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Today's Scripture Reading

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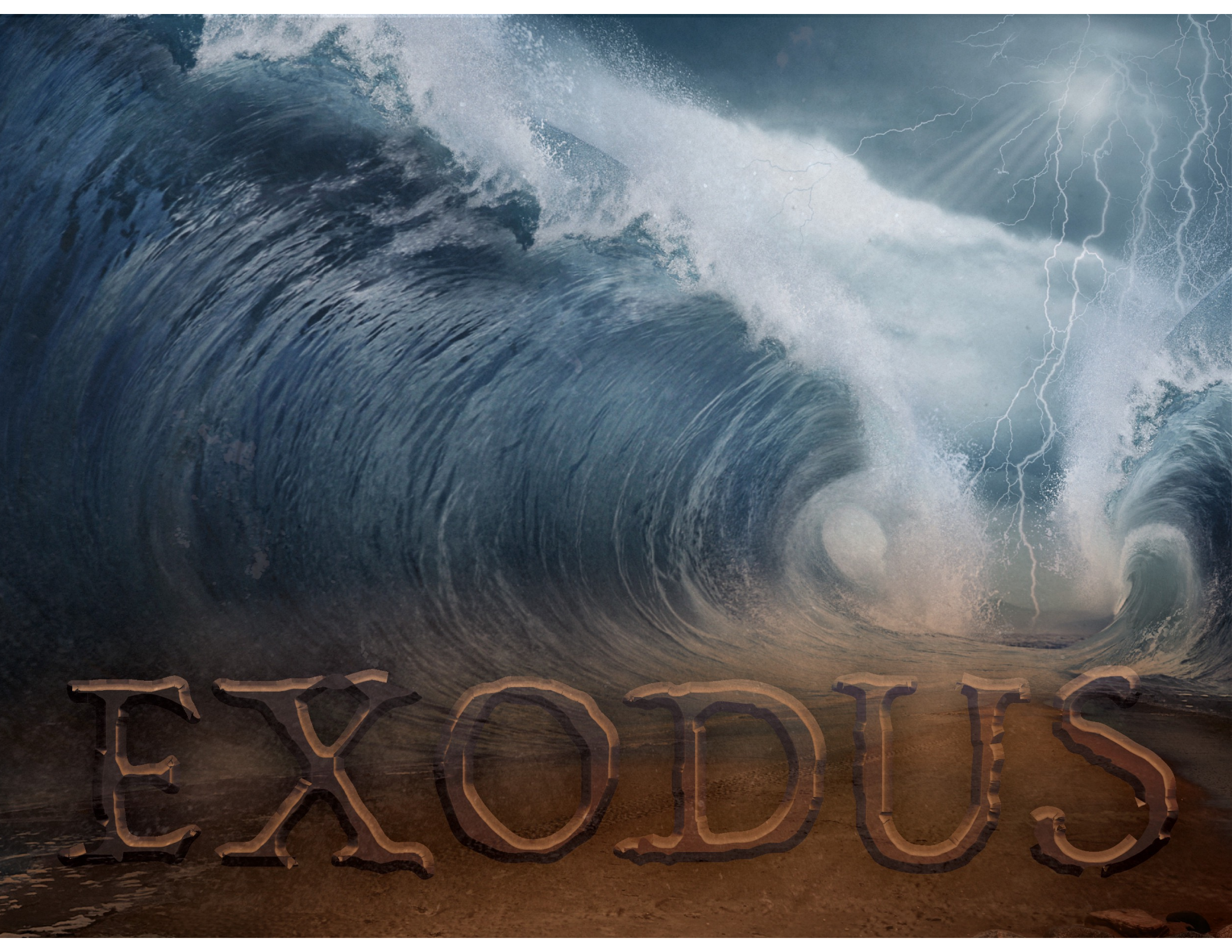
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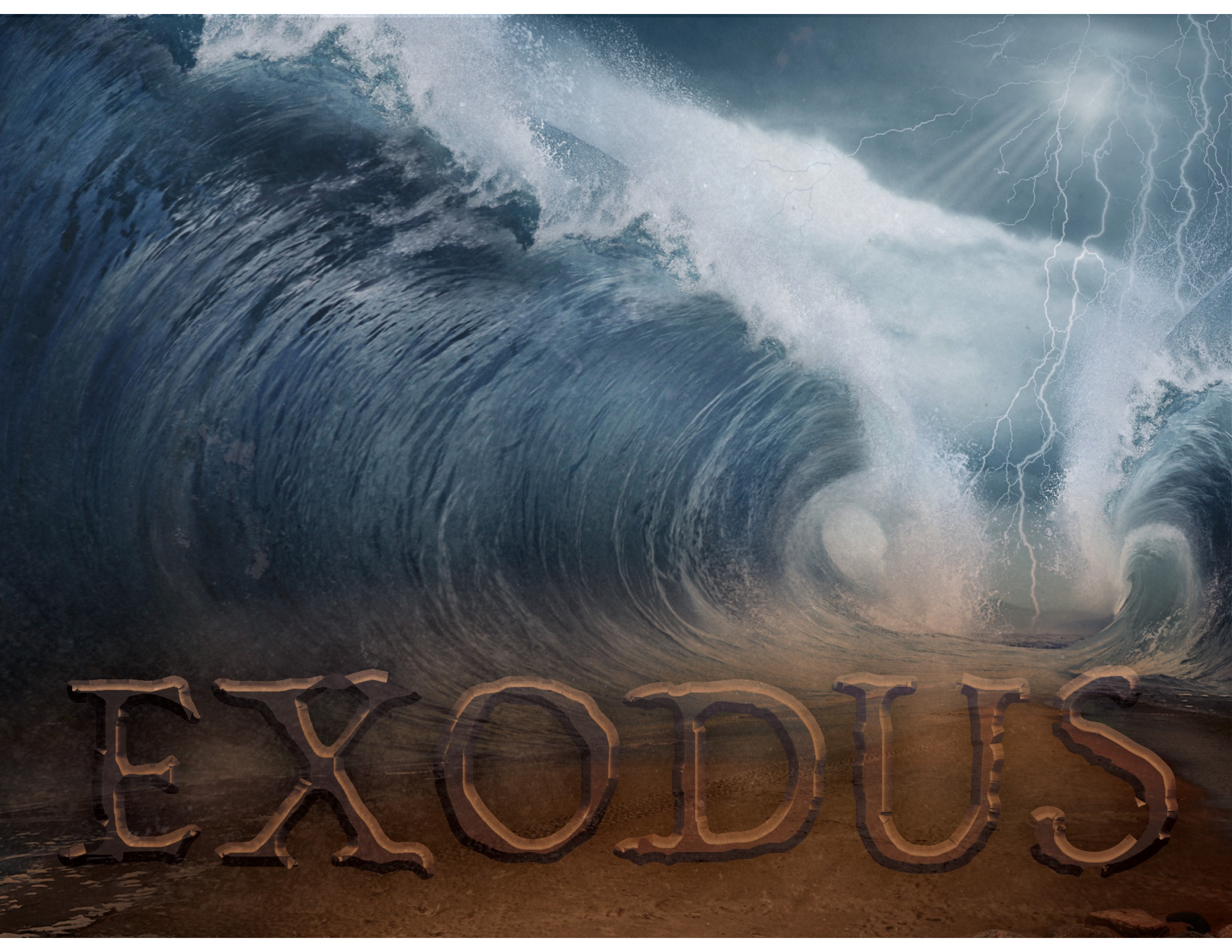
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- Our response flows out of that joy: **CONSECRATION, MISSION, HOPE**

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