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**1. You've Got to Do the
Right Thing - Not the
Same or Sure Thing
(*Jonah 2:1-10*)**

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Jonah 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

² saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

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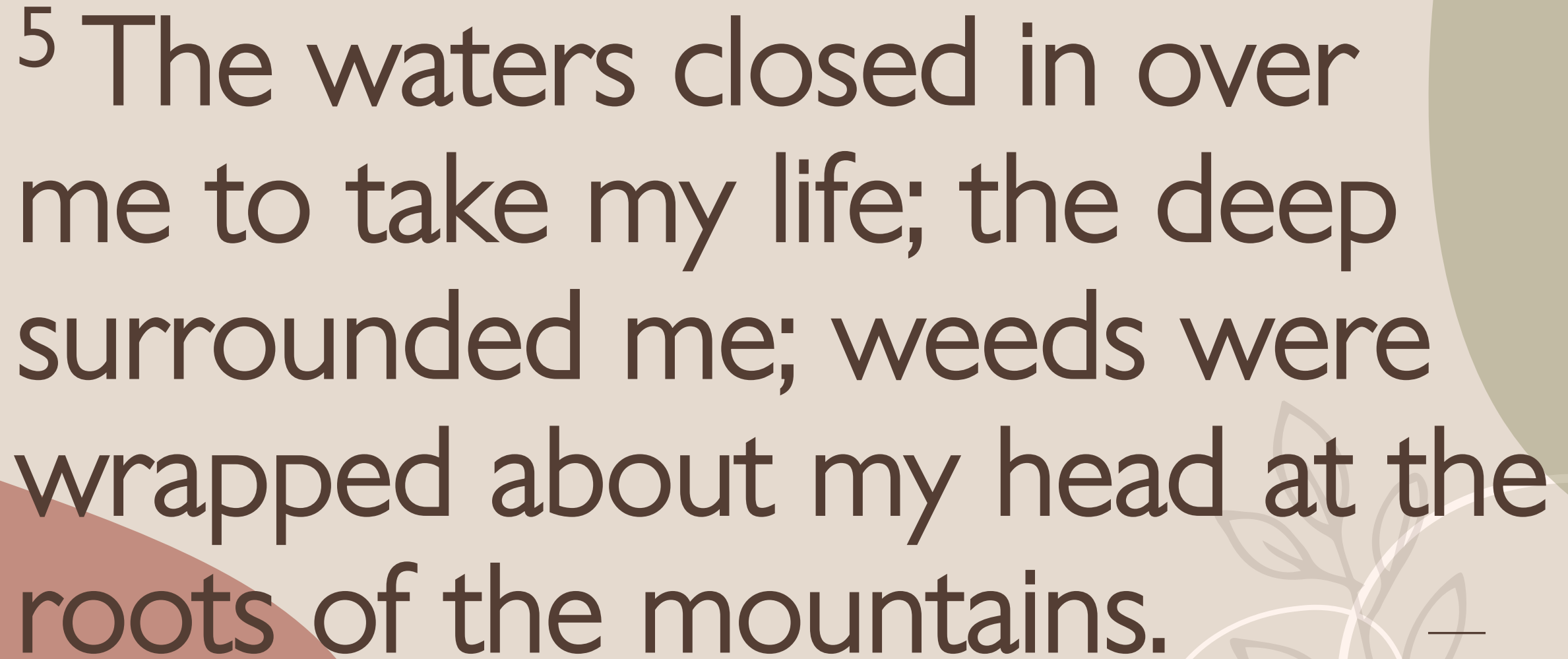
³ For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas, and
the flood surrounded me; all
your waves and your billows
passed over me.

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⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

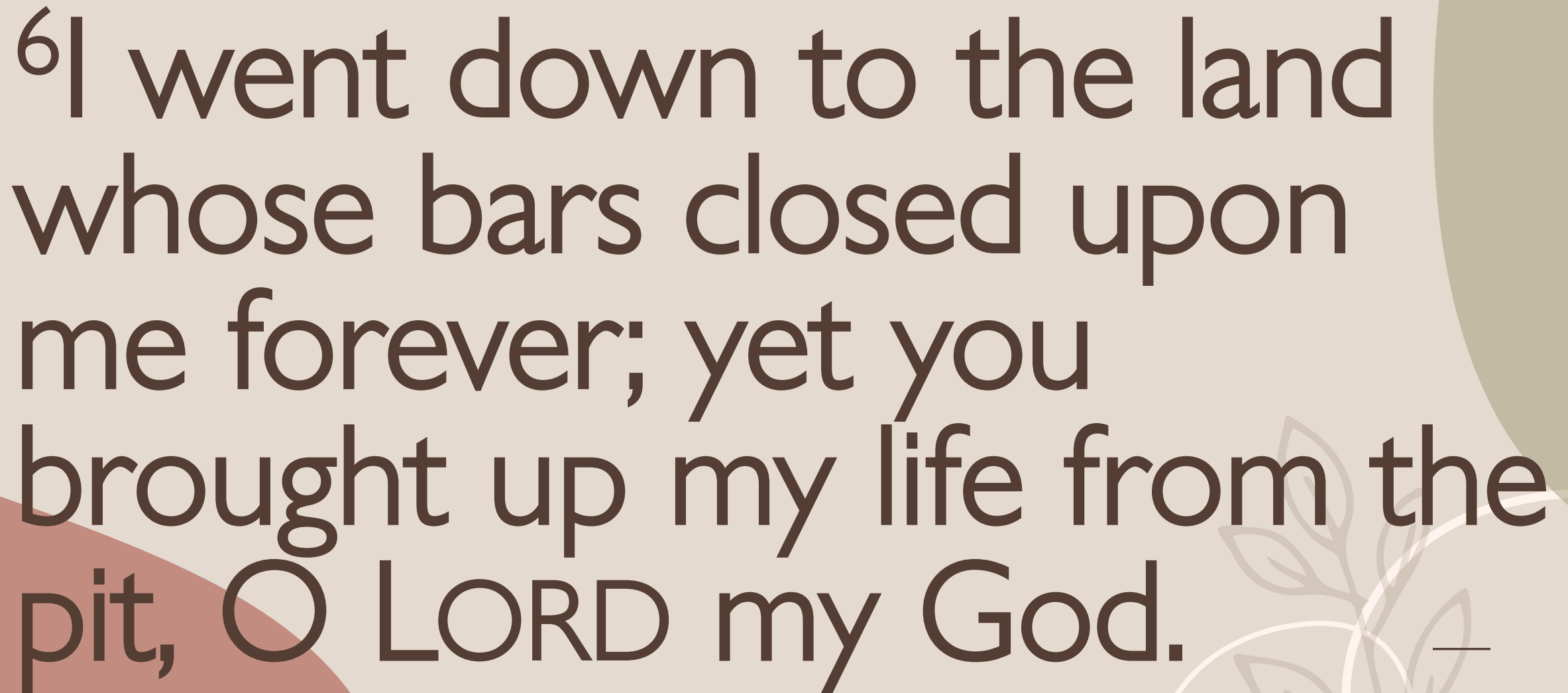
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⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains.



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**⁶I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon
me forever; yet you
brought up my life from the
pit, O LORD my God.**



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⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

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⁸ Those who pay regard to
vain idols forsake their
hope of steadfast love.



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⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

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¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

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**2. You've Got to Be Thankful
for the Tough Times - God is
Making and Refining You
(*Isaiah 64:8; 45:9*)**

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Isaiah 64:8 But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

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45:9 “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’?”

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**3. You've Got to Claim God's
'Bad to Good' Promise - But
Only Under His Condition
(*Romans 8:28*)**

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Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

