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# *Deep Truths*

A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

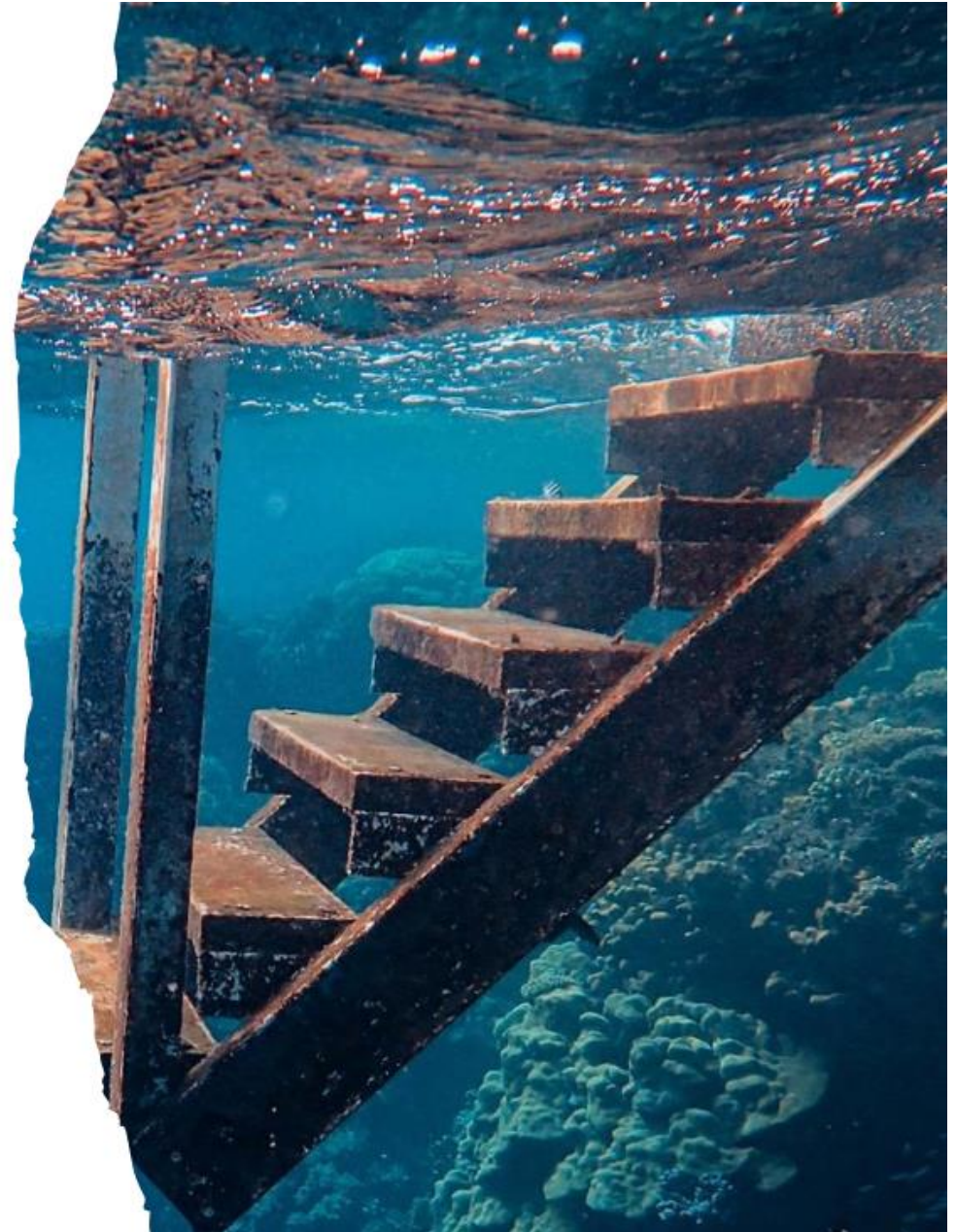
*Love in Action*

Romans 12:9-21

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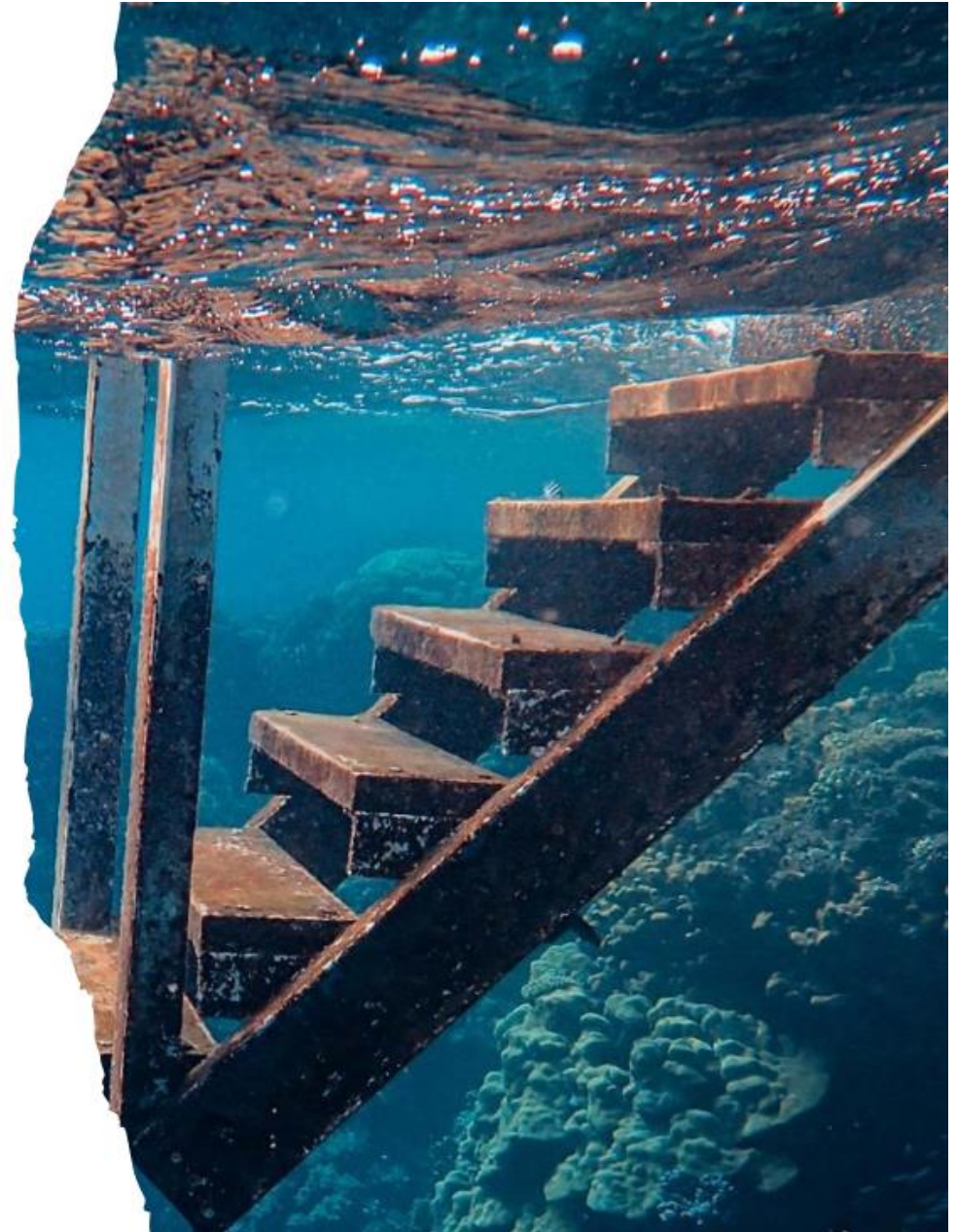
<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.



<sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

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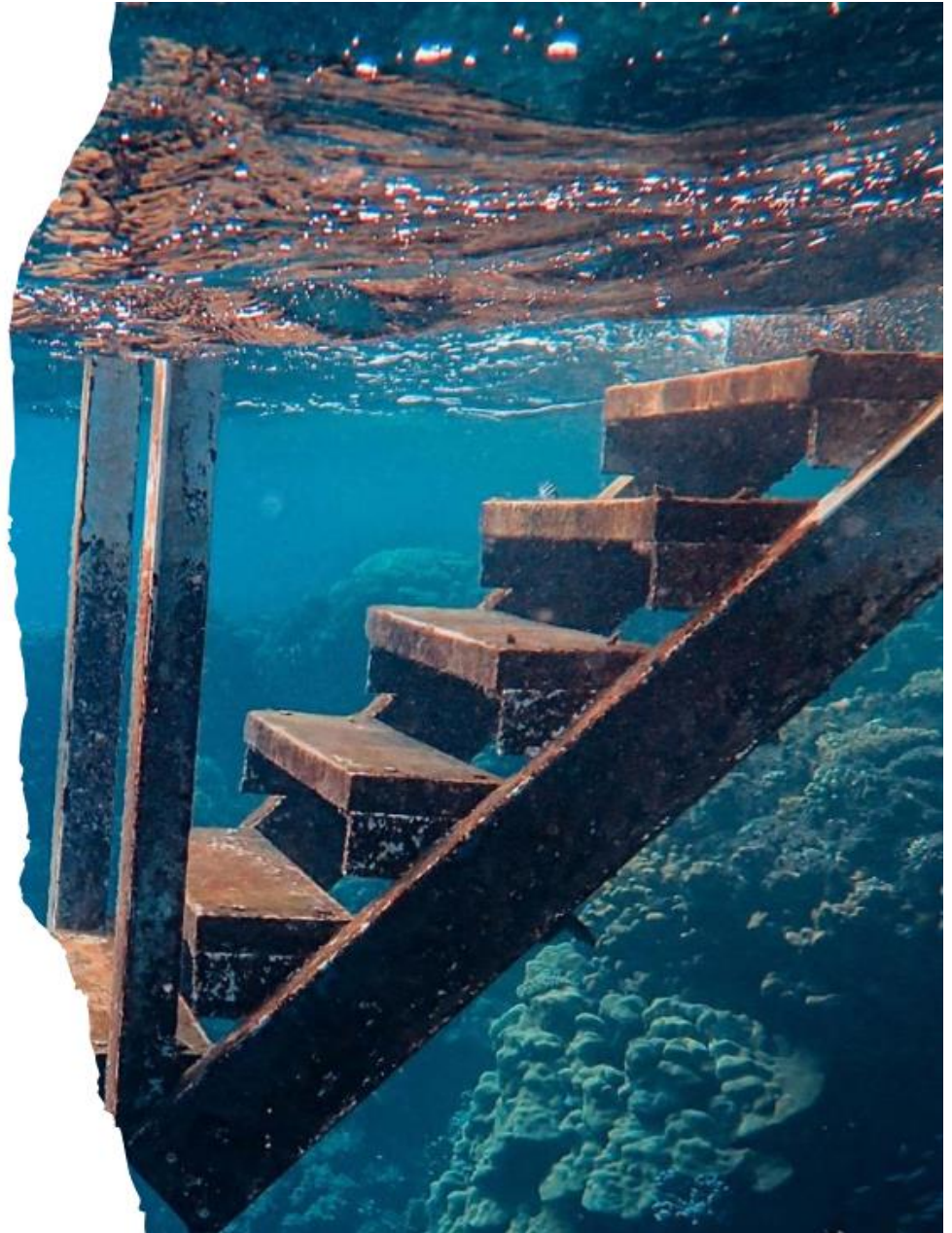
<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.



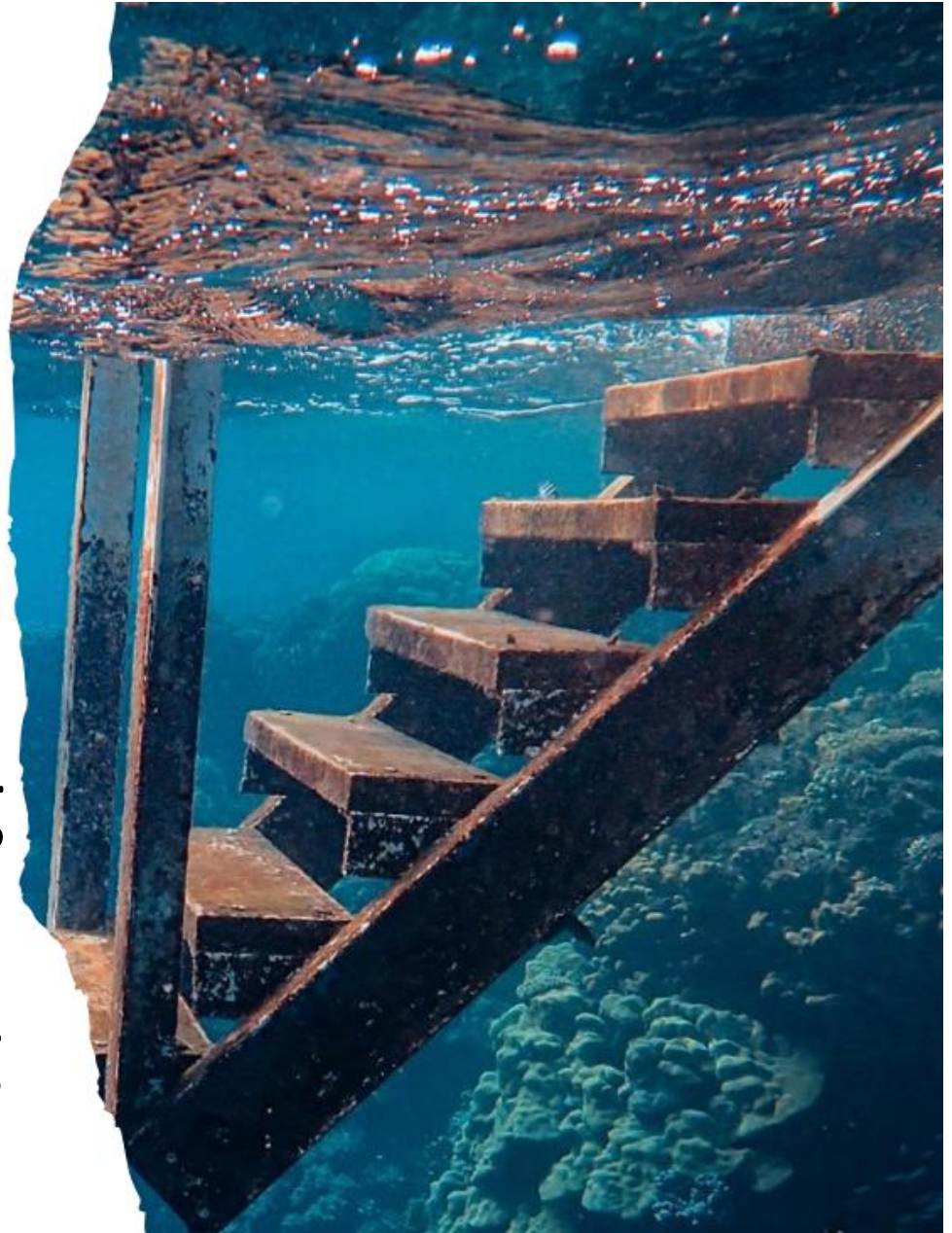


<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

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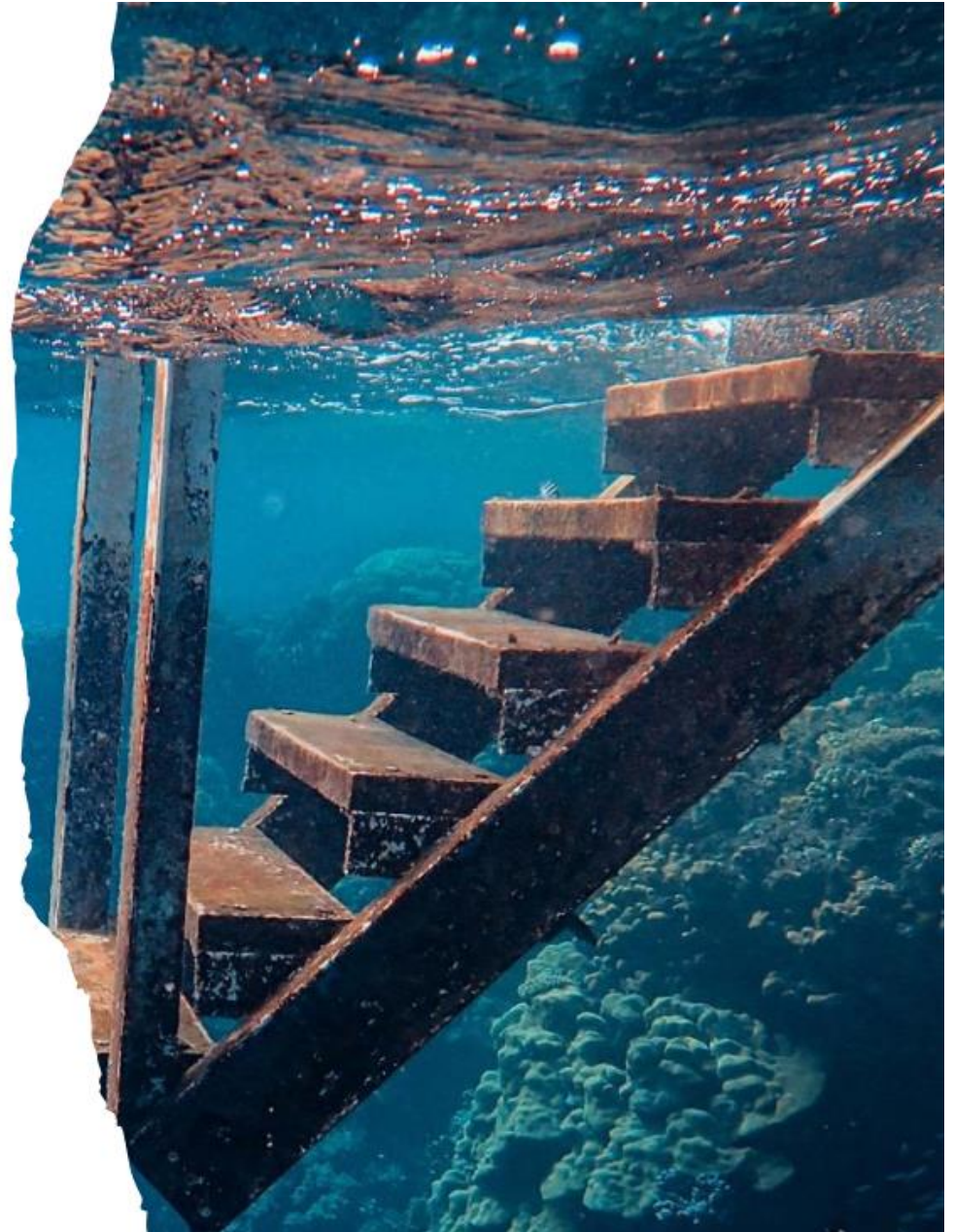


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21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.





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Romans 12:9

*Love must be sincere...*





A person is walking away from the camera through a field of white flowers. In the background, there are mountains under a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Love must be sincere.  
Hate what is evil;  
cling to what is good.

Romans 12:9




Romans 12:10

*Be devoted to one another in  
love...*






A vibrant field of flowers, likely Gaillardias, in shades of red, orange, and yellow, set against a bright, hazy sky. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. A central text box is overlaid on the image.

**HONOR ONE ANOTHER  
ABOVE YOURSELVES.**  
Romans 12:10b NIV




The background of the image is a blue-tinted photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, there is a valley with some fields and a small stream. The mountains in the background are rugged and have some snow or light-colored patches on their peaks. The overall tone is serene and majestic.

Never be lacking in zeal,  
but keep your spiritual  
fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 NIV



A serene landscape featuring a mountain range under a sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow-orange circle, partially obscured by a thin horizontal line, positioned in the upper left quadrant. The mountains are silhouetted against the soft, pinkish-purple and blue hues of the twilight sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,  
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION,  
FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.

ROMANS 12:12

**Share with  
the Lord's people  
who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.**

**Romans 12:13**



A vibrant, colorful background of a crowd celebrating with raised hands and confetti. The scene is filled with bright, saturated colors like pink, blue, and yellow, suggesting a festive or joyful event. Many hands are raised in the air, some holding small objects or confetti. The overall atmosphere is one of excitement and shared happiness.

**REJOICE WITH THOSE  
WHO REJOICE**

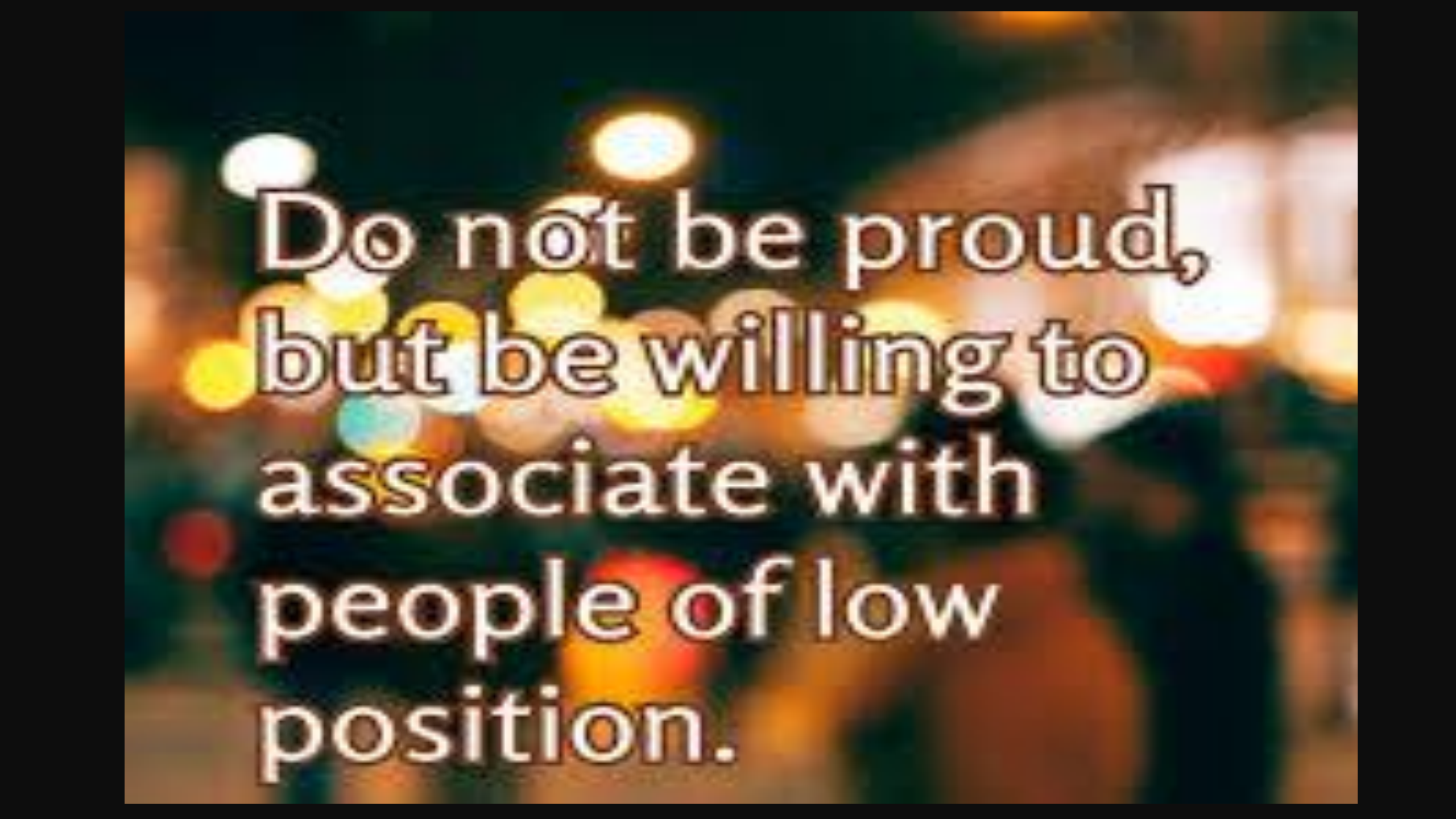


MOURN WITH  
THOSE WHO  
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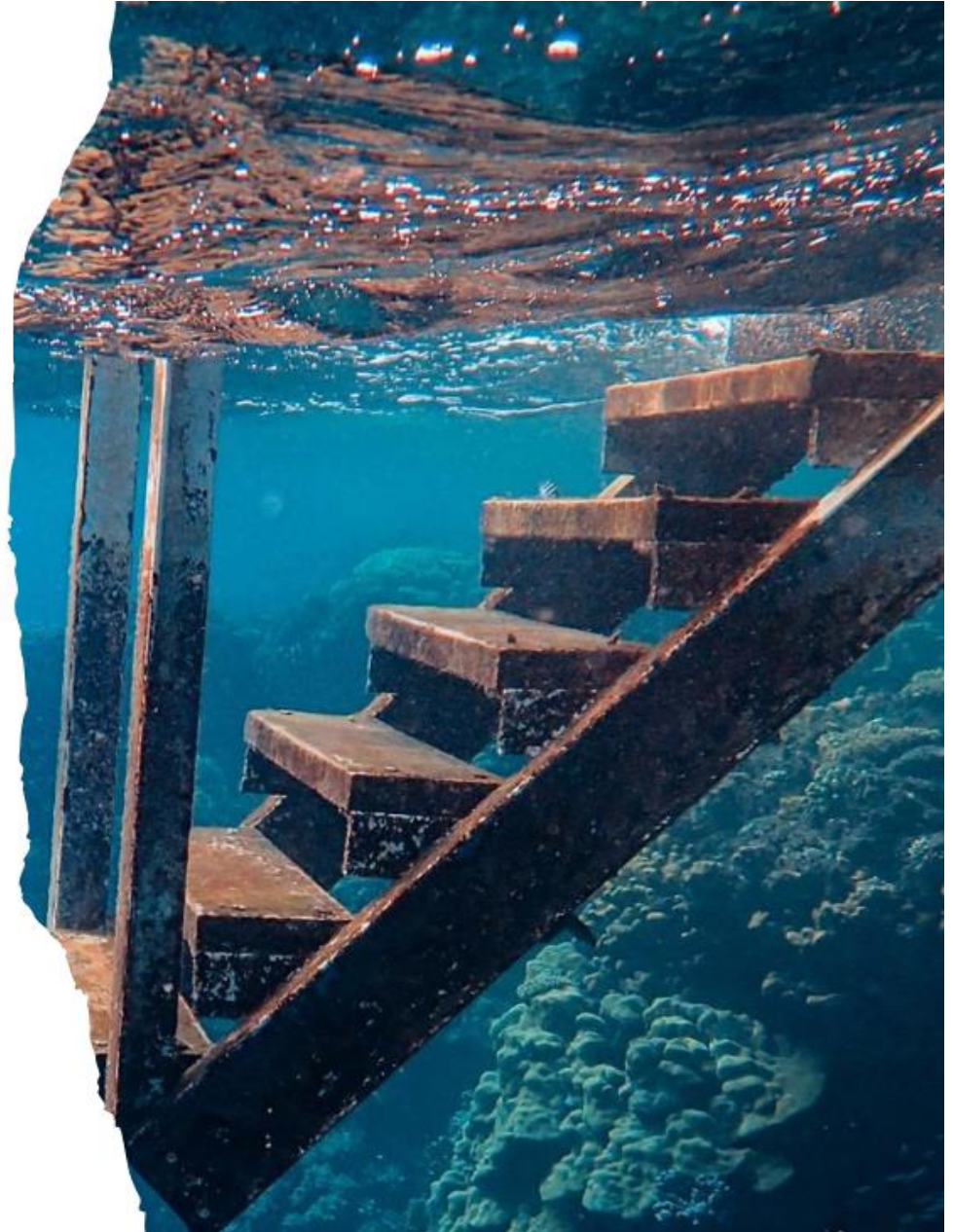
**DO NOT BE CONCEITED.**

**- ROMANS 12:16**



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Look at my family background.





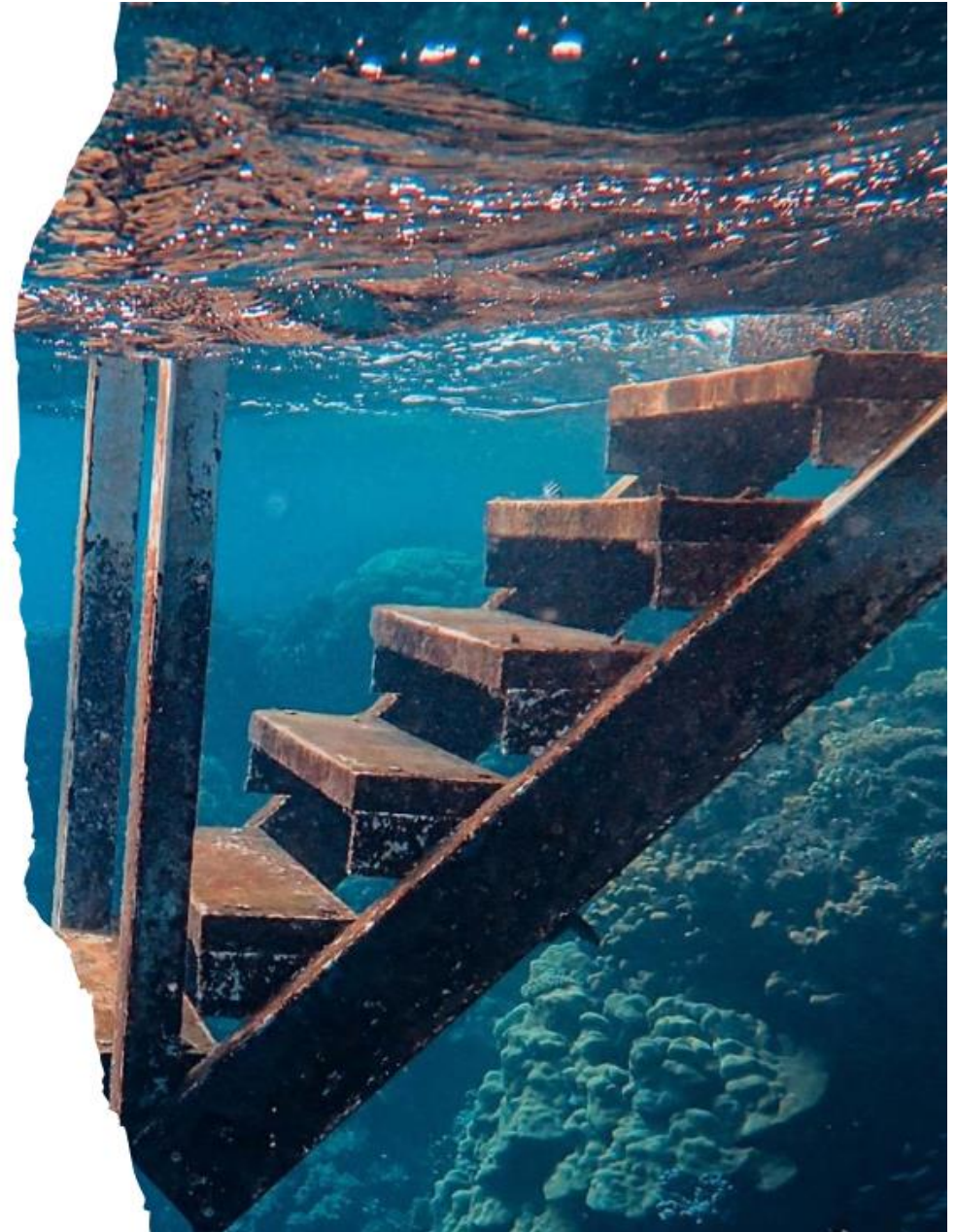
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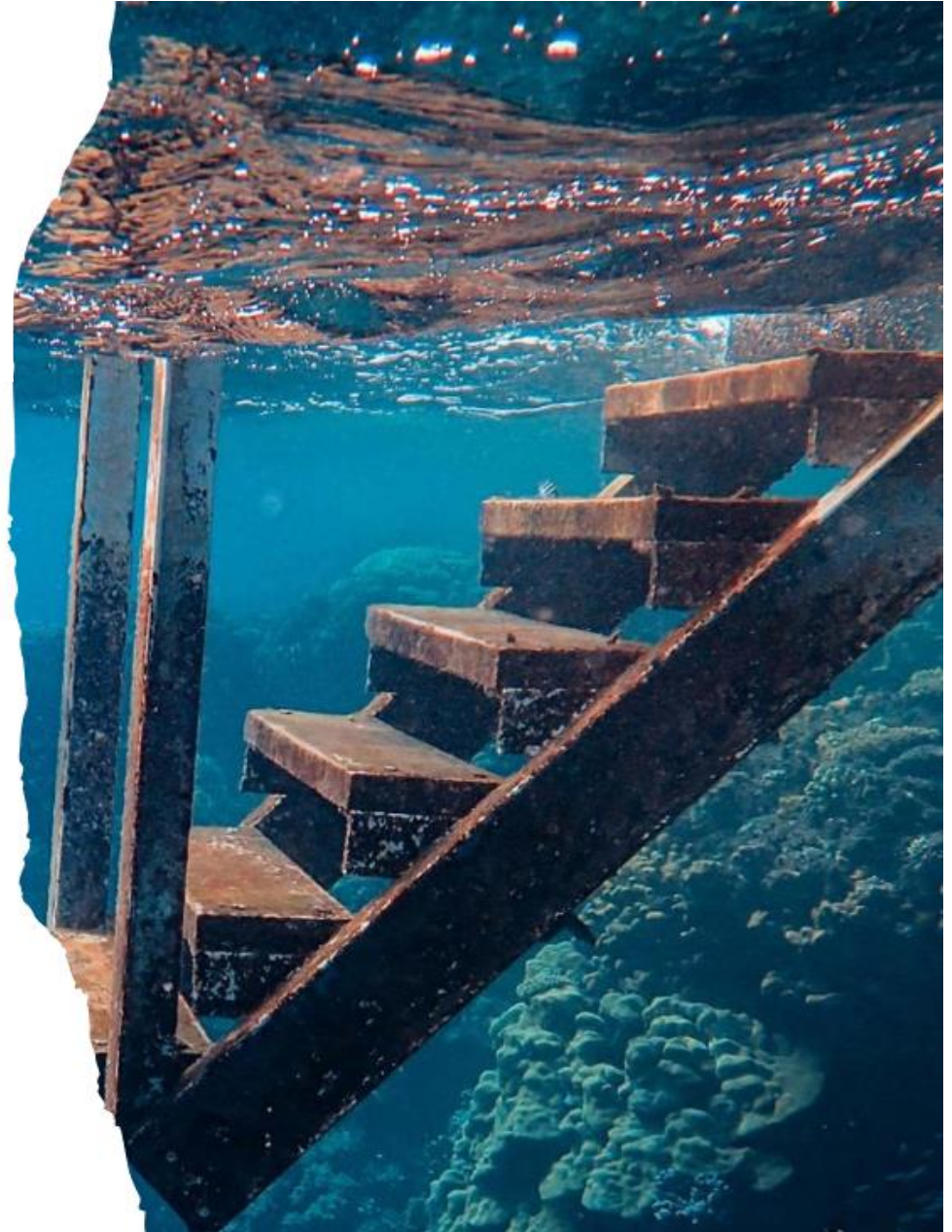
Isn't this the carpenter's son?

[Matthew 13:55]



Pride says:

Look at what I own.





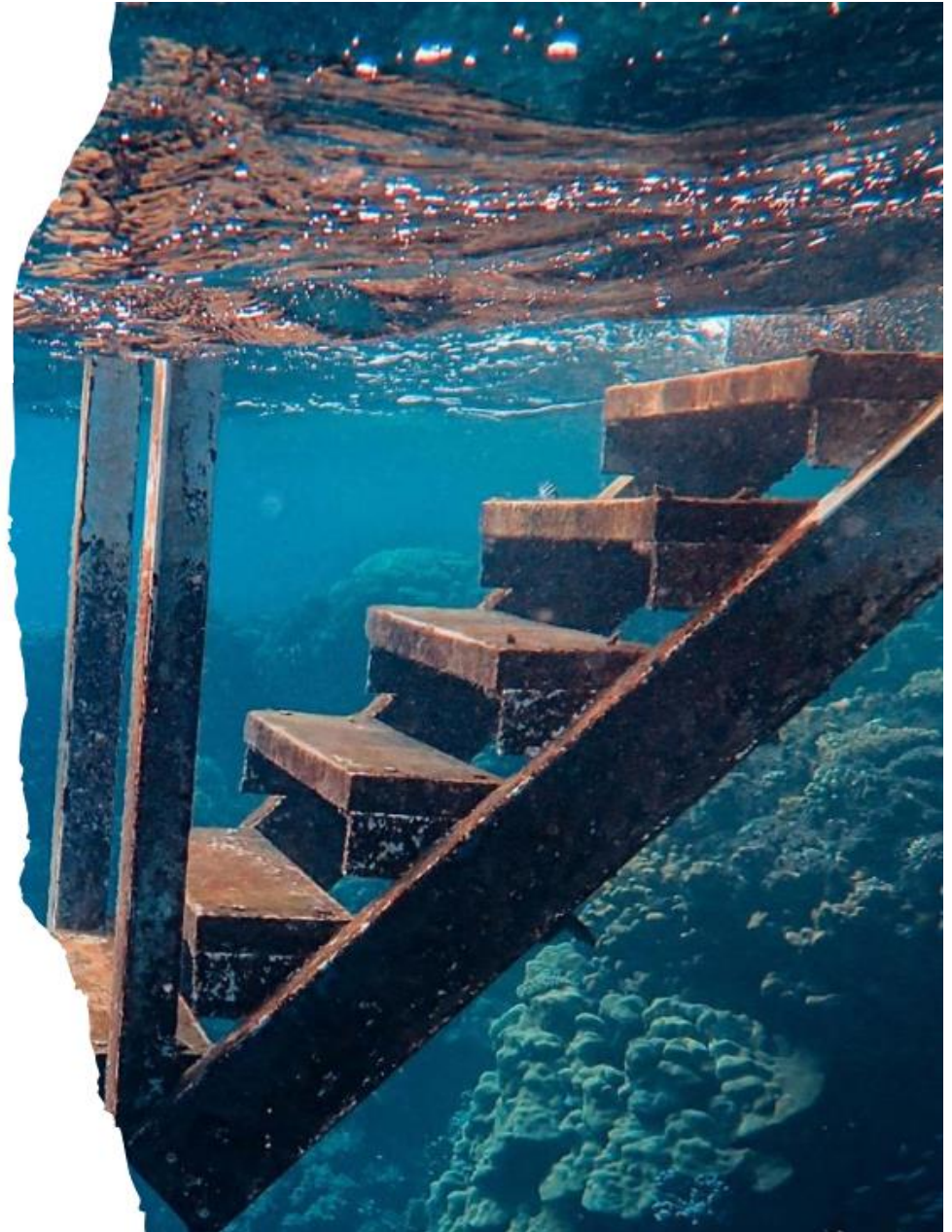
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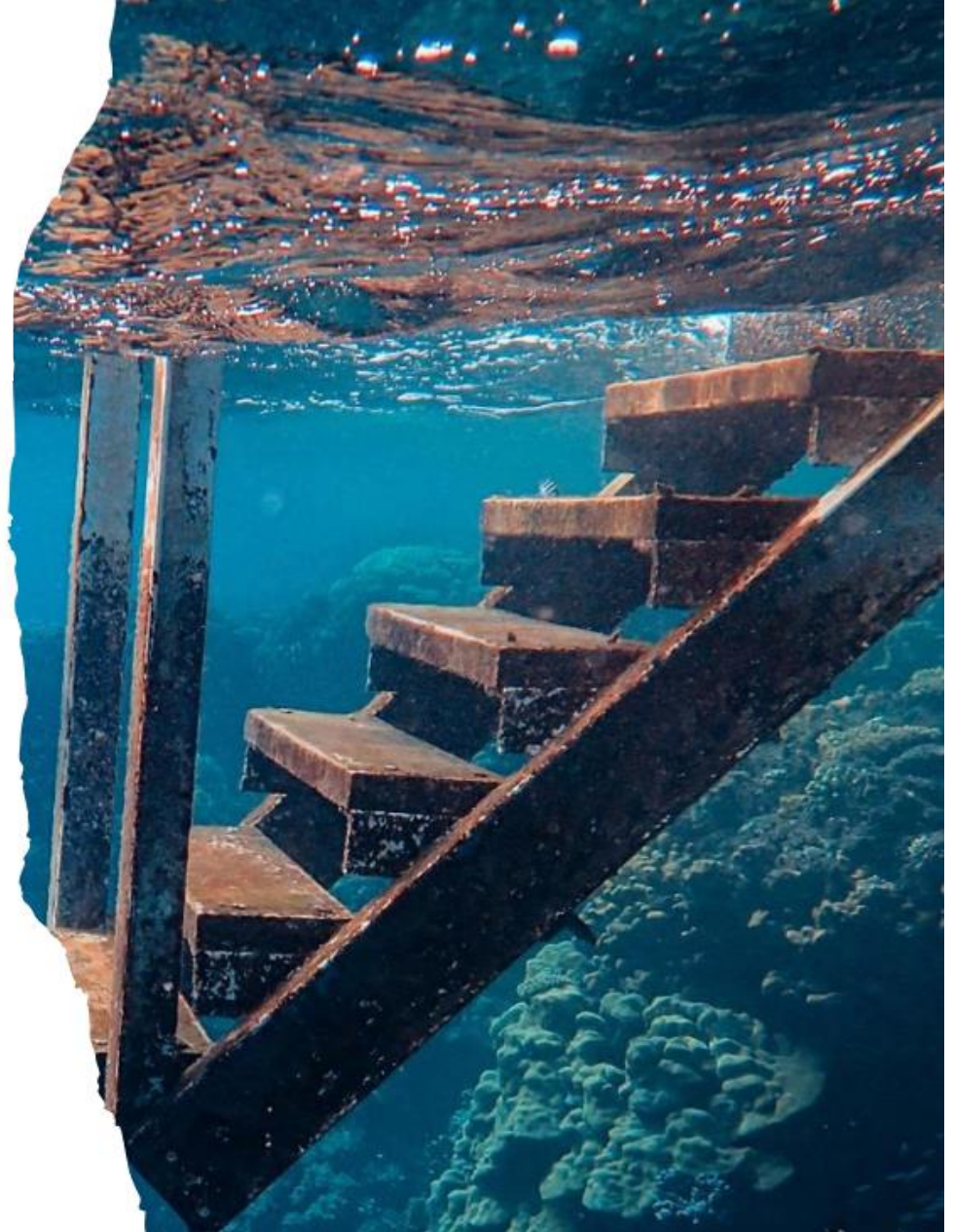
The Son of Man has no place  
to lay his head.

[Luke 9:58]



Pride says:

Look at my appearance.





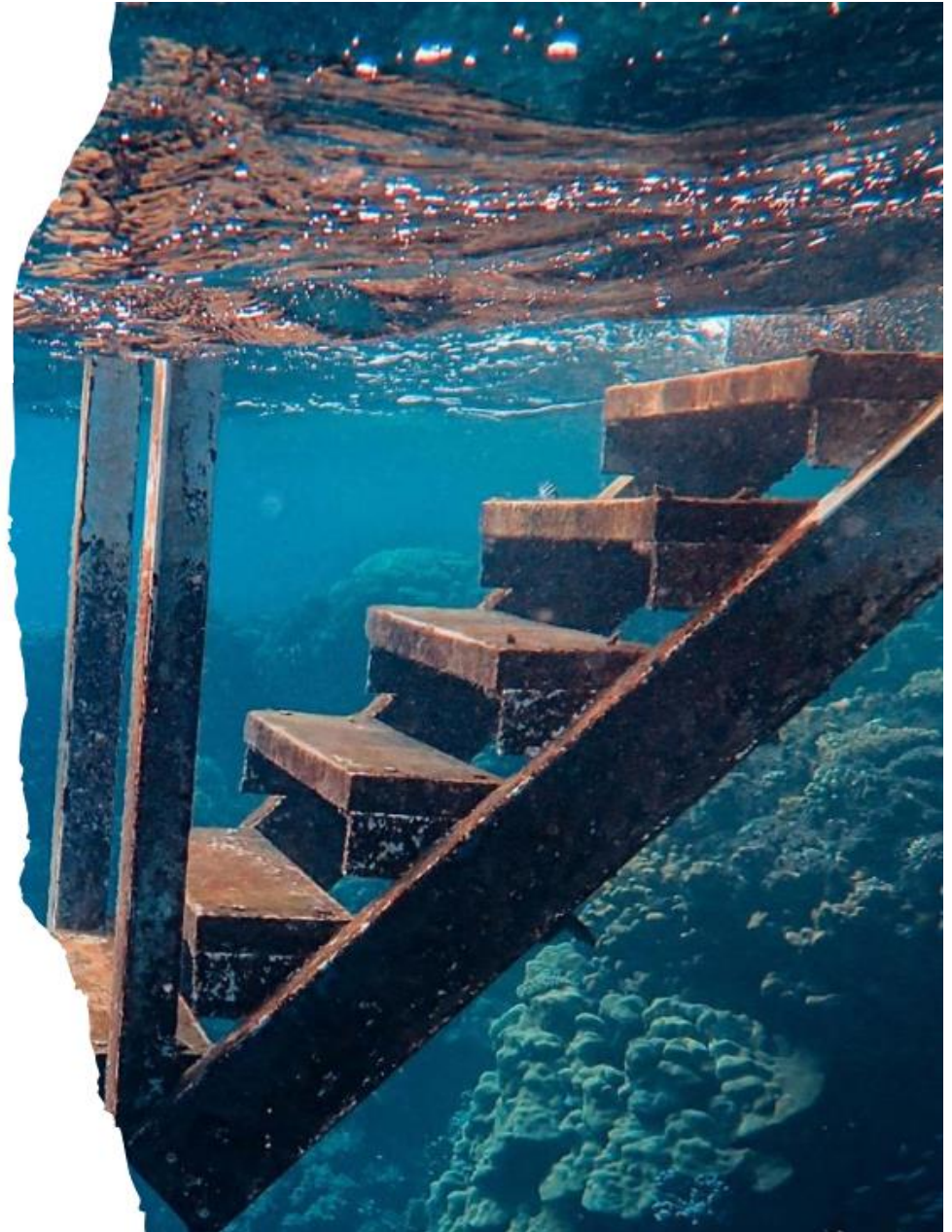
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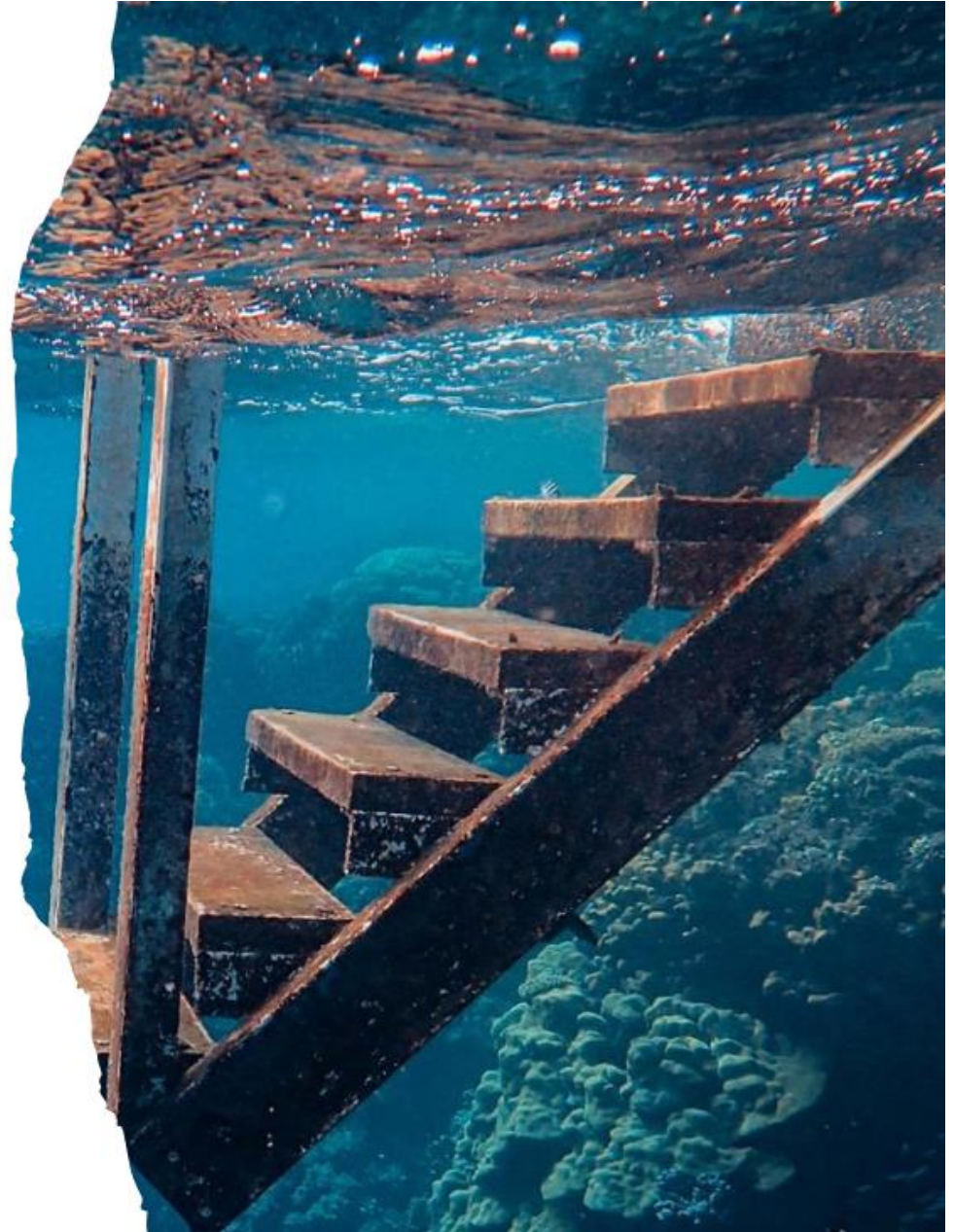
He had no beauty or majesty  
to attract us to him.

[Isaiah 53:2]



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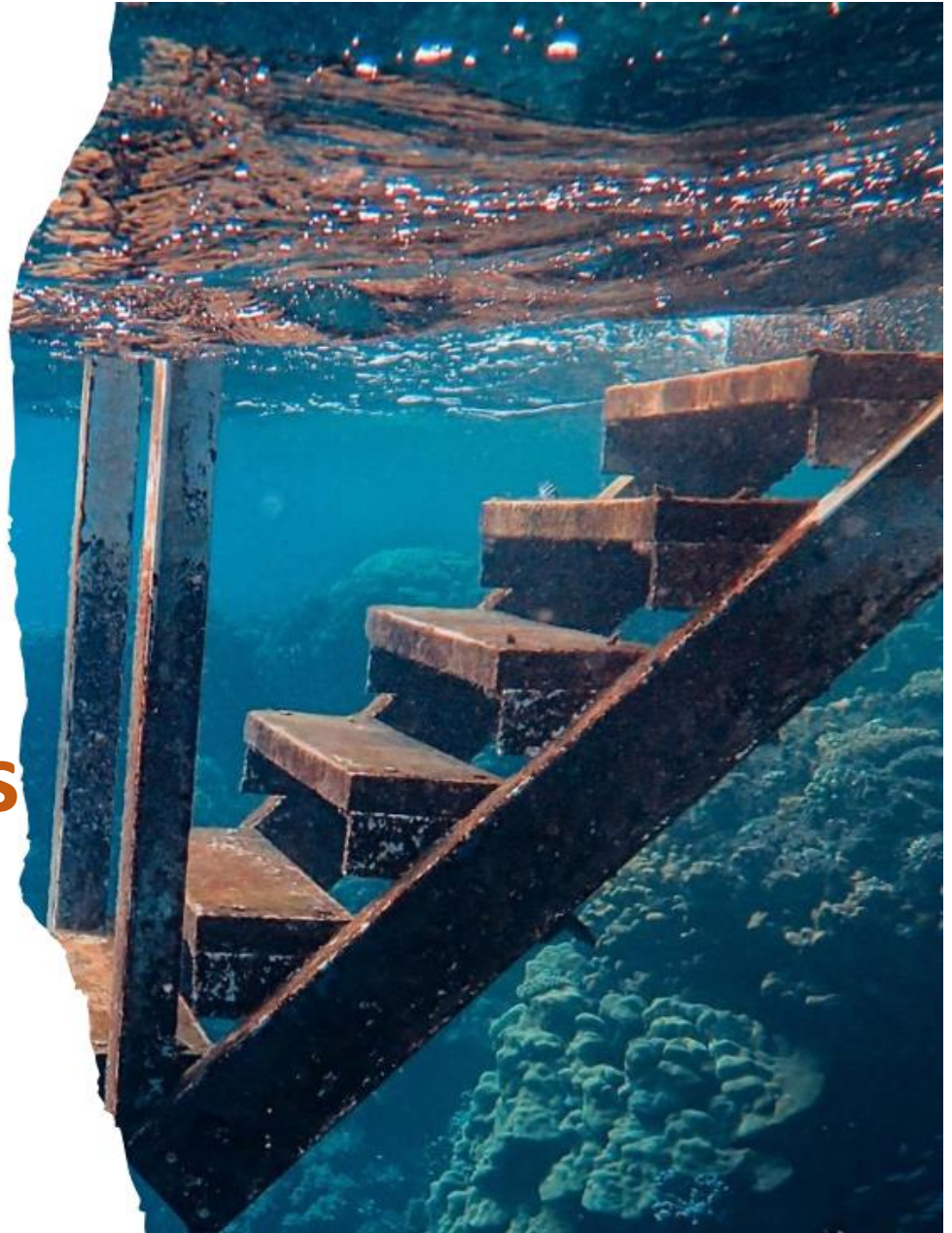
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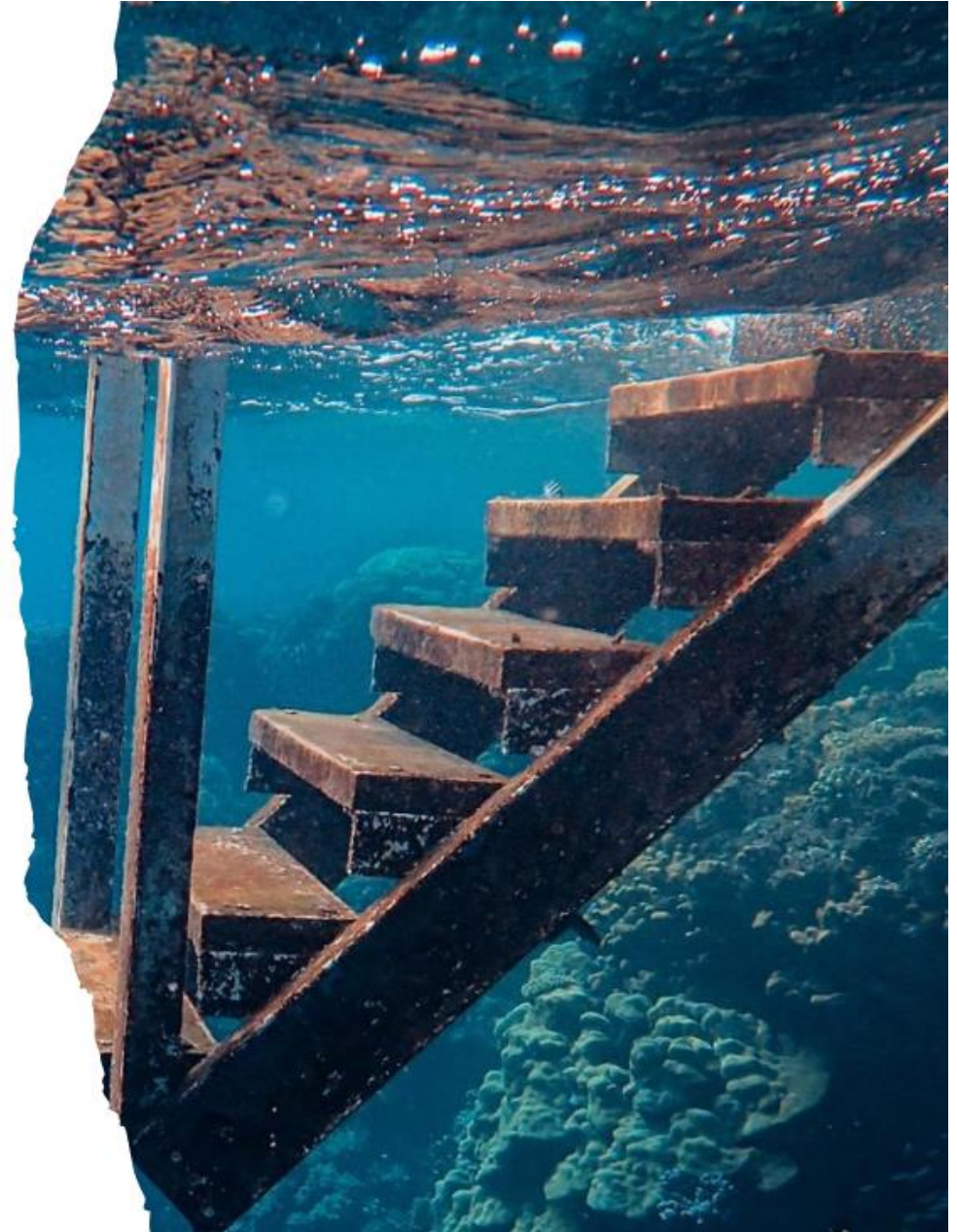
The Bible says this of Jesus:

He was a friend of tax collectors  
and sinners.

[Luke 7:34]



Pride says:  
Look at how many people  
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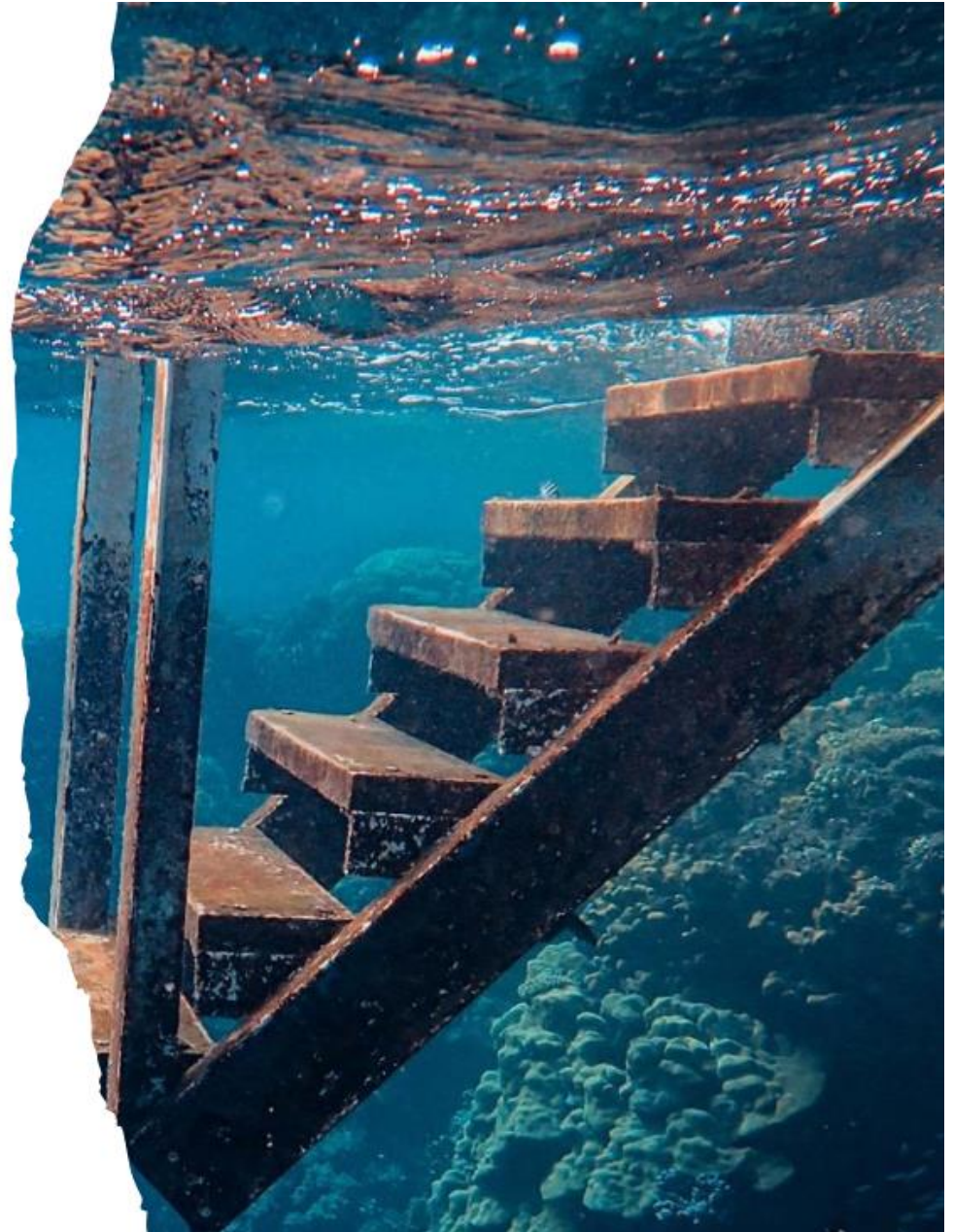
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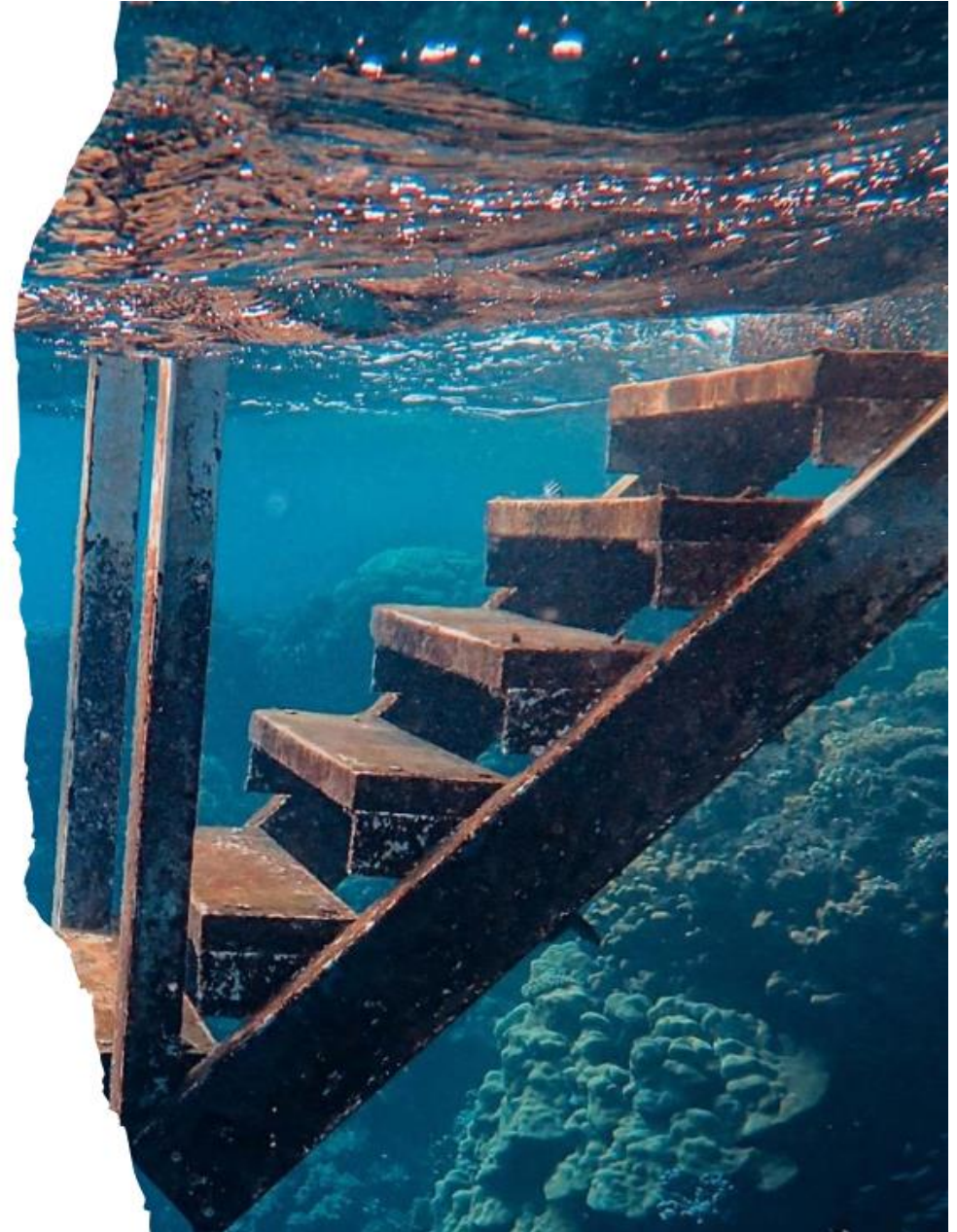
I am among you as one who  
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[Luke 22:27]



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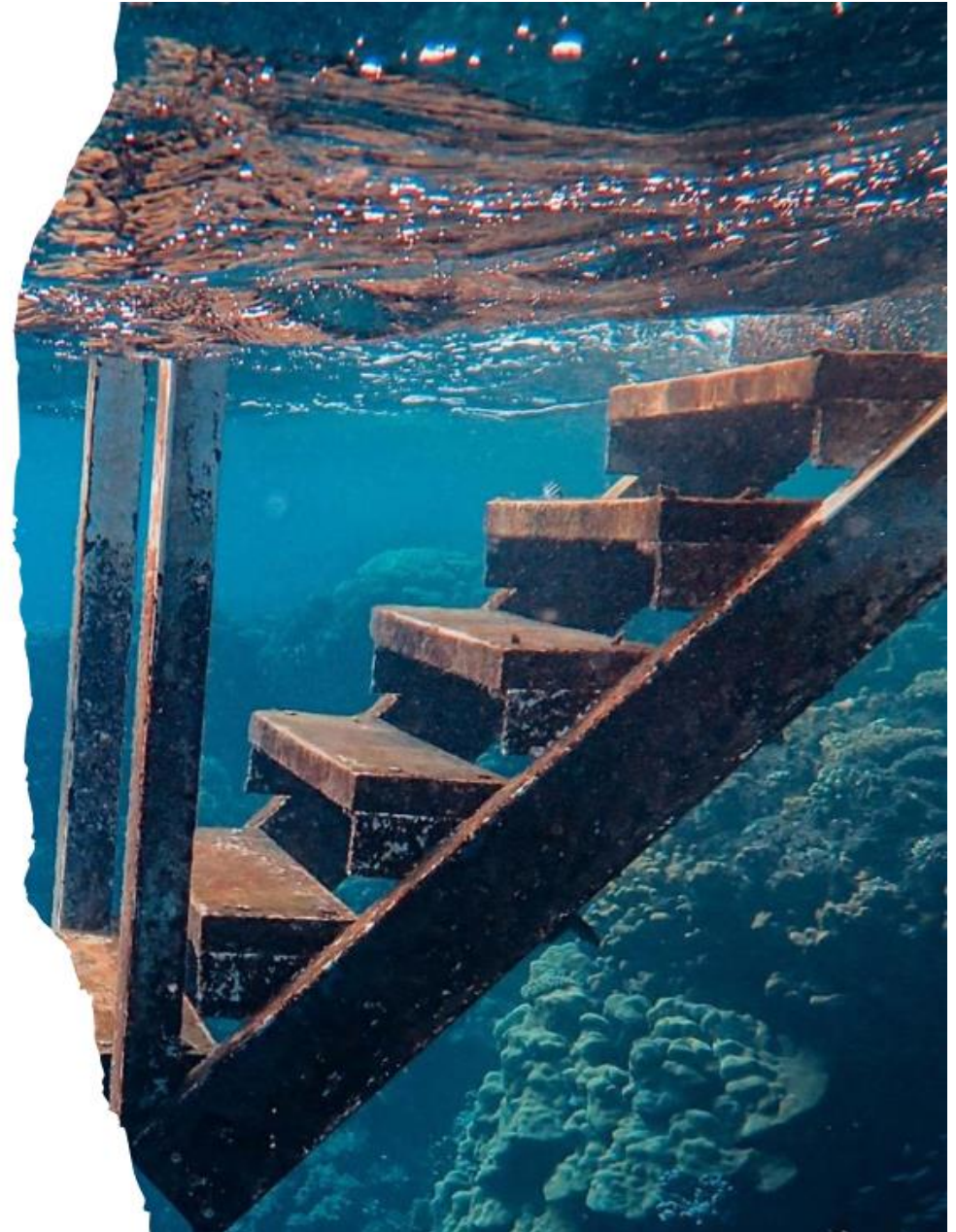
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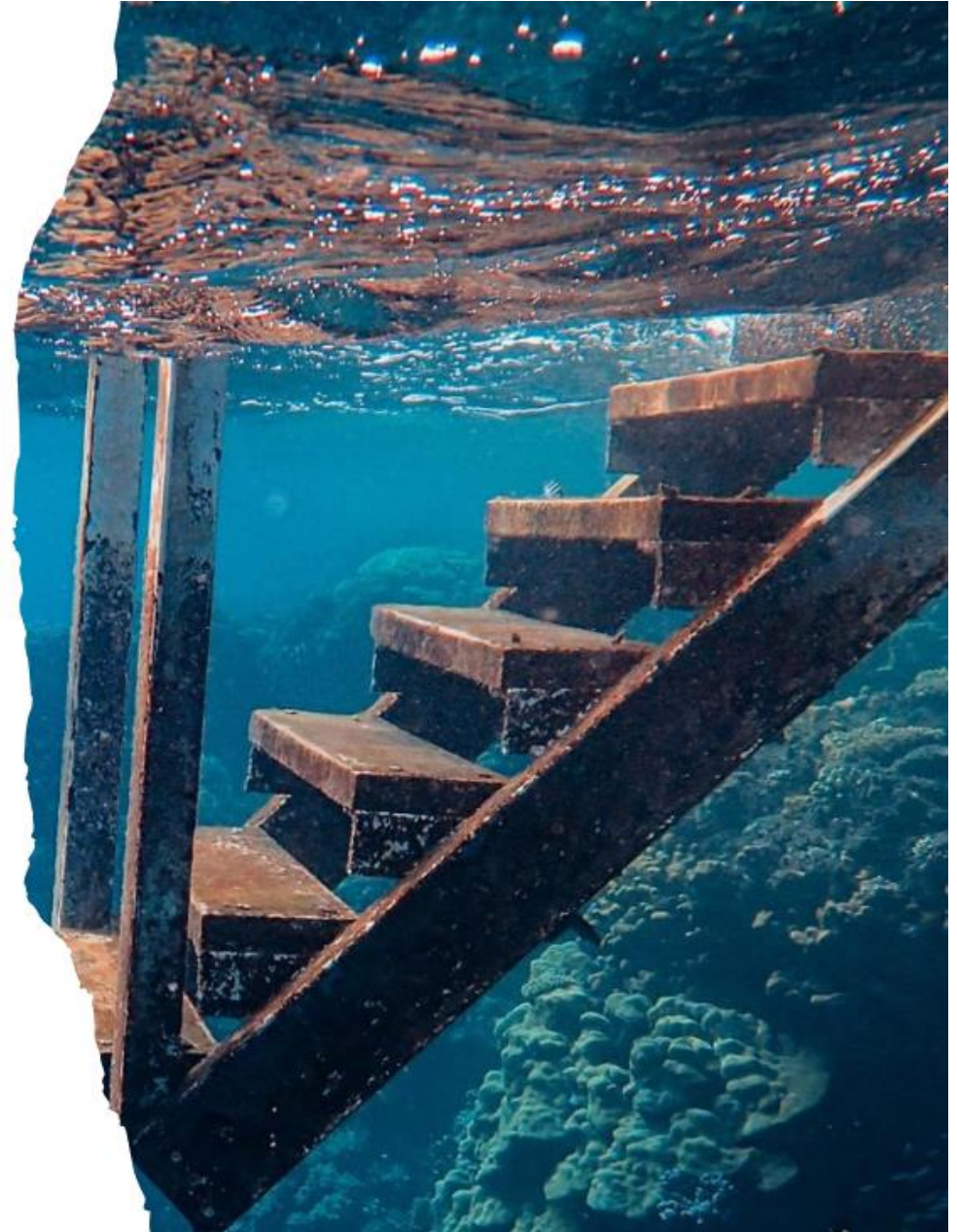
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He was despised and rejected  
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[John 5:30]



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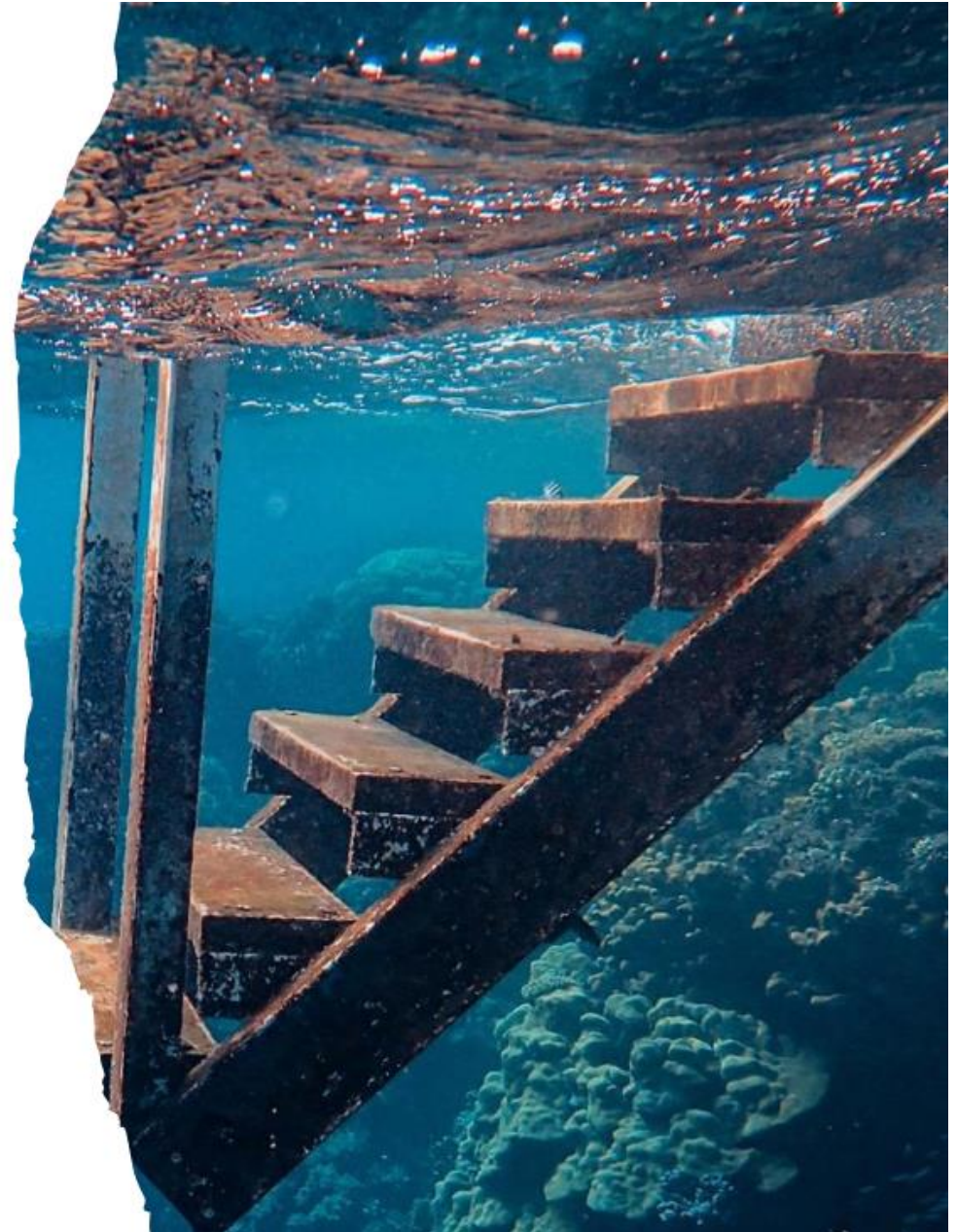
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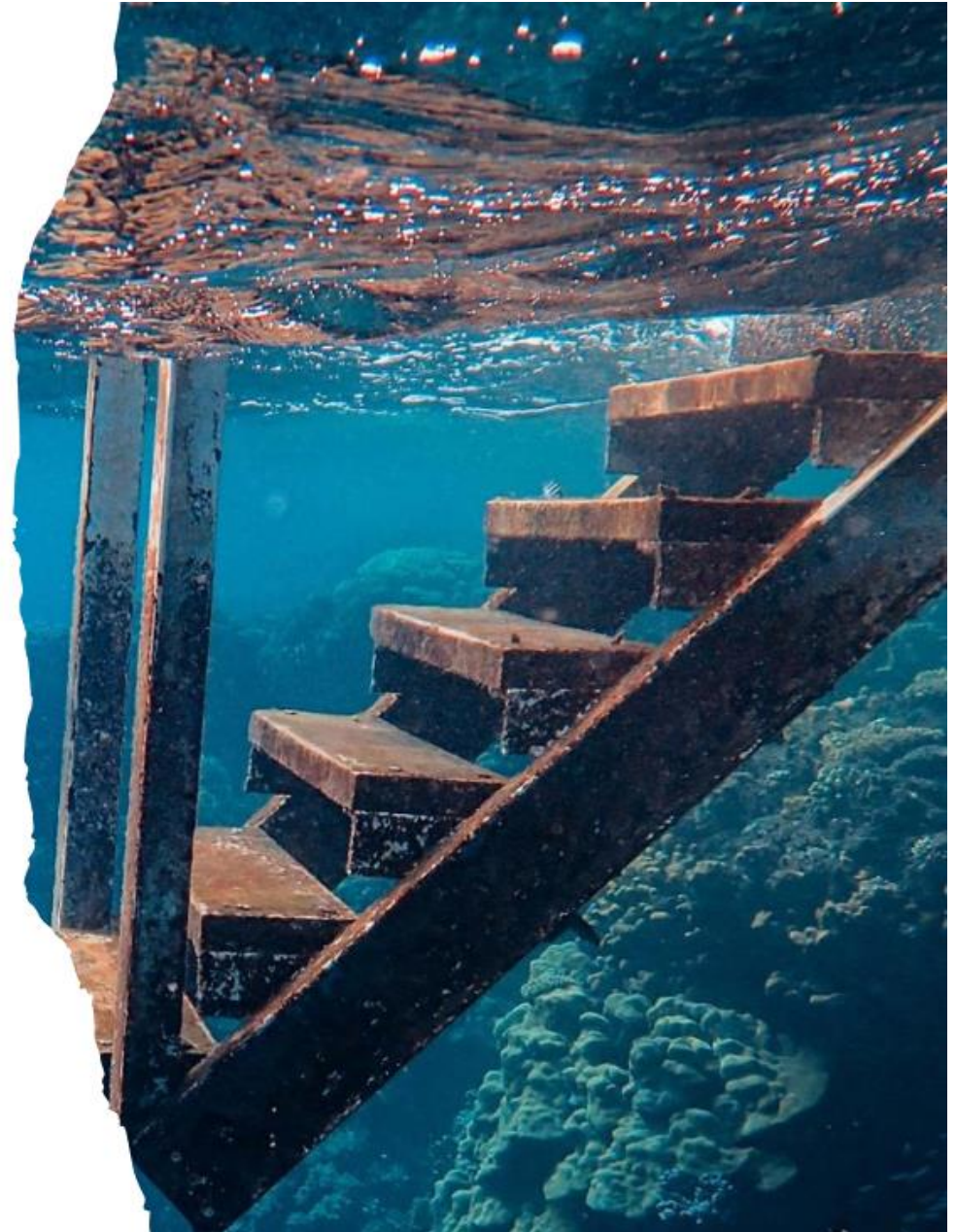
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By myself I can do nothing.

[John 5:30]



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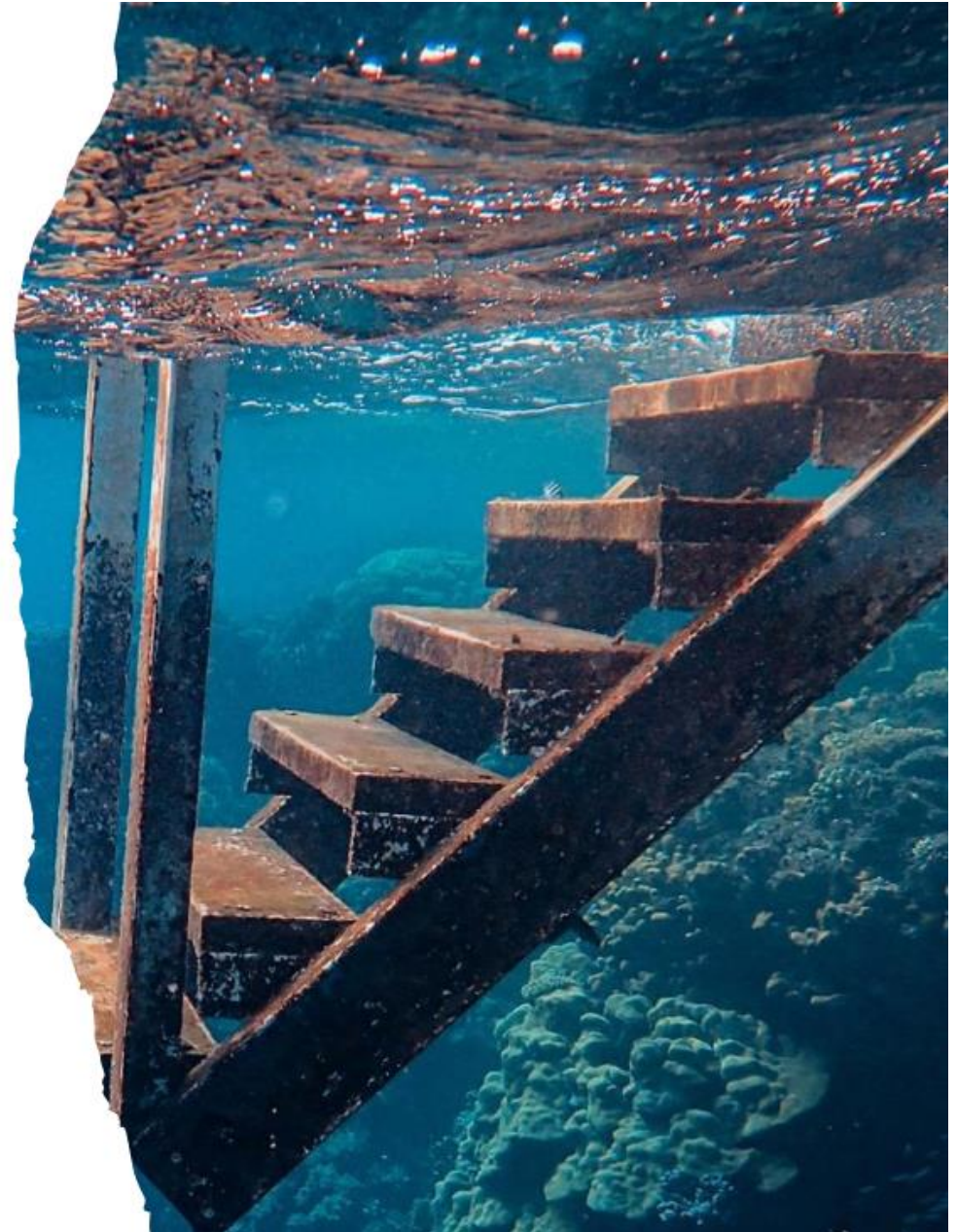
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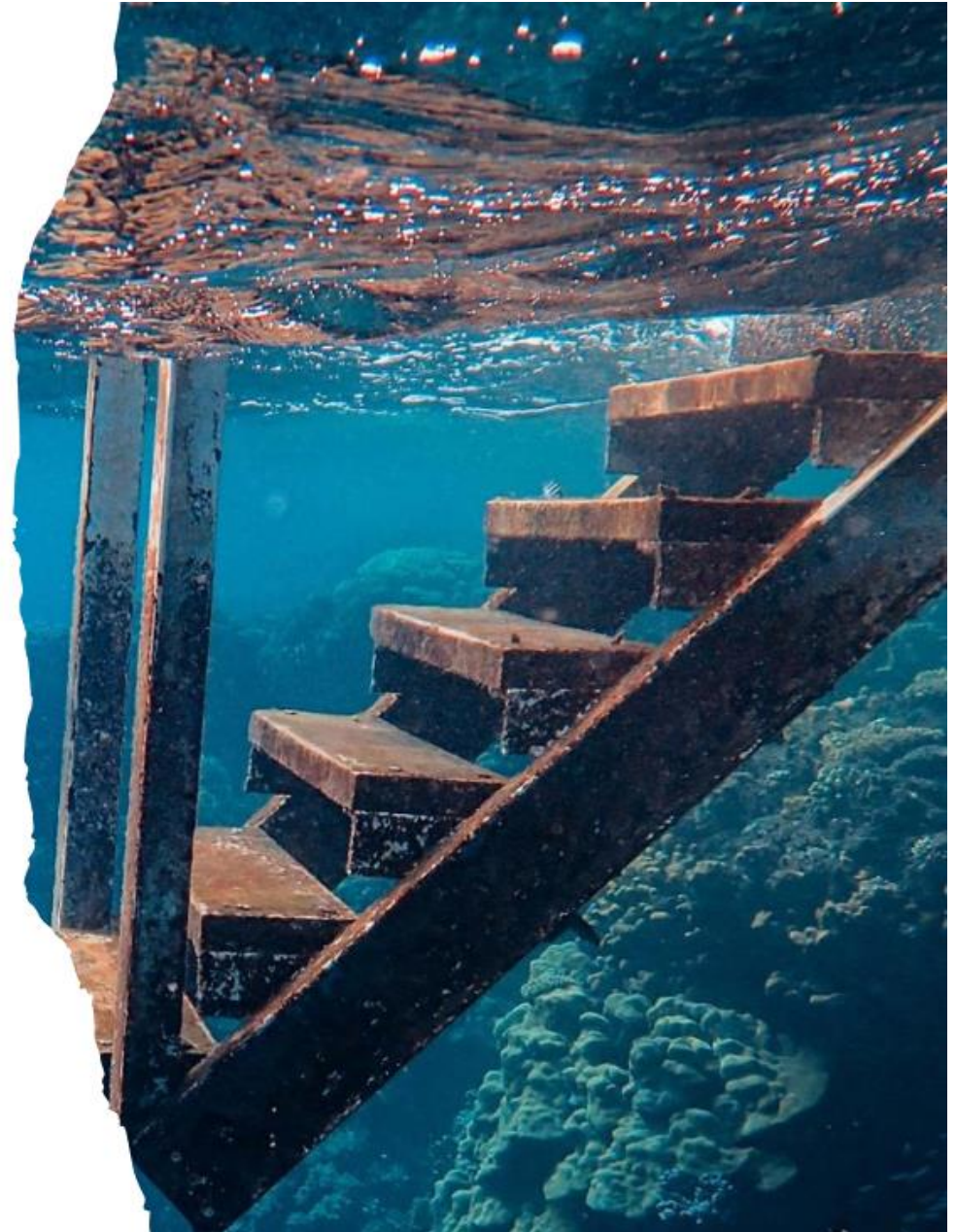
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I seek not to please myself but  
him who sent me.

[John 5:30]



Pride says:  
Look how capable I am.





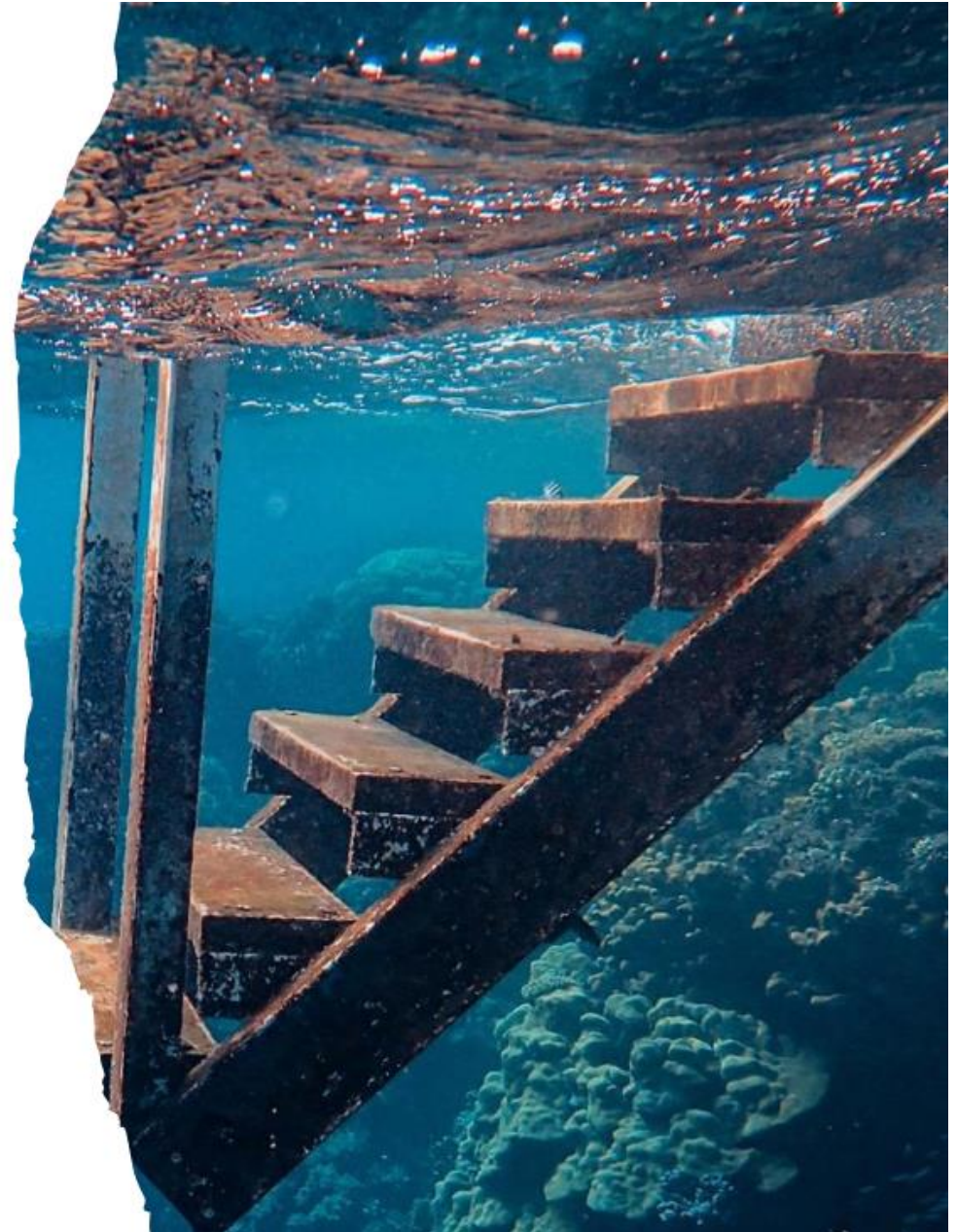
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The Bible says this of Jesus:

I do nothing on my own but  
speak just what the Father  
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[John 8:28]



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**Romans 12:14**





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Mitsuo Fuchida



What happens when our brother or sister fall well short of this standard?

