

A sunset scene with a warm, golden-orange sky and scattered clouds. Numerous birds are silhouetted against the bright sun, flying across the sky. In the foreground, tall grasses are silhouetted against the light. A semi-transparent rectangular box with a thin red border is centered in the upper half of the image, containing the text "WHAT IS OUR ONLY HOPE".

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ROMANS 5:1-11

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Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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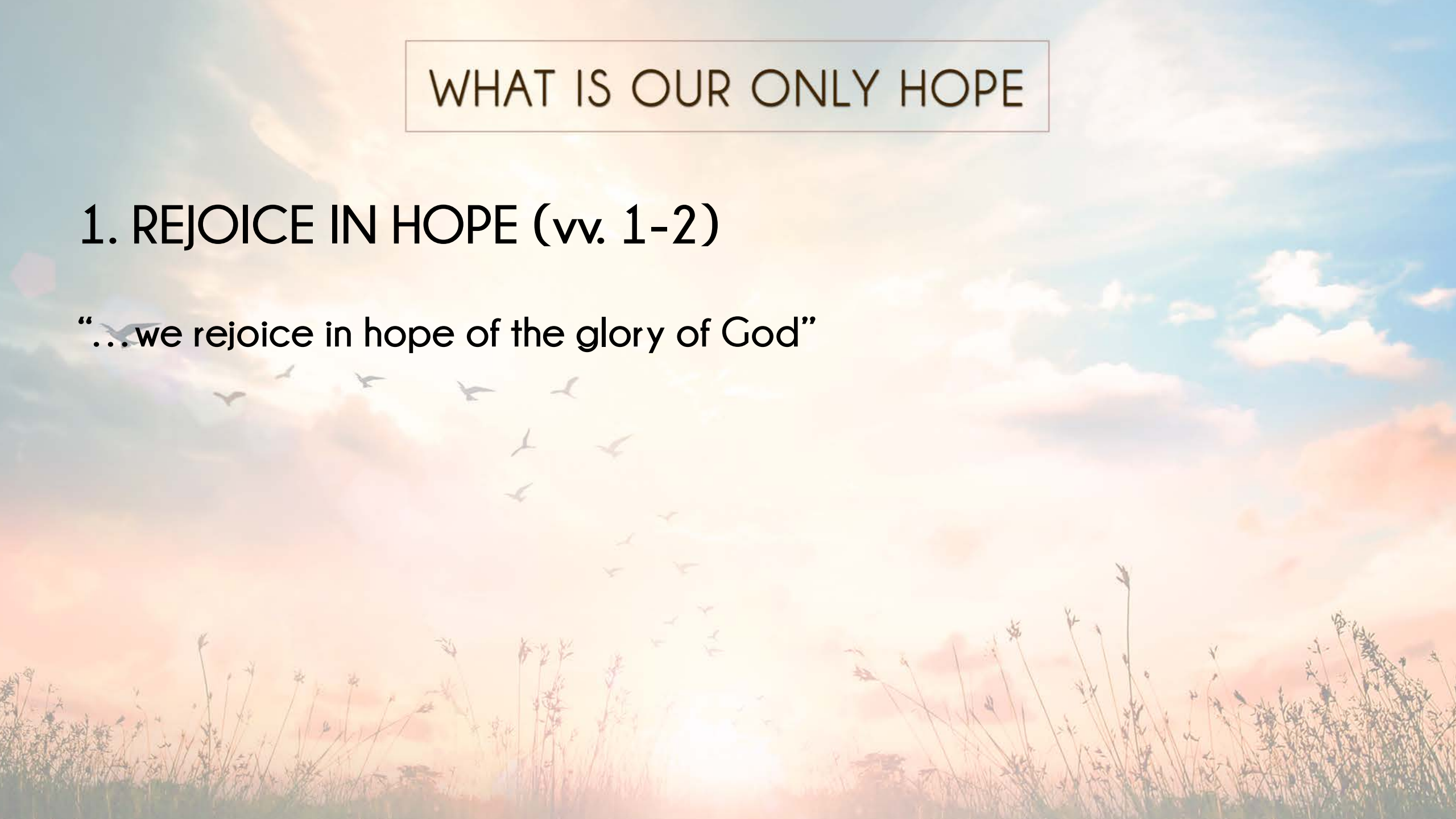
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Romans 1:22-23

“Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures.”

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

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Romans 8:16-17

“... The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

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New Living Translation:

“and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God’s glory.”

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Linked Virtues

Suffering produces Endurance

Endurance produces Character

Character produces Hope

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“Hope, like a muscle, will not be strong if it goes unused. It is in suffering that we must exercise with deliberation and fortitude are hope, and the constant reaffirmation of hope in the midst of apparently hopeless circumstances will bring ever deeper conviction of the reality and certainty of that for which we hope.”

Douglas Moo, *The Letter to the Romans*, 331.

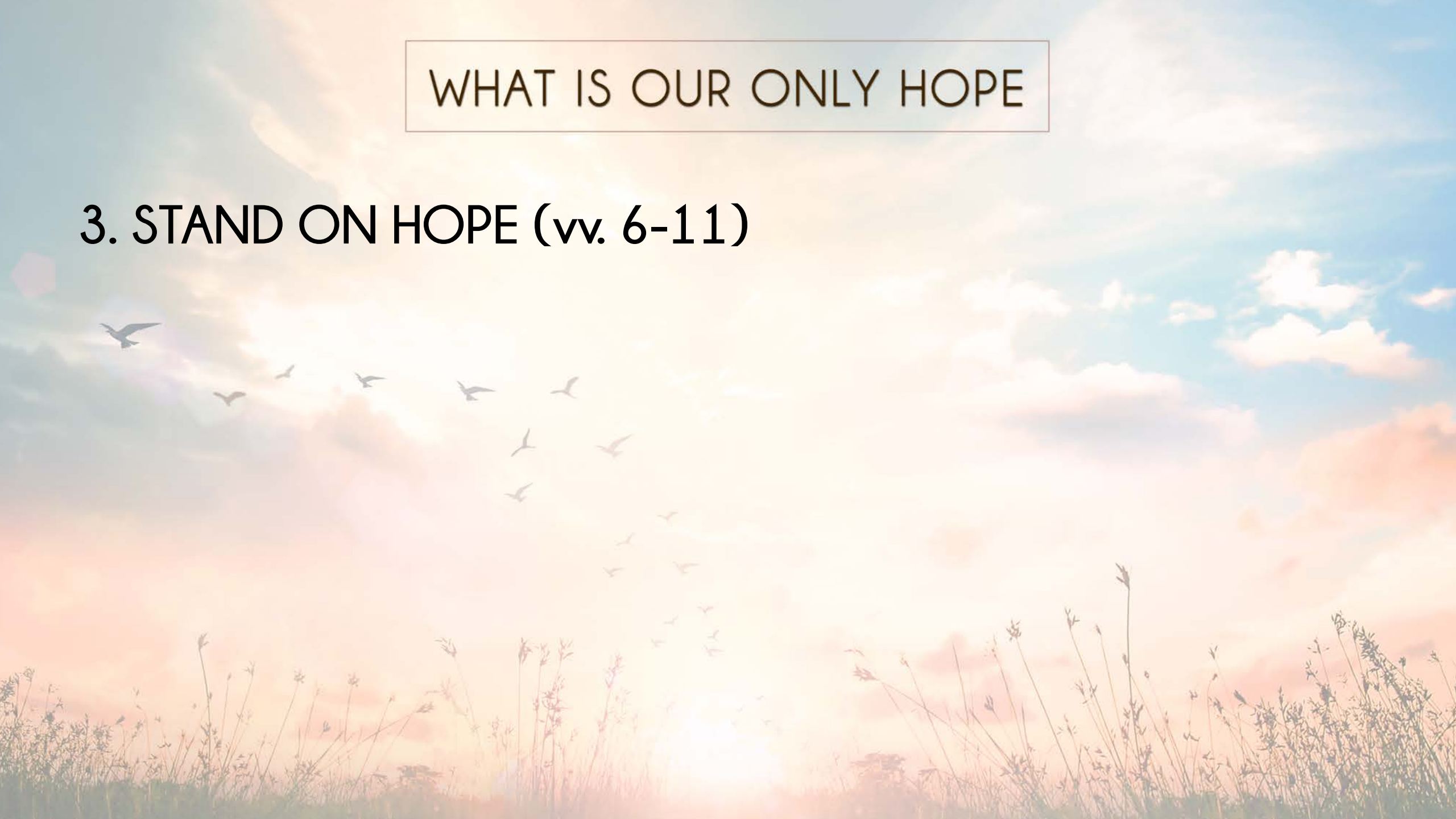
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A sunset scene with a warm, golden glow. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and blue. Numerous birds are silhouetted against the bright sun, flying across the sky. In the foreground, a field of tall grasses is silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

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