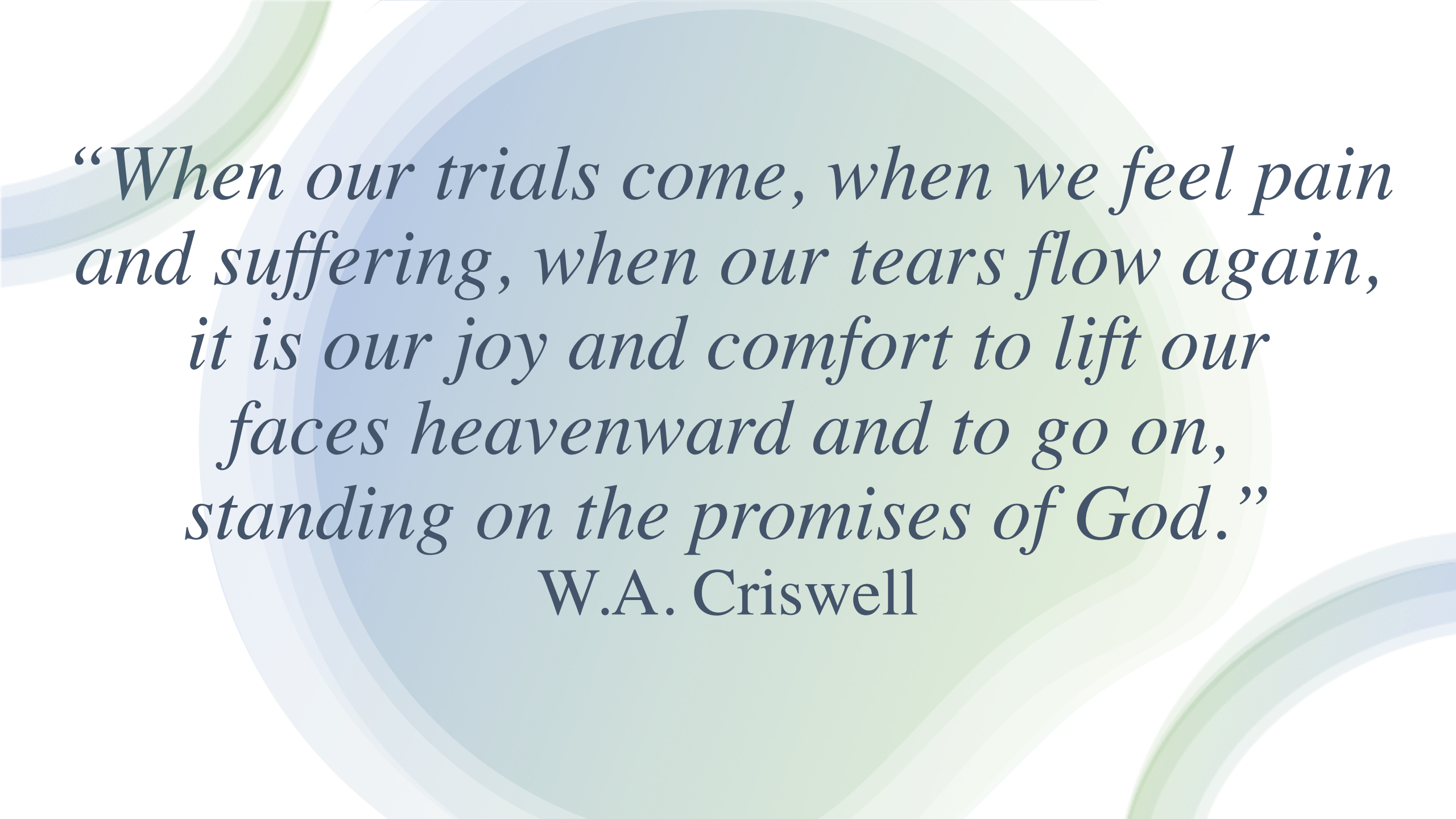


Promises Kept

(even in 2020)

“Being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform”

Romans 4:21



*“When our trials come, when we feel pain
and suffering, when our tears flow again,
it is our joy and comfort to lift our
faces heavenward and to go on,
standing on the promises of God.”*

W.A. Criswell

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and the Son and
the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that
I commanded you; and lo, I am with
you always, even to the end of the age.”

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.” Deut 31:6

“I will NEVER leave you!”

Jesus assures the disciples in John 14

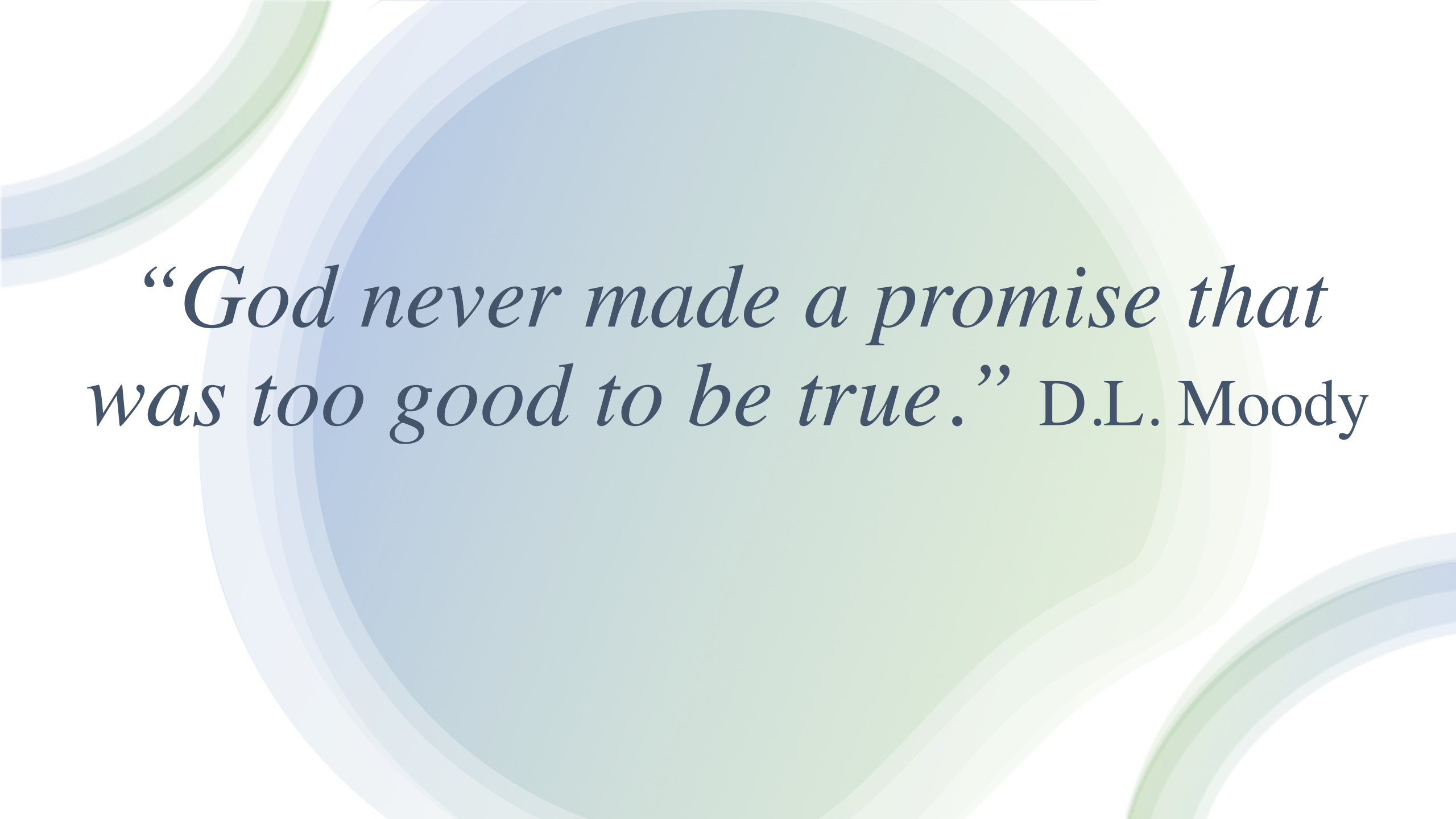
Jesus now commissions the disciples as apostles

Go and tell – the same message as the shepherds

Go and do baptize

Go and teach

Go and do not be alone!



*“God never made a promise that
was too good to be true.”* D.L. Moody

The LORD appeared to him from afar,
saying, “I have loved you with an
everlasting love;
Therefore I have drawn you with
lovingkindness. Jer 31:3

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? Rom 2:4

“I will ALWAYS love you!”

New Covenant of Jeremiah 31

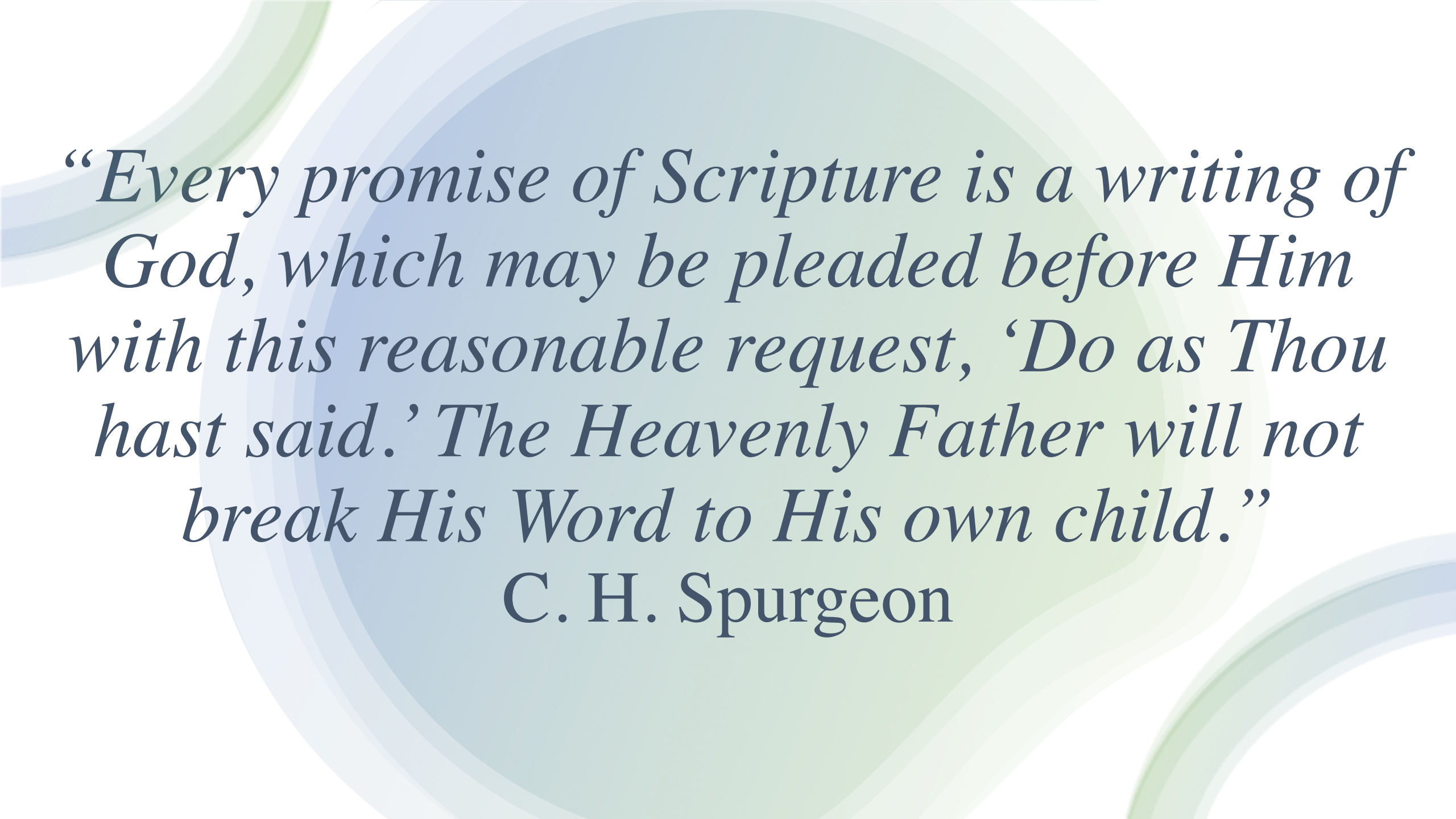
Mosaic Covenant – Law - fulfilled

Davidic Covenant – Throne - heir

Palestinian Covenant – Land - possession

Eden, Adam, Noah, Abraham – All toward Jesus!

‘everlasting love’ shown from OT to cross to US



“Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God, which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request, ‘Do as Thou hast said.’ The Heavenly Father will not break His Word to His own child.”

C. H. Spurgeon

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

1John 5:14

“It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.” Isaiah 65:24

“I will ALWAYS listen to you!”

‘confidence’ – true trust

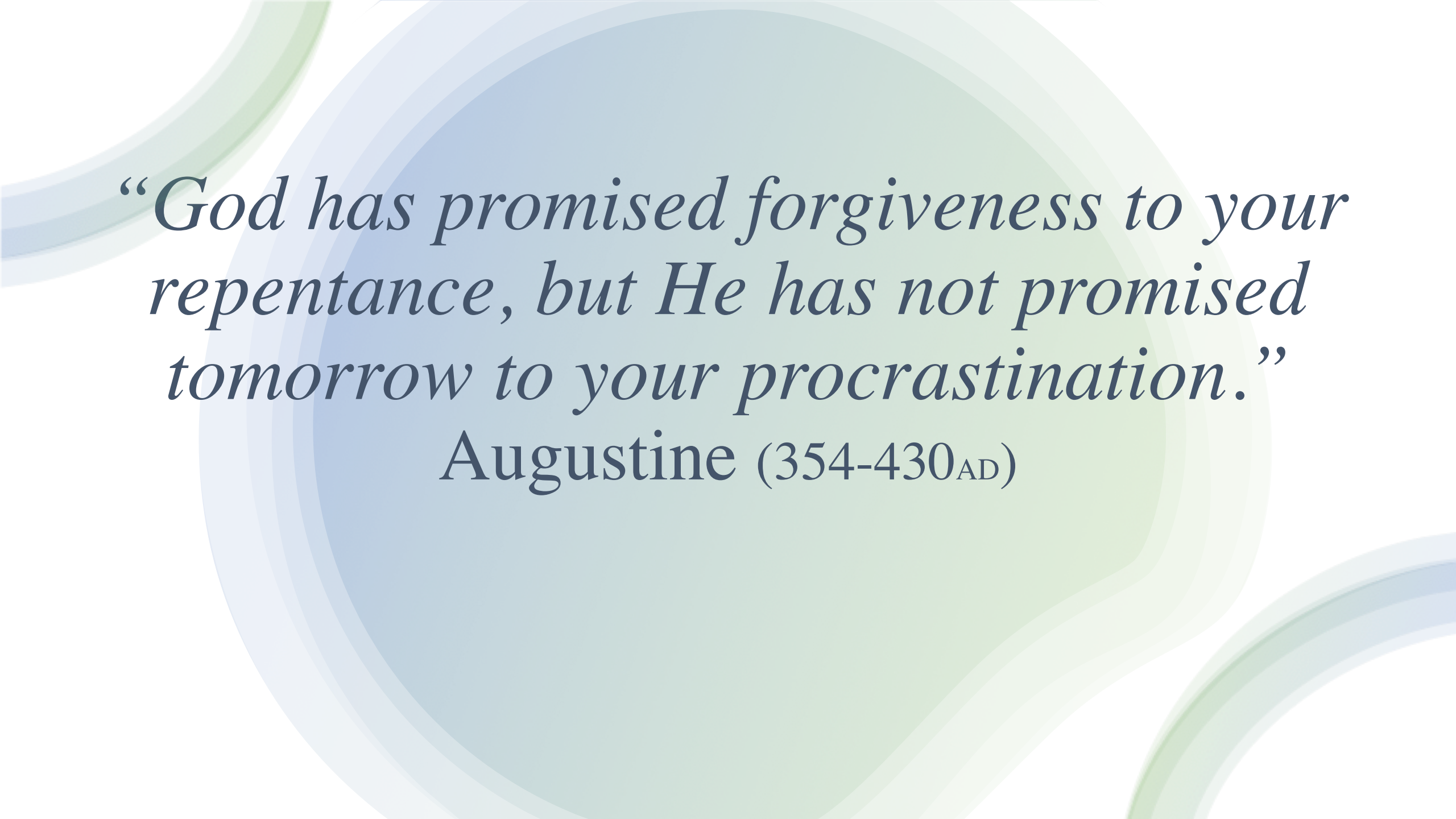
‘ask anything according to His will’

God truly does care – He does hear – He answers!

Our request allows for His loving reply

“you have not because you ask not” James 4:2

Psalm 34:10 – *“But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.”*



“God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.”

Augustine (354-430_{AD})

Matthew 11:28 “Come to Me,
all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and
learn from Me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and YOU WILL
FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Thus says the LORD,
“Stand by the ways and
see and ask for the ancient paths,
Where the good way is, and walk in it;
And you will find rest for your souls.
But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’

Jeremiah 6:16

“You can ALWAYS learn from me!”

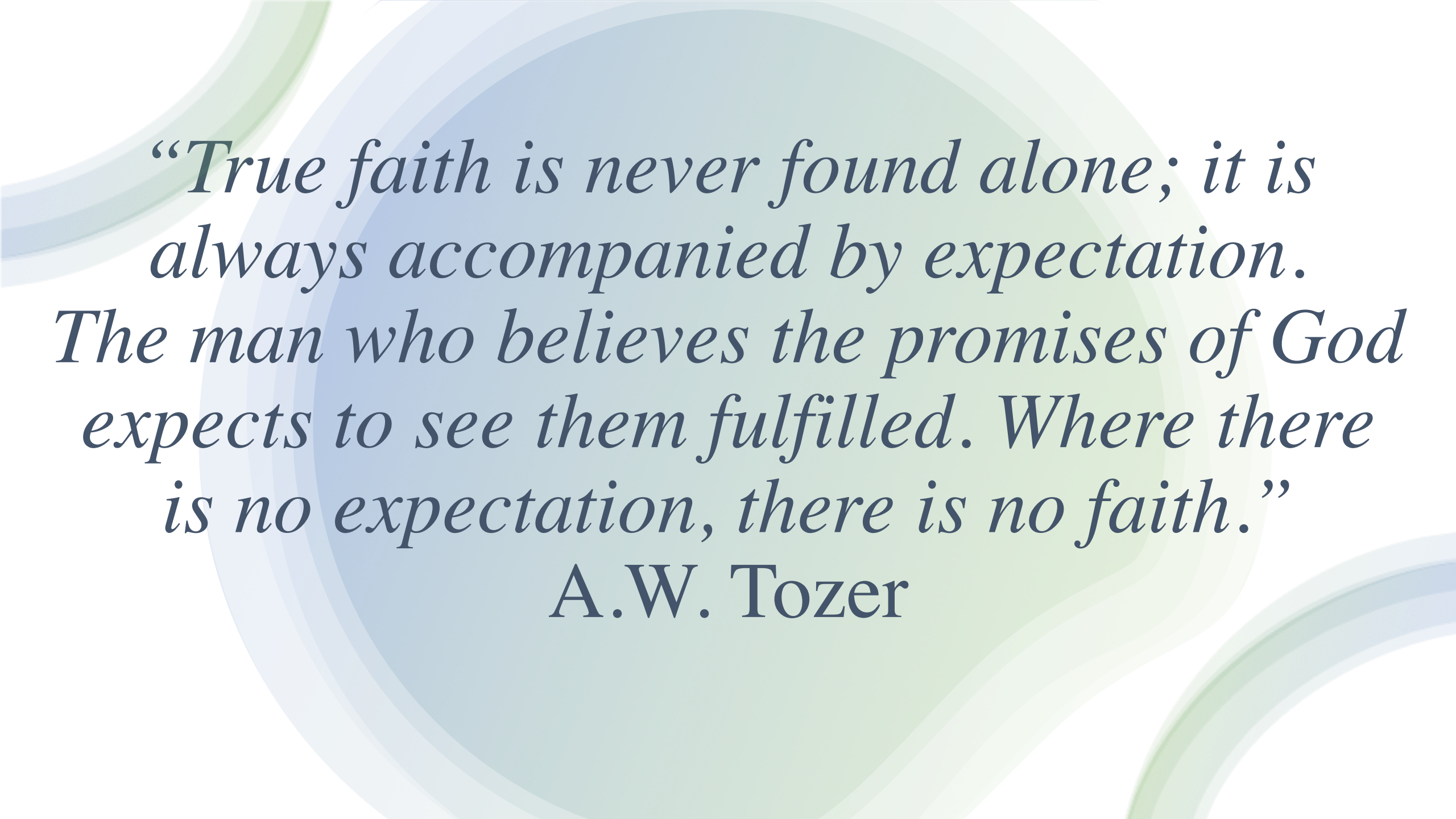
“Come to Me ... Take My yoke”

‘weary’ & ‘heavy laden’

“Learn from Me” – model of submission

Invitation – Investment – Incentive

“Rest for your souls” – Jeremiah 6:16



“True faith is never found alone; it is always accompanied by expectation. The man who believes the promises of God expects to see them fulfilled. Where there is no expectation, there is no faith.”

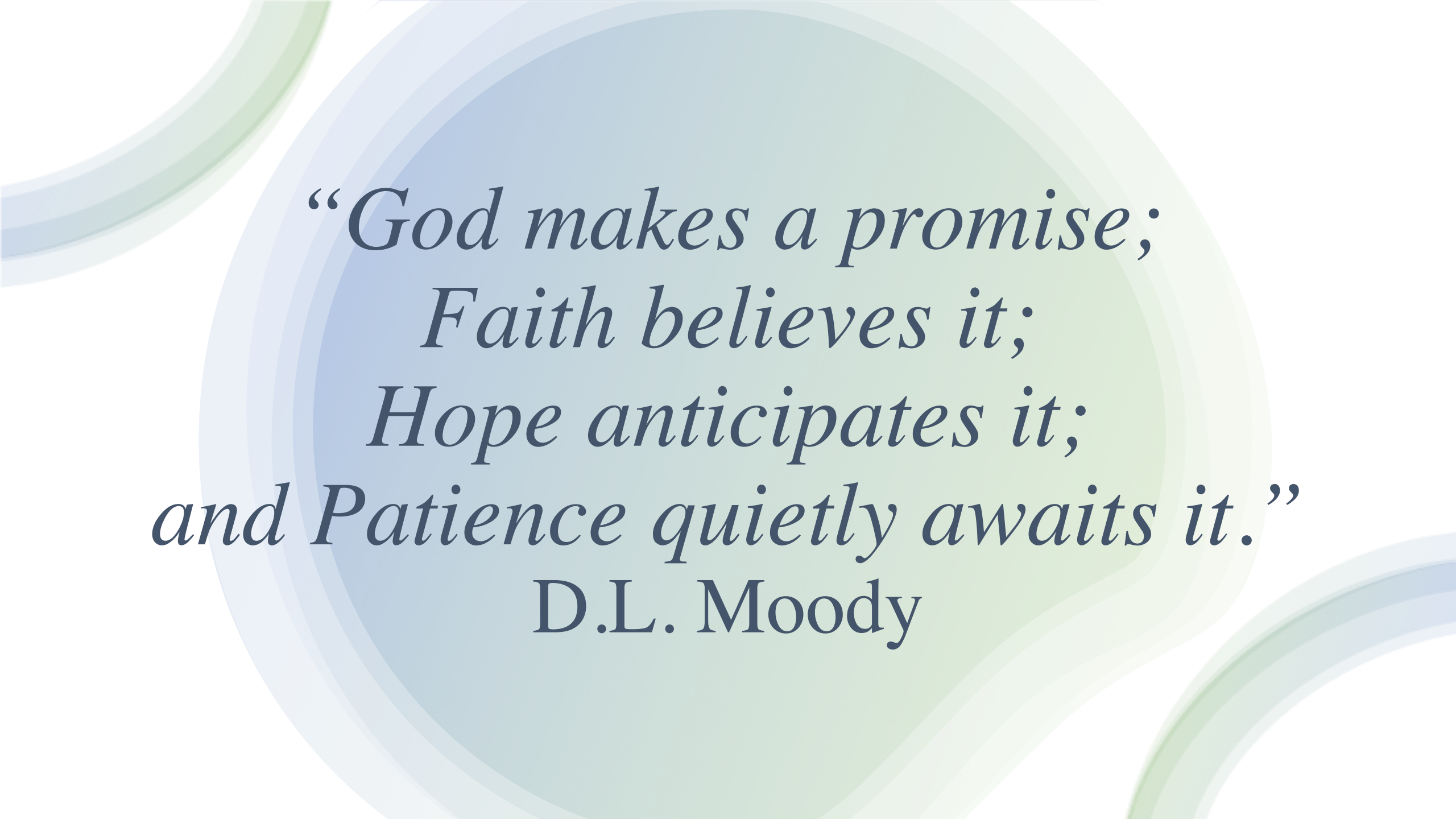
A.W. Tozer

Promises Kept – my reply = faith

I will be content with God's promises to me!

I will commit to God's calling to me!

I will communicate God's love for me!



*“God makes a promise;
Faith believes it;
Hope anticipates it;
and Patience quietly awaits it.”*

D.L. Moody

