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PAUL PAUSES FOR PRAYER

Ephesians 1:15–23

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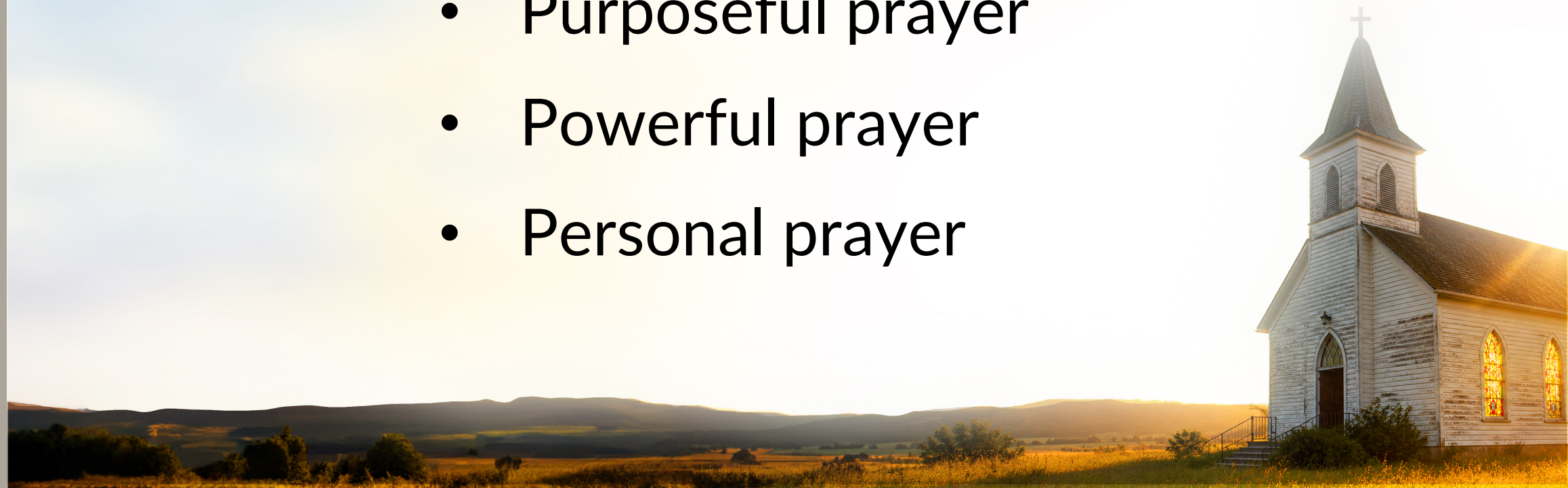
Paul Pauses to Pray

- Persistent prayer
- Purposeful prayer
- Powerful prayer
- Personal prayer



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Persistent Prayer — Ephesians 1:15-16

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, **I do not cease** to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

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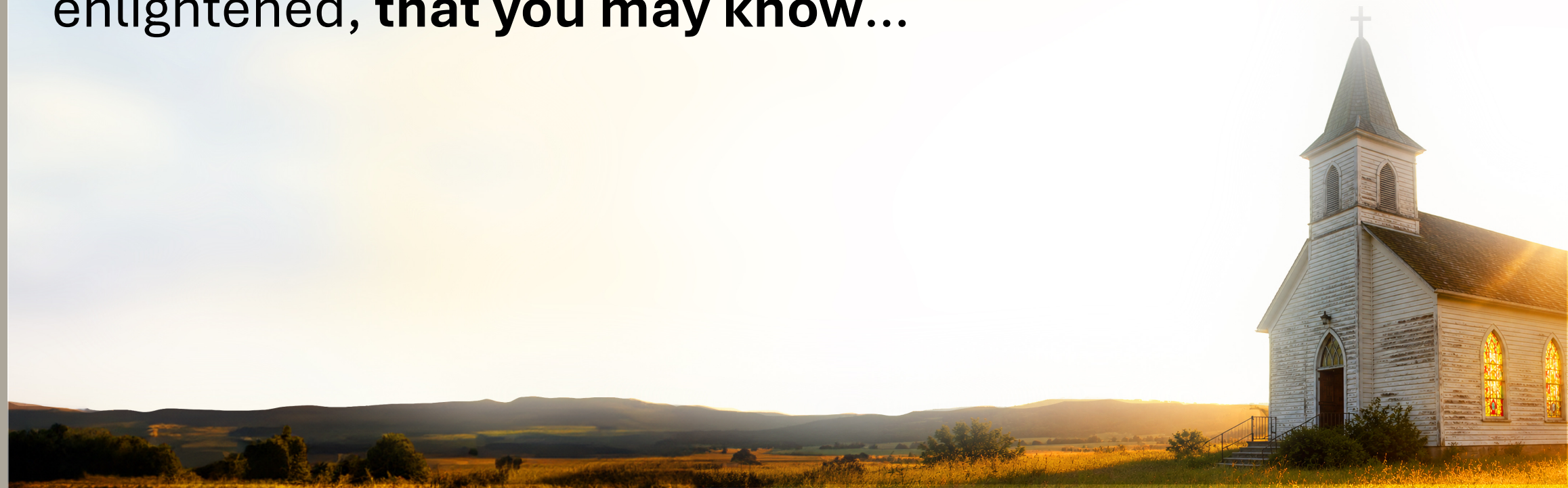
Purposeful Prayer — Ephesians 1:17-18a

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, **that you may know**…



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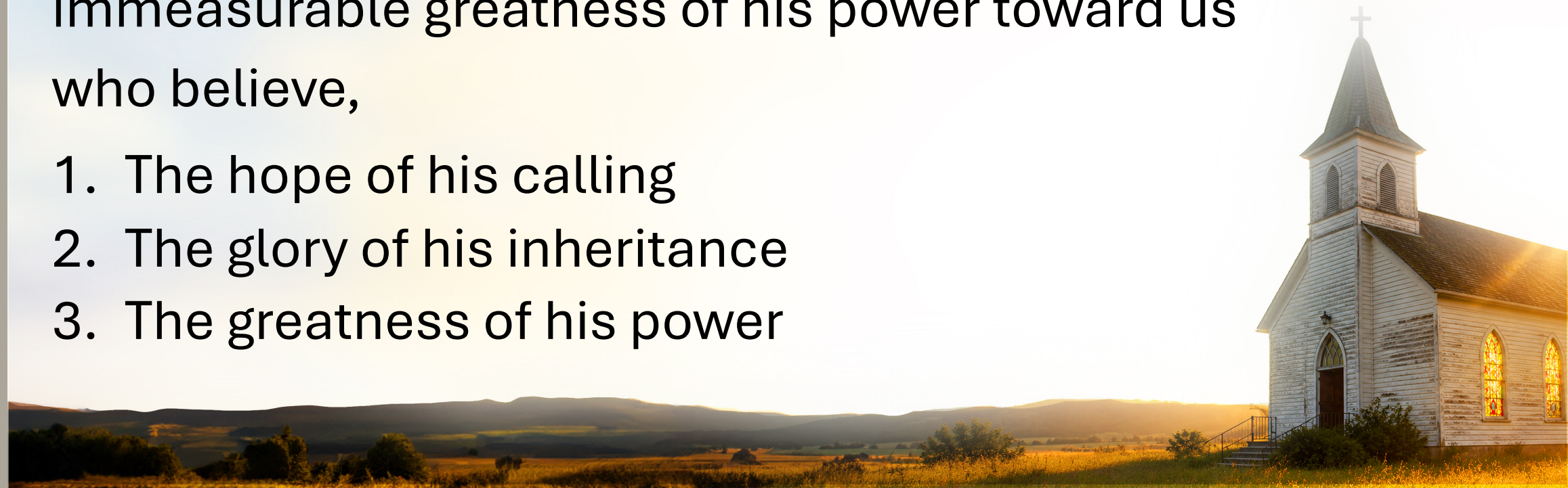
Powerful Prayer — Ephesians 1:18-19

that you may know (1) what is the hope to which he has called you, what are (2) the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is (3) the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,

1. The hope of his calling
2. The glory of his inheritance
3. The greatness of his power



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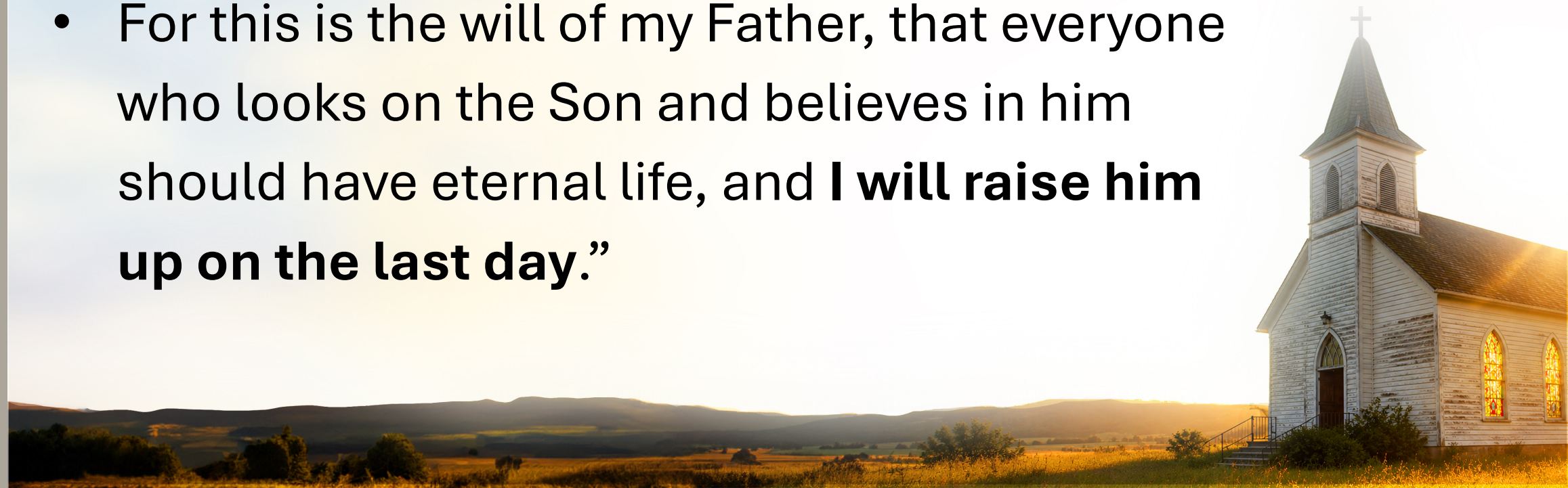
The hope of His calling — Col 1:27, Jn 6:40

- To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory**.
- For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and **I will raise him up on the last day**."



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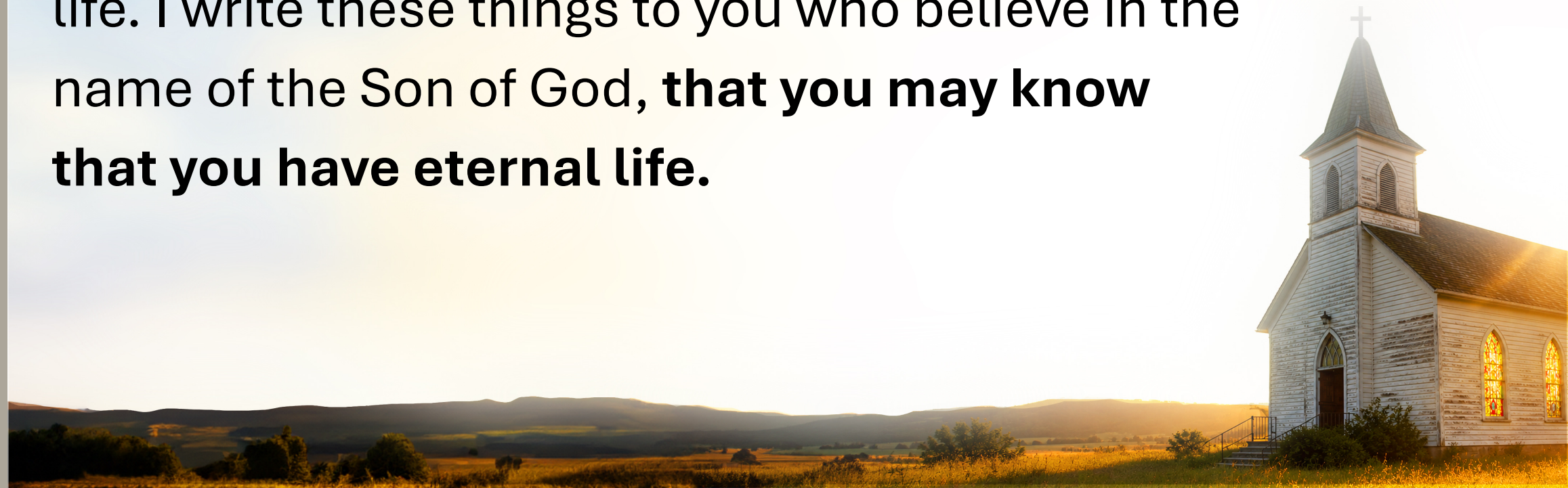
The hope of His calling

1 John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life.**



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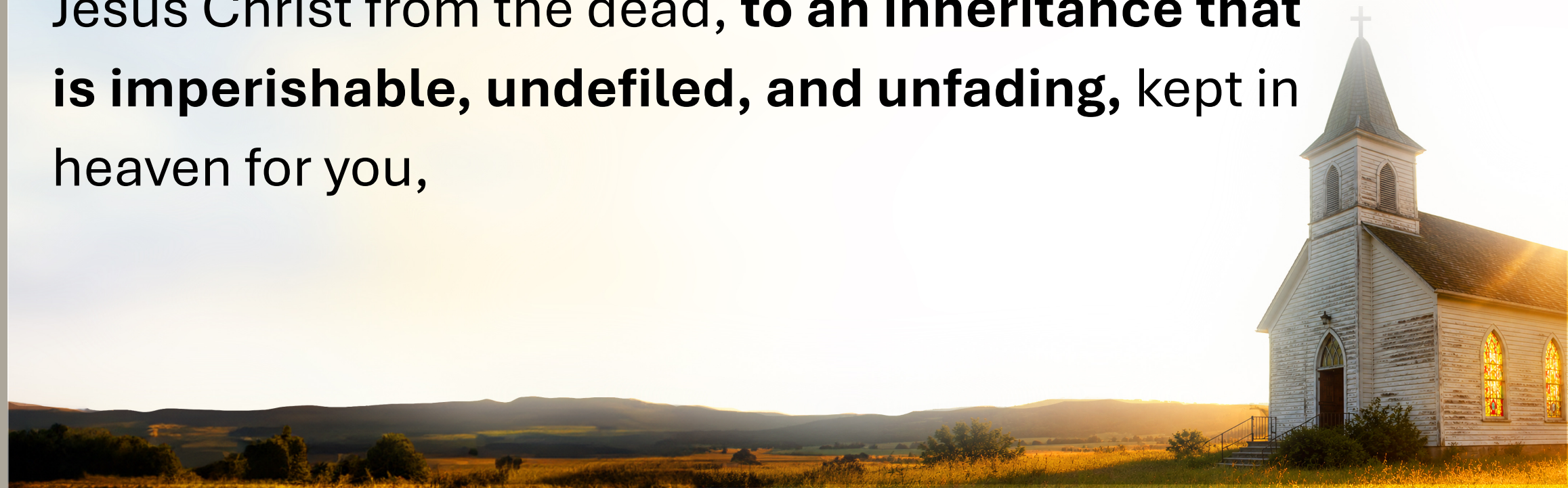
The glory of His inheritance — 1 Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,** kept in heaven for you,



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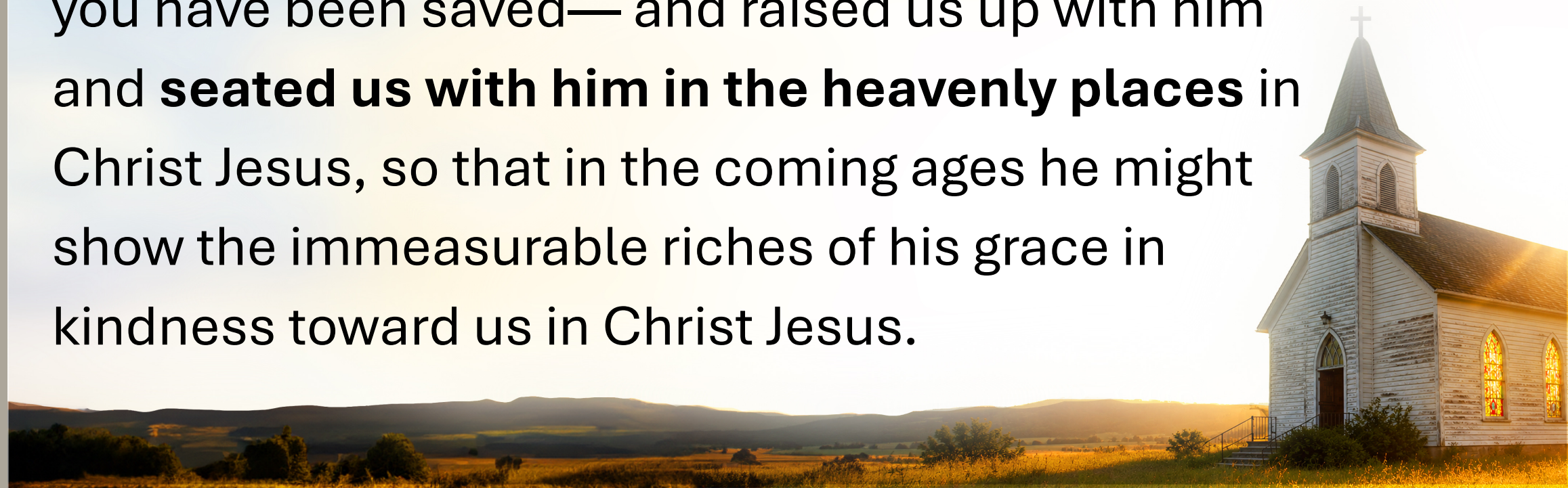
The glory of His inheritance — Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and **seated us with him in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



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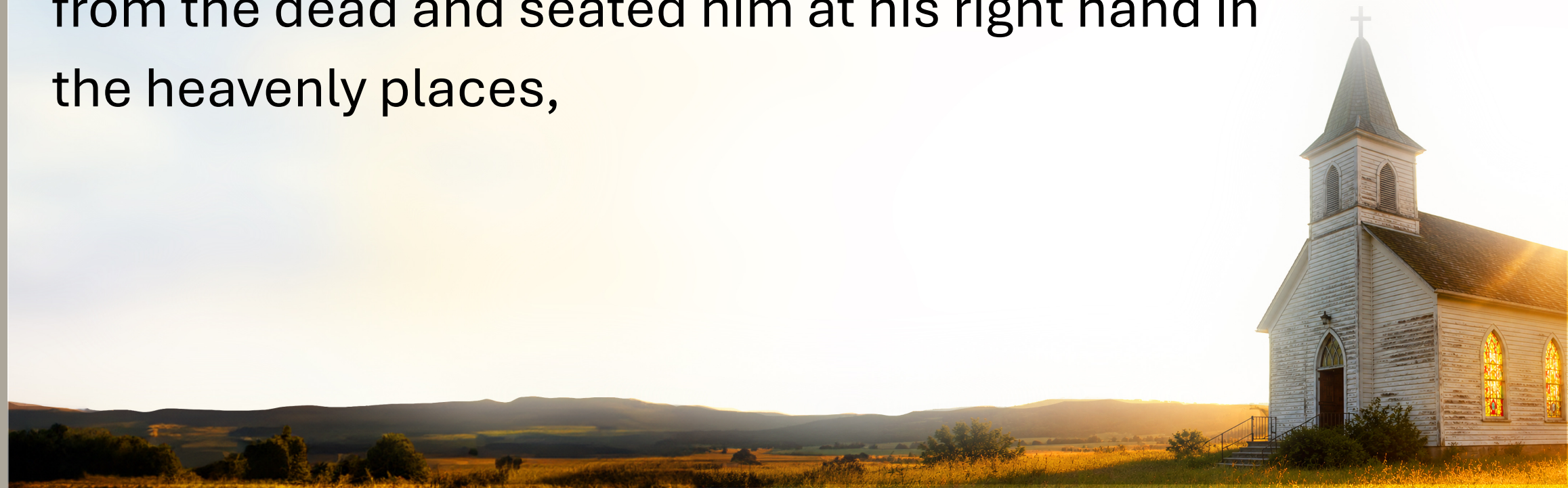
The greatness of His power — Ephesians 1:19-20

and what is **the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe**, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,



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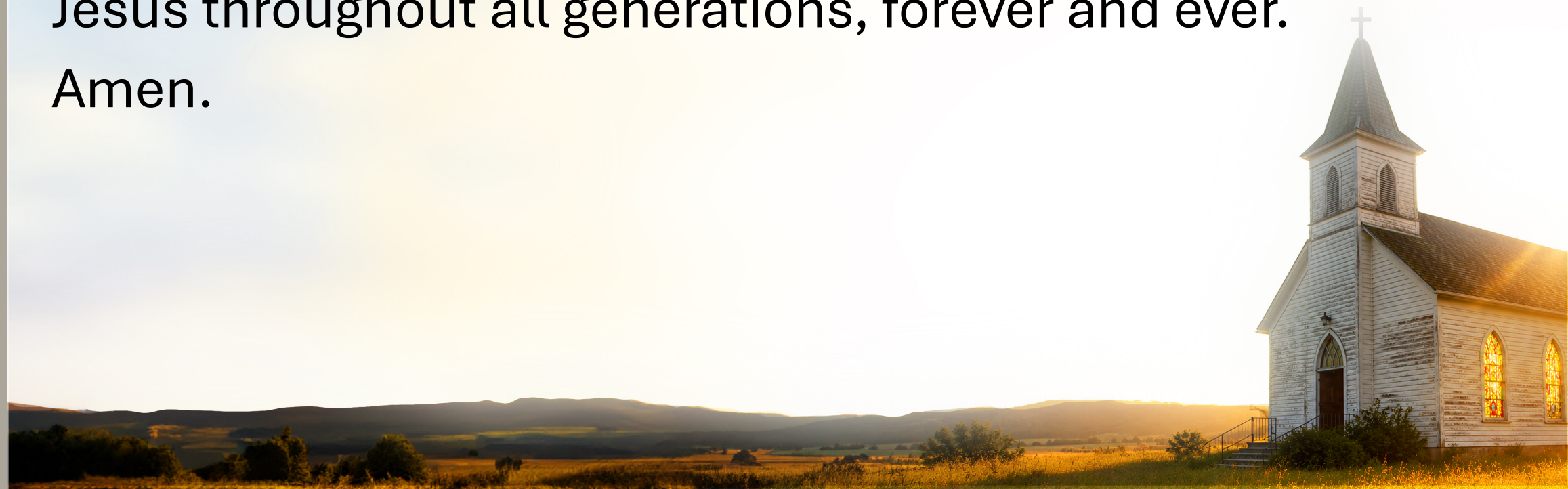
The greatness of His power — Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, **according to the power at work within us,** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



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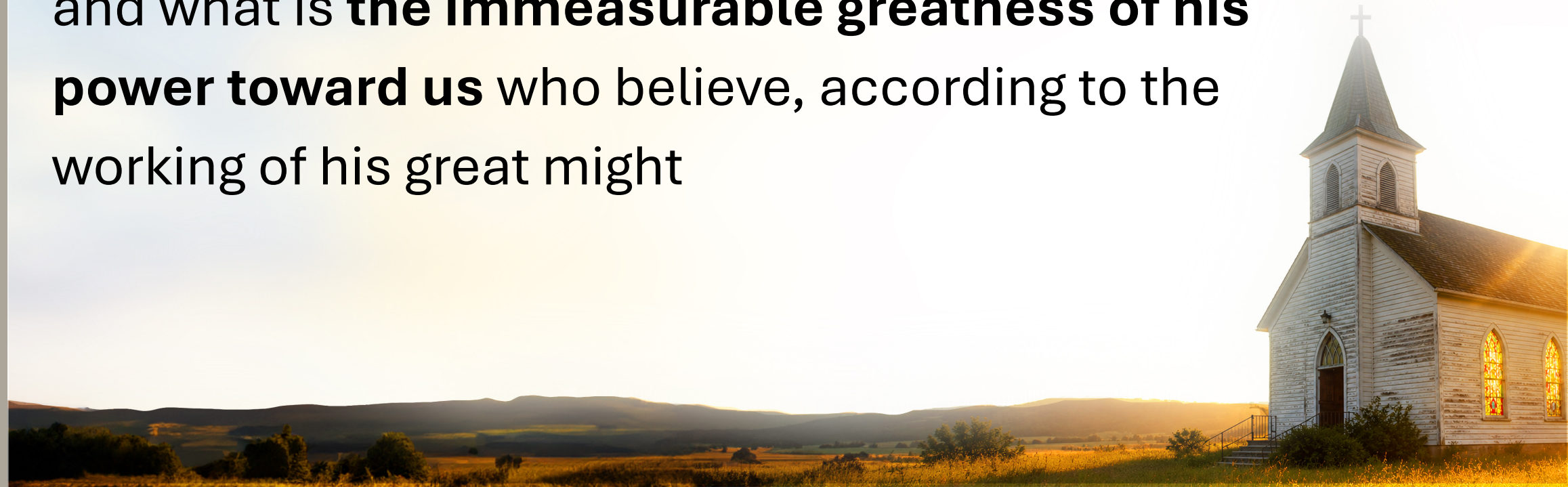
Personal Prayer

Ephesians 3:18-19

having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is **the hope to which he has called you**, what are **the riches of his glorious inheritance** in the saints, and what is **the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us** who believe, according to the working of his great might



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CONCLUSION

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