

A photograph of a window with a wooden frame, partially covered by dense green ivy. Through the window, a dirt path leads through a lush green landscape. The text 'Welcome to Wonderland' is overlaid in a white, elegant serif font, with a thin white line underneath it.

Welcome to Wonderland

CENTER OF THE WORLD



WHAT DO YOU WONDER?



THE STEADY STATE THEORY

Defined: The universe always existed, it just is.

Wonder: The math of an “Infinite Actual”?

1929: Edwin Hubble - expanding galaxies.

1931: Albert Einstein to Mount Wilson Observatory

1964: Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation

The Big Bang Theory was born.

FRAME OF REFERENCE

*We all have a **frame of reference**
that helps us **make sense** out of life
and helps us make decisions
that **make sense**.*

FRAME OF REFERENCE

- Right vs. Wrong
- Just vs. Unjust
- Important vs. Not ...
- What you **believe**?
- How you **behave**?
- What you **hope** for?
- Religious
- Academic
- Scientific
- Moralistic
- Legalistic
- Karma or Fate



WONDERING & WANDERING

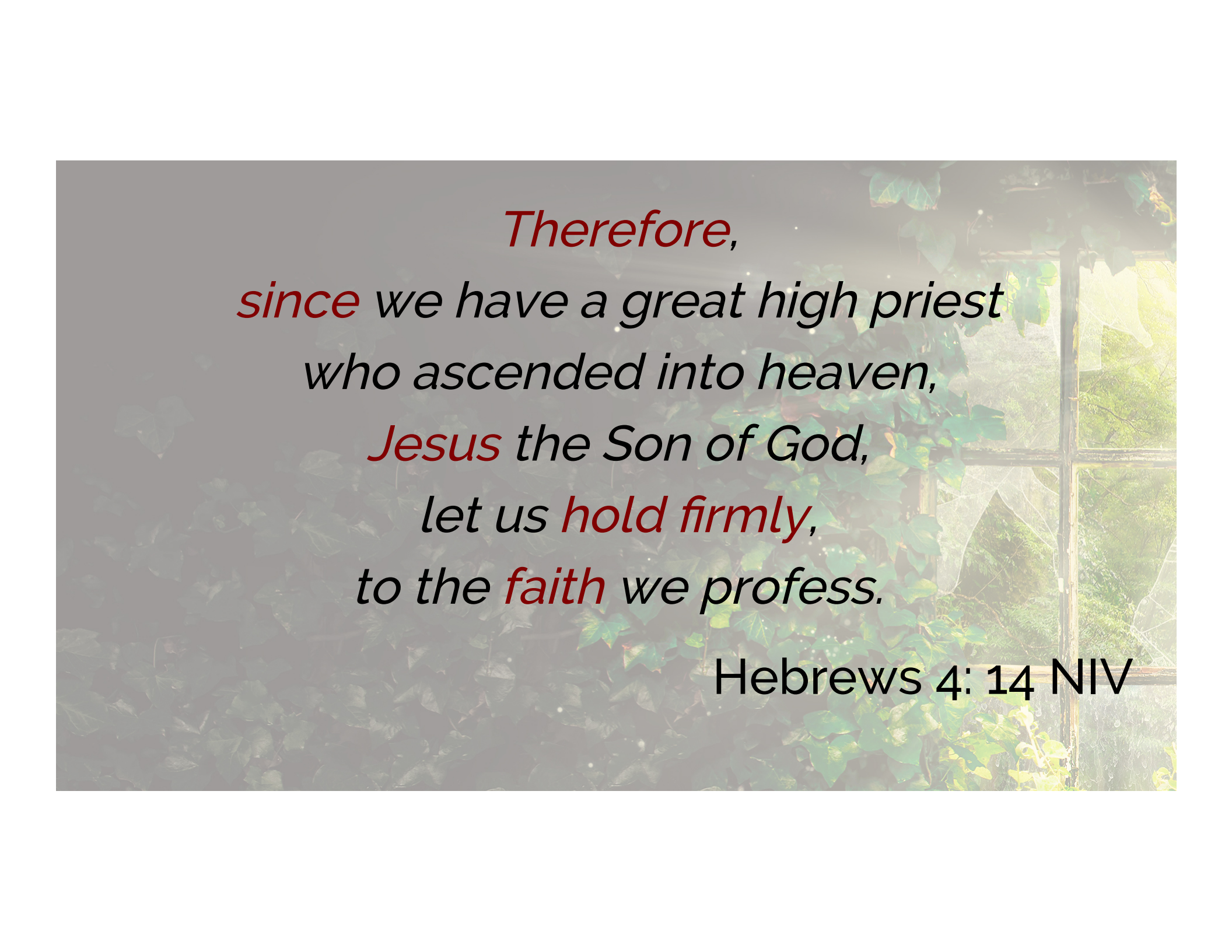
*Most of our experience,
attests to the fact that when we **wander**,
we do not **wander** in good **directions**.*

WHAT DO WE KNOW?

- We were *sure* he/she was *the one* ...
 - We *had to have it* ...
 - We *had to go* ...
 - We were *so mad* ...

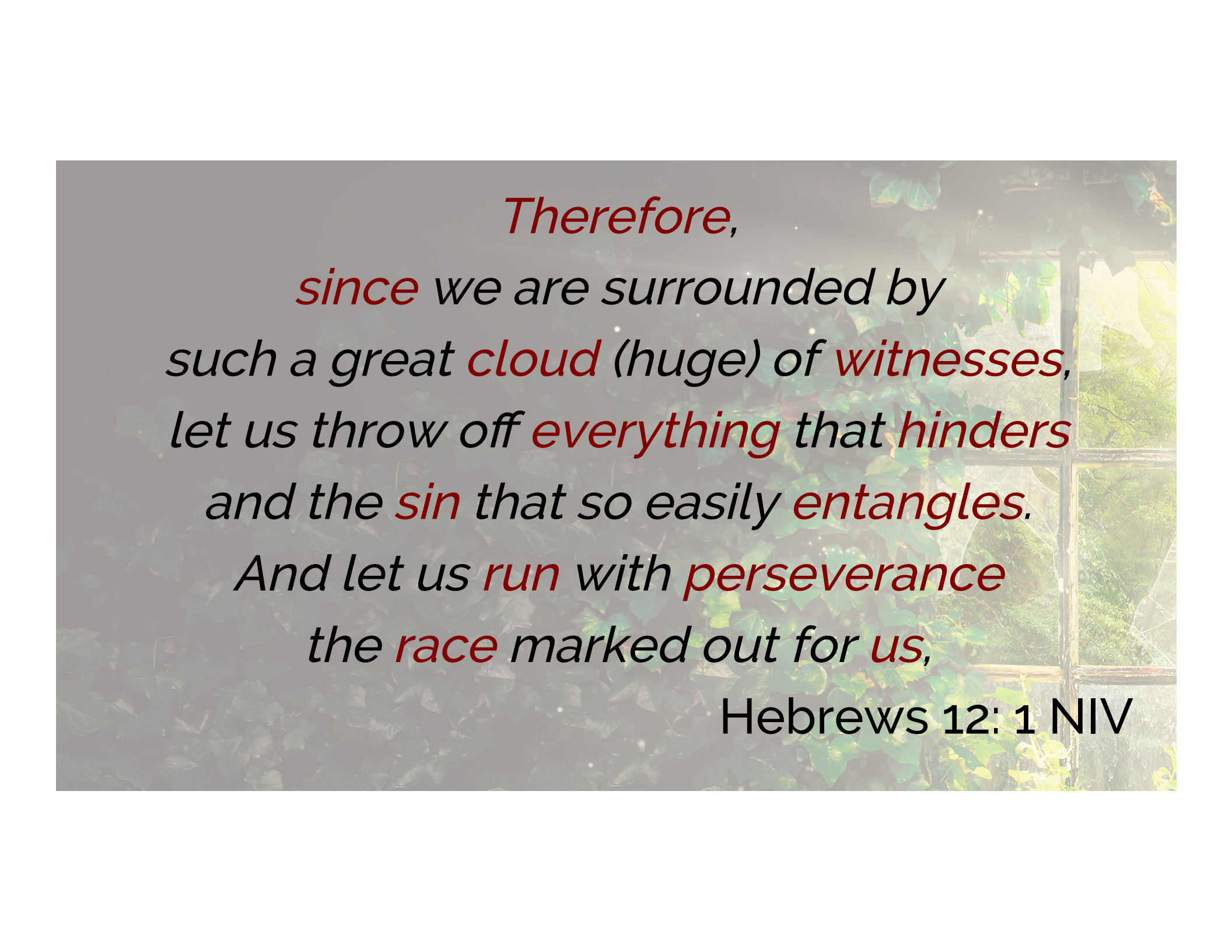
JESUS IN YOUR FRAMEWORK

*This series is an invitation for you
to consider **framing**
or **reframing** your life
around the person of **Jesus**.*



*Therefore,
since we have a great high priest
who ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us hold firmly,
to the faith we profess.*

Hebrews 4: 14 NIV

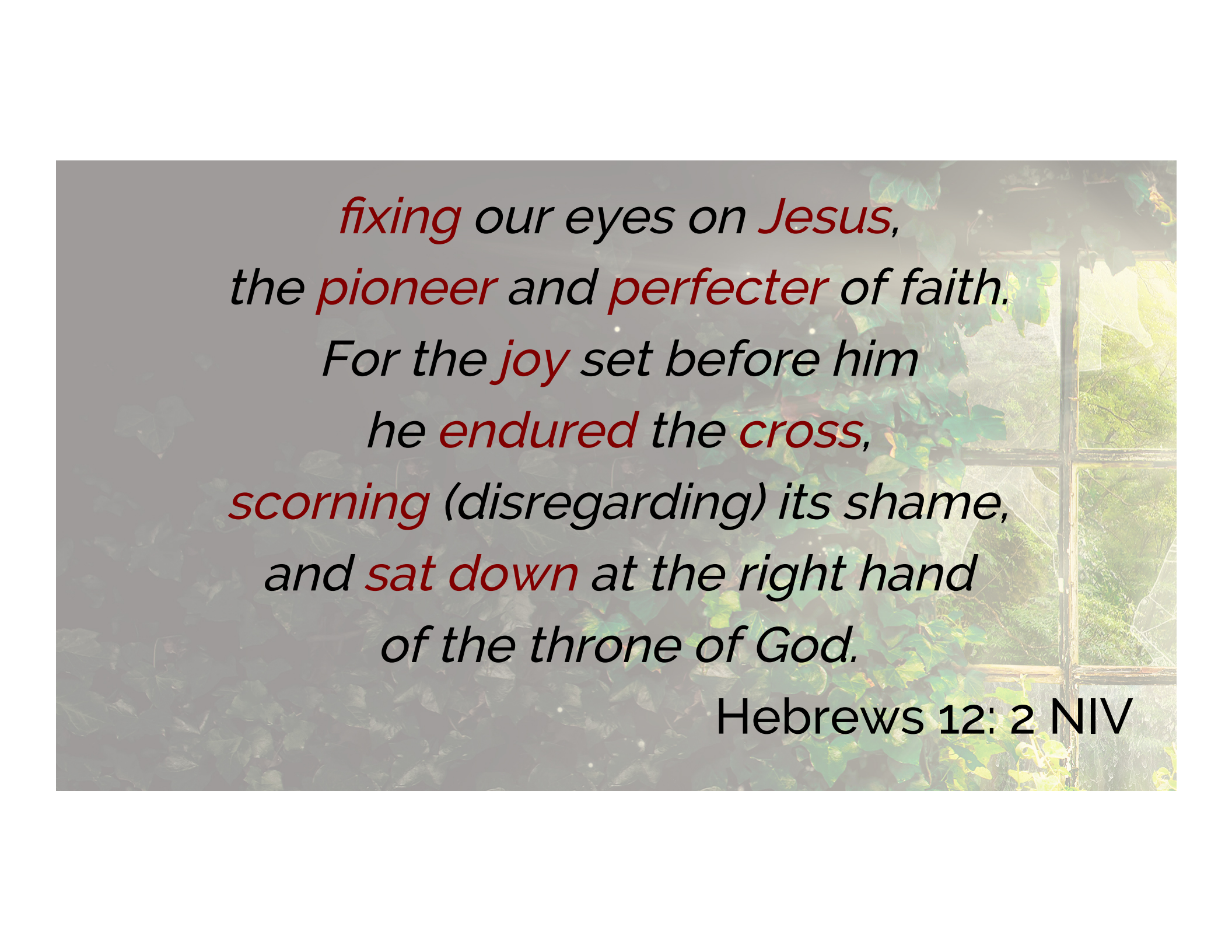


*Therefore,
since we are surrounded by
such a great cloud (huge) of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders
and the sin that so easily entangles.
And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us,*

Hebrews 12: 1 NIV

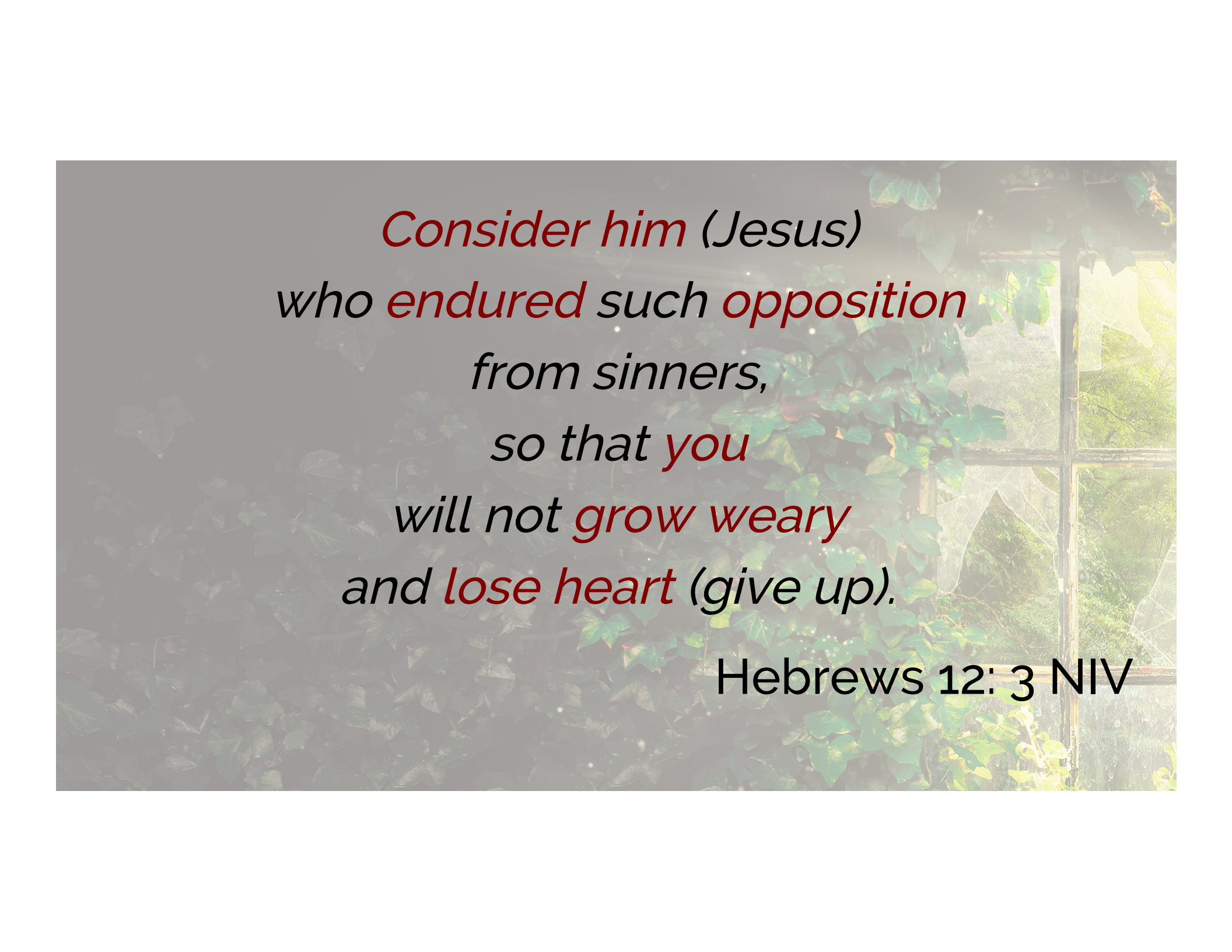
FIXING OUR EYES ON ...

- Church
- Pastor or Priest
- The Bible
- Experience
- Circumstances
- Anything **other than ...**



fixing our eyes on *Jesus*,
the *pioneer* and *perfecter* of faith.
For the *joy* set before him
he *endured* the *cross*,
scorning (disregarding) its shame,
and *sat down* at the right hand
of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12: 2 NIV

The background of the slide features a close-up of green ivy leaves on the left and a window frame on the right. The window panes are covered with delicate spider webs, and bright light is streaming through the window, creating a soft, ethereal glow across the scene.

*Consider him (Jesus)
who endured such opposition
from sinners,
so that you
will not grow weary
and lose heart (give up).*

Hebrews 12: 3 NIV



*What was the faith you lost
fixed on and fastened to?*