

deeper

diving into the expanse of God's love





Getting our bearings

What's going on with the world?
What is God doing in the big picture?
Where do I fit in it all?

The background of the slide is an underwater scene. The top portion shows the surface of the water with bright, shimmering light reflecting off the ripples. Below the surface, the water transitions into a deep, vibrant blue. Numerous small, white bubbles are visible, rising from the bottom and dispersing throughout the water column, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Romans 8:18-27



CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

D-DAY TO V-E DAY





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- 2) Frustration (v20)

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:17-20



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- 3) Decay (v21)

A photograph of a forest scene. In the foreground, a wooden sign with the text "BIGGERED PIG" in red, stylized letters is mounted on a mossy tree stump. The sign is weathered and has some moss growing on it. The background is a dense forest with many trees, some covered in moss, and a path leading into the distance. The lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded forest environment.

BIGGERED PIG



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- 1) Suffering (v18)
- 2) Frustration (v20)
- 3) Decay (v21)
- 4) Weakness (26)

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 7:21-24



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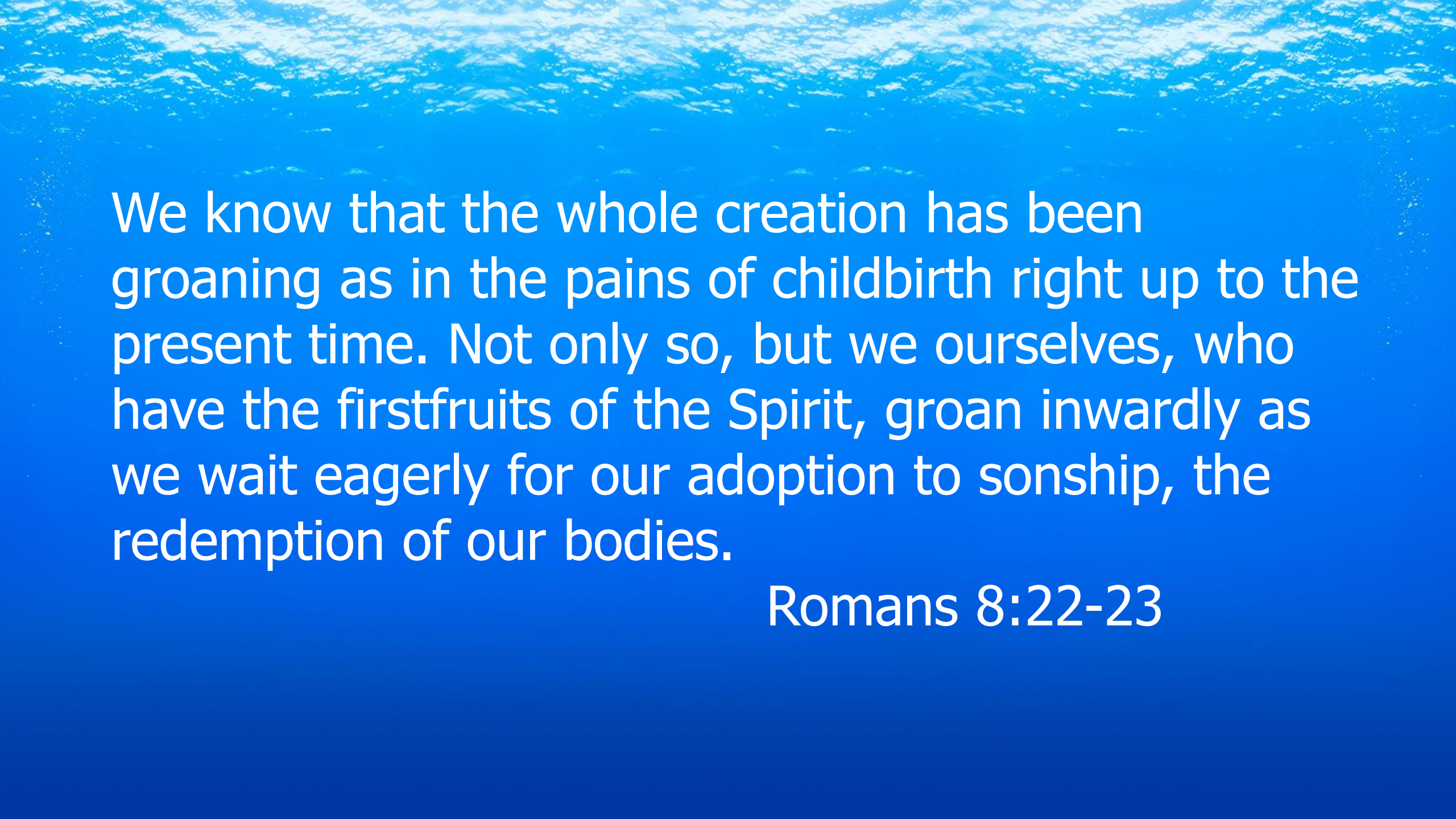
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The background is a vibrant blue, representing an underwater scene. At the top, there are white, frothy bubbles and ripples, suggesting the surface of the water. The blue deepens as it goes down, creating a gradient effect. The overall texture is slightly grainy, typical of a video or digital background.

We still feel the effects of the fall...
but glory is coming!



How does it feel to live between D-
Day and VE-Day?



We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:22-23



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

2 Corinthians 4:17

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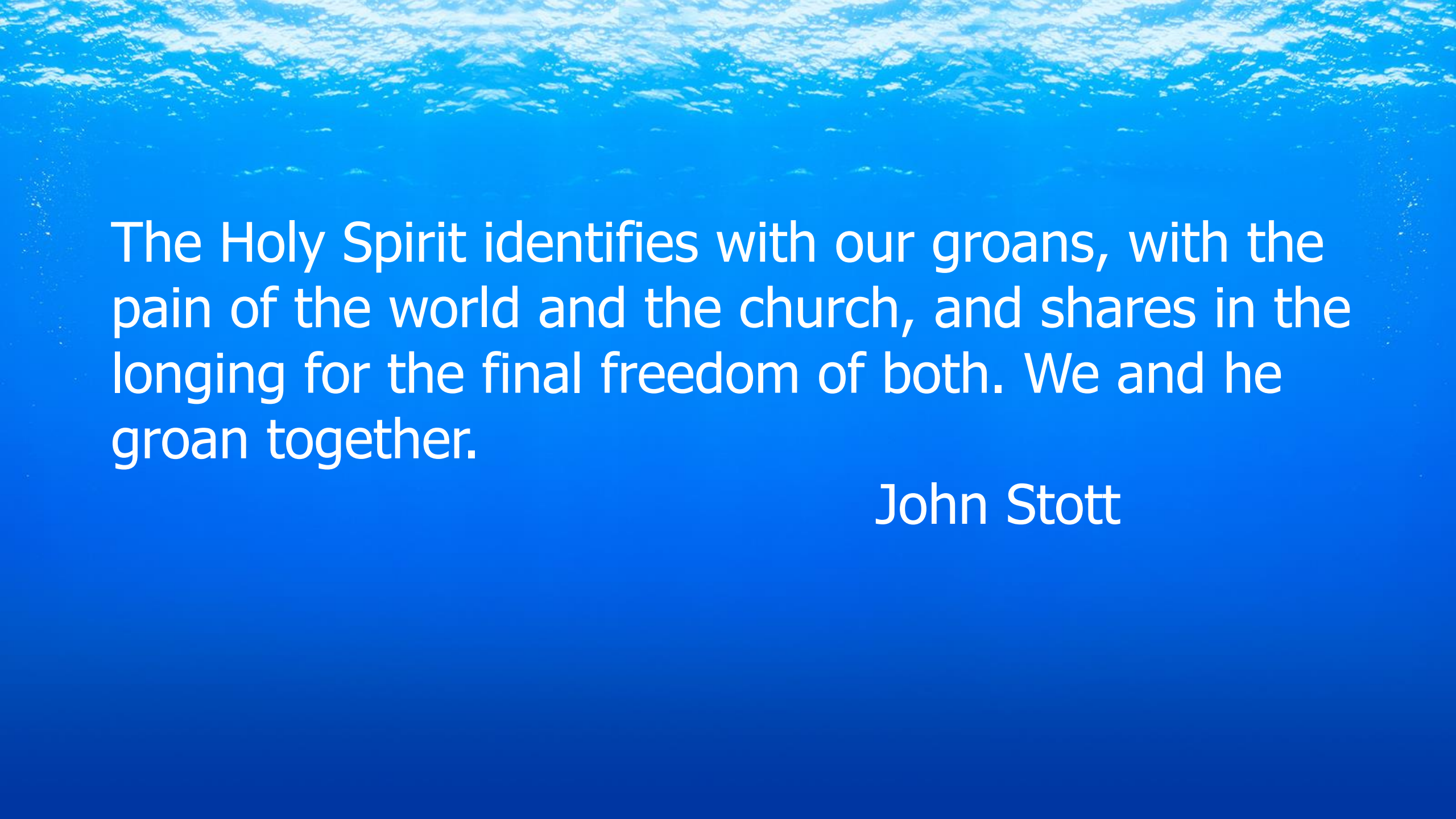
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**Where is God in between
D-Day and VE-Day?**

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27



The Holy Spirit identifies with our groans, with the pain of the world and the church, and shares in the longing for the final freedom of both. We and he groan together.

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