

Monthly Focus Verse

1 Peter 1:22 (ESV)

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

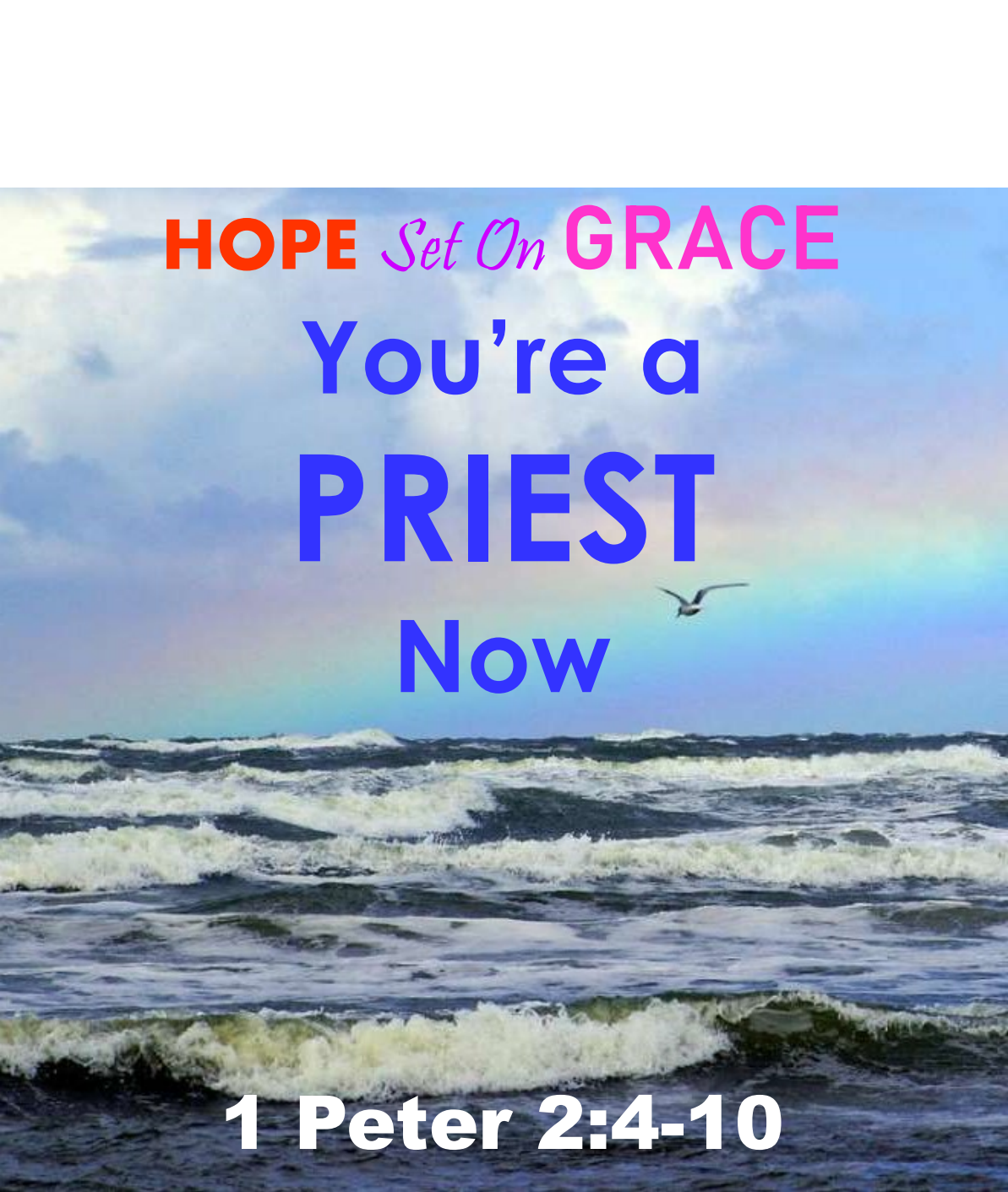
A seascape with waves, a rainbow, and a bird in flight. The sky is blue with scattered clouds, and a vibrant rainbow arches across the horizon. A single bird is captured in flight in the center of the frame. The ocean features white-capped waves in the foreground and middle ground.

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¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²**to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,** ¹³until we **all** attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

-- Ephesians 4:11-14

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²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶or then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared **once for all** at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, **having been offered once to bear the sins of many**, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

-- Hebrews 9:25-28

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¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**. ¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered **for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴**For by a single offering he has perfected for all time** those who are being sanctified.

-- Hebrews 10:10-14

Draw Near to God



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From the Old Testament, what is a priest? What role does a priest play, based on the Old Testament?

Intermediary between people and God

- Advocate: Asking mercy - offering sacrifice - killing of animal / sprinkling of blood / grain offering / for himself as well as the people

What is the significance of the priestly order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7)?

- **Jesus is compared ... Christ is without beginning or end ... greater than Abraham**

What is meant by the priesthood of all believers? How are all believers priests?

- **We all have direct access to God**
- **We offer our own sacrifice of praise**
- **We have the ability to pray for others**
- **In response to exclusiveness of priesthood / Reformation leaders**

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¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

-- 1 Timothy 2:1-4

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-- Romans 15:15-16

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¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and **gave himself up** for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. .

-- Ephesians 5:1-2

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¹³And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.” -- 1 Samuel 13:8-14

¹⁷But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor, ¹⁸and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God.”

-- 2 Chronicles 26:17-18

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¹The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” ²The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! ³Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. ⁴The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

-- Psalm 110:1-4

- ♦ Royal Priesthood: Kings and Priests
 - Co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17)
 - Judge the world (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)
 - Engage in spiritual warfare (Matthew 16:18)
 - Intercede for others (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

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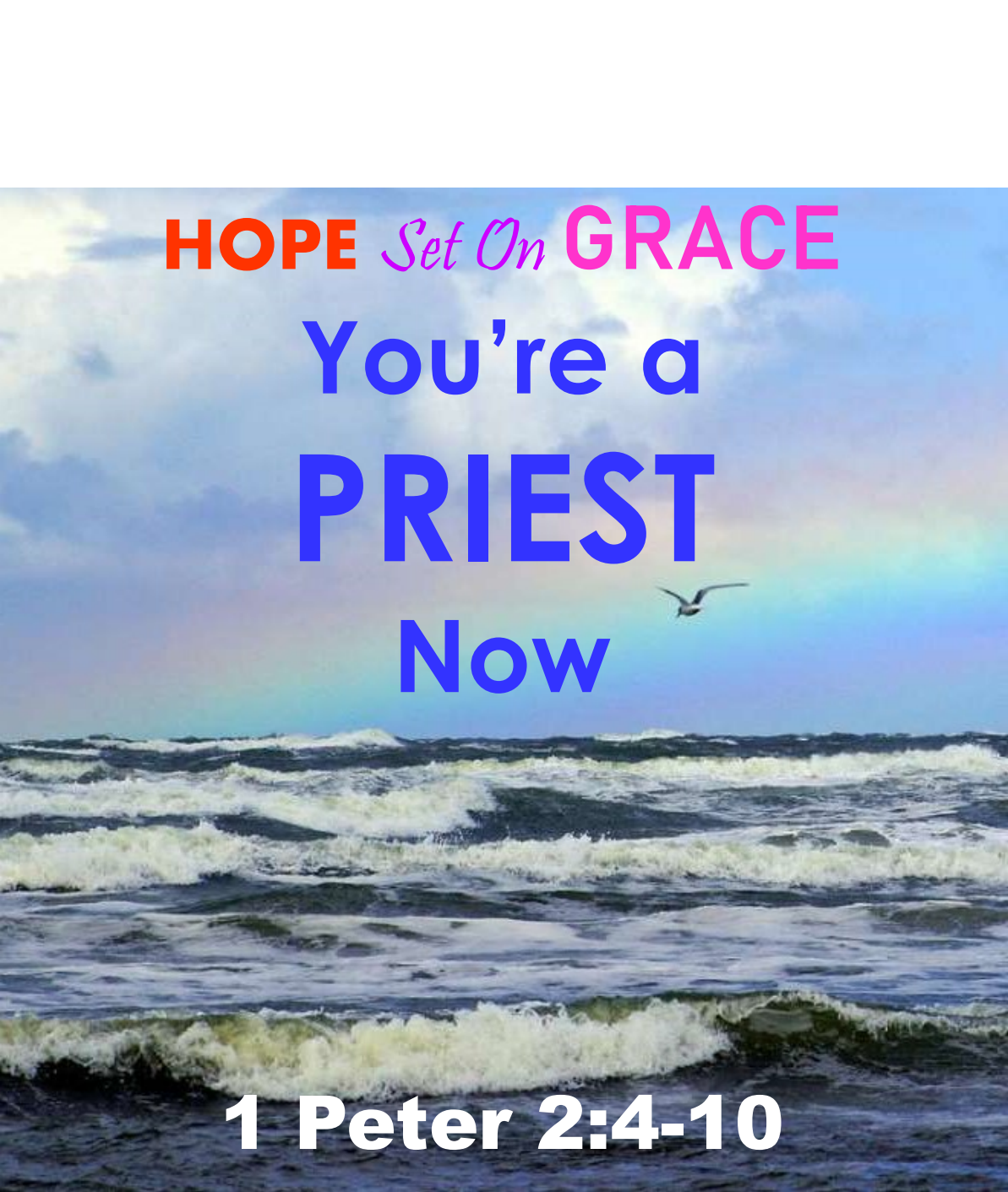
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