



WELCOME!
Asbury United Methodist Church
Open Doors with Loving Hearts
September 6, 2026



PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG

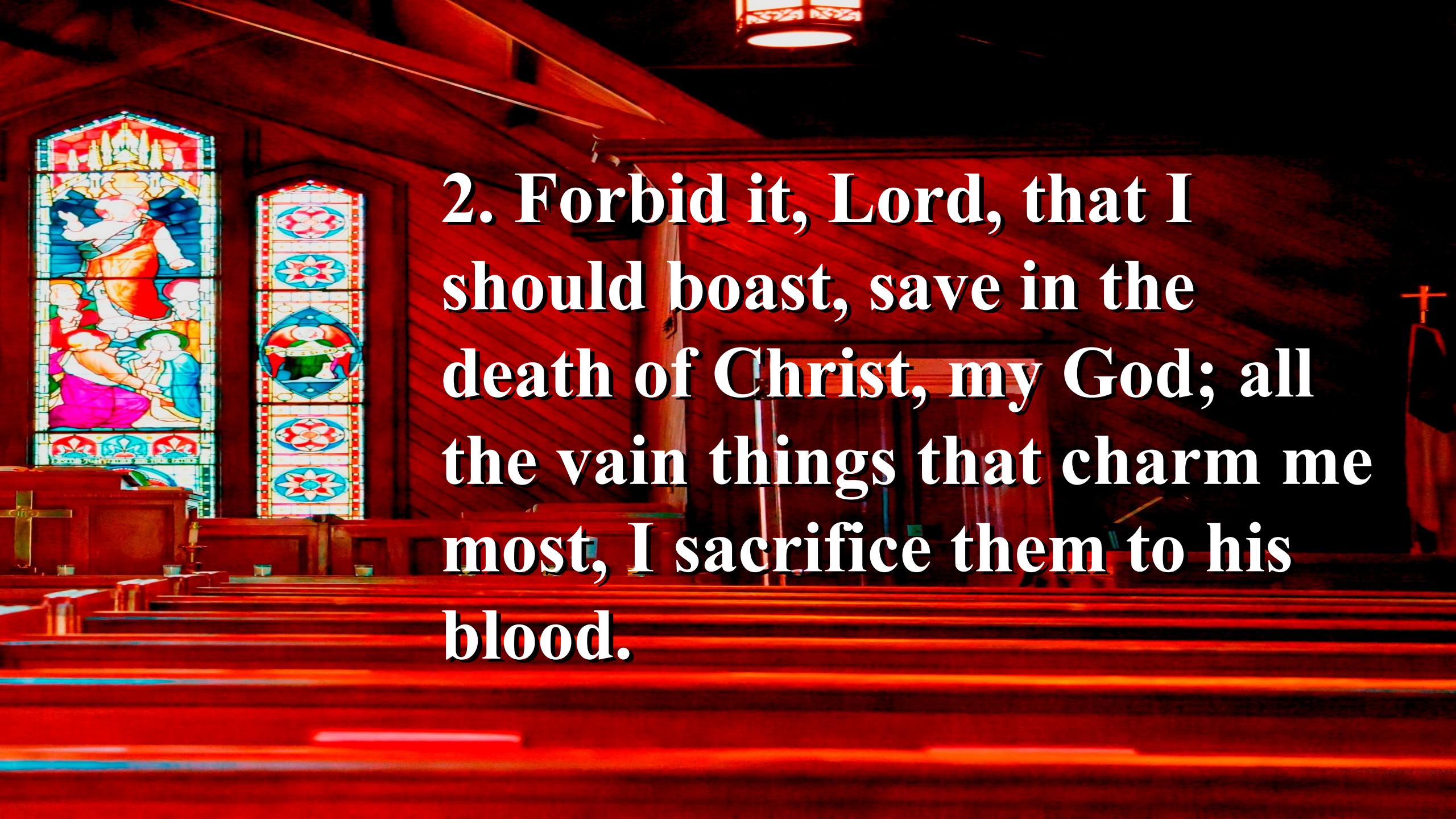


**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
UMH 298**

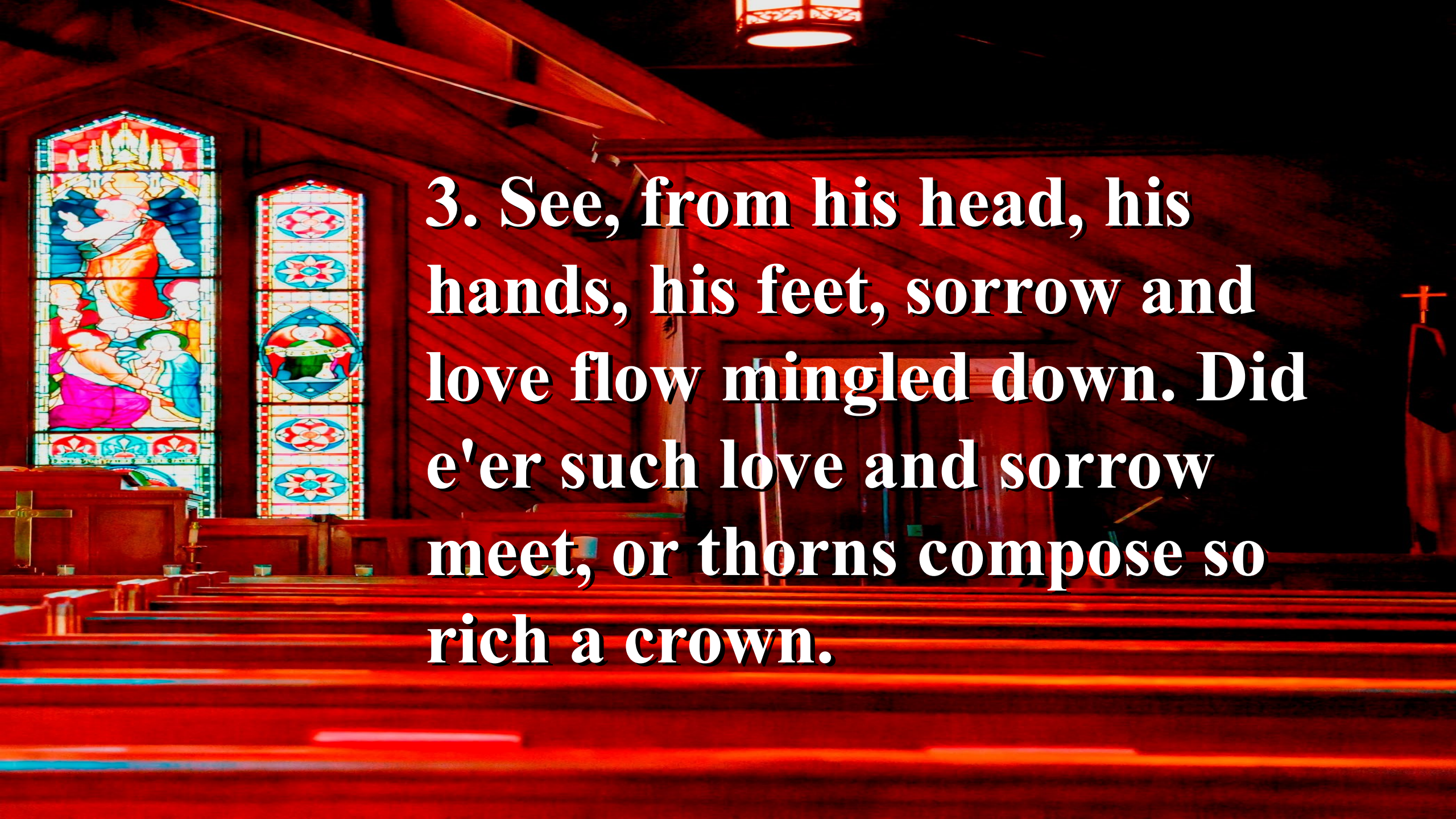
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 298

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, Galatians 6:14

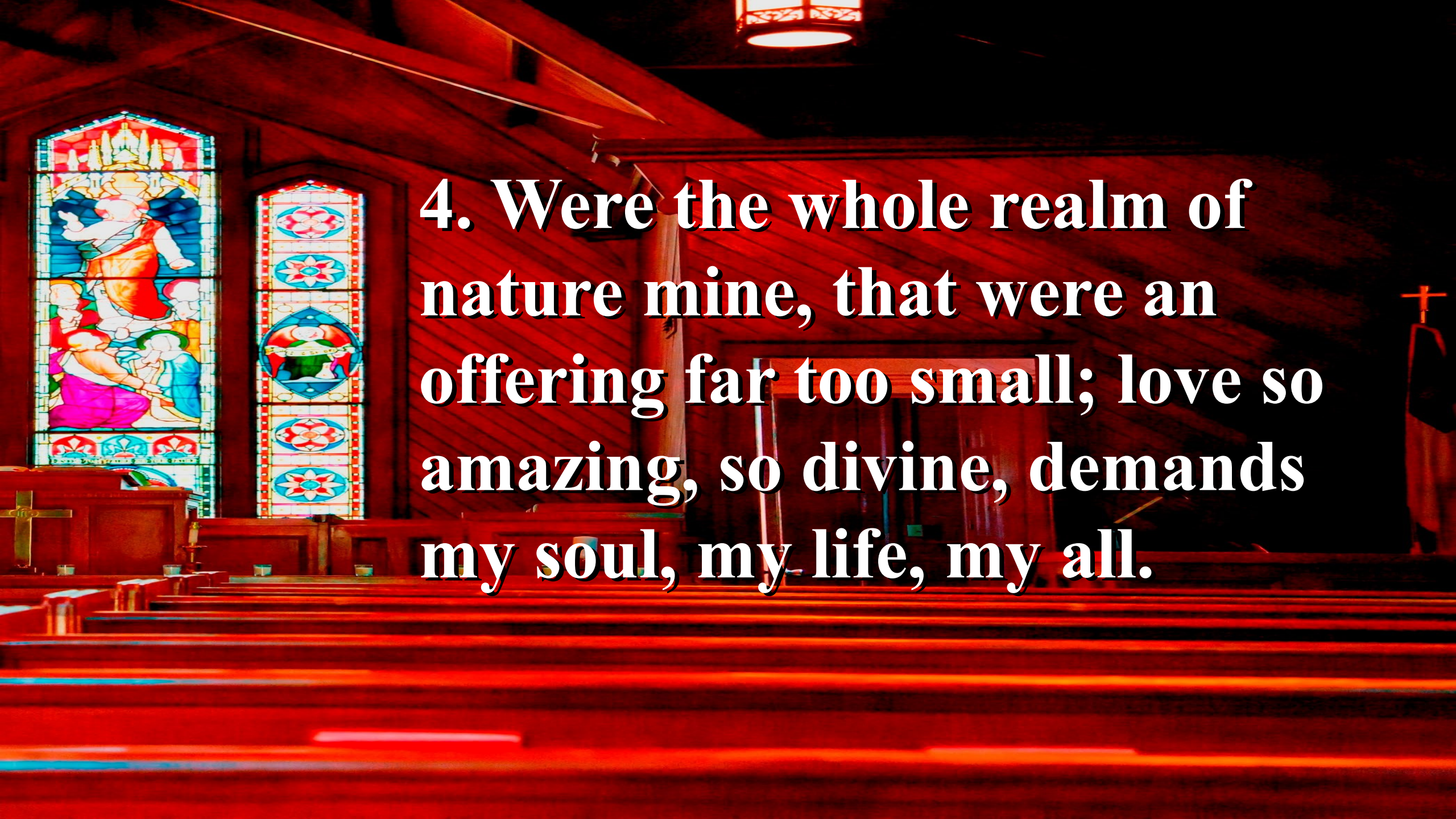
1. When I survey the wondrous
cross on which the Prince of
Glory died; my richest gain I
count but loss, and pour
contempt on all my pride.

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the altar. The walls are made of dark wood. On the left, there are two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The leftmost window depicts a religious scene with several figures, including one in a red robe. The window next to it features a central medallion with a figure, surrounded by decorative patterns. Rows of wooden pews are visible in the foreground and middle ground. A wooden cross is mounted on the wall to the right. The lighting is warm, coming from a fixture visible at the top center.

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I
should boast, save in the
death of Christ, my God; all
the vain things that charm me
most, I sacrifice them to his
blood.**

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground, a wooden altar with a cross on the left, and two tall, narrow stained glass windows. The windows depict religious scenes, including one with a figure in a red robe and another with a figure in a blue robe. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**3. See, from his head, his
hands, his feet, sorrow and
love flow mingled down. Did
e'er such love and sorrow
meet, or thorns compose so
rich a crown.**

A photograph of a church interior, featuring wooden pews in the foreground and two large stained glass windows in the background. The left window depicts a religious scene with figures in colorful robes, and the right window features a central medallion with a figure, surrounded by decorative patterns. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**4. Were the whole realm of
nature mine, that were an
offering far too small; love so
amazing, so divine, demands
my soul, my life, my all.**

GATHERING SONG



“Jesus Calls Us”

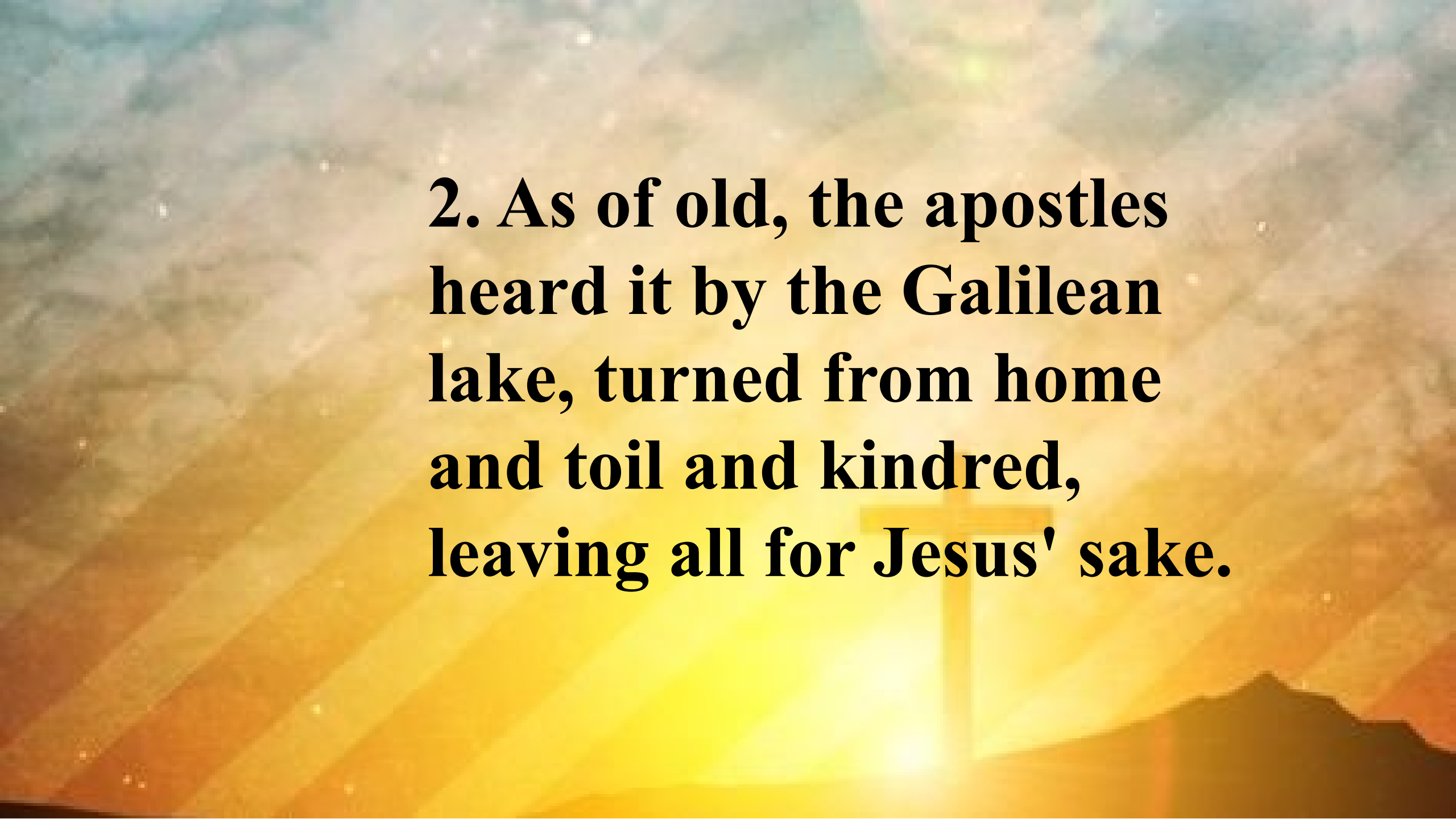
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JESUS CALLS US

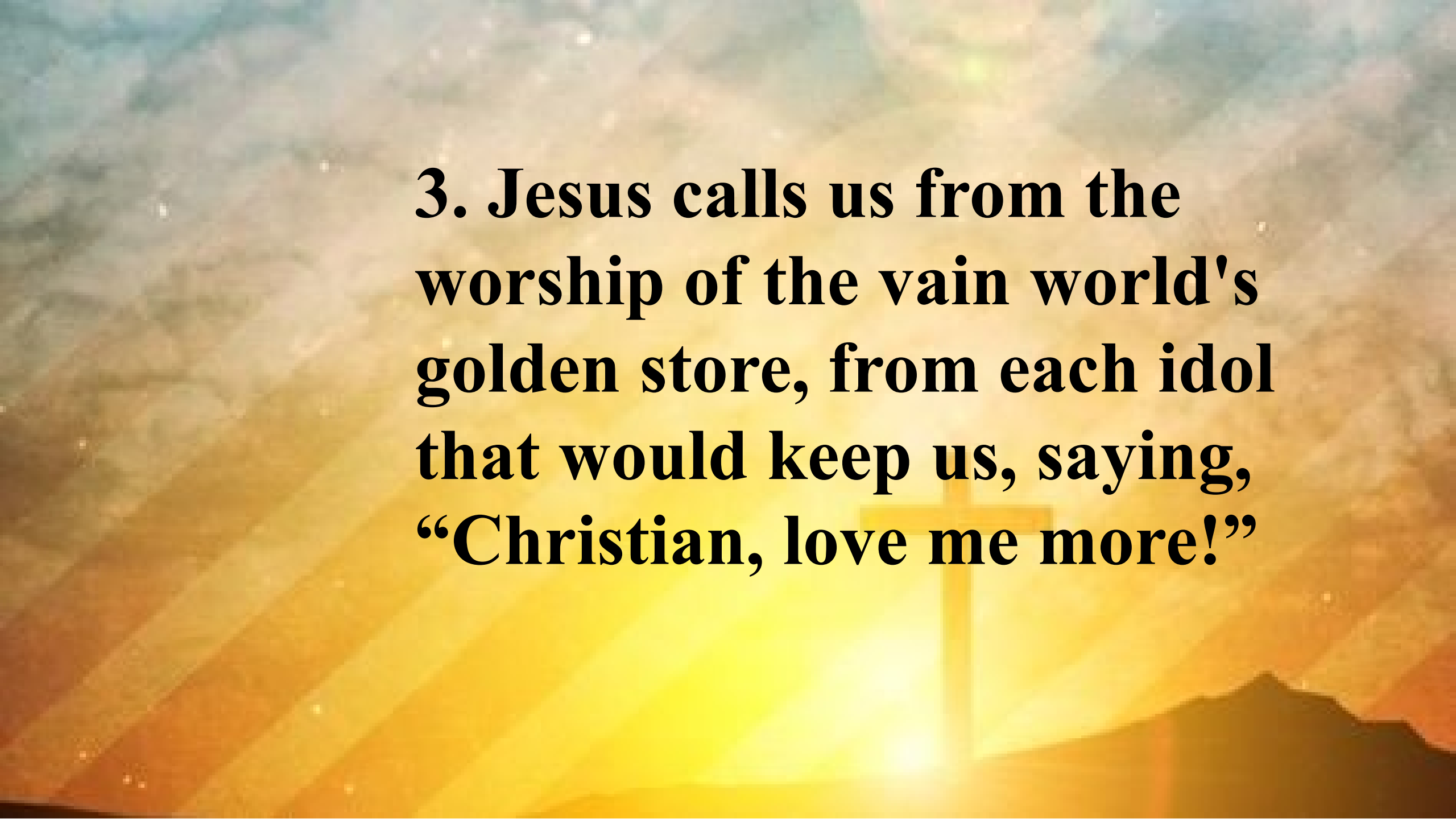
WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander

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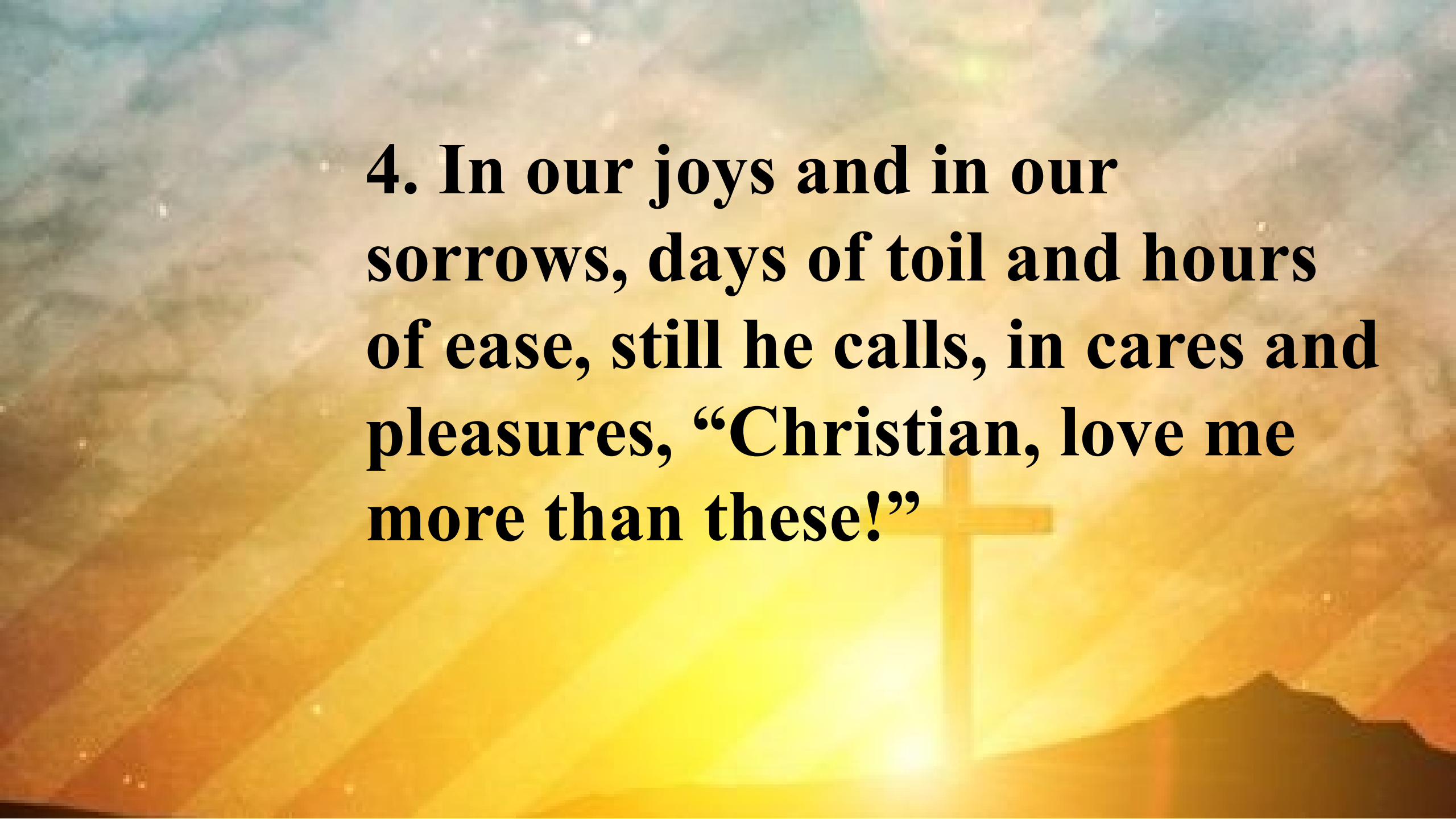
**1. Jesus calls us o'er the
tumult of our life's wild,
restless sea; day by day his
sweet voice soundeth,
saying, “Christian, follow
me!”**



**2. As of old, the apostles
heard it by the Galilean
lake, turned from home
and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**



**3. Jesus calls us from the
worship of the vain world's
golden store, from each idol
that would keep us, saying,
“Christian, love me more!”**



4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these!”

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.



“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: Family of God, like Peter, James, and John, Jesus calls to us from the shorelines and the sidelines of life. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

People: Yes, we will follow!

Leader: Jesus calls us to work together, to build up the Body of Christ as we mature in faith. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

People: Yes, we will follow!



Leader: Jesus calls us to grow, to become disciples formed in the likeness of Christ. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

People: Yes, we will follow!

Leader: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

People: Today, we choose once again to leave everything behind and follow Christ, who forms us as disciples, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Amen.



OPENING SONG

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

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JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

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WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby

**1. Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calvary's mountain.**



Refrain:

**In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever, till my
raptured soul shall find rest
beyond the river.**



**2. Near the cross, a trembling
soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.**

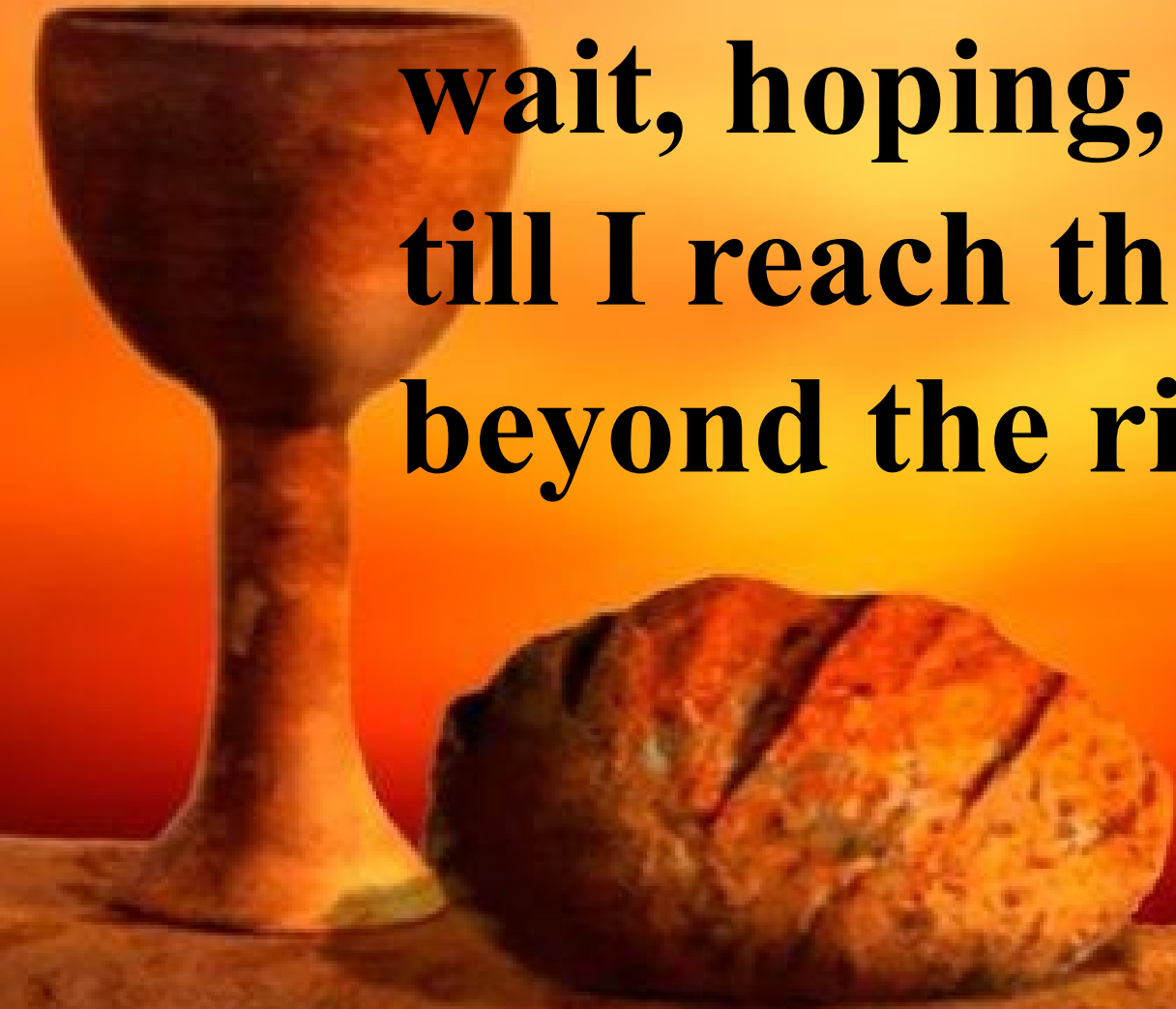
(Refrain)



**3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. (Refrain)**



**4. Near the cross I'll watch and
wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just
beyond the river. (Refrain)**





OPENING PRAYER

A red decorative graphic consisting of a vertical line and a curved shape, resembling a stylized flame or a cross with a heart, located on the left side of the text.

**Almighty and, Loving God, we gather before
You with grateful hearts, seeking to walk in Your
ways and grow in the grace of Jesus Christ. Your
Word teaches us, corrects us, strengthens us, and
guides us toward faithful living. Thank You for
the gifts You have given to Your church: apostles,
prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, servants,
and witnesses who help equip Your people for
ministry. Shape us into a mature body, joined
together in Christ and built up in love.**



**Come, Holy Spirit, and lead our worship. Open
our hearts to Your truth. Help us not only hear
Your Word, but live it with humility, obedience,
and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT



Birthday/Anniversary



OFFERING

Praising God with Our Gifts

Open Doors with Loving Hearts

“OFFERTORY RESPONSE”



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



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, as Your Word is read and proclaimed, teach us Your statutes and guide us in Your truth. Open our hearts to receive Your instruction and help us grow into maturity in Christ. By Your Holy Spirit, strengthen us to speak the truth in love, follow Your ways, and serve faithfully as members of Christ's body. Amen.



SCRIPTURE

PLASM 119: 1-8 & EPHESIANS 4:11-16



**1 Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.**

**2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek
him with all their heart, 3 they do no wrong but
follow his ways. 4 You have laid down precepts that
are to be fully obeyed. 5 Oh, that my ways were
steadfast in obeying your decrees! 6 Then I would
not be put to shame when I consider all your
commands. 7 I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws. 8 I will obey your
decrees; do not utterly forsake me.**



11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

A red decorative graphic consisting of a vertical line and a horizontal line intersecting at the top left, with a red flame-like shape extending from the vertical line.

15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



Walking in His Ways, Growing Into His Fullness



SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II



Pastor: 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.

CONFESSIOIN AND PARDON

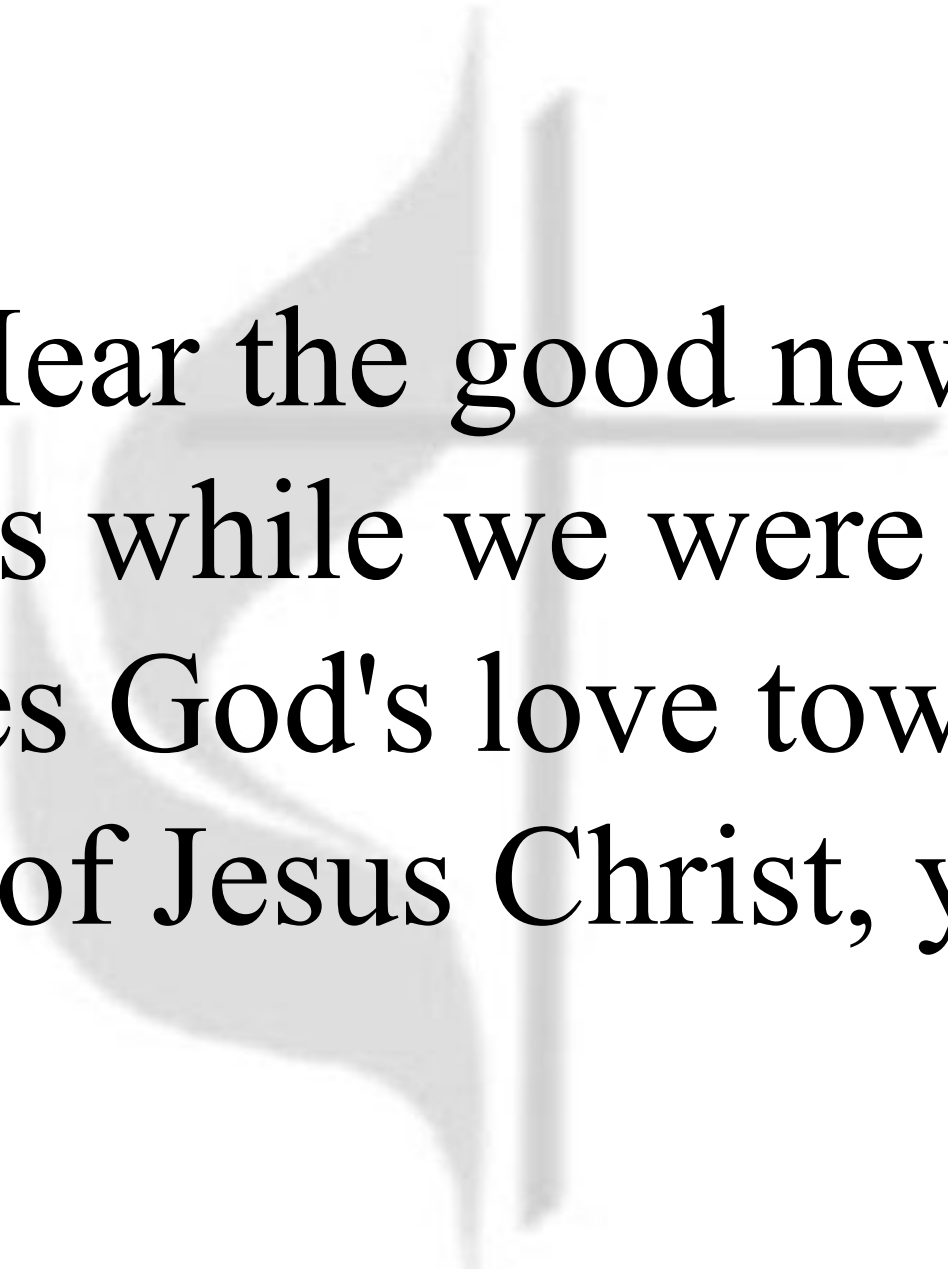


**All: Merciful God, we confess that we
have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.**



**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.**



Pastor: 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!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

You formed us in your image and breathed into
us the breath of life. When we turned away, and
our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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."r Word and Holy Spirit. Hands over Bread

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." **Hand over or lift up cup**

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.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

**The pastor may hold hands, palms down,
over the bread and cup.**

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.

Raised Hands 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.



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.

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

COMMUNION

do this in
remembrance of me



**Breaking the Bread
and
Sharing the Cup**





PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Lord God, you are our Teacher, Shepherd, and Redeemer, we come before You, asking You to guide our steps and shape our lives according to Your Word. Teach us to walk in Your ways with humble and faithful hearts. Help us to delight in Your commandments, seek Your truth, and live with integrity before You and one another. We pray for Your church. Build us up in Christ. Strengthen pastors, teachers, leaders, servants, and all who labor in ministry.

Help every member use their gifts for the good of the body and the glory of God. We pray for unity, maturity, and love among Your people. Keep us from confusion, division, and falsehood. Help us speak the truth in love and grow together into Christ. We pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, discouraged, or in need. Surround them with Your comfort and care. Let Your church be a place of compassion, encouragement, and faithful support.

We pray for our community, our nation, and our world. Where there is hatred, bring love. Where there is deception, bring truth. Where there is injustice, bring righteousness. Where there is brokenness, bring healing. Lord, do not forsake us. Continue to form us into faithful disciples who walk in Your ways, serve with willing hearts, and bear witness to Jesus Christ. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CLOSING SONG

“THE SUMMONS”

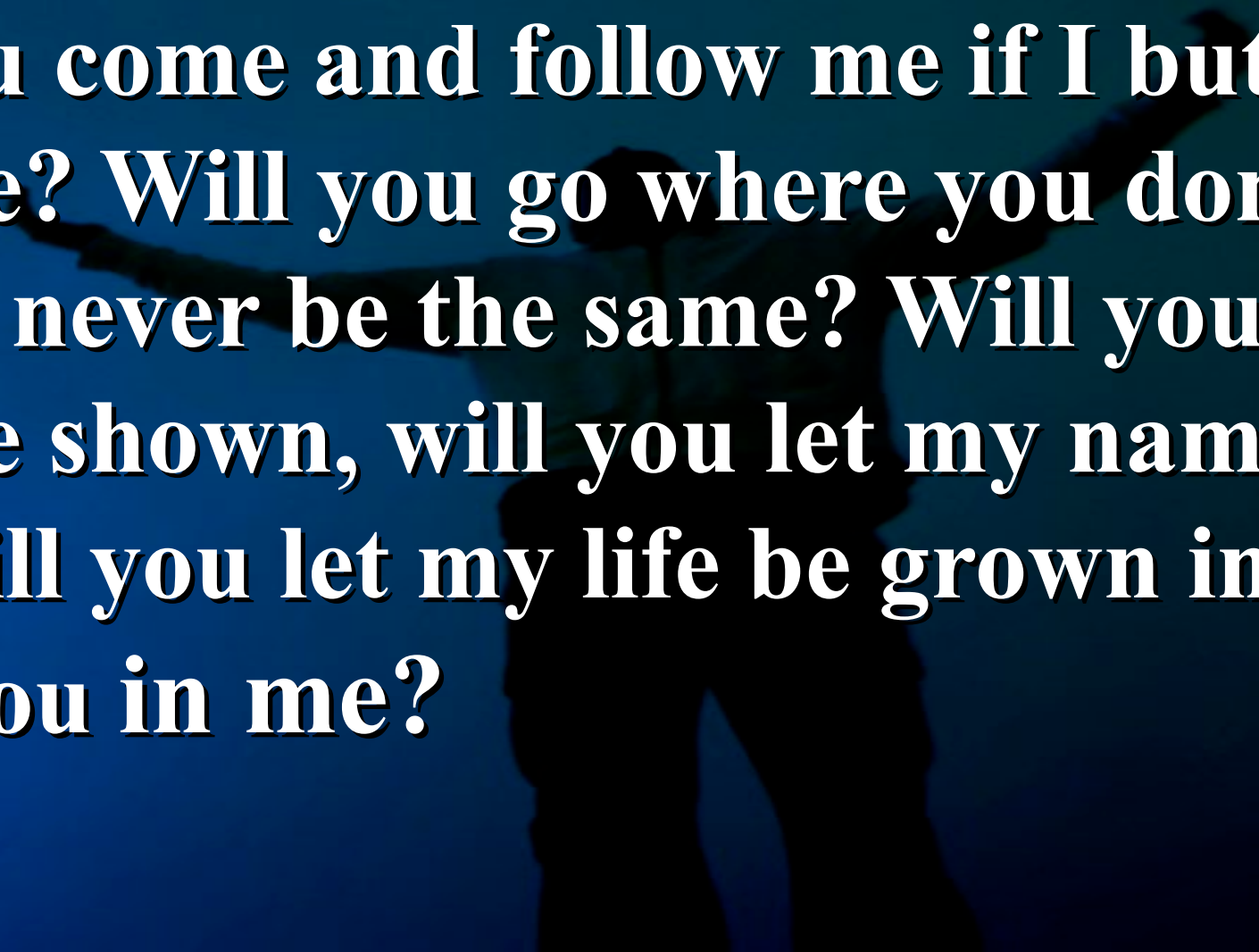
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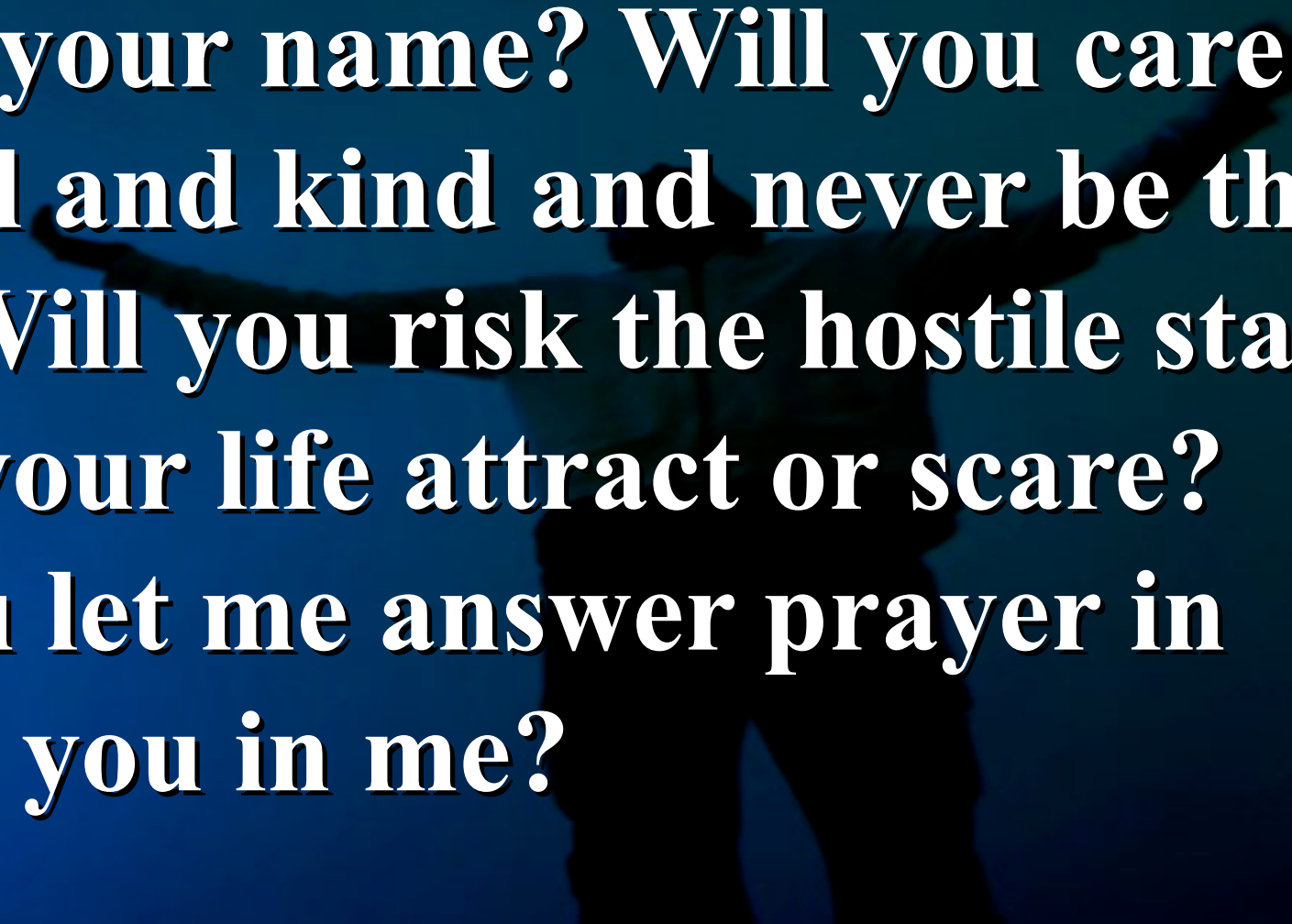
THE SUMMONS

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WORDS: John Bell

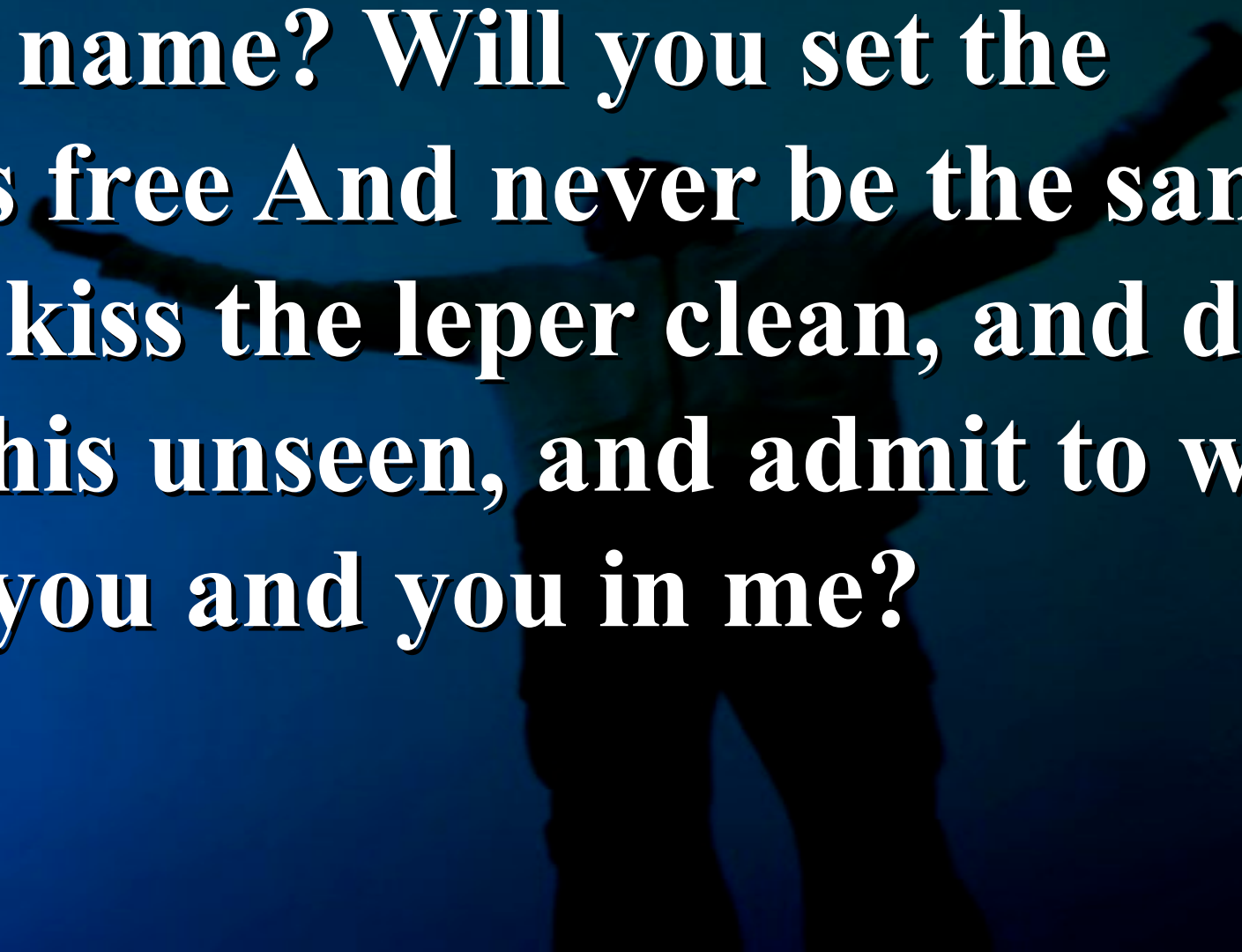
1. Will you come and follow me if I but call
your name? Will you go where you don't
know and never be the same? Will you let
my love be shown, will you let my name be
known, will you let my life be grown in
you and you in me?

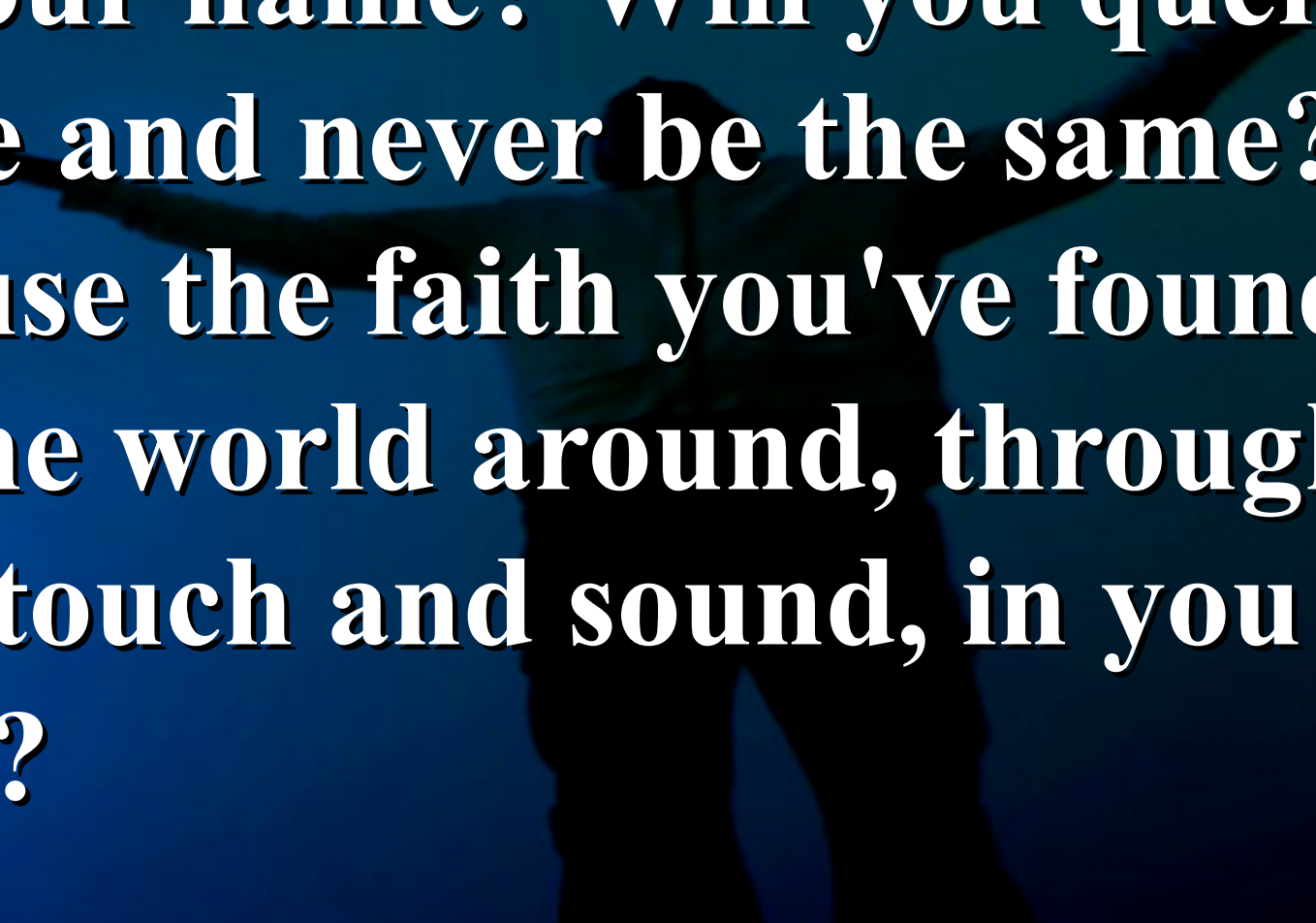
A dark silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a blue gradient background.



**2. Will you leave yourself behind if I
but call your name? Will you care
for cruel and kind and never be the
same? Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in
you and you in me?**

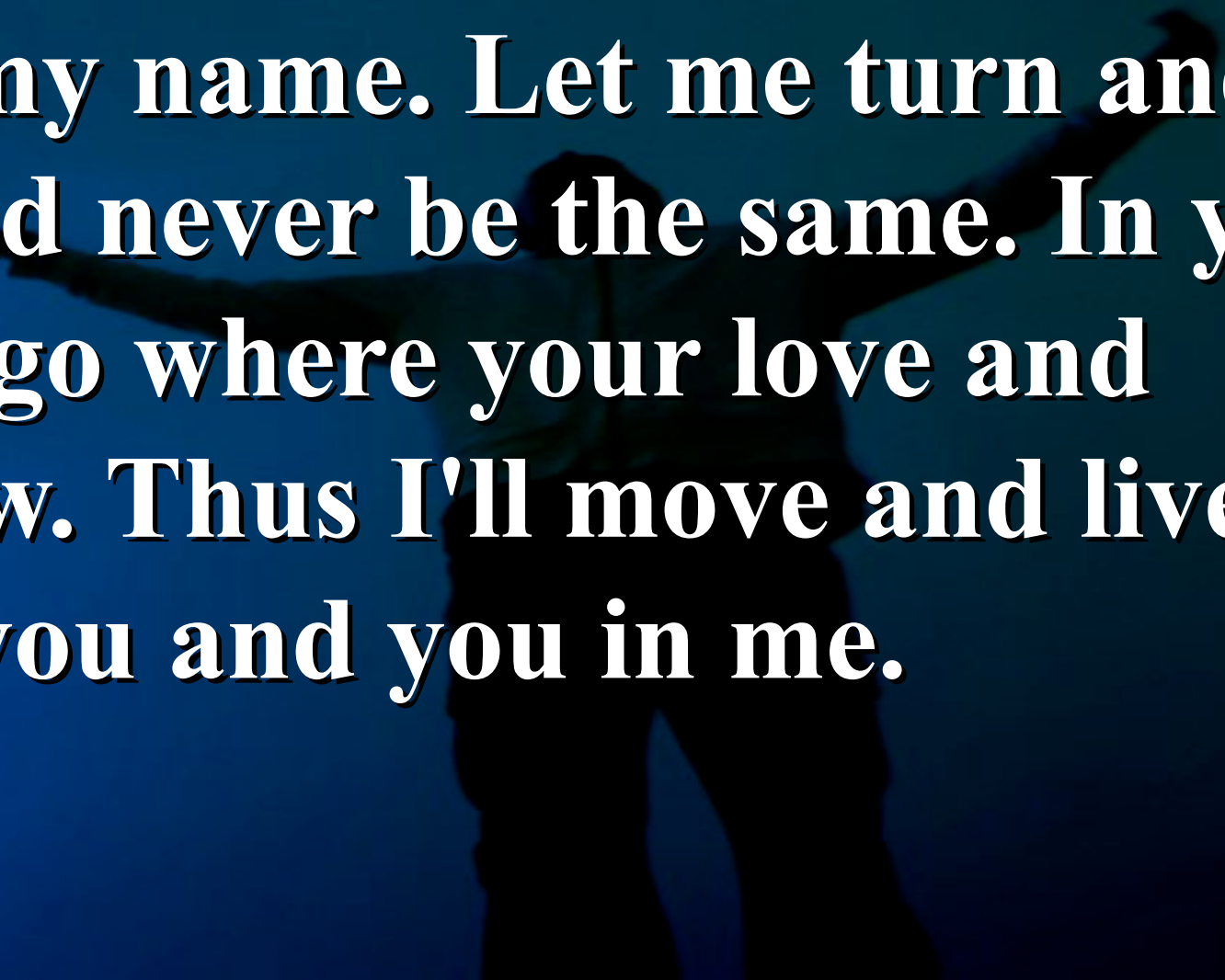
**3. Will you let the blinded see if I but
call your name? Will you set the
prisoners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do
such as this unseen, and admit to what I
mean in you and you in me?**

A dark silhouette of a person stands in the background, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender. The figure is positioned behind the text, adding a visual layer to the spiritual or poetic message.

A dark silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or surrender, set against a blue gradient background.

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I
but call your name? Will you quell the
fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to
reshape the world around, through my
sight and touch and sound, in you and
you in me?

**5. Lord, your summons echoes true When
you but call my name. Let me turn and
follow you and never be the same. In your
company I'll go where your love and
footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live
and grow in you and you in me.**

A dark silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship, set against a blue gradient background.



BENEDICTION



May God, who forms you in the image of Christ, bless you with the perseverance to answer Christ's call each day as you leave behind everything that holds you back and say "yes" to living as disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.



564 Threefold Amen

Walter Henry Hall (1862-1935)

A-men, A-men, A - - - men.

The musical score is written for two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music: the first two measures are chords (G4-A4 and F4-G4), and the last two measures are a half note G4 and a half note F4, followed by a double bar line. The bottom staff is in bass clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains four measures of music: the first two measures are whole rests, and the last two measures are a half note G2 and a half note F2, followed by a double bar line. The lyrics 'A-men, A-men, A - - - men.' are written between the staves, with the first two measures of the top staff corresponding to 'A-men, A-men,' and the last two measures corresponding to 'A - - - men.'.

CARRY OUT THE LIGHT

