

ADVENTURE #1

STUCK IN THE EARTH



REVELATION
CHAPTERS ONE
AND TWO



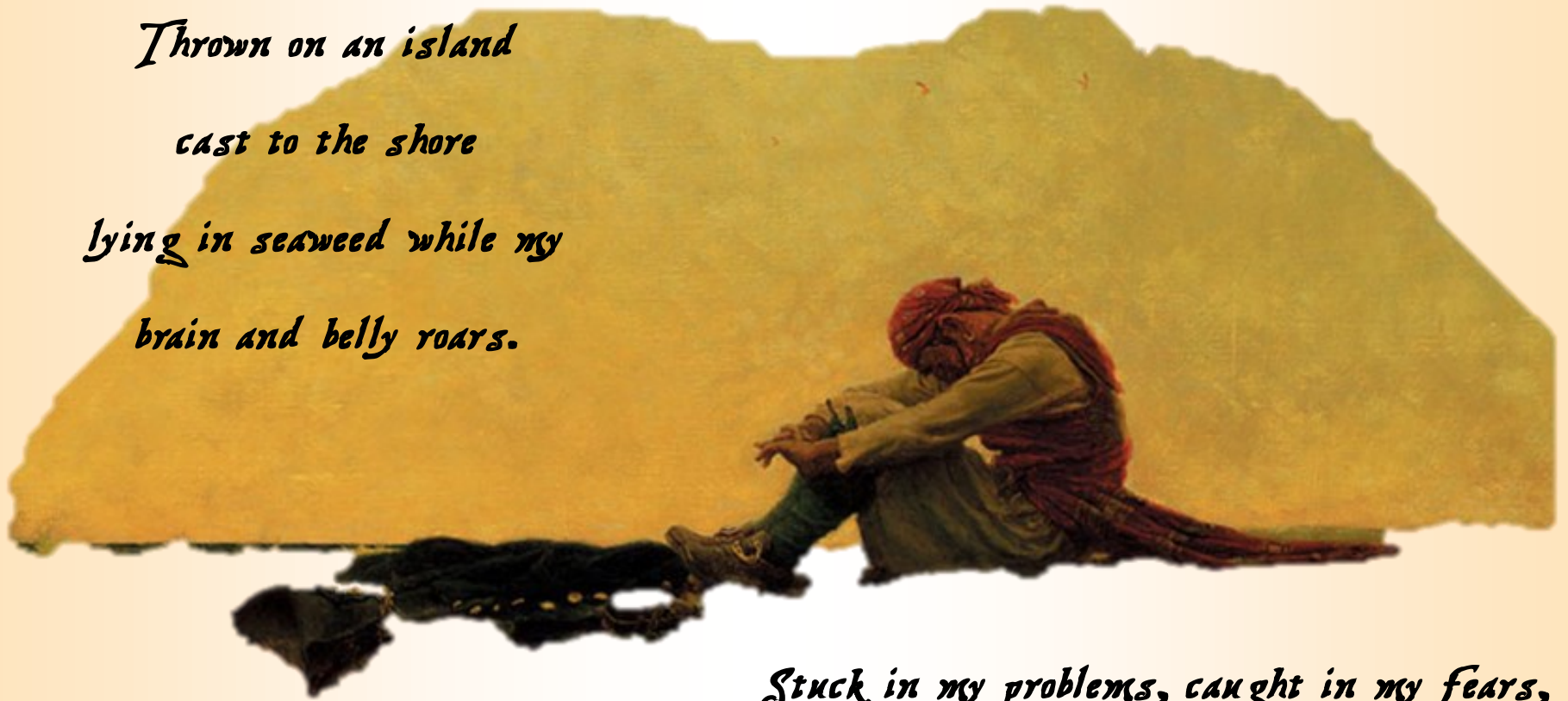
STUCK IN The EARTH

Thrown on an island

cast to the shore

lying in seaweed while my

brain and belly roars.



Who will find me,

will any one know

the lonely, aching pain

of this castaway below?

*Stuck in my problems, caught in my fears,
held in confusion, overwhelmed and unclear.*

*I know there is more, and the Treasure I
will seek. This adventure is calling and*

I say, Lord Speak!

You asked Him to Speak...

but what do you want Him to say?

Is this all about YOU getting your own way?

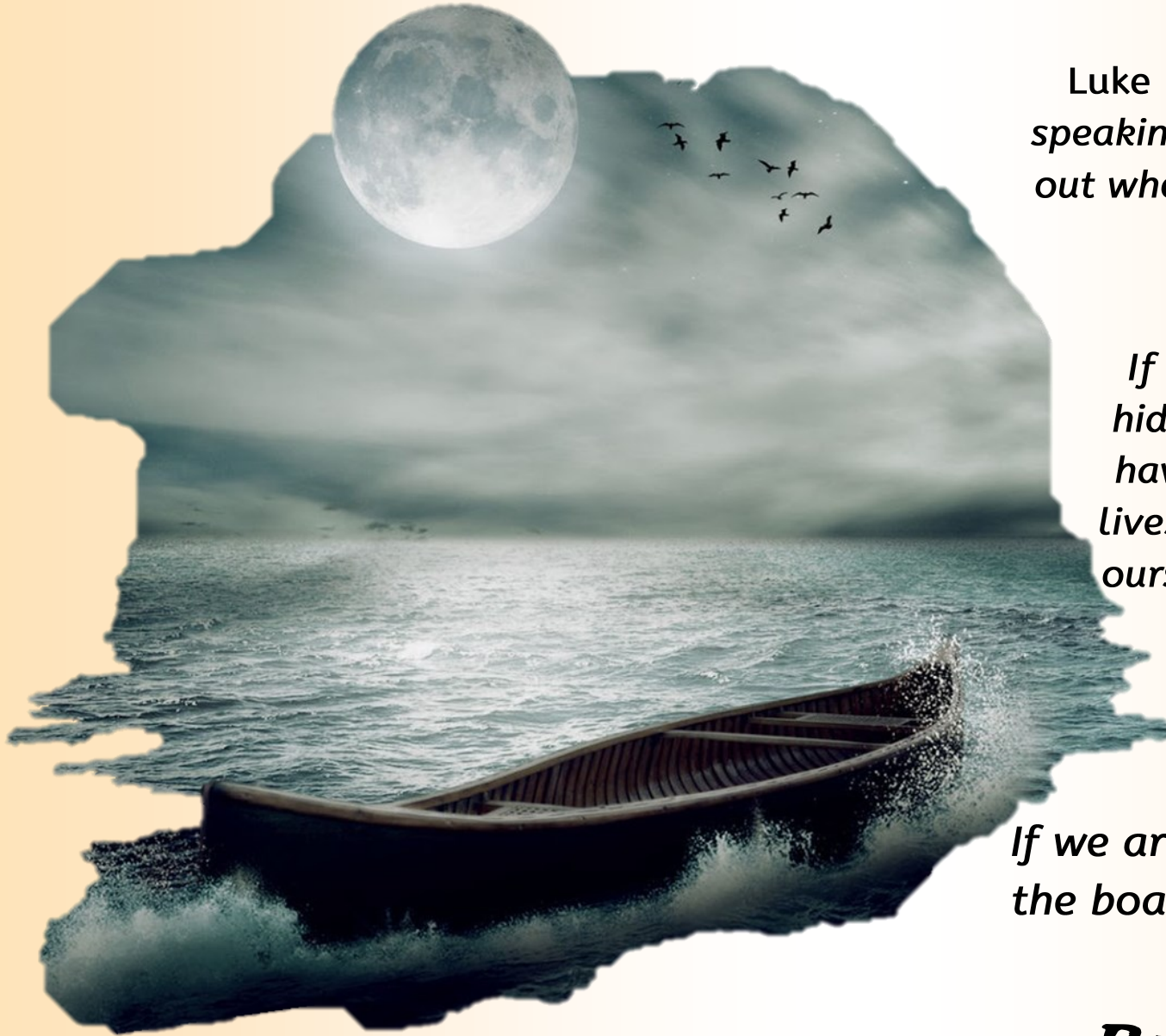
Or is your heart towards HIM
and knowing Him more and more?

How will approach this adventure?

What did you come here for?



Launch out into the deep



Luke 5:4; "When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets...."

If we really want to find the hidden Treasure we are going to have to leave the surface of our lives and this earth and immerse ourselves into God Himself, seeking Him with all our hearts.

If we are not willing to "get out of the boat" - we will never find the Treasure!

BOOKLETS ON JONAH

THE EMOTIONS AT HIGH SEA!



THE CROSS IS
OUR STABILITY

THE EMOTIONS AT HIGH SEA!

The ebb and flow of our emotions is much like the waves upon the sea. Every good adventurer learns how to “live on the ship” in order to find the Treasure. The waves come and go every day, but with time we learn to live regardless of the waves, and even use the waves to find the Treasure. We learn to walk steady even while on the ship, ... based on a firm and more real reality than the ever moving up and down waves beneath the boat!

Living by our emotions can cause us to be tossed to and fro with every circumstance and feeling that comes our way. But the Word of God tells us that we are dead and our life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3). Our life is not our emotions, or anything we feel or think. Our Life is Christ, the Son of God. He is a Person, the Lamb of God Himself, more real than any feeling or circumstance.

Our hearts need to become like "deep sea divers"... pressing down past all the surface movement on the water with the waves of our "our emotions" to find true and eternal stability hidden far beneath the surface. There, in the unchangeable foundations, is God's Being and heart that can't be moved by the many waves above. His love never fails. The Son that we are in never changes. We are always in Him and one with Him based on His Cross regardless of the waves of our emotions and failures. We learn stability by going with His Word and not the waves. Each day the waves come, but each day we choose to abide IN CHRIST! When we press deeper past the surface we begin to find the Son Who is the Treasure we seek!



MESSAGES FROM THE BOTTLE..

“LOST AT SEA”



“Lost at sea” can be you and me when our lives are being tossed and turned by the waves of this life. God has found us, saved us, and put us in His Son! We may feel lost□ but we are found IN CHRIST. The Cross of Christ has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love (Col. 1:13). By faith, we can rest in Him, even in the midst of terrible storms!

The only place we will be truly found, is IN HIM!

(Philippians 3:9)

“Messages in A Bottle” is our journal time on this Ireland Adventure.

We write from our hearts and send it to God in our faith and prayers.

On this Adventure God wants to bring forth His Son in us in ways real and wonderful. He is the Treasure we are searching for, and we will find Him if we seek with all our hearts.



STOP FREAKING AND KEEP SEEKING!

ADVENTURE #2

COME UP HERE!



REVELATION CHAPTER FOUR,
VERSES ONE AND TWO

AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND, BEHOLD, A DOOR WAS OPENED
IN HEAVEN: AND THE FIRST VOICE WHICH I HEARD WAS AS
IT WERE OF A TRUMPET TALKING WITH ME; WHICH SAID,
COME UP HITHER, AND I WILL SHEW THEE THINGS WHICH
MUST BE HEREAFTER.

AND IMMEDIATELY I WAS IN THE SPIRIT: AND, BEHOLD, A
THRONE WAS SET IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SAT ON THE THRONE.



IT'S TIME TO SET SAIL!

Woe to those who are stuck in the earth when the wedding feast of the Lamb is come and the ship needs to leave its berth.

Woe to those who love their own lives more than they love the Son! Their adventure should start but they will not come.

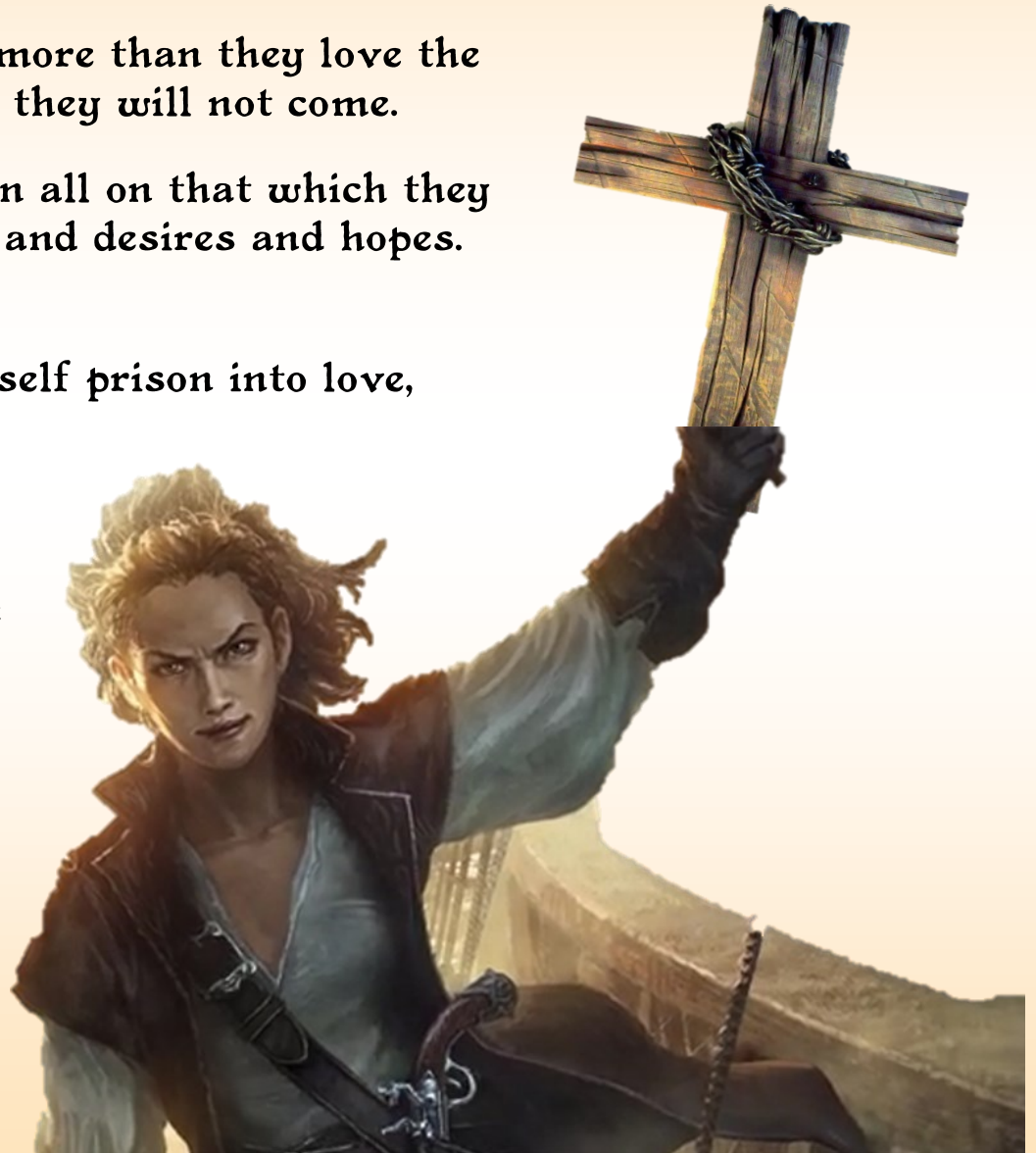
Woe to the many who lavishly spend on all on that which they love most, their own selves and needs and desires and hopes.

Blessed are they who burst forth from self prison into love, who pour it all out on the Lamb from above.

Blessed are those who seek Him first, and lose that He might gain. Who love even when it hurts. The Treasure is theirs to claim.

Blessed are the sails that set forth into the night, that travel through the storms, despite peril and fright.

Seek and ye shall find.
Love will make a way.
He will be your light ...
Your Adventure starts today!



For whoever wants to save
his life will lose it, but who-
ever loses his life for My
sake will find it.



If you cling to your
life, you will lose it,
and if you let your life
go, you will save it.

**ARE YOU SEEKING THE TREASURE..
OR SEEKING TO SAVE YOURSELF?**

**FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.**

MATTHEW 6:21

MESSAGES FROM THE BOTTLE..

“BE-LEAVING”



“How can I leave this earth and the big
“I” as the center? How can I “come
away” and leave that selfish relationship
with God to be with Him in His place?

I want to see the Lamb and worship Him
instead of bowing before my emotions,
fears and problems!

To BELIEVE is to “BE” one with the
Lamb and “LEAVE” the old behind!

I believe I am one with Jesus,
therefore I am going to **be** one with
Jesus, and **leave** fear and doubt!

The Guide to The Treasure

Hearing the Voice of God can be like finding His heart beat by listening into His Person, and that is where the Holy Spirit comes in. The Holy Spirit speaks the language of "LIFE". He shares the living wonderful Jesus that He knows with us. And so the Holy Spirit makes the Words in the Bible come alive to show us the Person of Jesus. To me, I just try to be with Jesus. Even if I take a wrong path and get off course in finding the Treasure... I know Jesus is still in me and with me and I can learn His love and life even in my mistakes. The Spirit is my guide and He uses all things to lead me to find the Treasure in a real and eternal way.

Also, there are many times when the Bible just seems dead and boring; the Treasure Map seems to lead no where. It is in those times that I tell Him I love Him even when nothing exciting is happening. I will even keep searching and reading just in case the Holy Spirit wants to show me Him (The Treasure) in those verses at a later time.

And then there is my crazy thoughts verses the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit is a Person with a certain kind of heart and way that I can identify. My crazy thoughts get me off course and lead me into depression and confusion. The Holy Spirit brings hope and faith and the beauty of Christ into me. I try to turn from me and rest in His view no matter how I feel or think.

STABILITY



This earth, my soul, and everything else is like sinking sand. There is no stability.

It always changes.

The Cross of Christ is my solid Rock. My “forever true”. The unchangeable foundation upon which I anchor my soul and build everything.

ADVENTURE #3

SINGING HIS SONG



REVELATION CHAPTER FIVE,
VERSES NINE AND TEN

AND THEY SUNG A NEW SONG, SAYING, THOU ART
WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK, AND TO OPEN THE
SEALS THEREOF: FOR THOU WAST SLAIN, AND HAST
REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD OUT OF EVERY
KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, AND NATION;
AND HAST MADE US UNTO OUR GOD KINGS AND
PRIESTS: AND WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH.



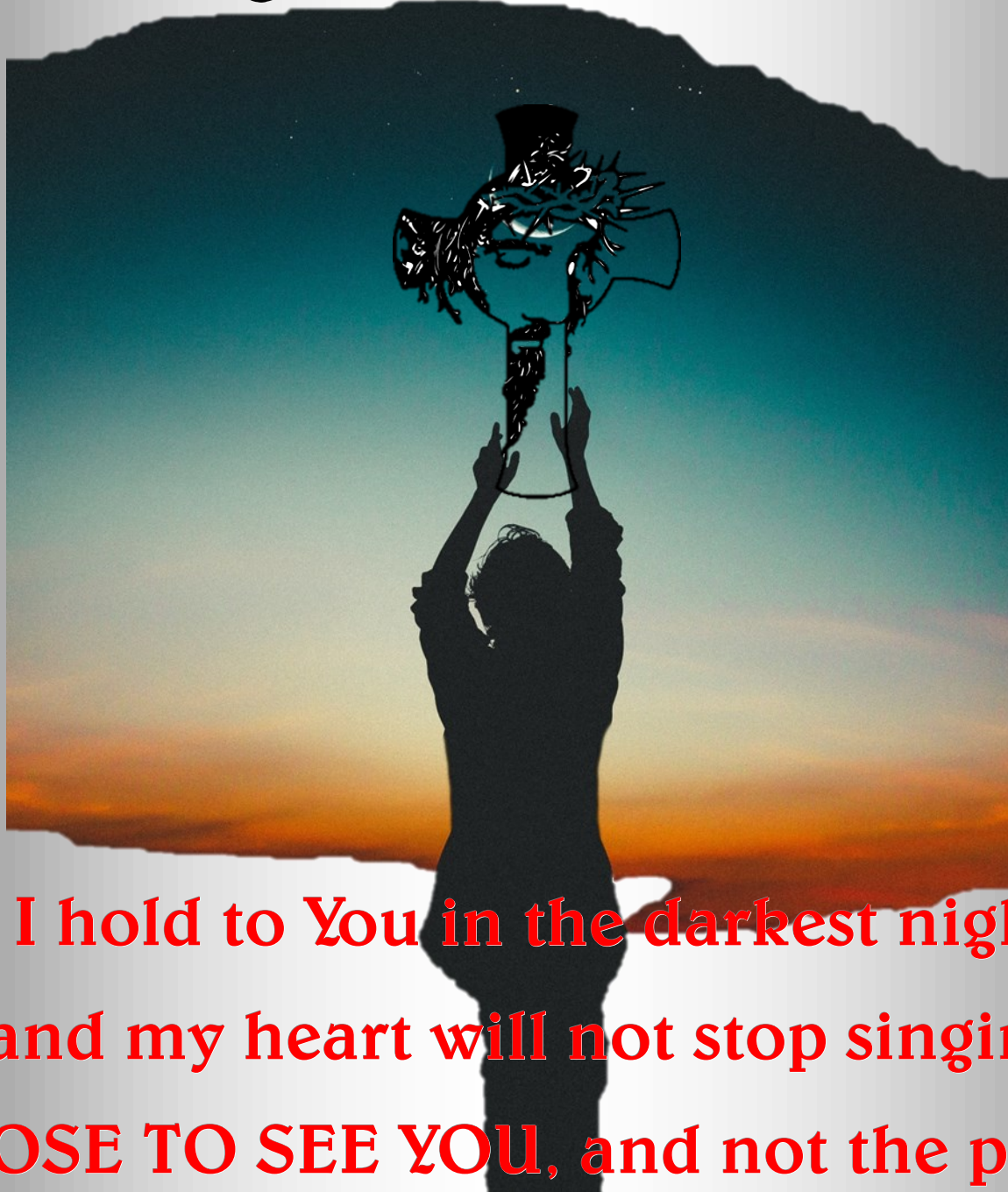
A DARK NIGHT AT SEA

Lord! I cannot see You! Where are You?
The waves are too strong. The wind is too
mighty! The night is so dark I cannot see.

Holy Spirit, take me to my desired haven.
Take me to where He is! I want to see His
Face! I want the Lamb to be my light. I
want His glory to fill this dark night.



WORSHIP IN THE NIGHT



I hold to You in the darkest night
and my heart will not stop singing.

I CHOOSE TO SEE YOU, and not the problems.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Right after Jesus was baptized at the end of Matthew chapter 3 the devil started tempting Him in Matthew chapter 4. But the cool thing is that Jesus was showing all of us in those verses that He is the only one who can fully and truly resist the devil... and now that Jesus is in us! When we stand with the Lamb and abide in His nature, we are openly showing forth this reality;"I am dead with Christ so now ALL my hope is that JESUS IN ME will do it!" One of the greatest and sneakiest temptations from the devil is to make us feel that we have to be good instead of allowing Jesus in us be Who is good!!!



READ "THE BATTLE IS ONE" BOOKLET

MESSAGES FROM THE BOTTLE..

“A NEW SONG”



I don't see problems like I used to,
now I see You Jesus.

You are what is going on.

You are what is important,

You are the only thing that truly matters.

I see You Lamb of God,
and my heart starts to melt and
worship before You.

The more I see You the more I want
to know You.

I find myself crying out to know You
more, even as I see You now more
clearly than before.

Before I thought everything was about
me and I wanted You to make my life
better. Now I just want to be with
You and I want You to live in me.

ADVENTURE #4

FOLLOWING THE LAMB



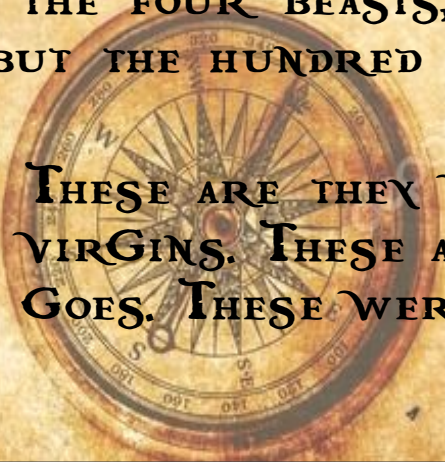
REVELATION CHAPTER FOURTEEN VERSES ONE THROUGH FOUR

REV 14:1-4 AND I LOOKED, AND, LO, A LAMB STOOD ON THE MOUNT SION, AND WITH HIM AN HUNDRED FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, HAVING HIS FATHER'S NAME WRITTEN IN THEIR FOREHEADS.

AND I HEARD A VOICE FROM HEAVEN, AS THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS, AND AS THE VOICE OF A GREAT THUNDER: AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF HARPERS HARPING WITH THEIR HARPS:

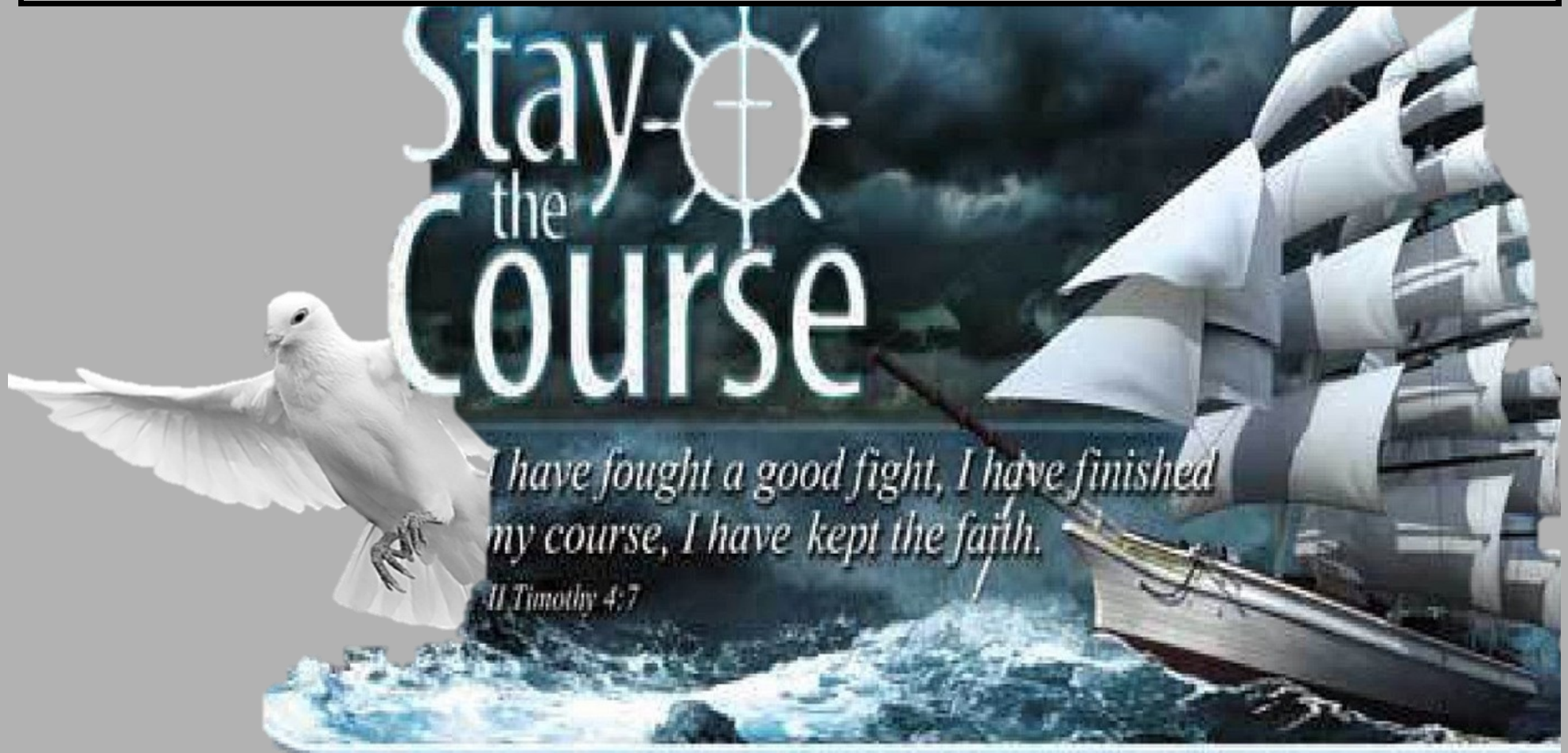
AND THEY SANG AS IT WERE A NEW SONG BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BEFORE THE FOUR BEASTS, AND THE ELDERS: AND NO MAN COULD LEARN THAT SONG BUT THE HUNDRED AND FORTY AND FOUR THOUSAND, WHICH WERE REDEEMED FROM THE EARTH.

THESE ARE THEY WHICH WERE NOT DEFILED WITH WOMEN; FOR THEY ARE VIRGINS. THESE ARE THEY WHICH FOLLOW THE LAMB WHITHERSOEVER HE GOES. THESE WERE REDEEMED FROM AMONG MEN, BEING THE FIRSTFRUITS UNTO GOD AND TO THE LAMB.



OUR HEART'S STRAY, OUR SOUL'S WANDER, BUT THE SON IN
US WILL RISE AND GET US BACK ON TRACK. HE WILL TAKE
US TO SKULL ISLAND...

THE STORMY SEAS ARE MEANT TO BRING THIS SHIP TO HIS
DESIRED PORT. THE DARK CLOUDS ARE ROLLING IN TO
HELP US RELEASE THE TREASURE FROM DEEP WITHIN.



MESSAGES FROM THE BOTTLE..

“FOLLOWING WITHERSOEVER”



“Withersoever”... What kind of a word is that? What kind of a concept is that? I used to only consider where I was going and what that meant to me. Now all that matters is if HQ is there. The location is not longer what is important, for the One I am following is everything to me.

I used to make decisions based on what I liked and how it would feel. Now I make decisions based on following the Lamb, regardless of the cost or loss. I love Jesus more.

The journey must stop! It's time to complain.

The adventure is over, I feel too much pain!

Who could sing in a trial like this?

Lets criticize and complain, its only right,
God would never desire us to sing in the night!



Yet deep inside, I feel His heart moving.

The Lamb within is joyously singing a song more sweet
that words could describe.

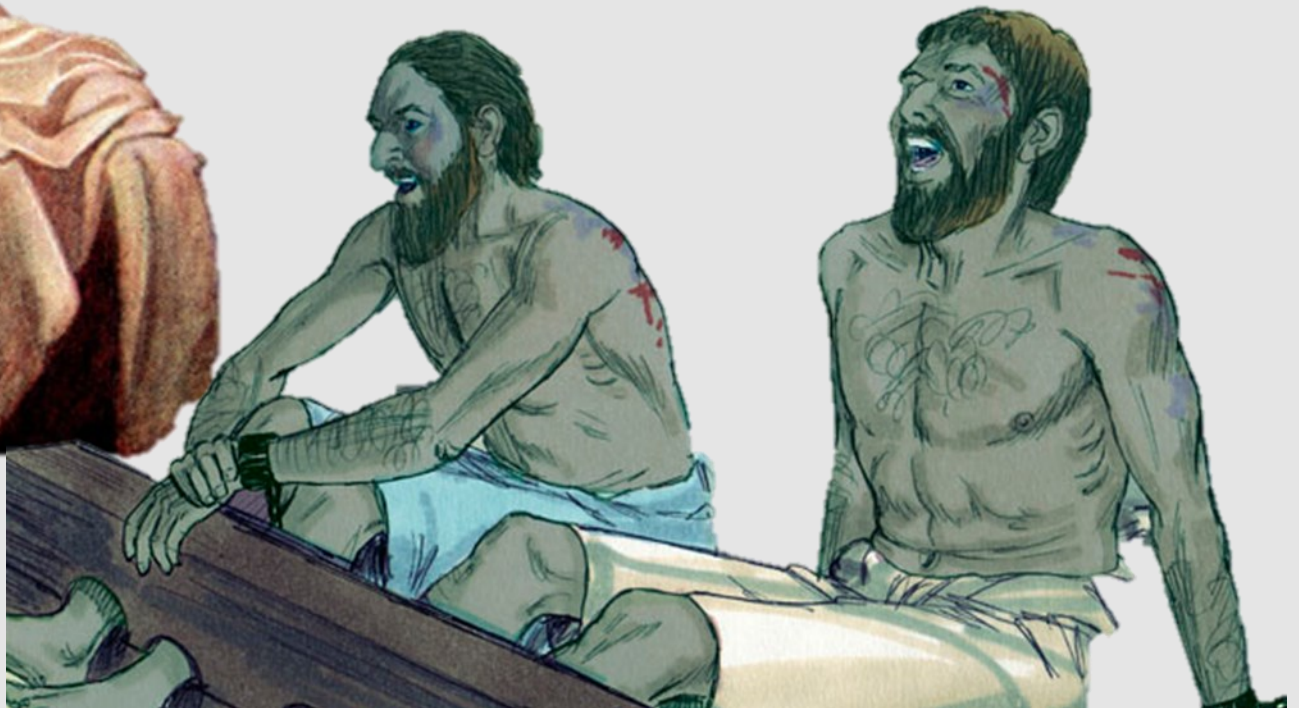
A melody more lovely than all earthly songs combined.

I want to follow Him wherever He goes.

I want to let His beautiful song flow!

I don't want to stop Him from singing inside me.

Sing O Lamb of God, may Your Life within guide me!



SWASH-BUCKLING OR THE SWORD OF THE LORD?



Here is a warning against “hand to hand” combat with your soul, the enemy or your brother or sister. The sword of the Lord has power through the death of Christ in His Lamb love. We may be tempted to use the sword to “win”, “be right”, “have our way”, or “fix something / someone”. While we are at high sea in the billowing waves with the great adventure happening, it may be tempting to use the sword to make sure we find the treasure, and remove everything and everyone who gets in our way. That is not how the Lord’s sword works. Jesus offered Himself up and died instead of making everyone else suffer instead. He gave His life. When we begin to

argue and fight, biting and devouring one another, we need to ask ourselves... “Am I using the sword of the Lord to lay my life down or hurt someone?” We will never find the Treasure if we use our sword in the wrong way. We must seek the spirit of the Lord’s sword. We must seek for OUR FLESH to be ENDED and not other people.



SAY NO TO

SWASHBUCKLING

ADVENTURE #5

FINDING THE TREASURE!



REVELATION
CHAPTER ELEVEN

AND THE SEVENTH ANGEL SOUNDED; AND
THERE WERE GREAT VOICES IN HEAVEN,
SAYING, THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD
ARE BECOME *THE KINGDOMS* OF OUR LORD,
AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN
FOR EVER AND EVER.



SKULL ISLAND



"Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst" (John 19:16-18).

THE TRUE GOTHs



All four gospels mention this fact that He went to the Place of the Skull, the place called Golgotha. Luke 23:33 says, "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." "Calvary" is the Latin word for "Place of the Skull." Luke uses the Latin, the other three gospel writers use the Hebrew "Golgotha," but it is exactly the same place, and the point is that all went to Golgotha, all went to the Place of the Skull, all went to Calvary. So when you say "Calvary" or you hear a preacher preach that "Jesus went to Calvary," He went to the Place of the Skull.

After the punk movement, there came a group called the goths. When the goths first came out, their whole thing was to look like skulls. They would wear black capes, their hair was all black, black mascara on their eyes and black finger nails and lips. Then there was a white powder that they put on their faces. Let us consider where the term "goths" came from. GolGOTHa. Skull. That is where it came from. Hebrews 13:13 says, "Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." Now this scripture is talking to us, is it not? And where is it saying to go? Outside the camp. Where did Jesus go when He went outside of the camp? Golgotha. Well, in a sense, the goths were trying to go outside the camp. The hippies were the same way, and the punk rockers: there was a desire to go outside of the camp of—for lack of a better way of saying it, the camp of boring people. They knew what they were doing. It was like, "Come on, there has got to be something better than this." But with that comes a certain rejection. Yet they said, "We are willing to bear this reproach."

As a goth there would be a certain amount of rejection that went with the way you looked and the way you acted, yet that rejection was part of embracing that goth identity. The goths did not want to be of a culture that judged so heavily upon only the outward appearance. They were willing to bear a reproach that was based on the skull. GolGOTHa. And so they looked and acted the part, but let me tell you: they did not fulfill Hebrews 13:13. They were not the true goths. The true goths are the ones who go to Golgotha. The ones who, in their being, embrace this skull and say, "I am not going to put forth all the things that I can use to get my way. I am going to give those things up." You only do that at Calvary, at Golgotha. You only do it there. You might give up some things somewhere else, but to go to this mount, to be a true goth, you have to go into the place of Golgotha.

DEAD IN DESPAIR..
OR DEAD WITH CHRIST?

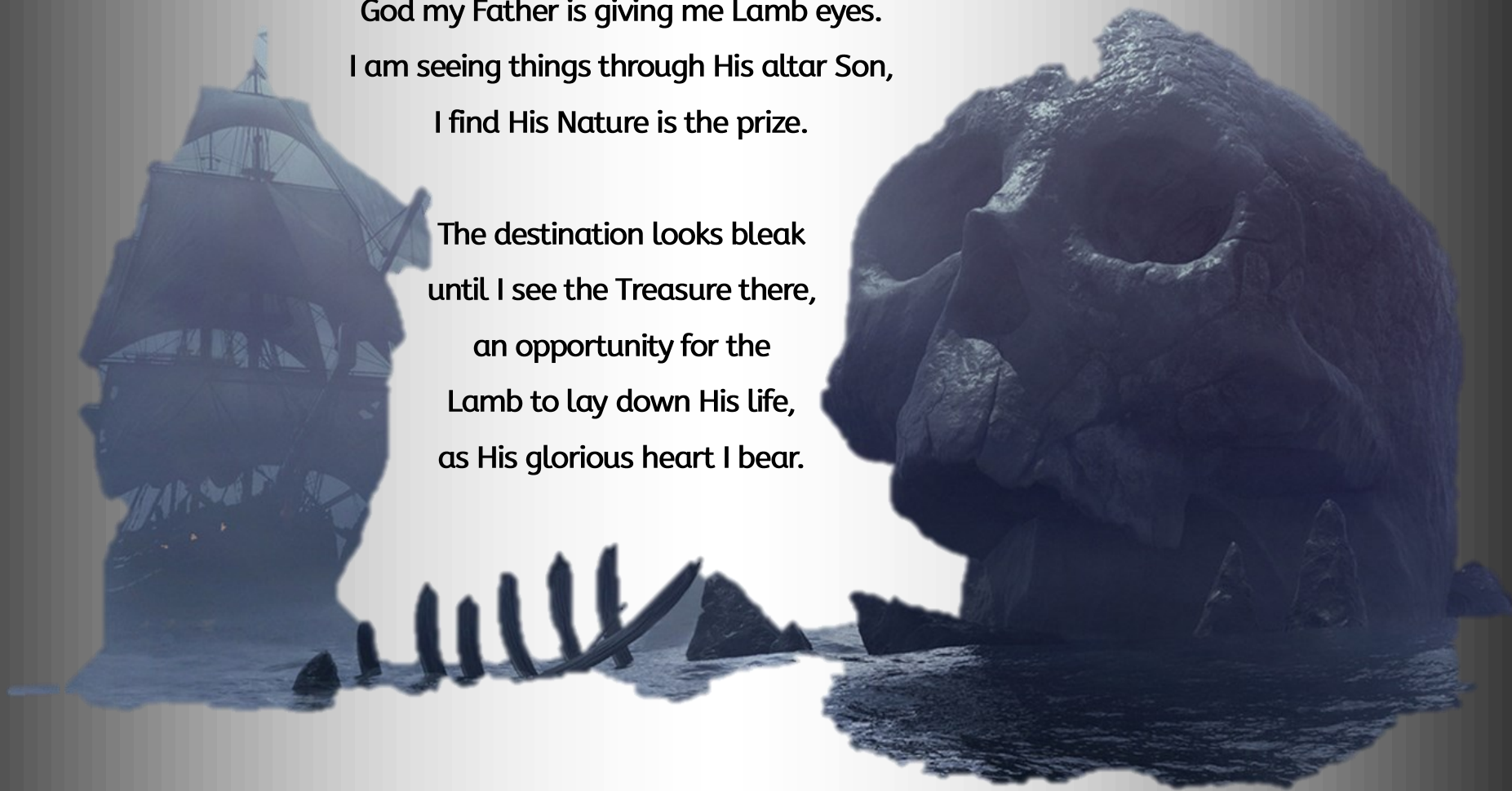


**DO THE CRISES ON THE
ADVENTURE TAKE YOU
OUT INTO UTTER DESPAIR
OR BRING YOU INTO HIS
DEATH THAT GIVES LIFE**

THE DIVINE DESTINATION

I am learning to see the Treasure.
God my Father is giving me Lamb eyes.
I am seeing things through His altar Son,
I find His Nature is the prize.

The destination looks bleak
until I see the Treasure there,
an opportunity for the
Lamb to lay down His life,
as His glorious heart I bear.





WILL YOU SHINE FOR HIM?

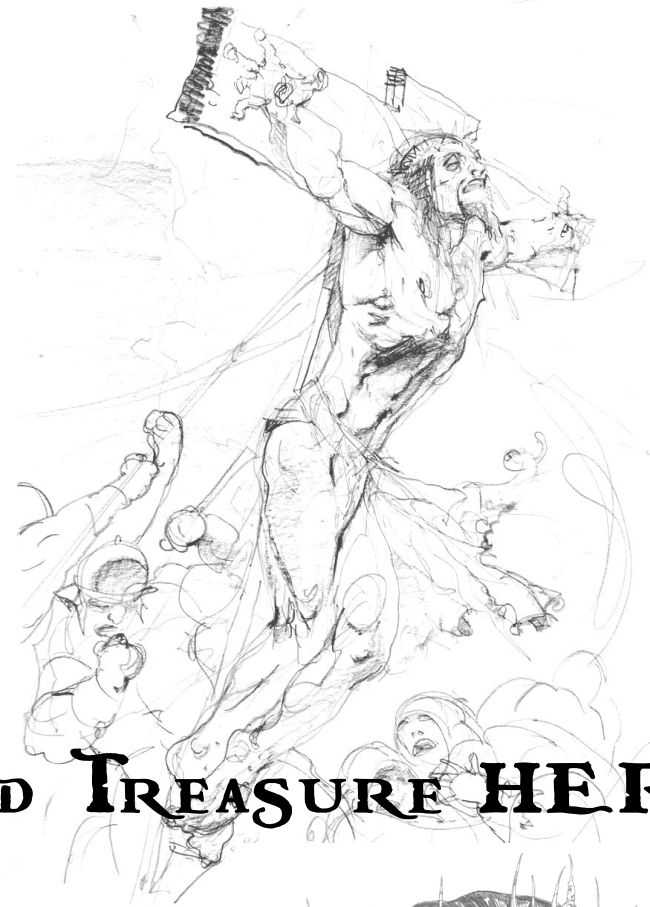
We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us. We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up.

We are bullied and oppressed but never alone, when we are struck down it does not destroy our love, and this is because we are always carrying in our bodies the Treasure of the Lamb of God who constantly lays His life down through us, and this is so that other people can receive His Life through us.

II Corinthians 4:7-10

**GOD my Father, may YOU FIND
THE TREASURE of JESUS YOUR
SON in ME.**

May He SHINE out of me when
these trials come.



WHO THOUGHT I WOULD FIND TREASURE HERE?

