

# WHAT ELEPHANT?



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# 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

<sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.



**We Need Hope**



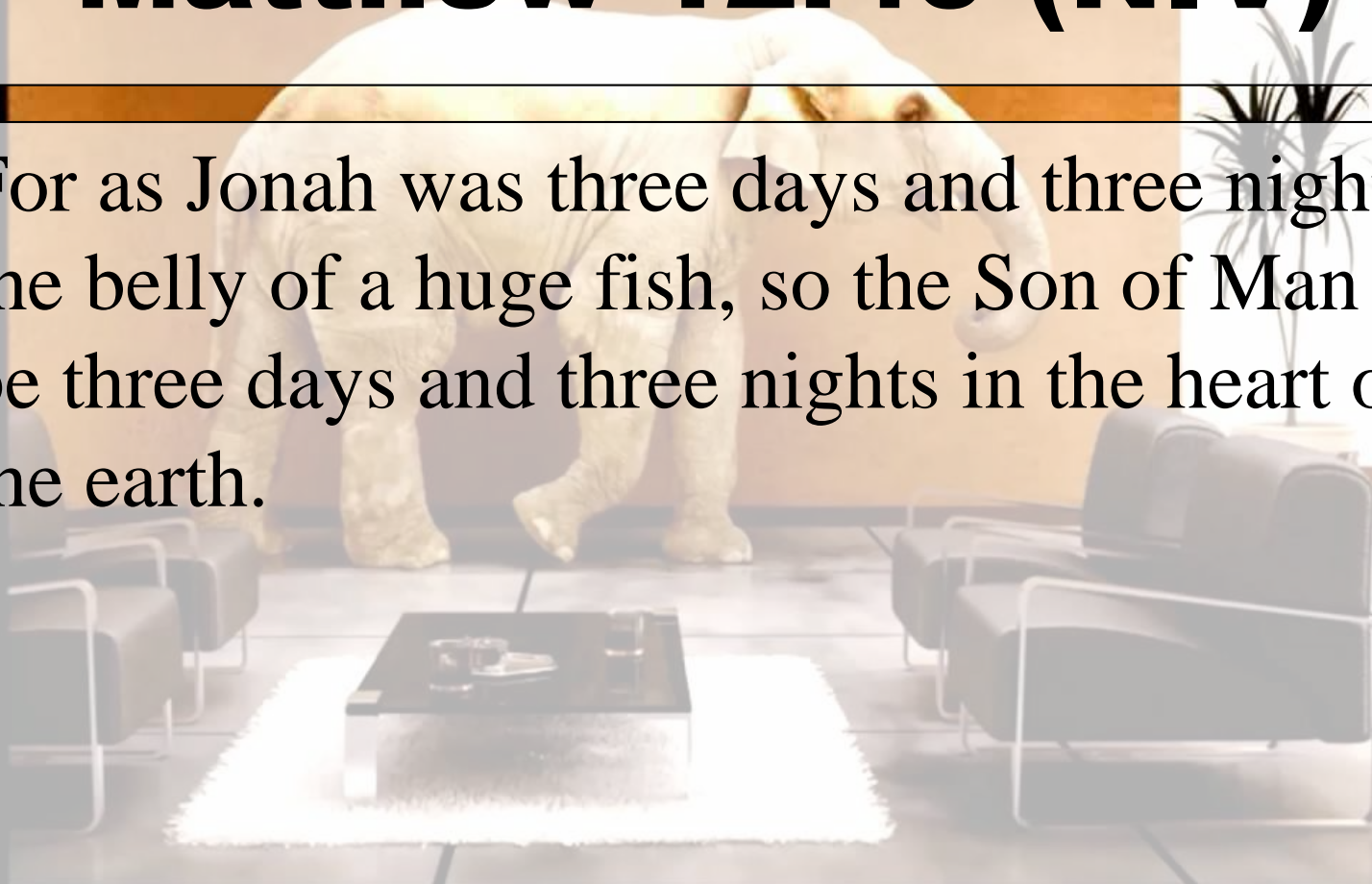
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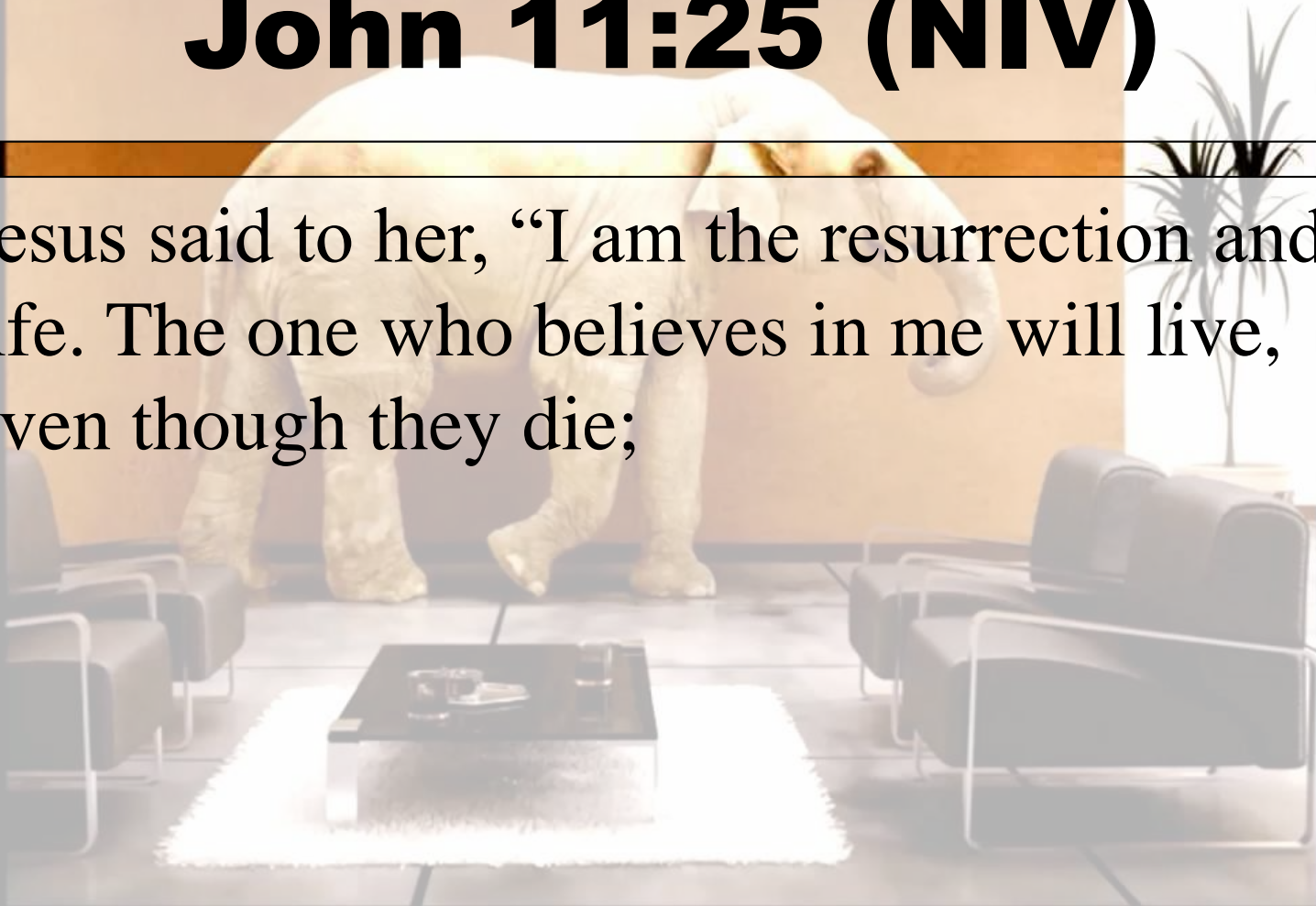
# Matthew 12:40 (NIV)

<sup>40</sup> For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



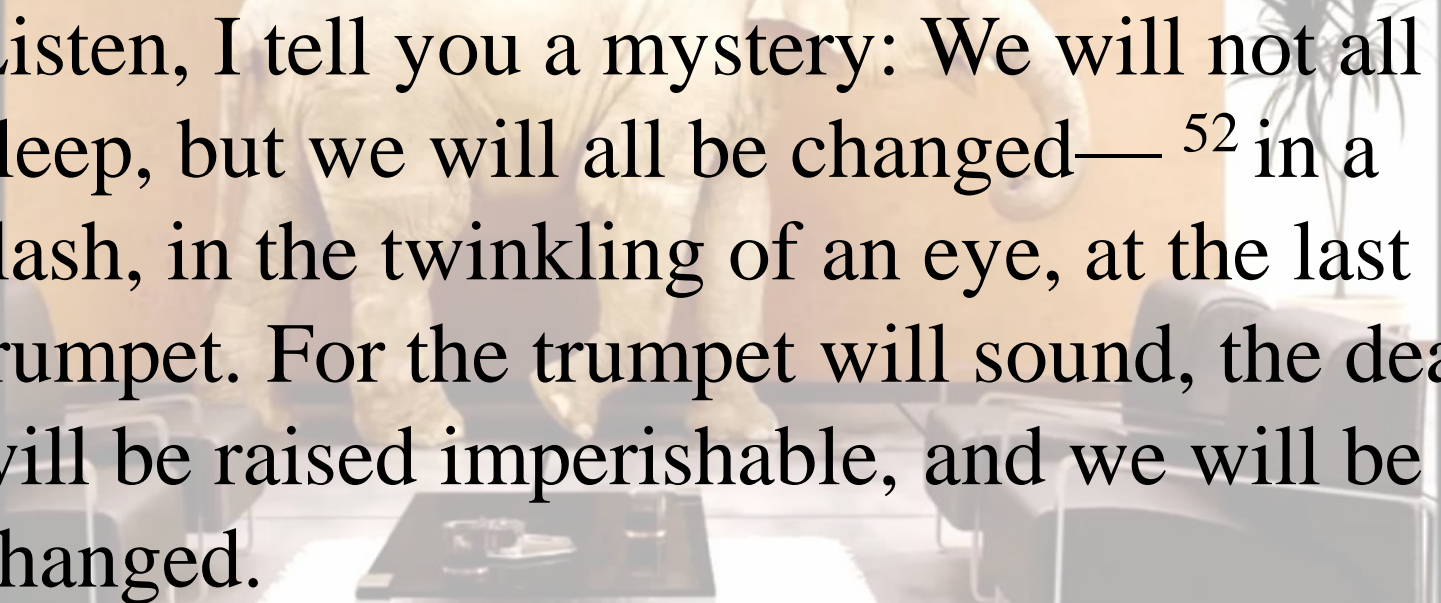
# John 11:25 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

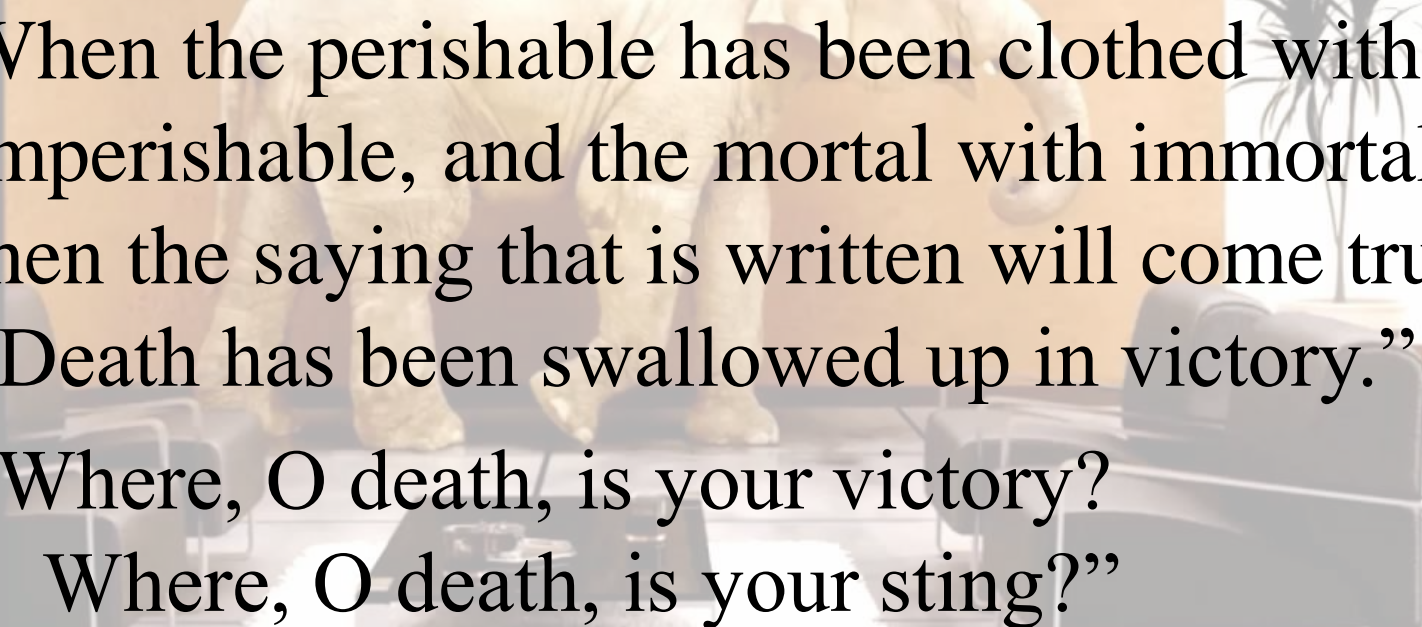


# 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV)

<sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.



# 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NIV)

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- A white dog, possibly a Weimaraner, is standing on a white rectangular rug in a modern interior. The background features a large window with a view of a city skyline, a potted plant, and a modern chair. The scene is brightly lit, creating a clean and minimalist atmosphere.
- <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:  
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
- <sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”



A large elephant is standing in a modern living room, which is an unusual sight. The room features a white rug, a low coffee table with some items on it, and several armchairs. A potted plant is visible in the background. The elephant is facing right, and its trunk is slightly curled. The room has a warm, orange-toned wall and a dark floor.

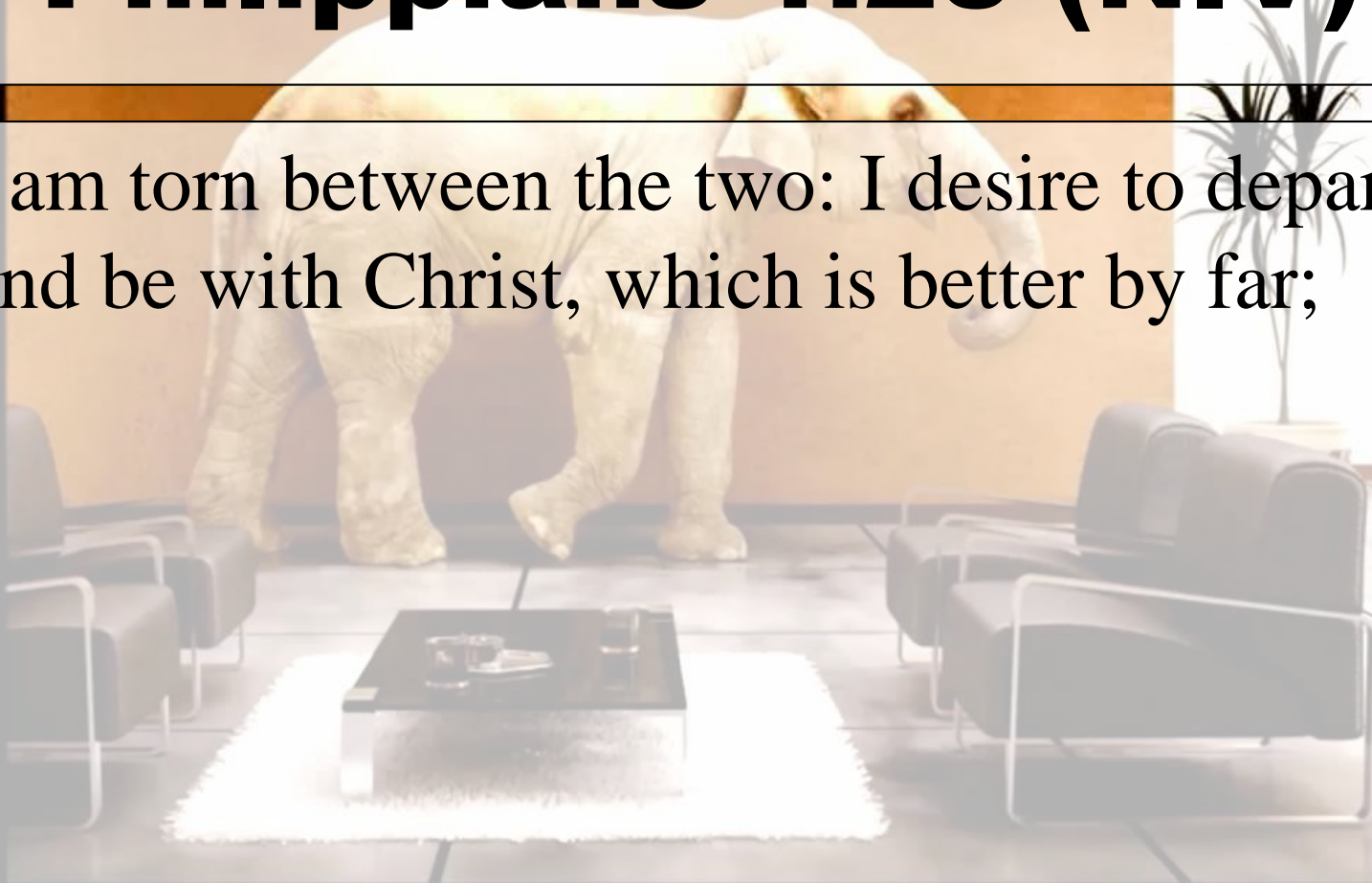
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# Philippians 1:23 (NIV)

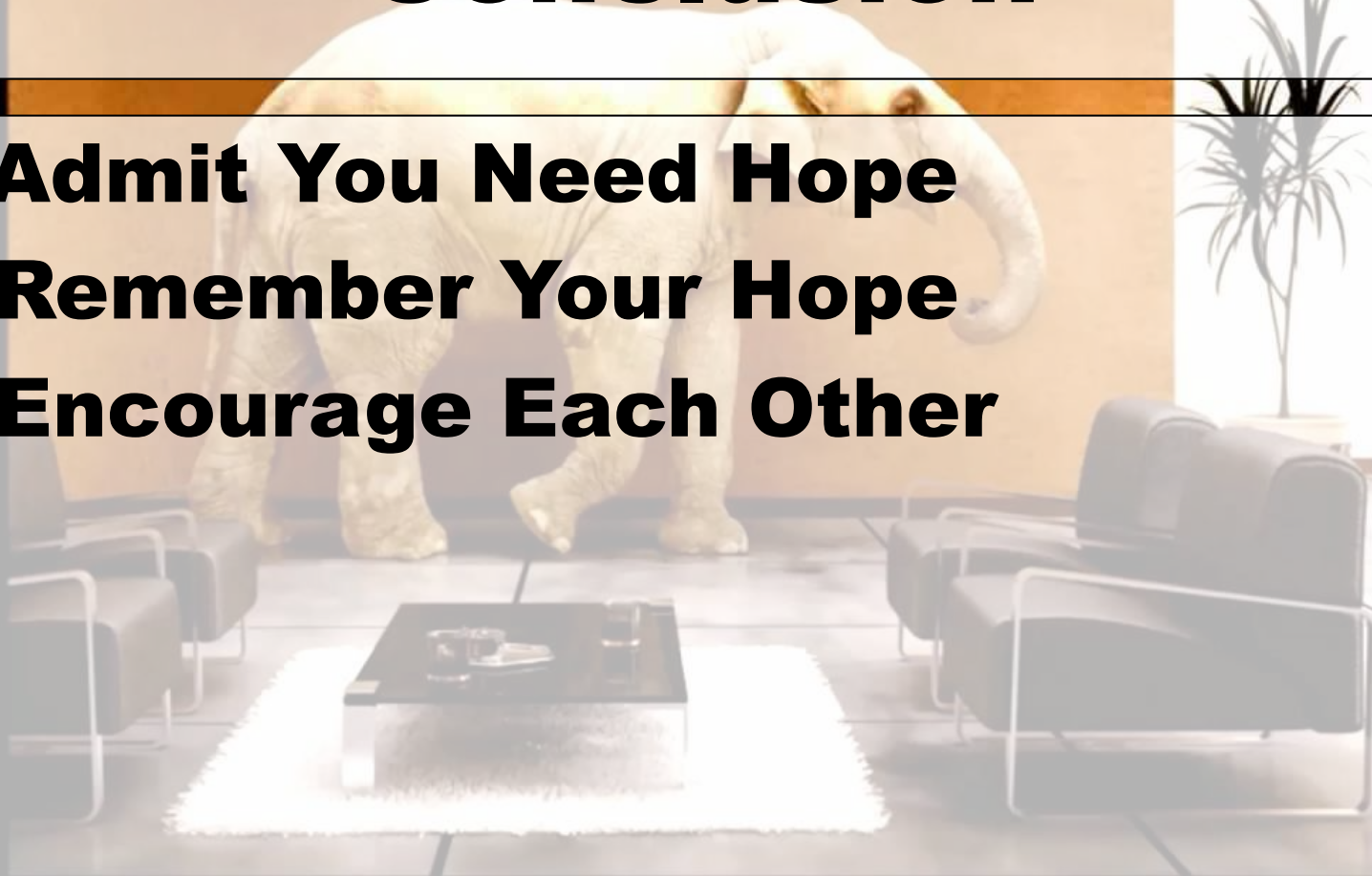
<sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;



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# Conclusion

-  **Admit You Need Hope**
-  **Remember Your Hope**
-  **Encourage Each Other**





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