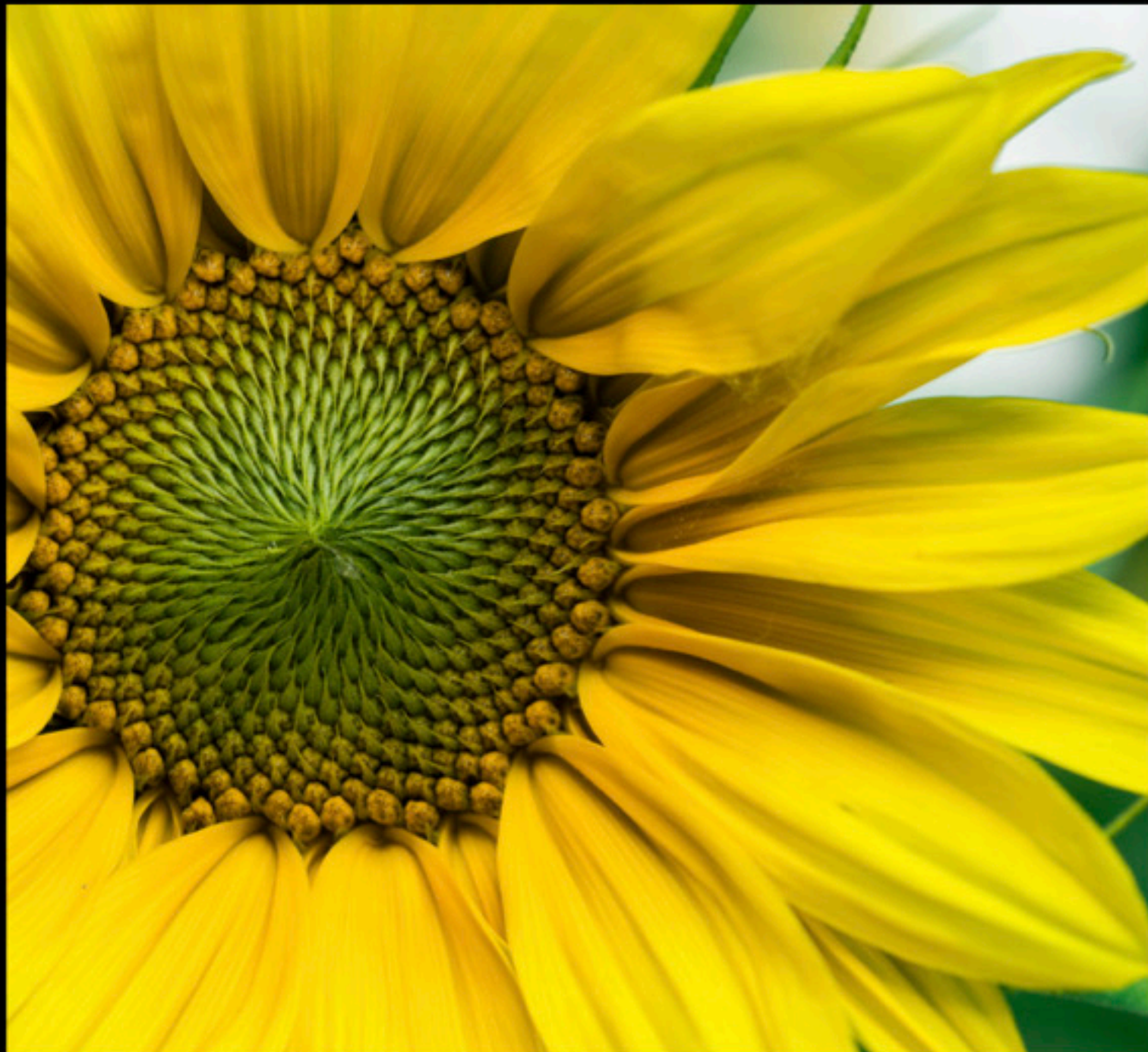


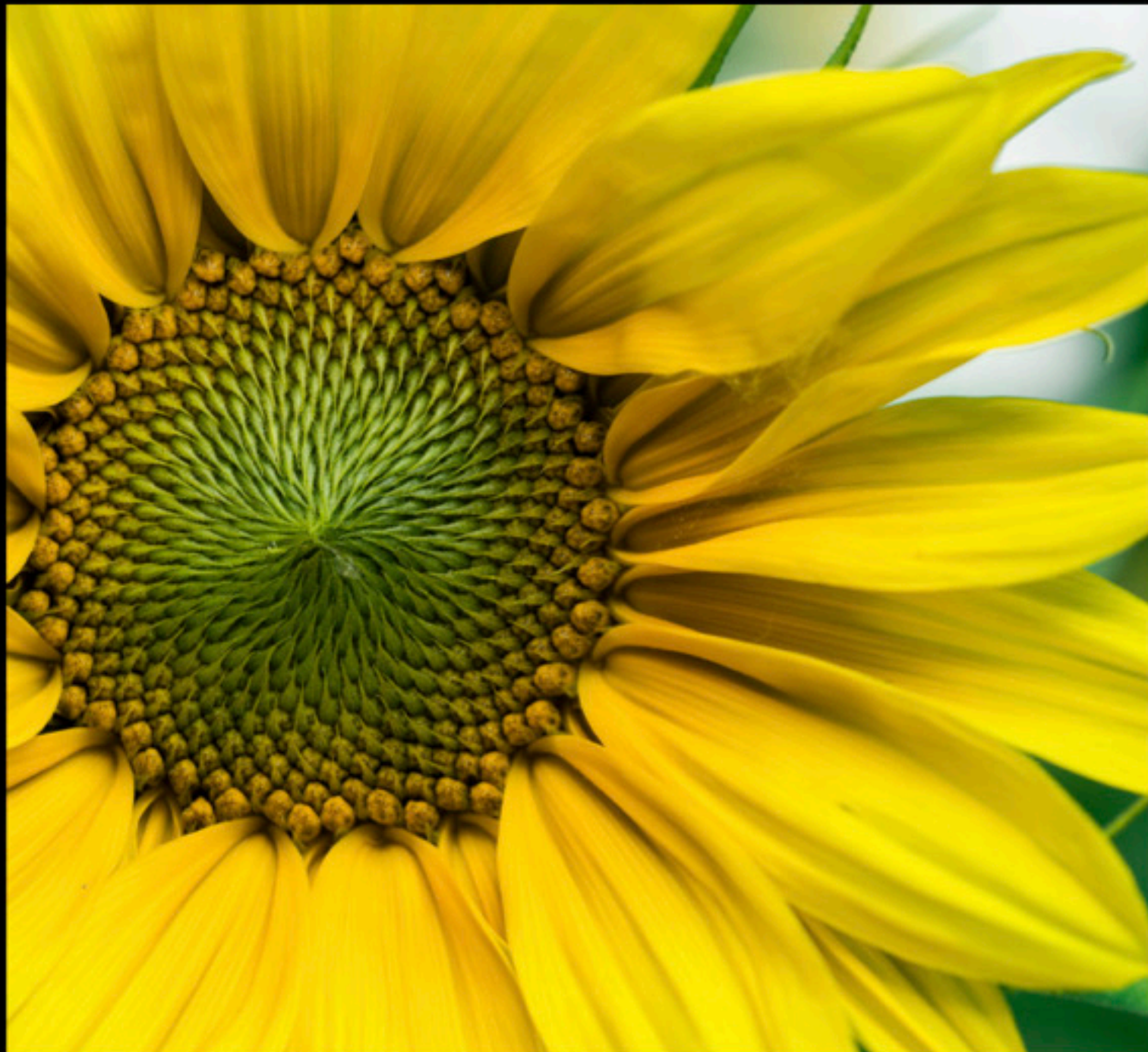


Becoming a Disciple of Jesus
“Listening to Jesus”
January 21, 2024

1. The Disciples Asked Many Questions:



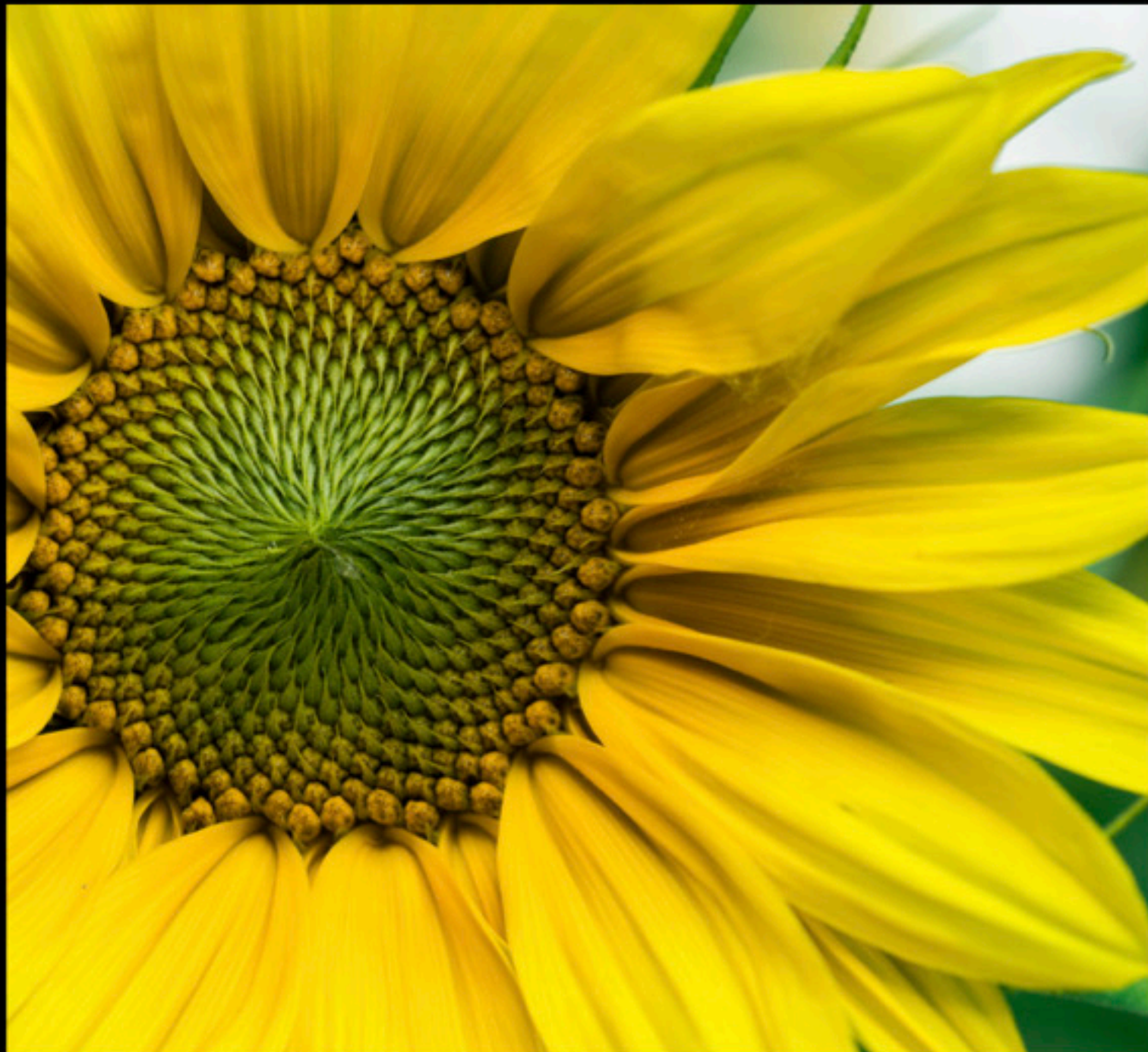
Asking Jesus to Heal People:



“But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. ³¹ So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.”

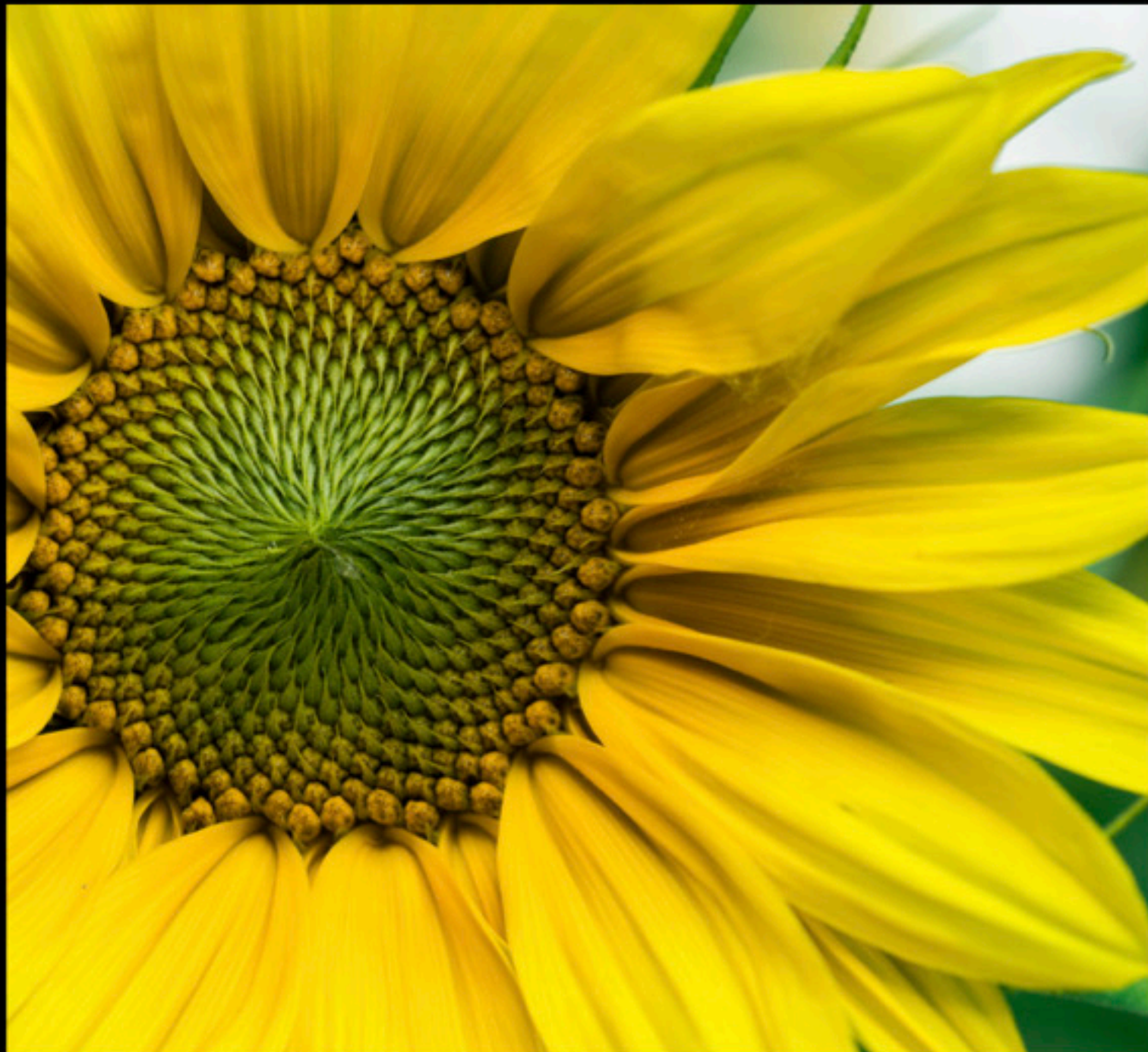
Mark 1:30,31 (NKJV)

**Asking Jesus to
Perform a Miracle.
Peter walking
on water**



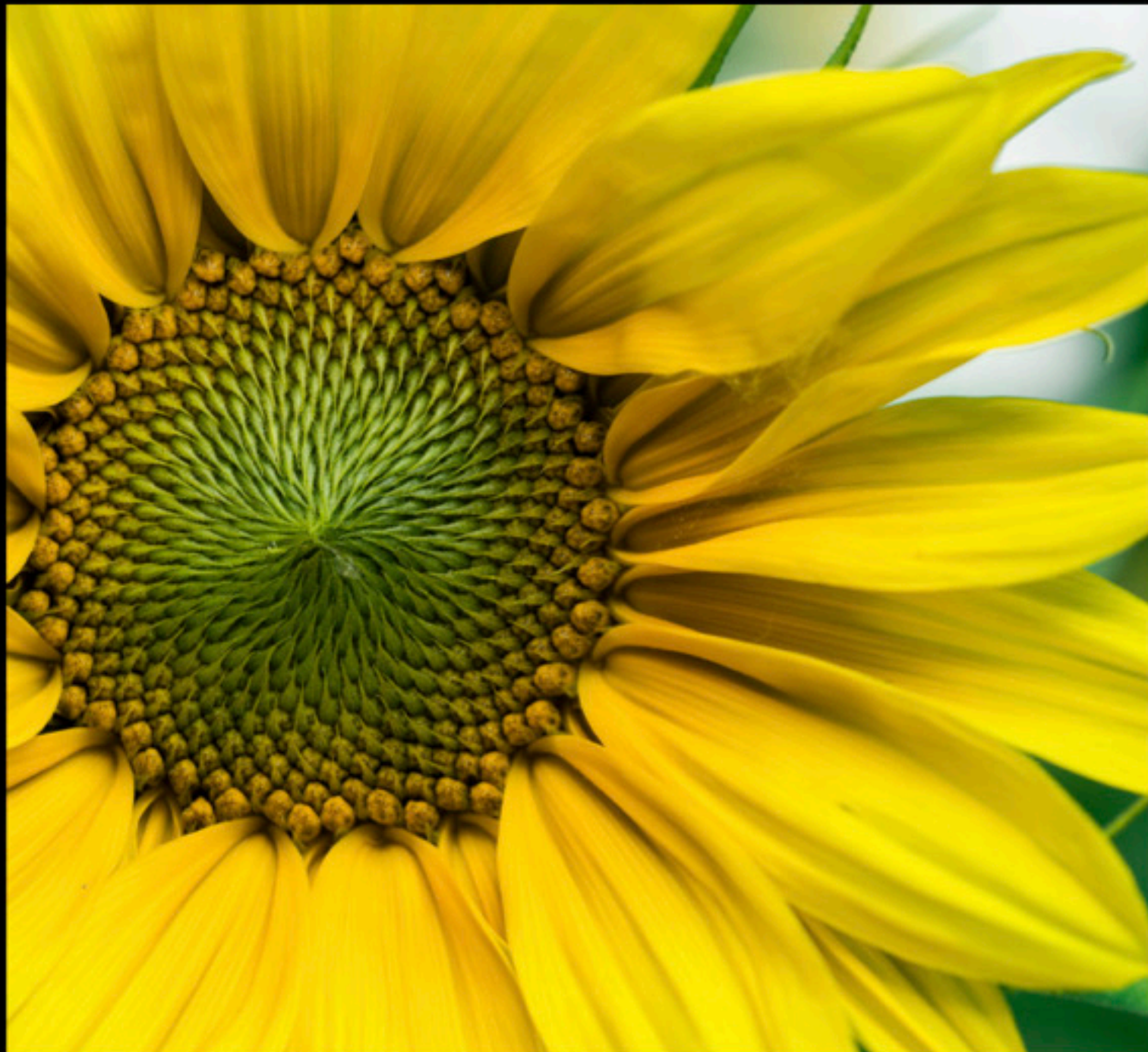
“And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”²⁹ So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.”
Matthew 14:28,29 (NKJV)

**Asking for
Special Privileges:**



“Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. ²¹ And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.”
Matthew 20:20,21 (NKJV)

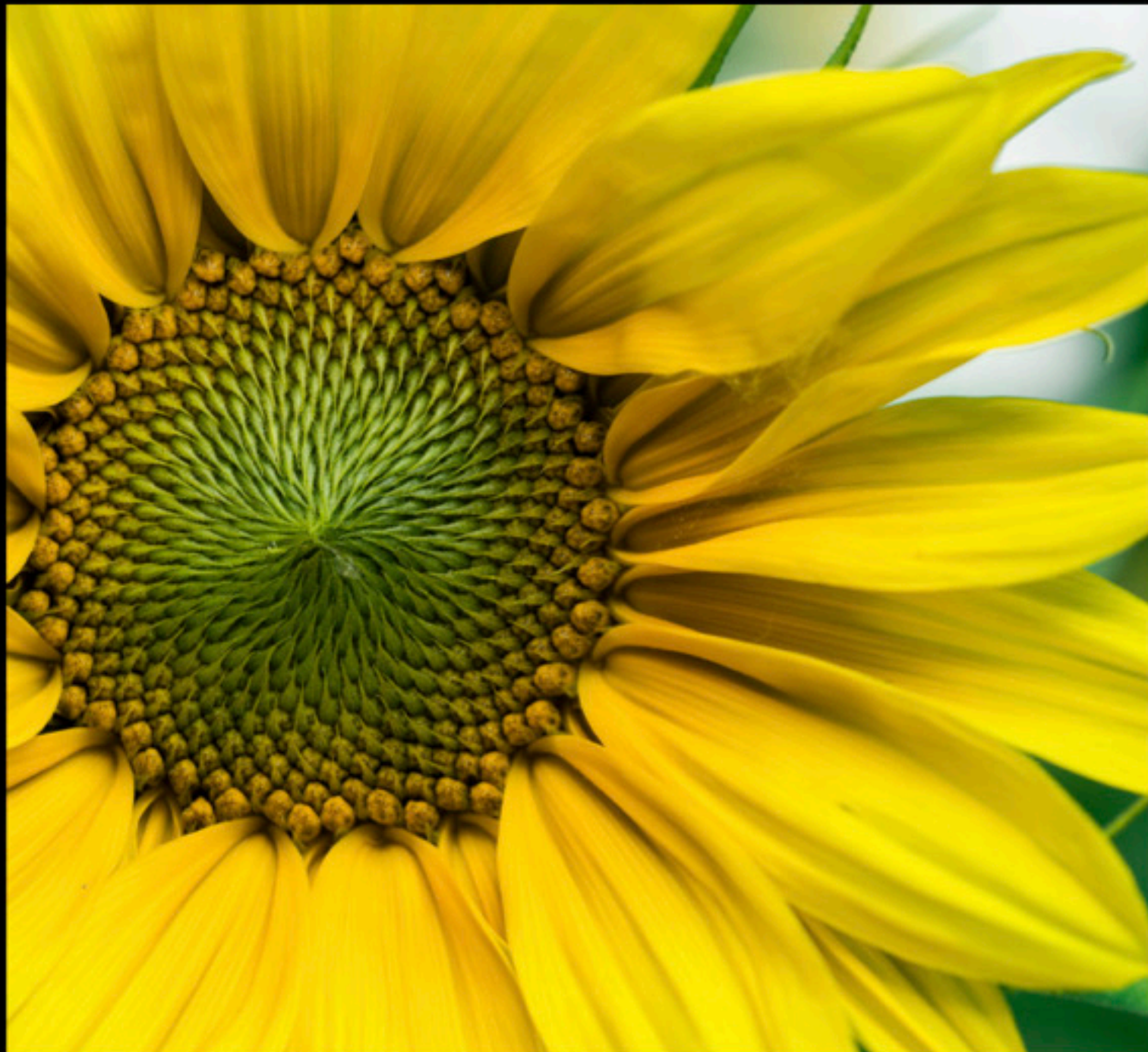
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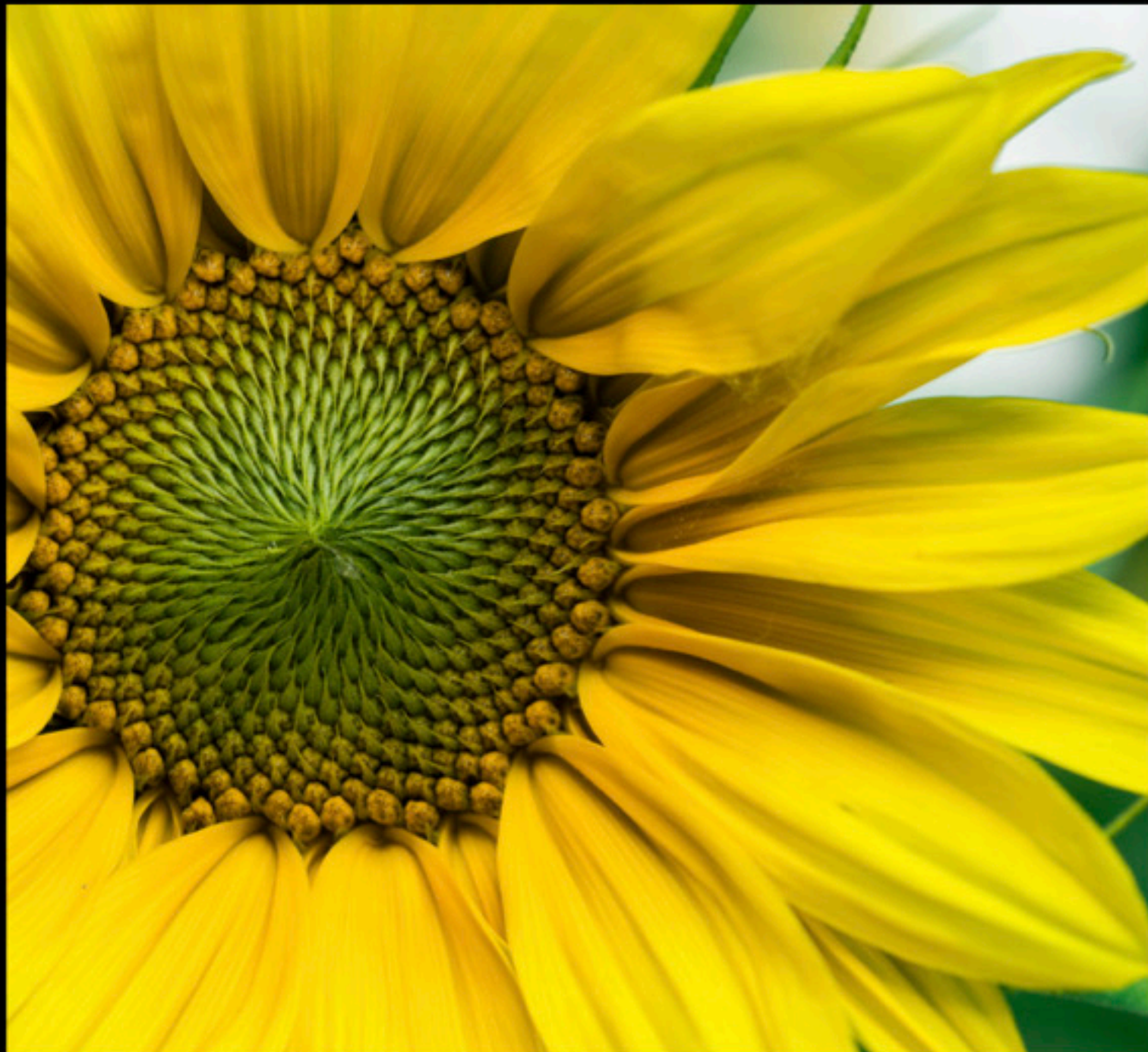
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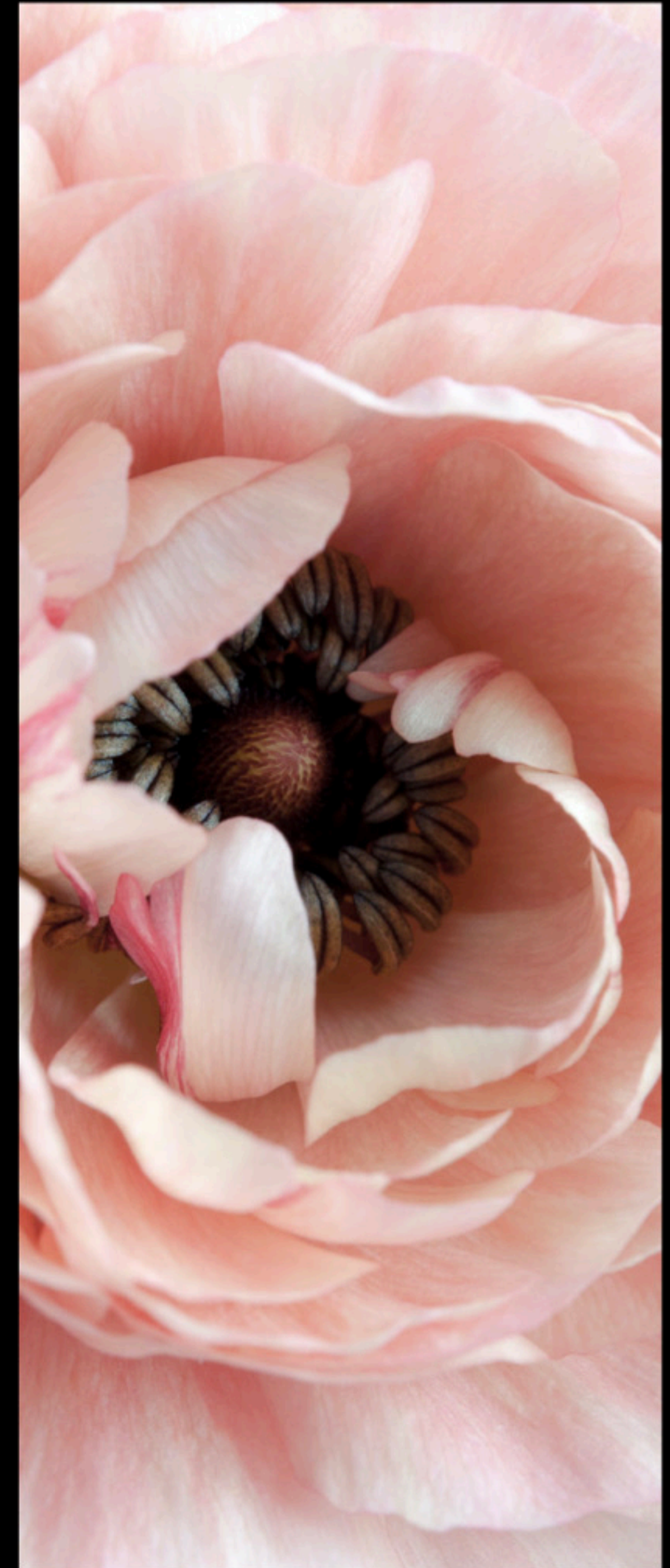
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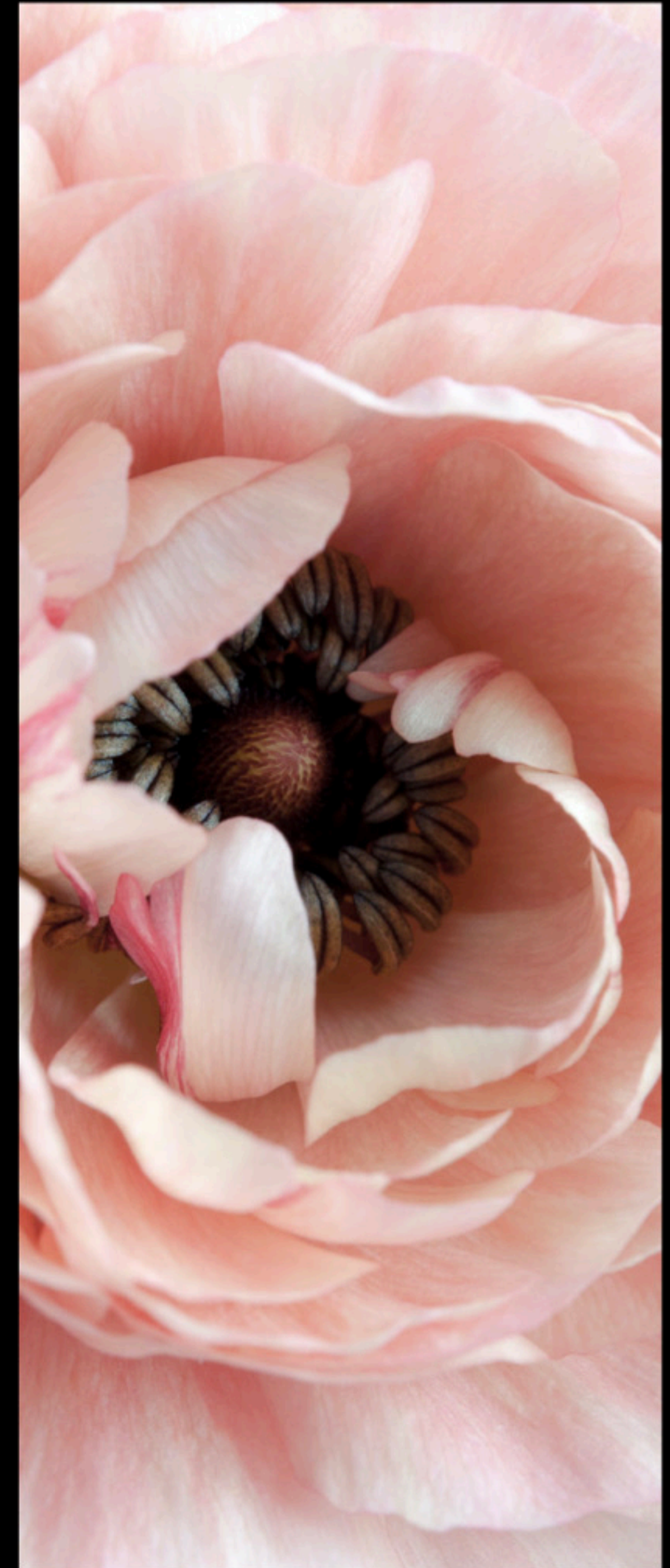


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John 11:8 (NKJV)*

*“Then the disciples came to Jesus
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“Why could we not cast it out?”
Matthew 17:19 (NKJV)*



*“Then Peter came to Him and said,
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him? Up to seven times?”
Matthew 18:21 (NKJV)*

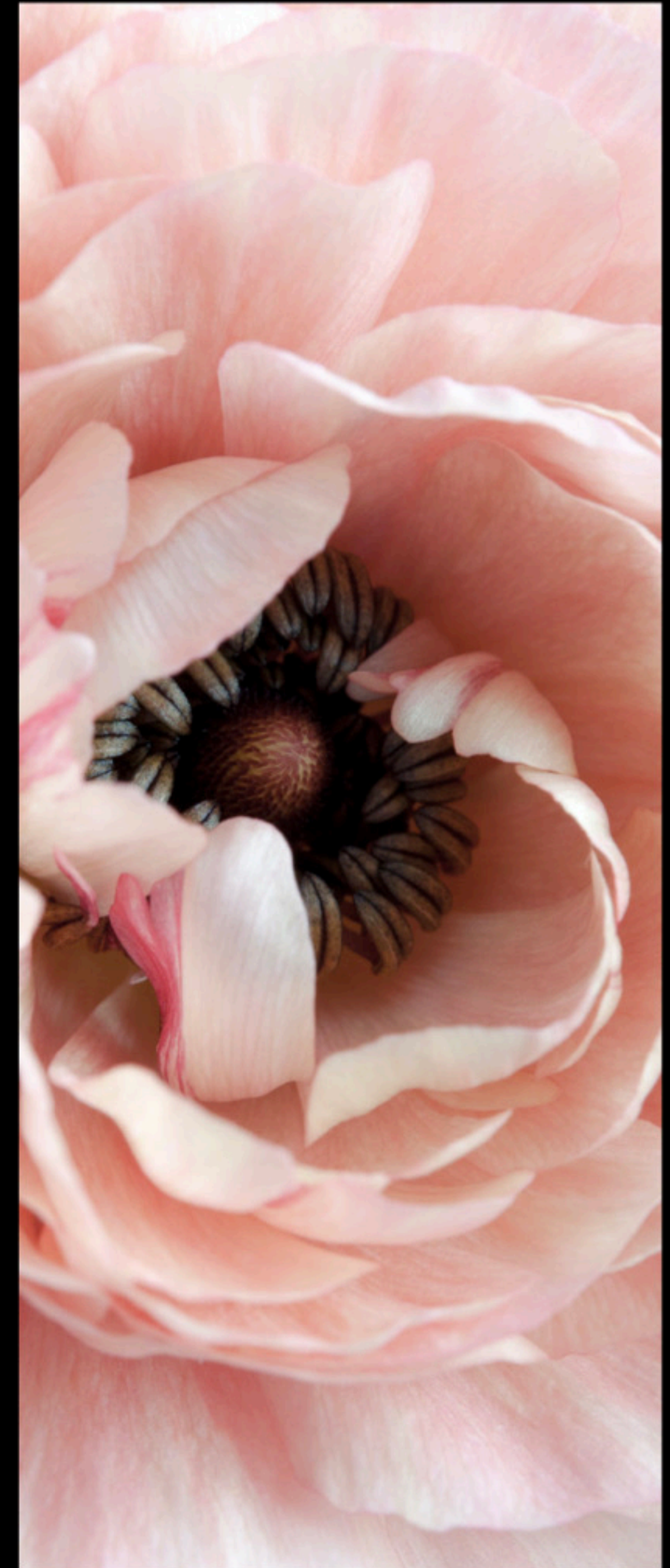


*“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”
Matthew 24:3 (NKJV)*

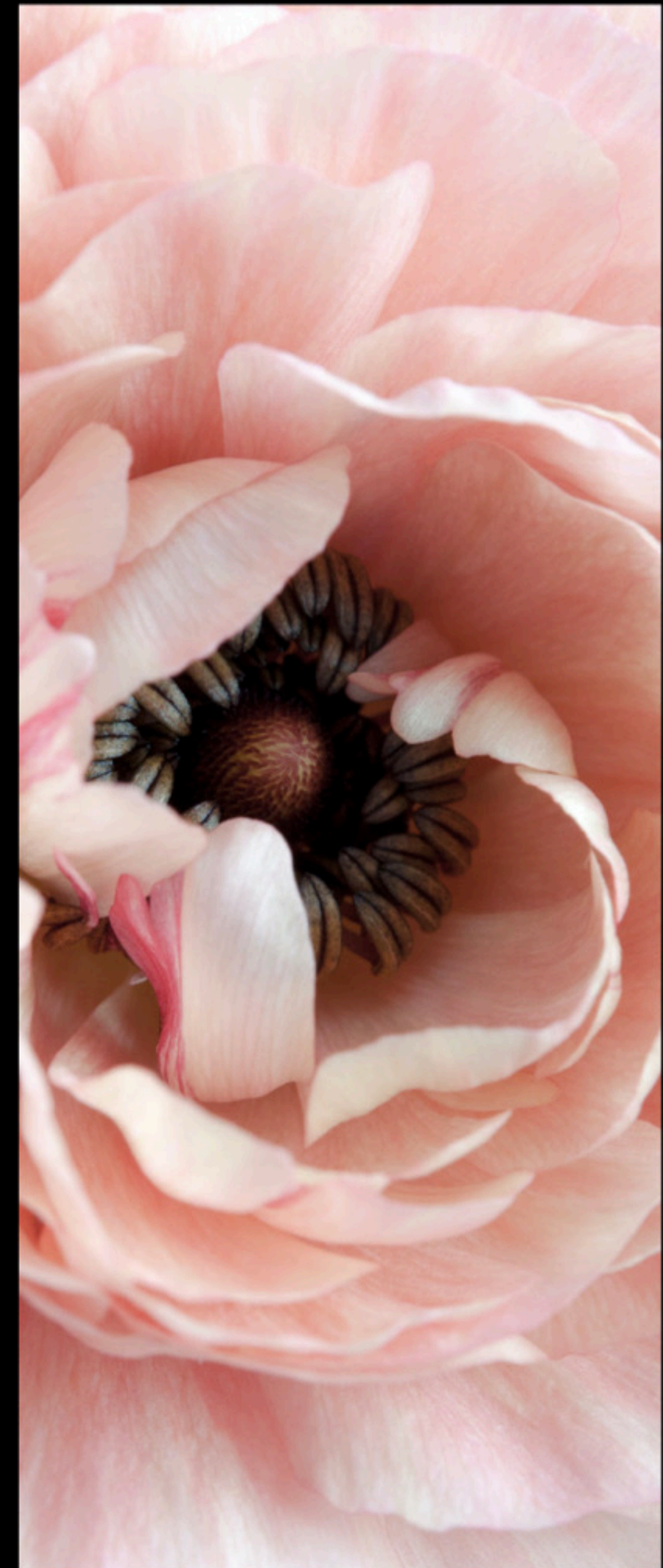


“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

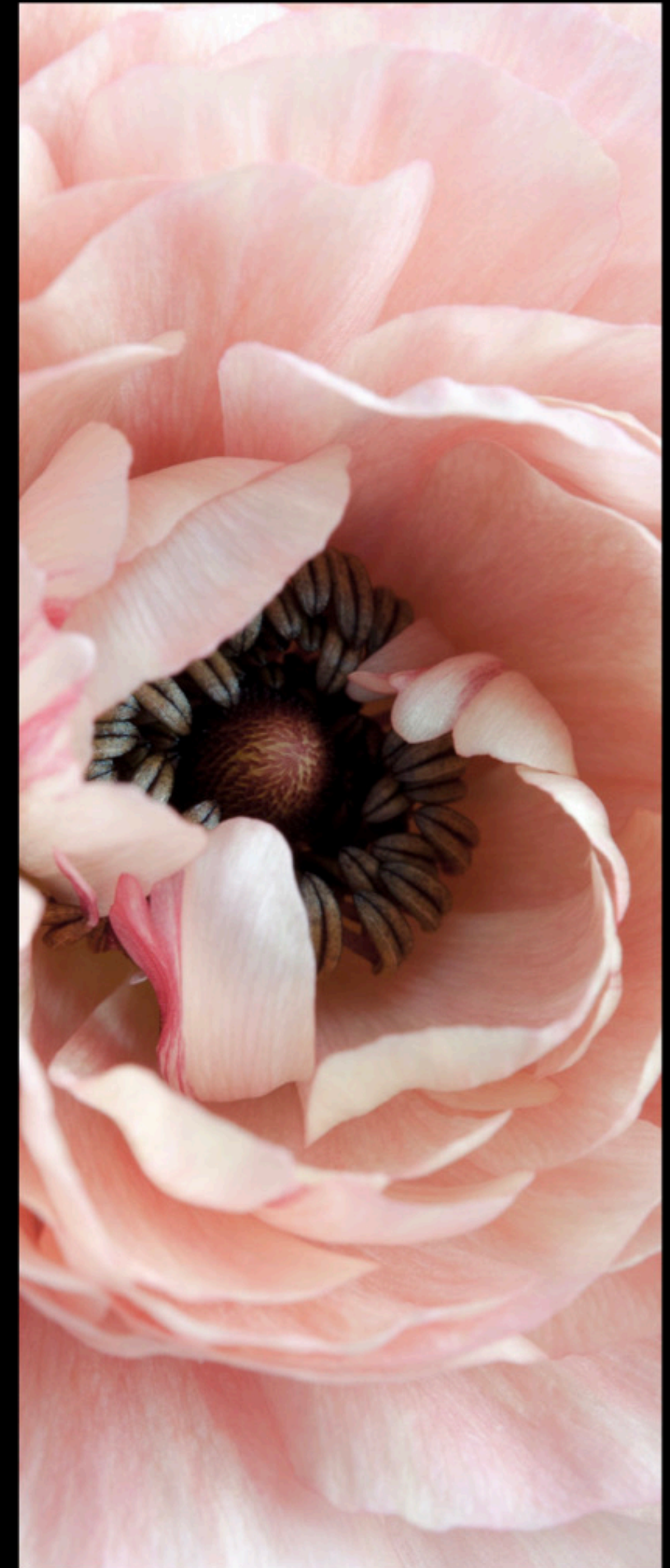
John 9:1,2 (NKJV)

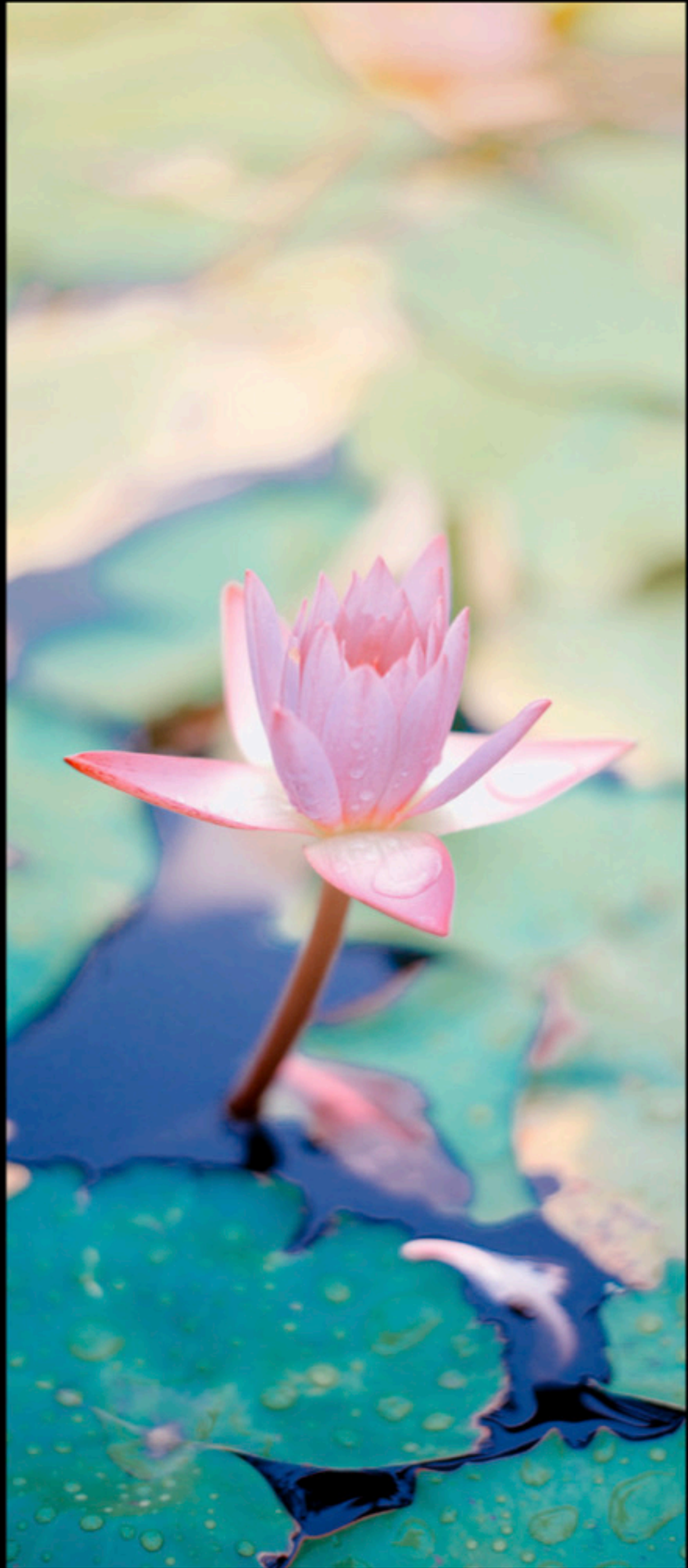


“Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” Luke 11:1 (NKJV)

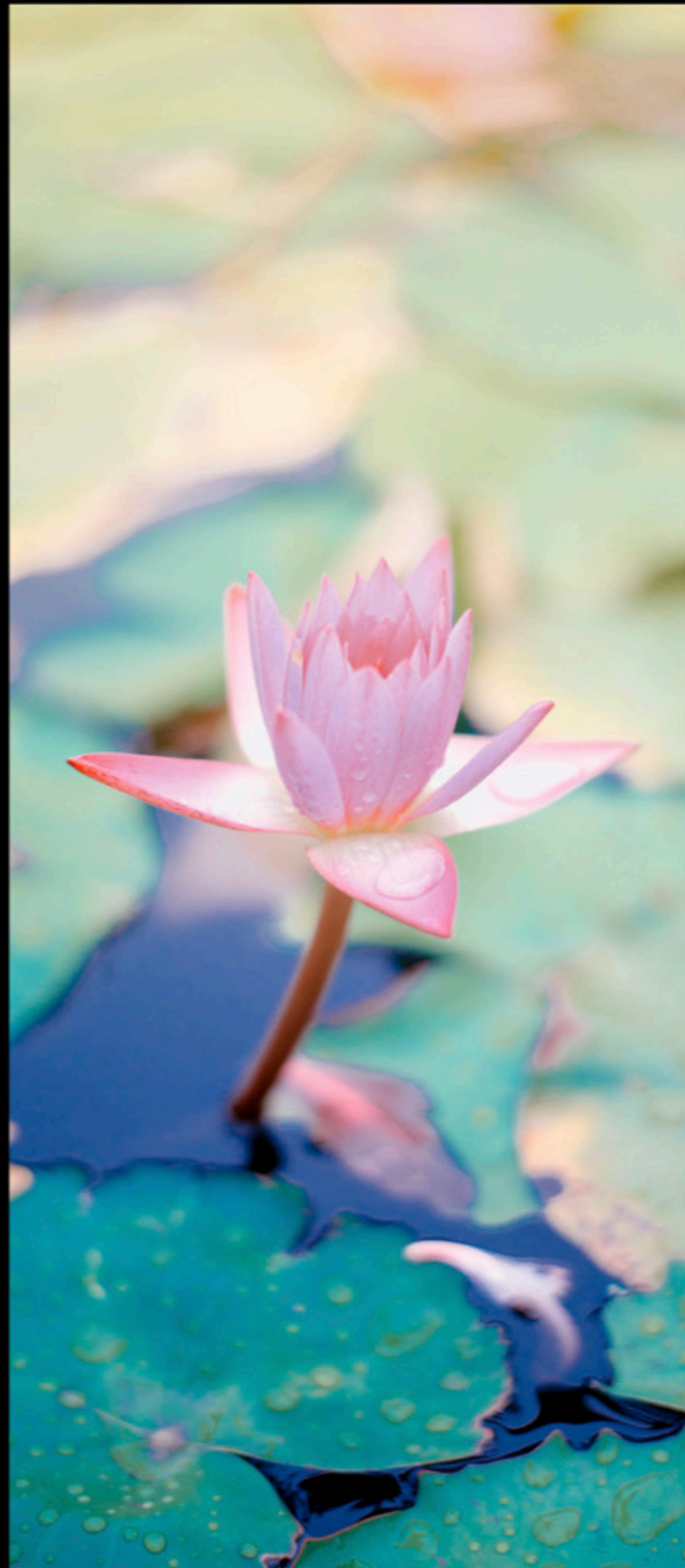


“Then Peter answered and said to Him, “Explain this parable to us.”
Matthew 15:15 (NKJV)

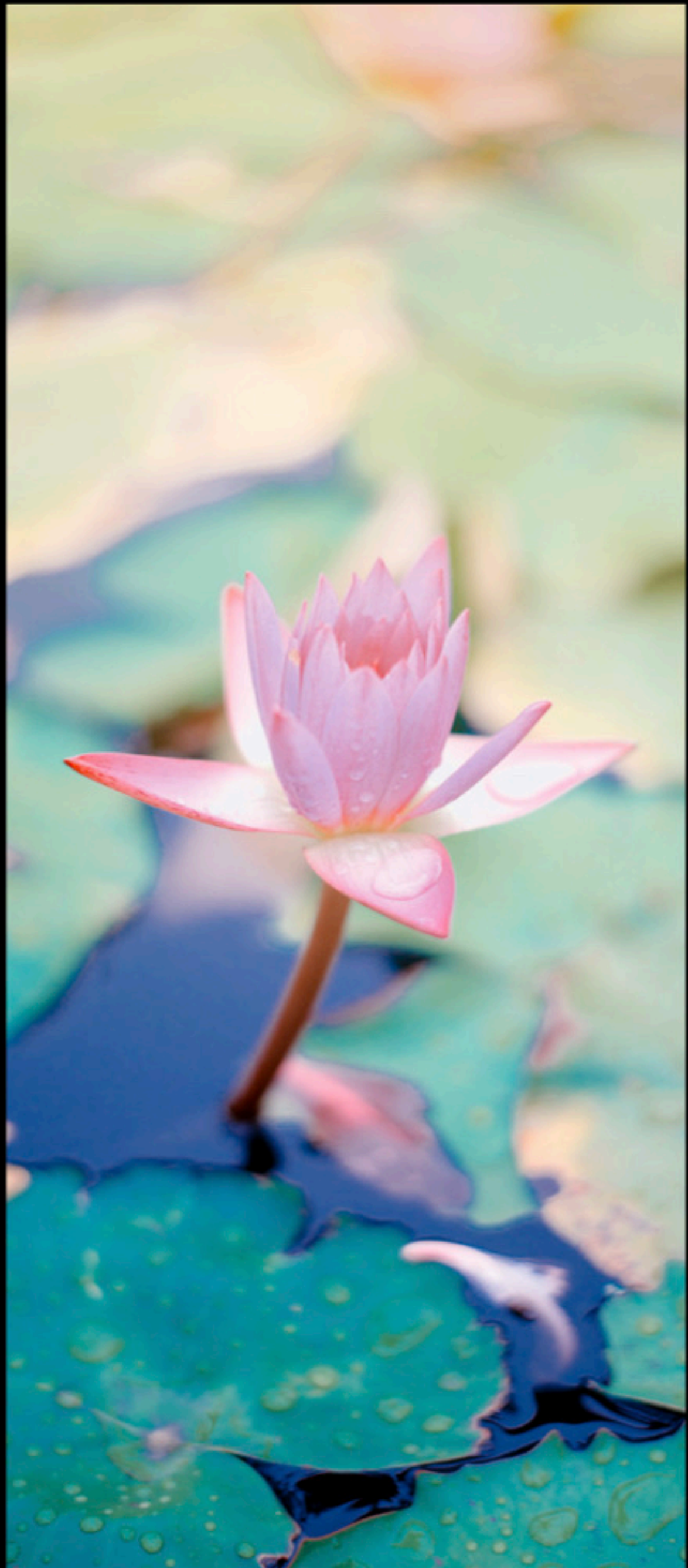




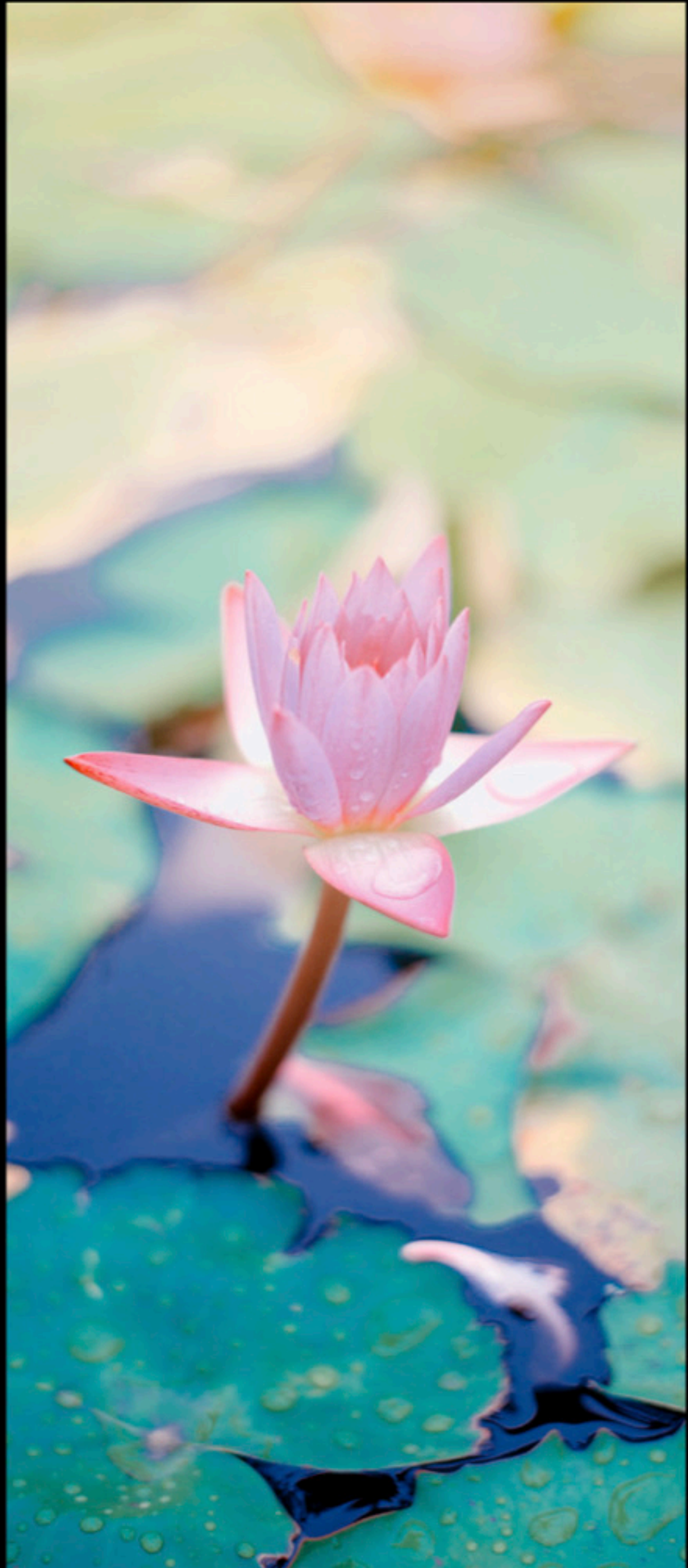
2. Ask Jesus Questions Yourself:



“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁵ When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

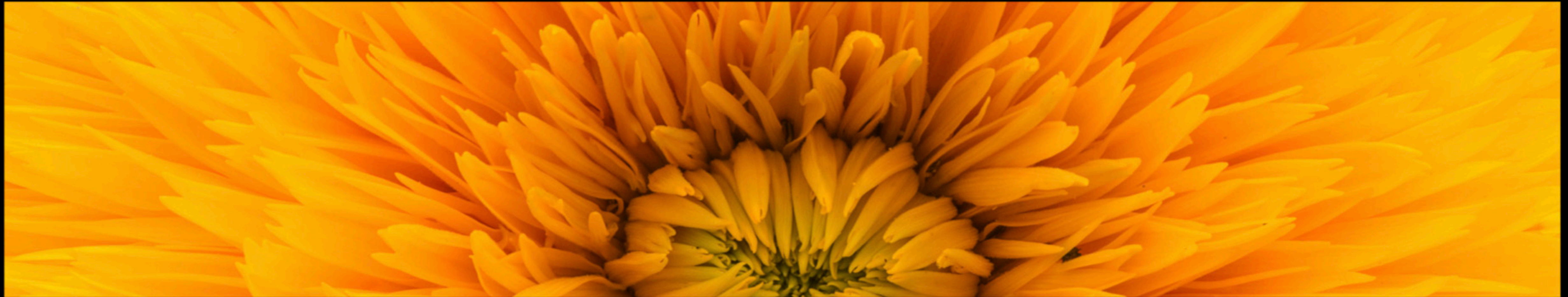


26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” 27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” Matthew 19:23-27 (NKJV)

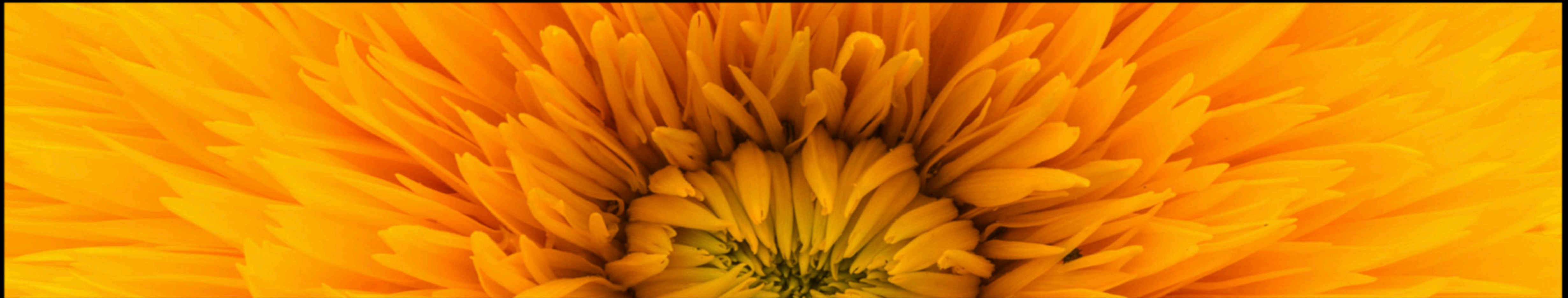


If you had one or two big questions for Jesus, what would they be?

3. Wait For His Response:

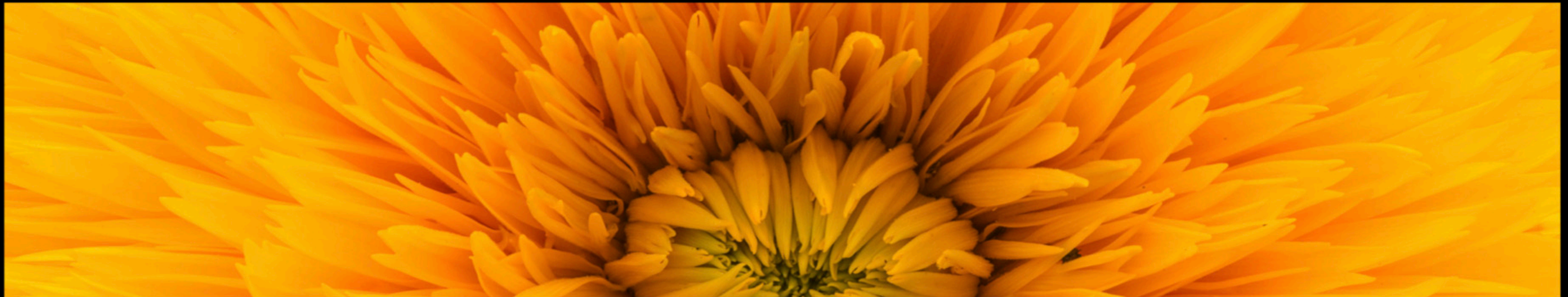


“28 So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”



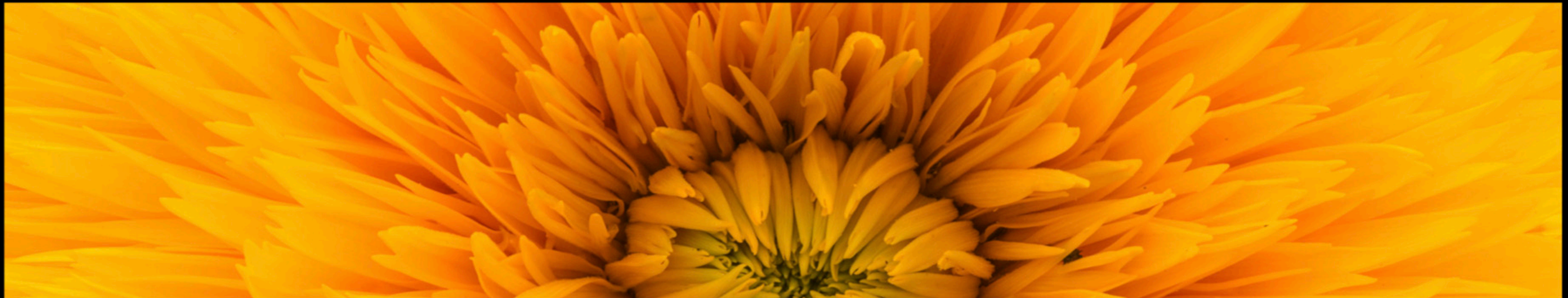
29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Matthew 19:28-30 (NKJV)

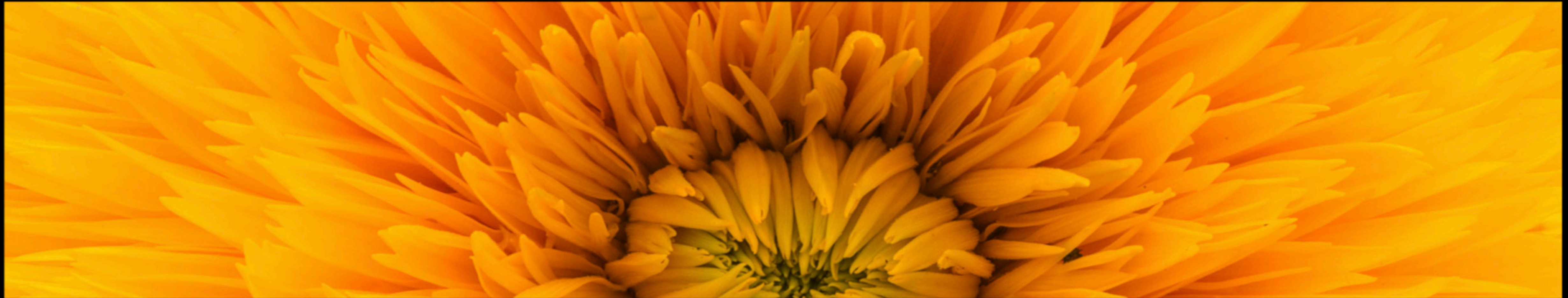


“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 (NKJV)

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.”
John 15:11 (NKJV)



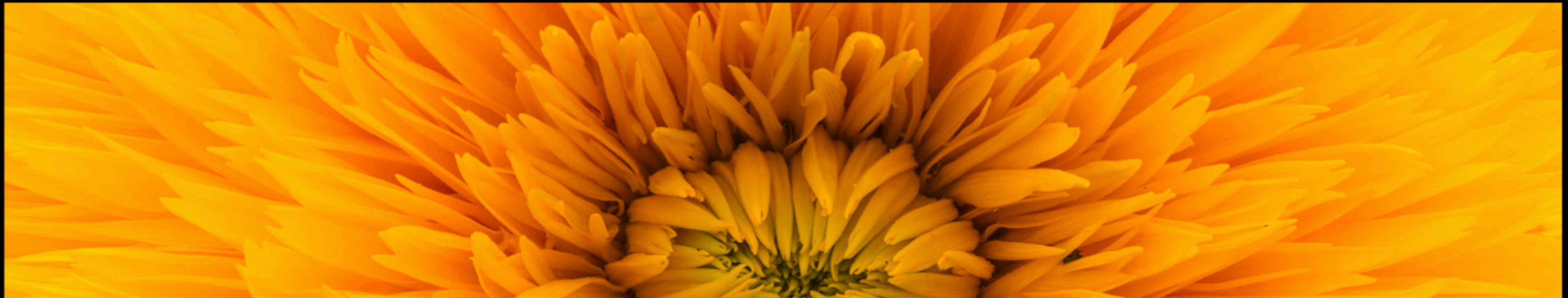
“Joy is essential to the Christian life. The Scriptures are clear: God’s people are both commanded to rejoice and characterized by rejoicing. Our heavenly Father is not indifferent to our happiness. Joy is not a garnish on the dutiful entrée of the Christian life. Joy is not the icing on our cake, but an essential ingredient in a complex batter. It’s not that there is only joy, but that in our most painful losses and sufferings, we discover how deep the reservoirs of Christian joy run.



Only here, in difficulty and darkness, do we taste the essence of such joy — that it is not thin and frivolous and empty, but thick and substantive and full.”

David Mathis “Joy is Not Optional”

www.desiringgod.org/articles/joy-is-not-optional



“During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.” Acts 16:9,10 (NKJV)

