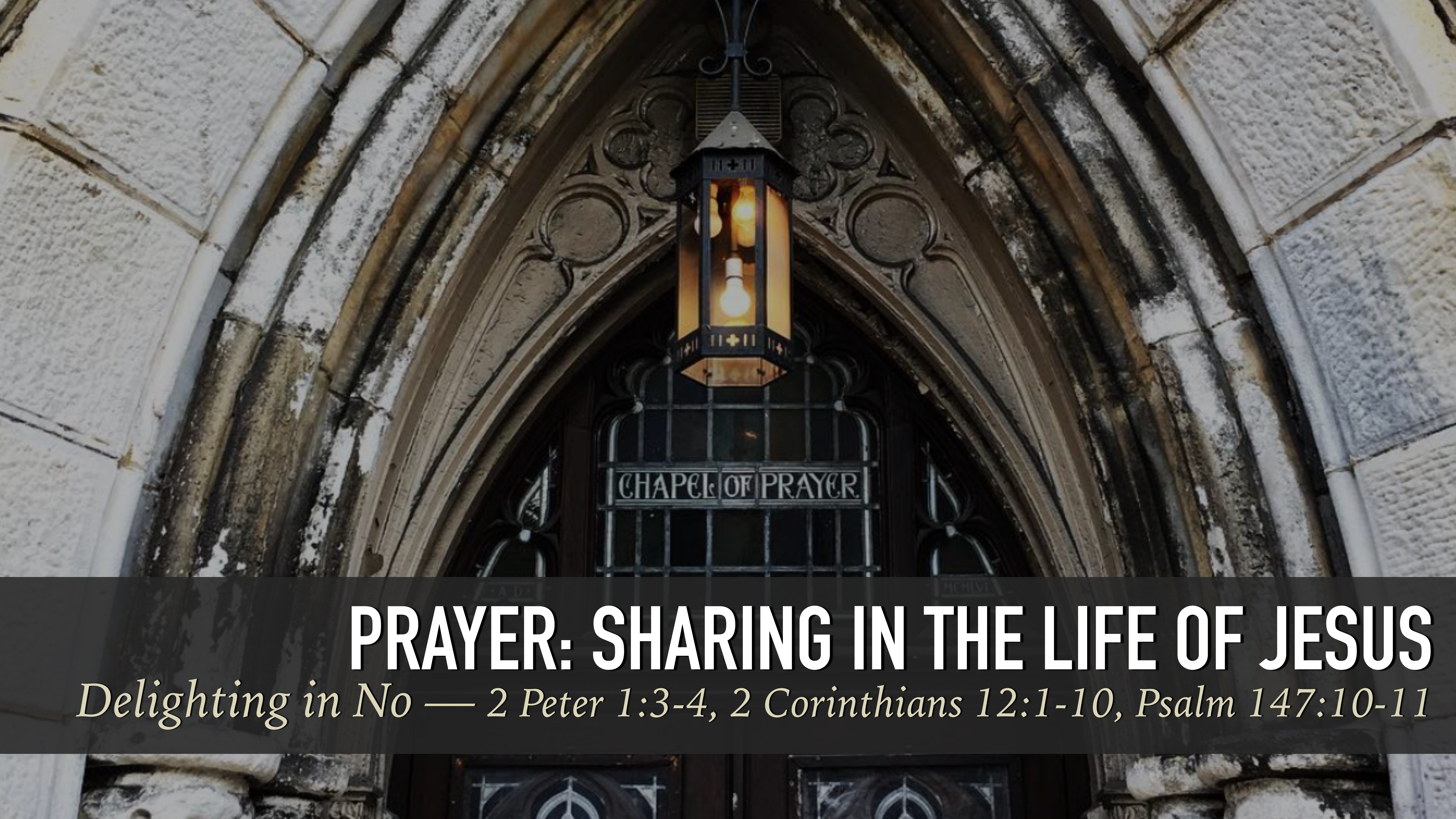


**WE DON'T ALWAYS LIKE IT WHEN GOD SAYS NO
AND WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE'S
DOING. IT MOVES OUR PRAYER LIFE FROM
DELIGHT TO DUTY AND RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION.**

A photograph of a Gothic-style stone archway. In the center, a hanging lantern with a warm glow is suspended. Below the lantern, a window with a decorative metal grille contains the text "CHAPEL OF PRAYER". The archway is made of weathered stone with intricate carvings. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the lantern providing the primary light source.

CHAPEL OF PRAYER

PRAYER: SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Delighting in No — 2 Peter 1:3-4, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Psalm 147:10-11

PURPOSE:

1. As a family, I want us to know and experience the Father's heart and discover His beauty in our praying.
2. As a family, I want us to be confident, joyful and hopeful in the place of personal and corporate prayer.

PURPOSE:

3. As a family, I want us to pray because it will build a strong and trusting relationship with Jesus.
4. As a family, I want us to be a people of prayer because prayer changes us & situations.

GOALS:

1. I want us to have a stronger, more consistent prayer life centered on the majesty of God. (*Psalm 27:4, 29:4, 93:1, 96:6, 145:5,12*)
2. Because of your prayer life, I want Christ formed in you (*Galatians 4:19, Colossians 1:9-14, Colossians 4:12*) and Christ demonstrated through you (*Acts 1:8, 14, 2:42, 3:1, 4:24, 6:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 3:16-21, Colossians 1:3-7*)

“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.”

2 Peter 1:3-4

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“This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don’t know—only God knows. Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell.

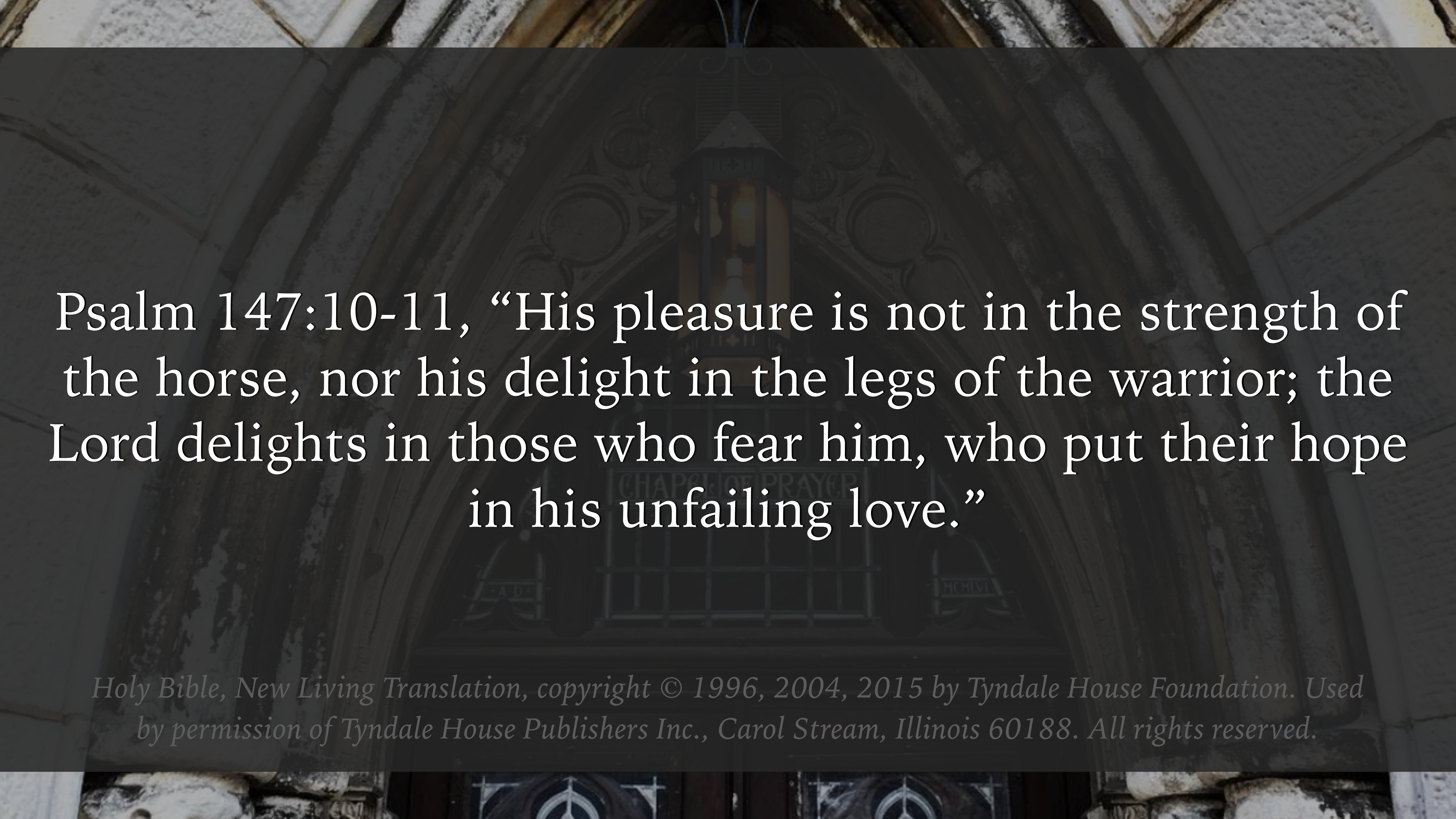
That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses. If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to
keep me from

becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

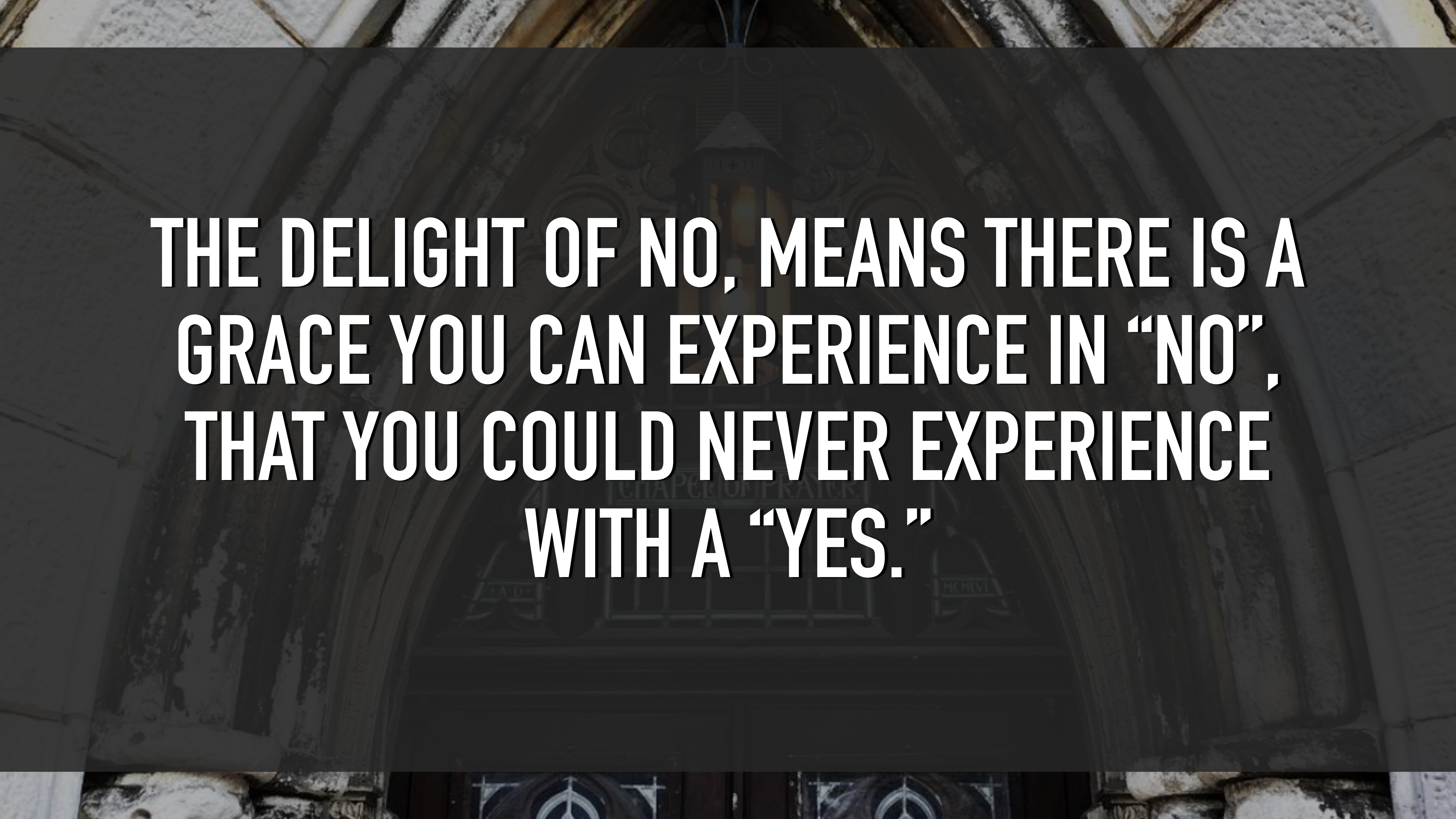
2 Corinthians 12:1-10

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Psalm 147:10-11, “His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of the warrior; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.”

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**THE DELIGHT OF NO, MEANS THERE IS A
GRACE YOU CAN EXPERIENCE IN "NO",
THAT YOU COULD NEVER EXPERIENCE
WITH A "YES."**

HERE'S WHY YOU CAN DELIGHT IN "NO"

1. The thorn is impartial.
2. Something dies in us.
3. Someone lives in us.
4. Something changes in us.

APPLICATION IDEAS:

1. Pick up a devotional or utilize the online version.
2. Look at your “no” from a different perspective so you can see His “yes.”
3. Delight yourself in God with radical expressions of celebration.
4. Practice the reality of Christ in you, the expectation of goodness through declaring His promises.
5. Express the divine nature.