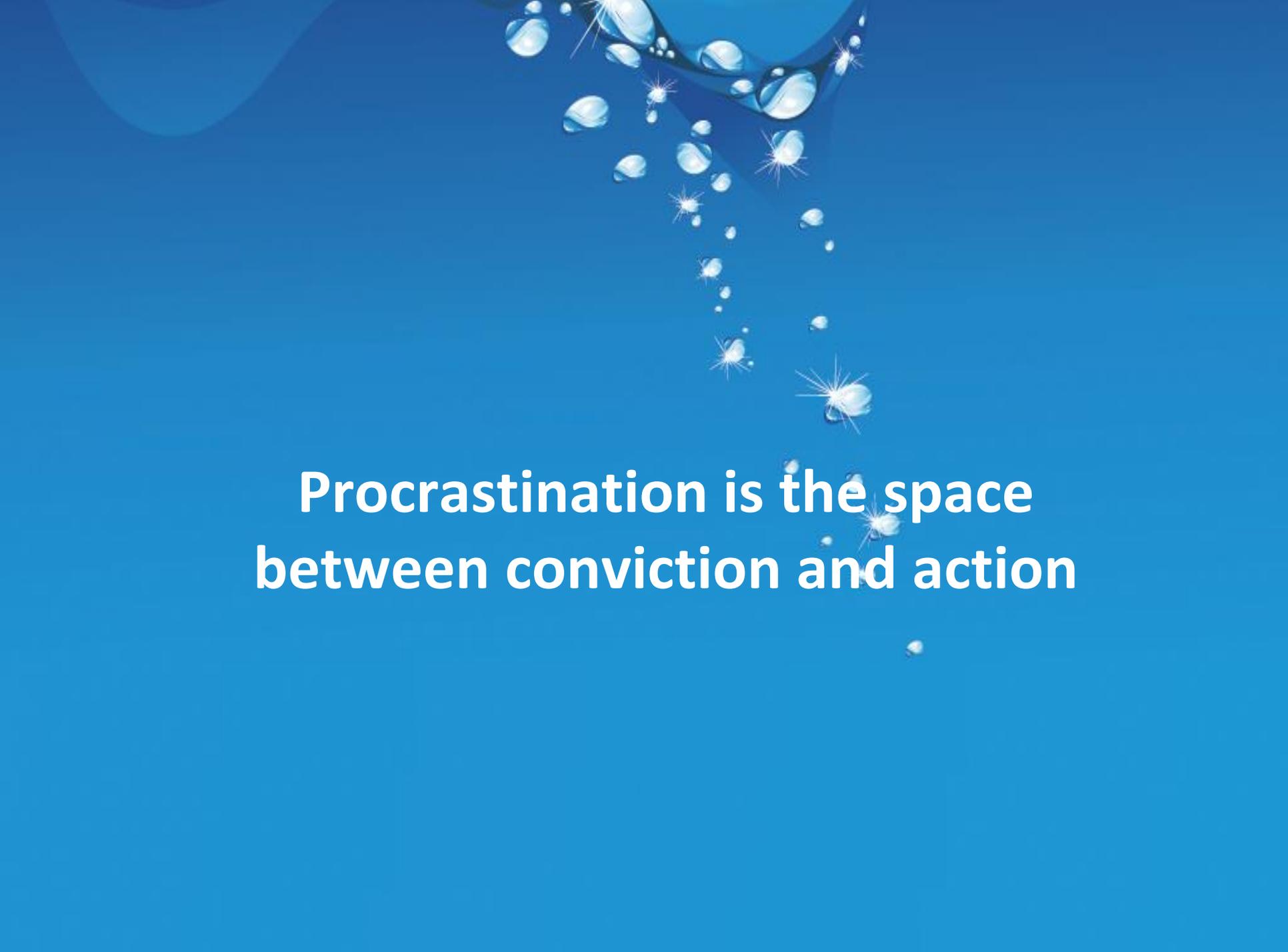
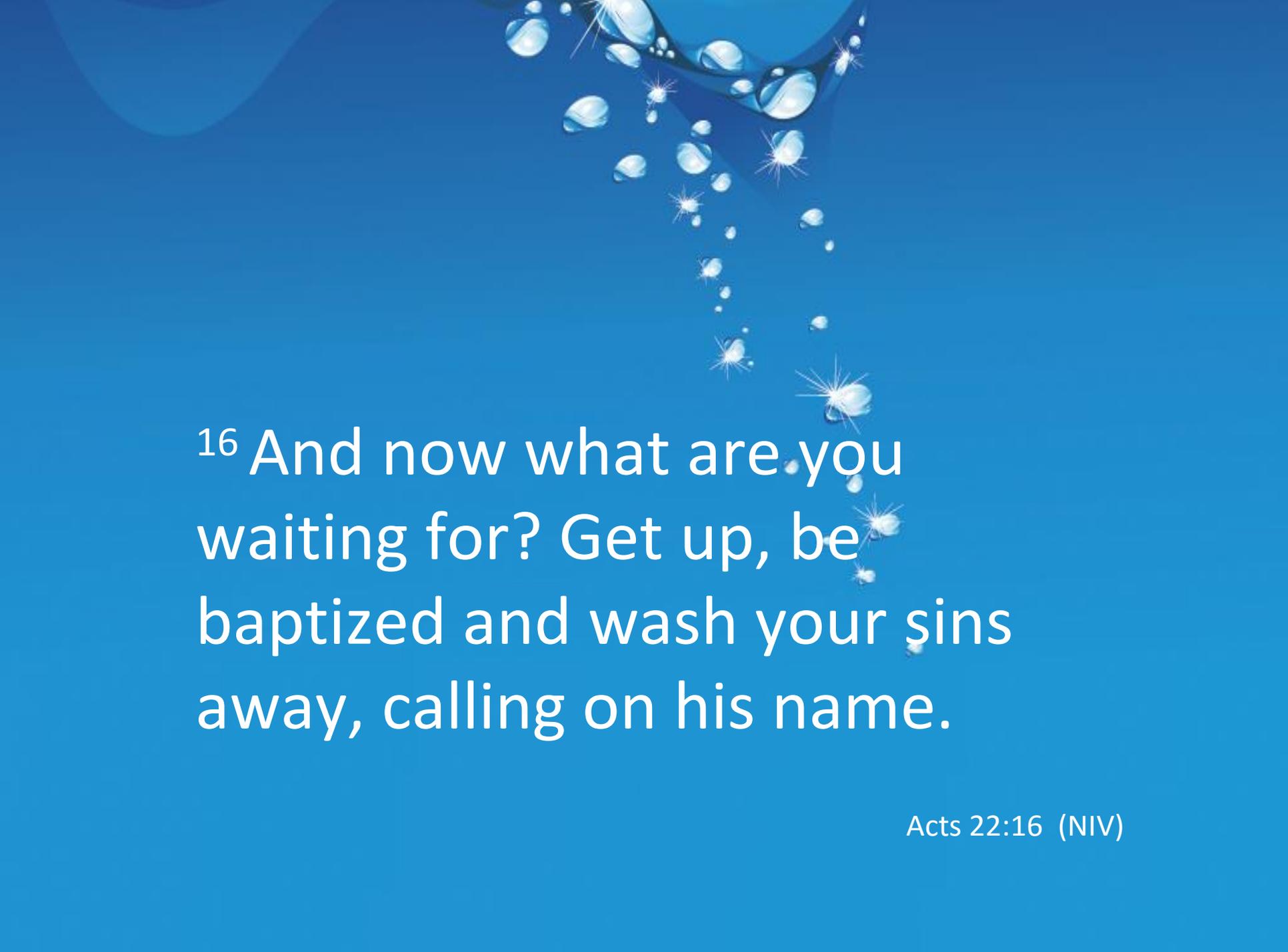




What Are You Waiting For?

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**Procrastination is the space
between conviction and action**

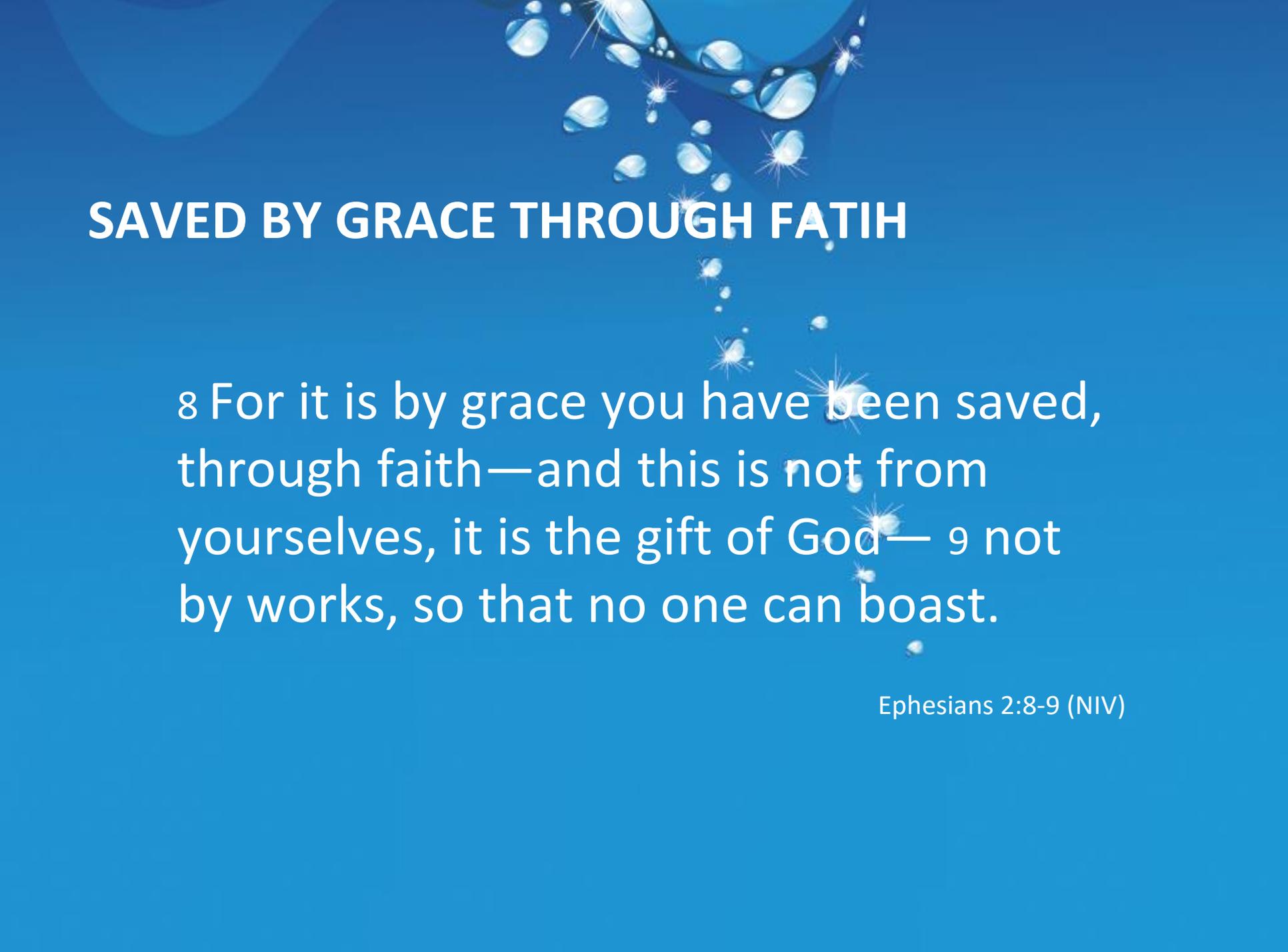


¹⁶ And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.

Acts 22:16 (NIV)

WHERE TO START?

- 1. Agree to set aside any presuppositions & to approach God's word as our sole authority.**
- 2. As a church we do not believe that baptism saves but rather it is the blood of Jesus Christ.**
- 3. There's nothing we can do to merit salvation on our own.**



SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

8 For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not from
yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not
by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

BAPTISM – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

1. Baptism is Personal Commitment

- Only You & You Alone Can Make This Commitment
- It is the Wedding Ring of our Faith
- You are Committing & Identifying Yourself as a Follower of Jesus Christ

BAPTISM – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

20 to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.[a] It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

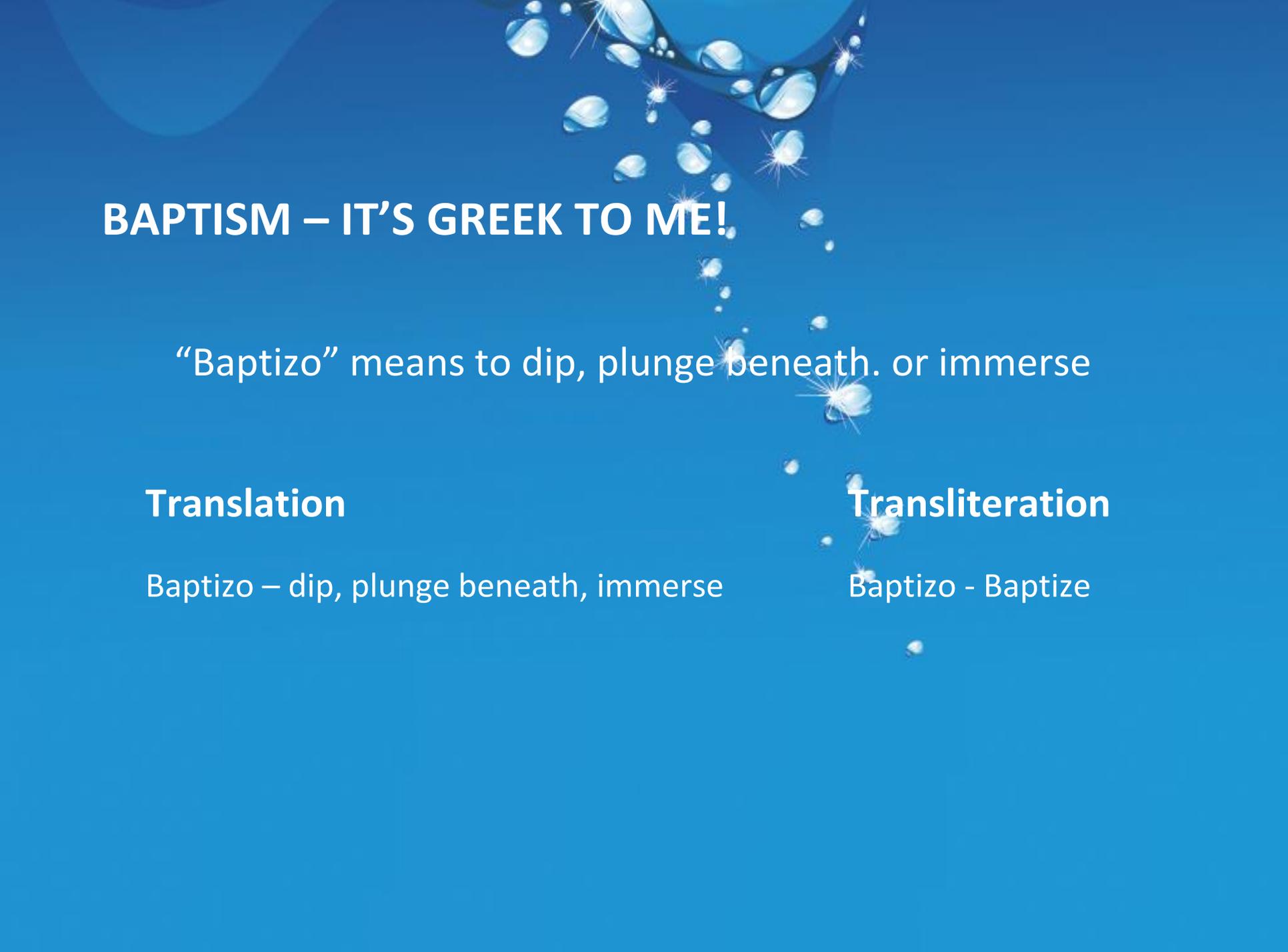
1 Peter 3:20-21 (NIV)

WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO?

2. Baptism Unites us with Christ

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

Romans 6:3-4 (NLT)



BAPTISM – IT’S GREEK TO ME!

“Baptizo” means to dip, plunge beneath, or immerse

Translation

Baptizo – dip, plunge beneath, immerse

Transliteration

Baptizo - Baptize

BAPTISM

3. Baptism is an Expression of Faith

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:37 (NIV)

BAPTISM

Peter's response:

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

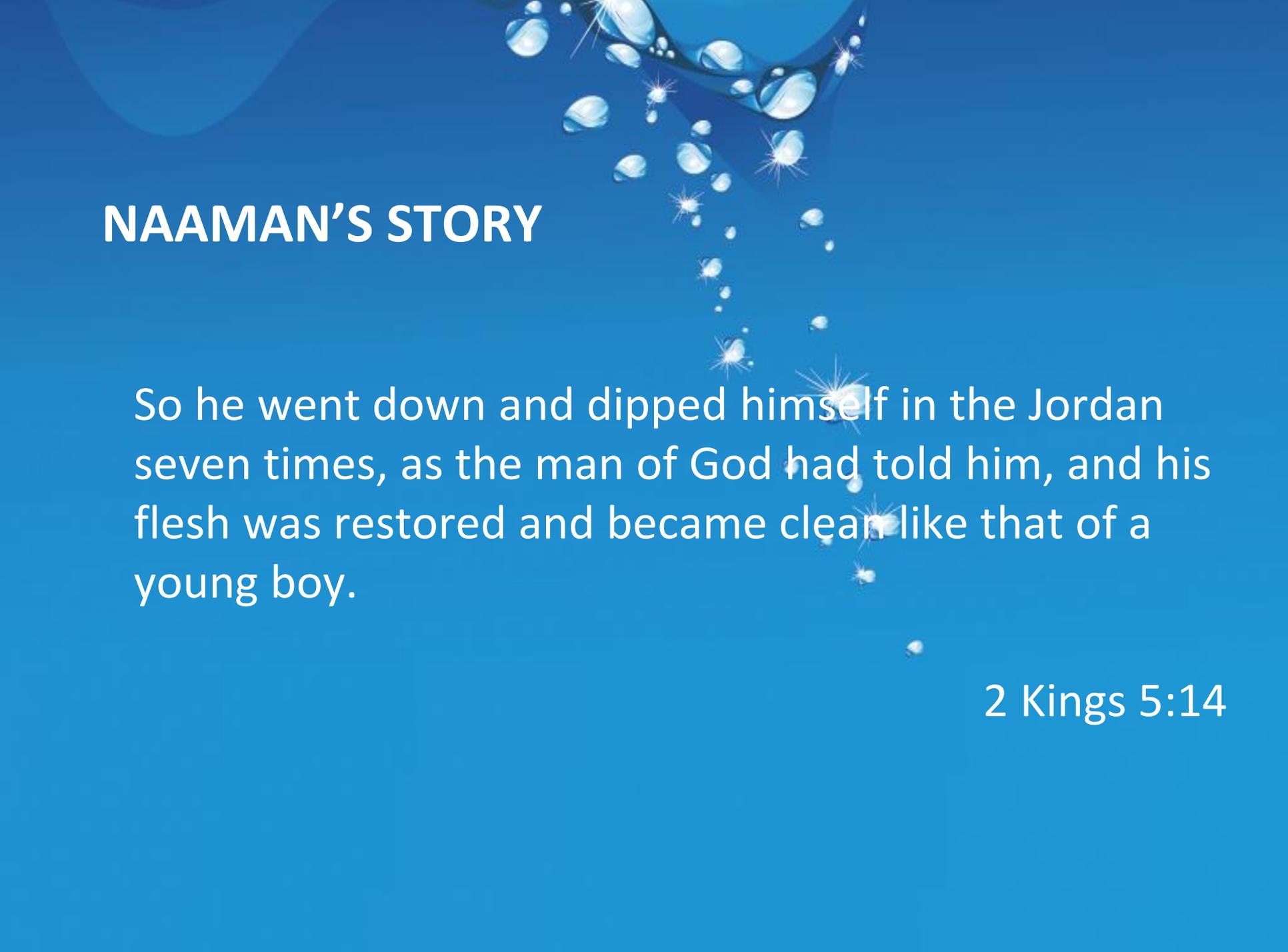
Acts 2:38 (NIV)

BAPTISM

4. Baptism is an Act of Obedience

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)



NAAMAN'S STORY

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

2 Kings 5:14

COMMON QUESTIONS

How do I know if I need to be re-baptized?

Do I have to be baptized?

Jesus Did

Jesus was stripped and beat beyond recognition for you

Jesus carried a cross on His lacerated back while people mocked Him and spit on Him

A crown of thorns was pressed into His skull

Nails were driven into His hands and feet and He took a punishment that you & I deserved so that we can live for eternity with Him

What Will You Do?

Are you too embarrassed?

He is asking you to walk a few feet surrounded by people who love you and support you

Is being baptized too uncomfortable?

This is not inconvenience, this is a privilege



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