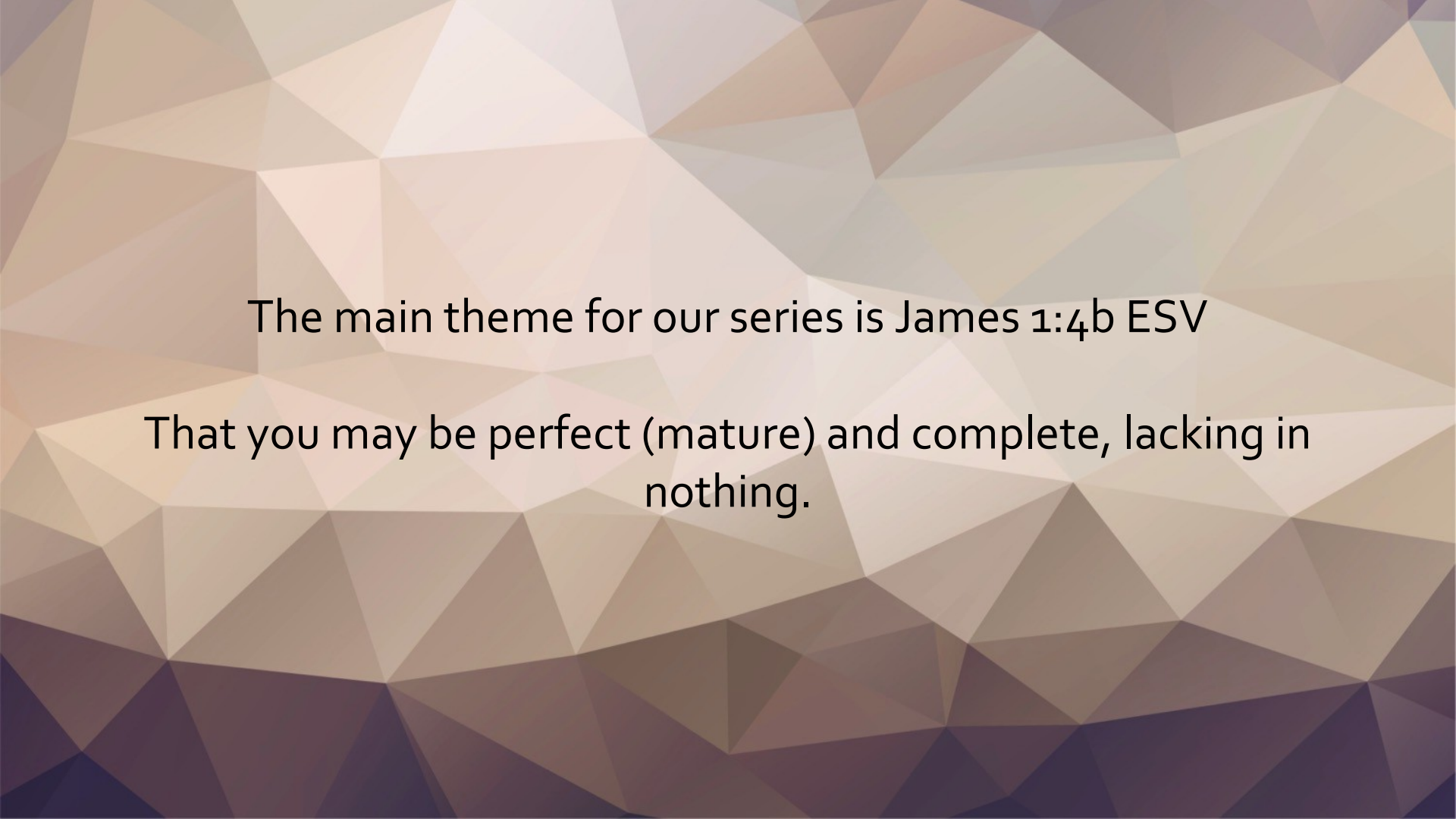


JAMES

LEARNING AND LIVING A FAITH THAT WORKS


Week 2

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The main theme for our series is James 1:4b ESV

That you may be perfect (mature) and complete, lacking in nothing.



Trials and Tests and Temptation, oh my!
James 1:2-18 ESV


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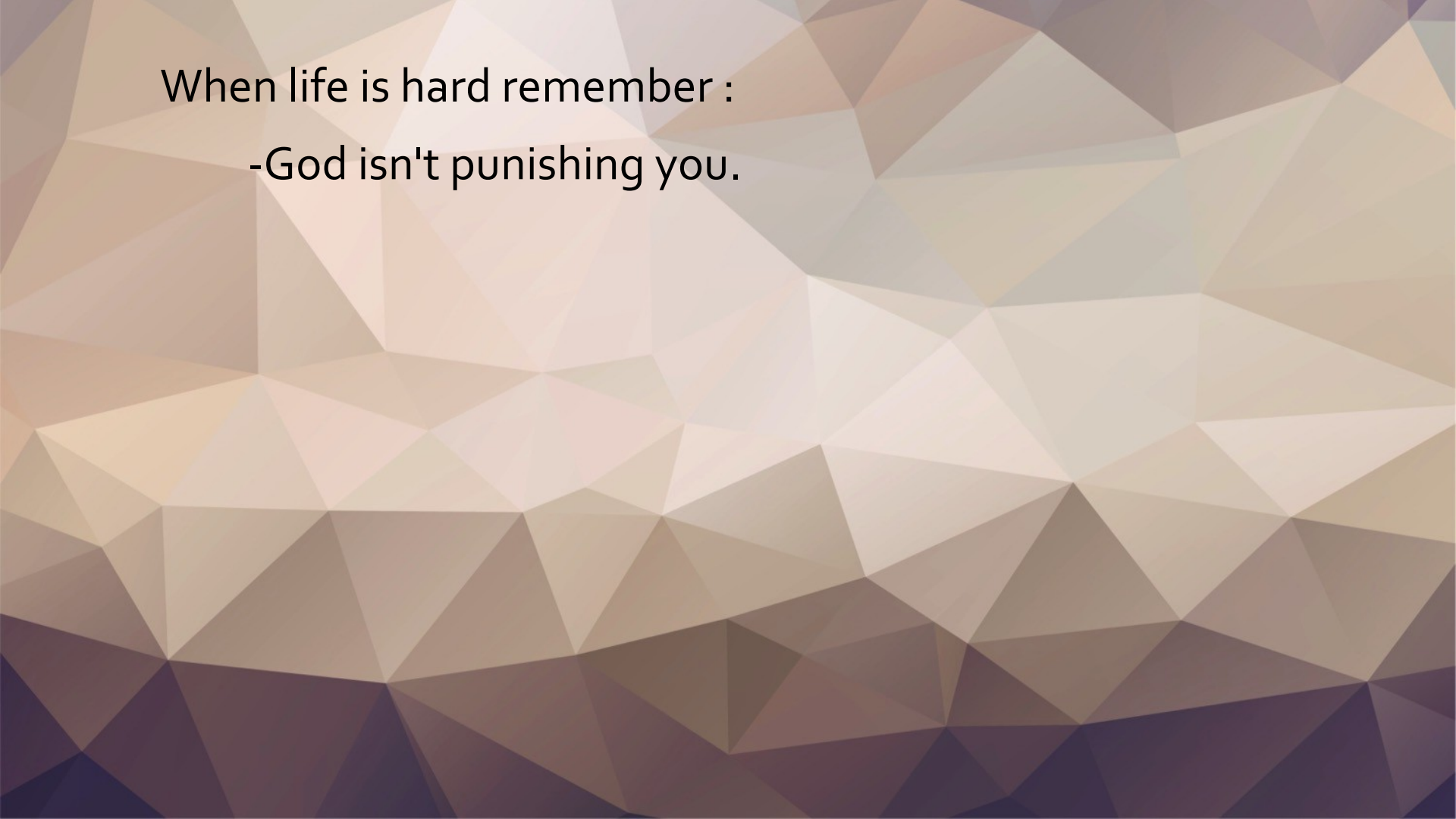
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James 1:2-3 ESV

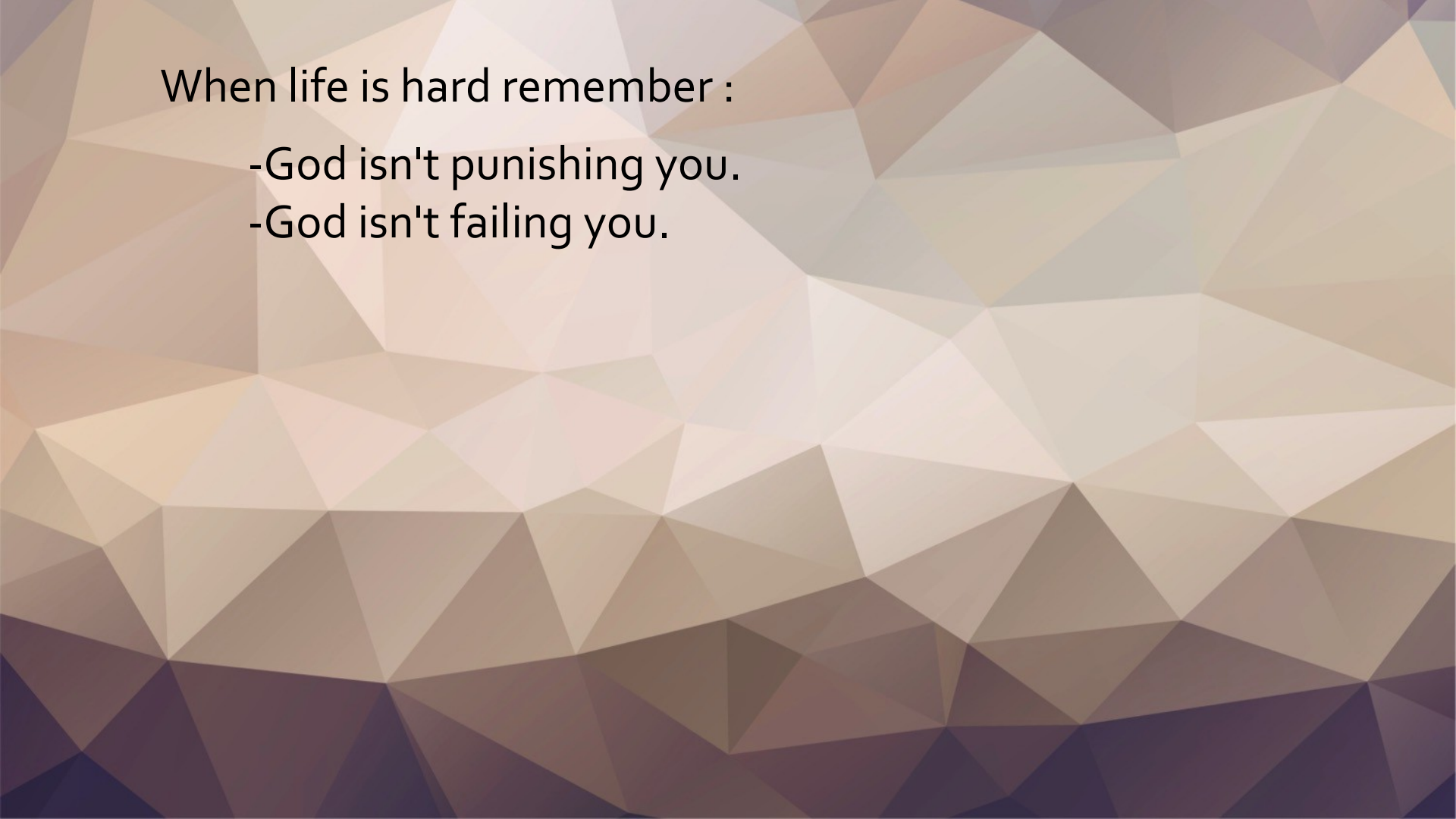
2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

When life is hard remember:

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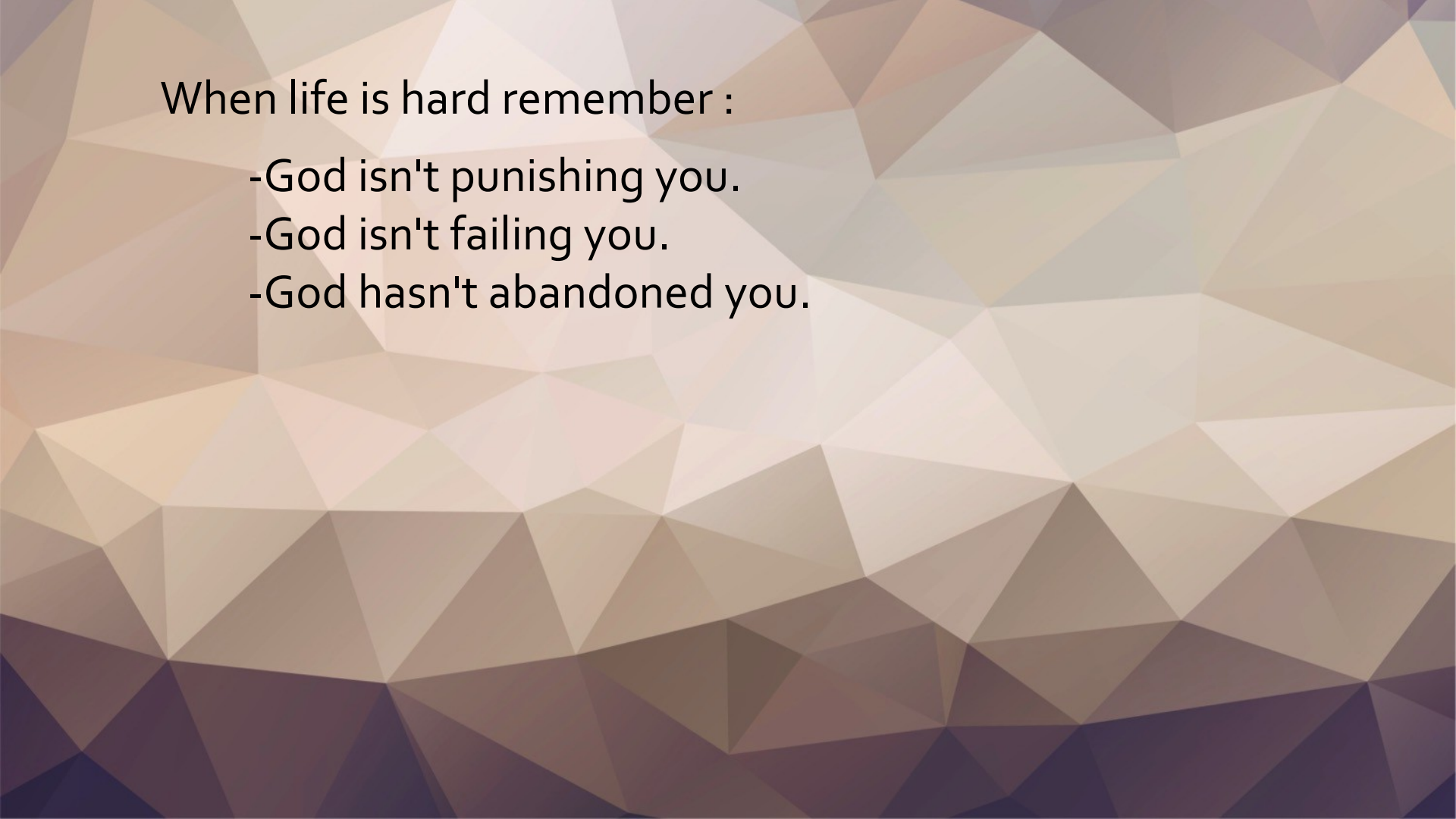
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- God won't answer every question for you.



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1. What is this **really** about?

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James 1:4b ESV

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Romans 5:3-4 ESV

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

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1 Peter 1:6-7a NLT

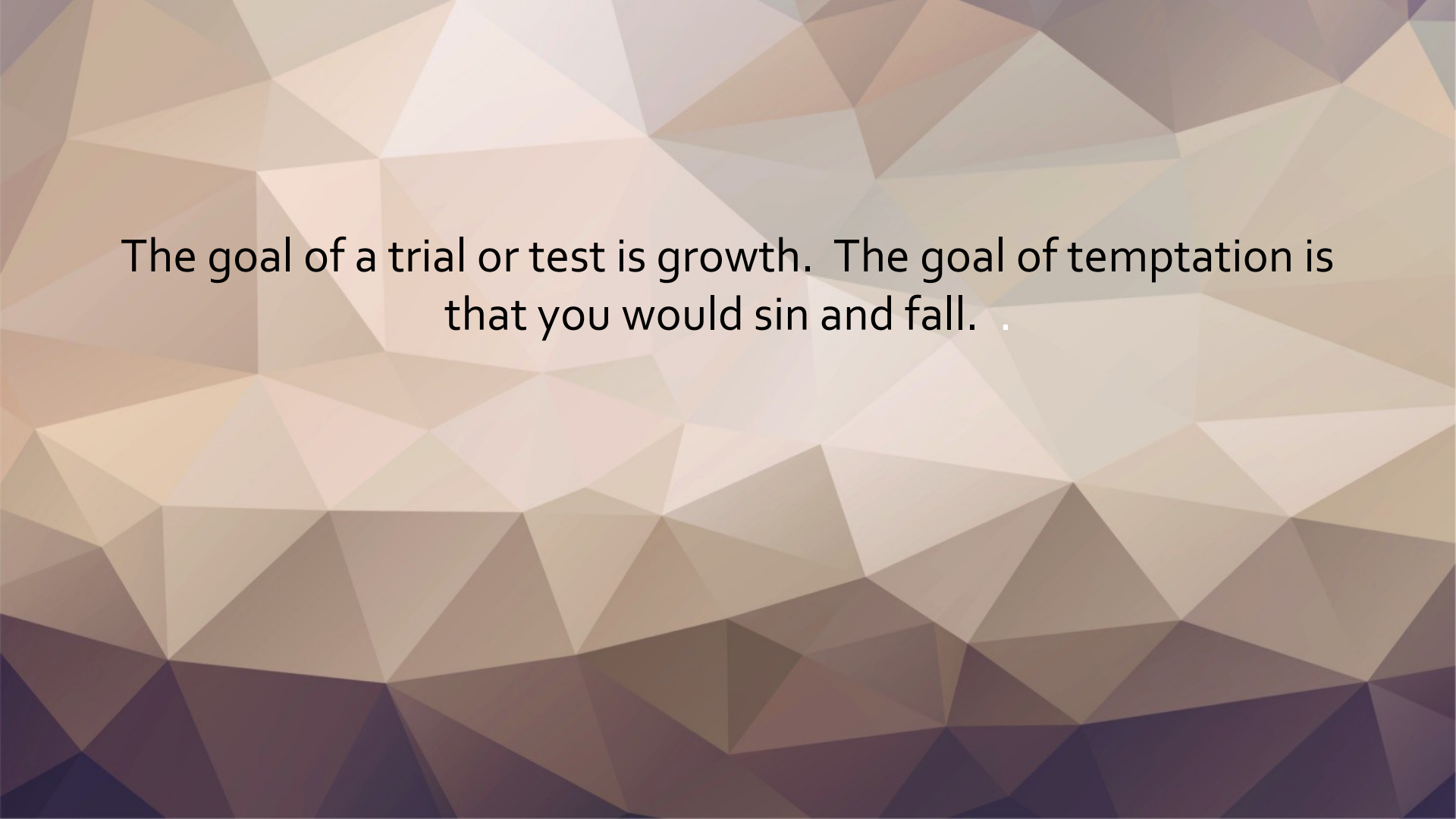
6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine.

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3. Am I seeking **help** from the correct **source**.

James 1:5 ESV

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.



The goal of a trial or test is growth. The goal of temptation is that you would sin and fall.

III. In the mist of temptation.

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1. Recognize the source.

James 1:13 ESV

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

III. In the mist of temptation.

2. Understand the process.

James 1:14-15 ESV

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. **15** Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Temptation

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Temptation

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Moving Towards Sin



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Act of Sin

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Death

III. In the mist of temptation.

3. Learn to overcome it.


I Cor. 10:13 ESV

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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John 14:15 ESV

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”..



Temptation is not a test of your **self-control**; It is a test of your **love** for Jesus.