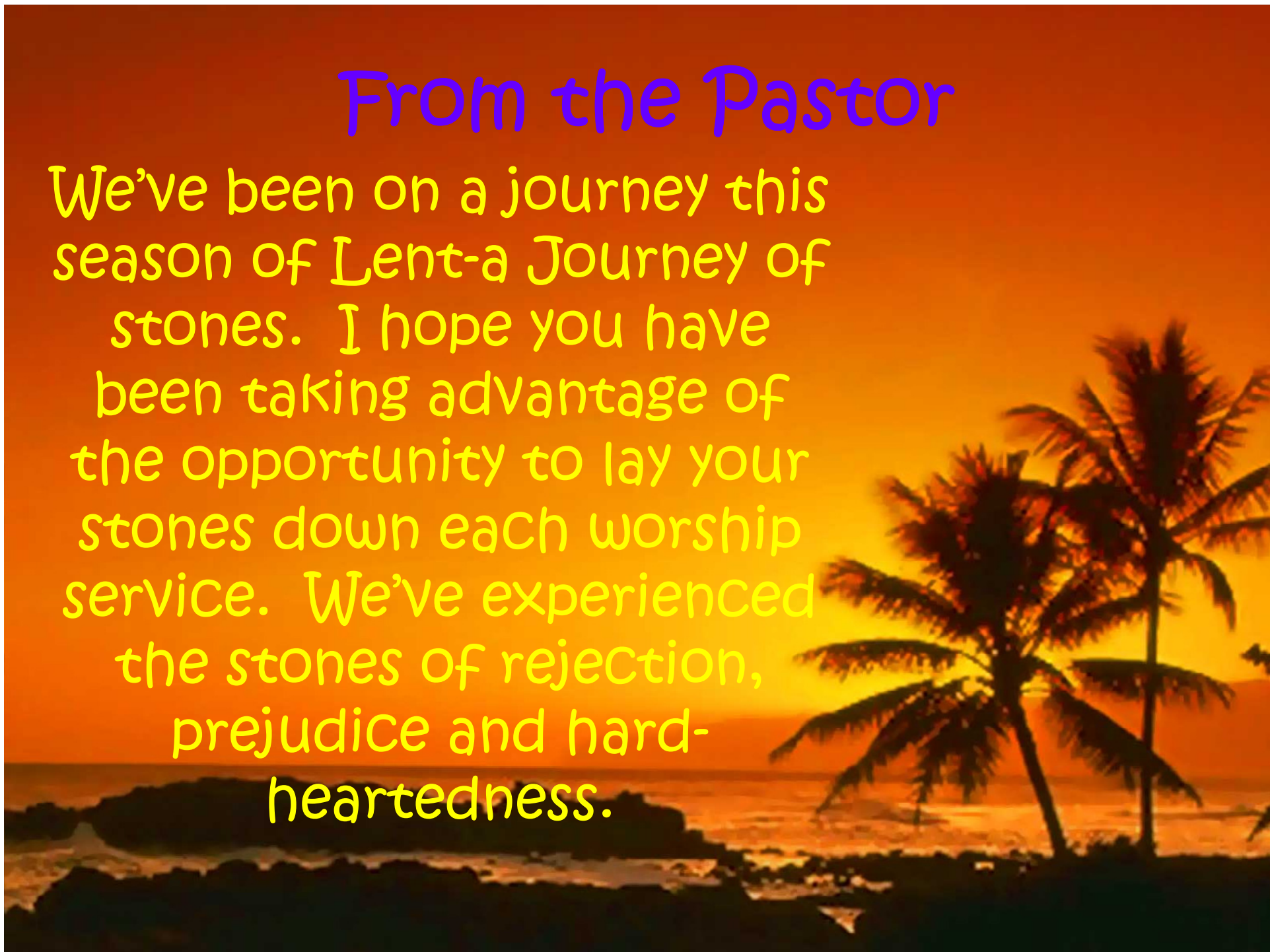


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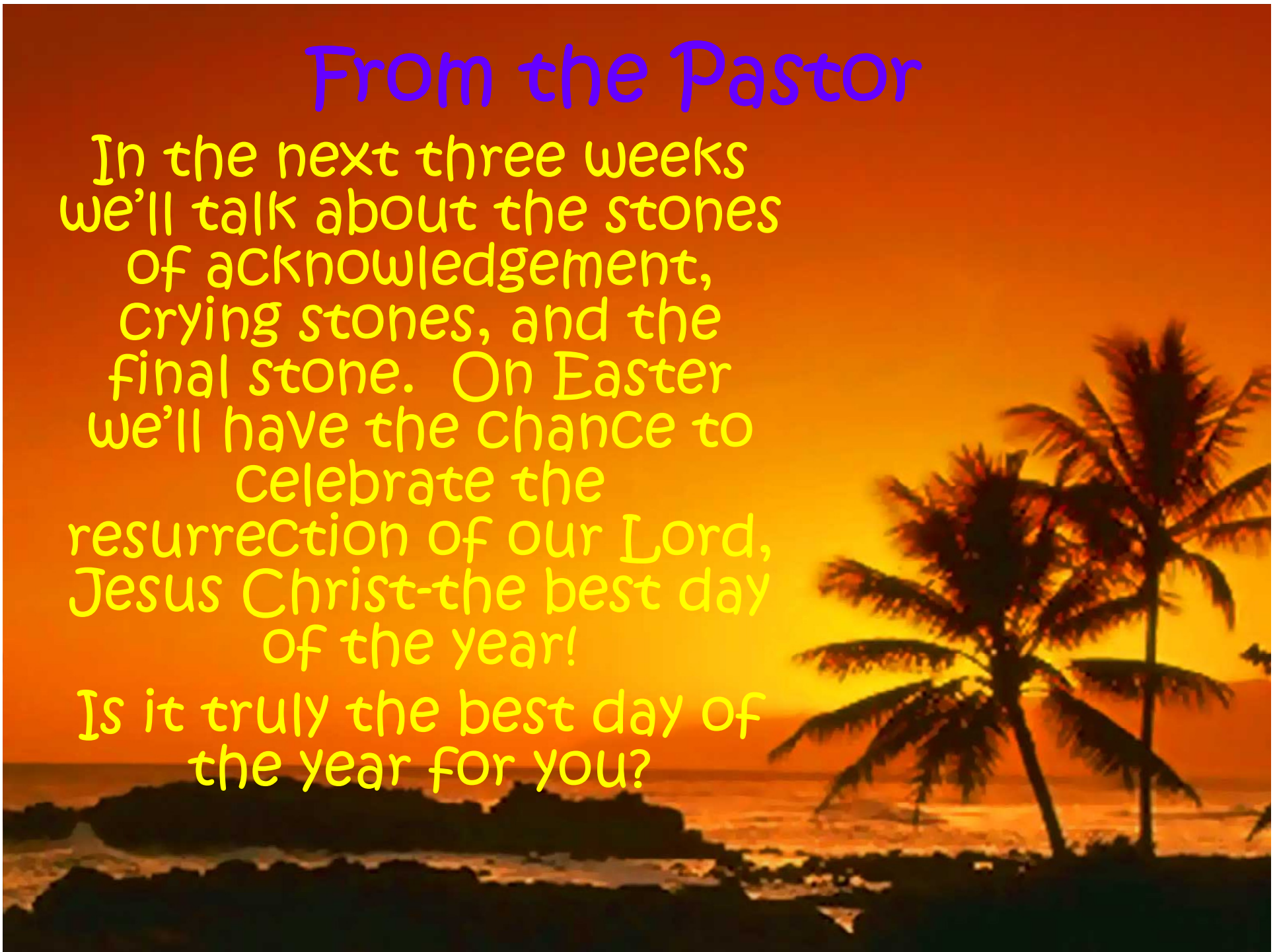
We've been on a journey this season of Lent—a Journey of stones. I hope you have been taking advantage of the opportunity to lay your stones down each worship service. We've experienced the stones of rejection, prejudice and hard-heartedness.



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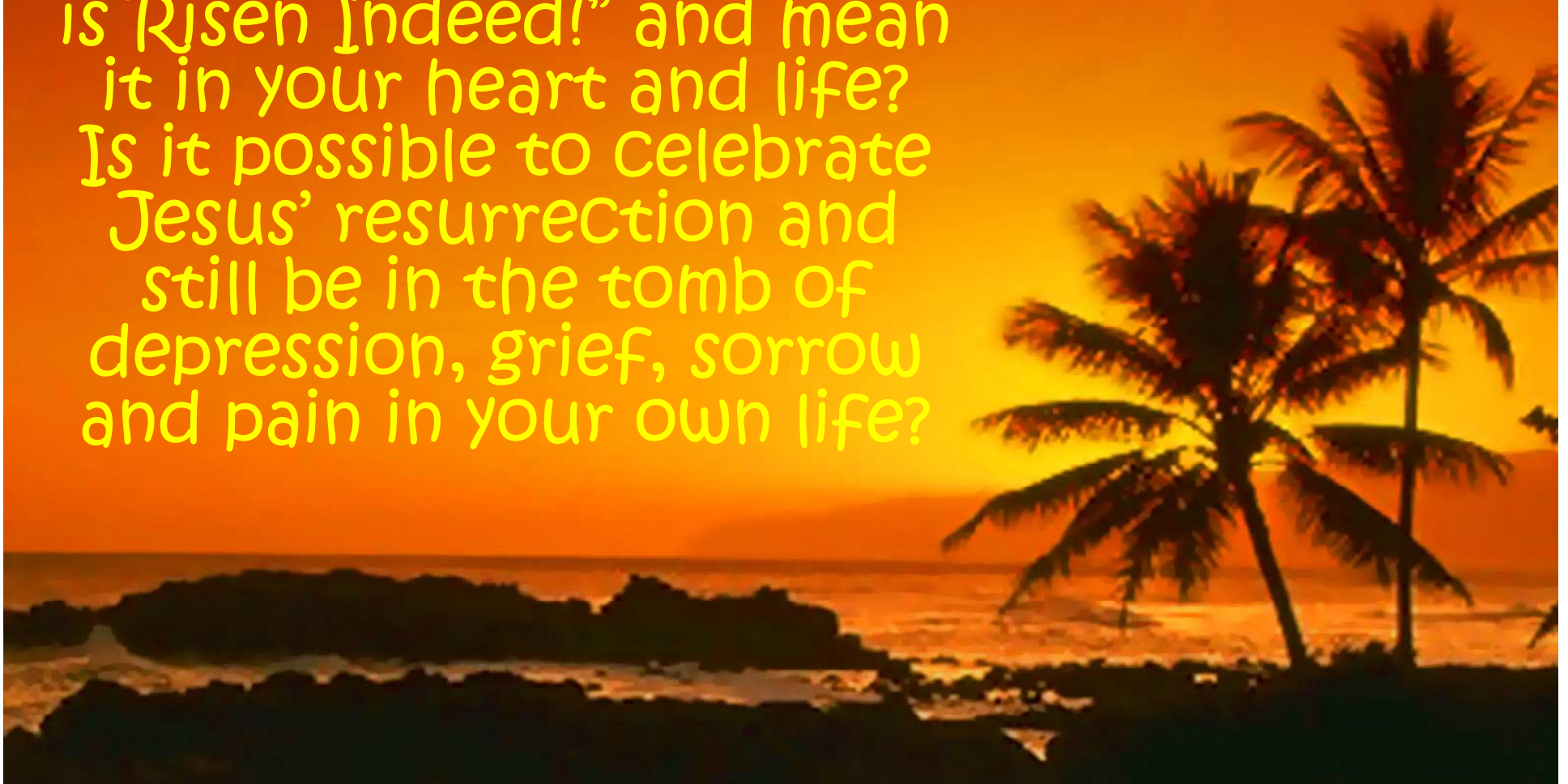
In the next three weeks we'll talk about the stones of acknowledgement, crying stones, and the final stone. On Easter we'll have the chance to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ-the best day of the year!

Is it truly the best day of the year for you?



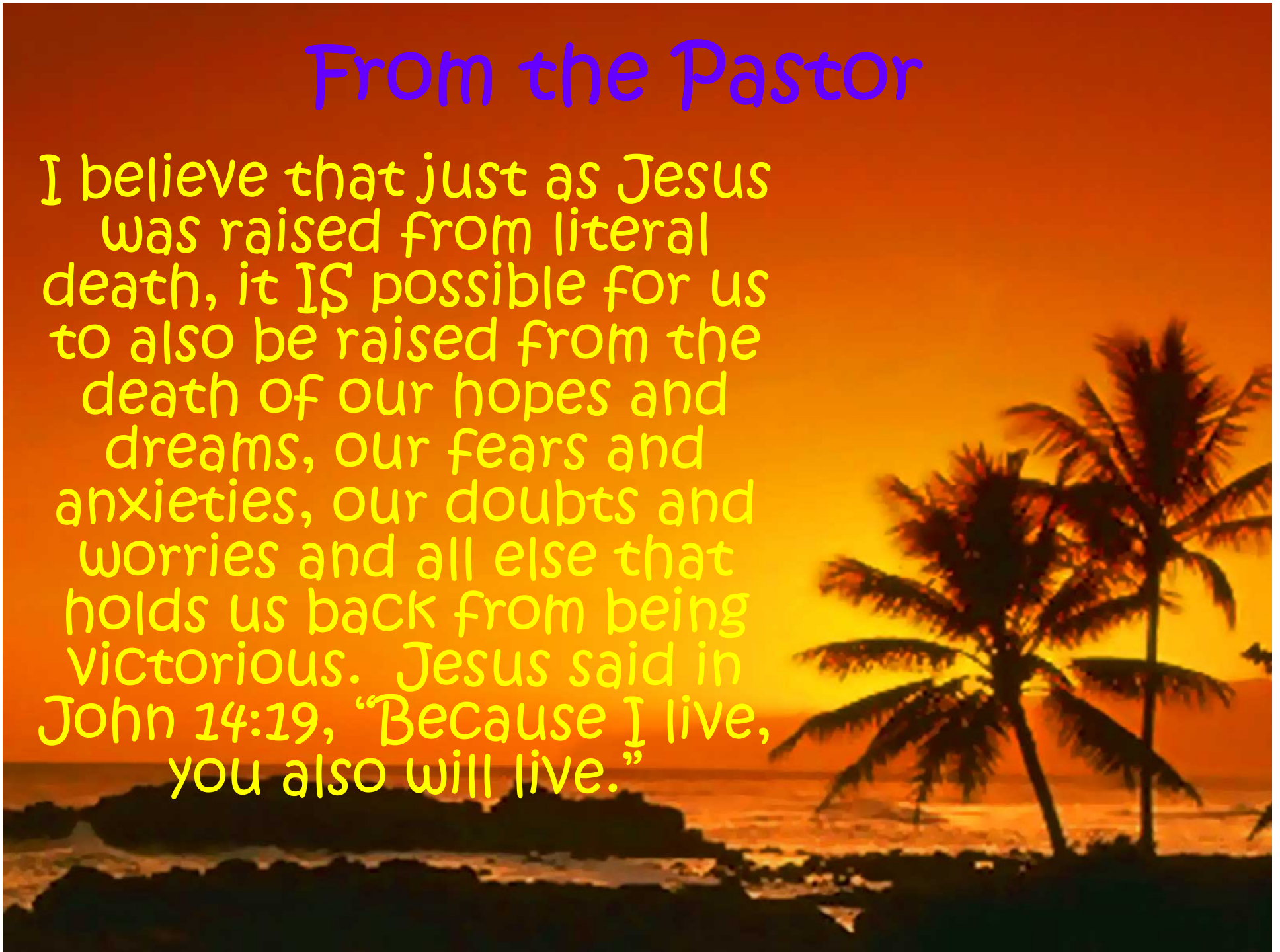
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Will you be able to respond to the ancient greeting, "Christ is risen!" with "He is Risen Indeed!" and mean it in your heart and life? Is it possible to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and still be in the tomb of depression, grief, sorrow and pain in your own life?



From the Pastor

I believe that just as Jesus was raised from literal death, it IS possible for us to also be raised from the death of our hopes and dreams, our fears and anxieties, our doubts and worries and all else that holds us back from being victorious. Jesus said in John 14:19, "Because I live, you also will live."



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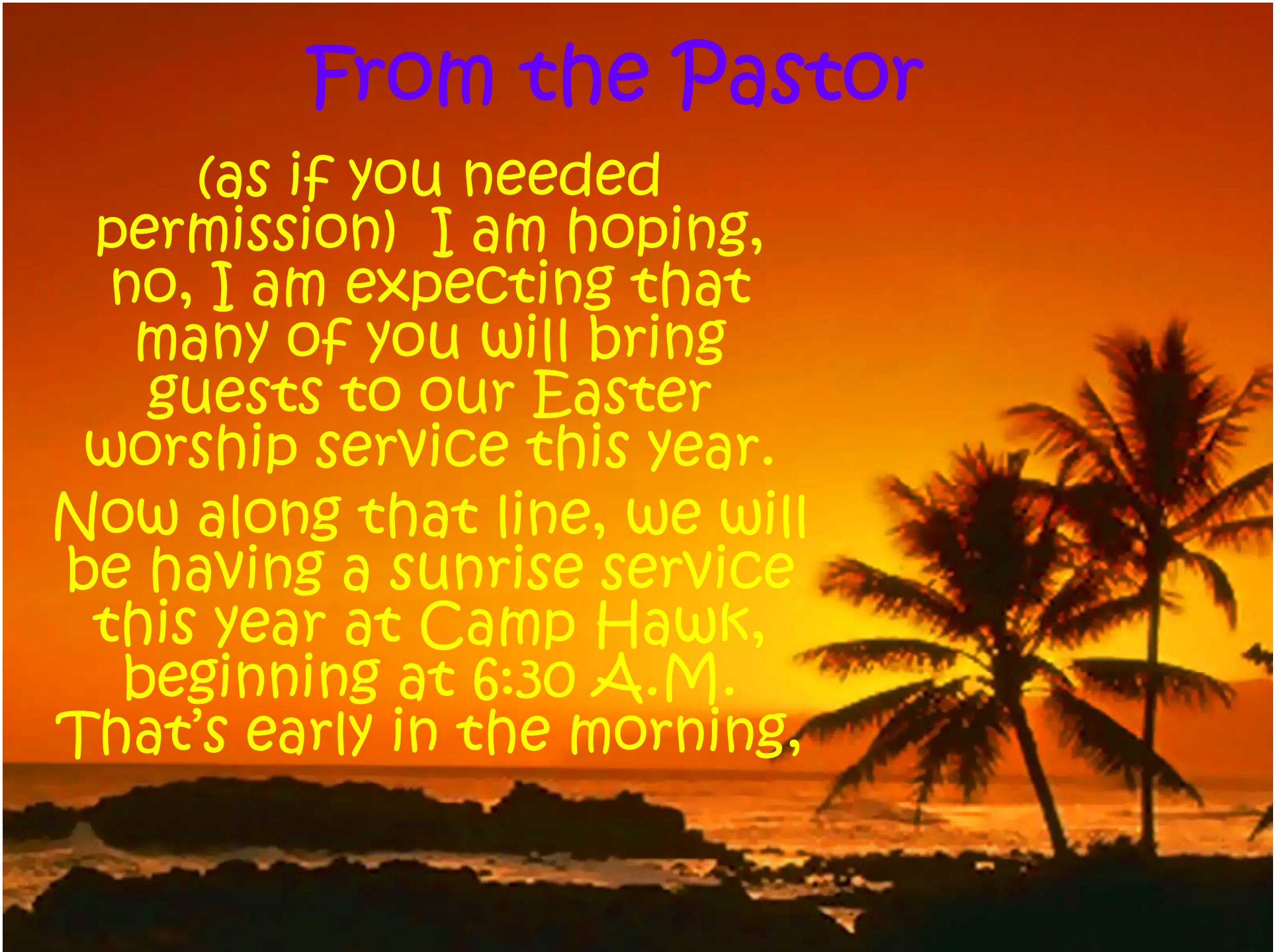
That means we can throw off the things that have kept us in darkness and come into the light of Jesus' new life. Easter is a time to experience new life! It will be a glorious day here at Salem and I am officially giving you permission to invite your families, friends and neighbors to come and celebrate with us!



From the Pastor

(as if you needed permission) I am hoping, no, I am expecting that many of you will bring guests to our Easter worship service this year.

Now along that line, we will be having a sunrise service this year at Camp Hawk, beginning at 6:30 A.M. That's early in the morning,



From the Pastor

I know, but we want to be there when the sun rises and be the first to say "Good morning, Lord". The short service will be followed by a breakfast at Salem, cooked by the men's group. We're praying for wonderful weather on that day. If you've never attended a sunrise service, come and be blessed with the crisp, clean air,

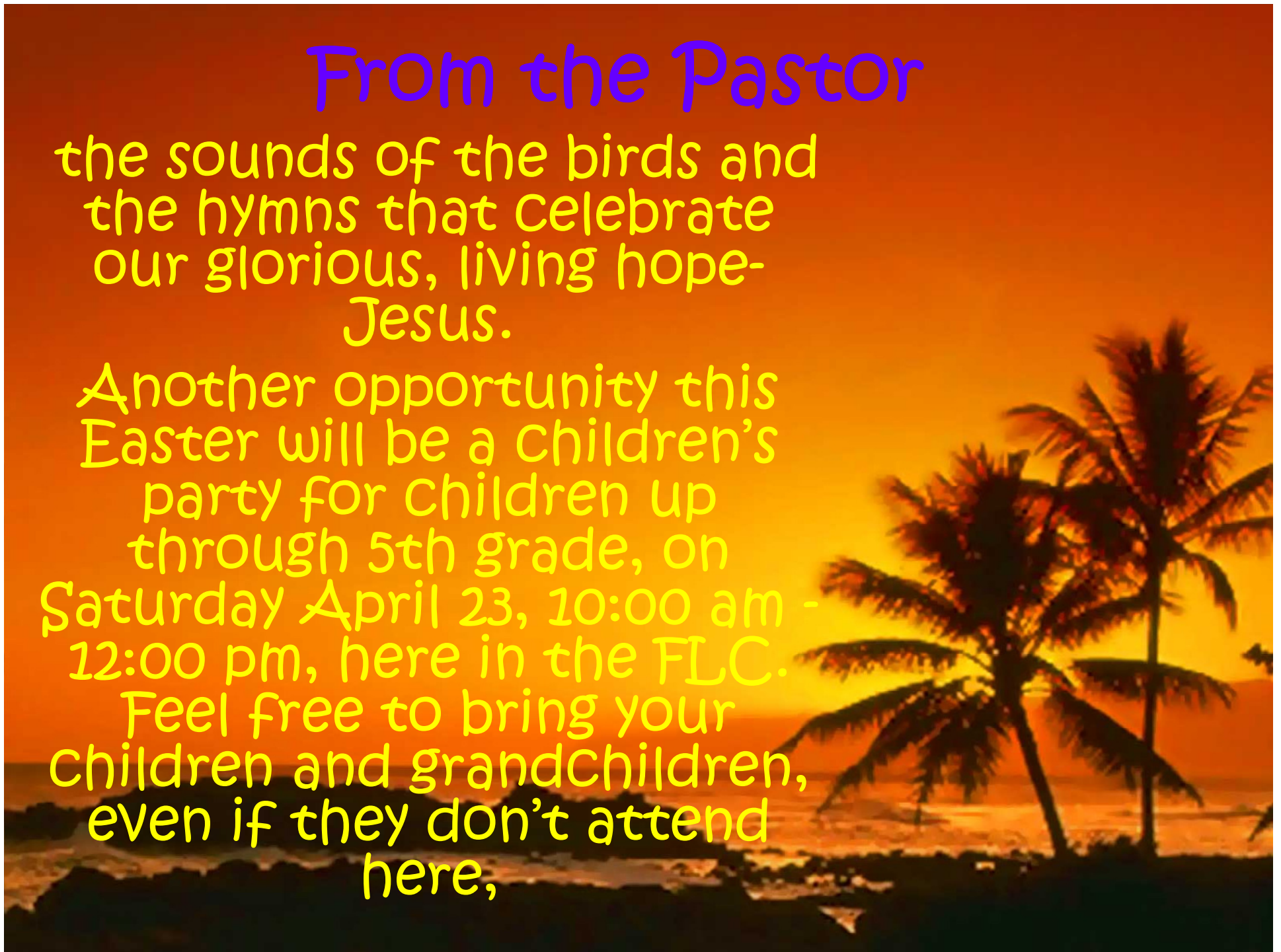


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Jesus.

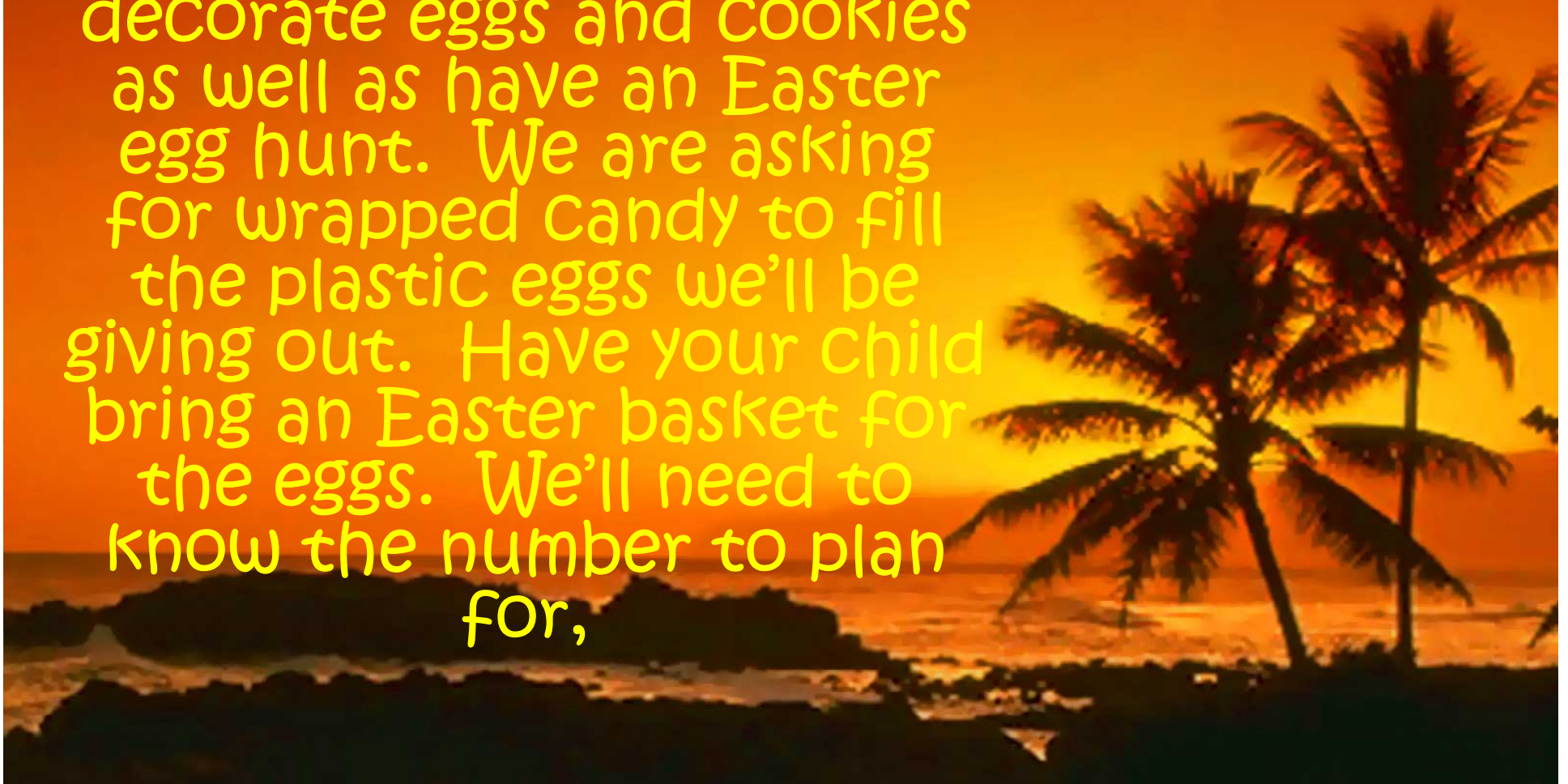
Another opportunity this
Easter will be a children's
party for children up
through 5th grade, on
Saturday April 23, 10:00 am -
12:00 pm, here in the FLC.

Feel free to bring your
children and grandchildren,
even if they don't attend
here,



From the Pastor

and invite your friends and neighbors. We'll hear the true Easter story and decorate eggs and cookies as well as have an Easter egg hunt. We are asking for wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs we'll be giving out. Have your child bring an Easter basket for the eggs. We'll need to know the number to plan for,



From the Pastor

so please give the office a call and let us know you're bringing your children.

There's a lot going on at Salem right now and I want you to feel invited to attend any and all of our activities. We are the church and we need each other for support, encouragement and love.

Come and be blessed!
Looking forward to that blessed hope.

Pastor Nancy