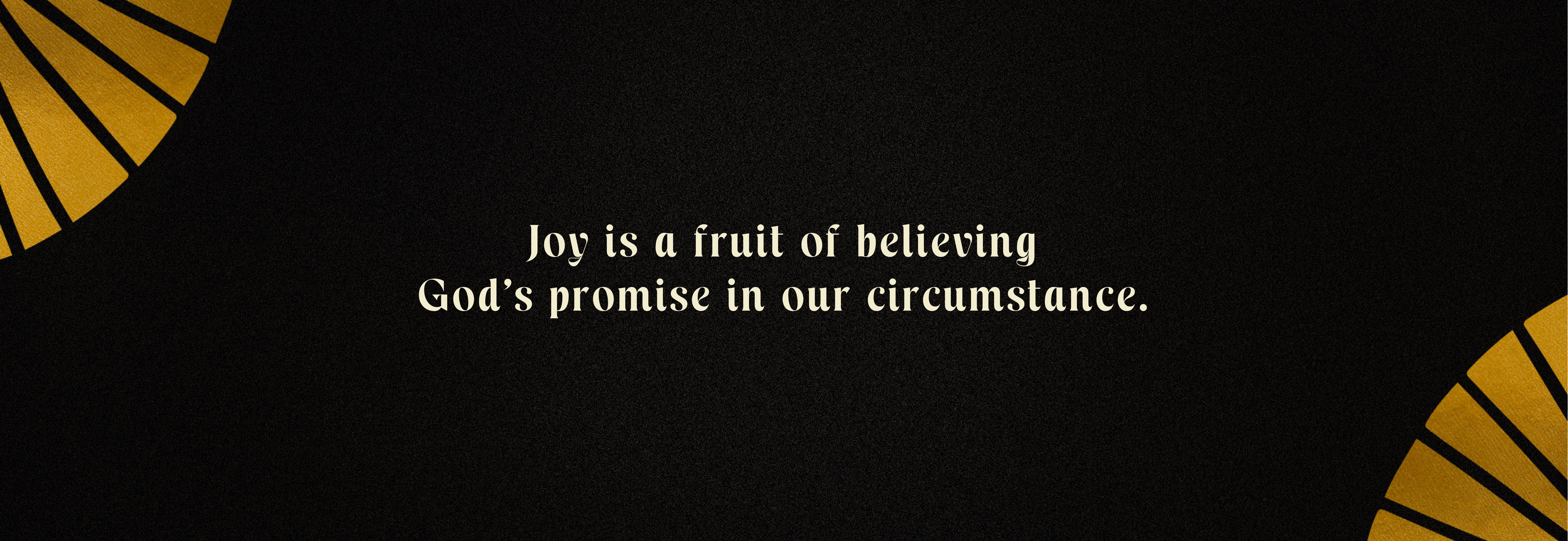


THE STORY OF MARY



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**Joy is a fruit of believing
God's promise in our circumstance.**



MARY

JOY'S CIRCUMSTANCE

JOY'S PROMISE

JOY'S SONG



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II SAMUEL 7:12-16 ^{ESV}

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ **He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶ **And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”**

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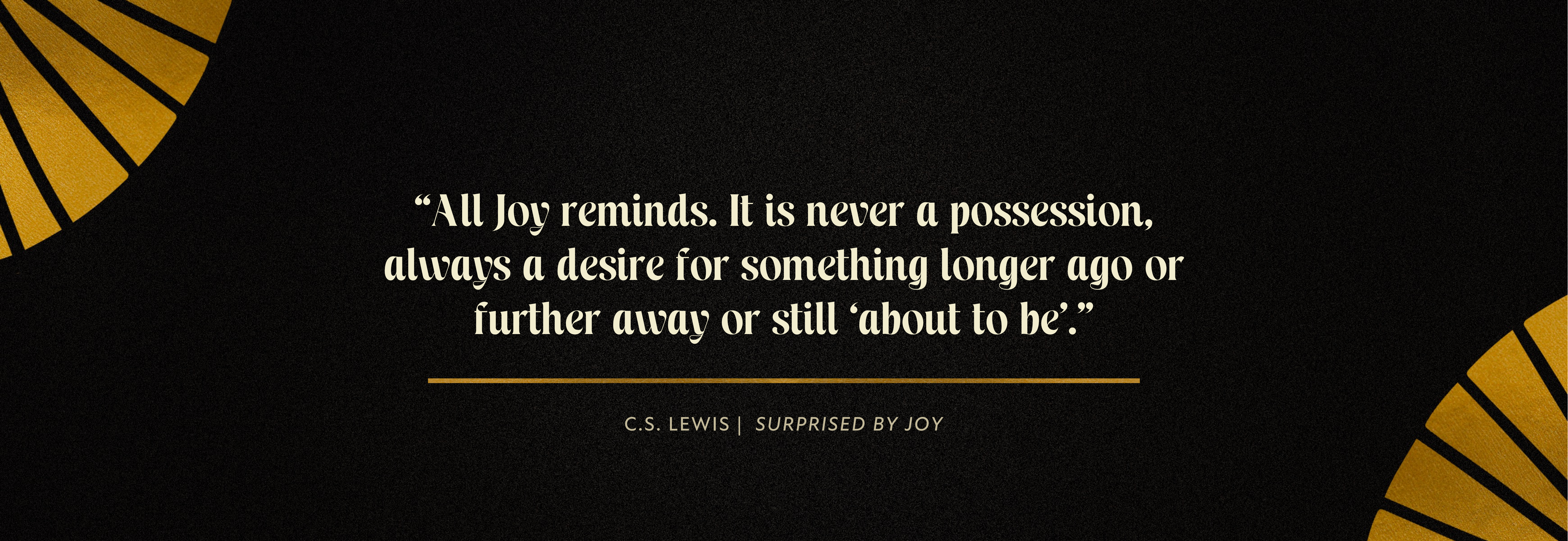
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“And blessed is she **who believed that there would be a fulfillment** of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”



**“All Joy reminds. It is never a possession,
always a desire for something longer ago or
further away or still ‘about to be.’”**

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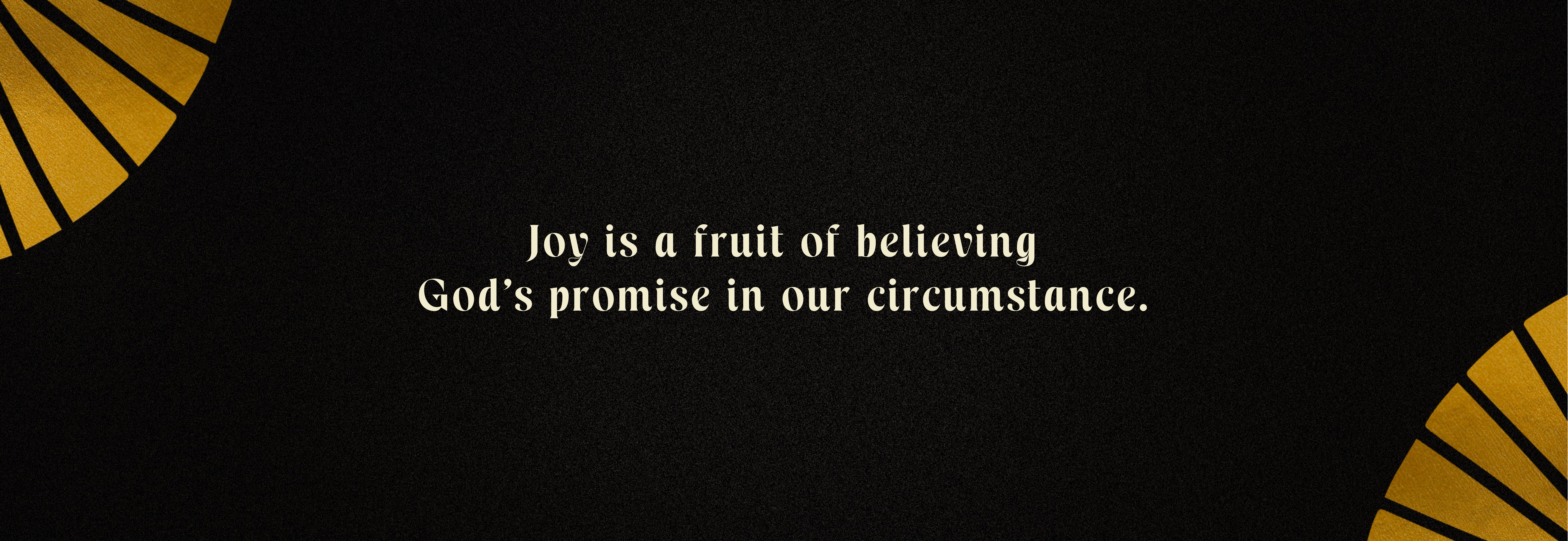


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