



J O N A H

An underwater scene with a whale and its calf swimming in the center. The water is a deep teal color, and sunlight filters down from the surface, creating a shimmering effect. The whale is dark, and the calf is lighter with a white patch on its side.

*“Is it right for you
to be this angry?”*



Our out-of-proportion anger
serves to spotlight what is out-of-
proportion in our lives.
It illuminates the idols lurking in
the darkness of our hearts.

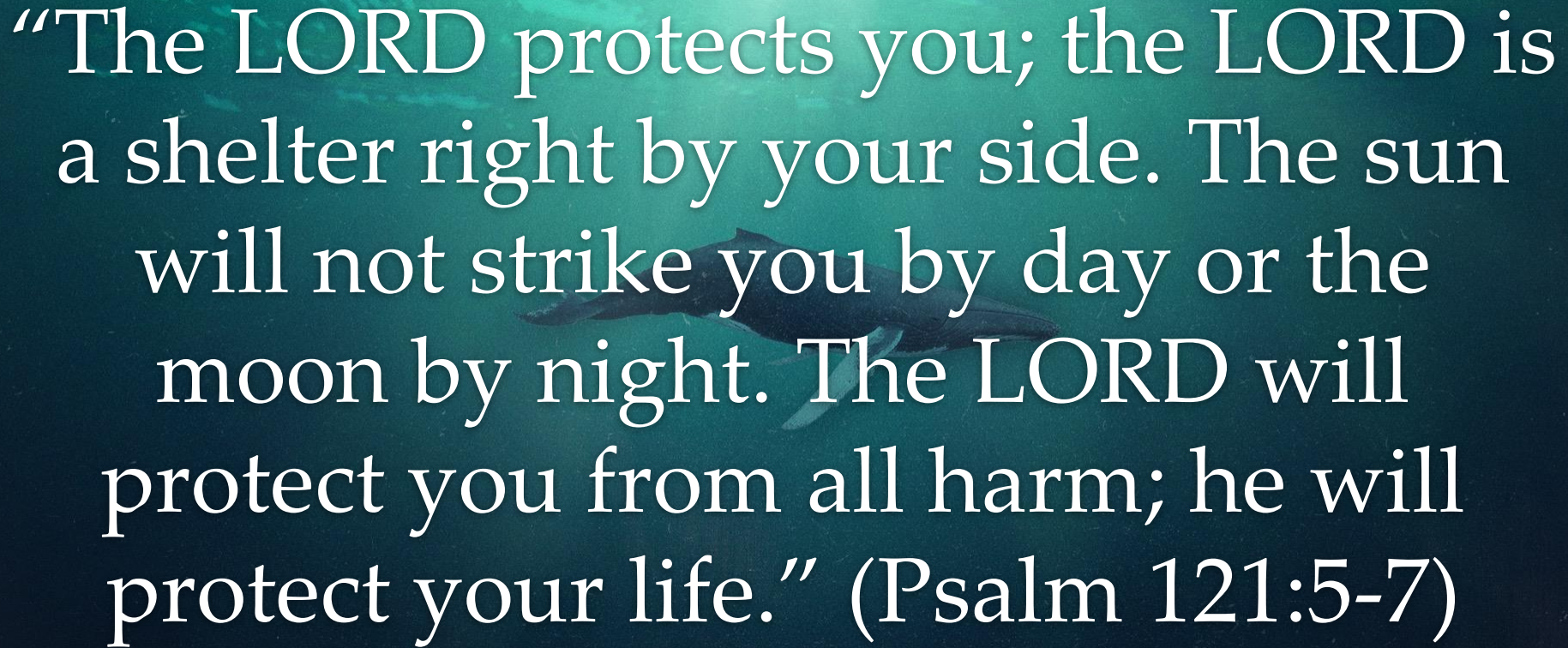
God's Uncomfortable, Unsettling Work



Cf. Hebrews 12:5-13,
& 1 Peter 4:12-19

Jonah 4:5-6

5 Jonah left the city and found a place east of it. He made himself a shelter there and sat in its shade to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the LORD God appointed a plant, and it grew over Jonah to provide shade for his head to rescue him from his trouble. Jonah was greatly pleased with the plant.

A whale is swimming horizontally across the middle of the frame in a deep blue-green ocean. The water has a shimmering, rippling texture. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.


“The LORD protects you; the LORD is a shelter right by your side. The sun will not strike you by day or the moon by night. The LORD will protect you from all harm; he will protect your life.” (Psalm 121:5-7)



“How priceless your faithful love is,
God! People take refuge in the
shadow of your wings.” (Psalm 36:7)


Jonah 4:7-8

7 When dawn came the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, and it withered. 8 As the sun was rising, God appointed a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so much that he almost fainted, and he wanted to die.

A faint, semi-transparent image of a whale swimming underwater is visible in the background, positioned behind the text.

Jonah 4:8-9

8 ...He said, "It's better for me to die than to live." 9 Then God asked Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "Yes, it's right!" he replied. "I'm angry enough to die!"



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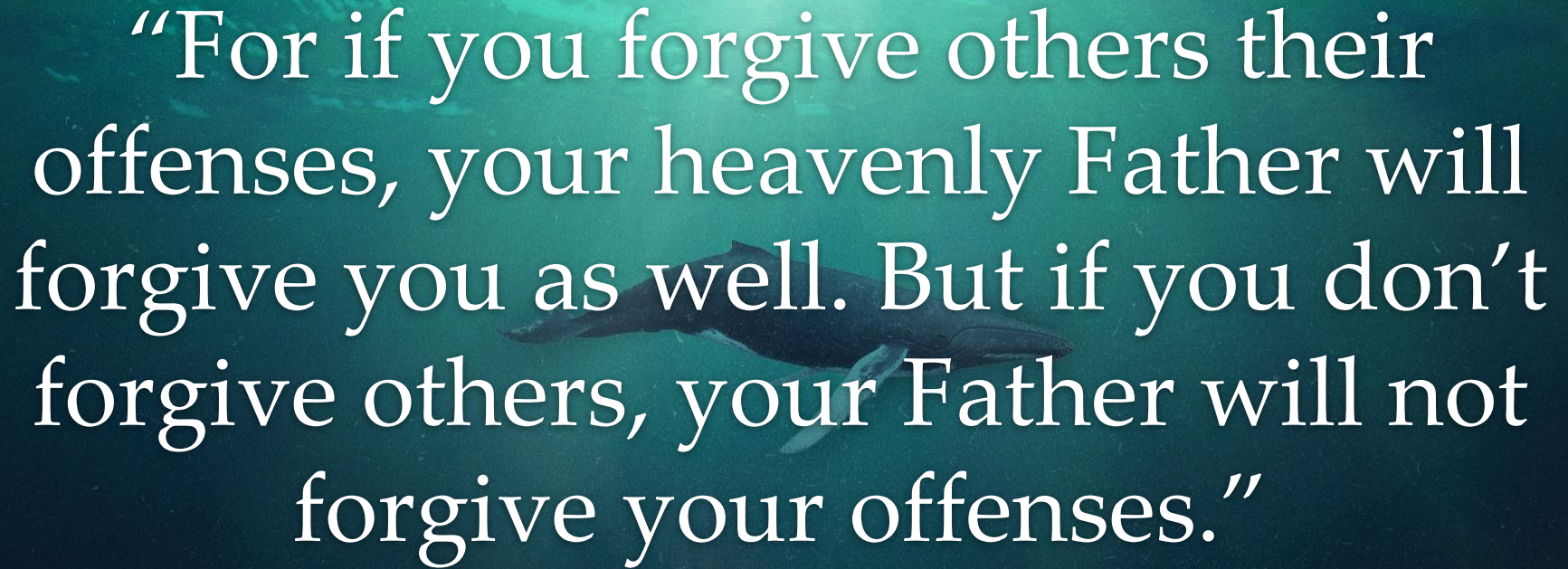
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- The PLANT = God's grace
- The WORM = God's judgment



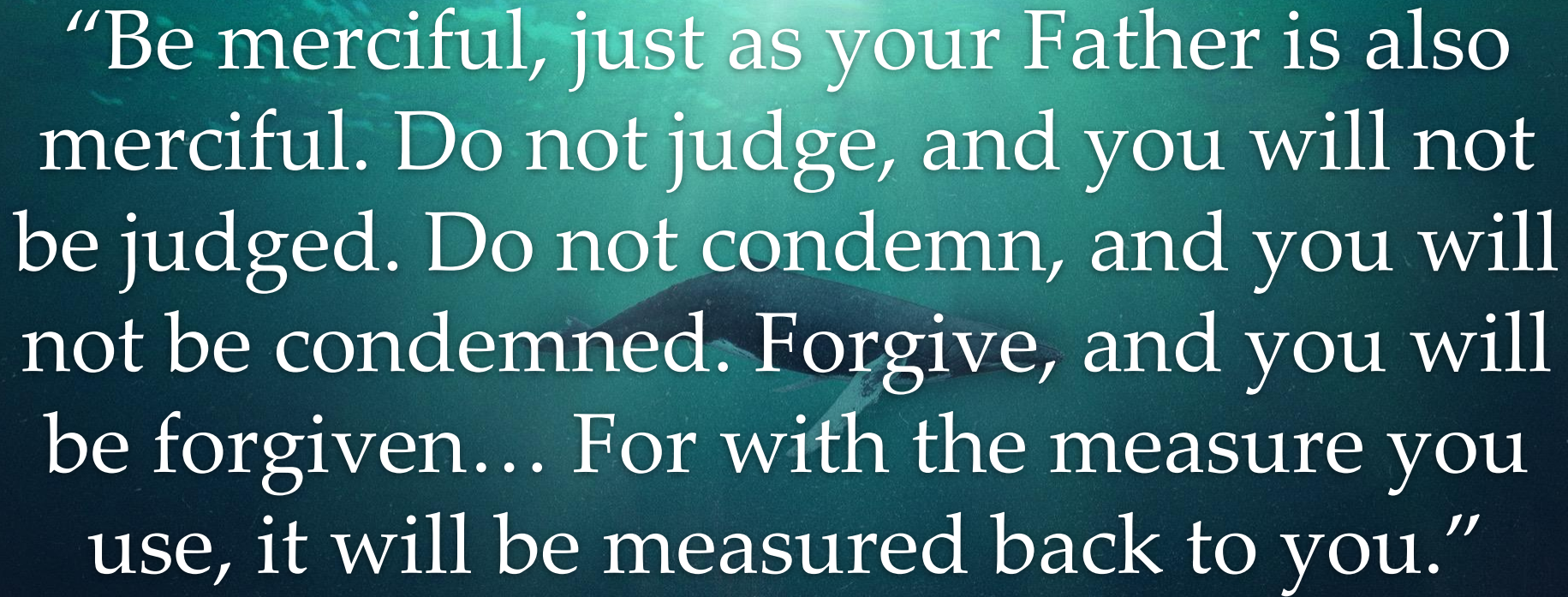
God's Object Lesson

- The PLANT = God's grace
- The WORM = God's judgment
- The WIND = Estrangement from God because of a rejection of His mercy

A whale is swimming horizontally in the center of the image, moving from left to right. The background is a deep teal color with a bright light source at the top center, creating a lens flare effect and illuminating the water's surface. The whale is dark in color, and its tail is visible on the right side.

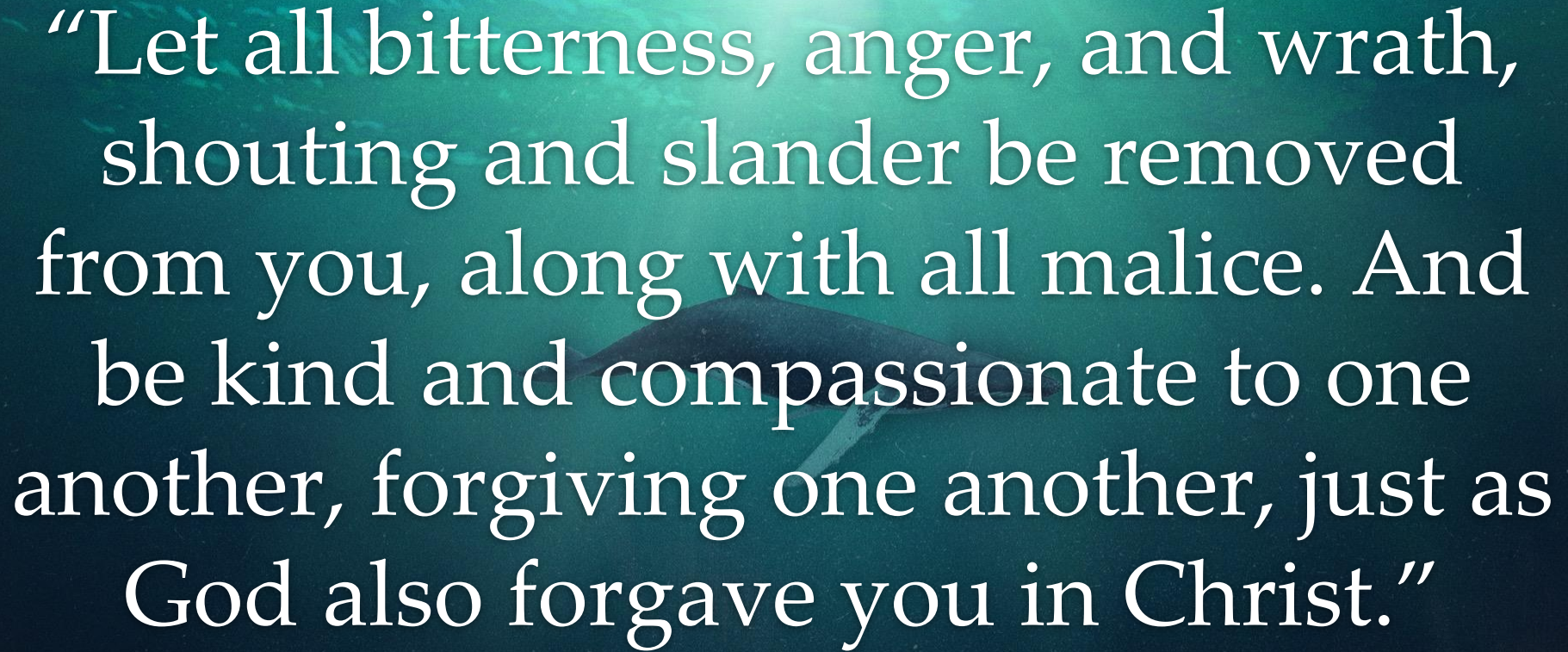
“For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.”

(Matthew 6:14-15)

A whale is swimming horizontally across the middle of the frame in a deep blue-green ocean. The water has a textured, wavy appearance. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

“Be merciful, just as your Father is also merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven... For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

(Luke 6:36-38)




“Let all bitterness, anger, and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”

(Ephesians 4:30-32)

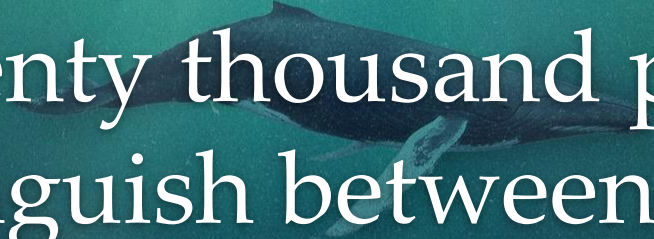
Jonah 4:10


10 And the LORD said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night."

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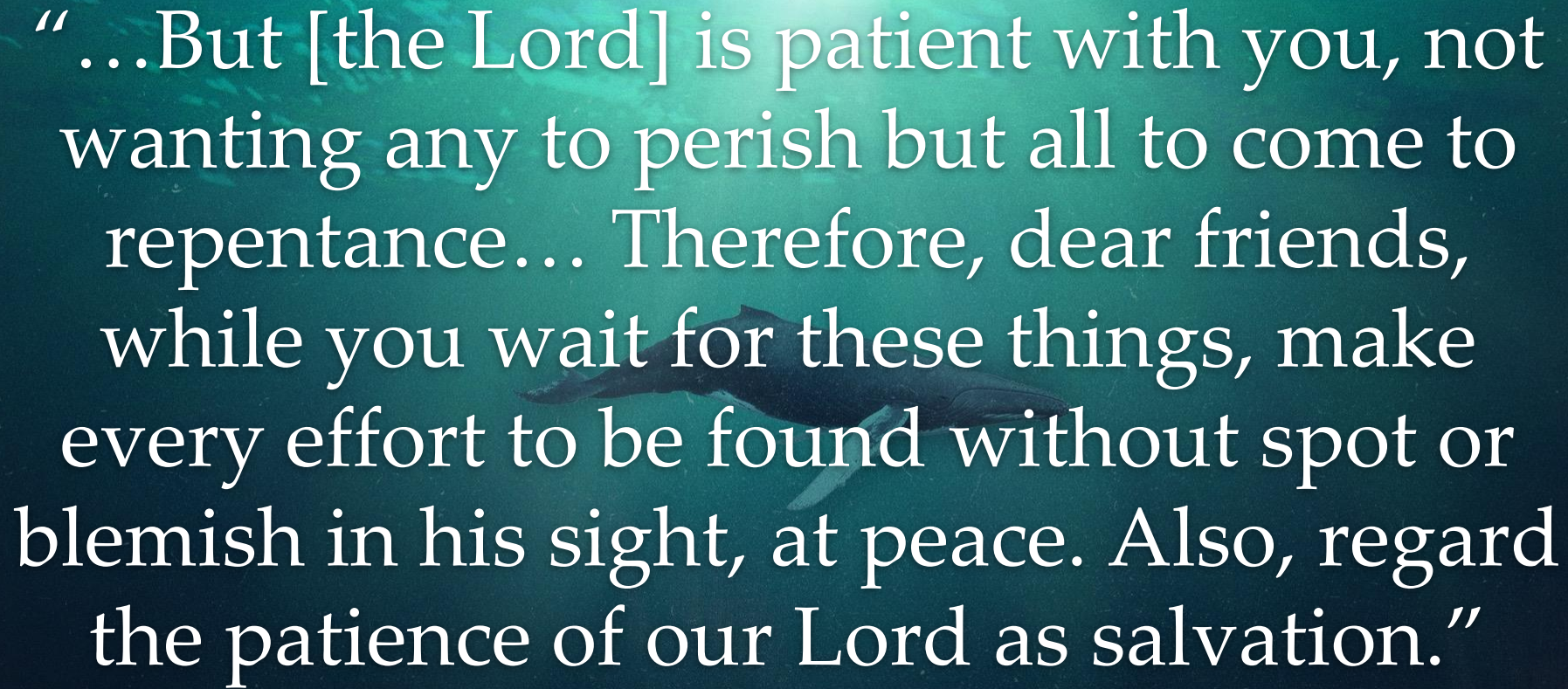
Jonah 4:11

11 “So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?”



A whale is swimming horizontally in the center of the image, slightly below the middle of the text. The background is a deep blue ocean with light rays filtering down from the top.

“Dear friends, don’t overlook this one fact: With the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some understand delay...” (2 Peter 3:8-9)

A whale is swimming horizontally across the middle of the frame in a deep blue-green underwater environment. The background shows light rays filtering down from the surface, creating a serene and slightly hazy atmosphere. The whale's body is dark, and its tail is visible as it moves.

“...But [the Lord] is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance... Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found without spot or blemish in his sight, at peace. Also, regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.”

(2 Peter 3:9, 14-15)

