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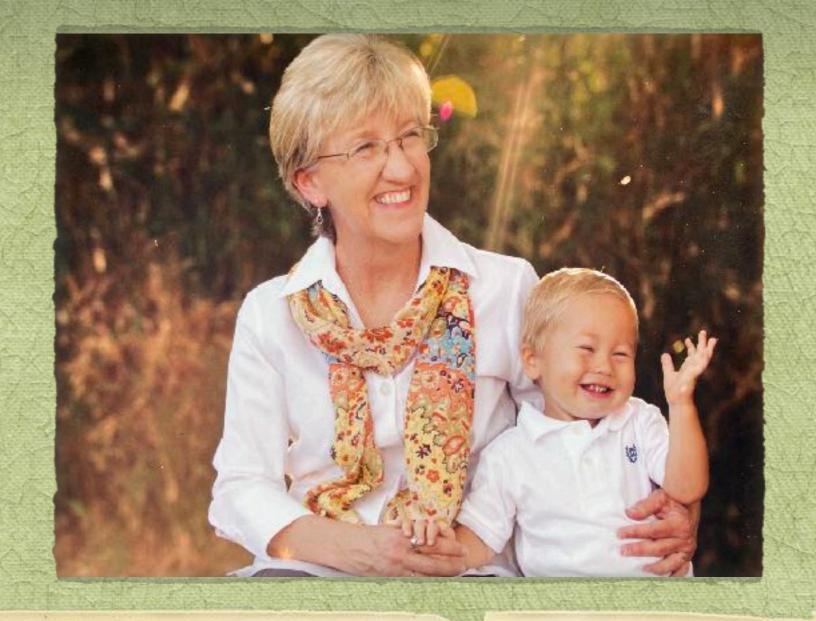
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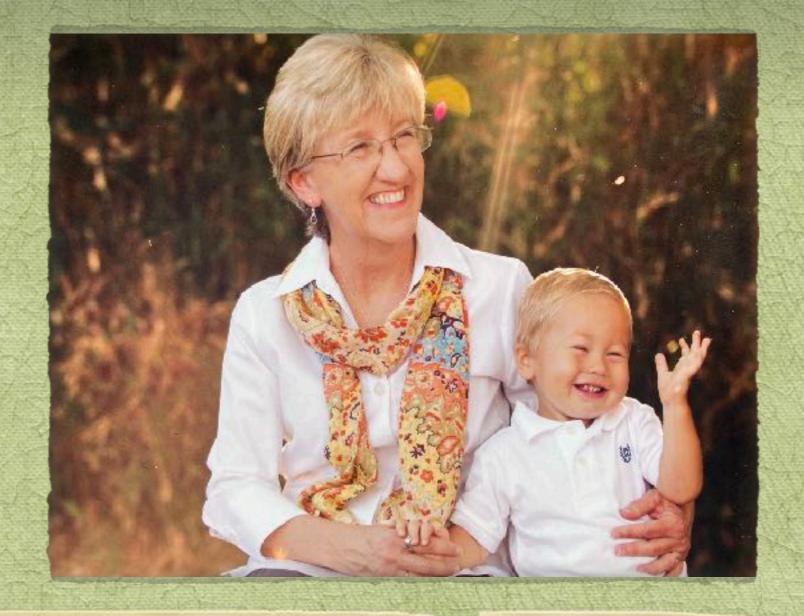
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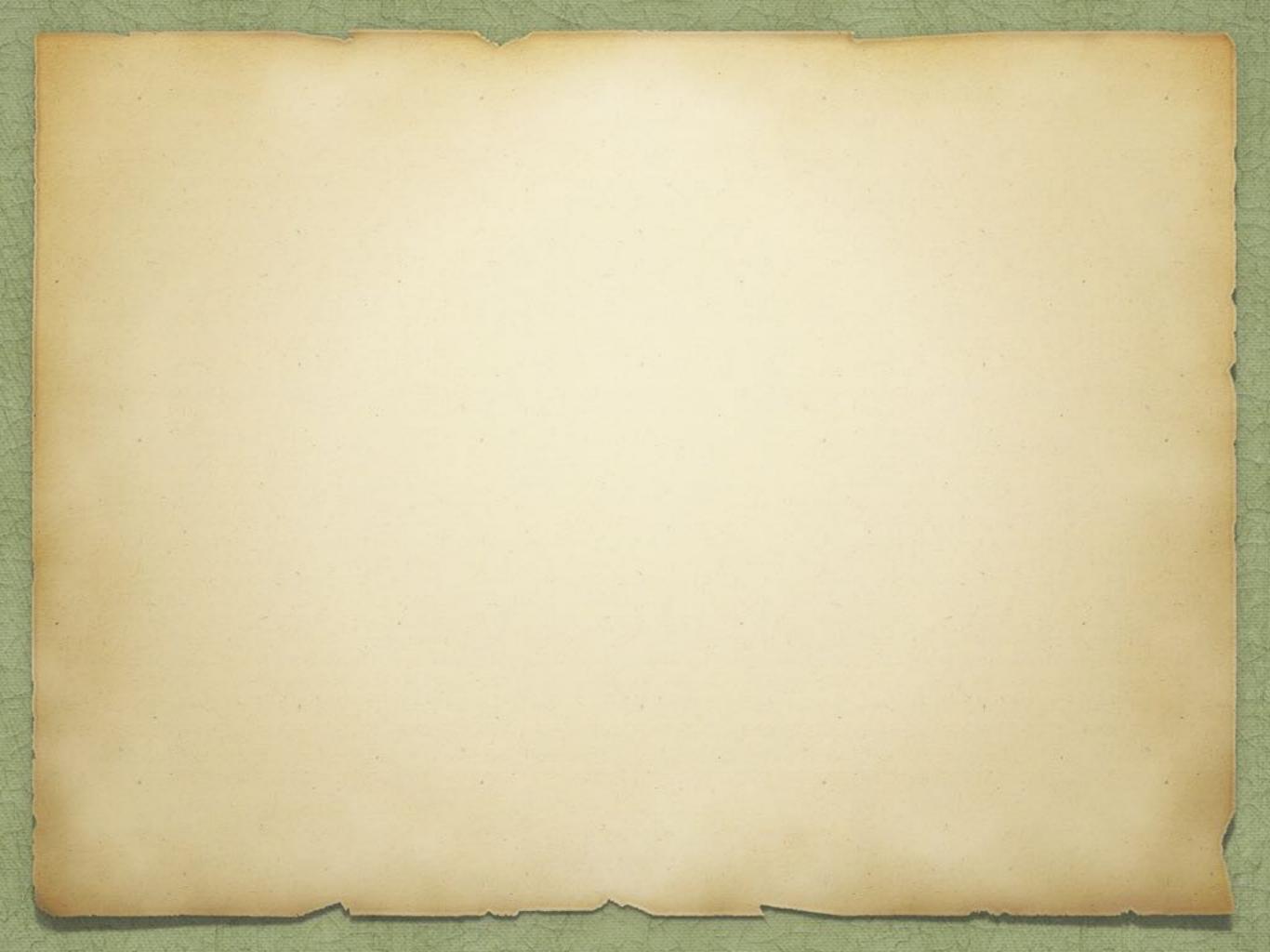
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[Jesus] began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

Matthew 26:37b

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John 6:6

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James 1:2-3

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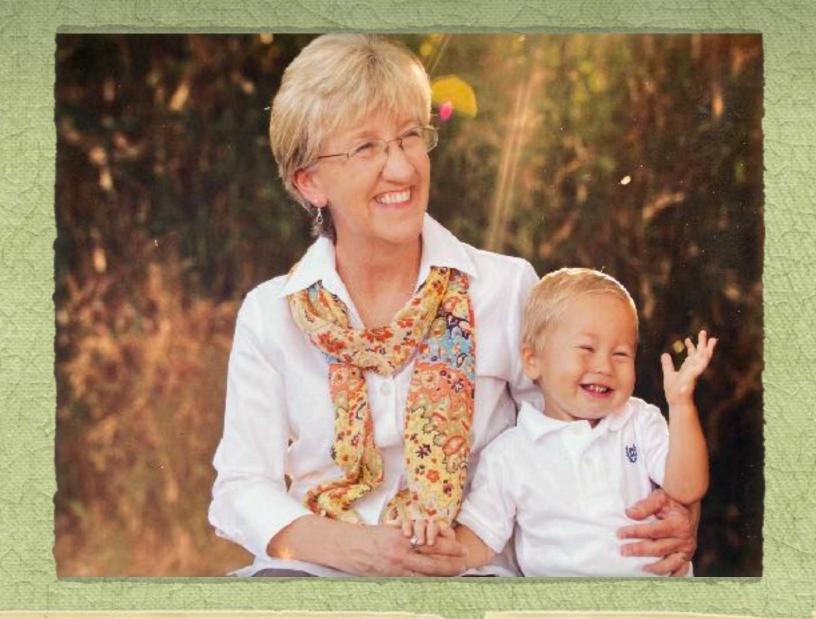
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