

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 center of the image.

Deep Truths

A JOURNEY THROUGH ROMANS

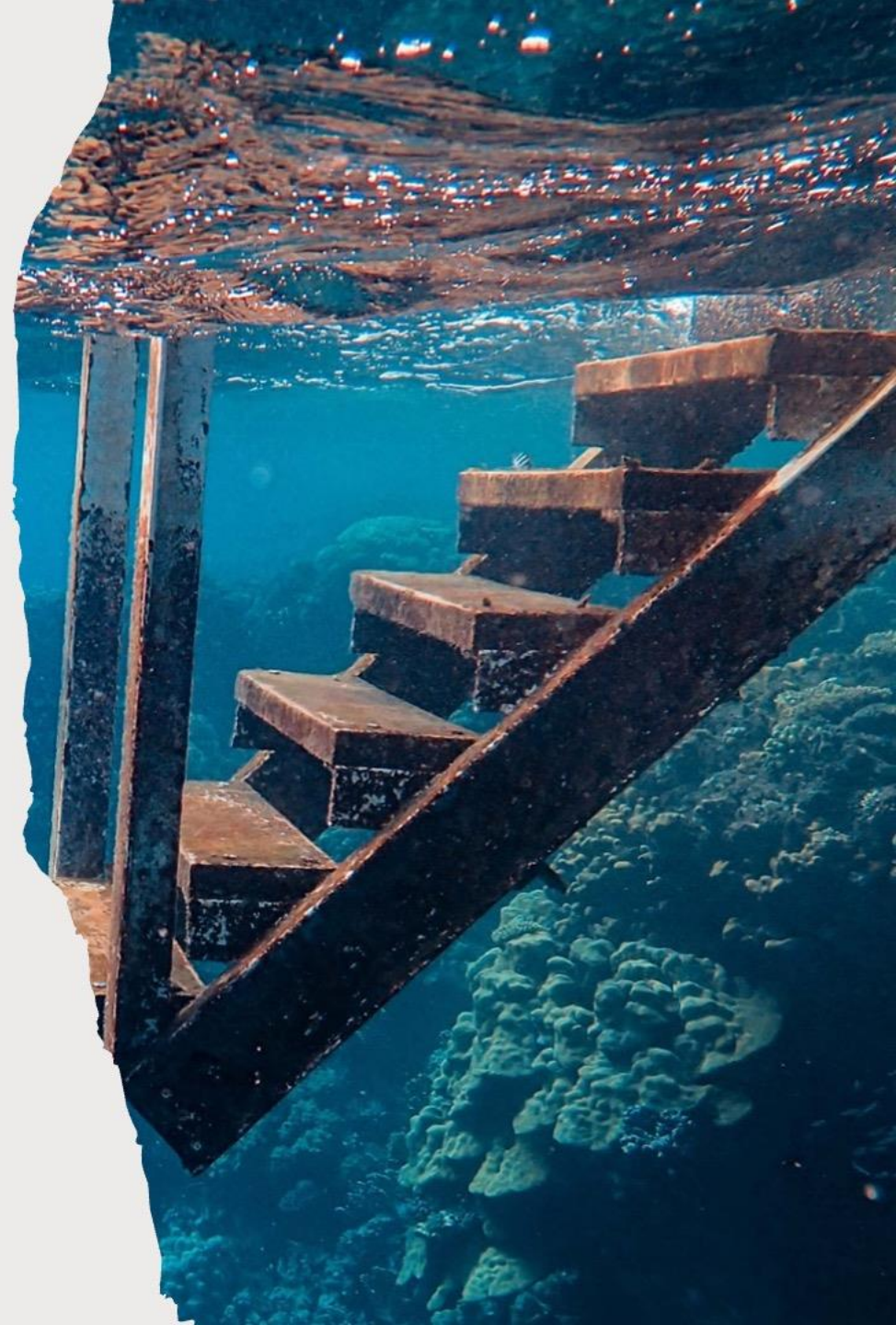
Romans 15:14-33

THE APOSTOLIC

ROMANS 15:14-15

¹⁴ I am fully convinced, my dear brothers and sisters, that you are full of goodness. You know these things so well you can teach each other all about them.

¹⁵ Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, knowing that **all you need is this reminder.**



A conceptual image showing a wooden staircase that starts on a bright, crowded beach at the top and descends into a dark, deep ocean with a coral reef at the bottom. The top half of the image is bright and shows many people on the beach, while the bottom half is dark and shows a vast, deep ocean with a coral reef. The text is centered over the middle of the staircase.

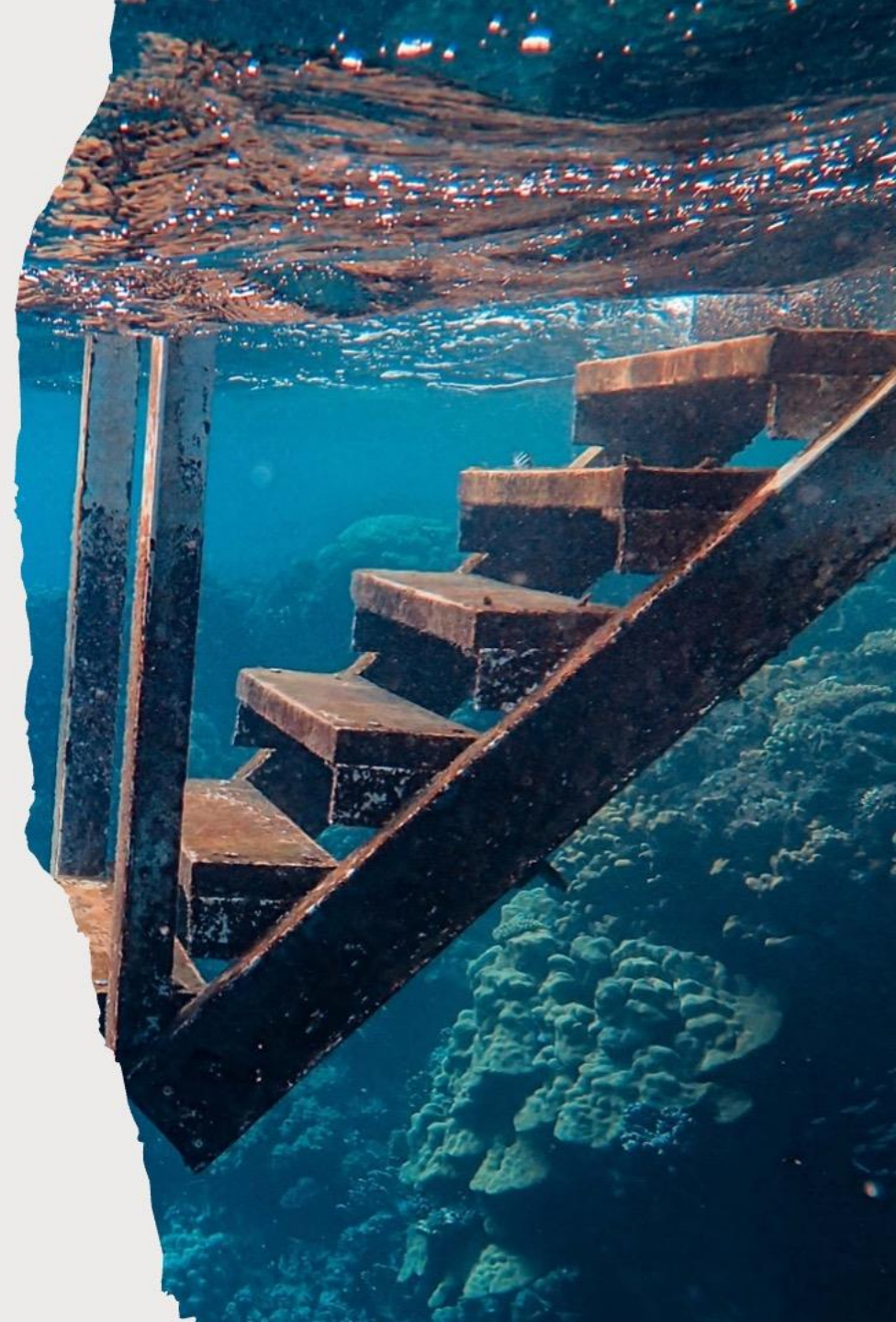
YOU'RE GOOD FROM HERE
RIGHT?

ROMANS 15:20-21

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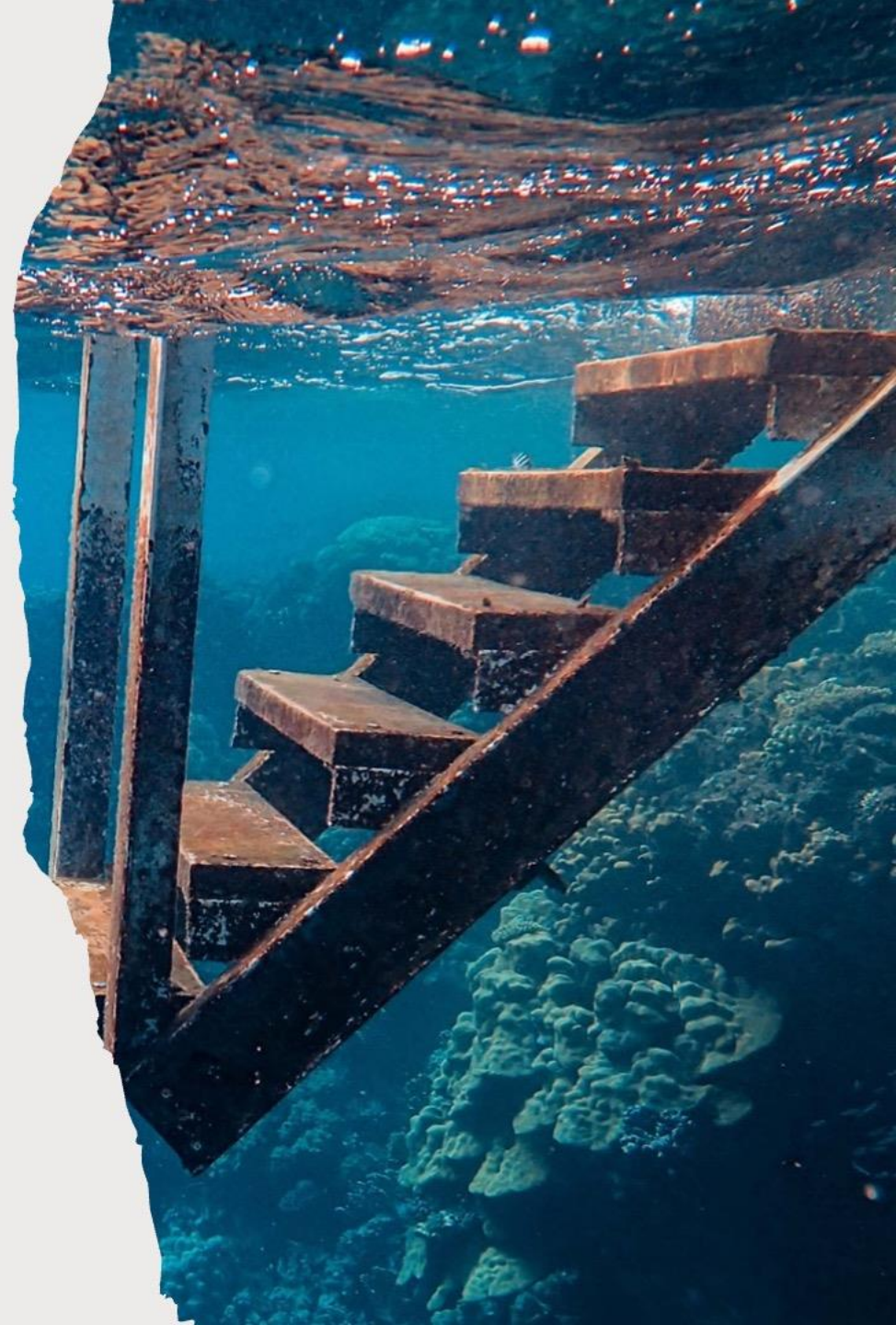


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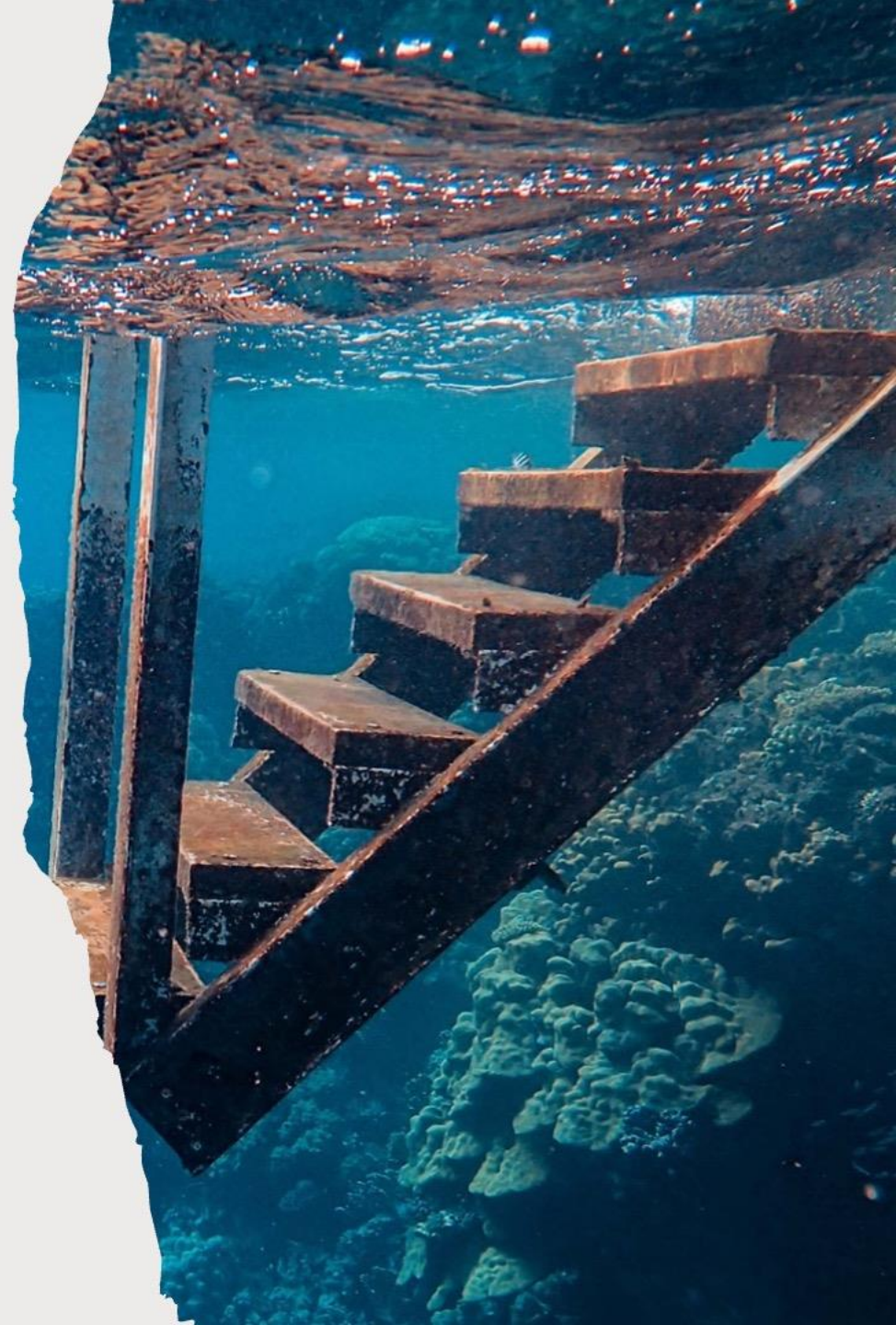


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An underwater scene featuring a wooden staircase that descends from the surface. The surface is illuminated with numerous small, colorful lights (red, blue, and white), creating a vibrant, festive atmosphere. The water is clear and blue, and the background shows a coral reef. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

APOSTLE:
SOMEONE SENT
WITH A PURPOSE



EPHESIANS 4:11-13

“FIVE-FOLD GIFTS”

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Developing ← - - - - - APPROACH - - - - - → **Pioneering**



A wooden staircase leads from a dark, rocky underwater environment up to a bright, sunlit surface where a large crowd of people is gathered. The scene is split horizontally, with the top half showing a bright, sunlit surface and the bottom half showing a dark, rocky underwater environment. The staircase is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally across the frame. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

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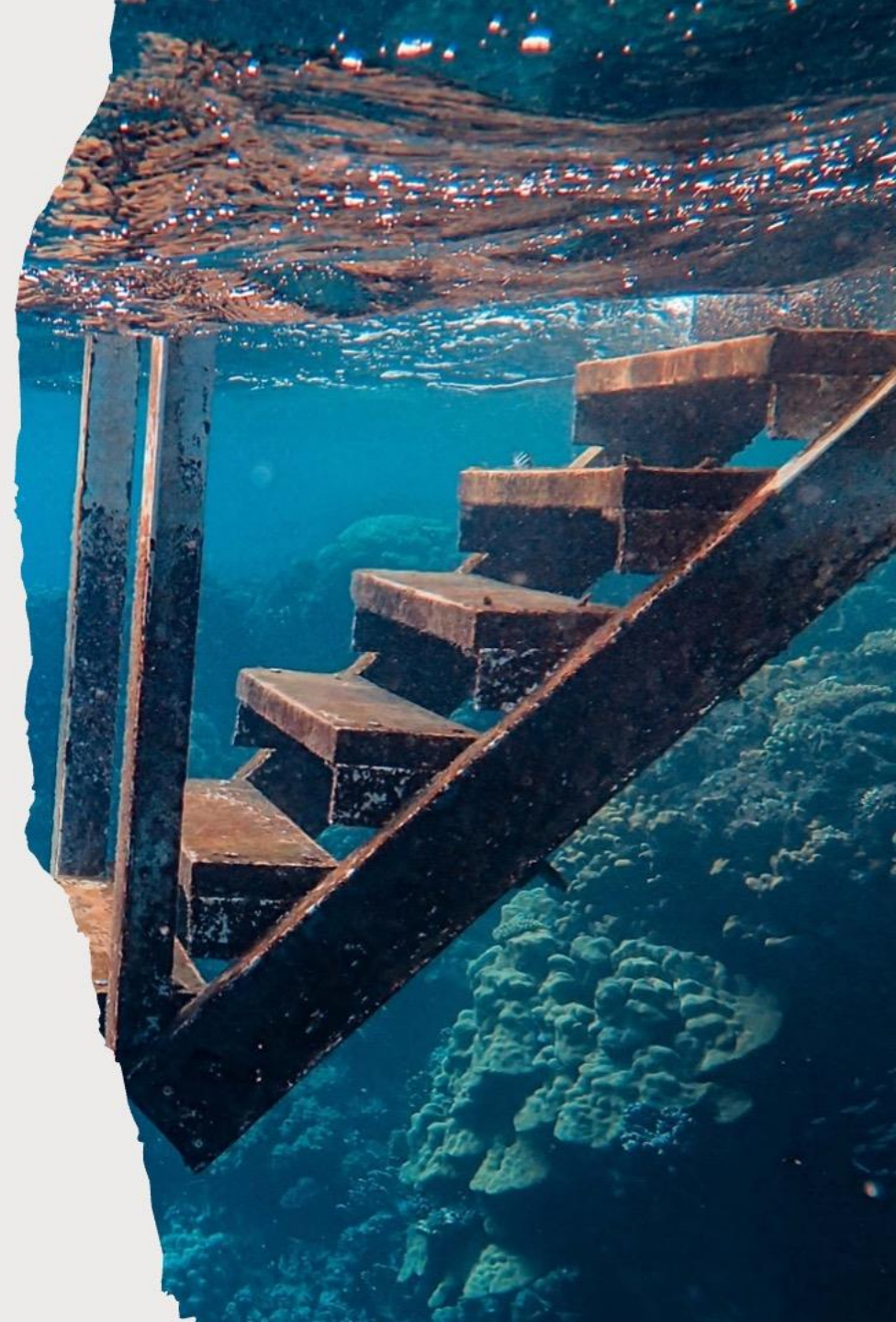
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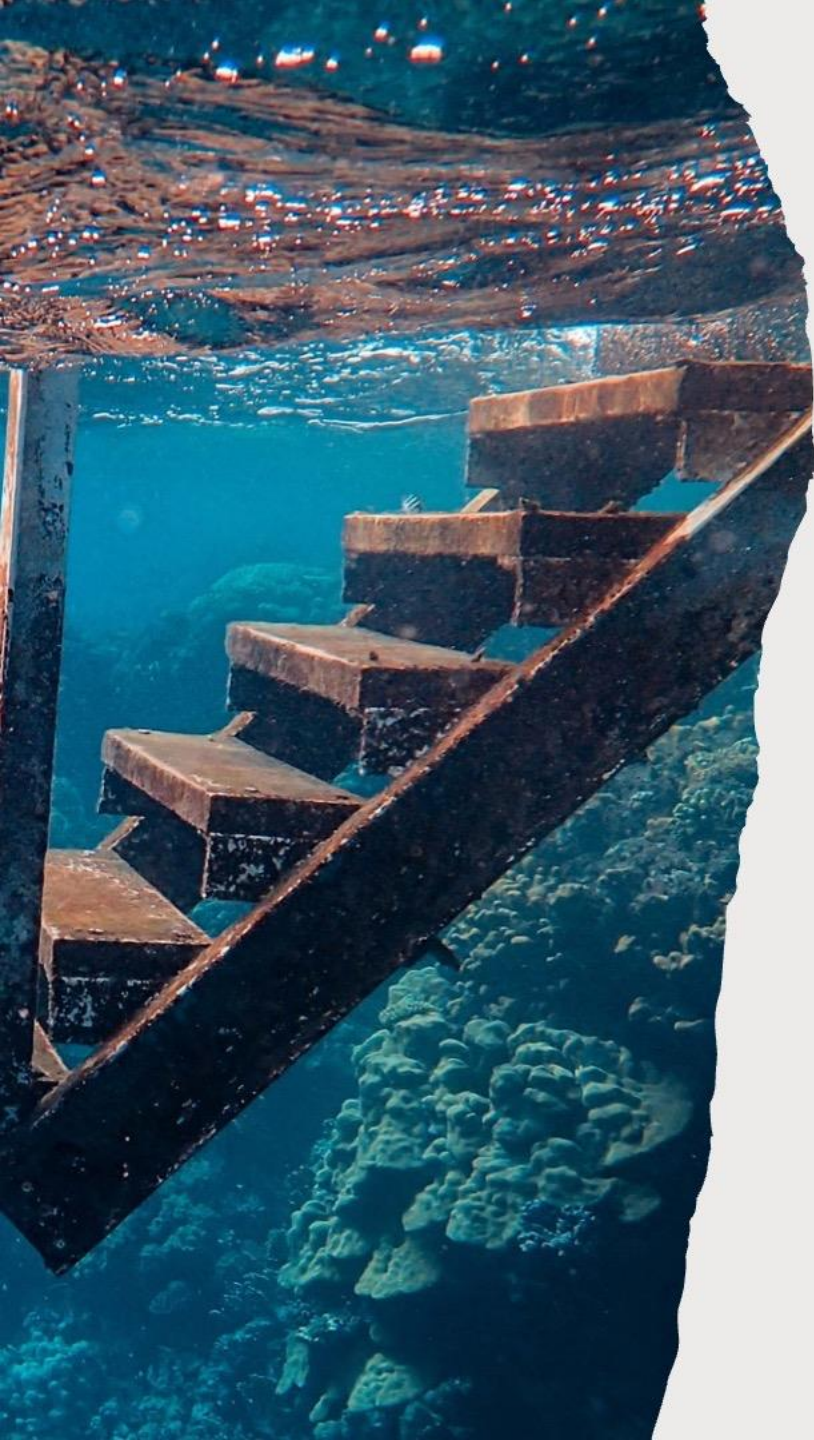
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ISAIAH 52:13-15

“THE SUFFERING SERVANT”

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him— his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. [Romans 15:21b]

THE MATURE APOSTLE

1. Has clarity of purpose



ROMANS 15:16

¹⁶ I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁷ So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God.



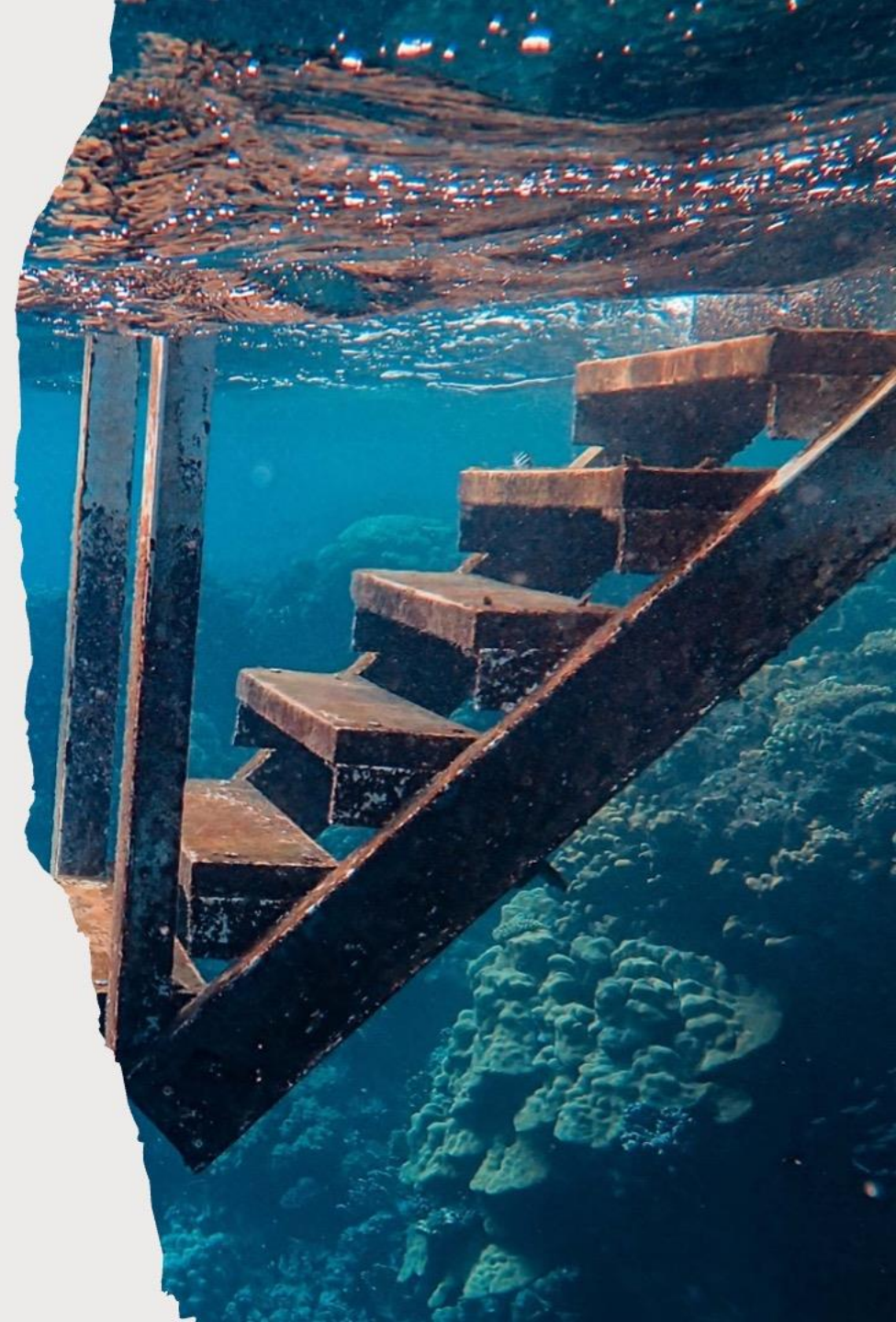
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1. Has clarity of purpose
2. Can say “no” to (even) good things
3. Invites verification from the church body



VISION

small Kingdom
impact

only Ideas

VOYAGE

VERIFICATION

do a lot of superficial stuff



ROMANS 15:30-32

³⁰ Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join in my struggle **by praying to God for me**. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit.

³¹ Pray that I will be rescued from those in Judea who refuse to obey God. Pray also that the believers there will be willing to accept the donation I am taking to Jerusalem. ³² Then, by the will of God, **I will be able to come to you with a joyful heart**, and we will be an encouragement to each other.





WHERE AND HOW IS GOD SENDING
YOU WITH A PURPOSE?