

the Lord is come

let earth receive her King

JOY TO THE WORLD

let every heart prepare Him room

and heaven and nature sing



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A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky, showing numerous bright stars as long, curved white and yellow streaks (star trails) against a dark blue and purple background. The trails are concentrated in the center and spread out towards the edges, creating a sense of rotation.

The Jews were waiting for their King

Luke 4:16-22 (NIV)

16 He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

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to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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POOR

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Jesus is a KING who proclaims FREEDOM

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23 Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell Me, ‘Do here in Your hometown what we have heard that You did in Capernaum.’”

24 “Truly I tell you,” He continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

Luke 4:22-30 (NIV)

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw Him off the cliff. 30 But He walked right through the crowd and went on His way.



A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky, showing numerous bright stars as long, curved white and yellow streaks (star trails) against a dark blue and purple background. The trails are concentrated in a central circular pattern, suggesting a long exposure around a celestial pole.

Jesus is a KING about the OTHER



Do we regularly engage with
people not like us?

A background of star trails in a dark night sky, with a prominent circular pattern of light streaks centered in the upper half of the frame. The trails are composed of many short, overlapping lines of light in shades of white, yellow, and blue, creating a sense of motion and depth.

Do we accept Jesus' message?



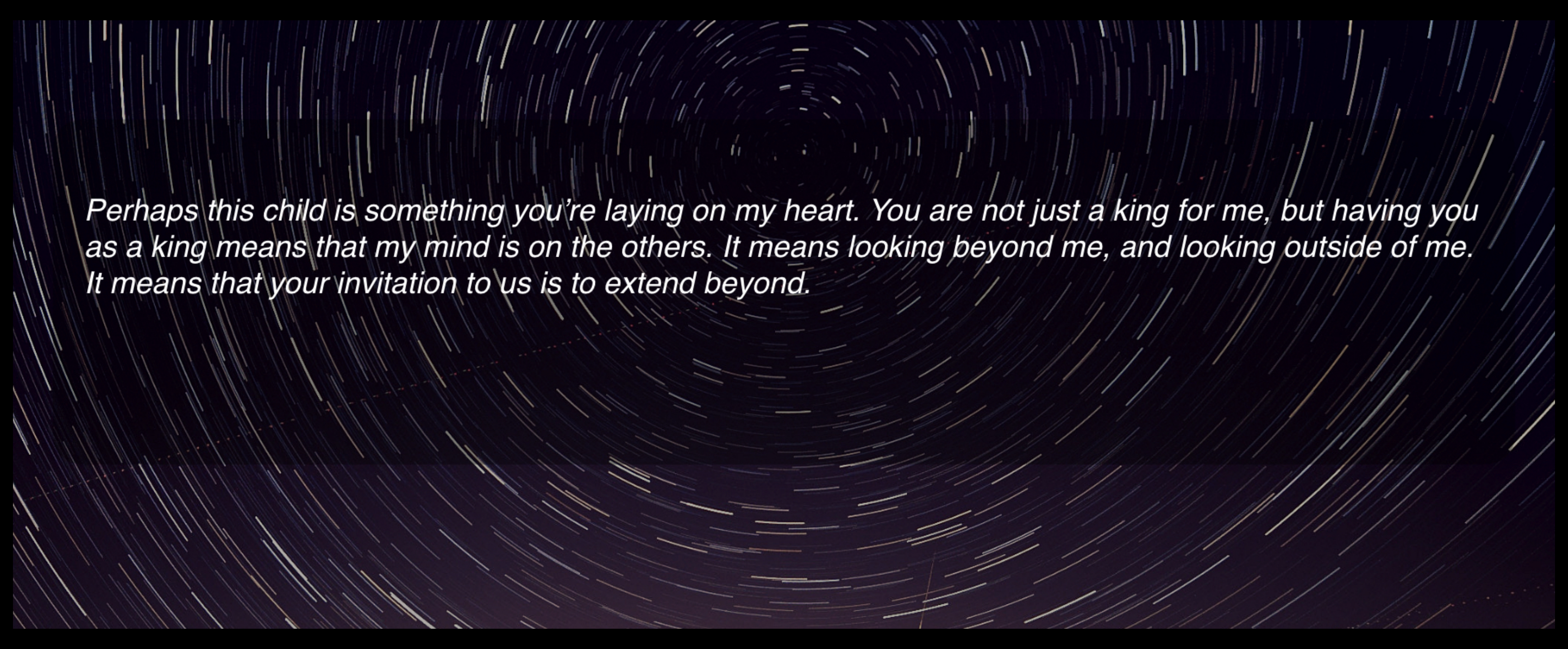






A long-exposure photograph of a starry night sky, showing numerous curved light trails from stars. The trails are most prominent in the center and become shorter and more vertical towards the edges, indicating a circular field of view or a specific camera orientation. The colors of the trails range from white and yellow to blue and purple, with some faint red trails visible.

Who are my others?

The background of the image is a dark, deep blue or black sky filled with numerous white and light blue streaks. These streaks are curved and concentric, suggesting they are star trails from a long-exposure photograph. The trails are most prominent in the center and become more sparse towards the edges. The overall effect is a sense of vastness and cosmic wonder.

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That is what it means to "Let Earth Receive Her King" — and there is an invitation for me to live it day in and day out.

A background of star trails in a dark night sky, with numerous white and yellow streaks of light forming concentric circles around a central point, suggesting a long-exposure photograph of a starry sky.

Who are the OTHERS in my life?

How does the KING wants me to engage?

Response

I want to make
JESUS king of my
life today!

I need prayer to
receive the KING's
freedom in hard
areas of my life.

I want to take steps to
be able to bring
freedom to the OTHER's
Jesus is inviting me to.