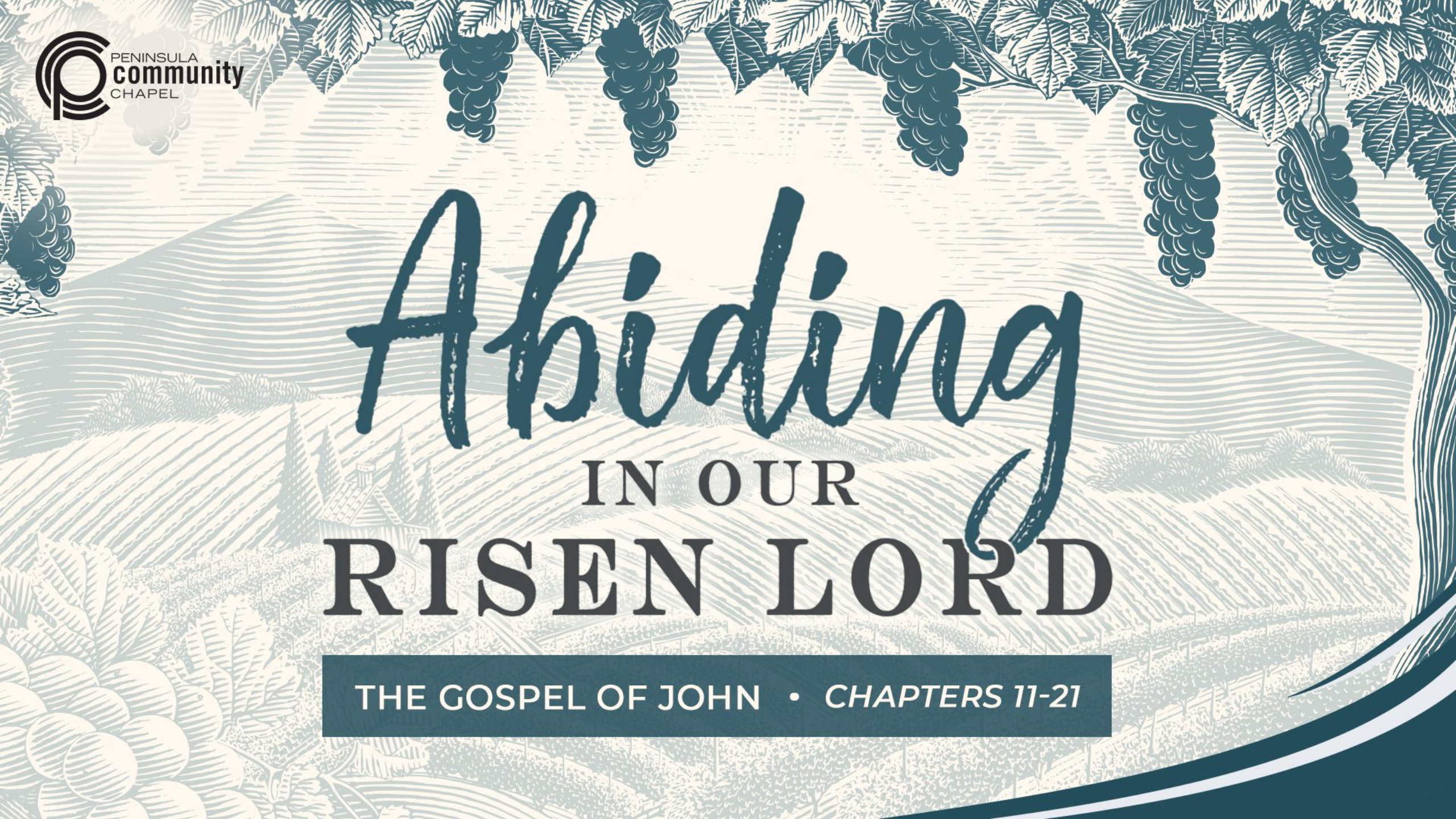


“Tis better to have loved and lost,
than never to have loved at all.”
Alfred Lord Tennyson



“Parting is such sweet sorrow.”
Juliet in Shakespeare’s *Romeo & Juliet*

“Absence makes the heart grow fonder.”
Contemporary Proverb



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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN • CHAPTERS 11-21

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John 14:1-3

Indicative or Imperative?

Either way... trust in God = trust in Jesus

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:1-2



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Secure a Perfect Place

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18



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2. Looking and listening to Jesus

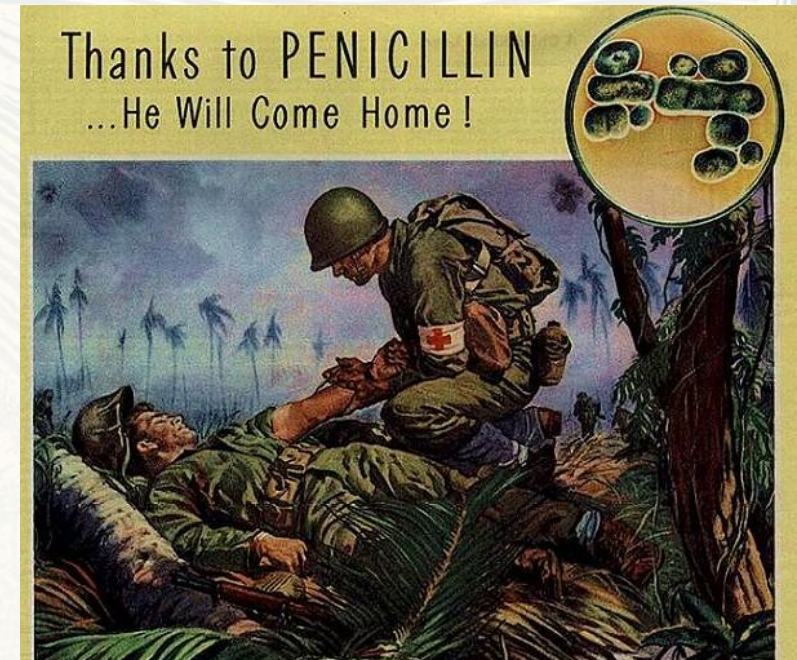
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3. Exclusive like penicillin
 - It works wherever it goes.

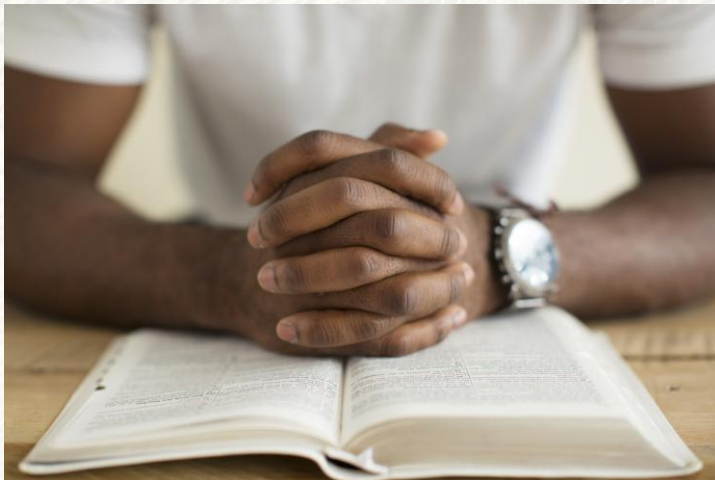


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The way is not a to-do list or a philosophy—it’s a person!



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Give Us Powerful Prayer

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12

How can we possibly do greater works?

“The ‘signs’ and ‘works’ Jesus performed during his ministry could not fully accomplish their true end until after Jesus had risen from the dead and been exalted. Only after that point could they be seen for what they were.”

D.A. Carson, *The Gospel According to John*

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John 14:12-14

1. Paul’s “thorn in the flesh” (2 Cor 12)
2. Jesus’ prayer in the garden (Matt 26, Mark 14, Luke 22)

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John 14:12-14

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that *if we ask anything according to his will* he hears us.

1 John 5:14

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...boldly

...trustingly

...persistently

...expectantly

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“Father, *if you are willing...*

Nevertheless, not my will,
but yours, be done.”

Luke 22:42

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And he told them a parable to the effect *that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.*

Luke 18:1

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