



WELCOME!



Asbury United Methodist Church

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

February 8, 2026



CENTERING SONG

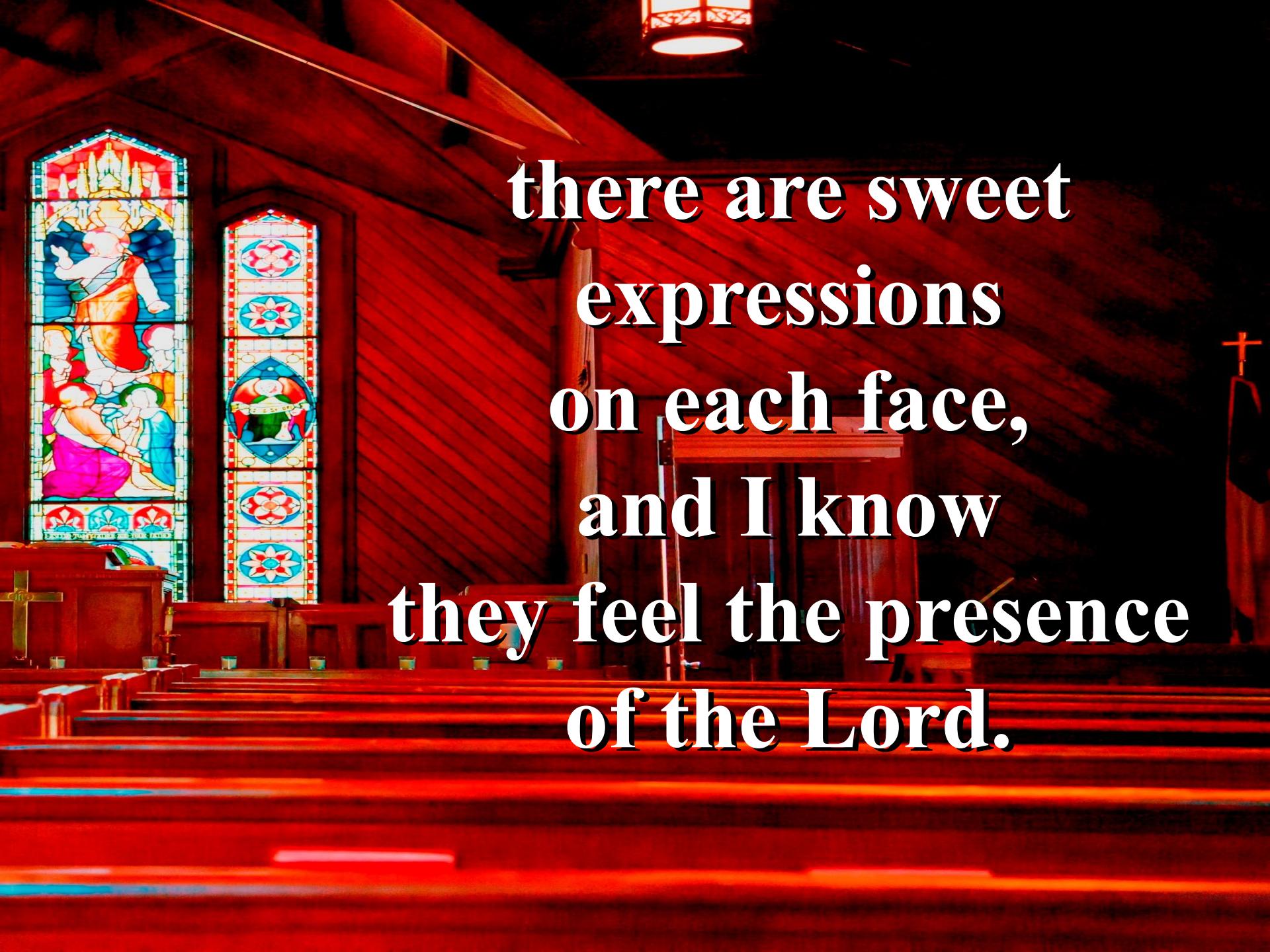
“SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT”
UMH 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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WORDS: Doris Akers, 1962

There's a sweet,
sweet Spirit
in this place,
and I know that it's
the Spirit of the Lord

A photograph of a church interior. The foreground shows rows of wooden pews. On the left, there are two large stained-glass windows depicting religious figures. The ceiling is dark with wooden beams, and a single light fixture hangs from the center. A wooden cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The overall atmosphere is warm and reverent.

there are sweet
expressions
on each face,
and I know
they feel the presence
of the Lord.

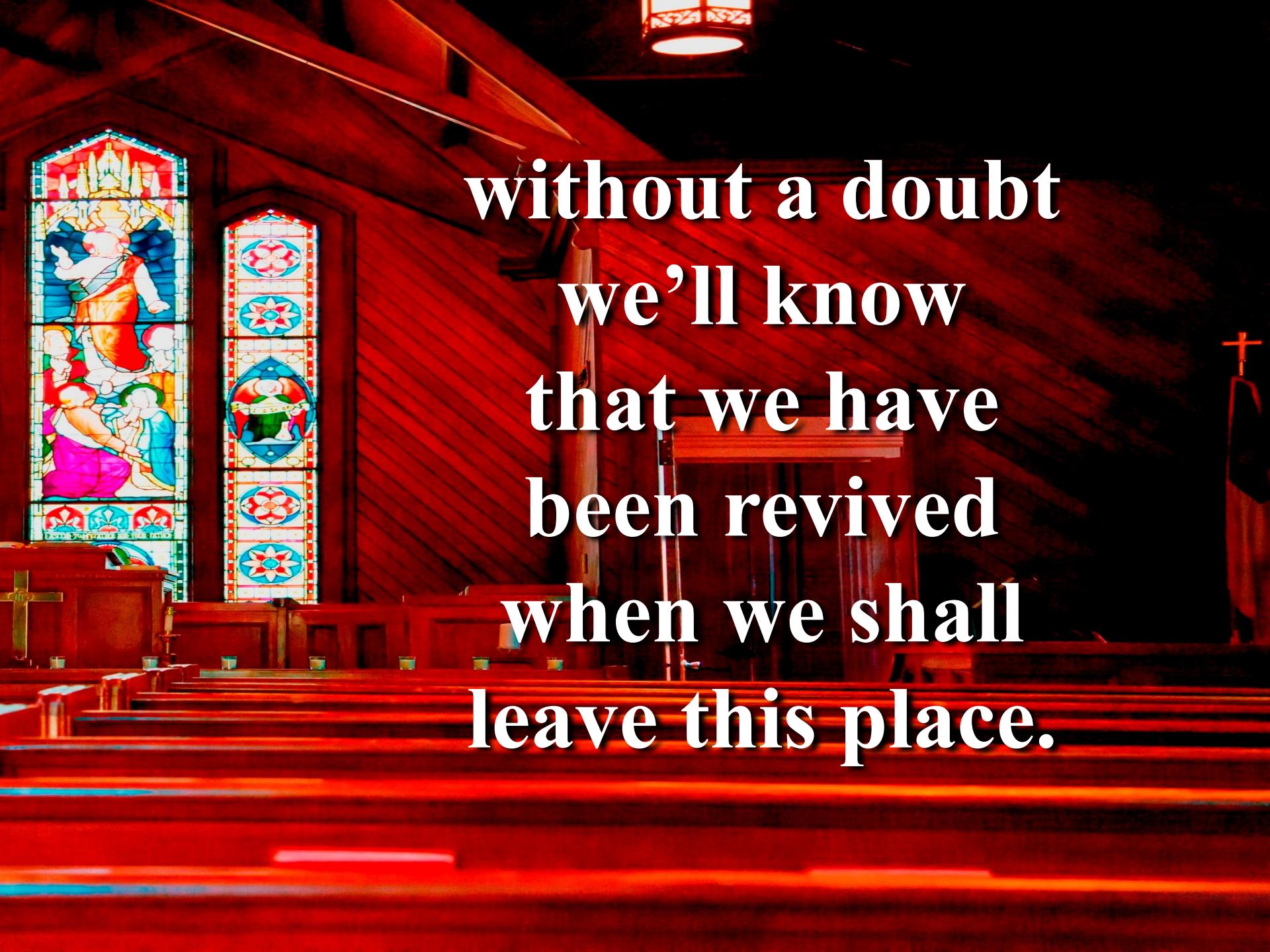
The background image shows the interior of a church. The floor is made of polished wood pews. On the left, there are two large stained-glass windows depicting religious figures. A single chandelier hangs from the dark wooden ceiling. The overall atmosphere is warm and reverent.

Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit,
sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us,
filling us with your love;

The background image shows the interior of a church. The foreground consists of rows of wooden pews. On the left, there are two large, colorful stained-glass windows depicting religious figures and scenes. The ceiling is made of dark wood beams, and a single light fixture hangs from the center. The overall atmosphere is warm and reverent.

and for these blessings
we lift our hearts
in praise;



without a doubt
we'll know
that we have
been revived
when we shall
leave this place.



UNITY IN THE Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4

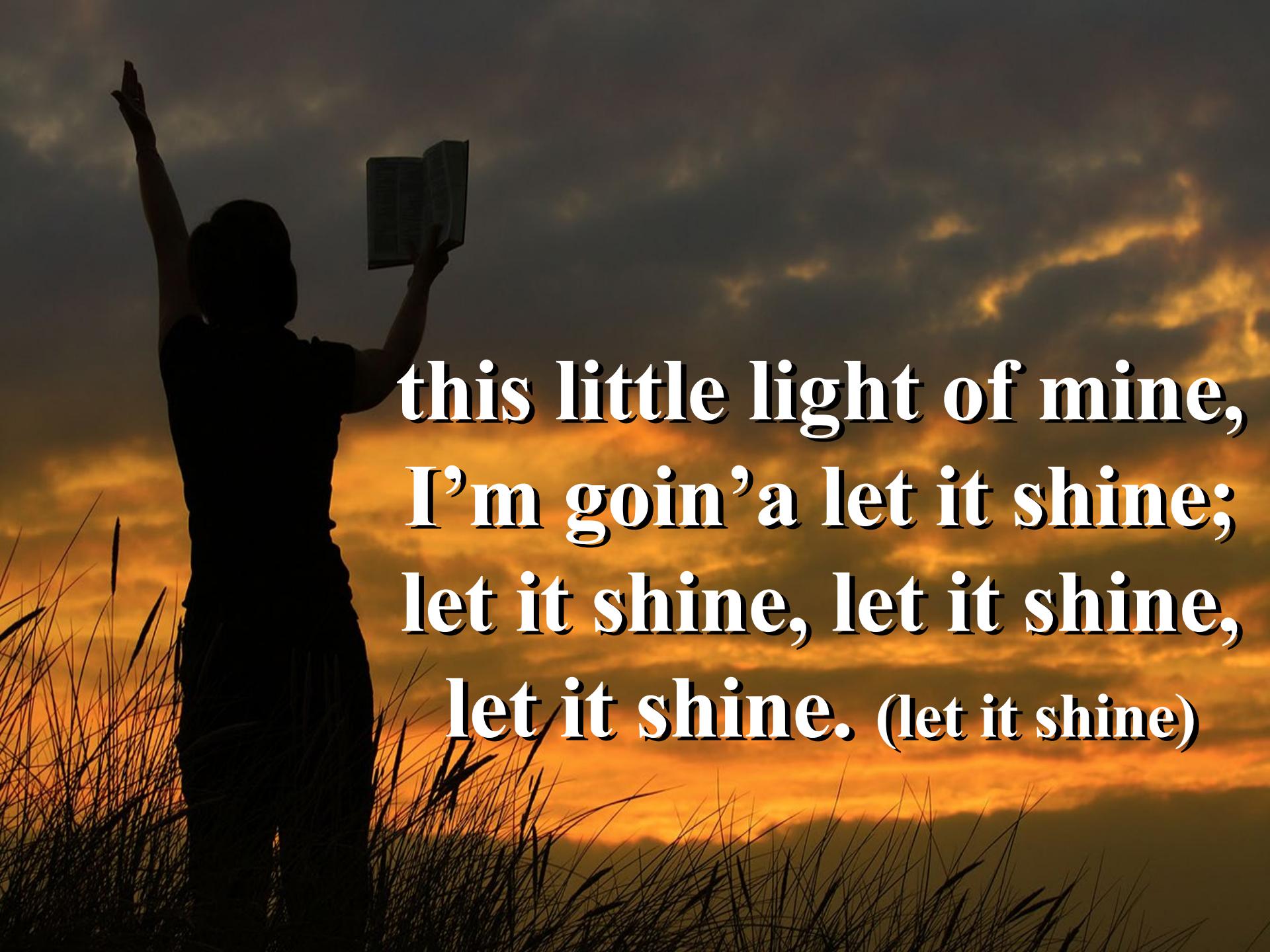
“THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”

This Little Light of Mine

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WORDS: African American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

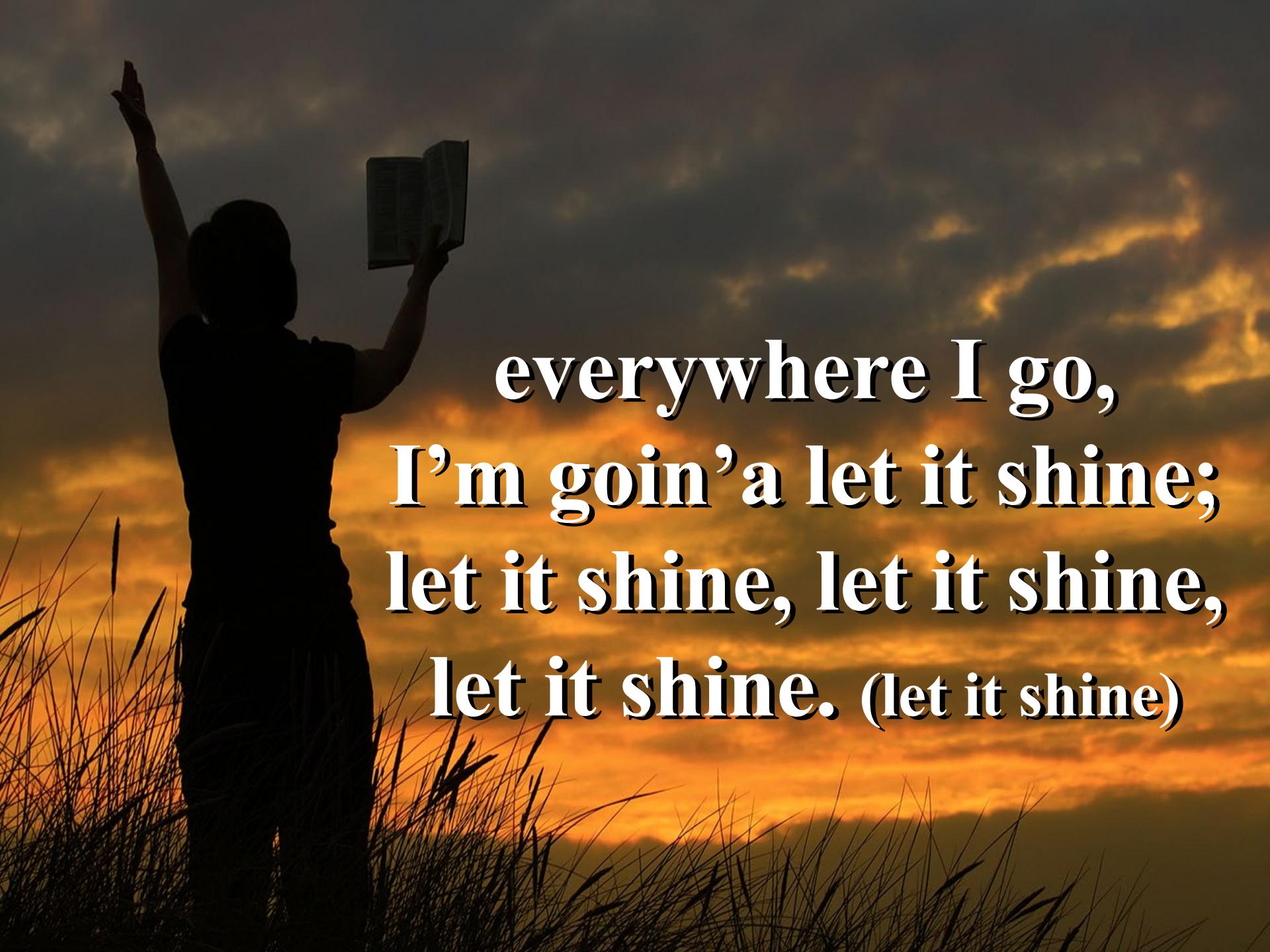
1. This little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in their right hand. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The person is facing away from the camera, towards the horizon.

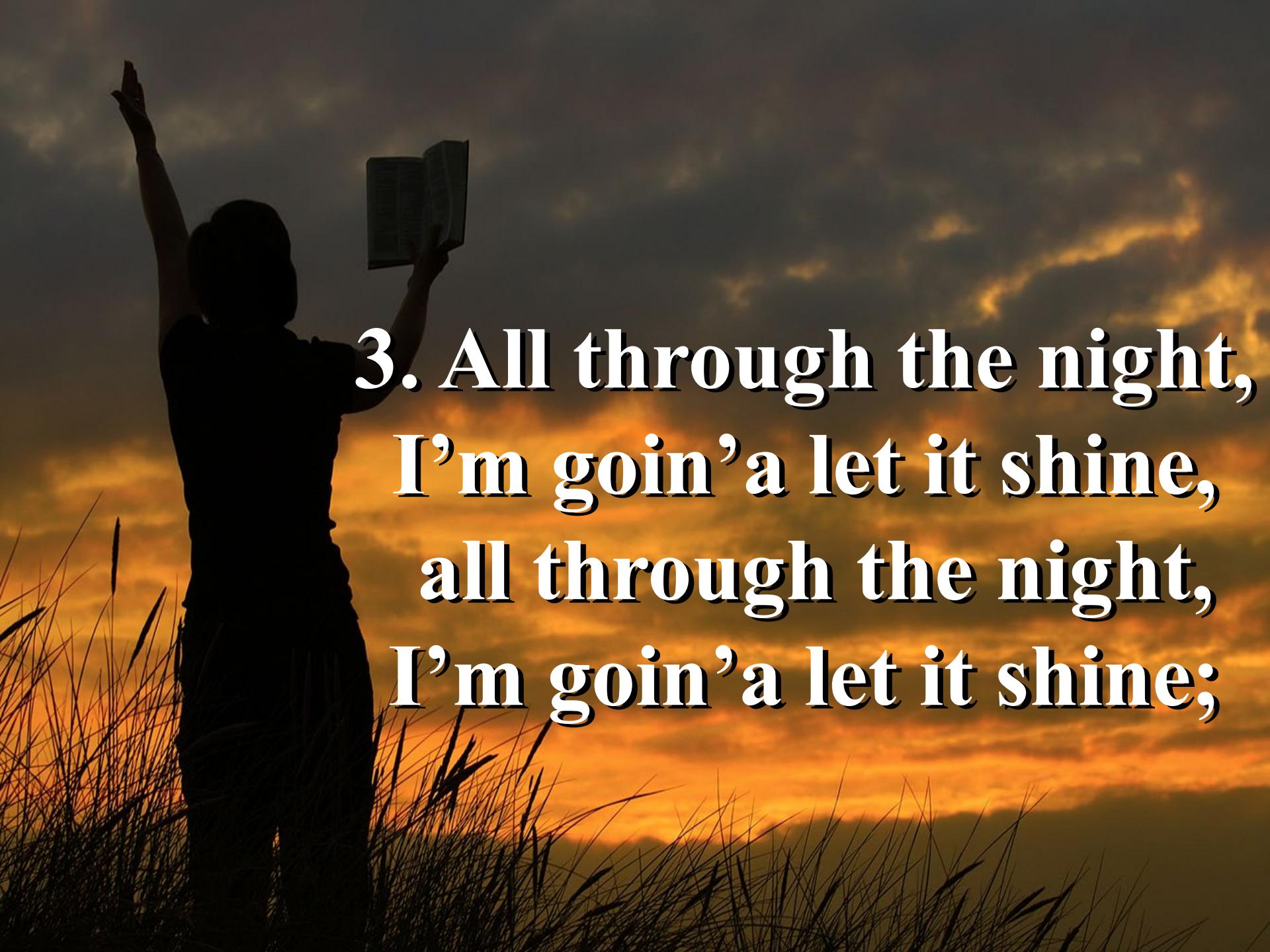
this little light of mine,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a solar panel in one hand and raising their other arm in a gesture of triumph or freedom. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds.

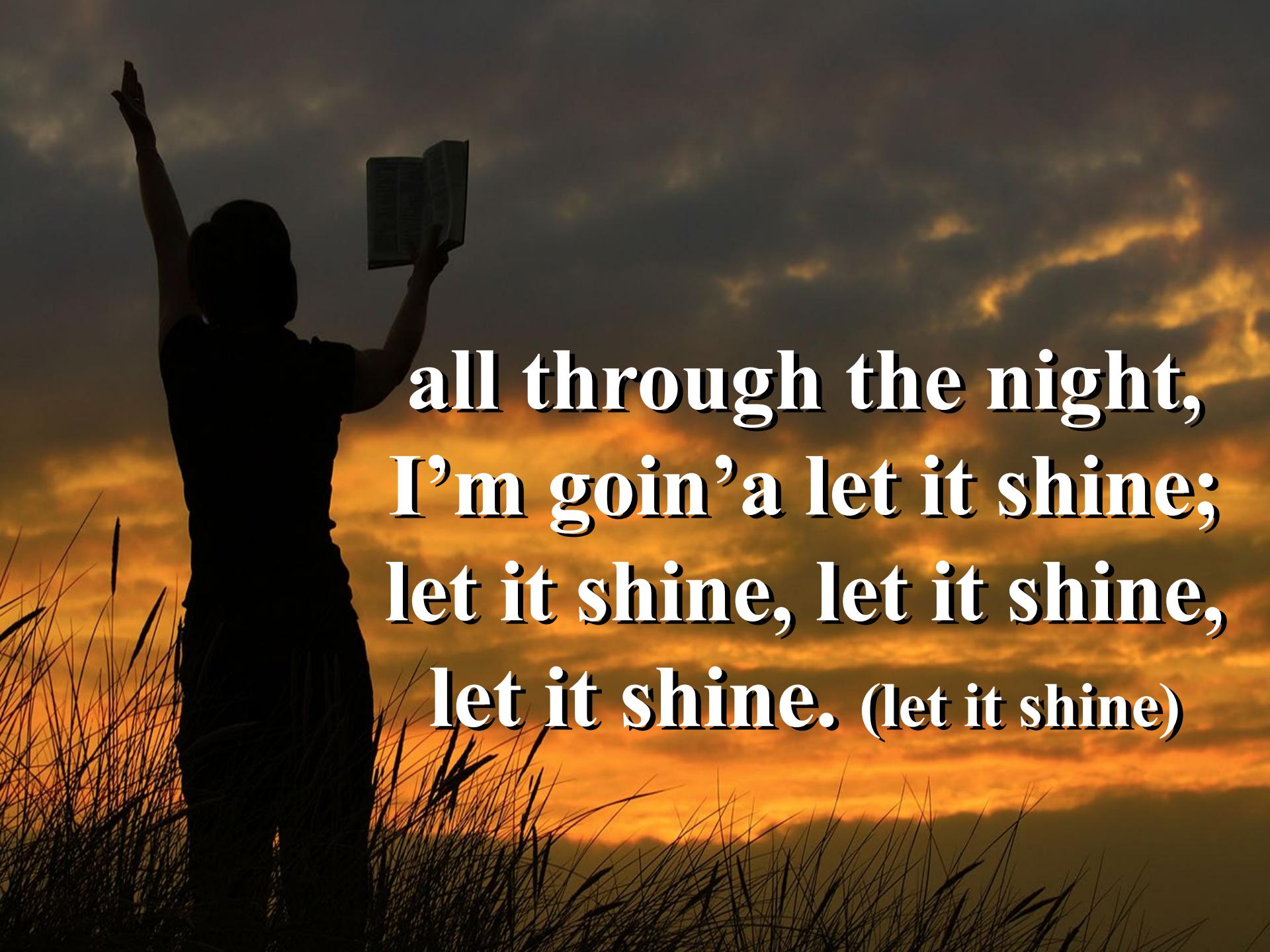
2. Everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in their right hand. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The person is facing away from the camera, towards the horizon.

everywhere I go,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in their right hand. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The person is facing right, away from the viewer.

3. All through the night,
I'm goin'a let it shine,
all through the night,
I'm goin'a let it shine;

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a book high in their right hand. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

all through the night,
I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine. (let it shine)

PRELUDE





UNITY IN THE Body of Christ

EPHESIANS 4

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



FEBRUARY 7

Jack MacPherson



FEBRUARY 14 Forrest and Karen Smith

Birthday/Anniversary



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Happy are those who delight in the Lord!

Leader: We come to this place, where generations before us have gathered.

People: Here we remember the light of God that shines in our lives.



Leader: Here we allow God's light to shine through us.

People: Let us worship our radiant God.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

All: Happy are we who delight in the Lord!





OPENING SONG

“GUIDE MY FEET”

Guide My Feet

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African American Spiritual

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while I run this race.

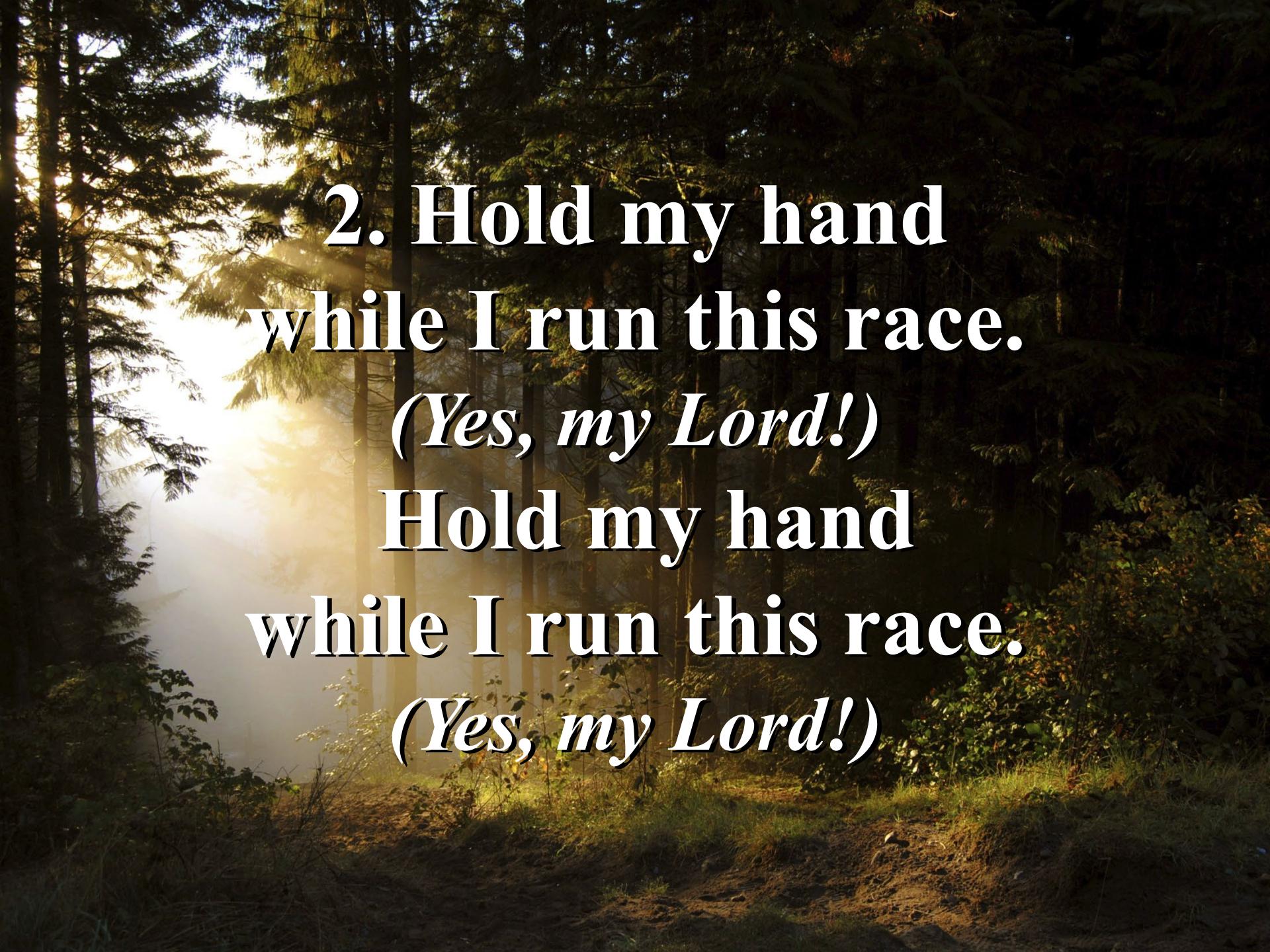
(Yes, my Lord!)

Guide my feet
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)



Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)



2. Hold my hand
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)

Hold my hand
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)



Hold my hand
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)



3. Stand by me
while I run this race.

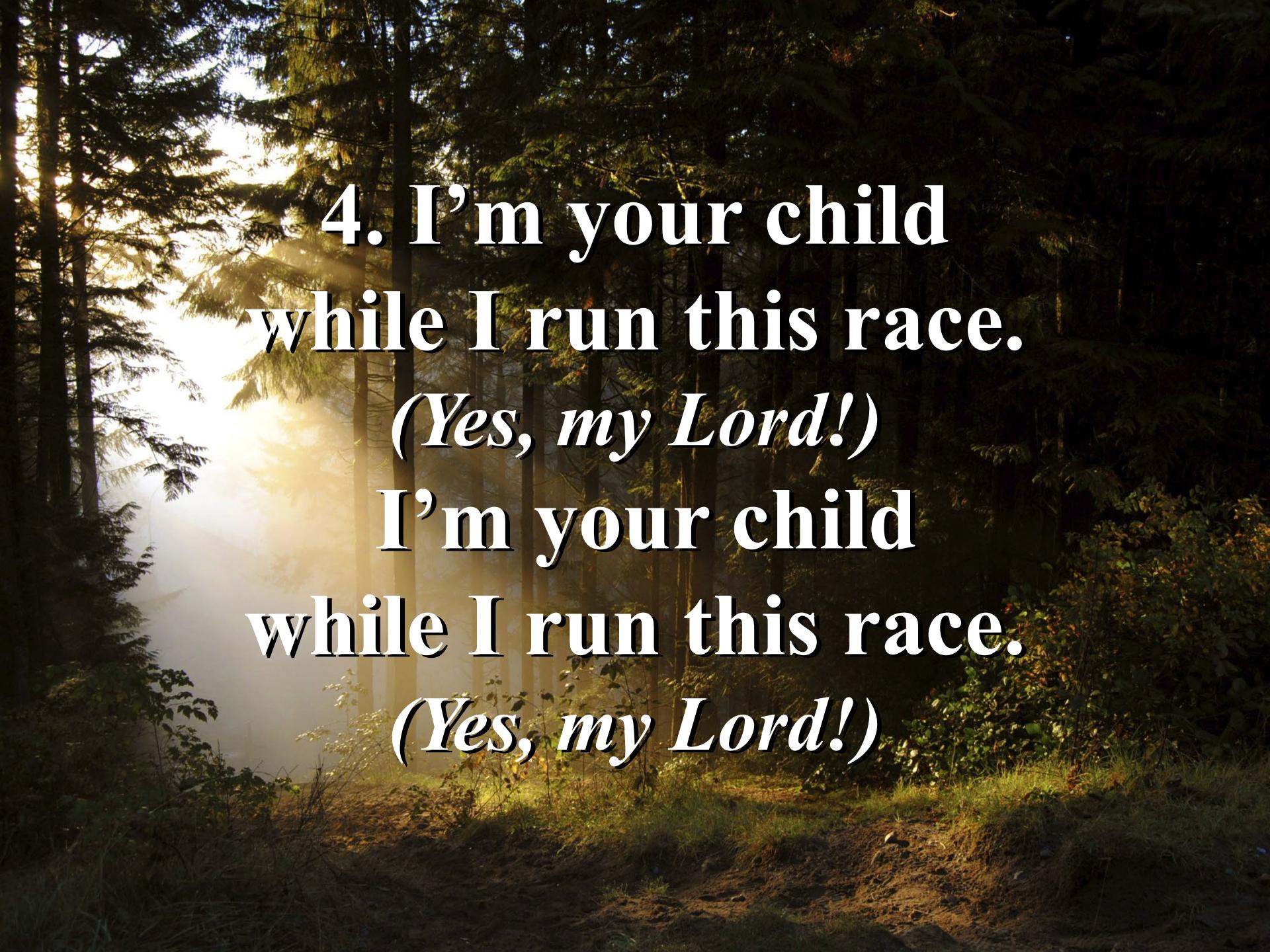
(Yes, my Lord!)

Stand by me
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)



Stand by me
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)



4. I'm your child
while I run this race.

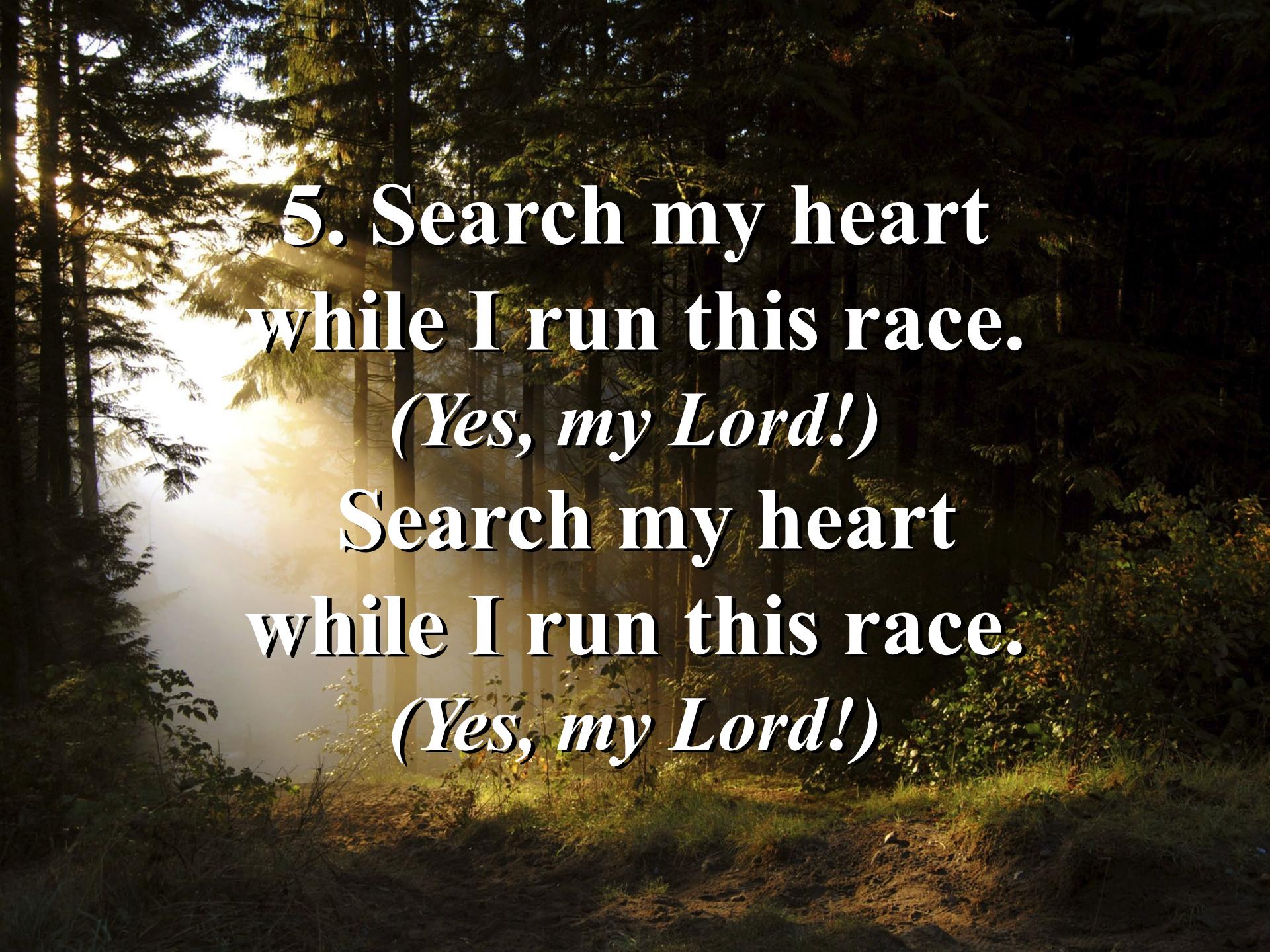
(Yes, my Lord!)

I'm your child
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)



I'm your child
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)



5. Search my heart
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)

Search my heart
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)



Search my heart
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)



6. Guide my feet
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)

Guide my feet
while I run this race.

(Yes, my Lord!)

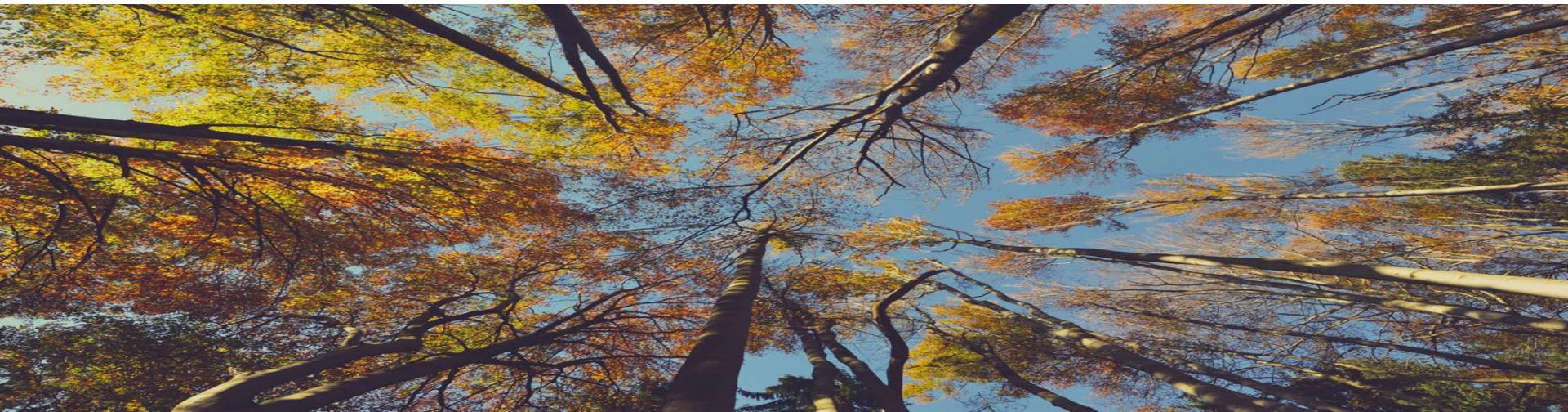


Guide my feet
while I run this race,
for I don't want to
run this race in vain!
(race in vain)

OPENING PRAYER

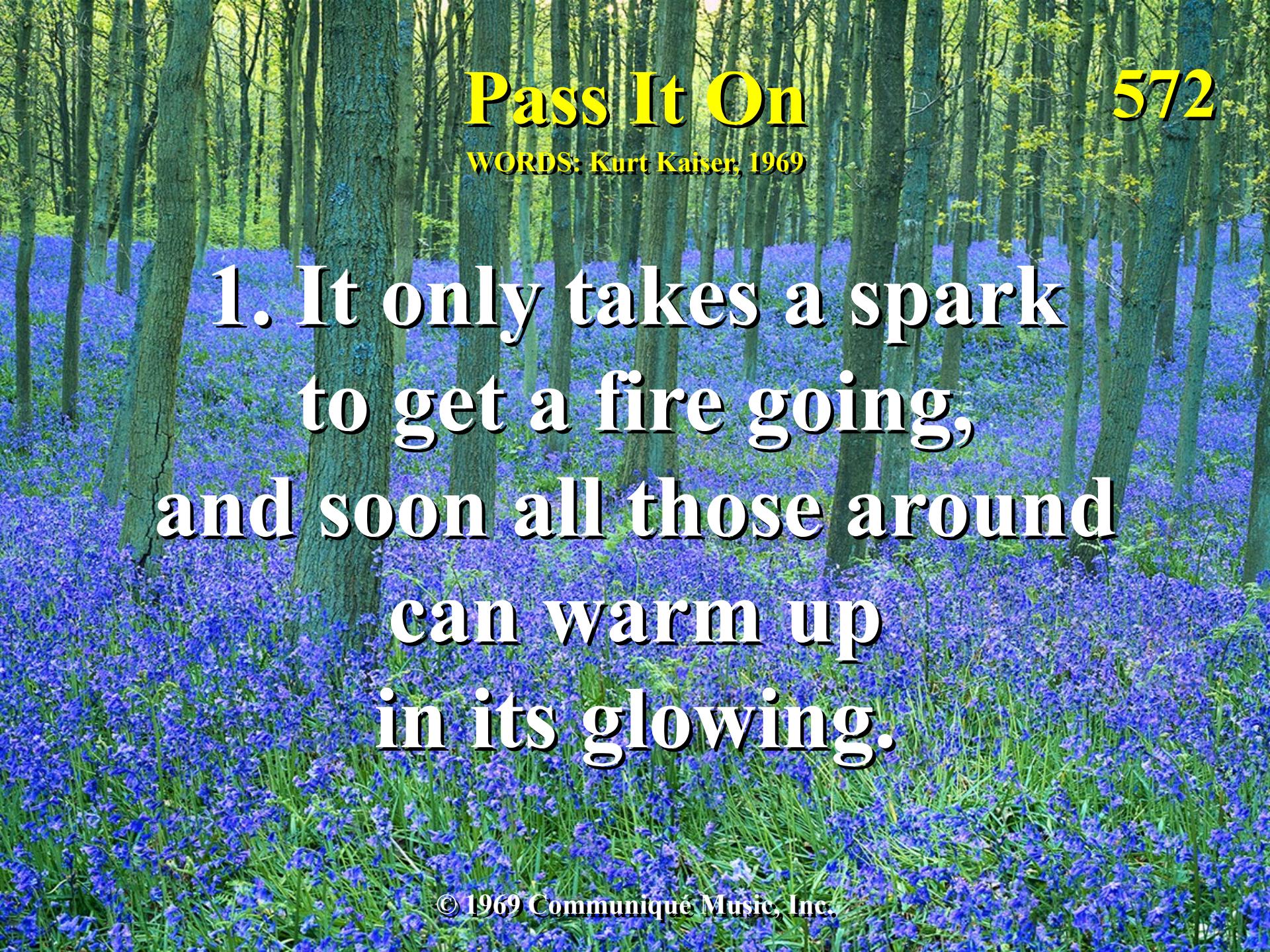
Amazing God, you have gathered us from many places to come together and praise you this day. For this we are grateful! As we worship today, may our minds be opened to learn your wisdom. May our eyes be opened to places that

need healing. May our hands be opened to do your good work. May our hearts be opened to your Holy Spirit, who gifts us and guides us. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.





“Pass It On”

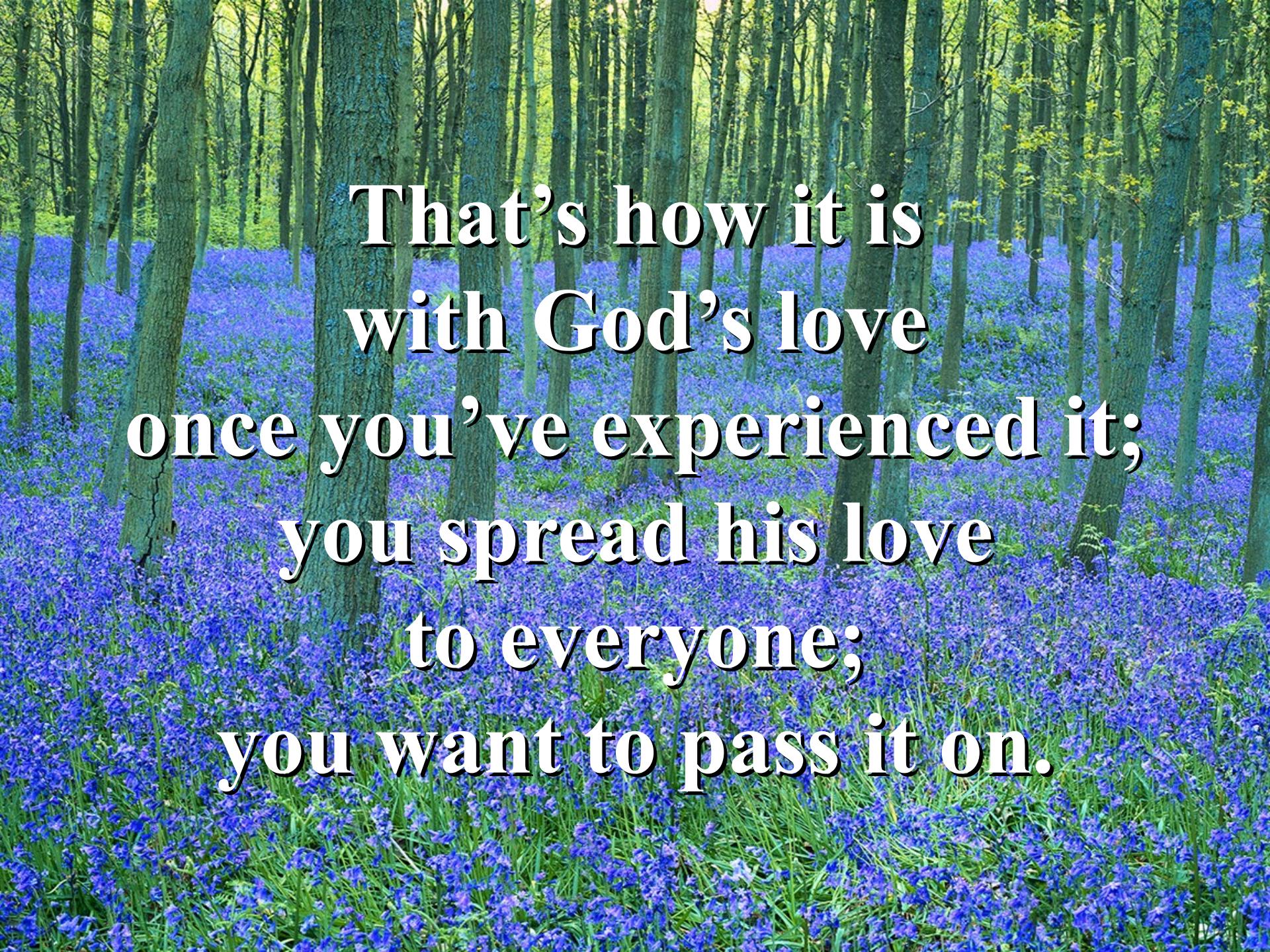


Pass It On

WORDS: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

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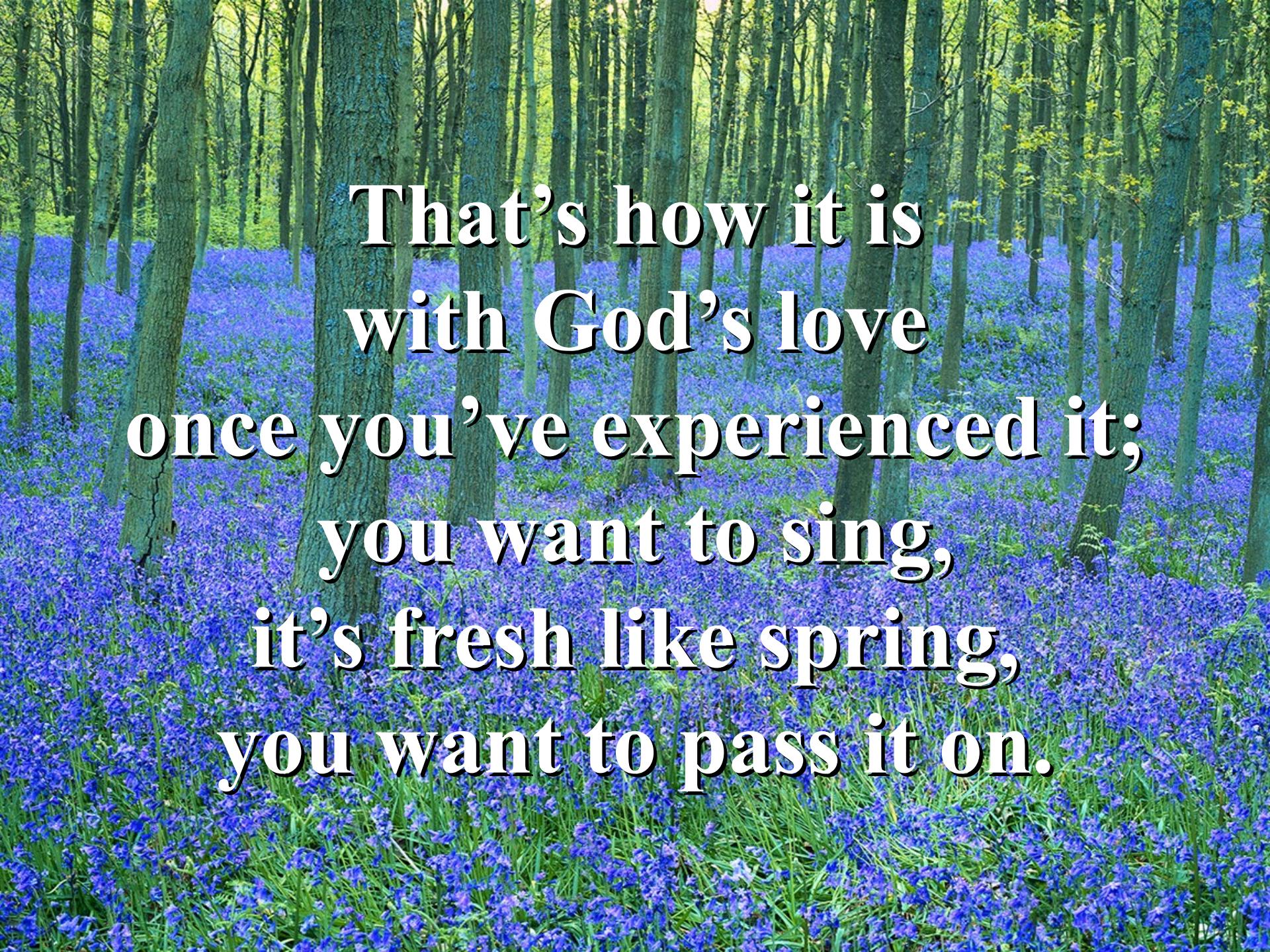
1. It only takes a spark
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up
in its glowing.

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of vibrant bluebells. The flowers are a deep, saturated blue, contrasting with the bright green of the surrounding grass and the dark, textured trunks of the trees. The perspective is looking down the length of the forest, with the trees creating a natural corridor.

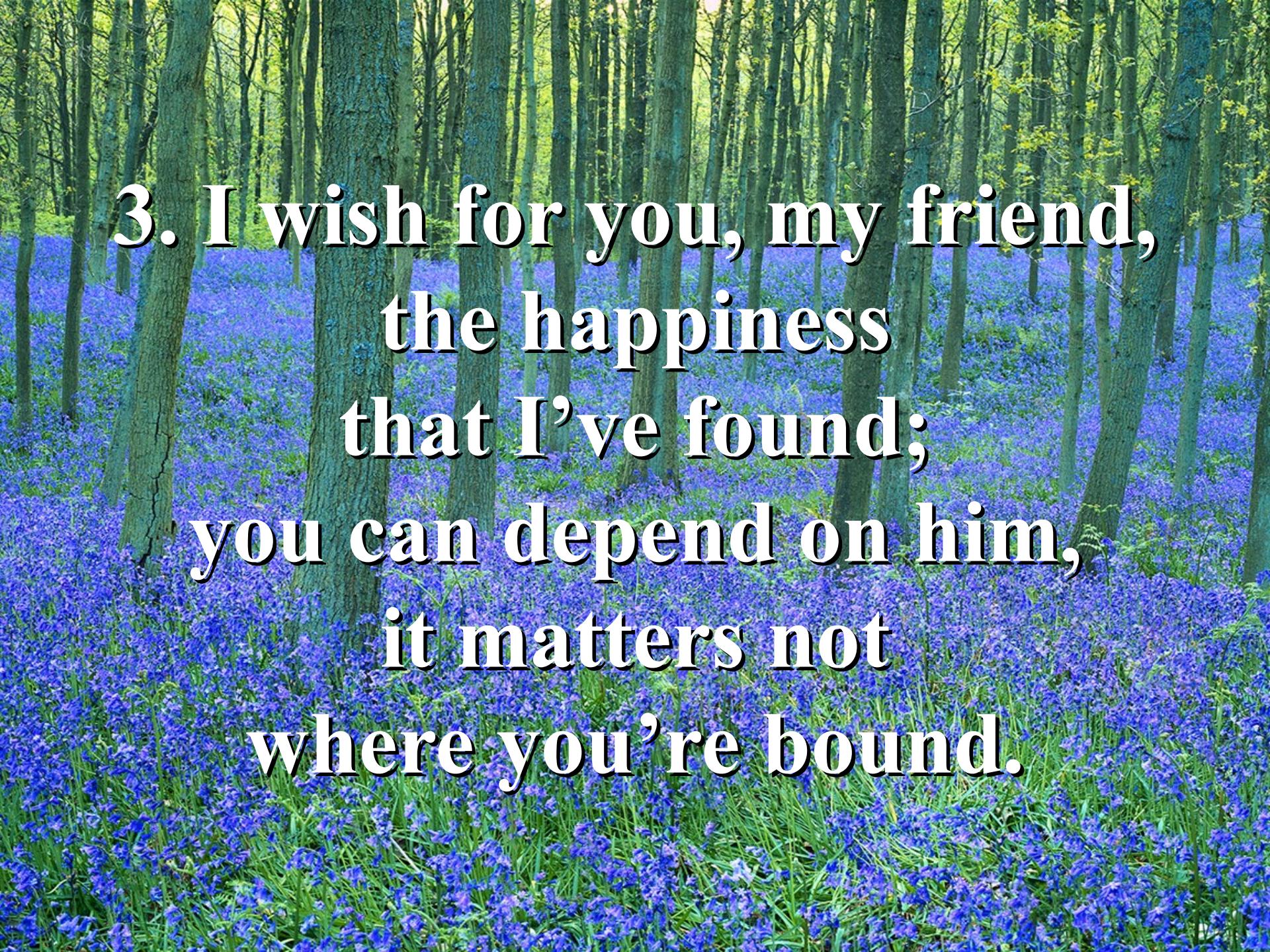
That's how it is
with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love
to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

A photograph of a forest floor covered in a dense carpet of vibrant bluebells. The flowers are a deep, saturated blue, creating a rich, textured field. In the background, the trunks of tall, thin green trees rise vertically, their bark textured and weathered. The lighting is bright and natural, filtering through the canopy and highlighting the colors of the flowers and the bark.

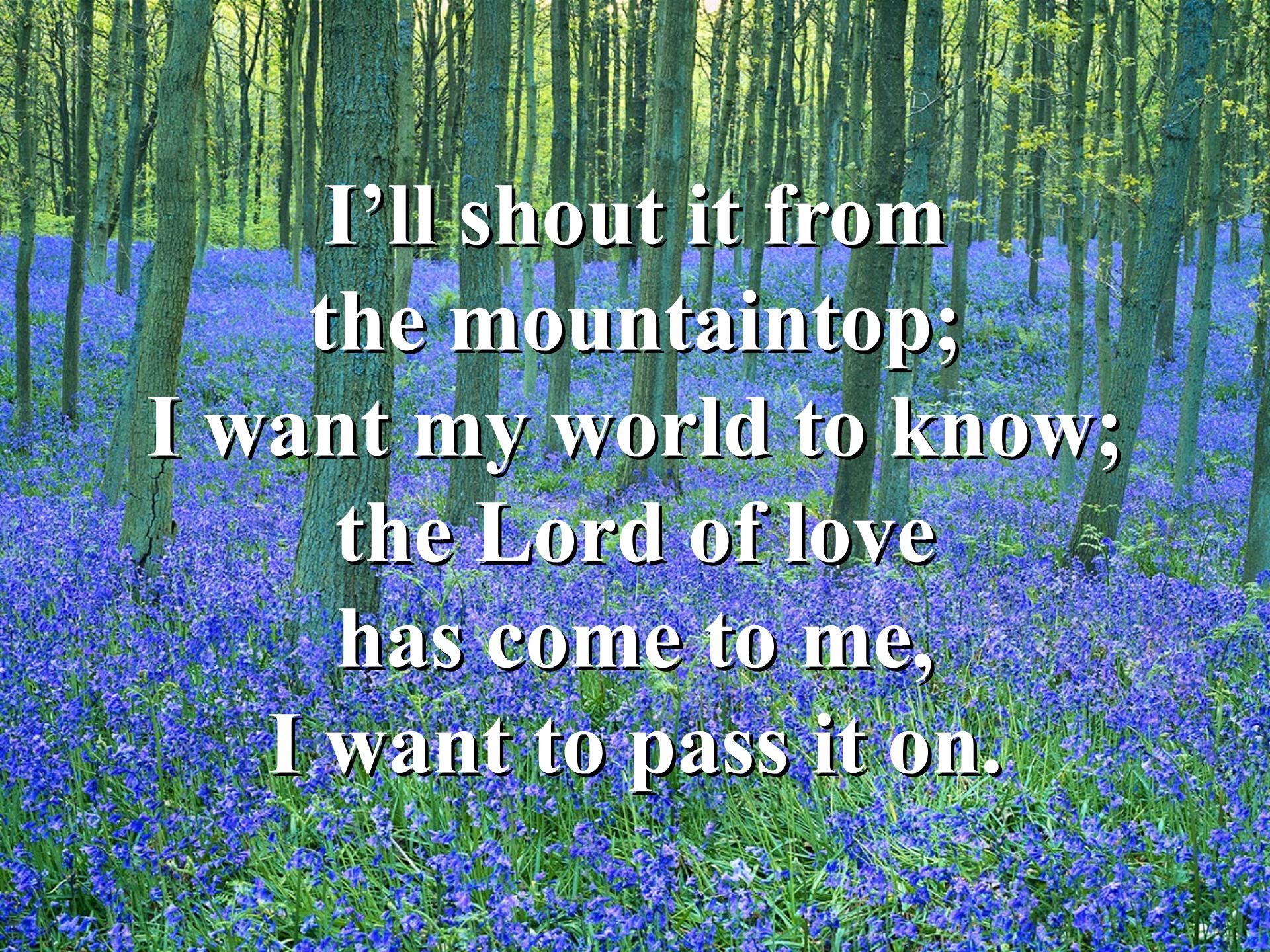
2. What a wondrous
time is spring,
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers
start their blooming.



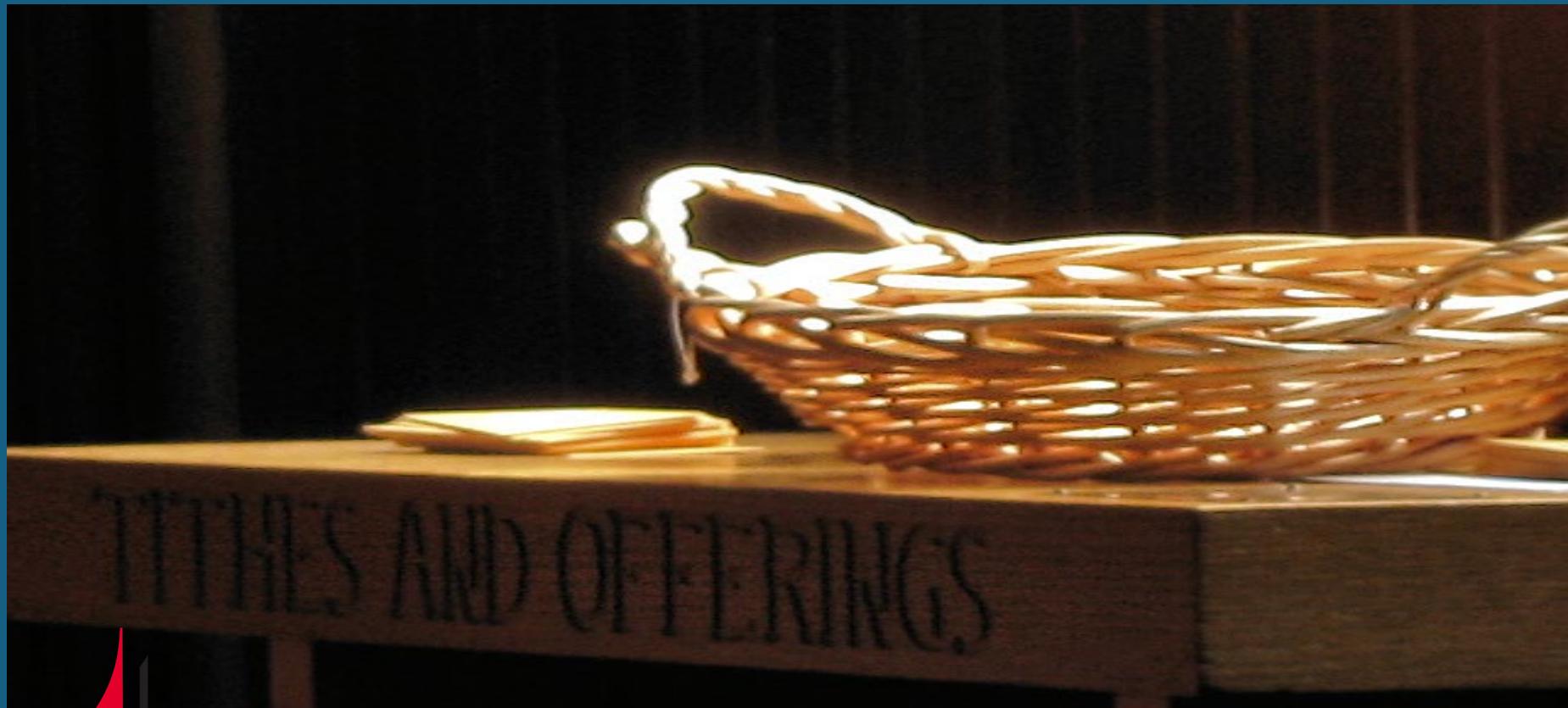
That's how it is
with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing,
it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.



3. I wish for you, my friend,
the happiness
that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not
where you're bound.



I'll shout it from
the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love
has come to me,
I want to pass it on.



OFFERING:

Praising God with Our Gifts
Open Doors with Loving Hearts



“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.**



“CHILDREN’S MESSAGE”





“PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION”

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 (13-16)



And so, it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a



5 demonstration of the Spirit's power,
5 so that your faith might not rest on
human wisdom, but on God's power.
6 We do, however, speak a message of
wisdom among the mature, but not the
wisdom of this age or of the rulers of
this age, who are coming to nothing.
7 No, we declare God's wisdom, a
mystery that has been hidden and that
God destined for our glory before time
began. 8 None of the rulers of this age



understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him 10 these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except

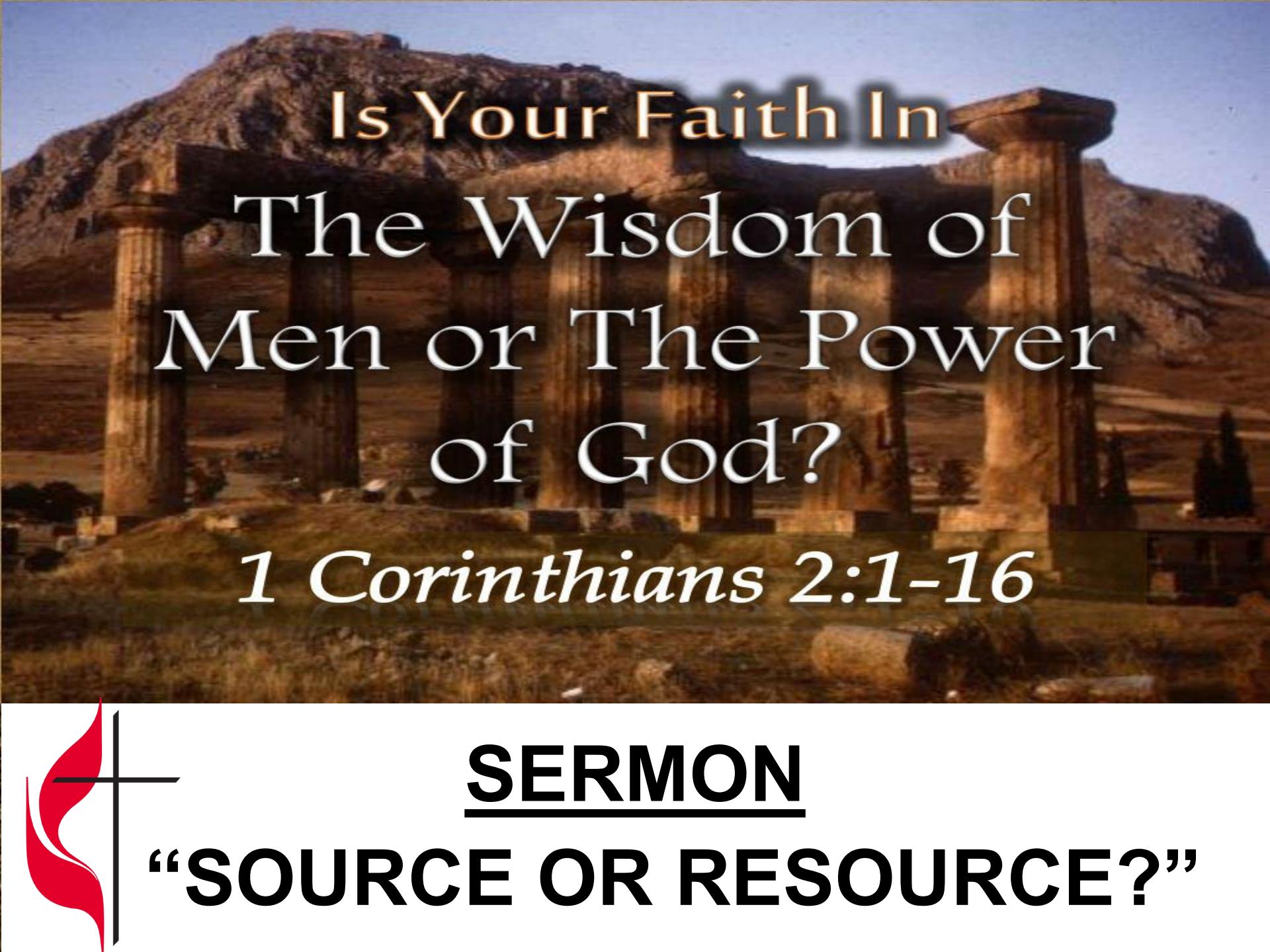


their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person



without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.



Is Your Faith In
The Wisdom of
Men or The Power
of God?

1 Corinthians 2:1-16



SERMON
“SOURCE OR RESOURCE?”



HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

Christ the Lord invites to
his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent
of their sin
and seek to live in peace
with one another.



Therefore, let us confess
our sin before God
and one another.

CONFESSiON AND PARDON

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not
loved you with our
whole heart.
We have failed to be
an obedient church.

We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled
against your love,
we have not loved
our neighbors,
and we have not heard the
cry of the needy.



**Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while
we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love
toward us.



In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our
thanks, and praise.



It is right, and a good
and joyful thing,
always and everywhere
to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.



And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.



Holy are you, and blessed
is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a
new covenant
by water and the Spirit.



On the night in which he
gave himself up for us,
he took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples
and said:



“Take, eat;
this is my body which is
given for you.
Do this
in remembrance of me.”



When the supper was over,
he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples,
and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood
of the new covenant,
poured out for you
and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.



Do this, as often
as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your
mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise
and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's
offering for us,



as we proclaim the
mystery of faith.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**



Pour out your Holy Spirit
on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of
bread and wine.



Make them be for us the body
and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world
the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.



By your Spirit make us
one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry
to all the world,



until Christ comes in
final victory
and we feast at his
heavenly banquet.

Through your Son
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit
in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours,
almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.



COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me

**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





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

“I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD”

I Will Trust in the Lord

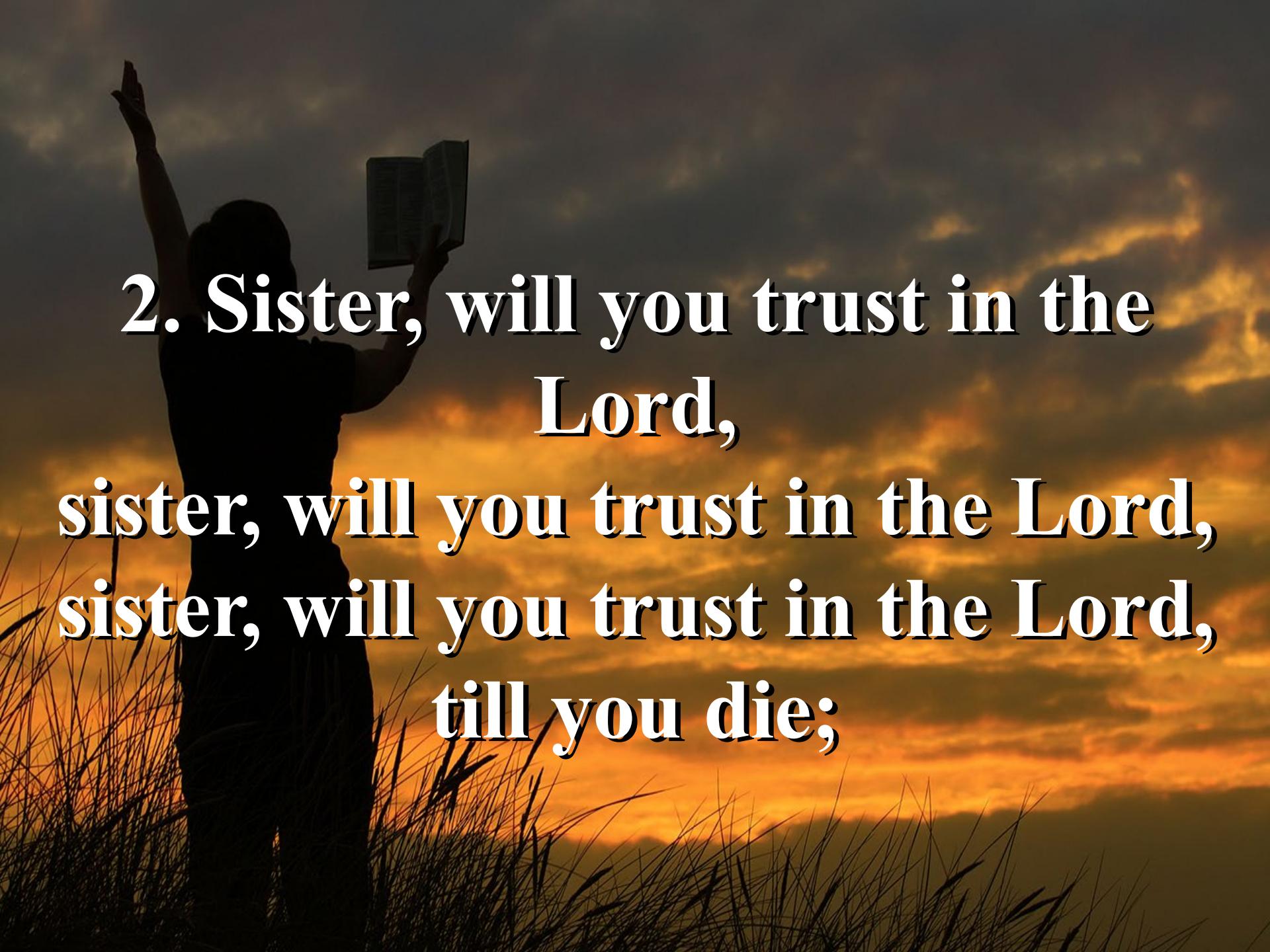
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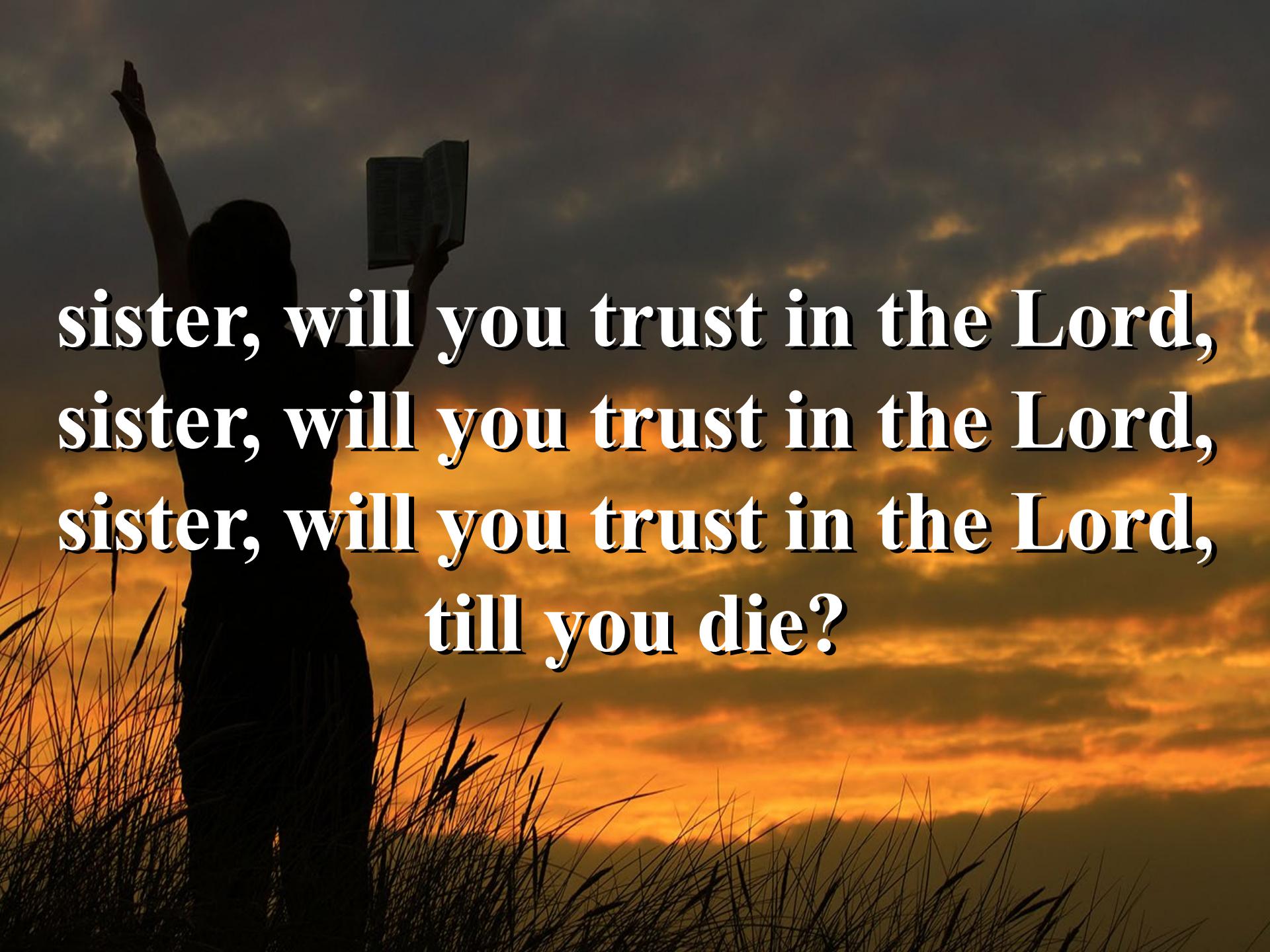
1. I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
I will trust in the Lord,
till I die;

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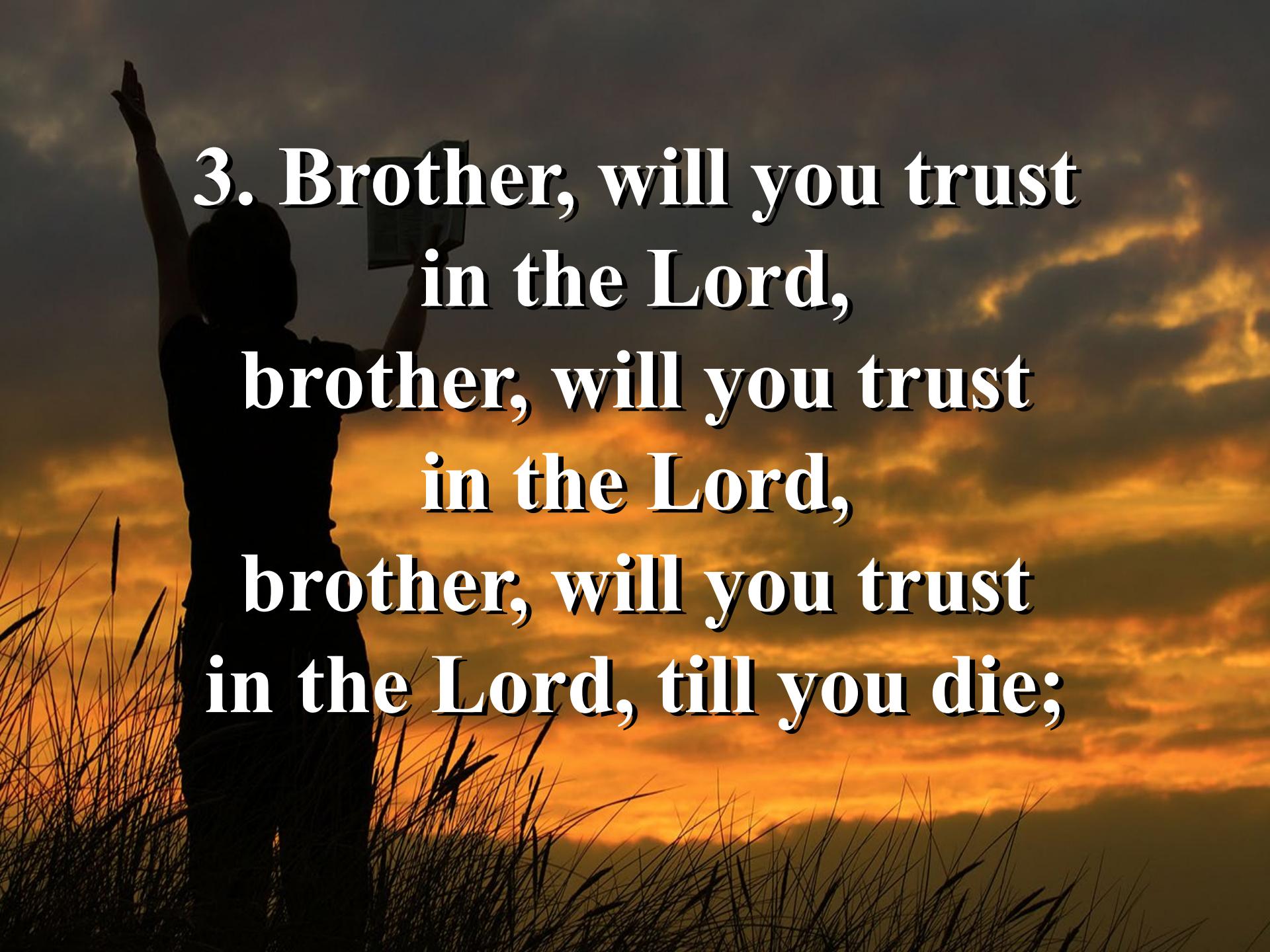
I will trust in the Lord,
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I will trust in the Lord,
till I die.

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a cross. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds.

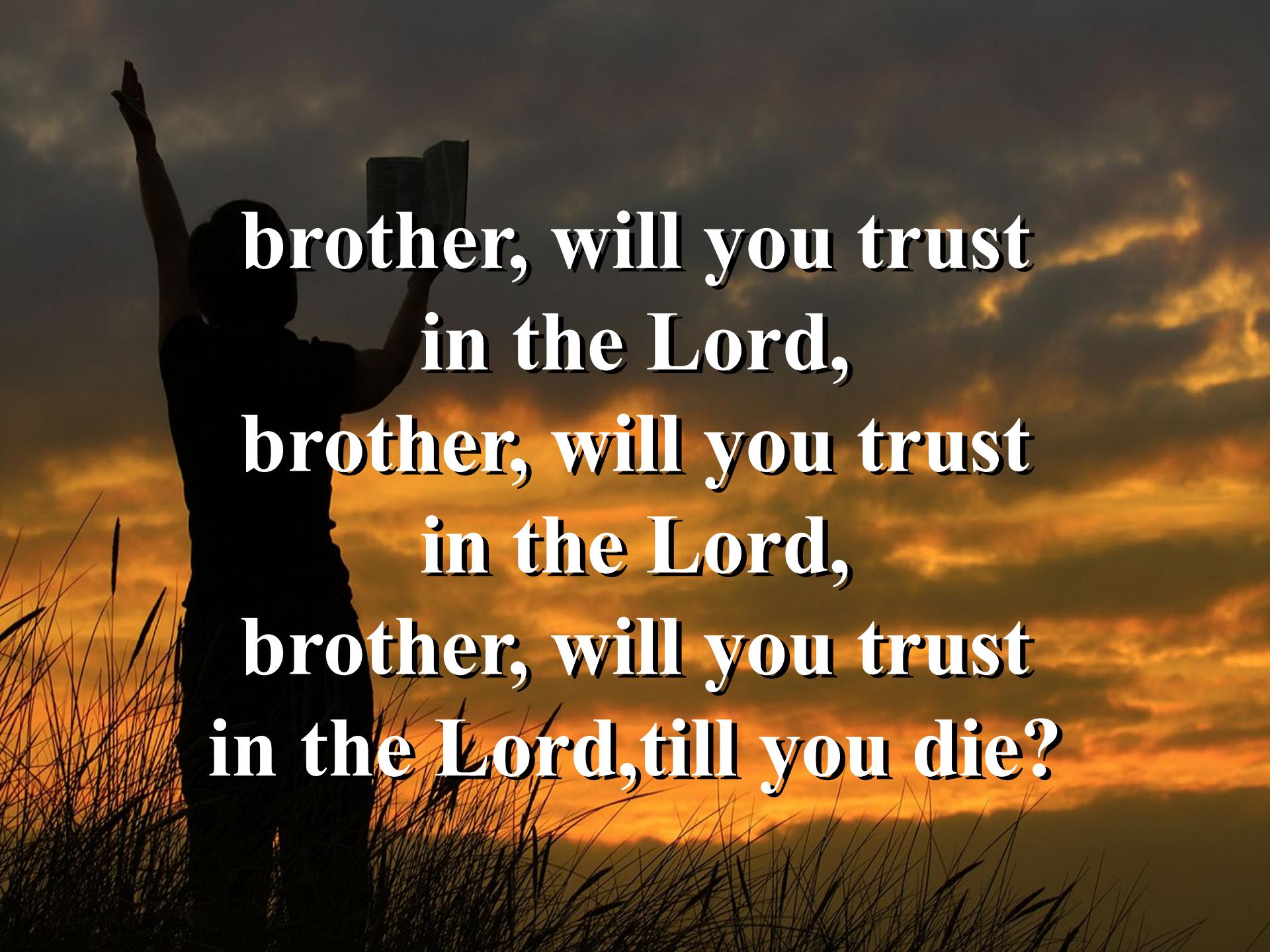
2. Sister, will you trust in the
Lord,
sister, will you trust in the Lord,
sister, will you trust in the Lord,
till you die;

A silhouette of a person with arms raised, standing in a field of tall grass, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds.

sister, will you trust in the Lord,
sister, will you trust in the Lord,
sister, will you trust in the Lord,
till you die?

A silhouette of a person with arms raised, standing in a field of tall grass, set against a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow clouds.

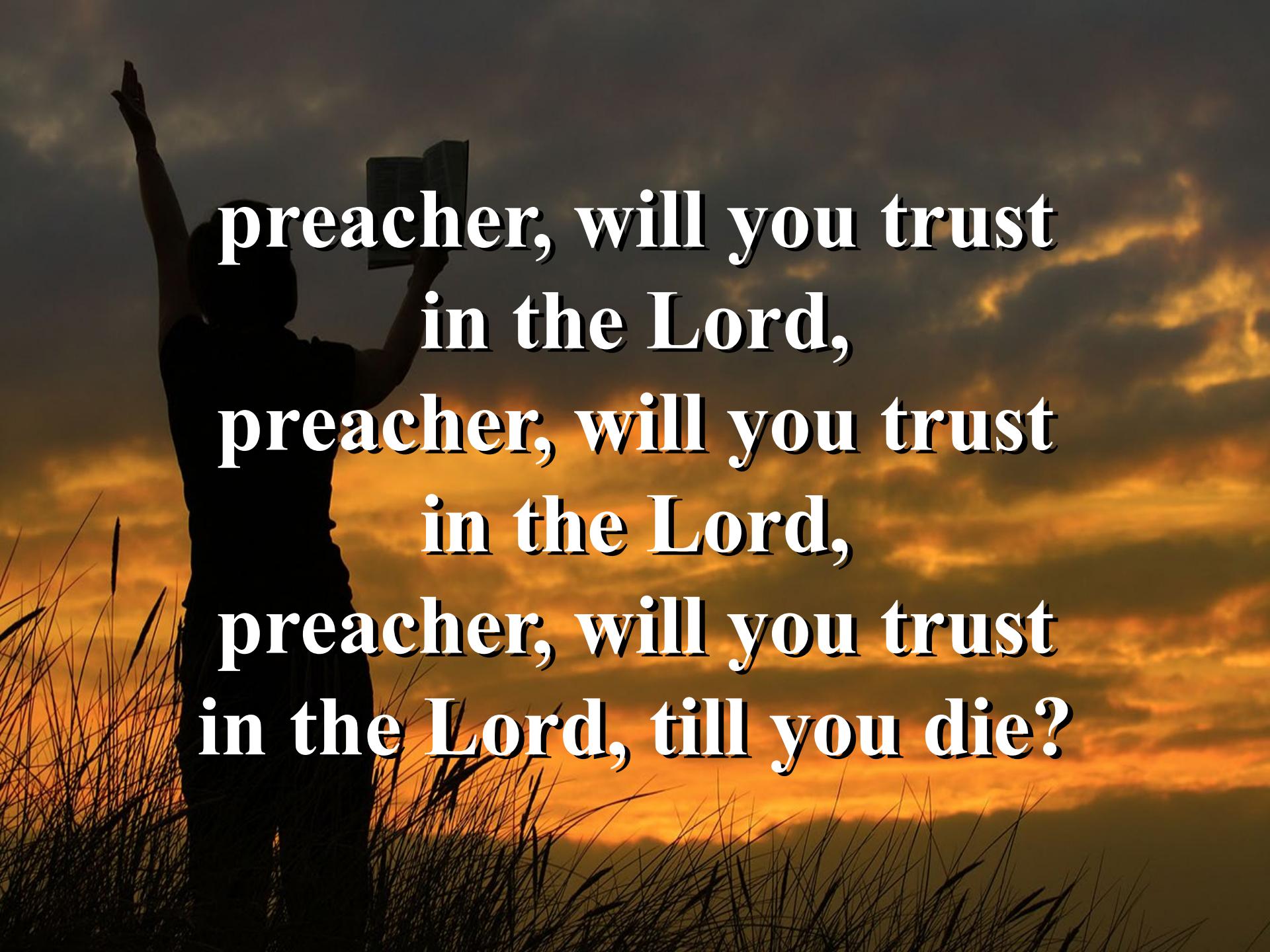
3. Brother, will you trust
in the Lord,
brother, will you trust
in the Lord,
brother, will you trust
in the Lord, till you die;

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a large cross. The person's arms are raised, with one hand on the cross and the other pointing upwards. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on this image.

brother, will you trust
in the Lord,
brother, will you trust
in the Lord,
brother, will you trust
in the Lord,till you die?

A silhouette of a person standing in a field of tall grass, holding a cross high above their head with one arm. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

4. Preacher, will you trust
in the Lord,
preacher, will you trust
in the Lord,
preacher, will you trust
in the Lord, till you die;

A silhouette of a person standing on the left side of the frame, holding a cross. The background is a dramatic sunset with orange and yellow clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

preacher, will you trust
in the Lord,
preacher, will you trust
in the Lord,
preacher, will you trust
in the Lord, till you die?



BENEDICTION

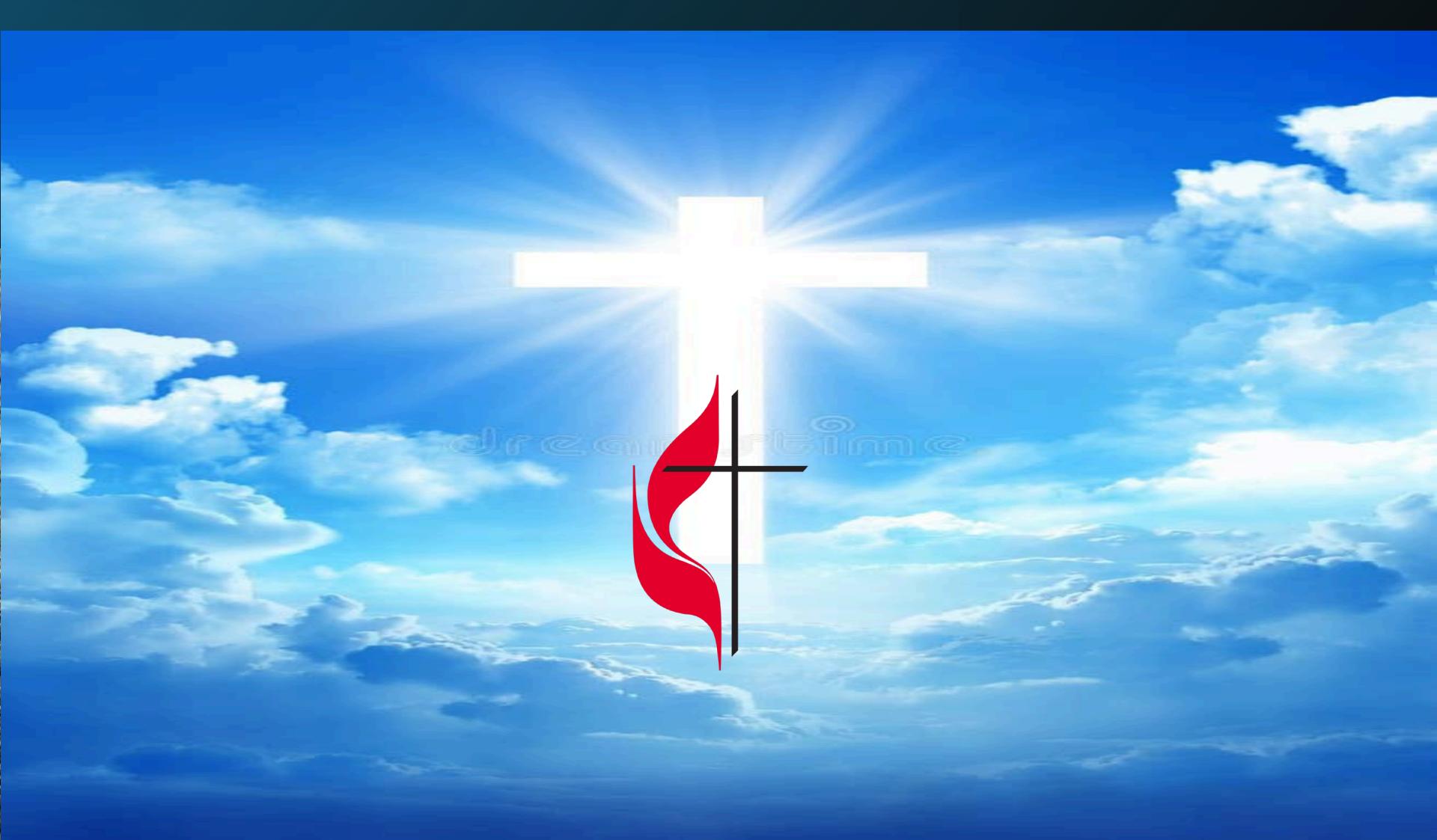


May the love of God bring
forth healing and restoration
all of your days. May the light
of Christ guide your way. And
may the Holy Spirit empower
you to do the good work of
God. Amen.



564 Threecold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)



“I TRUST IN GOD”

<https://youtu.be/QS04WbSnxok>

(Chris Brown & Isaiah Templeton) | Elevation Worship



CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

