

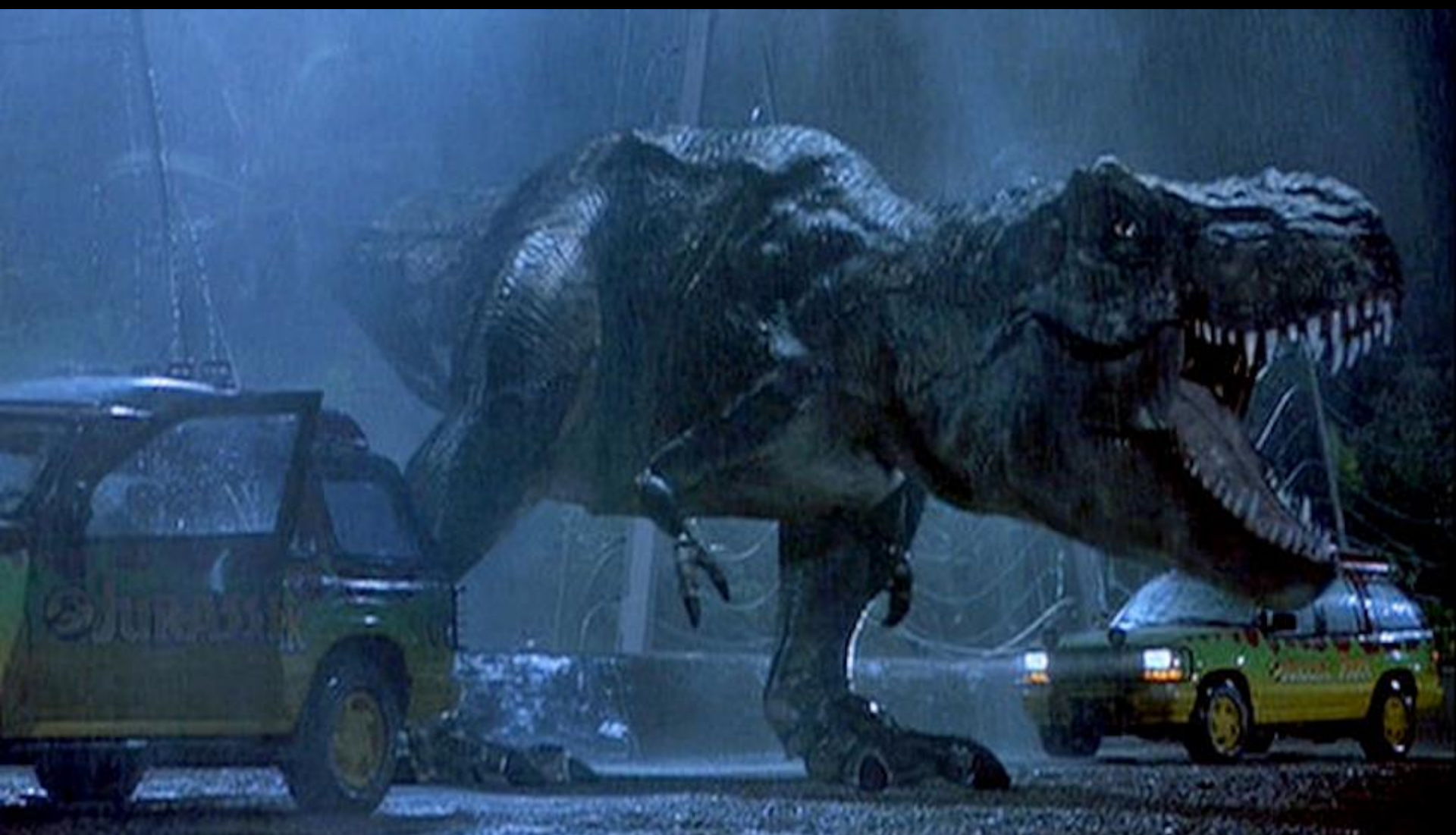
# The First Epistle of John

A beam of light from a window illuminates a dark space, creating a strong contrast between the bright light and the surrounding darkness.

Light...

in the midst of  
Darkness

1 John 5:1-12





# How real is God?

Is the Bible a means in which a real God is revealing Himself, as He really is, to His people?

*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*



*This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony.*

*Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

*1 John 5:1-12*

# Jesus is REAL

*He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. V6b*



# Coming by water= Birth

*Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again... “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

*John 3:3,5-6*

**Jesus was really born and really  
flesh.**

# **Coming in Blood = shed blood on the cross.**

Jesus really died on the  
cross for us and by his  
death we are really saved  
and we really have the Spirit  
that testifies to this truth.



**When God becomes real  
our wonder becomes  
FAITH.**

This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

Geek:

because everyone born of God conquers the world. This is the conquering power that has conquered the world: our faith.

# **When God becomes real we are born again.**

*Everyone who believes that  
Jesus is the Christ is born of  
God v1*

*no one can see the  
kingdom of God unless  
they are born again.*



*John 3:3*

**When God becomes real we  
live in harmony with other  
believers.**

This is how we know that  
we love the children of God:  
by loving God and carrying  
out his commands v2



# When God becomes real we keep his commands.

...by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,



LOVE GOD ↑  
← LOVE OTHERS →



**When God becomes real we  
have victory over the world.**

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the  
one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

By faith we overcome:

Distraction

Persecution

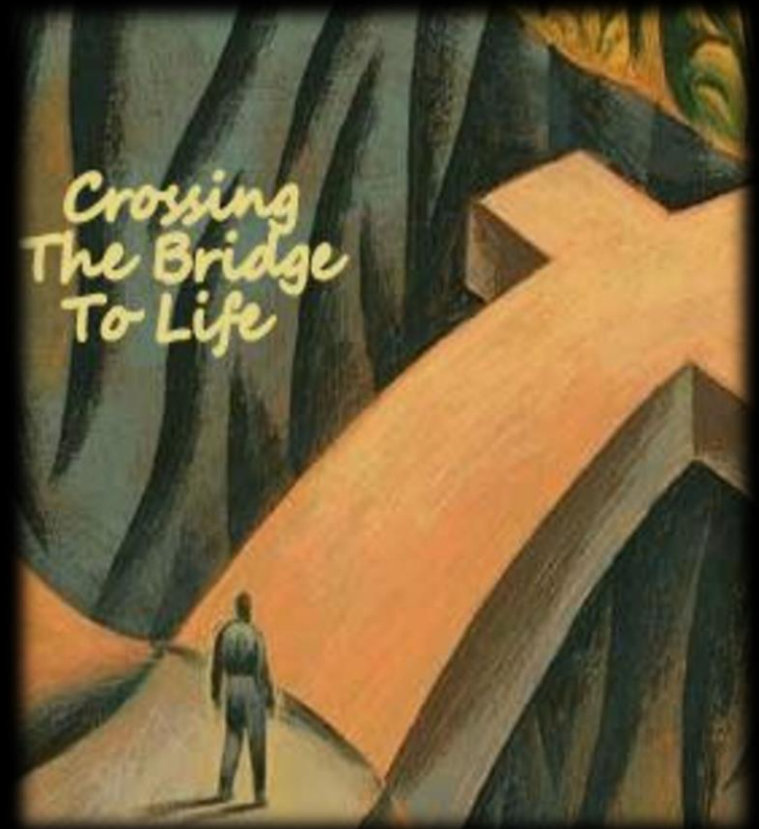
Falsehood



**When God becomes real we  
receive eternal life.**

*And this is the  
testimony: God has  
given us eternal life, and  
this life is in his Son.  
Whoever has the Son  
has life; whoever does  
not have the Son of God  
does not have life.*

V11-12



IS GOD REAL?

The image features the text "IS GOD REAL?" in a bold, metallic, sans-serif font. The letters are rendered in a dark grey or black color with a highly reflective, crystalline texture that catches the light. The text is centered horizontally and positioned in the upper half of the frame. Behind the text, a bright, glowing blue light source is visible, creating a lens flare effect that radiates across the scene. The background is a dark, almost black, surface with a complex, organic texture that resembles cracked stone or a rough, porous material. The overall mood is mysterious and dramatic.