





# WELCOME!

# Asbury United Methodist Church

**Open Doors with Loving Hearts**

# November 15, 2026



# PRELUDE

# GATHERING SONG



# “LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS”
# UMH 133

# LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS



WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 (Dt. 33:27)

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain*

**Lean - - - ing, (Leaning on Jesus,)**
**lean - - - ing, (leaning on Jesus,)**
**safe and secure from all alarms;**
**lean - - - ing, (leaning on Jesus.)**
**lean - - - ing, (leaning on Jesus,)**
**leaning on the everlasting arms.**

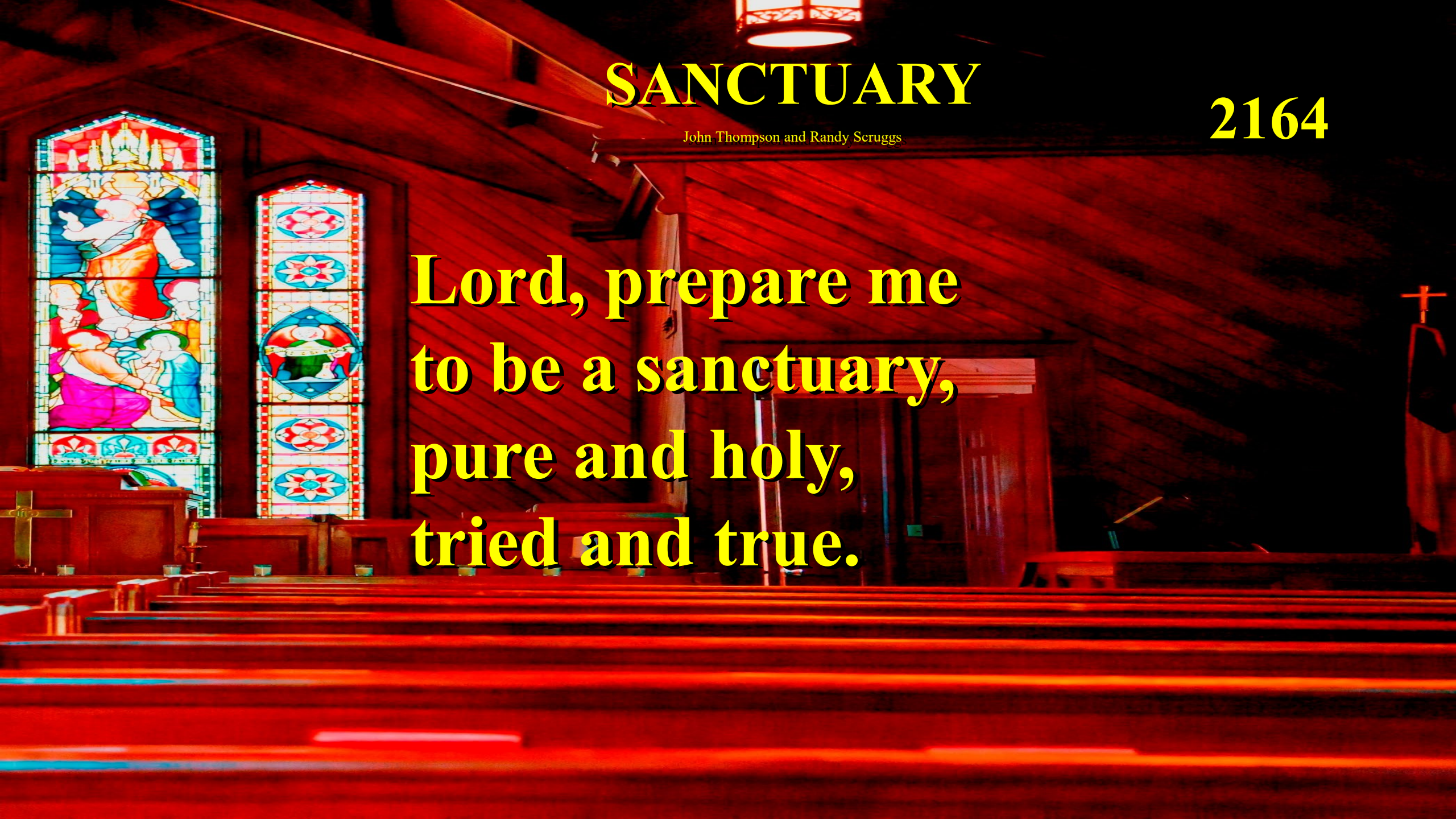
**2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.** ***(Refrain)***

**3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.** ***(Refrain)***

# GATHERING SONG



## “SANCTUARY”
## TFWS


SANCTUARY
John Thompson and Randy Scruggs
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Lord, prepare me
to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy,
tried and true.


With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

# “DOXOLOGY”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**



# CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Christ is our peace, who has broken down the dividing wall of hostility.

**People: In Christ, we are no longer strangers and outsiders.**

**Leader:** We are members of God's household, built together into a dwelling place for God.

**People: We come as one people, reconciled by grace and united in Christ.**

**Leader:** Let us worship the One who makes peace and creates one new humanity.

**All: We worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with grateful hearts. Amen.**



# OPENING SONG
# “THE SERVANT SONG”
# TFWS 2222

# THE SERVANT SONG

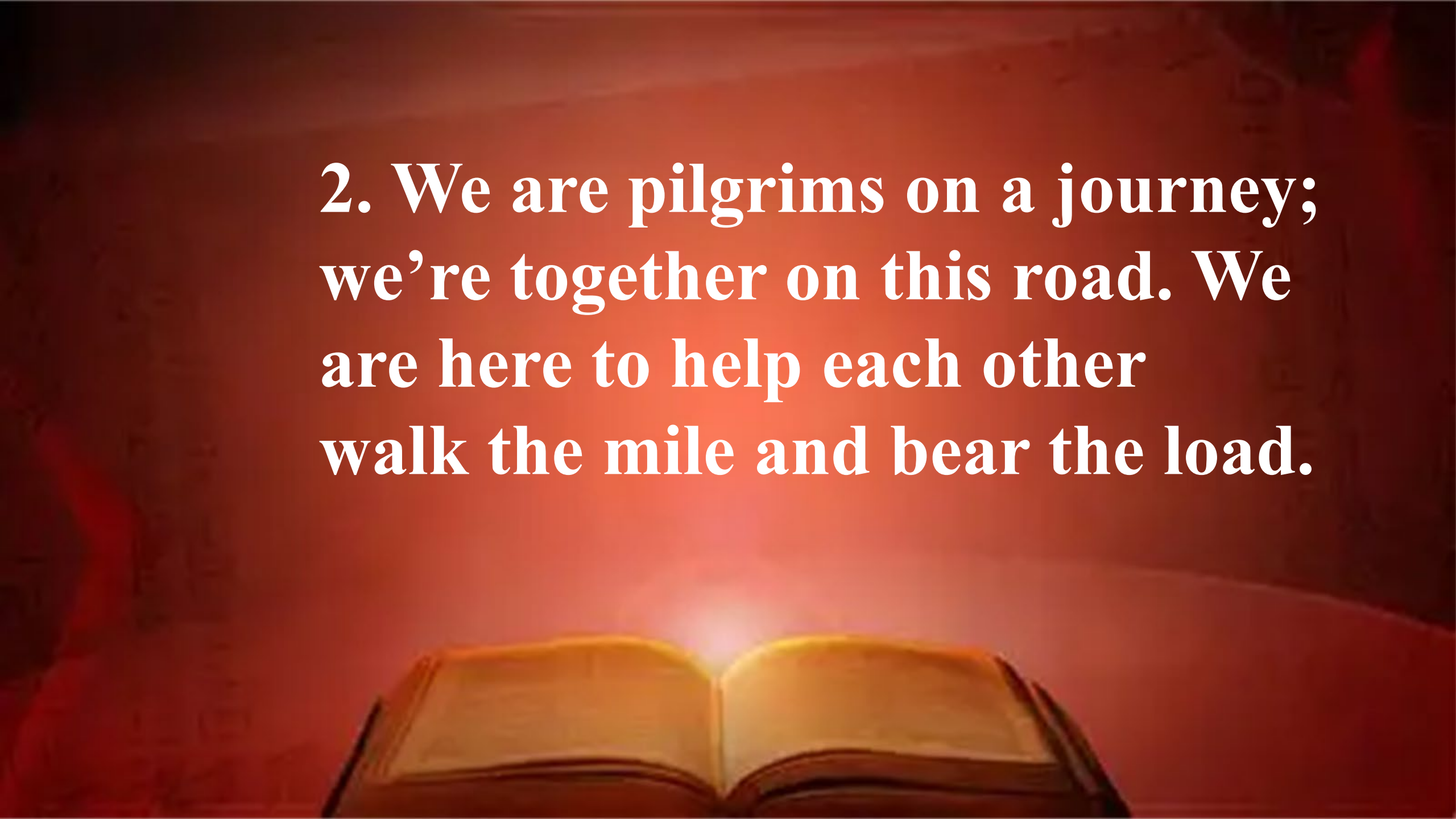
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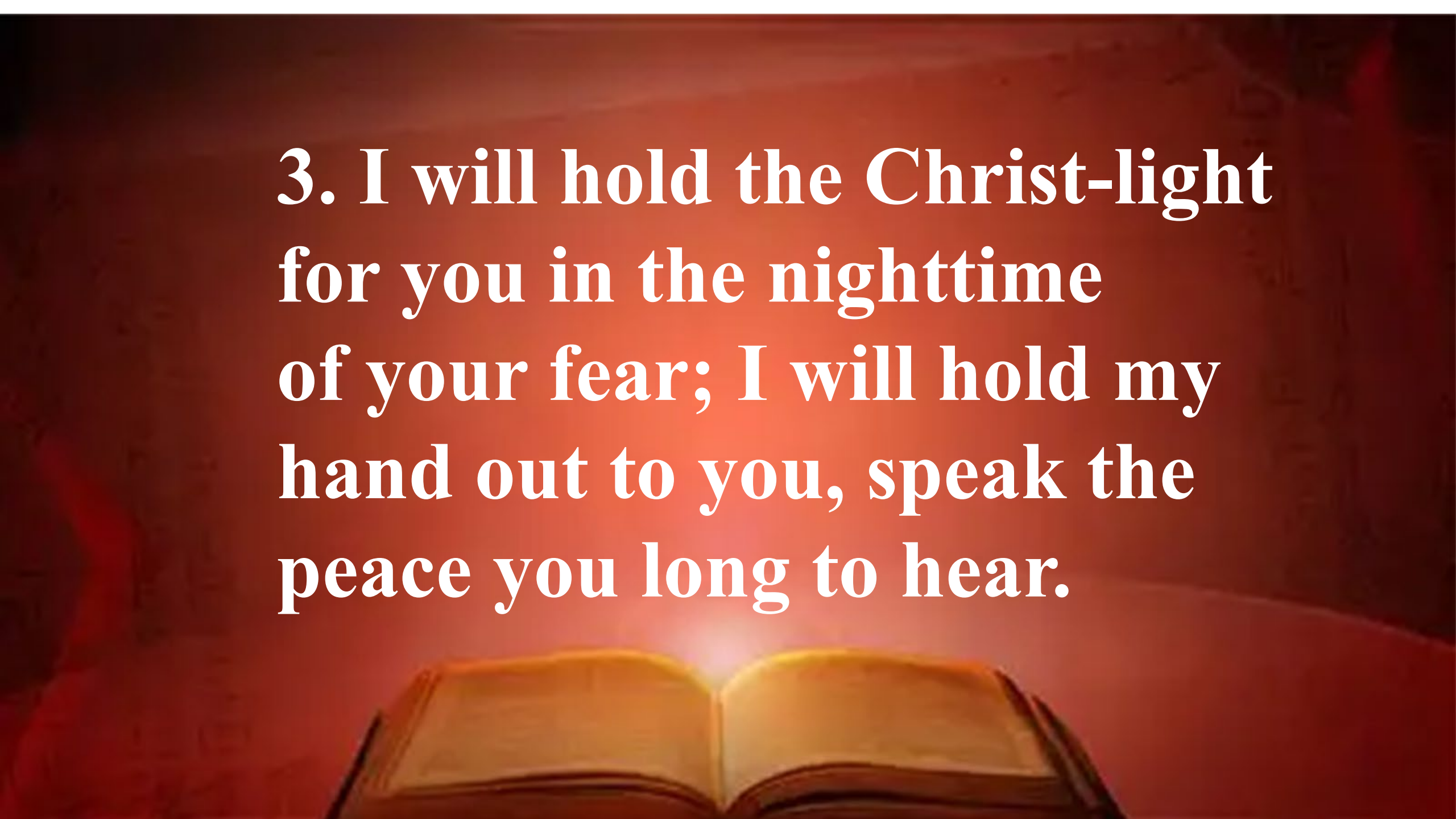
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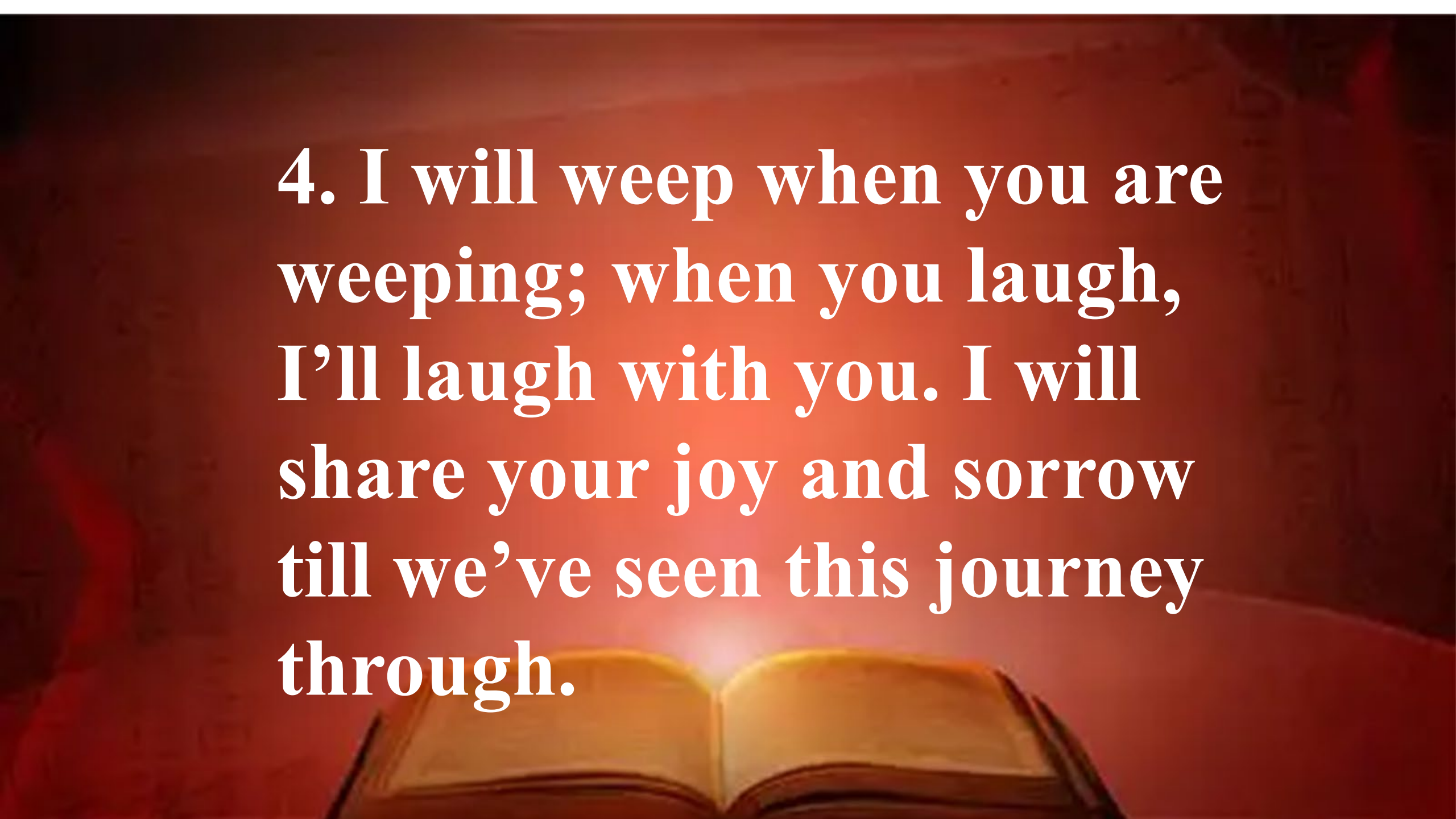
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1. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you; pray
that I may have the grace to let you
be my servant, too.

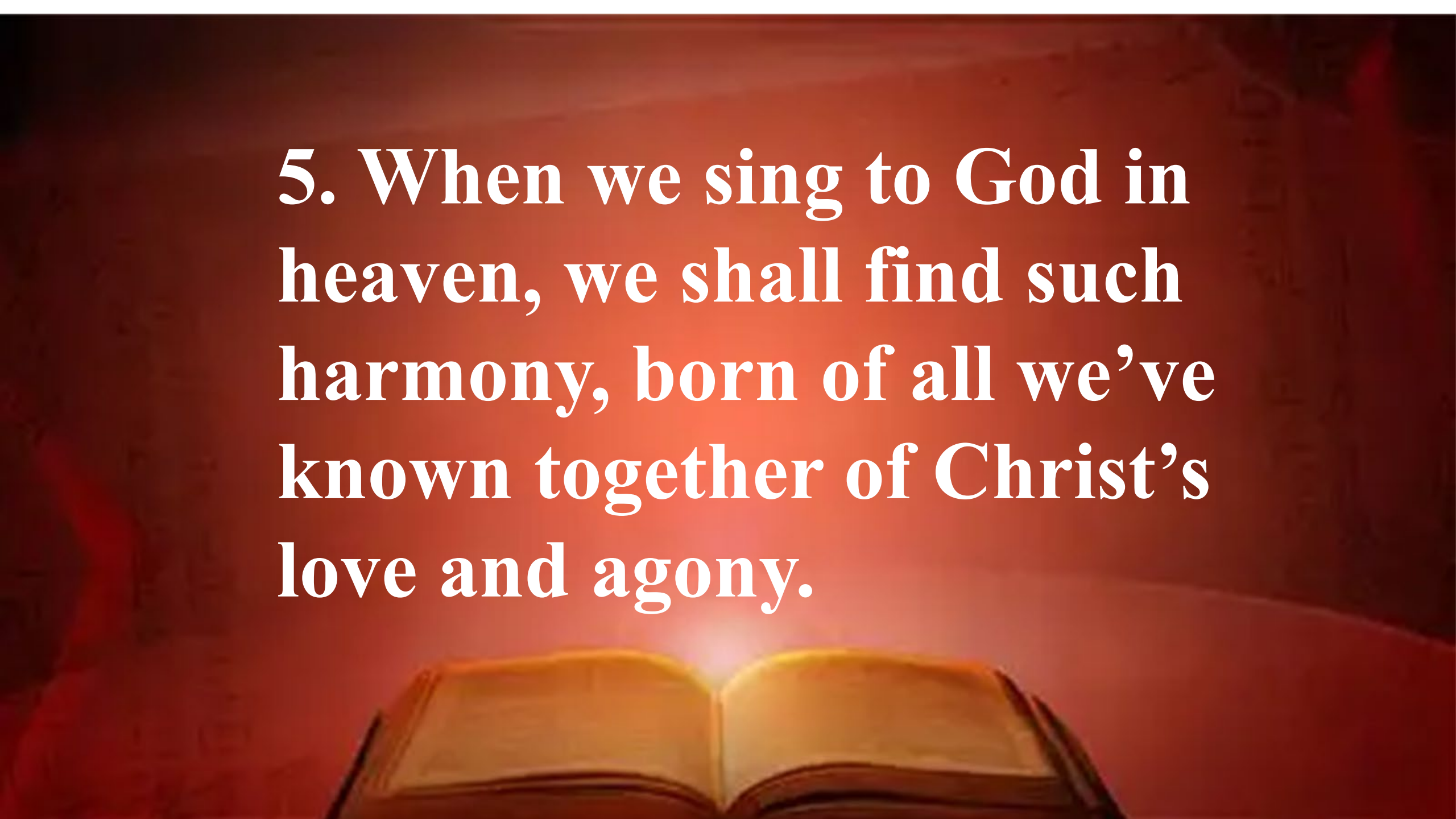


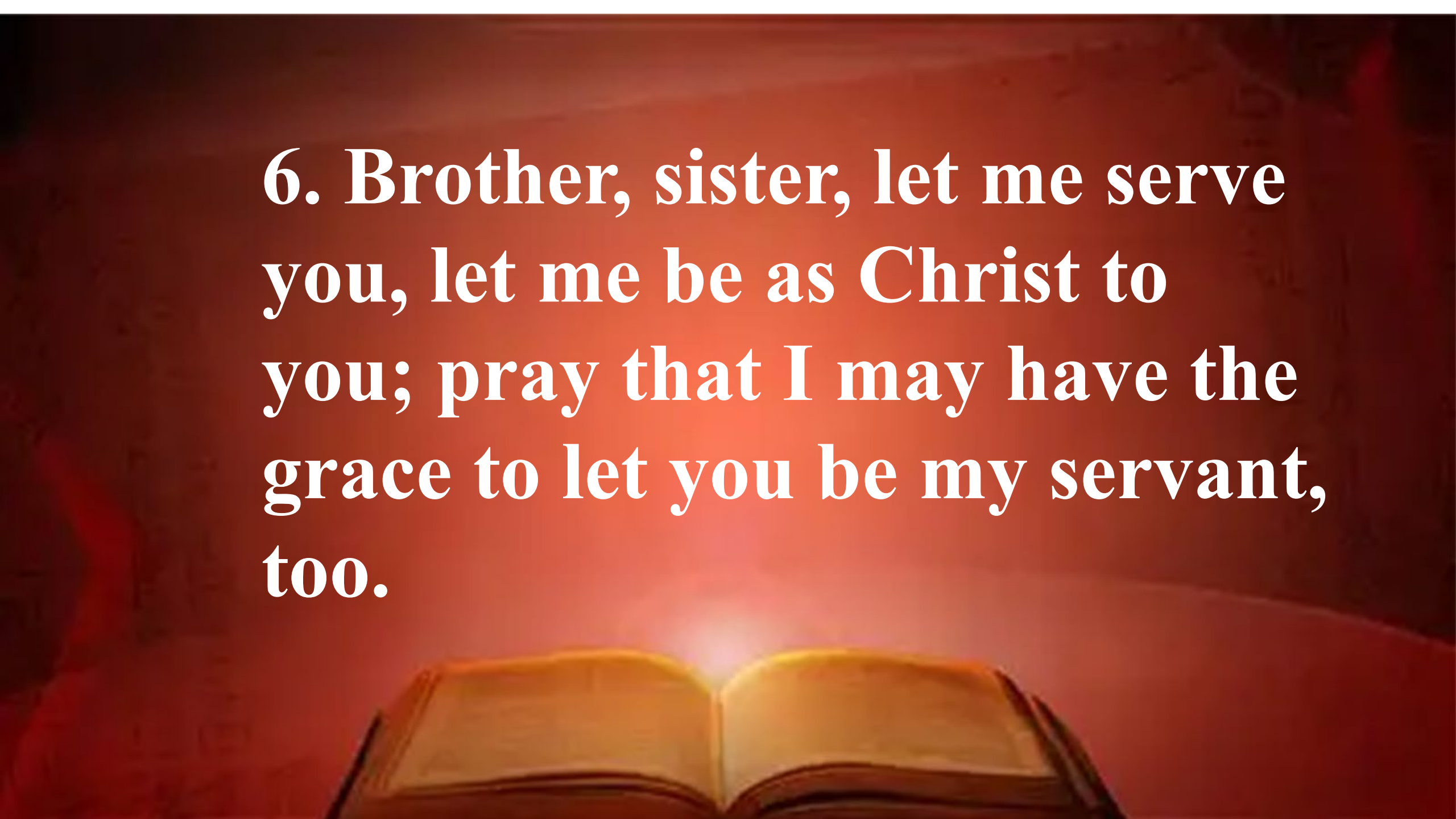

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
we’re together on this road. We
are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.


3. I will hold the Christ-light
for you in the nighttime
of your fear; I will hold my
hand out to you, speak the
peace you long to hear.


4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

**5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**




6. Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.



# OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious and reconciling God, You have brought us near through Jesus Christ and made peace where there was once separation. As we gather in worship, tear down every wall within us that divides, excludes, or keeps us from seeing one another as members of Your household.**

**By Your Holy Spirit, unite us in faith, deepen our love, and form us into a people who**

**reflect the peace, mercy, and reconciling grace of Christ. Build us together into a dwelling place for Your presence and let everything we offer in worship bring glory to Your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# WELCOME
# &
# ANNOUNCEMENT







# Birthday/Anniversary



# Asbury UMC Choir



# OFFERING

## Praising God with Our Gifts

***Open Doors with Loving Hearts***

# OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Lord all that we have comes from You. Receive now these gifts and use them to strengthen Your church, serve our neighbors, care for the vulnerable, and to proclaim the reconciling love of Jesus Christ. May our giving help tear down walls, build bridges, and make Your peace visible in our community and beyond.**

# “OFFERTORY RESPONSE”

**All Things Come Of Thee, O Lord, And Of Thine Own Have We Given Thee. Amen.**



# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Holy Spirit, Open our hearts and minds as Your Word is read and proclaimed. Help us to hear again the good news that Christ is our peace. Tear down the walls that keep us separated from You and from one another. Shape us through Your Word into one people, rooted in Christ and built together for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.**



# SCRIPTURE
# EPHESIANS 2:11-22

**Ephesians 2:11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far**

**13 away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.**

**18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**




# One Humanity in Christ

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, You have called us to be one in Christ, yet we confess that we often build walls where Christ has called us to build bridges. We allow race, class, culture, politics, pride, fear, resentment, and prejudice to separate us from one another. We have sometimes treated others as strangers when You have called them family.**

**We have protected comfort instead of pursuing reconciliation. We have held onto division instead of embracing the peace Christ purchased for us. Lord, tear down the walls within our hearts. Free us from hostility, suspicion, and indifference. Help us to see each other through the grace of Christ. Make us instruments of peace, reconciliation, justice, and love so that the world may see in us one new humanity in Christ. Amen.**

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:Christ Himself is our peace. Through the cross, He has reconciled us to God and broken down the walls that separated us. In Jesus Christ, we are no longer strangers or outsiders. We are members of God's household, forgiven by grace and being built together into a dwelling place for God. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**
**All:** Glory to God. Amen.



# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

# 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



# CLOSING SONG
# “STAND ON THE PROMISES”
# UMH 374

# STANDING ON THE PROMISES

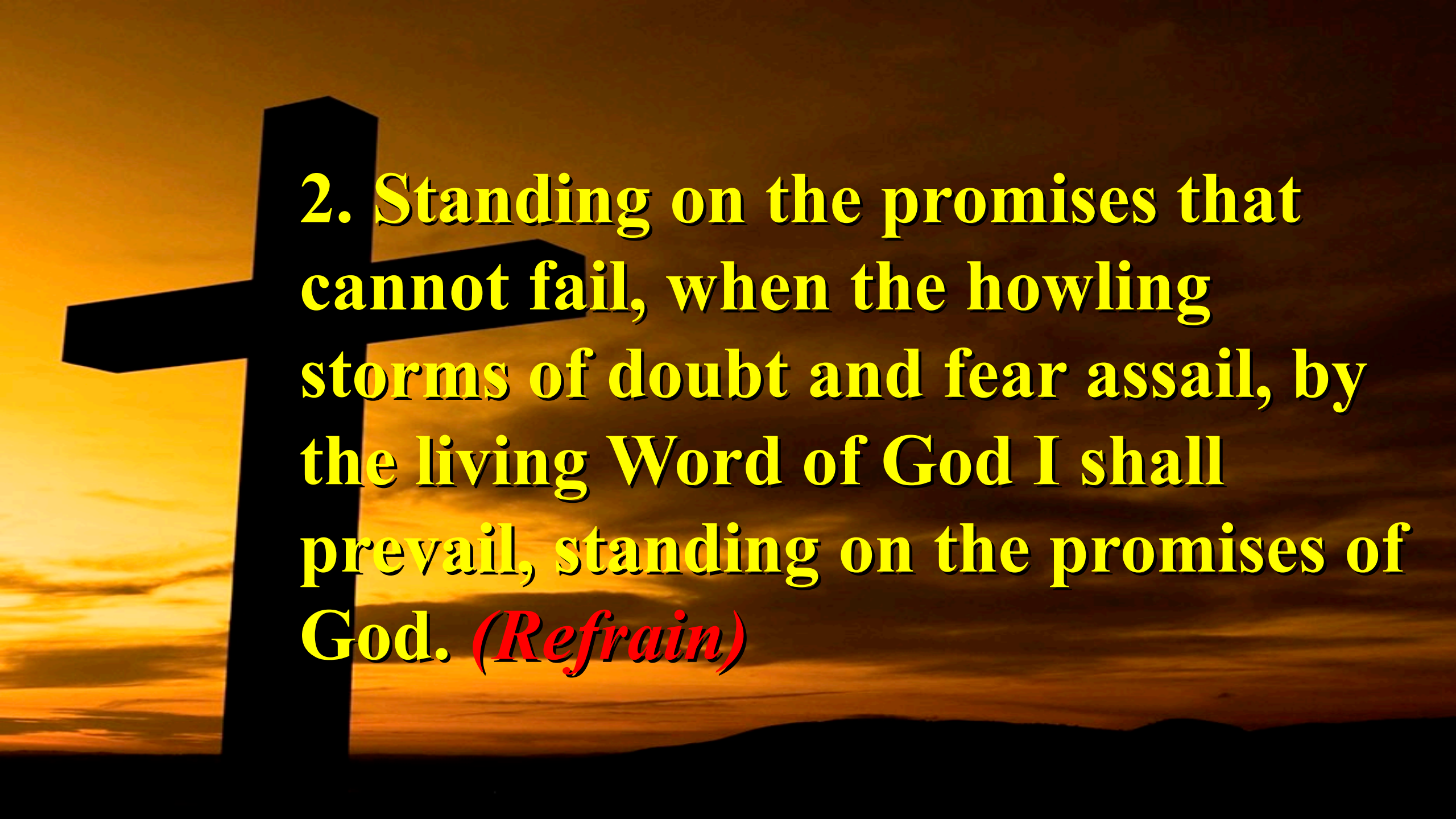
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WORDS: R. Kelso Carter, 1886 (Eph. 6:14-17)

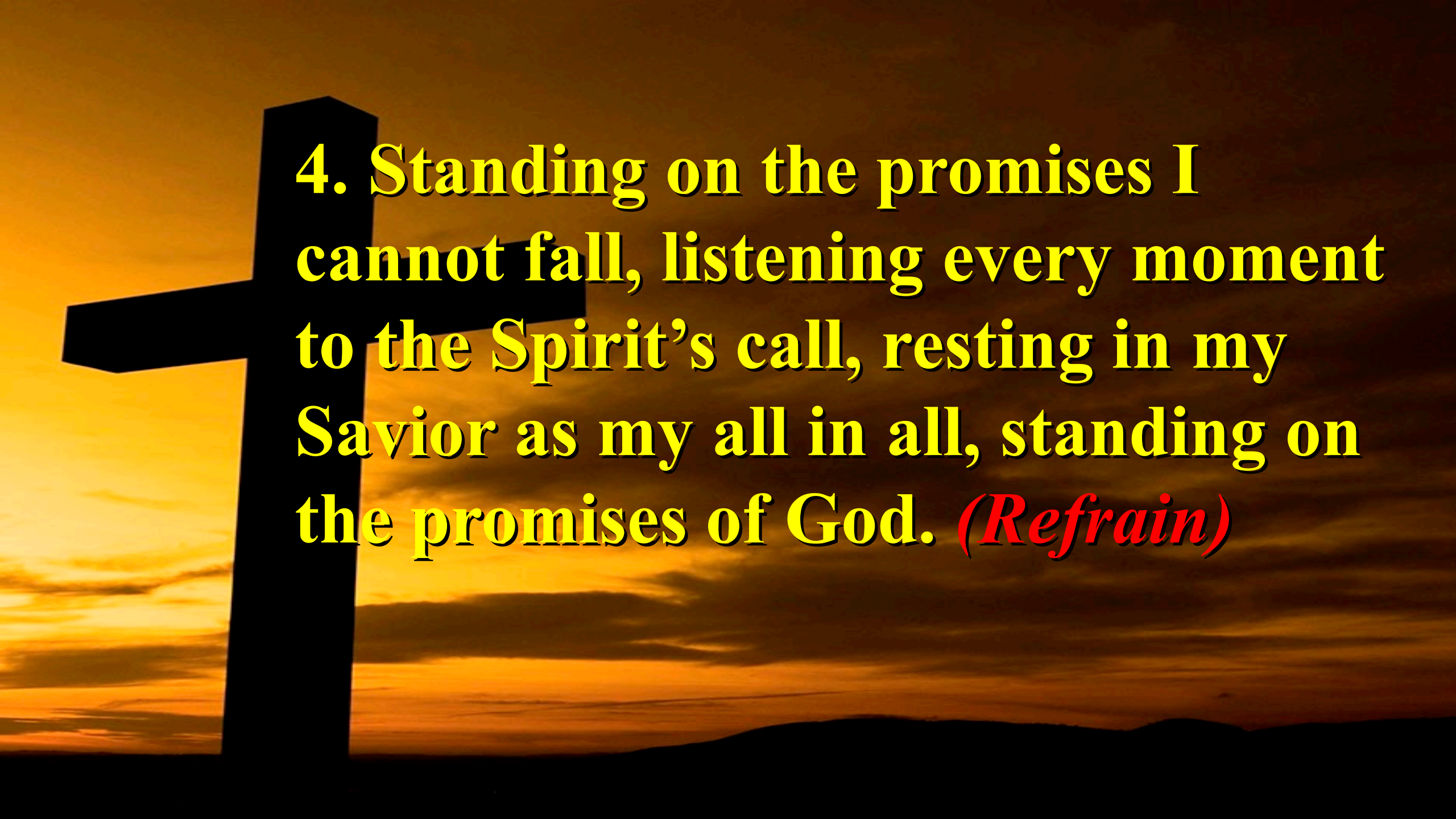
1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain*

**Stand - - - ing, (Standing on the promises,) stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,) standing on the promises of God my Savior; stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,)stand - - - ing, (standing on the promises,) I'm standing on the promises of God.**


2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)


3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)


4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)



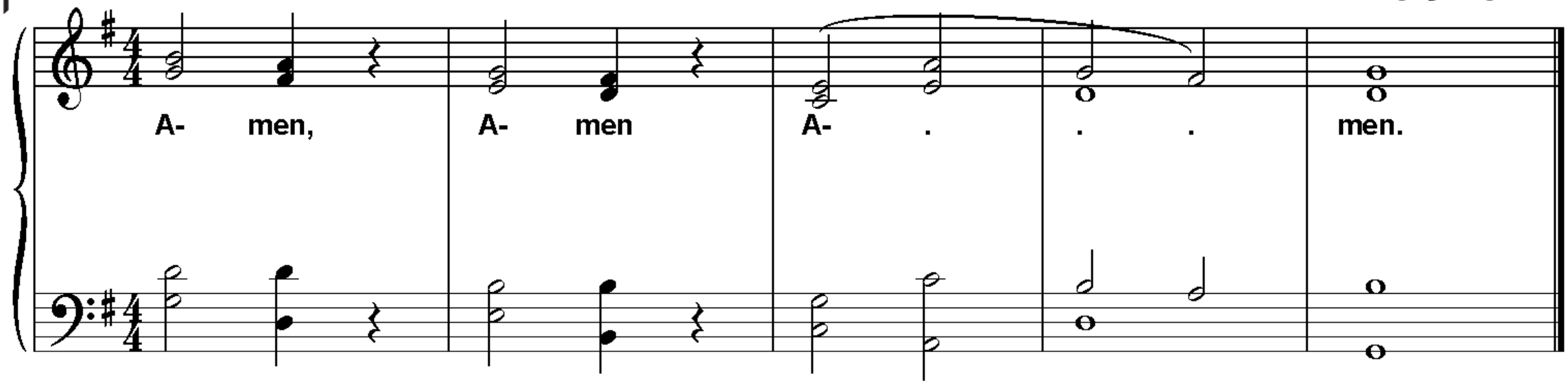
# BENEDICTION

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you, now and always. Go in peace to love God, to serve your neighbor, and to walk faithfully in the unity Christ has given us. Amen.**

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# Threefold Amen

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# CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

