

WELCOME TO HAVEN

September 12, 2021

Welcome

Worship Songs

"Your Grace Is Enough"

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

"This Glorious Grace"

Scripture for Today

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

Prayer

Message

"Purpose Instead of Pain"

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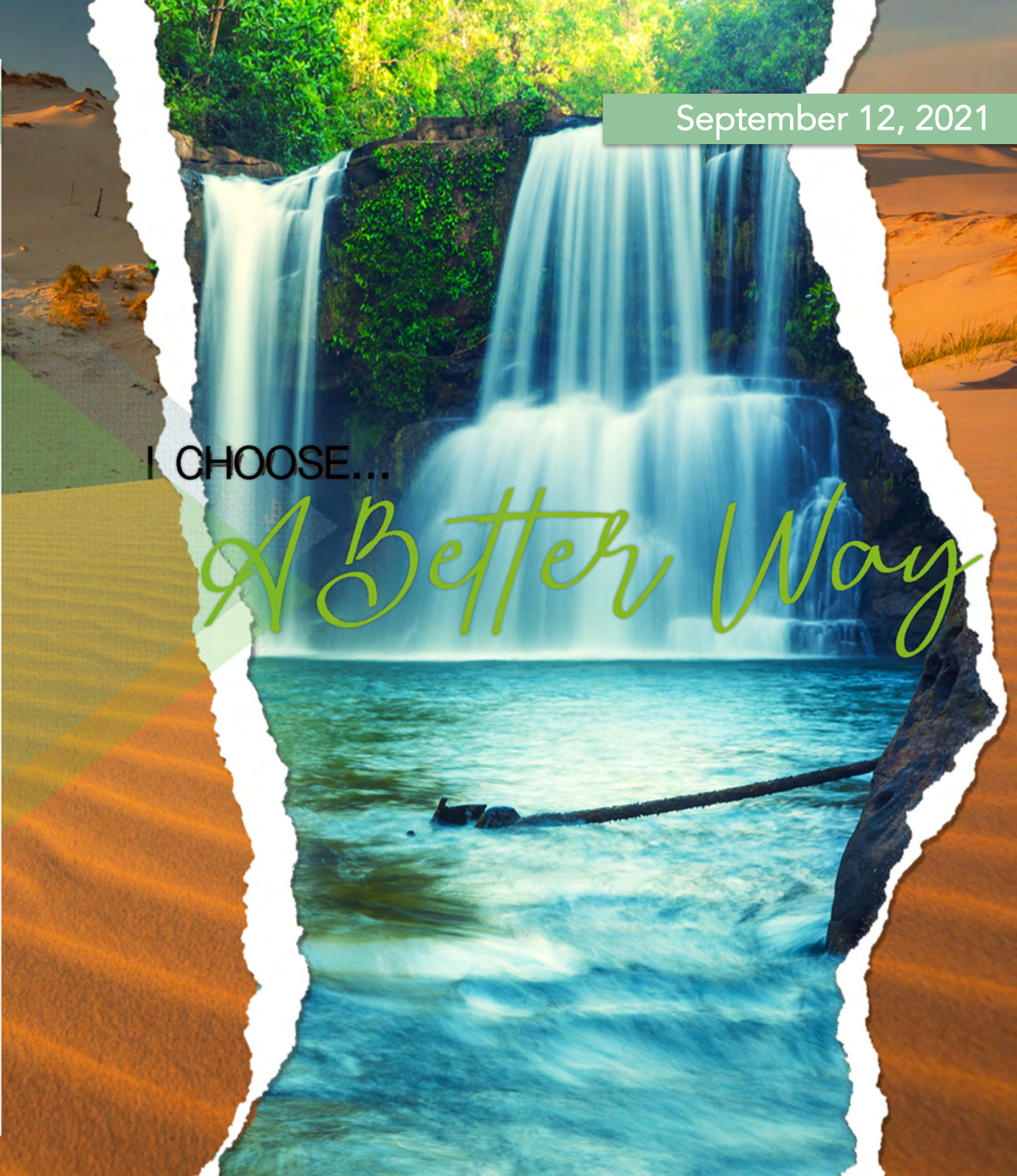
Offering/Worship Song

*Closing



I CHOOSE...

A Better Way



I CHOOSE...A BETTER WAY

PURPOSE INSTEAD OF PAIN

1. People don't hate _____ – they hate _____ without _____

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.” – Luke 22:31

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. ...” – Luke 22:31-32

2. Sometimes God's _____ comes packaged as _____

“The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.” – Luke 22:61-62

THE WAY OF PURPOSED PAIN

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” – Romans 8:28

1. Don't just look at life from a _____

“Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.” – John 11:1-3

“When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. ... Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days....” – John 11:4-6a

“So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there....” – John 11:14-15a

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died....” “When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” – John 11:21, 32

“But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”” – John 11:37

2. See your pain from a _____

“When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.” – John 11:4

“So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” – John 11:14-15

“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died... Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again....” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” – John 11:21-26

“Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”” – John 11:40

3. The pain is _____ for the purpose

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kind because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” – James 1:2-4

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” – Luke 22:31-32