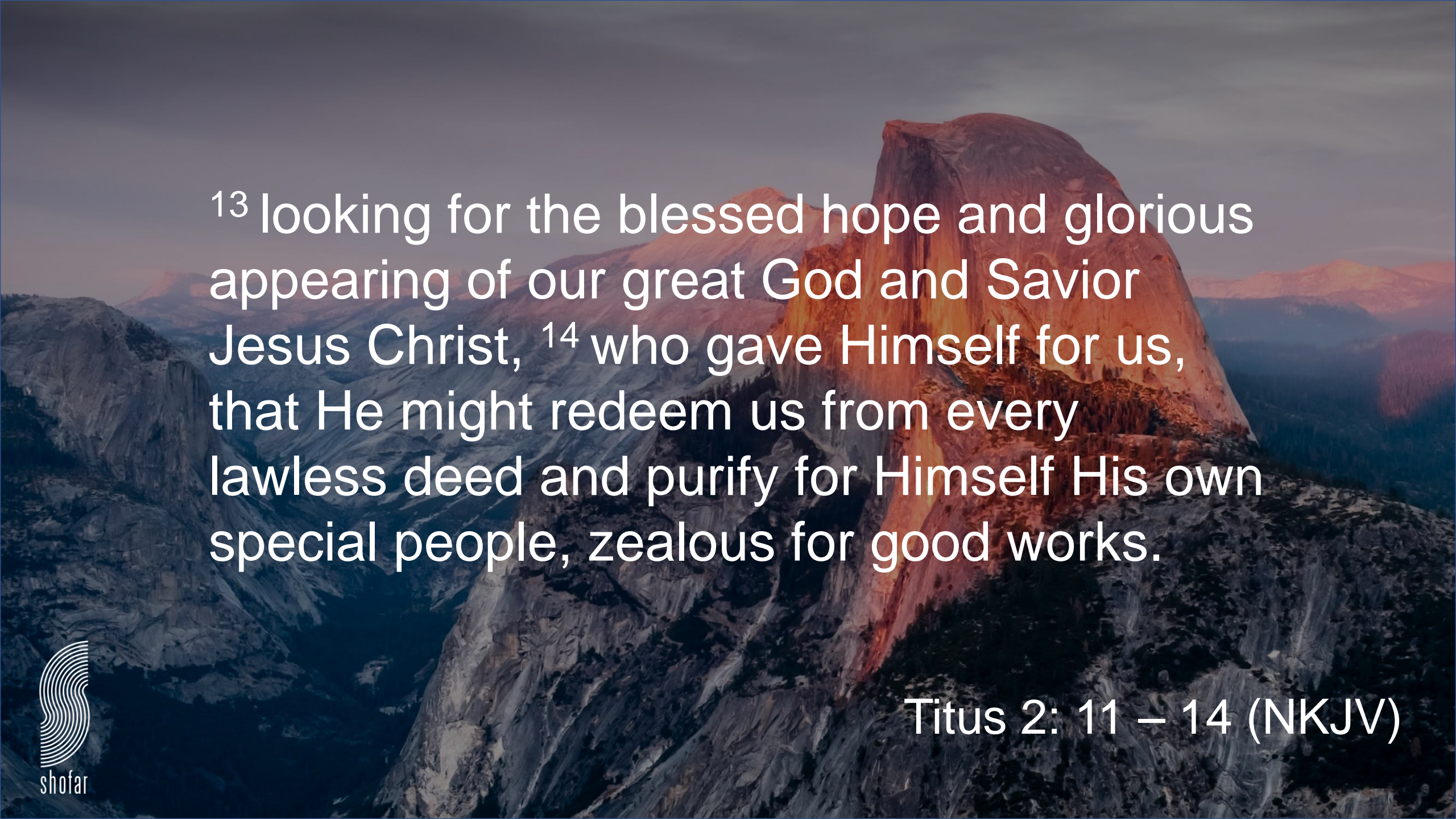
Instruction of Paul to Titus:

- Establishing the church, including the appointment of Elders.
- Helping the churches to grow in faith, in knowledge of the truth and in Godly living.
- Silencing false teachers. People who said they believed but fail to live it out.
- Joining the apostle Paul in Nicopolis when replacements had arrived.



¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation
has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us
that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly, righteously, and
godly in the present age,

Titus 2: 11 – 14 (NKJV)



¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Titus 2: 11 – 14 (NKJV)

¹ Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

Titus 3: 1 – 7 (NKJV)

⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Titus 3: 1 – 7 (NKJV)

⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.(NLT)

Titus 3: 1 – 7 (NKJV)

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. ⁹ But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

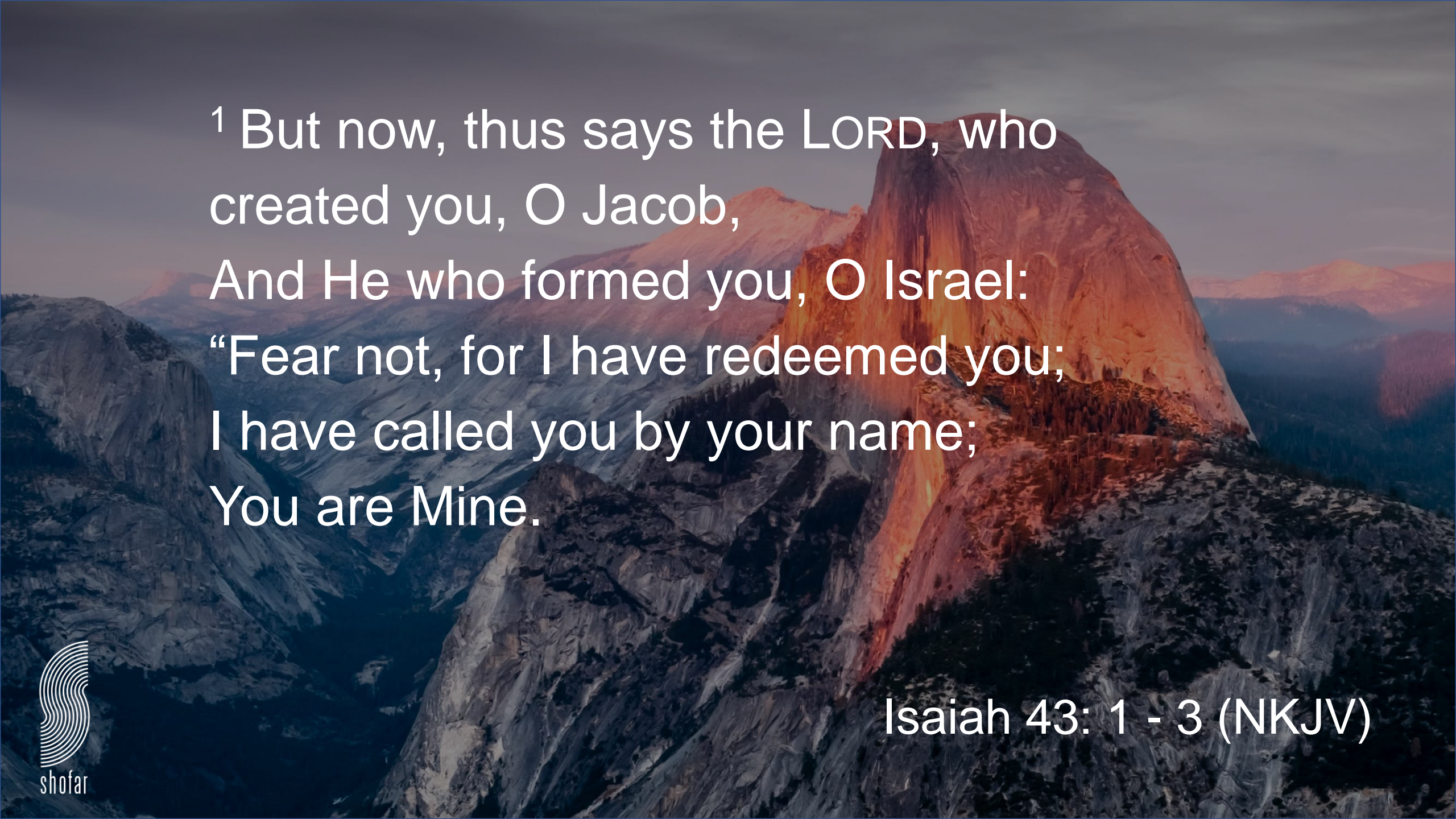
Titus 3: 8 - 9 (NKJV)

¹⁵ All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all.

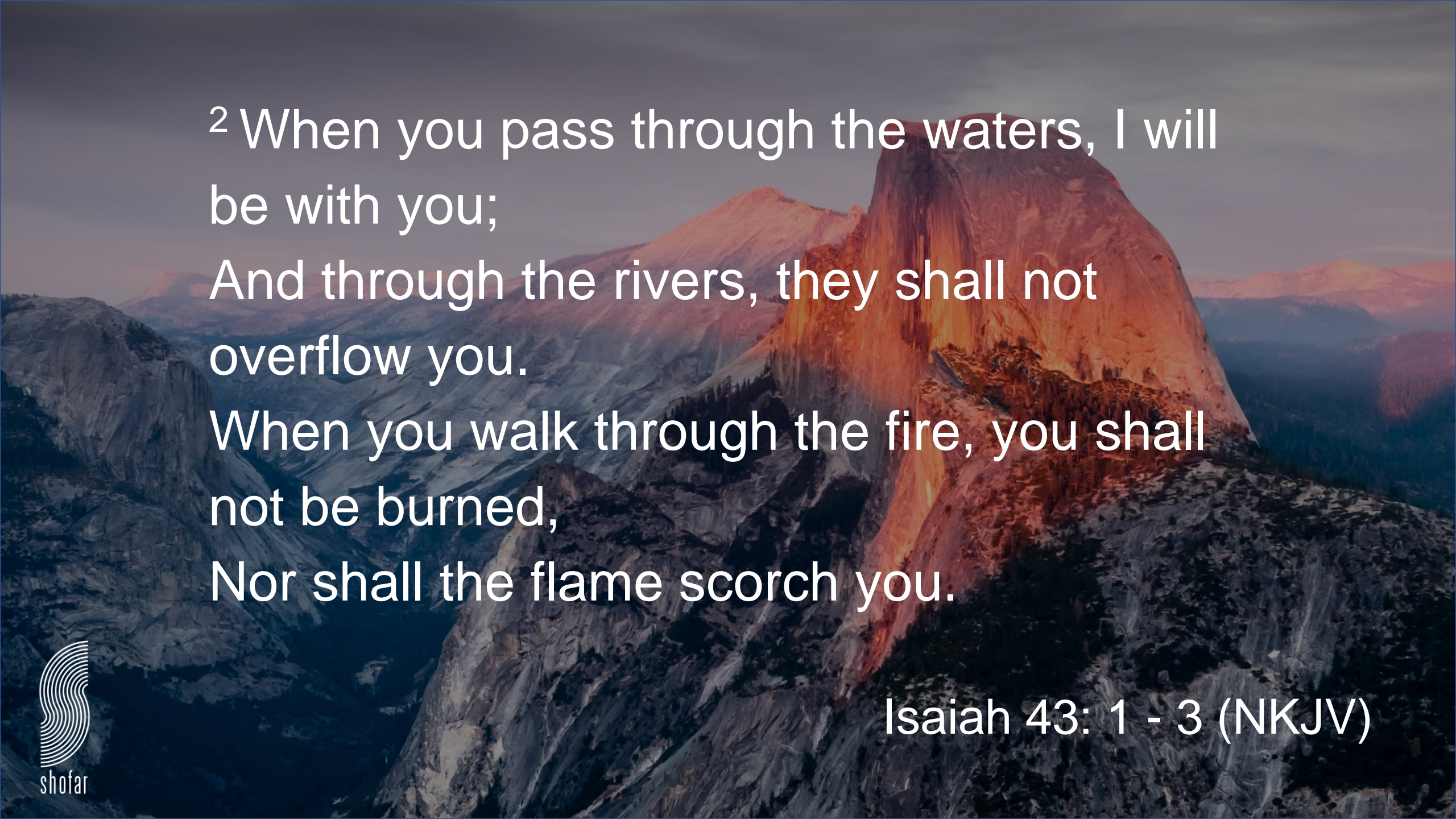
¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we
have access by faith into this grace in
which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the
glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.


⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



¹ But now, thus says the LORD, who
created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are Mine.



² When you pass through the waters, I will
be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not
overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall
not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.



³ For I am the LORD your God,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I gave Egypt for your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in your place.

Ships
don't sink Because
of the water Around them

Ships sink Because of
the water that gets IN them!

- Don't let what's happening
around you get inside you
and weigh you down.

Isaiah 43:2



³² He who did not spare His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He
not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8: 32 (NKJV)



G.K. Chesterton

“It is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.”

Hope

Faith

Certainty

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Doubt

Unbelieve

Uncertainty



Hope is not wishful thinking but certainty.

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