

hope in exile

1 PETER

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus of the background image, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber.

What's Love Got To Do With It?

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Love One Another

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1 Peter 1:22-2:3 (ESV)

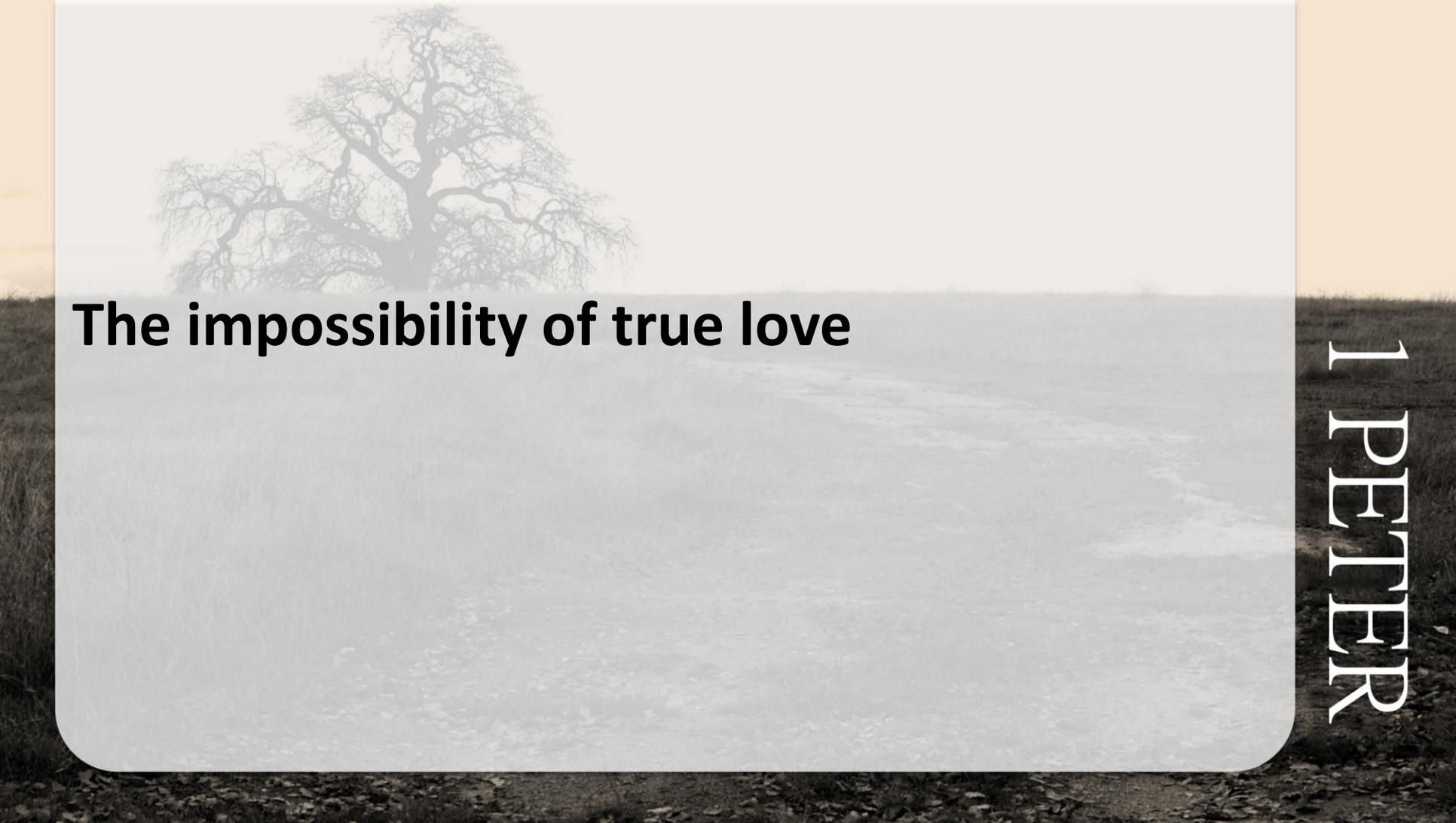
**Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,
²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;**

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²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

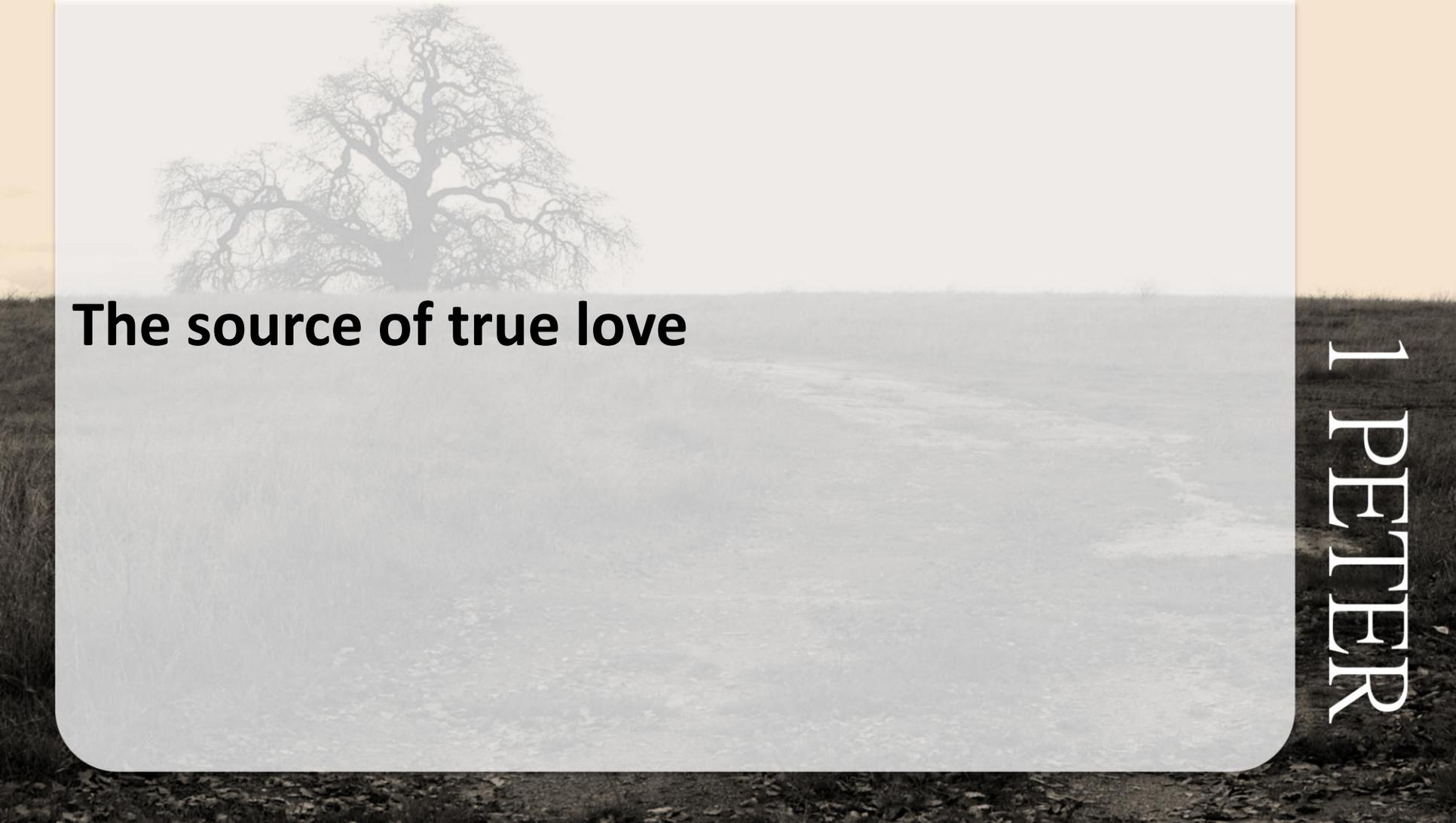
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And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 2 So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

A misty landscape with a large tree silhouette in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a path leading into the distance. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

The impossibility of true love

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is covered in low-lying vegetation, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The image is presented in a monochromatic, grayscale style.

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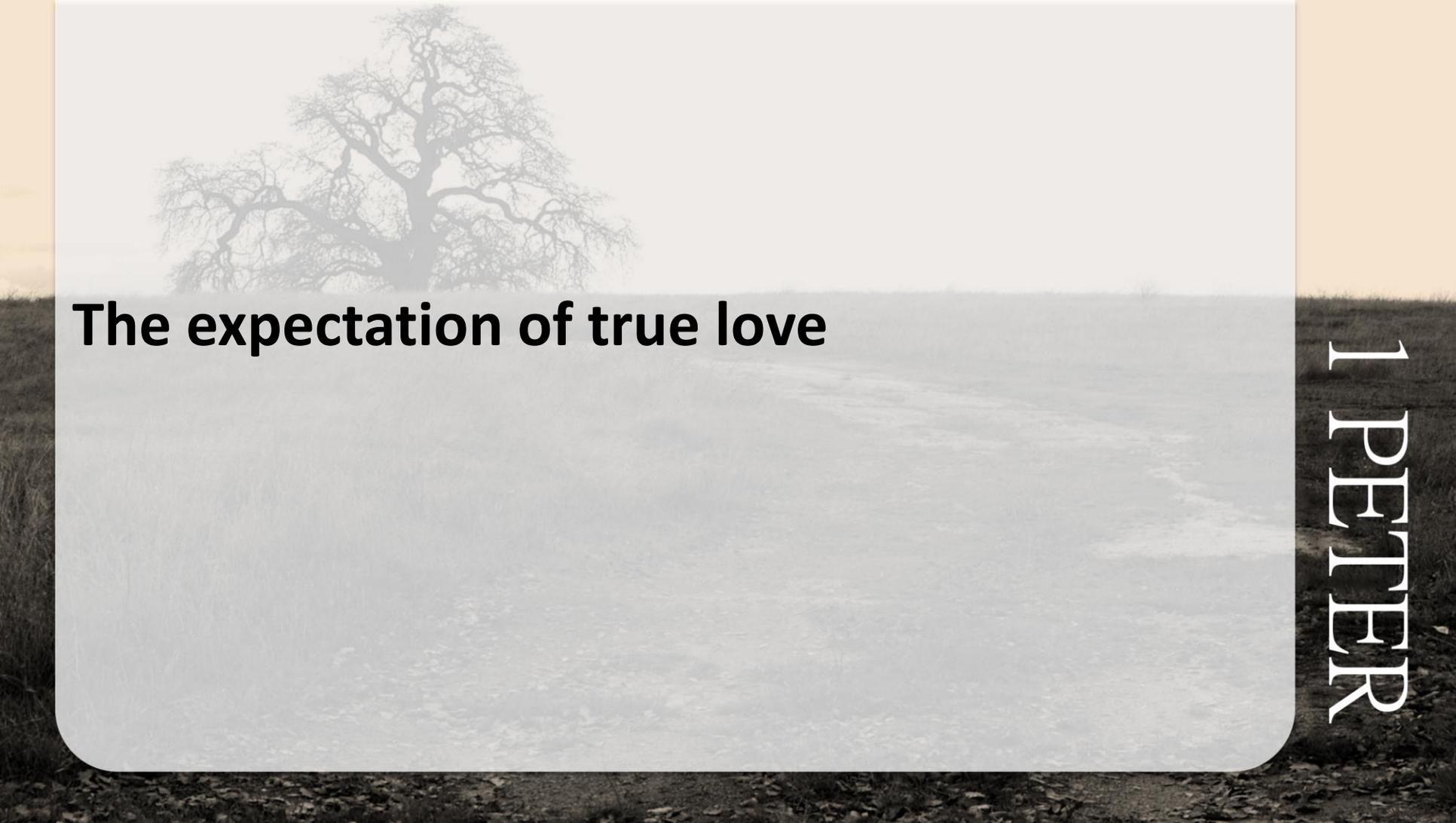
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The expectation of true love

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1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:7-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:19-21 (ESV)

We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 5:1-3 (ESV)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.



1 John 5:1-3 (ESV)

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.