

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO

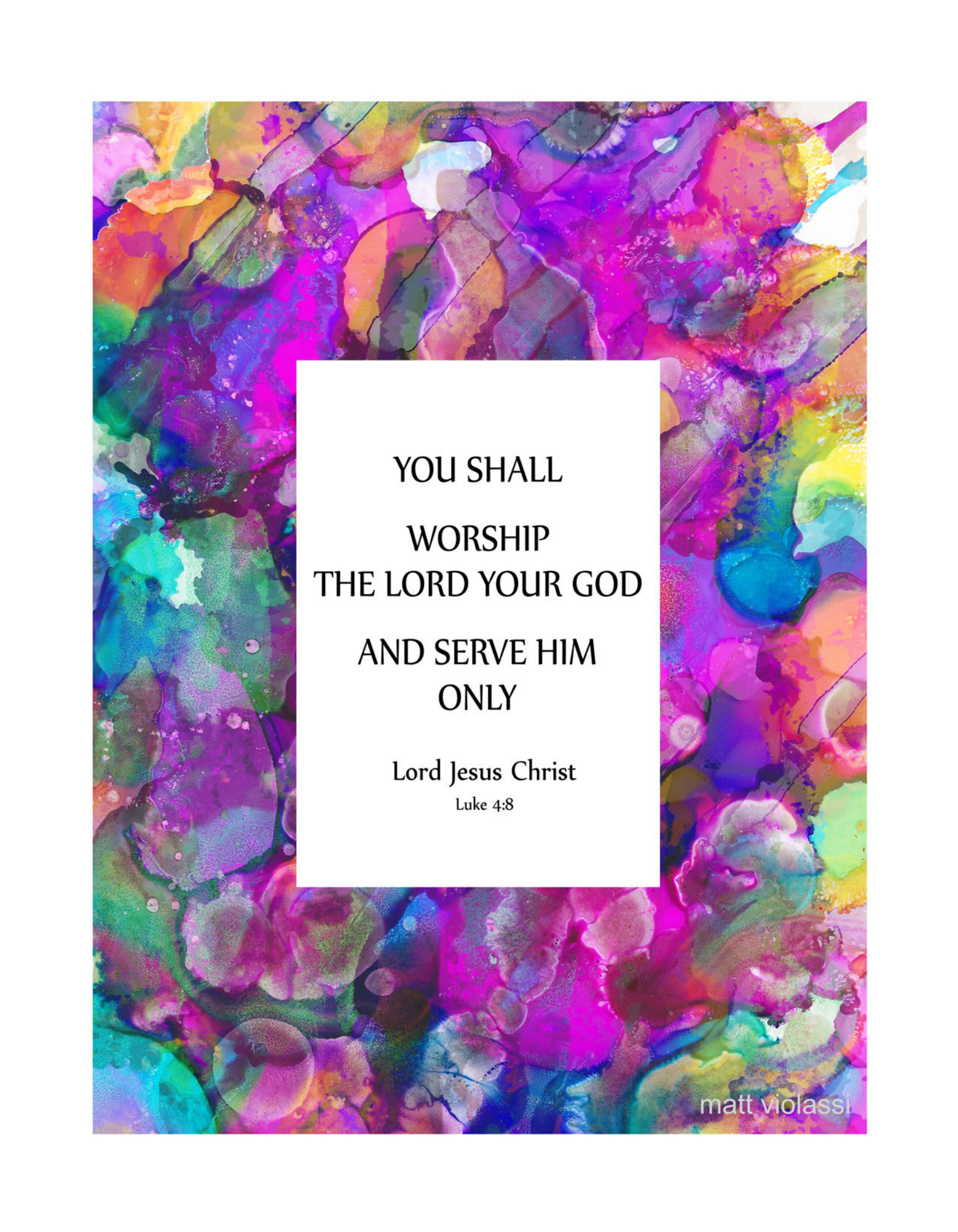
GET-UP-AND-DO

TOMORROW?

**How can we get-up every day
and Serve God -**

***If we don't get-up every day
and Serve God?***

***Let's 'clock-in' with God
on some reasonable level every day.***



YOU SHALL
WORSHIP
THE LORD YOUR GOD
AND SERVE HIM
ONLY

Lord Jesus Christ
Luke 4:8

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**It seems that most Christians
in America -**

**Cannot confess that they get-up every day
and Serve God.**

***This is probably the main reason
why the youth of America
have been rejecting Christianity?***

Or why they quit Serving God altogether?

**They see most Christians
as not Serving Him every day?**

**We Believe in the Lord Jesus
as our Savior and Lord.**

**We have secured our
ticket or passport to Heaven
and Eternal Life.**

***It is almost impossible
to revoke or undo this.***

It is a done deal.

***(We would have to actively and purposefully
TRY to have our Name “erased from the Book of Life”
- but we could make this happen.)***

Revelations 3:5

So, we can be “Saved” and going to heaven

But yet not really Serving Him.

***A Spiritual Deadness can and will
set-in and deaden our souls***

If we refuse Serving God Daily.

**We might have intrinsically
started out Serving God
with a Bang.**

But then somehow it became lost.

**We find ourselves in a lifestyle
of not really Serving God.**

**That is why daily
- consciously and purposefully -
declaring to God and ourselves,**

**that we are Serving Him
is so powerful.**

**We now build a history
and can confess
we are Serving God...
Day after Day, Month after Month
Year after Year...**

**Therefore, we get-up every day
and tell God we are Serving Him.**

***Then we tell our own souls
we are Serving Him***

**There is a deep, seismic change that
takes place in our soul, when this happens.**

***We are now operating on
a whole different spiritual plane. . .***

and God heard what we said to Him.



You shall

FOLLOW THE LORD

FEAR HIM

KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

LISTEN TO HIS VOICE

SERVE HIM

CLING TO HIM

Deuteronomy 13

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Actually, Serving God
is ***one of 6 Main things***
we are called to be doing,

and be able to
Confess we are doing.

*Even the Old Testament Jew
was to be doing these
and confess they were doing them:*

(Deut. 13)



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OKAY.

**We told God *and Ourselves*
that we are Serving Him today.**

What does that look like?

***Write down (and review) what your
“BEST DAY FOR GOD”***

***...what your
“BEST DAY SERVING GOD”
looks like.***

Then we go do it.

*(As a believer, we have His Power & Spirit in us,
there is no evil we cannot overcome, nor good we cannot do.)*

Then, we get-up and do it again tomorrow.

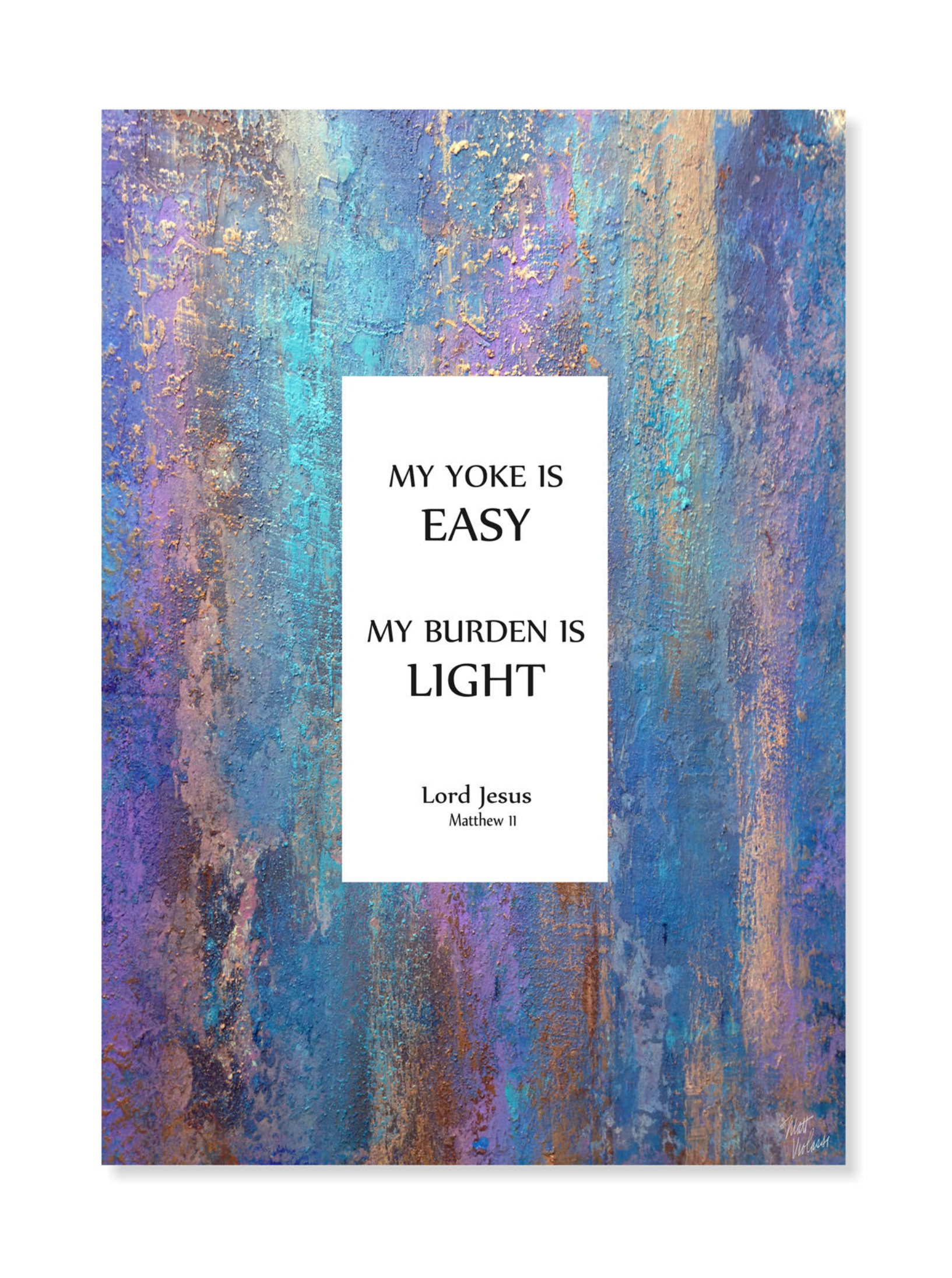
(see Spiritual Tool #5 “My Best Day For God” for some suggestions.)

He says
He will personally
Teach us.
Instruct us.
Guide us.
and Train us.

(John 14:26)

No Striving or Bondage.

EASY.



MY YOKE IS
EASY

MY BURDEN IS
LIGHT

Lord Jesus
Matthew 11

Walt
Volz

*We Serve God and Please God
by finding-out those things
He wants us to be doing -
and finding out those things
He wants us to not be doing.*

**His commands and His Will are found
in the “General Counsel of Scripture”
throughout the Bible.**

**His Holy Spirit,
(which now resides in us
and gives us the Power to do anything)
also will convict us of “Do’s and Dont’s.”**

The Ten Commandments

- I. I am the LORD your God:
you shall not have strange Gods before me.
- II. You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain.
- III. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day
- IV. Honor your father and your mother.
- V. You shall not kill.
- VI. You shall not commit adultery.
- VII. You shall not steal.
- VIII. You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbor.
- IX. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The 10 Commandments

Should be on our list in the construction of

“Best Day For God”

**We need to memorize them,
and be able to recite them to ourselves.**

God's Love Language:



WHOEVER
HAS
MY COMMANDS
AND
KEEPS THEM

IS
THE ONE
WHO
LOVES ME

Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21

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He said to him, "Stretch out your hand!" And he did so; and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

Choosing the Twelve

¹²It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; ¹⁵and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; ¹⁶Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

¹⁷Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. ¹⁹And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

The Beatitudes

²⁰And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He began to say, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. ²³Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. ²⁵Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.

²⁷"But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back. ³¹Treat others

the same way you want them to treat you. ³²If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. ³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

³⁹And He also spoke a parable to them: "A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

⁴¹Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

⁴³For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. ⁴⁴For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. ⁴⁵The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Builders and Foundations

⁴⁶"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: ⁴⁸he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who has heard

Easier to find His commands
in a red-letter Bible

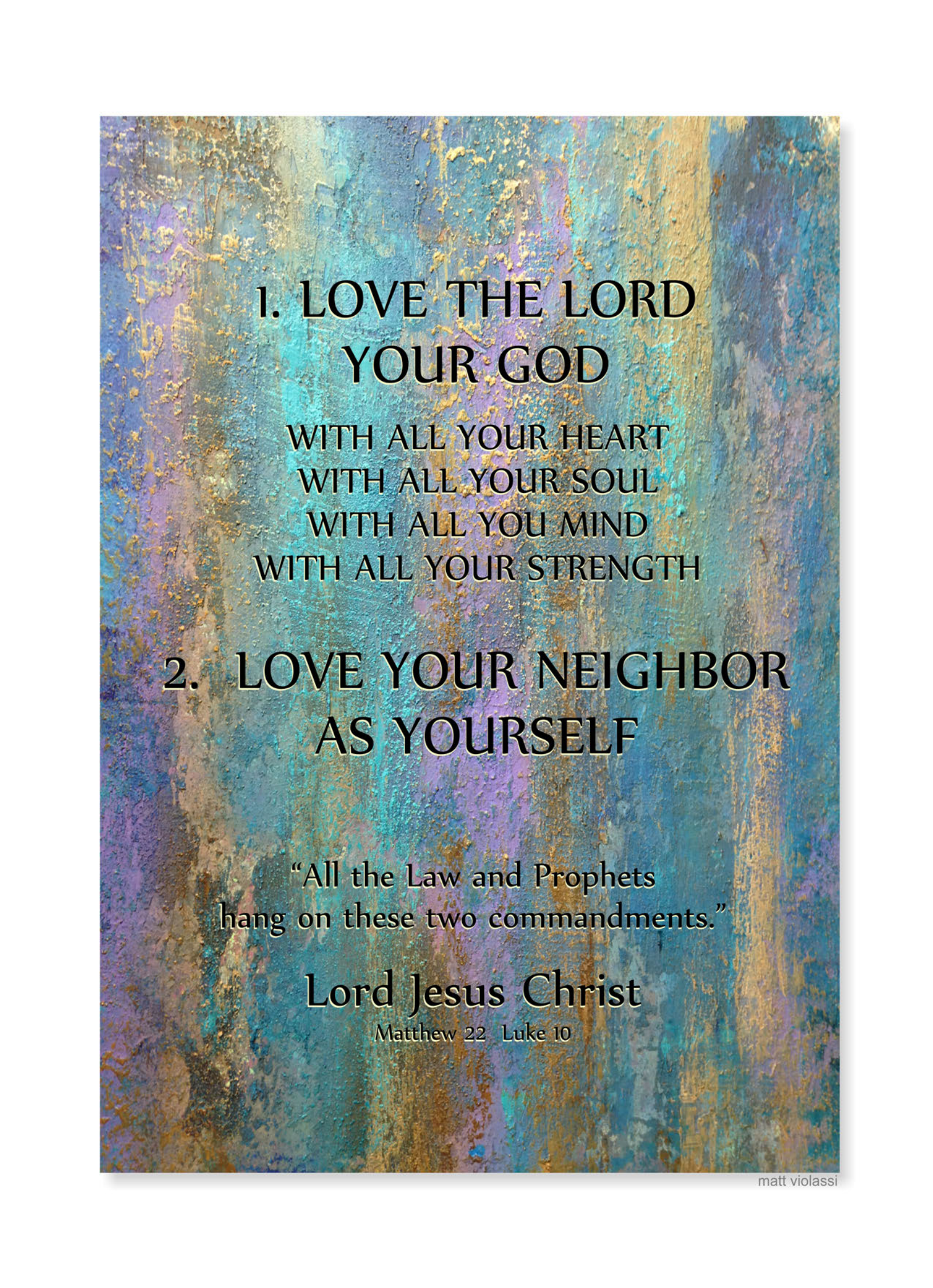
Underline and mark "C" for Command
Underline and mark "I" for implied Command

WE NEED TO BE

“Working the Red Letters.”

Jesus said all of the Bible Commands
basically boil-down to these two:

The 2 Greatest Commands



1. LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD

WITH ALL YOUR HEART
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
WITH ALL YOUR MIND
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

2. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

“All the Law and Prophets
hang on these two commandments.”

Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 22 Luke 10

Therefore, we get-up every day
and tell God we are **SERVING HIM**,

AND

We are LOVING HIM

**with our whole
Hearts, Souls, Minds, & Strength.**



LOVE
GOD
LOVE
PEOPLE

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Things God thinks we should be
asking Him for and
dialoging with Him about every day:

The asked Jesus how they should pray:

PRAY THEN IN THIS WAY

Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ

Matt 6

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Should be on our list in the construction of

“Best Day For God”

**We need to memorize it,
and slowly and meaningfully
pray it to Him.
Preferably daily.**

It is hard to get-up every day
and Serve God -

If we are having a hard time “Finding God”
Making “contact” with Him . . .
Making “connection” with Him . . .

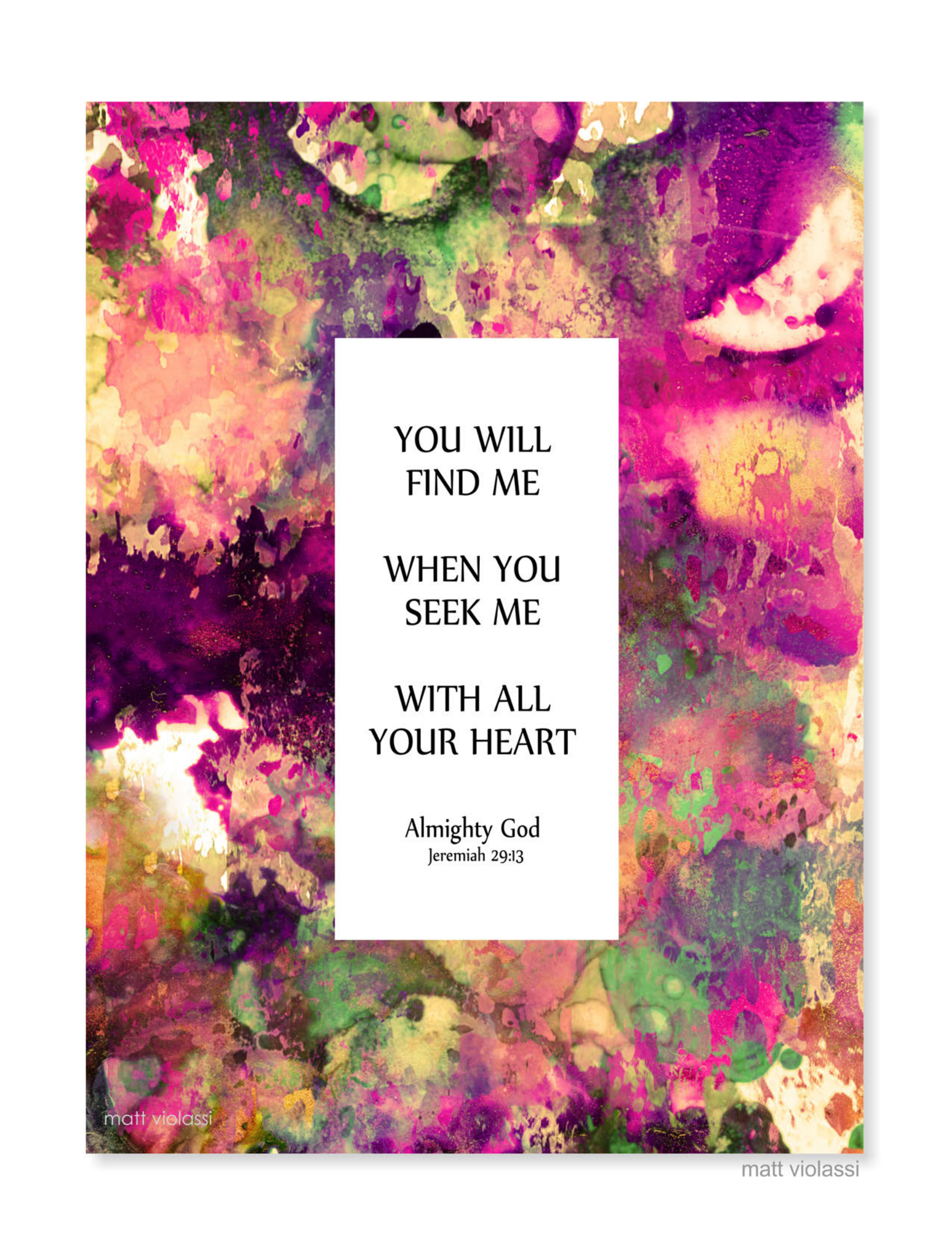
CONSISTENTLY “FINDING GOD”
- TO A SATISFYING LEVEL -

IS PERHAPS THE GREATEST
ONGOING TRIAL OF OUR LIVES.



God
made man
that they would
SEEK GOD
perhaps they would
GROPE FOR HIM
and
FIND HIM
though He is
not far
from any
of us

Acts 17



YOU WILL
FIND ME

WHEN YOU
SEEK ME

WITH ALL
YOUR HEART

Almighty God
Jeremiah 29:13

He has set it up this way.

It's about a Person.

It's about having to come to a Person(s)

God the Father. God the Son.
God the Holy Spirit.



COME TO ME

ALL YOU
WHO ARE WEARY
AND BURDENED

AND I
WILL GIVE YOU
REST

Lord Jesus Christ
Matthew 11

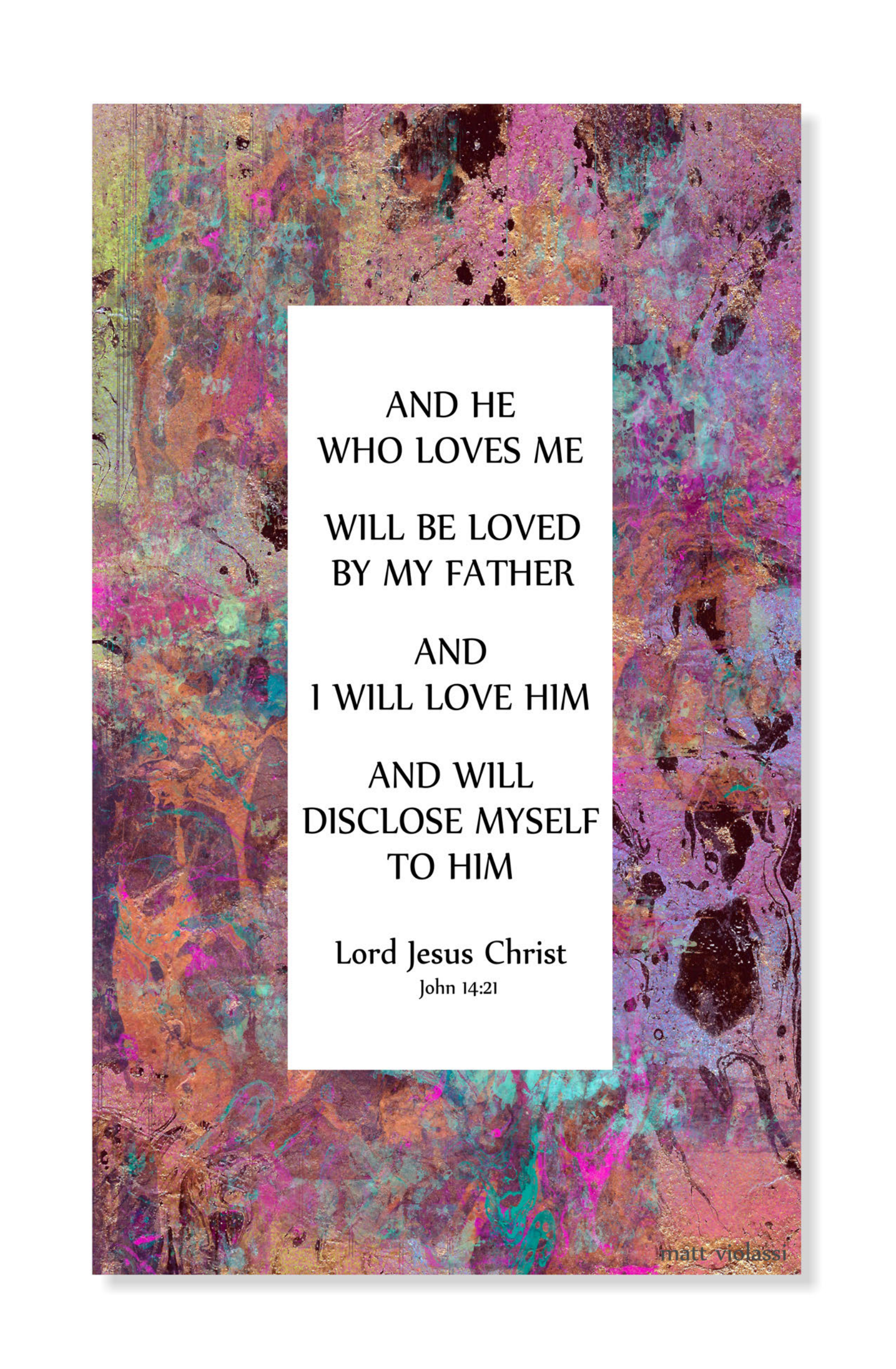
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REWARD ALERT !

He who Loves God - By Obeying Him

***Will be personally visited by
God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ -***

with Intimacy and Friendship (John 14)

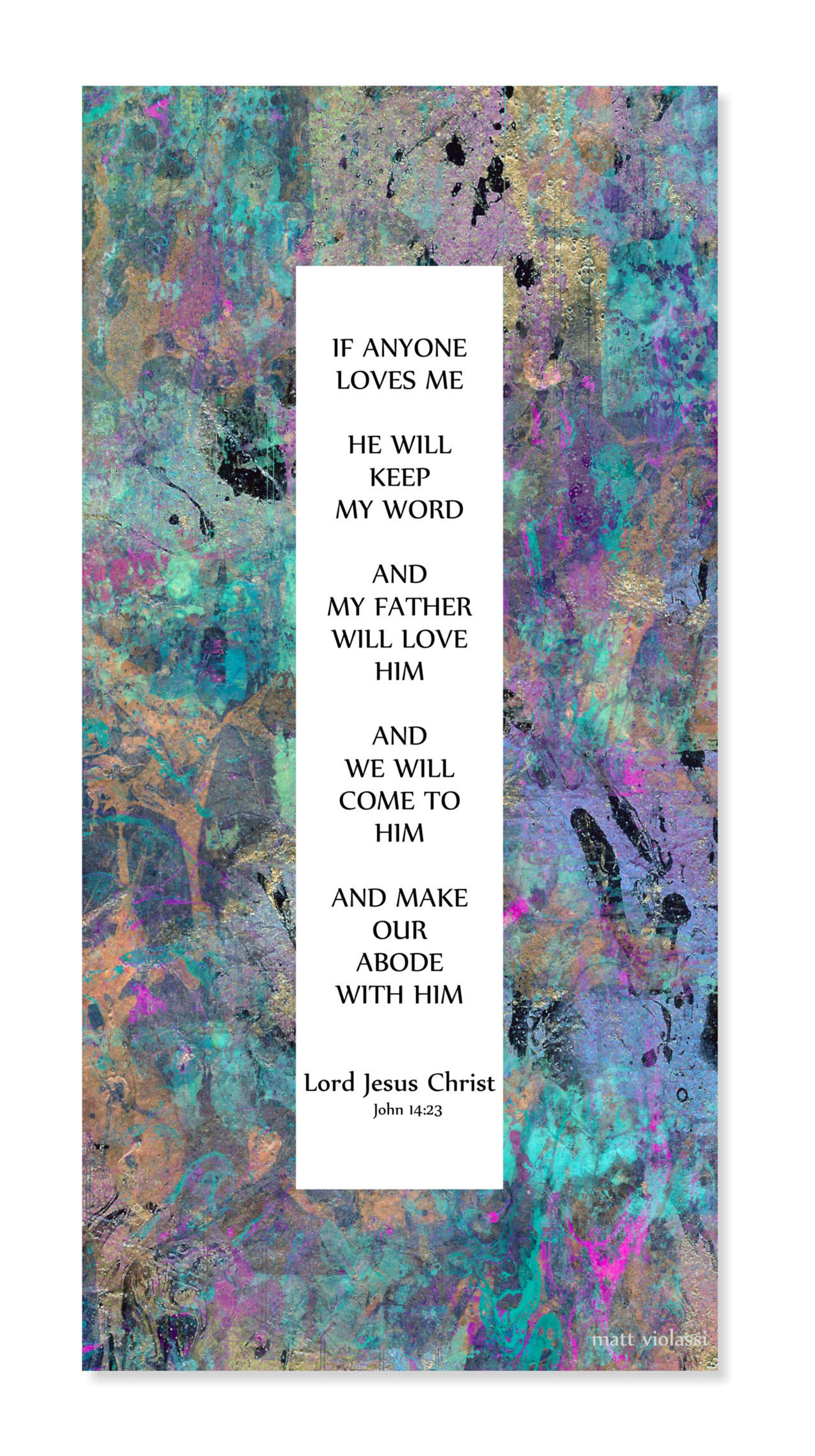


AND HE
WHO LOVES ME
WILL BE LOVED
BY MY FATHER

AND
I WILL LOVE HIM

AND WILL
DISCLOSE MYSELF
TO HIM

Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21



IF ANYONE
LOVES ME

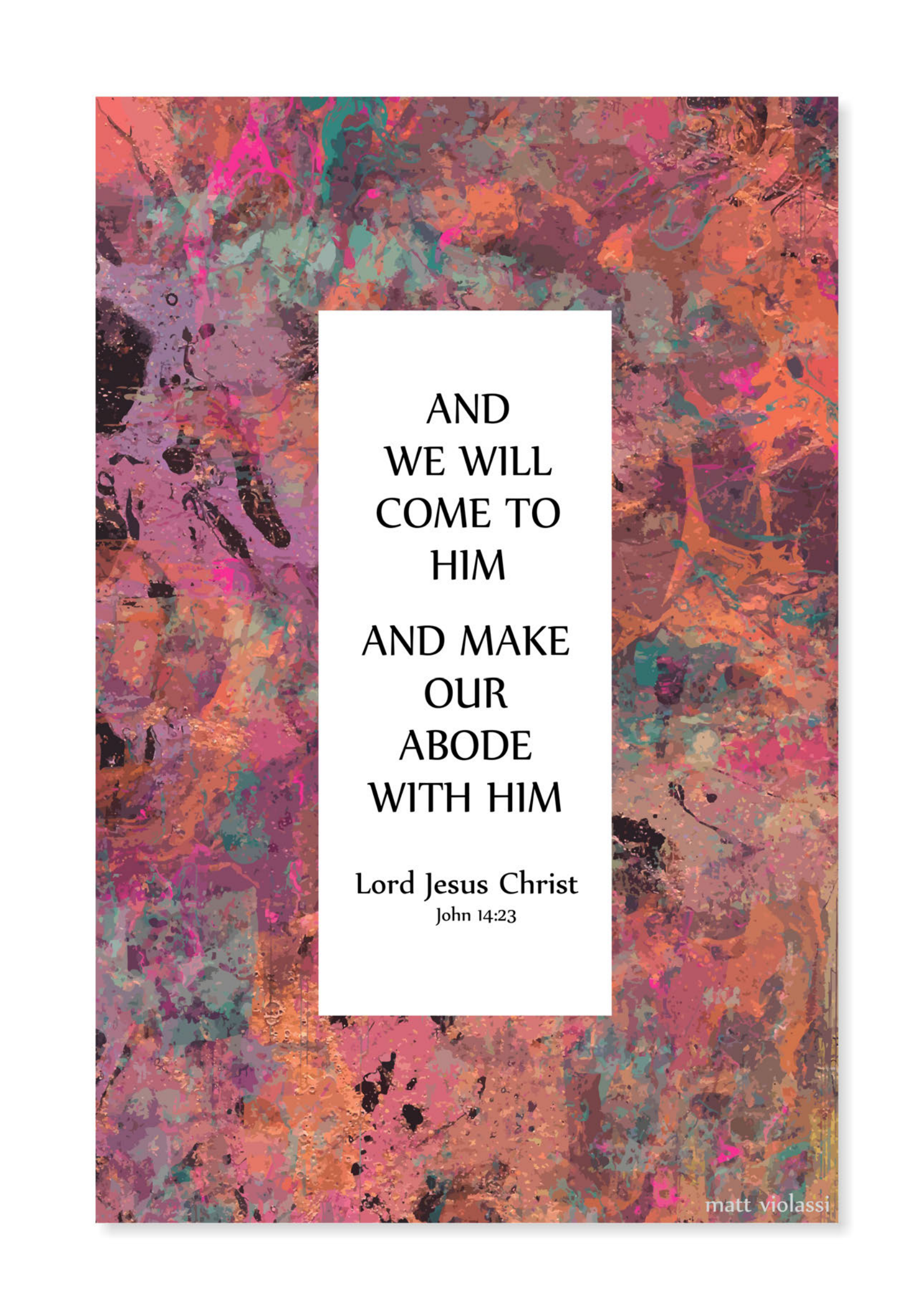
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AND MAKE
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Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:23



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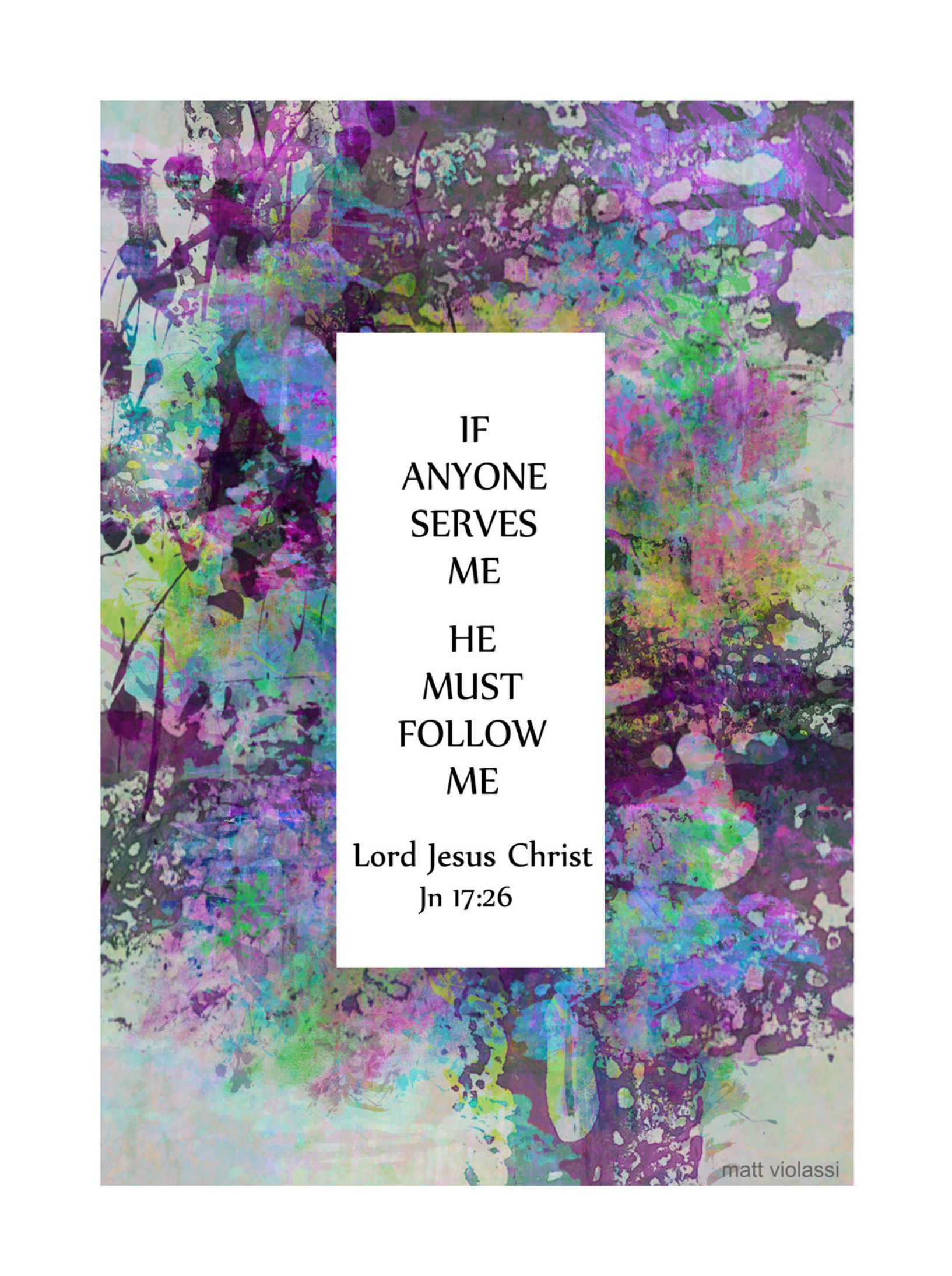
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Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:23

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*We are clearly taught in the
Old Testament and New Testament
that we should be
“FOLLOWING GOD.”*

**He is frequently ‘on the move’
and doing different things...
hoping & expecting us to Following Him.**



IF
ANYONE
SERVES
ME

HE
MUST
FOLLOW
ME

Lord Jesus Christ
Jn 17:26

***It is comforting to know, therefore
that He will make that path
behind Him for us to Follow -
CLEAR TO US.***

***It would not be right for Him
to do otherwise.***

Jesus defined the most important activity in all of life.

(Luke 10)

1. Sitting at His feet.

2. Listening to His Word.

**So many times we can be nobly strive to be in His presence
- actually finding ourselves in God's presence -
but we aren't Listening to Him.**

Close to Him - but still not really Listening to Him.

THERE ARE 2 PARTS TO THIS THING.

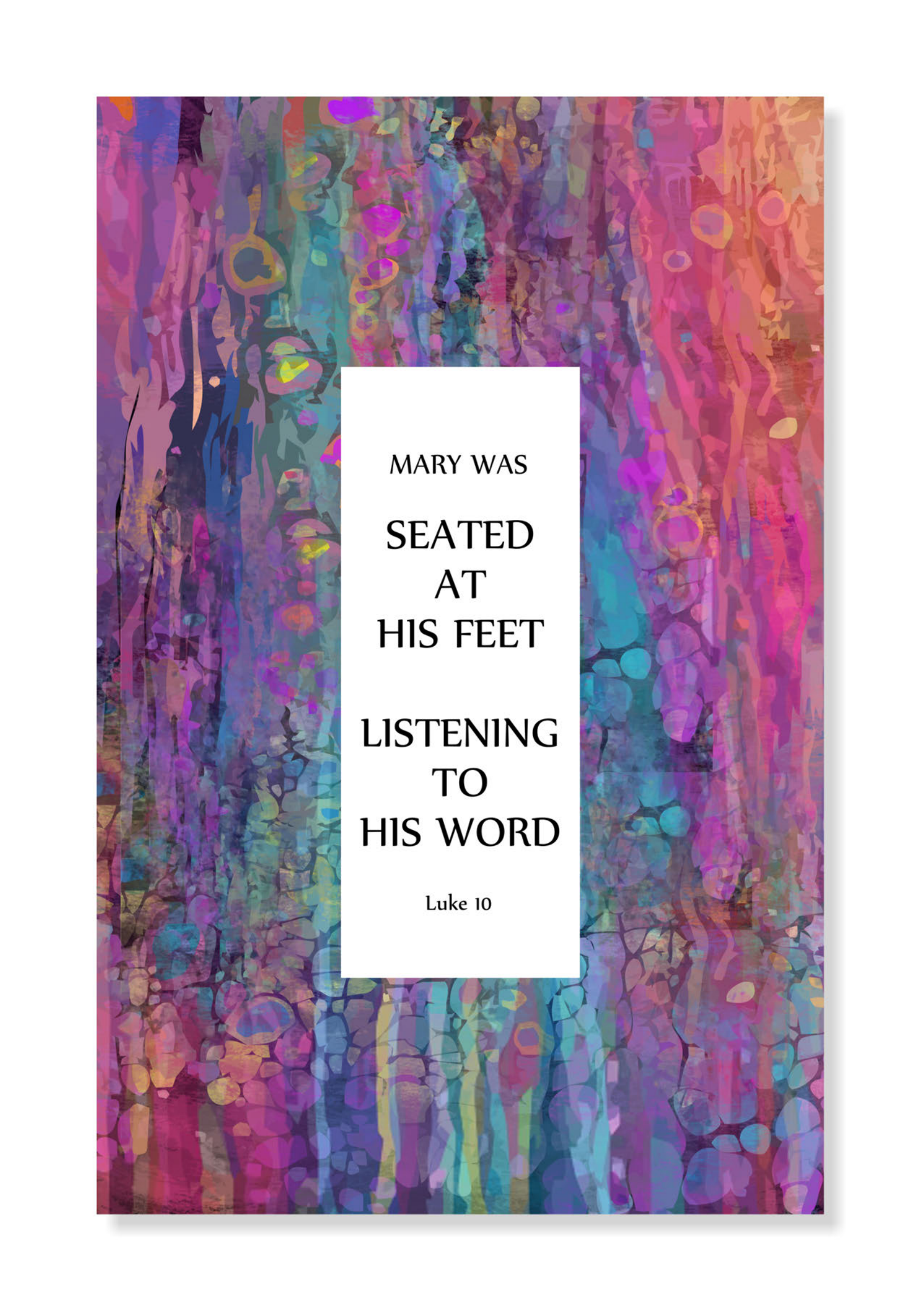
**Let us strive to *always* be Listening to Him
- Even when a spouse, a boss, a neighbor,
a family member, a lowly person - even a child -
IS CORRECTING US.**

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ONLY
ONE
THING
IS
NECESSARY
IN
LIFE

LORD JESUS CHRIST

Luke 10:42



MARY WAS
SEATED
AT
HIS FEET

LISTENING
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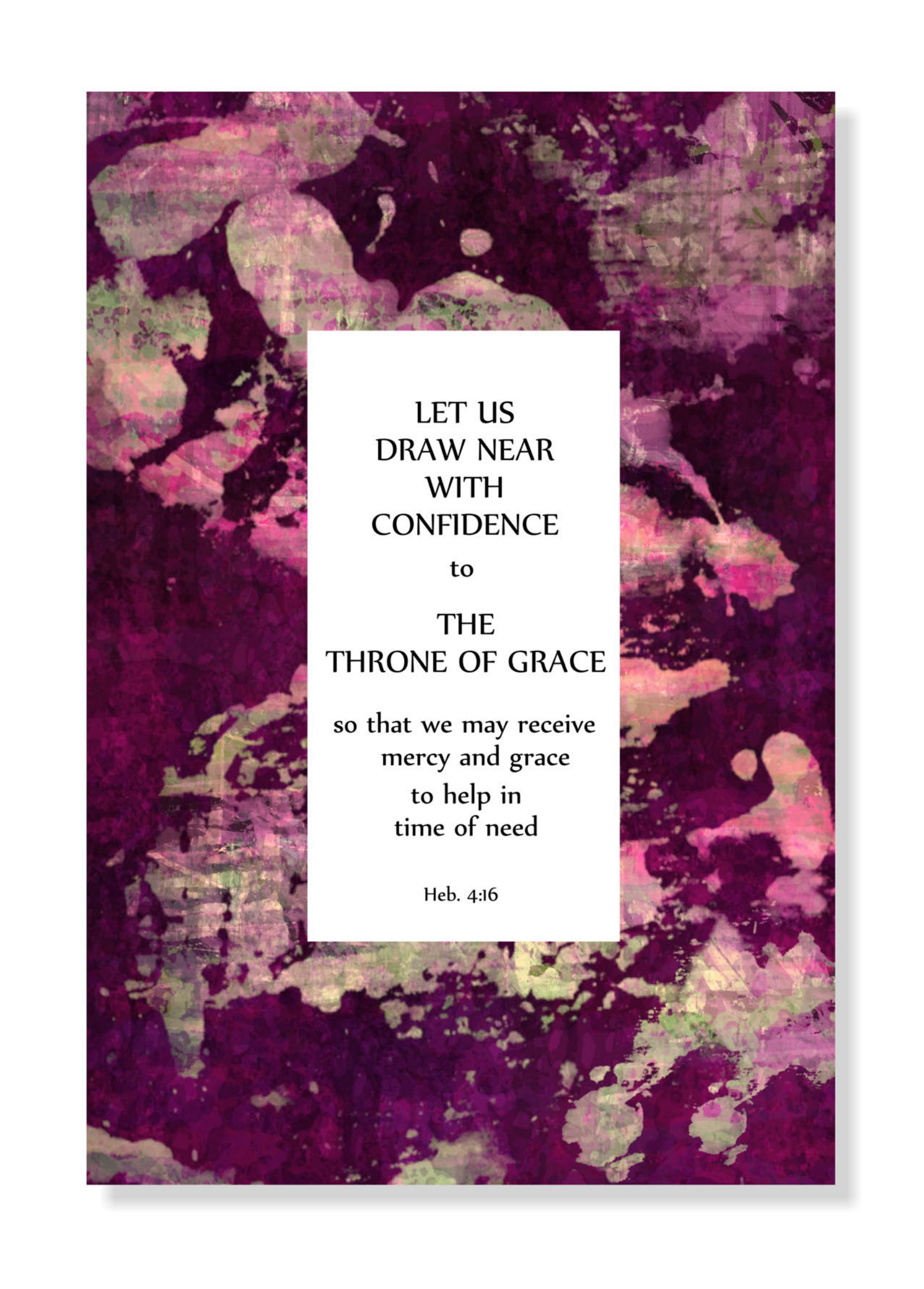
Luke 10

**There is a Pure, Raw, Church Service every morning
starting on the Eastern Seaboard of the U.S.
and moving westward with the sun....**

It is around His Throne in Heaven.

(Hebrews 4:16)

Let's show-up there as best we can.



LET US
DRAW NEAR
WITH
CONFIDENCE

to

THE
THRONE OF GRACE

so that we may receive
mercy and grace
to help in
time of need

Heb. 4:16

COME
BOLDLY
TO
GOD'S
THRONE

for help
in time of need

Hebrews 4:16

**There are a lot of
Pure-Hearted Christians there.**



PURSUE
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FAITH
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WITH THOSE
WHO CALL
ON THE LORD
WITH A
PURE HEART

2 Tim. 2:22



WHEN YOU PRAY

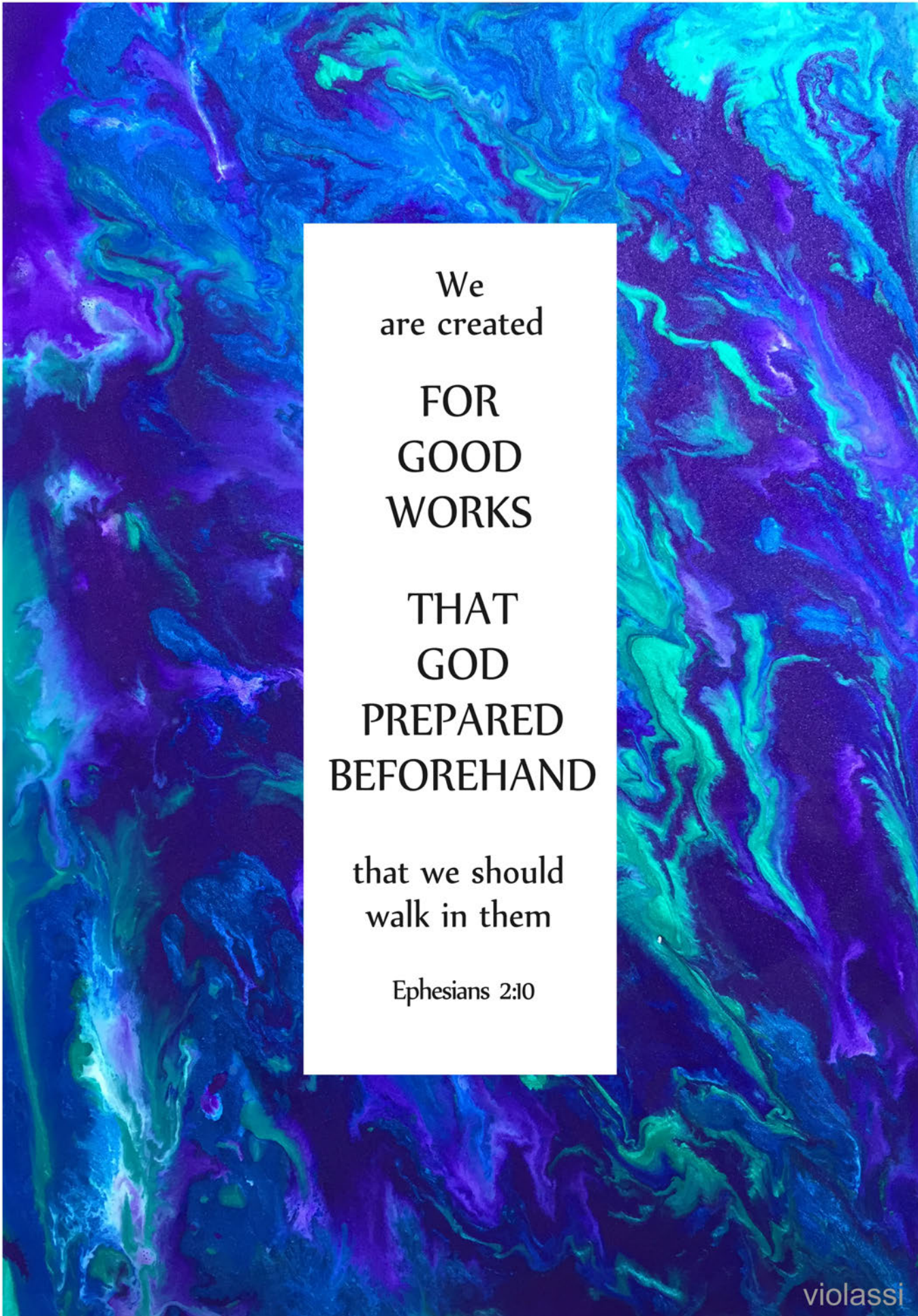
GO INTO
YOUR PRIVATE ROOM

AND CLOSE
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AND PRAY
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AND

HE WILL
REWARD YOU

Lord Jesus Christ
Matt 6



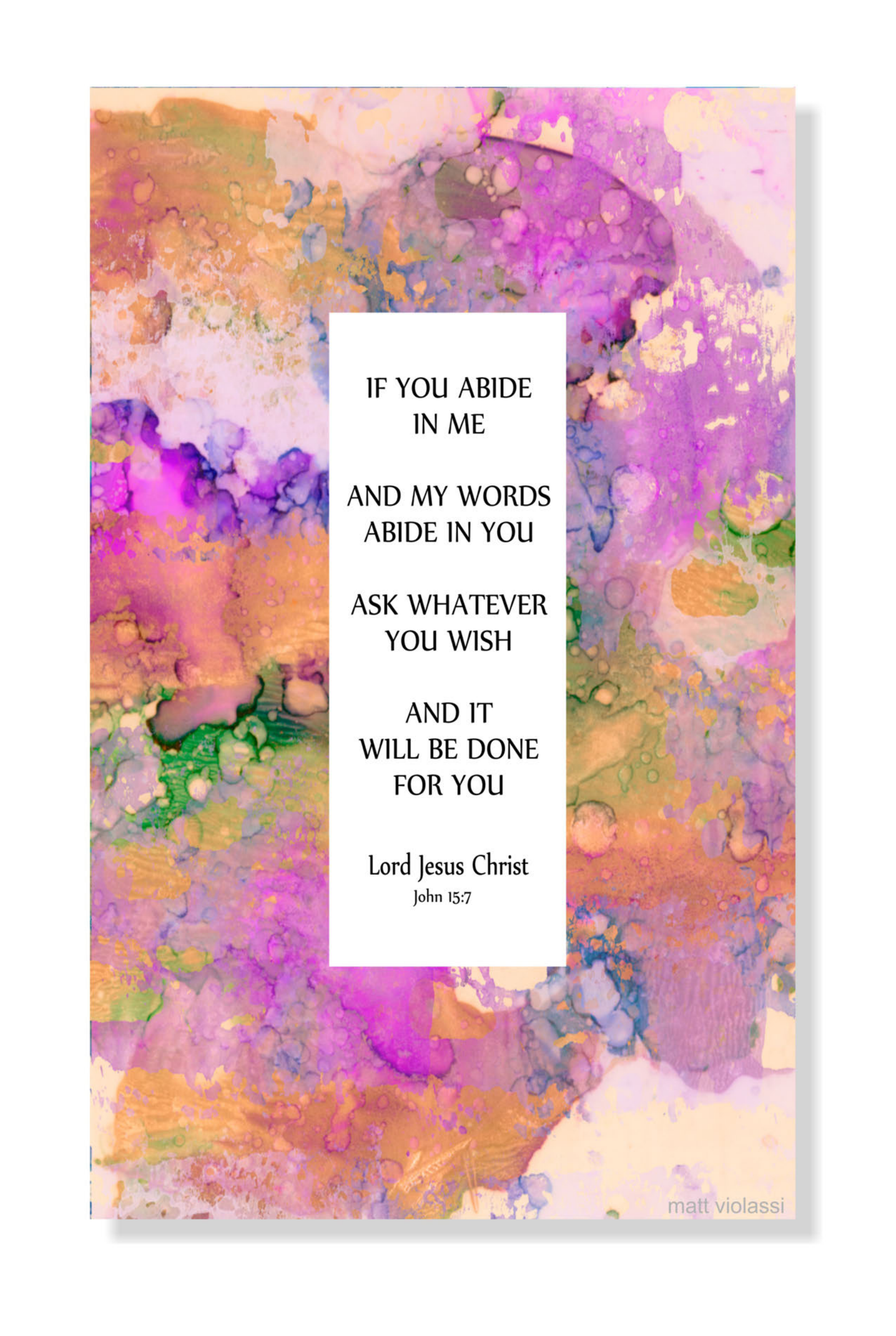
We
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FOR
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THAT
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BEFOREHAND

that we should
walk in them

Ephesians 2:10



IF YOU ABIDE
IN ME

AND MY WORDS
ABIDE IN YOU

ASK WHATEVER
YOU WISH

AND IT
WILL BE DONE
FOR YOU

Lord Jesus Christ
John 15:7



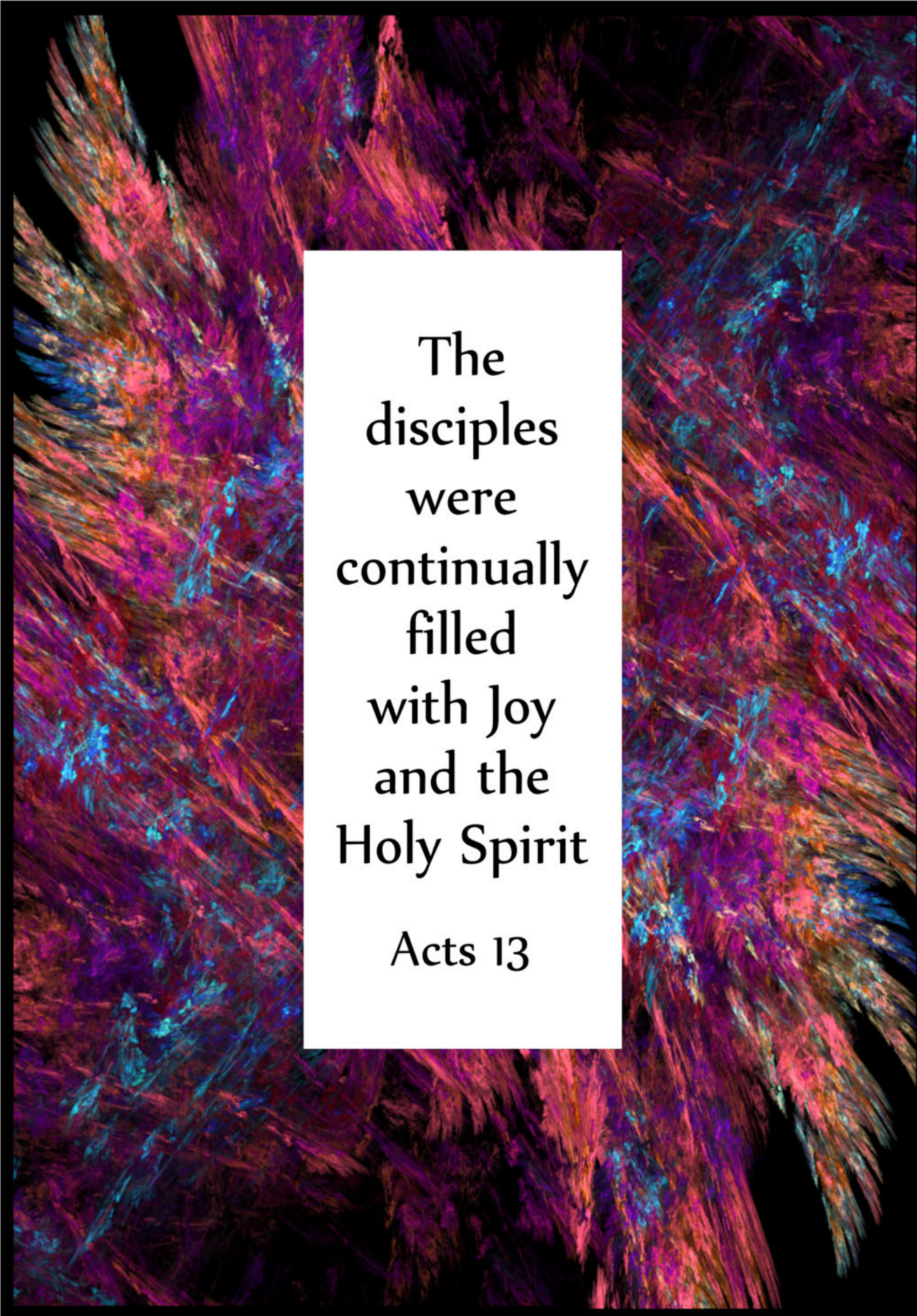
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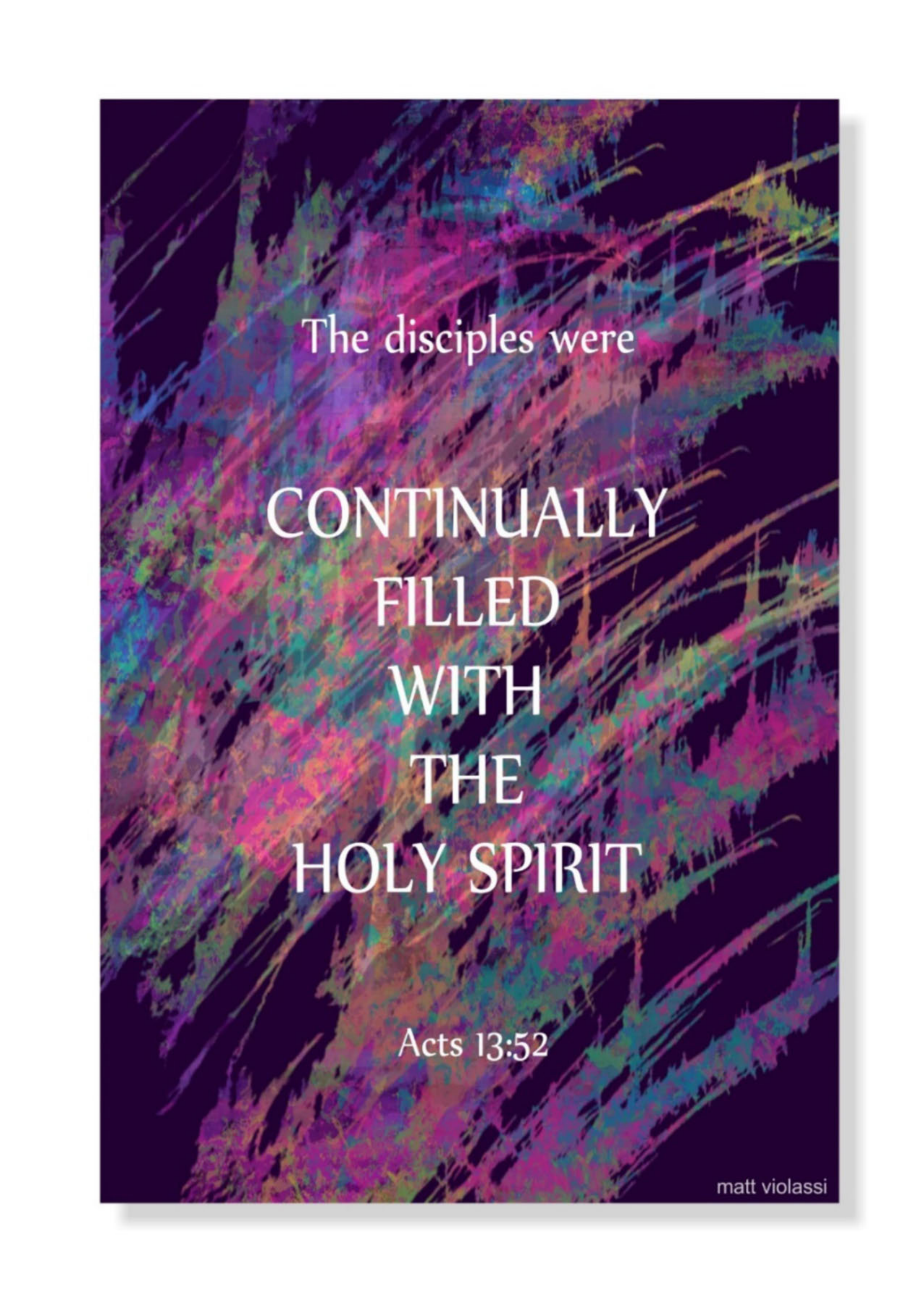
John 16:24

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The
disciples
were
continually
filled
with Joy
and the
Holy Spirit

Acts 13



The disciples were

CONTINUALLY
FILLED
WITH
THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 13:52

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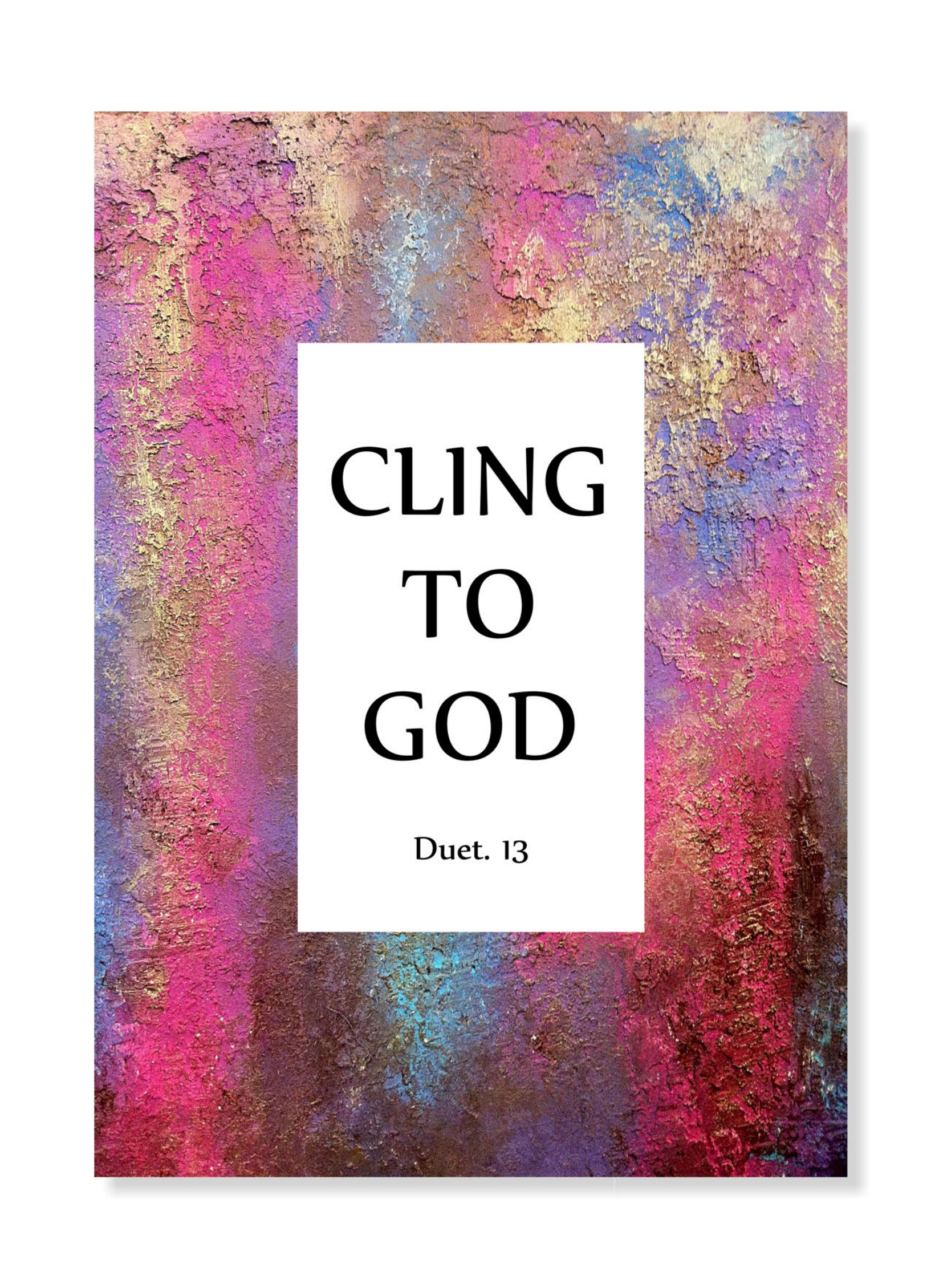
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Ephes 5:18

APART
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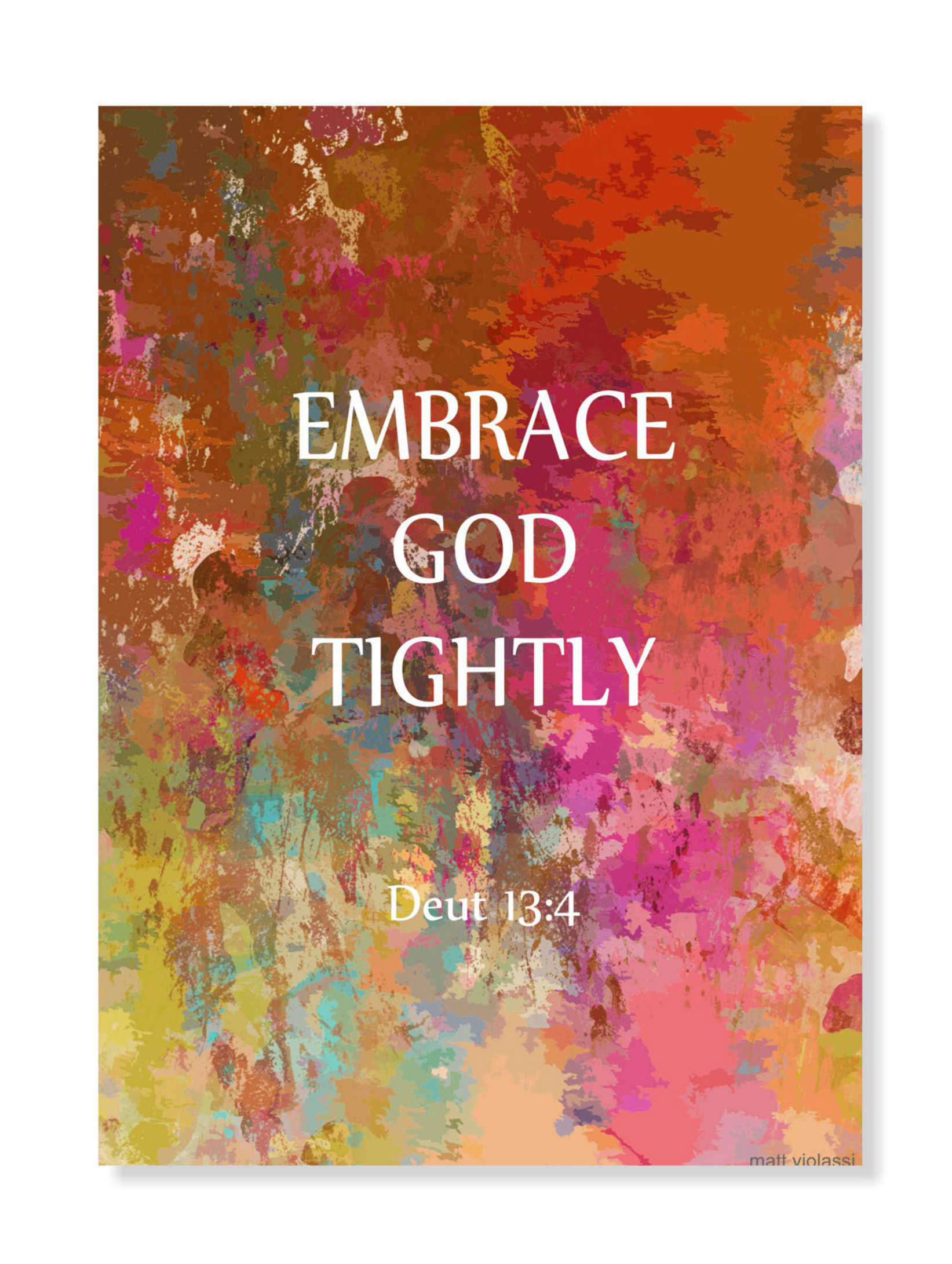
YOU
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DO
NOTHING

Lord Jesus Christ
John 15:5



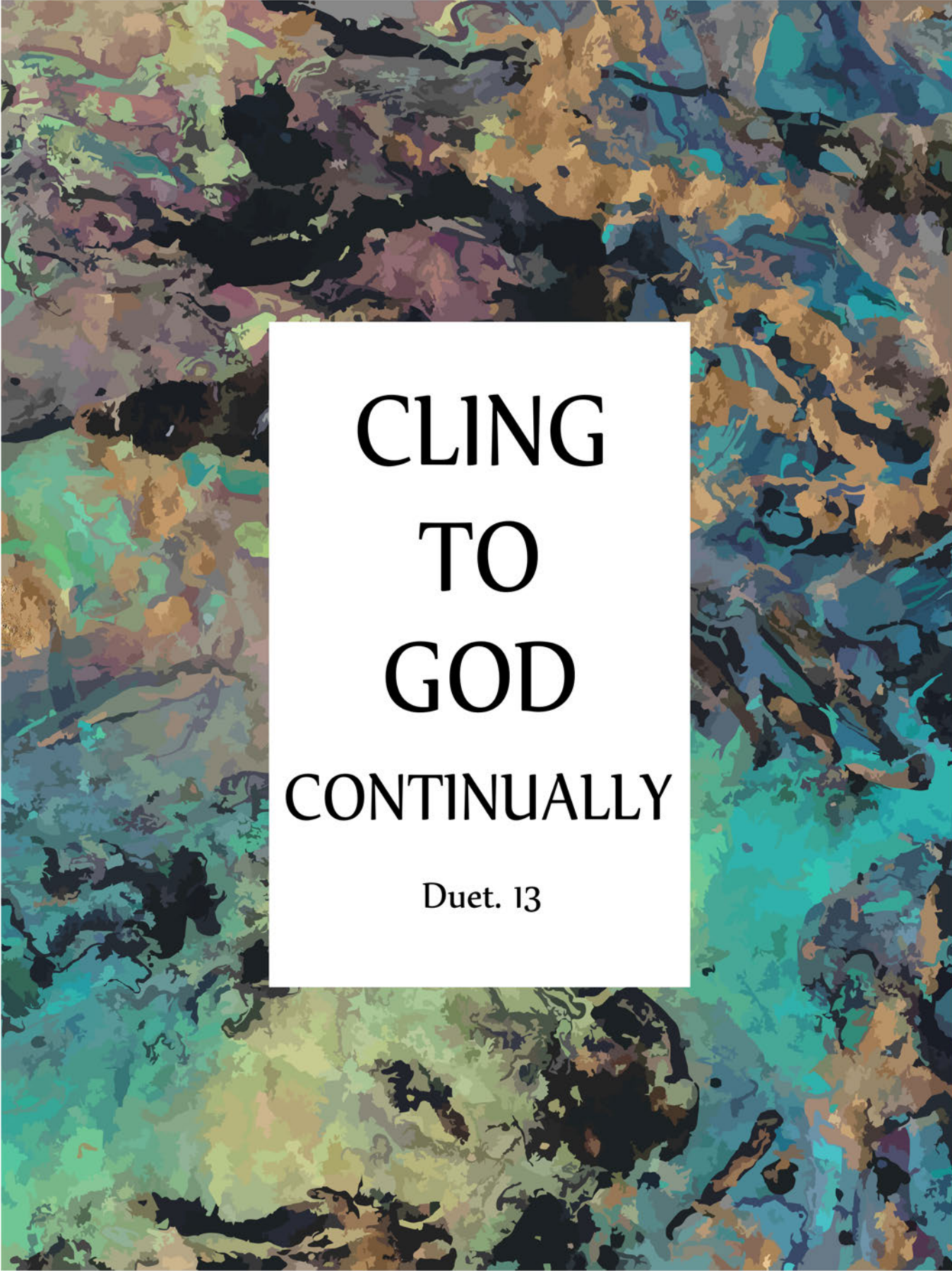
CLING TO GOD

Duet. 13

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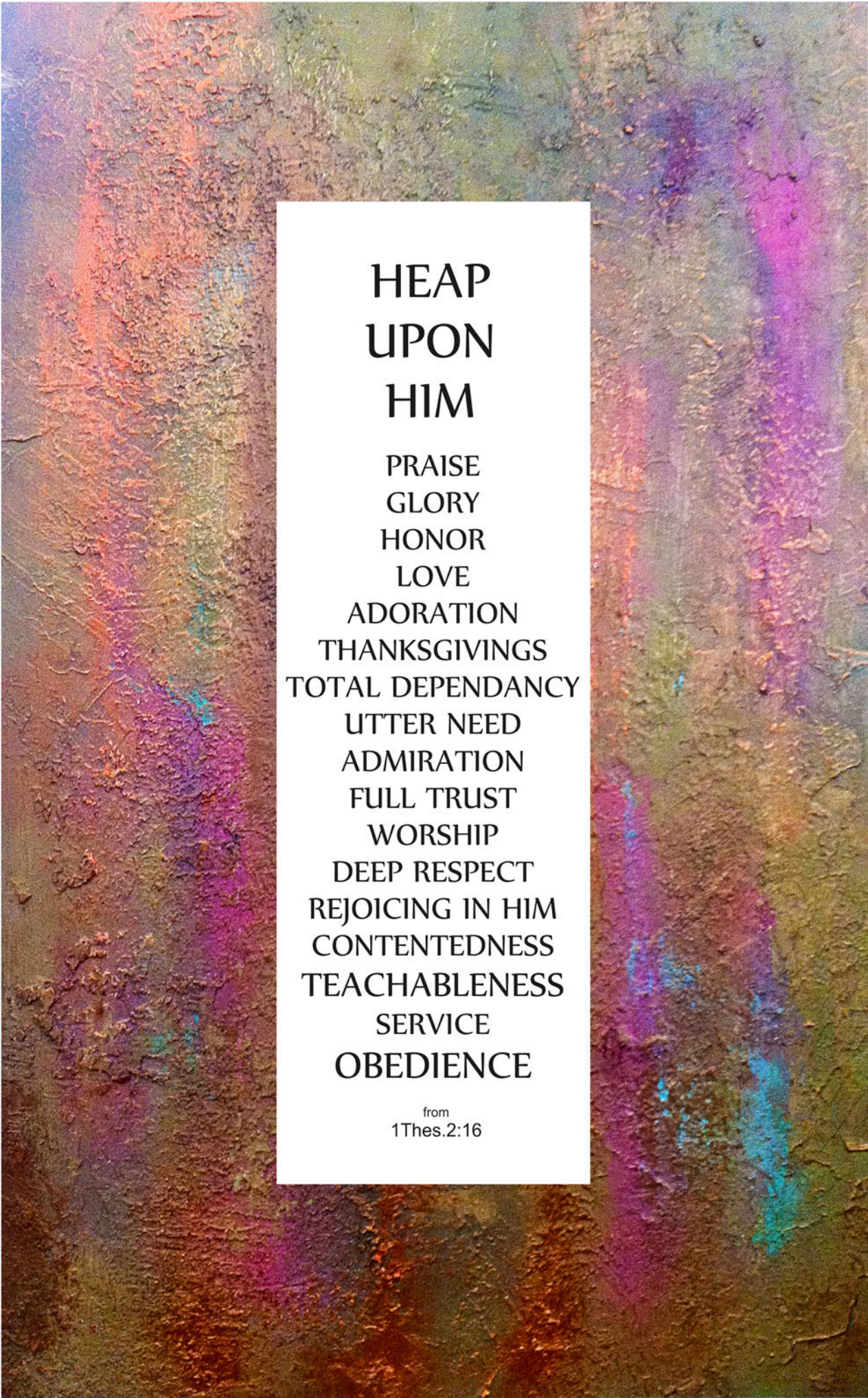
EMBRACE GOD TIGHTLY

Deut 13:4



CLING TO GOD CONTINUALLY

Duet. 13



HEAP UPON HIM

PRAISE
GLORY
HONOR
LOVE
ADORATION
THANKSGIVINGS
TOTAL DEPENDANCY
UTTER NEED
ADMIRATION
FULL TRUST
WORSHIP
DEEP RESPECT
REJOICING IN HIM
CONTENTEDNESS
TEACHABLENESS
SERVICE
OBEDIENCE

from
1Thes.2:16

COME
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for help
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Hebrews 4:16

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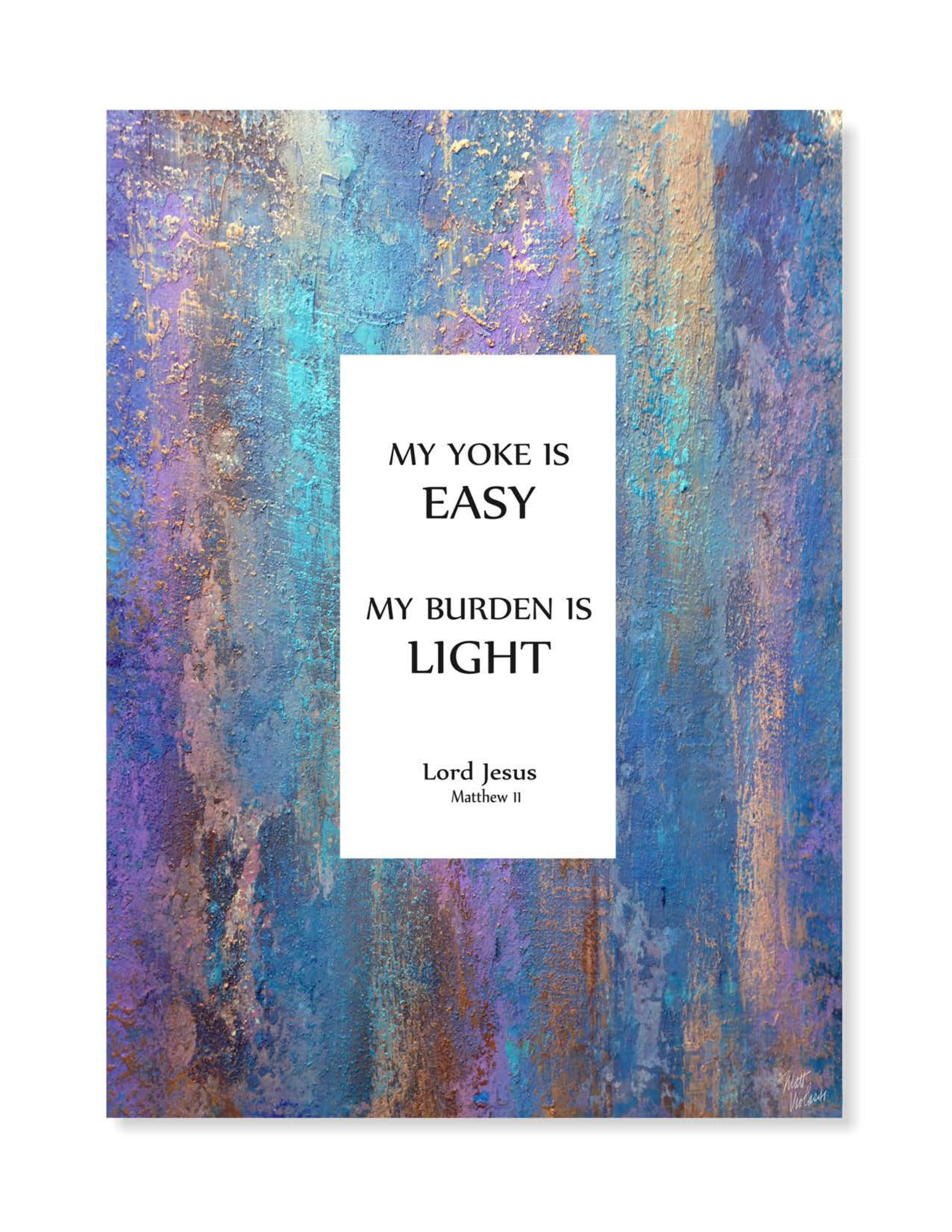
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Lord Jesus Christ
Matthew 11

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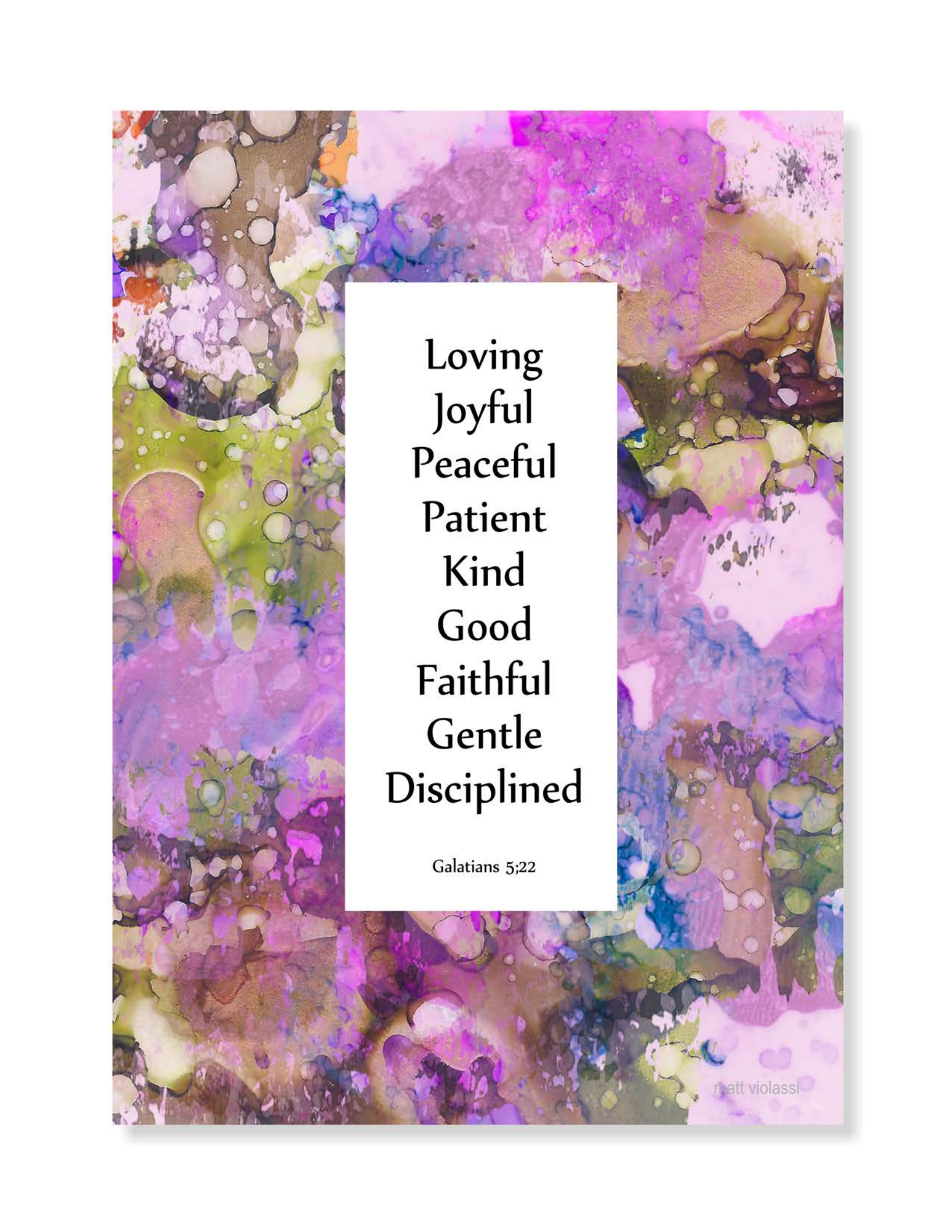
Lord Jesus
Matthew 11

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I AM
COMPASSIONATE
and
GRACIOUS,
SLOW TO ANGER
and
ABOUNDING
IN LOVE
and
TRUTH

God Explains God
Exodus 34:6



Loving
Joyful
Peaceful
Patient
Kind
Good
Faithful
Gentle
Disciplined

Galatians 5:22

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I
am
gentle
and
humble
in
heart

Lord Jesus Christ
Matthew 11:29

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I
HAVE
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EVERLASTING
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Almighty God
The Father
Jeremiah 31:3

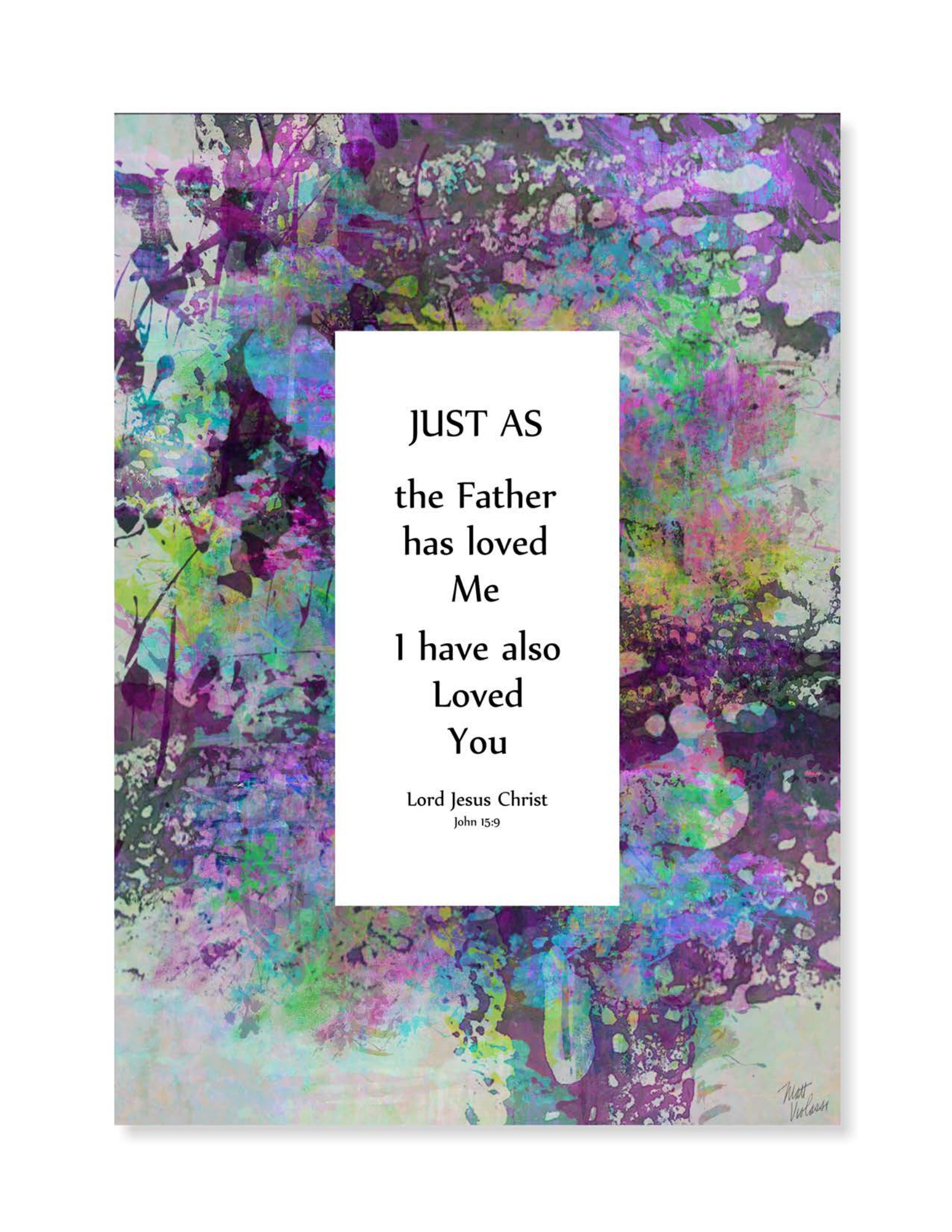
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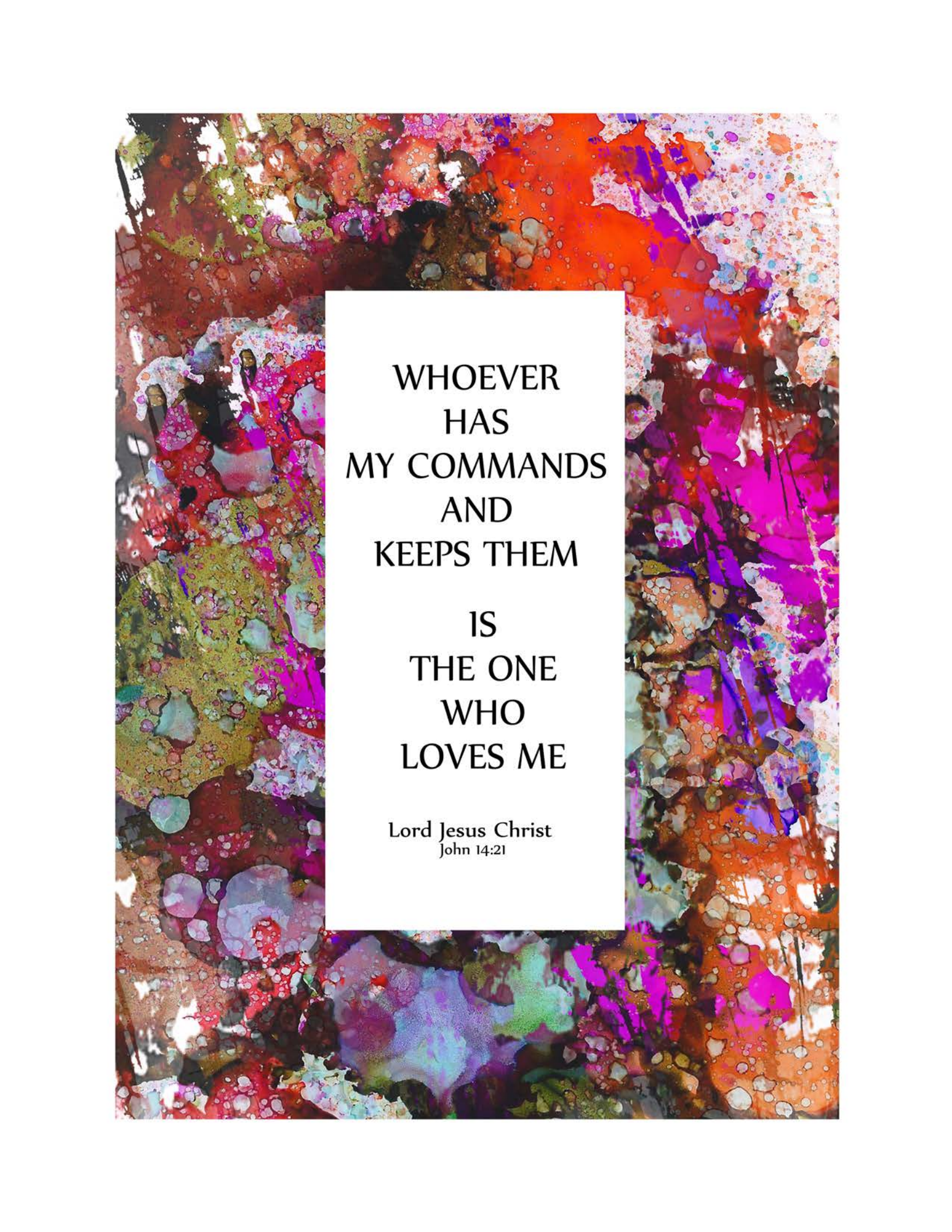
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JUST AS
the Father
has loved
Me
I have also
Loved
You

Lord Jesus Christ
John 15:9

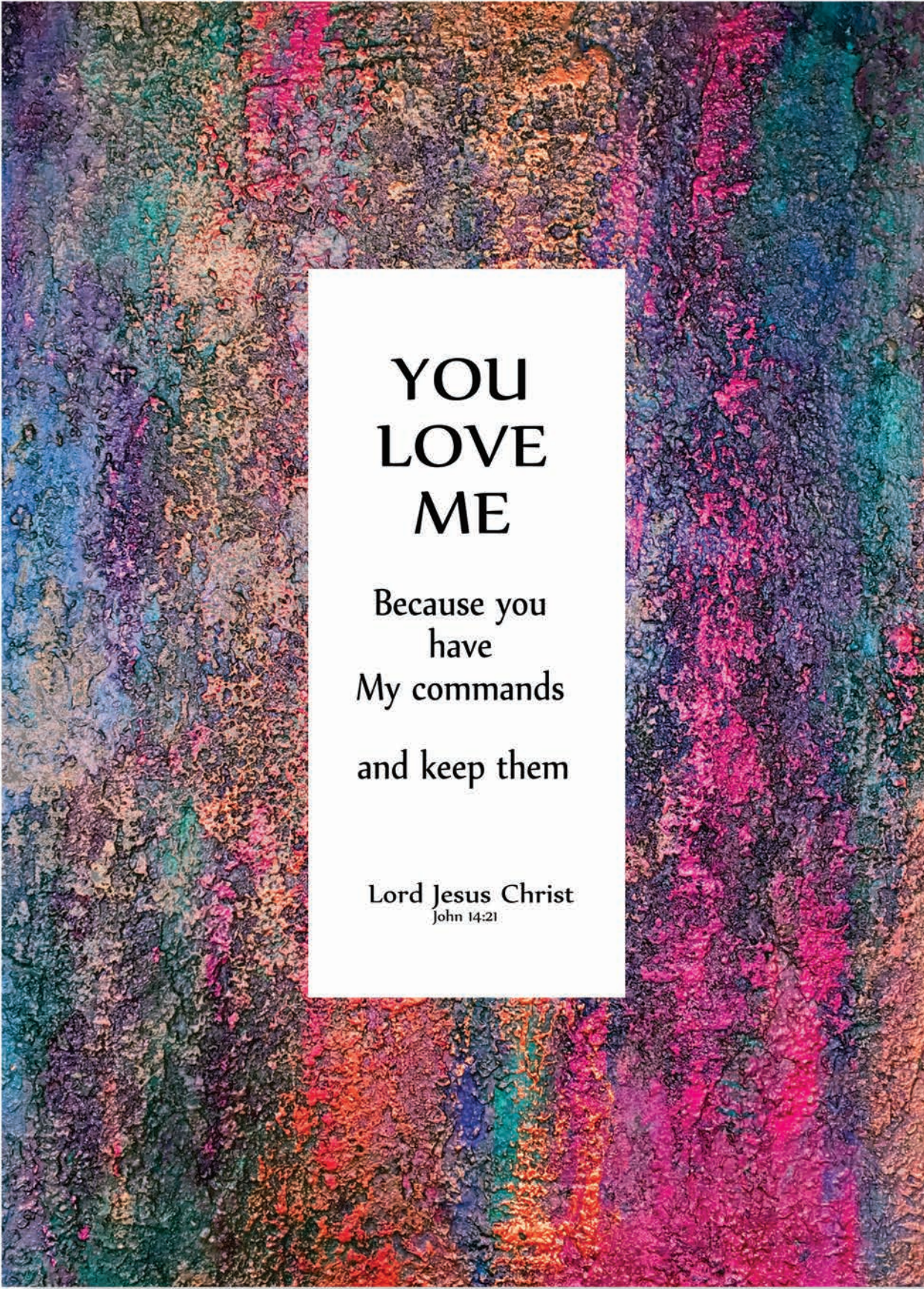
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WHOEVER
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Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21



YOU LOVE ME

Because you
have
My commands
and keep them

Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21

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YOU
ARE
MY
FRIENDS

IF

YOU DO
WHAT
I
COMMAND

Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21

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YOU
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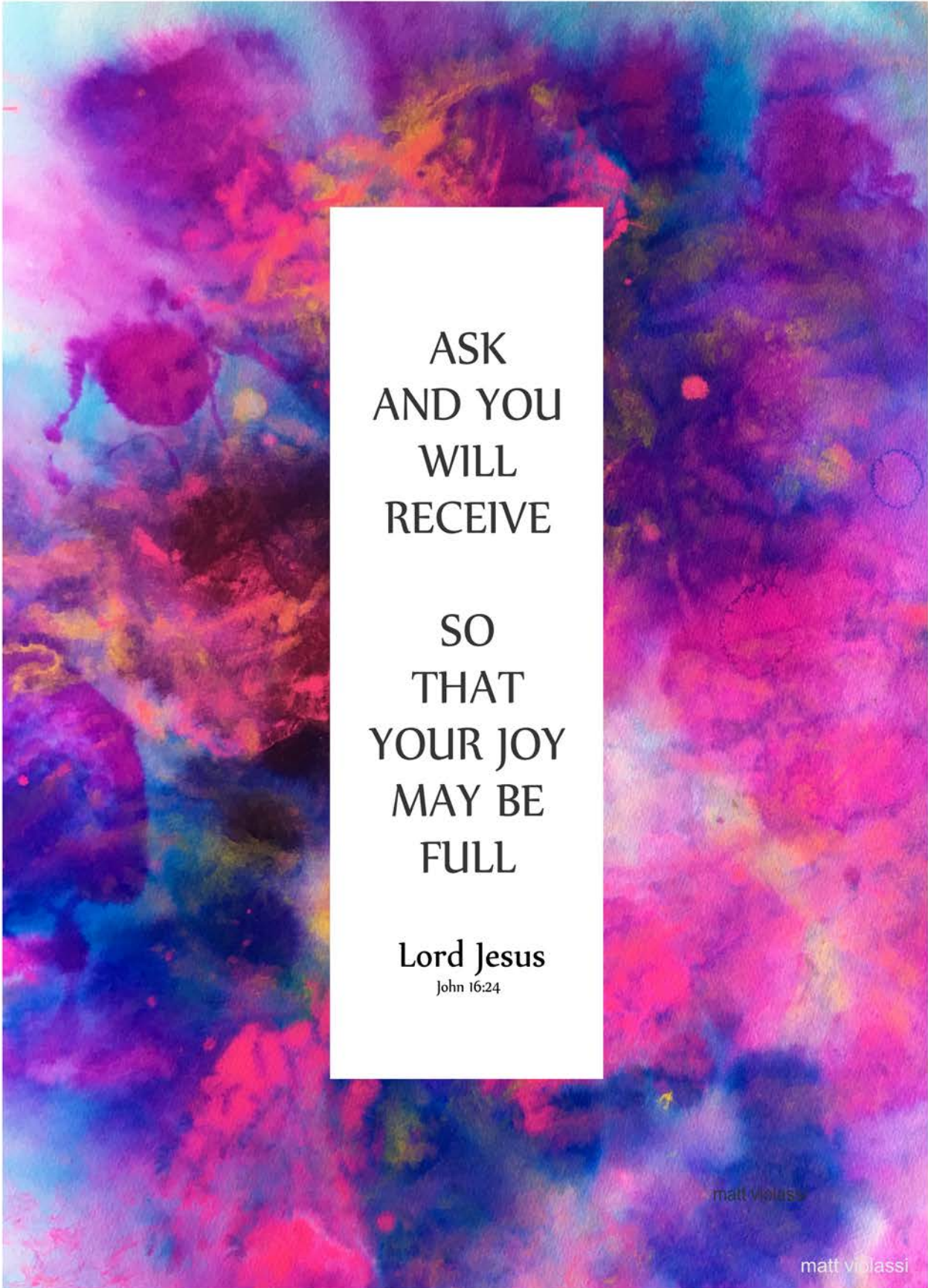
Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:21



Do not let
your heart
be
troubled

Do not let
it be
fearful

Lord Jesus Christ
John 14:27

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ASK
AND YOU
WILL
RECEIVE

SO
THAT
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Lord Jesus
John 16:24

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I KNOW
THE PLANS
I HAVE
FOR YOU

PLANS
FOR GOOD
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NOT FOR
CALAMITY

TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE
AND
A HOPE

God the Father
Jeremiah 29:11

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SO IMPORTANT:

THANKSGIVING EVERY DAY



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Always
give
thanks
for
all
things

Ephes. 5:20

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Forget
None
of
His
Benefits

Psalm 103

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An abstract painting with a dense, textured surface. The color palette is dominated by deep purples, magentas, and blues, with splashes of bright cyan, yellow, and orange. The brushstrokes are visible and energetic, creating a sense of movement and depth. The text is centered over the painting in a white, serif font.

Enter His Gates
with
THANKSGIVING
and His Courts
with
PRAISE

Psalm 100

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TOOL 2 - BECOMING A THANKFUL PERSON

"Always giving thanks for all things" - Eph. 5:20

Benefits of This Tool:

- We will become more aware of the blessings God has given us.
- We will become a more thankful person. God highly regards thankfulness. God says that when we come to Him, we are to come with thanksgiving and praise. **"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise."** (Ps. 100:4)
- We can thrill God more often. Just as a parent is thrilled when their children come to them on their own initiation and give them heartfelt thanksgiving for various good things, we can thrill God when we come to Him and give Him heartfelt thanks for the many things He has given us. What does *He think* is the most important thing to thank Him for? ***Our salvation!*** Jesus corrected His disciples from being overly thrilled about the fleeting joys of Kingdom ministry, **"Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."** (Luke 10:20)
- We can distance ourselves further from the sin of grumbling and complaining and unwanted disciplines from God. (1 Cor.10)
- We can more often enter and live in the joy and the "wow" state of the "spirit of thanksgiving."

Directions for Use of this Tool:

1. Go through the list one item at a time.
2. Agree with your mind if the item is truly a blessing to you. Savor it. Enjoy it again. Be exhilarated with it again and again.
3. If the item is truly a blessing that you enjoy, then give a heartfelt "thanks" to God for the item. "Own" the conviction in your heart, so that you are not just being mechanical about your thanksgiving.
4. Go to the next item and repeat.

I. PRICELESS ETERNAL THINGS

These things can never be taken away from us. We can always be thanking God for these.

• **What a great Person He is - all His Divine**

Attributes: All-knowing, All-powerful, Perfect in everything and in every way, Omnipresent, Majestic, Eternal, possessing All Authority and Dominion and Glory . . . Perfectly: Gracious, Compassionate, Slow to Anger . . . Full of Loving-kindness and Truth . . . Full of Love, Peace, Joy, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control, Mercy, Humility . . .

• **Rejoice that our names are written in Heaven**

• **No Hell! Get to go to Heaven!**

• **We are a son or daughter of the Maker of the Universe!!**

• **We can come to God anytime, come into His actual presence, come before His throne anytime and talk to Him** (Hebrews 4:16)

• **Overall Happy, Peaceful, and Joyful Heart!**

• **The God of the Universe lives inside of us!**

• **God's Provision, Protection, and Guidance**

• **God's Wisdom** (esp. if and when we ask for it)

• **Ongoing forgiveness of sins, and freeing us from sin!**

• **We continually get changed into His image and character!**

• **God Likes Us! God Loves Us!**

• **Our God is a *good God*, who does no evil, wrong, or make mistakes.**

• **King Jesus will be our Friend when no one else will!**

• **God grants requests and answers prayer. We can get help from God!**

• **Partake in His Eternal Ministry** - Work with God and partake in the joy of His Work.

• **Depth of Biblical Revelation!** "Many prophets and kings longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." (Luke 10:24 NET)

• **Thanks to God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ for being tortured and dying for me, instead of me.**

• **The option of a heart free from troubles and fear** (John 14:27)

• **The option to be continually filled with Joy and the Holy Spirit** (Acts 13:52, John 15:11, John 16:24)

• **All those people God sent into our life to help us**

• **You came and got each of us.** . . . when we were lost and in darkness . . . and all the pain that entailed . . .

• **All the pain You endure as you oversee the millions of Your children . . .**

• **All the pain You endure as You work to save all the millions who are lost and in darkness. . .**

• **Because God now lives inside of us, we now have the power over all sin, power to control ourselves, power to completely obey all of Jesus's commands (and thus obey "The Law"), and power to fully please God - through Him!**

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II. OTHER PRICELESS THINGS:

These can be taken away at any time.

- **Good Health?** Physical? Emotional? Mental? Spiritual?
- **Get up daily and be able to Walk and Talk ?**
- **Good friend(s)?** Do you have any good friends?
- **Good spouse?** Priceless!
- **Is our spouse also a good friend?** Priceless!
- **Is our spouse still our boyfriend/girlfriend?!!**
- **Children?** Abraham had to wait until his late 90's for his first child from the Lord.
- **Good Children? Are your kids pretty good kids?**
"I have not greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4
- **Enjoy your Job/Work?** A priceless gift from God (Eccl.5:19)
- **Freedom to worship without being jailed, tortured, etc.?**
- **Good church leadership?** Wise, God-filled leadership with integrity? Priceless.

III. PERSONAL JOYS GOD LETS US DO/HAVE

We all have things that we like to do for fun. What are your top joys in life? Does God let you enjoy them in abundance? If not, **ask Him** to let you have your fill! **Examples:**

- **Fun Spouse or friends.**
- **Watch good movies.**
- **Enjoy beautiful scenery.**
- **Drive vehicle that doesn't break down all the time.**
- **Have air conditioning.**
- **Have my fill of favorite foods or desserts.**
- **Do my favorite hobby as often as I like.**
- **Safe Neighborhood?** infrequent break-ins/ robberies?

IV. DELIVERANCES - 4 TRIALS of LIFE

There are probably 4 main or types of trials in life. As we become more mature Christians, we better learn to overcome our trials. We begin to accumulate a history of God's deliverances *from* our trials. If we review this list of deliverances frequently, we are better equipped to not fall apart in our next trial, because we better remember how He delivered us from all the previous ones!

- 1. Health?** How has God delivered you or your loved ones in this arena? Write these instances down and be able to recite them easily.
- 2. Finances?** Besides just steadily providing for us, how has He bailed us out in particularly large financial crises? List and review.
- 3. Relationships?** How has He intervened in our loneliness, strained relationships, broken relationships, lost relationships, etc.?
- 4. Demonic Oppressions/Depressions?**

V. LUXURIES

We can easily compare how most of us in the Western world enjoy more luxuries than the richest kings of history. As we thank God for these things, we can really enter the "wow" state of a spirit of thanksgiving. This is a good place to dwell.

- **Electricity!** - Provides tons of conveniences and pleasures.
- **Air Conditioning** - It is a gnawing burden to live, work, and try to sleep in hot climates without air conditioning.
- **Abundant Food** - even most poor street people in our Western cities can easily get a meal from the multiple soup kitchens, food banks, food pantries, Salvation Army centers, churches, Federal food stamps, etc.
- **5-Star Restaurant Food Recipes** & how to make them - easily available on the internet/TV
- **Modern Heating Systems!** - The traditional chore of heating a home through the gathering and preparing of firewood can be a ton of work!
- **Light Bulbs!** Flick a switch for bright light!
- **Window Screens!** - Said to be the largest contribution to the sanity of man! Not invented until early 1800's!
- **Clean Water** - Many in the world do not enjoy this luxury and suffer not having it through increased sickness & diseases, and poorer health.
- **Indoor Plumbing** - Need a drink, turn the tap. Need a nice hot shower, turn the dial. So nice.
- **Sewer Systems** - Flush and it's gone!
- **Appliances** - Refrigerators, Freezers, Ice Makers/Ice Cubes (Emperors made runners run up mountains to fetch them their ice for a cold drink), Washing Machines, Dryers, Microwaves, Stoves, Garbage Disposals
- **DVD Players and Digital Music Players**
Symphonies on Demand! Quality Motion Pictures on demand!
- **Cars, Boats, Motorcycles, Airplanes, and Trains** - And the fun of riding in them!
- **Television** - Travel the world from your living room!
- **Computers and the World Wide Web!**
- **Glass** - Magnifying glass, Microscopes, Windows, Telescopes, etc.
- **Eye Glasses and Contacts!** To be able to see well! *Fantastic.*
- **Photography and Home Moviemaking**
What a luxury. . .
- **Telephones and Smart Phones** - Talk to anyone on earth in real-time!
- **SMART PHONES - ONE DEVICE:** Phone, Clock/Watch, Calculator, GPS, Music, Movies, Quality Camera, Video Recording, Mail, Texting, Book Library, Flashlight, Live News from around the world, Photo Album, Encyclopedia Set, Live Weather/Radar Map, Calendar, Internet, etc. . . and tons more !
. . . **INCREDIBLE.** . .
- **Video Gaming!** A ton of fun!
- **The Gasoline Engine** - allows for Lawn Mowers, Chain Saws, inexpensive Boats, Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, Generators, Cement Mixers and more!

- **The Electric Motor** - allows for Vacuum Cleaners, Electric Drills, Electric Saws, Kitchen Mixers, Can Openers, Sewing Machines and more!
- **The Bicycle!** (Remember your first bike?)
- **Book Binding and The Printing Press** (vs. scrolls. Also, everything had to be laboriously hand-copied)
- **Calculators**- the first commercial pocket calculators were *very expensive*.
- **Dentistry** (Alleviates a lot of misery!)
- **Medicines & Pharmaceuticals** - Many children died prematurely from the common cold that progressed to inner ear infections then to the brain - incurable until the invention of antibiotics. Other diseases and plagues dominated through field of medicine: leprosy, polio, typhus, typhoid, measles, etc.
- **Plastics** (Allows for creation of inexpensive toys and all types of things)
- **Ice Cream!**
- **The Match!** (Instant fire!)
- **Inexpensive Paper, Ink, and Pens**
- **Radios**
- **Rubber and Rubber Balls!**
- **Inexpensive Watches**
- **Batteries**
- **Guns!** (Lions and other big cats once ruled the night and struck fear into the hearts of men for ages.)
- **Elevators** (allowing for high-rise construction)
- **Welding**
- **Photocopying!** Instant replication of documents!
- **Nuclear Power**
- **Transistors and Solid State Electronics**
- **Vitamins**
- **Aerosol Cans** (We are now able to propel many atomized materials)
- **Commodos and Toilet Paper**
- **The Hot Water Heater** - Hot Showers!
- **Amusement Parks and Rides!**
- **Concrete!** (Inexpensive man-made rock!)
- **Concrete and Asphalt Roads** (vs. mud roads)
- **Cardboard and Cardboard Boxes**
- **Vinyl Flooring and Vinyl Products**
- **Anesthetics!** (Imagine surgeries without these!)
- **Tape** (Clear wrapping tape, duct tape, packaging tape - all types!)
- **Aspirin** - a very inexpensive pain reliever
- **The Mirror!**
- **Sound Amplification** (Imagine innumerable meetings and gatherings without this luxury)
- **Microscope** (Opened up new galaxies to explore, and the germ world to be exposed, identified, and dominated)
- **Zipper** (vs. having to hand-button everything)
- **Shoe Technologies** (Inexpensive, quality footwear)
- **Foam Rubber** (We spend a lot of our time sitting)
- **Fiberglass and Fiberglass Insulation**
- **Wealth of Dental and Medical knowledge, skill, and expertise** (Alleviating tons of pain and misery) (quackery also minimized - many believe George Washington actually died from being medically "bled"!)
- **MRI and CAT Scan Technologies** (to help see through tissues and better diagnose ailments)
- **Inexpensive Wall-to-Wall Carpet and Carpet Technologies**
- **Cotton Usage from the Cotton Plant** (Allows for inexpensive clothing)
- **Weaving, Loom, and Textile Machine Technologies** (Inexpensive clothing)
- **Inexpensive 4-Color Home Printers!**
- **Plastic Garbage Bags and Twist Ties**
- **Online Educational Classes of All Types** (The knowledge of how to do almost anything more easily and quickly)
- **Inexpensive Safety Razors for Shaving**
- **The Fax Machine** (Almost instant document transmission around the world)
- **Plexiglas, Safety Glass, and Acrylic Glass**
- **The Rubber Band, The Scissors, The Stapler, the Paper Clip, and other practical tools.**
- **Wire Technologies!** (allows for the ability to produce wiring for everything from paper clips, dental braces, window screens, much-needed inexpensive fencing - to wire for the transmission of electricity, etc.)
- **Our Own Personal Set(s) of Holy Scriptures** (Centuries ago a luxury; few could own their own Scripture)
- **Innumerable Bible Study Guides, Study Aids, Commentaries, Translations, Classes, etc.**
- **Bronze Age to Iron Age to Steel Age to Stainless Steel and Aluminum and Metal Alloys** (Cars used to rust away quickly.)
- **Machine Design & Construction** (allows for inexpensive mass-production of almost every type of product - *so more people can enjoy them*)
- **Instant Messaging & Email** (No more waiting days or weeks for a telegram or a conventional letter in the mail - once coming by horseback and/or by sea! Communicate to almost anyone almost instantaneously!)
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VI. My Book of Remembrance

This is a journal/book of the certain times and events you can remember when God particularly **really helped you - really blessed you** in a certain, powerful way, on a specific day. The event or thing might seem like a small insignificant event to others, but to you it was monumental. Record the event. Date the event. You will want to review it and praise Him again. I believe in heaven, thousands of these times will come to our minds, and we will want to praise Him forever. Why not start now?

example:

4-24-2007 I was cutting a huge fat limb off a huge mature hardwood tree weighing perhaps a thousand pounds. I asked my wife to hold the long ladder while I was way-up in the tree with two hands on the chainsaw. I took all the safety precautions I could think of and knew of. As the giant limb came down, the limb danced on its tip, spun, and the whole limb swung down like a giant vertical bat right next to my wife's whole body. It would have probably killed her instantly. I *KNOW* God was involved in saving her life. . . I will always thank Him.

***NOTE:** Many times in my personal "services", I begin with this Tool 2, and I can be lost in thanksgiving for hours. . . handling each item. . . savoring each one again. . . then truly thanking God. Again, it is very inefficient to have to go on another mission trip to be thankful for hot showers and clean water to drink. I have a suspicion, that in eternity, when we truly see *all* He really did for us, what and how He provided for us, cared for us, protected us, grew us up, trained us, transformed us supernaturally, etc. . . We will crave to thank Him even more, forever. . . **I think He really likes it when train ourselves in this type of righteousness - on this side of eternity.**