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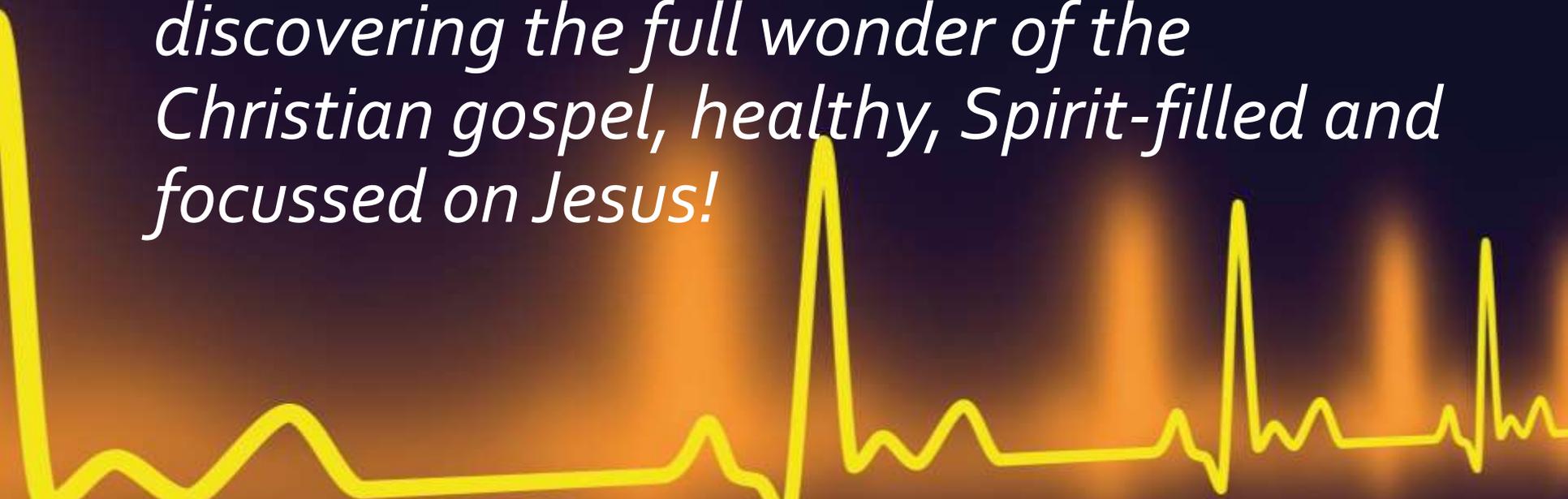
The Morning Sermon Series



Autumn 2015

Church Alive!

- *The church is very much alive, and we want to explore more of being alive with faith, hope and love, and being a visionary, prayerful, welcoming, church which is involved in our community, discovering the full wonder of the Christian gospel, healthy, Spirit-filled and focussed on Jesus!*



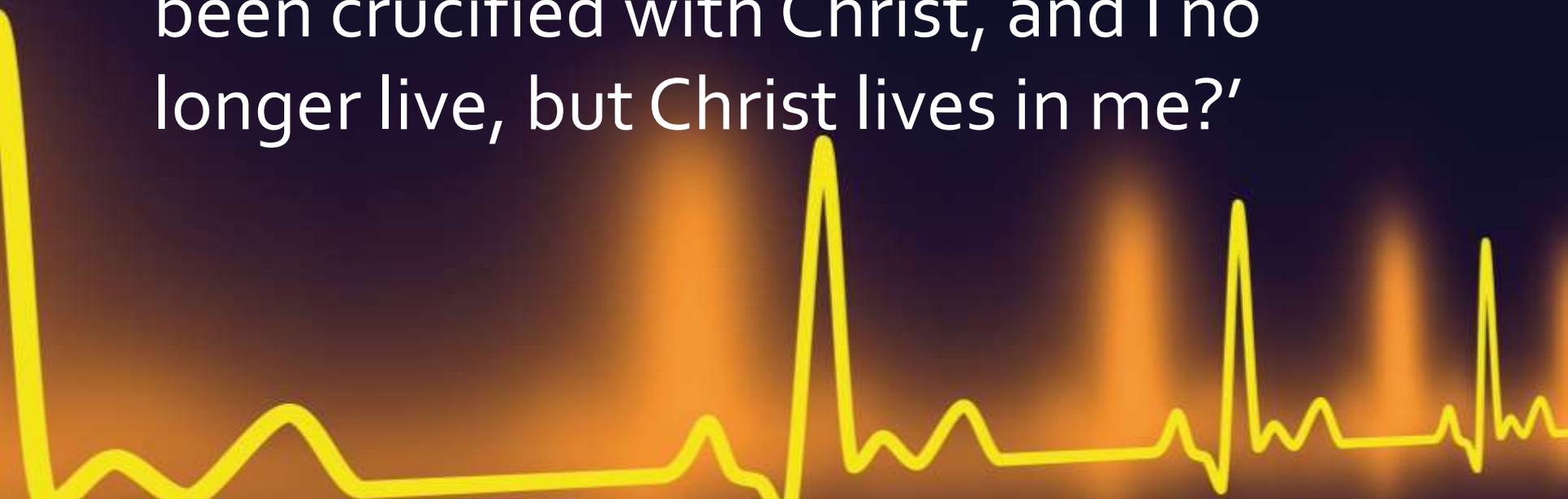
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6th September 2015

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- *Galatians 2:20 'I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.'*
- Can you really say this morning 'I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me?'



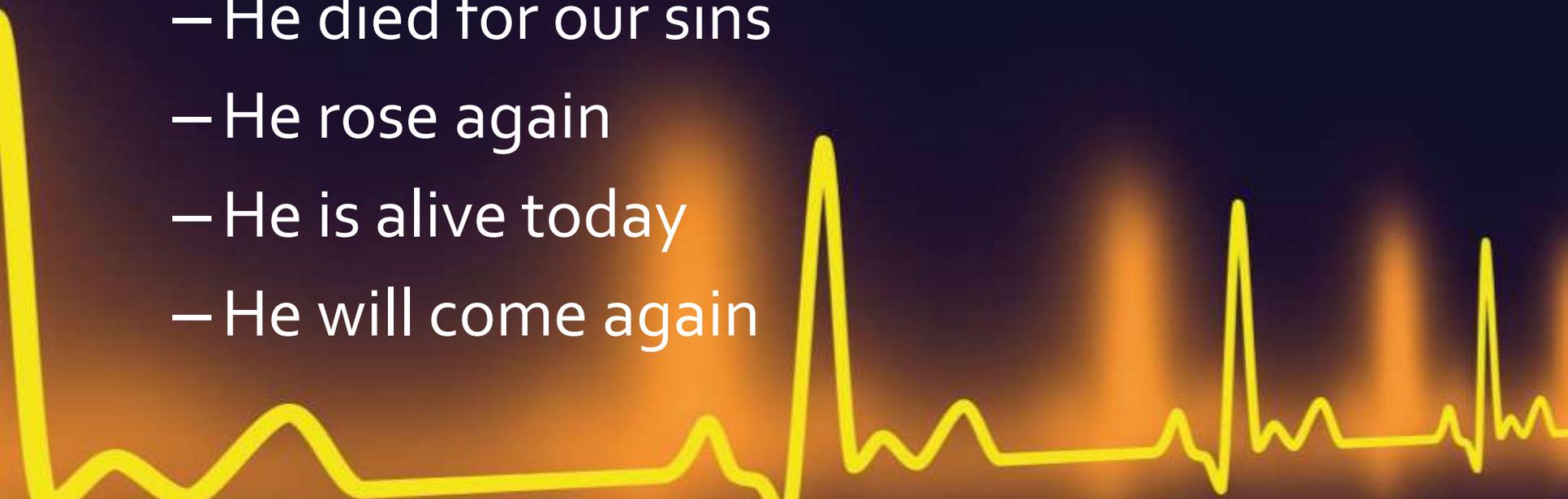
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- Tim Keller – *'Revival occurs as a group of people who, on the whole, think they already know the gospel discover they do not really or fully know it, and by embracing the gospel they cross over into living faith.'*



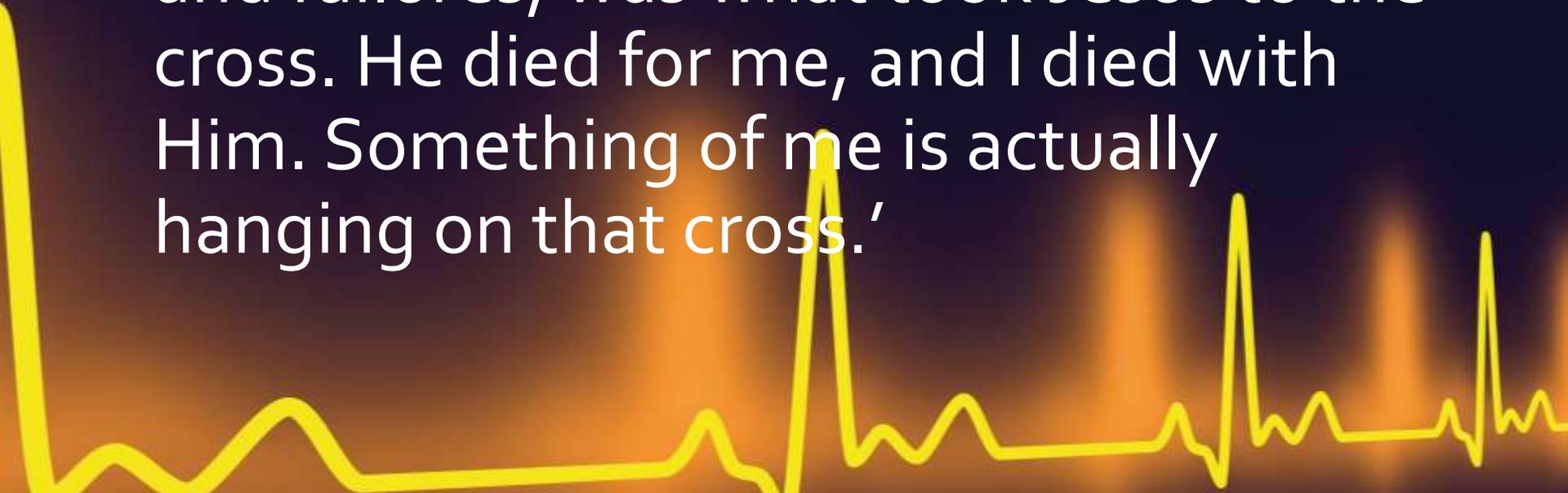
The anchor of our faith

- From a Christian perspective faith is all to do with Jesus Christ.
 - He is the Son of God
 - He is the Saviour of the world
 - He died for our sins
 - He rose again
 - He is alive today
 - He will come again



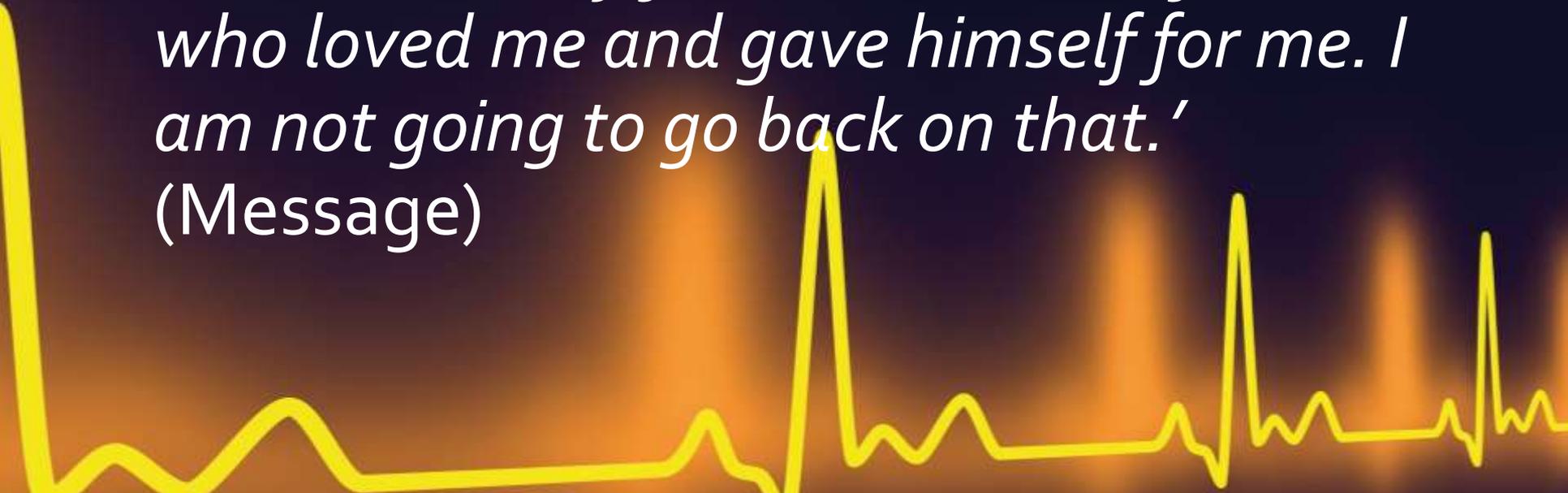
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- Understanding is not enough.
- *'Were you there when they crucified my Lord?'*
- Faith says – 'My life, with all its faults and failures, was what took Jesus to the cross. He died for me, and I died with Him. Something of me is actually hanging on that cross.'



The anchor of our faith

- John Stott - *'Once we have been united with Christ in his death, our old life is finished.'*
- *'The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I am not going to go back on that.'*
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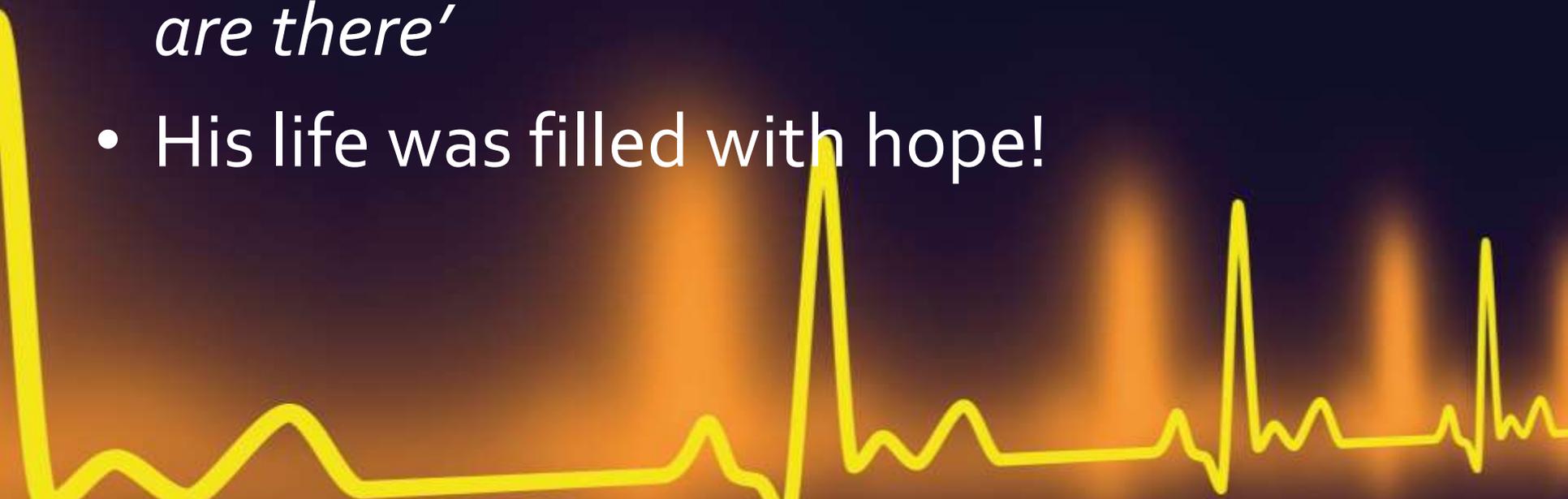
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- *Therefore if anyone is in Christ the new creation has come: the old has gone! The new is here!*



The adventure of faith

- The Christ who gave himself for me is the same Christ who now lives in me.
- Jurgen Moltmann
- Psalm 139:8 *'If I make my bed in hell, you are there'*
- His life was filled with hope!









Alive with Faith

- If we are to be a church that is truly alive, then our individual faith in Jesus and our corporate faith together in Jesus is absolutely essential!

