



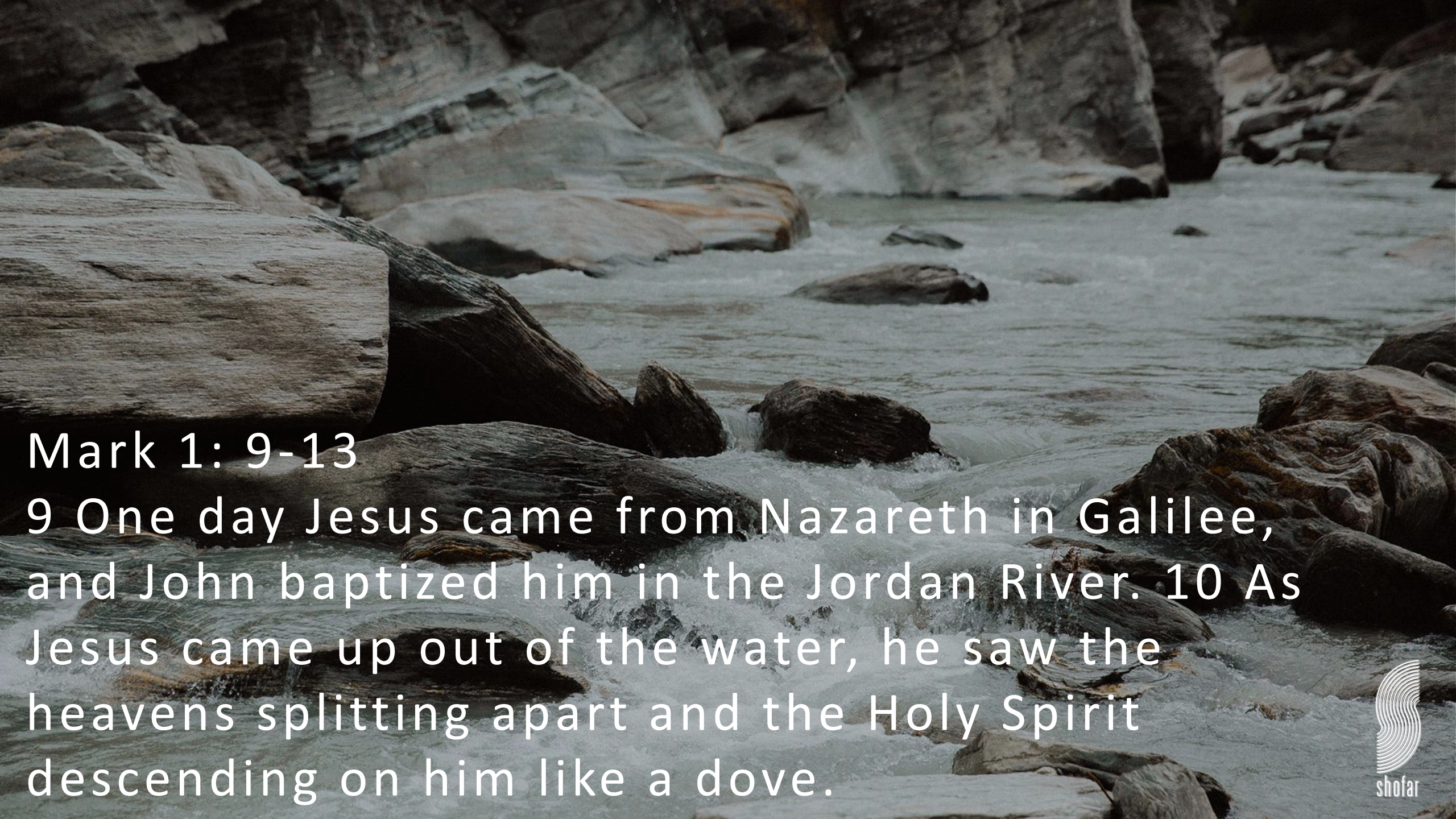
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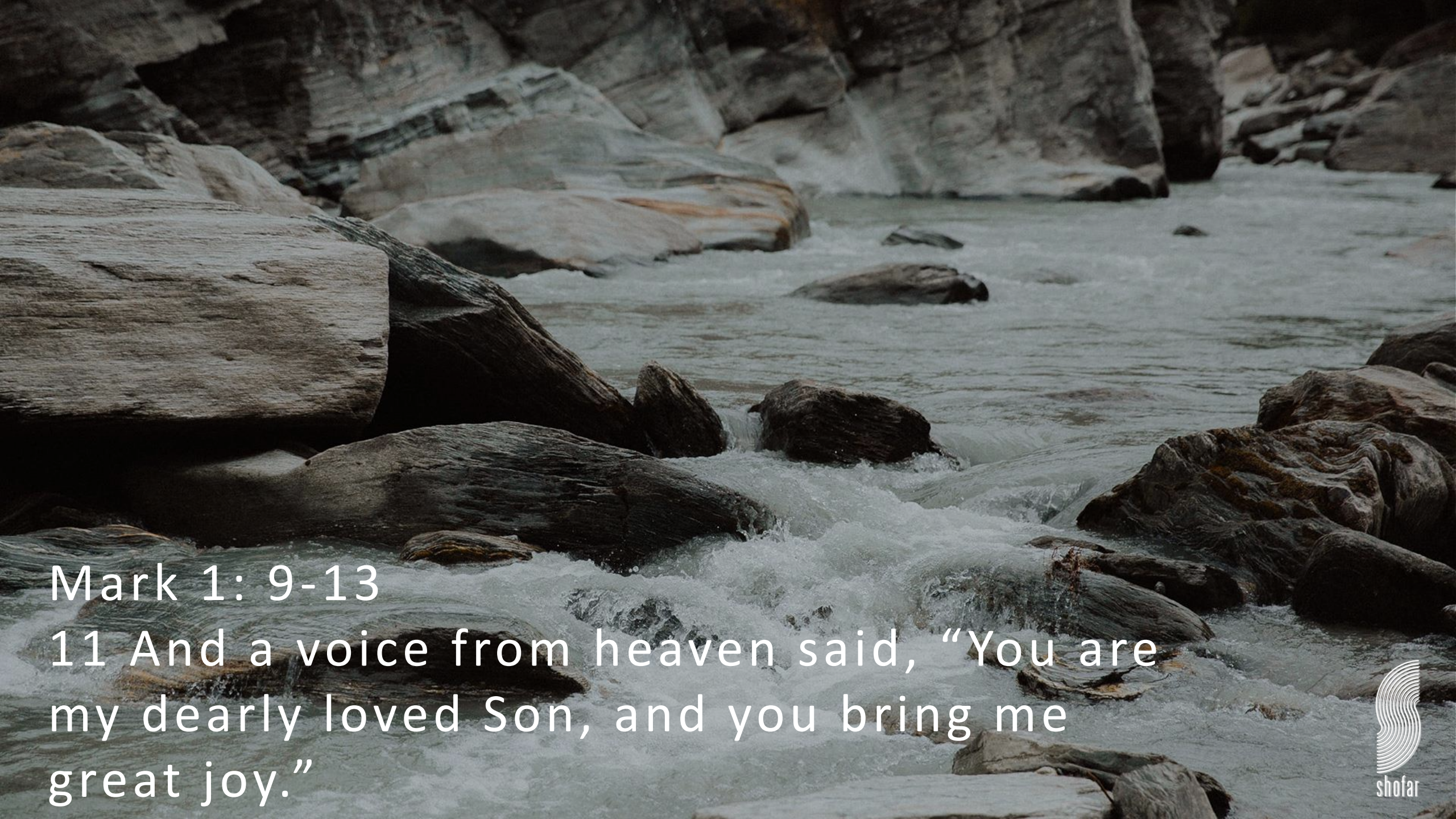


• We can't stay on the Mountain top forever



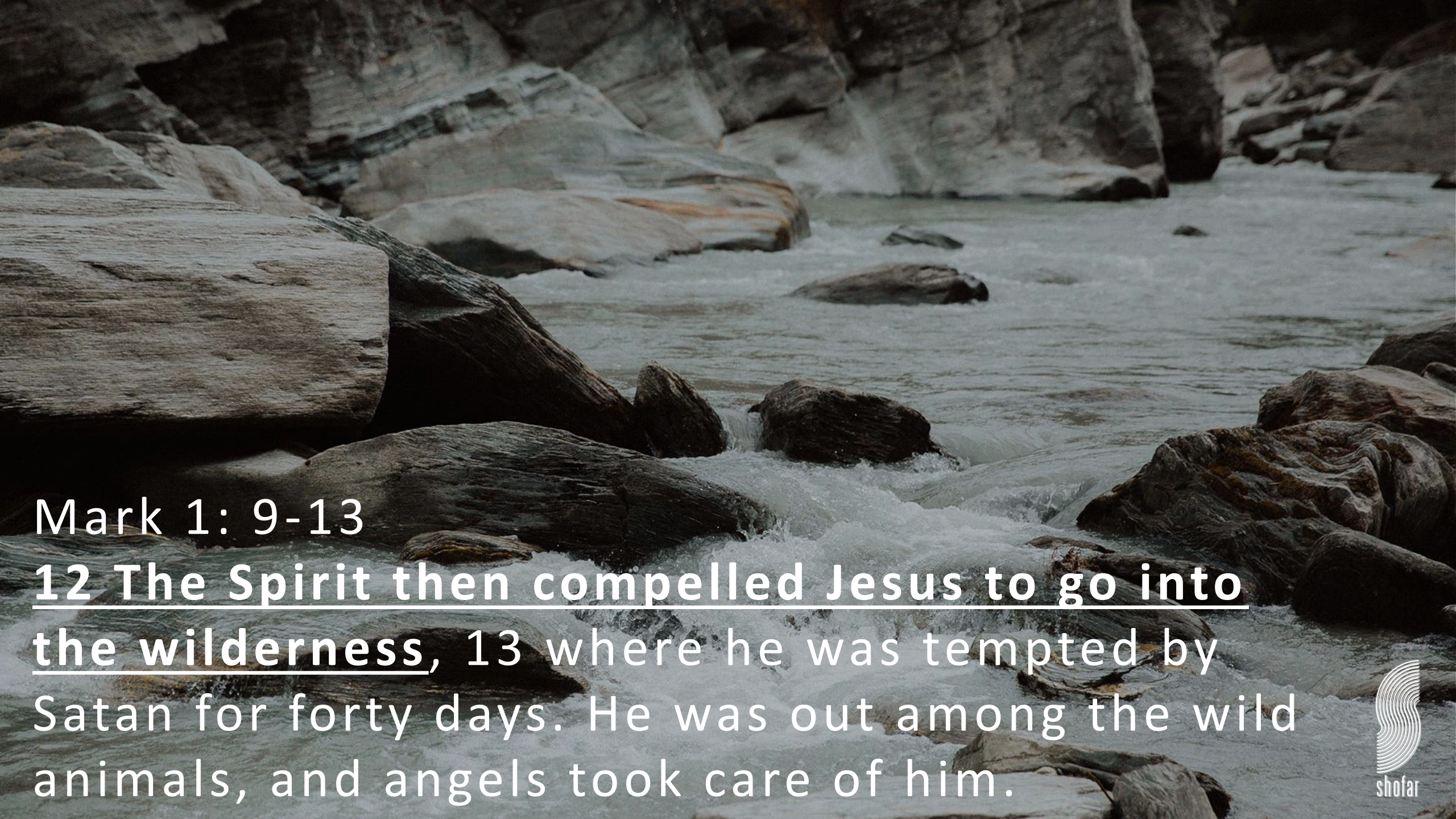
Mark 1: 9-13

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• Inter-context scripture.



Matthew 4: 1-2

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry



• David in Wilderness Strongholds.



1 Samuel 23:14-29

14 And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness and remained in the mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph. Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand.



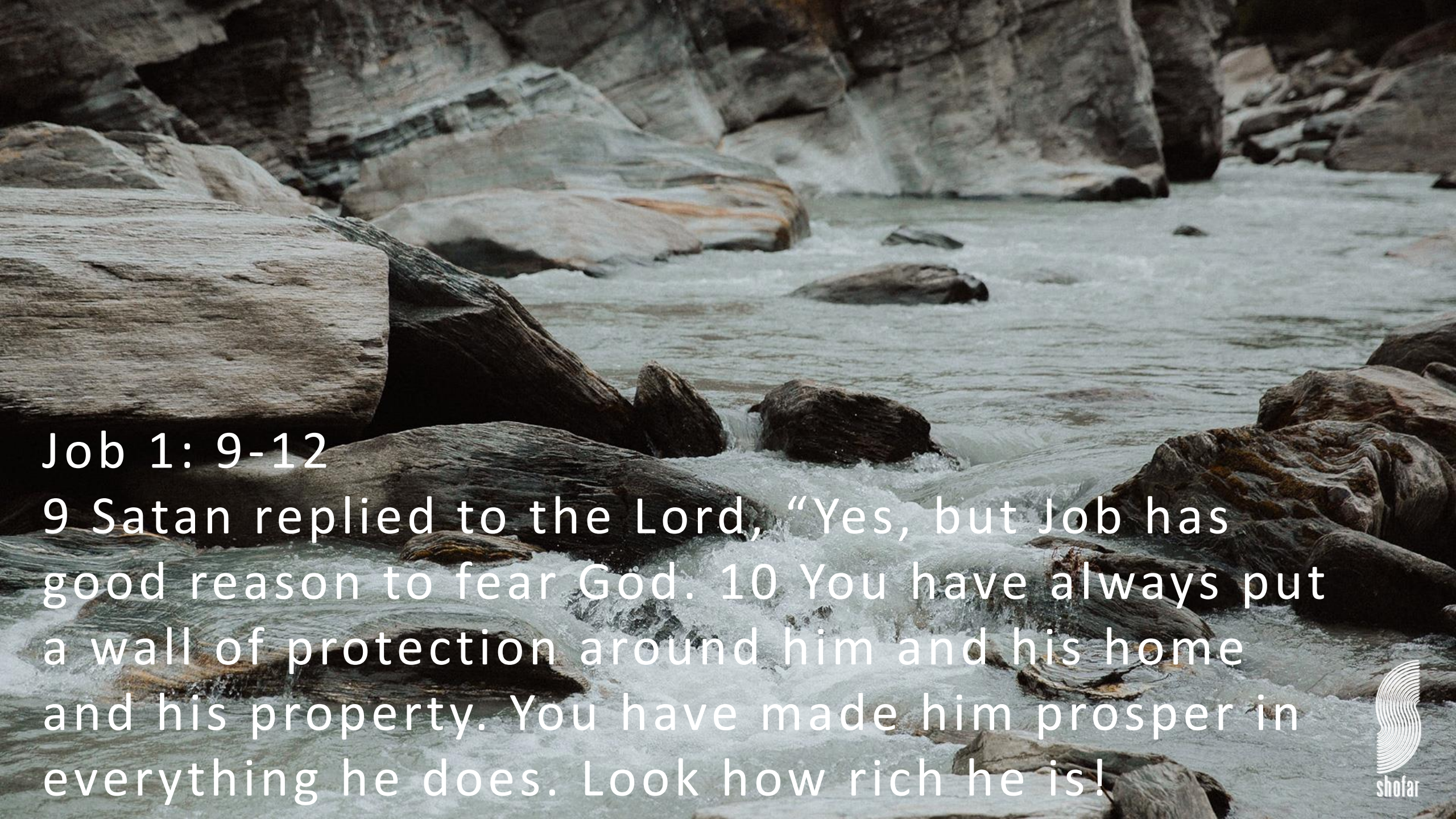
• The Holy Spirit will lead you to the wilderness
and he will give you the strength to endure it



Psalm 23: 4

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I
will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

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- Satan cannot do anything in your life without God's permission. And this happens only when we live under his authority.



Job 1: 9-12

9 Satan replied to the Lord, “Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. 10 You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is!



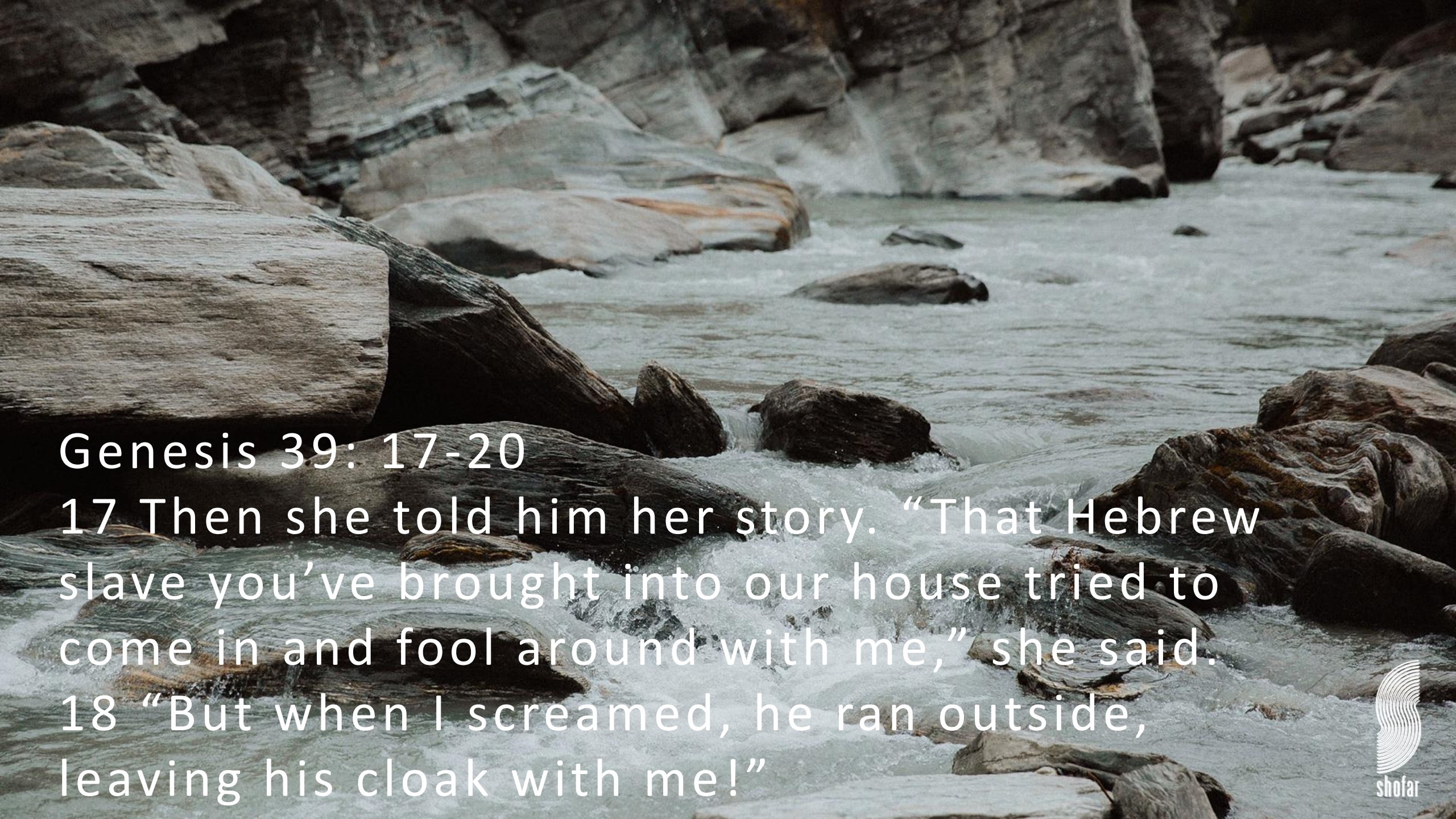
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11 But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face!”

12 “All right, you may test him,” the Lord said to Satan. “Do whatever you want with everything he possesses, but don’t harm him physically.” So Satan left the Lord’s presence.



• Do not be afraid of wilderness.



Genesis 39: 17-20

17 Then she told him her story. “That Hebrew slave you’ve brought into our house tried to come in and fool around with me,” she said.

18 “But when I screamed, he ran outside, leaving his cloak with me!”



Genesis 39: 17-20

19 Potiphar was furious when he heard his wife's story about how Joseph had treated her.
20 So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained.



Genesis 39: 17-20

21 But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison
and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord
made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.



• Do not let the wild animals defile your wilderness.



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7 and after a while his master's wife took notice
of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"



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8 But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care.



Genesis 39: 7- 12

9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"



Genesis 39: 7- 12

10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.



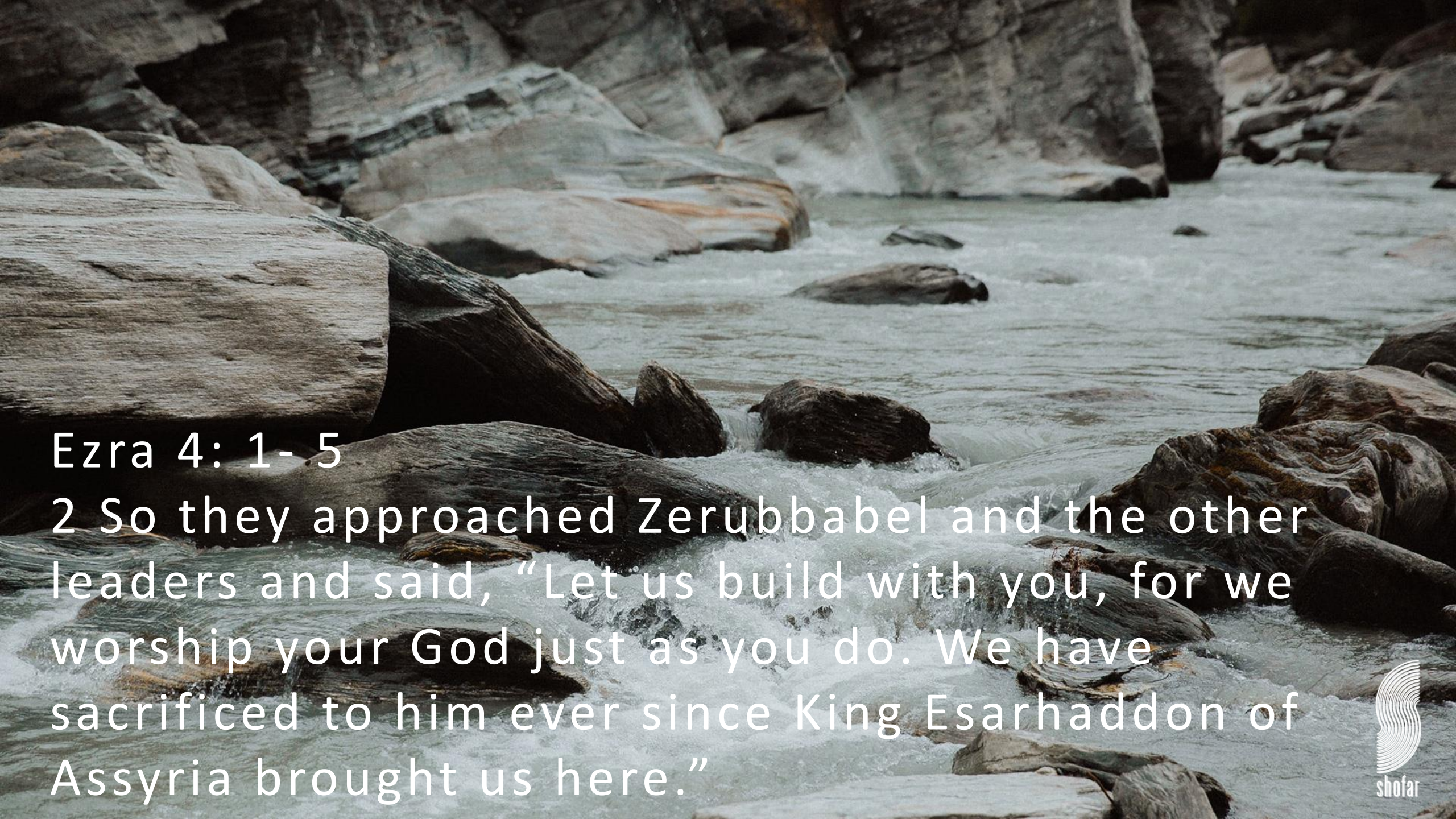
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11 One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.



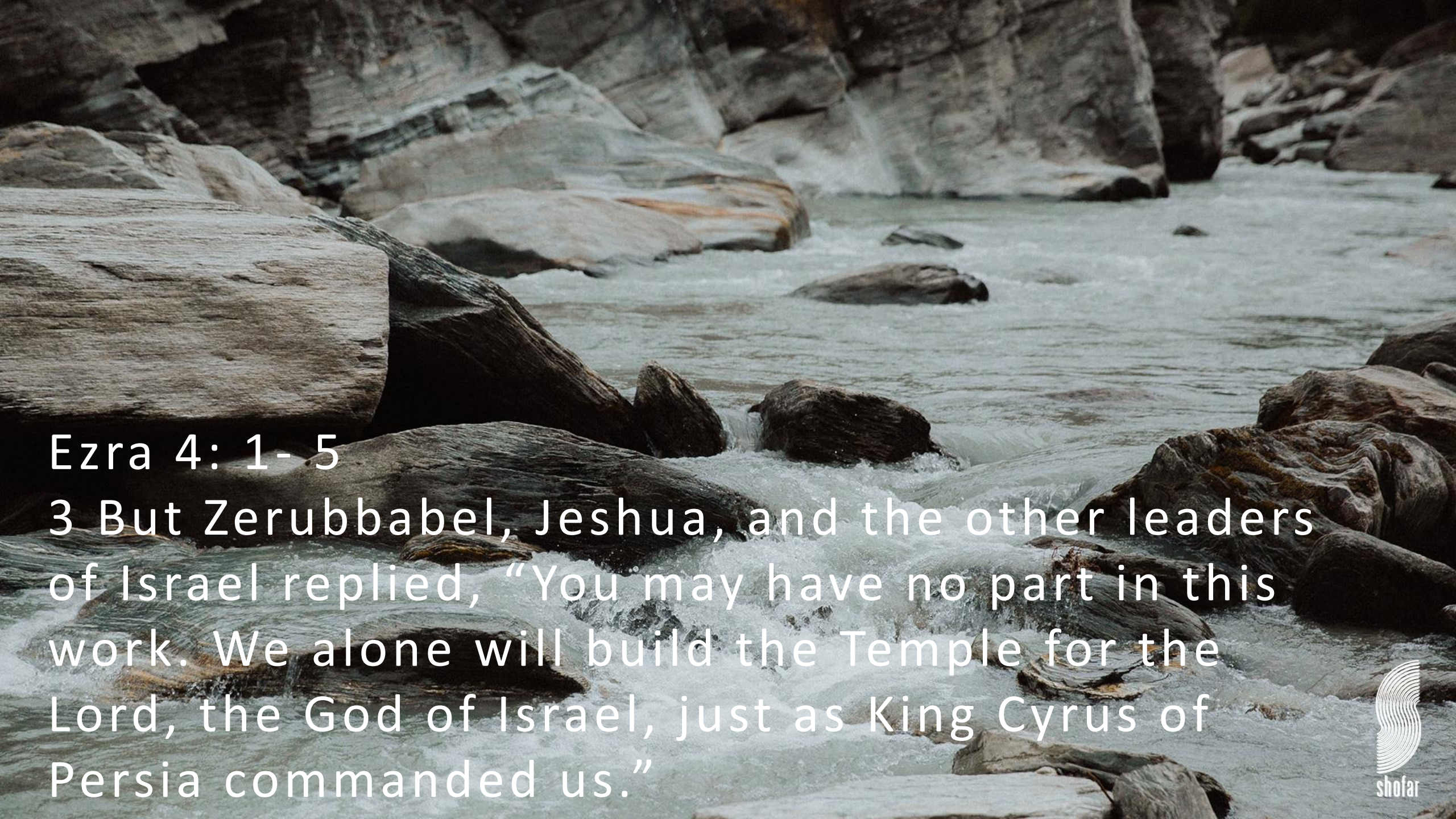
Ezra 4: 1- 5

1 The enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the exiles were rebuilding a Temple to the Lord, the God of Israel.



Ezra 4: 1- 5

2 So they approached Zerubbabel and the other leaders and said, “Let us build with you, for we worship your God just as you do. We have sacrificed to him ever since King Esarhaddon of Assyria brought us here.”



Ezra 4: 1- 5

3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the other leaders of Israel replied, “You may have no part in this work. We alone will build the Temple for the Lord, the God of Israel, just as King Cyrus of Persia commanded us.”

A photograph of a river with large, dark, jagged rocks. The water is turbulent, creating white rapids as it flows over the rocks. The background shows more rocks and a steep, rocky bank.


Ezra 4: 1- 5

4 Then the local residents tried to discourage and frighten the people of Judah to keep them from their work.

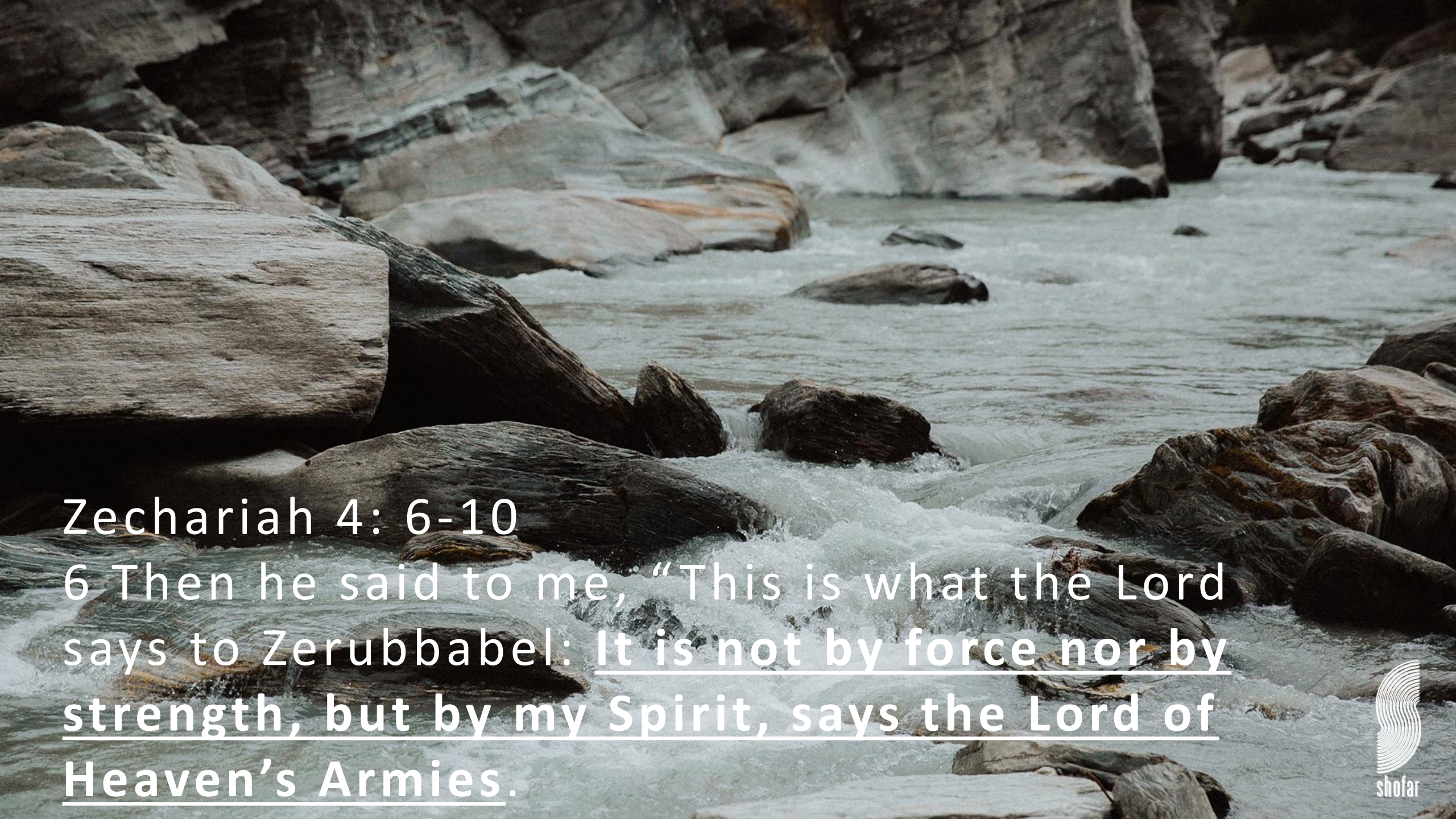


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5 They bribed agents to work against them and to frustrate their plans. This went on during the entire reign of King Cyrus of Persia and lasted until King Darius of Persia took the throne.



• God will provide you strength through Holy Spirit.



Zechariah 4: 6-10

6 Then he said to me, “This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.



Zechariah 4: 6-10

7 Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!'



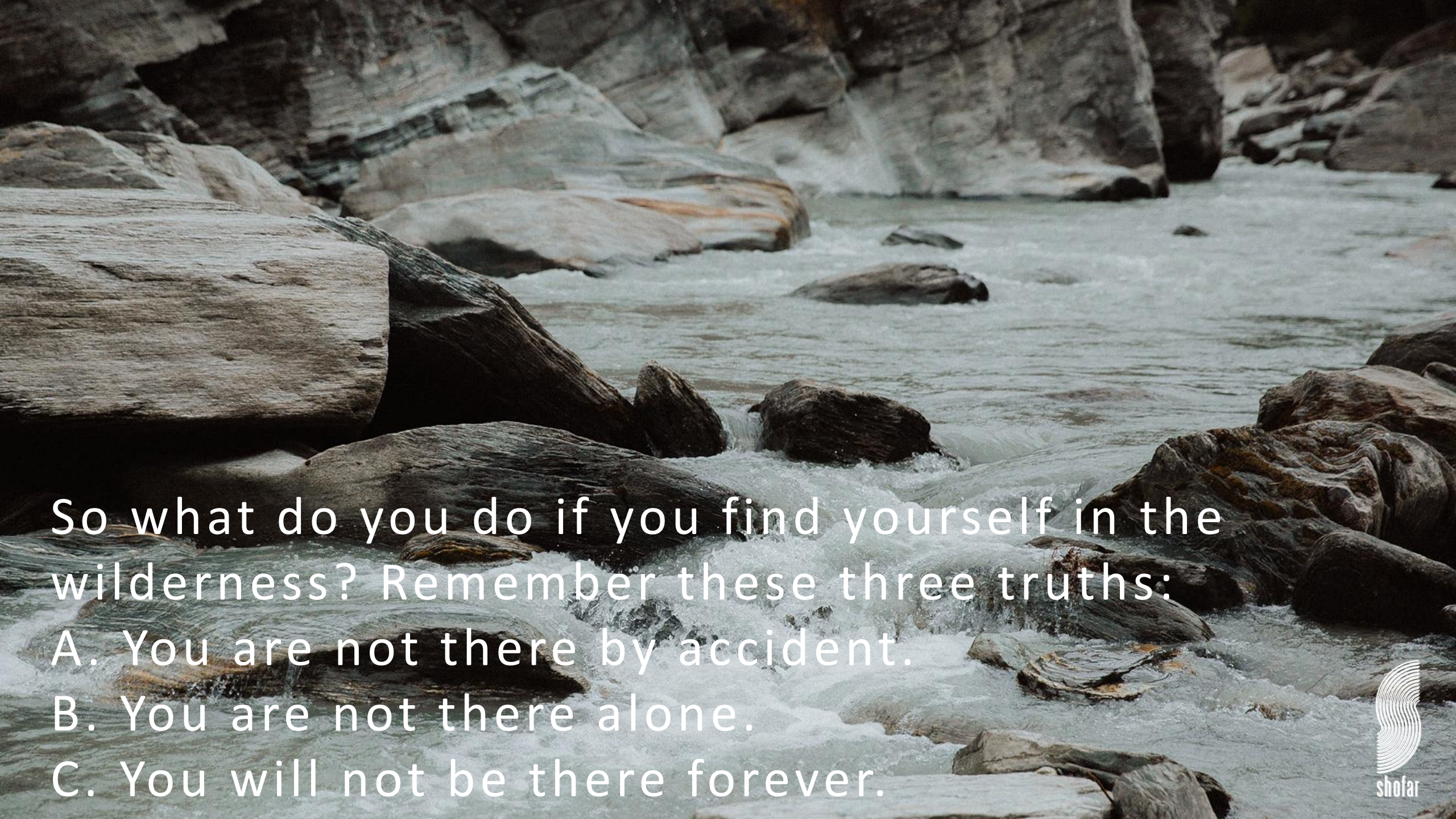
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8 Then another message came to me from the Lord: 9 “Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has sent me.



Zechariah 4: 6-10

10 Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

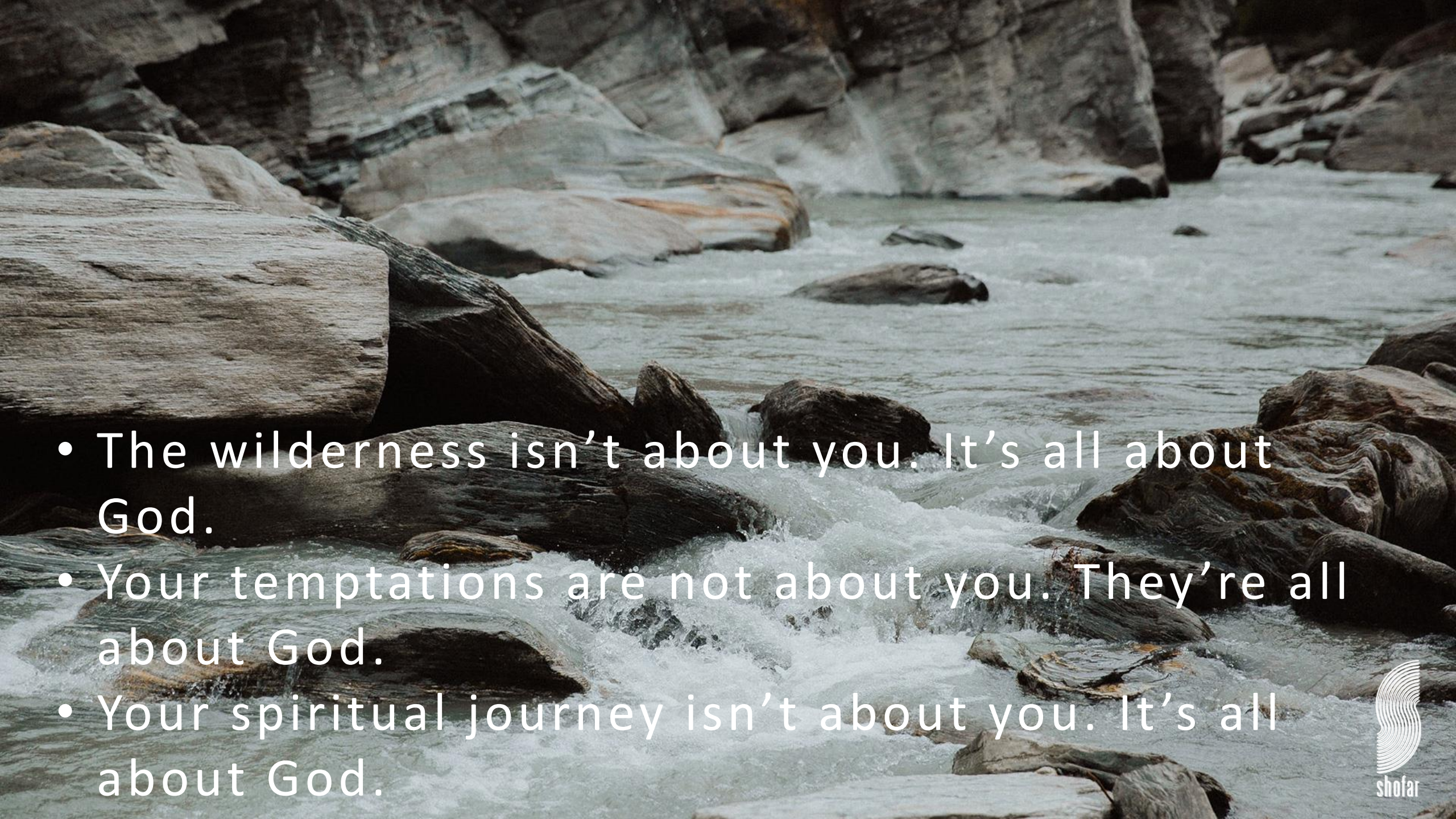


So what do you do if you find yourself in the wilderness? Remember these three truths:

- A. You are not there by accident.
- B. You are not there alone.
- C. You will not be there forever.



• The wilderness is All About God!

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- The wilderness isn't about you. It's all about God.
 - Your temptations are not about you. They're all about God.
 - Your spiritual journey isn't about you. It's all about God.



- Have you ever gone through those wilderness



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