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WHAT IS PRAYER ?

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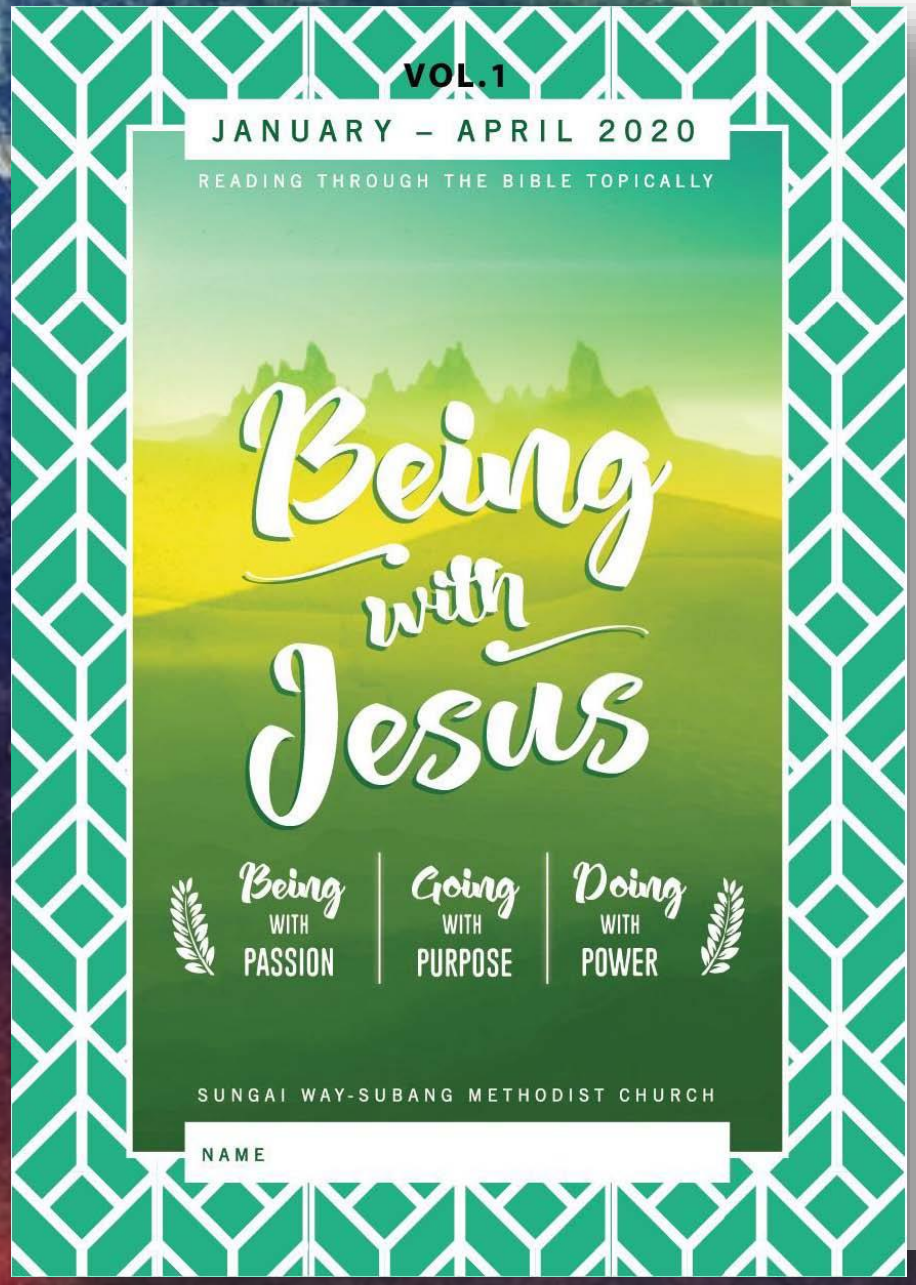

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APR 20, MONDAY | Isa 55; Psa 23

Prayer and Spiritual Warfare | Isa 55:6; Heb 4.

Power in Prayer through the work of the Holy Spirit:
1) Prayer Books

Introduction:
Power in prayer is, strangely enough, for those who humbly acknowledge they do not know how to pray. The Holy Spirit is looking for such people so He can empower them in prayer. There are many ways we can approach the Lord in prayer. Each one is important and has its place in the Church and in our walk with God.

Prayer Books
There are many "prayer books" that we can use to help us to pray.
There is a prayer book in the Bible: it is called the Book of Psalms. When these prayers are read with a heart that is truly seeking after God, the Holy Spirit can bring God's word to life. In other words, the words in the Bible have God's supernatural power and life. They are literally anointed by the Holy Spirit's power.

Reflection:
Read Psalm 23 aloud and then try to rephrase this Psalm. Make it your own personal prayer to God: "The Lord is (your name) shepherd ..."

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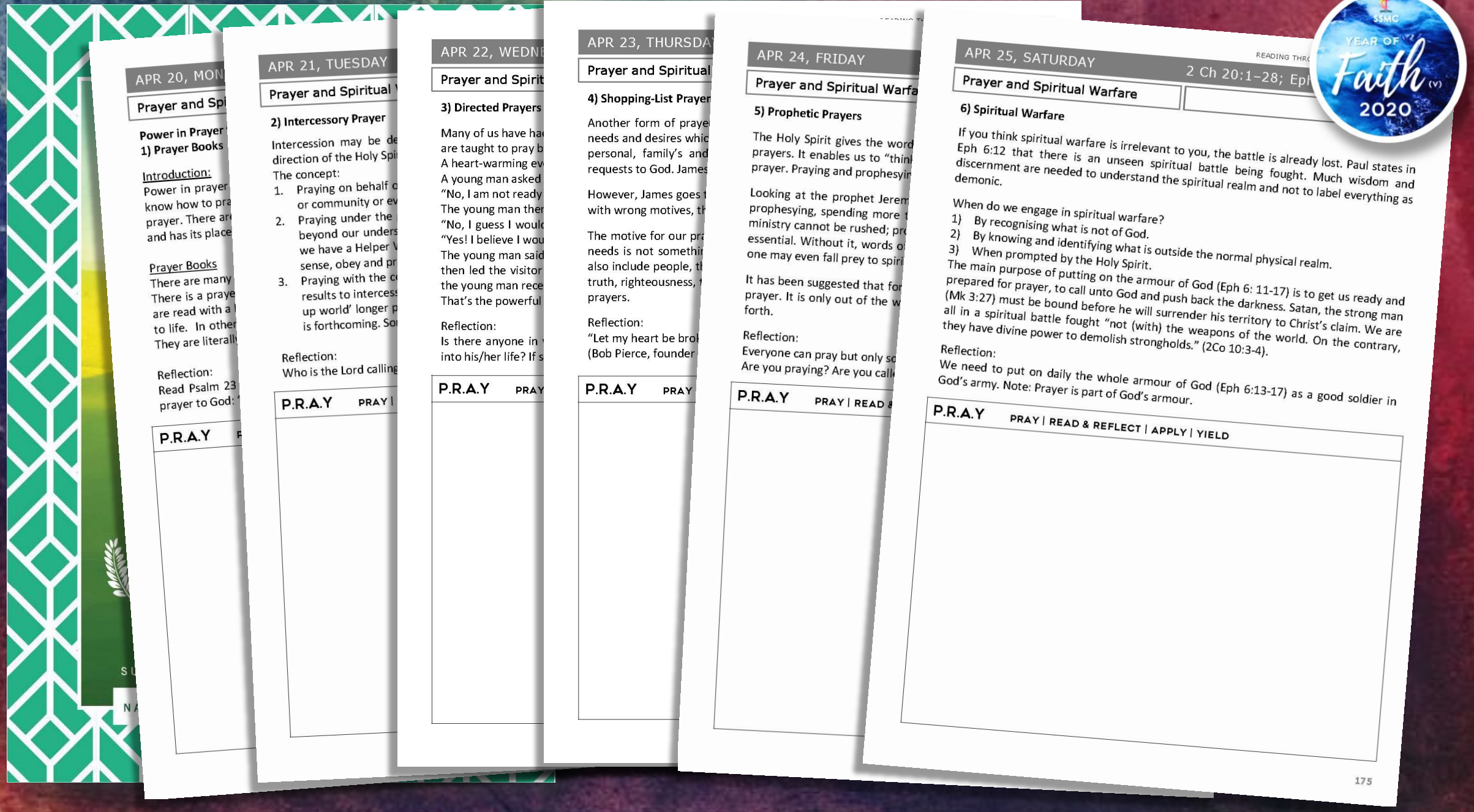
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2) Intercessory Prayer
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3) Directed Prayers
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4) Shopping-List Prayer
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Reflection:
"Let my heart be brok
(Bob Pierce, founder
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5) Prophetic Prayers
The Holy Spirit gives the word
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2 Ch 20:1–28; Eph
Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
6) Spiritual Warfare
If you think spiritual warfare is irrelevant to you, the battle is already lost. Paul states in Eph 6:12 that there is an unseen spiritual battle being fought. Much wisdom and discernment are needed to understand the spiritual realm and not to label everything as demonic.
When do we engage in spiritual warfare?
1) By recognising what is not of God.
2) By knowing and identifying what is outside the normal physical realm.
3) When prompted by the Holy Spirit.
The main purpose of putting on the armour of God (Eph 6: 11-17) is to get us ready and prepared for prayer, to call unto God and push back the darkness. Satan, the strong man (Mk 3:27) must be bound before he will surrender his territory to Christ's claim. We are all in a spiritual battle fought "not (with) the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2Co 10:3-4).
Reflection:
We need to put on daily the whole armour of God (Eph 6:13-17) as a good soldier in God's army. Note: Prayer is part of God's armour.
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WHAT IS PRAYER ?

I. What is prayer to me today?

II. Does prayer really make a difference?

A PRAYER JOURNEY

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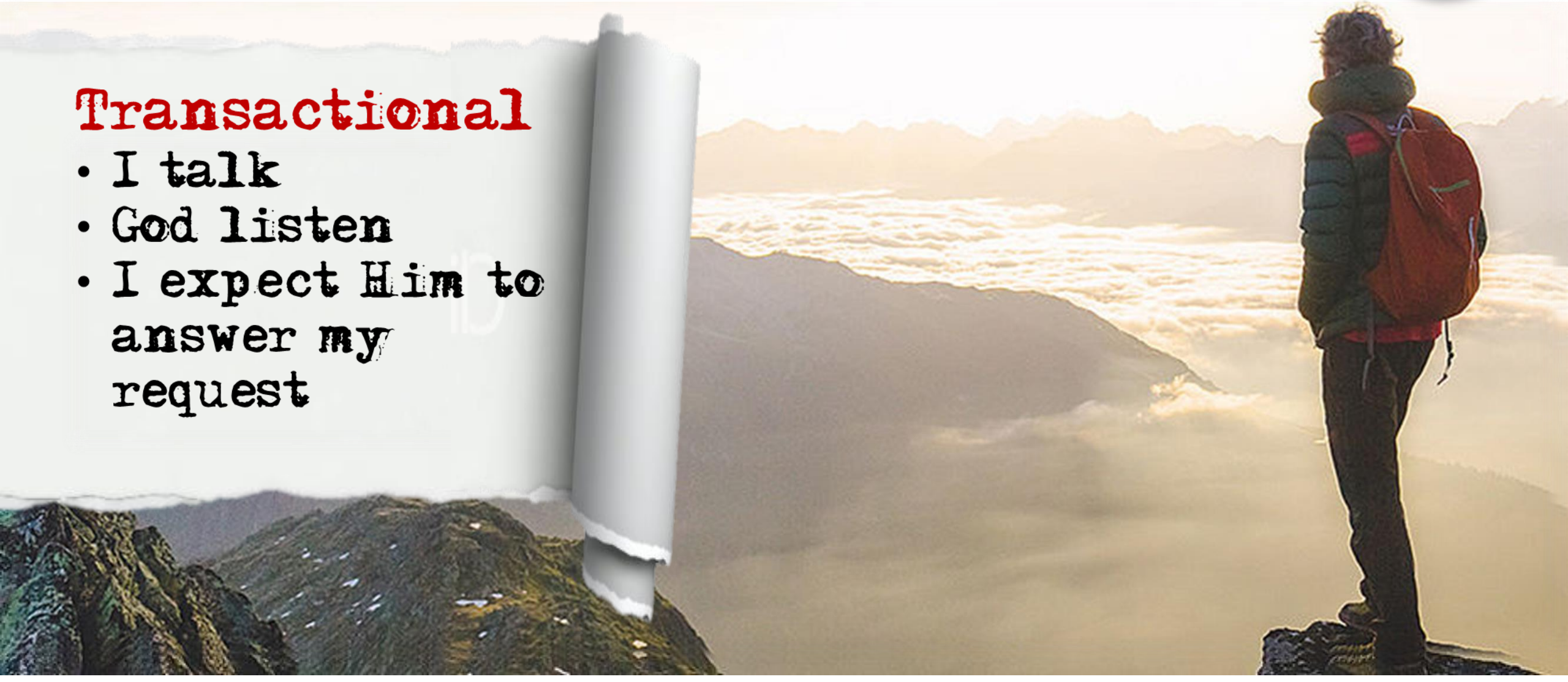
Transactional

- I talk
- God listen
- I expect Him to answer my request



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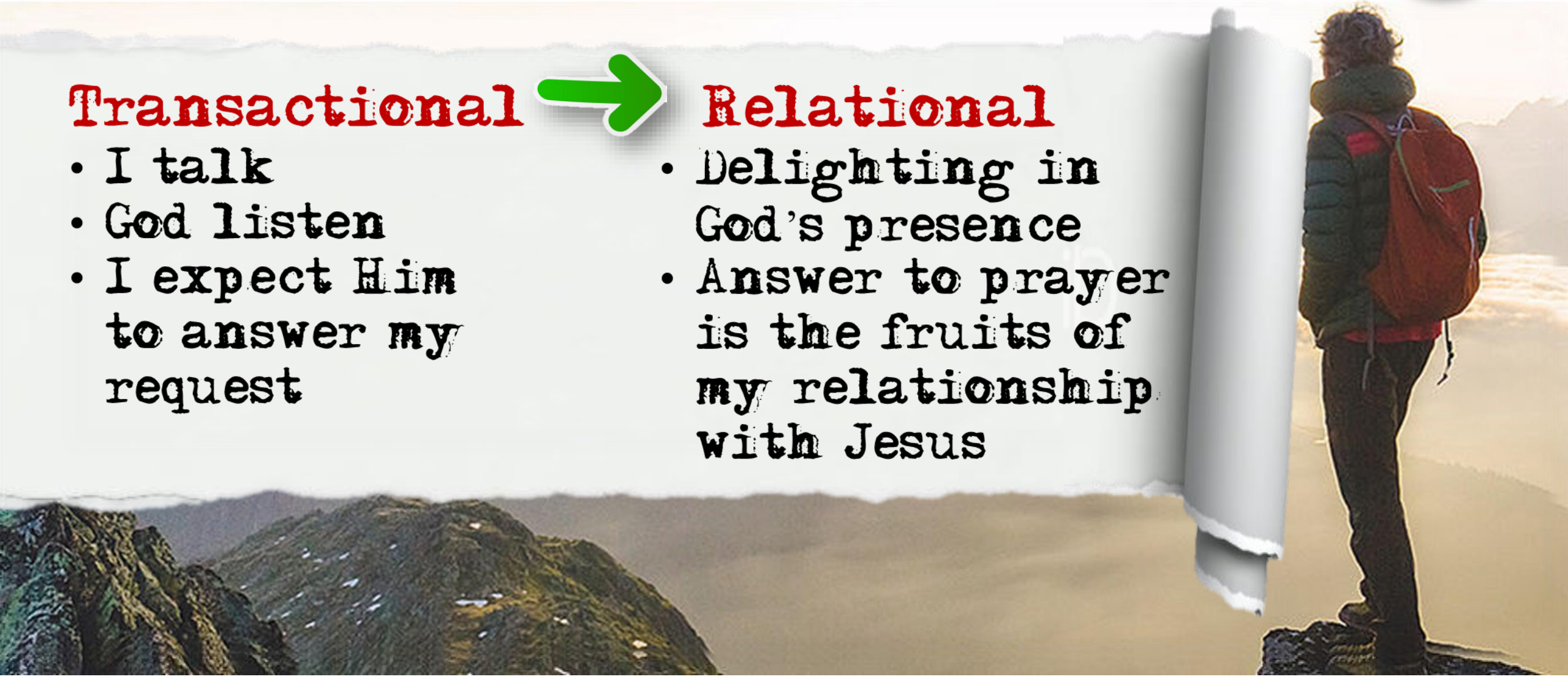
Relational

- Delighting in God's presence
- Answer to prayer is the fruits of my relationship with Jesus



I. What is prayer to me today?

1. It is connecting with God in a loving relationship.
2. I need to connect with God so that His life may flow into my life that I may experience life in all its fullness, John 10:10
3. It is about abiding in Christ. John 15:4

"It is not God who needs my prayers but I need God and that's why I pray"

Jeremiah 33:3
Call unto Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty things,
which you do not know.

Hebrews 10:19
Therefore, brethren, having boldness to
enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus

God wants us to enjoy our relationship with Him.

THEREFORE PRAYER IS NEVER MEANT TO BE BORING OR DULL!

"Until now you have ask nothing in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:14

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," Eph. 3:20

GOD INVITES THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN TOO!

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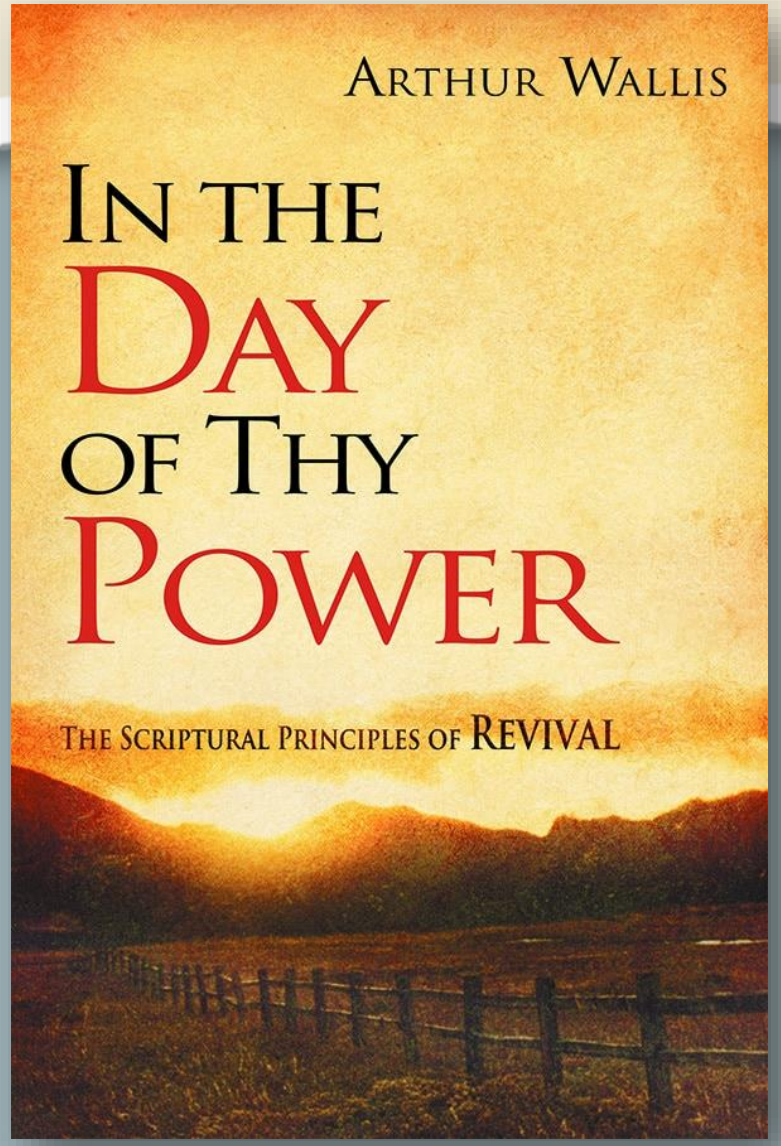
Psalms 8:2

"Out of the mouths of babes
and nursing infants,
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the
enemy and the avenger."

The story of Holy Spirit's Visitation.



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THE MADANAPALLE CHURCH BIDDING FAREWELL TO DR. AND MRS. CHAMBERLAIN

Year : 1930

Preacher : R.T Narish

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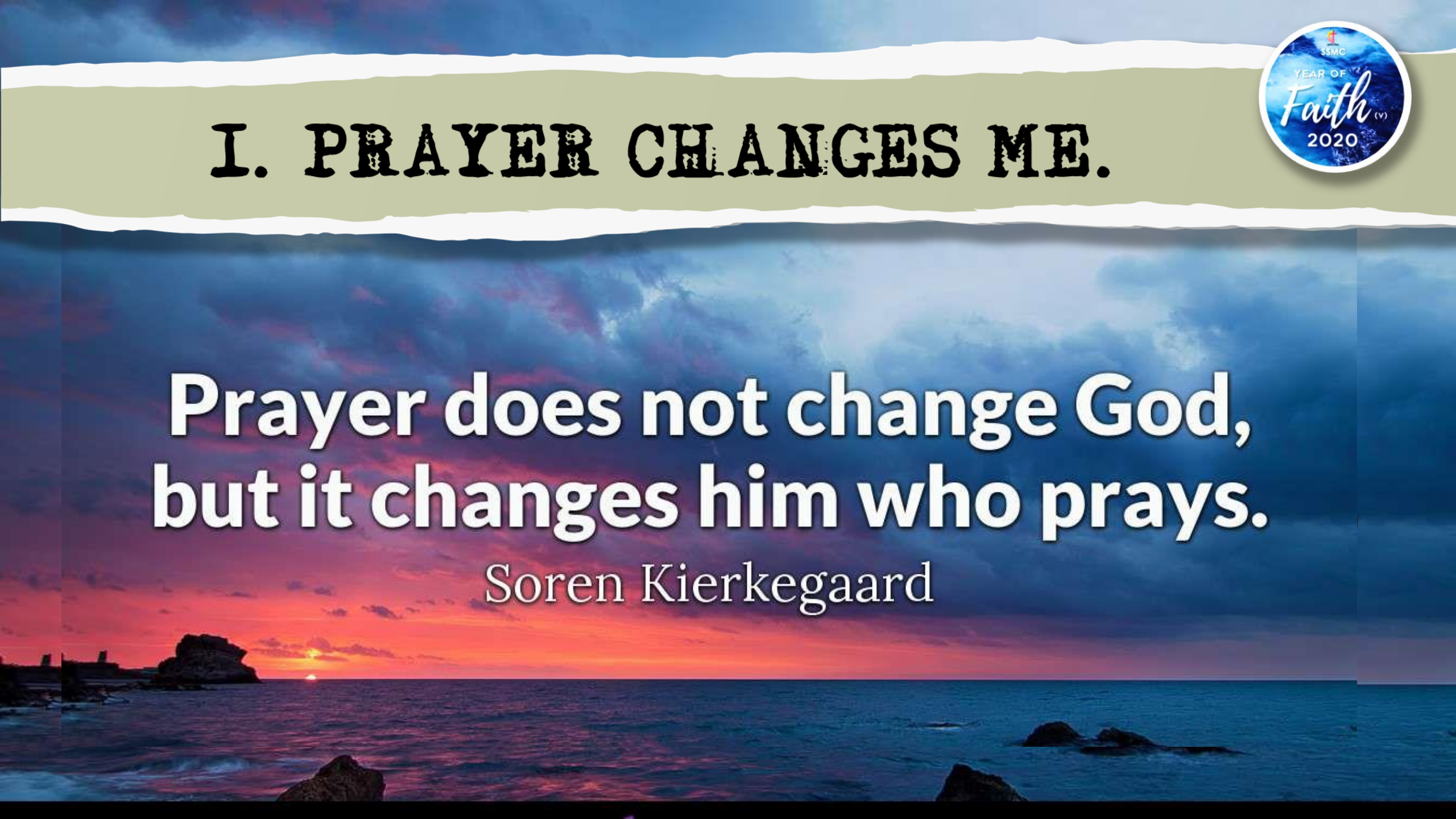
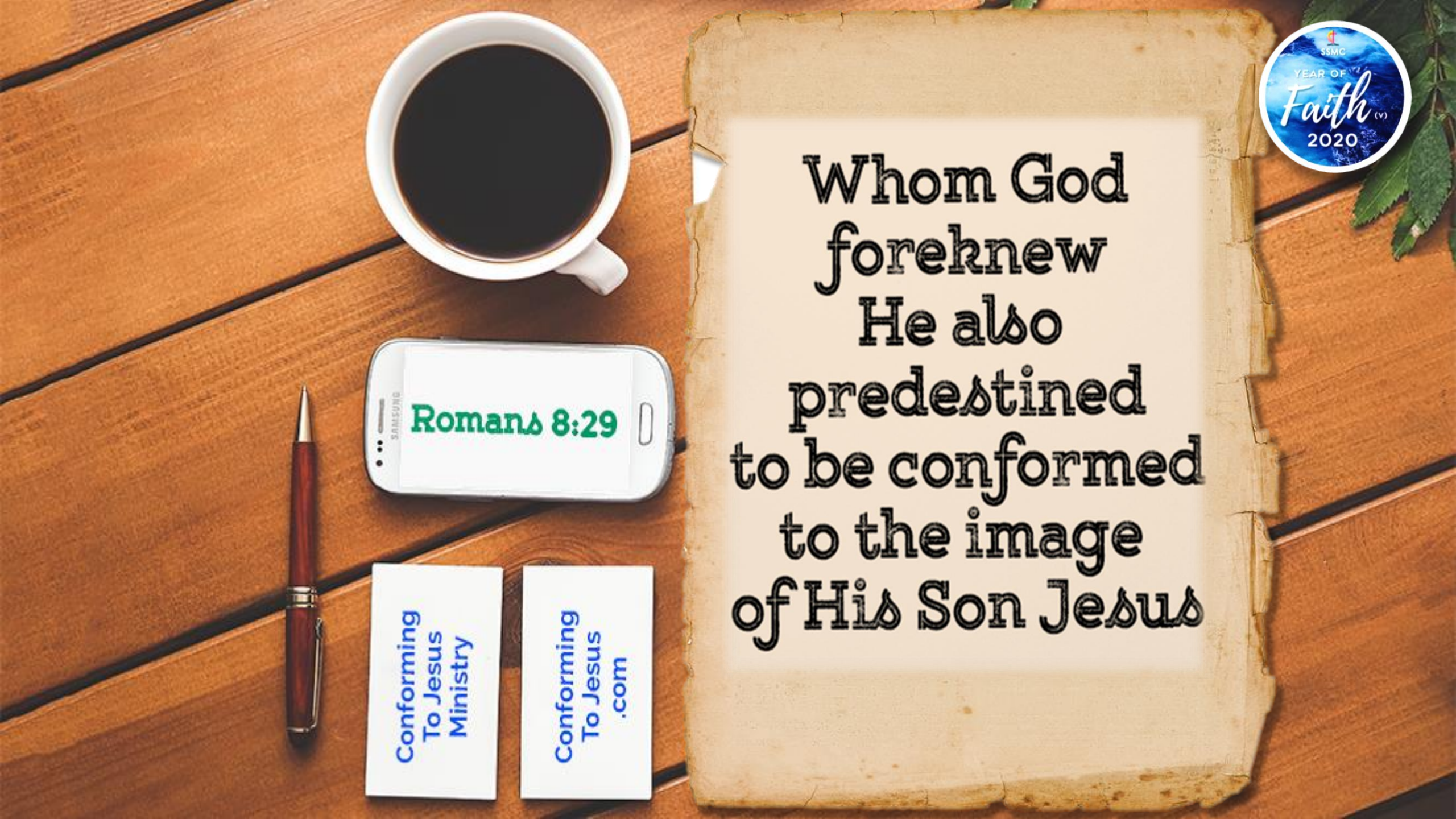
II. Does prayer really make a difference?

I. PRAYER CHANGES ME.




Romans 8:29
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Whom God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus
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When will God **not** hear us?

But your iniquities have separated you from your God, your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. Isaiah 59:2

2 Chronicles 7:14

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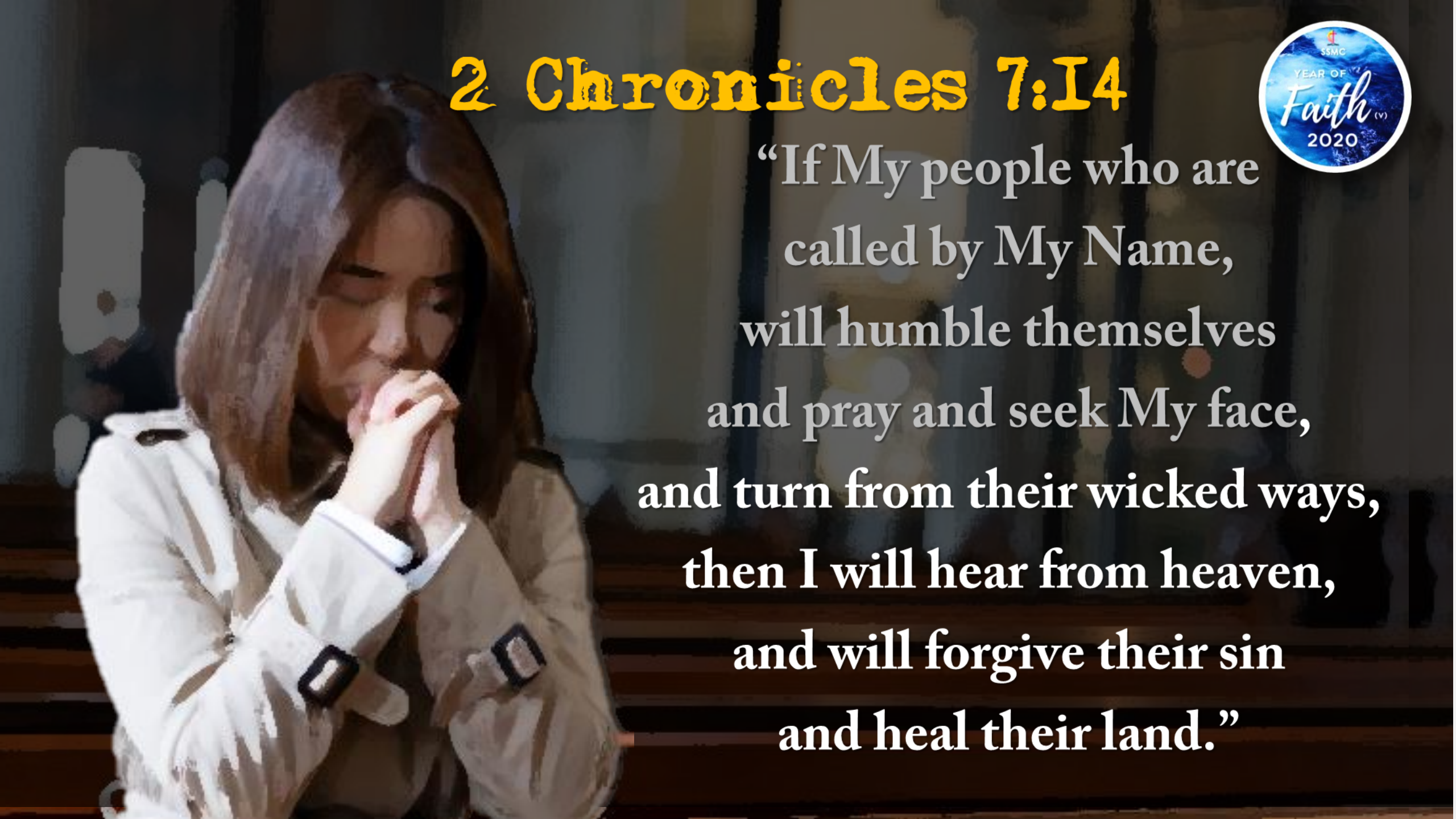
"If My people who are
called by My Name,
will humble themselves
and pray and seek My face,
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven,
and will forgive their sin
and heal their land."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TRUE PRAYER

LEADS TO REPENTANCE

AND TURNING AWAY FROM OUR SINS

TRUE PRAYER

RESULTS IN A CHANGED LIFE.

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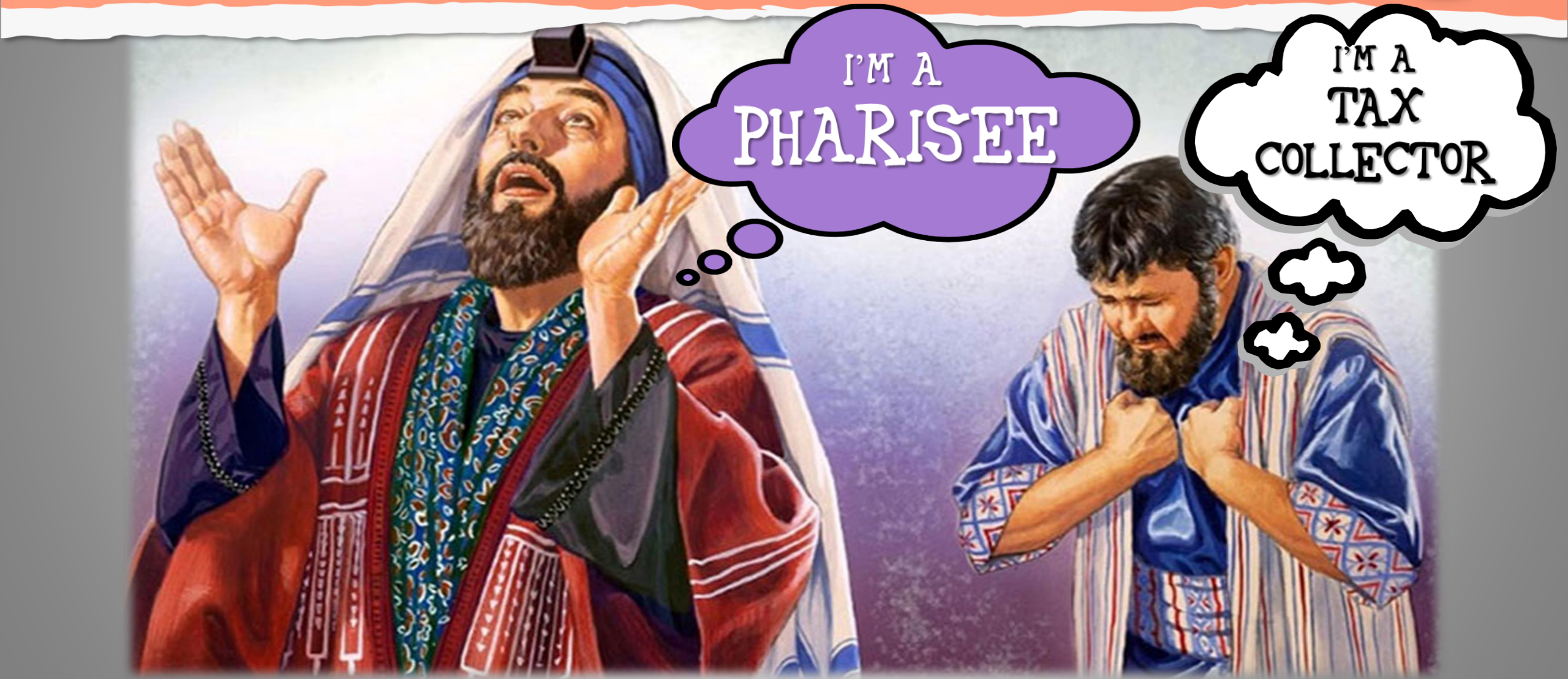
TRUE PRAYER

- CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT

- ♥ HEARTS
- ♥ ATTITUDES
- ♥ DESIRES
- ♥ INTENTIONS
- ♥ MOTIVATIONS
- ♥ VALUES
- ♥ PRIORITIES

Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)



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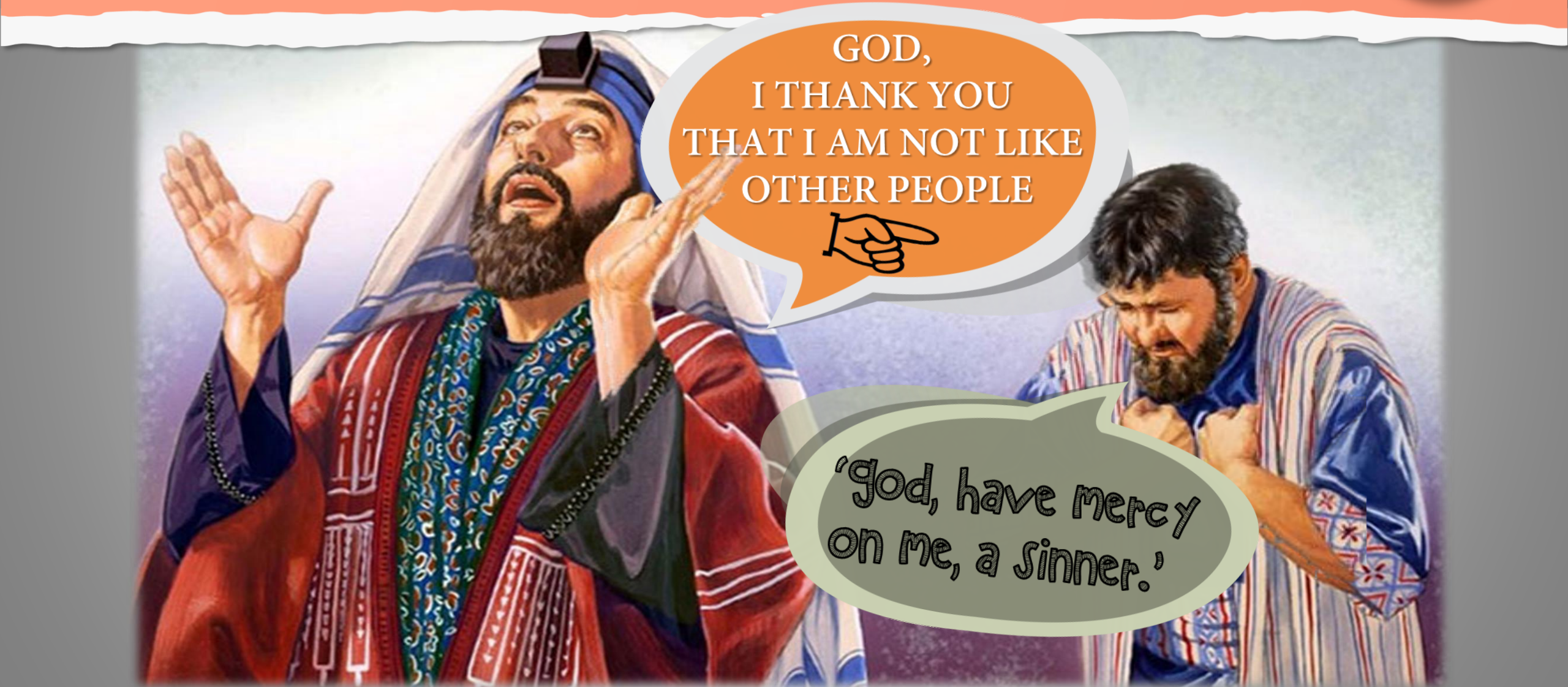

Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9–14)

"I tell you that **this man (the tax collector)**, rather than the other (the Pharisee), **went home justified before God.** For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:14

Parable of the Pharisee & the Tax Collector (Luke 18:9-14)

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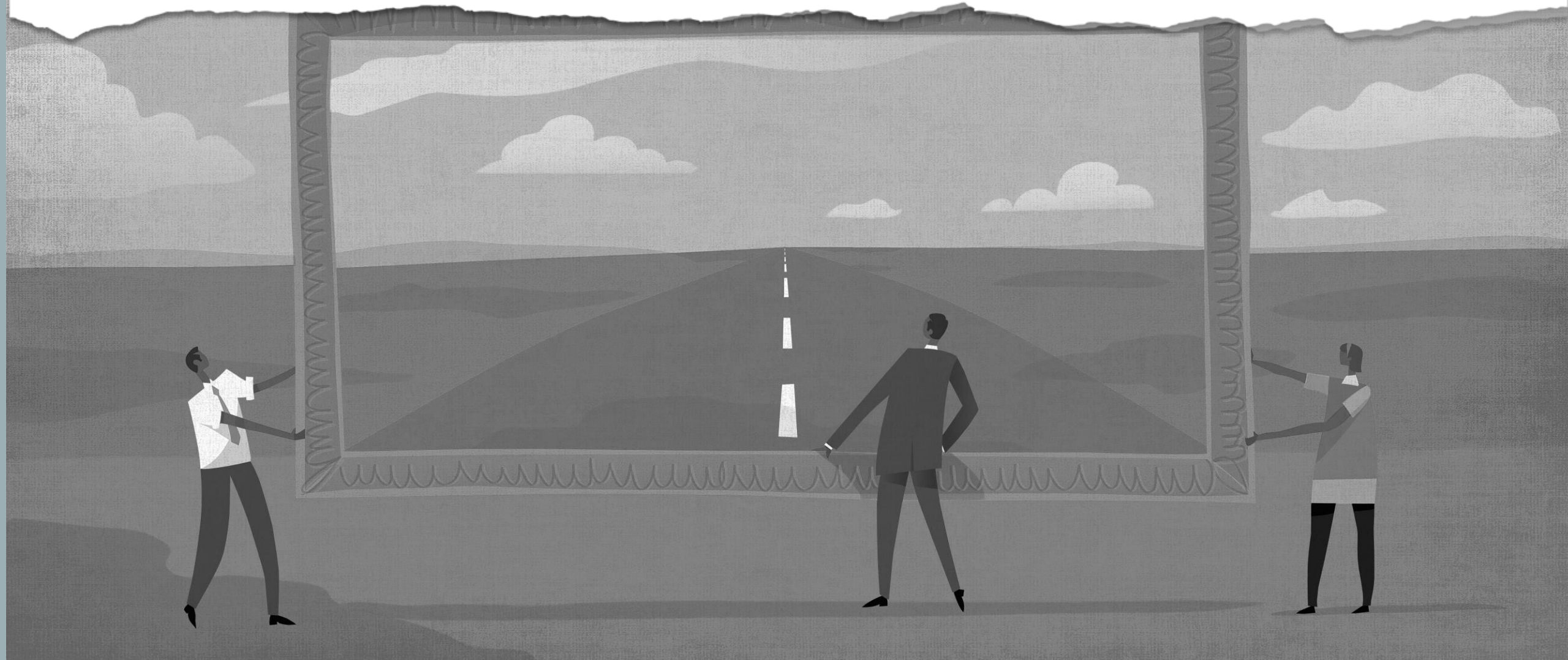
GOD LOOKS AT OUR HEARTS AND A BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEART; HE WILL NOT DESPISE.

Psalm 51:17

2. PRAYER CHANGES...



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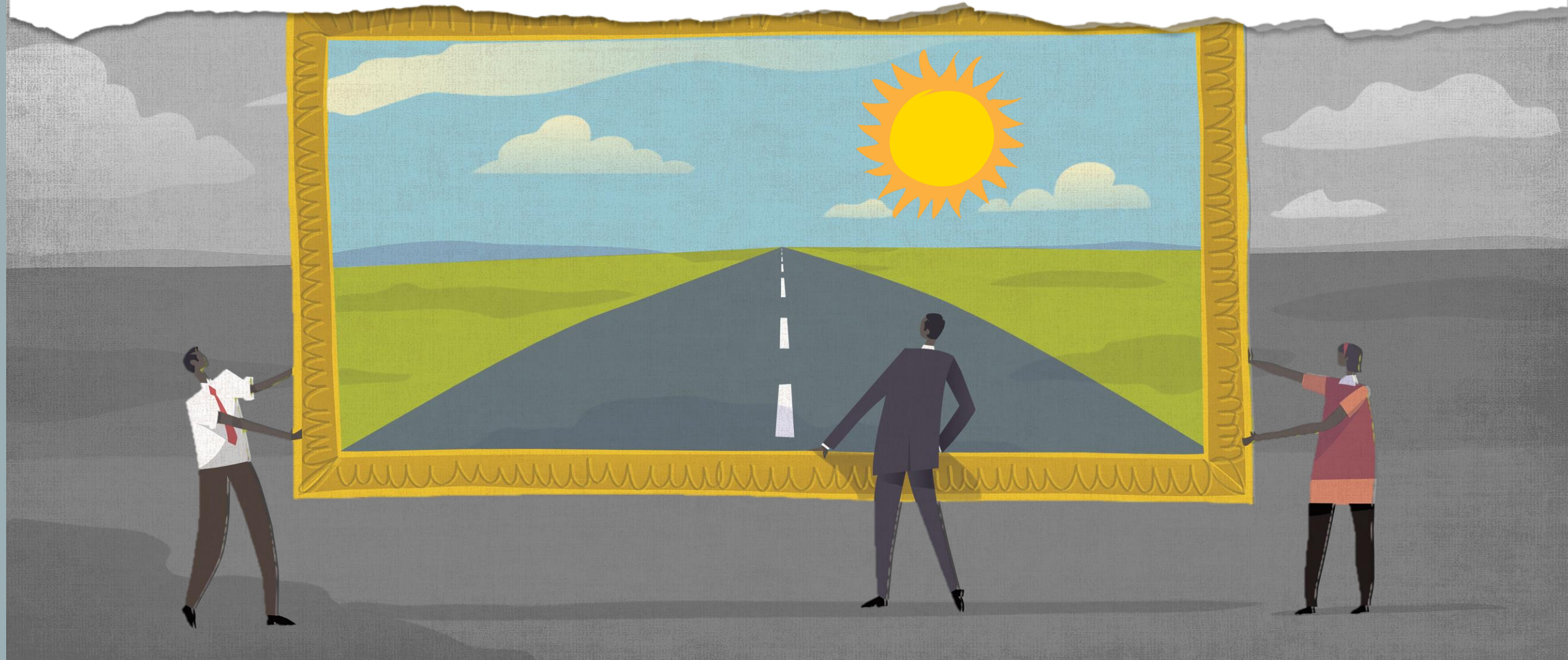


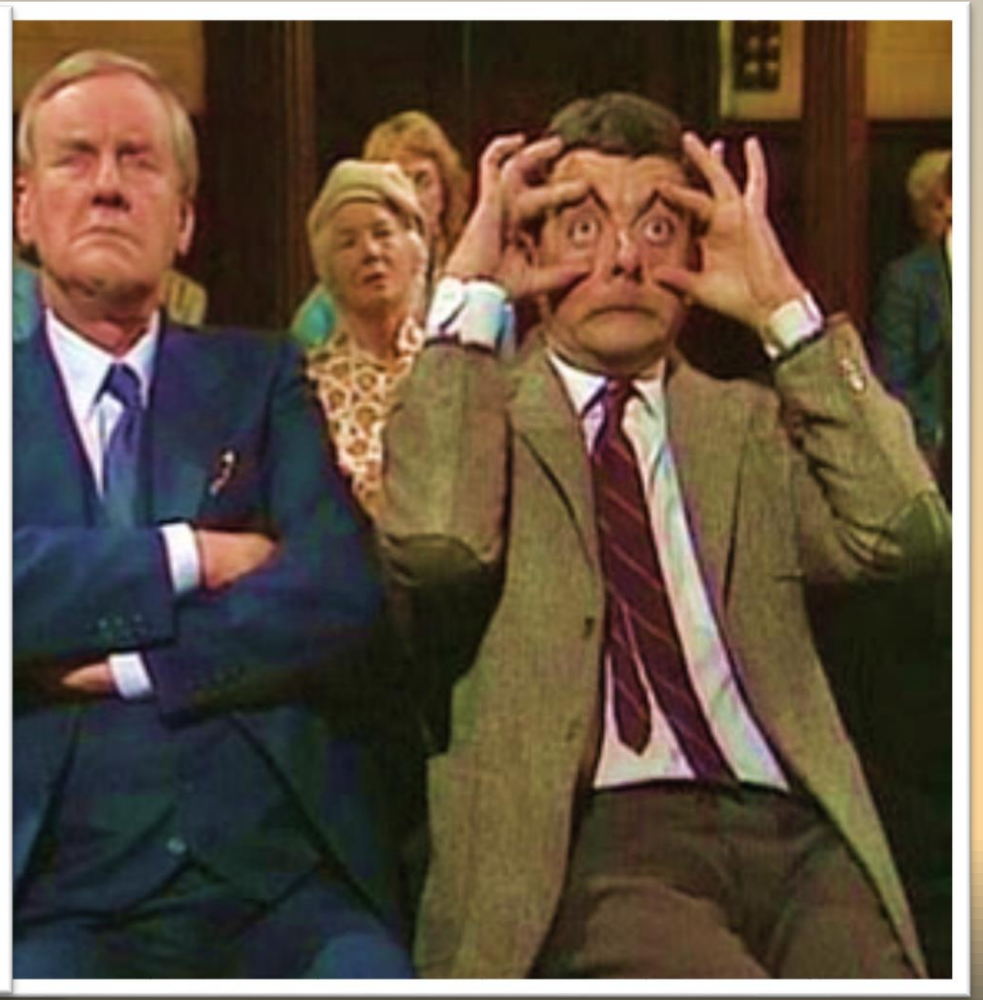
STORMS OF LIFE WILL...

SHAKE OUT THE TEMPORAL AND NON-ESSENTIALS

AND TEST / EXPOSE OUR TRUE FOUNDATIONS

The Sleeping Church?

WAKING UP FROM OUR SPIRITUAL SLUMBER



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"Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

C. S. Lewis.

3. PRAYER CHANGES PEOPLE AND CIRCUMSTANCES

I will stand my watch
And set myself on the rampart,
And watch to see what
He will say to me,

Habbakuk 2:1

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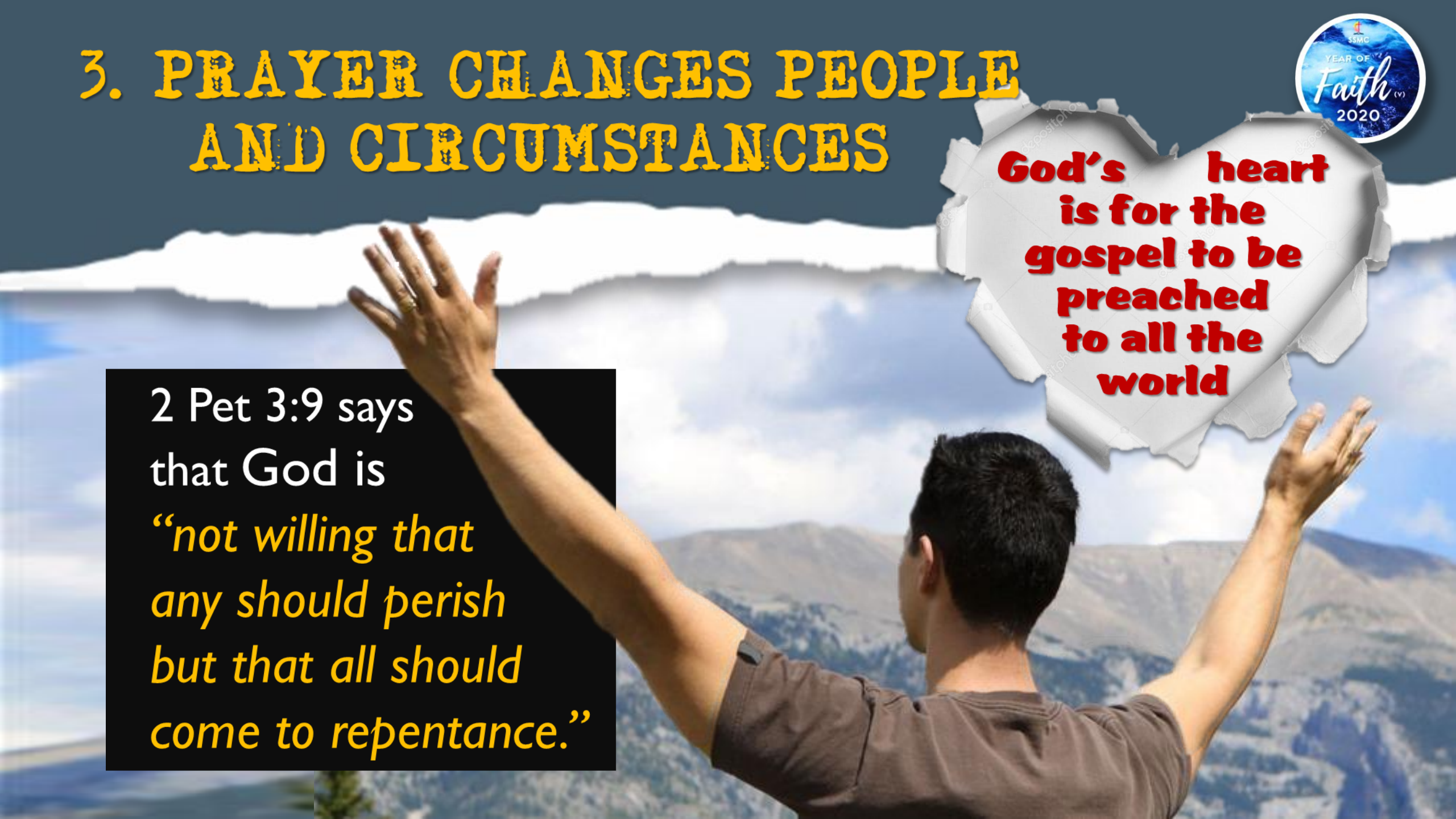

God's heart is for the gospel to be preached to all the world

2 Pet 3:9 says that God is *"not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."*

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God is still is looking for a person who would stand in the gap on behalf of people and nations.

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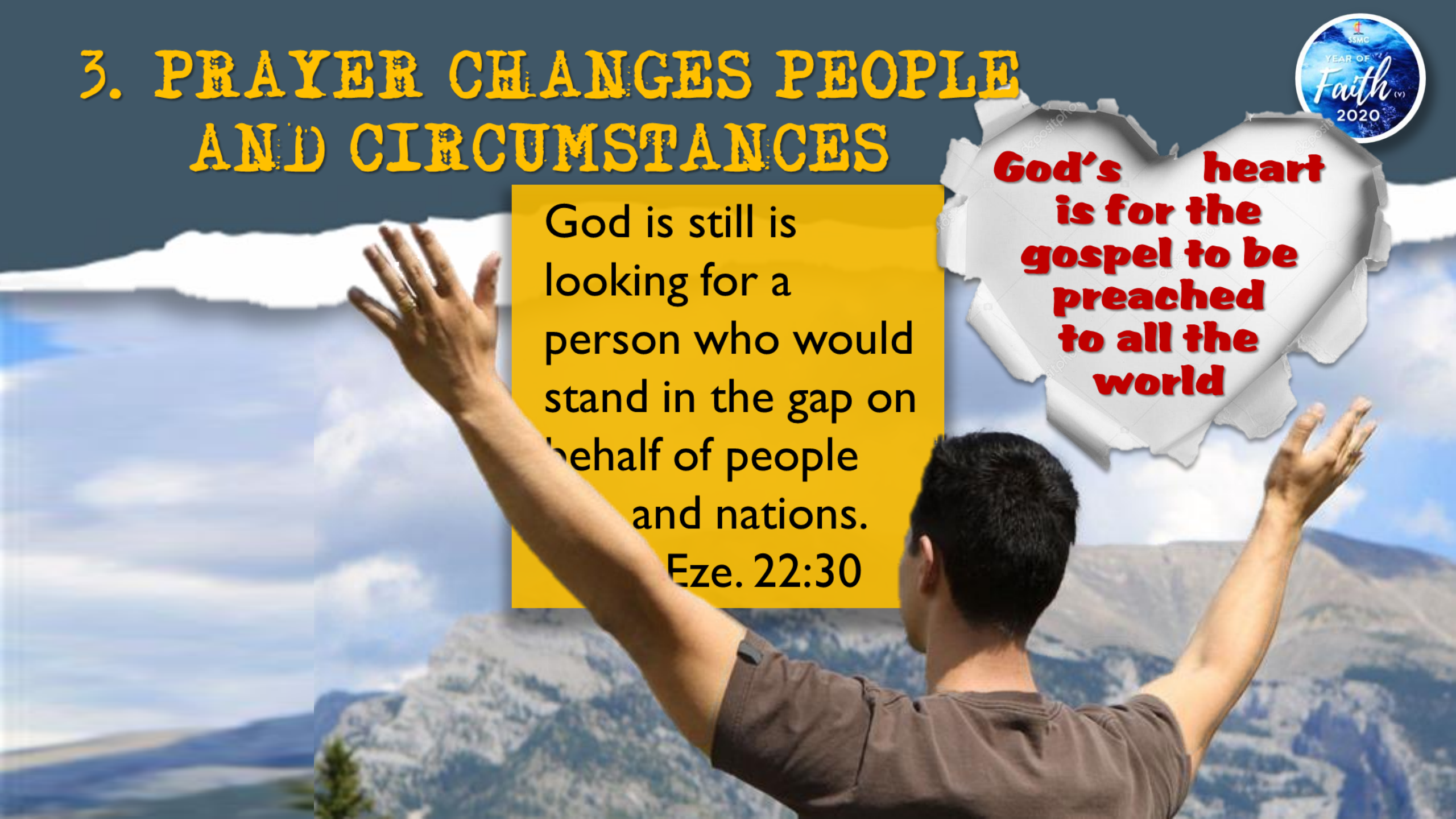

Colossians 4:2-4 / 2 Timothy 2:9

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message,
so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
Pray that I may proclaim it as clearly as I should." - *Apostle Paul, Col.4:2-4*

"But God's word is not chained." – Apostle Paul, 2 Tim.2:9b

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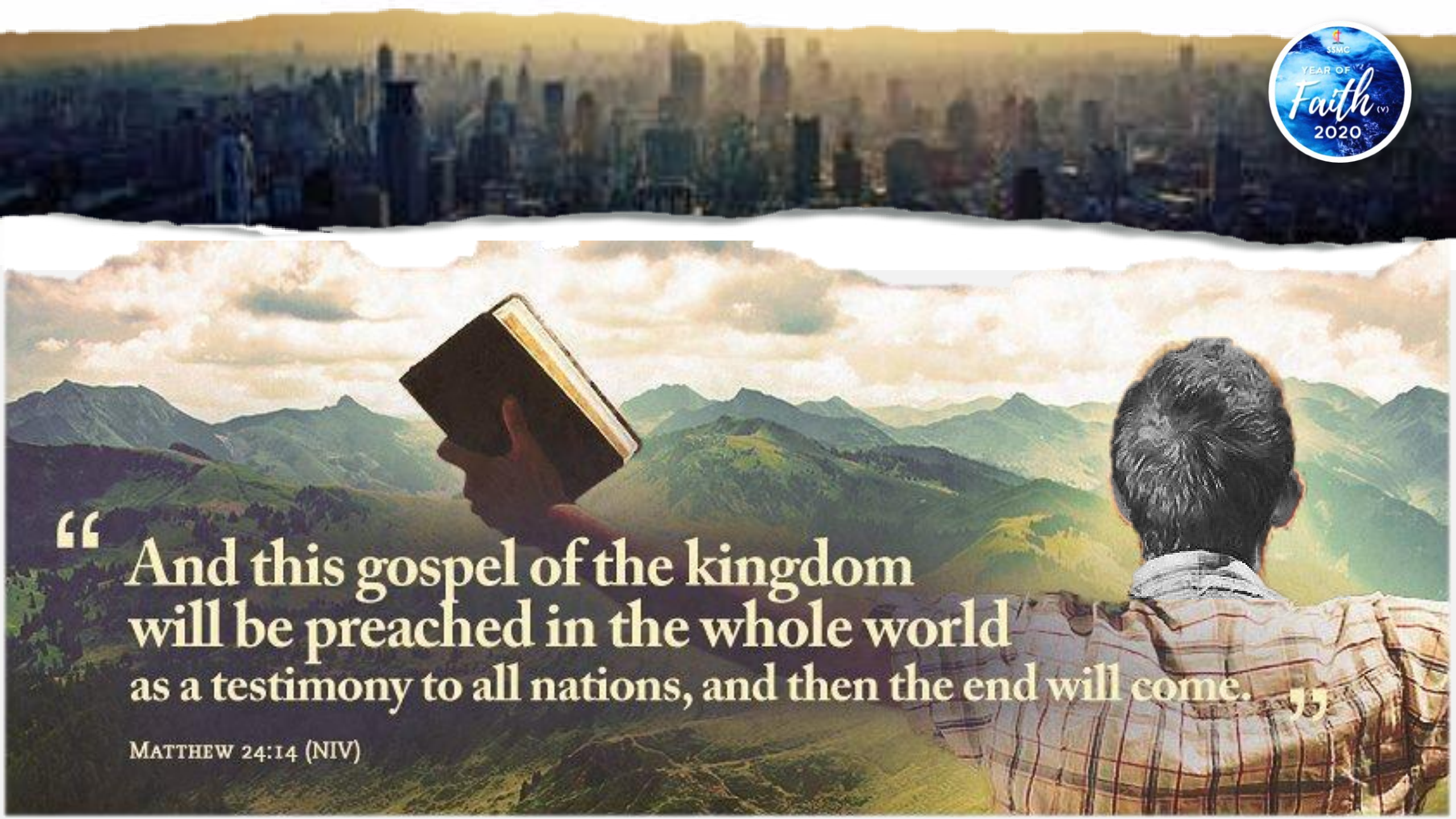
TO BIG, BOLD, HOLY SPIRIT -INSPIRED PRAYERS
Moving from small self-centred prayers...
MOVING MOUNTAINS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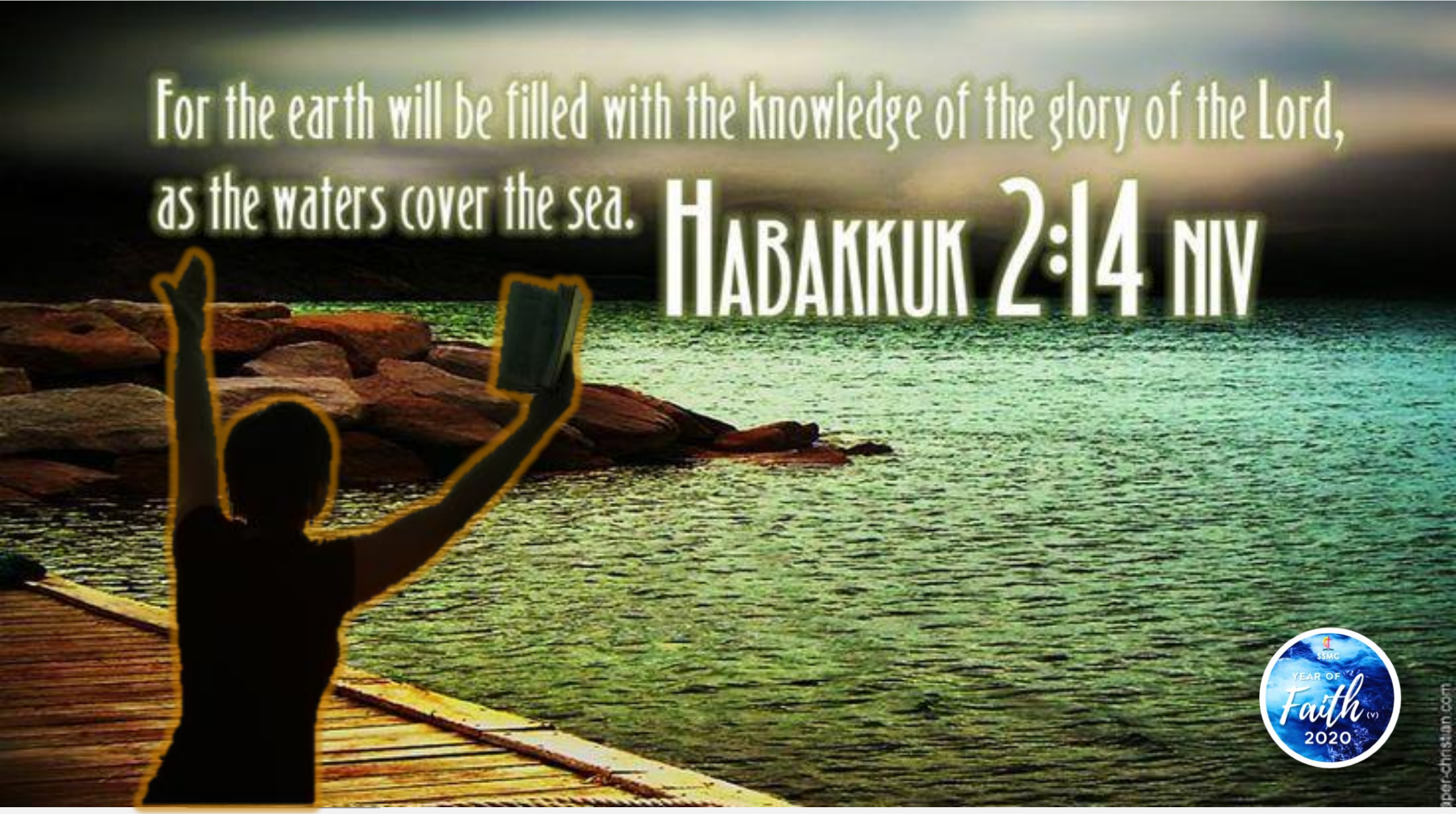
"And this gospel of the kingdom
will be preached in the whole world
as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."
MATTHEW 24:14 (NIV)


For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea.
HABAKKUK 2:14 NIV
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James 5:16
Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
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PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

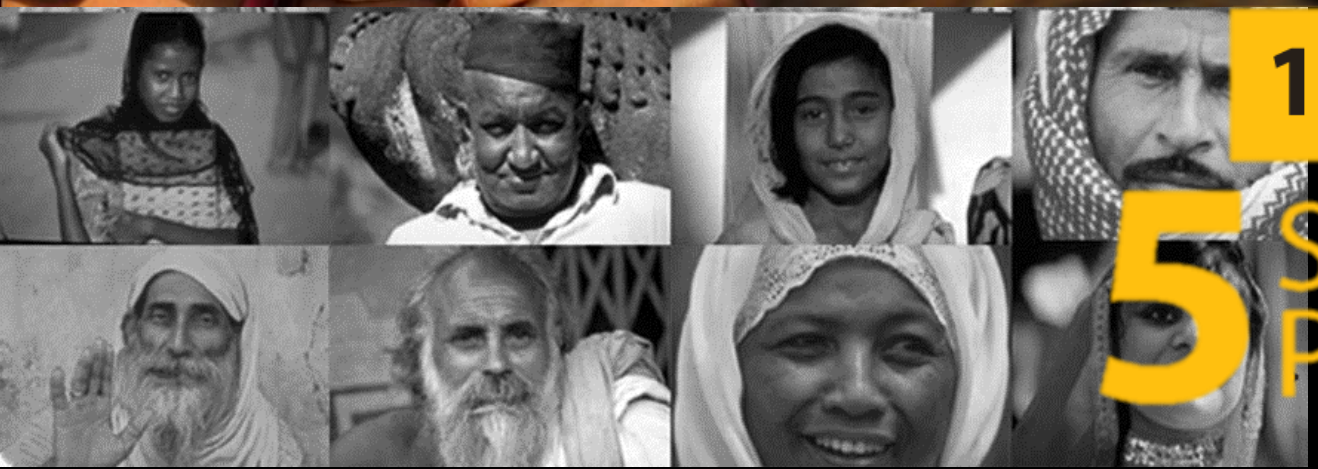
5 Pray for multiplication as disciple making efforts become indigenously led.

4 Pray for the protection and perseverance of new believers as they suffer persecution.

3 Pray the workers would bring a visual demonstration of the Gospel in the form of miracles, service, compassion, etc.

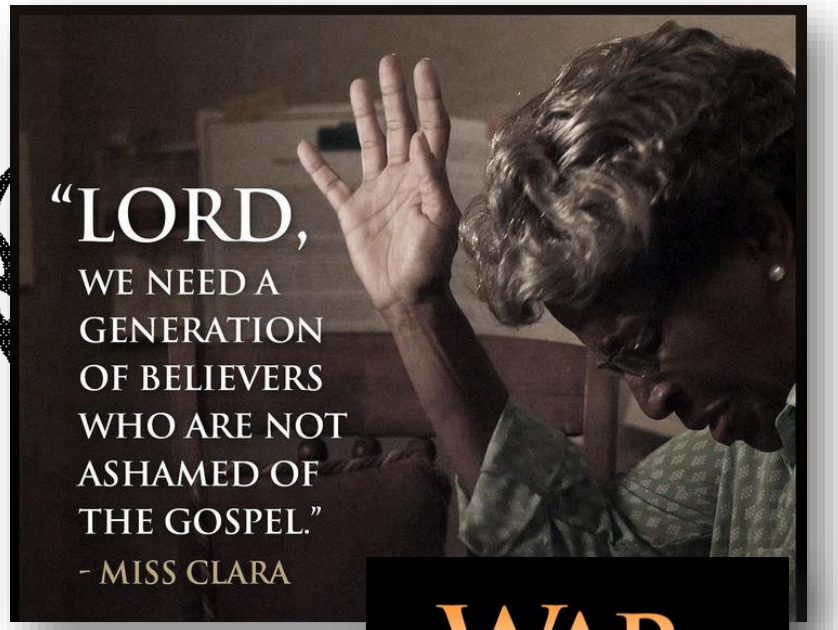
2 Pray the workers would have a bold witness through the verbal proclamation of the Gospel.

1 Pray to the Lord of the Harvest to thrust more workers into the harvest field of the specific people group.



5 STEPS TO PRAY FOR UPGs

Miss Clara's Prayer



You've done it again, Lord, you've done it again.
You are good and You are mighty and You are merciful.
You keep taking care of me when I don't deserve it.
Praise you, Jesus! You are Lord!

Give me another one Lord, guide me to who You want to help. Raise up more that will call upon Your name. Raise up more who will seek You and trust You. Raise them up Lord. Raise them up.

Lord we need a generation of believers who are not ashamed of the gospel. We need an army of believers who hate to be lukewarm and will stand on Your Word above all else. Raise them up, Lord.

I pray for unity among those who love You. I pray that You will open their eyes so they can see the truth. I pray for Your hand of protection and guidance.

Raise up a generation who will take light into this world, who won't compromise under pressure that won't cower Lord when others fall away. Raise them up Lord. They will proclaim that there is Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ!

Raise up warriors Lord who will fight on their knees and worship You with their whole hearts, Lord. Lord call us to battle, that we may proclaim King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

I pray these things with all my heart.

Raise them up, Lord. Raise them up!