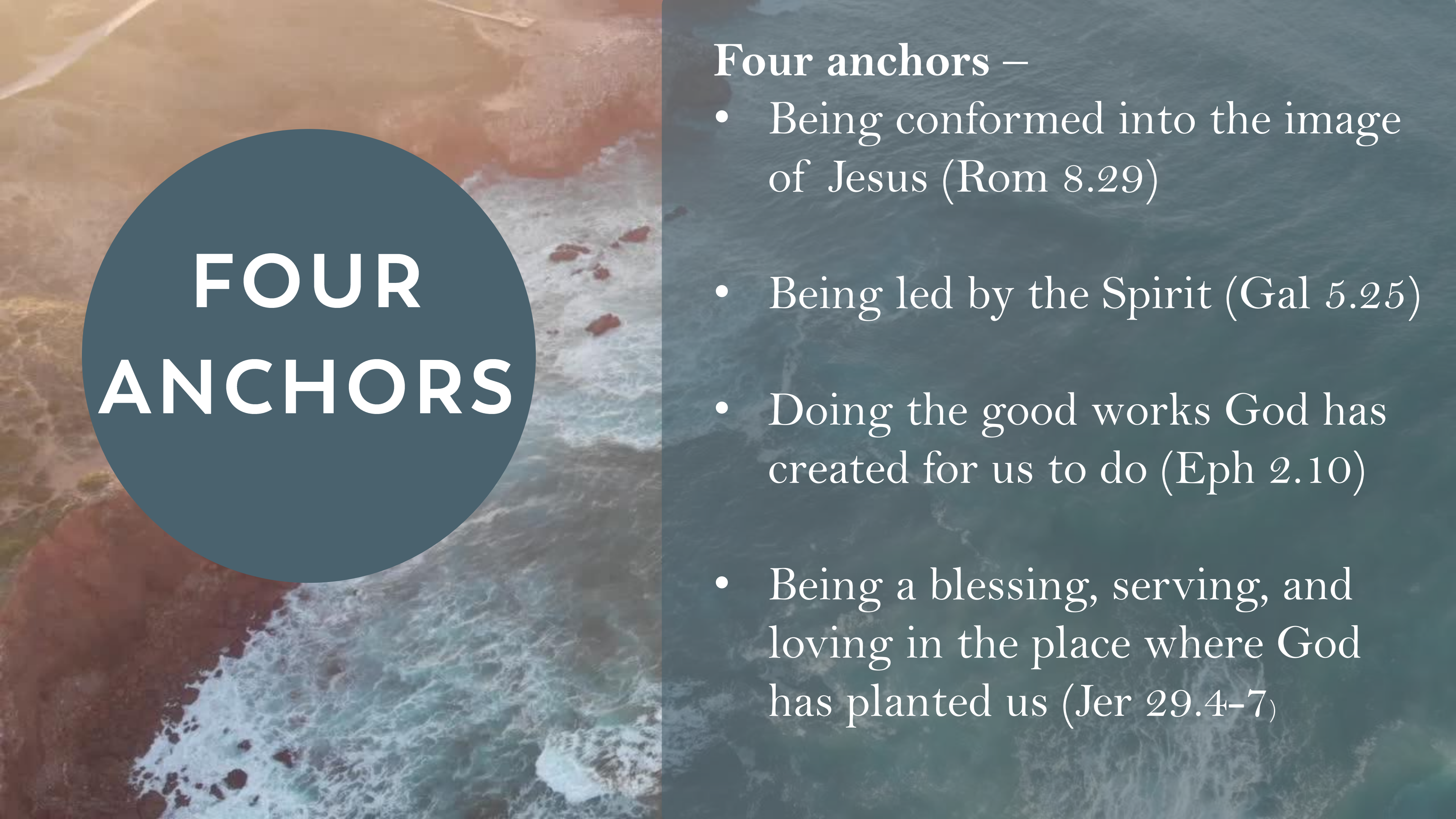




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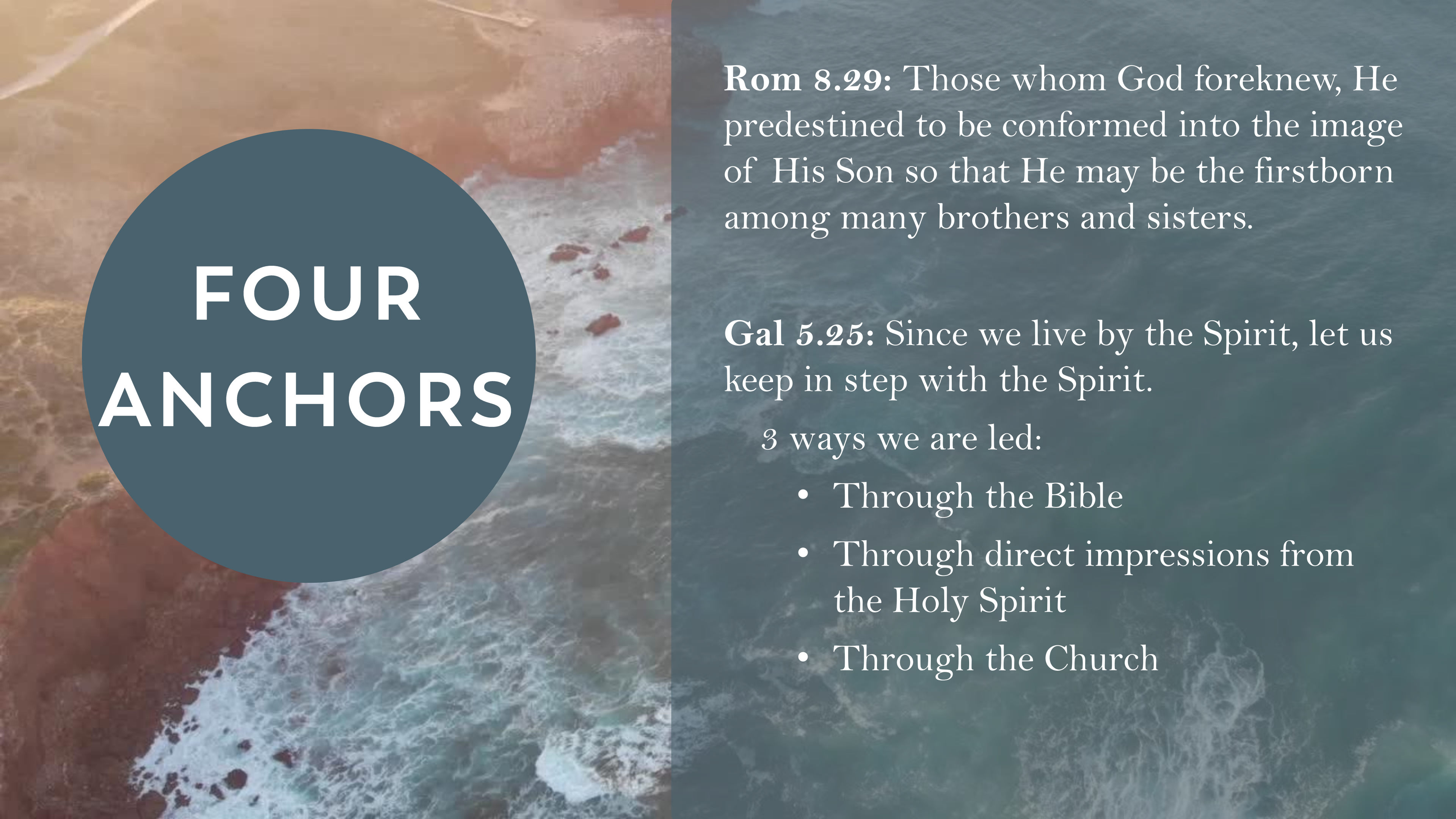
- Being conformed into the image of Jesus (Rom 8.29)
- Being led by the Spirit (Gal 5.25)
- Doing the good works God has created for us to do (Eph 2.10)
- Being a blessing, serving, and loving in the place where God has planted us (Jer 29.4–7)



FOUR ANCHORS

Four anchors – commitments that keep us tethered to:

- **What God is doing in our communities** – desires to transform them; for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done
- **What God is doing in us** – discipleship; process of learning to live Jesus



FOUR ANCHORS

Rom 8.29: Those whom God foreknew, He predestined to be conformed into the image of His Son so that He may be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Gal 5.25: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

3 ways we are led:

- Through the Bible
- Through direct impressions from the Holy Spirit
- Through the Church



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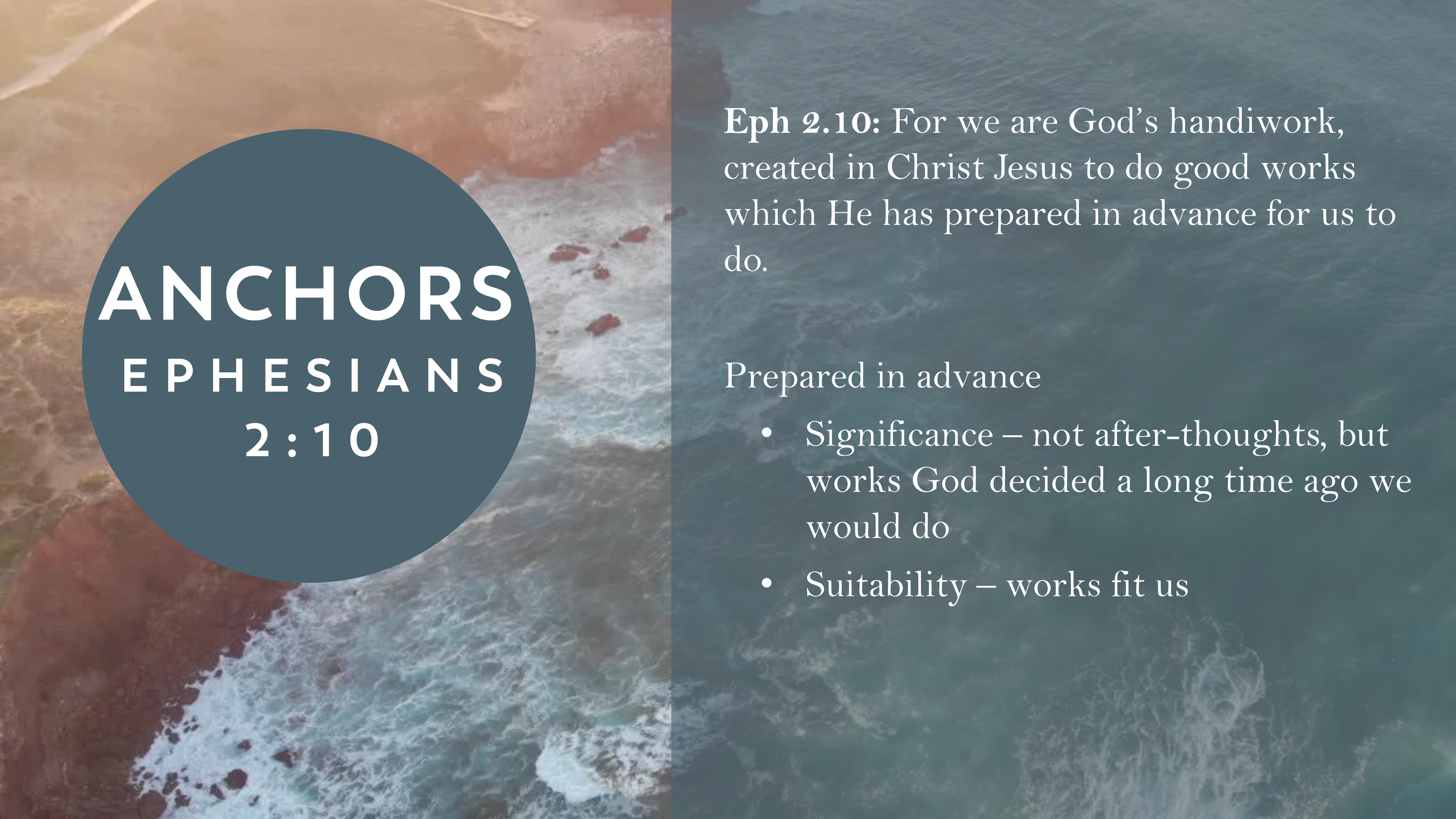
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Eph 2.10: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which He has prepared in advance for us to do.

What are these good works?

- Forming a people – things like evangelism, teaching, shepherding, discipleship
- Establishing a Kingdom – acts that embody values of the Kingdom; things like works of compassion, justice, healing, restoration



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Prepared in advance

- Significance – not after-thoughts, but works God decided a long time ago we would do
- Suitability – works fit us

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John 15.5: I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you remain in Me, and I remain in you, you will bear much fruit

- Fruit produced by Holy Spirit as we remain connected to Jesus
- Costly to us:
 - Time/money
 - Emotionally
 - Energy





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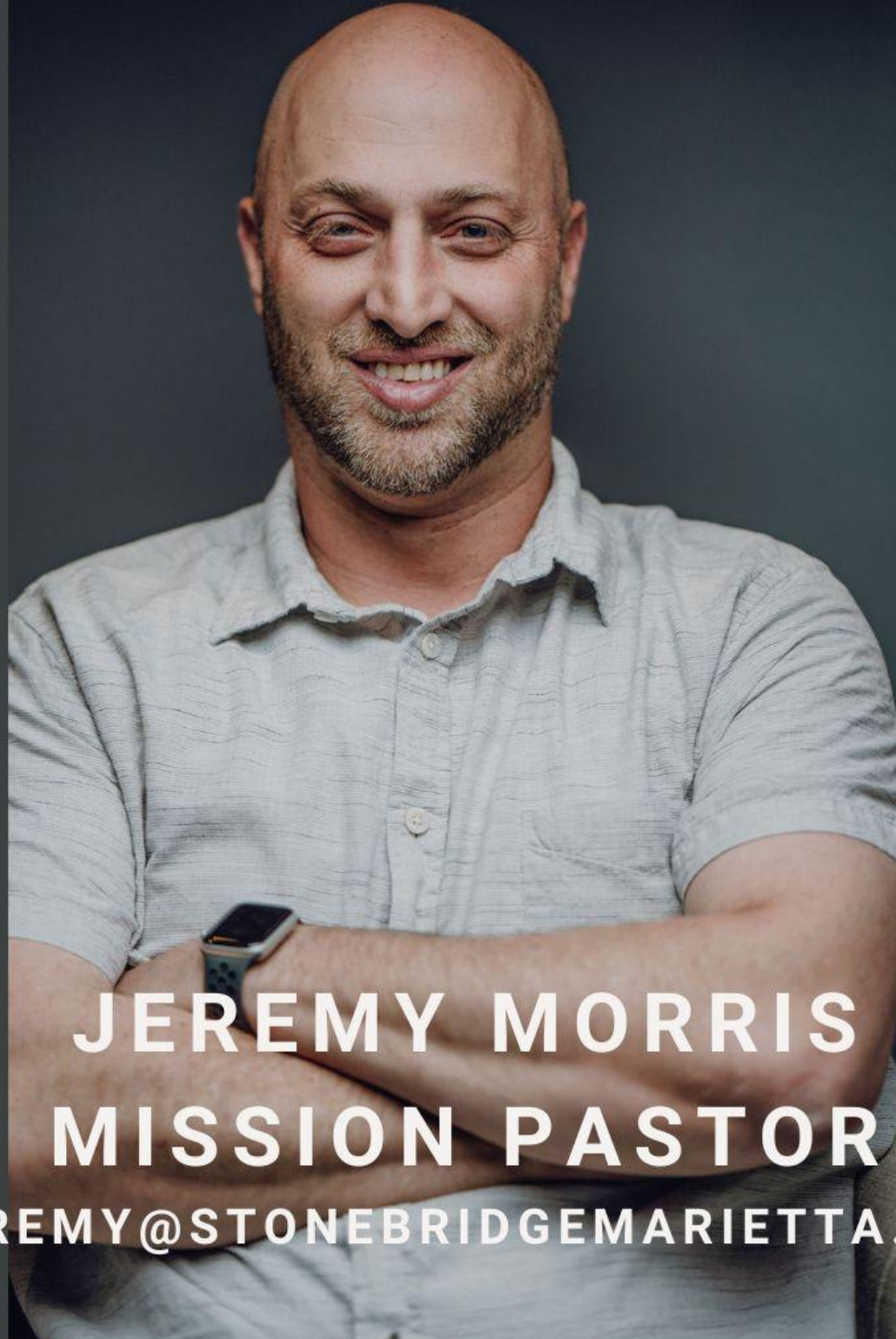
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Discovering our good works:

- Look UP: what has God spoken to your heart?
- Look BACK: where do you see fruit in your life?
- Look IN: what stirs your heart and/or stirs you to action?
- Look OUT: where are you already engaged?

Discovering our good works



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JEREMIAH

29:7

Jer 29.7: Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for it prospers you too will prosper.

- Seek – intentionally pursue
- Peace and prosperity – *shalom*; overall state of well-being
- City – Babylon
 - Wicked
 - Treated them horribly
 - Temporary residence – exiles
 - Doomed to destruction



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7 walls of a city – institutions that affect all who live in a particular place

- Government/Legal
- Family
- Business
- Church
- Education
- Science/Healthcare/Tech
- Arts/Media/Culture

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