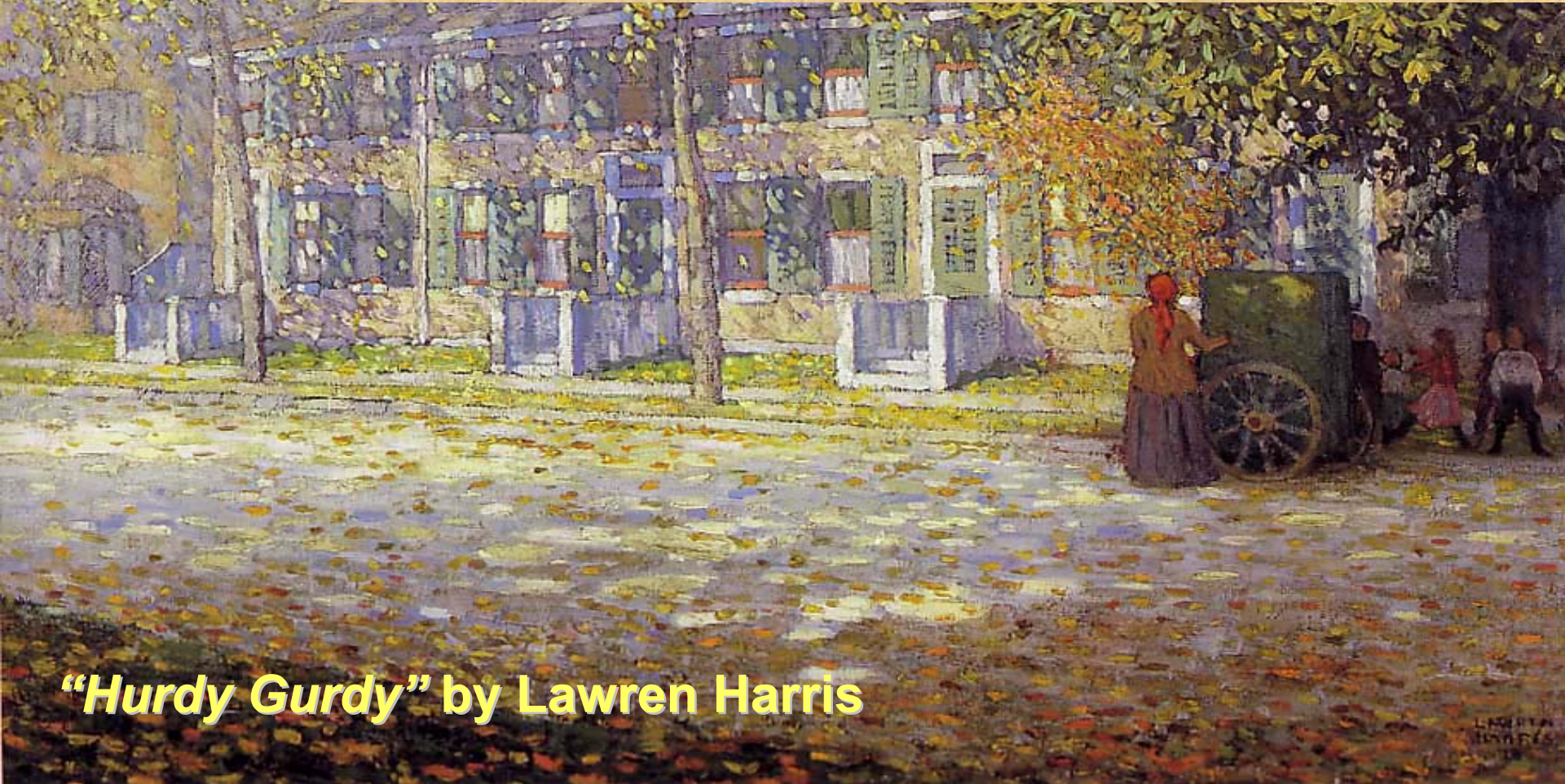


Harris turned to Theosophy as it was espoused by [Kandinsky](#) and light became more and more important in his pictures. Kandinsky in his book *Towards the Spiritual in Art*, set forth the idea that the world we see around us is merely a shadow of the true universe. If you dig down through the outward appearance of things, you will pass into deeper and deeper levels of reality until you find God. In keeping with that tenet, Harris pared away the details of things in a search for the underlying essentials of creation.



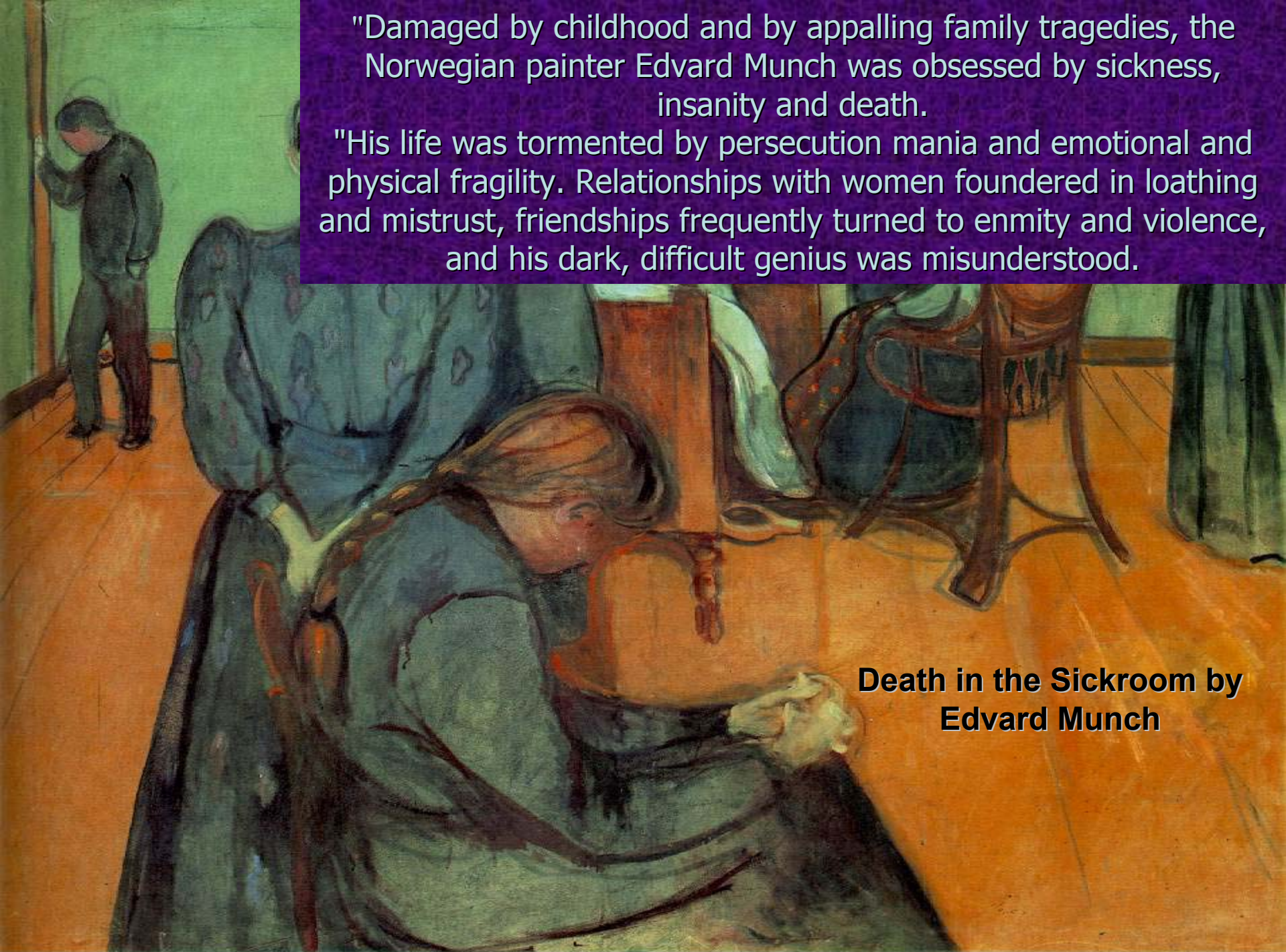
“Hurdy Gurdy” by Lawren Harris



***"Return From Church"* by Lawren Harris**

"Damaged by childhood and by appalling family tragedies, the Norwegian painter Edvard Munch was obsessed by sickness, insanity and death.

"His life was tormented by persecution mania and emotional and physical fragility. Relationships with women foundered in loathing and mistrust, friendships frequently turned to enmity and violence, and his dark, difficult genius was misunderstood.

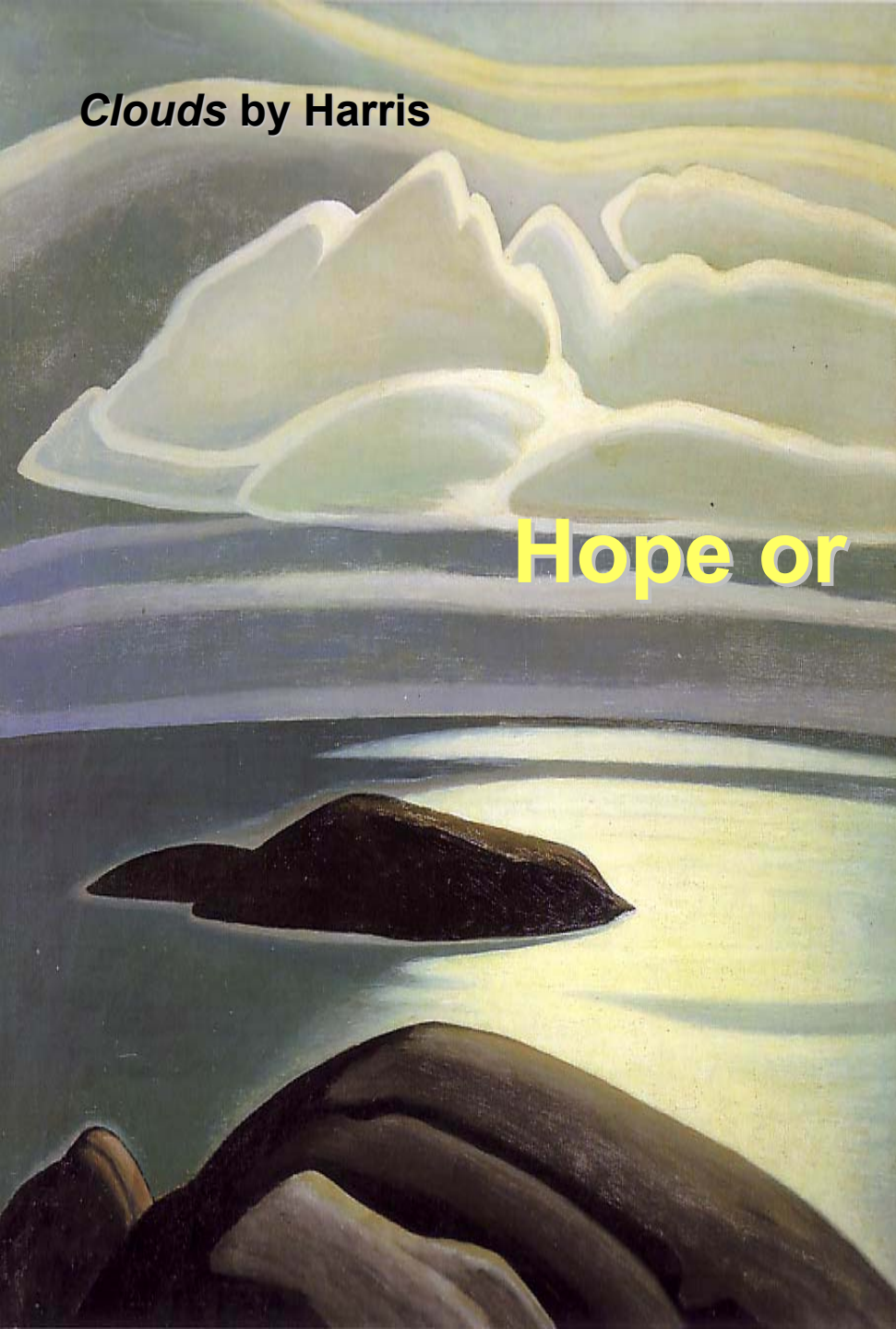


**Death in the Sickroom by
Edvard Munch**

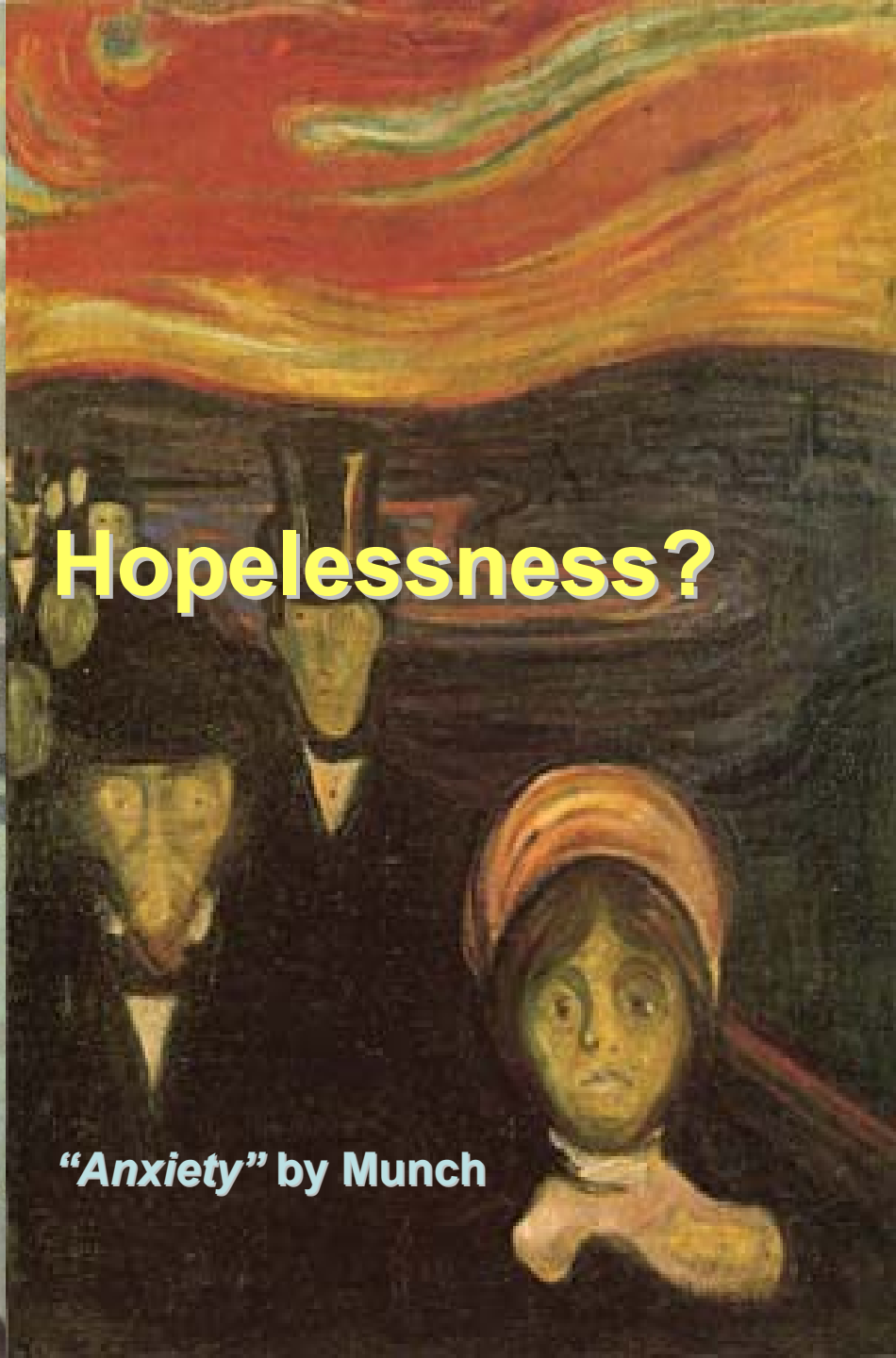
"Scream" by Edvard Munch



Clouds by Harris

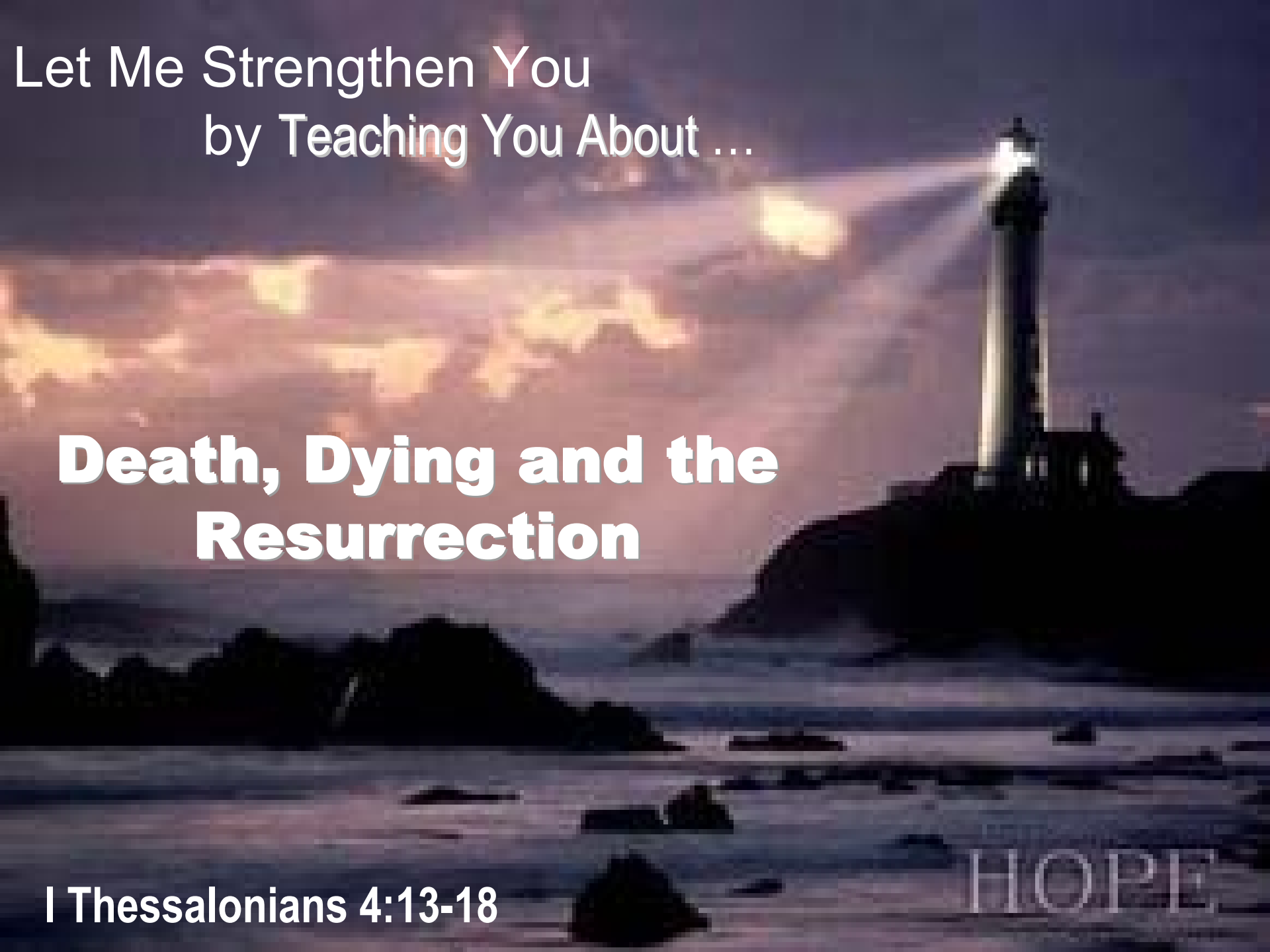


Hope or



Hopelessness?

"Anxiety" by Munch

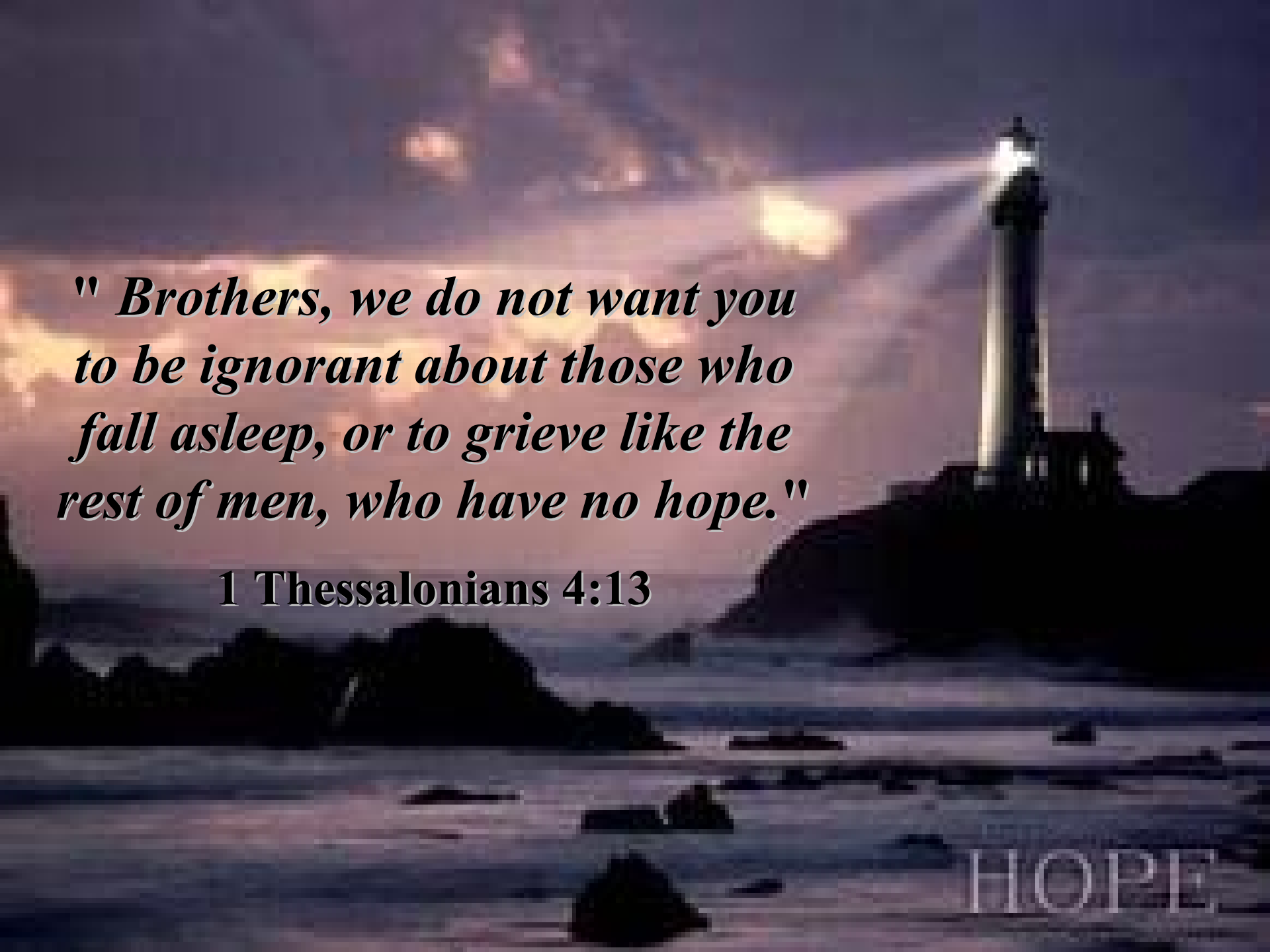
A lighthouse on a rocky island at sunset, with a beam of light shining across the sky.

Let Me Strengthen You
by Teaching You About ...

Death, Dying and the Resurrection

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

HOPE

A lighthouse on a rocky island at sunset, with a beam of light shining across the sky.

*" Brothers, we do not want you
to be ignorant about those who
fall asleep, or to grieve like the
rest of men, who have no hope."*

1 Thessalonians 4:13

HOPE

The Importance of Hope

Our hearts cannot live without hope.
Gabriel Marcel says that "hope is for the
soul what breathing is for living
organisms." . . . Without the anticipation
of better things ahead, we will have no
heart for the journey.

Brent Curtis & John Eldredge, *The Sacred Romance*

HOPE

The Importance of Hope

The prisoner who had lost hope in the future--his future--was doomed. With his loss of belief in the future [hope], he also lost his spiritual hold; he let himself decline and became subject to mental and physical decay.

Victor Frankl, *Man's Search For Meaning*

[The prisoner] would go quiet, smoke a last cigarette he had been hoarding, refuse to get out of bed, ignore threats or blows, and soon, usually within a day, the prisoner would die.

Victor Frankl, *Man's Search For Meaning*

HOPE

The Impact of Hope



❑ **A Living Hope** (I Peter 1:3)

❑ **An Indwelling Hope** (Colossians 1:27)

❑ **An Assuring Hope** (Hebrews 6:19)

❑ **A Purifying Hope** (I John 3:3)

HOPE

The Invitation of Hope



*Seek not to understand that you
might believe, but to believe that
you might understand*

Saint Augustine

HOPE

The Invitation of Hope

"We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:14-15

HOPE

The Invitation of Hope



We Believe...That Jesus Died

We Believe...That Jesus Rose Again

We Believe...That He is Coming Again

So...We Grieve But With HOPE

HOPE

The Encouragement of Hope

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Therefore encourage each other with these words."

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

HOPE

Assessment

A lighthouse on a rocky island at sunset, with a beam of light shining across the sky. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a bright beam of light across the sky.

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HOPE

- **What is your perspective towards the future? Hopeful or Hopeless?**
- **What is your thinking based upon?**
- **How does it impact your Life?**