

40 *days of* Prayer

“A Beginner’s Guide to Prayer”



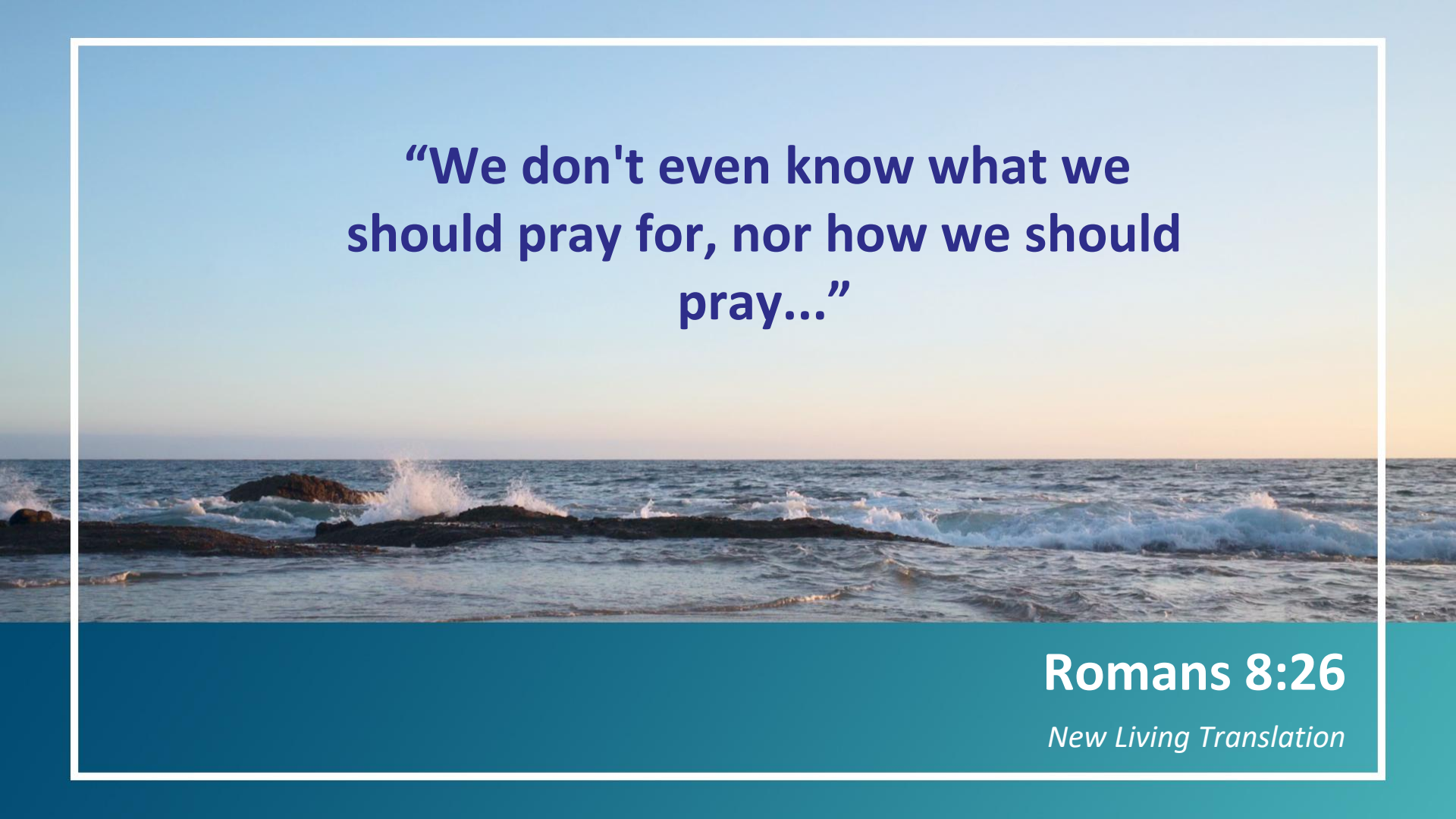


**“God has planted eternity in
the human heart.”**

Ecclesiastes 3:11

- WE'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT
PRAYER





**“We don't even know what we
should pray for, nor how we should
pray...”**

Romans 8:26

New Living Translation

**“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When He finished, one of the disciples said
‘Lord, teach us to pray...’”**

Luke 11:1

New International Version

OUR FRUSTRATIONS WITH PRAYER ARE CAUSED BY:

- OUR MISCONCEPTIONS

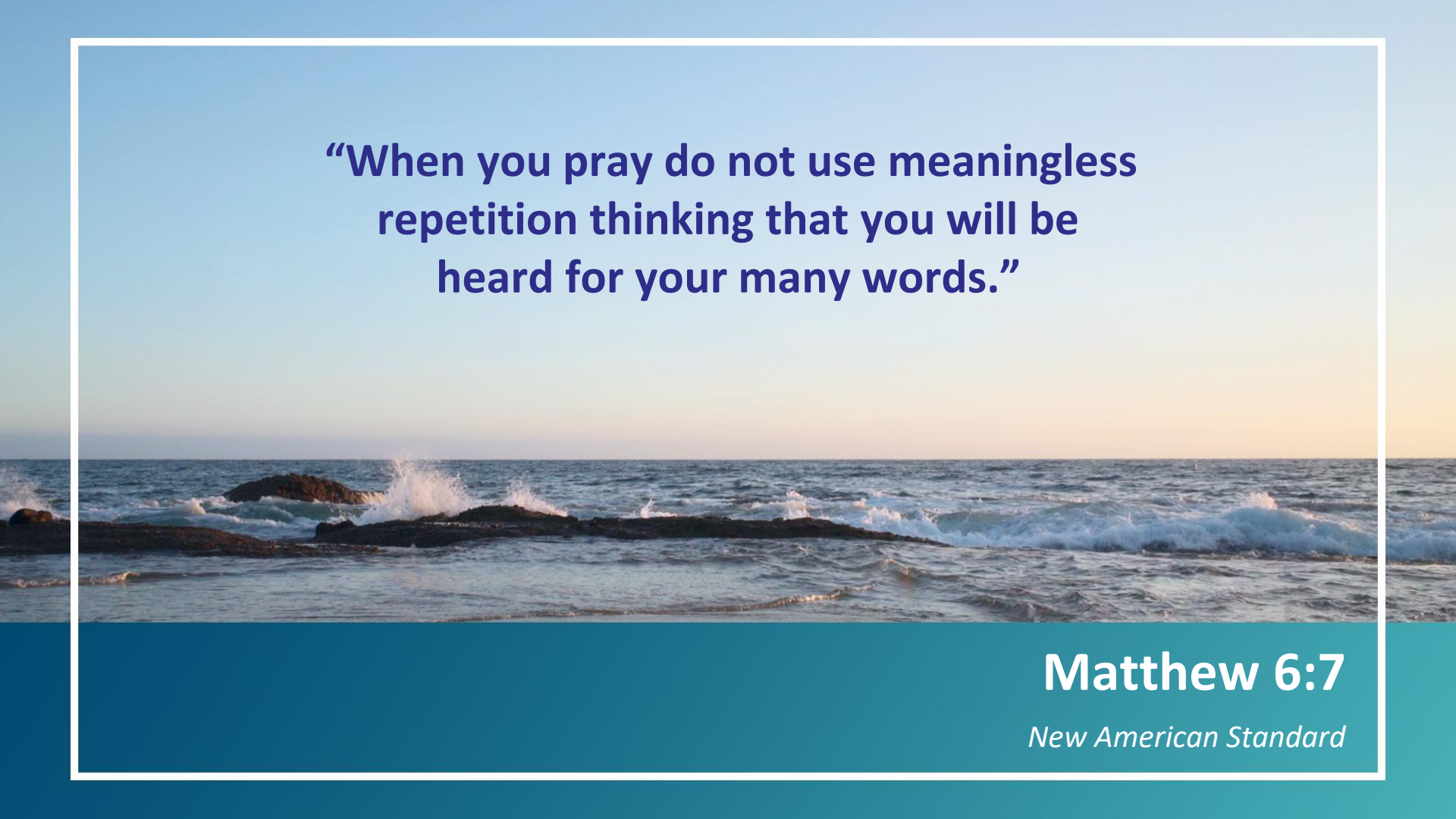


Prayer is not

- not a magic wand
- not a fire extinguisher
- not a tug of war
- not a ritual to relieve guilt

Misconceptions



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**“When you pray do not use meaningless
repetition thinking that you will be
heard for your many words.”**

Matthew 6:7

New American Standard

1. GOD **LOVES** FOR ME TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT ANYTHING

“The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who reverence Him

Psalm 103:13

New Living Translation

“We can be confident in approaching God, knowing that He listens to us whenever we ask Him for anything according to His will. And since we know that He hears us when we make our requests, then we can be sure that He will answer us.”

1 John 5:14-15

PRAYER IS:

A CONVERSATION, NOT A CEREMONY
A RELATIONSHIP, NOT A RITUAL

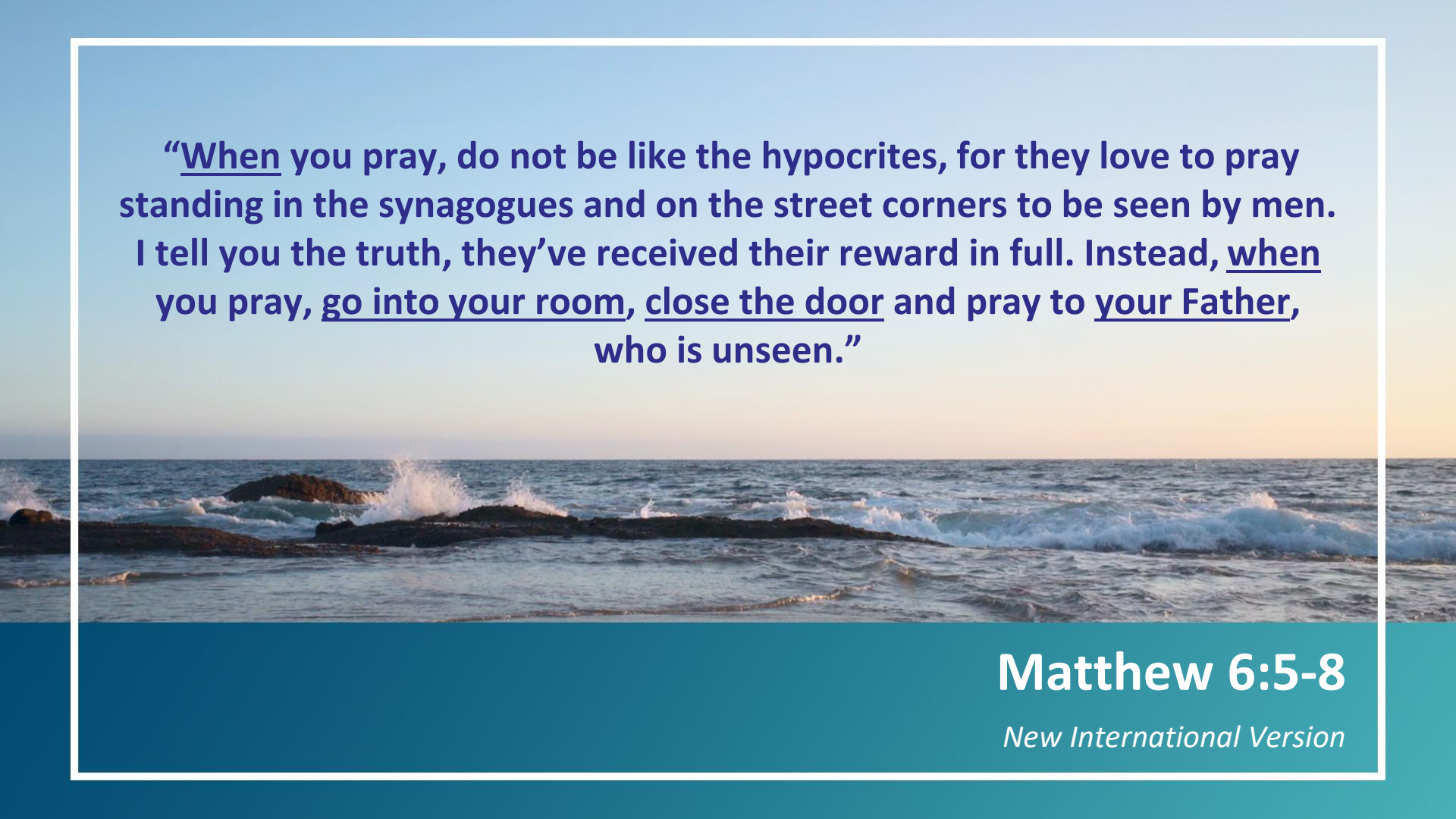
“I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future. Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Jeremiah 29:11-12



**2. GOD LISTENS TO PRAYERS THAT
ARE SINCERE & SIMPLE**

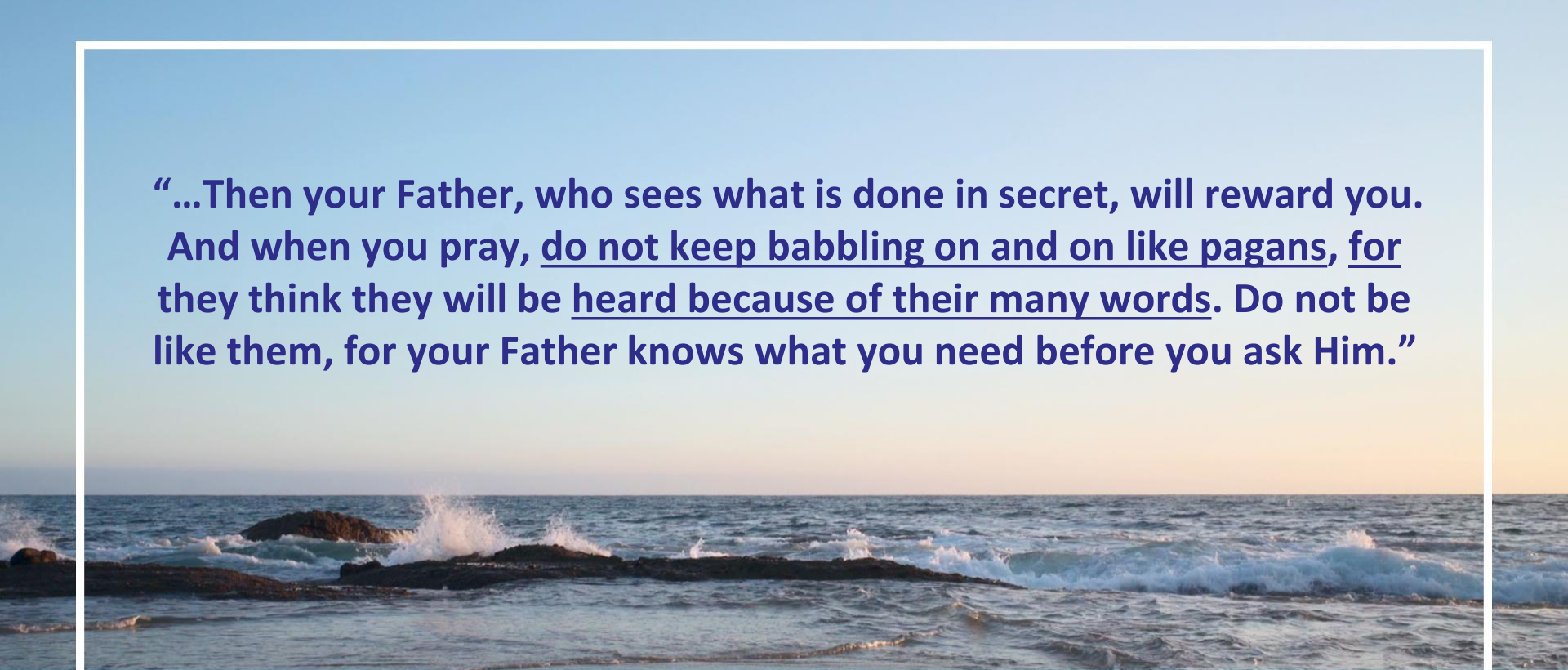




“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they’ve received their reward in full. Instead, when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.”

Matthew 6:5-8

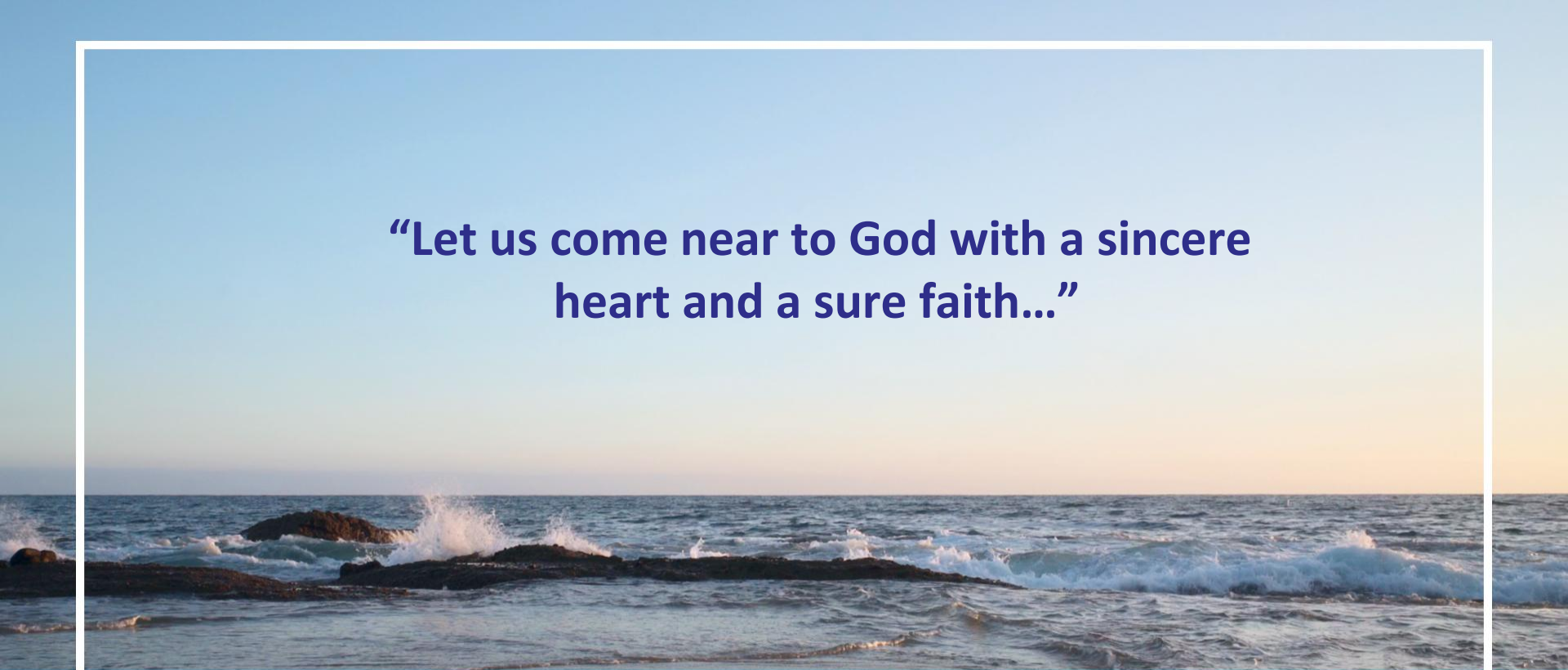
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“...Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep babbling on and on like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

Matthew 6:5-8

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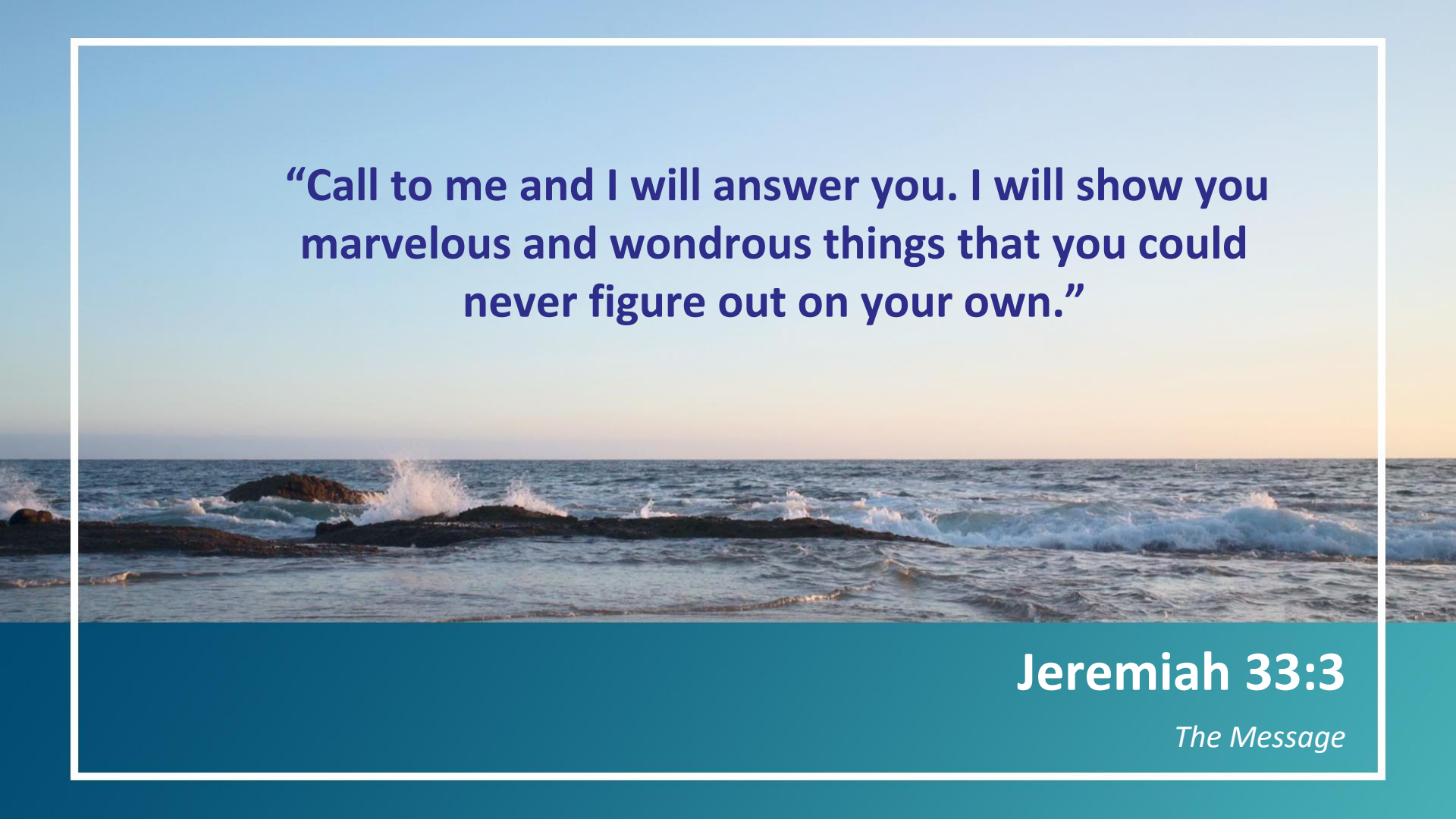
**“Let us come near to God with a sincere
heart and a sure faith...”**

Hebrews 10:22

Today's English Version

3. GOD LIKES TO SHOW HIS GOODNESS BY ANSWERING PRAYER



A photograph of a rocky coastline with waves crashing against the shore under a clear sky. The sky is a gradient of light blue and yellow, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The water is a deep blue, and the rocks are dark and jagged. The waves are white and foamy as they break against the rocks.

**“Call to me and I will answer you. I will show you
marvelous and wondrous things that you could
never figure out on your own.”**

Jeremiah 33:3

The Message

“If you, being imperfect and sinful parents know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him?” Matthew 7:11

New Living Translation

“You do not have, because you do not ask God.” James 4:2



4. GOD LONGS TO BE CLOSE TO ME!



“The Lord waits for you to come to Him so He can show you His love and compassion.” Isaiah 30:18

“I don't want your sacrifices – I want your love! I don't want your offerings, I want you to know me!” Hosea 6:6



**Jesus said, “I don’t call you servants...I call you my friends!” John
15:15**

**“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence Him.
With them, He shares the secrets of His covenant.”**

Psalms 25:14



**“Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you.”
James 4:8 (NLT)**

THE CLOSER I AM TO GOD...
THE **LESS** STRESSED & MORE **BLESSED** I'LL BE



**PRAYER IS:
CONVERSATION THAT LEADS TO RELATIONSHIP**

Challenge:

God is wanting to converse more with you

