






The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11 NIV





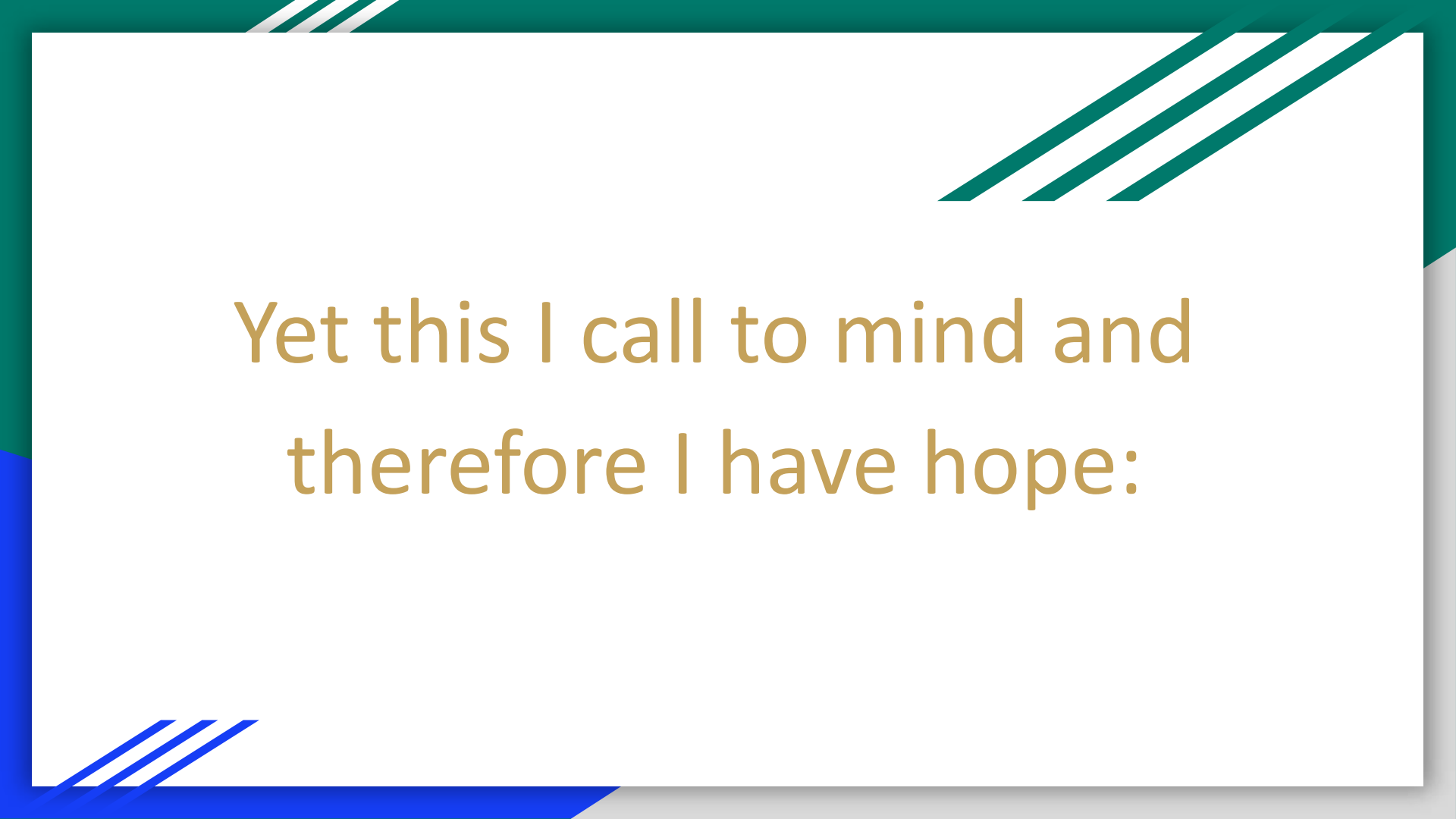
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **compassion** and the God of **all comfort**, who comforts us in **all our troubles**, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV



I have been deprived of peace;  
I have forgotten what prosperity is. So I say,  
“My splendor is gone and all that I had hoped from the Lord.”  
I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.  
I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me.

Lamentations 3 17-21



Yet this I call to mind and  
therefore I have hope:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

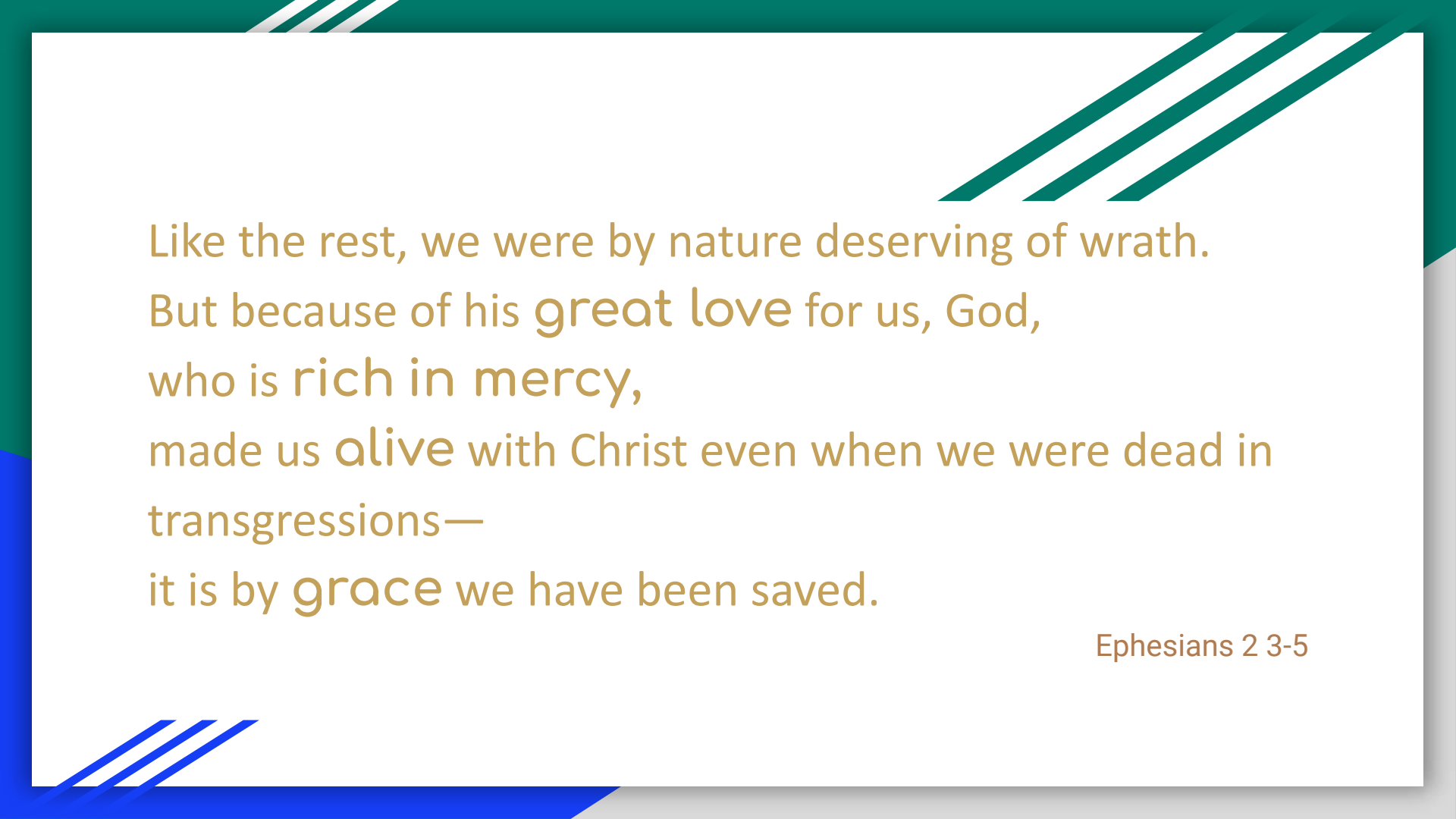


If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9





Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.  
But because of his great love for us, God,  
who is rich in mercy,  
made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in  
transgressions—  
it is by grace we have been saved.


Ephesians 2 3-5



# God's gifts:

**Compassion** for your circumstances:

**Mercy** for your actions/ inactions:



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Receive compassion and comfort

Give compassion and comfort





“In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can’t get forgiveness from God... without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God’s part.

Matthew 6:14-15 MSG





Show mercy and forgiveness

Receive mercy and forgiveness.



“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me  
to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Luke 4 18-19