

An underwater photograph showing a wooden staircase descending from the surface into a clear blue sea. The water is filled with light reflections and bubbles. At the bottom of the frame, a vibrant coral reef is visible. The text is overlaid on the middle of the image.

Deep Truths

A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

Romans 14:1-23

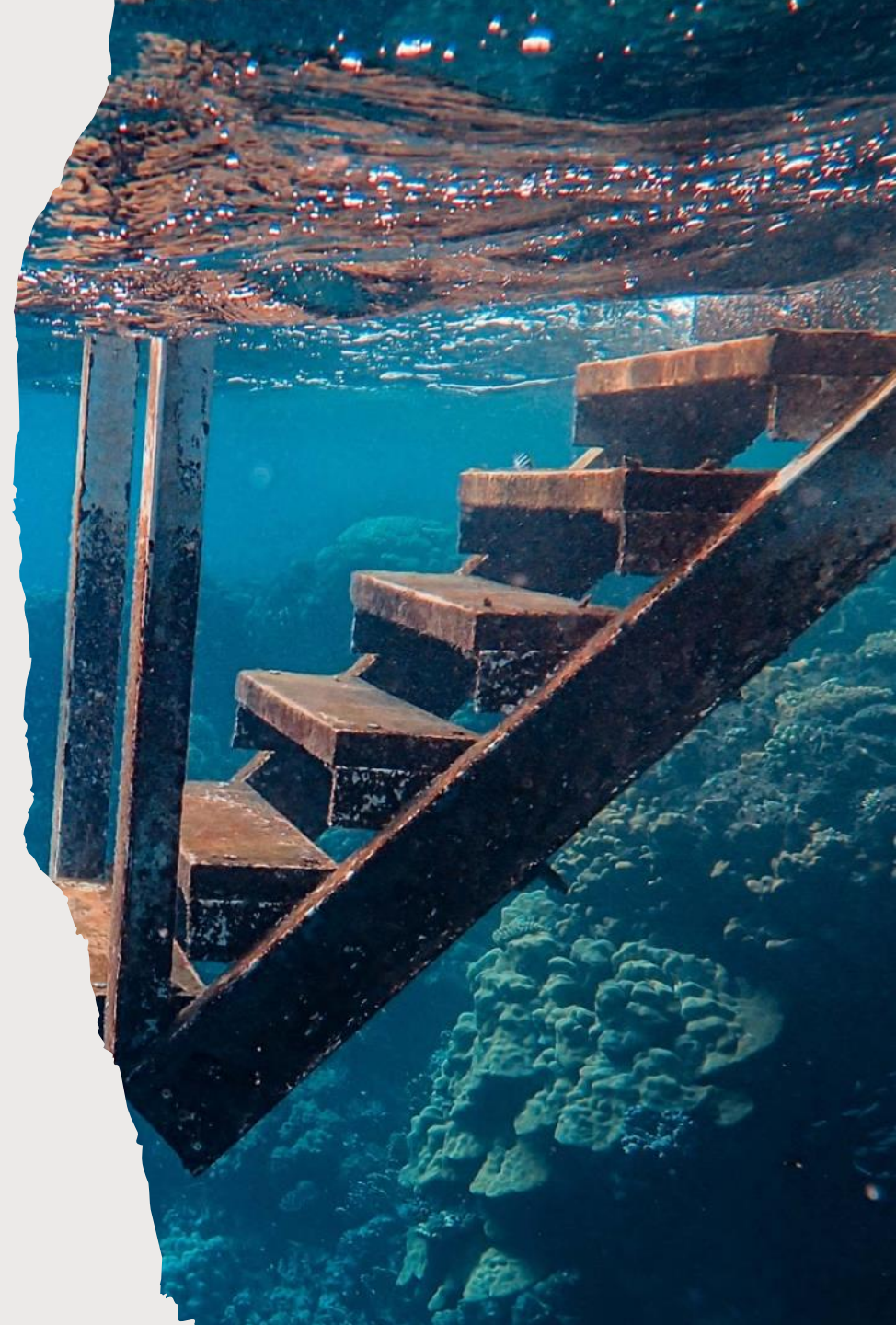
ON DISPUTABLE MATTERS

An underwater scene featuring a wooden staircase that descends from the surface towards a coral reef. The surface is covered with numerous small, glowing lights in shades of red, orange, and blue. The water is a deep, clear blue, and the coral reef below is vibrant and detailed.

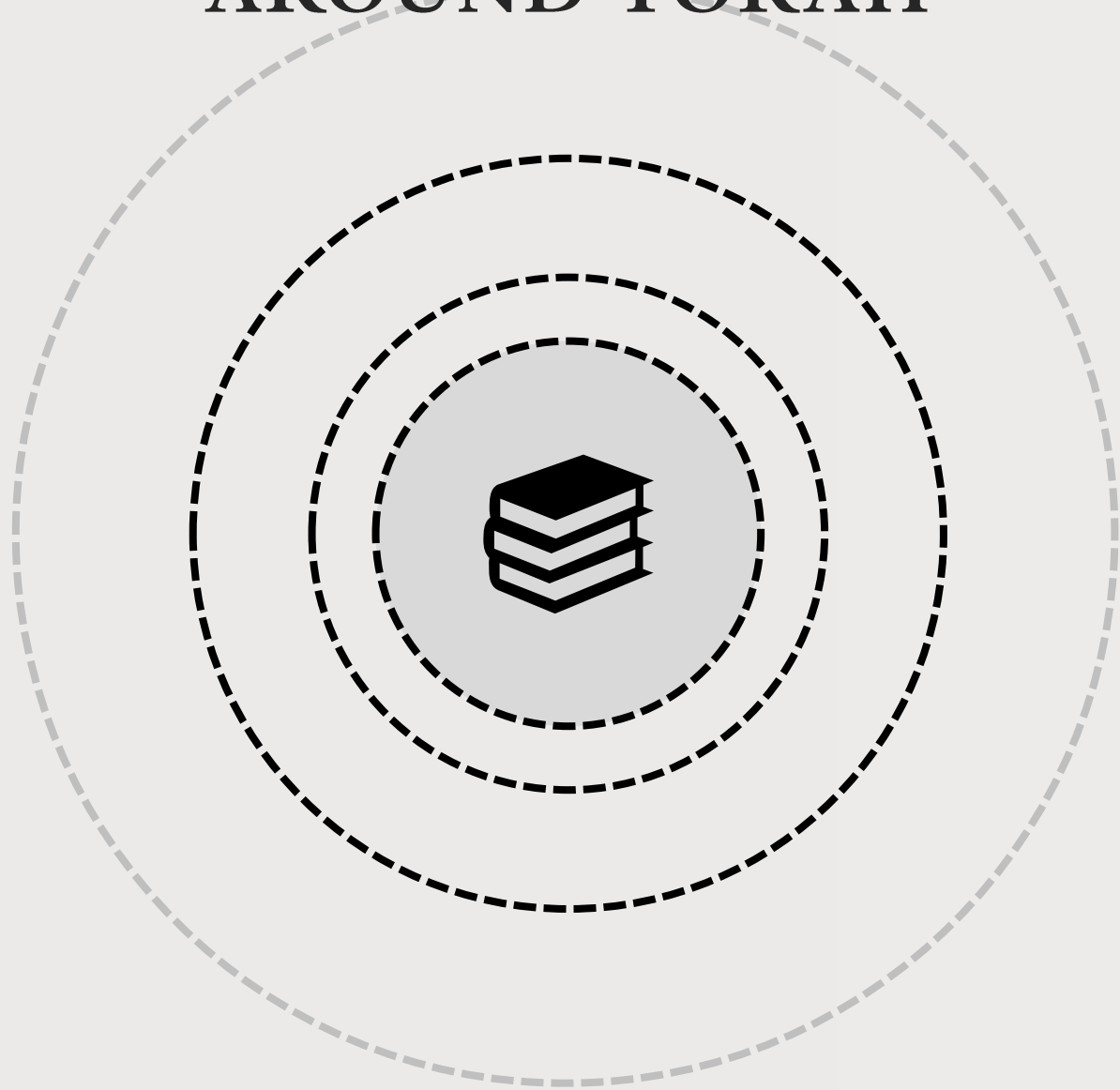
WHERE THERE IS DIVERSITY
THERE WILL BE
DISAGREEMENT

ROMANS 14:1-2

¹ Accept the one whose faith is *weak*, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is *weak*, eats only vegetables.



BUILDING A FENCE AROUND TORAH





DANIEL 1:8, 12

DANIEL IN BABYLON

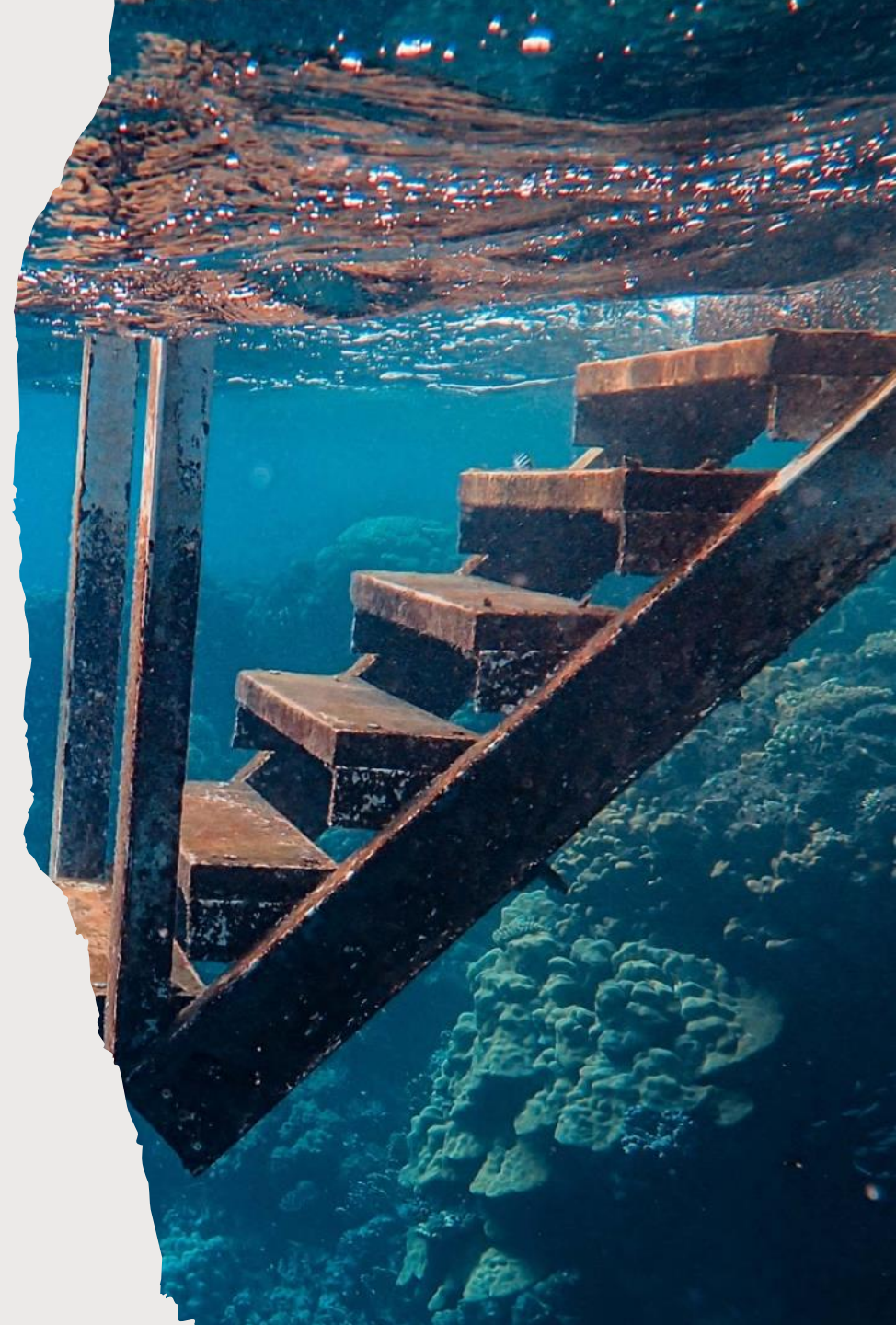
⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

¹² “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.”

ROMANS 14:3-4

³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant?

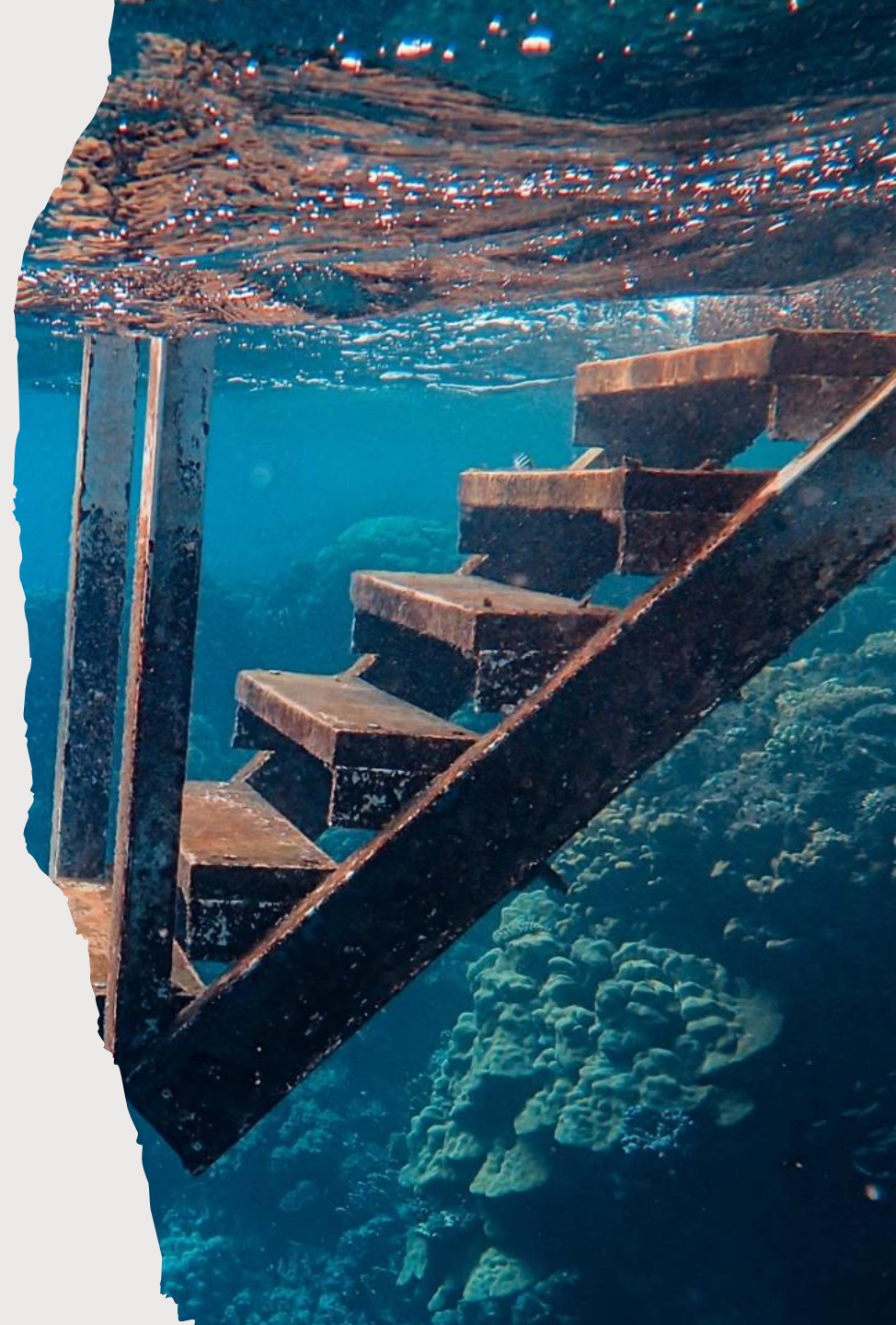
To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.



ROMANS 14:5-8

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. *Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.* ⁶

Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.



An underwater scene featuring a wooden staircase that descends from a boat's deck into the water. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from above. The boat's deck and railing are visible at the top of the frame, and the staircase leads down towards a coral reef at the bottom. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

ON DISPUTABLE MATTERS
WE DO WHAT WE DO TO
HONOUR GOD

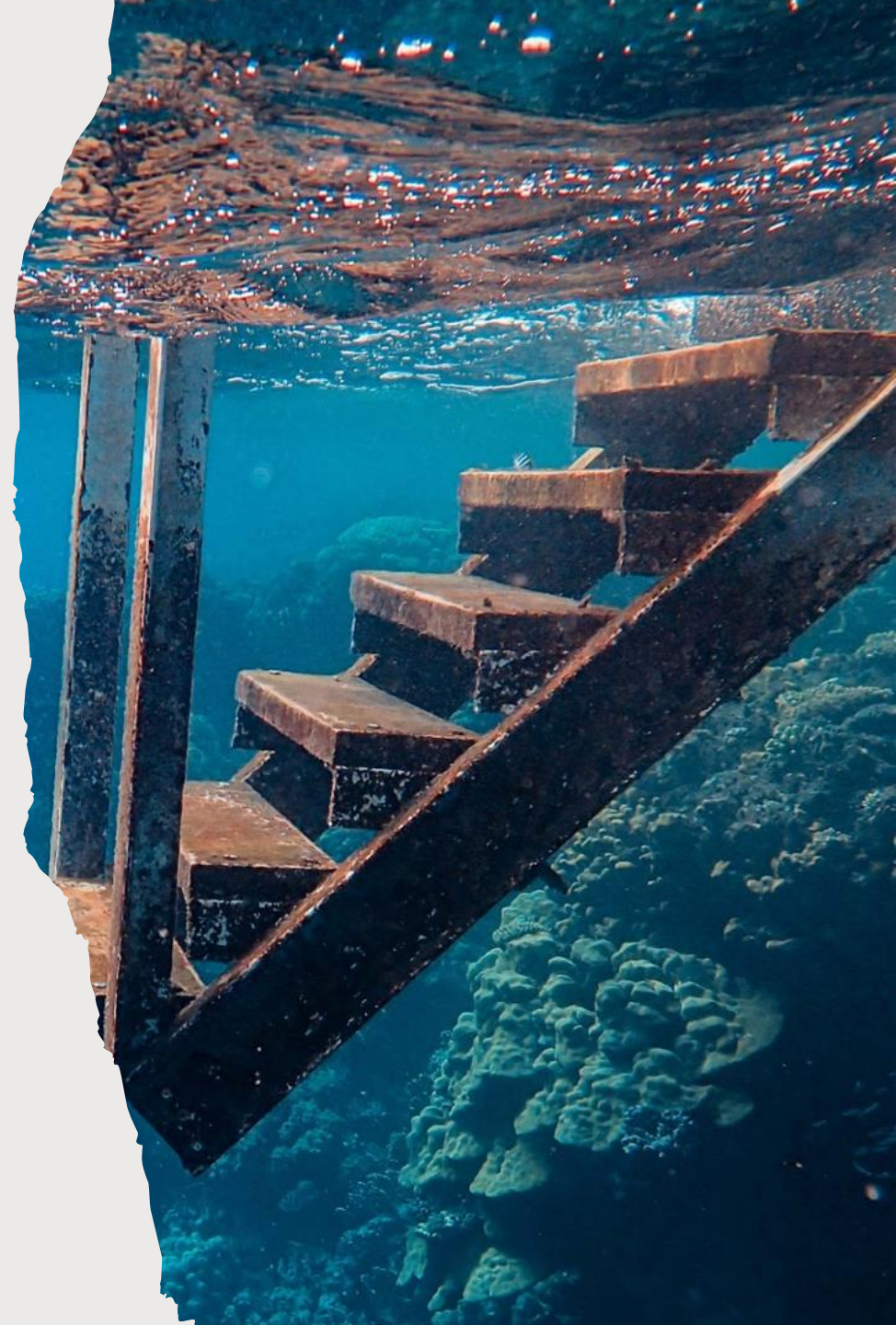
ROMANS 14:10-12

¹⁰ For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

[Isaiah 45:23]

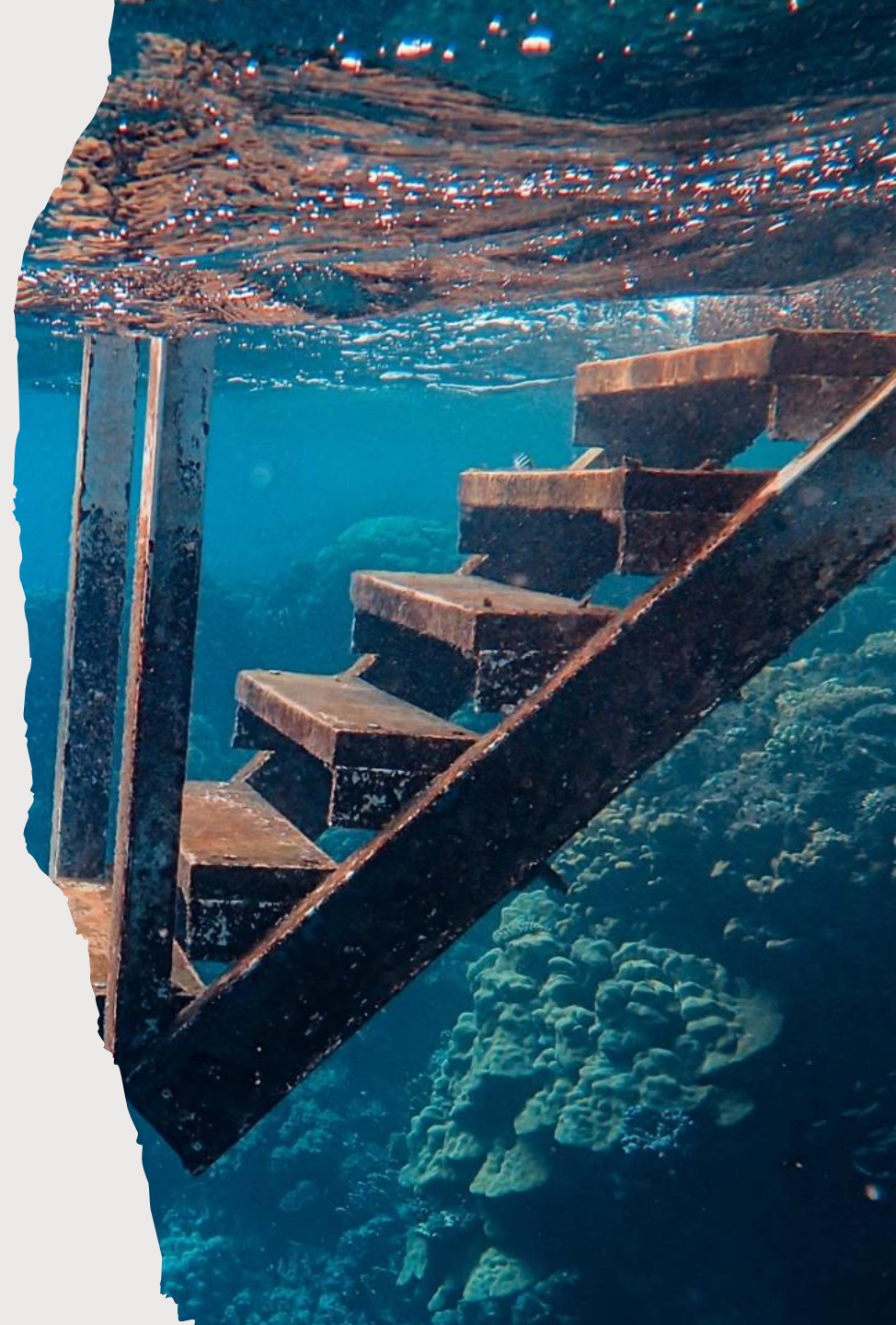
¹² So then, *each of us will give an account of ourselves* to God.



ROMANS 14:13-15

¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind *not to put any stumbling block* or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

¹⁴ I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. ¹⁵ If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, *you are no longer acting in love.*



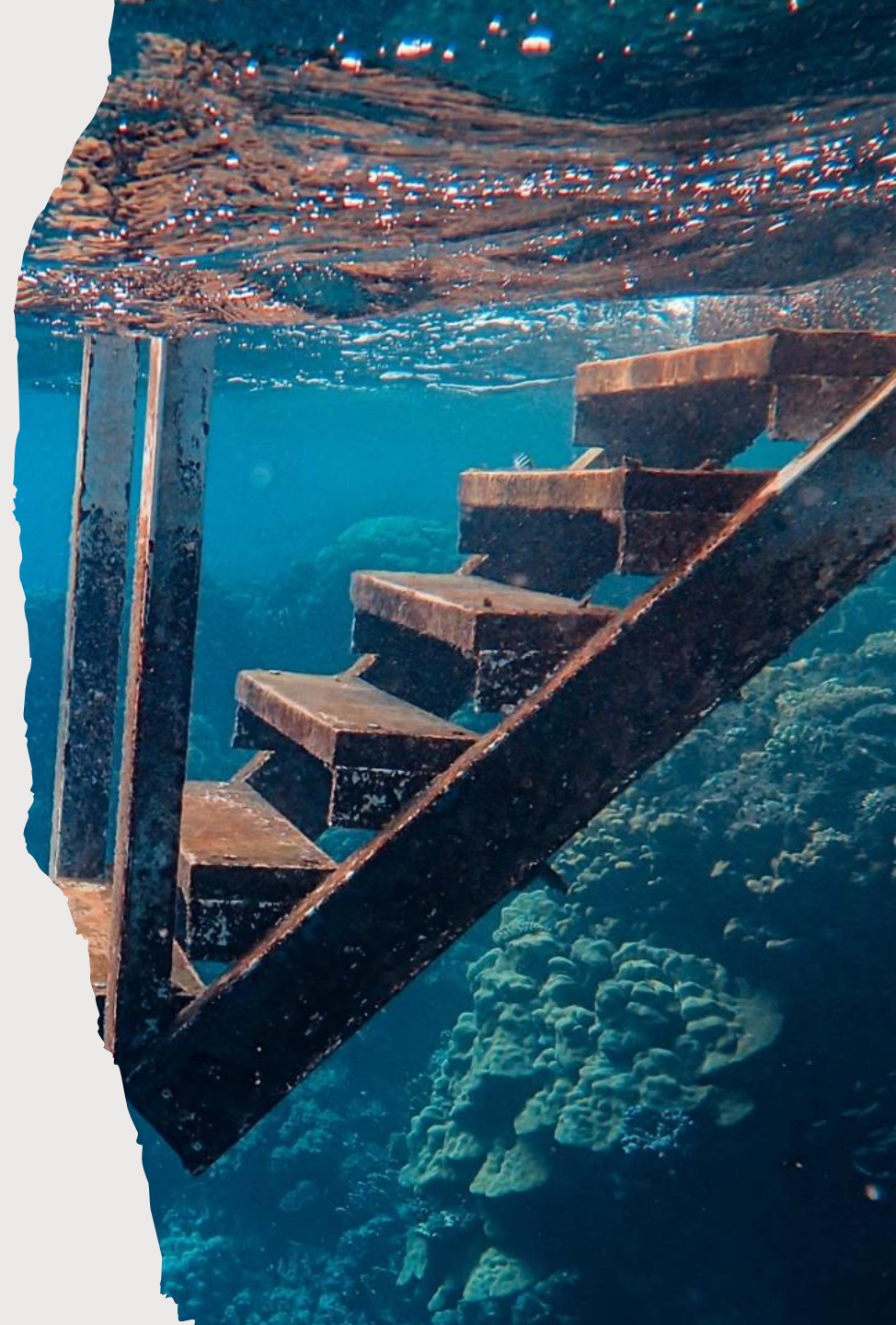
An underwater scene featuring a wooden staircase that descends from the surface towards a coral reef. The surface is covered with numerous small, glowing lights, possibly from a festival or event. The water is clear and blue, and the coral reef is visible in the background.

ON DISPUTABLE MATTERS
*LOVE IS THE PRIORITY OF
PRACTICE*

ROMANS 14:19-21

¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to *mutual edification*.

²⁰ Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All food is clean, but it is wrong for a person to eat anything that causes someone else to stumble. ²¹ It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.



On Disputable Matters

1. Am I *judging* others?
2. Am I *fully convinced* of my convictions?
3. Am I *loving others* as I live out these convictions?

