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# UR Church This Week!

**Sunday –**

**10AM – Sunday School**

**11AM – Worship**

**Monday – Wednesday**

**11AM – 1:30PM Lunch**

**Wednesday**

**7PM – Bible Study**

**1 Peter**

**Thursday**

**Pantry Day?**

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**Stay Connected Of  
Changes In Schedule  
With Changes In The  
Weather. Get The App.**

# Doxology (God Be Praised)



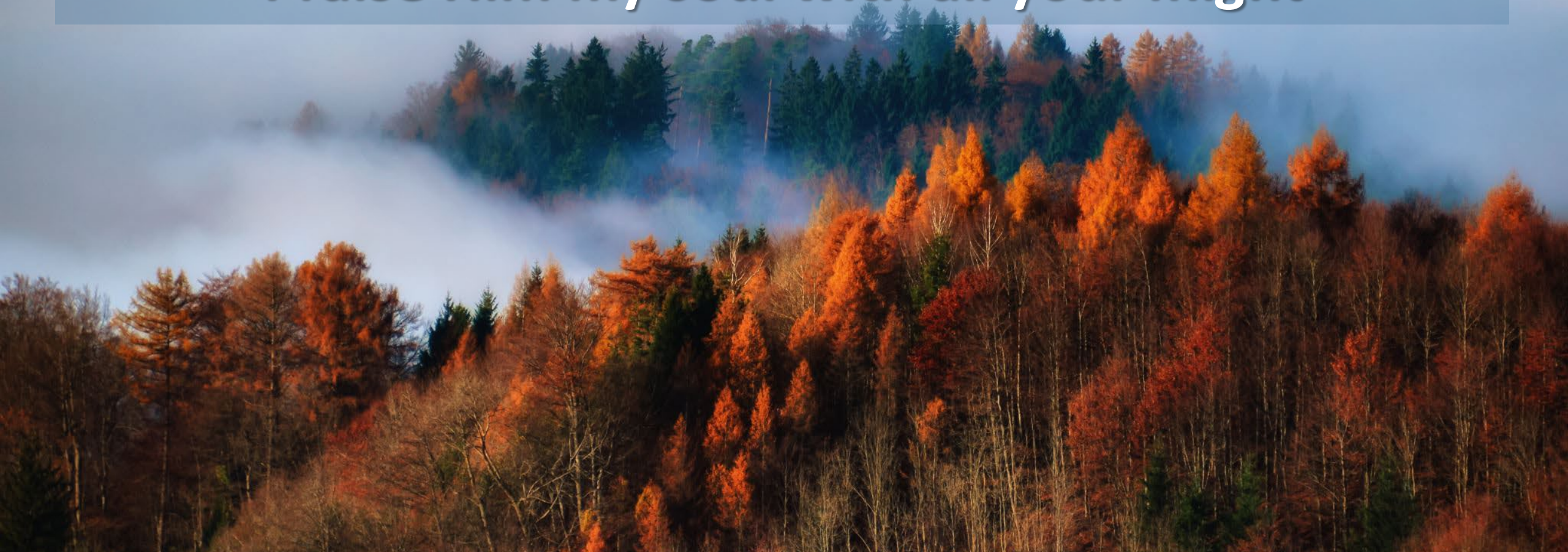
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Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**



**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit now with us  
Every moment, All our days  
God be praised, God be praised**



**Praise God with morning's breaking light  
Praise Him through darkness of the night  
Praise Him with every breath of life  
Praise Him my soul with all your might**



**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
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**Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
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**Praise God when face to face we see  
The One who died to set us free  
The One who rose in victory  
Praise now, forever Christ our King**



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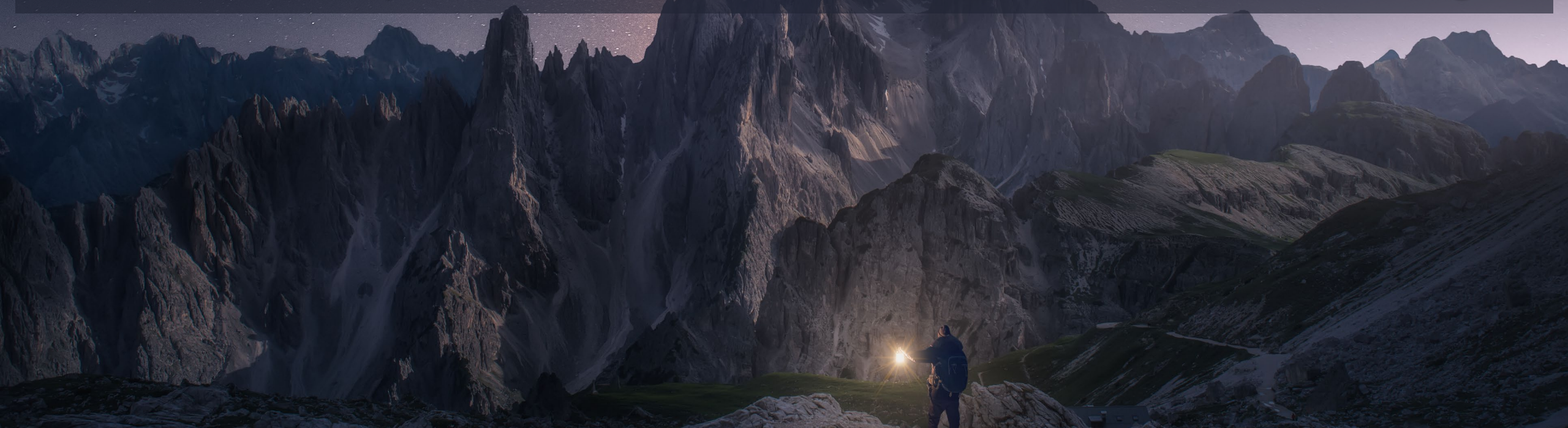
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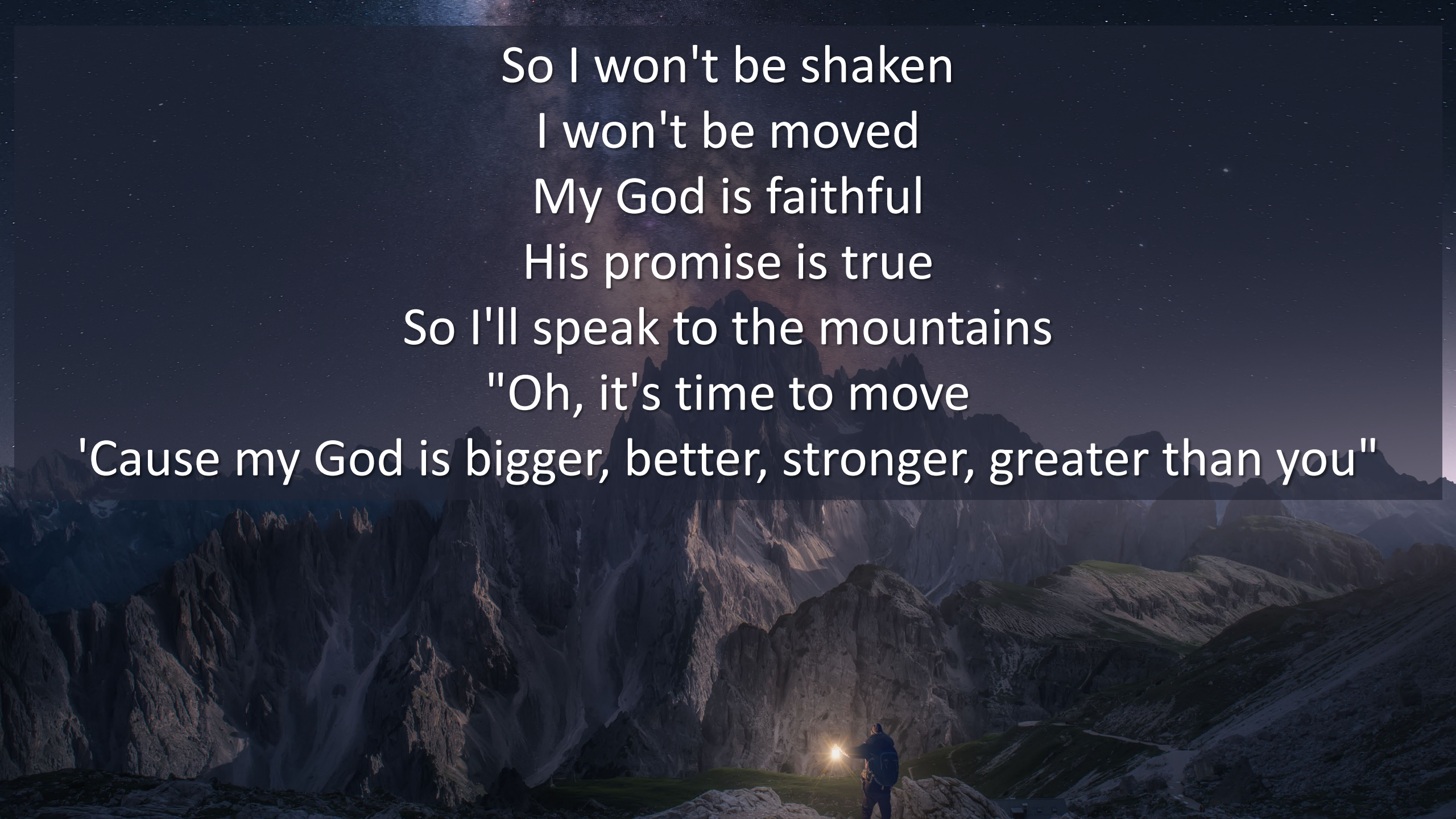
# Speak To The Mountains



Why would I worry  
When giants come calling my name?  
My God is so much bigger than troubles I face  
Why would I hunger  
For power or riches or fame?  
Oh, 'cause my God is so much better than all of these things







So I won't be shaken  
I won't be moved  
My God is faithful  
His promise is true  
So I'll speak to the mountains  
"Oh, it's time to move  
'Cause my God is bigger, better, stronger, greater than you"

My enemies scatter

'Cause they know the battle is done

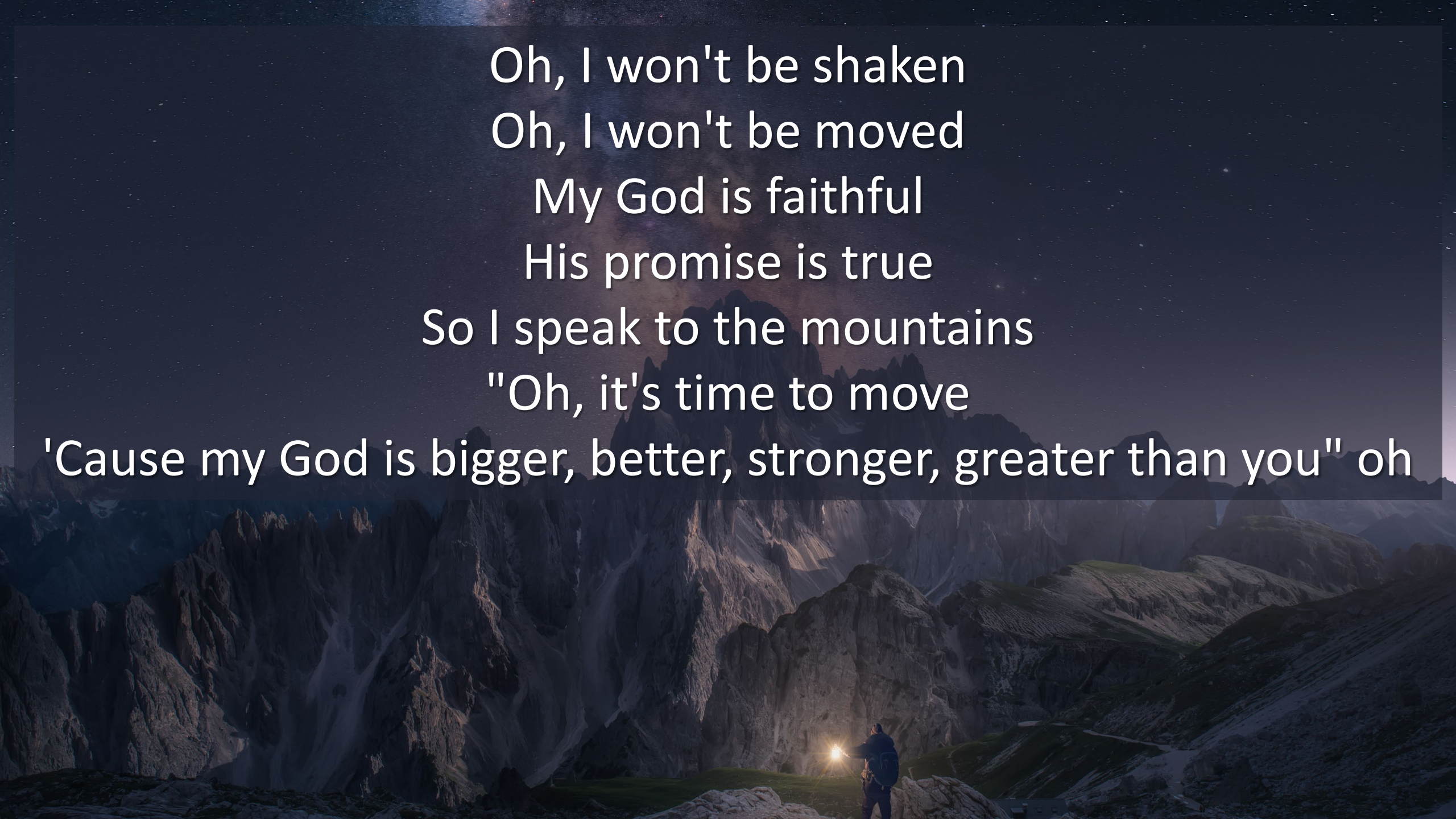
My God is stronger, the victory's already won

Yeah, He died for my ransom

And rose up on the third day

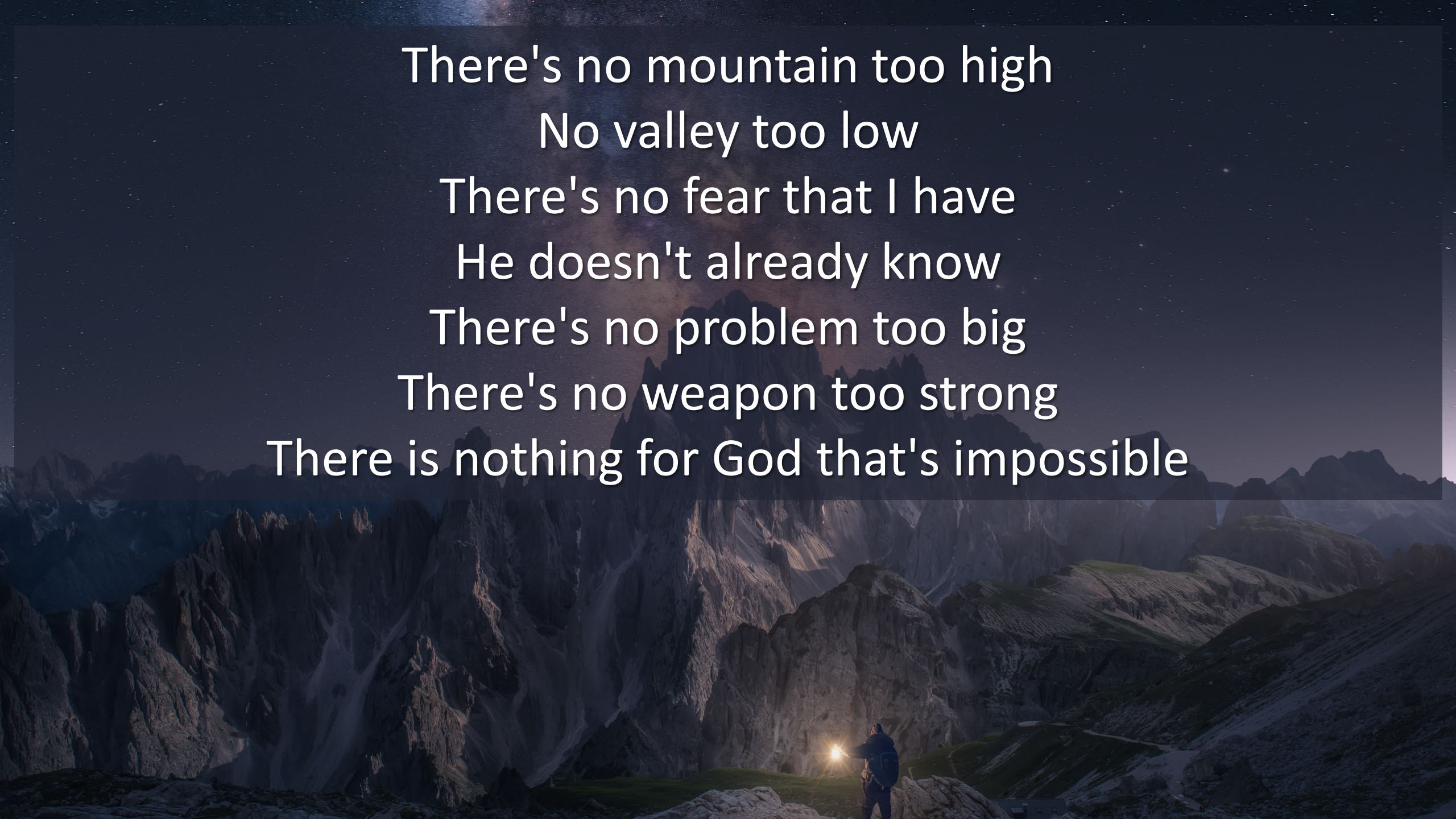
Oh, 'cause my God is greater than death, hell, and the grave



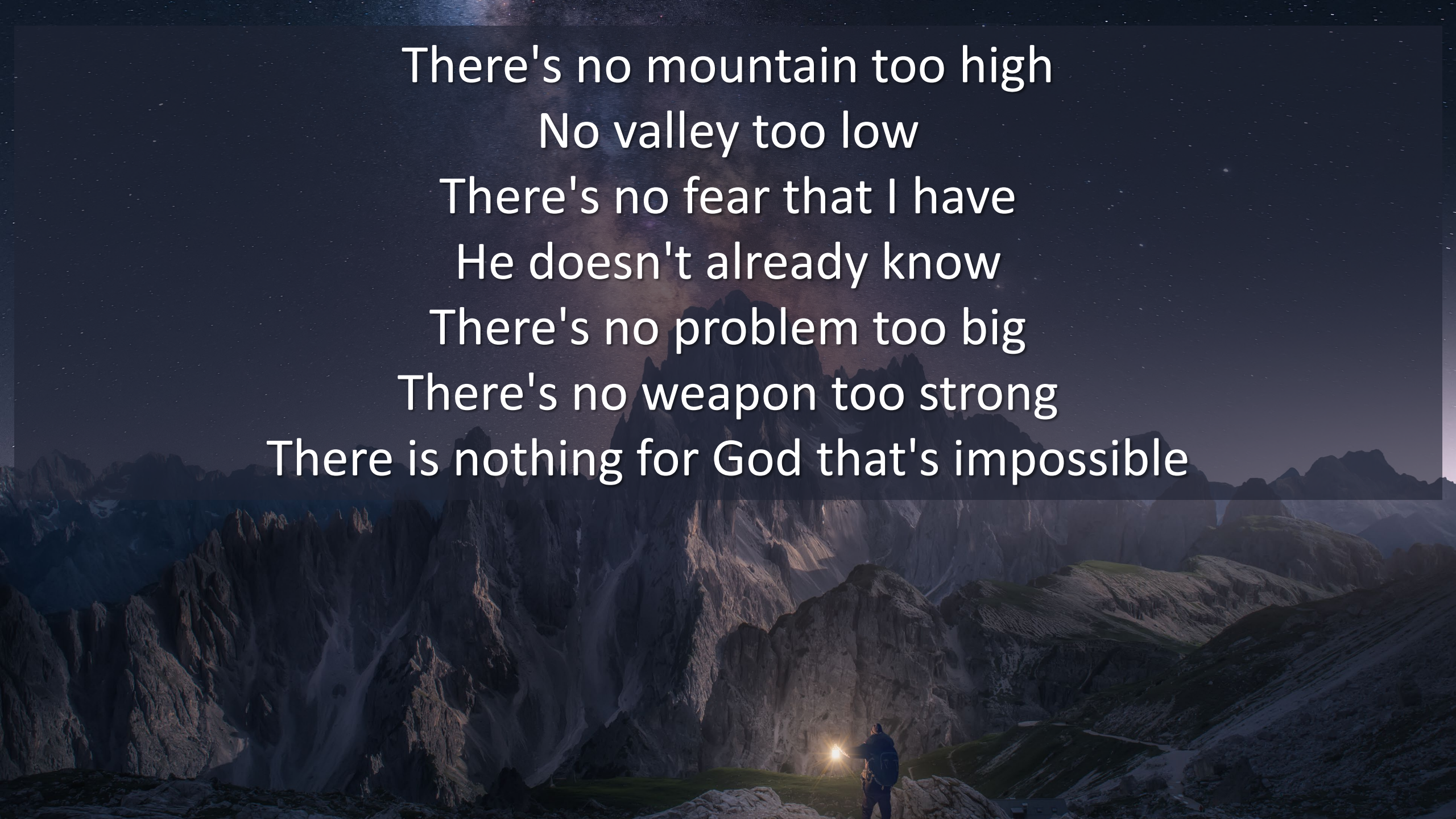


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'Cause my God is bigger, better, stronger, greater than you" oh

A person is standing on a rocky ledge in a vast, dark mountain valley at night. The person is holding a flashlight, which illuminates the ground around them. The background features jagged, snow-dusted mountain peaks under a starry sky. The overall scene is dramatic and emphasizes the scale of the natural world.

There's no mountain too high  
No valley too low  
There's no fear that I have  
He doesn't already know  
There's no problem too big  
There's no weapon too strong  
There is nothing for God that's impossible

A person is standing on a rocky outcrop in a vast, rugged mountain landscape at night. The person is holding a flashlight, which illuminates the ground around them. The mountains are dark and jagged, with some snow or light-colored rock visible. The sky is dark with some stars visible. The overall mood is one of solitude and exploration.

There's no mountain too high  
No valley too low  
There's no fear that I have  
He doesn't already know  
There's no problem too big  
There's no weapon too strong  
There is nothing for God that's impossible

Oh, I won't be shaken  
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So I speak to the mountains  
"Oh, it's time to move



Cause my God is bigger, better, stronger, greater  
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Bigger, better, stronger, greater than you"



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Ephesians 2:11-22

*Included!*

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## Reality #1

If you are a true follower of Christ (Christian), God's love you does not end even when you feel unlovable or undeserving of love.

## Reality #2

God has not and will not leave you orphaned if you are follower of Christ.

## Reality #3

God has designed a plan for church to a partnership between Himself and believers in Christ. This partnership is not restrained to the walls of building, social economic status, ethnic heritage, or any other dynamic except the gospel

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## Reality #4

God's design for church is formed from uniquely designed believers. As church, we are called to one body with different giftings with one passion for Jesus Christ.



## Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—  
<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



# Destitute Before Christ *Ephesians 2:11-12*

Remember the anchor of salvation

- You can not save yourself
- You can not boast in anything or anyone except Jesus Christ
- You have passed from death to eternal life

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# Destitute Before Christ *Ephesians 2:11-12*

Remember the anchor of salvation

Without God's plan in action

- Separated from access to God – alienated
  - “Gentile” – non-Jewish
  - Not identified through a covenant to God
- Original covenants
  - Old Testament redemptive plan
  - Pointing to Messiah – Jesus Christ
  - Abrahamic
  - Mosaic
  - Davidic

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# Destitute Before Christ *Ephesians 2:11-12*

Remember the anchor of salvation

Without God's plan in action

Culturally isolated

- Racial tensions in society
- In the church
- No hope – even through Judaism at the temple

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**When We Recognize Our Sinfulness,  
We Understand Our Need For Jesus,  
Not Just Heaven.**

**Are You A Part Of The Promise Or Alienated?**

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# Delivered By Christ *Ephesians 2:13-16*

BUT...

- In Christ you...
  - Were (past tense) far off
  - Have been brought (present tense) near
- By the blood of Jesus
- Peace not strife
  - Remember the divide racial
  - Remember the divide religious
    - Dividing wall of hostility
    - Abolishing the law by fulfilling the law

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# Delivered By Christ *Ephesians 2:13-16*

BUT...

One new and not two old

- Two old
  - The division of Jew and Gentile

Romans 5:12–13

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

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# Delivered By Christ *Ephesians 2:13-16*

BUT...

One new and not two old

- Two old
  - The division of Jew and Gentile - Romans 5:12–13
- One new
  - Under Christ Romans 5:15

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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# Delivered By Christ *Ephesians 2:13-16*

BUT...

One new and not two old

- Two old
- One new
- Reconciled - bringing two parties together in peace

Romans 5:19

For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- Taking the wrath of God for sin against humanity

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**Reflecting Upon Sinfulness Reveals Our Absolute  
Need For A Jesus. Reflecting Upon Jesus Reveals  
The Solid Foundation Of Church.  
Understanding Jesus Is Foundation, Emphasizes  
The Essential Nature Of Church.  
How Important Is Church To You?**

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# Designed On Christ *Ephesians 2:17-22*

Jesus for all

- Came – The Son Of God
- Preached – declared the gospel
- Both those familiar with God's plan and those away from His plan

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# Designed On Christ *Ephesians 2:17-22*

Jesus for all

Access to the God

- Through the God the Son
- Indwelt with Holy Spirit
- Access to God the Father

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# Designed On Christ *Ephesians 2:17-22*

Jesus for all

Access to the God

Status change

- From strangers and aliens
- To citizens, saints, and members

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# Designed On Christ *Ephesians 2:17-22*

Jesus for all

Access to the God

Status change

Built on a firm foundation

- Declared by apostles – saw the resurrected Lord
- Foretold by prophets – looking for to Messiah
- Jesus Christ the cornerstone of the church

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# Designed On Christ *Ephesians 2:17-22*

Jesus for all

Access to the God

Status change

Built on a firm foundation

A work in progress

- With a firm foundation, now being built
- Continual joining together
- Believers are the holy temple – God's presence in believers
- The Spirit dwelling in believers
- God Himself building in us His plan

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# Are You Being Built Into The Church?

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# O Come To The Alter

## Elevation Worship



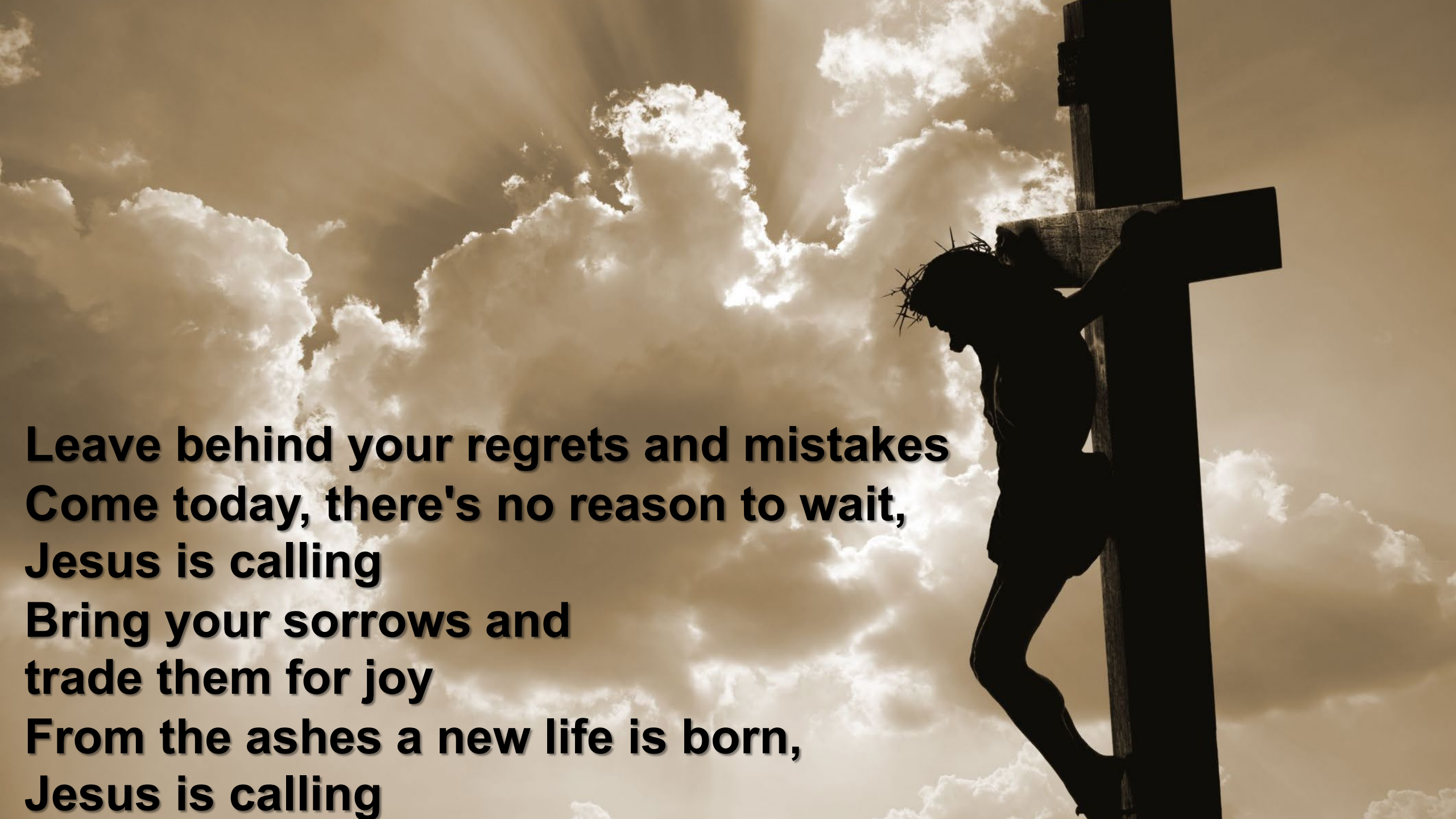
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**Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin,  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well,  
Jesus is calling**



**O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought  
with the precious blood of Jesus Christ**



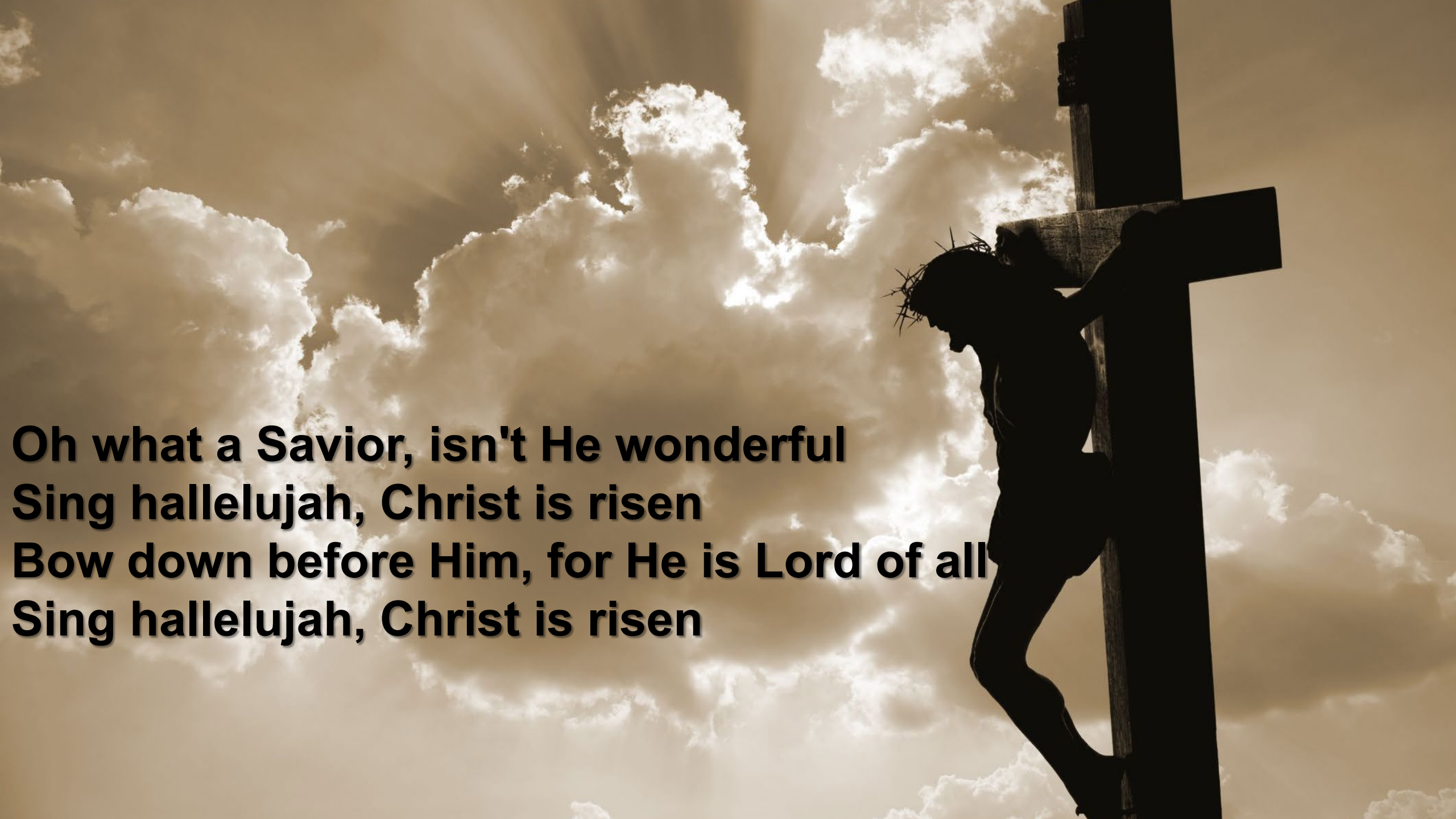


**Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today, there's no reason to wait,  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and  
trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born,  
Jesus is calling**

**O come to the altar,  
the Father's arms are open wide  
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**Oh what a Savior, isn't He wonderful  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen  
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen**

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**O come to the altar,  
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**Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found**



