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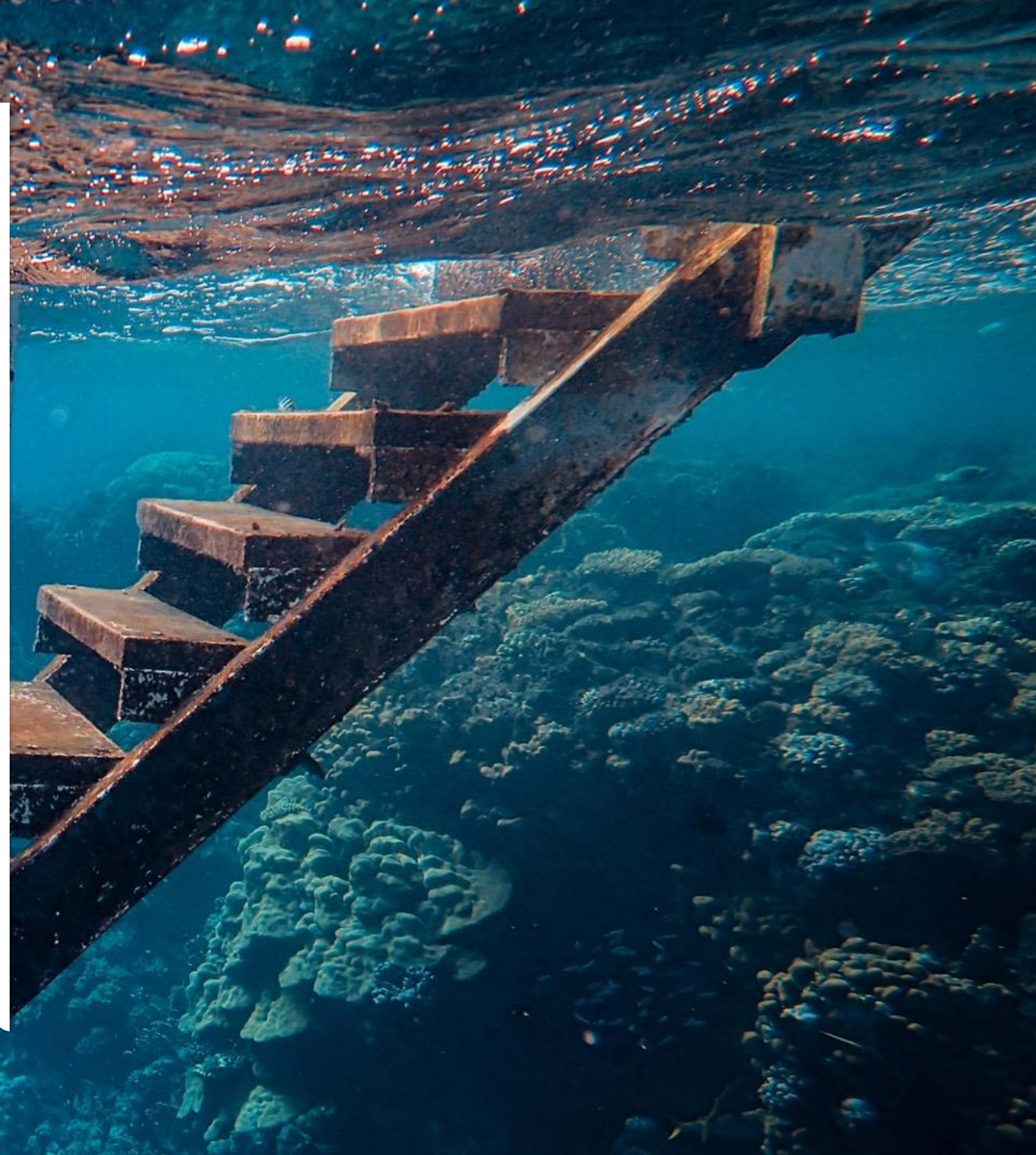
A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

Romans 12:1-2

A LIVING SACRIFICE

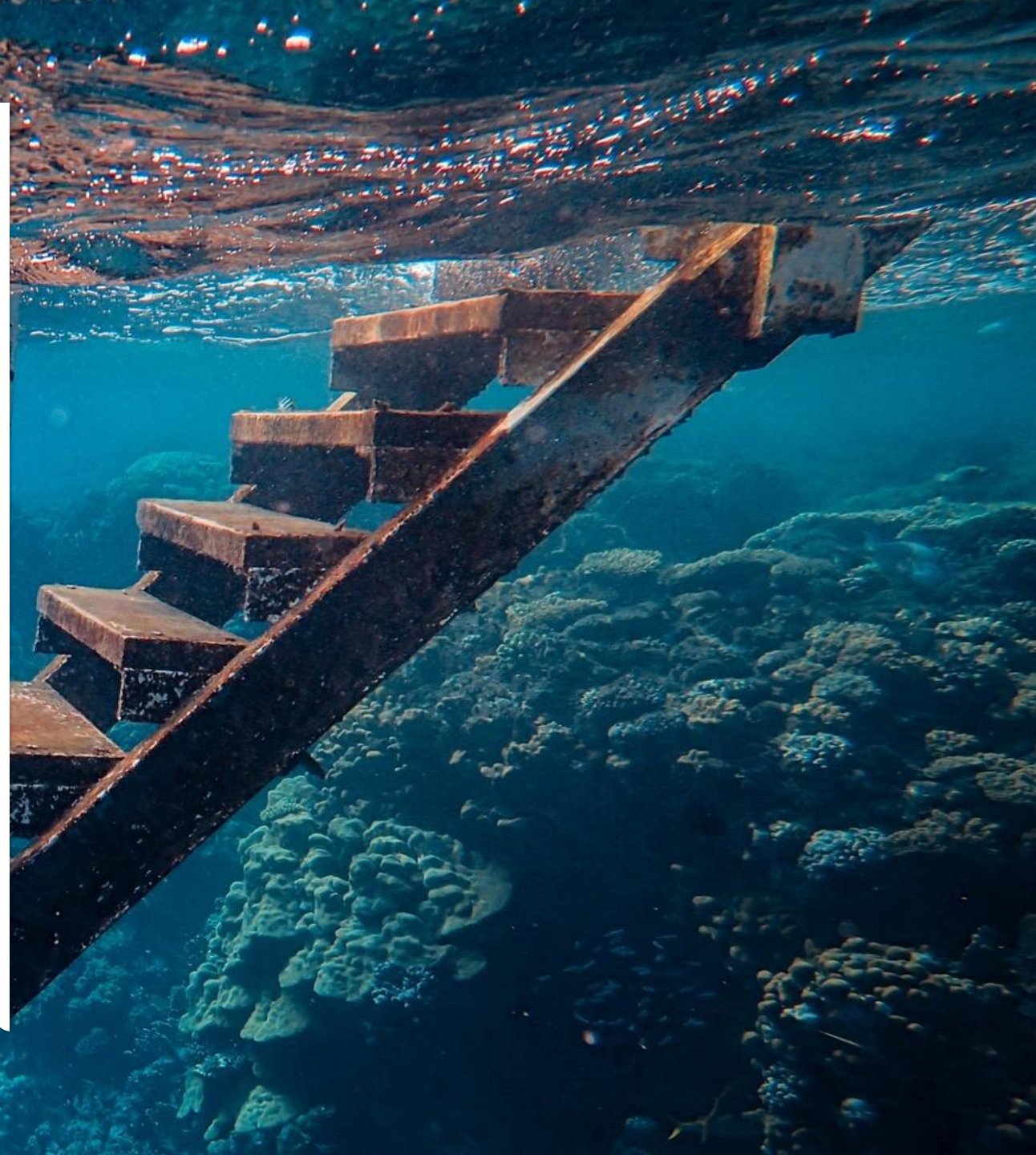
ROMANS 2:1 (NIV)

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*



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WHAT MAKES A SACRIFICE?



An underwater scene featuring a wooden staircase that descends from the surface towards a coral reef. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through the surface, creating shimmering patterns. The staircase is made of dark wood and is partially submerged. The coral reef below is covered in various types of coral, including branching and table corals.

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16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are **not to do** whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

GALATIANS 5:16-21



18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own,** 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20



37“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 10:37



1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

1 JOHN 4:1-3



15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

1 JOHN 3:15



1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

JAMES 4:1-2



3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4



2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgement on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 **Who are you to pass judgement on the servant of another?** It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honour of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honour of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains **in honour of the Lord and gives thanks to God.**

ROMANS 14:1-4, 6



And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:18



22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

GALATIANS 5:22-24



“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:13-14



2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

ROMANS 12: 2

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WE LIVE NOT IN PERFECTION, BUT
IN REDEMPTION.

