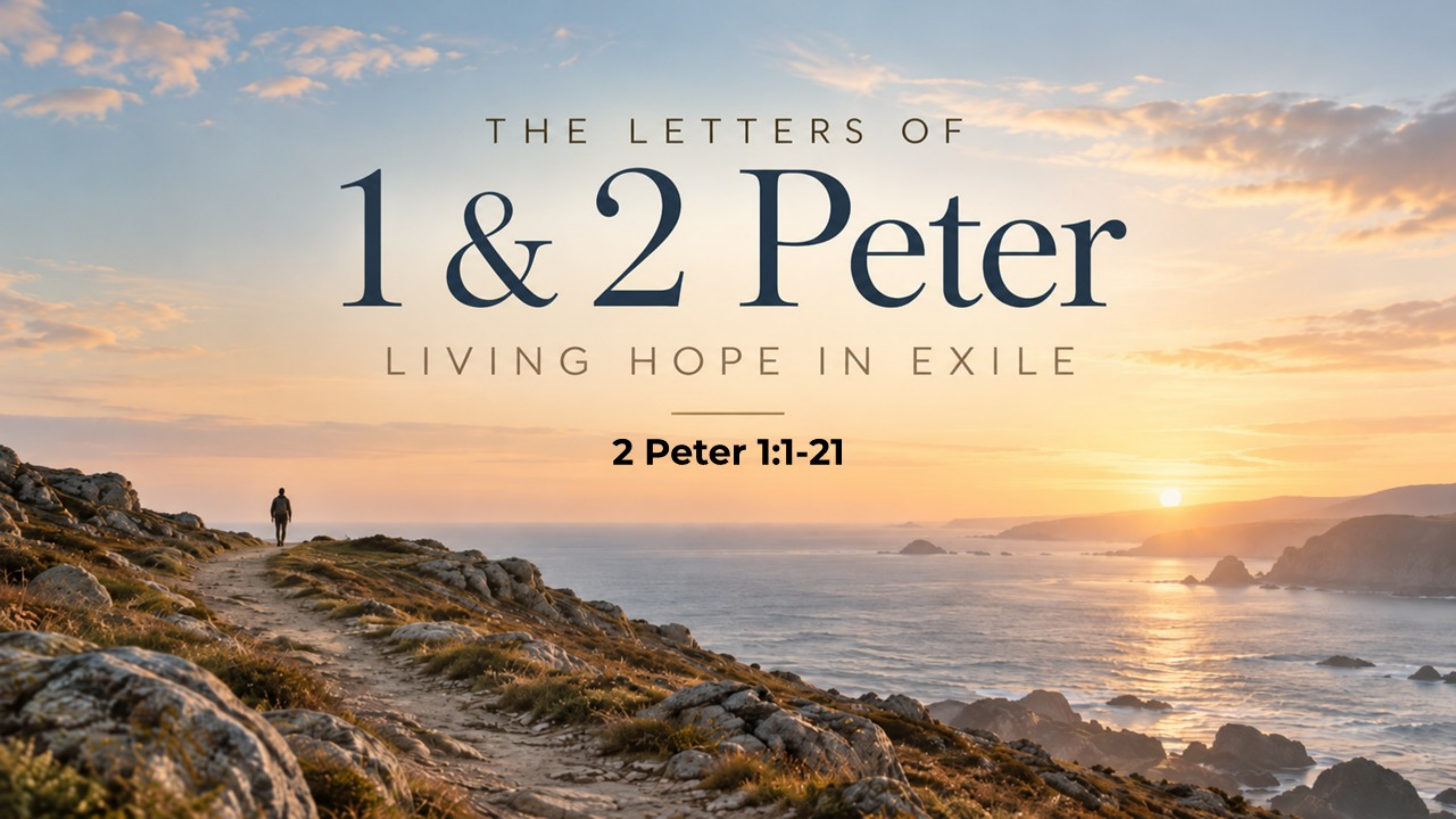

THE LETTERS OF
1 & 2 Peter
LIVING HOPE IN EXILE
2 Peter 1:1-21


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SELF-FULFILMENT
MORE
BELONGING
WELLBEING
DISTRACTION
COMFORT
MY TRUTH
FREEDOM

Peter's Big Idea:

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2 Peter 1 (outline):

1. What God has provided. (v.1-4)
2. How we are called to respond. (v.5-7)
3. Why growth matters. (v.8-11)
4. The truth that helps us grow. (v.12-21)

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- When we come to faith in Jesus, we discover God has provided what we need to follow Him.

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- Depend on God who has given us all that we need.
- Keep coming to Jesus.
- Keep listening to His word.
- Keep trusting His promises.
- Keep asking for His Holy Spirit's help.
- Allow God's people to encourage, challenge and correct us.
- Take practical steps of obedience.



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- Christian growth isn't simply learning something new. Very often, it's remembering and living out what we already know.

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- Keep coming back to Jesus.
- Keep listening to His Word.
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- Keep allowing His truth to shape the way we live.

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