



WHO IS HE  
HOLY WEEK  
INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE

# INTRODUCTION

PLEASE READ BEFORE ENTERING



**In the Bible Jesus boldly told us about His identity. These declarations are called the “I AM” statements. In telling us who He is, He shows us our need for Him. He tells us that we are beloved and known. We are not a sum of our mistakes.**

**Jesus the King can transform us. He gives us the ability to reimagine our lives because of Him. He is the Author of a new narrative that moves us from where things are to where they should be.**

## WHO IS HE? LET'S FIND OUT

**Thank you for taking the time to enjoy this unique event filled with wonder and beauty. This experience will engage all of your senses.**

**Wherever you are, in relationship with Jesus or not, there is something here for you. We invite you to go through at your own pace. It begins in the hallway. Follow the path of footprints. Additional help is available along the way. You will have the opportunity to respond at the end.**

**When you see this image you are ready to proceed to the next space.**



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## PART ONE: THE THIEF



*“So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’”*

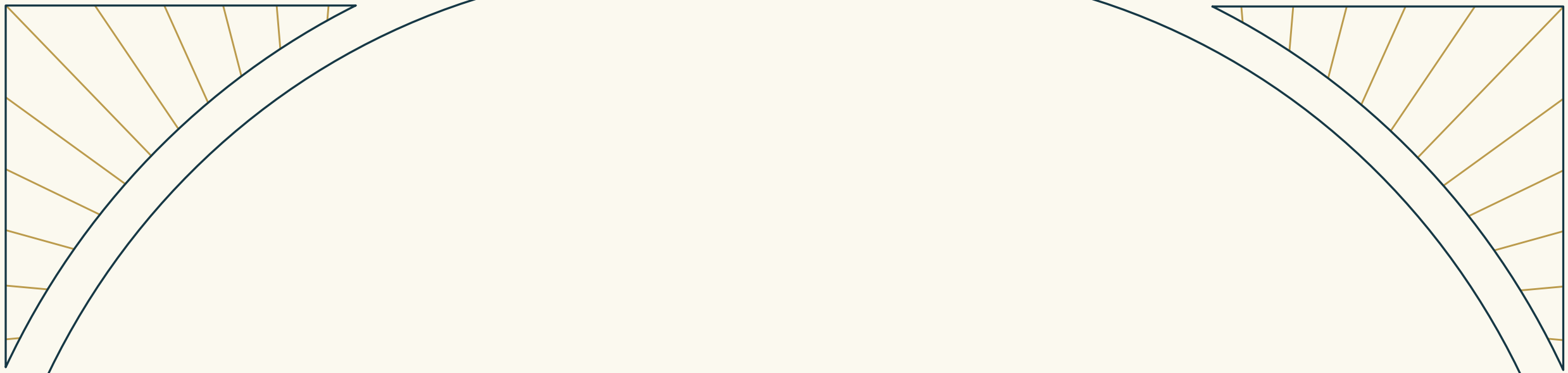
*- John 10:7-11 ESV*

## Interact:

**Stop at the screens. Look at the evidence.**

**Trouble always starts with one whispered lie. We are always seeking something. Comfort? Love? Hope? Relationship? Health? Achievements? Etc.? In our seeking, we often search in places that yield counterfeit gain. These uncertain times can push us to hurry through a simulation of life into an uncertain future with a fragile peace.**

**The thief just wants to take something from you. He lies about the Shepherd, and he lies about the sheep. We live in an information age that is too much, too fast, and too focused on us. It's like constant explosions of content that are impossible to verify. It can overwhelm us, leaving little space for reflection, and cause anxiety and loneliness.**



**This makes it harder to find common ground with others. False information leads us away from the flock and we can become suspicious of everyone and everything, even the Shepherd. The thief sneaks in...**

**What are the thieves that sneak into your life? What promises you fulfillment but leaves you empty?**

## Interact:

**Write a word or make a symbol on the sticky notes provided and add it to the “noise.”**



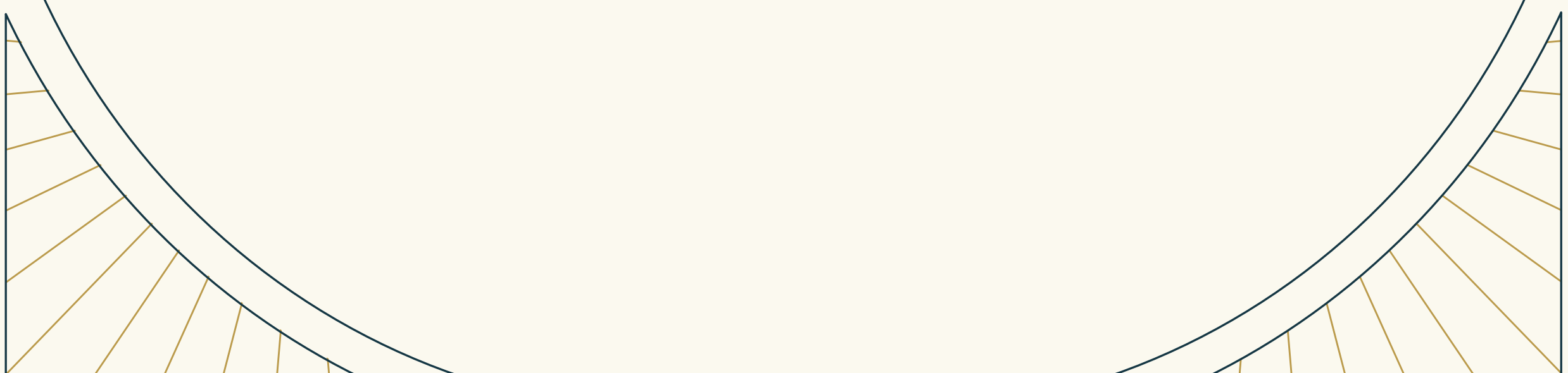
# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

PART TWO: THE GOOD SHEPHERD



**There is a loving intimacy between the Good Shepherd and His sheep. Jesus knows the weak and the strong, the stubborn and the submissive. He knows the hurts and the needs of every sheep and what will truly satisfy them.**

**What might God be saying to you today? Maybe you have been a sheep in His flock for a long time, or perhaps you are listening for the first time. You may only want to listen when He shows the path you desire.**





**Maybe you don't want to hear from the Shepherd at all. It's okay, there is still something here for you.**

**Passing through the sheep gate into the next experience, we invite you to immerse your heart and mind in what you will see, hear, touch, feel, and taste.**

**Interact:**

**Take a candy as a first step. Be open to surprises along the way.**



# THE TRUE VINE

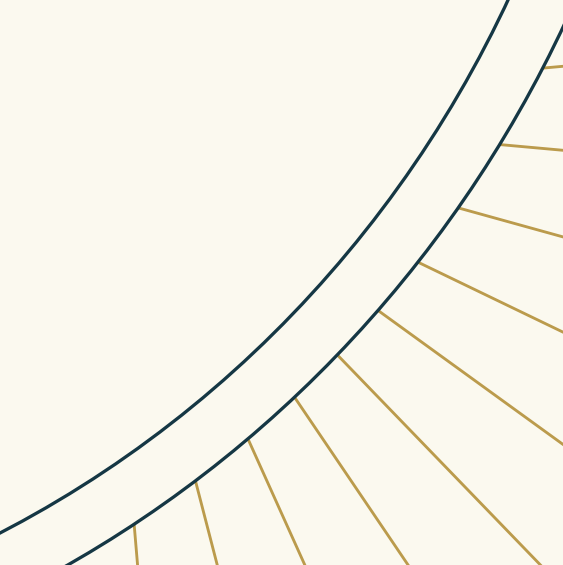
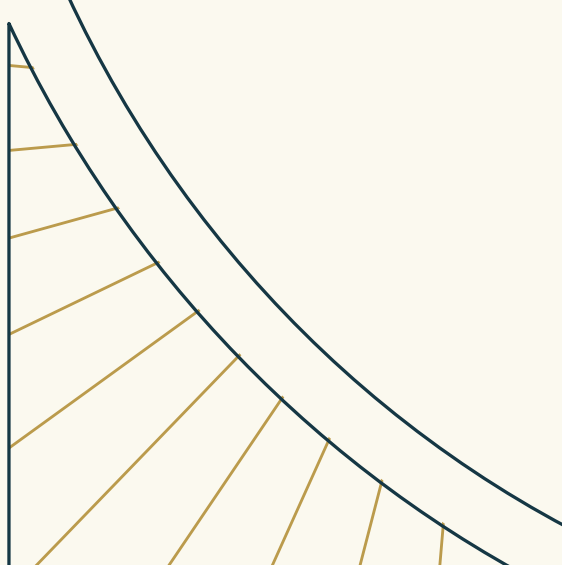
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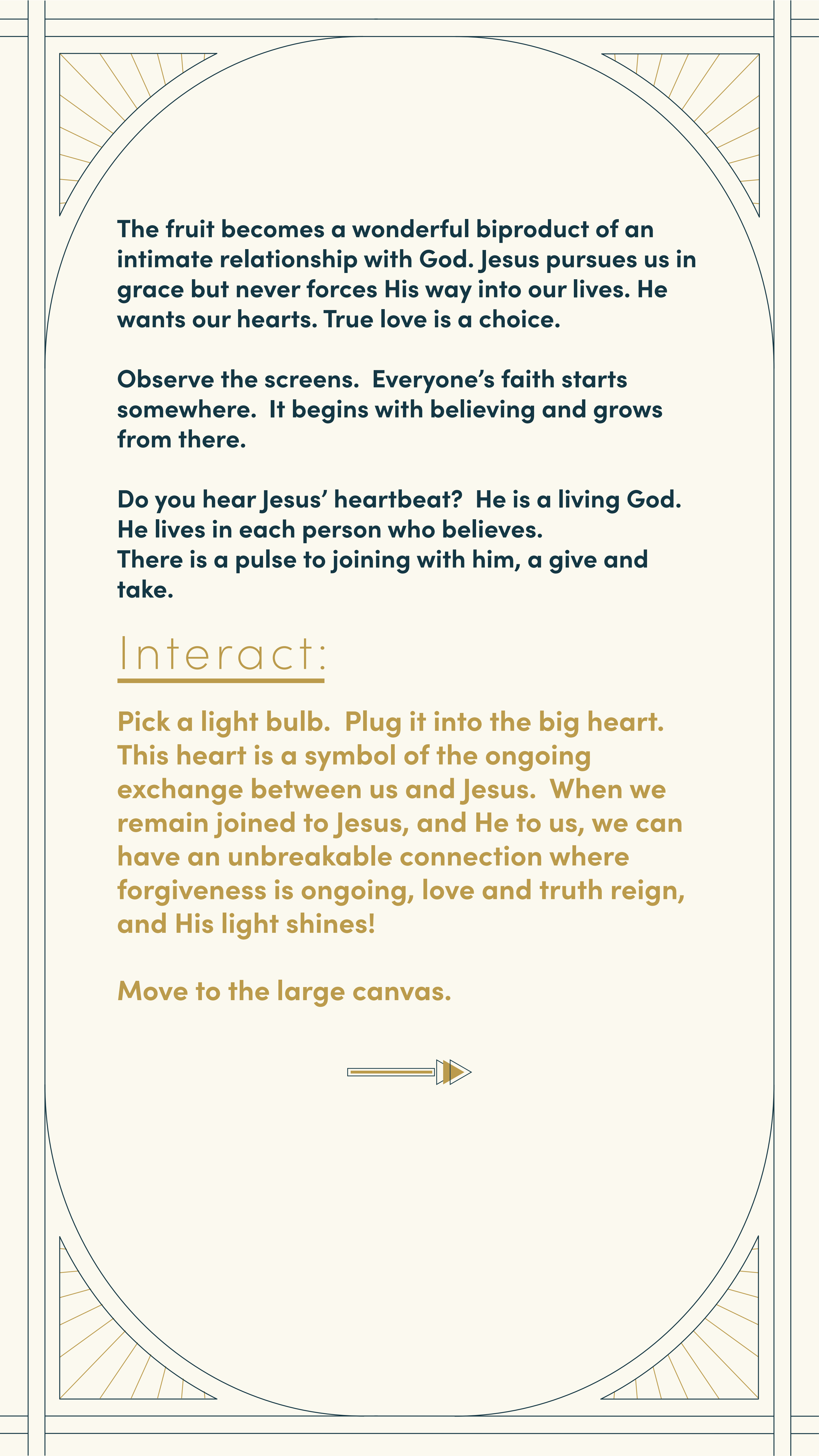


*"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

*- John 15:4-5 NIV*

**Jesus desires to come into every circumstance, into our countless distractions and pursuits, and He offers a way to have abundant life with God. The goal is not in what you can produce for Him. It's remaining joined to Him.**





**The fruit becomes a wonderful byproduct of an intimate relationship with God. Jesus pursues us in grace but never forces His way into our lives. He wants our hearts. True love is a choice.**

**Observe the screens. Everyone's faith starts somewhere. It begins with believing and grows from there.**

**Do you hear Jesus' heartbeat? He is a living God. He lives in each person who believes. There is a pulse to joining with him, a give and take.**

## Interact:

**Pick a light bulb. Plug it into the big heart. This heart is a symbol of the ongoing exchange between us and Jesus. When we remain joined to Jesus, and He to us, we can have an unbreakable connection where forgiveness is ongoing, love and truth reign, and His light shines!**

**Move to the large canvas.**



# THE TRUE VINE

## PART TWO



**Later in John 15, Jesus tells His disciples:**

*“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”*

*- John 15:13 ESV*

**That’s what Jesus did - the ultimate act of love. He saw you right in the middle of your horrible mess, in a world which isn’t fair. He saw you betrayed, and betraying. He saw your pain, sickness, and fear. He saw you staring into the pit of your own failures and in the mouth of your own rebellion. Sin is the act of denying God by deviating from Him as King in every aspect of your life.**

**Jesus knows what it is like to smell the stench of death, the price of sin, and He still came as our Rescuer.**

### Interact:

**Press your finger into one of the red sponges and put your fingerprint on the canvas. Let this show you that Jesus was sentenced to death for our crimes. Jesus’s blood is on our hands, but by that same blood we can be healed. Let the paint on your hands remain as you continue through this experience.**

# THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



**In Jesus, we see God in human flesh. He came to be our Champion over sin and death; the Light that guides us in this life and to eternity.**

*“Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of life.’”*

*- John 8:12 ESV*

**The world can blind us and push us to feel around for direction, certainty, and confidence. Its many paths can lead to a never-ending cycle of darkness, separation, and fear. This contrasts with the truth that you are loved by Jesus who brings light, and with it clarity, life, and peace forever. Each of us must cast a verdict. Which will we choose - to follow the Light or remain in the dark?**

## Interact:

**Step up to the table and follow the directions.**

**The darkness never has the last word where Jesus is present. The King’s Light endures forever.**





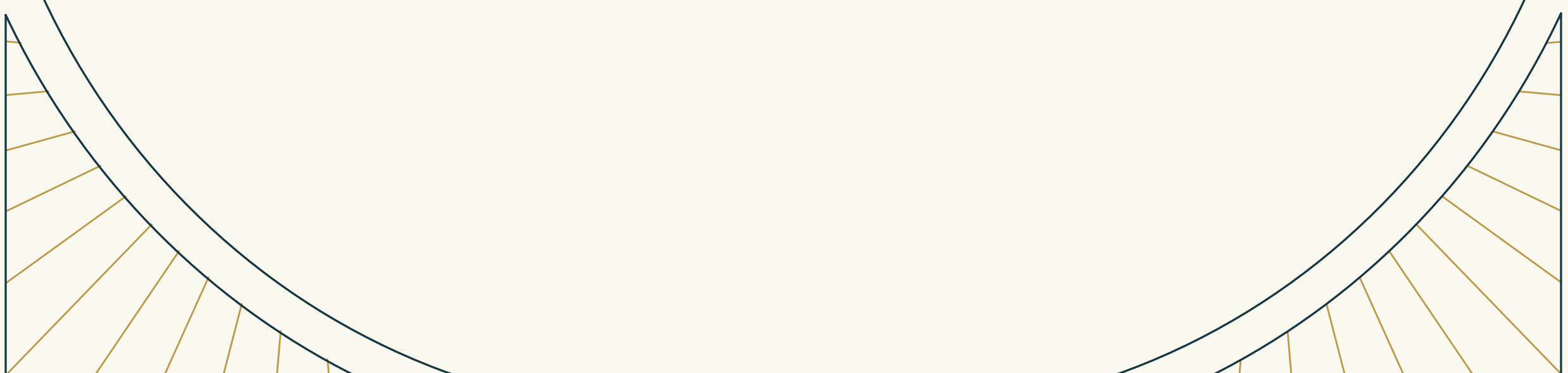
# THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE



**Jesus says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” just a few hours before His arrest, trial, and crucifixion. The One who is the Way is arrested and taken away in the garden. The One who is the Truth endures the lies of evil men who nail Him to the tree. The One who is the Life is placed in a tomb. Jesus does not say He is one of the many ways, truths, or lives offered to us in today’s culture. He is the Master Builder and Loving Creator. We are a part of His perfect design.**

**As you observe the bolt structure, think about the unity and compatibility you see represented in the design. The bolt and hex nut fit together perfectly. This is how God intended our relationship with Him to be. But any time we choose to live by our own design, thinking it more trustworthy than God’s, we cause separation with Him because of sin.**

**Even a slight deviation from the design can cause the bolts to not fit. How does this play out in your life? Do you ever put your own needs first, or blame others instead of owning your mistakes? Do you find self-worth in your achievements? Do you think you need to be good to please God? Do you look at the pain and chaos in the world and question God’s goodness and power to change anything? Do you rationalize and justify yourself to be better than you are?**



## Interact:

**Take a rusty bolt or hex nut. Take a cloth and clean it. Are your efforts working? Is your metal shining up? Keep this bolt in your hand as you continue through the experience.**



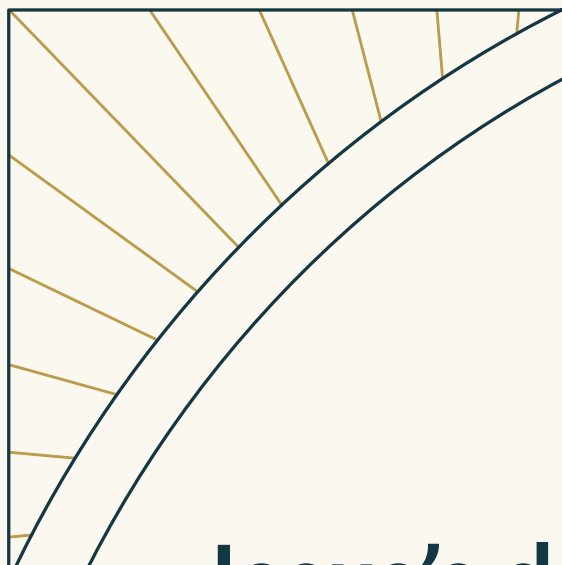
*“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.’”*

*John 14:6 ESV*

**Let’s take the next step. Wherever we are in our faith in this moment, we can always ask Jesus to reveal our sin. He does that in love through the Holy Spirit. True recognition of our crimes creates a desire to restore connection with God. We need a conversation of confession with the only One who can rescue us.**

## Interact:

**You have an opportunity to take one of the lights provided, kneel down by a white cloth (or stand by one of the white canvases), and prayerfully write whatever you need to confess to God. Wait a moment to see what happens to your confession . . .**



**Jesus's death on the cross washes our sin away. He makes forgiveness possible and complete. Only God's perfect Son could pay the ultimate price. And He did! Our debt is completely cancelled; it disappears just like the writing on the cloth.**

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

*- 1 John 1:9 ESV*



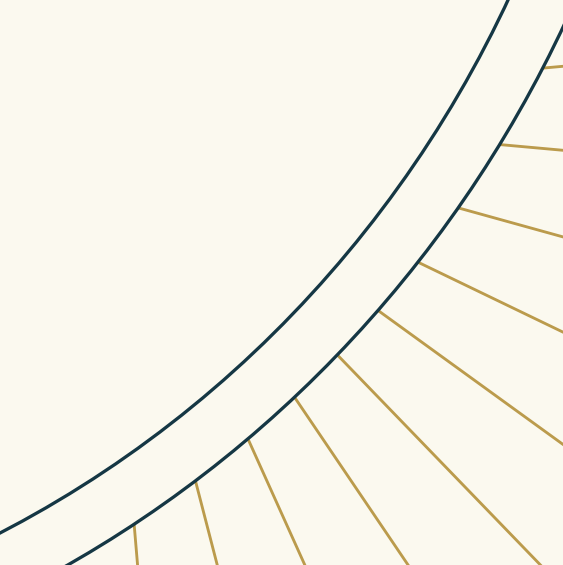
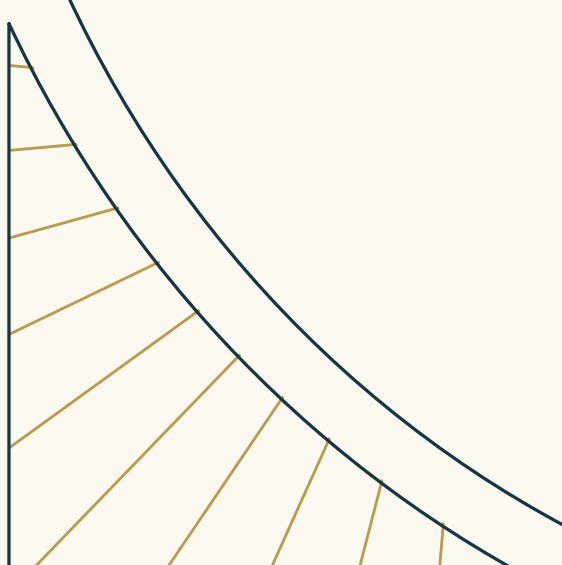
## THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

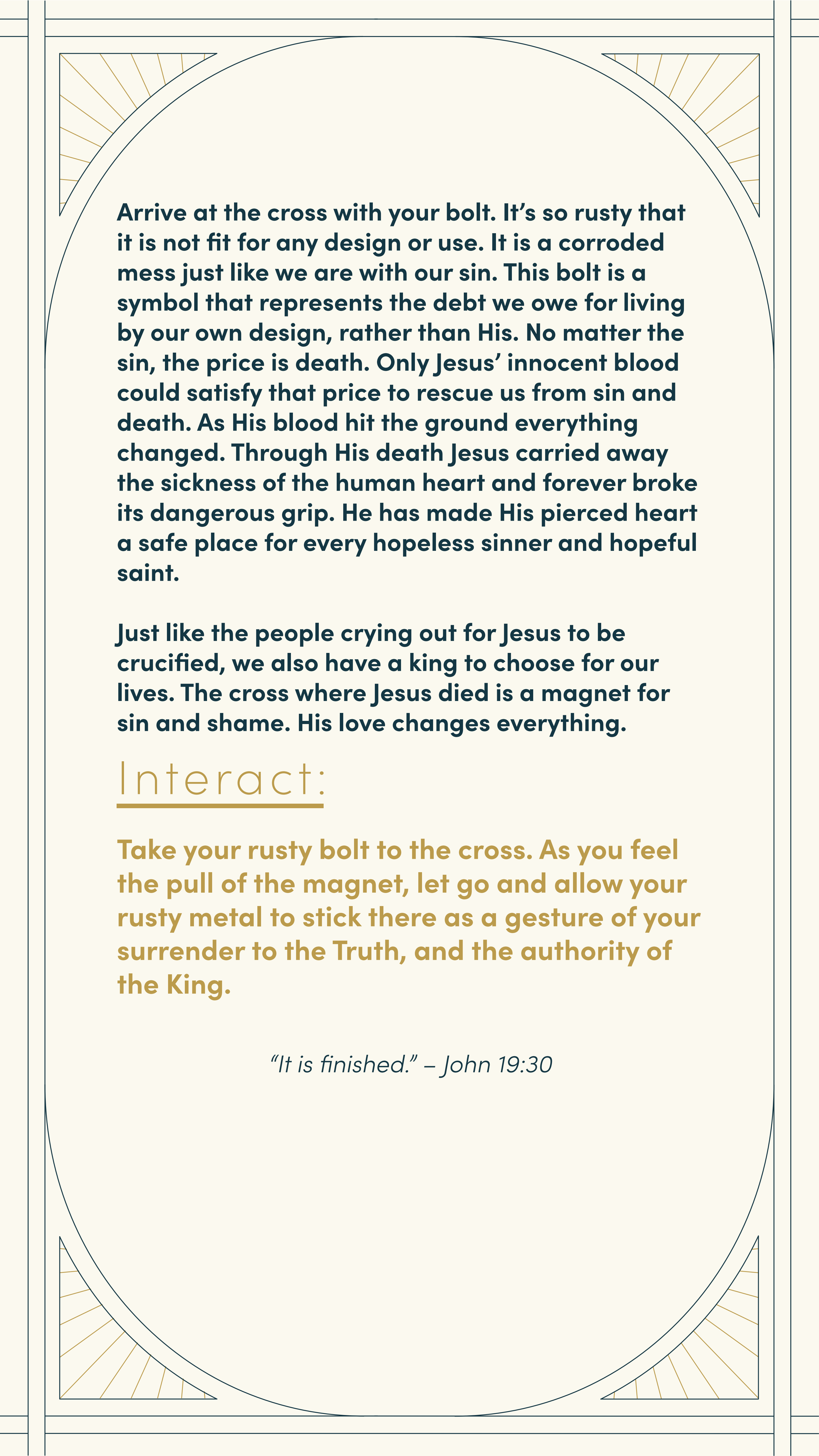


**Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. He has power over death, power over broken pasts, and power over future hopes.**

*"They cried out, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar.' So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him..."*

*- John 19:15-18 ESV*





**Arrive at the cross with your bolt. It's so rusty that it is not fit for any design or use. It is a corroded mess just like we are with our sin. This bolt is a symbol that represents the debt we owe for living by our own design, rather than His. No matter the sin, the price is death. Only Jesus' innocent blood could satisfy that price to rescue us from sin and death. As His blood hit the ground everything changed. Through His death Jesus carried away the sickness of the human heart and forever broke its dangerous grip. He has made His pierced heart a safe place for every hopeless sinner and hopeful saint.**

**Just like the people crying out for Jesus to be crucified, we also have a king to choose for our lives. The cross where Jesus died is a magnet for sin and shame. His love changes everything.**

## Interact:

**Take your rusty bolt to the cross. As you feel the pull of the magnet, let go and allow your rusty metal to stick there as a gesture of your surrender to the Truth, and the authority of the King.**

*"It is finished." – John 19:30*

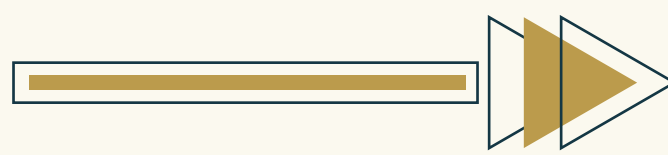
**Surrendering our lives is a powerful and necessary step. We can trust ourselves into the capable hands of our loving God. No one and nothing can tear us from Him.**

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.’”*

*- John 11:25 ESV*

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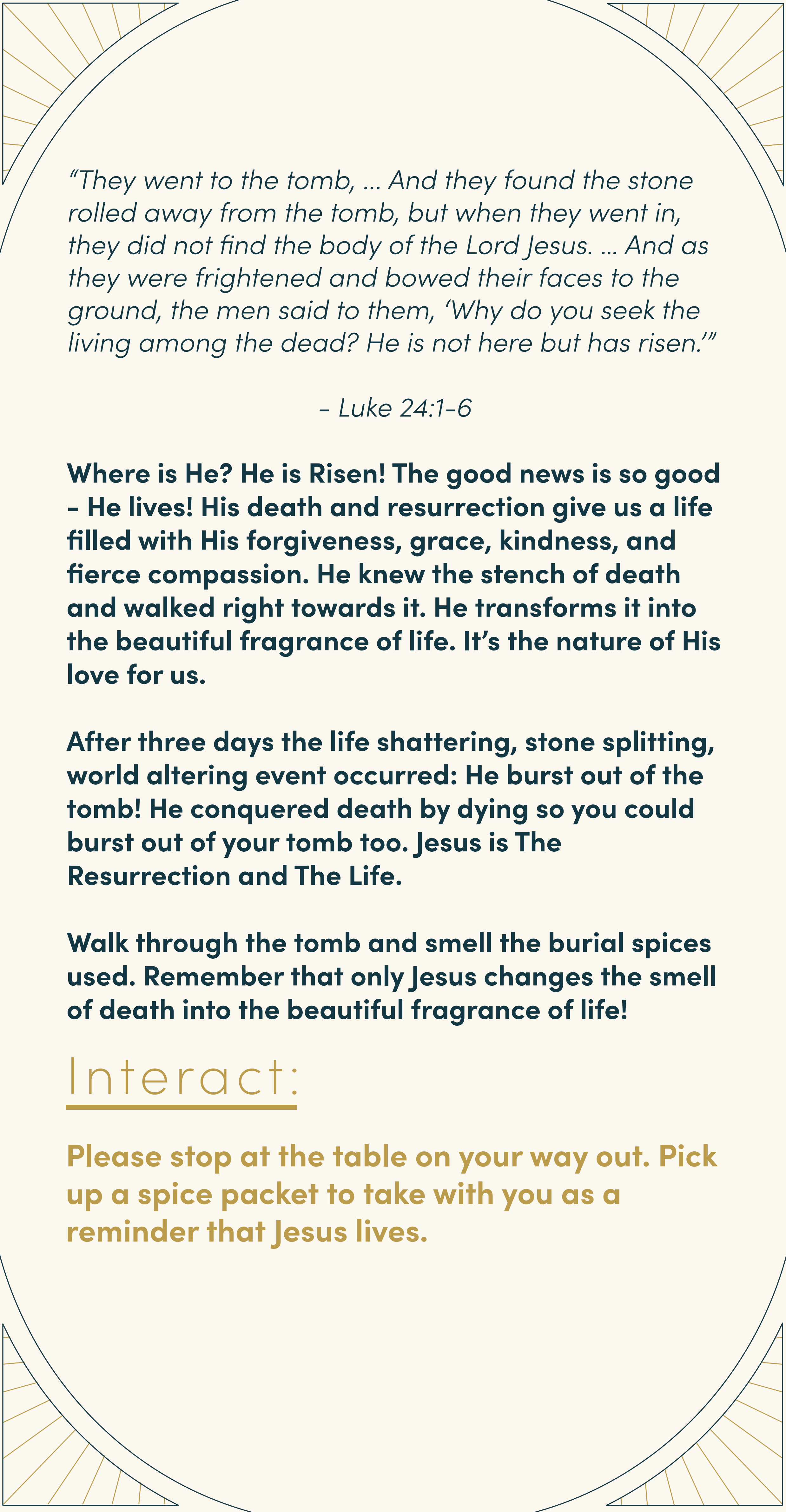
**Clean your hands using the cloths near the cross. Sin, like the corrosion on the bolt, can leave a residue. Jesus’ forgiveness makes you completely clean.**



*“So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb... they laid Jesus there.”*

*- John 19:40-42 ESV*

**Look around and notice the path of burial spices. As you breathe in the aroma, can you imagine the confusion of that horrible day? What’s next?**



*“They went to the tomb, ... And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ... And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.’”*

*- Luke 24:1-6*

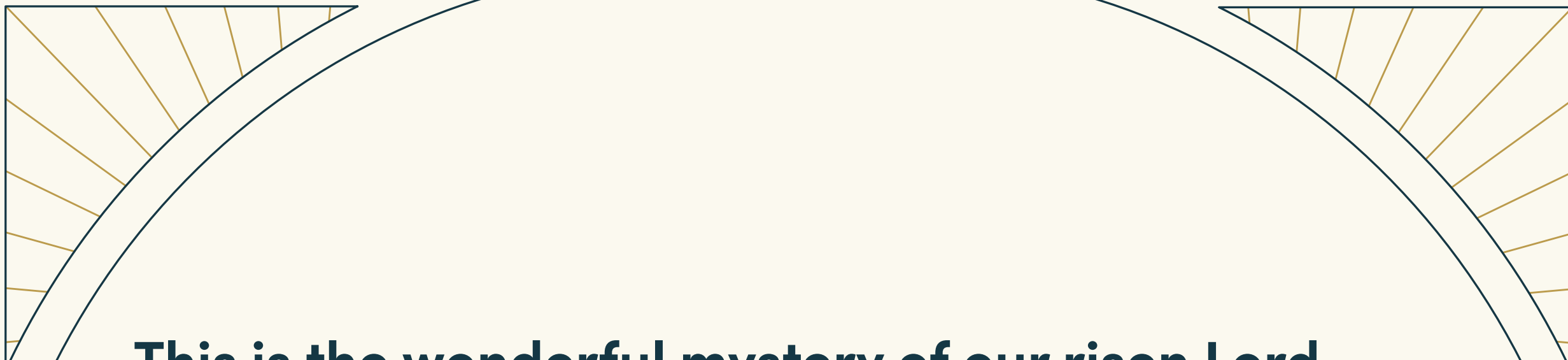
**Where is He? He is Risen! The good news is so good - He lives! His death and resurrection give us a life filled with His forgiveness, grace, kindness, and fierce compassion. He knew the stench of death and walked right towards it. He transforms it into the beautiful fragrance of life. It's the nature of His love for us.**

**After three days the life shattering, stone splitting, world altering event occurred: He burst out of the tomb! He conquered death by dying so you could burst out of your tomb too. Jesus is The Resurrection and The Life.**

**Walk through the tomb and smell the burial spices used. Remember that only Jesus changes the smell of death into the beautiful fragrance of life!**

Interact:

**Please stop at the table on your way out. Pick up a spice packet to take with you as a reminder that Jesus lives.**



**This is the wonderful mystery of our risen Lord, that He is so incredibly powerful and so unreservedly loving. When through faith we fully accept that Jesus is who He claims to be, we experience the RISEN CHRIST, the Great I AM. The King of Everything.**

**We invite you to take a few moments to reflect on what you have experienced. Response cards and other resources are available, and there are people who can answer any questions.**



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