



*Welcome to Worship at  
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Sunday, February 22, 2026  
9:00 am*

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# My Jesus

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**Are you past the point of weary?  
Is your burden weighing heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**Do you feel that empty feeling  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desperate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**He makes a way where there ain't no way.**

**Rises up from an empty grave.**

**Ain't no sinner that he can't save.**

**Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**His love is strong and his grace is free,**

**and the good news is I know that he  
can do for you what he's done for me.**

**Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**And let my Jesus change your life.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah,  
amen, amen.**

**Who can wipe away the tears  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and all the wrong turns that you would  
go and undo if you could.  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you about my Jesus.**

**He makes a way where there ain't no way.  
Rises up from an empty grave.  
Ain't no sinner that he can't save.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**His love is strong and his grace is free,  
and the good news is I know that he  
can do for you what he's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
and let my Jesus change your life.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah,  
amen, amen. (amen)**

**Who would take my cross to Calvary?  
Pay the price for all my guilty?  
Who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh.**

**He makes a way where there ain't no way.  
Rises up from an empty grave.  
Ain't no sinner that he can't save.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.**

**His love is strong and his grace is free,  
and the good news is I know that he  
can do for you what he's done for me.**

**Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
And let my Jesus change your life.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah,  
amen, amen.**

**Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah,  
Let my Jesus change your life!**

A photograph of a forest of bare trees. The trees are dark silhouettes against a bright, warm sky. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and light purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The branches of the trees are intricate and create a complex pattern against the light background.

*Welcome and Announcements*



# Noisy Offering

Will be collected **today**  
and Wednesday, February 25.

All proceeds will go to  
the Warroad Food Pantry.





## February is Kindness Month!

Help spread kindness around the community! There is a table with blank cards, Post-it notes, little Jesus figures, and pocket prayer squares for you to take and help spread the kindness. You can also go to the e-Messenger, Zion's Facebook page, or the Zion website for more ideas on how we can spread kindness around the community.



# A new book/Bible study will begin in March

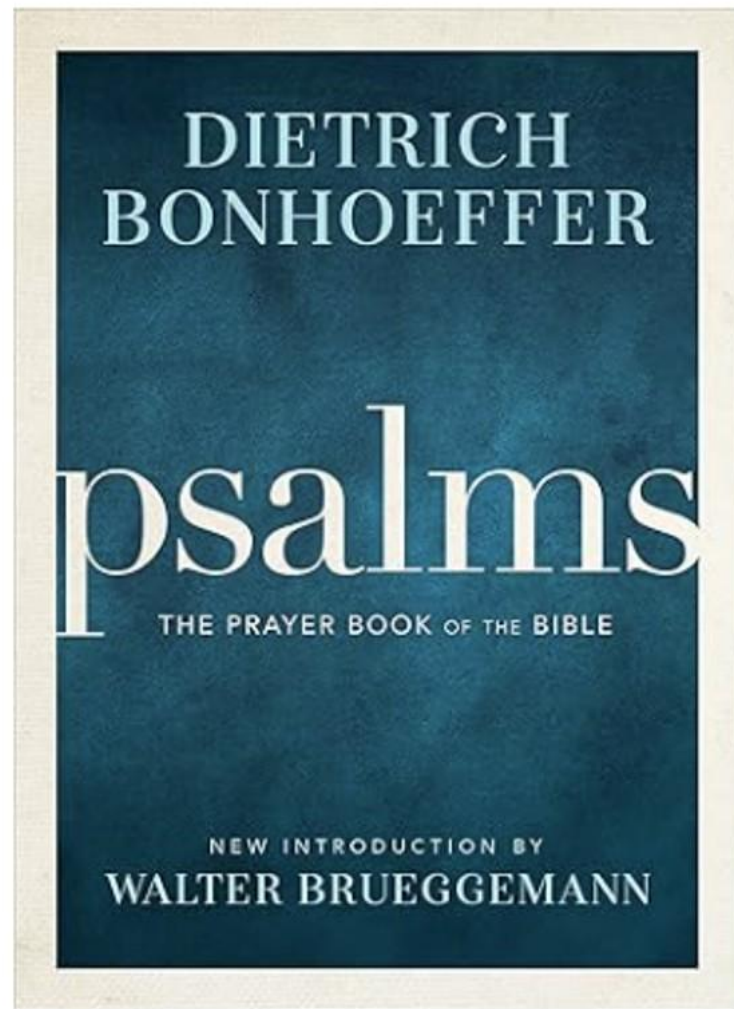
Join Shawn Brunelle will for a one-hour weekly book/Bible study

Offered twice each week:

- Tuesdays at noon  
(starting March 10)
- Sundays at 11:00 am  
(starting March 15)

Pick the time works best for you!

To register for the study and order your book, contact the church office by **Wednesday, February 25.**



The cost of the book is \$14.50. You are welcome to order your own copy if you wish (used, Kindle, Nook, etc.).



# Near the Cross

Witnessing the Passion of Jesus

Lenten Worship Series

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25

5:00 pm- Light meal  
6:15 pm- Worship



Meal will be lasagna with salad and corn served by the church council.





## Prayers for the HEART<sup>h</sup>

Throughout the season of Lent, we will have the opportunity to practice intentional prayer together in a visual way.

There is a clear jar in the entrance to the Sanctuary with blank paper hearts for you to write a name, a situation, or anything else you would like to pray for. Prayers placed in the jar will stay in the jar **unread** - but are certainly heard by our faithful God of hope and love.

On Maundy Thursday, as an act of worship, we will burn these prayers, taking to heart Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up my hands as an evening sacrifice."



# Cardboard Recycling is available

We are called to be good stewards of God's creation.

We have received permission for people from Zion's congregation to recycle cardboard at the Warroad School. Below is a picture of the recycle bin located on the back side of the High School by their maintenance shop. Please recycle only corrugated cardboard.

The sign reads:

**Only Corrugated Cardboard**

**No Packing Materials**

**No Cereal Boxes**

**No Garbage**

**Flattened Cardboard**





# Are you interested in a...



## **Lenten Reading Plan: A Countdown of Hope**

Get ready for Easter with this family Bible Reading Plan. From Ash Wednesday to Resurrection Sunday, read a promise from God each day. May God bless you as you discover his love and faithfulness through Scripture.

Copies of the plan can be found on the bulletin table.  
Plan includes a bonus activity - fun for the whole family!

# *Sharing the Peace*

## *Call to Worship*

L: As darkness gives way to light  
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**C: we come today to be reminded of God's  
love for us.**

L: Like the green shoots of renewed life,  
stirring beneath the soil,

**C: we welcome an awakening of God's word  
in our lives.**

L: In this time of reflection and repentance,

**C: we affirm our identity, we claim our  
security, as children of God.**

# Children of the Living God

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**Children of the living God:**

**Come and sing, sing out loud!**

**Children of the living God:**

**Sing to the living God!**

**Sing of the wonders he has made-  
bird in flight, falling rain.**

**Sing of the wonders he has made-  
sing to the living God!**



**How he loves us with great love-  
he who sits enthroned above.  
For our lives he spilled his blood,  
sent his Spirit like a flood!  
Children of the living God:  
Sing to the living God!**



**Sing of his gentle healing hands,  
how they found the lowliest man.  
Sing of his gentle healing hands,  
sing to the living God!**

**Sing of the mercy that he gives-  
though we sin, he forgives.  
Sing of the mercy that he gives,  
sing to the living God!**



**How he loves us with great love-  
he who sits enthroned above.  
For our lives he spilled his blood,  
sent his Spirit like a flood!  
Children of the living God:  
Sing to the living God!**



**Sing for the morning when he comes  
in the clouds, glorious son -  
sing for the morning when he comes:  
Sing to the living God!**



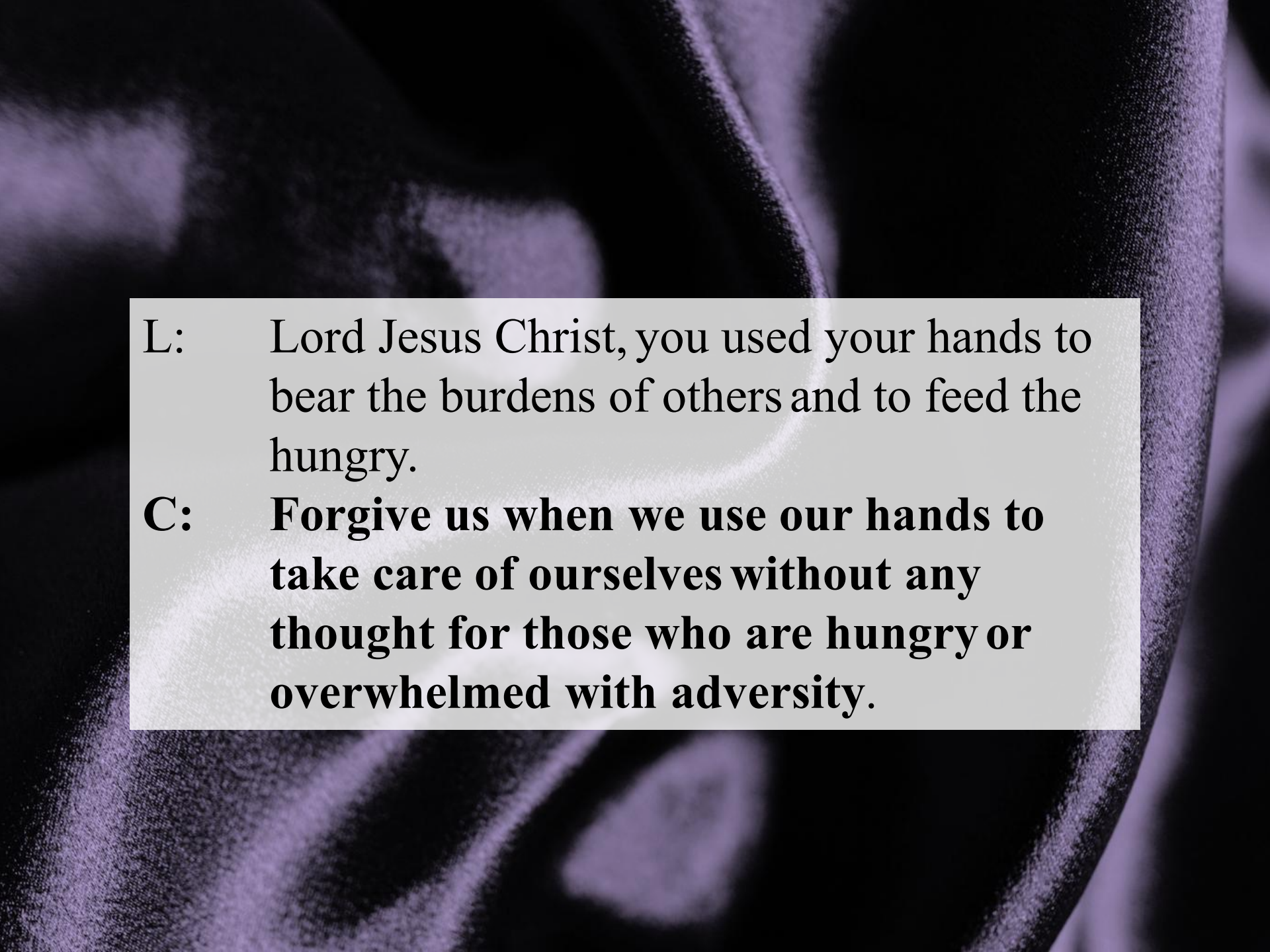
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# *Confession and Forgiveness*

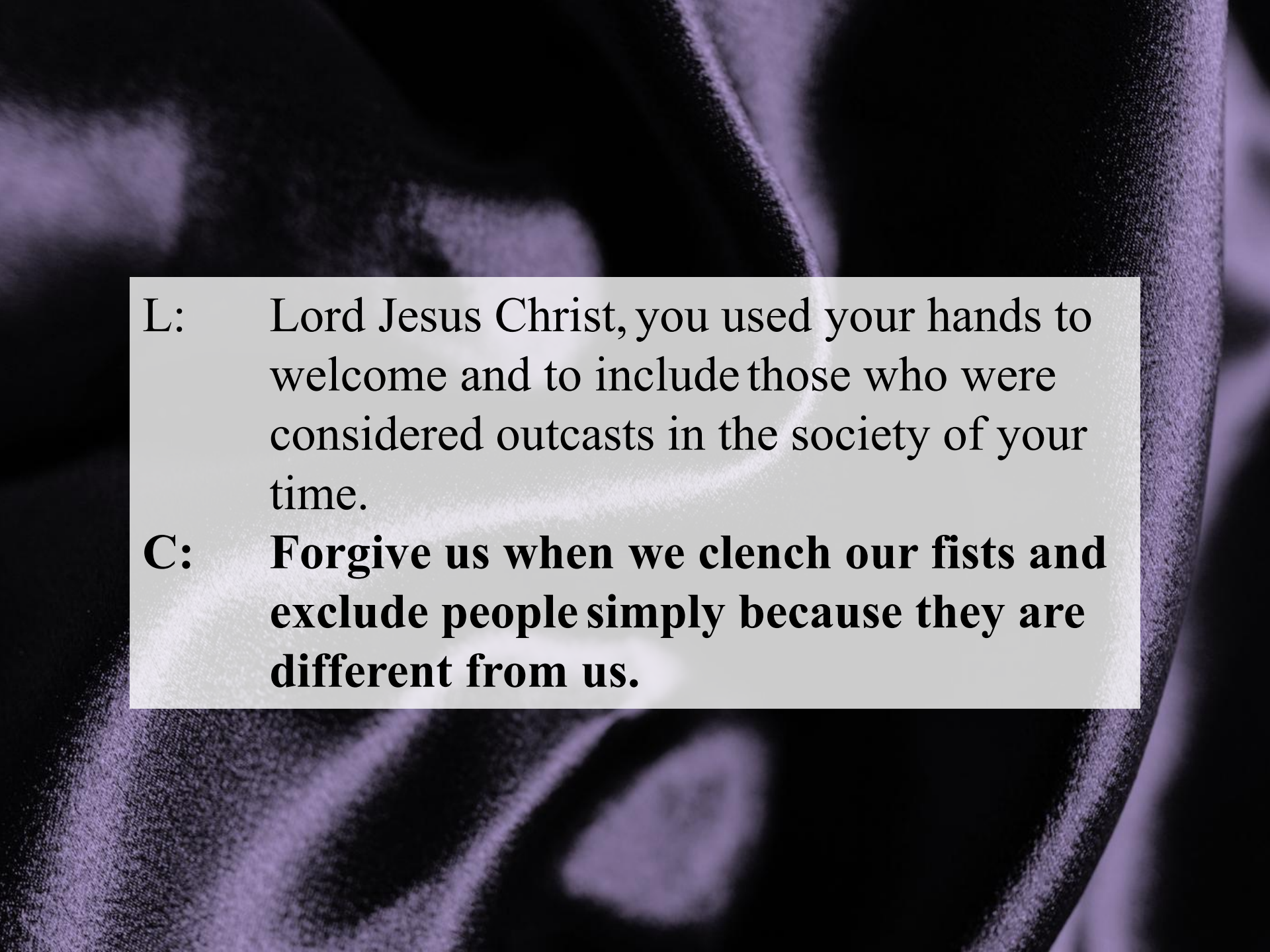
L: Lord Jesus Christ,  
you used your hands to heal; to lift up; to  
bless; to sow kindness and tenderness in  
desolate lives.

**C: Forgive us when we keep our hands at  
our sides when we could be reaching out  
in love.**



L: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to bear the burdens of others and to feed the hungry.

**C: Forgive us when we use our hands to take care of ourselves without any thought for those who are hungry or overwhelmed with adversity.**

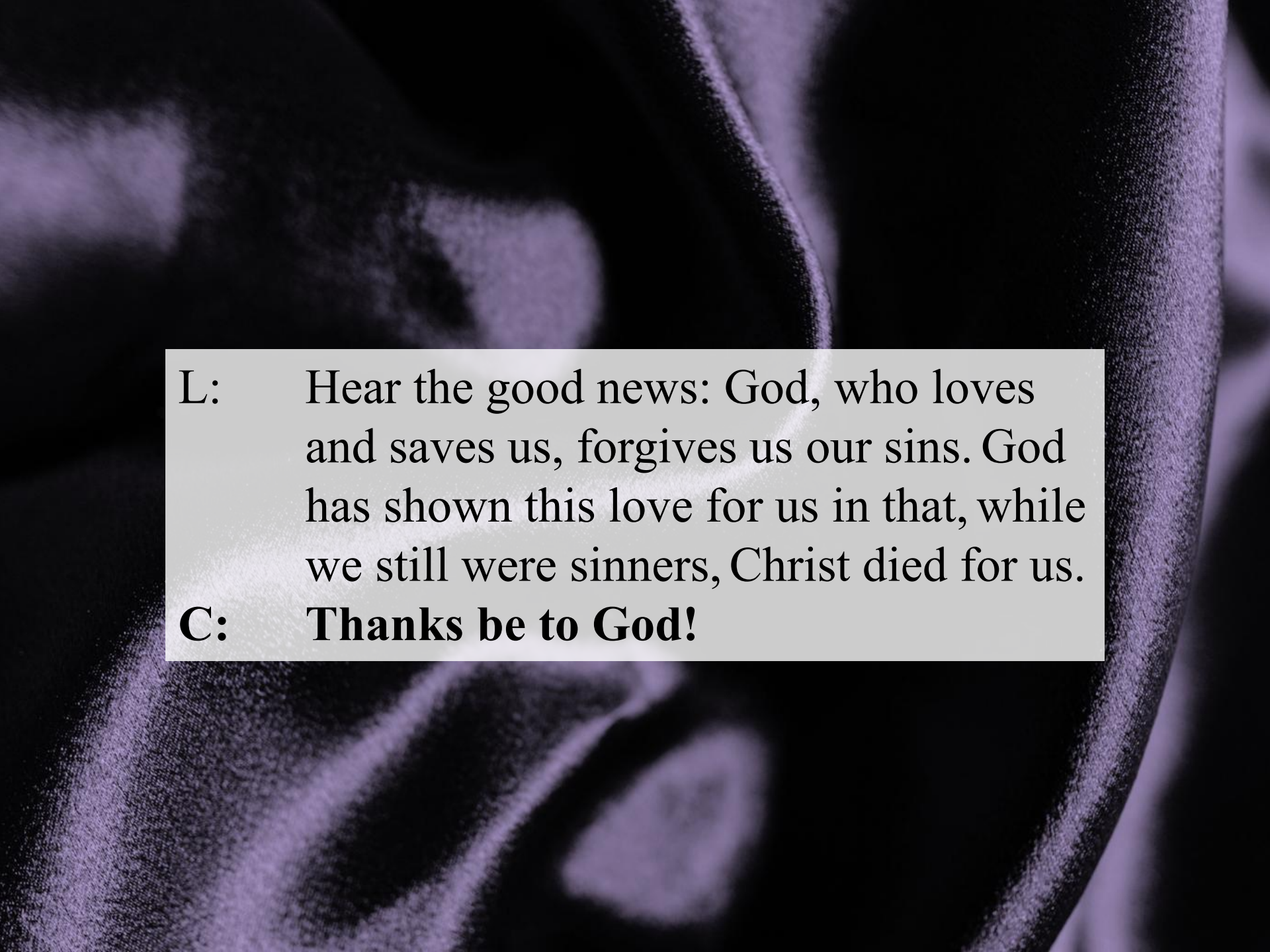


L: Lord Jesus Christ, you used your hands to welcome and to include those who were considered outcasts in the society of your time.

**C: Forgive us when we clench our fists and exclude people simply because they are different from us.**

**L:** Lord Jesus Christ, open our hands and our hearts to love as you loved and to care as you cared. Strengthen us to include in our prayers and our fellowship those who feel excluded because of such things as their race, their religion, their sexuality, their gender, their age, their handicap—whatever it is that creates barriers between people.

**C:** **Help us to accept people as you accept them, as people made in the image of God and precious to God. We pray this prayer in your name. Amen.**



L: Hear the good news: God, who loves and saves us, forgives us our sins. God has shown this love for us in that, while we still were sinners, Christ died for us.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# *A Message for All God's Children*



# **Noisy Offering!!!**

**Drop your change in the buckets  
and make some noise!**

**Proceeds will go towards  
the Warroad Food Pantry.**



## **First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’ ” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 32

L: <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

C: <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L:     <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones  
withered away, because of my groaning all  
day long.

C:     <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day  
and night; my moisture was dried up as  
in the heat of summer.**

L:     <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**C:     <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

L:     <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

C:     <sup>8</sup> **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

L: <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

**C: <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

L: <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

<sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.

<sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# **Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

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**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow  
and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

*Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.*

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a  
stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

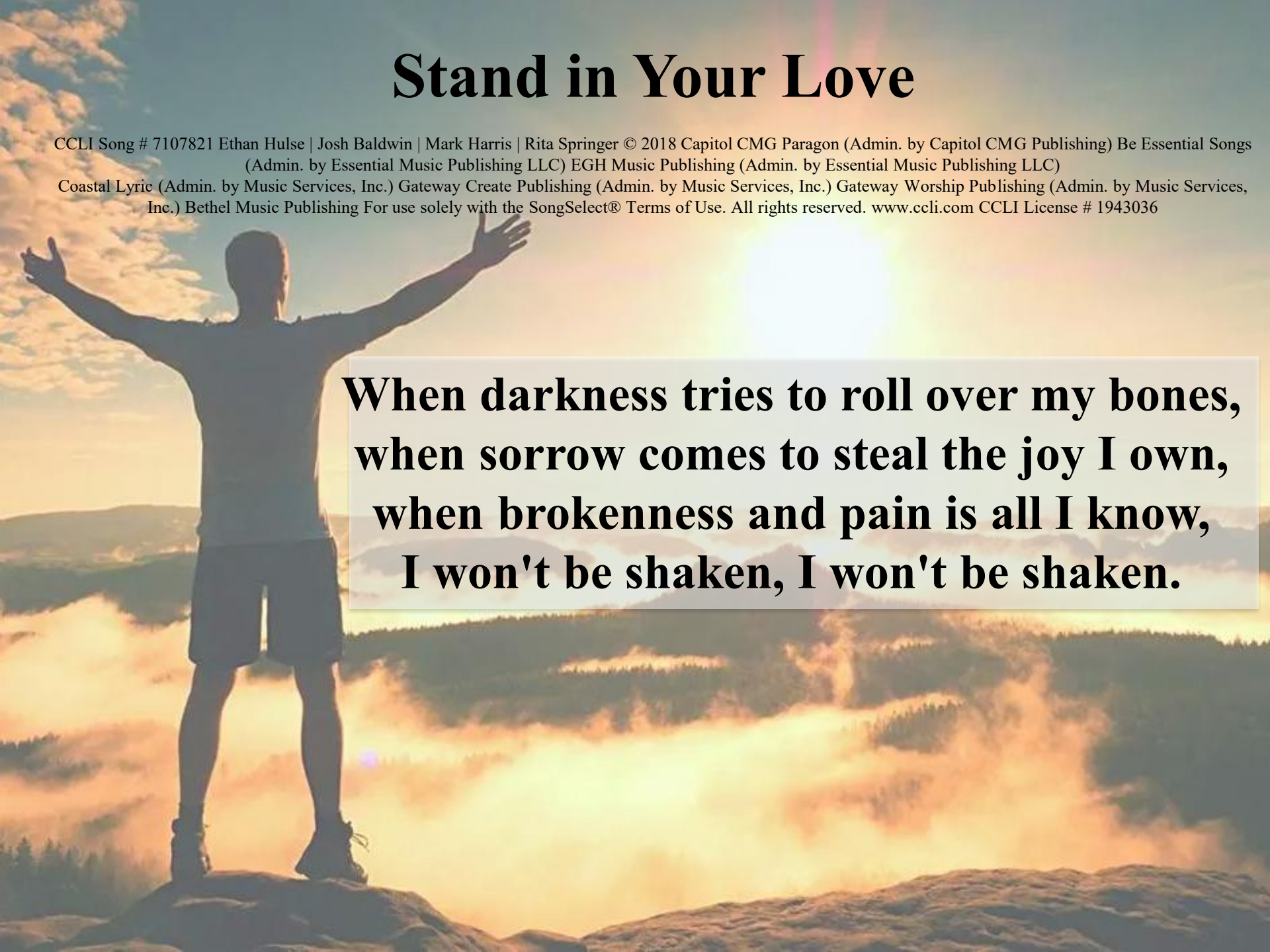
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**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

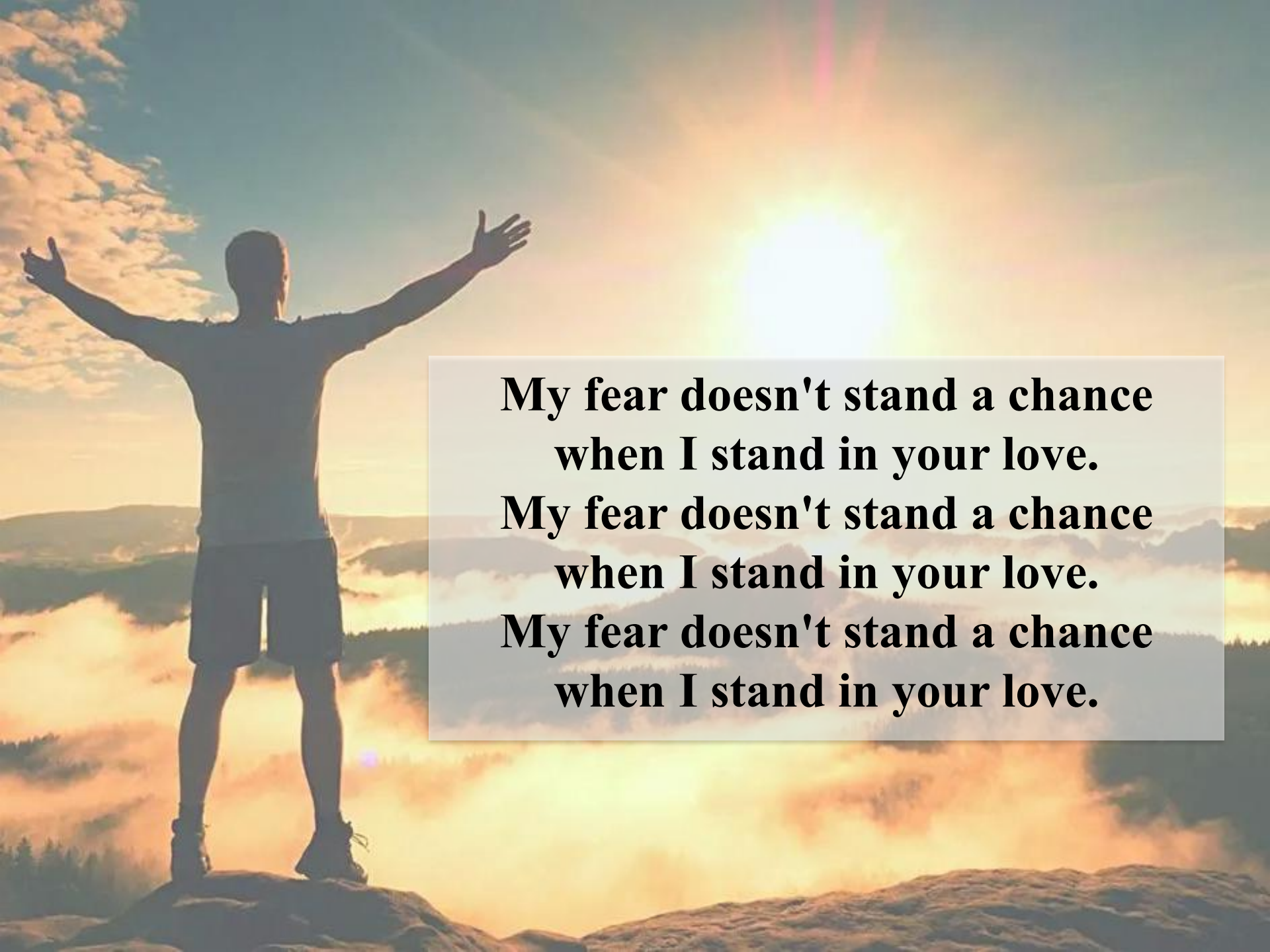
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# Stand in Your Love

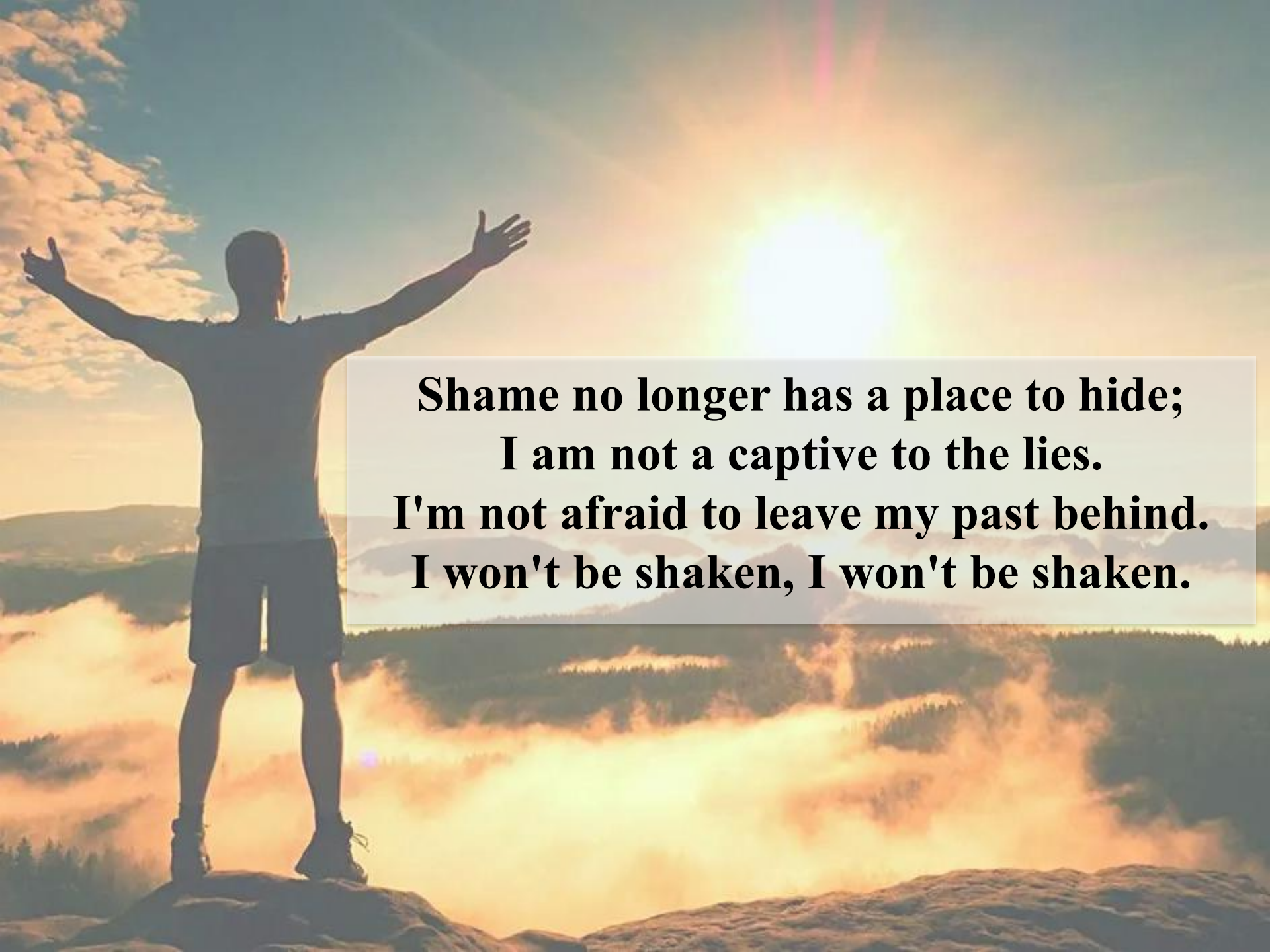
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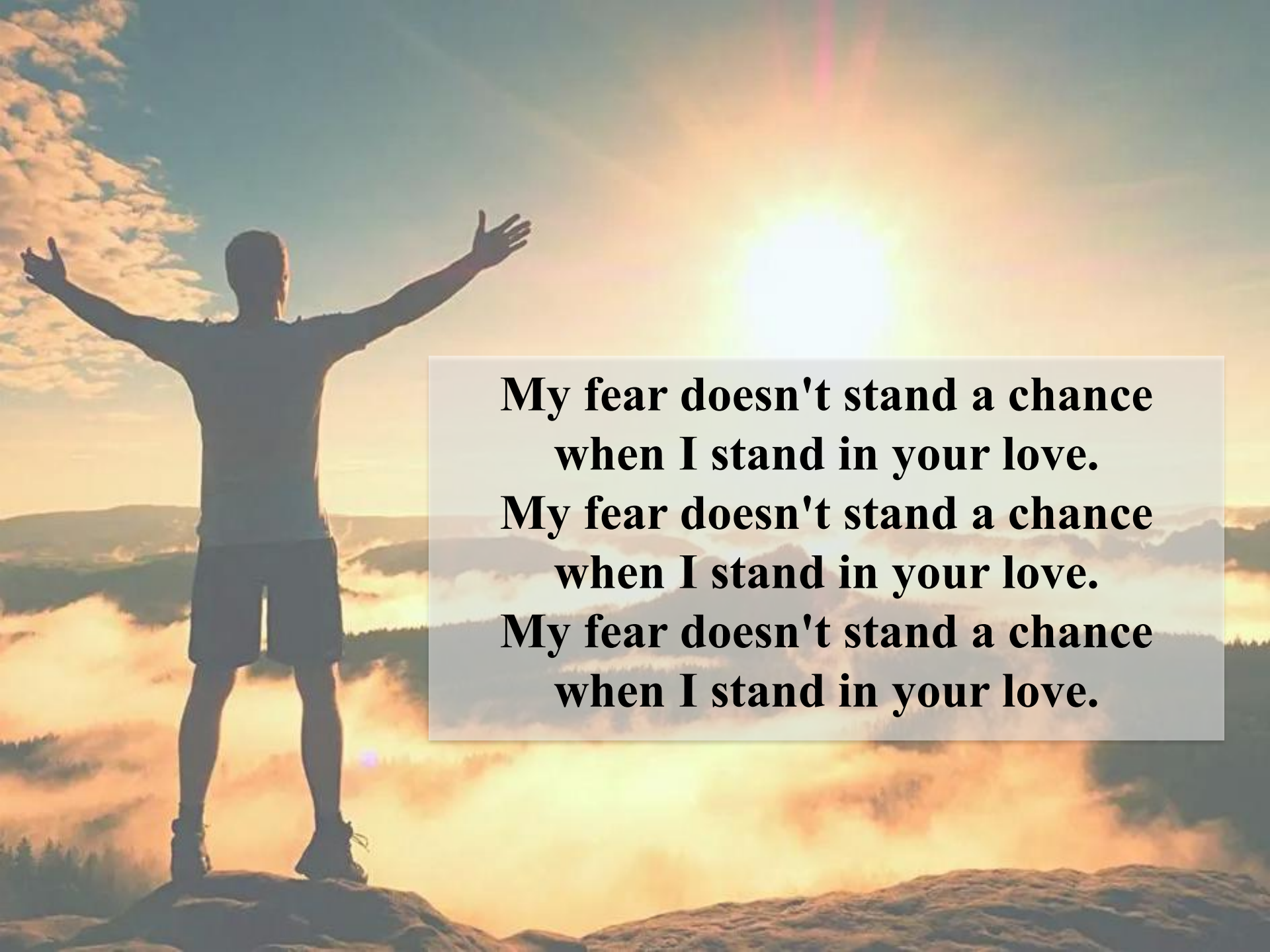
**When darkness tries to roll over my bones,  
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own,  
when brokenness and pain is all I know,  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.**



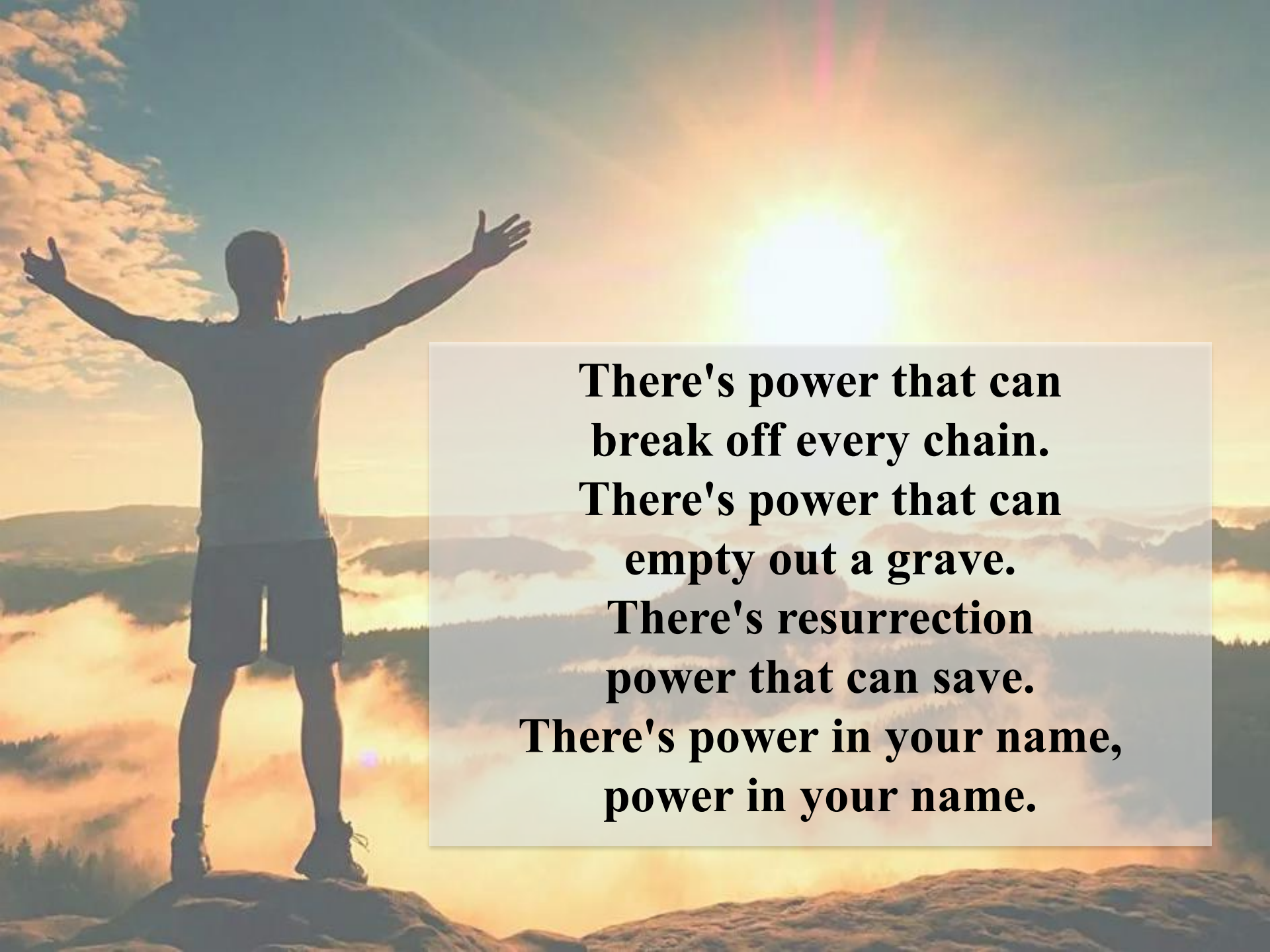
**My fear doesn't stand a chance  
when I stand in your love.  
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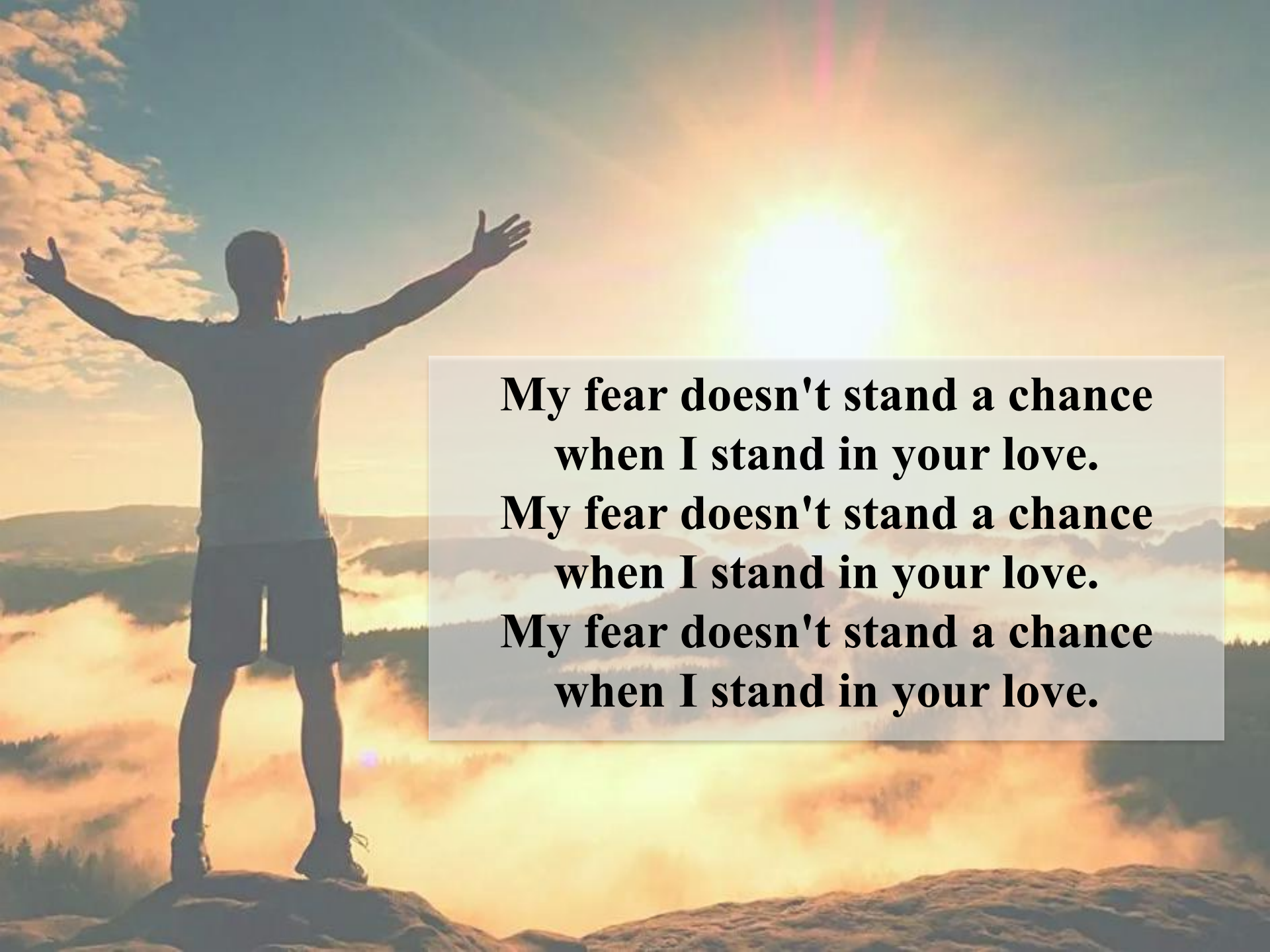
**Shame no longer has a place to hide;  
I am not a captive to the lies.  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.**



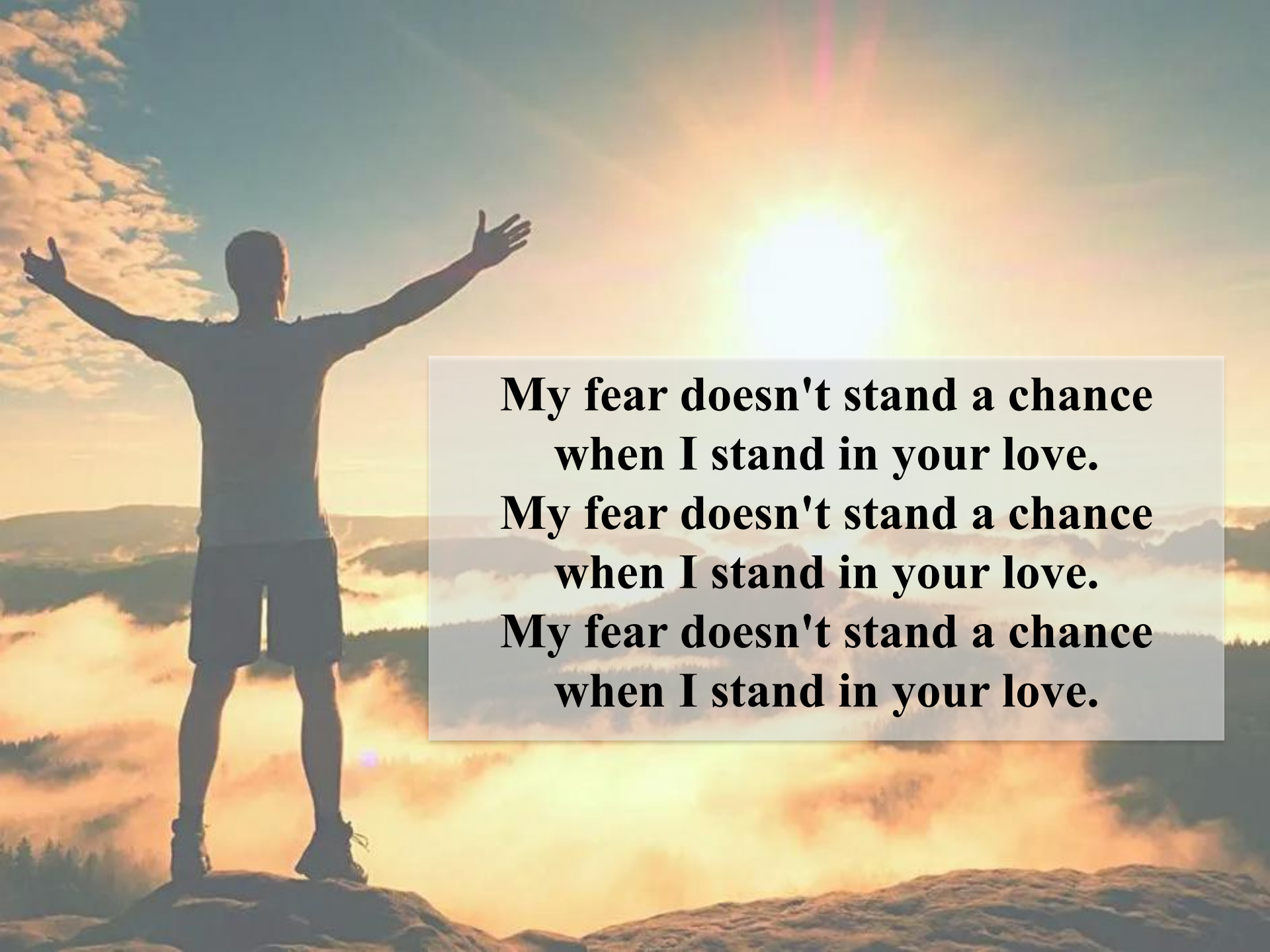
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when I stand in your love.  
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when I stand in your love.**



**There's power that can  
break off every chain.  
There's power that can  
empty out a grave.  
There's resurrection  
power that can save.  
There's power in your name,  
power in your name.**



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## *Apostles' Creed*

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

**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.**

**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.**

# *Prayers of Intercession*

Response after each petition:

**L:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** Receive our prayers, O God, through  
Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *Offering*



# *Offering Prayer*

**L:** God of grace and truth, we give thanks for Jesus' witness to the power of your Spirit, guiding and strengthening him in times of testing. Bless and accept this visible evidence of our thanksgiving as we offer these gifts and the service of our lives. As we embark on our Lenten journey, guide and strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus wherever he leads us.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Words of Institution*



# *Eucharistic Prayer*

L: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

L: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**L:** With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *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.**

# ***Holy Communion***

*An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.*



*Communion Blessing*



## *Prayer after Communion*

**L:** God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that  
restores our souls, reconciles us to  
you, and strengthens us for the  
journey. Through the body and blood  
of your Son, may we become Christ's  
body in the world, bearing witness to  
your love for all creation, through  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# *Blessing*

**L:** May God - Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit - bless you and grant you a transformed heart that seeks and loves the justice and mercy of the Lord.

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

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# *Dismissal*

**L:** Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope. Go now to be light for the world!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**



*Thank you  
for worshipping  
with us!*

*God bless you!*