

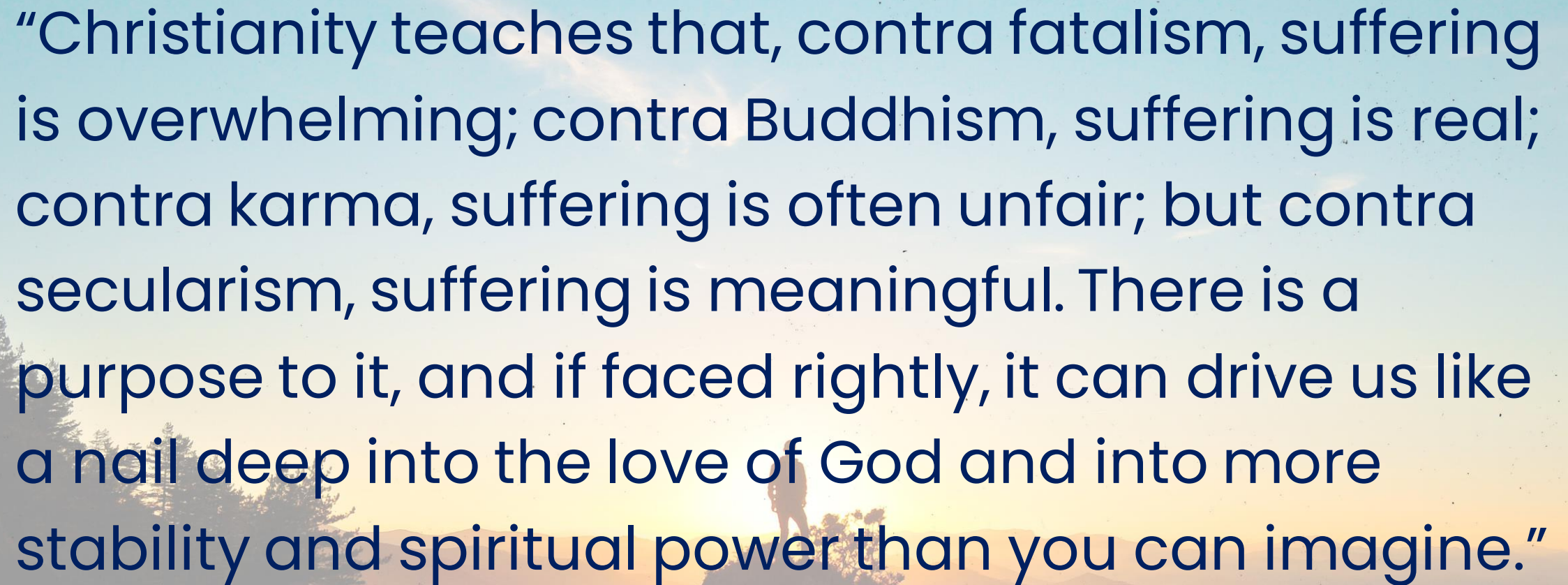
LASTING IMPACT



1 Thessalonians 2:1–2

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you His gospel in the face of strong opposition.

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“Christianity teaches that, contra fatalism, suffering is overwhelming; contra Buddhism, suffering is real; contra karma, suffering is often unfair; but contra secularism, suffering is meaningful. There is a purpose to it, and if faced rightly, it can drive us like a nail deep into the love of God and into more stability and spiritual power than you can imagine.”

—**Tim Keller**

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Way of the cross = Relax, Resist, Repent, Release

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1 Thessalonians 2:3–6

For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

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1 Thessalonians 2:3–6

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

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1 Thessalonians 2:7–12

Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we care for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

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Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.


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For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into His kingdom and glory.

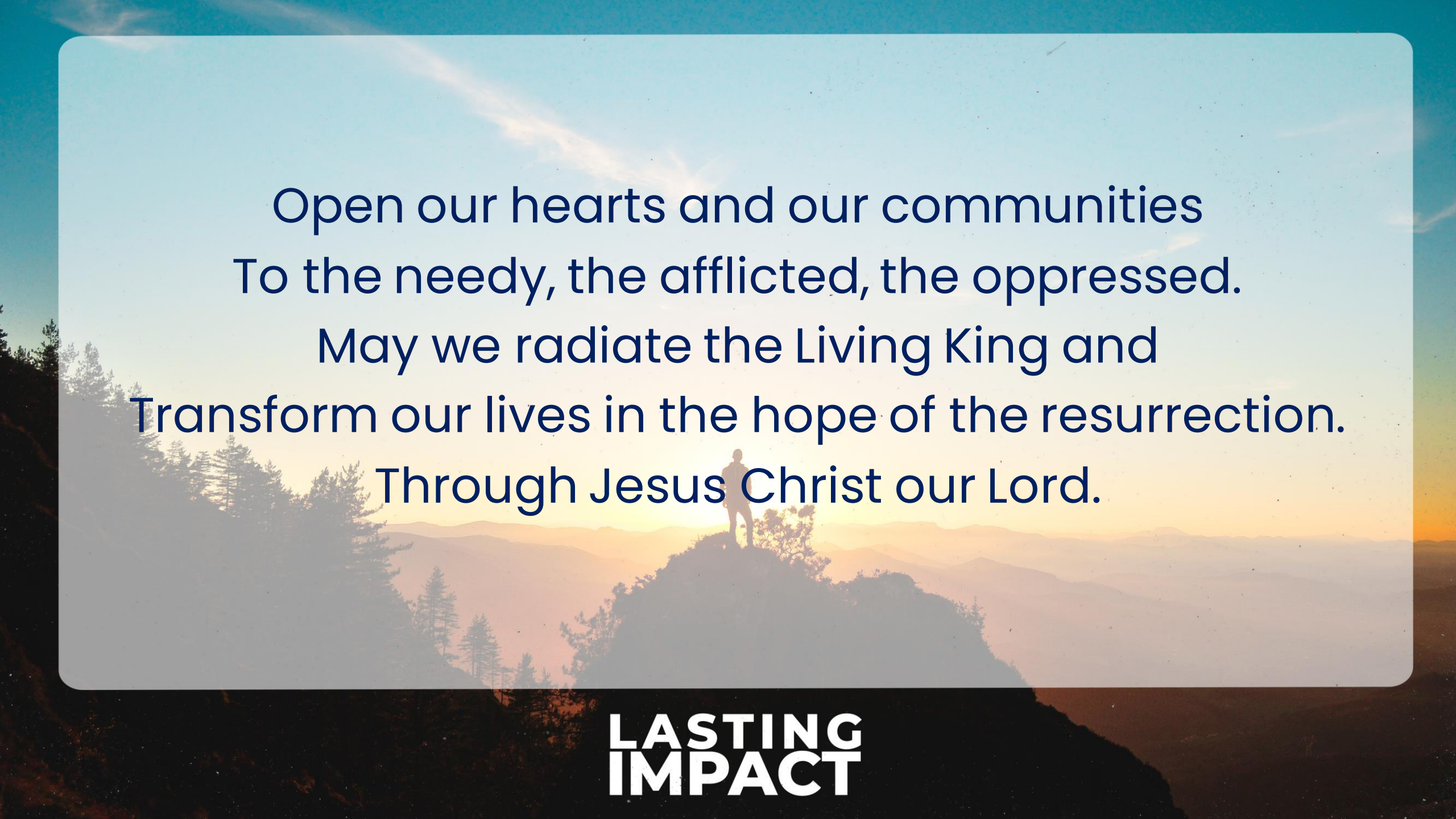
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A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset sky, standing on a mountain peak. The background shows rolling hills and a forest of evergreen trees. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

Lord, our God, help us to walk with You,
On the pathway to be like You and
To live out Your mission in our world.
Bind us together as a church
So that we may bring the Good News that
Jesus is King to the ends of the earth.

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A person is silhouetted against a bright sunrise, standing on a mountain peak. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky with soft light rays. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid on the image, containing the text.

Open our hearts and our communities
To the needy, the afflicted, the oppressed.
May we radiate the Living King and
Transform our lives in the hope of the resurrection.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset over a vast mountain range. The person stands on a small peak in the foreground, looking out over the horizon. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange, with wispy clouds. The mountains in the distance are layered and hazy. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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