

The



*Heart* of  
the **Matter**

# A Pure Heart





Above all else,  
guard your heart,  
for everything  
you do flows  
from it.

Prov. 4:23 NIV





More than all else to be watched over and protected (as something in a confined place), it is imperative that you preserve and keep your heart sensitive; because within it come divine direction for your life.

*Charles Swindoll*



## Q:: How Does God Direct?

<sup>4</sup> **Rejoice** in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> **Do not be anxious** about anything, but in every situation, by **prayer** and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts** and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. **And the God of peace will be with you.**

Philippians 4:4-9





**DANGER**

Will Robinson!!  
You can have a  
“guarded” heart and  
have a **DISTRACTED**  
heart.






## The Trusting Heart

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Prov. 3:5-6



Blessed are the pure in  
heart for they will see  
God. Matthew 5:8



**(CNN)** — A Florida lawmaker has introduced a bill that requires public schools to display the motto "In God We Trust," saying that while gun violence is a problem, "issues of the heart" need addressing as well.

"It is not a secret that we have some gun issues that need to be addressed," said Rep. Kimberly Daniels, a Democrat, said on the House floor Wednesday. "But the real thing that needs to be addressed are issues of the heart."

The bill passed 97 to 10 in the House -- just a day after the state Legislature voted against a measure to consider banning the sale of assault weapons. During that session Tuesday, [the legislature also declared pornography to be a public health risk.](#)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 1003.  
Florida Statutes, to read:

1003.44 Patriotic programs; rules.—  
(4) Each district school board shall adopt rules to require, in all of the schools of the district and in each building used by the district school board, the display of state motto, "In God We Trust," designated under s. 15.030 a conspicuous place.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.



**What is it to see God?**

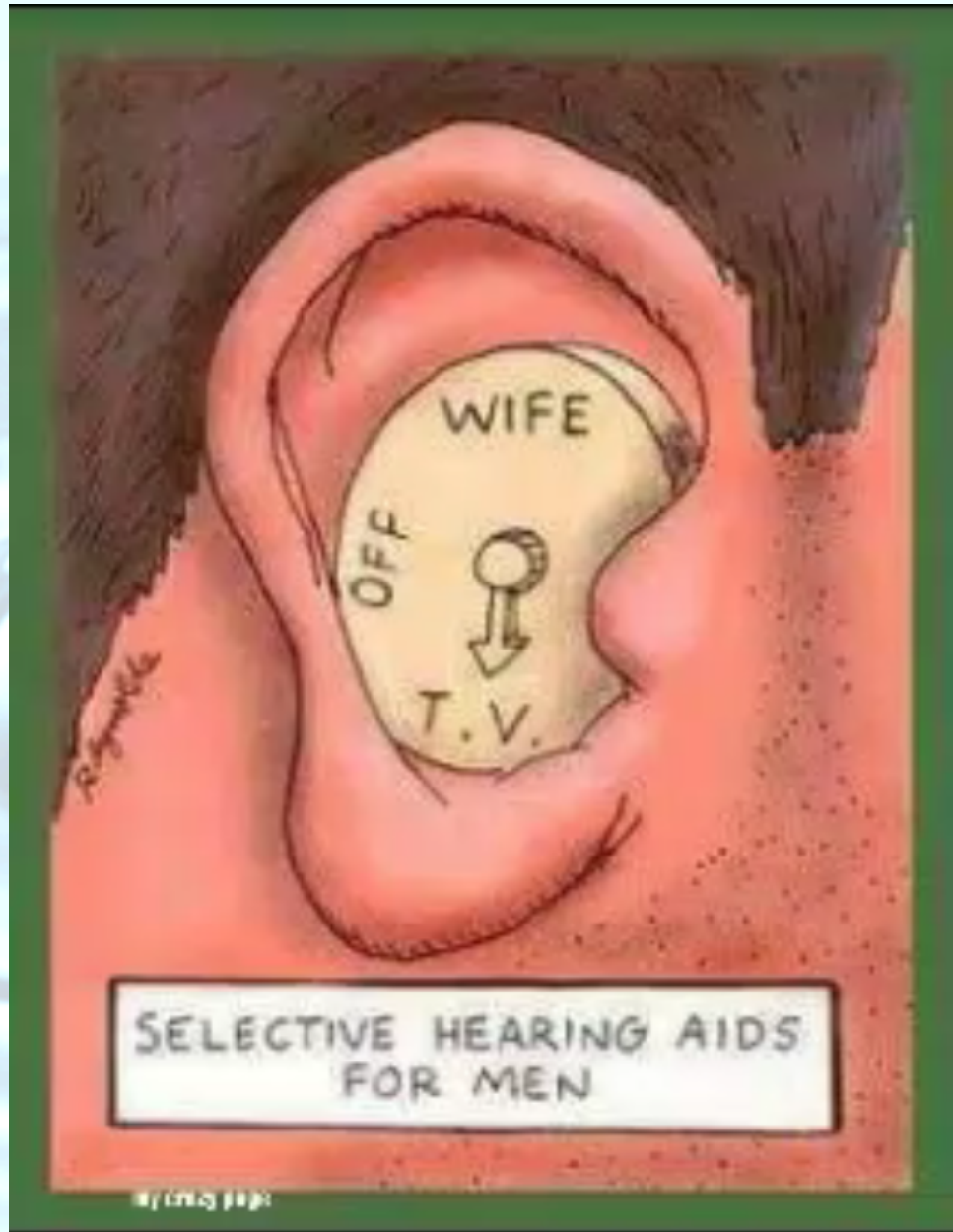
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2. To be awestruck by His Glory





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FOR MEN

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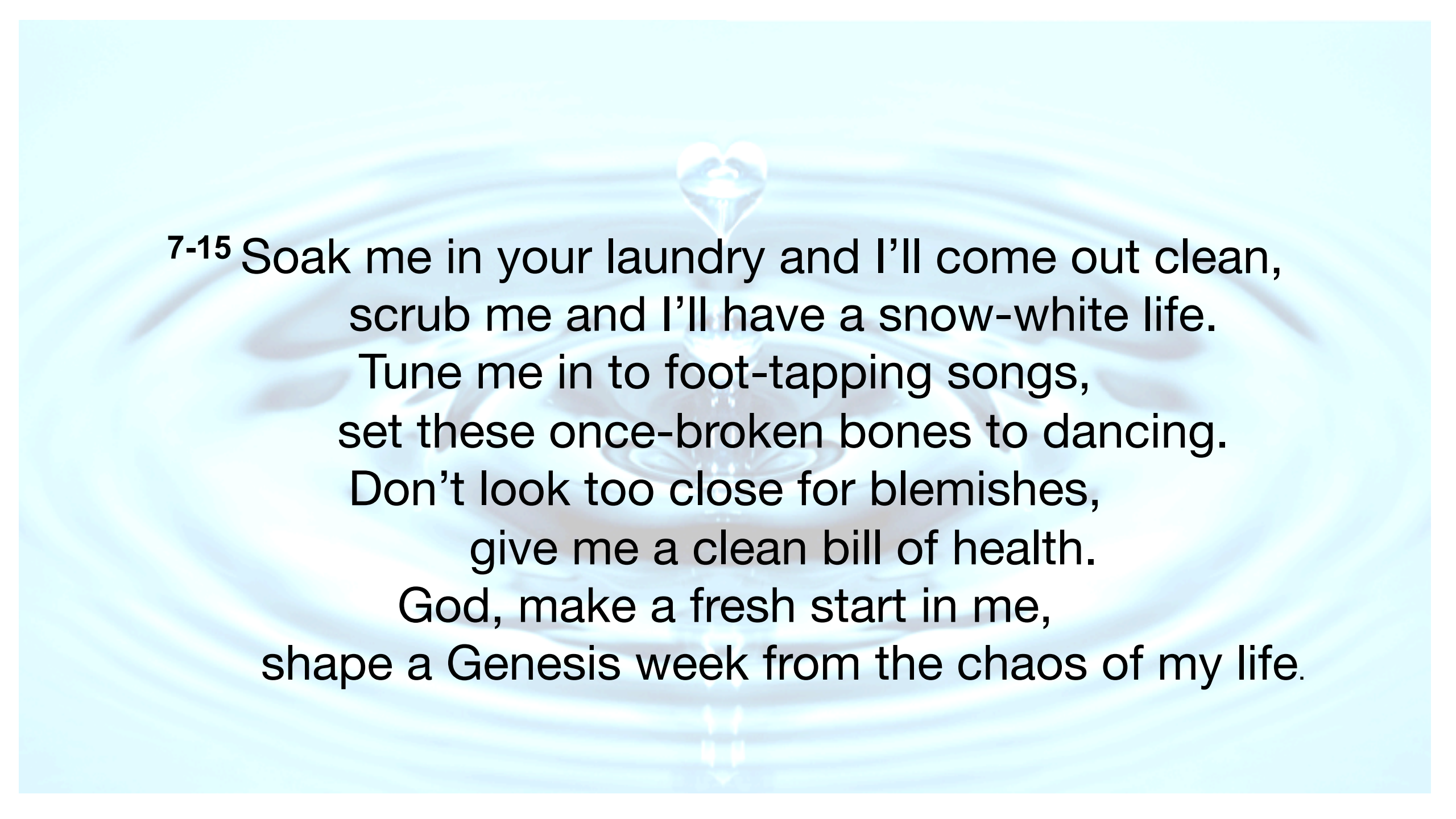
1. To be admitted into His Presence
2. To be awestruck by His Glory
3. To be comforted by His Grace



Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

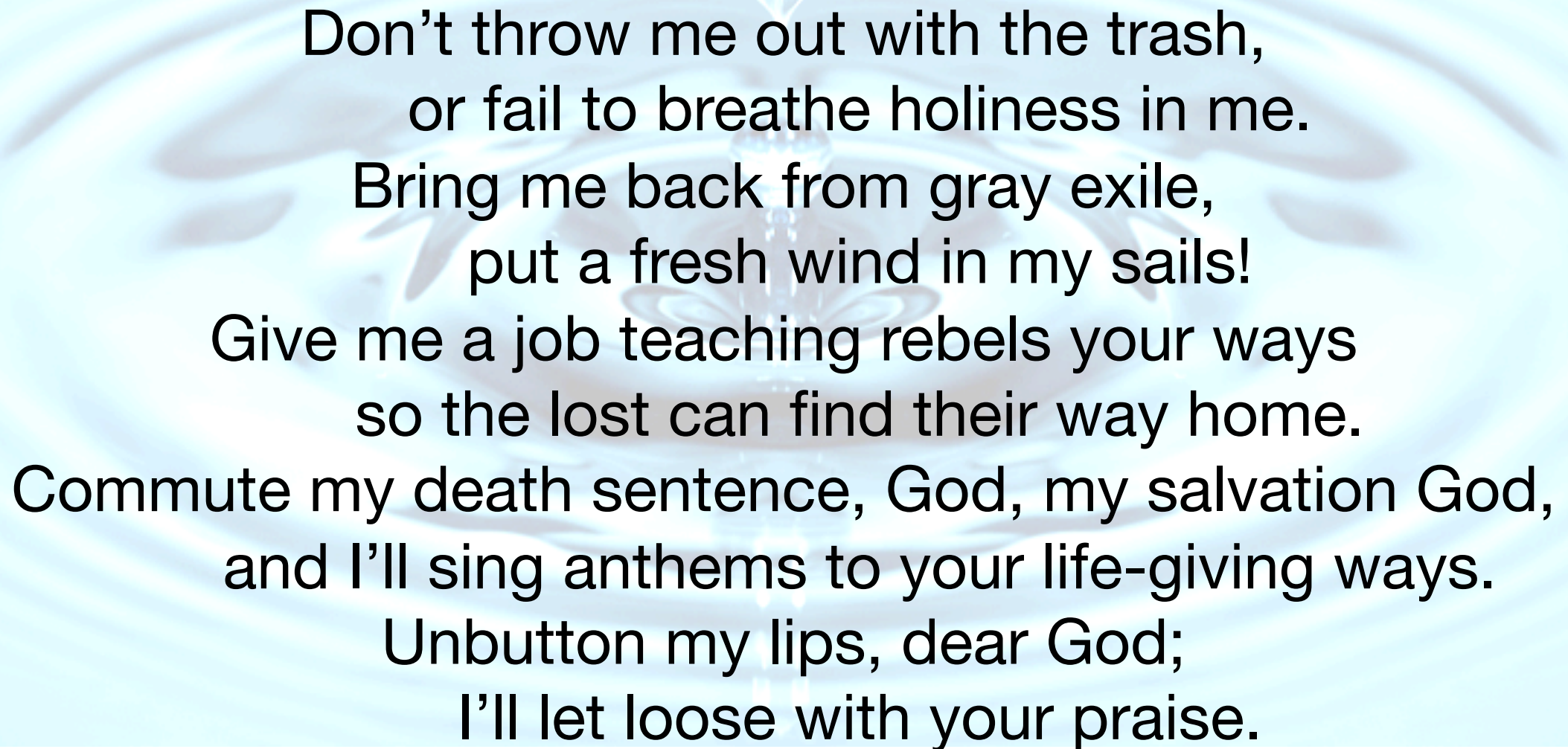
<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me



7-15 Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean,  
scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.  
Tune me in to foot-tapping songs,  
set these once-broken bones to dancing.  
Don't look too close for blemishes,  
give me a clean bill of health.  
God, make a fresh start in me,  
shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.





Don't throw me out with the trash,  
or fail to breathe holiness in me.  
Bring me back from gray exile,  
put a fresh wind in my sails!  
Give me a job teaching rebels your ways  
so the lost can find their way home.  
Commute my death sentence, God, my salvation God,  
and I'll sing anthems to your life-giving ways.  
Unbutton my lips, dear God;  
I'll let loose with your praise.

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