

MAY ALL WHO COME
TO THIS PLACE
AS
VISITORS
FIND HERE
THE PRESENCE
AND
LOVE OF GOD
MAY THEY LEAVE HERE
AS
PILGRIMS

Welcome
to
Se*lah
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WE'RE SOOOO GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
SO COME IN. SIT DOWN. RELAX.
BREATHE SLOWER. PLAY A GAME.
COLOR A PICTURE. FINISH THE PUZZLE.
HANG ON THE COUCH. REST. YOU'RE HERE.
THIS IS YOUR HOLY PAUSE.

this is the gate of heaven

Jacobi

LIVING ON THE EDGE



& a reminder of why we are here.

We are a community of seekers trying live life *with* God in this world
Through living on the edge of heaven and earth.

Invitatory:

step on thru the gate.

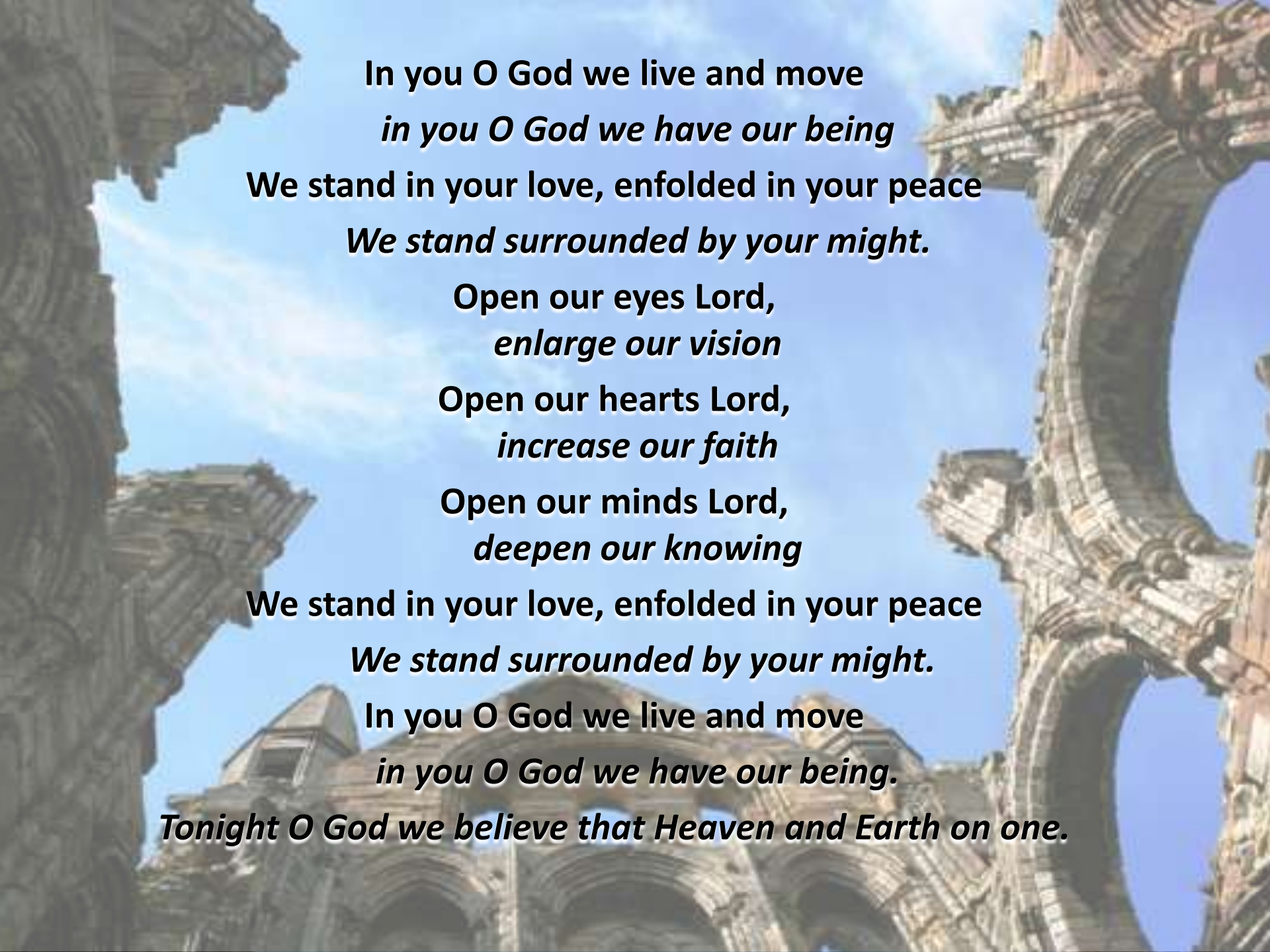
God is here in this place.

so

Grace and Peace to you.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.



**In you O God we live and move
*in you O God we have our being***
**We stand in your love, enfolded in your peace
*We stand surrounded by your might.***

**Open our eyes Lord,
*enlarge our vision***

**Open our hearts Lord,
*increase our faith***

**Open our minds Lord,
*deepen our knowing***

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Tonight O God we believe that Heaven and Earth on one.



Loving Lord bless this place.

Let your love be here and fill it with your peace.

Let your joy be here and fill it with your grace.

Let your light be here and fill it with your power.

Let us know you are here
and fill us with your presence.

A Sound bite from God: *letting God speak early on in the evening.*



I have opened a
door in front of
you that no one
can close

-Jesus

From the Revelations of John, Ch 3.

STOP

A close-up photograph of a red brick wall. The word "STOP" is written in large, raised, white, three-dimensional letters. The letter "O" is significantly damaged, with a large portion missing, revealing a dark, hollow interior. The wall shows signs of wear, including cracks and discoloration.

STEPPING OUT OF THE TRAFFIC.



STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC

A person with long dark hair, wearing a blue t-shirt, is sitting on a large, light-colored rock in the foreground, looking out over a vast, lush green forest valley. The valley is filled with dense trees and stretches into the distance under a bright sky. A pine tree branch is visible in the upper left corner.

STEP AWAY FROM STRESS
STEP AWAY FROM WORRY

STEP AWAY FROM FEARS

STEP AWAY FROM DISTRACTIONS

STEP AWAY FROM ANXIOUSNESS

STEP AWAY FROM DISCONTENTMENT

STEP AWAY AND STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC.

**Step out of the traffic and take a long,
loving look at me, your God.**



**Be here. Be present. Be present to God. Be
present to each other. Be present to yourself.
Be still and know that God is God.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

SHARE
THE
ROAD



Praying with the Church:



Greek, 3rd century lamp lighting prayer

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.

Being Thankful...

Eat this bread. Drink this cup.

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread. Drink this cup.

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

Let's Eat!



The Searching

*LIVING ON THE EDGE:
YOU ARE MORE IN HEAVEN THAN ON EARTH
-JULIAN OF NORWICH*

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with
all your heart. -the prophet Jeremiah, Ch. 29*

A photograph of a person sitting on a stone floor inside a large, arched stone doorway. The person is looking out towards a bright sunset over a flat, green landscape. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that fills the archway and casts long shadows. The stone walls of the archway are dark and textured. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

*Searching for the Gates of Heaven
Praying for the grace to hang out there.*

**We stand at your door and knock.
*Open it, Lord, so that we may enter.***

WHO IS IT THAT WE SEEK?
WE SEEK THE LORD OUR GOD.

WE SEEK YOU WITH ALL OF OUR HEART.

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME.

WE SEEK YOU WITH ALL OF OUR MIND

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME

WE SEEK YOU WITH ALL OF OUR STRENGTH


COME HOLY SPIRIT COME

WE SEEK YOU WITH ALL OF OUR SOUL

COME HOLY SPIRIT COME

LIVING ON THE EDGE: A PRACTICE





Holy and Loving God
There is no place you do not
dwell. And every place where
you are is holy. There is no
creature that lacks your
presence and every creature
through you is holy.
Extend our vision
Amplify our hearing
Deepen our knowing
Open to us the Gates of Heaven
One hand grounded on earth
The other reaching to you.

Places of Worship and Prayer:

- Singing
- Art: painting, coloring etc...
- The Light Bright
- Clay
- Anointing : prayer specifically for you by a leader
- Affisu, our little brother in Ghana
- The Pillow Room: A Quiet space set apart Prayer wall; Candles; scripture cards, the psalm



You are Holy (Prince of Peace)

You are holy (you are holy)
You are mighty (you are mighty)
You are worthy (you are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)

I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love you (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

Guys:

I will sing to
And worship
The King who is
worthy
I will love and
adore Him
And I will bow
down before Him

Girls:

You are lord of lords
You are king of kings
You are mighty God
Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel
You're the great I am
You're the prince of
peace
Who is the Lamb

A silhouette of a person hula hooping against a purple background. The person is in a dynamic pose, with one arm raised and the hula hoop around their neck and waist. The background is a solid purple color.

Guys:

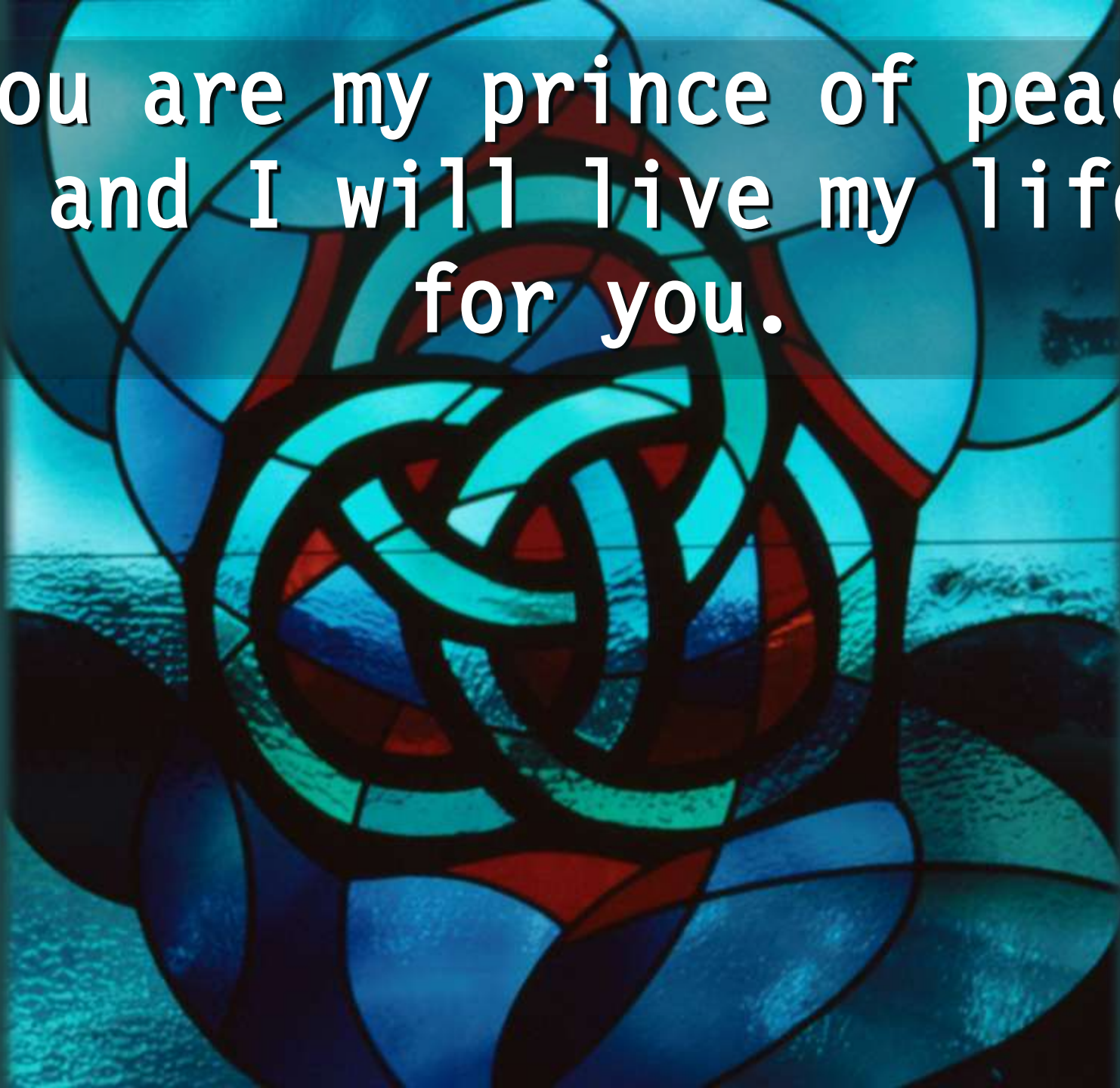
Girls:

I will sing to
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The King who is
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I will love and
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down before Him

You're the living God
You're my saving grace
You will reign forever
You are ancient of days
You're the alpha,
omega, beginning & end
You're my savior,
messiah, redeemer, and
friend

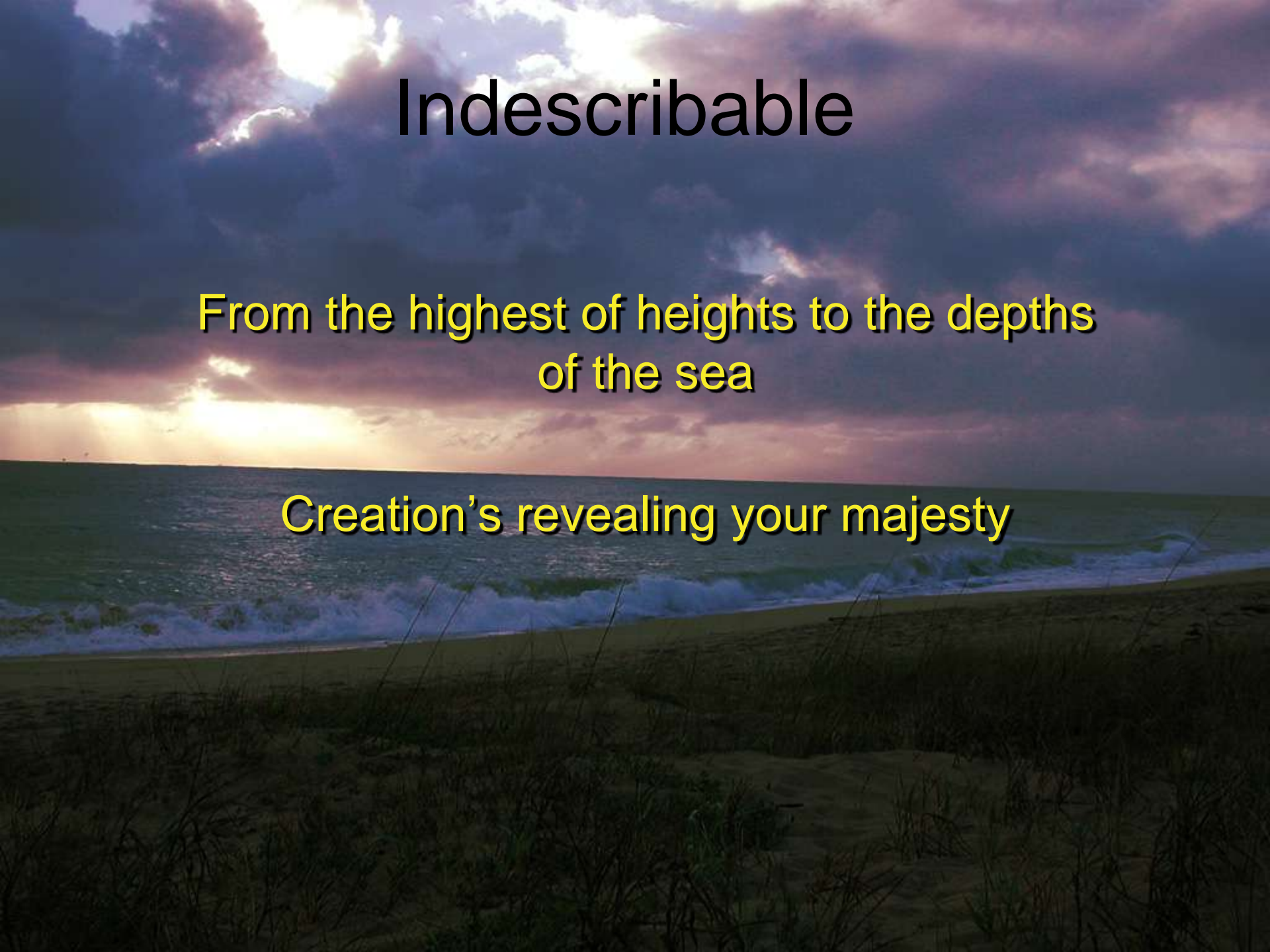
You are my prince of peace
and I will live my life
for you.



Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths
of the sea

Creation's revealing your majesty

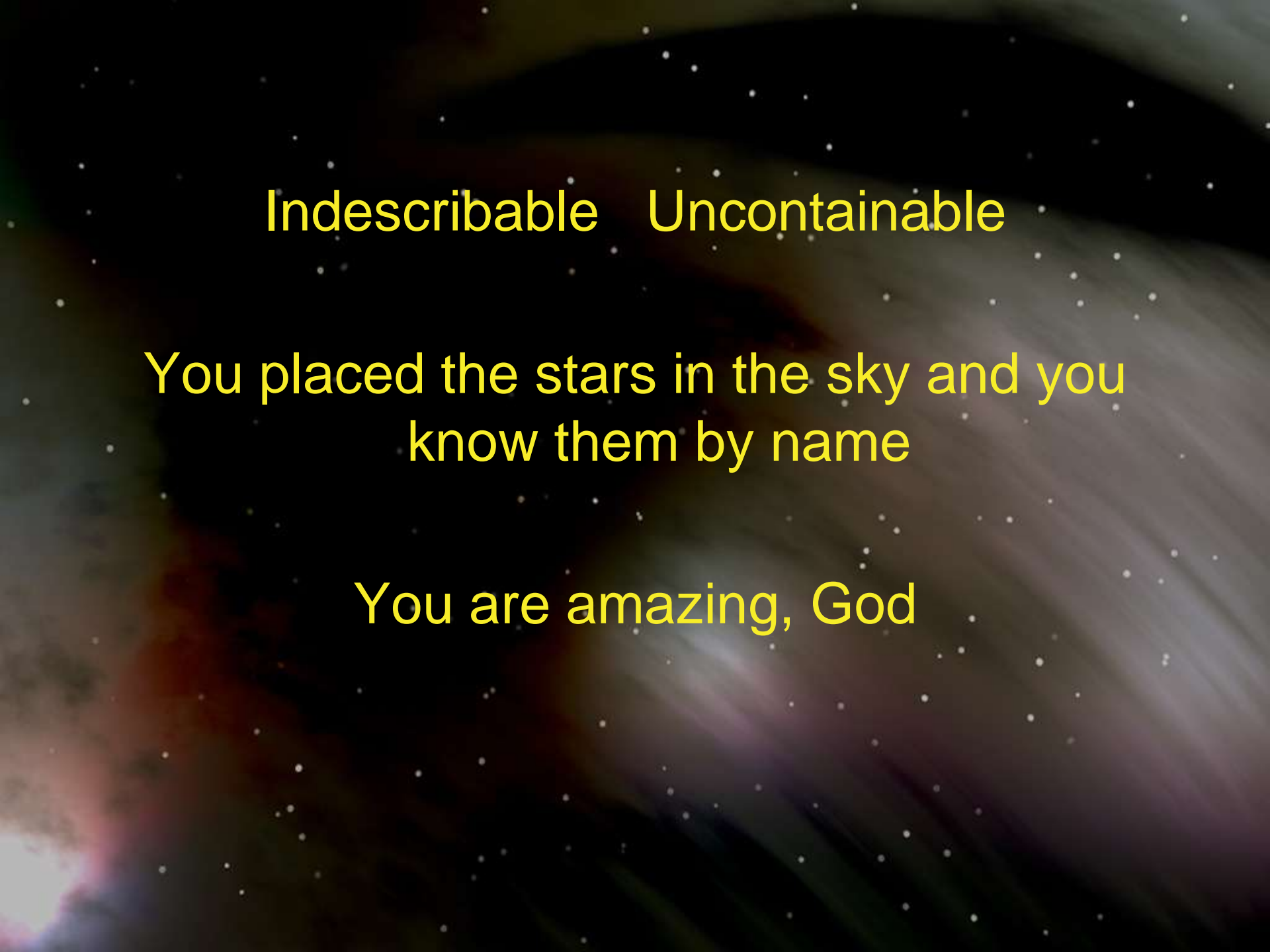


**From the colors of Fall to the Fragrance
of Spring**

**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**

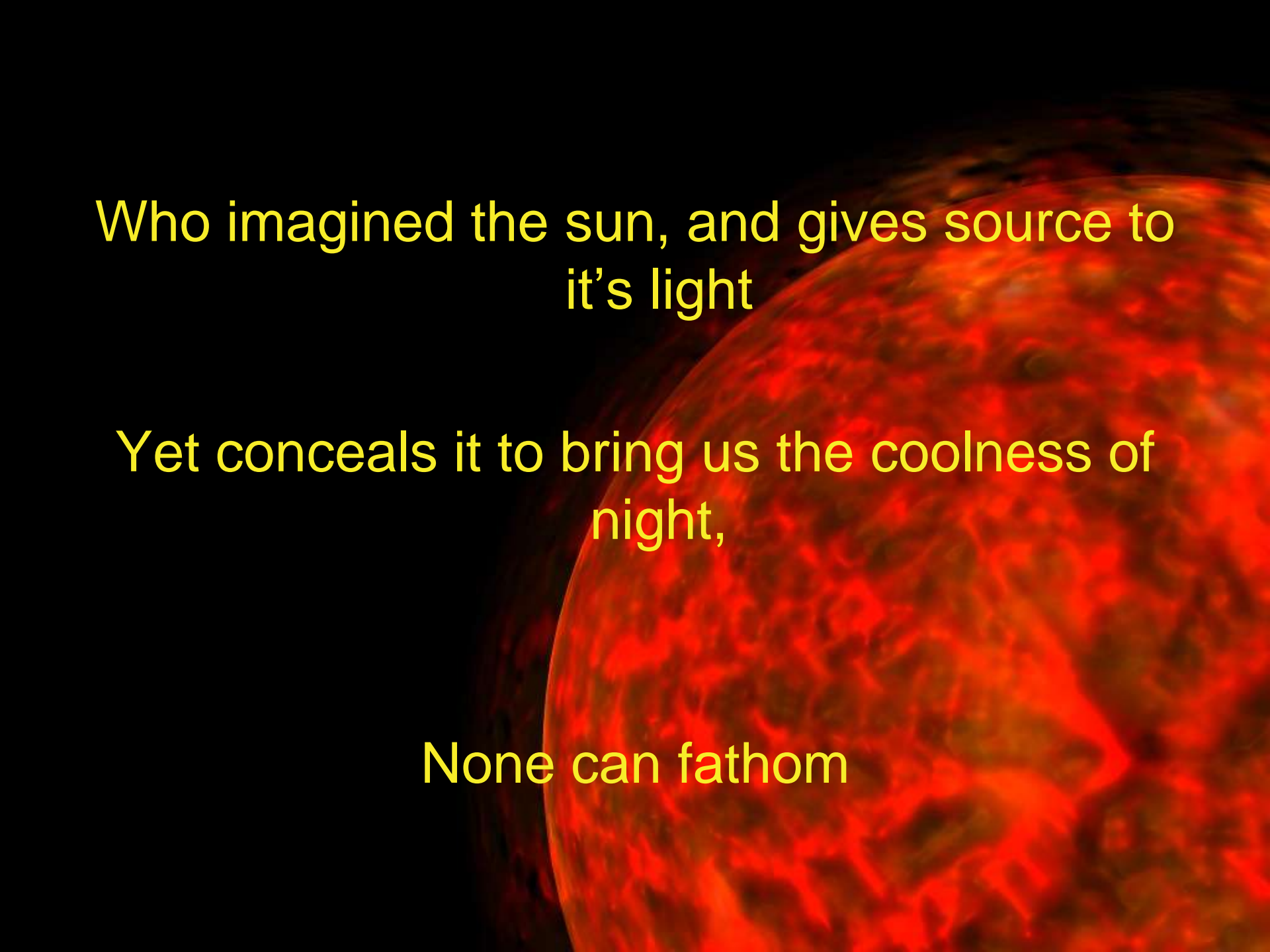
You are amazing God



A winter scene featuring a snow-covered ground with evergreen trees. The sun is shining brightly from the upper left, creating a lens flare and casting long shadows. The trees are heavily laden with snow, and the overall atmosphere is bright and crisp.

**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



Indescribable Uncontainable

You placed the stars in the sky and you
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You are amazing, God

All powerful untamable

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

You are amazing God

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

¹FOR GOD ALONE MY SOUL WAITS IN SILENCE;
FROM HIM COMES MY SALVATION.

² HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION,
MY FORTRESS; I SHALL NOT BE GREATLY SHAKEN.

³HOW LONG WILL ALL OF YOU ATTACK A MAN TO BATTER HIM,
LIKE A LEANING WALL, A TOTTERING FENCE?

⁴THEY ONLY PLAN TO THRUST HIM DOWN FROM HIS HIGH POSITION.
THEY TAKE PLEASURE IN FALSEHOOD.

THEY BLESS WITH THEIR MOUTHS,
BUT INWARDLY THEY CURSE.

SELAH

⁵FOR GOD ALONE, O MY SOUL, WAIT IN SILENCE,
FOR MY HOPE IS FROM HIM.

⁶ HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION,
MY FORTRESS; I SHALL NOT BE SHAKEN.

⁷ON GOD RESTS MY SALVATION AND MY GLORY;
MY MIGHTY ROCK, MY REFUGE IS GOD.

⁸ TRUST IN HIM AT ALL TIMES, O PEOPLE;
POUR OUT YOUR HEART BEFORE HIM;
GOD IS A REFUGE FOR US.

SELAH

The Practice: making it more than words we read.

Psalm 62

BREATHE

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

And I am desperate for you
And I am lost without you

This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread.
Your very word spoken to me.

Offering together *the Song of the Church:*

GLORY to the
father and to the
Son and to the
Holy Spirit As it
was in the
beginning is now
And will be
forever more



Come let us reason together,
says the Lord.

-Isaiah 1:18

LIVING ON THE EDGE

OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.



KNOWING THERE IS SO MUCH MORE GOING ON THAT MEETS THE EYE.
THAT THERE'S A MUCH BIGGER STORY GOING ON THAN MY LIFE

Reading from Genesis, Ch 28

¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac ... ¹⁵Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

WHAT KEEPS US ON THE EDGE?

WHAT HELPS US TO FIND THE GATES?

1. PRAYER OF THE HEART

1. TURNING THE HEART TOWARDS GOD;
2. SUBMERSED OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

2. COMMUNITY

3. SOLITUDE & SILENCE

1. BEING ALONE WITH GOD
2. LISTENING TO GOD.

4. SIMPLICITY

5. SCRIPTURE

1. HOLY GROUND – A MEETING PLACE
2. HELPS US MAKE SENSE OF THE STORY WE'RE LIVING IN.
3. GROUNDED, COMMUNAL, OPEN-ENDED, ALIVE



Jesus was on the “edges”

They came to the **edge** of the village where they were headed.

He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. *Luke 24*

That did it—pushed them over the **edge**. They picked up rocks to throw at him. But Jesus slipped away, getting out of the Temple *John 8*

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the **edge** of his cloak *Matt 9*

On return, they beached the boat at Gennesaret. When the people got wind that he was back, they sent out word through the neighborhood and rounded up all the sick, who asked for permission to touch the **edge** of his coat. And whoever touched him was healed *Matt 14*

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's **edge** *Mark 4*

He saw at the water's **edge** two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. *Luke 5*

From the *Acts of the Apostles*, Ch 2



⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

RESPONDING TO GOD





Conversations.

Because we don't want to just talk about it,
We want to work it into the details
of our everyday lives.

And because
WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.

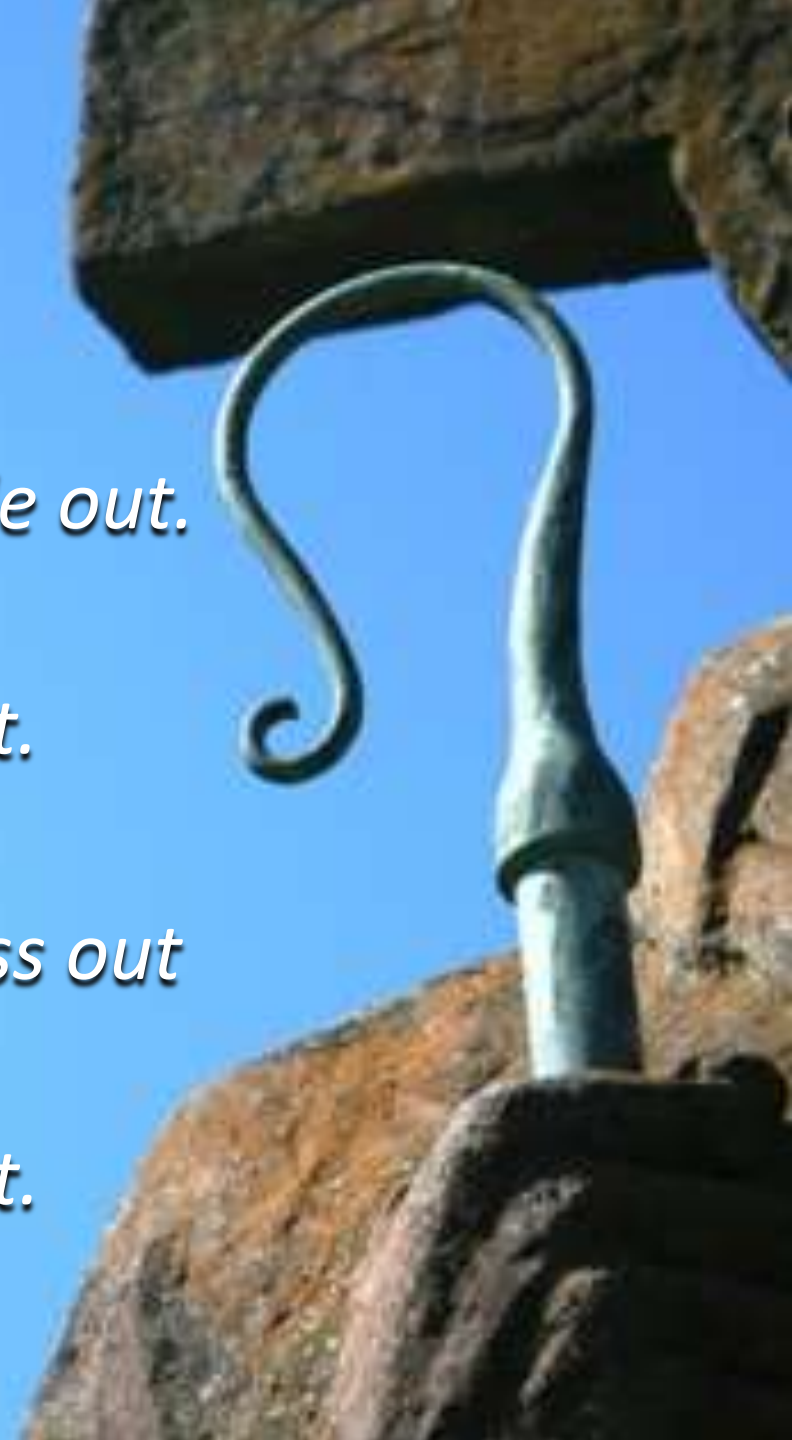
The Blessing

Circle us YHWH, Almighty God
Keep peace within, keep trouble out.

Circle us Jesus, Savior
Keep love within, keep hate out.

Circle us Abba, Creator
Keep light within, keep darkness out

Circle us Spirit, our Paraclete
Keep faith within, keep fear out.



The Blessing

May you go from here in peace holding tight the hands
with which you share this way.

May you find new ways this week to remember God
amidst your crazy busy days.

May you find edges & gates & doors & windows
everywhere

May you choose to spend time alone & in quiet with God.

So that you may come to live more on Heaven than on
Earth realizing that you yourself are holy ground and
gateway to Heaven.

Psalm 23 (NIV)

A psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,**
- 3 he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**
- 4 Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**
- 5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**
- 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.**

Psalm 23 (the Message)

A David Psalm

- 1-3 GOD, my shepherd! I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.**
- 4 Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.**
- 5 You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.**
- 6 Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of GOD
for the rest of my life.**

The Practice: making it more than words we read.

Places of Worship and Prayer:

Take your prayer with you.

What is your prayer?

**The prayer you repeat with every
breath?**

**What is it you seek? What is it
you want from God?**

***That is your prayer, your hearts
desire. So turn it into a prayer &
say it with your breath.***



**QUIET
PLACE**