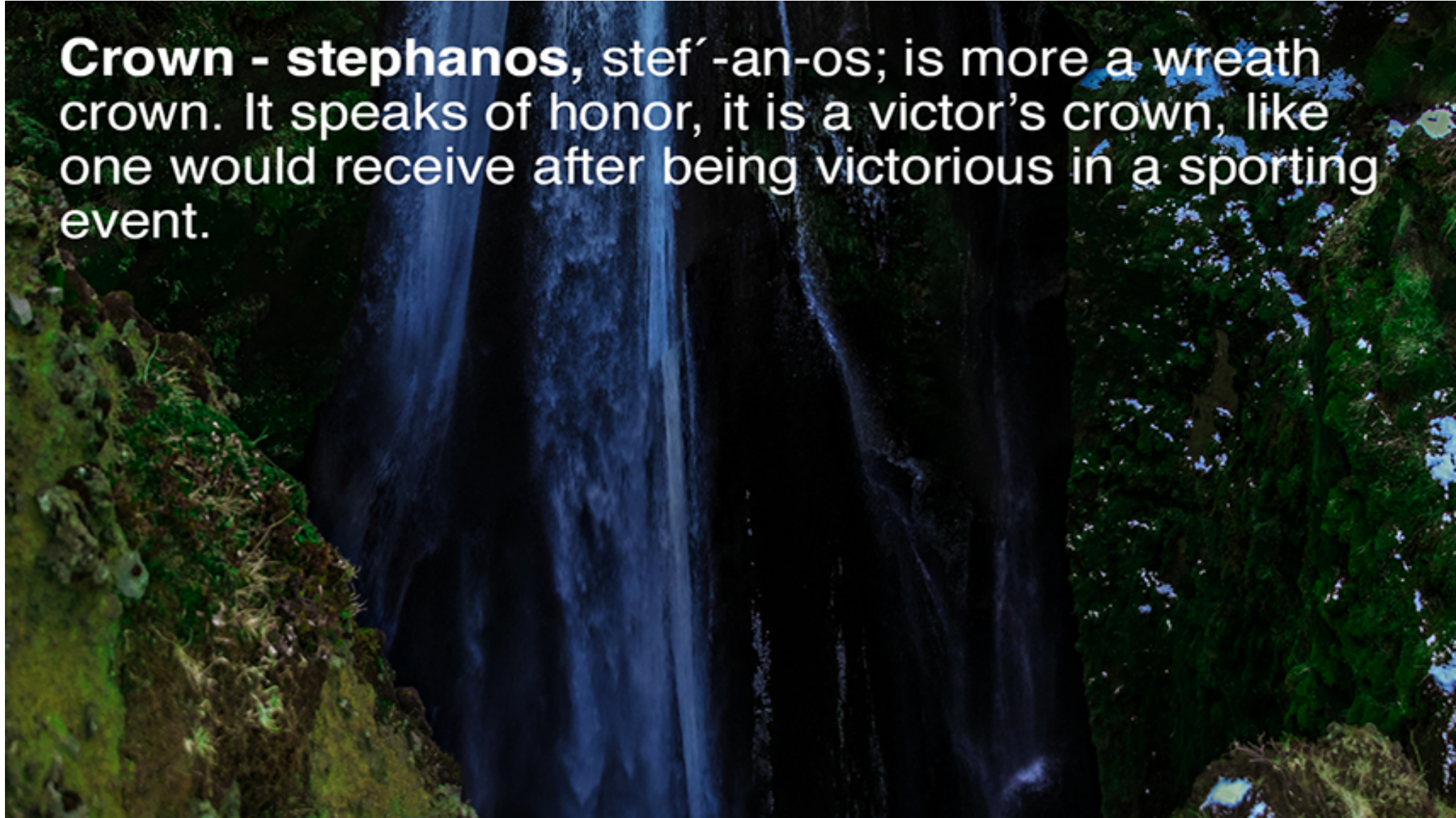


Crown - stephanos, stef'-an-os; is more a wreath crown. It speaks of honor, it is a victor's crown, like one would receive after being victorious in a sporting event.



5 Crowns

- 1. The incorruptible crown:** This is also called the imperishable crown. This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh and point men to Jesus. (1Cor.9:24-25)
- 2. The crown of rejoicing:** To those who faithfully are witnesses to the saving grace of God and leads souls to Jesus. This crown has also been named the soul winner's crown. (1 Thess.2:19,20; Dan.12:3)
- 3. The crown of life:** For those believers who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death. This crown is also referred to as the martyr's crown. (James 1:12, Rev. 2:8-11)
- 4. The crown of righteousness:** To those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints. This crown is given to those who have lived a good and righteous life for God while living down here on earth. (2Tim.4:8)
- 5. The crown of glory:** This is the pastor's crown and will be given to the ministers who faithfully feed the flock of God. This probably could also include preachers, teachers, Sunday School teachers, missionaries and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.(1Pet.5:1-4)

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Difference between Trials and Temptations:


Trials are outward, brought your way for you to pass and have victory and to bring out the best in you in your development to become Christlike.

Temptations come from within to get you to sin, to fail, and to bring out the worst in you.

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The process of sin has 4 stages:

- 1) Desire – 1:14
- 2) Deception – 1:14
- 3) Disobedience – 1:15
- 4) Death – 1:15



God gives us 3 hedges to make the right choices when it comes to trials and temptations.

- 1) Fear of God - Look ahead and see that sin will bring death (vs 14-15)**
- 2) Love of God - Look around and see the goodness of God in your life (vs 17)**
- 3) Strength of God - Look within and see the Divine nature that you now have (vs 18)**