

A night sky filled with stars, with a bright light flare in the lower-left quadrant. The bottom of the image shows the dark silhouettes of trees against a slightly lighter, hazy night sky.

**BEFORE.**

“You loved me before...”

**“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. IN LOVE he predestined us for adoption to SONSHIP through Jesus Christ, in accordance WITH HIS PLEASURE AND WILL—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.”**

**Ephesians 1:4-6**

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**Because God loves God  
we benefit.**

**“Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given to Me [as Your gift to Me], may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”**

**John 17:24 - Amplified Bible**

**“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”**

**John 17:24 - NIV**

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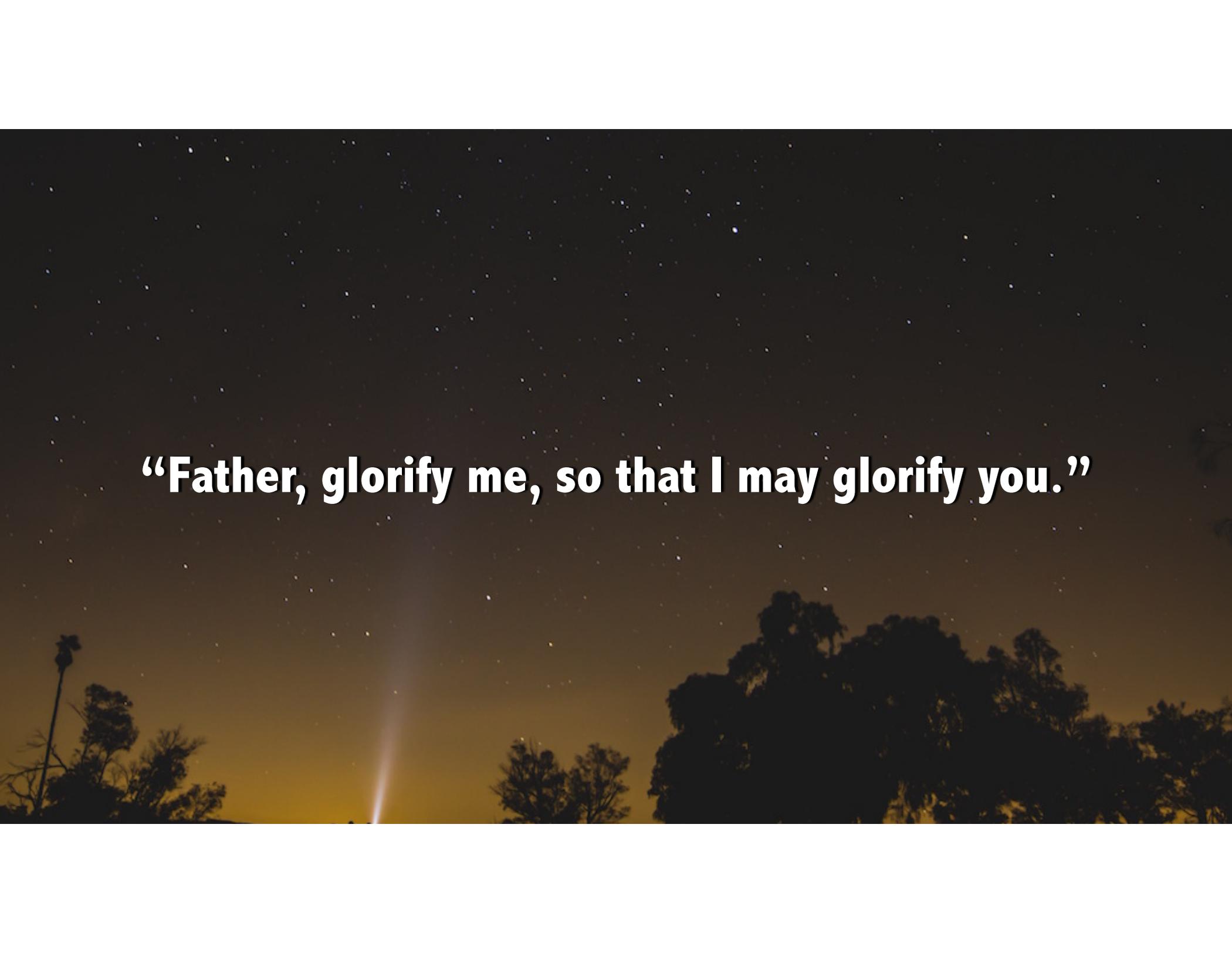
**“Because you loved me BEFORE the creation of the world, Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me.”**

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**“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that  
your Son may glorify you.”  
John 17:1 - NIV**

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A night sky filled with stars, with a bright light source visible near the horizon behind silhouetted trees.

**“Father, glorify me, so that I may glorify you.”**

**“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”**

**Ephesians 2:3-5 - NIV**

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**“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”**

**Ephesians 2:6-7 - NIV**



**What is the chief end of man?  
To glorify God by enjoying Him forever.**

# Suggested Application

- 1. Love God the way God loves God.**
  - a. Passionately, Obediently, Intimately**
- 2. Love others the way God loves others.**
  - a. Sacrificially, Covenantally, Generously**
- 3. Believe about yourself what Christ believes about you.**

A night sky filled with stars, with a bright meteor streak visible in the lower-left quadrant. The bottom of the image shows the dark silhouettes of trees against a slightly lighter, yellowish-orange glow from the horizon.

**BEFORE.**

“You loved me before...”