



*Welcome to
Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, November 26, 2023
9:00 am*

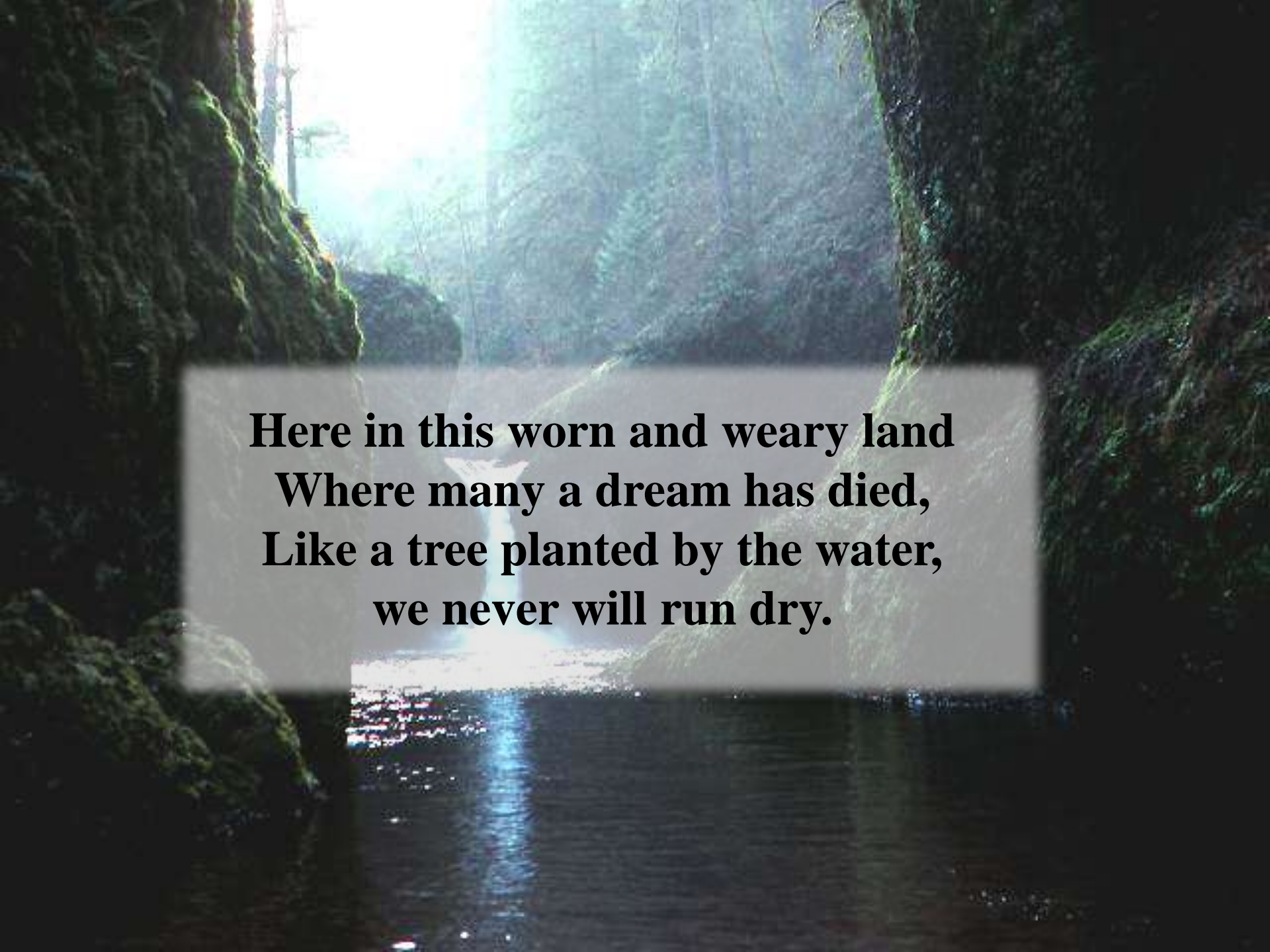
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Thrive

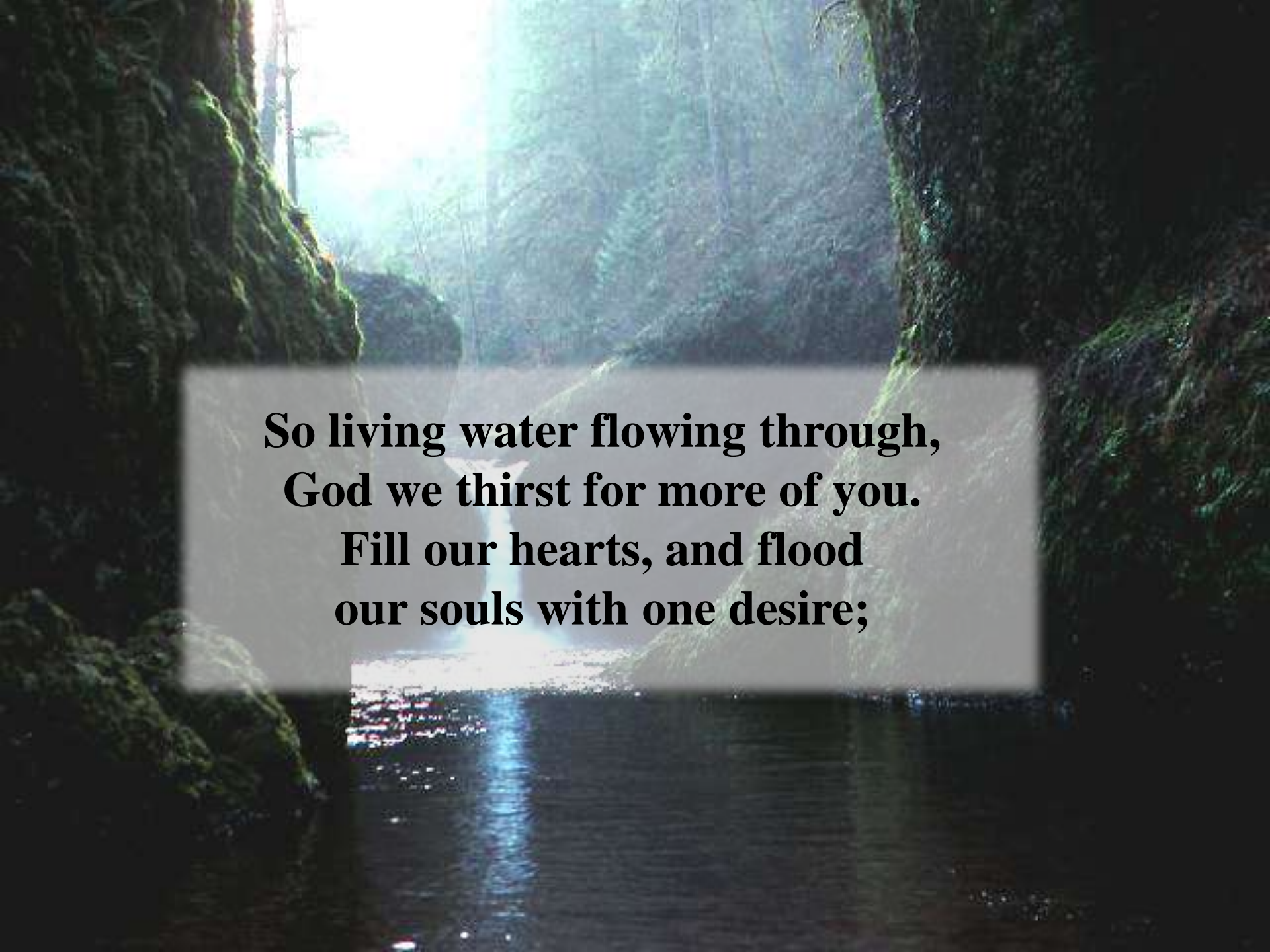
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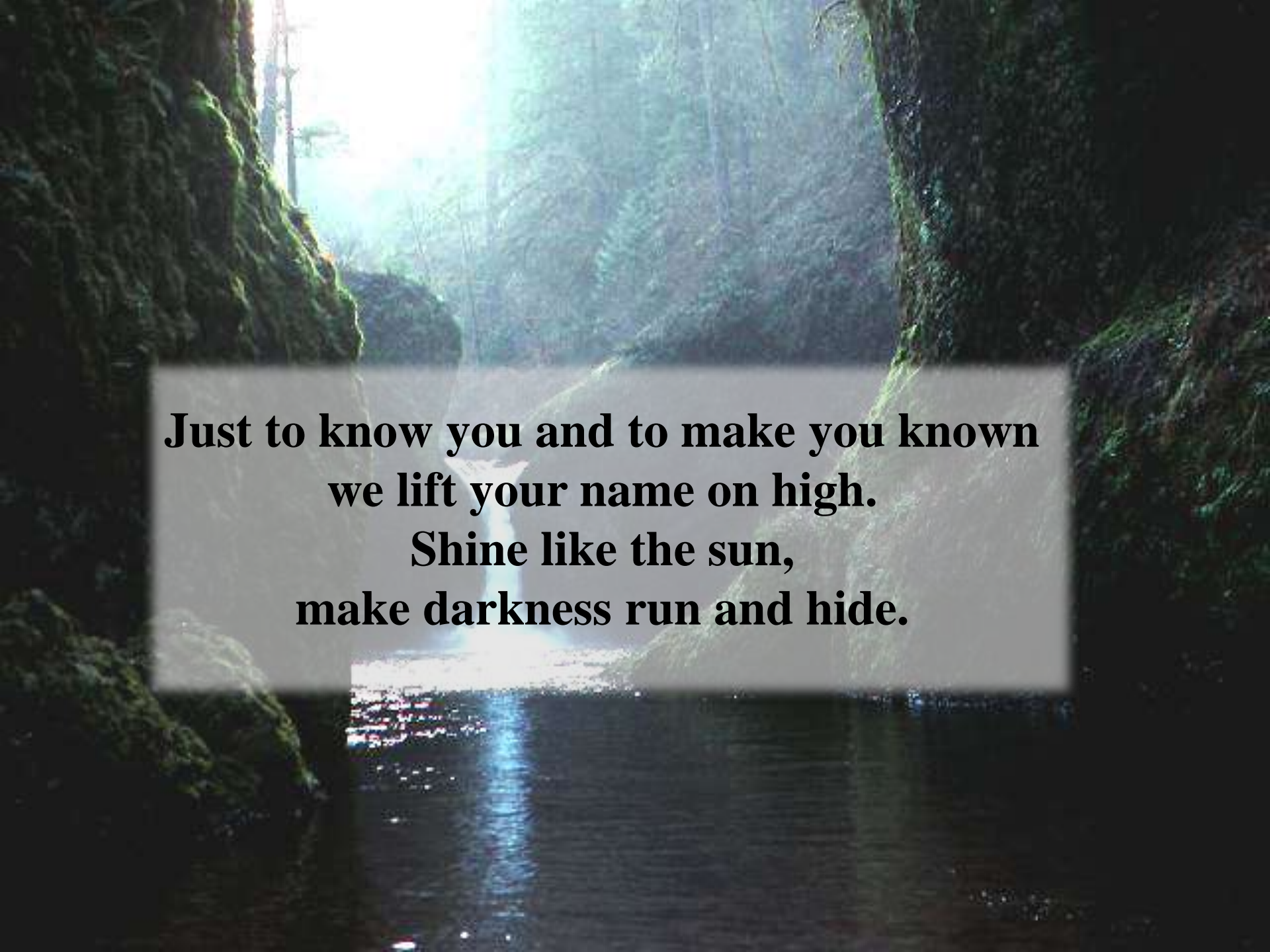
Oh, Oh

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a bright contrast against the dark, moss-covered rocks. The surrounding forest is dense with green foliage. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text.

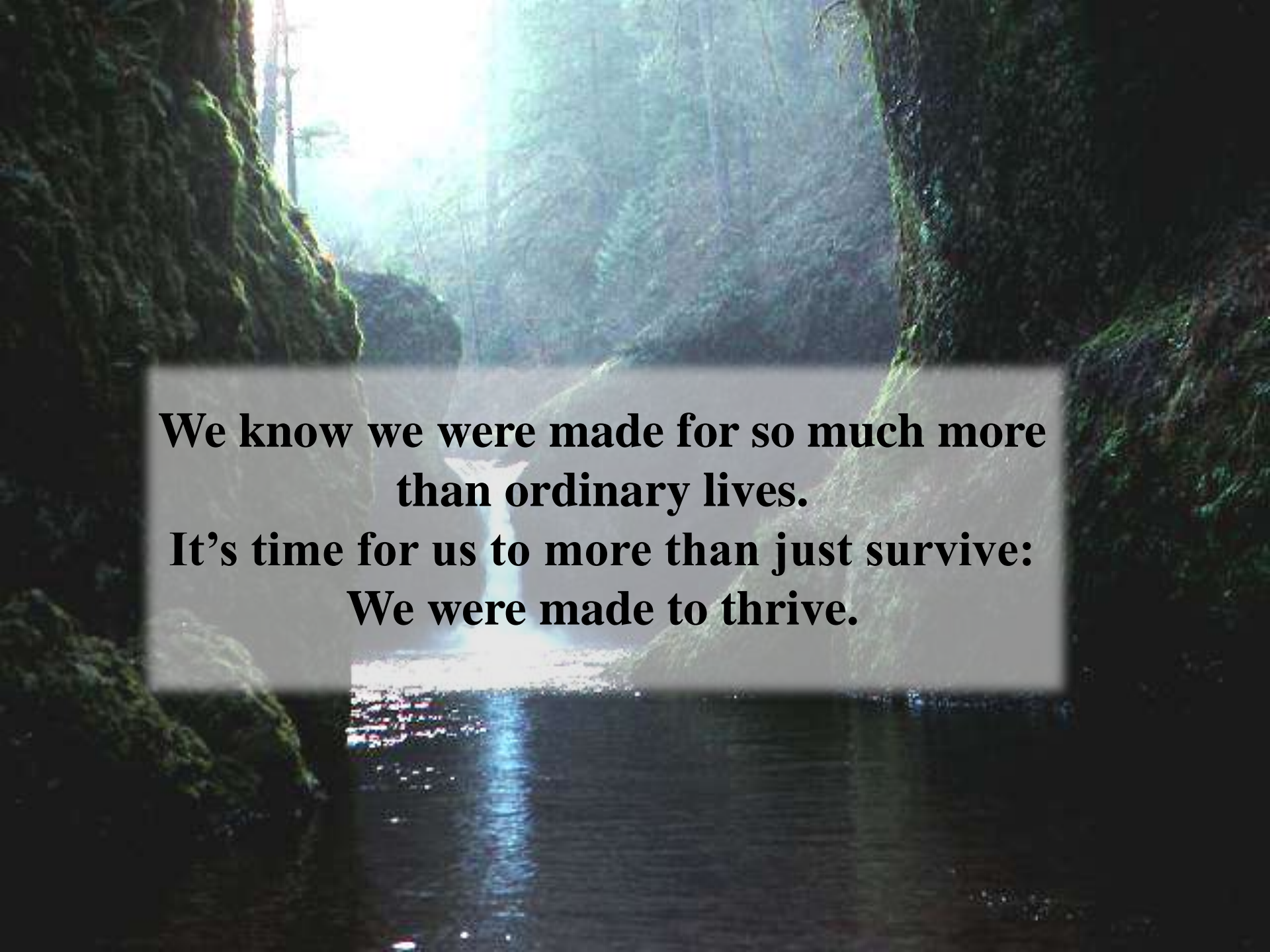
**Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water,
we never will run dry.**

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush, mossy forest. The water is cascading down dark, moss-covered rocks. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering through the trees in the background. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

**So living water flowing through,
God we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts, and flood
our souls with one desire;**

A person stands in a dark, mossy forest, holding a glowing orb. A beam of light shines down from above, illuminating the person and the water below. The scene is atmospheric and mystical.

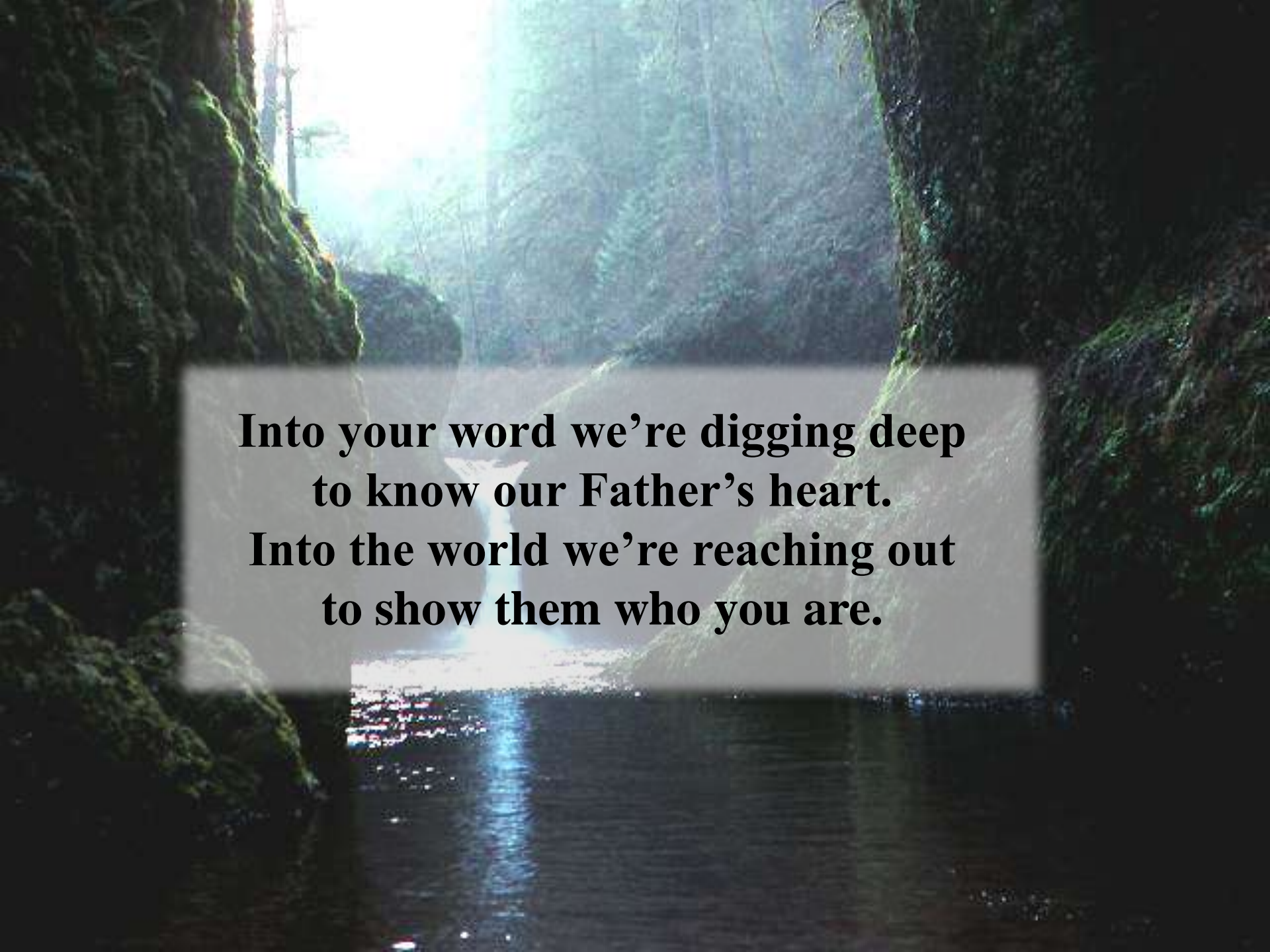
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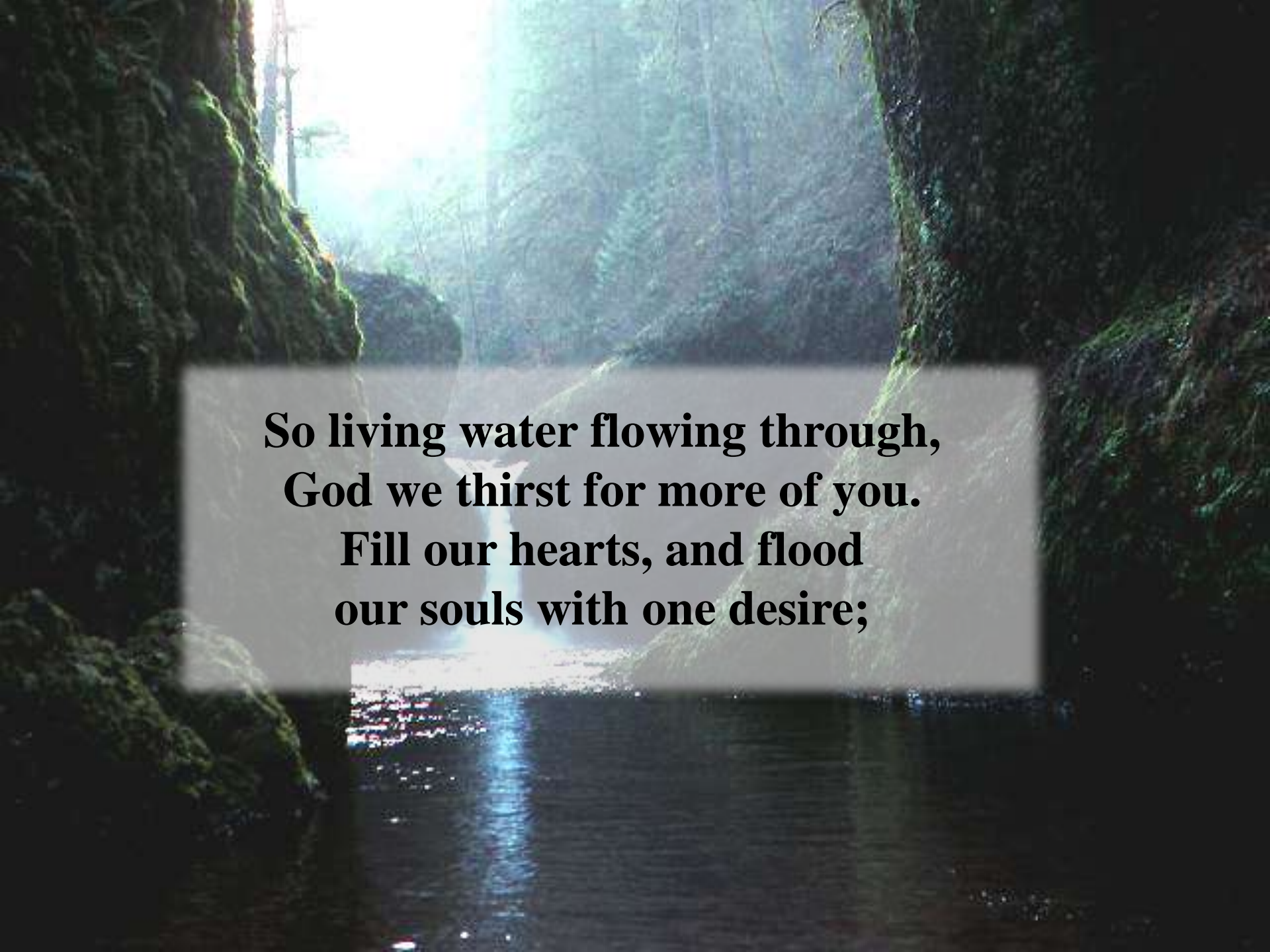
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than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.**

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush, mossy forest. The waterfall is framed by large, moss-covered rocks on either side. The water is white and foamy as it falls into a dark pool below. The background is a dense forest of tall trees. A semi-transparent white rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Oh, Oh".

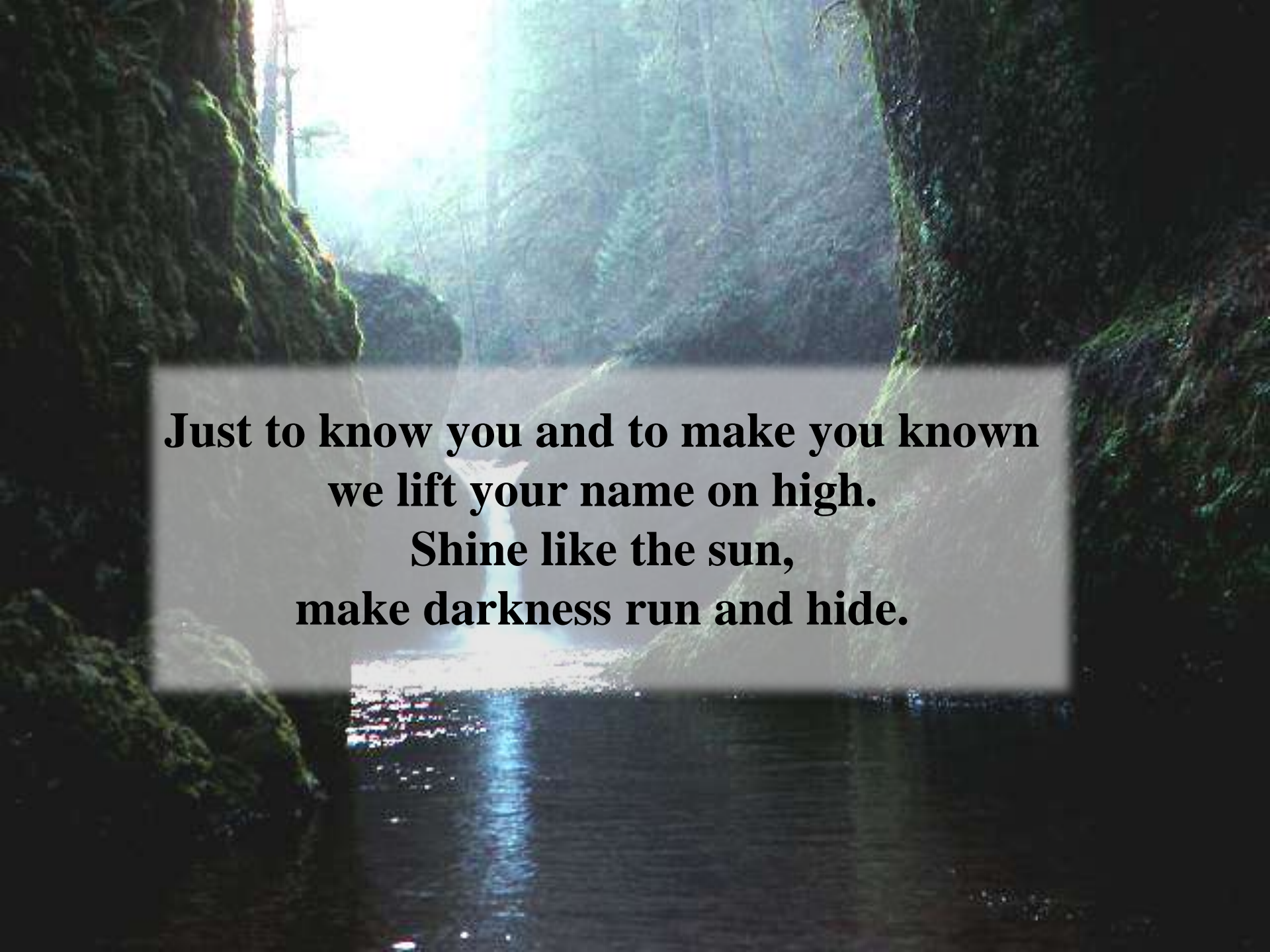
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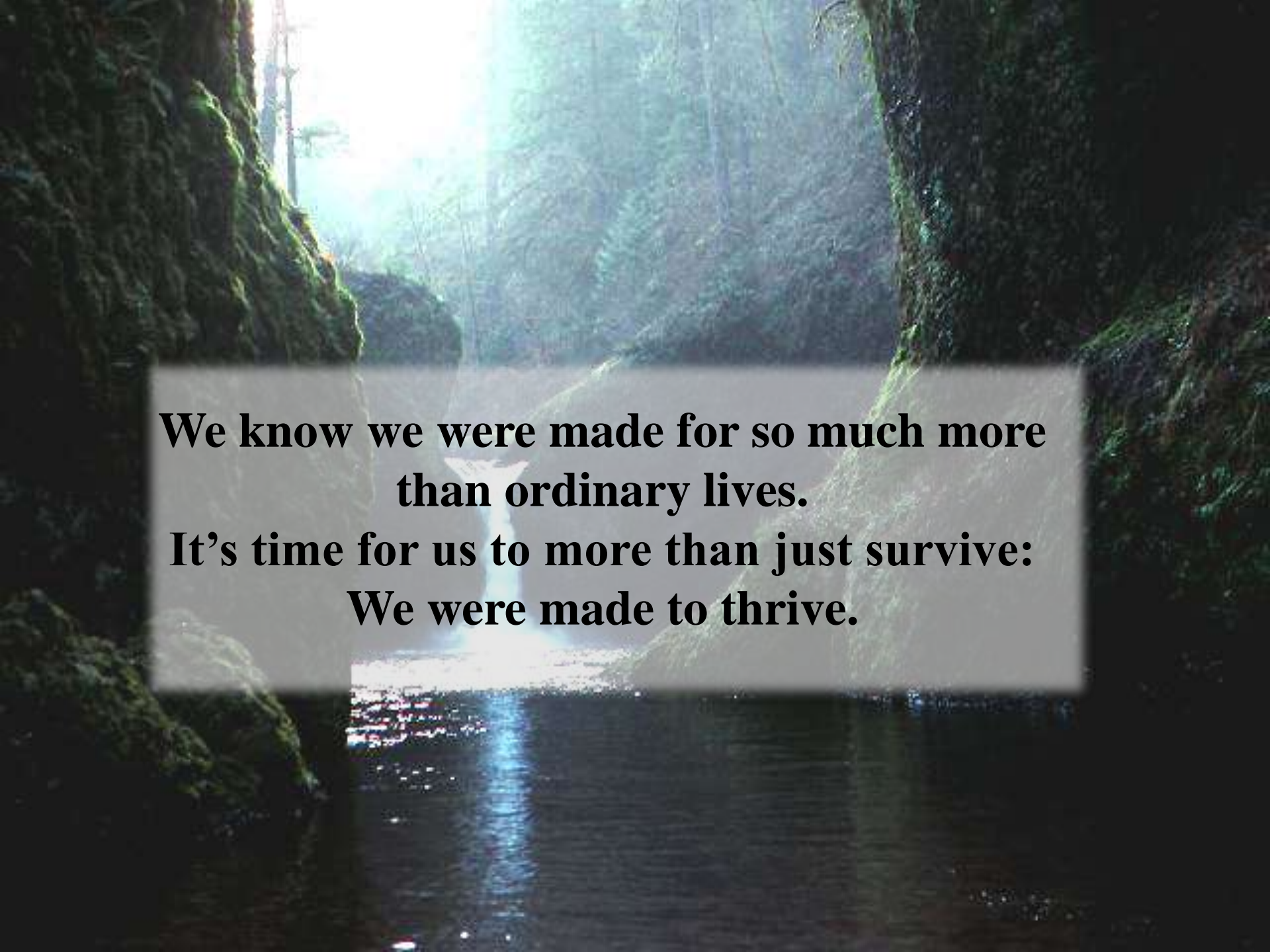
**Into your word we're digging deep
to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out
to show them who you are.**

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush, mossy forest. The water is cascading down dark, moss-covered rocks. The scene is misty and serene, with sunlight filtering through the trees in the background. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text.

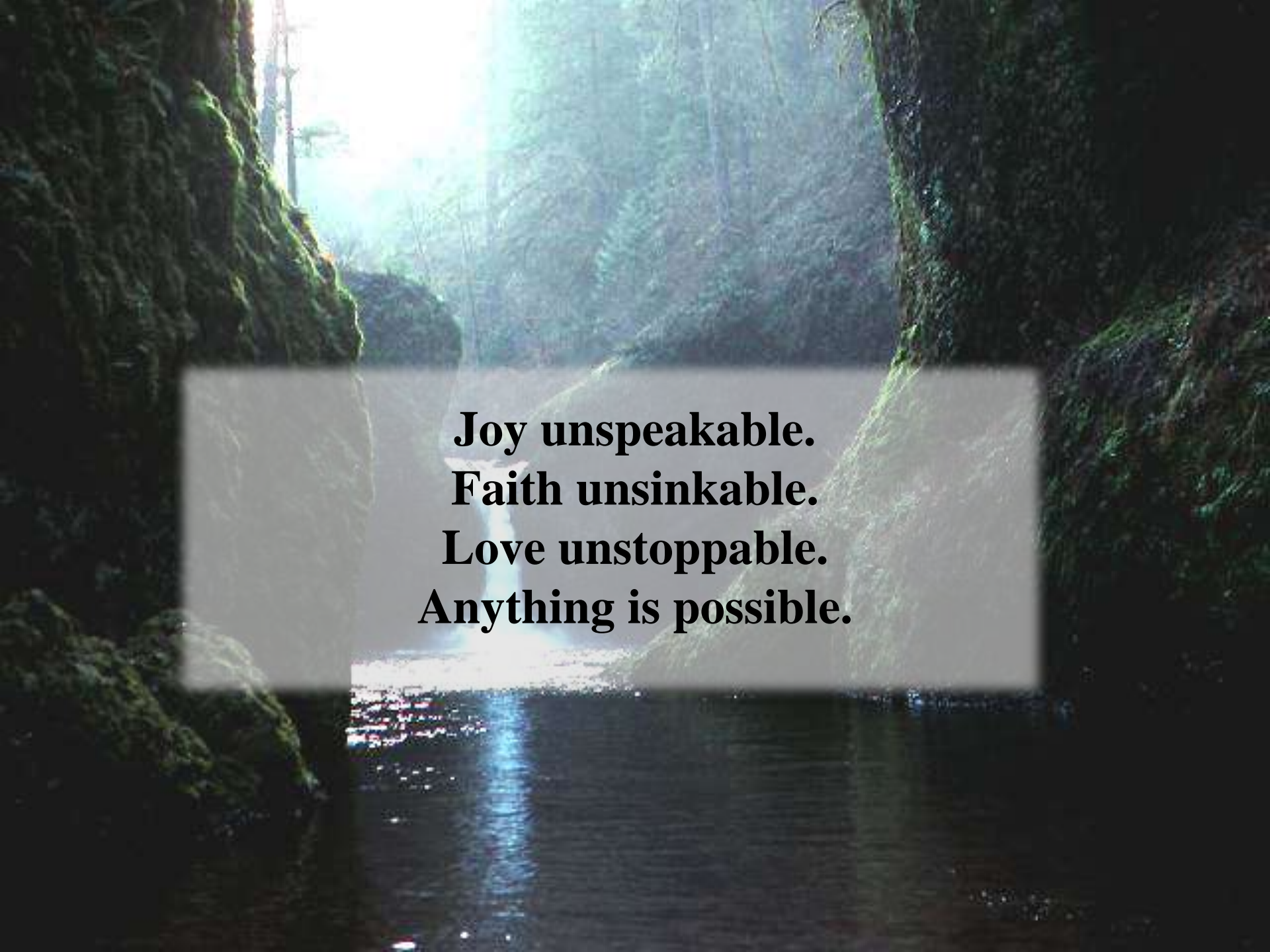
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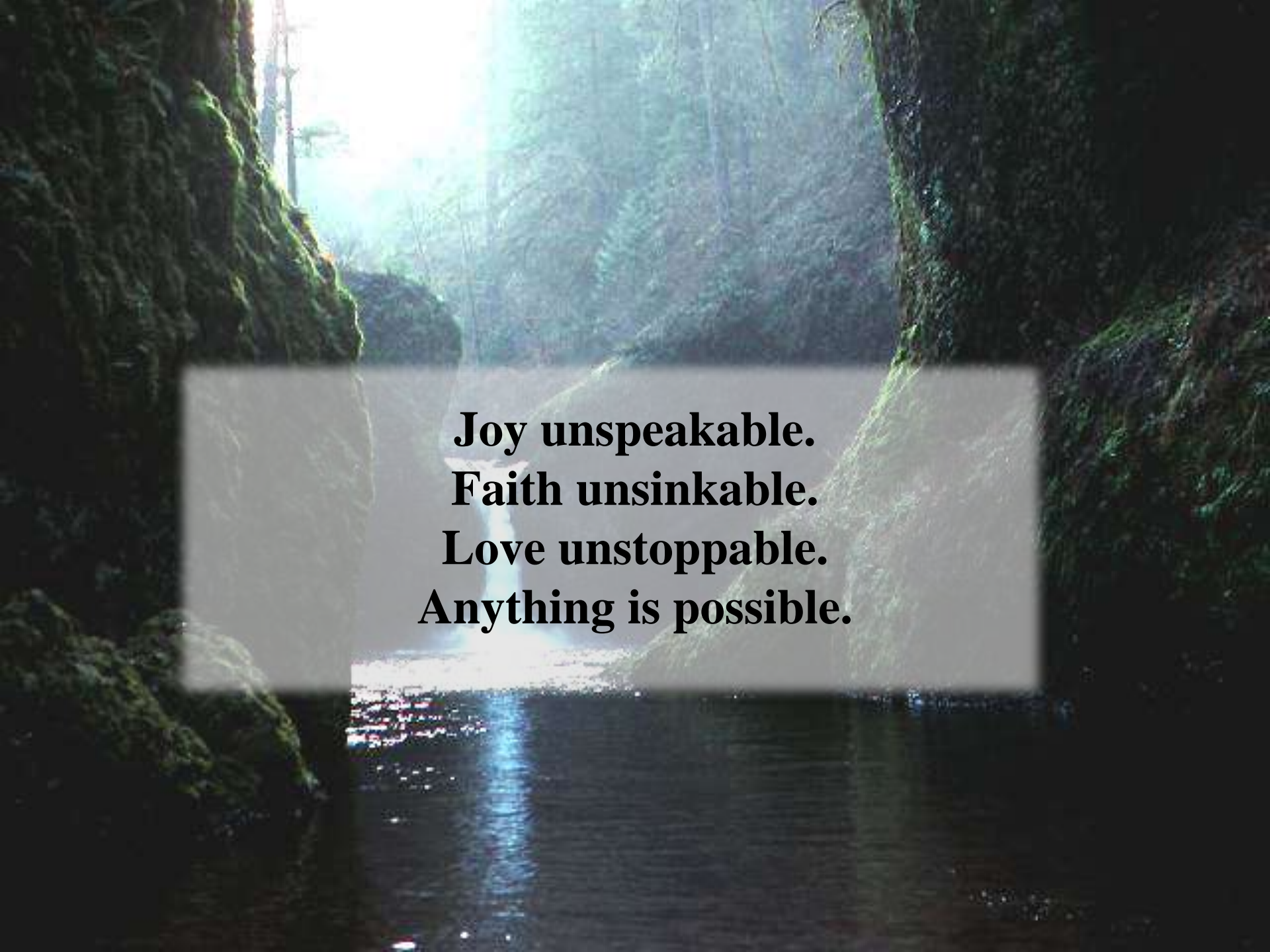
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**Joy unspeakable.
Faith unsinkable.
Love unstoppable.
Anything is possible.**

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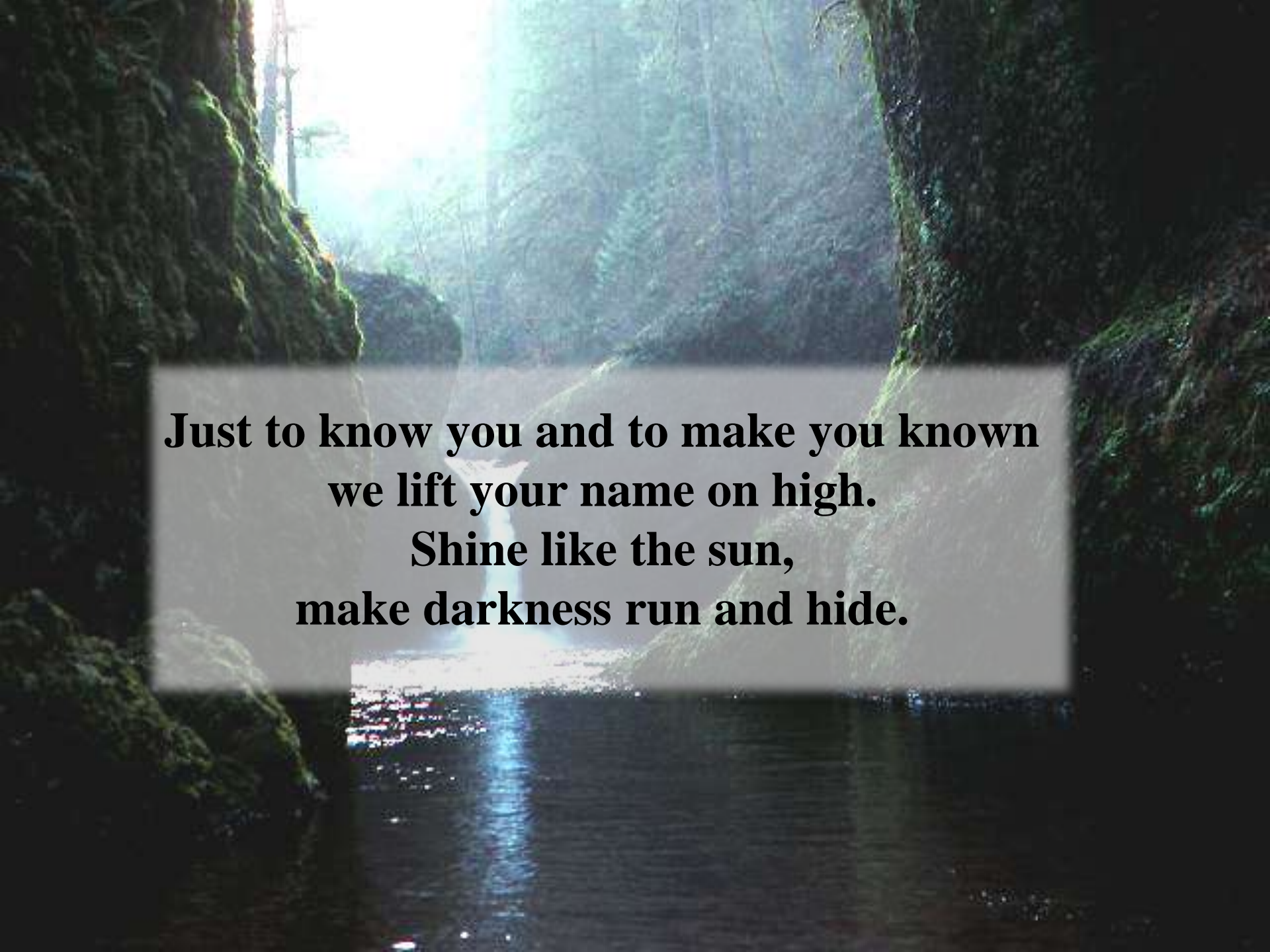
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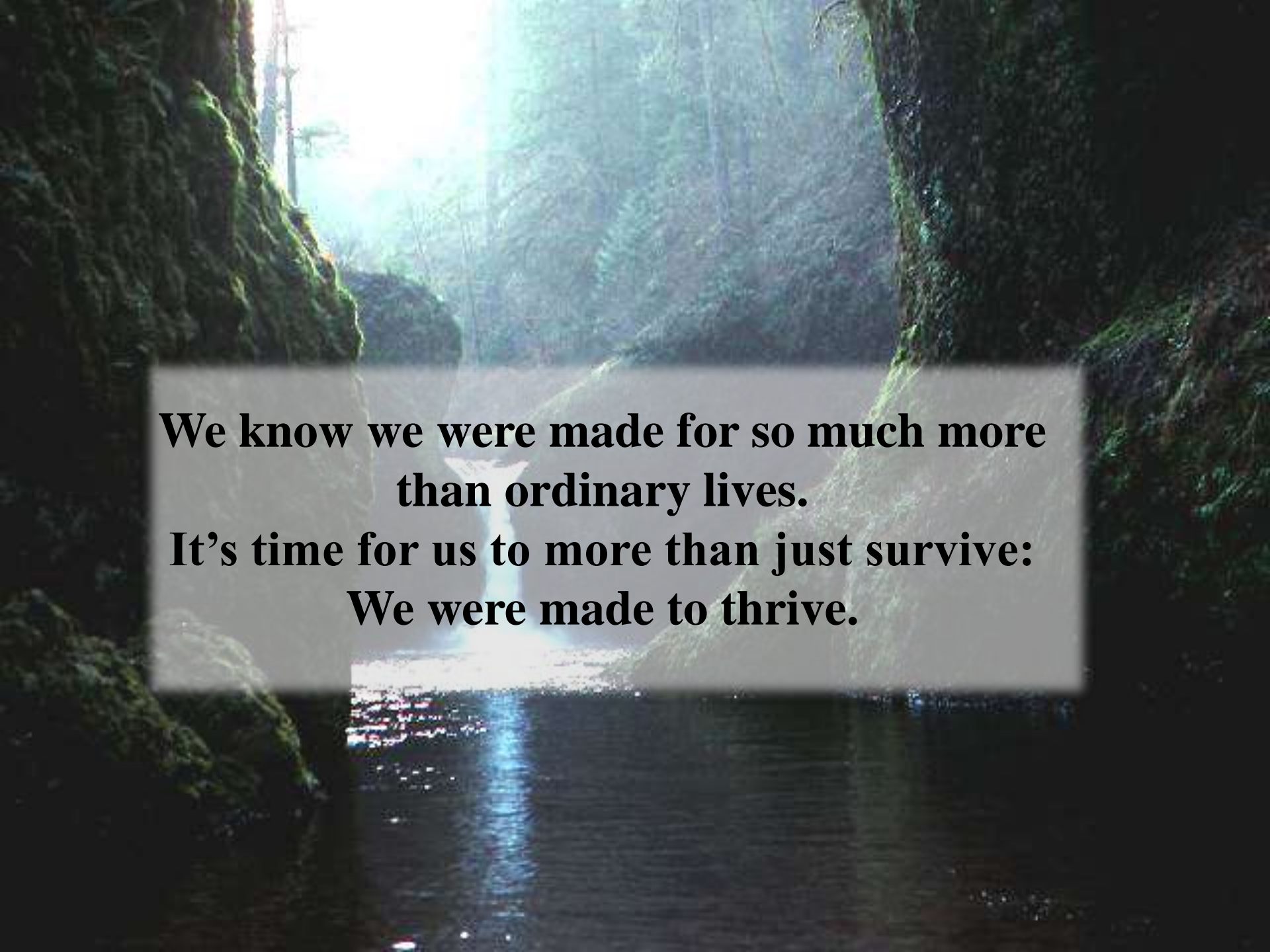
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A photograph of a waterfall in a forest. The waterfall is small and cascades over a rocky ledge into a pool of water below. The surrounding area is lush with green moss and ferns. The scene is captured in a slightly desaturated, vintage style. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "Oh, Oh" repeated twice.

Oh, Oh
Oh, Oh

A photograph of a waterfall cascading into a pool of water, framed by mossy rock walls. The scene is lush and green, with sunlight filtering through the trees in the background. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "We were made to thrive." in a black serif font.

We were made to thrive.

Lion of Judah

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**You're the lion of Judah,
the lamb who was slain,
you ascended to heaven and
evermore will reign.
At the end of the age
when the earth you reclaim,
you will gather the
nations before you.**



**And the eyes of all men
will be fixed on the
lamb who was crucified;
with wisdom and mercy and
justice you'll reign at your father's
side.**



**And the angels will cry,
“Hail the lamb
who was slain for the world,
rule in pow’r.”
And the earth will reply,
“You shall reign
as the King of all kings
and the Lord of all lords.”**



**There's a shield in our hand
and a sword at our side,
there's a fire in our spirits
that cannot be denied;
'cause the Father has told us,
for these you have died,
for the nations who
gather before you.**



**And the ears of all men
need to hear of
the lamb who was crucified; who
descended to hell,
yet was raised up to reign
at his Father's side.**



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Unfailing Love

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**You have my heart,
and I am yours forever.
You are my strength,
God of grace and power.
And ev'rything
you hold in your hand.
Still you make time for me.
I can't understand.**



**Praise you, God of earth and sky,
how beautiful is your
unfailing love, unfailing love.
And you never change, God,
you remain the Holy One
and my unfailing love, unfailing love.**



**You are my rock
the one I hold on to.
You are my song, and I sing for you.
And ev'rything
you hold in your hand.
Still you make time for me.
I can't understand.**



**Praise you, God, of earth and sky,
how beautiful is your
unfailing love, unfailing love.
And you never change, God,
you remain the Holy One
and my unfailing love, unfailing love.**



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Welcome and Announcements



*Prepare
the Way
of the
Lord*



Advent

Sunday
December 3
2:00 pm
Women of Zion

The Women of Zion
*would like to cordially
invite you to an
afternoon of sweets
and treats, music,
fellowship and
reflection on the
season of Advent.*
(Optional \$5 gift exchange)

Women of
ELCA

Secret Pal
Drawing

Red Stocking
Project

We Care
Project

For anyone who has lost someone or
feels sad or lonely during the holidays...

*Blue
Christmas Service*

at Zion Lutheran Church

December 7

6:30 pm

Refreshments following service

You are invited to bring a framed picture
of a loved one to place on the altar.

Sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee

Online Photo Directory



- Submit your own picture to the church office
- Have a photo taken at the church. Sign up in the Gathering Space.
- More information is in the eMessenger.

The background is a warm, golden-yellow wash with a textured, watercolor-like appearance. Scattered throughout are various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and pink, some appearing to fall. A faint, white silhouette of a Buddha statue in a meditative pose is visible in the lower-left quadrant. Small, glowing circular bokeh effects are also present.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

L: Gather in, believers in Christ Jesus!

All: **The grace of God overflows.**

L: We're celebrating because Jesus strengthens all who follow him.

All: **We're joy-filled because God's mercy pours out for each one of us!**

L: Great are you, Lord!

All: **We pour out our praise to you only!**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you.
I want to see you.**

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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**To see you high and lifted up
shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart:

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

**To see you high and lifted up
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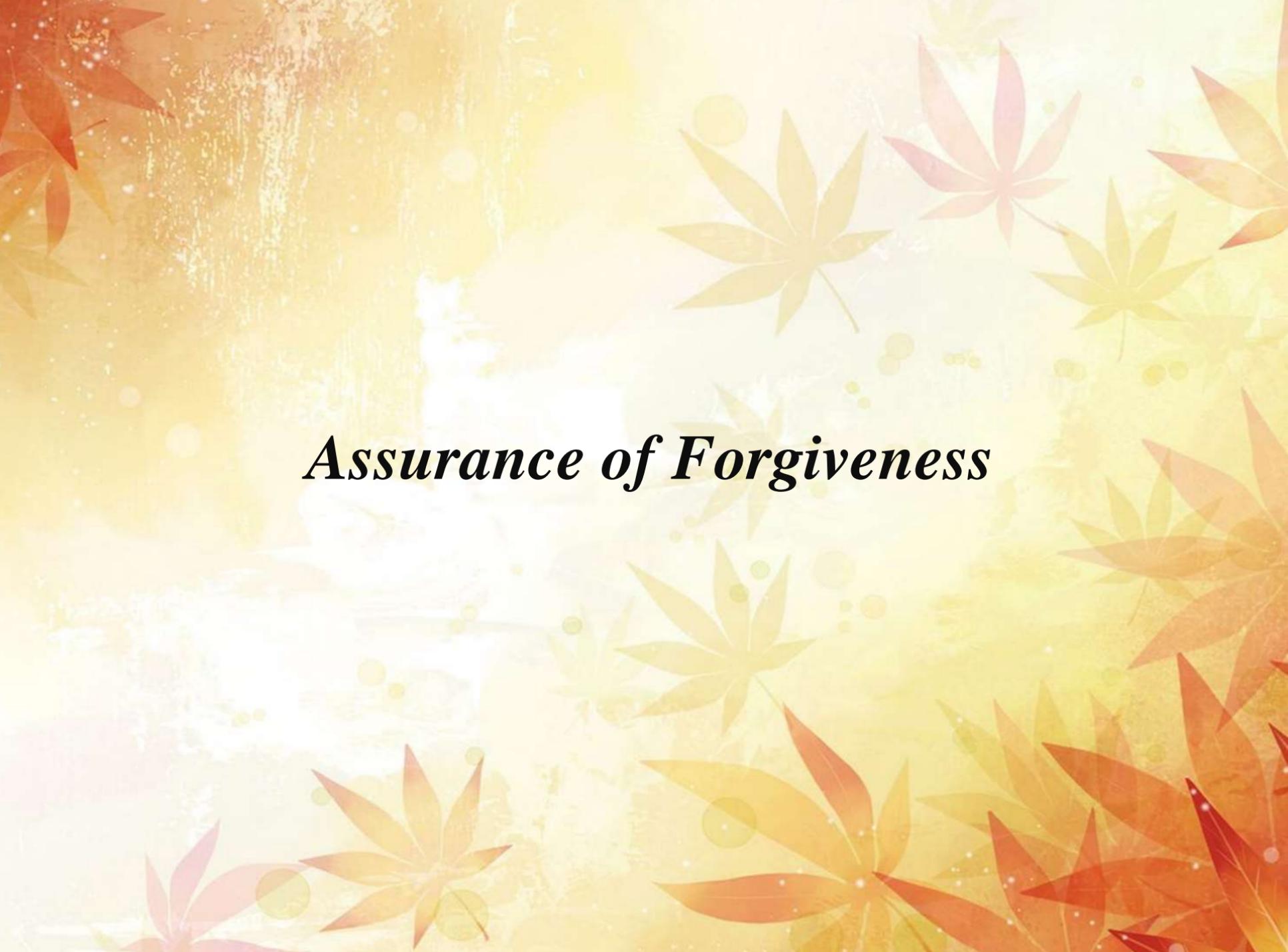
Confession and Forgiveness

Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with conditions. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.

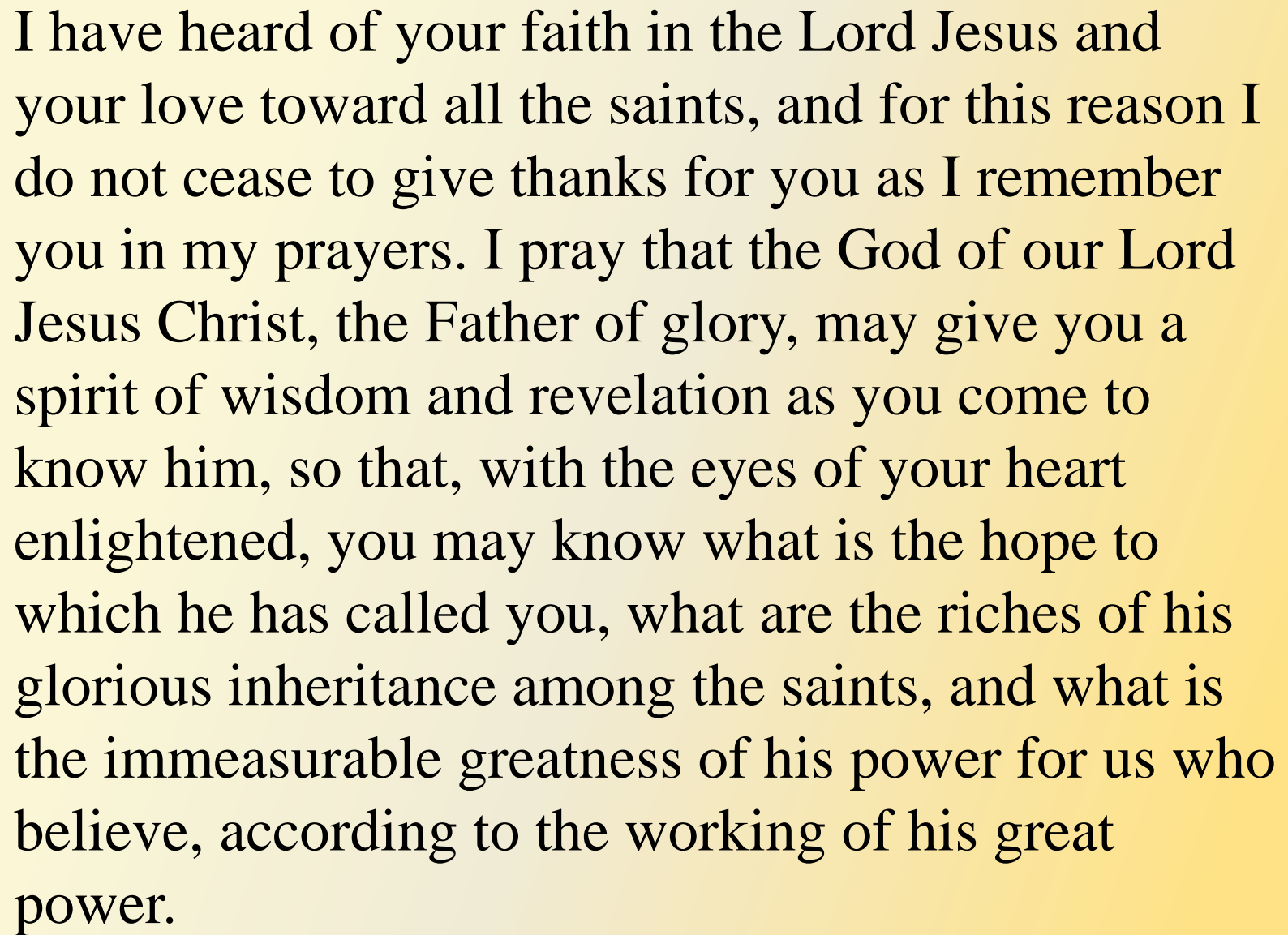
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.



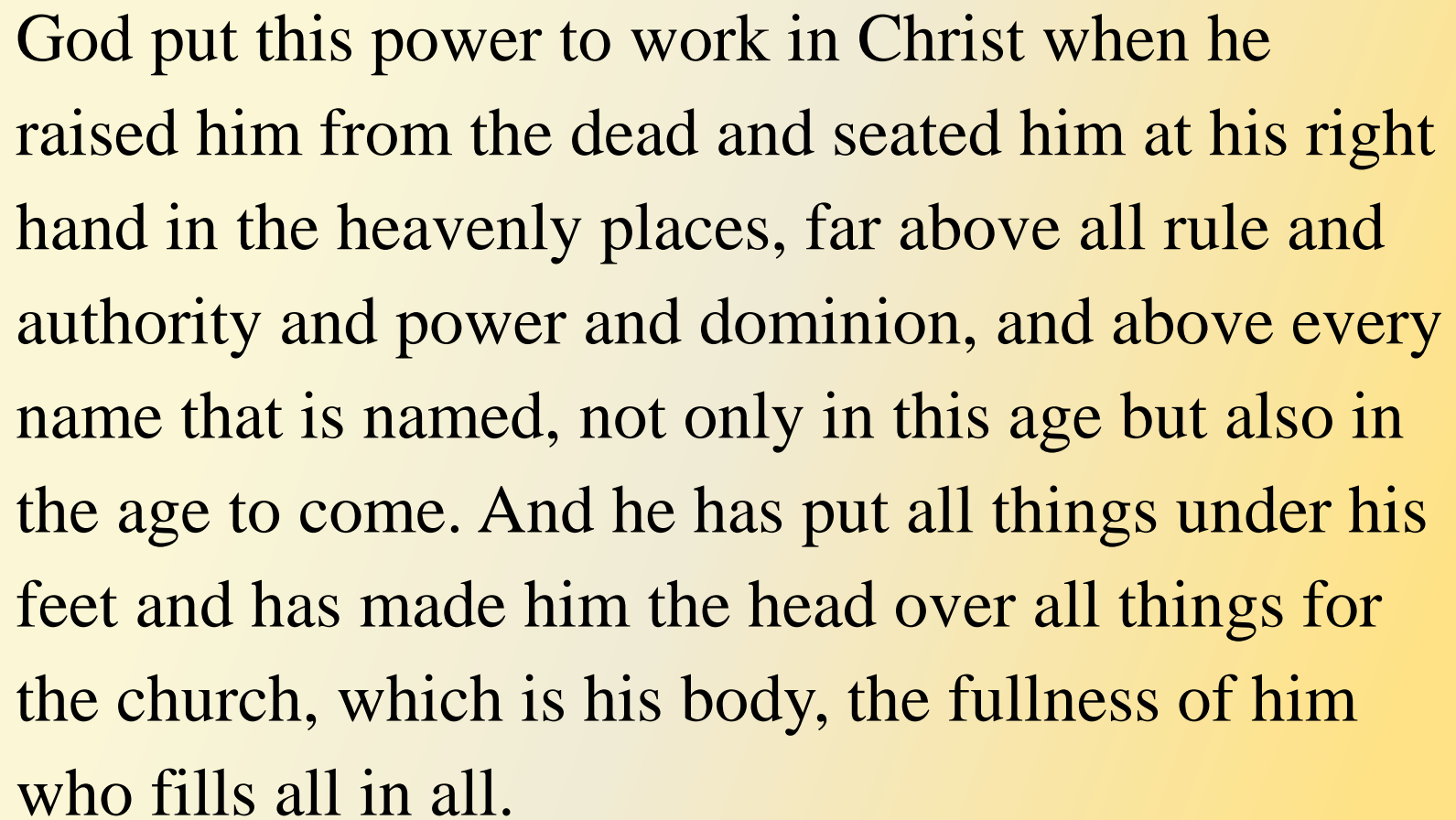
Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture Reading, Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

The background of the image features a soft-focus arrangement of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular box is centered on the page, containing the text.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

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God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Message

“Praying Paul’s Prayer”



Special Music

“Peace”

Holy Baptism

Please follow along in the hymnal p. 227

***We rejoice with Justin & Peyton King
at the holy baptism of their son,
Kallum Chad King.***

Kallum's sponsors are Ellie King and Paxton Pierce.





L: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share: join us in
giving thanks and praise to God and
bearing God's creative and redeeming
word to all the world.**

Offering



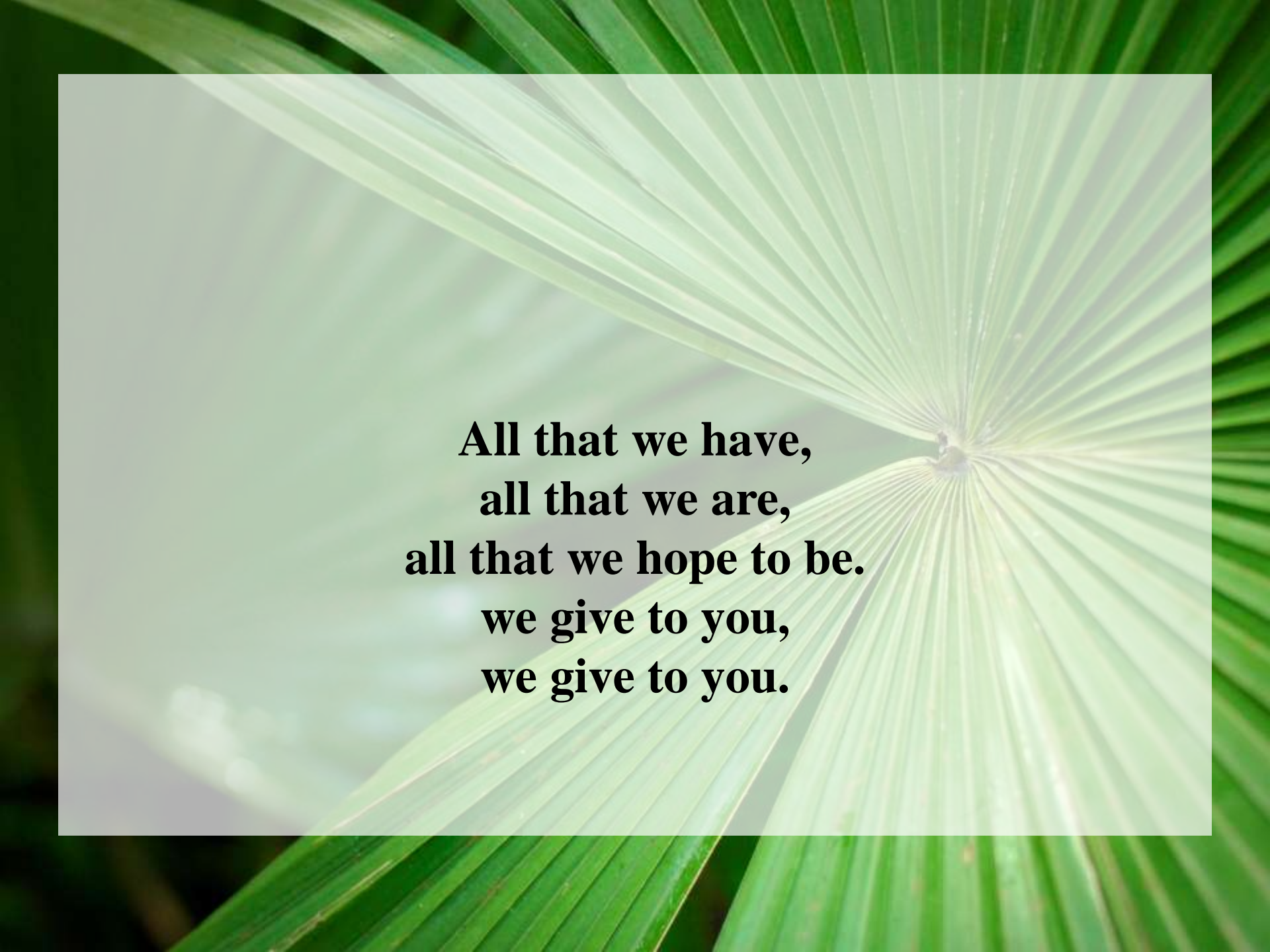
We Are an Offering

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**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.**



**All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be.
we give to you,
we give to you.**



**We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering,
we are an offering.**



Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

L: May the Son of God who is already formed in you grow in you—so that for you he will become immeasurable, and that in you he will become the fullness of joy which no one can take from you.

C: **Amen.**

You've Already Won

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**There's peace that outlasts darkness,
hope that's in the blood.
There's future grace that's mine today
that Jesus Christ has won.**

**So I can face tomorrow,
for tomorrow's in your hands.
All I need, you will provide,
just like you always have.**

**I'm fighting a battle you already won.
No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.
Don't know what you're doing,
but I know what you've done.
I'm fighting a battle you've already won.**

**There's mercy in the waiting,
manna for today.**

**And when it's gone, I know you're not,
you are my hope and stay.**

**When the sea is raging,
your Spirit is my help.
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ.
I'll say that it is well.
Oh, I know that it is well.**

I'm fighting a battle you already won.

No matter what comes my way,

I will overcome.

Don't know what you're doing,

but I know what you've done.

I'm fighting a battle you've already won.

**I know how the story ends.
We will be with you again.
You're my Savior, my defense.
No more fear in life or death.**

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You're my Savior, my defense.
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I know how this story ends.**

**I'm fighting a battle you already won.
No matter what comes my way,
I will overcome.**

**Don't know what you're doing,
but I know what you've done.**

**I'm fighting a battle you've already won.
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Dismissal

L: My friends, go into the world:
knowing that it is God who loves us,
Christ who strengthens us,
and the Holy Spirit who empowers us
for service.

Go in peace and joy!

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!

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