



Courage to Walk by Faith

“What then can we say that Abraham, our physical ancestor, has found? ² If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to brag about—but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness...

¹⁶ This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of Abraham's faith. He is the father of us all ¹⁷ in God's sight. As it is written: I have made you the father of many nations.

He believed in God, who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist.¹⁸ He believed, hoping against hope, so that he became the father of many nations according to what had been spoken: So will your descendants be.¹⁹ He considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about 100 years

old) and also considered the deadness of Sarah's womb, without weakening in the faith.

²⁰ He did not waver in unbelief at God's promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

²² Therefore, it was credited to him for righteousness. ²³ Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone, ²⁴ but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

(Rom. 4:1-3; 16-25)

“the righteous will live by faith.”

(Rom. 1:17)

“The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.” (Rom. 3:22)

By believing God.

“For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness.” (Rom. 4: 3)

“He believed God, who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. Against hope, with hope he believed...” (Rom. 4: 17-18)

Have faith in God. (Mark 11:22)

“This is the work of God: that you believe in the One He has sent.” (John 6:26)

The Journey of Abraham

1. He was called out by God from among his people.
2. He followed God's lead about a future homeland
3. He was given a promise from God.
4. He laughed at God

The Journey of Abraham

5. He tried to circumvent God's plan
6. He watched years go by before seeing God's promise of a child fulfilled.
7. He had marital strife because of poor choices
8. He embraced God's plan.
9. He lived by faith.

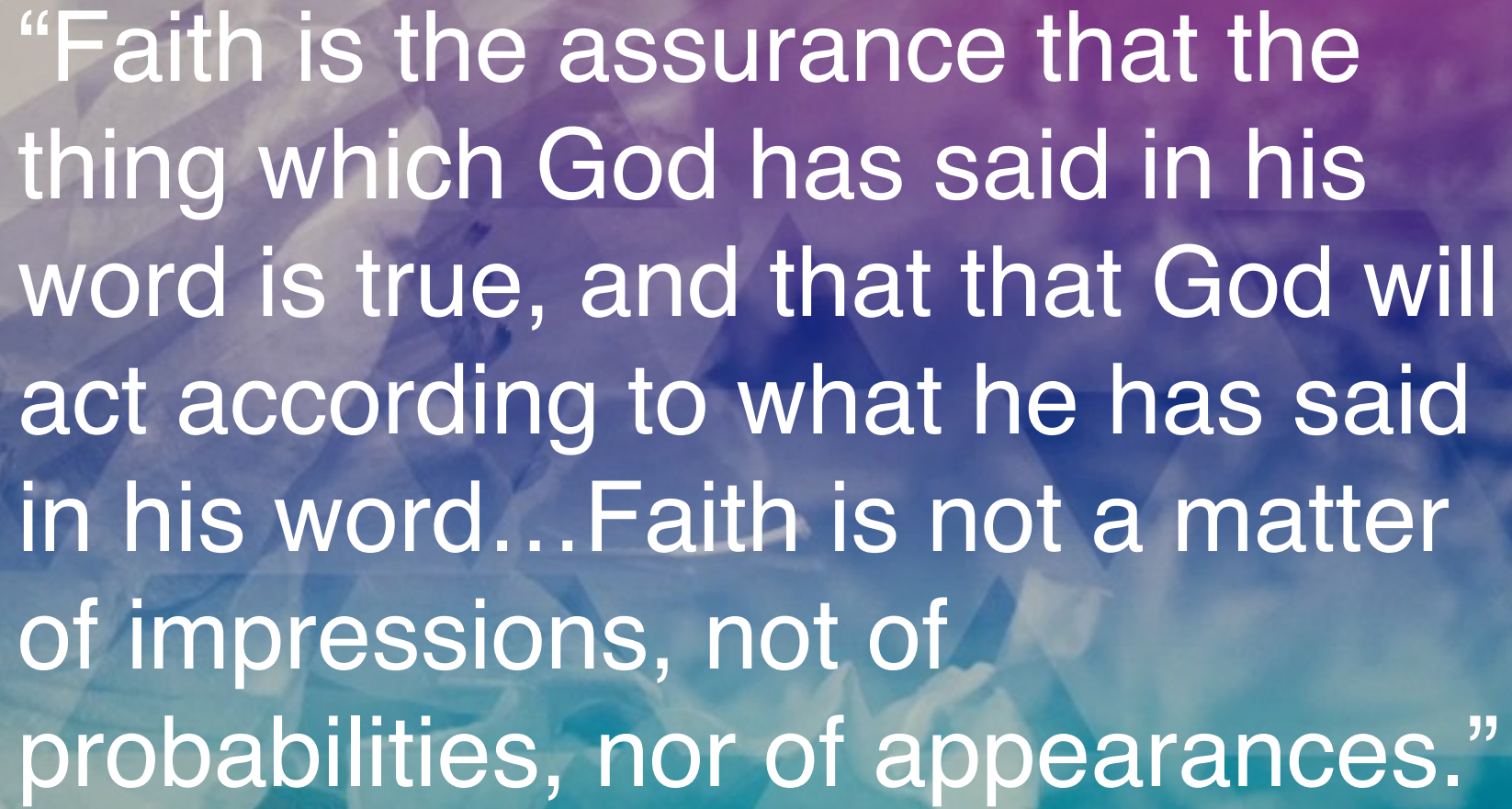
“Now without faith it is impossible to please God, for the one who draws near to Him must believe that He exists and rewards those who seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6)

“Faith in God- not in any god, not in religion- but faith in the sovereign God who made heaven and earth, who judges among the gods, and whose throne is justice and judgment, and who will require men’s deeds- that’s the God we must believe in.” – AW Tozer

By trusting God's Word.

“For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would inherit the world was not through the law” (Rom. 4:13)

“because he was fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.” (Rom. 4:21)



“Faith is the assurance that the thing which God has said in his word is true, and that that God will act according to what he has said in his word... Faith is not a matter of impressions, not of probabilities, nor of appearances.”

-George Müller

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding.” (Prov. 3:5)

“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. For, ‘All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’”

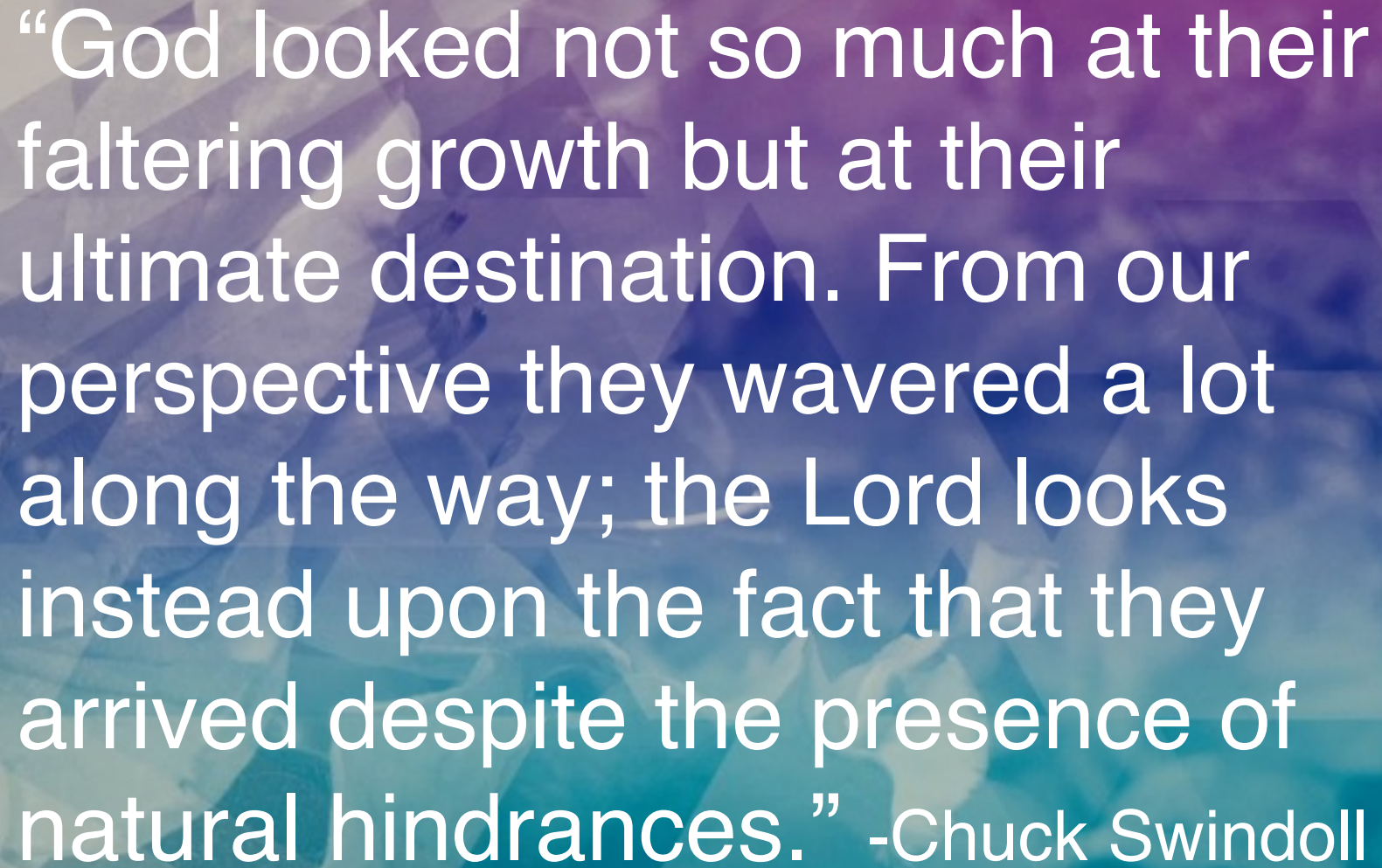
(1 Pet. 1:23-25)

“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass
away.” (Matt. 24:35)

“Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”

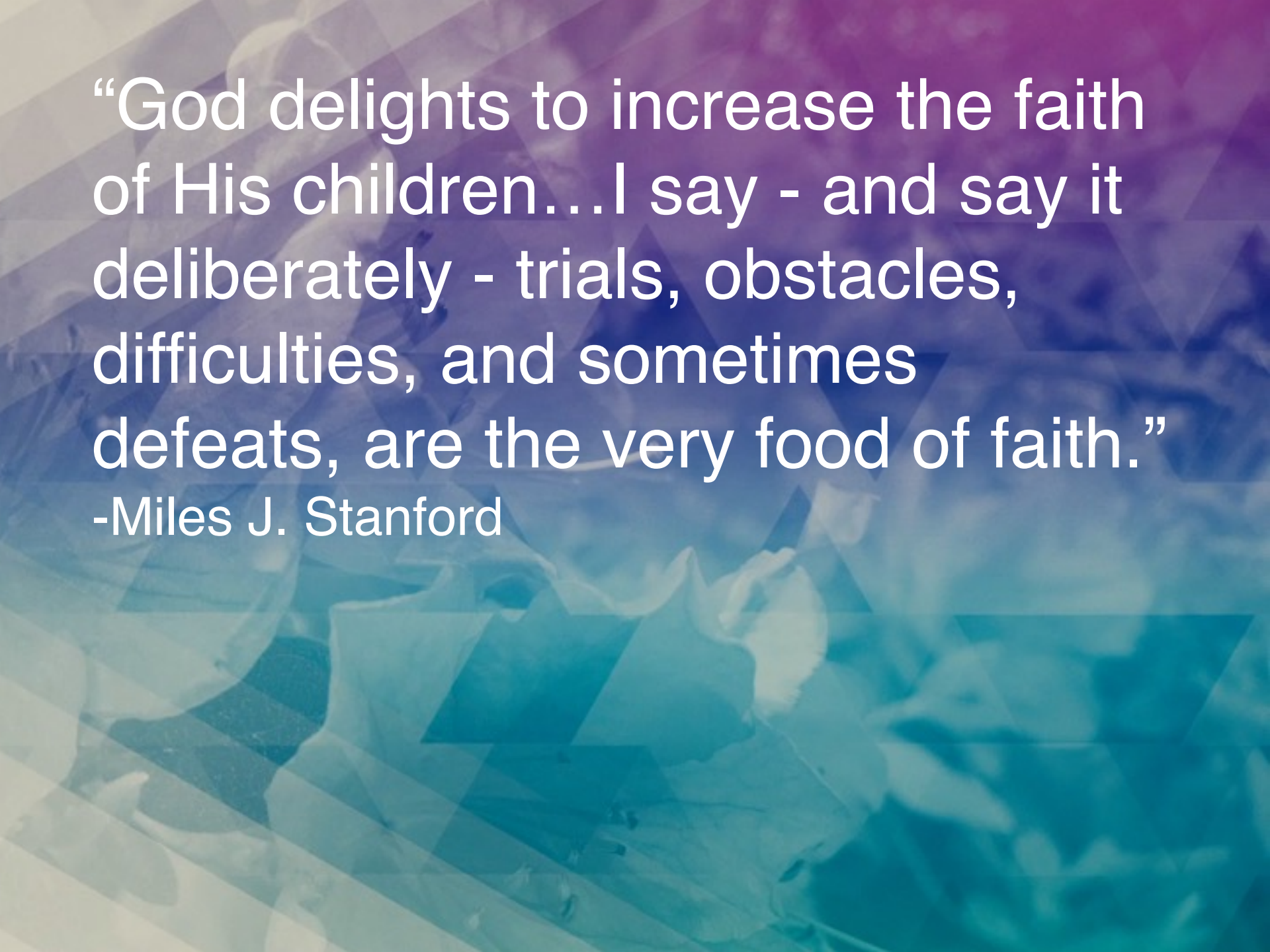
(Ps. 119:89)

By enduring with God.



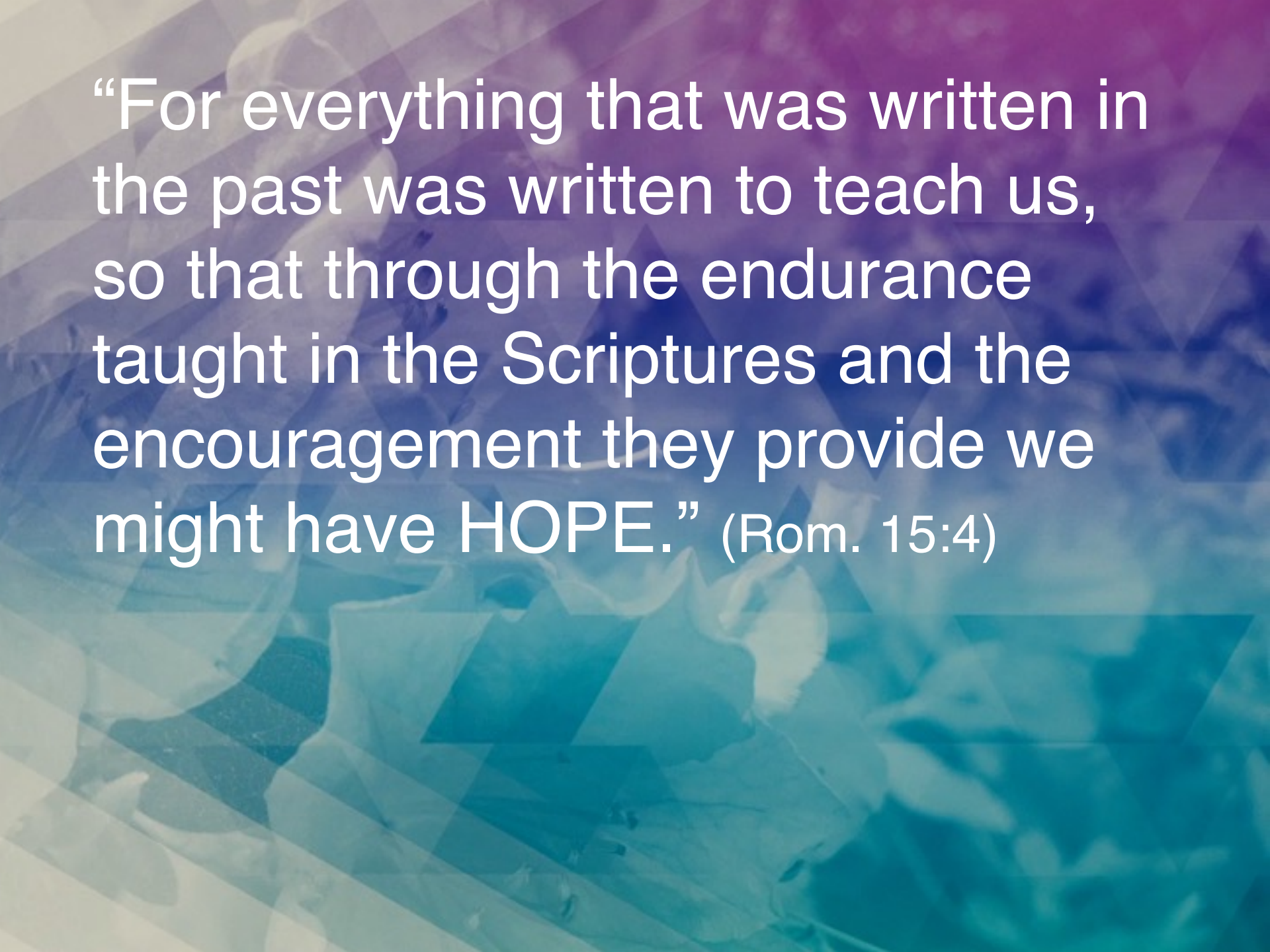
“God looked not so much at their faltering growth but at their ultimate destination. From our perspective they wavered a lot along the way; the Lord looks instead upon the fact that they arrived despite the presence of natural hindrances.” -Chuck Swindoll

“He considered his own body to be already dead (since he was about 100 years old) and also considered the deadness of Sarah’s womb, without weakening in the faith. He did not waver in unbelief at God’s promise but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God” (Rom. 4:19-20)



“God delights to increase the faith of His children...I say - and say it deliberately - trials, obstacles, difficulties, and sometimes defeats, are the very food of faith.”

-Miles J. Stanford



“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have HOPE.” (Rom. 15:4)

By understanding the grace of
God.

“Now it was credited to him was not written for Abraham alone, but also for us. It will be credited to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” (Rom. 4:23-25)

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (1 Cor. 12:9)

“He was delivered for us!” (Rom. 4:25)