

An underwater photograph showing a wooden staircase descending from the surface into a deep blue ocean. The water is clear, and the sunlight creates shimmering patterns on the surface. At the bottom of the frame, a vibrant coral reef is visible. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Deep Truths

A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

Romans 8 v18-27

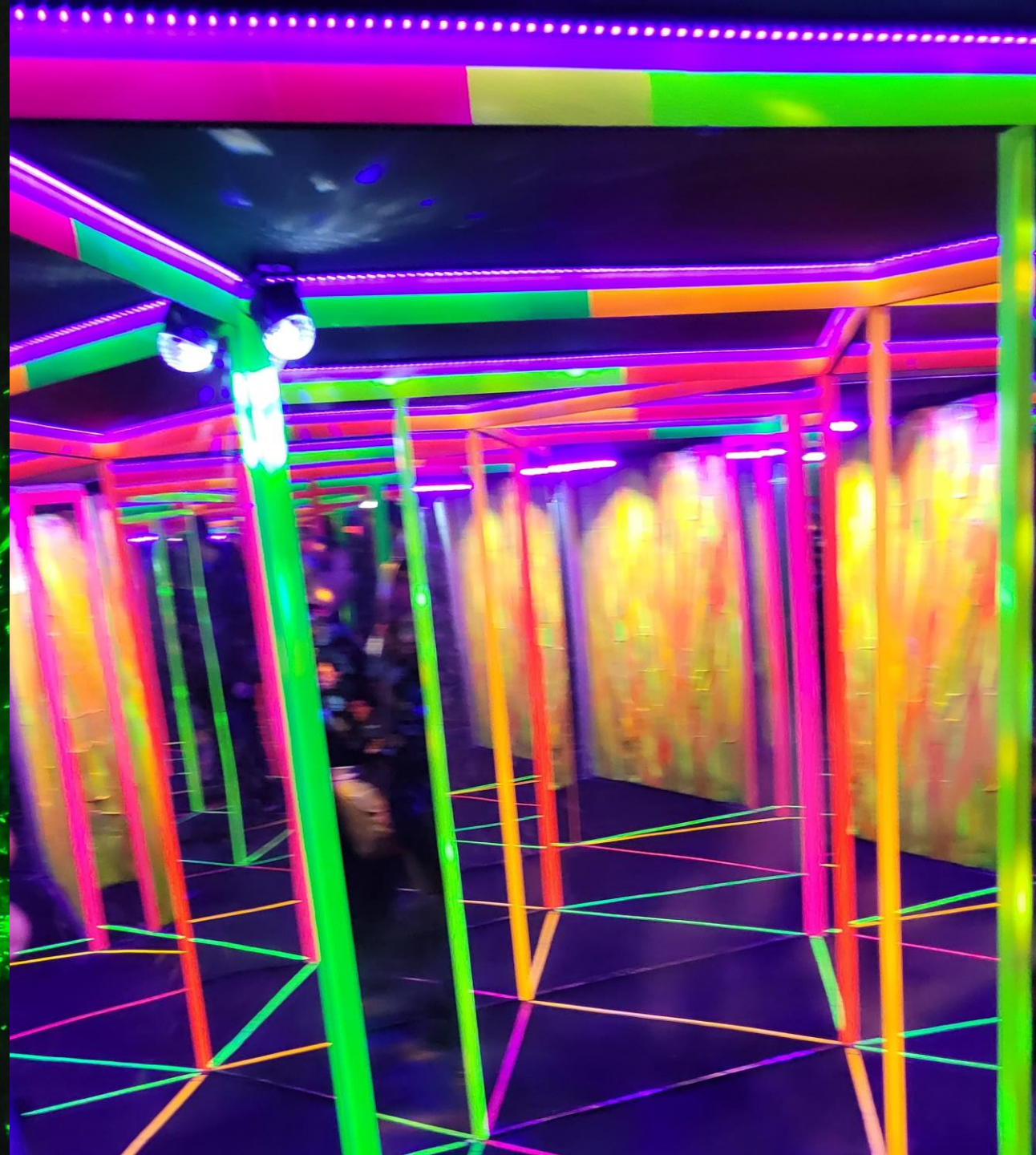
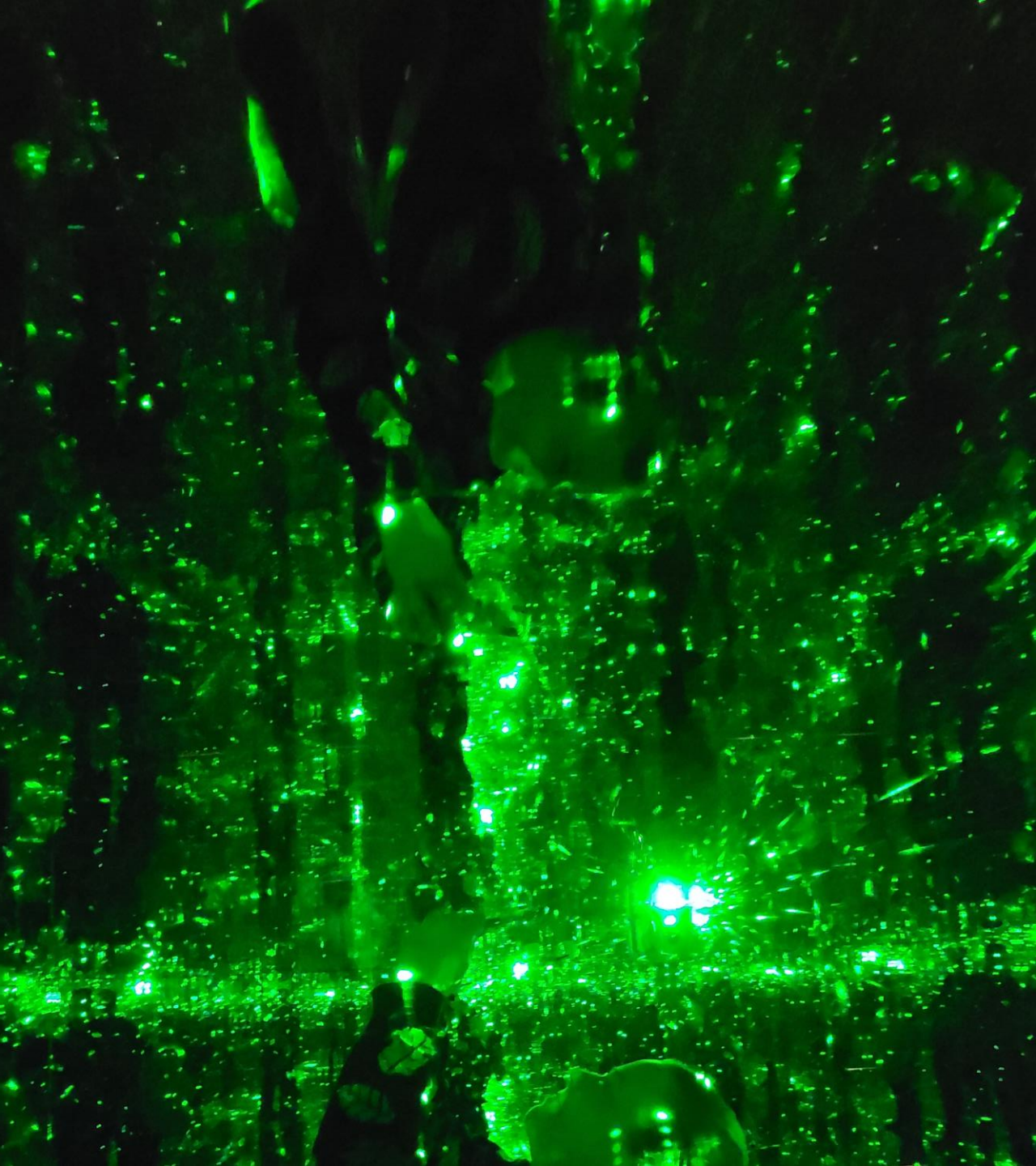
Groaning, Hoping and
Living















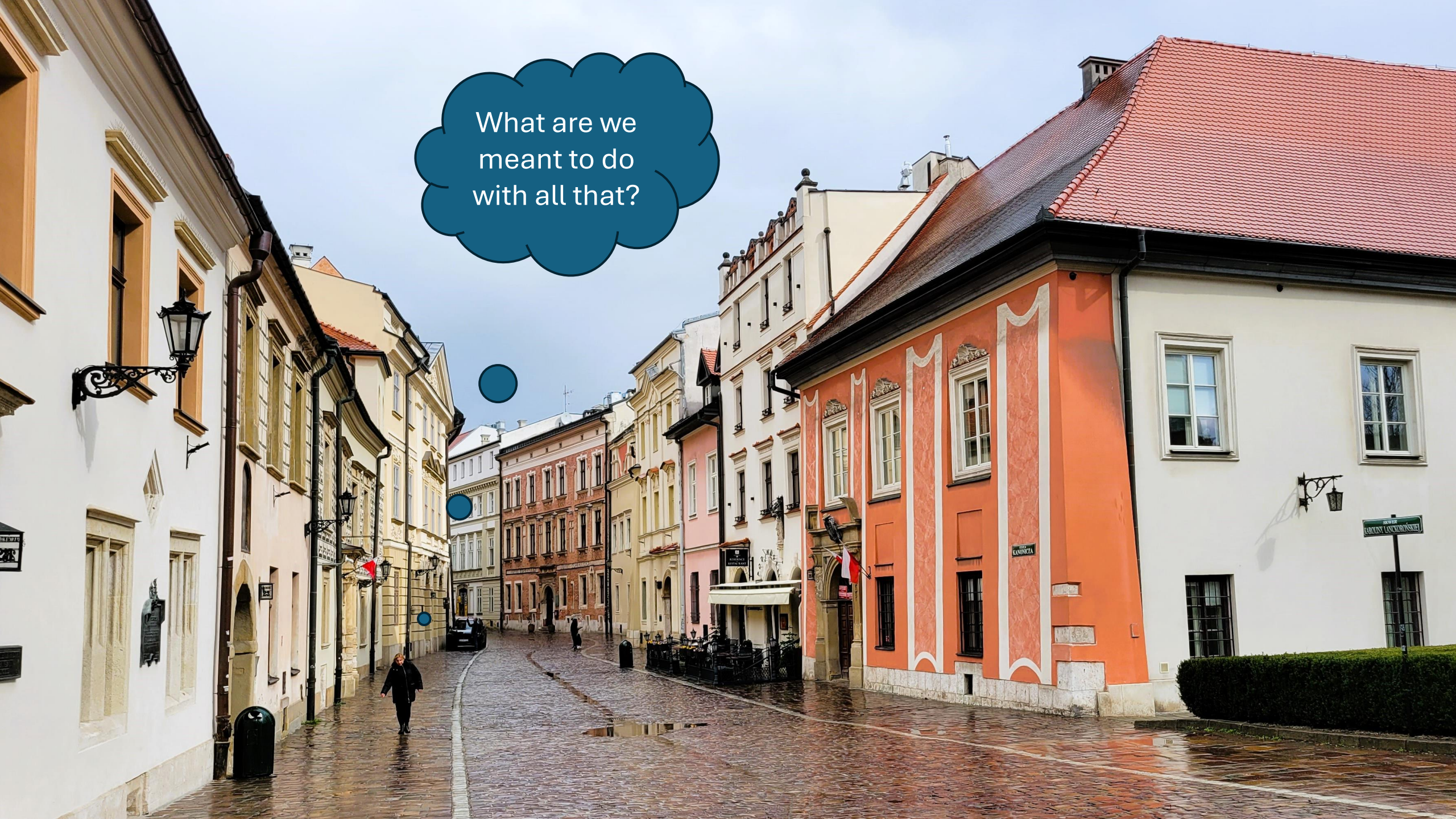
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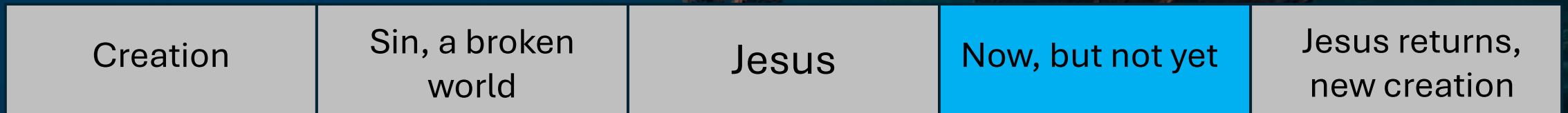
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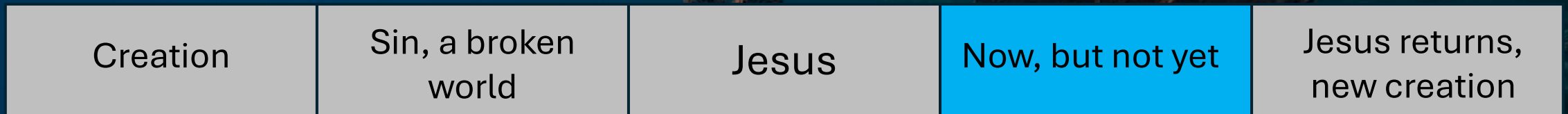
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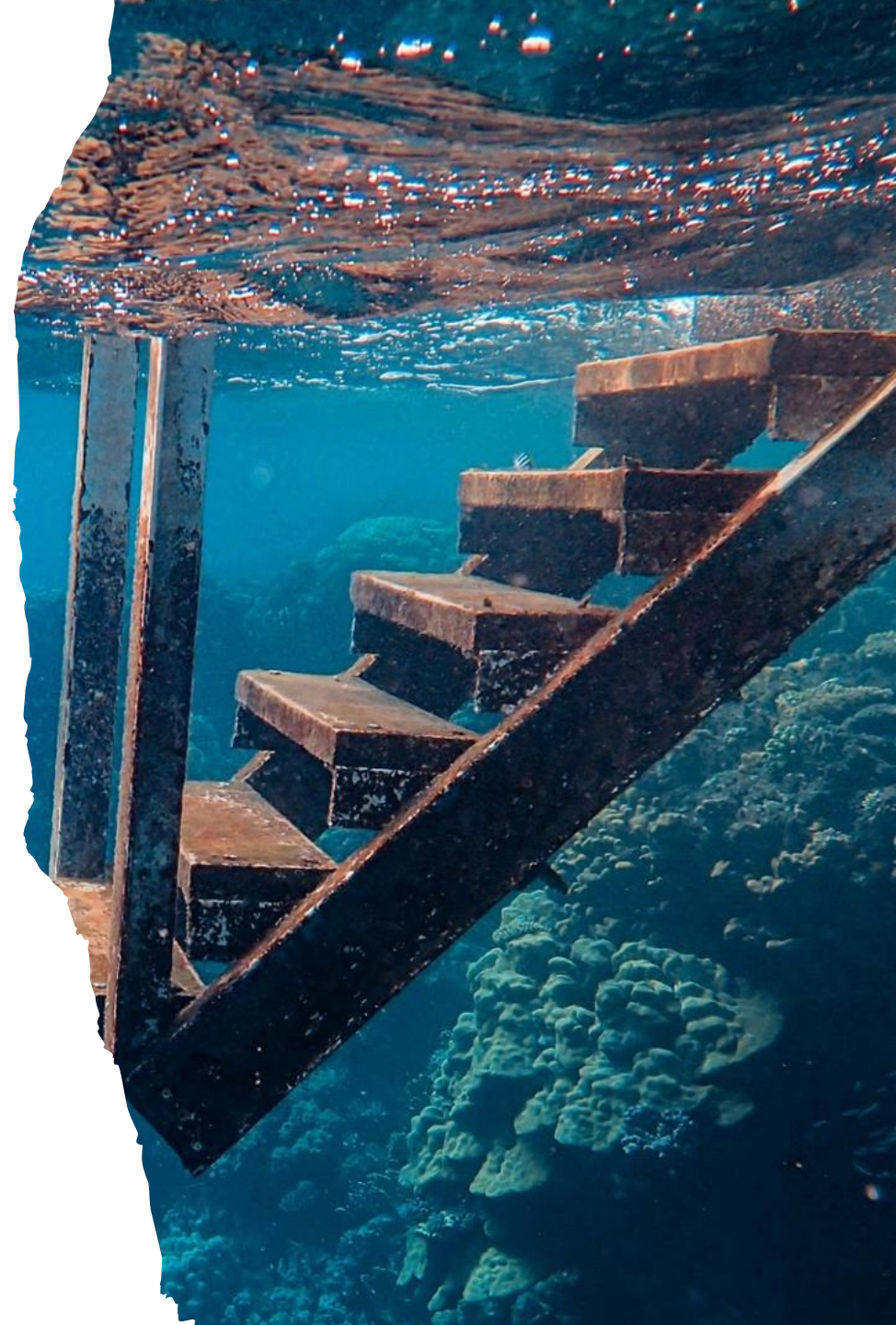
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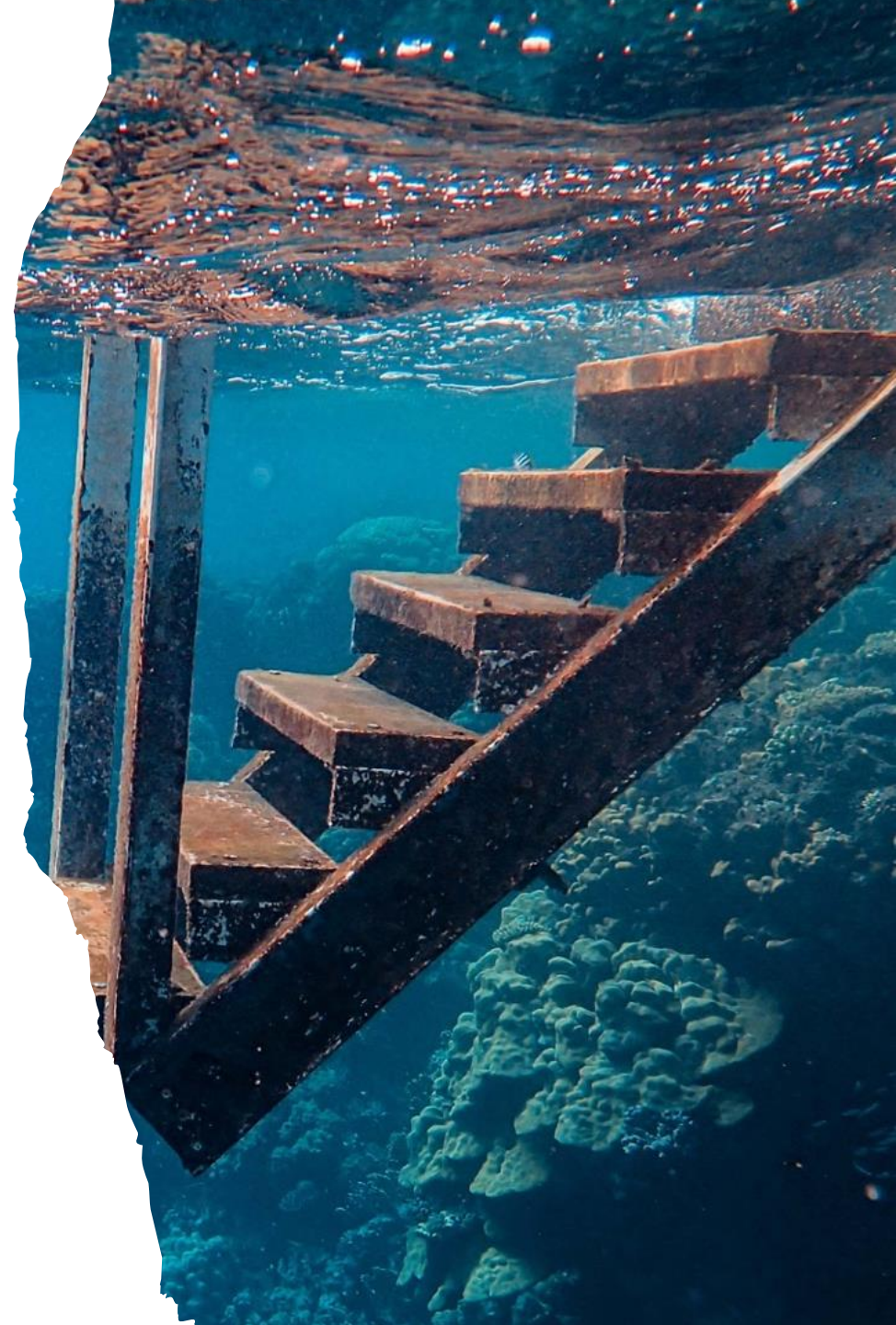
How are we meant to live and feel at this point in the biblical story?

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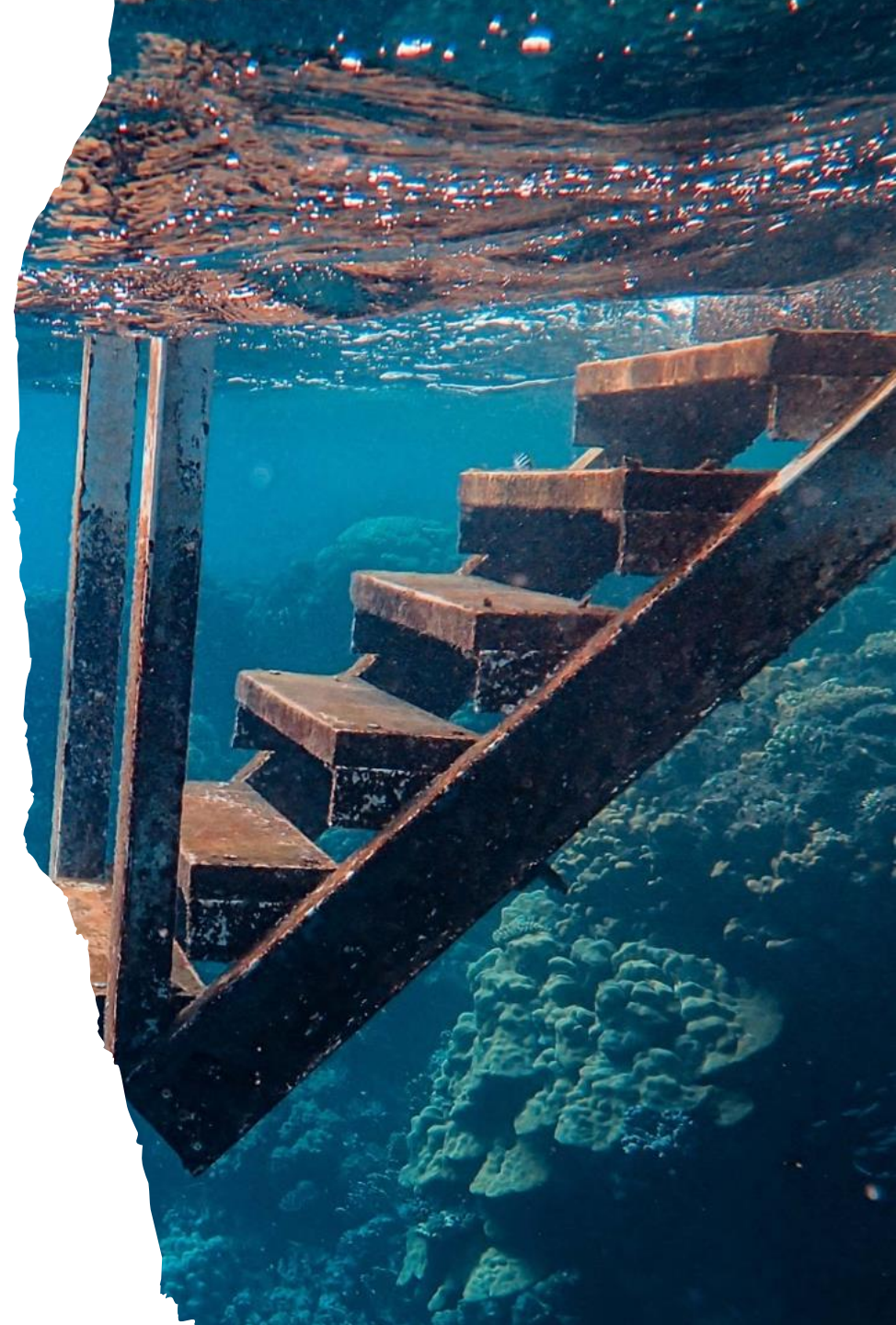
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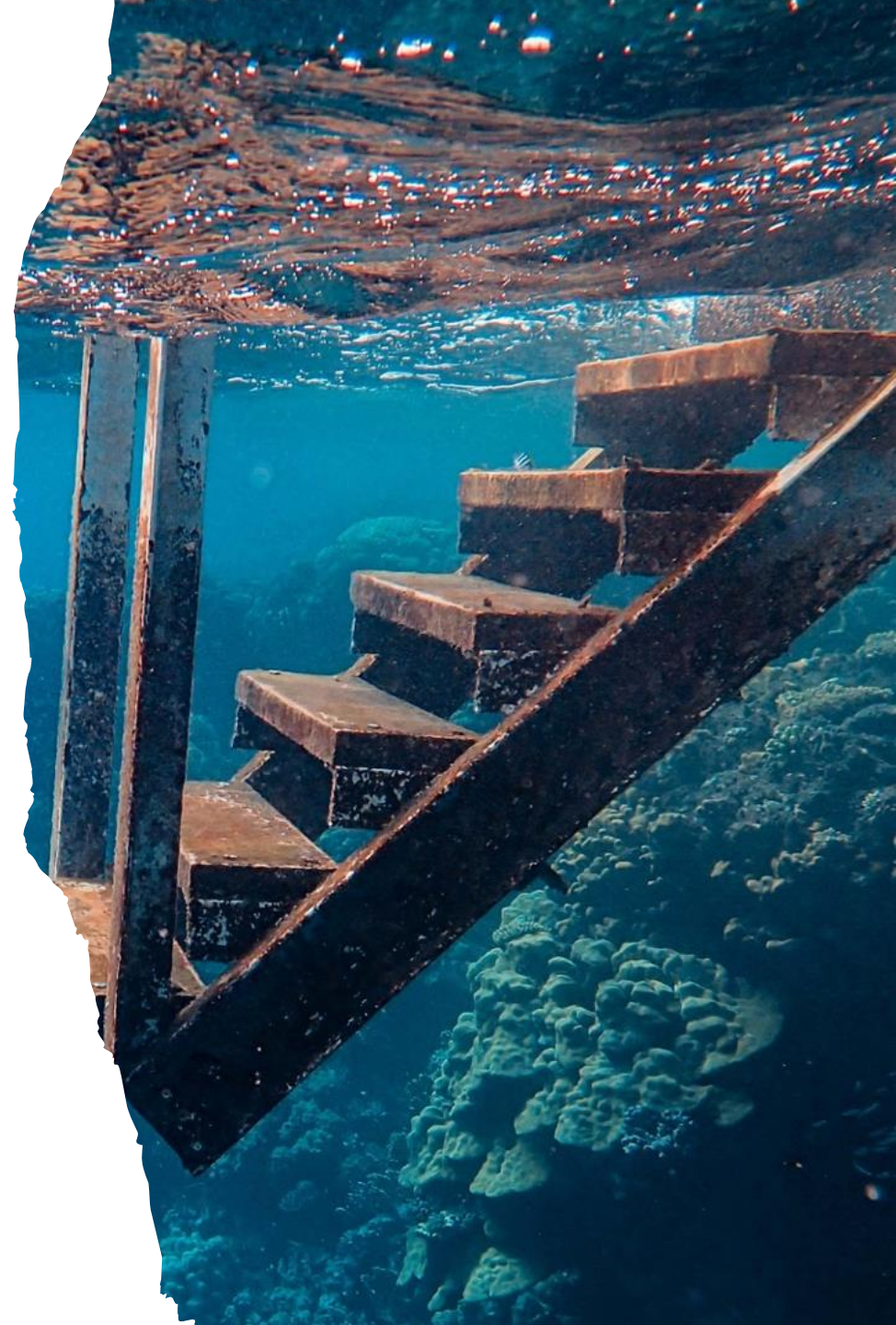
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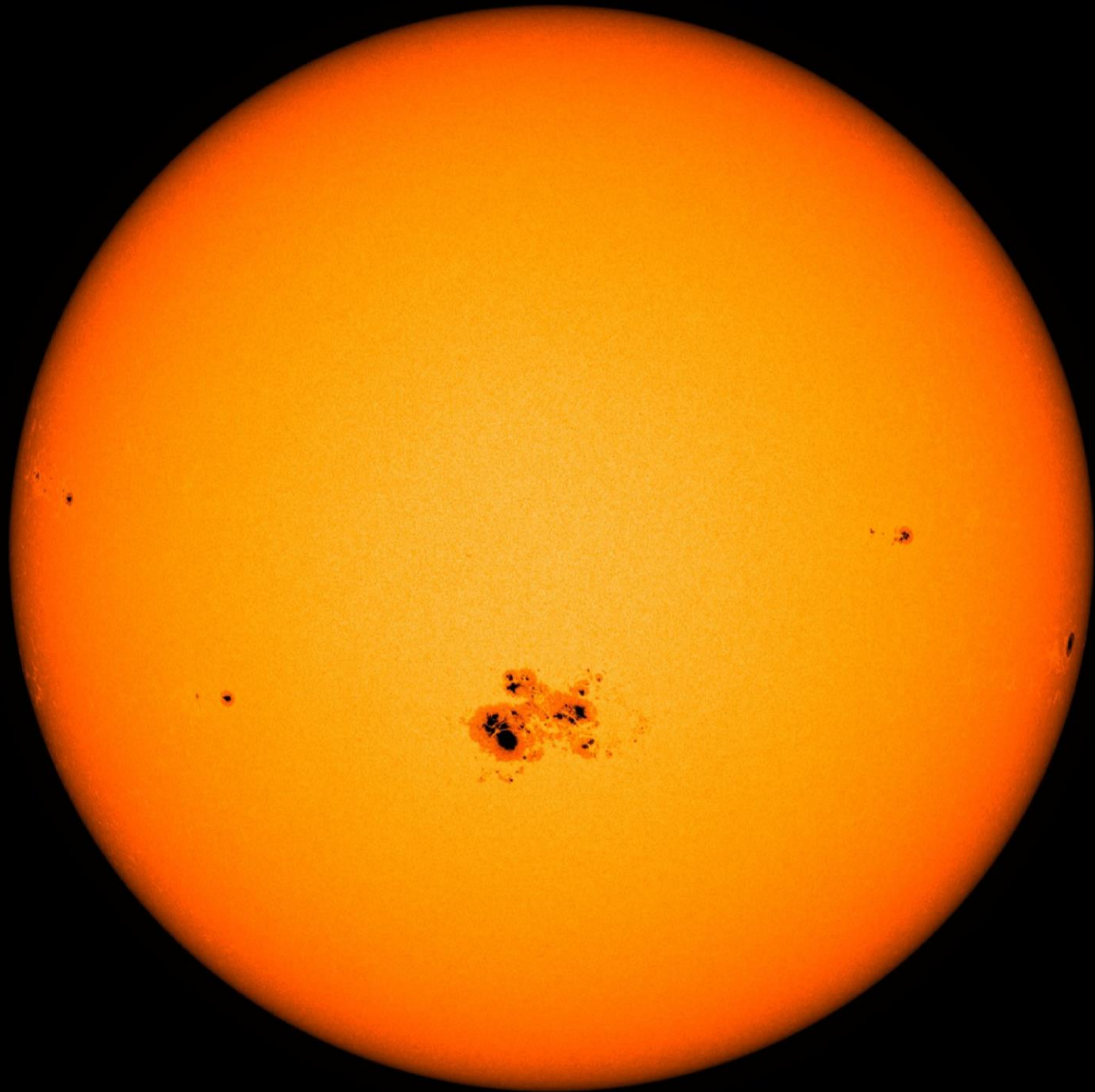


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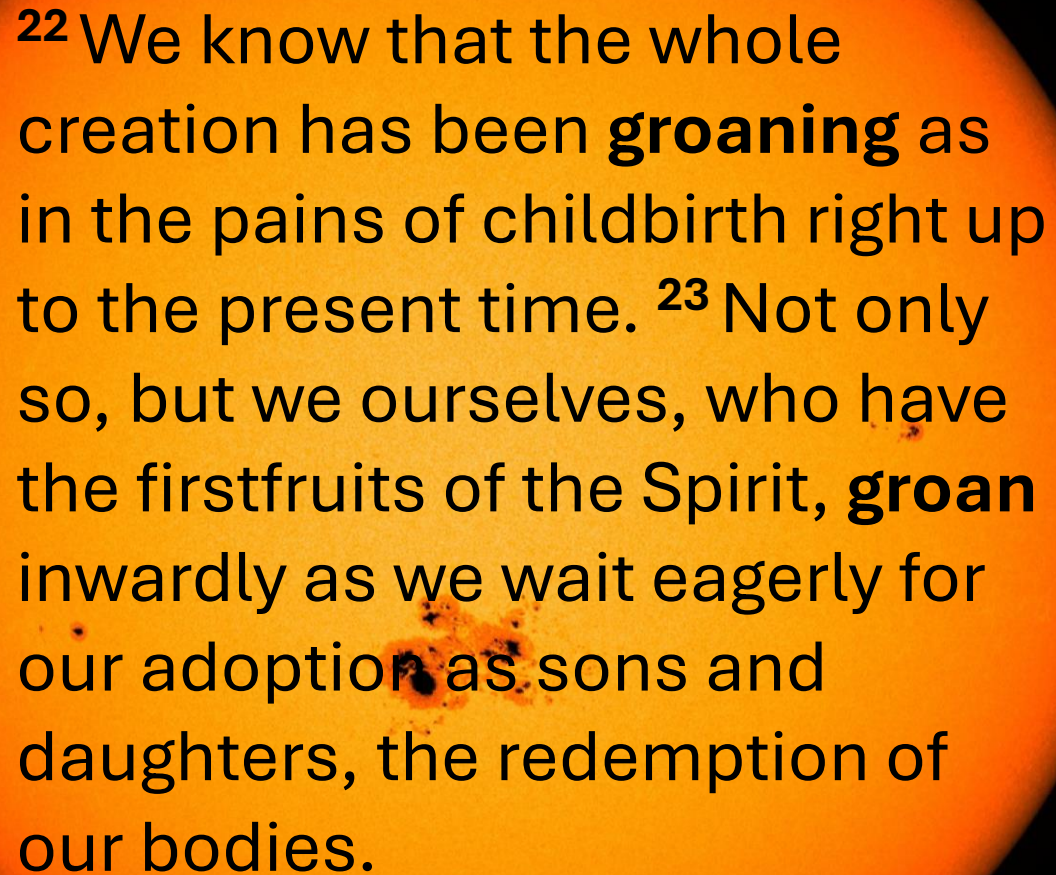
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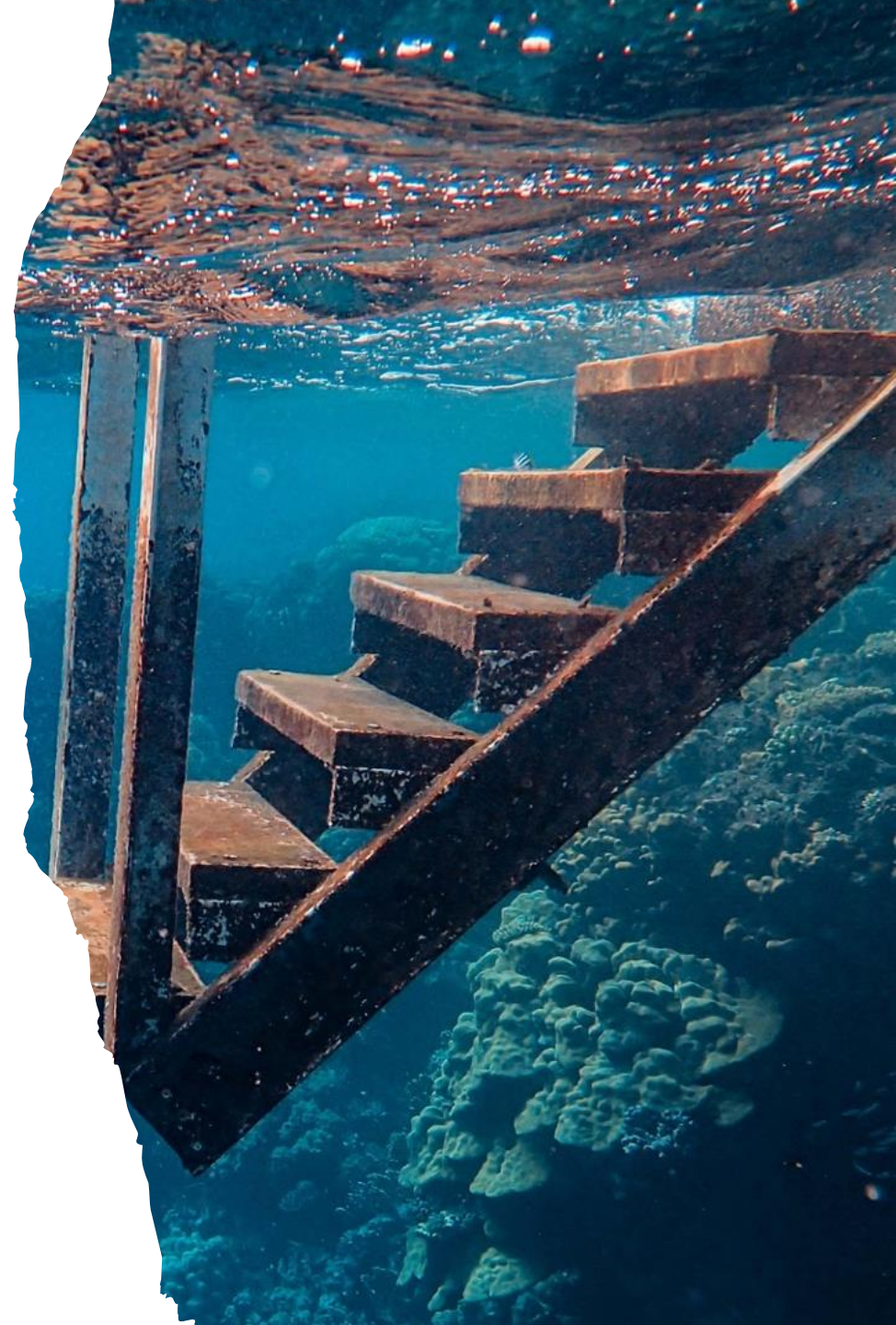
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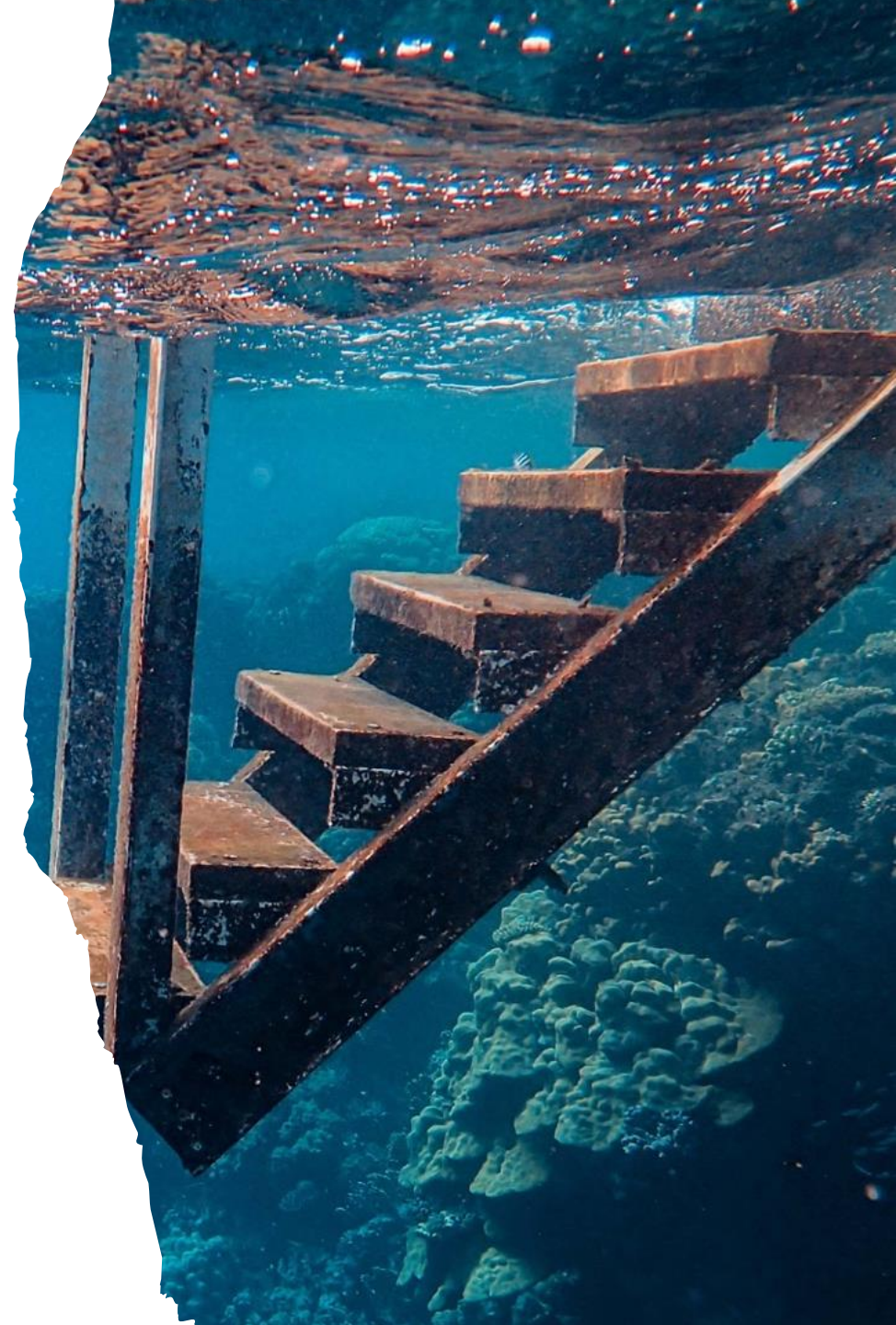


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