Acts.

Paul’s Trials

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Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. [2] **And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him,** [3] **asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way.** [4] Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly. [5] "So," said he, "let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him."

ACTS 25:1-5 ESV

After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought. [7] When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove. [8] Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.”

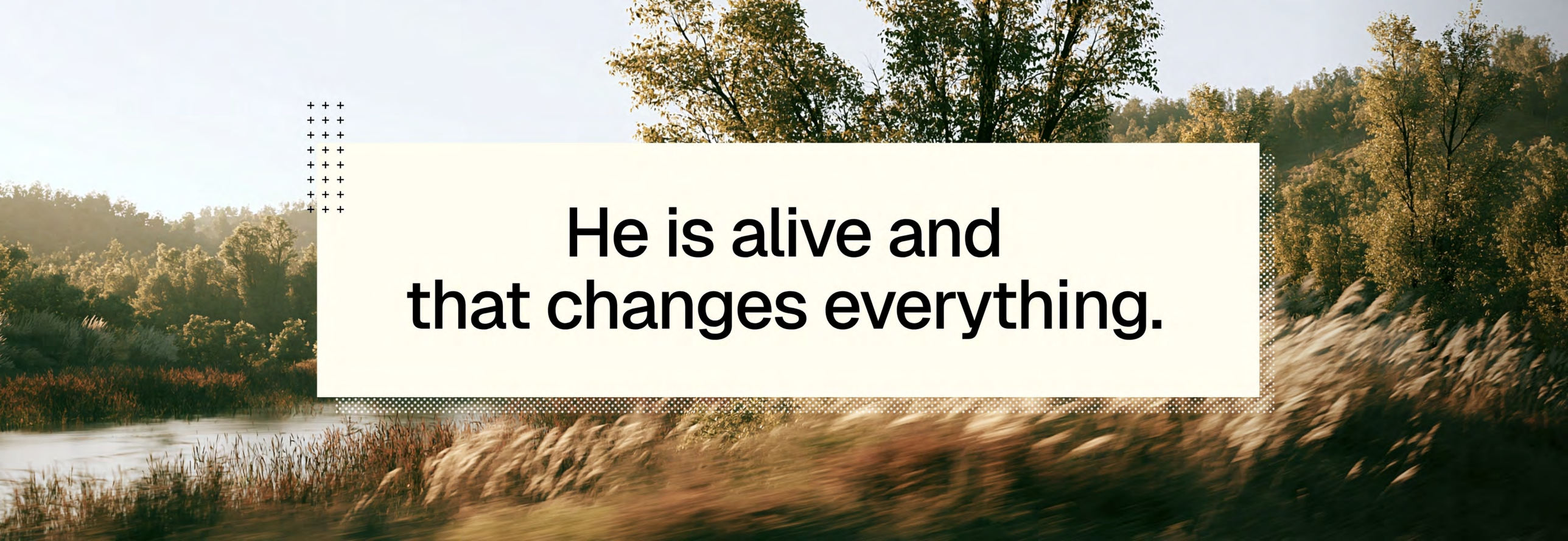
ACTS 25:6-8 ESV

But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?” [10] But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well. [11] If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. **I appeal to Caesar.”** [12] Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, **“To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”**

ACTS 25:9-12 ESV

When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. [19] Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion **and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive.**

ACTS 25:18-19 ESV


He is alive and
that changes everything.

The Significance of the Resurrection

+ For I delivered to you as **of first importance** what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] **that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

I CORINITHIANS 15:3-4 ESV

+ [14] And **if Christ has not been raised,** then our preaching is in vain and **your faith is in vain.**

[17] **... and you are still in your sins.**

I CORINITHIANS 15:14,17B ESV

The Significance of the Resurrection

+ **Nicene Creed** (4th century)

  Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; **and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;** and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father.

+ **Athanasian Creed** (5th century)

  For **the right faith** is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man...For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, **rose again the third day from the dead;** He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty.

The Significance of the Resurrection

According to a 2025 survey, **1 in 10 people** who attend church weekly are **not convinced** of the truth of the resurrection of Jesus.

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The Resurrection is
proof, power & a promise.

The Resurrection is Proof

+ Jesus is the Son of God
+ Jesus is the Promised Savior

+ …and was **declared to be the Son of God** in power according to the Spirit of holiness **by his resurrection from the dead,**

ROMANS 1:4 ESV

+ "…for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, **"The Son of Man** is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, **after three days he will rise."**

MARK 9:31 ESV

The Resurrection is Power

+ Power to break sin's control
+ Power to live right

+ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we too might walk in newness of life.** [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, **we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

ROMANS 6:4-5 ESV

+ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. [12] **Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.** [13] Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [14] **For sin will have no dominion over you,** since you are not under law but under grace.

ROMANS 6:11-14 ESV

...that I may know him and the **power** of his resurrection...

PHILIPPIANS 3:10 ESV

The Resurrection is a Promise

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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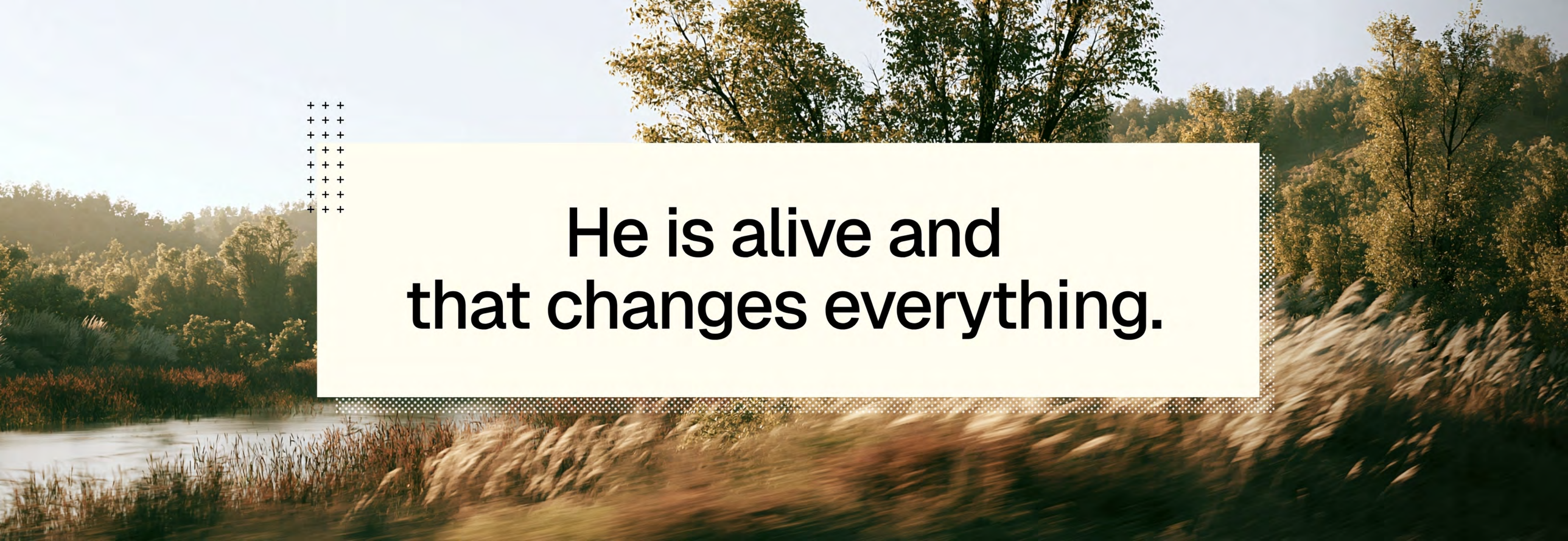
[51] Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

[53] For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. [54] When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”
[55] “O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

[56] The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. [57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-22,51-57 ESV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