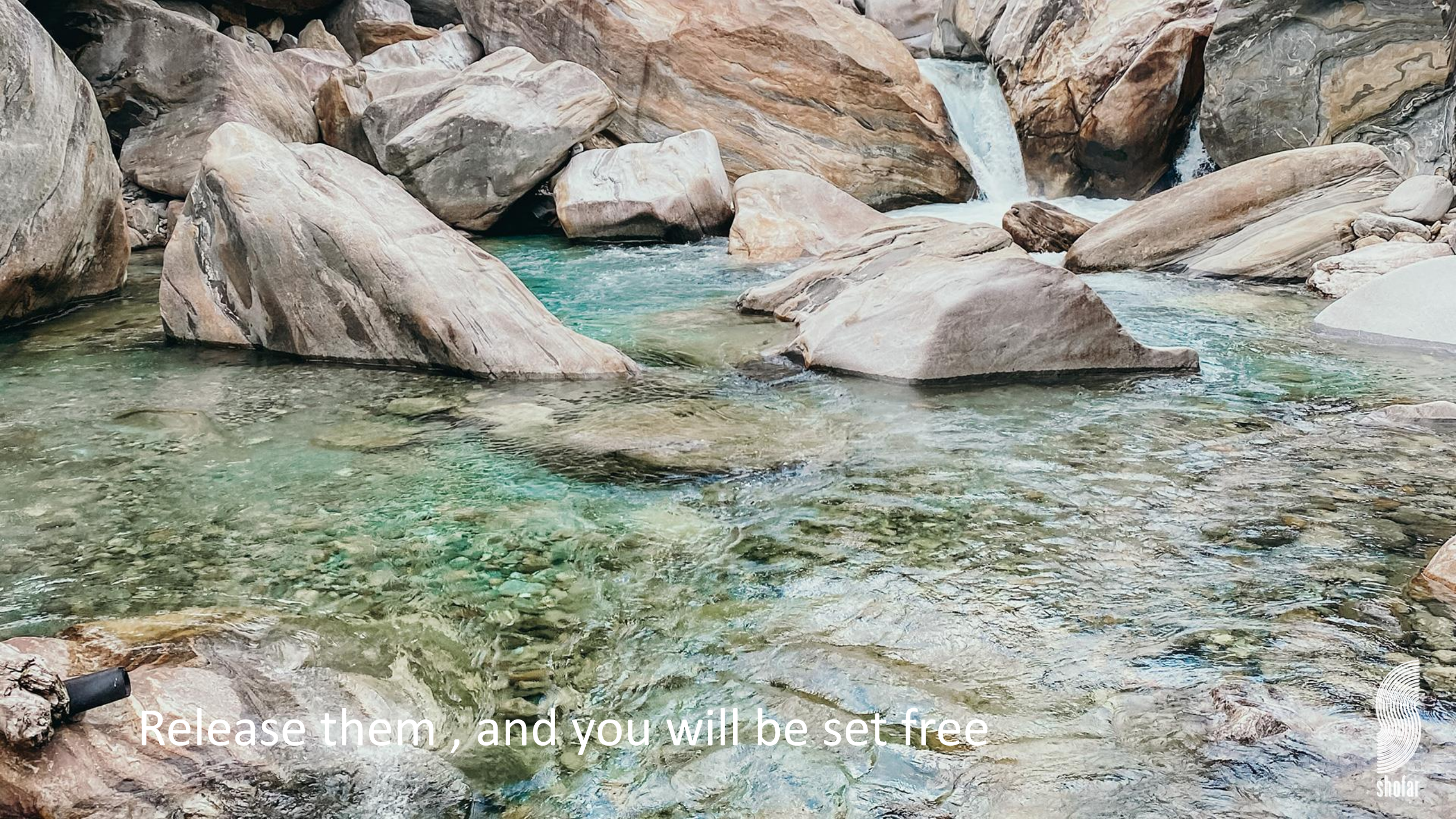


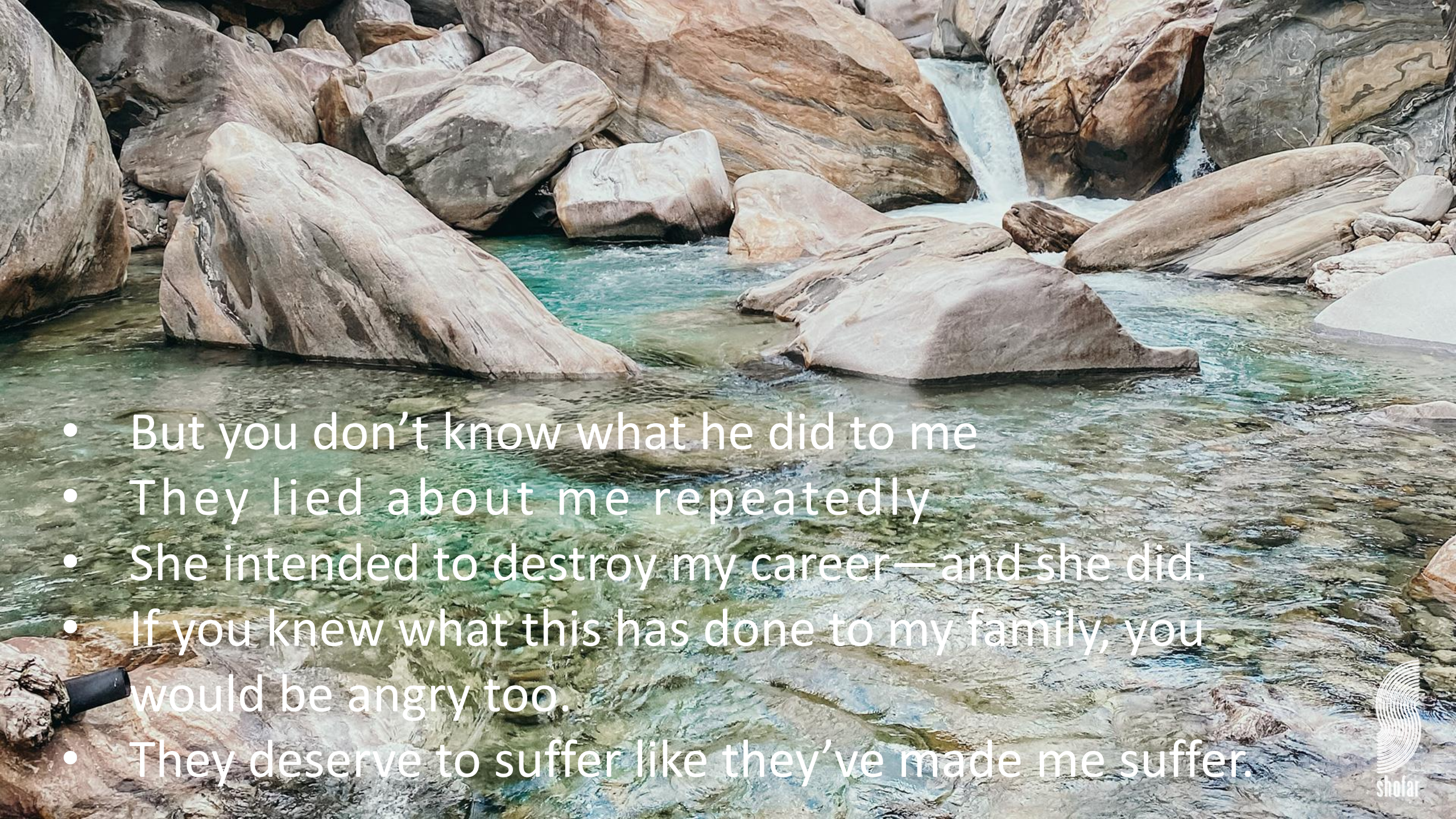


Forgiveness

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Release them , and you will be set free

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- But you don't know what he did to me
 - They lied about me repeatedly
 - She intended to destroy my career—and she did.
 - If you knew what this has done to my family, you would be angry too.
 - They deserve to suffer like they've made me suffer.



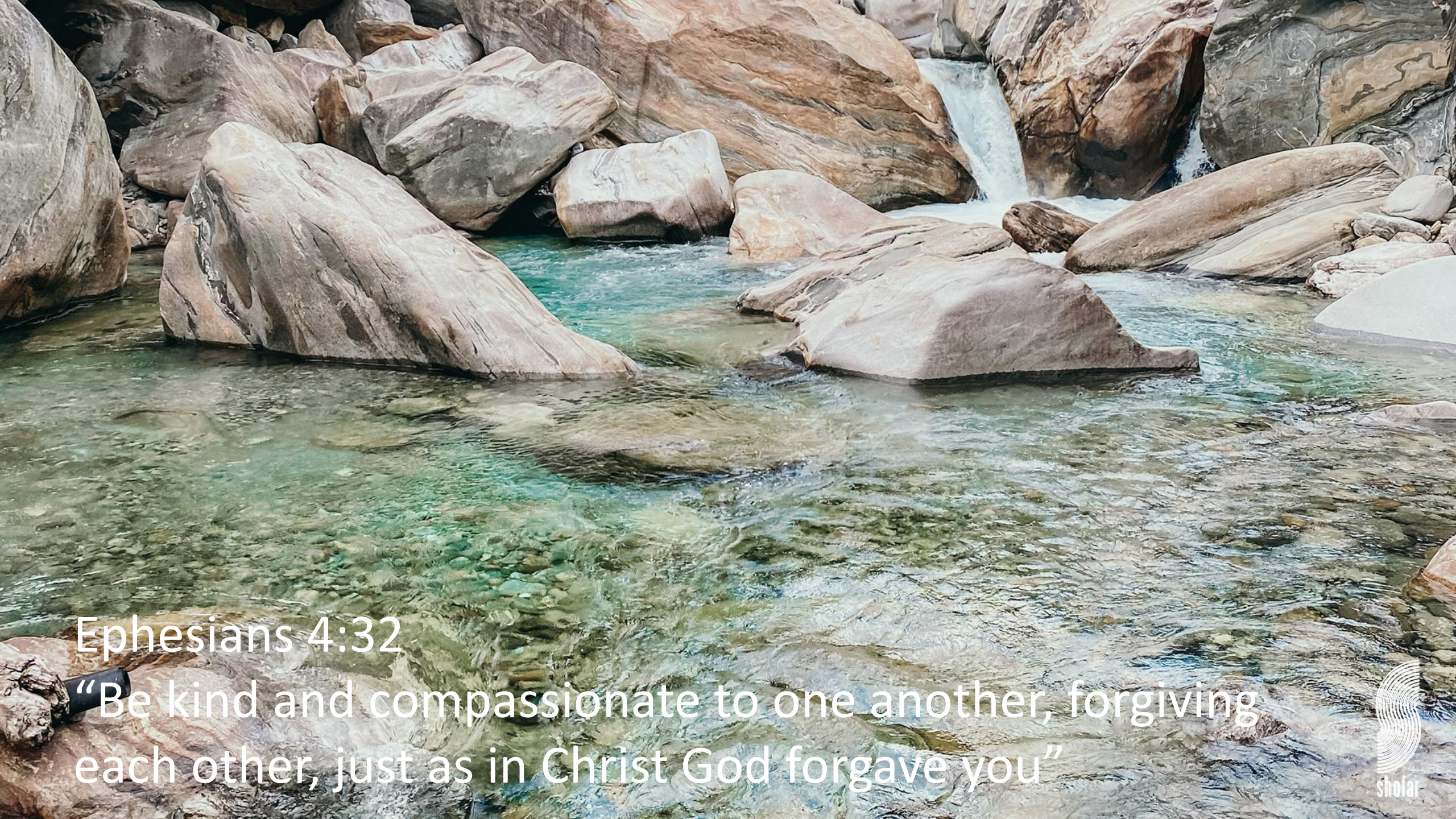
Luke 6: 37

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven”



Matthew 6: 14-15

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins



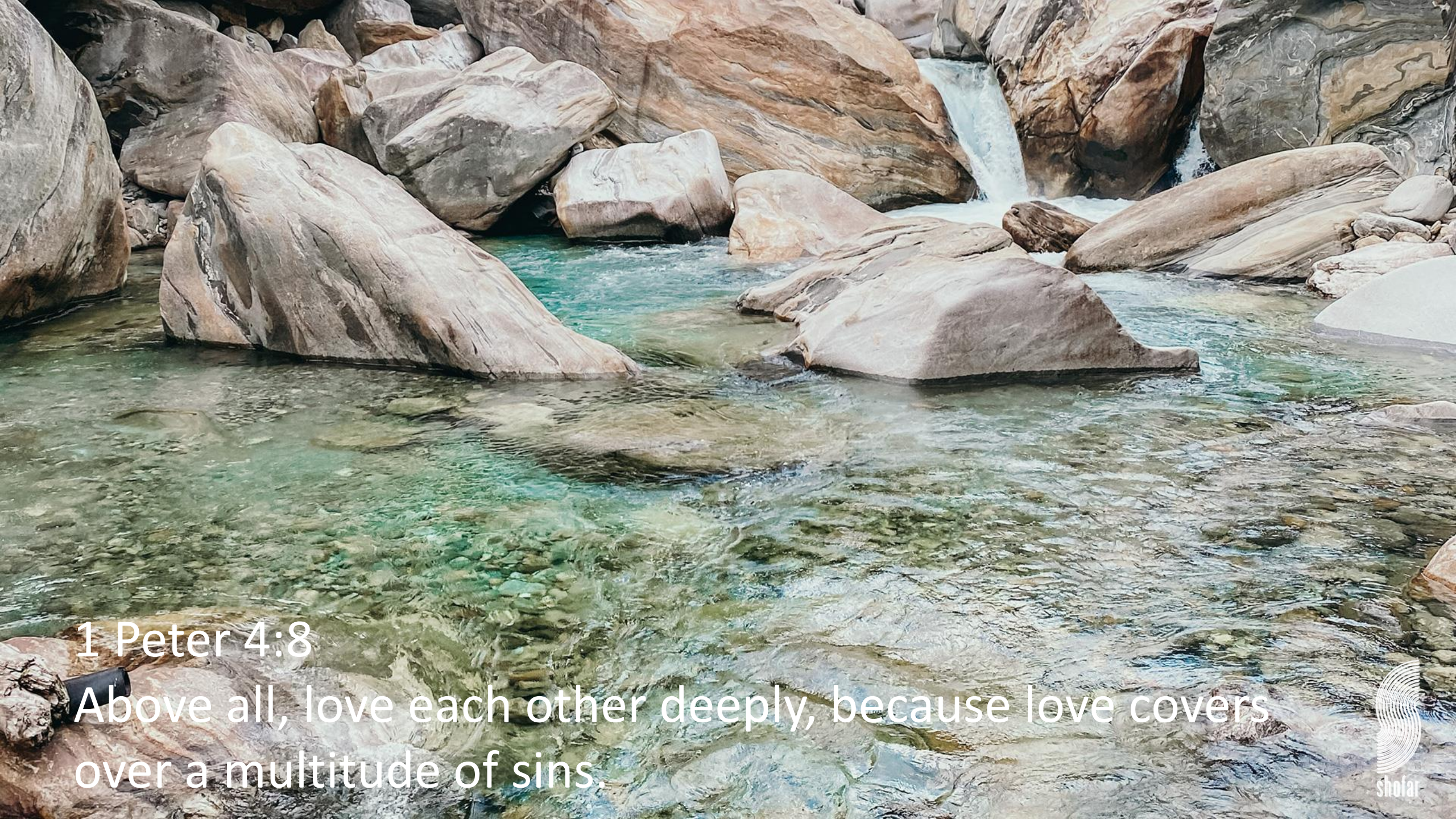
Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”



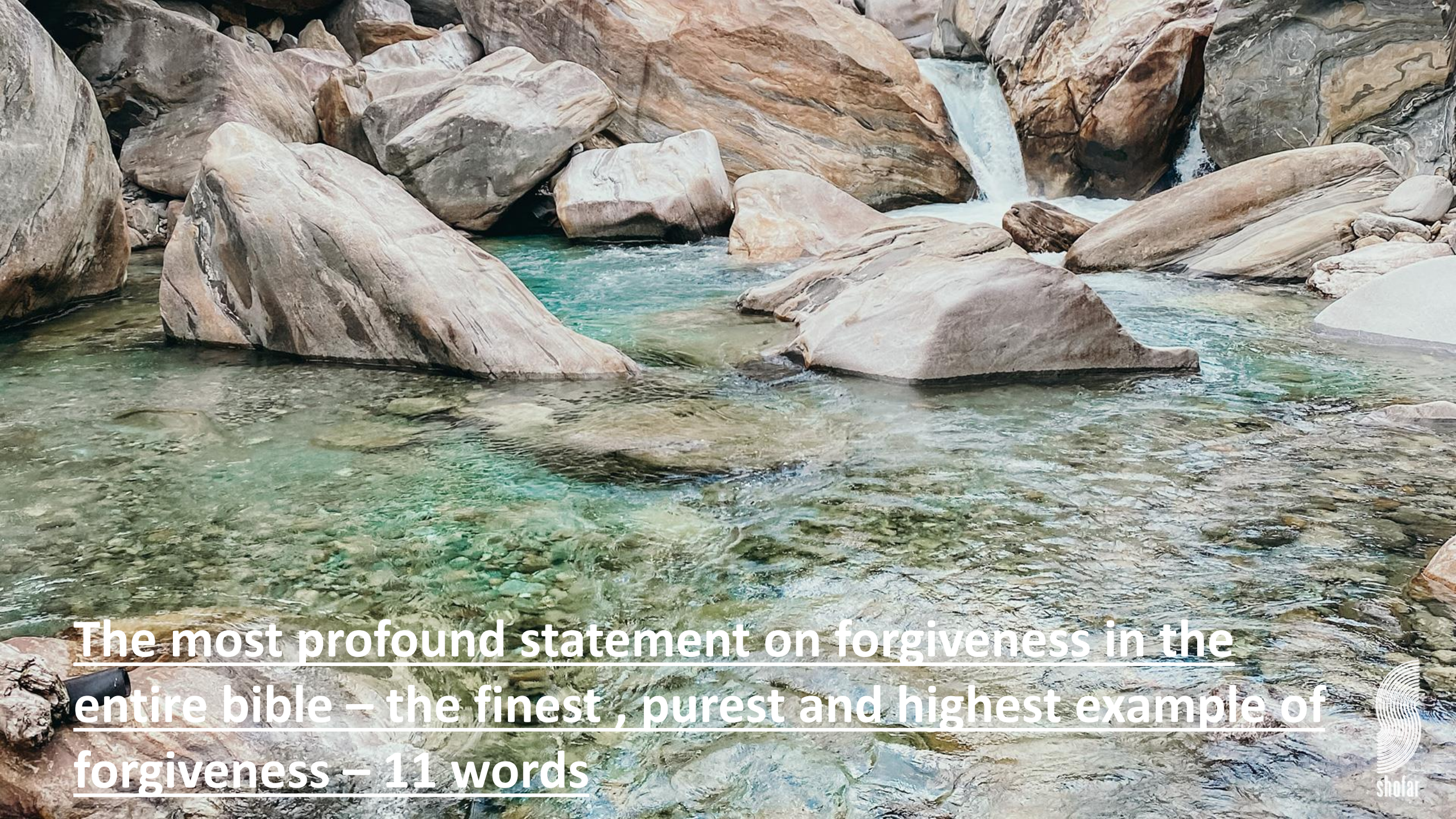
Colossians 3:13

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

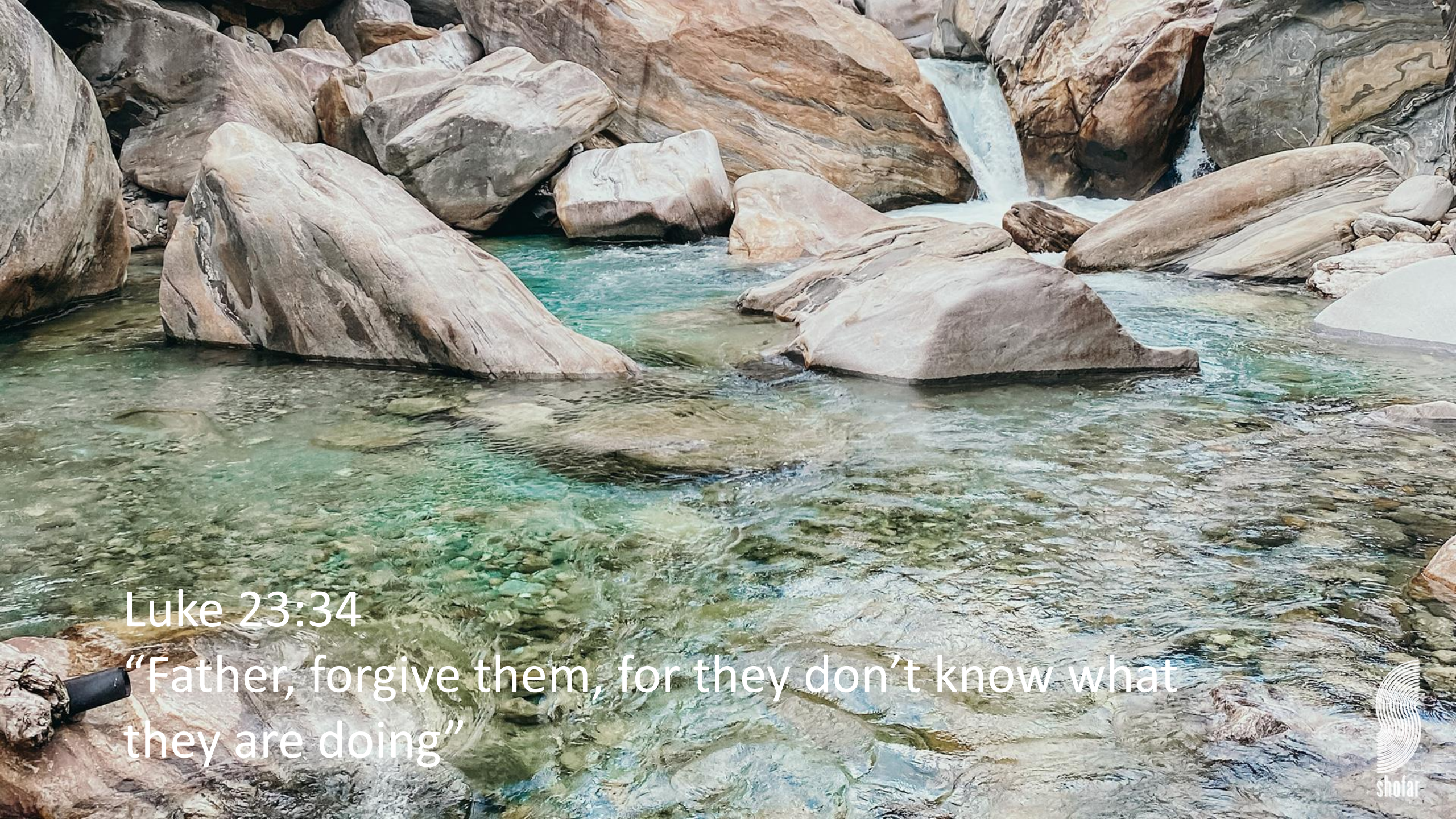


1 Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

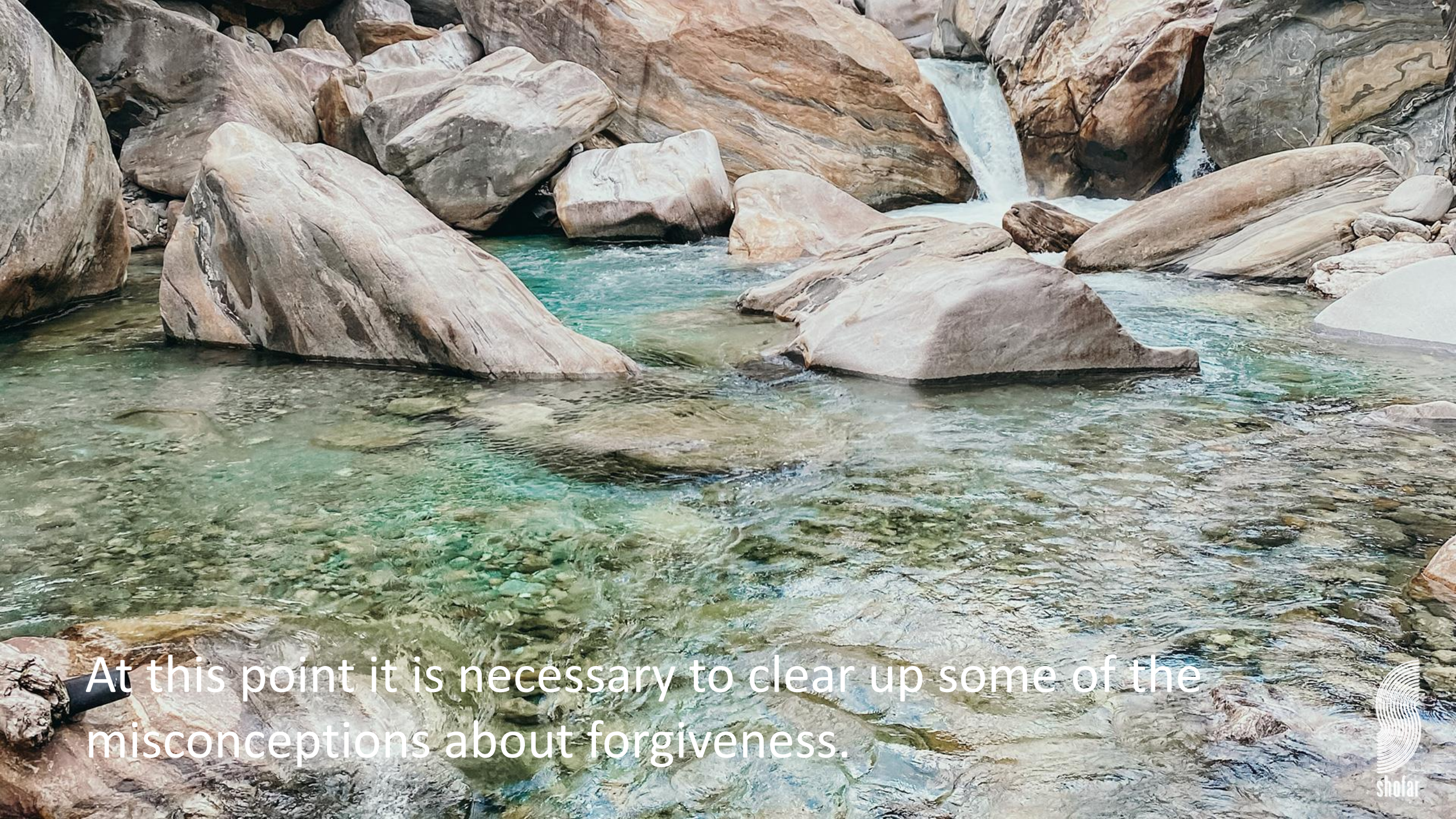


The most profound statement on forgiveness in the
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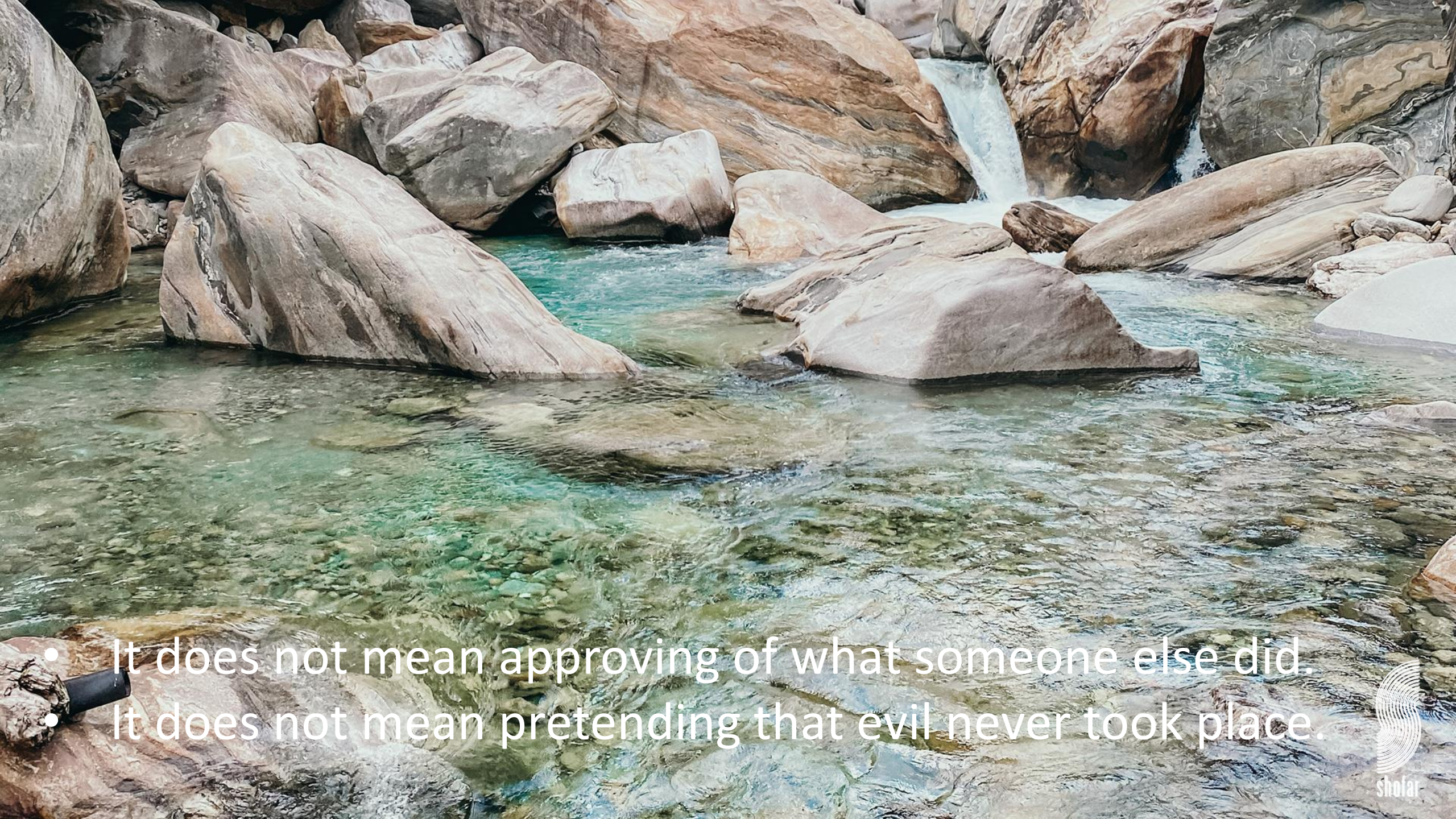


Luke 23:34

“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing”

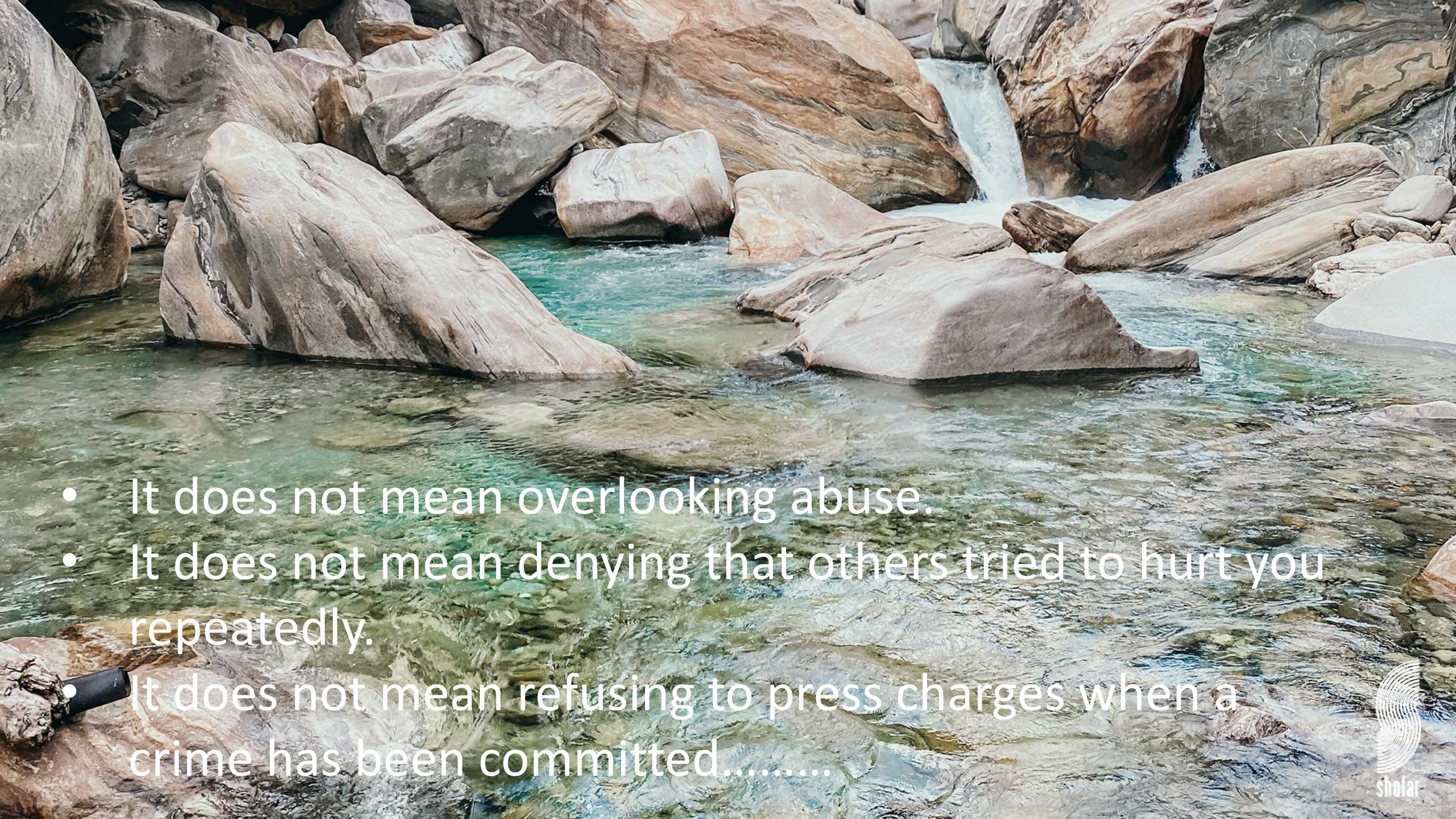


At this point it is necessary to clear up some of the misconceptions about forgiveness.



- It does not mean approving of what someone else did.
- It does not mean pretending that evil never took place.

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- It does not mean making excuses for other people's bad behavior.
 - It does not mean justifying evil so that sin somehow becomes less sinful.

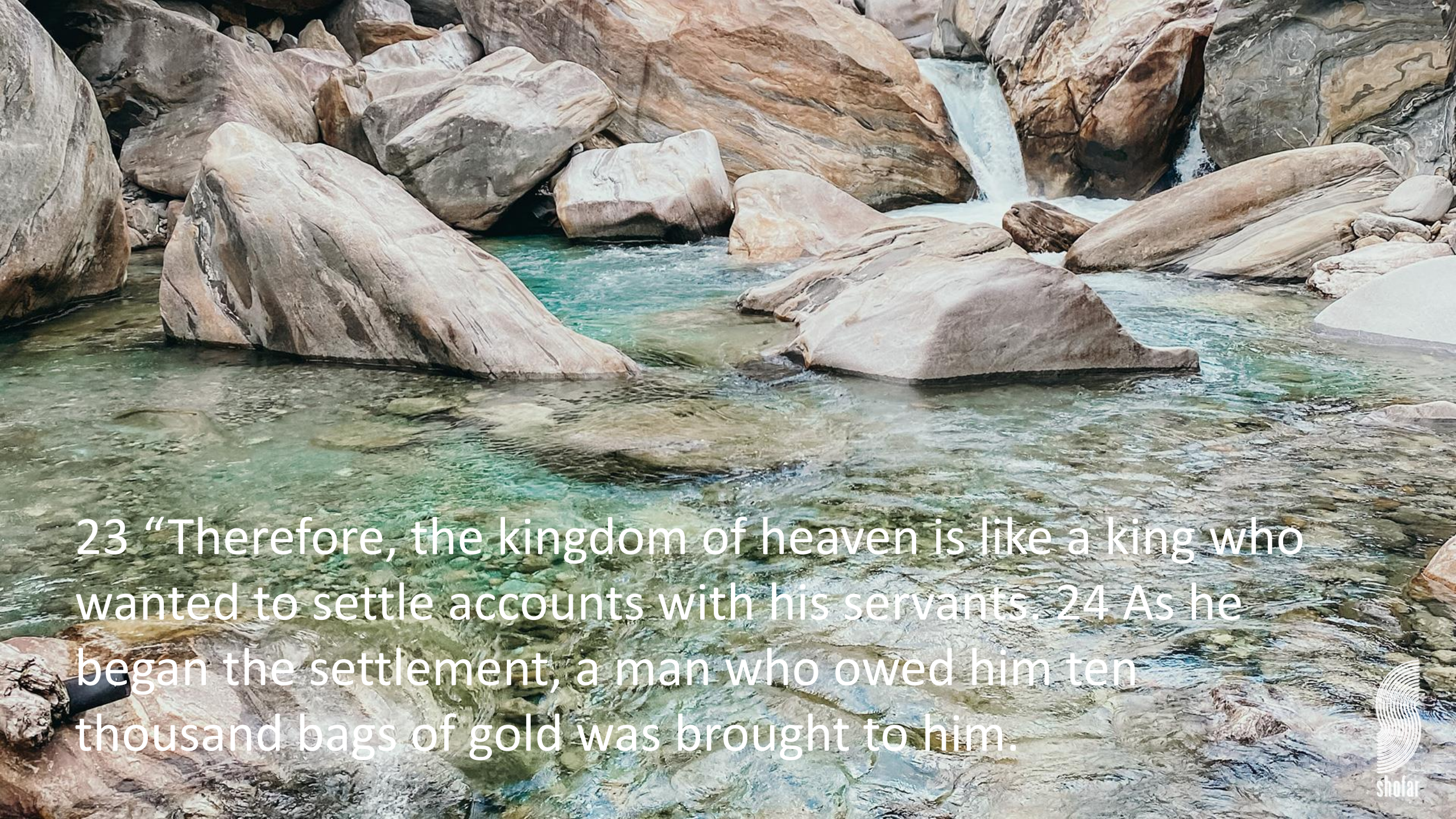
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- It does not mean overlooking abuse.
 - It does not mean denying that others tried to hurt you repeatedly.
 - It does not mean refusing to press charges when a crime has been committed.....



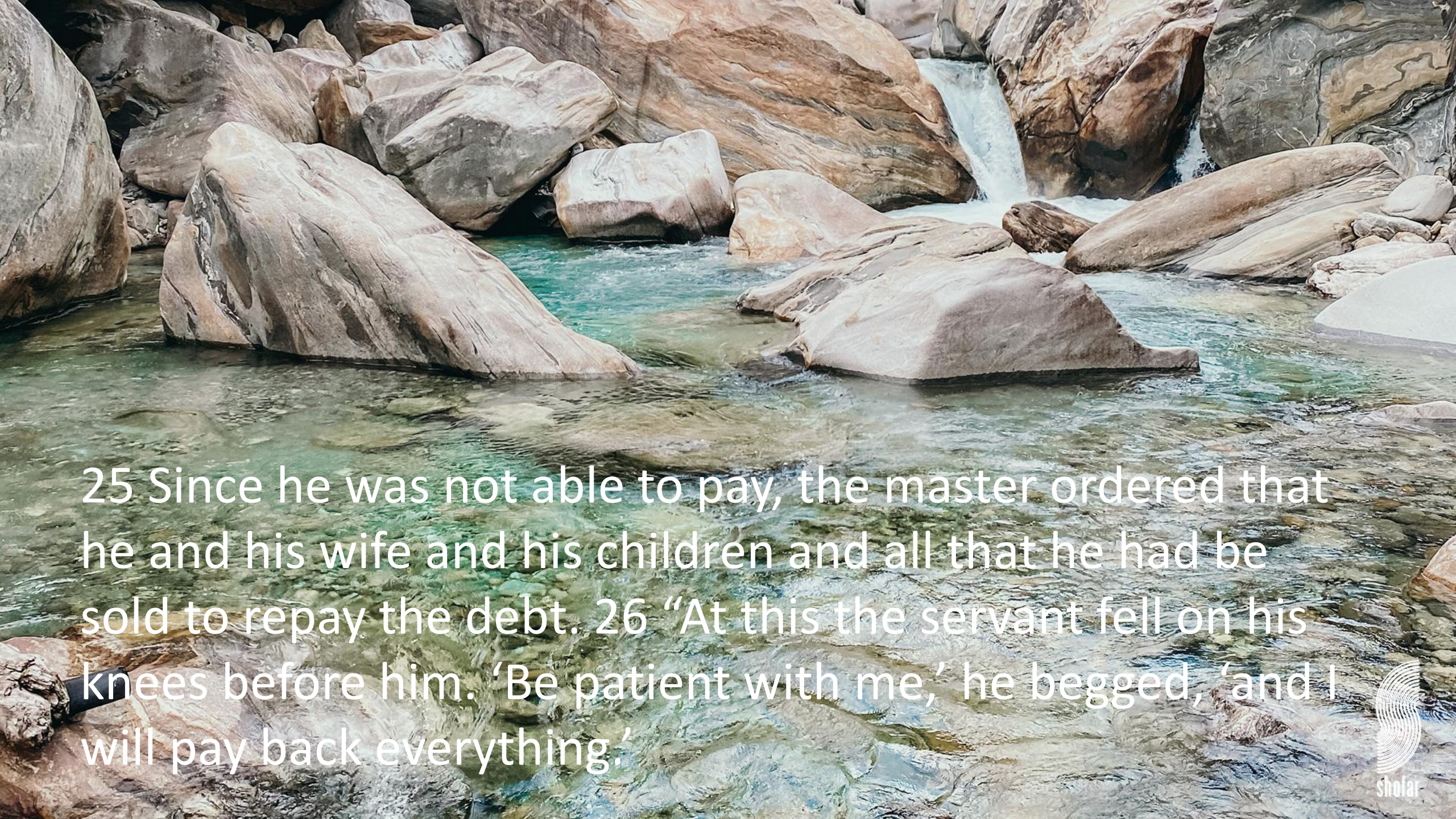
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant :

Matthew 18:21-35

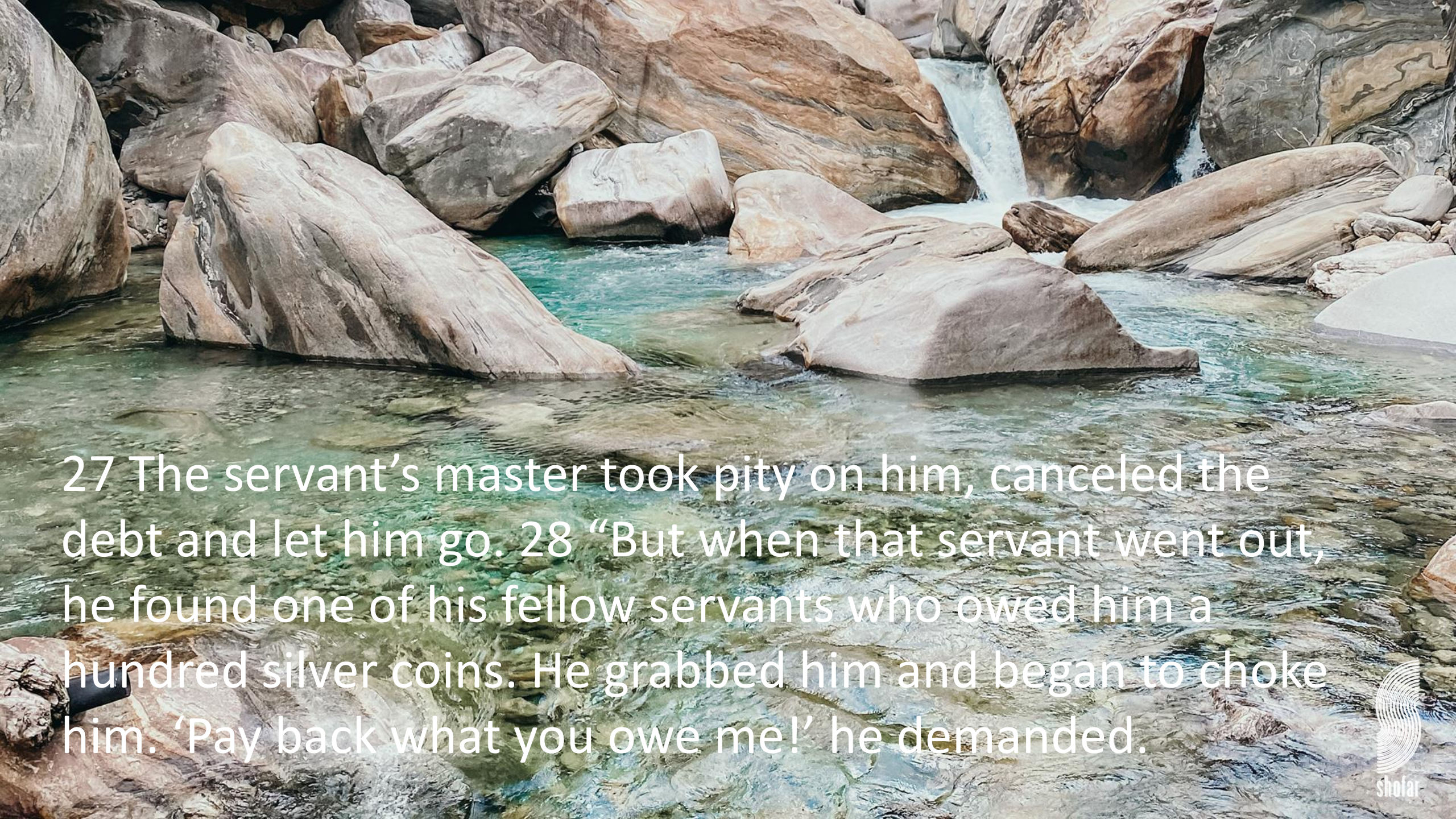
21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.



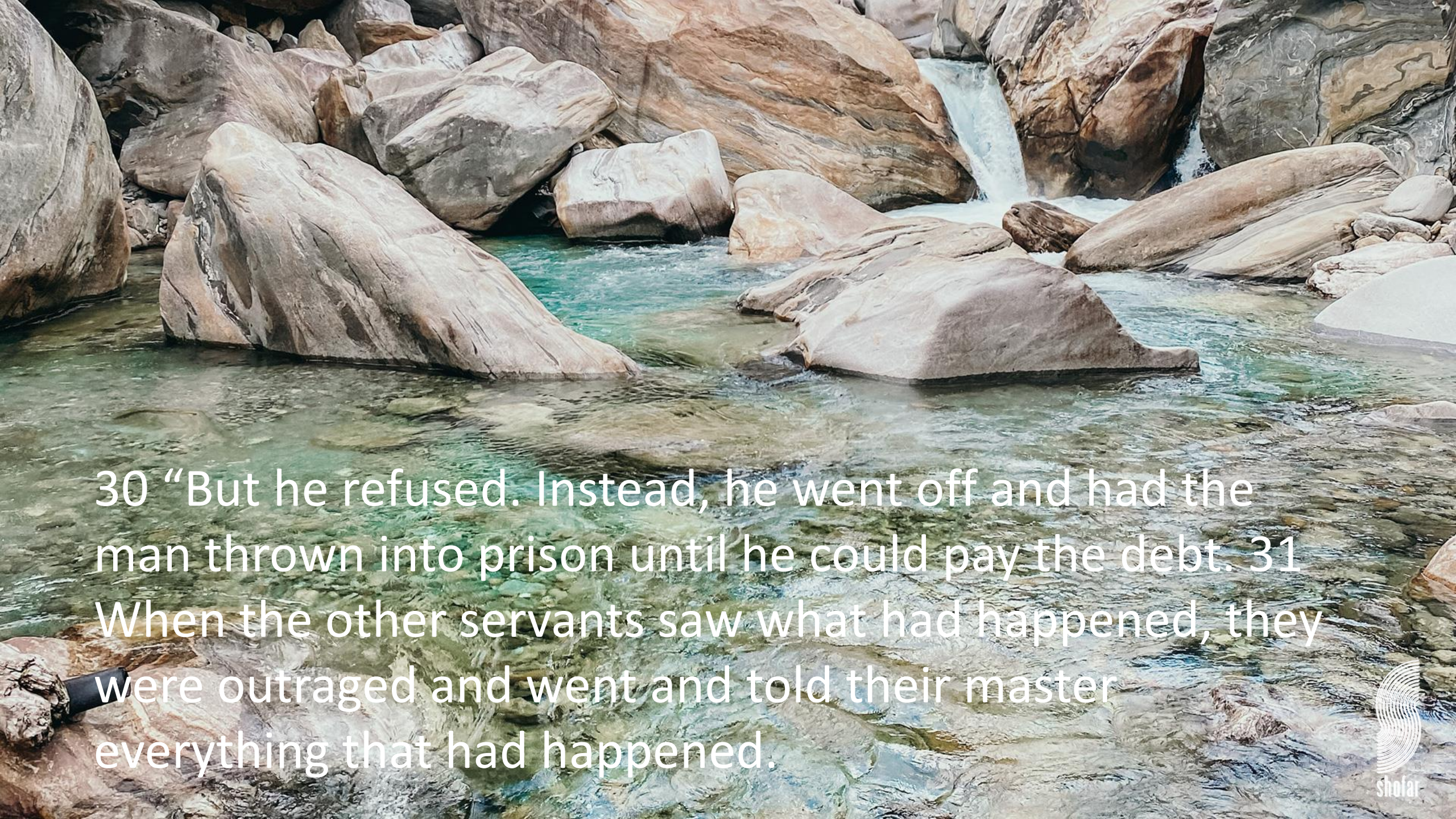
25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’



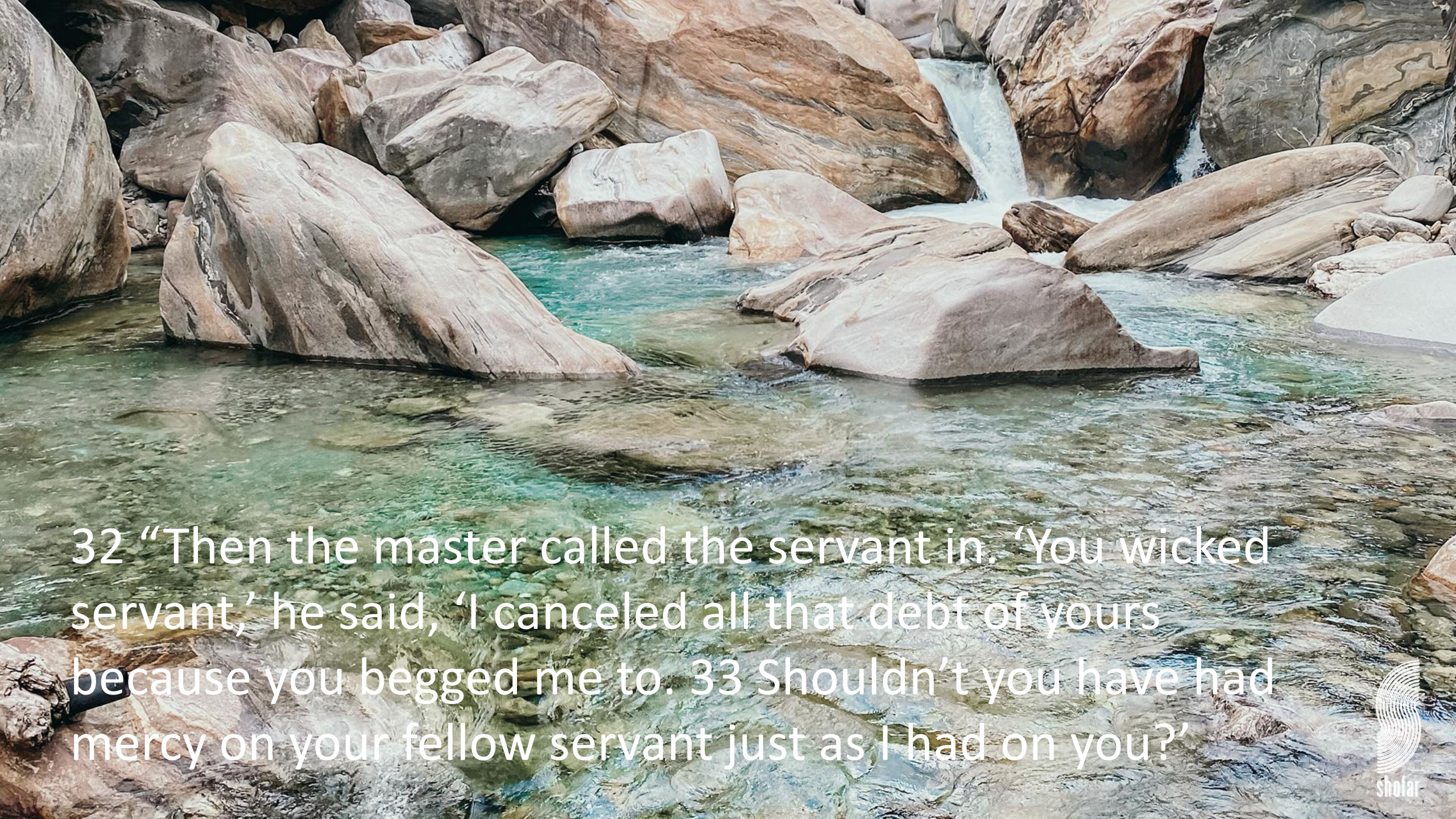
27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. 28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.



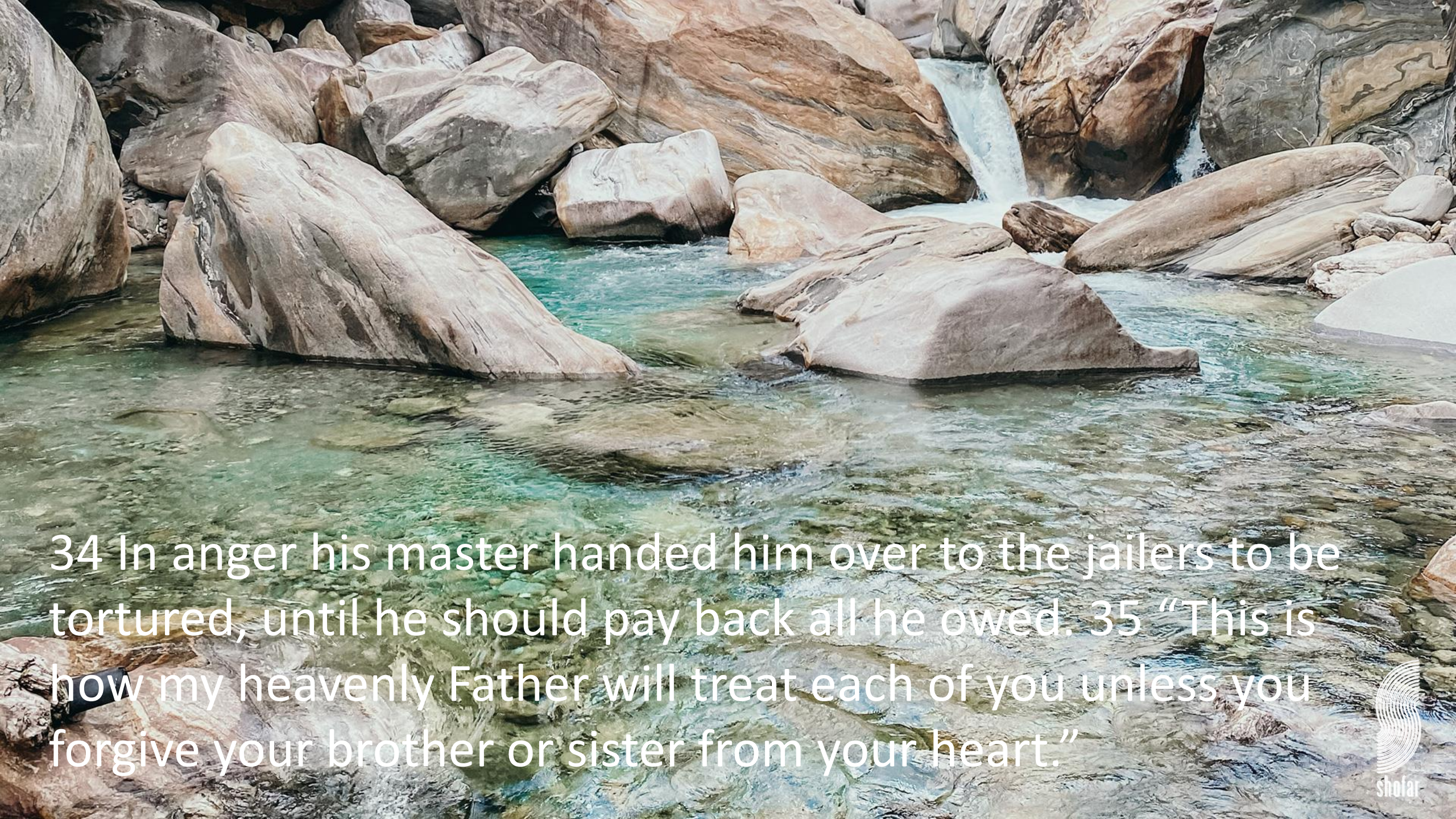
29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him,
'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'



30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.



32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’



34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”



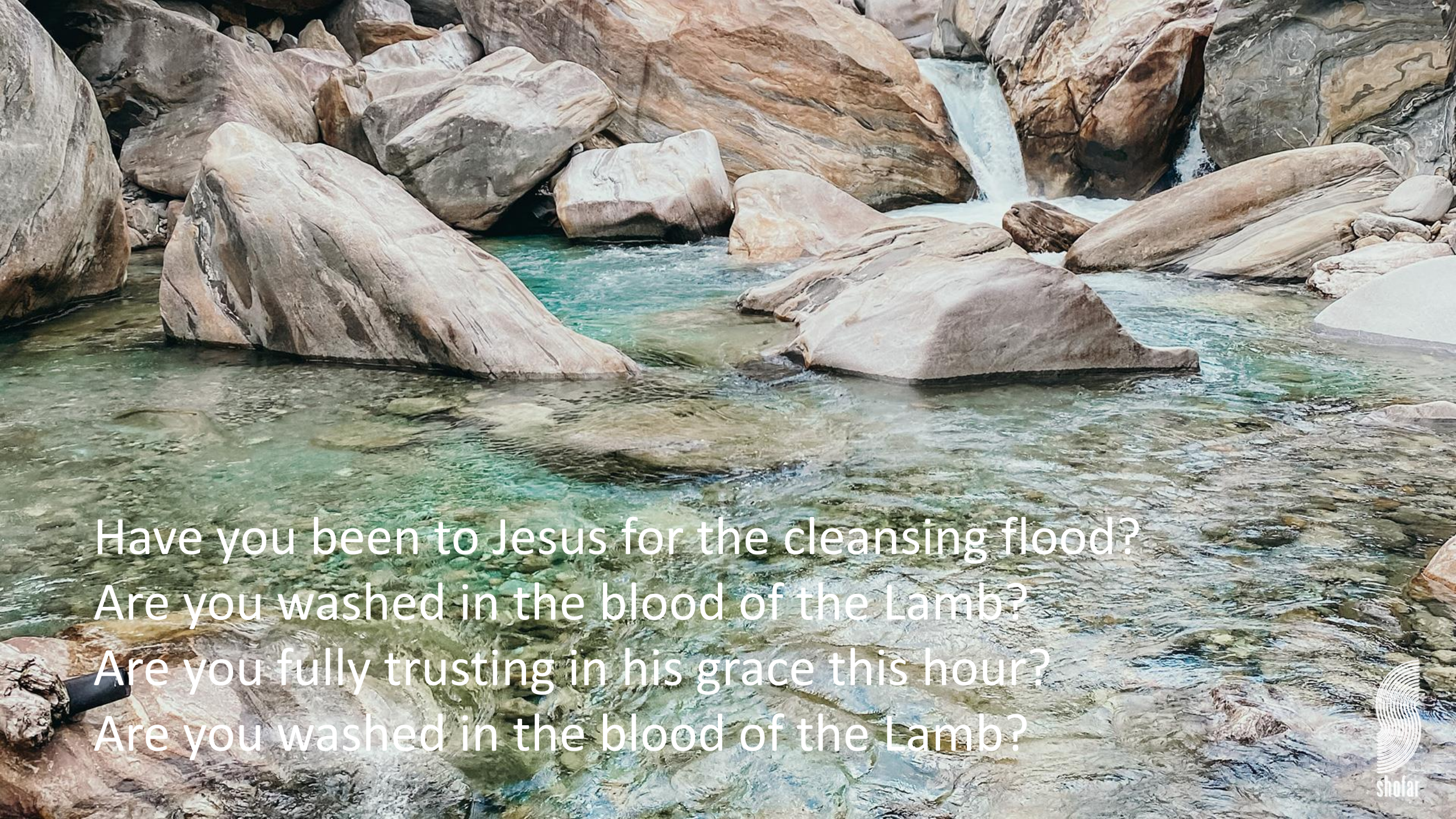
Matthew 5:44

“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”

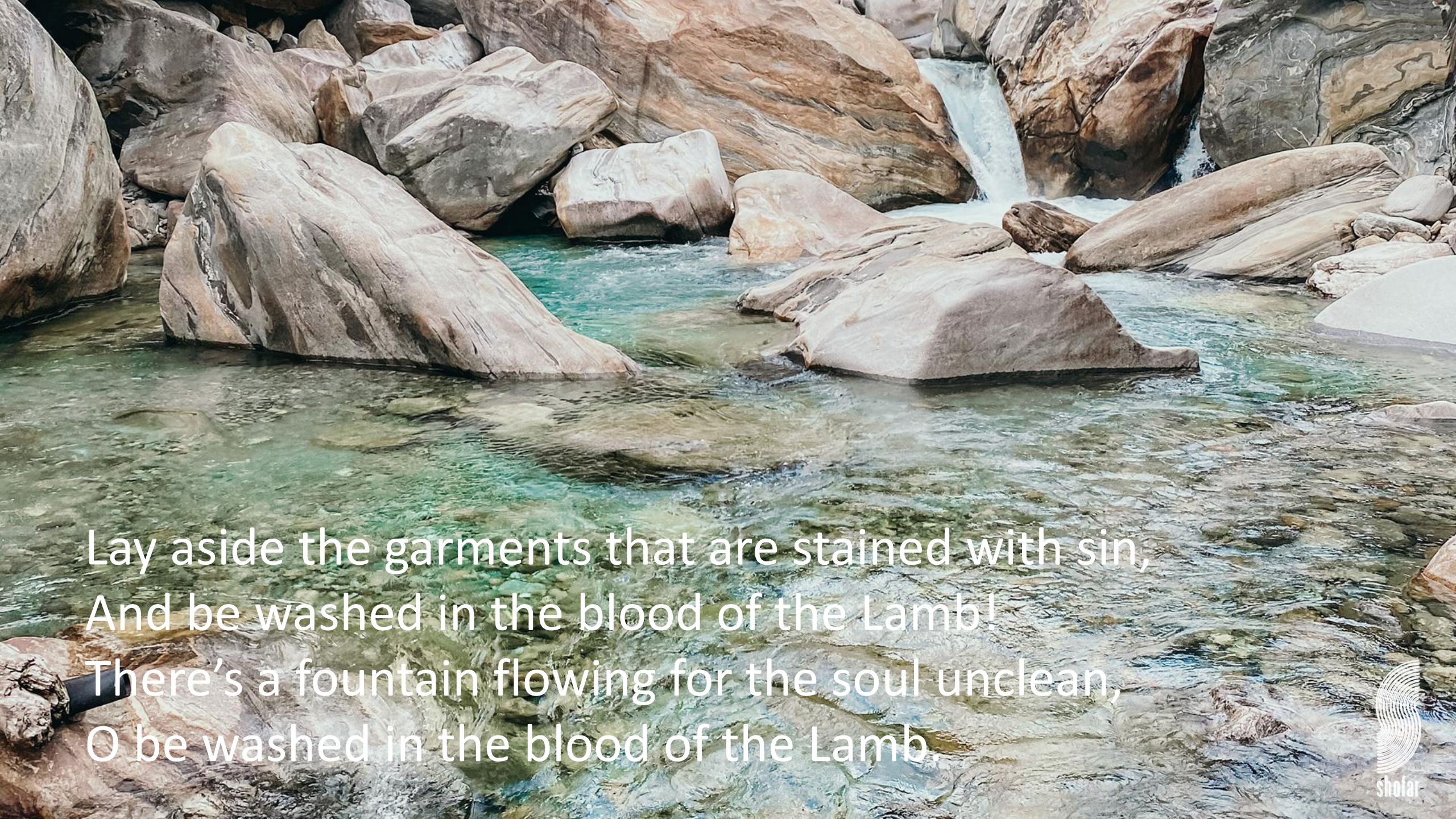


Final thoughts :

- Forgiveness is not an optional part of the Christian life
- Think about the grace that you did not deserved.



Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing flood?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?



Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb!
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb.



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