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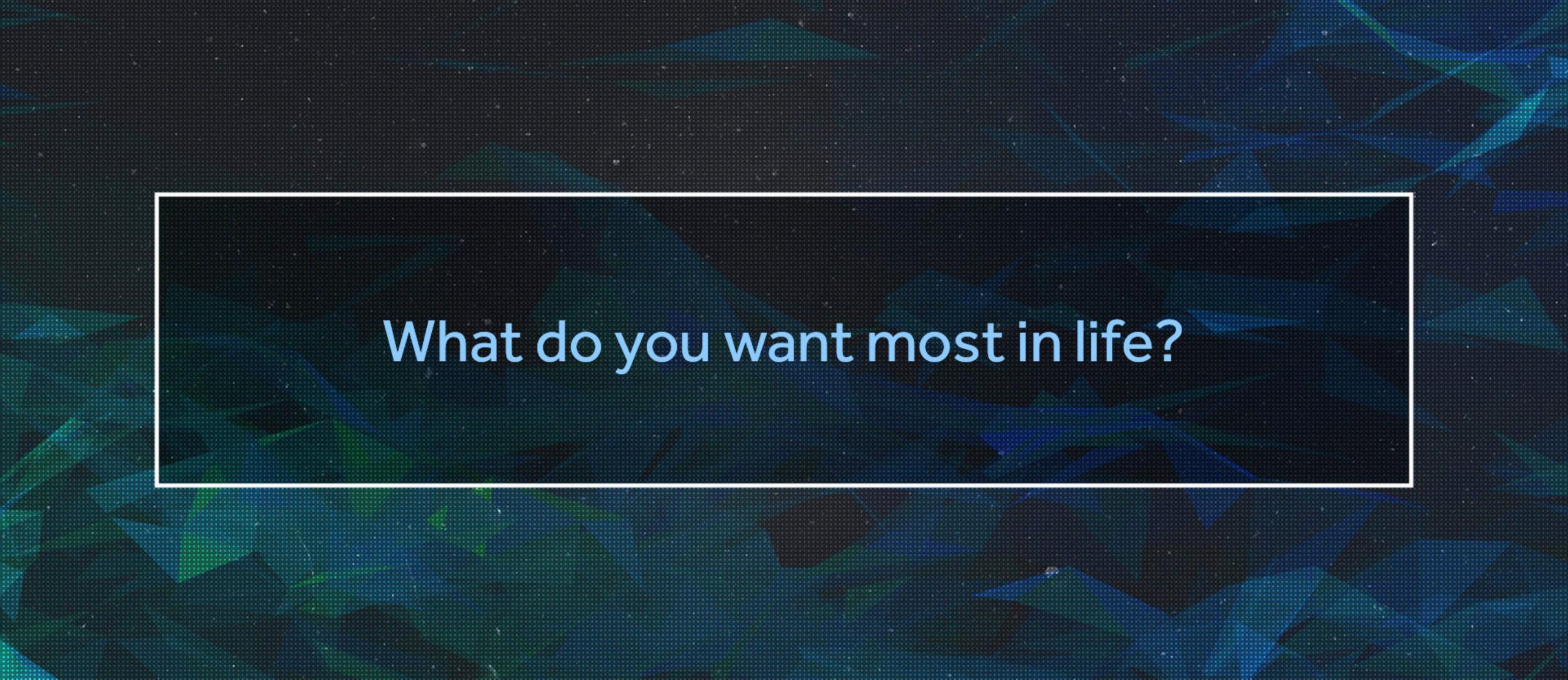
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

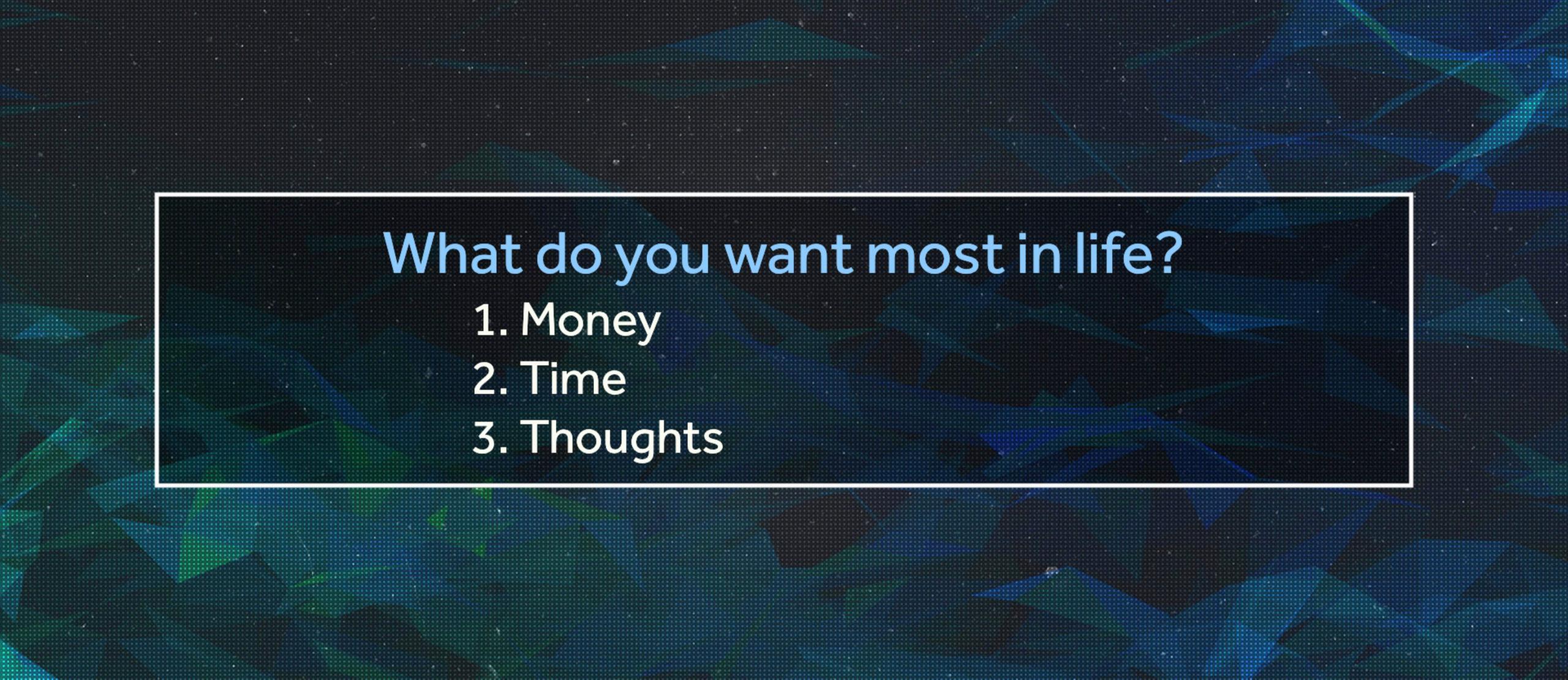
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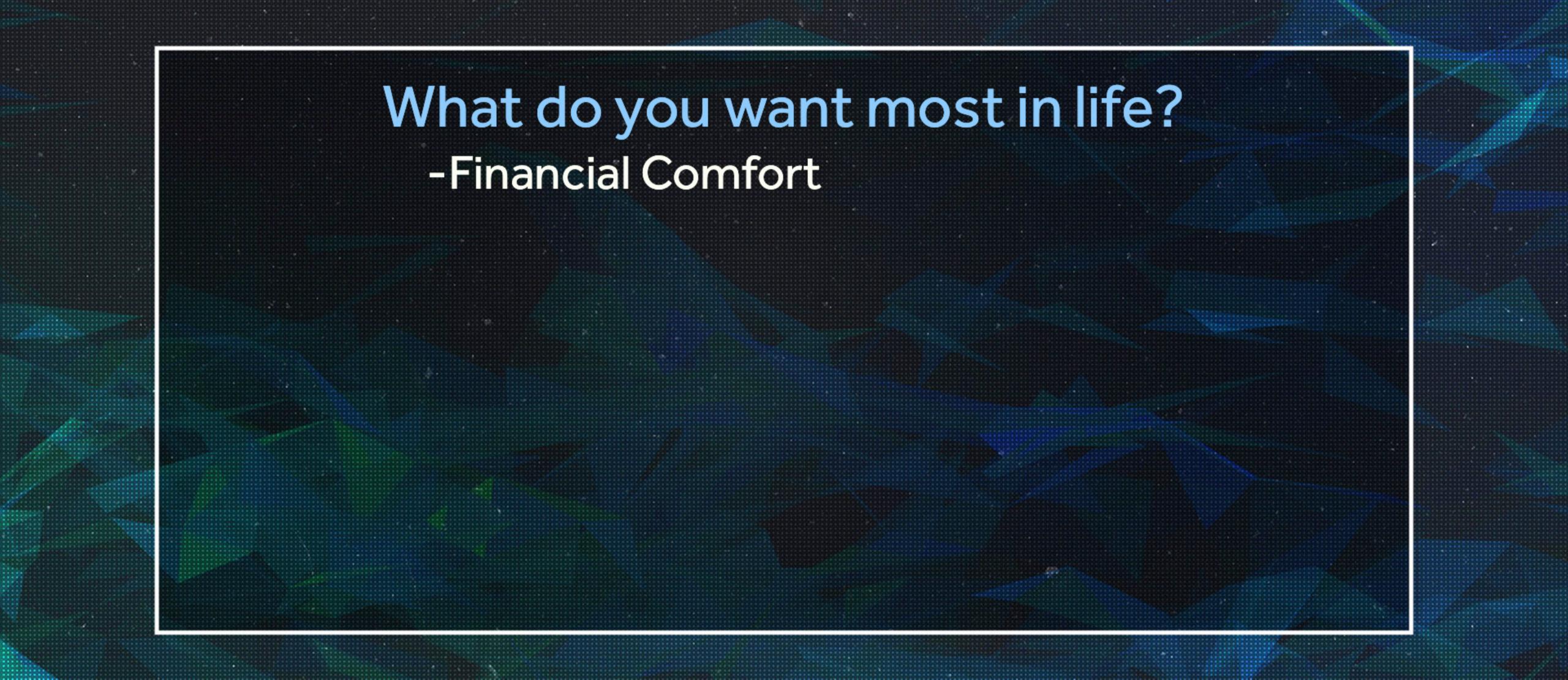
Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek His face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

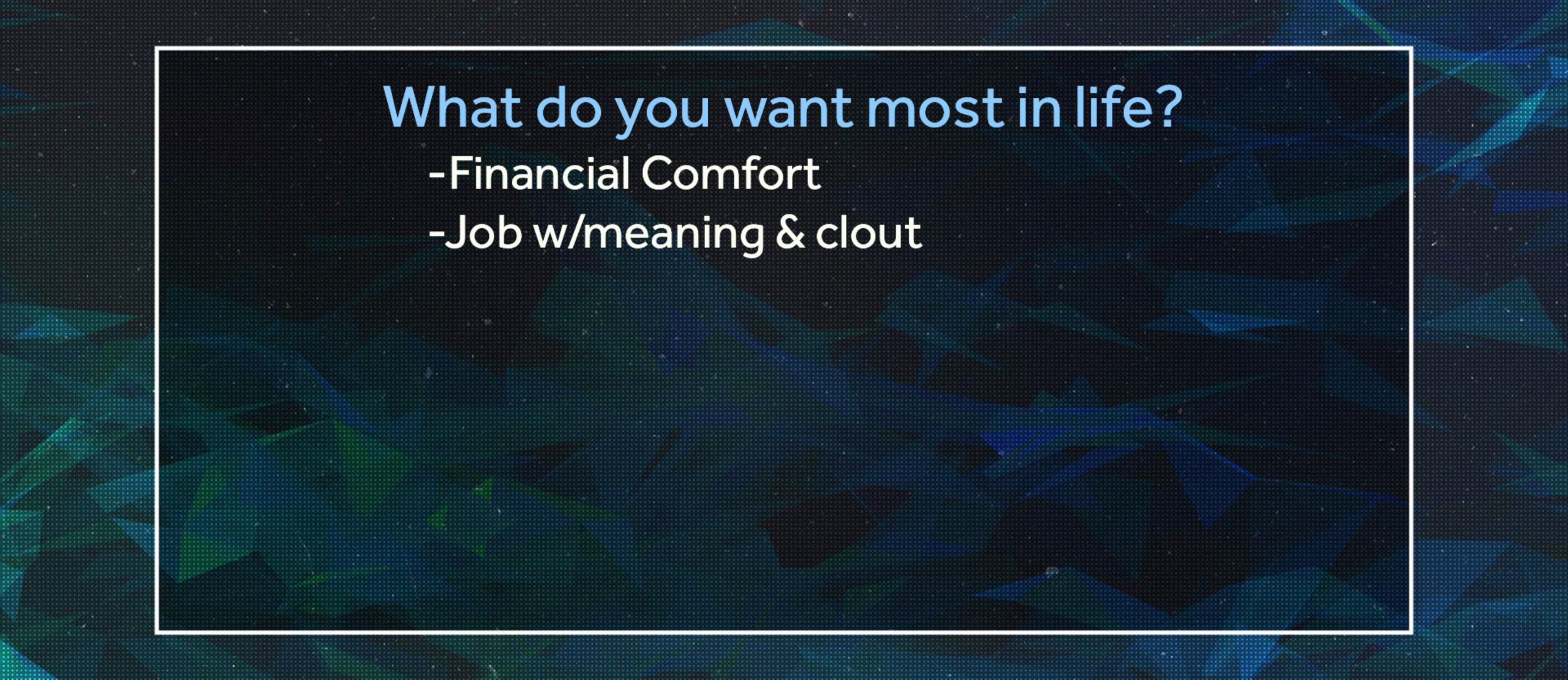
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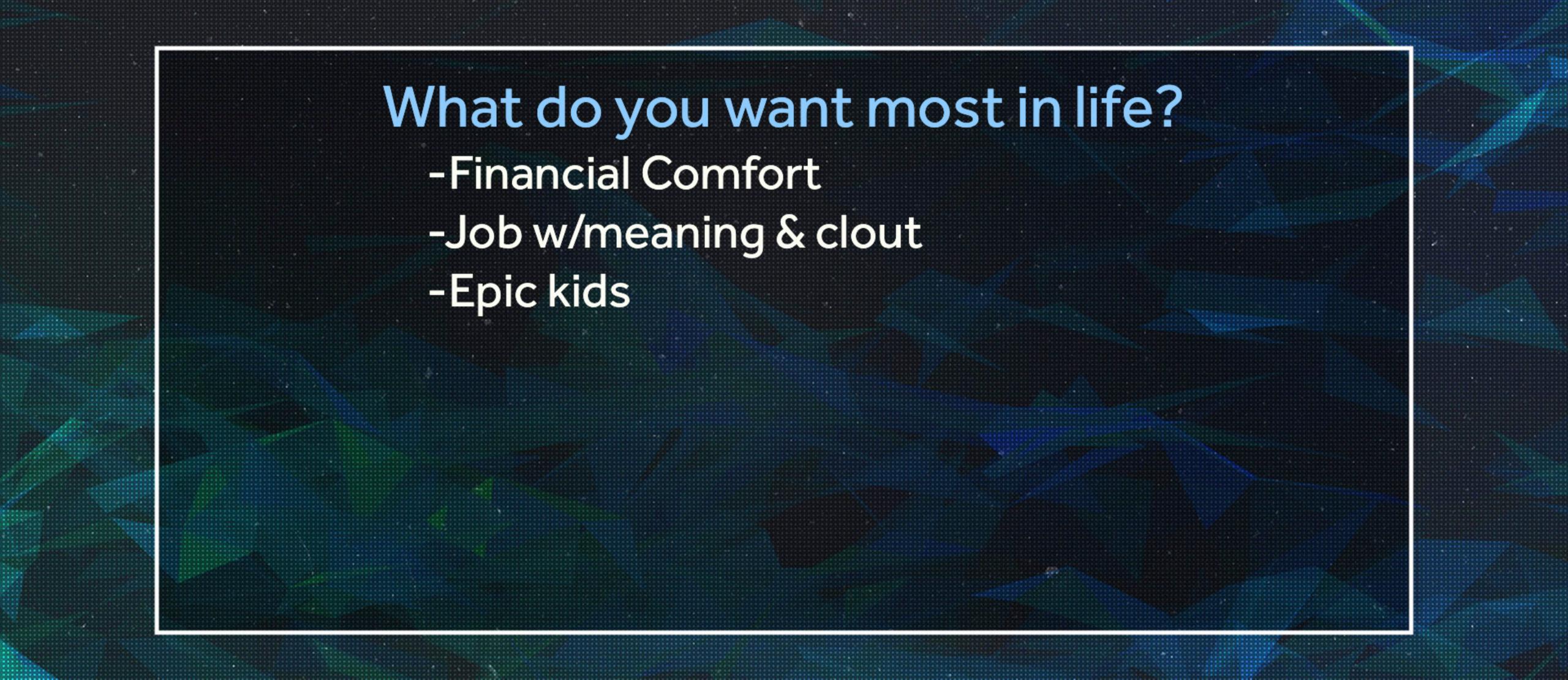
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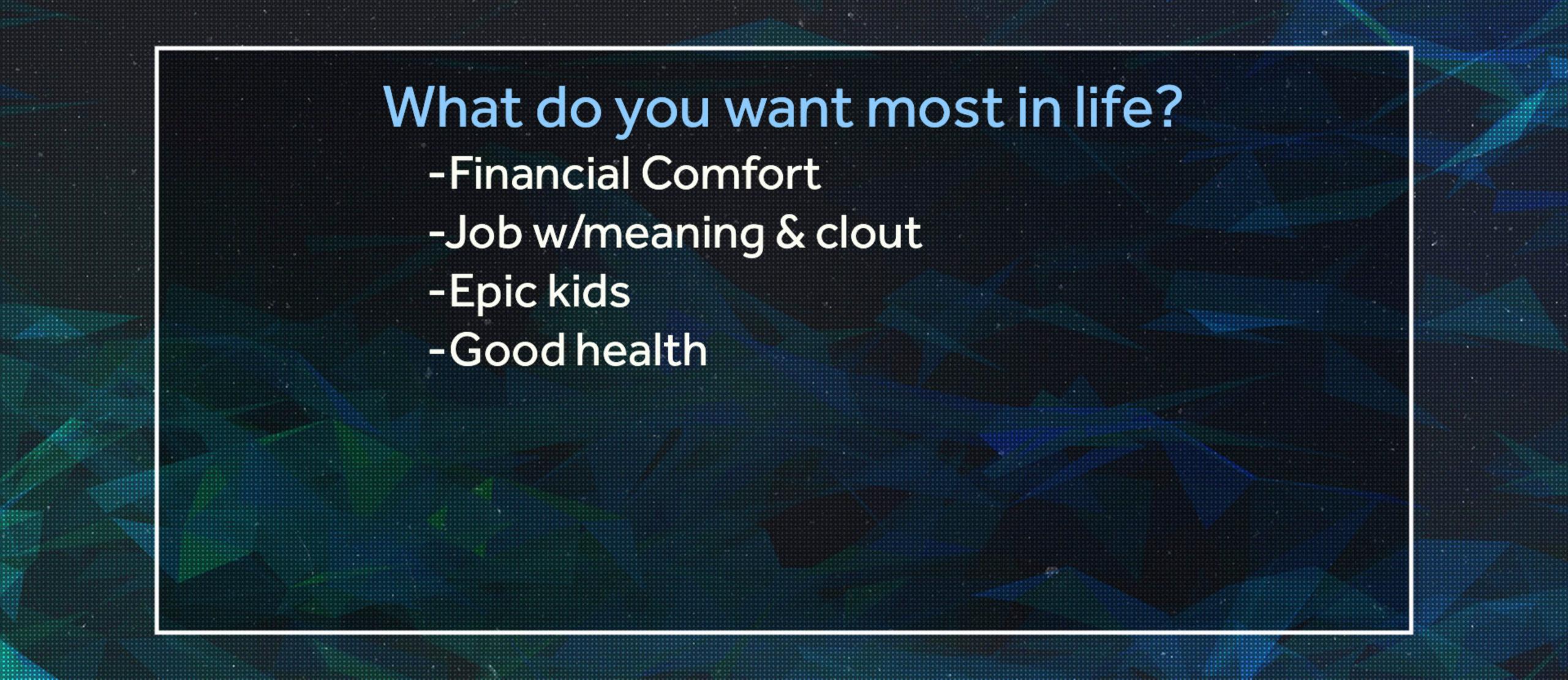


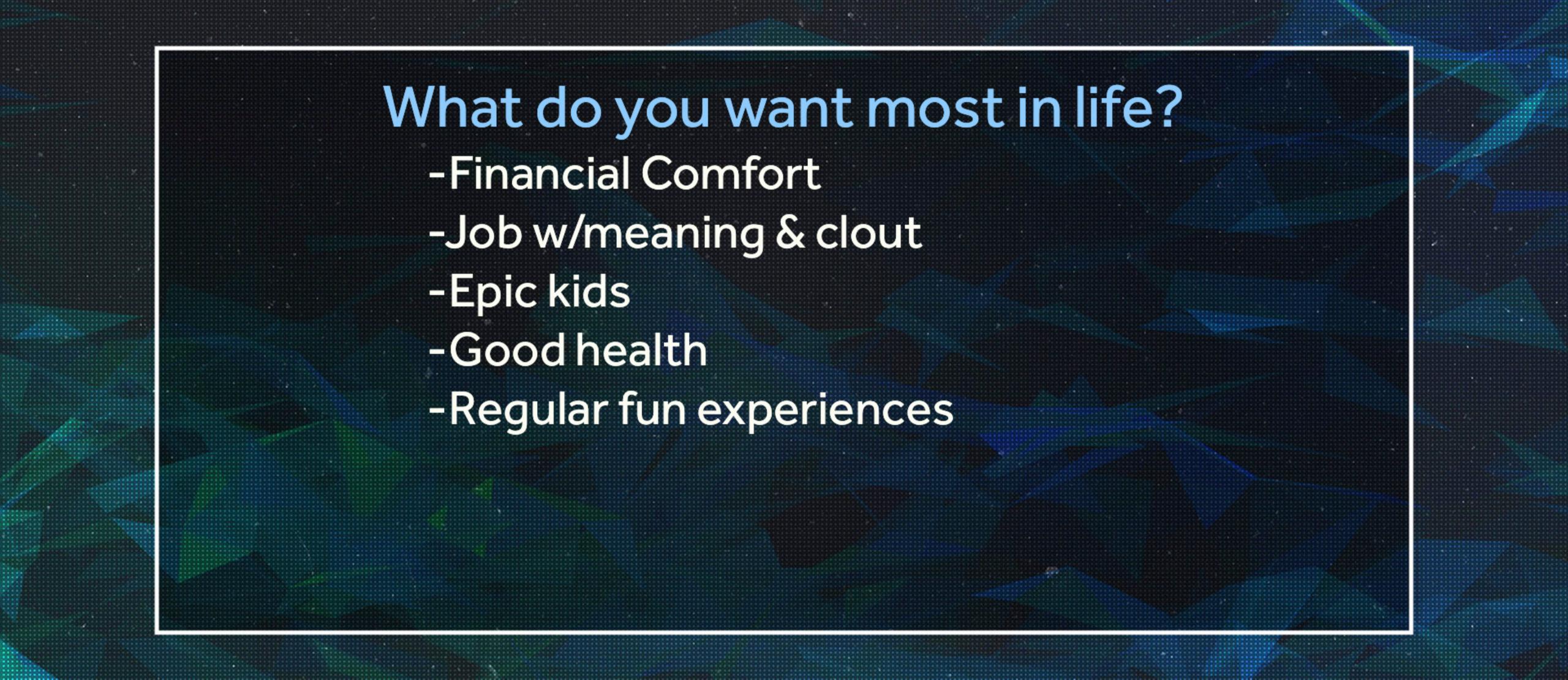


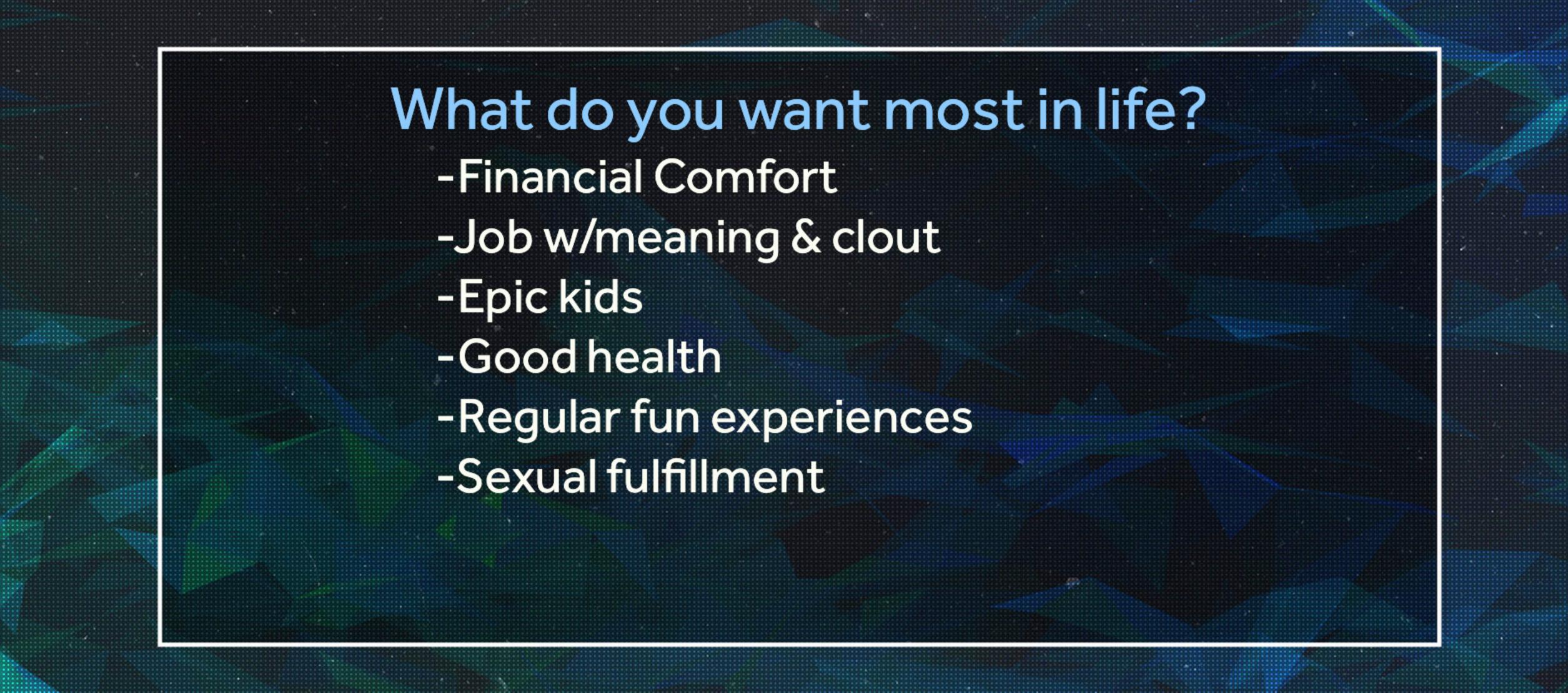


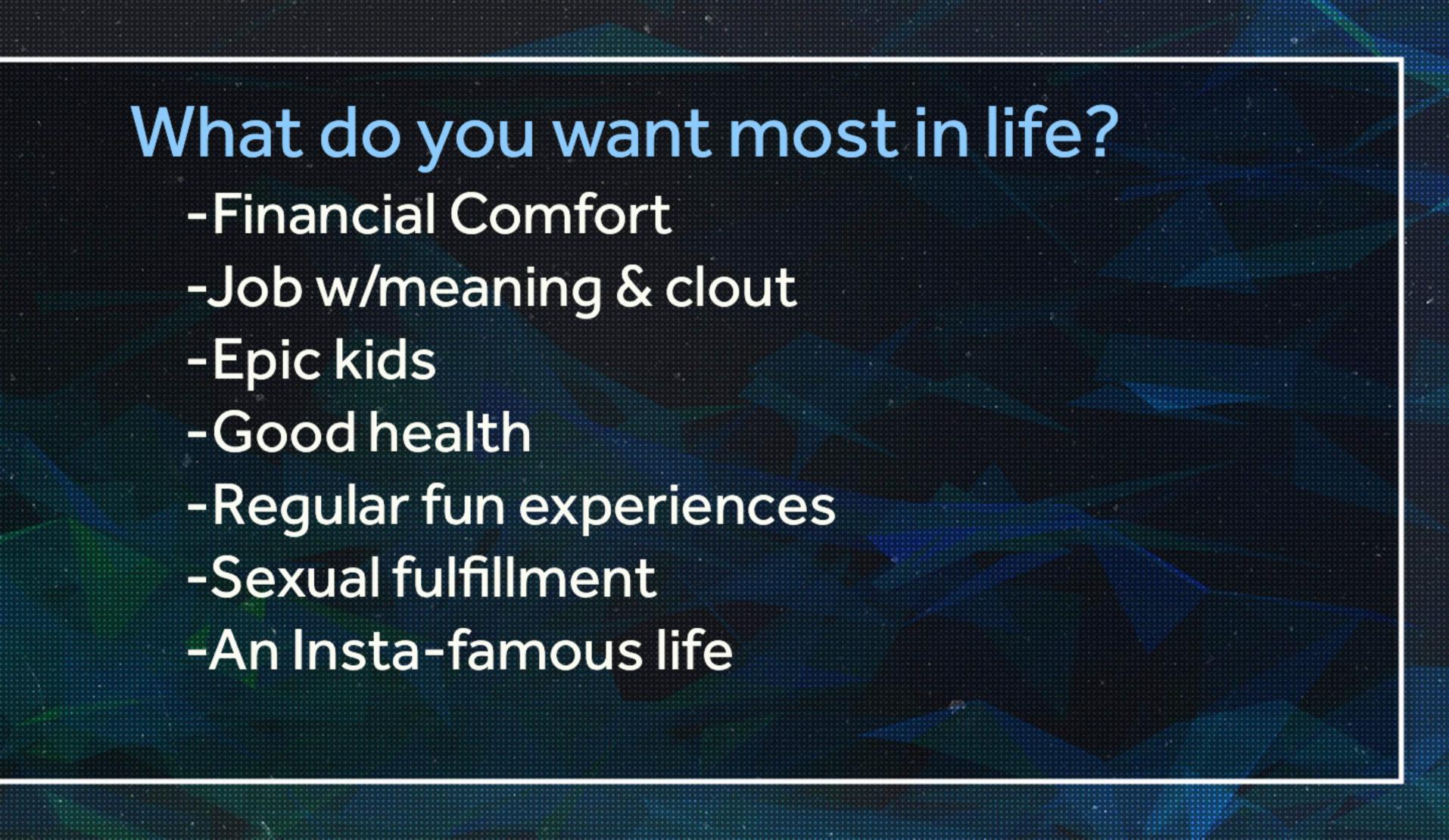












What do you want most in life?

- -Financial Comfort
- -Job w/meaning & clout
- -Epic kids
- -Good health
- -Regular fun experiences
- -Sexual fulfillment
- -An Insta-famous life
- -Oh, also Jesus

Jesus said, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and mind."

The deepest affections of our hearts, souls, and minds are the same as everyone else.

Functional Atheism We claim to love God, to give Jesus all our life,

but we don't make any sacrifices.

Psalm 27

- "I want to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life."
- "I want to behold the beauty of the LORD."
- "Seek His face!"
- "Lord, don't hide Your face from me!"

Exodus 33:7-11

It was Moses' practice to take the Tent of Meeting and set it up some distance from the camp. Everyone who wanted to make a request of the Lord would go to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp. Whenever Moses went out to the Tent of Meeting, all the people would get up and stand in the entrances of their own tents. They would all watch Moses until he disappeared inside.

Exodus 33:7-11

As he went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover at its entrance while the Lord spoke with Moses. When the people saw the cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, they would stand and bow down in front of their own tents. Inside the Tent of Meeting, the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to his friend.

Exodus 34:34-35

But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil [from his face] until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the Lord had given him, and the people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

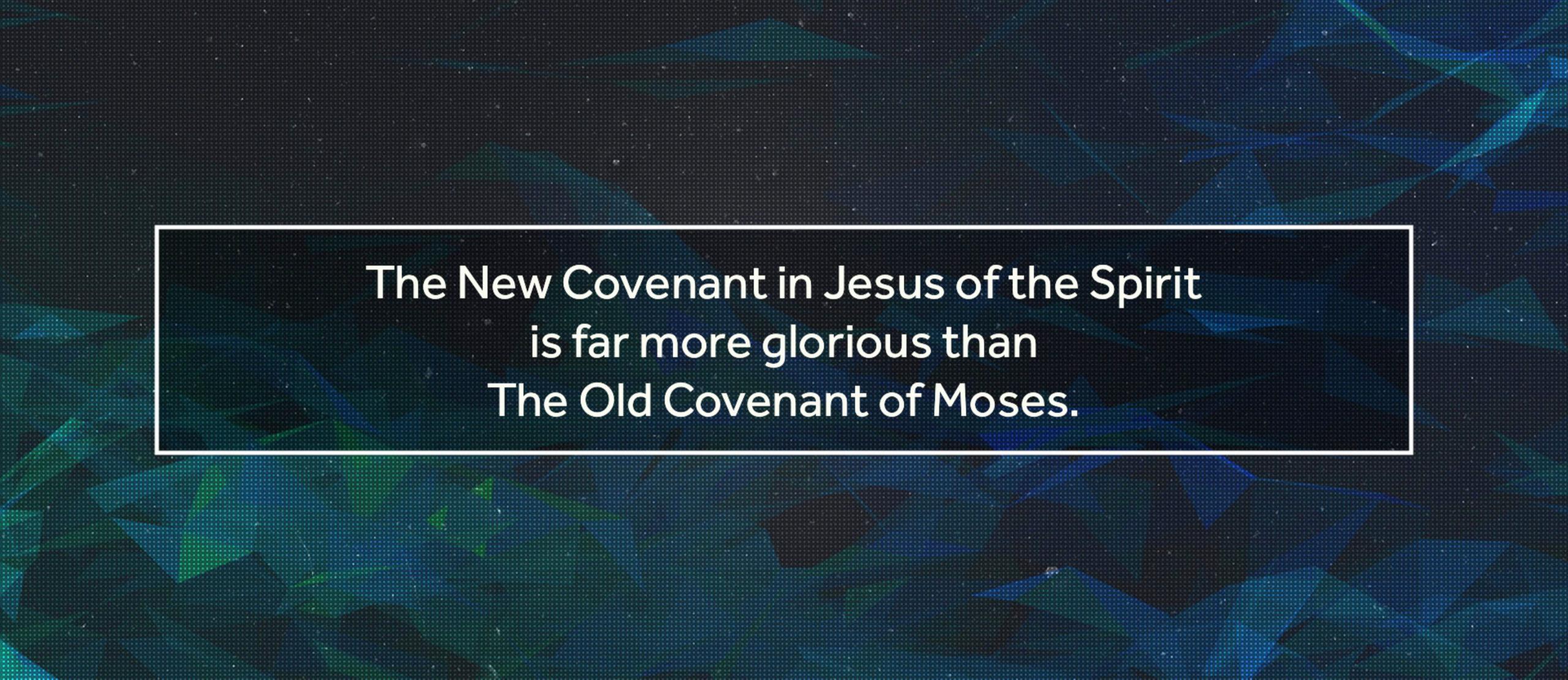
The old way [of relating to God], with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life?

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way... Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.



Old Covenant of Moses

- Engraved on stone tablets (3:3, 7)
- A death-sentencing written code (3:6) A life-giving Spirit (3:6)
- Dispensation of death (3:7)
- Dispensation of condemnation (3:9)
- Glorious (3:7, 9-11)
- Fading (3:7, 11)

New Covenant of the Spirit

- Written on the tablets of our hearts (3:3)
- - Dispensation of the Spirit (3:8)
 - Dispensation of righteousness (3:9)
 - Far more glorious (3:9-11)
 - Forever (3:11)

John 2:19-22

Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." "What!" they exclaimed. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and You can rebuild it in three days?" But when Jesus said "this temple," He meant His own body. After He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered He had said this, and they believed both the Scriptures and what Jesus had said.

John 14:16-19

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of Truth...."I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you also will live.

Matthew 27:50-51 Then Jesus shouted out again, and He released His Spirit.

At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

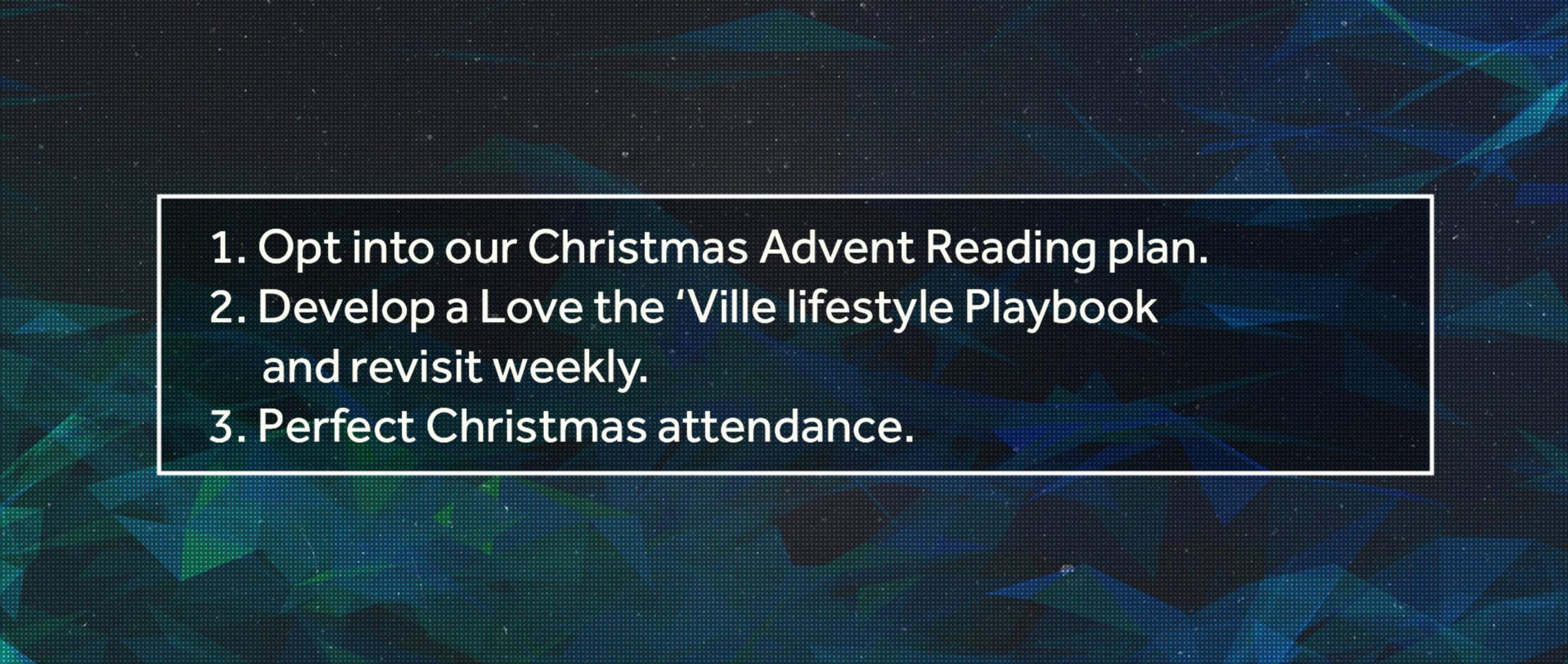
Ephesians 3:12 Because of Christ and our faith in Him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

1 Corinthians 2:11-12

No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

John 14:26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative - that is, the Holy Spirit he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.



2 Corinthians 3:8 Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life?

Romans 8:1-2

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Romans 8:3-4

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent His own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

Romans 8:5-6

Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Inspired Scripture

Controlled Conscience

Spiritual People



XCOMMITMENT

Prayerful
Daily Reading
of the Scripture



Regular Contemplative Introspection



Longstanding Relationships with a Spiritual Family