



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, May 6, 2026
5:45 pm*

Sunset in Green Valley, AZ. April 2026
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He Reigns

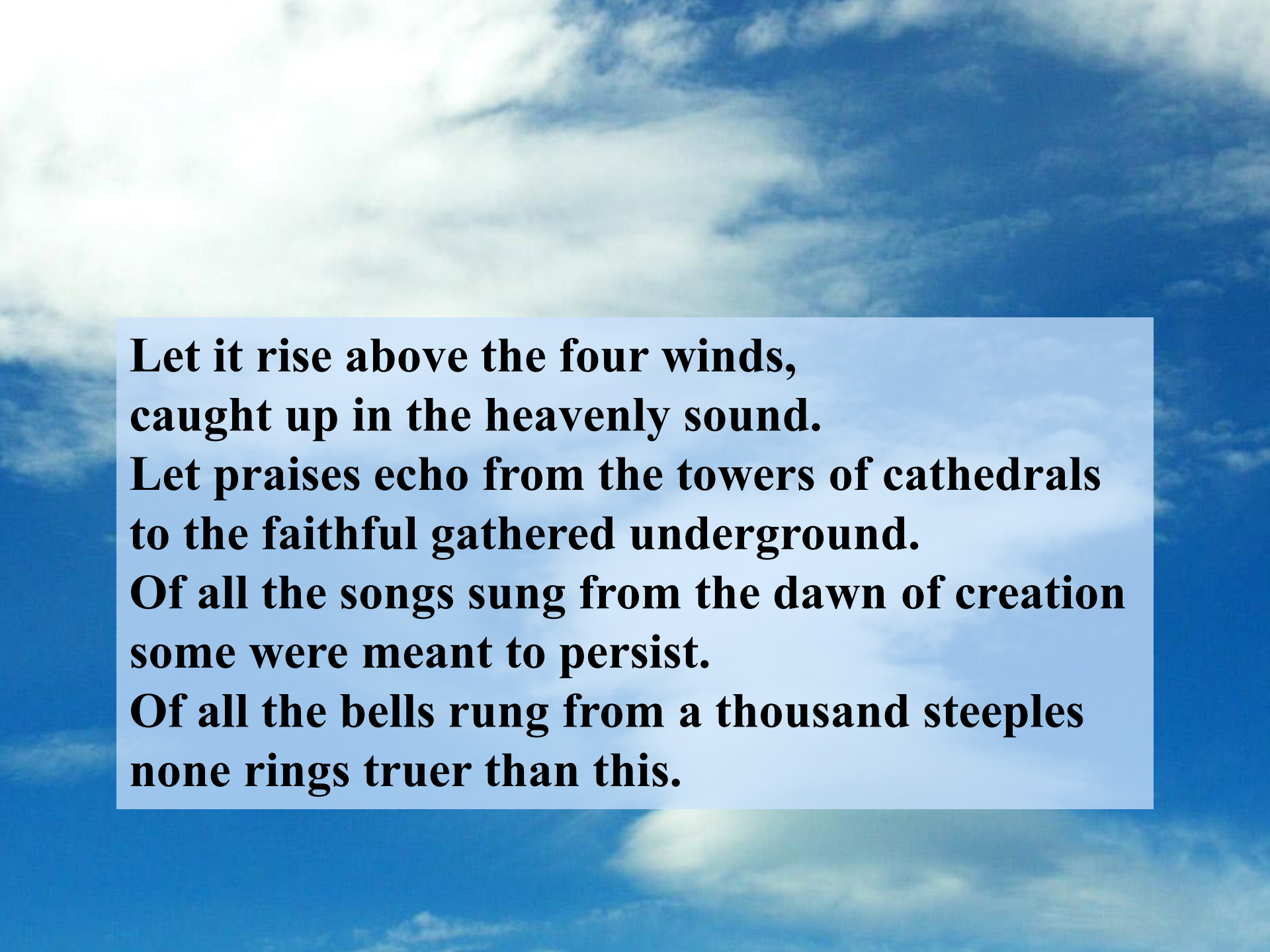
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**It's the song of the redeemed,
rising from the African plain.
It's the song of the forgiven,
drowning out the Amazon rain.
The song of Asian believers,
filled with God's holy fire.
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation.
A love song born of a grateful choir.**



**It's all God's children singing.
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, he reigns,
he reigns.**

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**Let it rise above the four winds,
caught up in the heavenly sound.**

**Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
to the faithful gathered underground.**

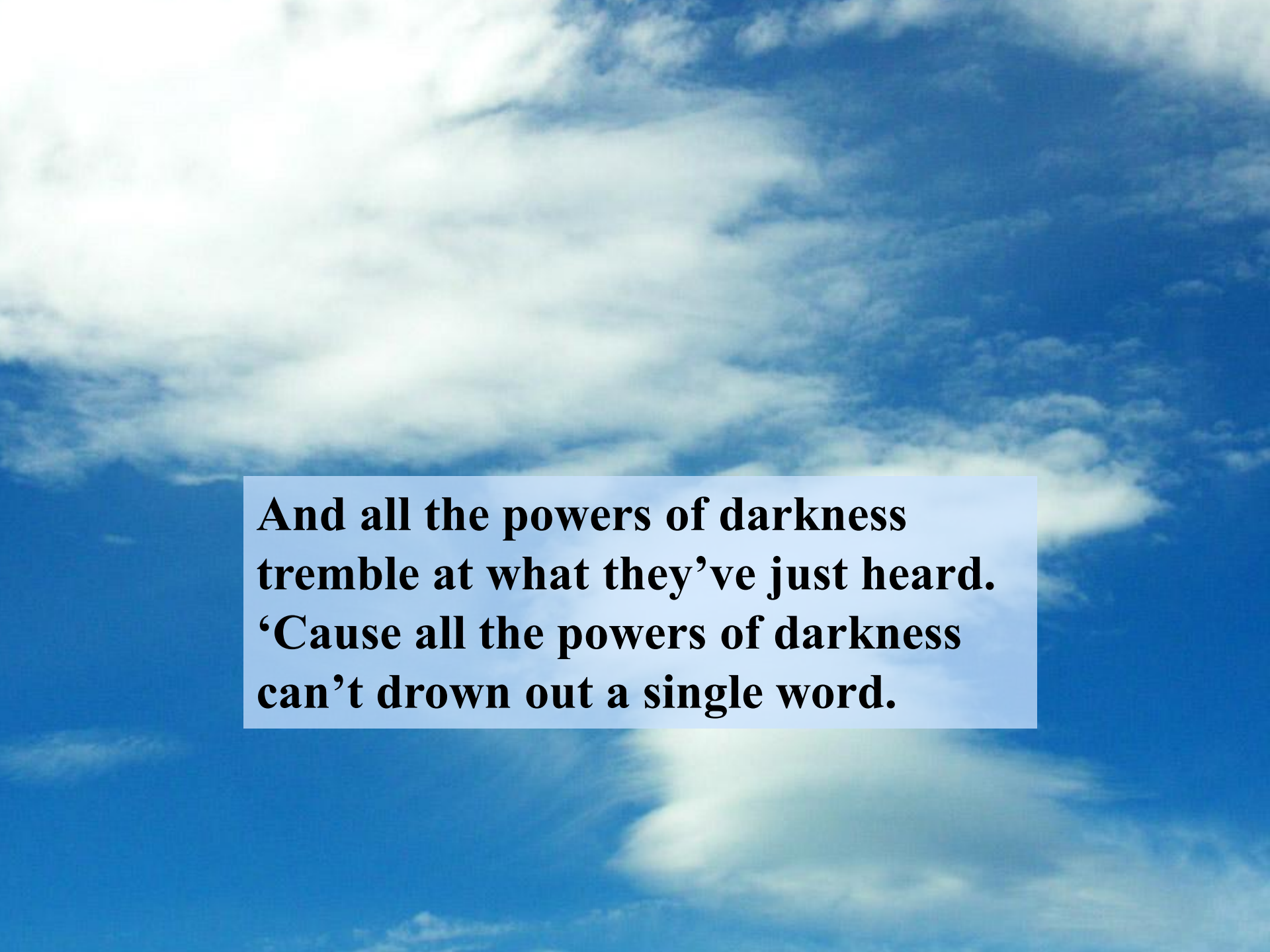
**Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation
some were meant to persist.**

**Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples
none rings truer than this.**



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**And all the powers of darkness
tremble at what they've just heard.
'Cause all the powers of darkness
can't drown out a single word.**

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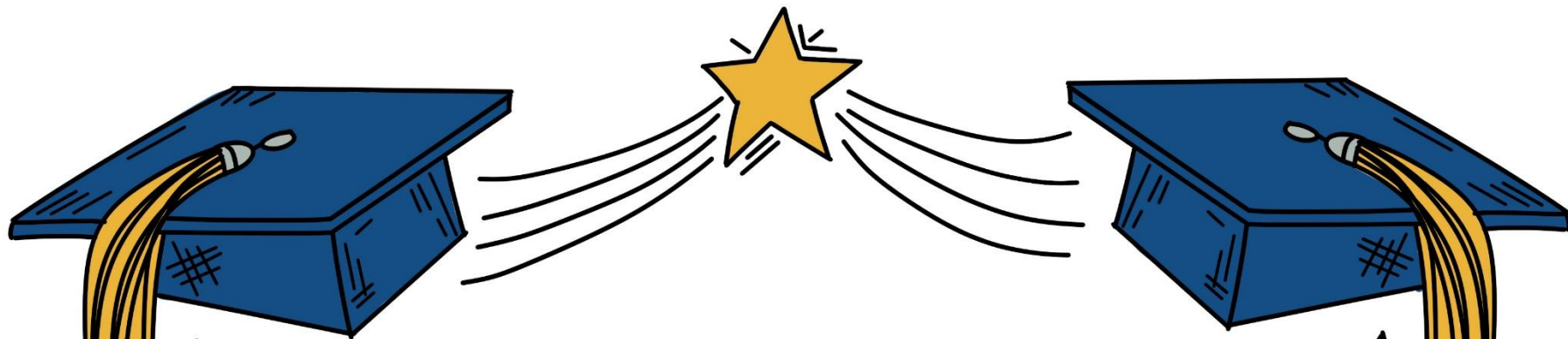
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Repeat twice

A photograph of a sunset sky with vibrant orange and pink clouds. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of trees, including palm trees on the left and a large bush on the right. The text "Welcome and Announcements" is overlaid in white, italicized font at the bottom center.

Welcome and Announcements

**Tonight is the final night of
Wednesday evening meals, worship,
and pre-confirmation
and confirmation classes.**



Senior Recognition Sunday

Help us celebrate our Zion high school graduates on Sunday, May 17 during the 9:00 am worship service.

Reception to follow the service.



Wednesdays in June
5:30 pm

A midweek evening Bible Study led by Pastor Linda will be held at 5:30 pm each Wednesday in June.

The Bible study will be on the Scripture readings for the week.

Drop in when you can or come each week.

Everyone is welcome!

Join Kamarra Brunelle in the next book club!

Good Soil:
*The Education of An
Accidental Farmhand* by
Jeff Chu

The first meeting will be on
Sunday, June 7 at 11:00 am
in the Fellowship Hall.
Following meeting dates will be
Mondays at 10:00 am.



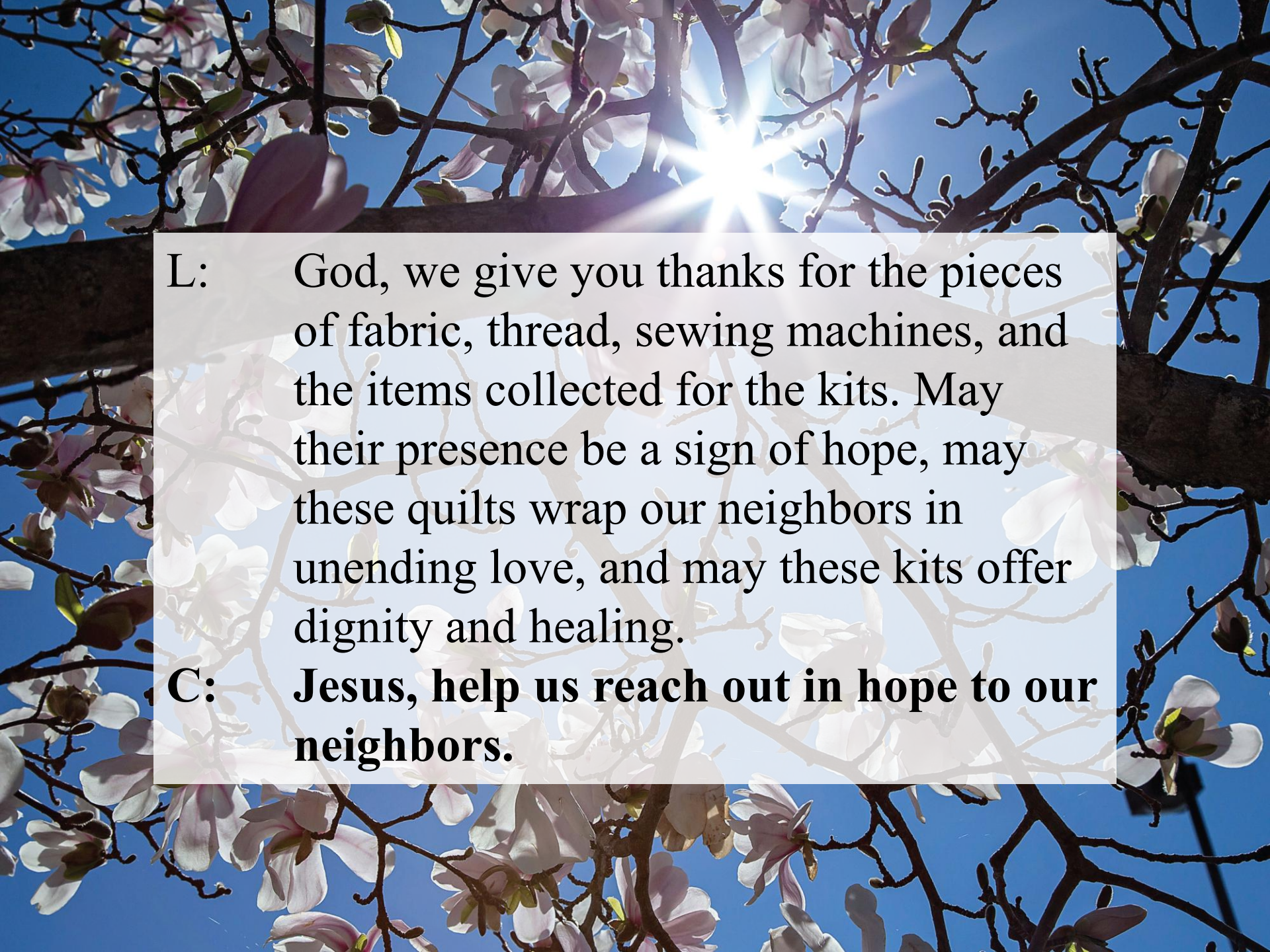
Need help finding and ordering the book?
The church office will order it for you! Contact
Kamarra or the church office to get your name
on the order list by May 27 (cost is \$19).



Quilt and Kit Blessing

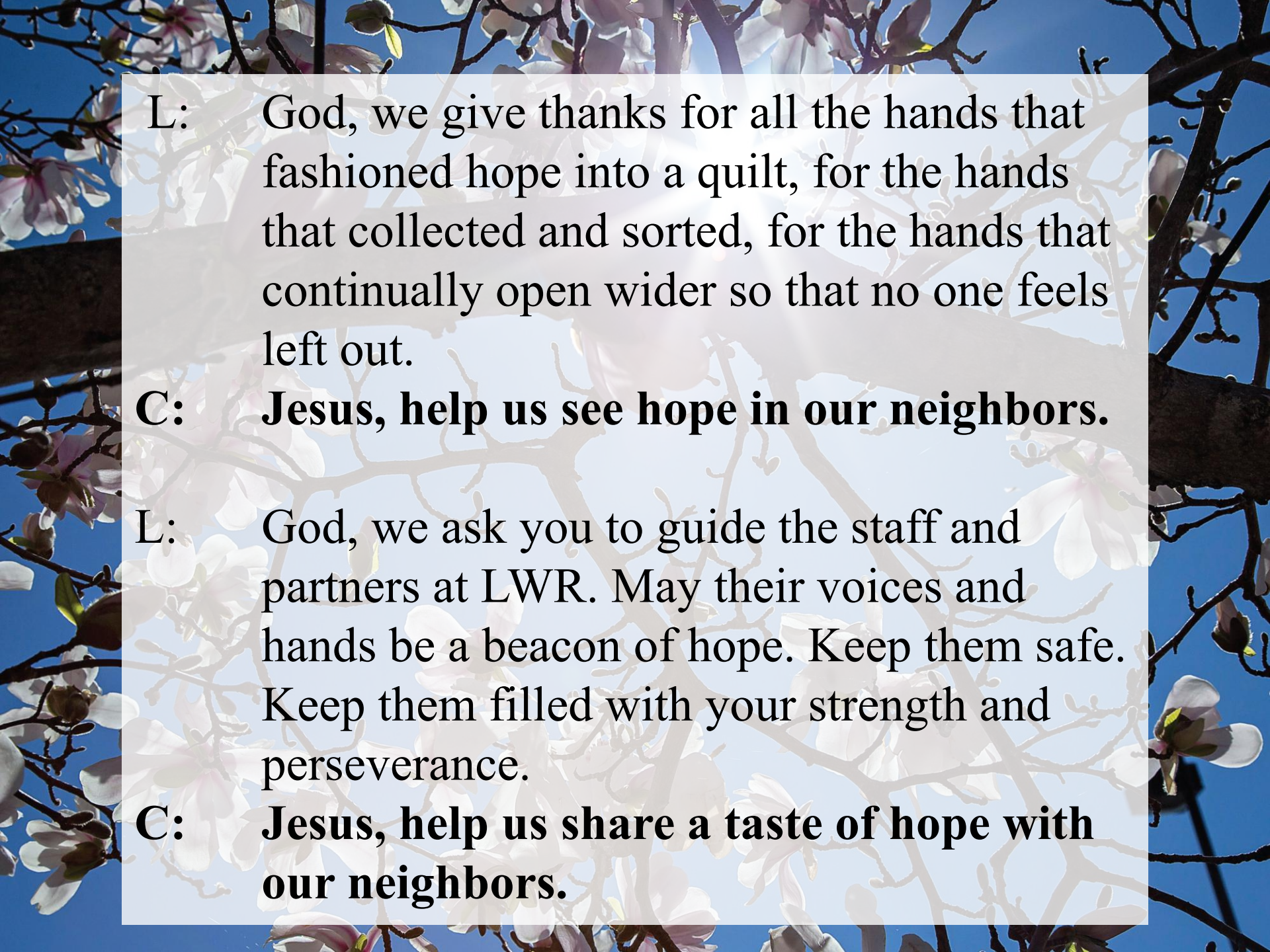
L: God, our neighbors around the world are in need of hope. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: **Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors.**



L: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, sewing machines, and the items collected for the kits. May their presence be a sign of hope, may these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may these kits offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors.

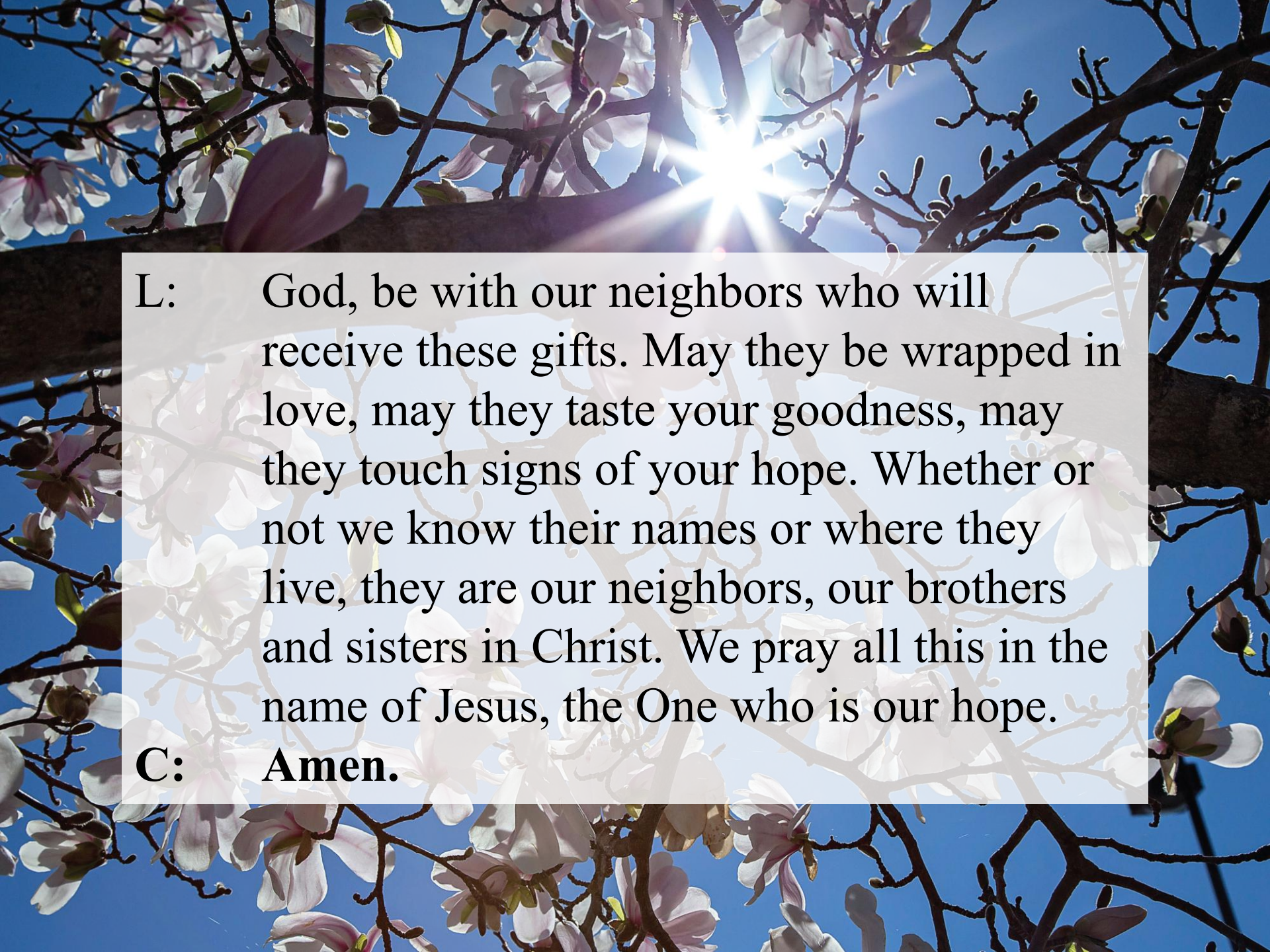


L: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashioned hope into a quilt, for the hands that collected and sorted, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors.

L: God, we ask you to guide the staff and partners at LWR. May their voices and hands be a beacon of hope. Keep them safe. Keep them filled with your strength and perseverance.

C: Jesus, help us share a taste of hope with our neighbors.



L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether or not we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Call to Worship

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L: We gather to worship in the name of Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone,

C: who, though rejected by the world, was chosen and precious in God's sight.

L: And like living stones, let us be built up into a spiritual house for God,


C: offering sacrifices of worship and praise that are pleasing in his sight.

L: Let's worship God together!

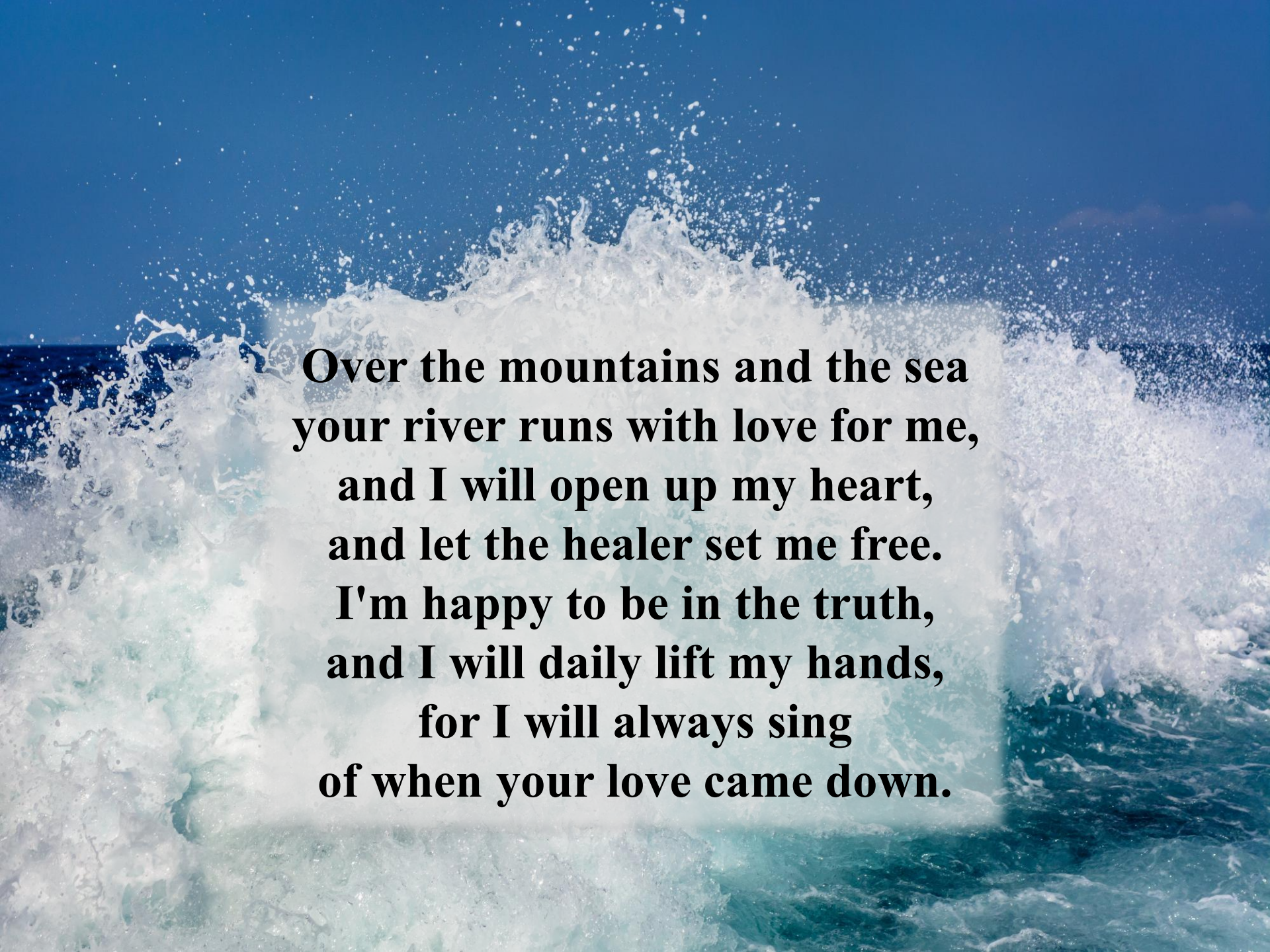
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

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**Over the mountains and the sea
your river runs with love for me,
and I will open up my heart,
and let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth,
and I will daily lift my hands,
for I will always sing
of when your love came down.**



**I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.**



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your river runs with love for me,
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**I could sing of your love forever.
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I could sing of your love forever.**

A large splash of white water against a clear blue sky. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic and energetic scene. The splash is centered and spreads outwards, with many small droplets visible. The background is a solid, vibrant blue sky.

**Oh, I feel like dancing,
it's foolishness, I know.**

**But when the world has seen the light,
they will dance with joy like we're dancing now.**



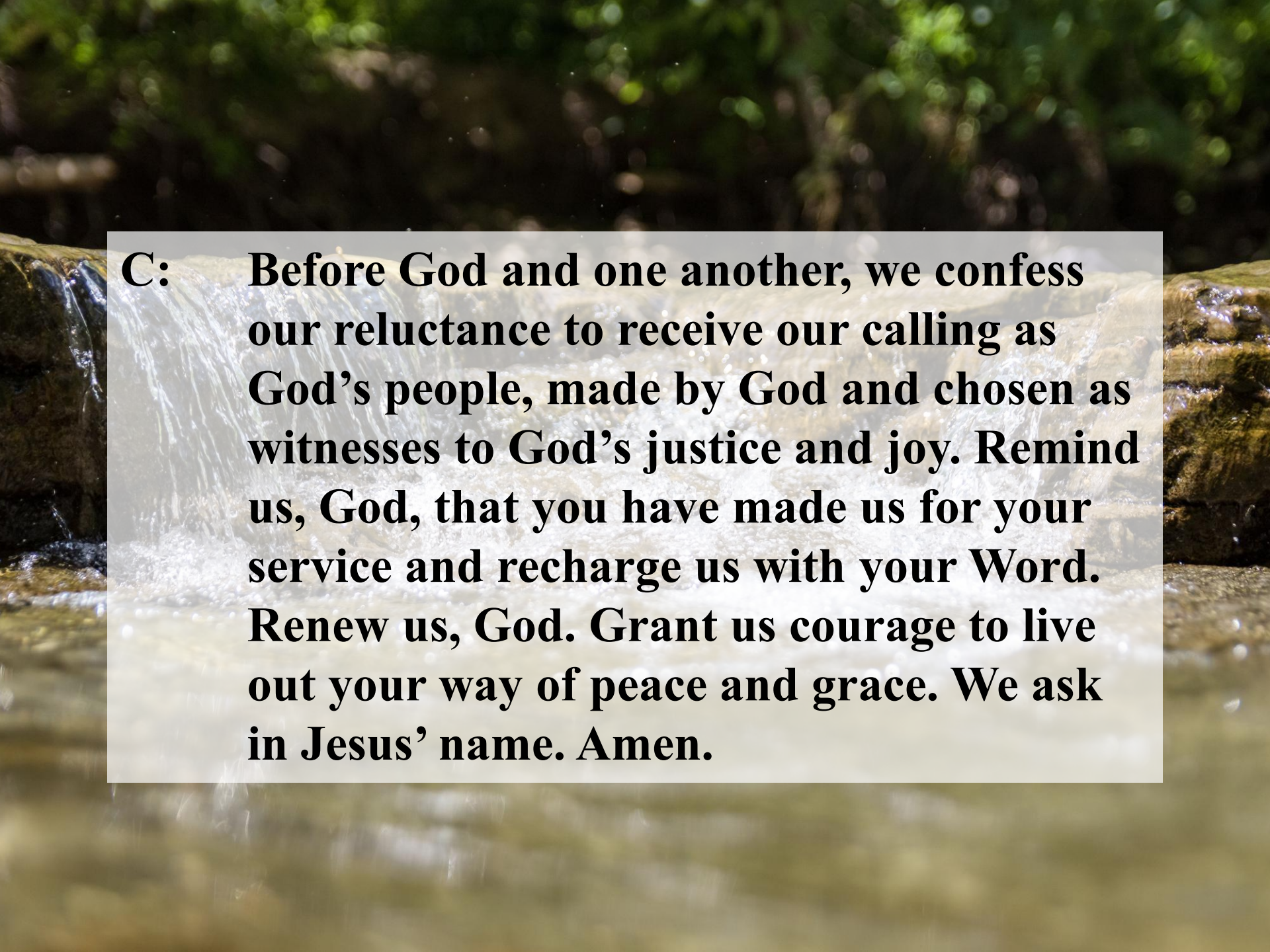
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I could sing of your love forever.**

Confession and Forgiveness

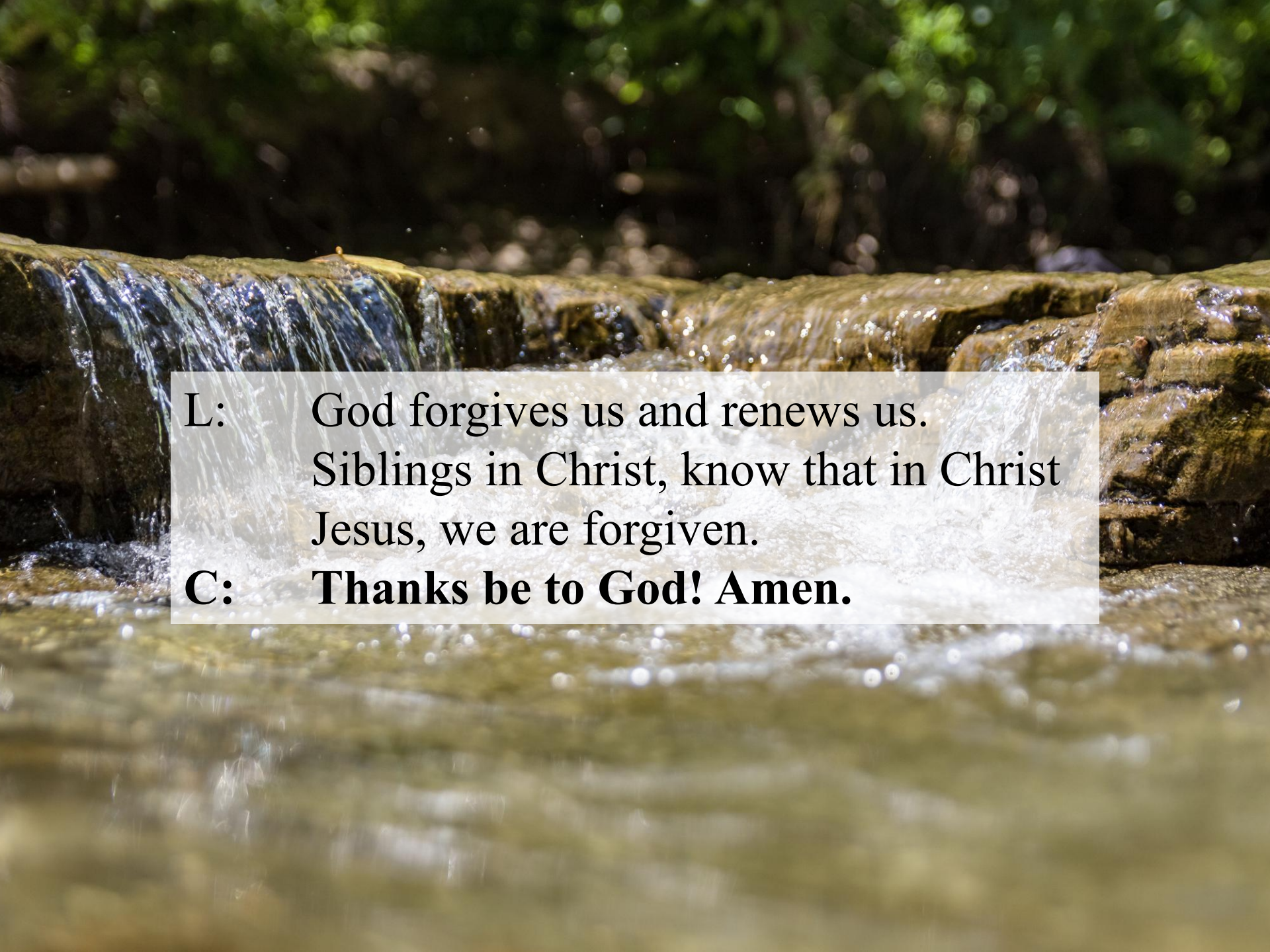
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L: If we say we have not sinned, the truth is not in us.

C: **Before God and God's people, we confess that we have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice we see and declaring God's vision.**



C: Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's justice and joy. Remind us, God, that you have made us for your service and recharge us with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your way of peace and grace. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

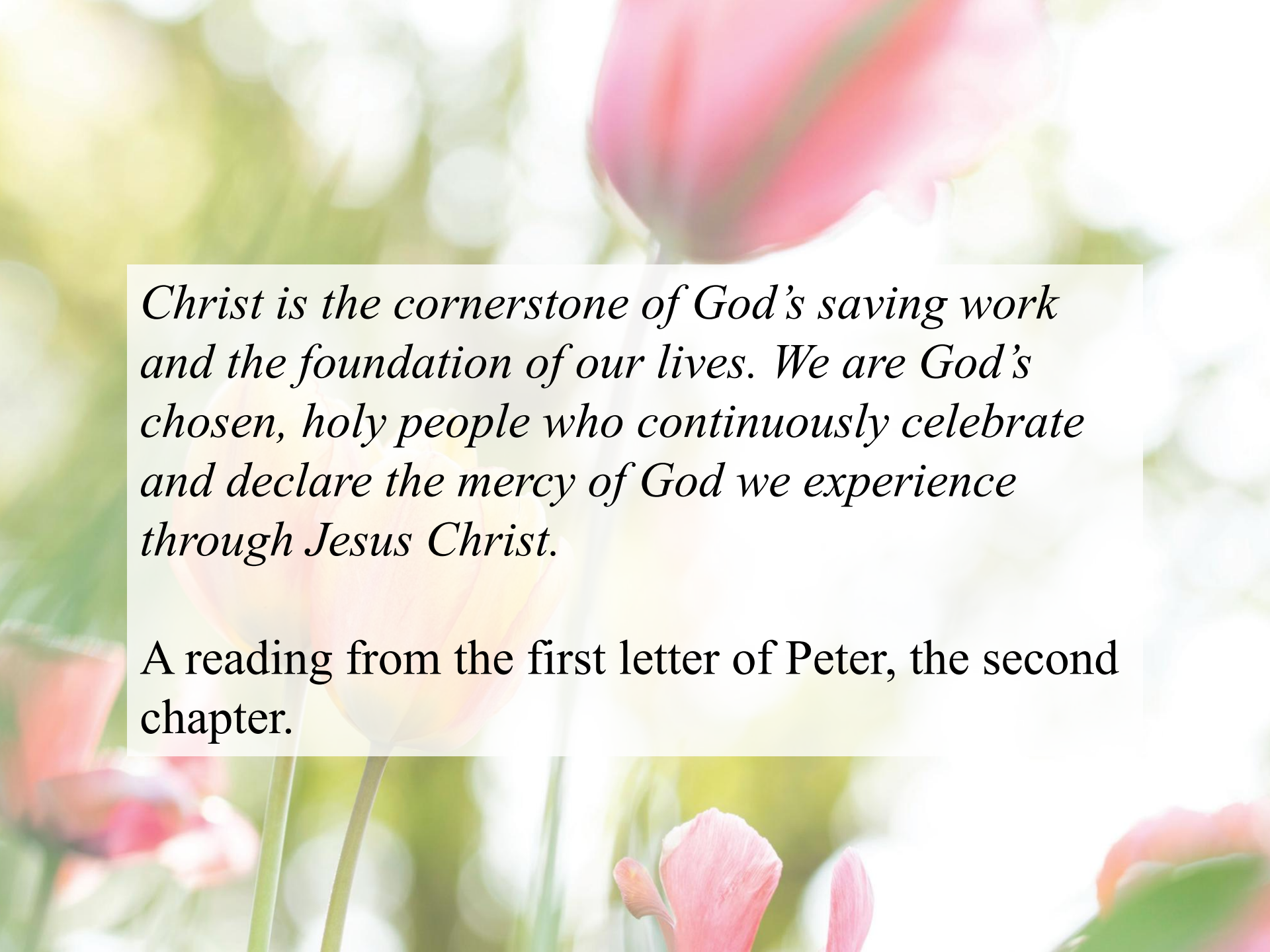


L: God forgives us and renews us.
Siblings in Christ, know that in Christ
Jesus, we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*A Message for
All God's Children*





Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A reading from the first letter of Peter, the second chapter.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation

³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

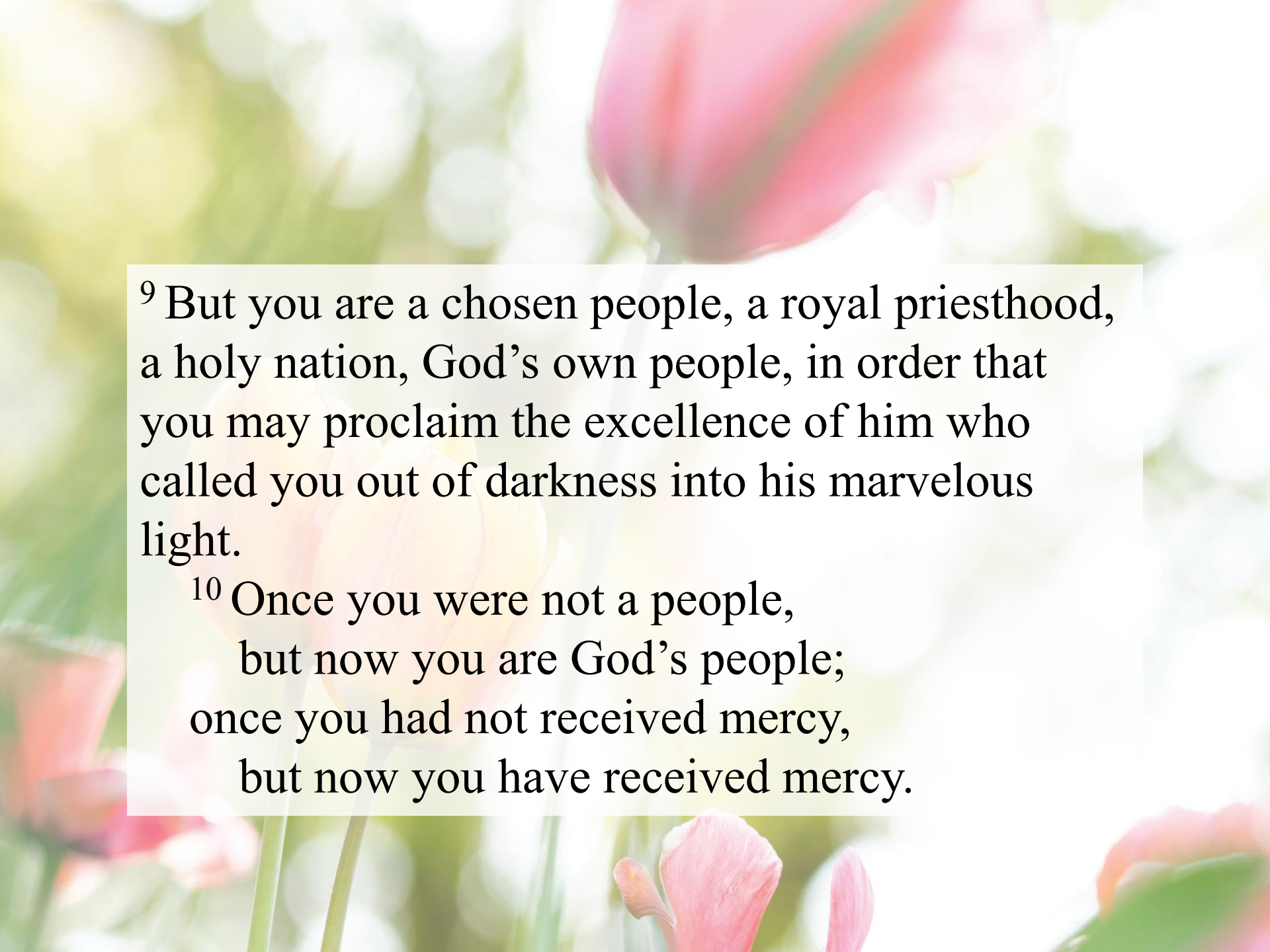
⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those
who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they
were destined to do.



⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Message

Jesus Messiah

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**He became sin, who knew no sin;
that we might become his righteousness.**

**He humbled himself,
and carried the cross.**

**Love so amazing,
love so amazing.**



**Jesus Messiah;
Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners,
The ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**



**His body, the bread,
his blood, the wine,
broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled,
and the veil was torn.**

**Love so amazing,
love so amazing.**

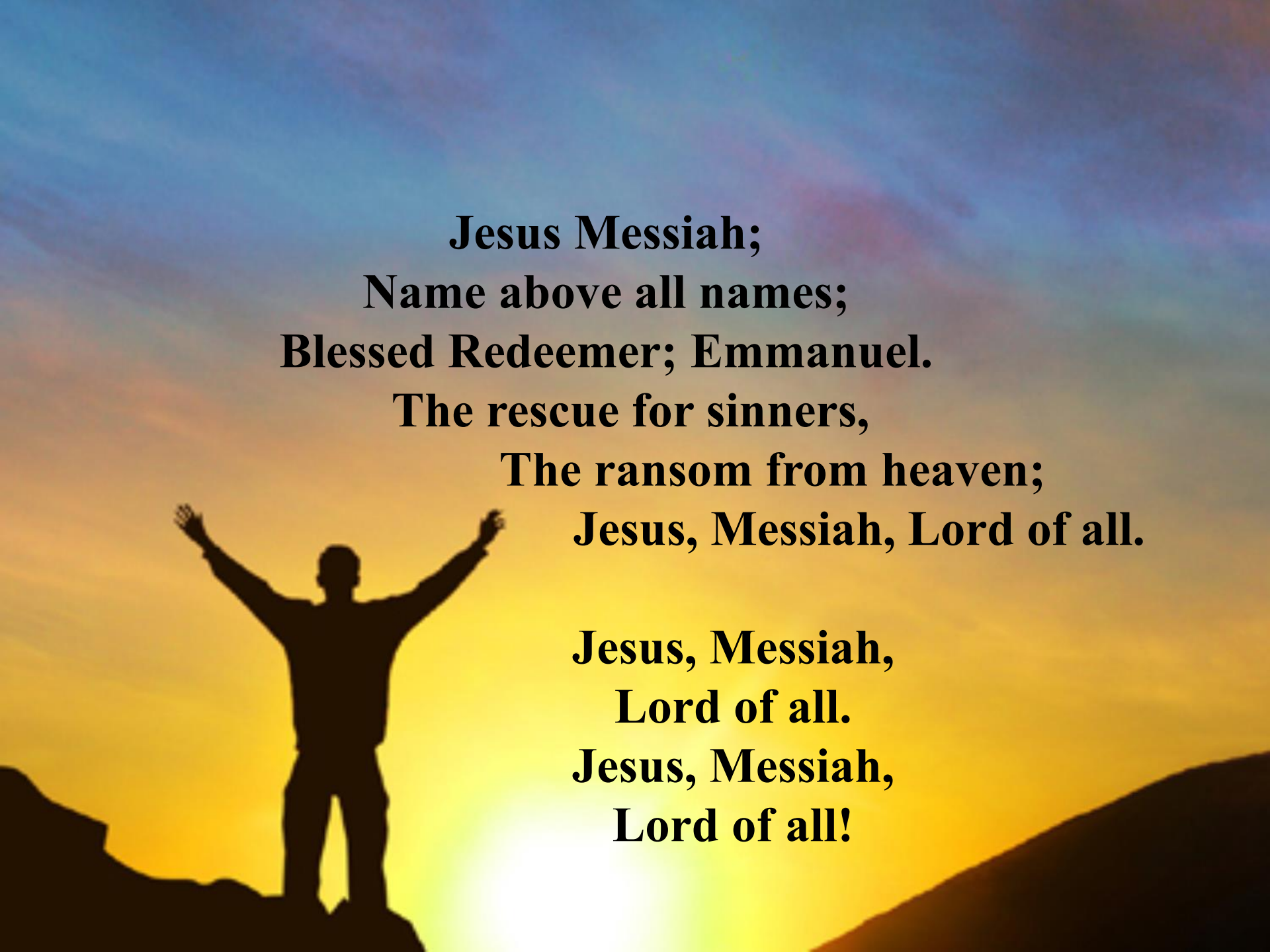


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The ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**



**All our hope is in you,
all our hope is in you;
all the glory to you, God,
the light of the world.**



A silhouette of a person standing on a rocky outcrop with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with hues of blue, purple, and orange. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow behind the person's silhouette.

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**Jesus, Messiah,
Lord of all.**

**Jesus, Messiah,
Lord of all!**

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

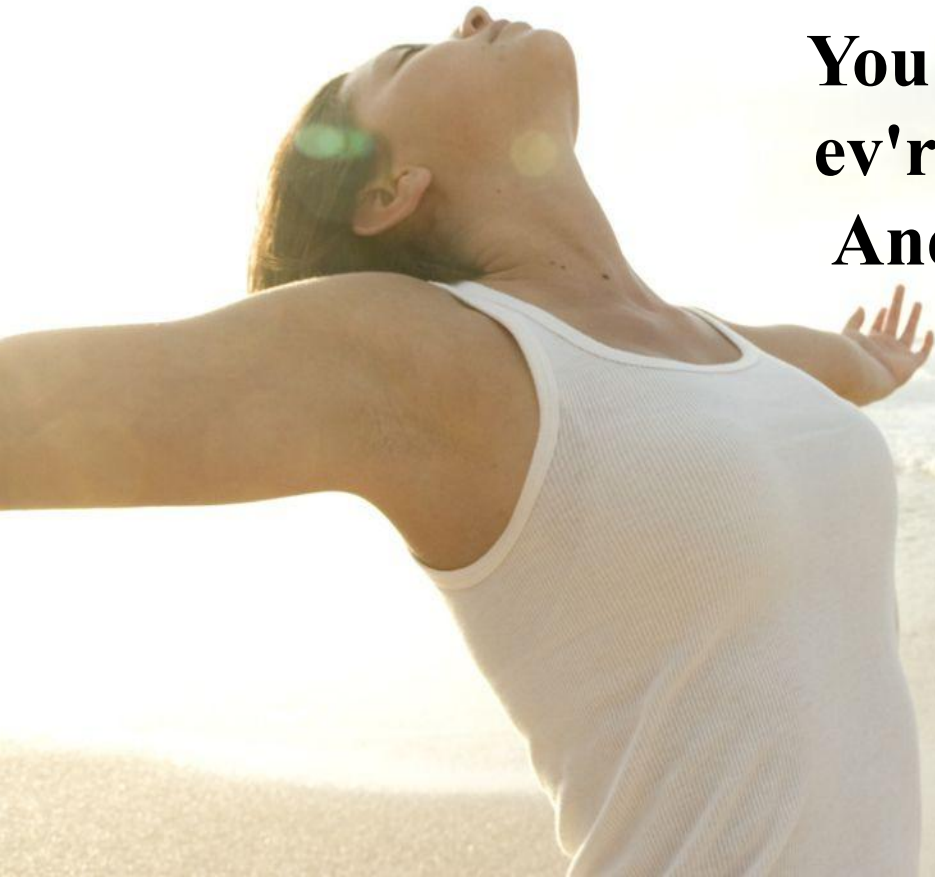
A close-up, low-angle shot of a field of golden wheat. The sun is high in the sky, creating a bright, hazy atmosphere and a prominent lens flare in the lower-left quadrant. The wheat stalks are densely packed and reach towards the top of the frame.

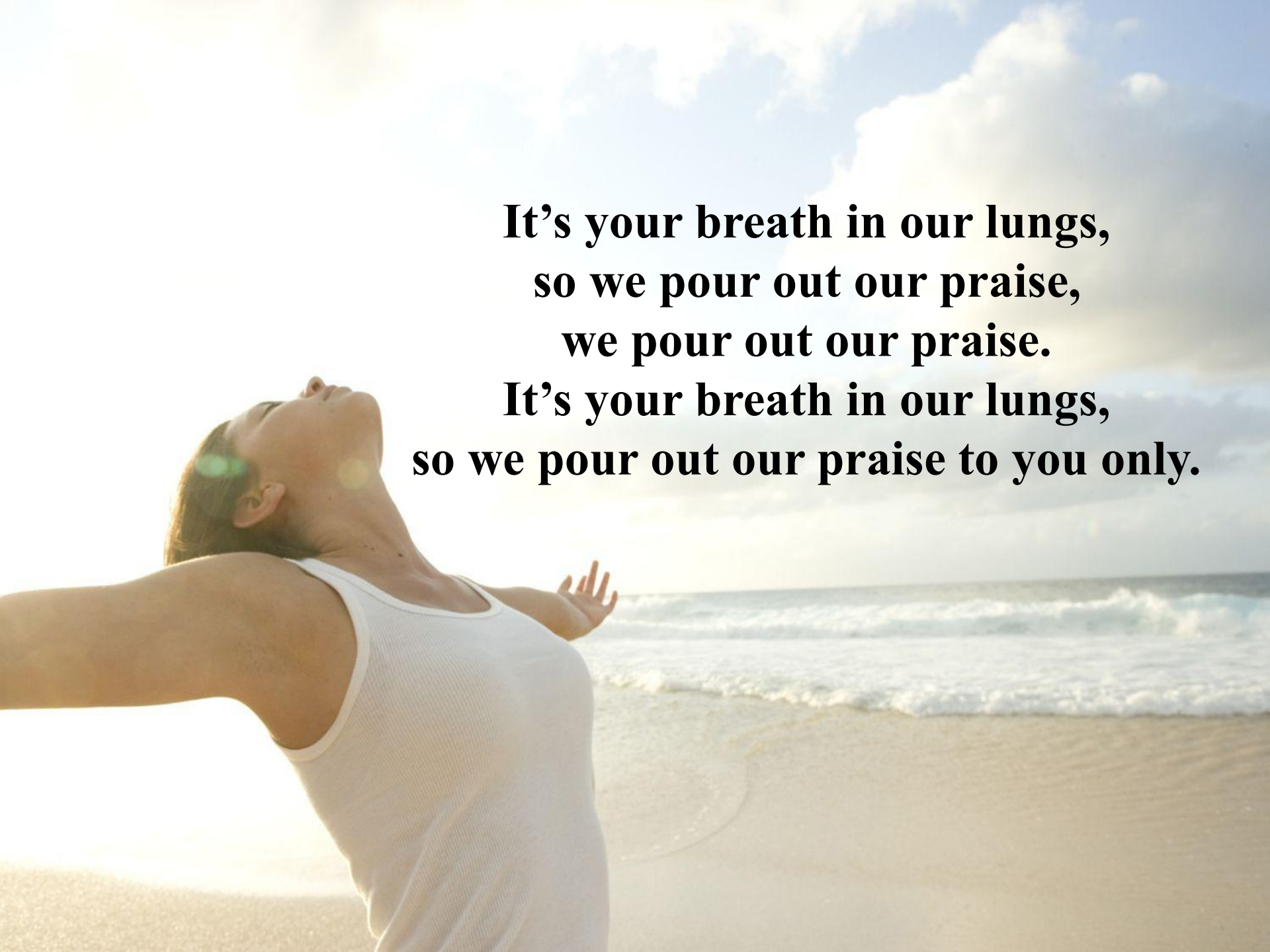
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Great Are You Lord

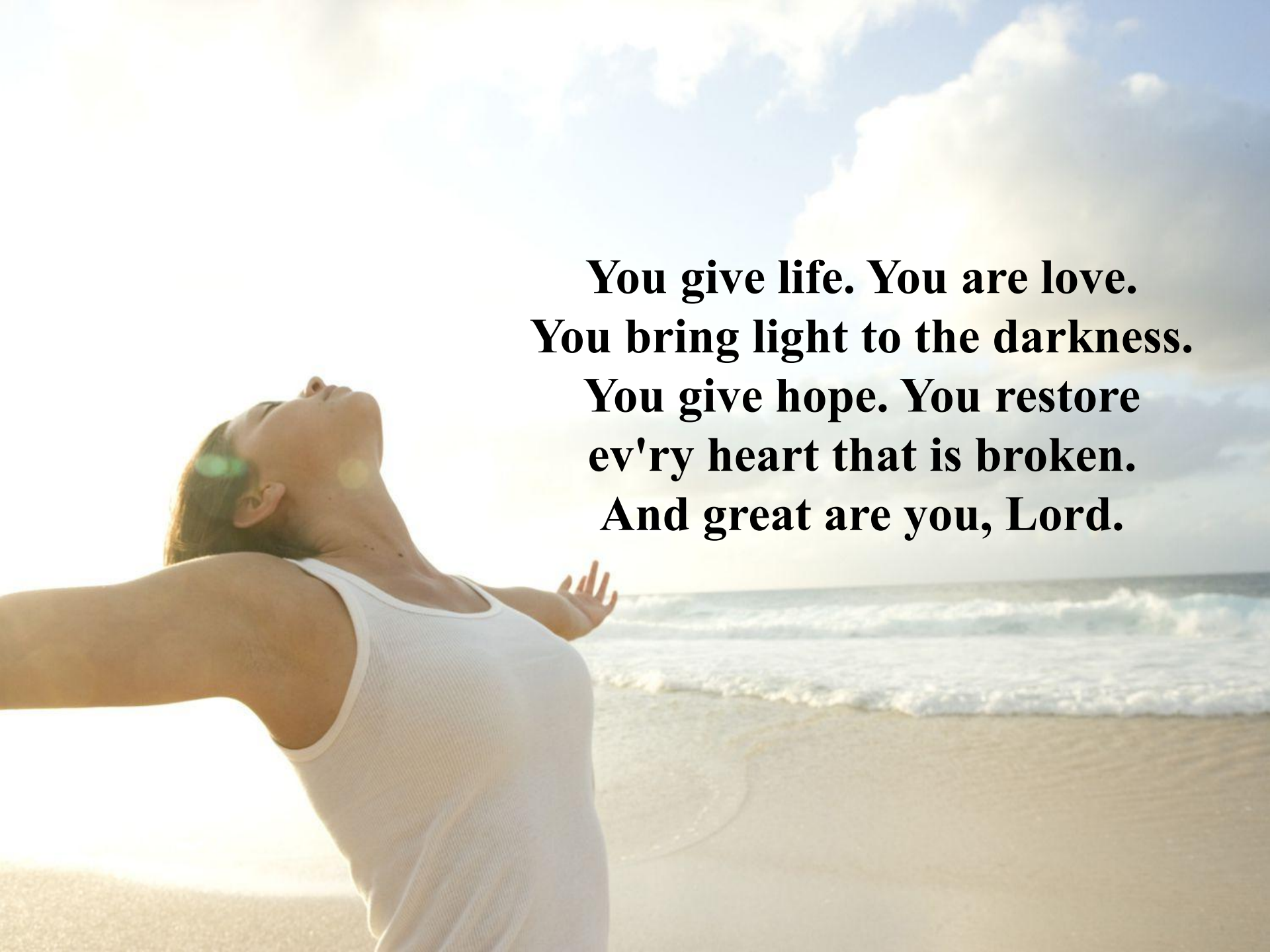
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**You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore
ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are you, Lord.**

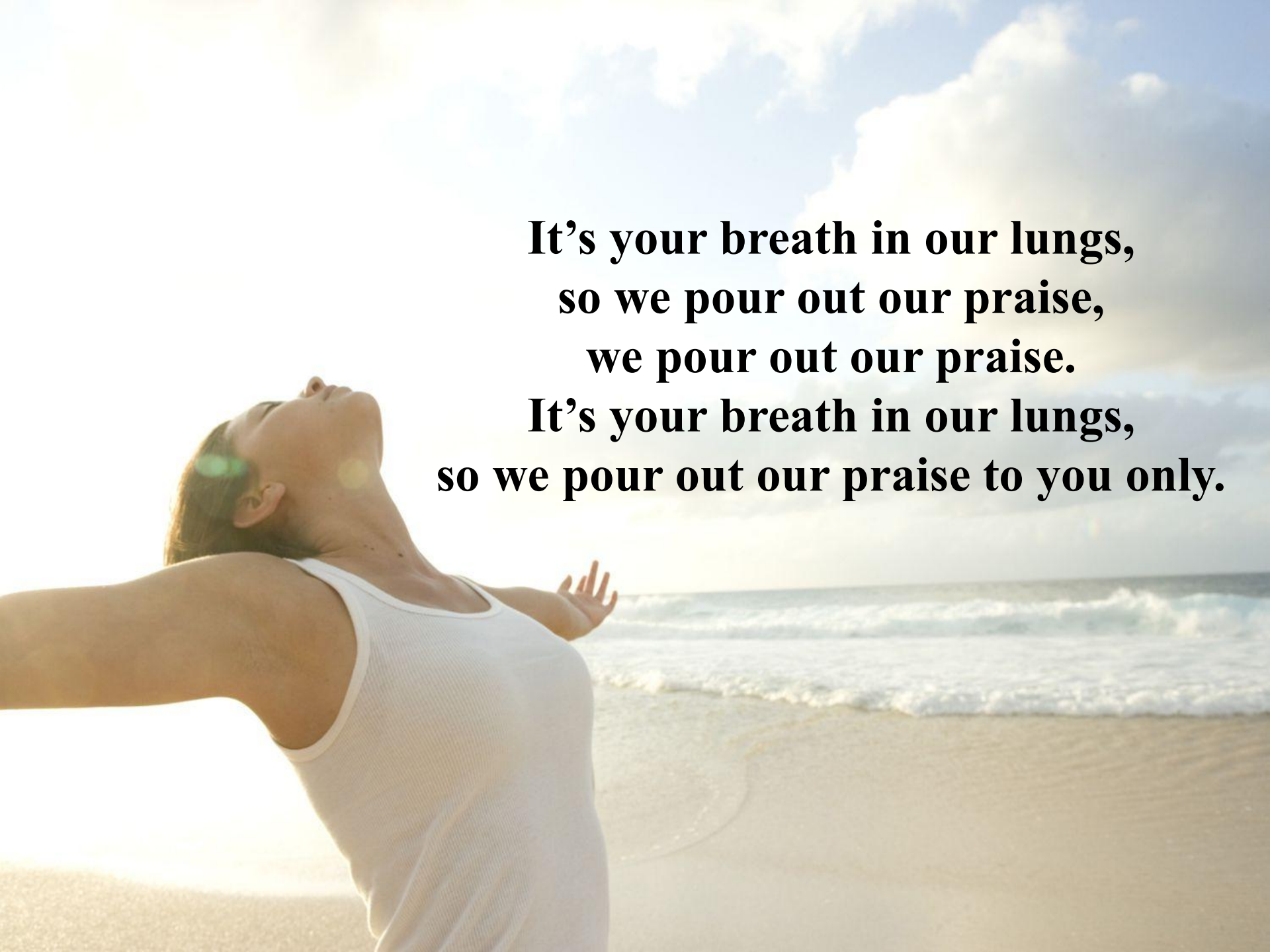


A woman in a white tank top stands on a sandy beach, her arms outstretched and head tilted back, looking up at a bright sky with clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The ocean waves are visible in the background.

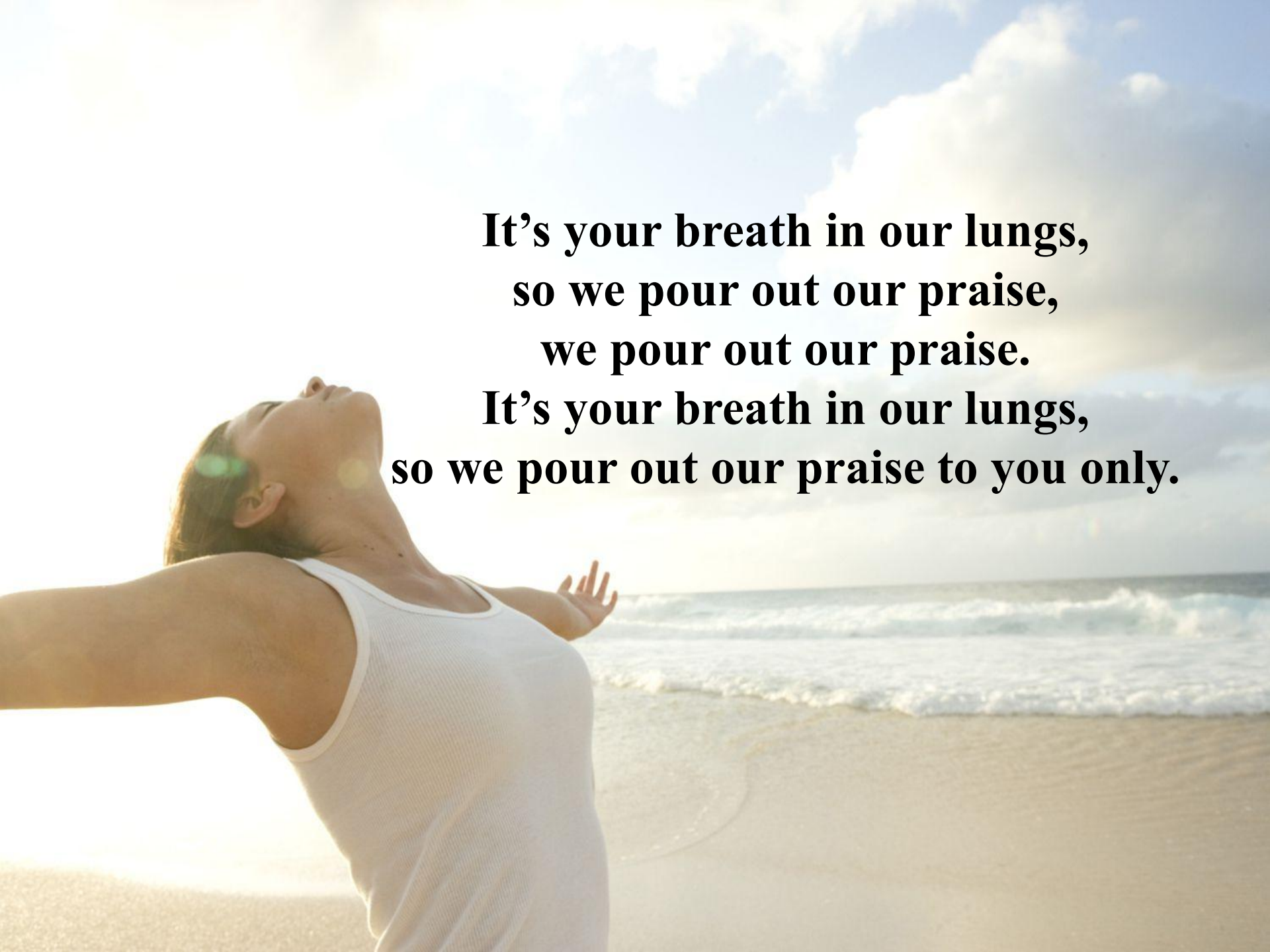
**It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise,
we pour out our praise.
It's your breath in our lungs,
so we pour out our praise to you only.**

A woman in a white tank top stands on a sandy beach, her arms outstretched and head tilted back, looking up at a bright sky with scattered clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The ocean waves are visible in the background.


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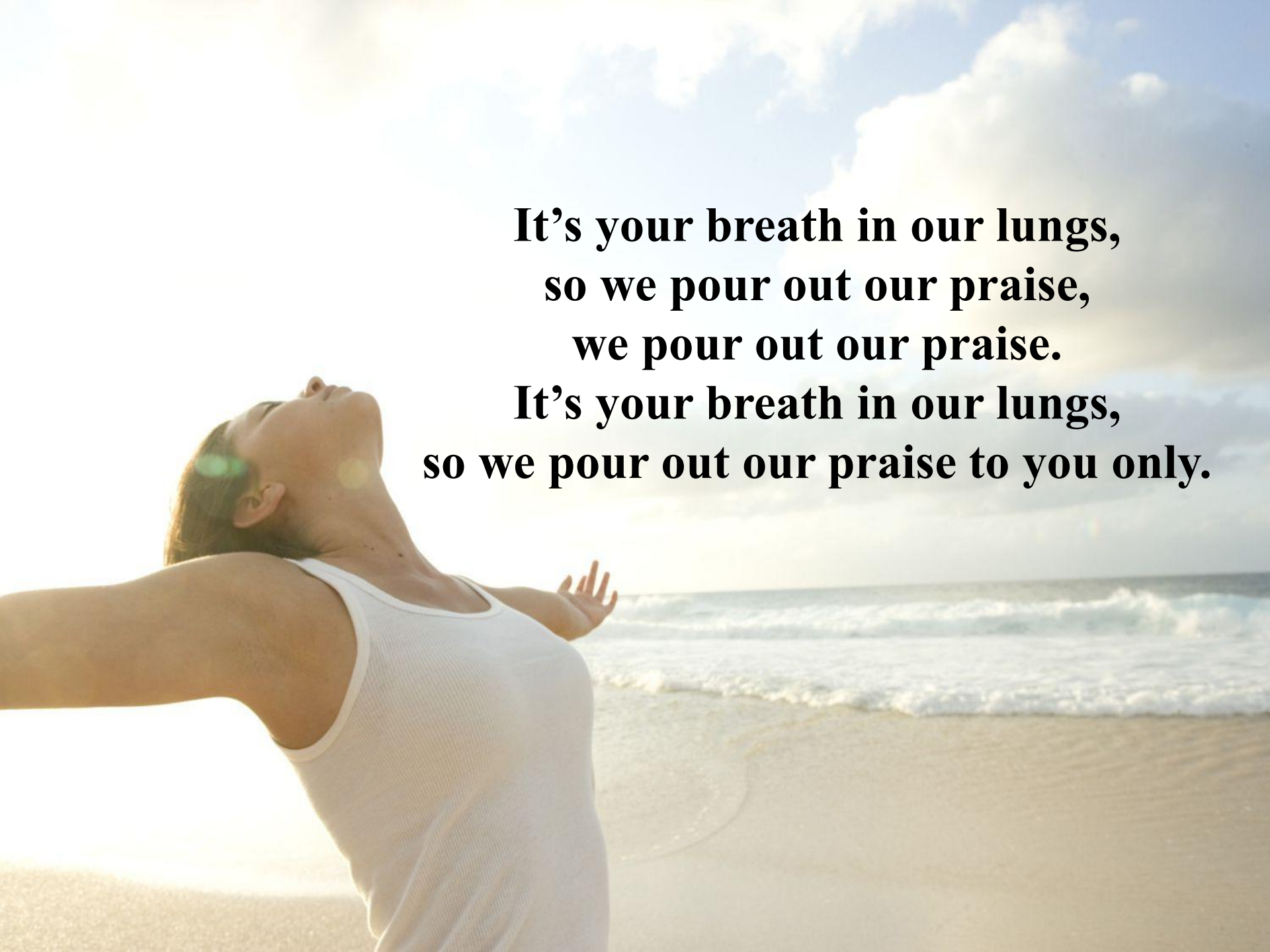


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**And all the earth will shout your praise.
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Offering Prayer

L: Loving God, bless these gifts, we pray, for we offer them and our lives in response to all that you have done for us. May they be used to bring glory to you and to enable the doing of justice, mercy, and love in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



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

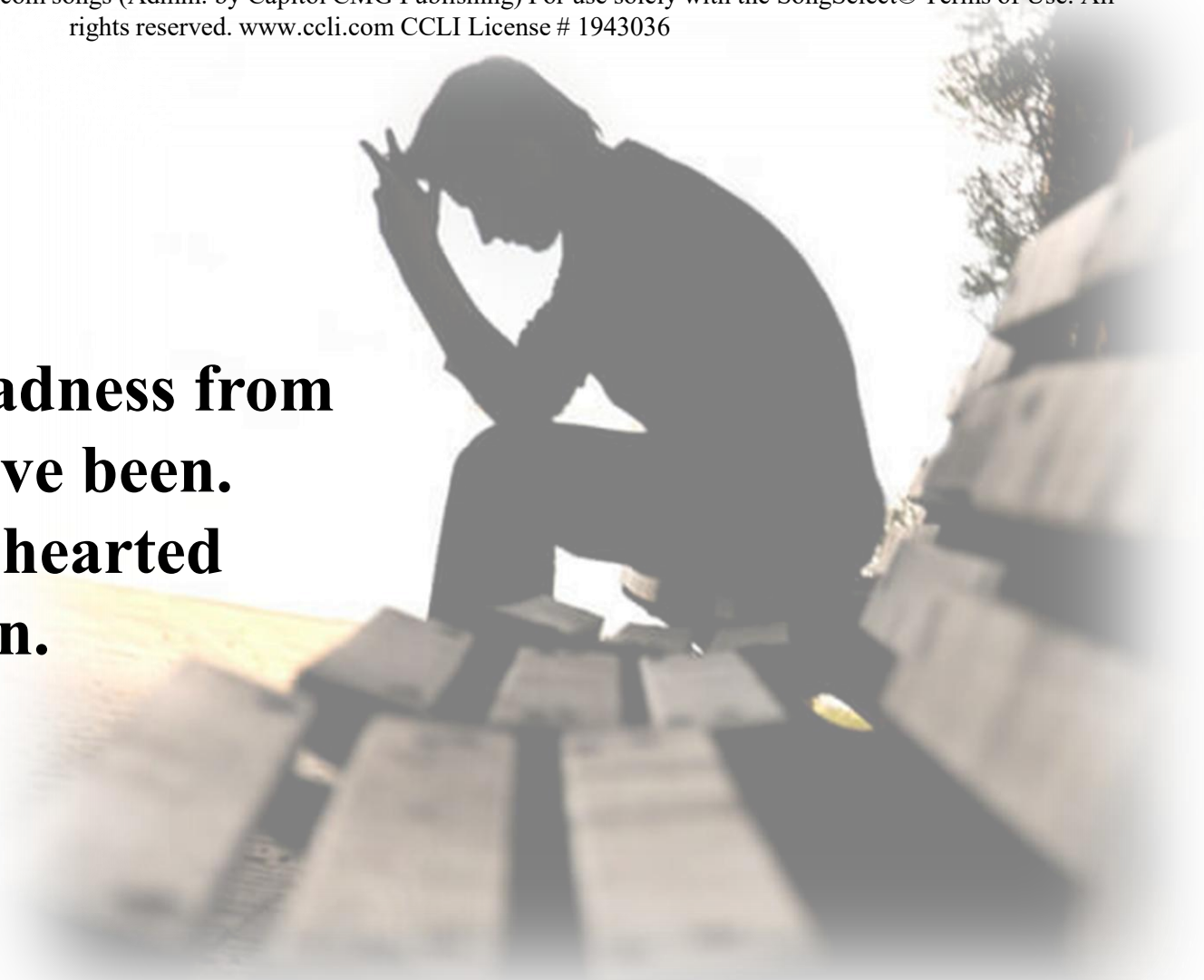
An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



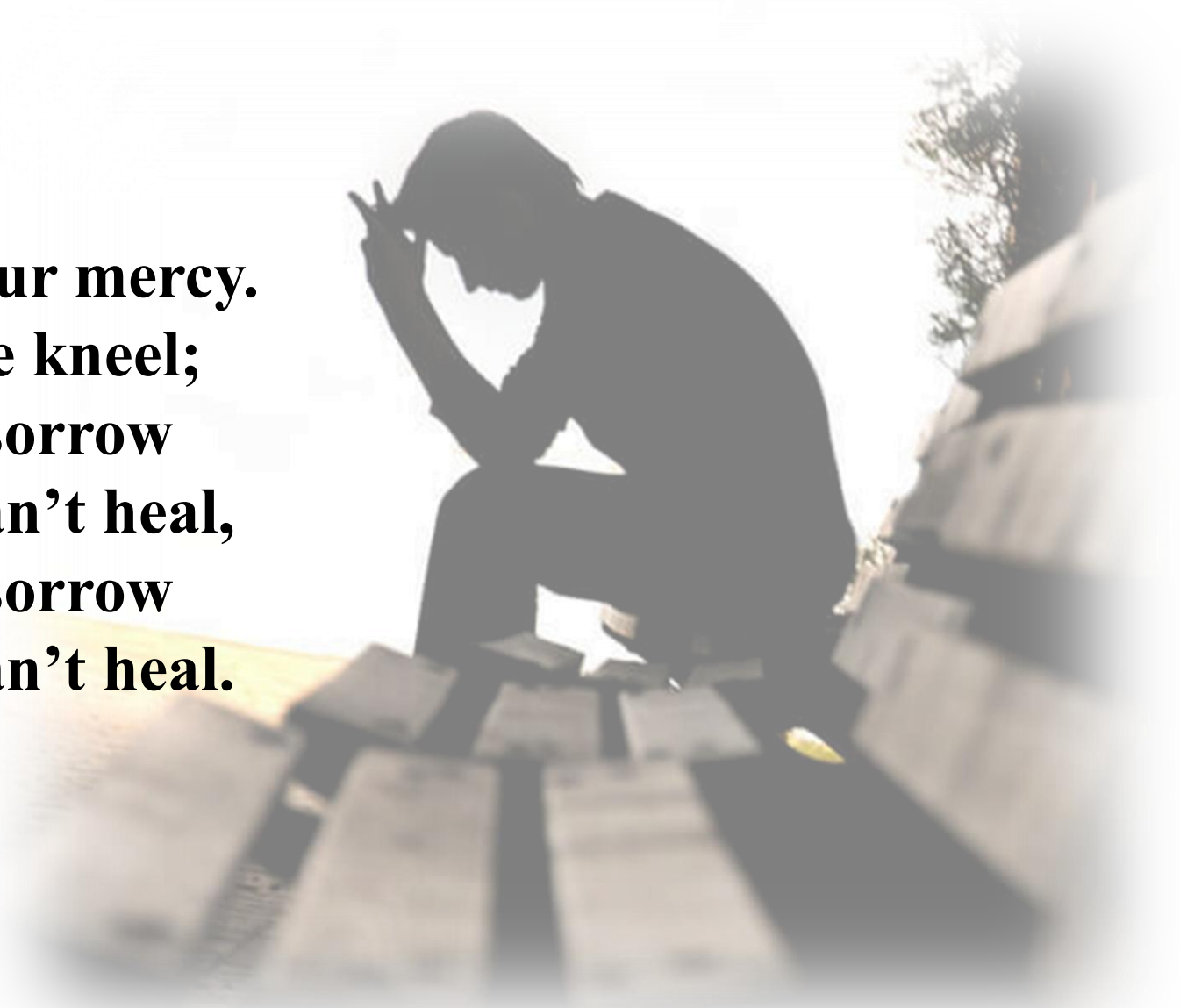
Come as You Are

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**Come out of sadness from
wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted
let rescue begin.**

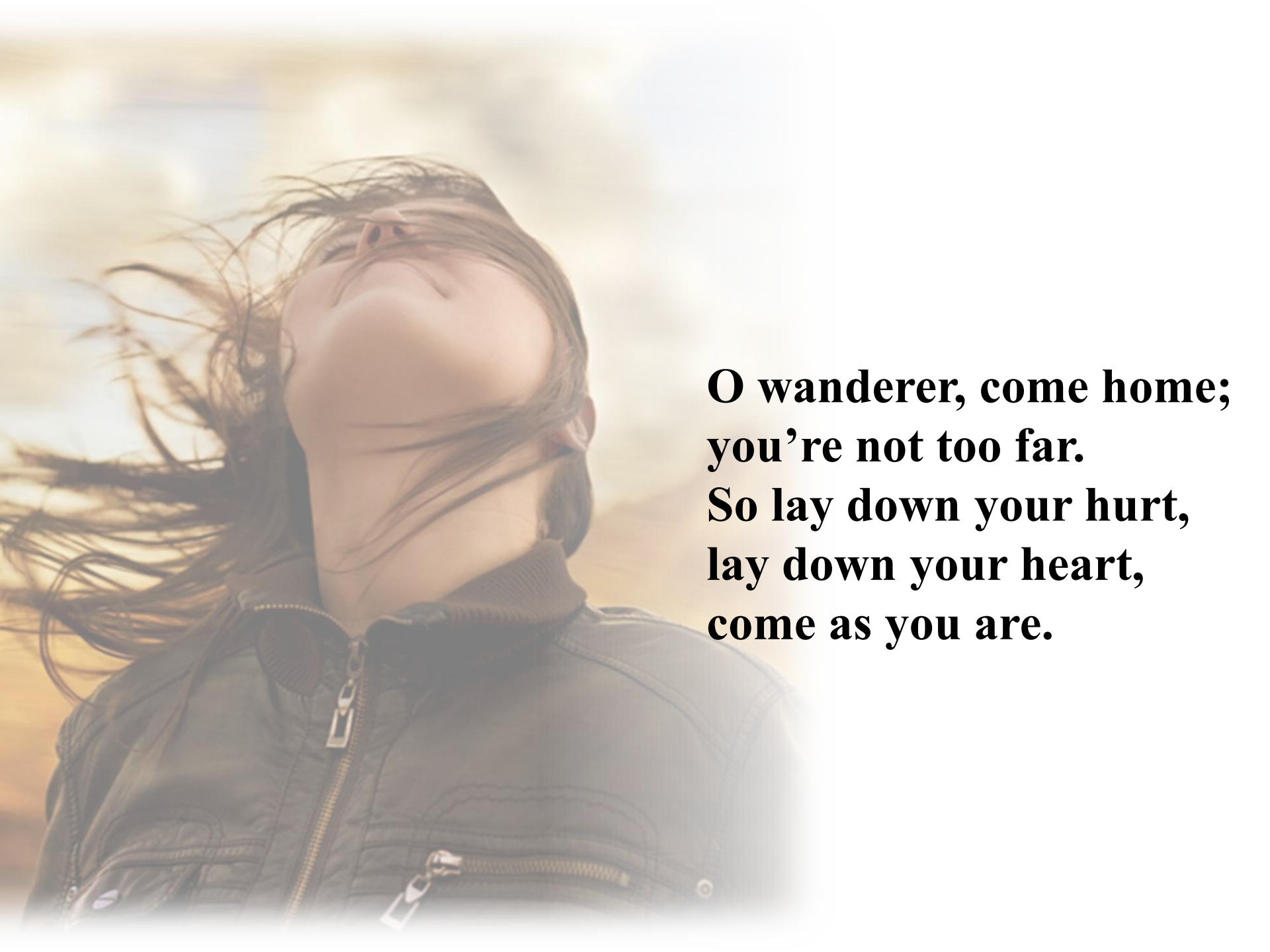


**Come, find your mercy.
O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal.**





**Lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken
lift up your face.**



**O wanderer, come home;
you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart,
come as you are.**



**There's hope for the hopeless
and all those who've strayed:
come sit at the table,
come taste the grace.**



**There's rest for the weary,
rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't cure.**

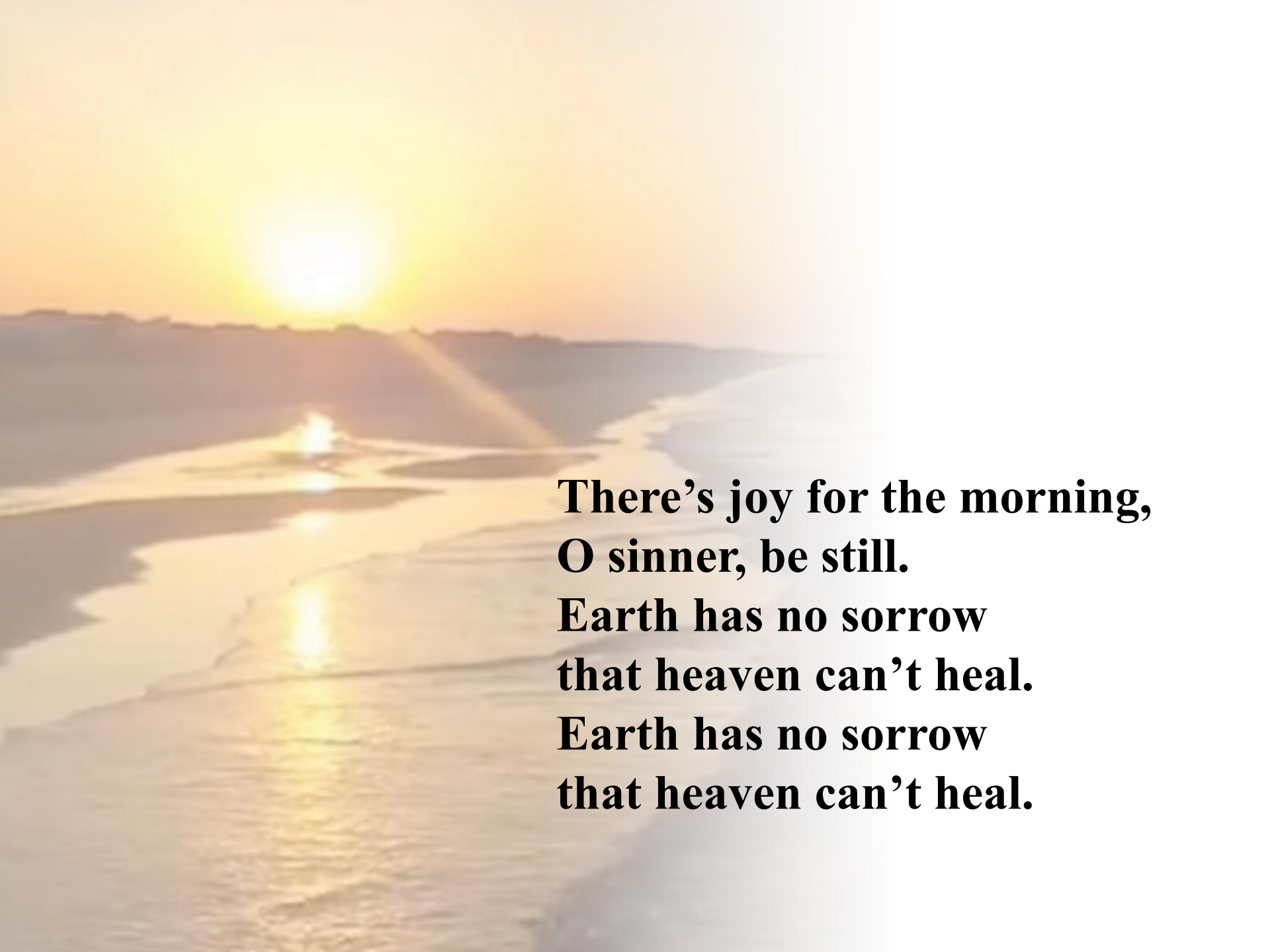
**So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken
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**O wanderer, come home;
you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
lay down your heart:
come as you are....**



Come as you are....
Fall in his arms....
Come as you are.



A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. A path leads from the foreground towards the water, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

**There's joy for the morning,
O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow
that heaven can't heal.**

**So lay down your burdens,
lay down your shame.
All who are broken
lift up your face.**

**O wanderer, come home;
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Come as you are....
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Communion Blessing

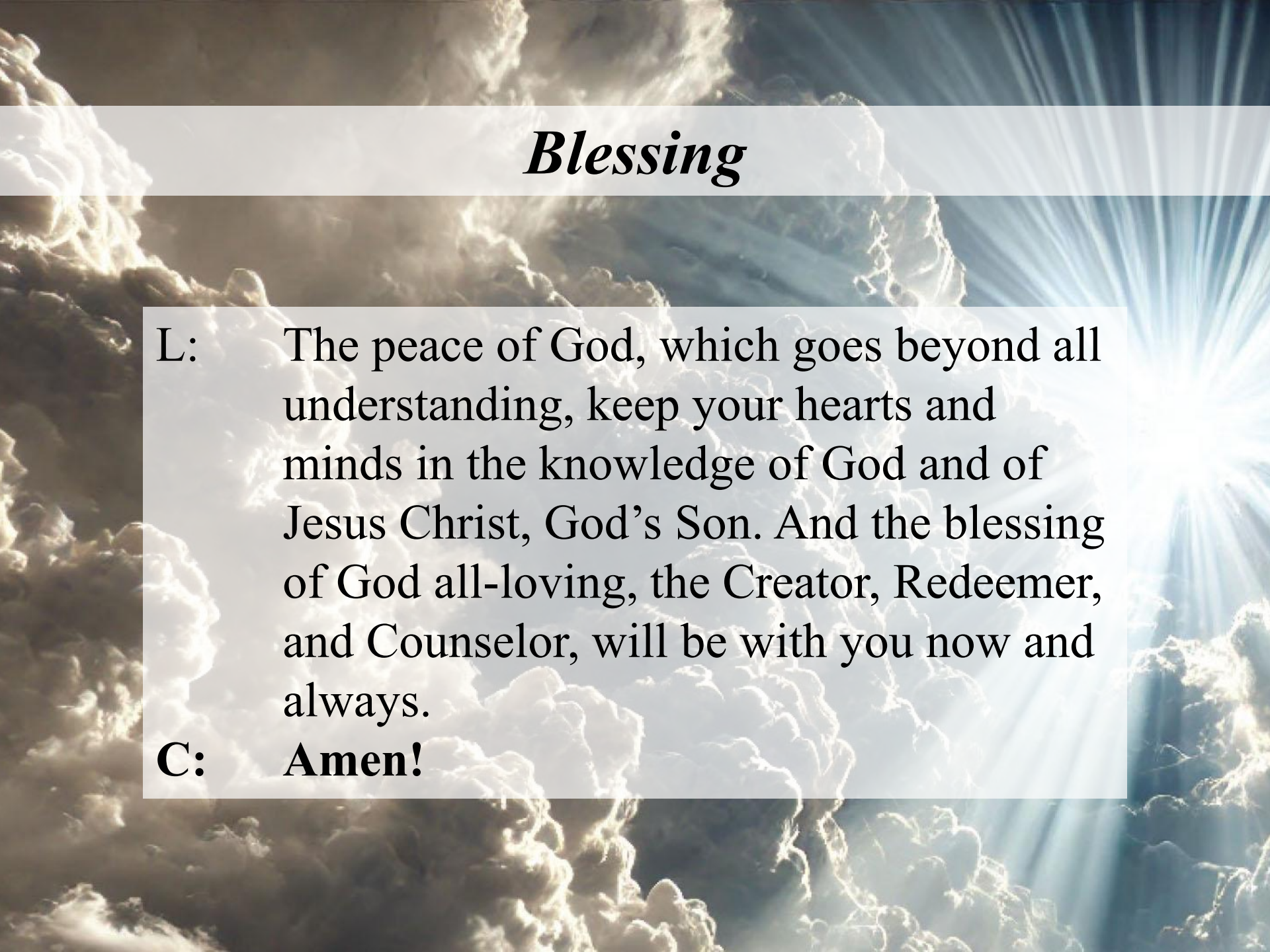


Prayer after Communion

L: Holy One,
through this meal you have made your
home among us and are making all
things new. Send us now to speak
peace to anxious hearts, to love our
enemies, and to bring your healing to
the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

New Member Welcome



Blessing

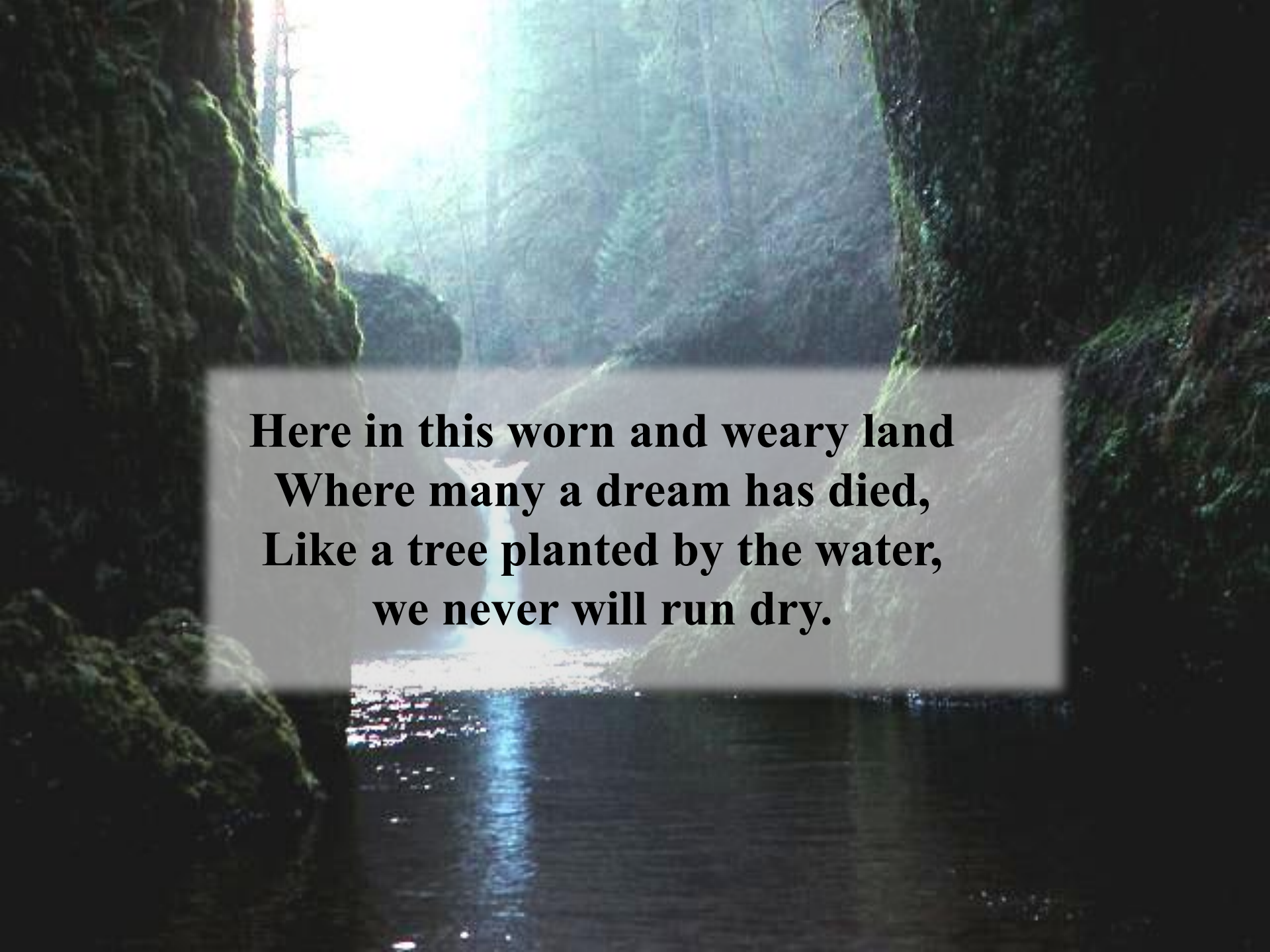
L: The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer, and Counselor, will be with you now and always.

C: **Amen!**

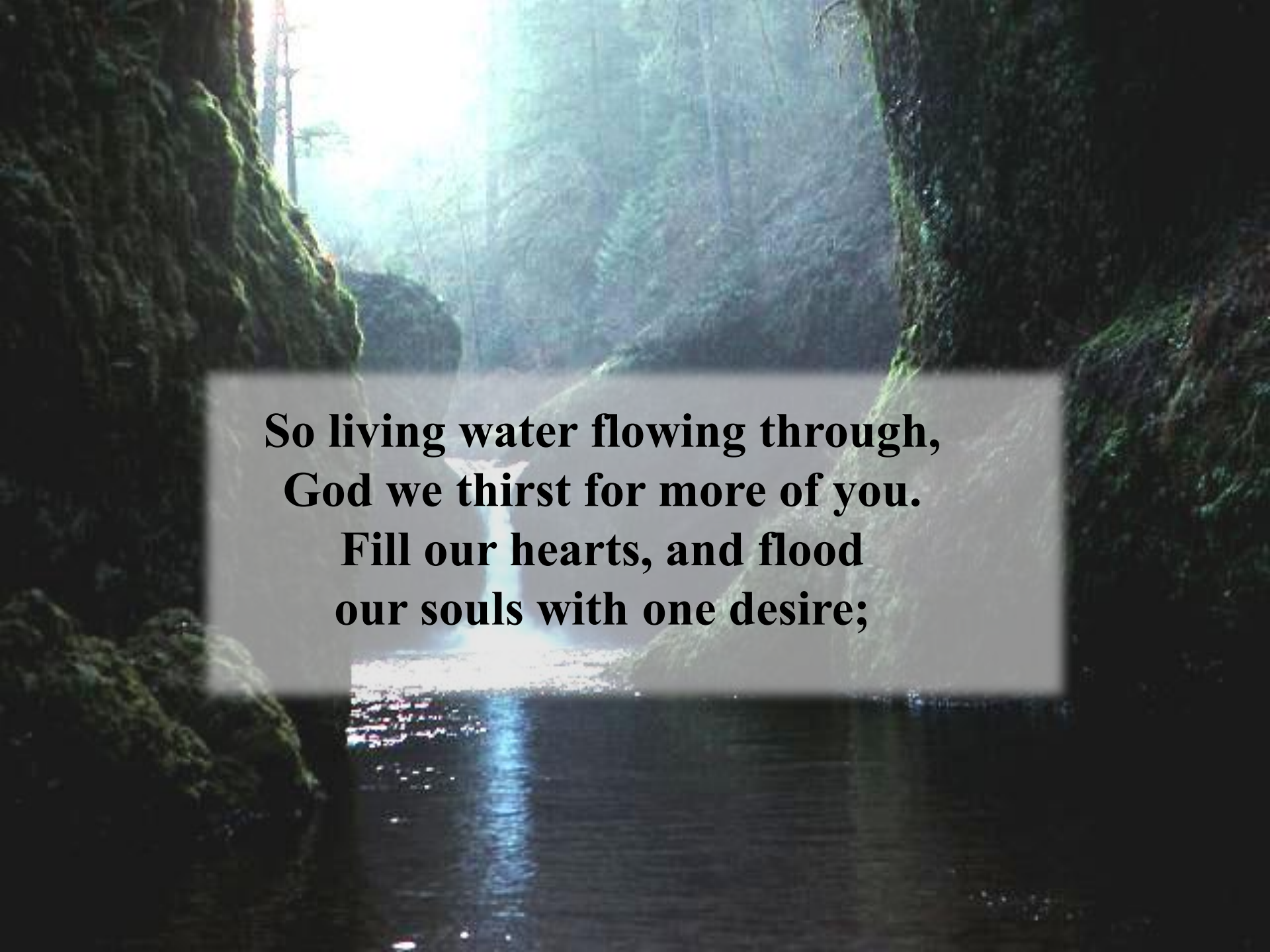
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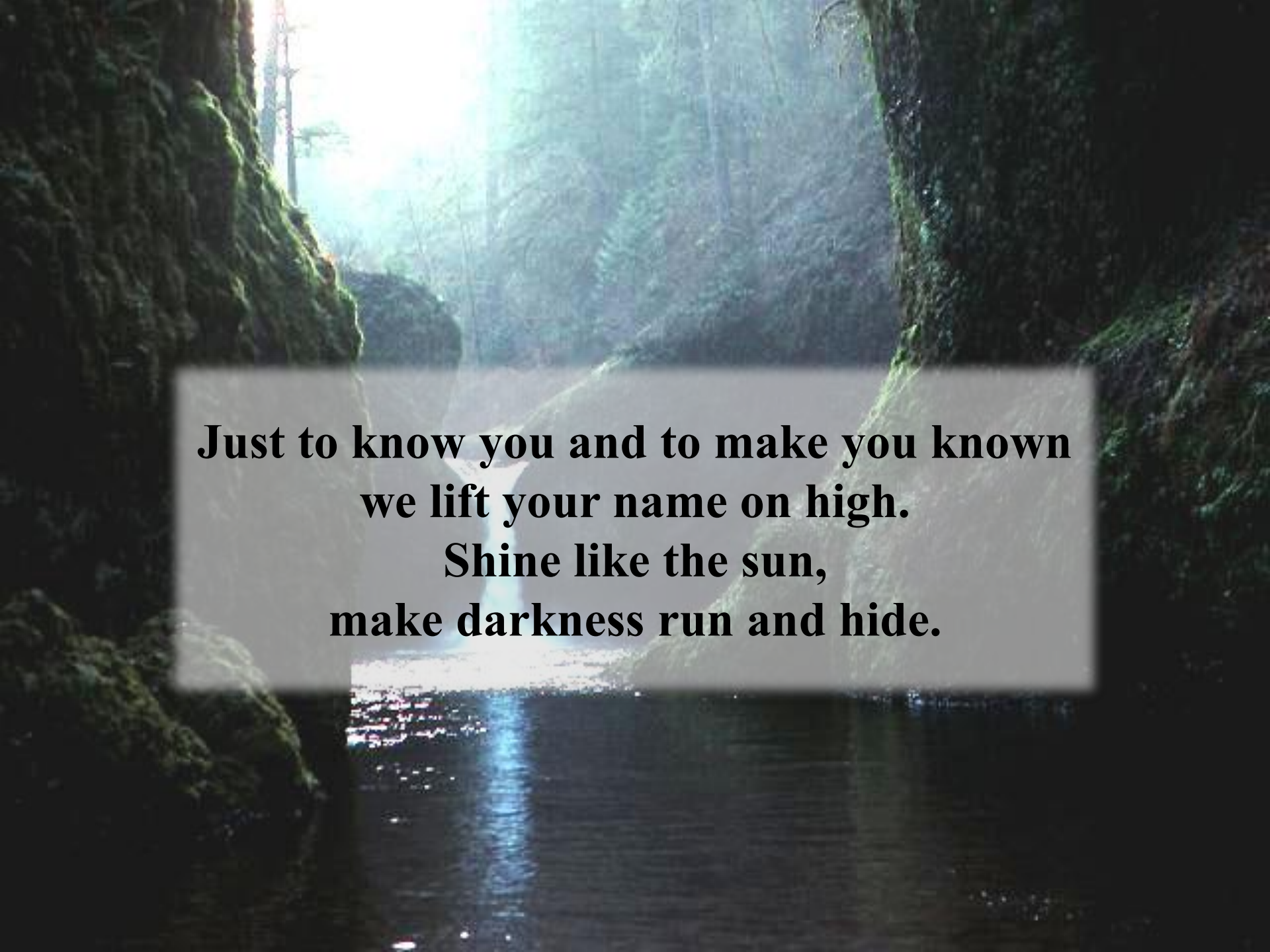
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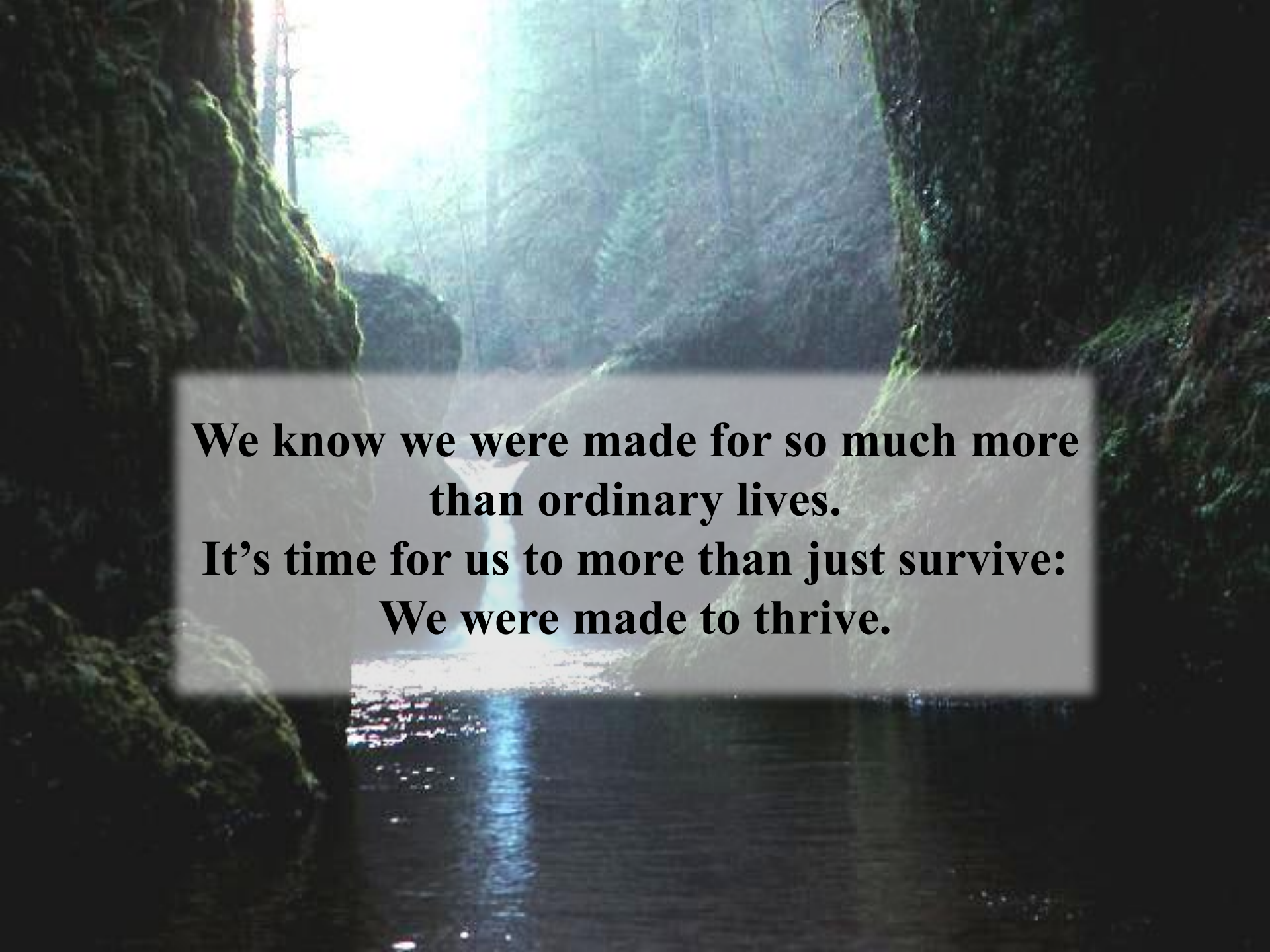
**Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water,
we never will run dry.**

A photograph of a waterfall cascading down mossy rocks in a forest. The water is bright white as it falls, creating a misty spray at the bottom. The surrounding rocks and trees are covered in lush green moss. 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;**



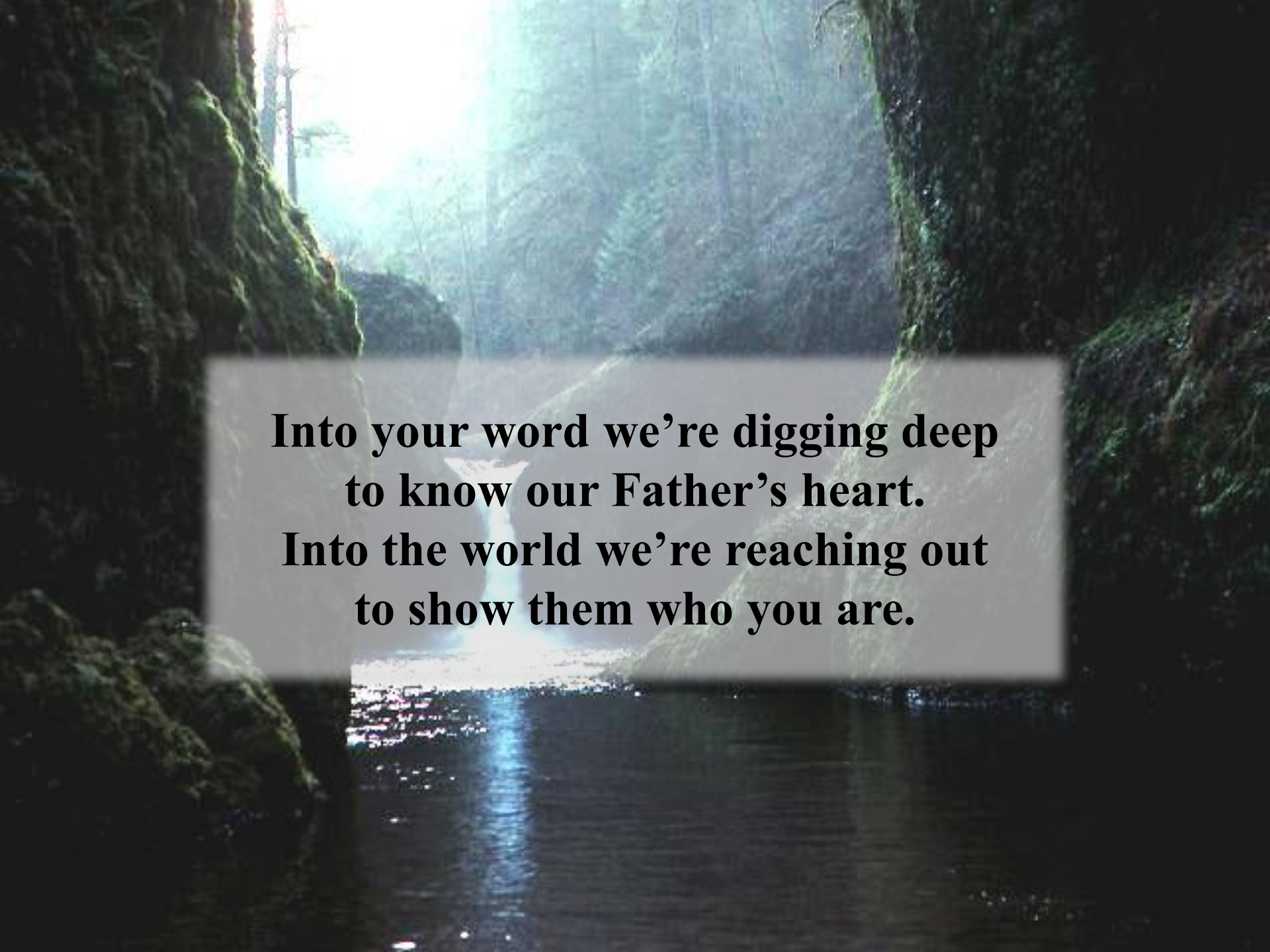
**Just to know you and to make you known
we lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun,
make darkness run and hide.**



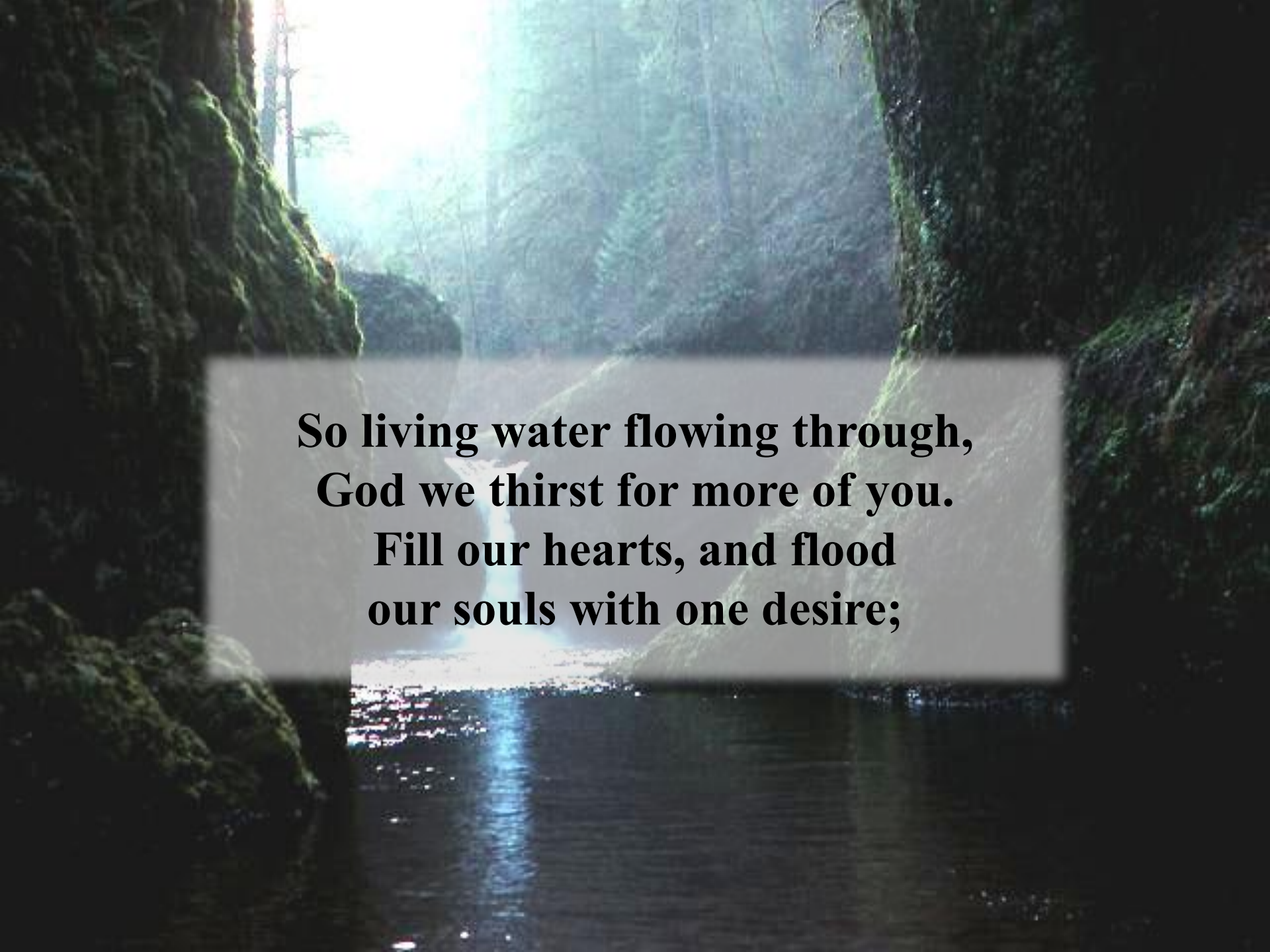
**We know we were made for so much more
than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.**

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush, mossy forest. The water is cascading down a rocky ledge into a pool below. The surrounding rocks and trees are covered in vibrant green moss. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Oh, Oh".

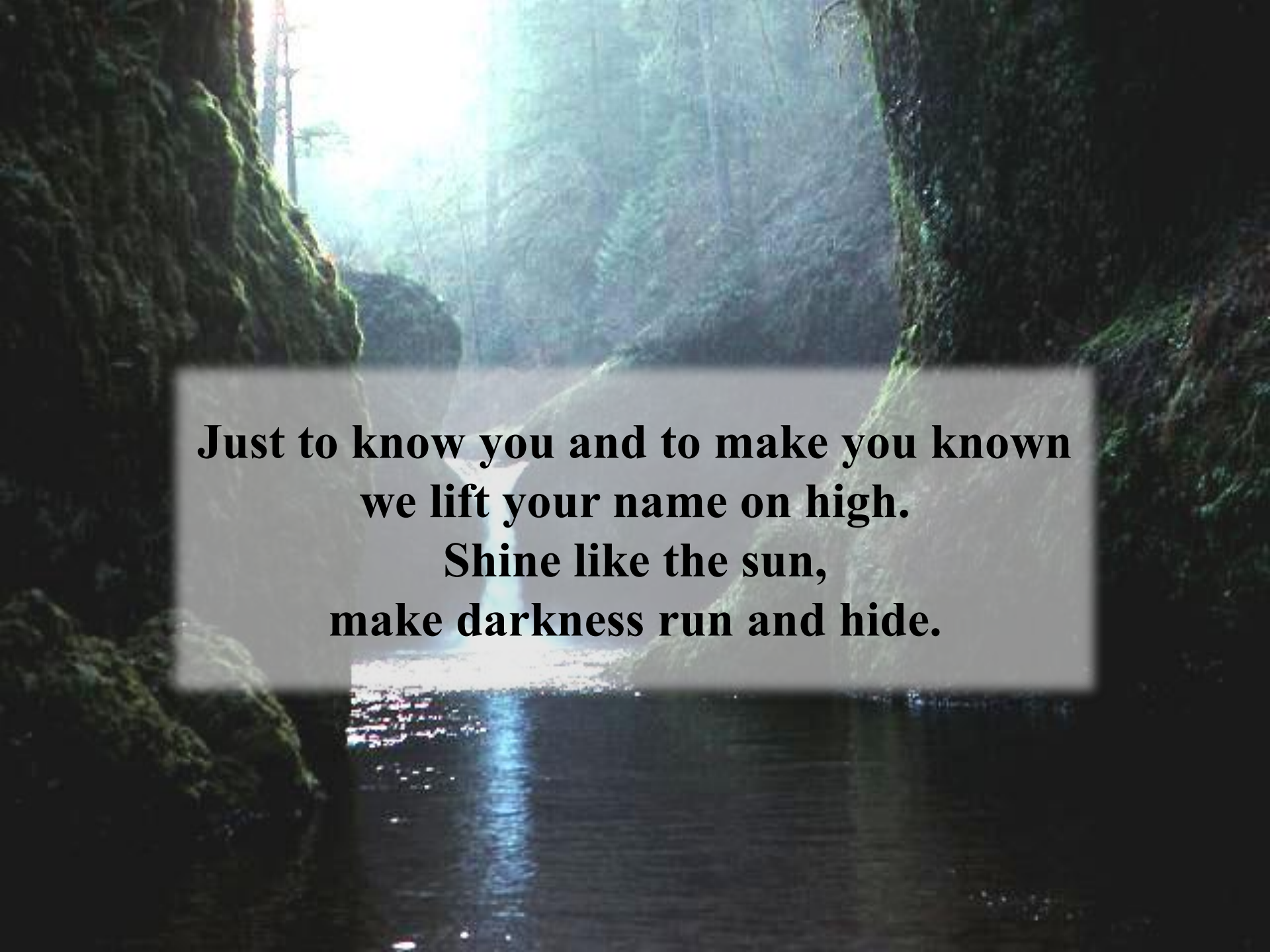
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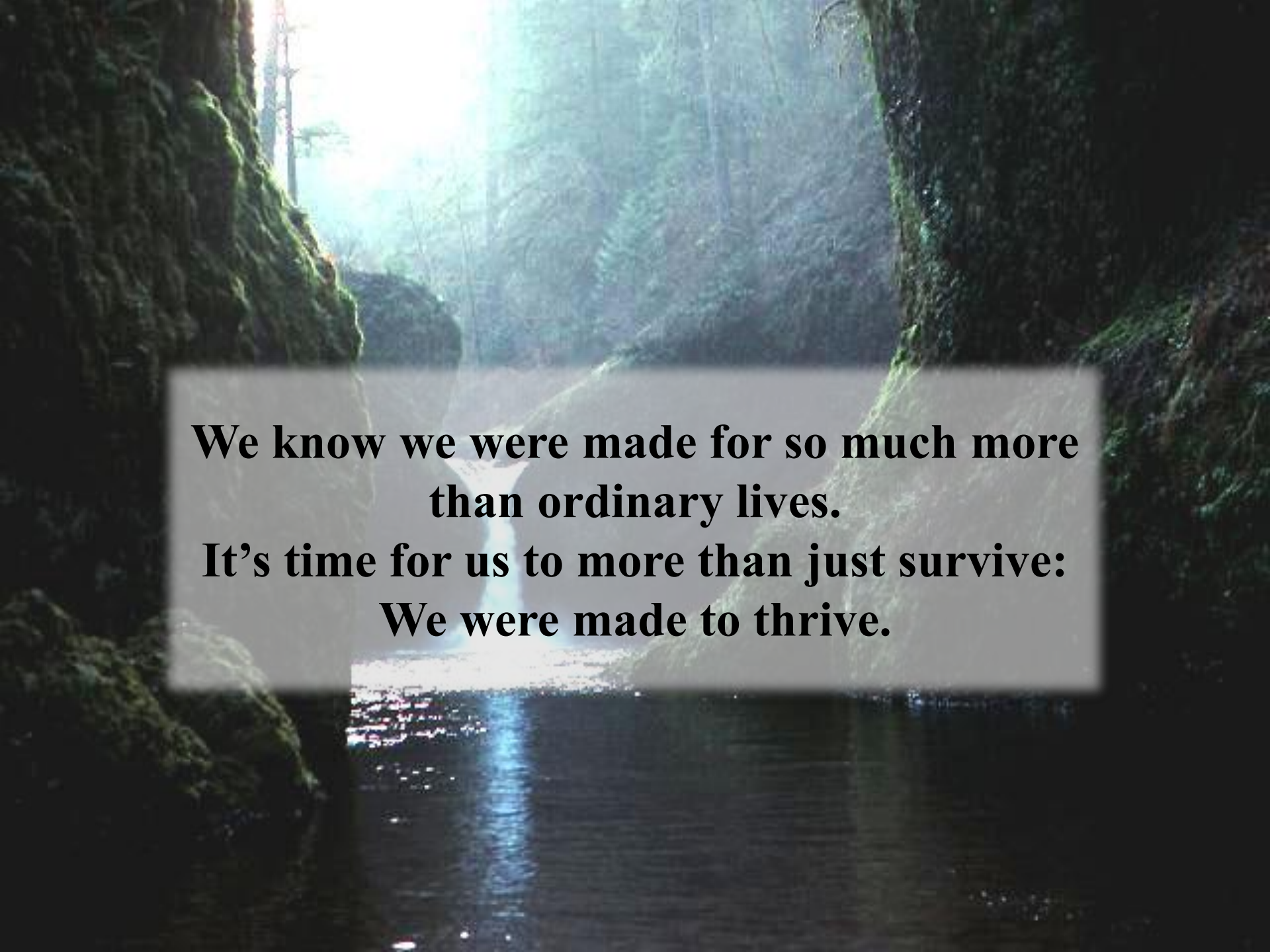
**Into your word we're digging deep
to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out
to show them who you are.**



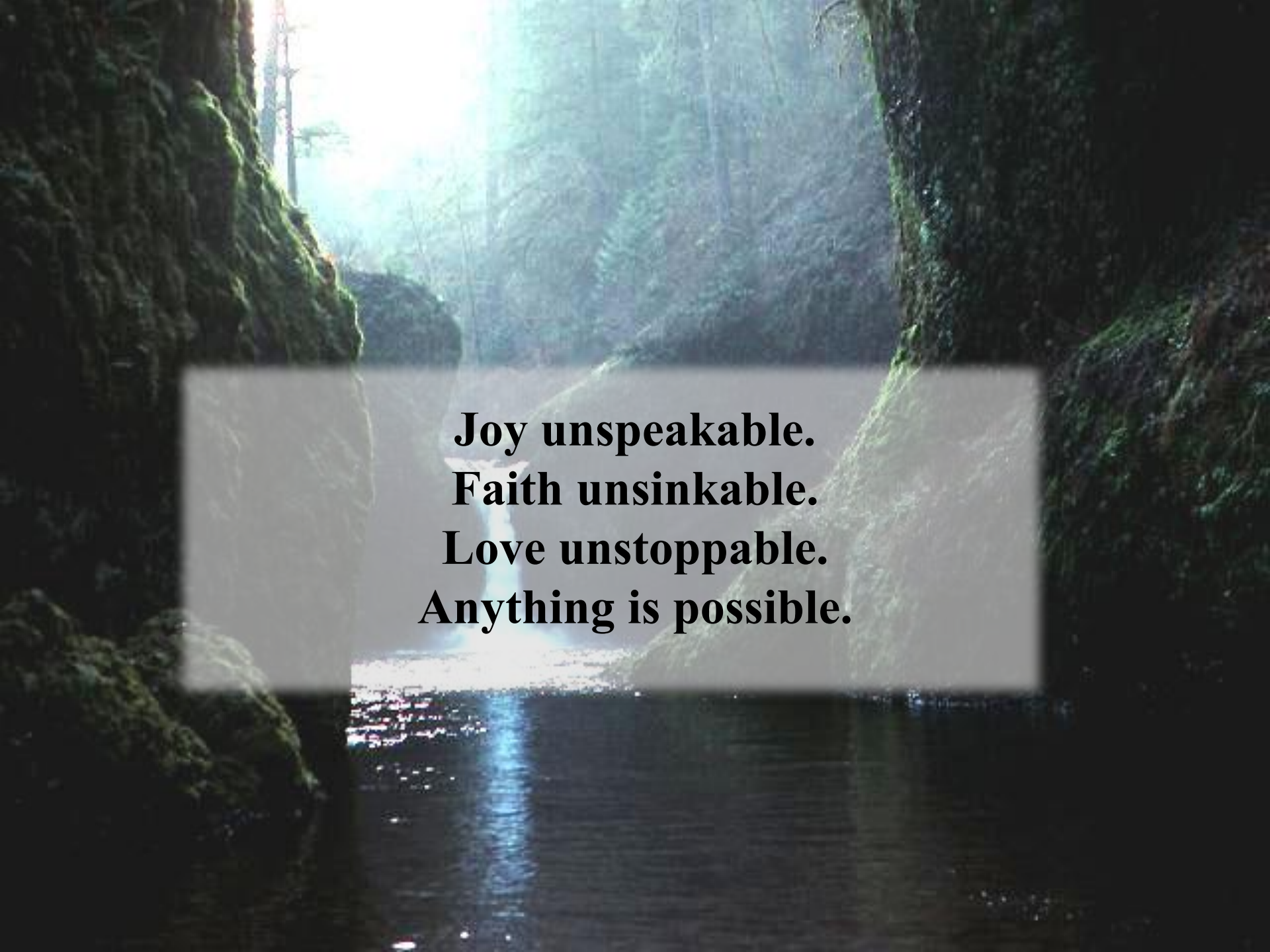
**So living water flowing through,
God we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts, and flood
our souls with one desire;**



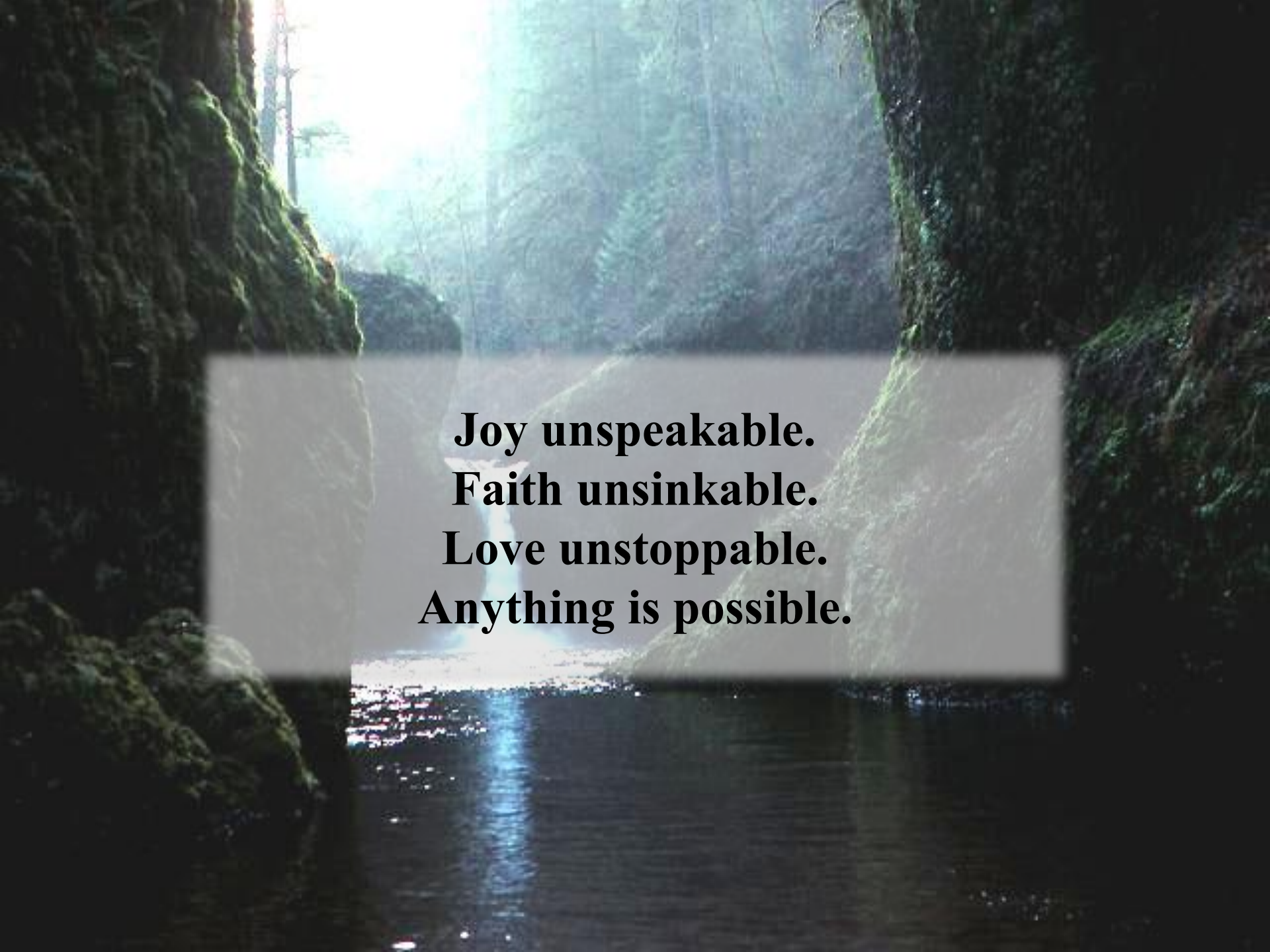
**Just to know you and to make you known
we lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun,
make darkness run and hide.**

A person is seen from behind, looking out from a dark, moss-covered cave opening into a bright, sunlit forest. The person's hands are clasped in front of them. The forest is dense with tall trees and sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. The cave walls are covered in thick green moss. The overall scene is one of hope and looking towards a brighter future.

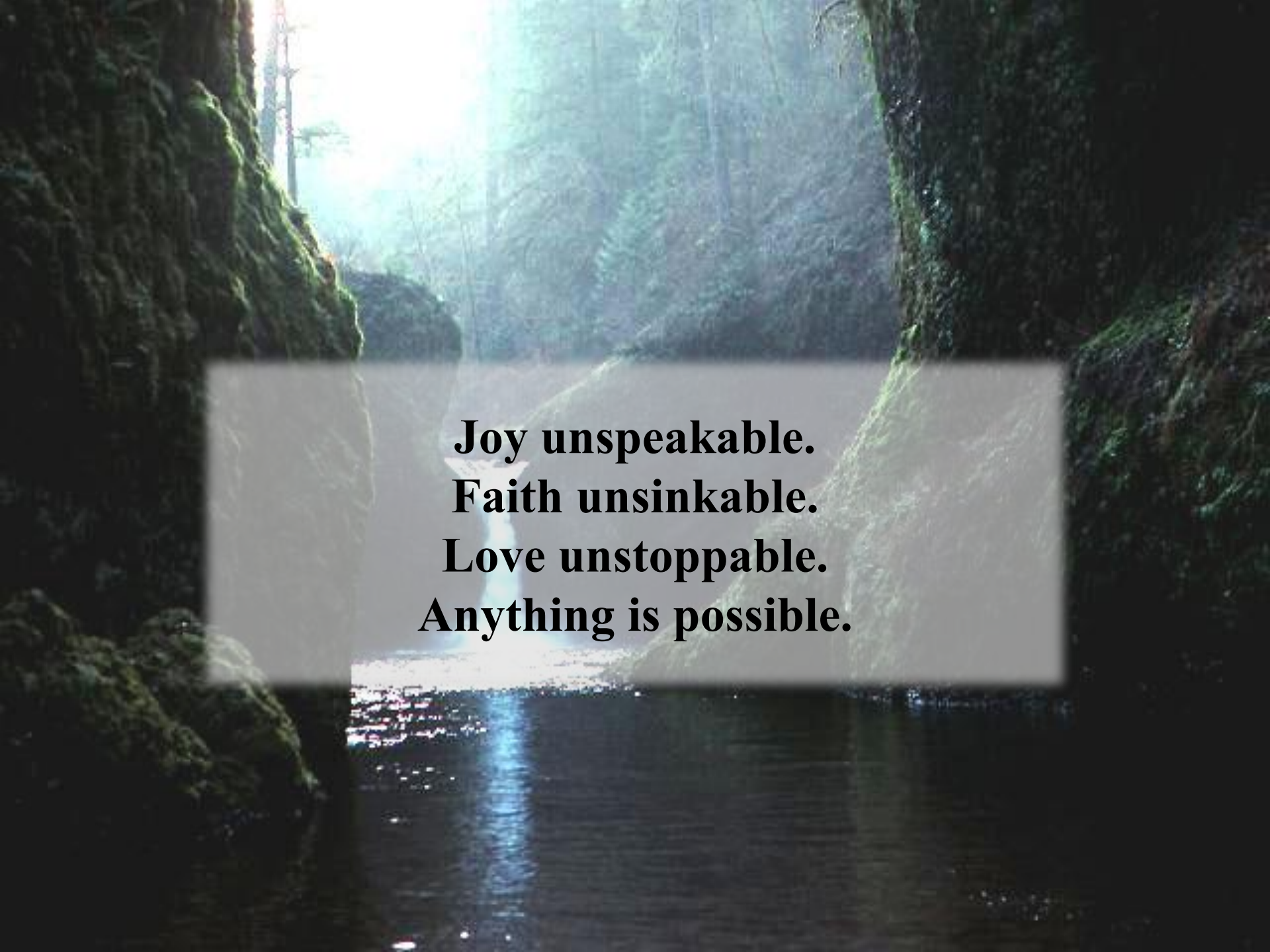
**We know we were made for so much more
than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.**

A photograph of a waterfall cascading down mossy rocks in a forest. The water is white and foamy as it falls, creating a bright path down the center of the image. The surrounding rocks and trees are covered in lush green moss and ferns. The background is a dense forest of tall trees, slightly out of focus. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text.

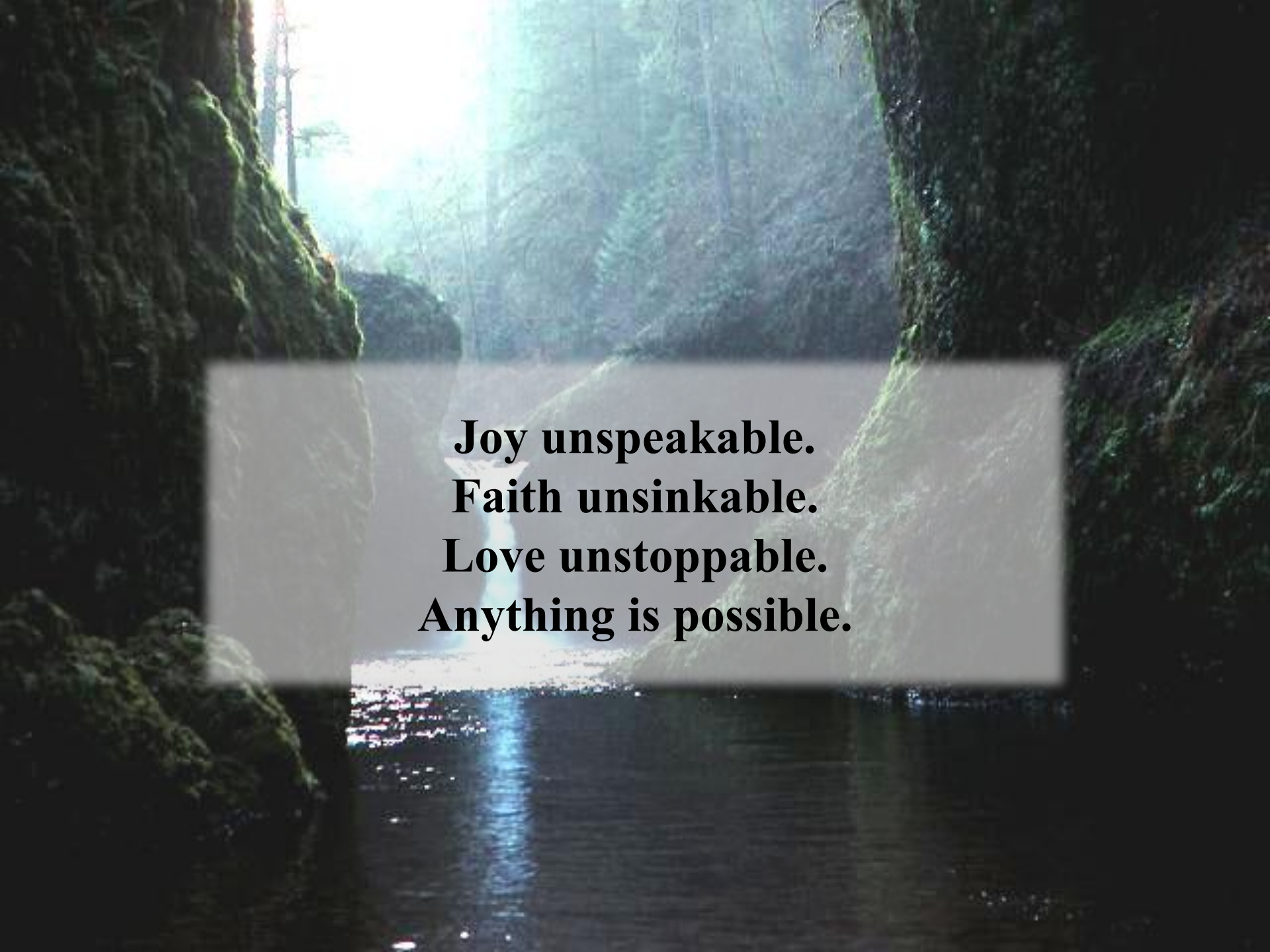
**Joy unspeakable.
Faith unsinkable.
Love unstoppable.
Anything is possible.**

A scenic view of a waterfall cascading into a pool of water, surrounded by lush green moss and ferns. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. The scene is framed by moss-covered rocks on either side, creating a sense of being in a hidden, natural haven.

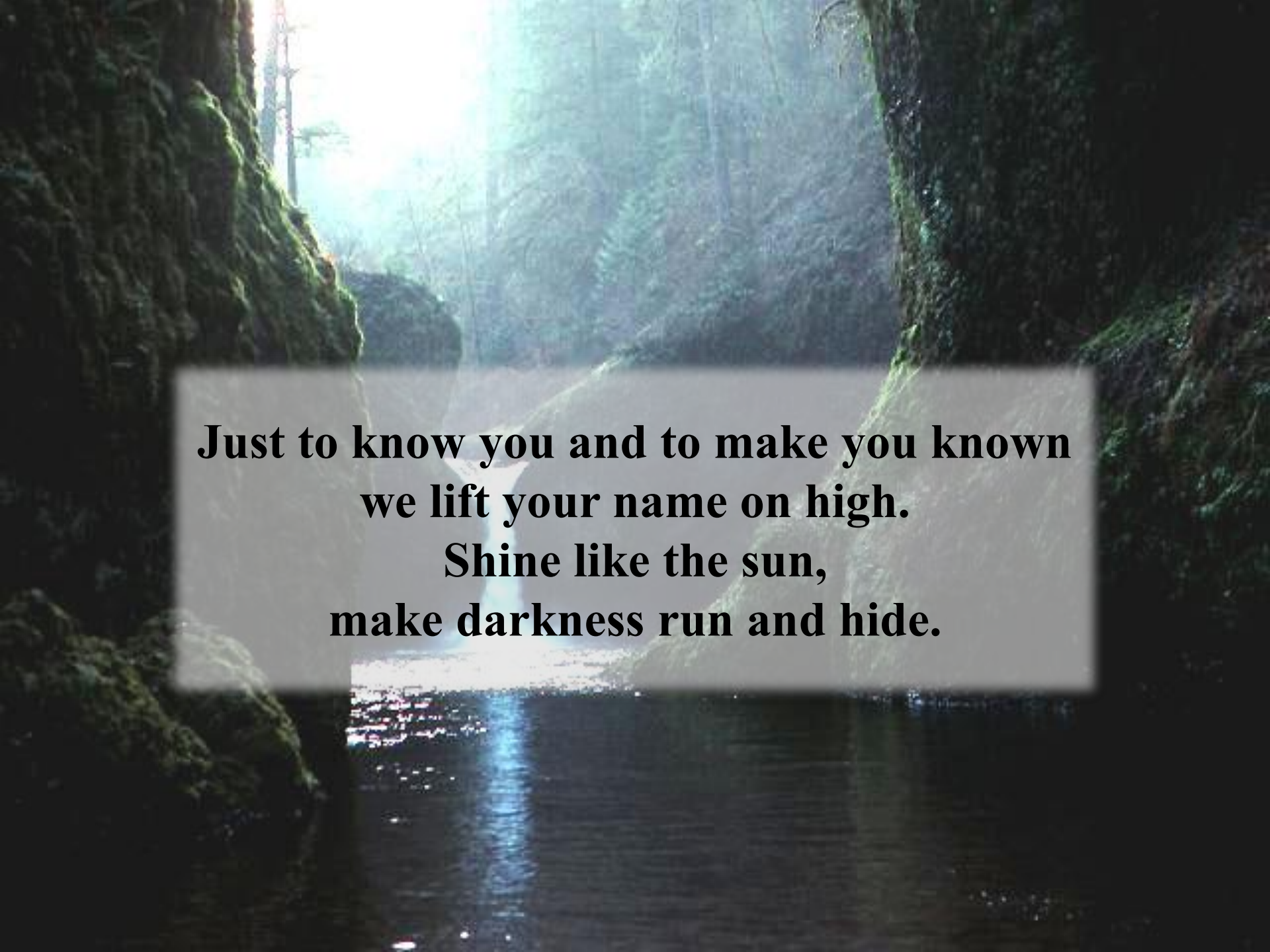
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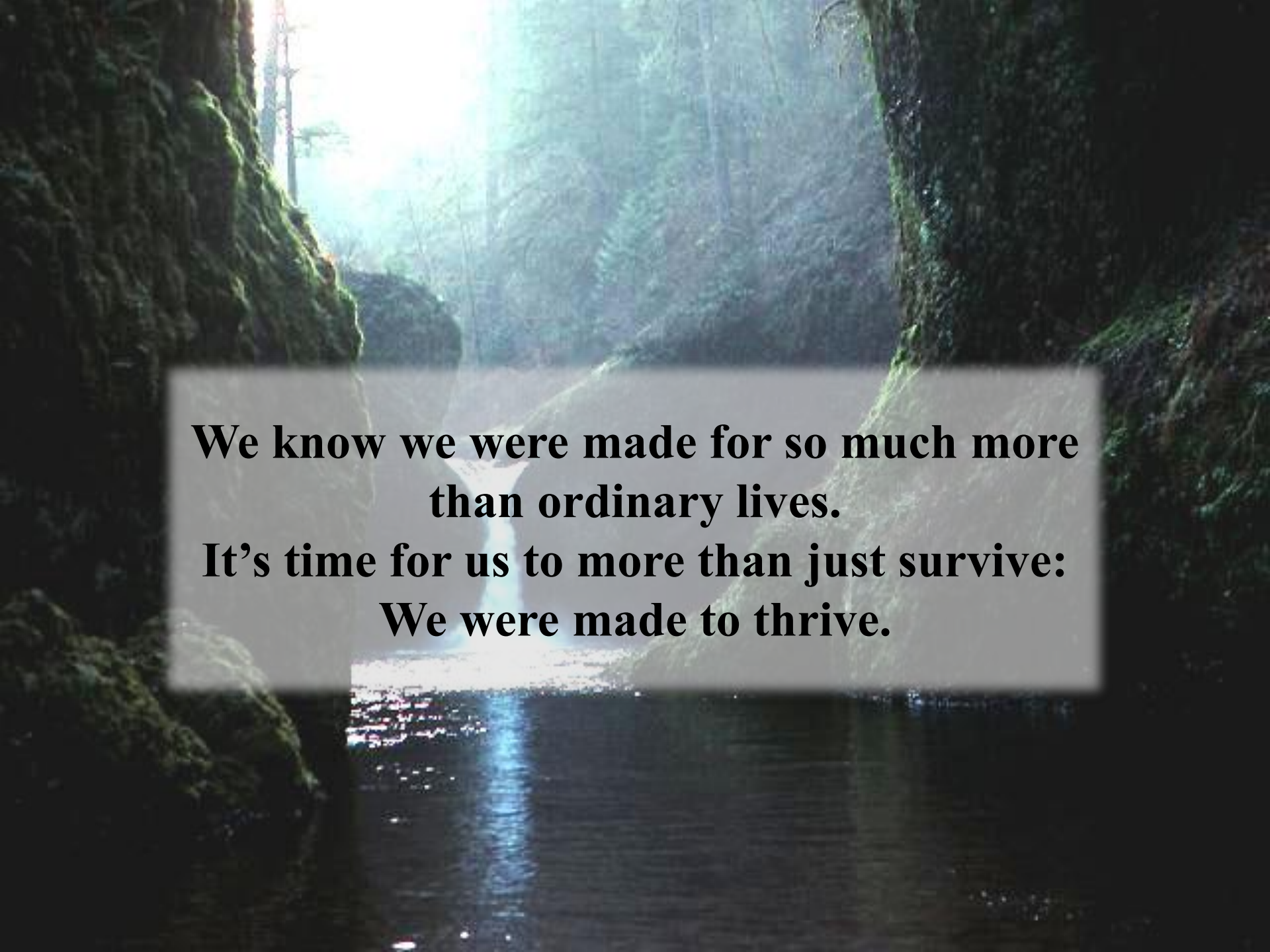
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A person is seen from behind, looking out from a dark, moss-covered cave opening into a bright, sunlit forest. The person's hands are clasped in front of them. The forest is dense with tall trees, and the light creates a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. The cave walls are covered in green moss, and the ground in the foreground is dark and reflective.

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

A scenic view of a waterfall cascading into a pool of water, framed by mossy rocks and a dense forest. The waterfall is the central focus, with water splashing into a pool below. The surrounding environment is lush and green, with moss-covered rocks and dense foliage. The lighting is soft, creating a serene atmosphere.

**Oh, Oh
Oh, Oh**

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush, mossy forest. The waterfall is the central focus, cascading into a pool of water. The surrounding rocks and trees are covered in vibrant green moss, creating a rich, textured environment. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the textures of the moss and the flow of the water. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "We were made to thrive." in a bold, black, serif font.

We were made to thrive.



Dismissal

L: Step out into the world where Christ leads you.

C: Thanks be to God!



*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!