

A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafless tree on the left side, silhouetted against a pale, hazy sky. A dirt path or road winds through a field of tall grass and brush, leading towards the horizon. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

hope in exile

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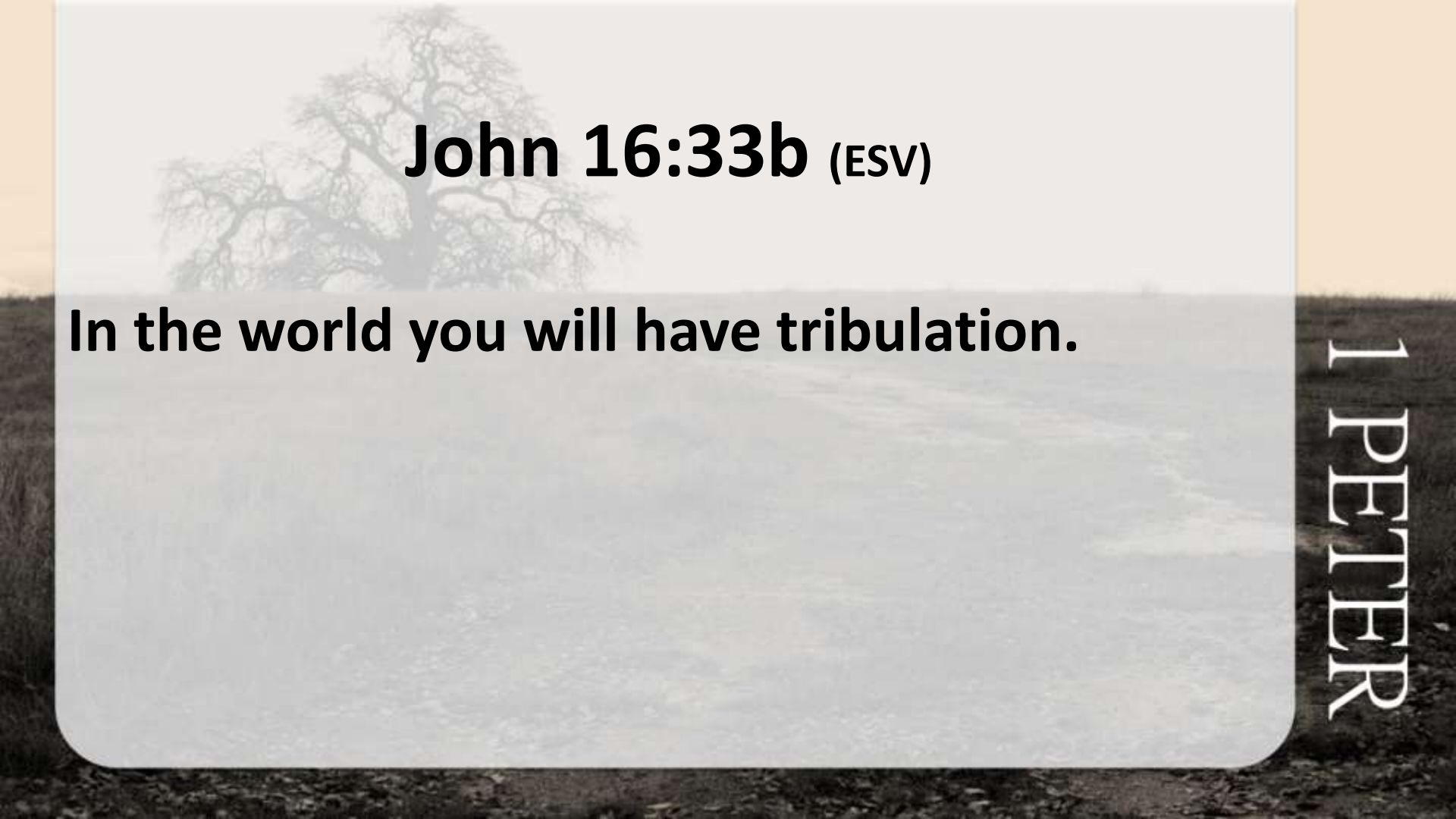


Suffer Well

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John 16:33b (ESV)

In the world you will have tribulation.

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Matthew 16:24-25 (ESV)

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Luke 21:10-19 (ESV)

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:10-19 (ESV)


¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Luke 21:10-19 (ESV)

¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Luke 21:10-19 (ESV)

¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.



Luke 21:10-19 (ESV)

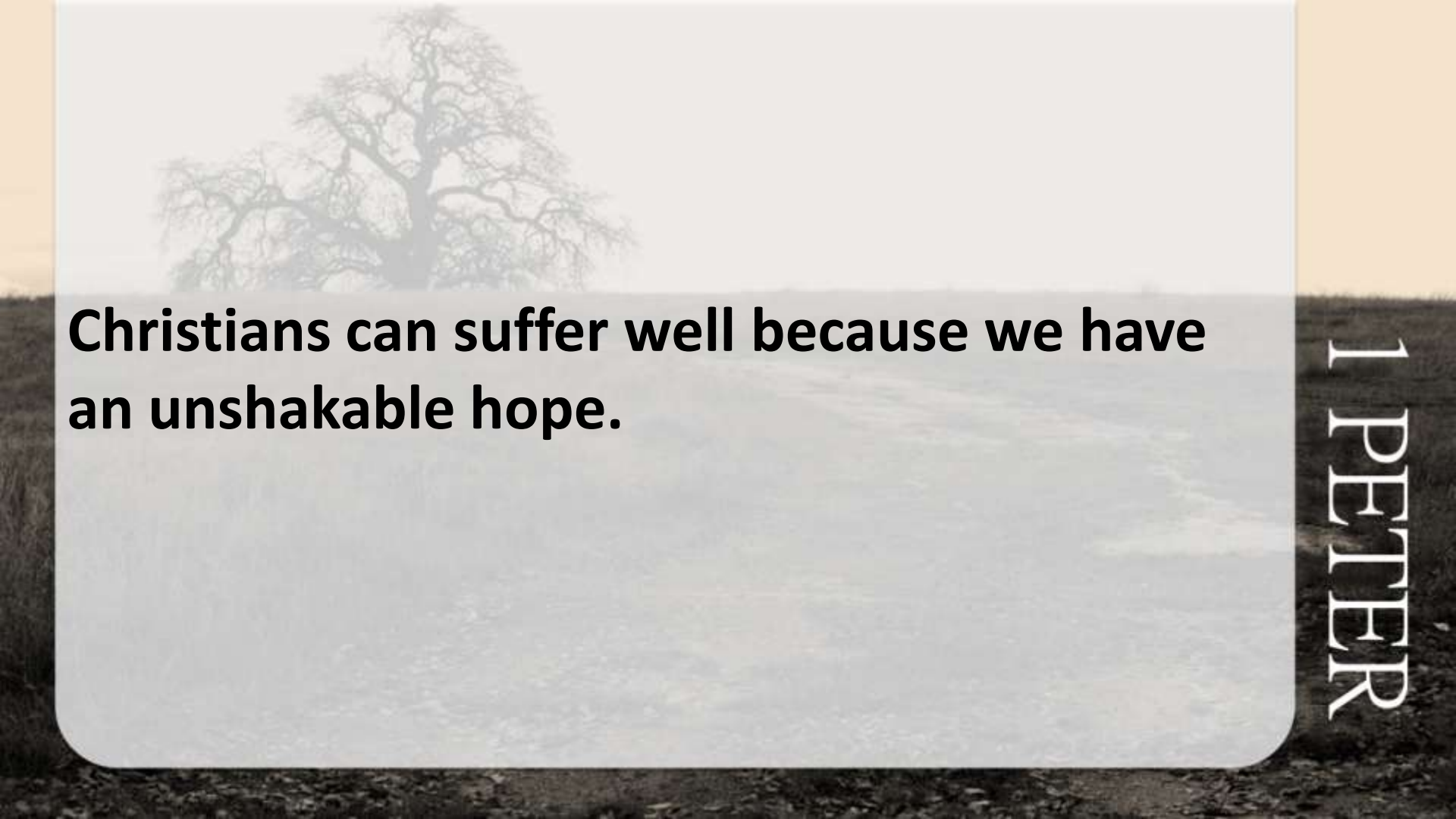
¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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A misty landscape with a large tree in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a path leading from the foreground into the distance. A large, leafless tree stands prominently in the background on the left side. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

Suffering

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**Christians can suffer well because we have
an unshakable hope.**

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1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 3:13-22 (ESV)

²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

1 Peter 3:22 (ESV)

²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

1 Peter 3:14-15 (ESV)

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

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¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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 towards a horizon line. A large, leafless tree is visible in the upper left quadrant, its branches silhouetted against the light sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Jesus provides the model and means for victorious living.

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1 Peter 4:1-6 (ESV)

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-6 (ESV)

³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

1 Peter 4:1-6 (ESV)

⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

1 Peter 4:1-6 (ESV)

⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

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 a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing text.

Jesus is our model.

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