


# EASTER

BRING LIFE TO THE 'VILLE





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# Snack Packs

Round 1: 24,210

Round 2: 9,015

Total: 33,225





# Canned Goods and Pantry

Items Collected: 11,659

Items Given: 10,650



# Community Impact

39 NGOs Served

25 Schools Served

5 Counties Served

52 Individual Families Served



## Matthew 28:1-8, 16-20

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from Heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.



## Matthew 28:1-8, 16-20

Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen. Come, see where His body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there. Remember what I have told you.”



## Matthew 28:1-8, 16-20

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message...Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him—but some of them doubted!



## Matthew 28:1-8, 16-20

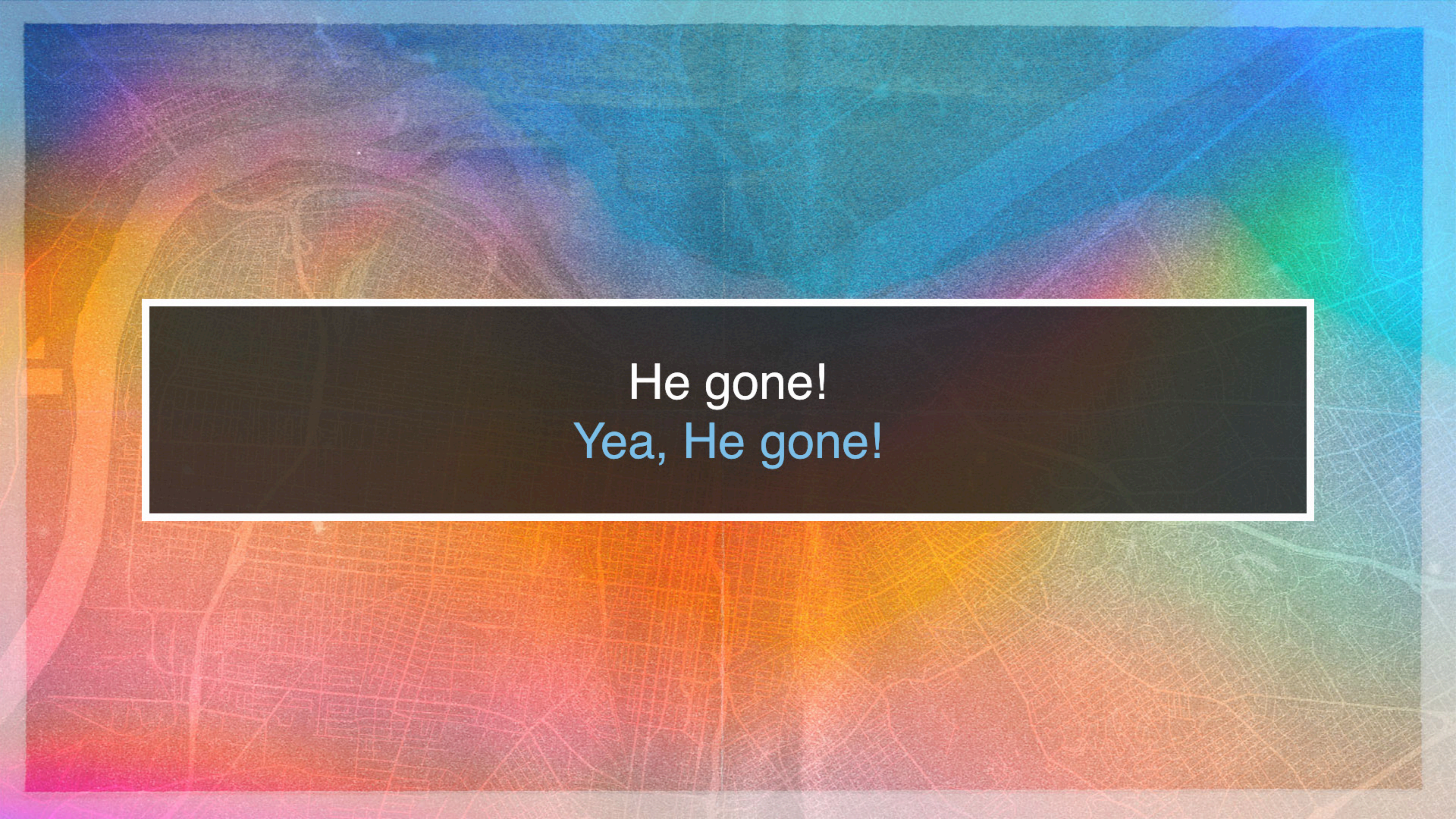
Jesus came and told His disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”





He is risen!  
He is risen indeed!





He gone!  
Yea, He gone!



## 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Let me now remind you of the Good News [euangelion - Gospel] I preached to you before. It is this Good News [euangelion - Gospel] that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you....Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.



## The Gospel of Jesus

- Died. Buried. Risen.
- Crucifixion. Sabbath. Resurrection.
- Defeated. Descended. Vindicated.
- Good Friday. Black Saturday. Easter Sunday.



## On the Third Day...

- Abraham discovers the sacrifice that saves Isaac...
- Joseph releases his murderous brothers from prison...
- God descended on Mt. Sinai to deliver the 10 commandments...
- Rahab hides the spies and they escape safely...
- Esther begs the king to spare the Jews and is received favorably...
- Jonah is spat from the belly of the big fish...
- Israel was prophesied to be revived and raised from Exile (Hosea 6:2)...
- Jesus is resurrected...



What do you do when it feels like Saturday?  
Choose Despair.

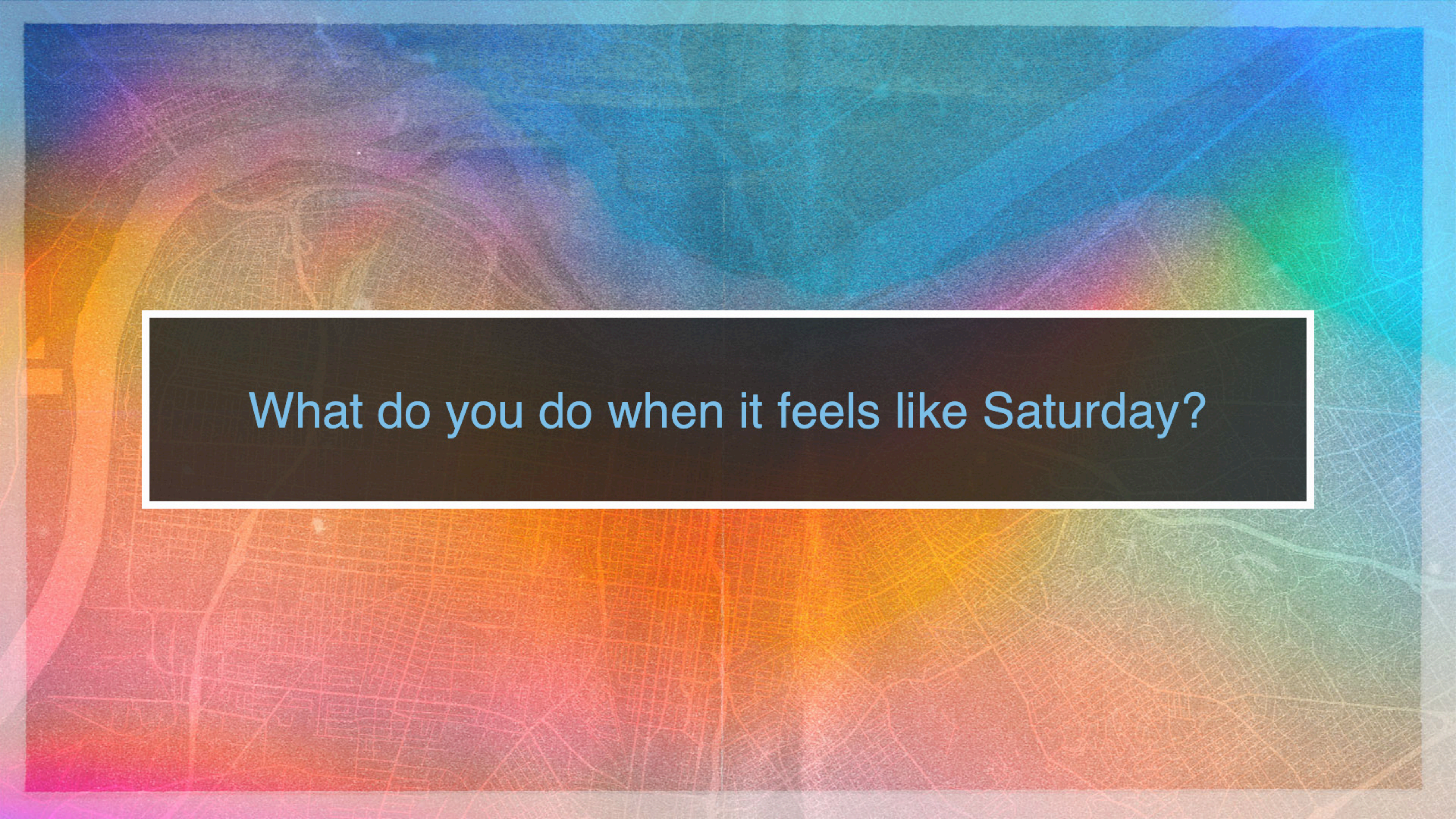
- Am I an accident?
- Does anyone really love me?
- Is death the end?
- Is there a purpose for my life?
- Will my life matter?
- Does it get better than this?



## Our culture facilitates despair-avoidance:

- By giving you someone to blame.
- By giving you a cause to flaunt.
- By giving you distractions to self-medicate.





What do you do when it feels like Saturday?





Choose to live on Sunday!

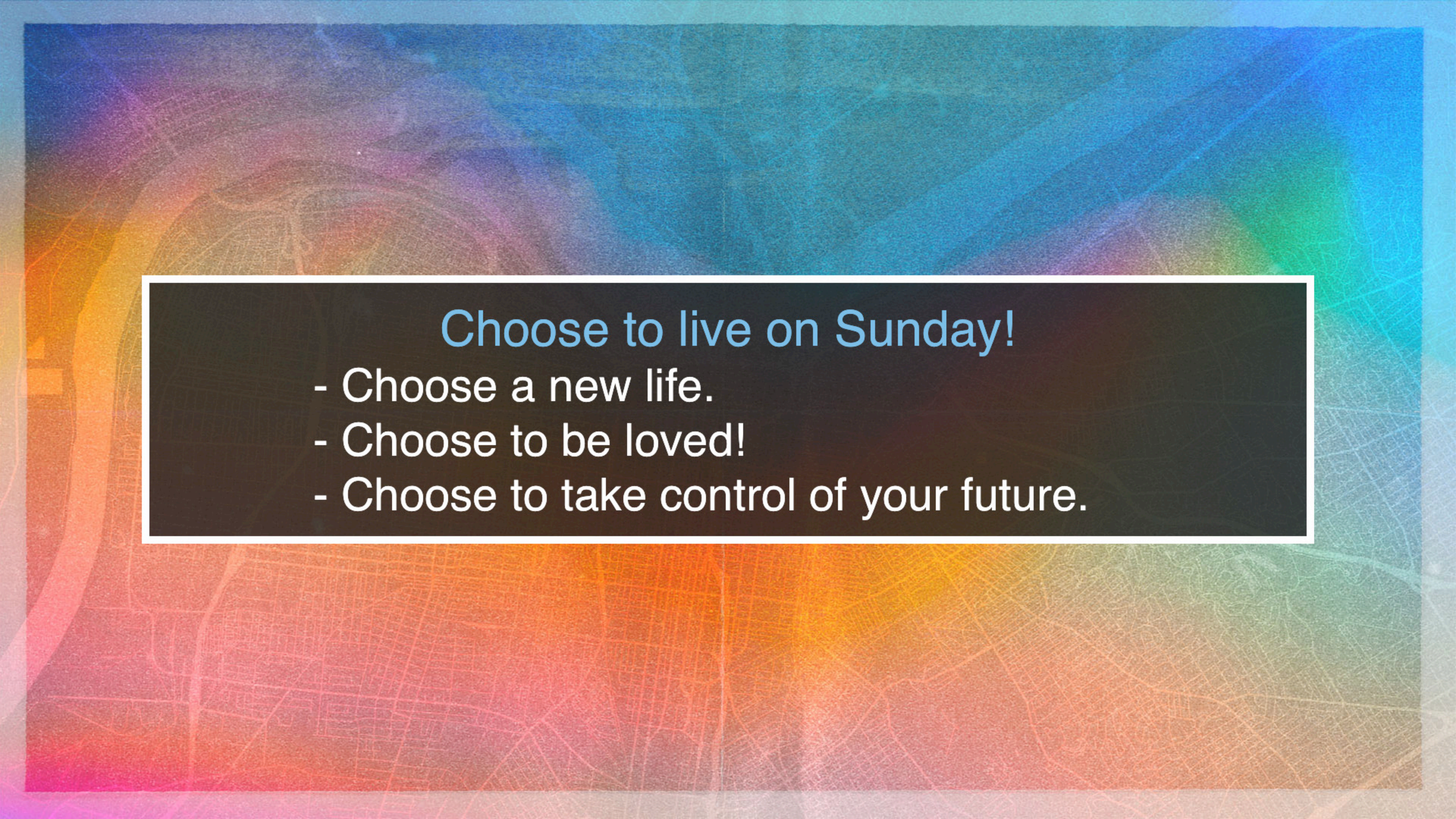




Choose to live on Sunday!

- Choose a new life.
- Choose to be loved!





## Choose to live on Sunday!

- Choose a new life.
- Choose to be loved!
- Choose to take control of your future.



# Resurrection Life

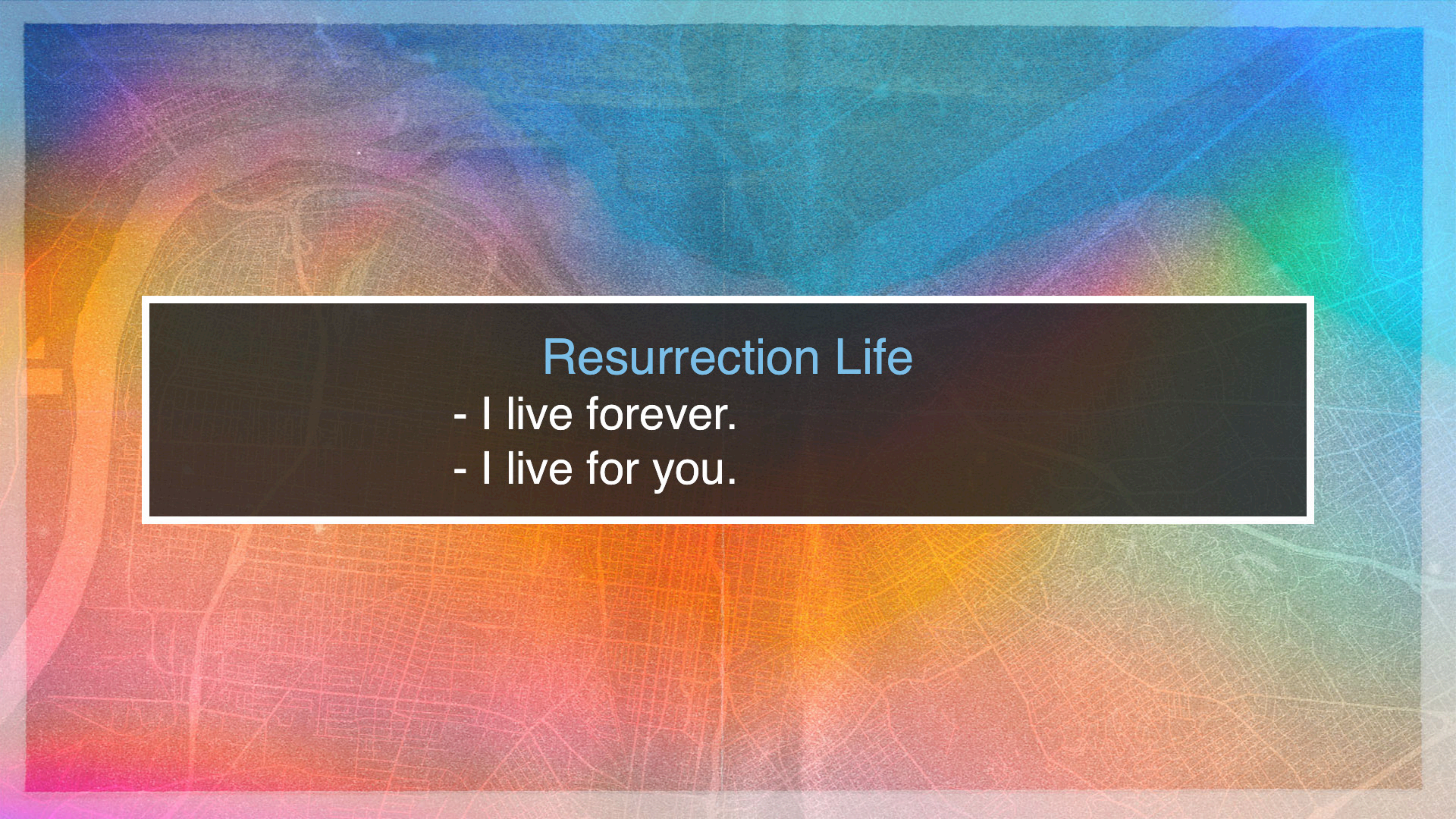
Cross  
Shaped  
Love

There's no empty tomb  
without a cross.

Living  
Hope

There's no victory  
in the cross  
without an empty tomb.





## Resurrection Life

- I live forever.
- I live for you.