

# STRANGERS

HOW TO LIVE

FAR FROM

HOMES





**CELEBRATE  
YOUR  
SALVATION**

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**inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

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**<sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the**

**subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.**

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# RECIPIENTS

A person with a large red backpack is walking away on a path, seen from behind. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a dark hat. The background is a blurred landscape with trees and a path.

**“... elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia” (1:2)**



Rome

PONTUS

ASIA

CAPPADOCIA

PHRYGIA

PAMPHYLIA

MESOPOTAMIA

CRETE

MEDIA

Cyrene

Jerusalem

JUDEA

LIBYA

EGYPT

ARABIA

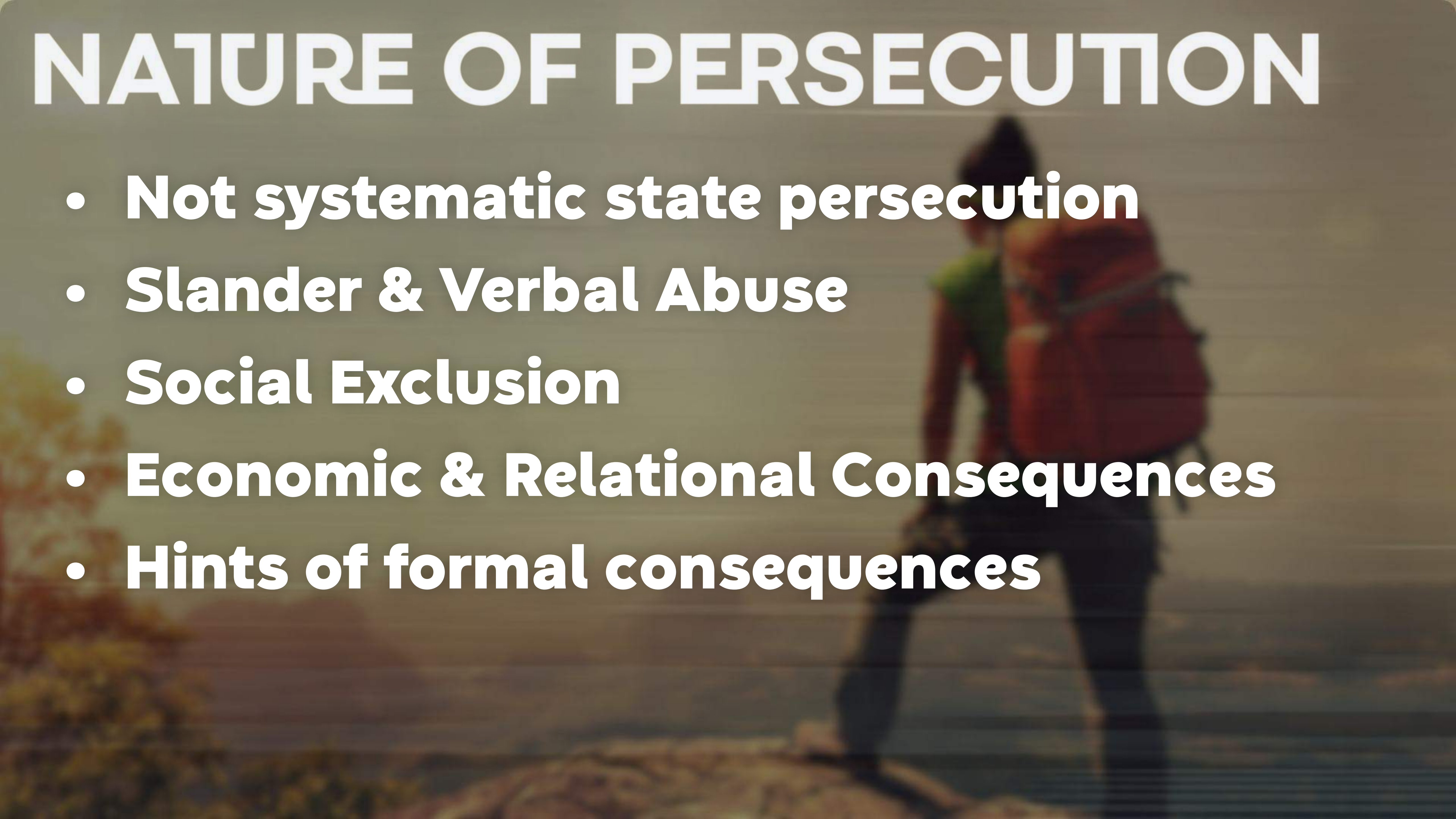


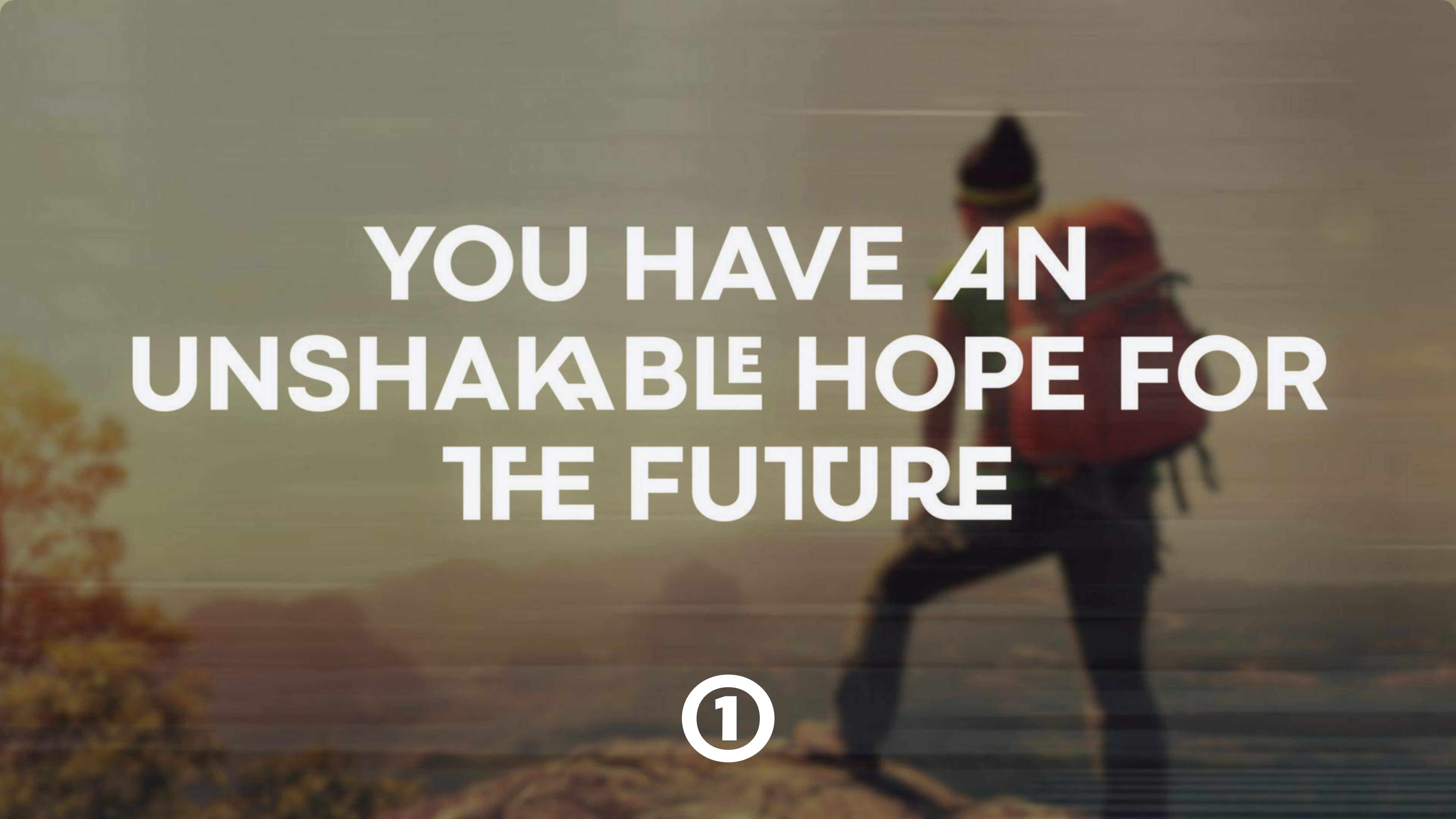
# PURPOSE

**“I have written briefly to you,  
exhorting and declaring that this  
is the true grace of God. Stand firm  
in it.” (5:12)**



# NATURE OF PERSECUTION

- **Not systematic state persecution**
  - **Slander & Verbal Abuse**
  - **Social Exclusion**
  - **Economic & Relational Consequences**
  - **Hints of formal consequences**
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- A blurred background image of a person with a large red backpack walking away on a path. The person is wearing a dark jacket and dark pants. The path is made of dirt and rocks, and the background is a hazy, natural setting.



**YOU HAVE AN  
UNSHAKABLE HOPE FOR  
THE FUTURE**

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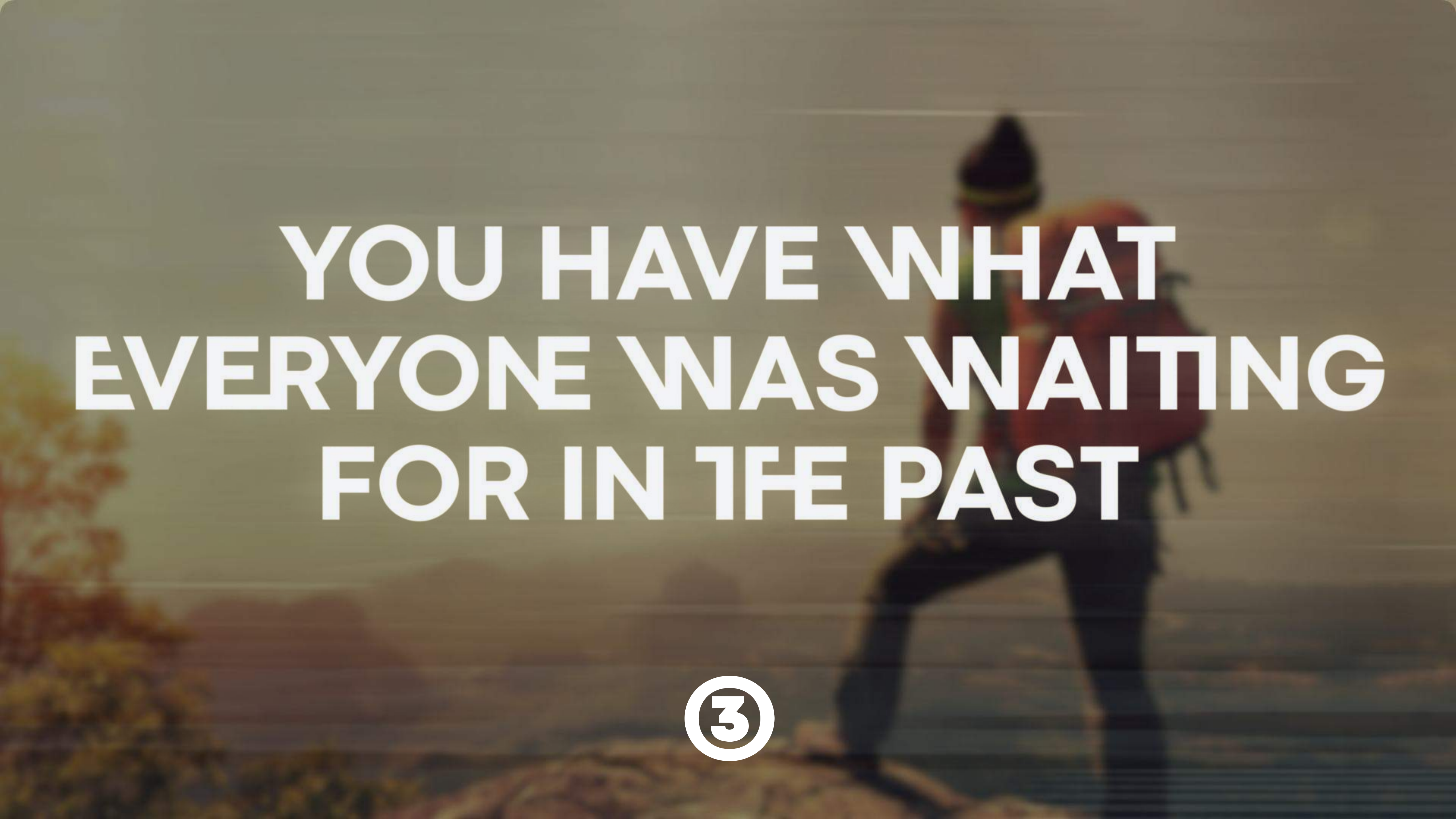
A hiker with a large red backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt trail. The background is a hazy, mountainous landscape with some trees on the left. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

**YOUR PAIN HAS PURPOSE  
IN THE PRESENT**

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**YOU HAVE WHAT  
EVERYONE WAS WAITING  
FOR IN THE PAST**

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**1 PETER 1:10-12**

The background of the image is a blurred photograph of two hikers on a trail. One hiker in the foreground is wearing a red jacket and a backpack, walking away from the camera. Another hiker is visible in the background, also on the trail. The overall scene is outdoors with a soft, natural light.

# Y IN THE ROAD

LEARN-APPLY-SHARE

**WHY SHOULD YOU  
CELEBRATE YOUR  
SALVATION?**



**HOW CAN YOU CULTIVATE  
A HABIT OF CELEBRATING  
YOUR SALVATION?**

## HOW CAN YOU CULTIVATE A HABIT OF CELEBRATING YOUR SALVATION?

- **Start your prayers with thanksgiving for your salvation before asking for anything.**
- **Memorize 1 Peter 1:3-9, and pray it back.**
- **Listen to a worship song each day that focuses on salvation and reflect on the lyrics.**
- **Think of a difficult trial you are facing and ask God how He is using it to refine your faith.**
- **Examine your life in light of your hope of heaven, and ask God how you can grow in investing in eternal things.**
- **Write down 3 things each day you're grateful for in your salvation.**