

WELCOME
~~to the~~
FARM

SE*LAH



It's good you're here.
We're glad you're here.

Sit down, relax, rest make
yourself at home,
play a game, grab a drink,
meet someone new,

Come in and catch your
breath. Come in and take
this holy pause.

come and see...

-jesus

Living life *with* God *in* this world


A close-up photograph of a scarecrow. The scarecrow has a round, white face with two small black eyes, a triangular orange nose, and a simple black smile. It wears a textured red hat and has long, thin strands of straw for hair. Its body is made of burlap, and it wears a red patterned shirt. The background is a blurred field of corn stalks.

INVITATORY

God is here in this place.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.





*All that I am, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*All that I do, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I work for,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I hope for,
I place into your hands.

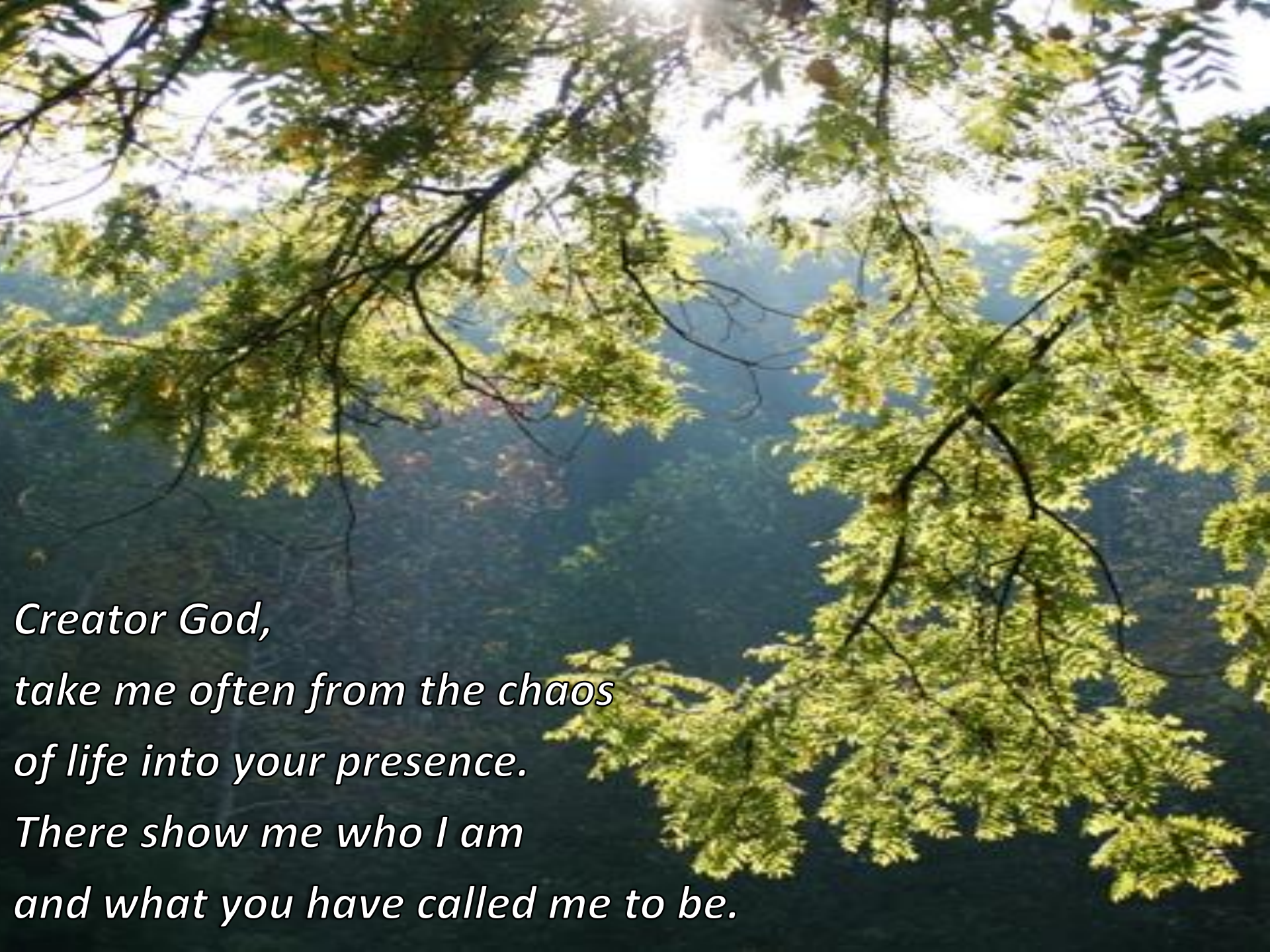
*The troubles that weary me,
I place into your hands.

*The thoughts that disturb me,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I pray for,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I care for,
I place into your hands.





*Creator God,
take me often from the chaos
of life into your presence.
There show me who I am
and what you have called me to be.*

The Versicle: Letting God speak

ARE YOU TIRED? WORN OUT? BURNED OUT ON RELIGION?

COME TO ME. GET AWAY WITH ME AND YOU'LL
RECOVER YOUR LIFE. I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO TAKE A
REAL REST. WALK WITH ME AND WORK WITH ME-
WATCH HOW I DO IT. LEARN THE UNFORCED RHYTHMS
OF GRACE. I WON'T LAY ANYTHING HEAVY OR ILL-FITTING
ON YOU. KEEP COMPANY WITH ME AND YOU'LL LEARN
TO LIVE FREELY AND LIGHTLY.

-JESUS

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, 11:28-30

Step out of the traffic....



What are you stepping out of? What are you stepping into?
What is it you want from God this evening?



Ask God to give you what it is you seek this evening.

For the next two hours, cease striving and step out of the traffic.
Step out of the traffic and take a long loving look at God.
For the next two hours
Just **BE STILL** and **KNOW GOD IS HERE.**
Just be still and know **GOD...**

the lighting
of the
candles



An Ancient Prayer : *joining the prayers of all those who have gone before us.*

The Phos Hilaron: *one of the earliest surviving Christian hymns (3rd c.)*

O' joyous light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in Heaven, O Jesus Christ holy and blessed. Now as we come to the setting of the sun and our eyes behold the Vesper light, we sing your praises O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O' Son of God, O' Giver of Life and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Gathering around the Table

Remembering

Giving Thanks

Sharing



communion:

on this journey together.



LET'S

Eat

The Searching

Hearing God's invitation:

**"ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE
DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR
EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO
SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS,
THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.**

-FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, CHAPTER 7, VS 7-8





God is near.
let us seek Him
Let us be found by Him.

Finding a posture of seeking.



Finding a posture of seeking.

Open my eyes...

Release my mind...

Clear my ears...

Fill my mouth...

Stretch my hands...

Ground my body...

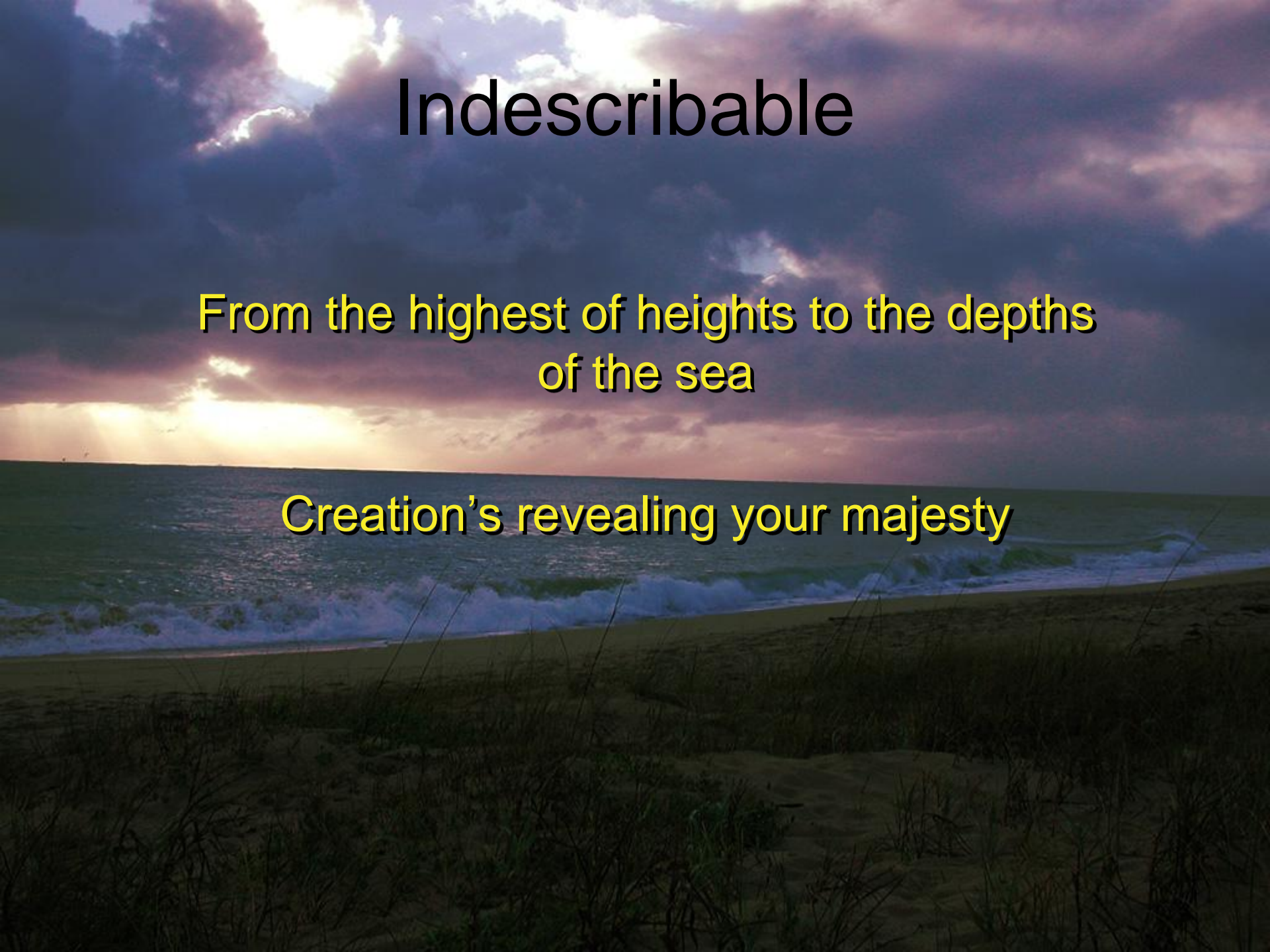
Stir my life...



Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths
of the sea

Creation's revealing your majesty

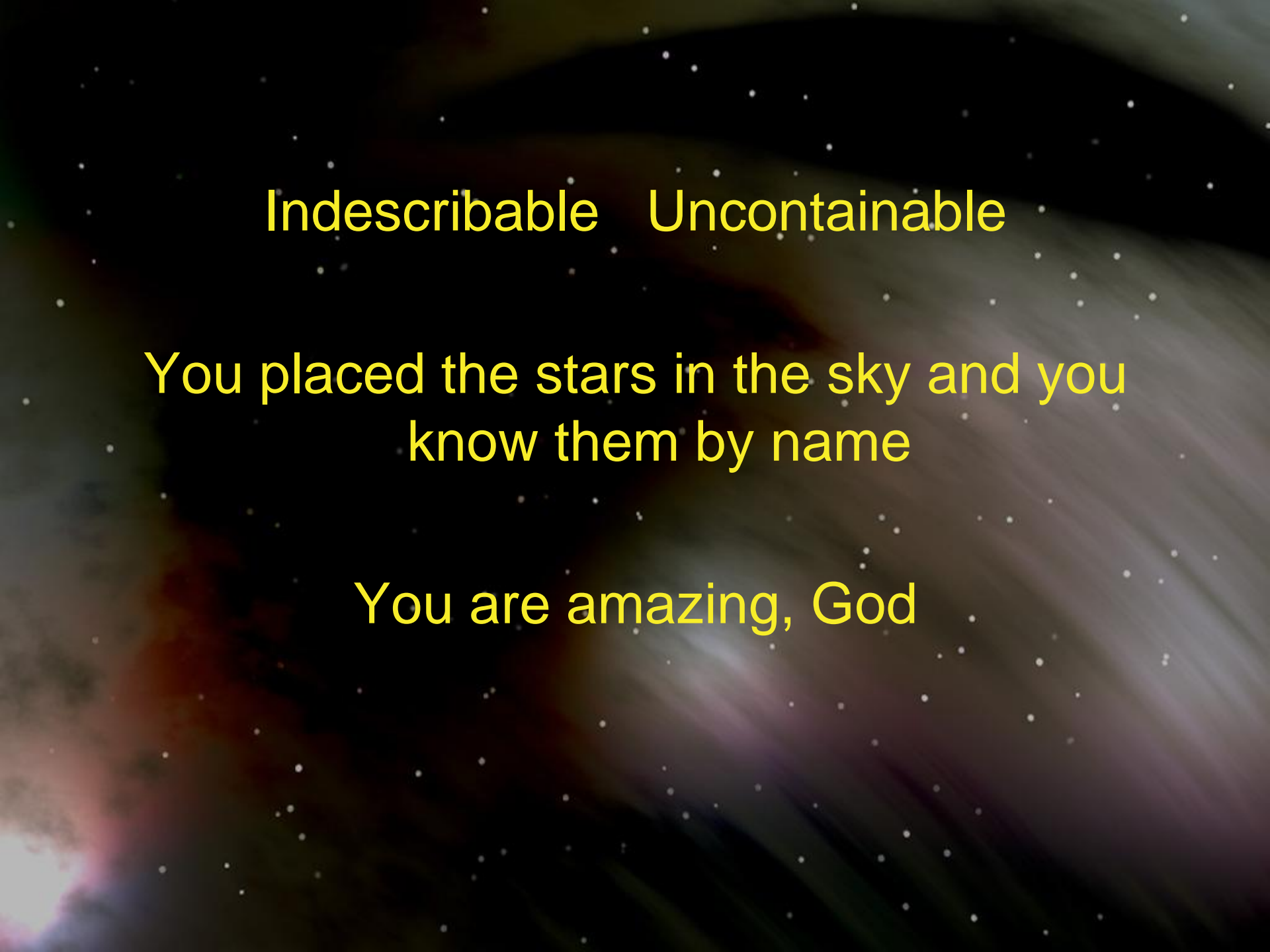


**From the colors of Fall to the Fragrance
of Spring**

**Every creature unique in the song that is
sings,**

All exclaiming





Indescribable Uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky and you
know them by name

You are amazing, God

All powerful untamable

**Awestruck we fall to our knees as we
humbly proclaim**

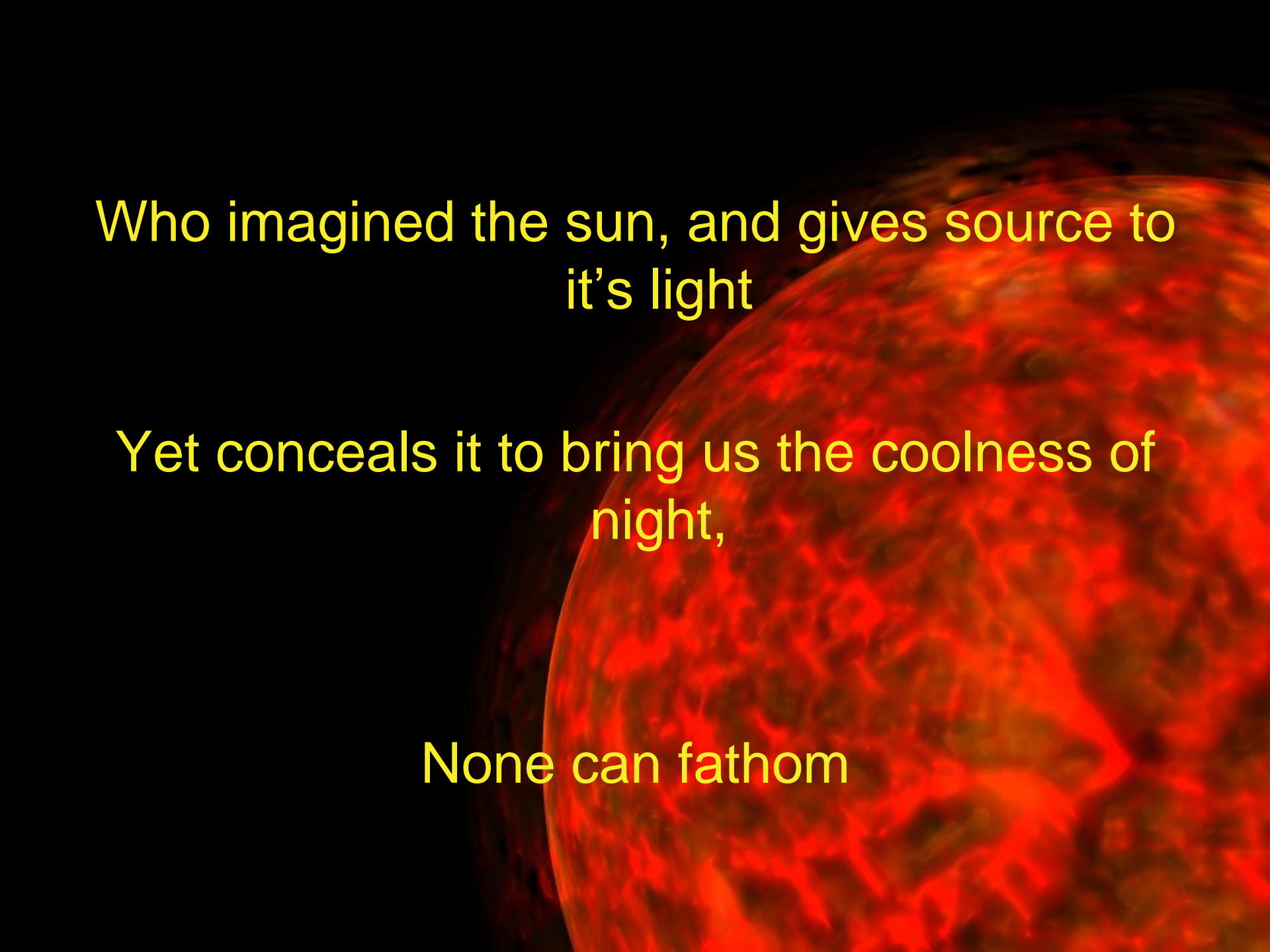
You are amazing God



A winter scene with a deep snow cover on the ground and evergreen trees. The sun is shining from the top left, creating a bright glow and casting soft shadows. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

**Who has told every lightning bolt where
it should go.**

**Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with
snow.**



Who imagined the sun, and gives source to
it's light

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of
night,

None can fathom



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You are amazing God



Incomparable, unchangeable

**You see the depths of my heart and you
love me the same**

You are amazing God

You are amazing God

Lord You Have My Heart

A hand is shown in a dark blue, starry night sky, holding a glowing, translucent orb. The orb has a bright center and a soft, ethereal glow. The background is filled with small white stars and a faint, circular lens flare effect around the orb.

Lord you have my heart

And I will search for yours

Jesus take my life and lead me on.



**Lord you have my
heart**

**And I will search
for yours**

**Let me be to you a
sacrifice.**



**And I will praise you Lord
(echo)**

**And I will sing of love come down
(echo)**

**And as you show your face
(Show your face)**

We'll see your glory here.

SANCTUARY

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving

I'll be a living sanctuary for you.



Psalm 126 *psalm of ascent.*

1 When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion,
we were like men who dreamed.

2 Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negev.

5 Those who sow in tears
will reap with songs of joy.

6 He who goes out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with him.

Psalm 126 *a pilgrim song*

1-3 It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when GOD returned Zion's exiles.

We laughed, we sang,
we couldn't believe our good fortune.

We were the talk of the nations—

"GOD was wonderful to them!"

GOD was wonderful to us;
we are one happy people.

4-6 And now, GOD, do it again—
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives

So those who planted their crops in despair

will shout hurrahs at the harvest,

So those who went off with heavy hearts
will come home laughing, with armloads
of blessing.

The Prayer of Making it more than words on a page.

Holy is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands

For the joy of the Lord is our strength

We bow down, and worship him now

How great, how awesome is He.

And together we sing...

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, casting a reflection on the water. The sky is a mix of soft pinks and blues. A dark silhouette of a tree is visible on the right side of the frame. The water is calm, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty

The earth is filled with His glory

The earth is filled with His glory

A serene sunset over a body of water. The sun is a bright orange orb just above the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the water's surface. The sky is a soft gradient of pink, orange, and light blue. On the right side, the dark silhouette of a tree is visible against the sky. The water in the foreground is calm, with gentle ripples.

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A serene sunset over a body of water with a sandy beach in the foreground and a tree on the right.

It's the rising up, all around

It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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And together we sing...

Everyone sing....

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“Come let us reason together,” says the Lord.
-Isaiah 1:18



SO NOW WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE
KEYS TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

So now we pray...



Creator and Redeemer God,
Your Kingdom come
Your Way be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

Your kingdom come
Your way be done
In us and in our lives.

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

In our community and in our church

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

Show us our part in
Your kingdom come

Your way be done

Set this world right. Set us right

Your kingdom come
Your way be done

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

From the Gospel of Matthew, Chap 5

1-2 When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

3" You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

4" You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

5" You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

6" You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

7" You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

8" You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

9" You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

10" You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

11-12" Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

Conversations

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*



**And we don't want to just talk about it but we want
*To work this out into the details of our everyday life.***

Benediction

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
REVEAL WHO YOU ARE
SET THE WORLD RIGHT.
DO WHAT IS BEST
AS ABOVE SO BELOW.

KEEP US ALIVE WITH THREE SQUARE MEALS
AND FORGIVEN WITH YOU
AND FORGIVING OTHERS.

KEEP US SAFE FROM OURSELVES AND THE DEVIL
YOU ARE IN CHARGE.

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

YOU ARE ABLAZE WITH BEAUTY. SO BE IT.



The Blessing

May you go forth from here, knowing that God has big dreams not only for you but that include you. May you remember that you hold the keys that help unlock God's dreams here on earth. May you find yourselves noticing the places where God's kingdom is alive in your life. And may you begin to live in such a way that you are blessed by God, touched, healed, whole and delivered.

SHALOM



Peace · Be · Unto · You