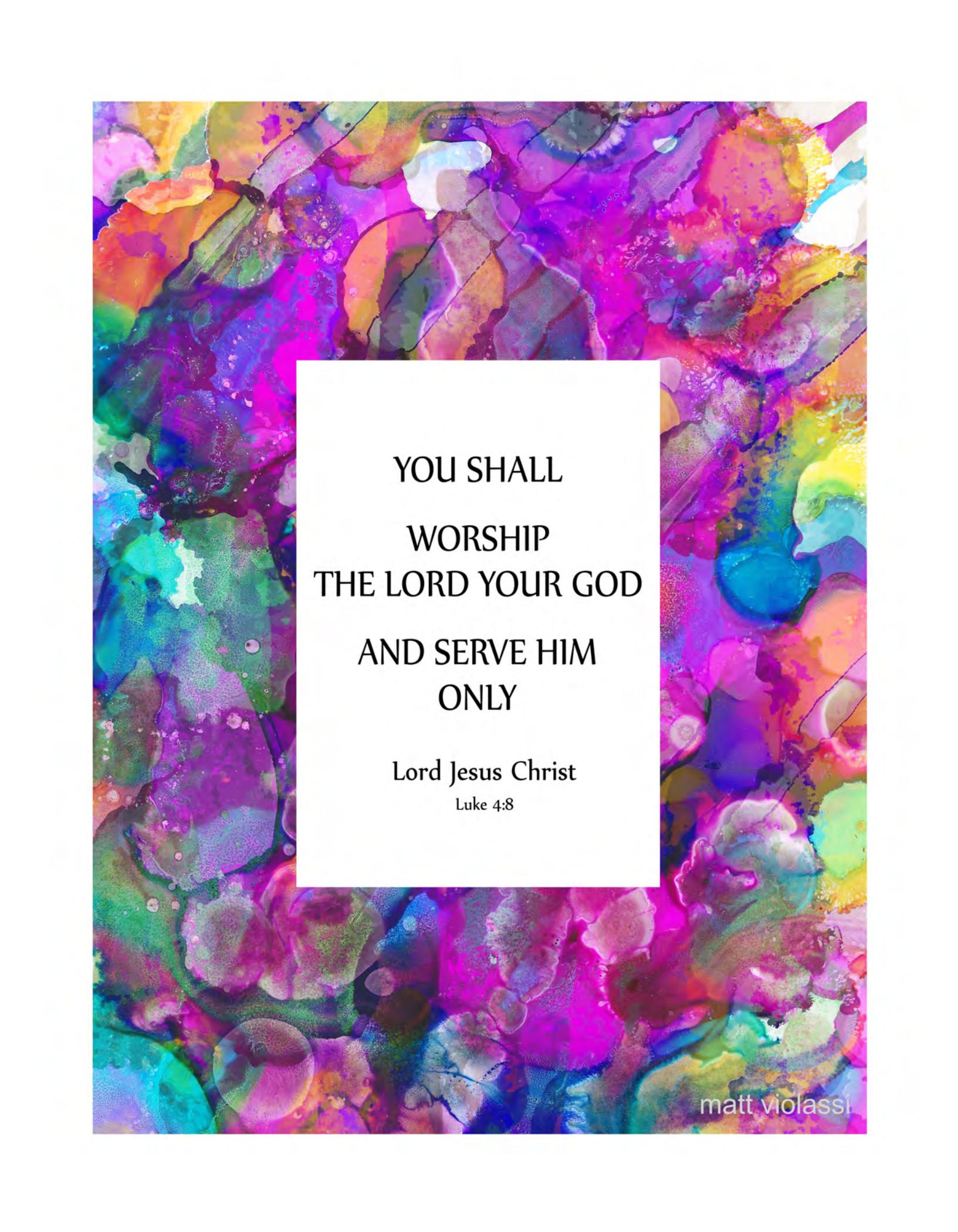


**WHAT ARE WE GOING TO  
GET-UP-AND-DO  
TOMORROW?**

**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

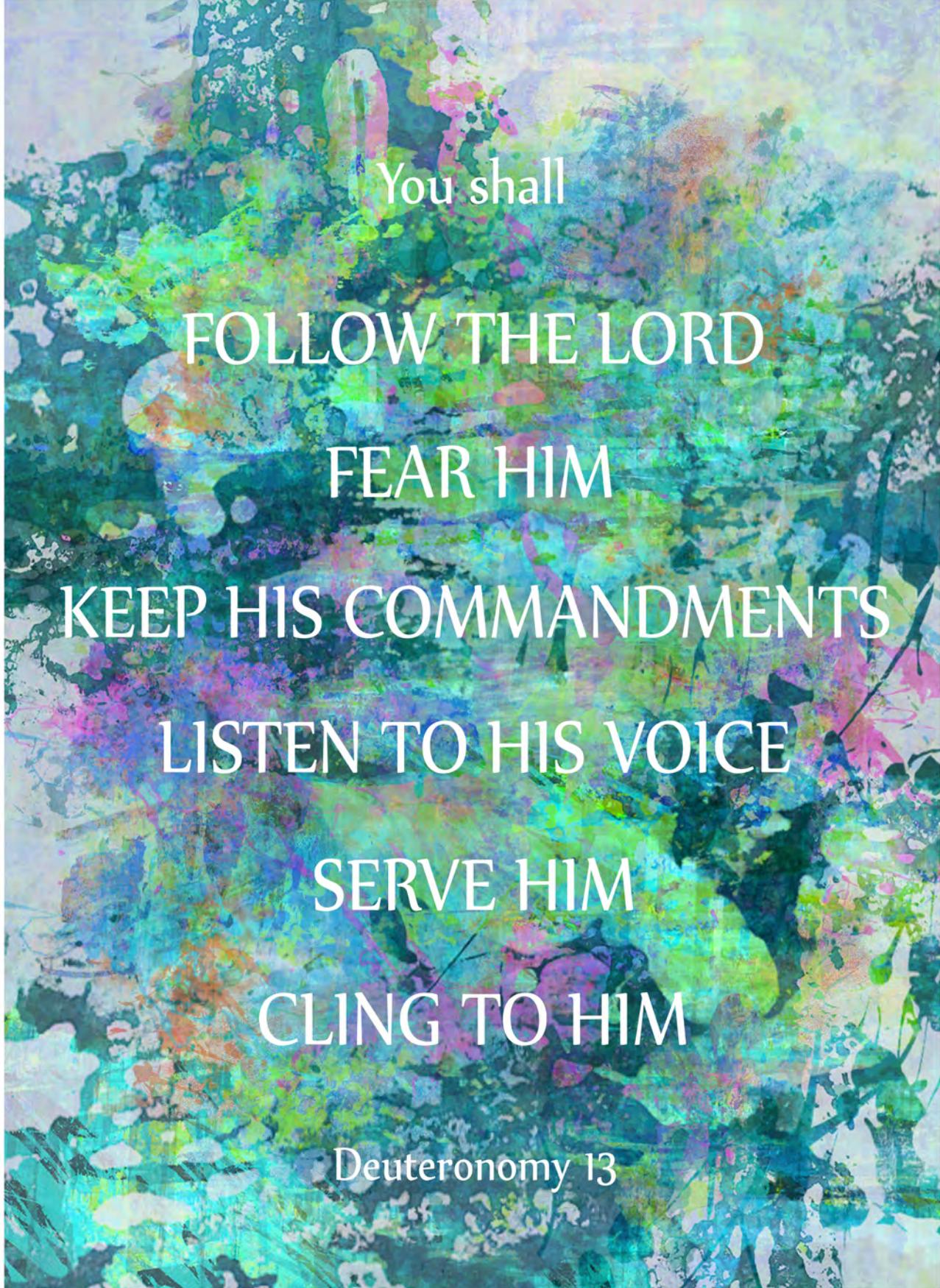
Deuteronomy 13

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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)*



You shall

FOLLOW THE LORD

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Deuteronomy 13

# 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.***

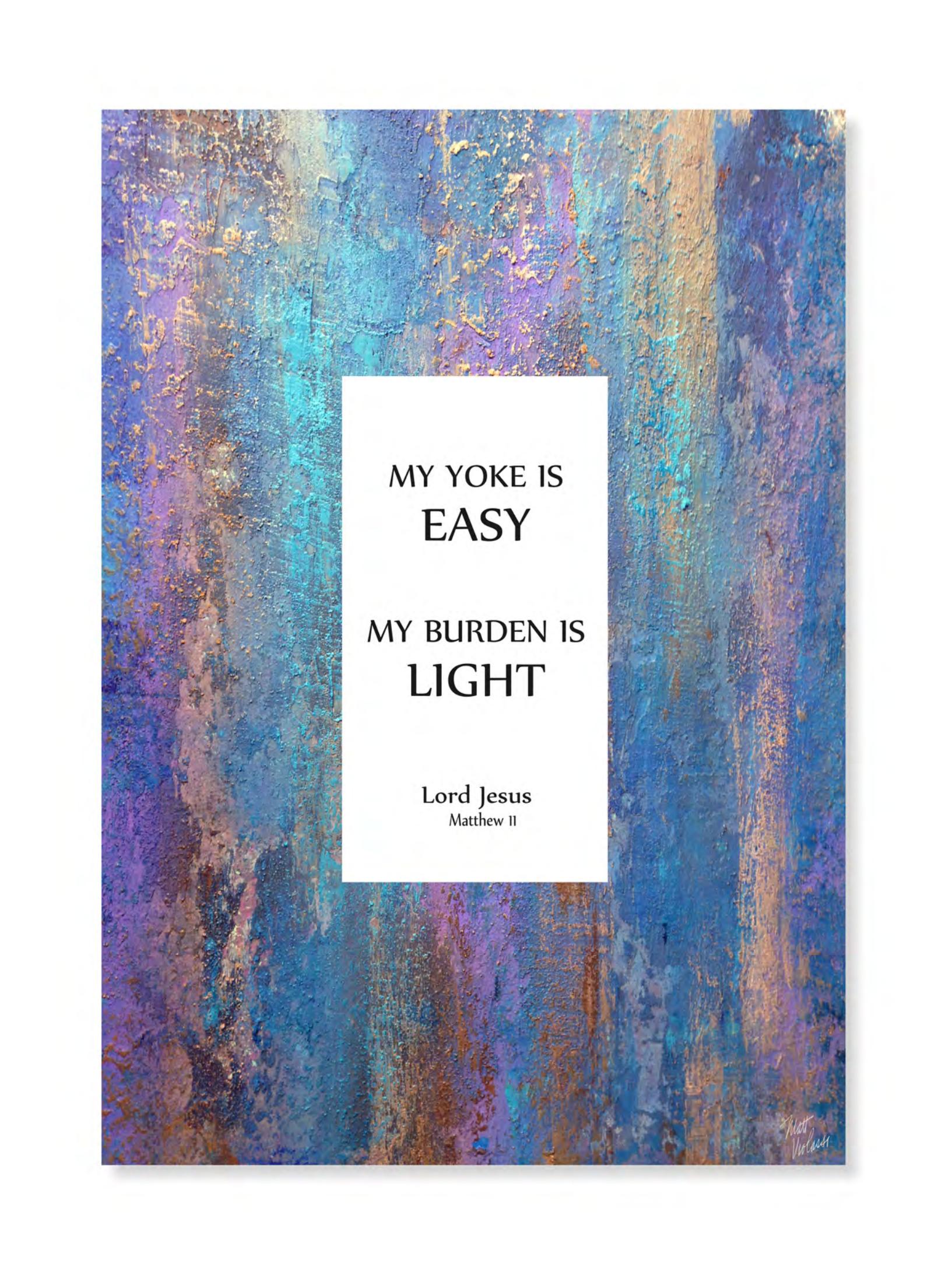
*(see Spiritual Tool #5 “My Best Day For God” for some suggestions.)*

**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

*Matt  
Vulcani*

*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. <sup>11</sup> But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

#### Choosing the Twelve

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

<sup>17</sup> Jesus 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, <sup>18</sup> who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing them all.

#### The Beatitudes

<sup>20</sup> And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He began to say, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed 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. <sup>23</sup> Be 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. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.

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

the same way you want them to treat you. <sup>32</sup> If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If 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. <sup>35</sup> But 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. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> Give, 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.

<sup>39</sup> And 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? <sup>40</sup> A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

<sup>41</sup> Why 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? <sup>42</sup> Or 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. <sup>43</sup> For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For 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. <sup>45</sup> The 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

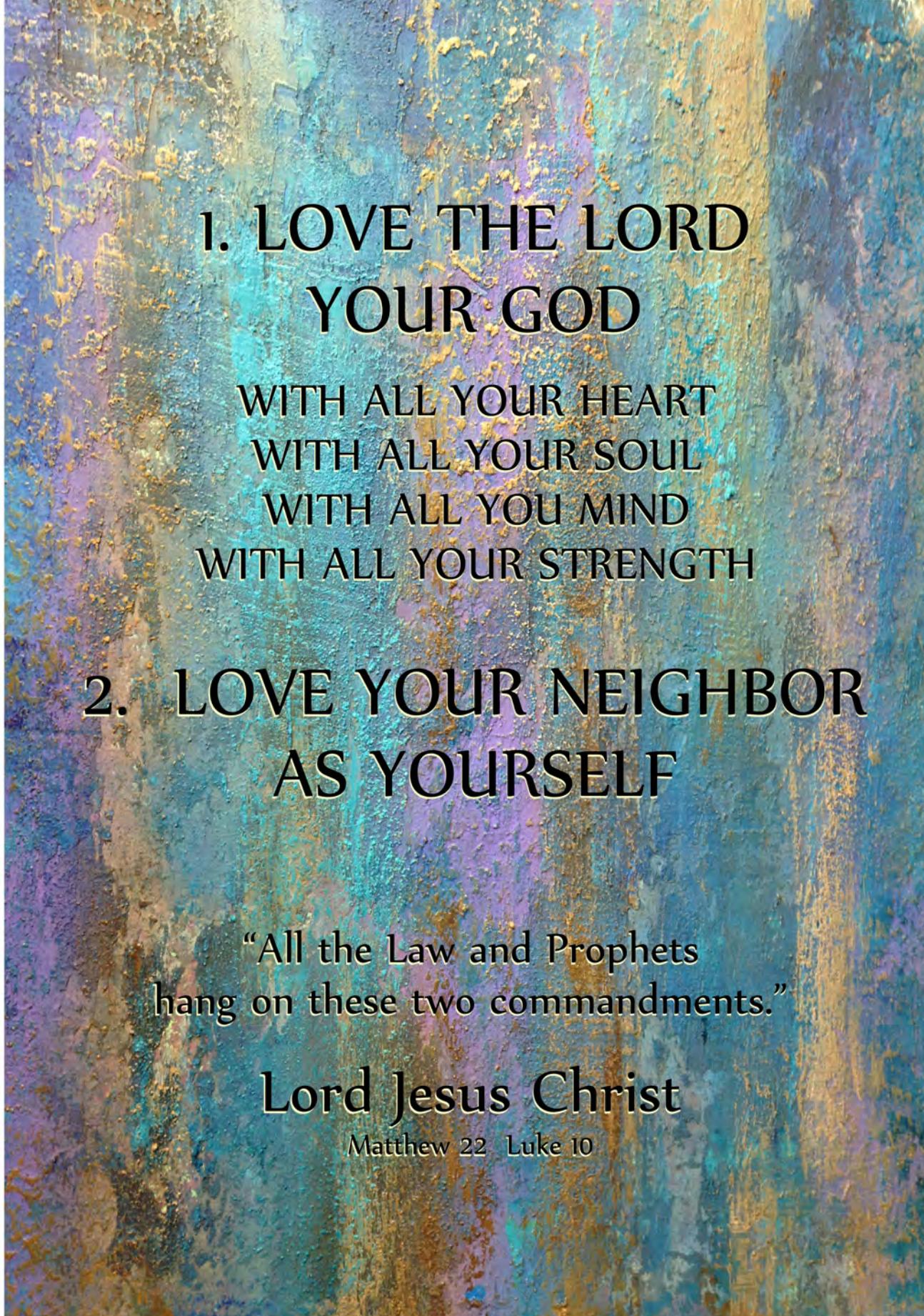
<sup>46</sup> Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup> Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred,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

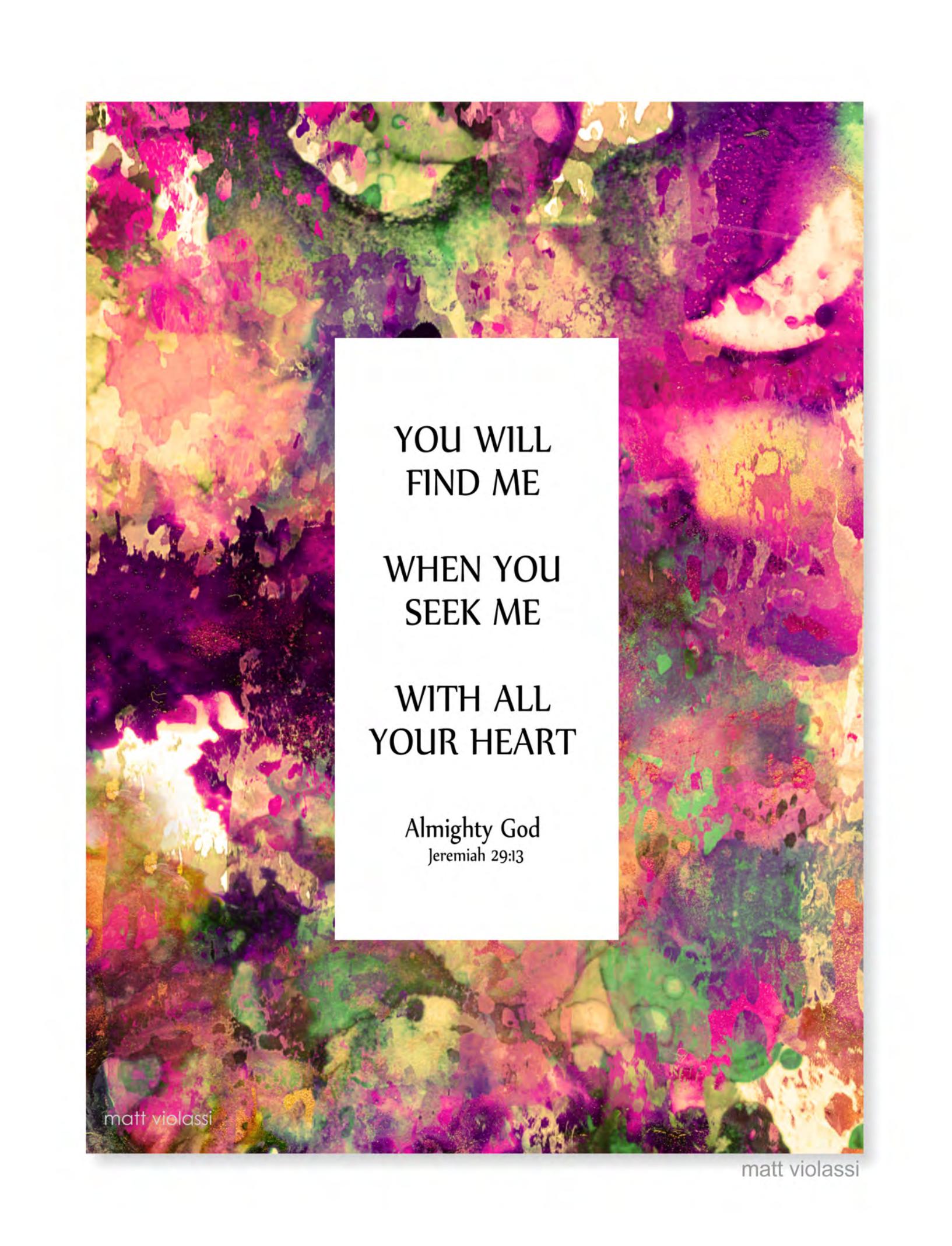
***CONSISTENTLY “FINDING GOD”  
- TO A SATISFYING LEVEL -***

***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

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**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

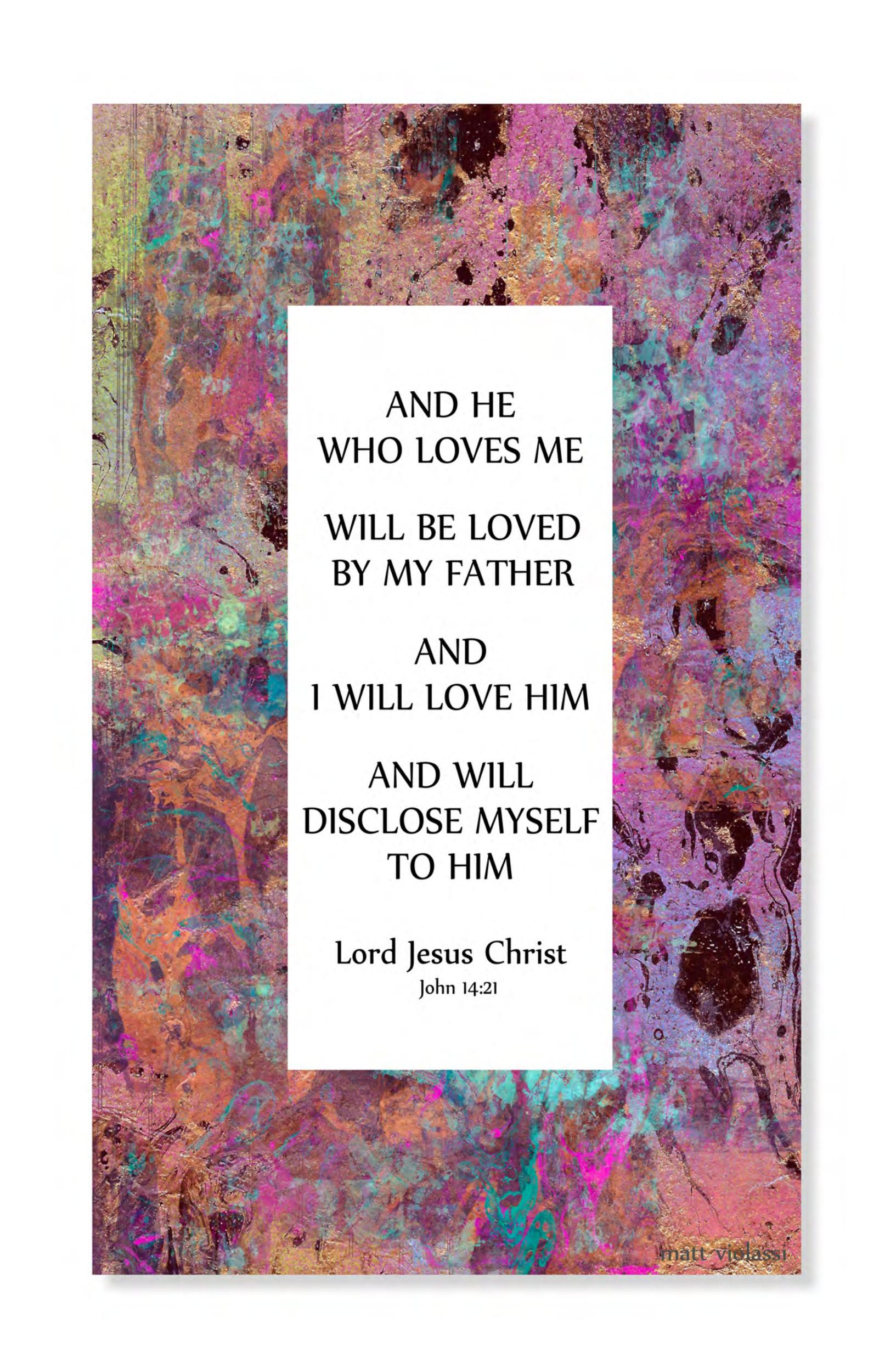
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## **REWARD ALERT !**

**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)

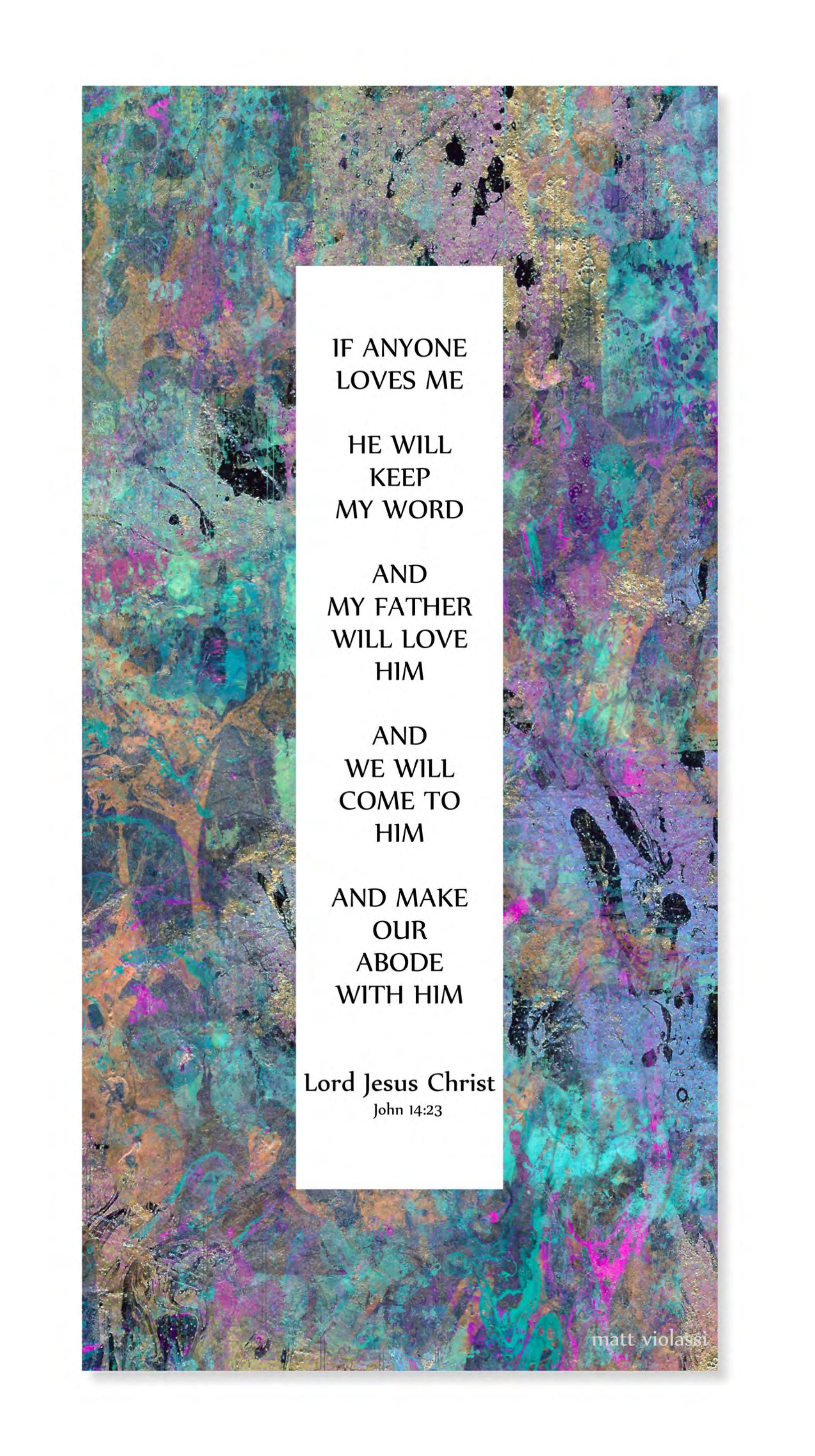


AND HE  
WHO LOVES ME  
WILL BE LOVED  
BY MY FATHER  
AND  
I WILL LOVE HIM  
AND WILL  
DISCLOSE MYSELF  
TO HIM

Lord Jesus Christ

John 14:21

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IF ANYONE  
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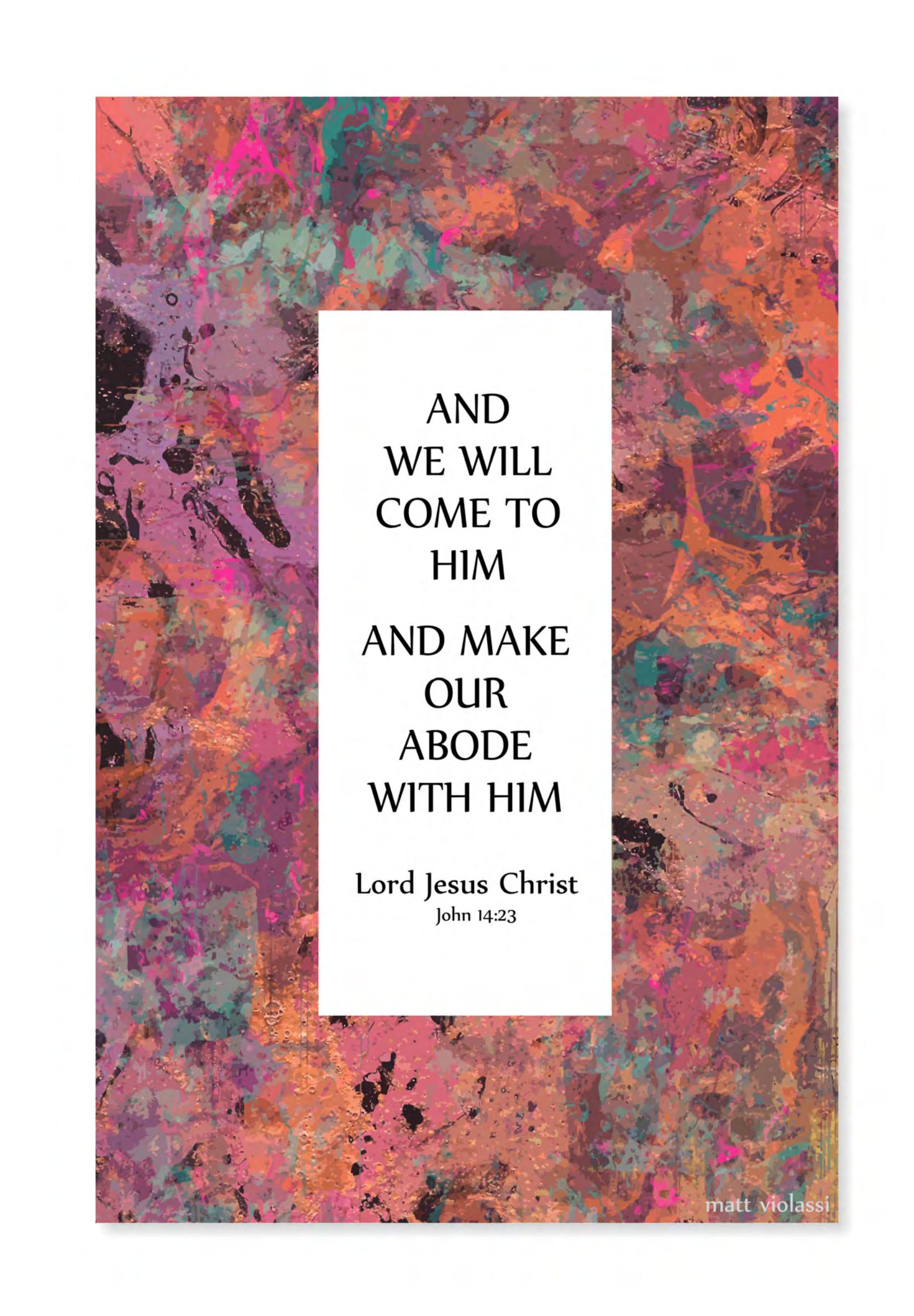
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Lord Jesus Christ  
John 14:23

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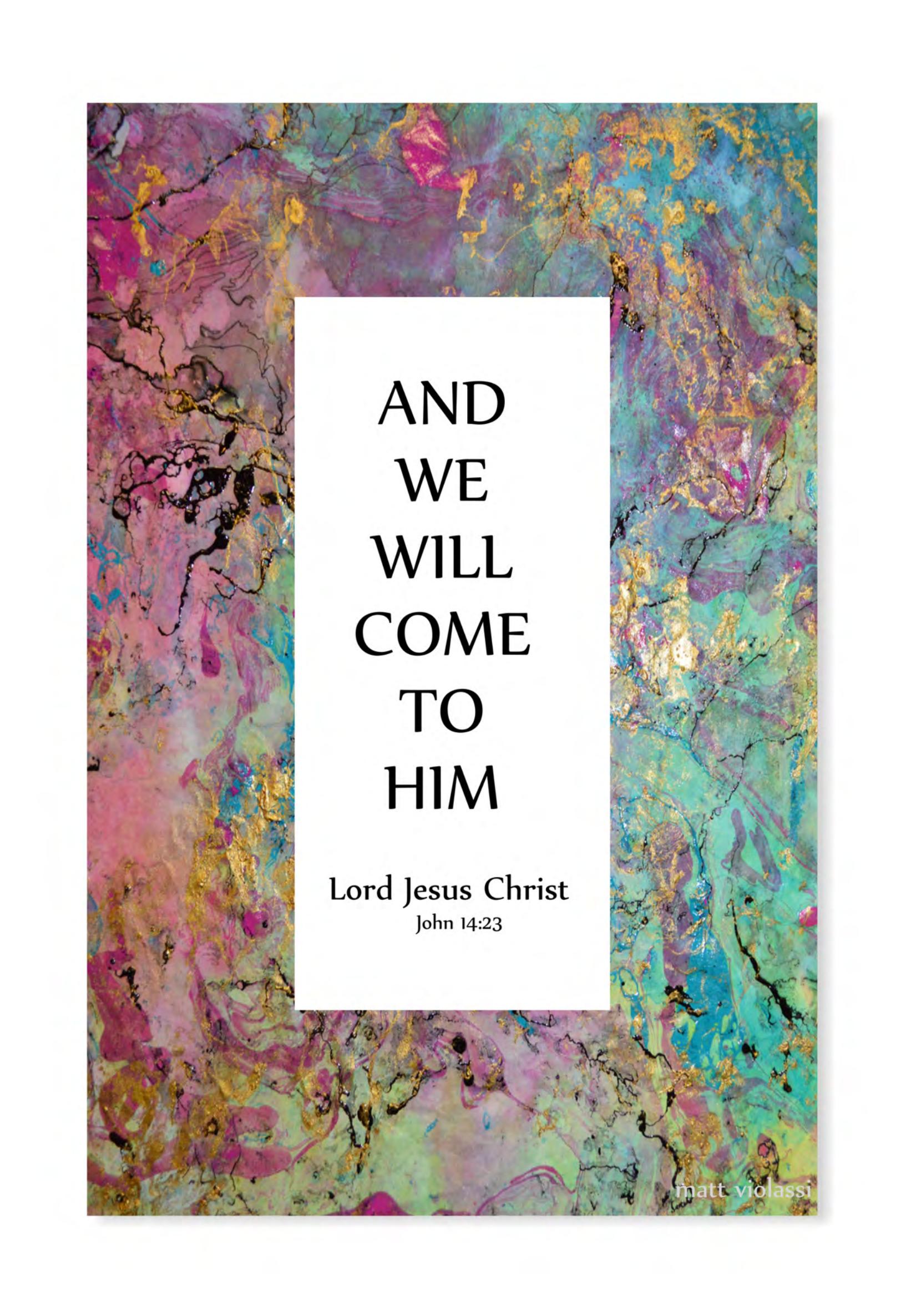


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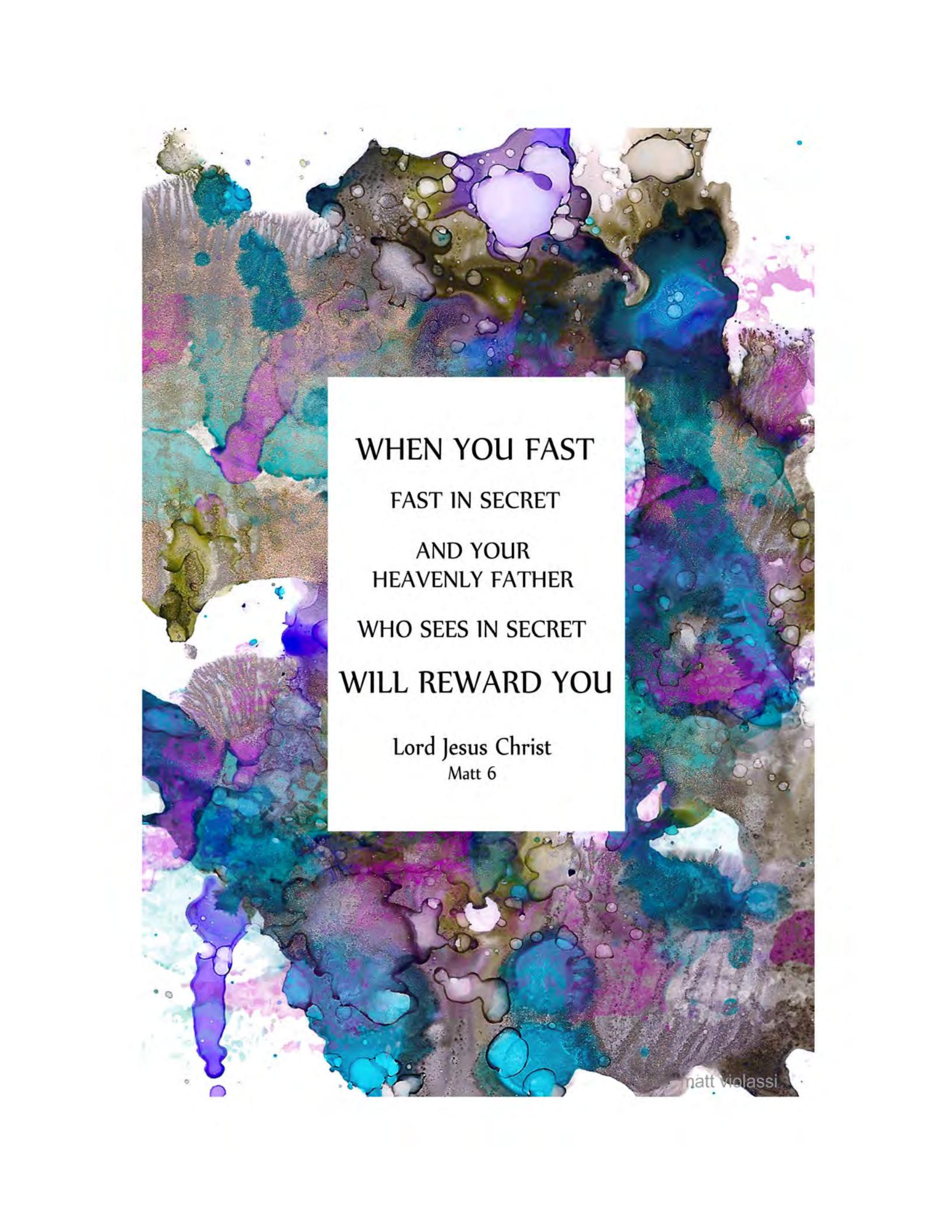
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John 14:23



WHEN YOU PRAY  
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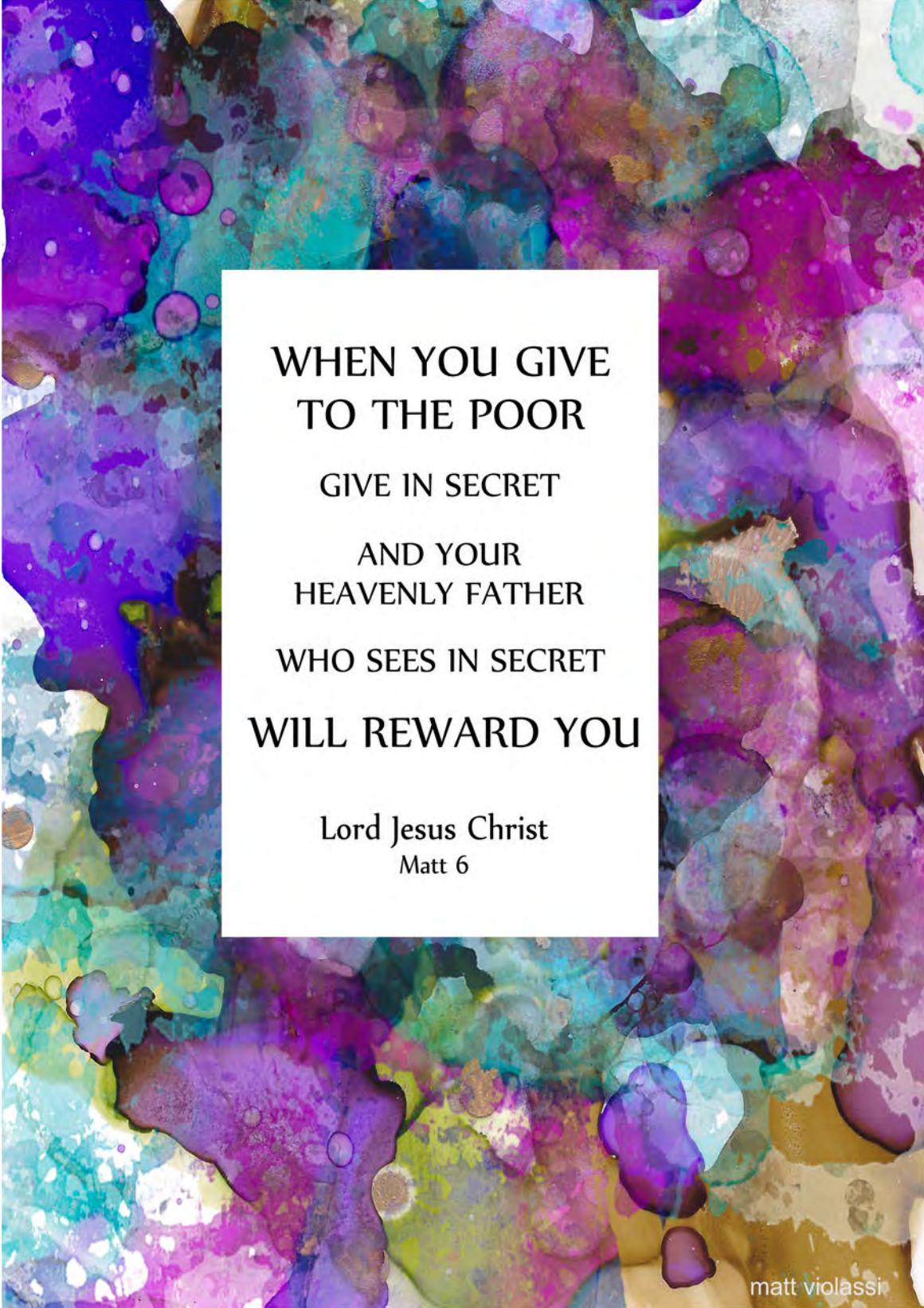
Lord Jesus Christ  
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WHEN YOU FAST  
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Lord Jesus Christ  
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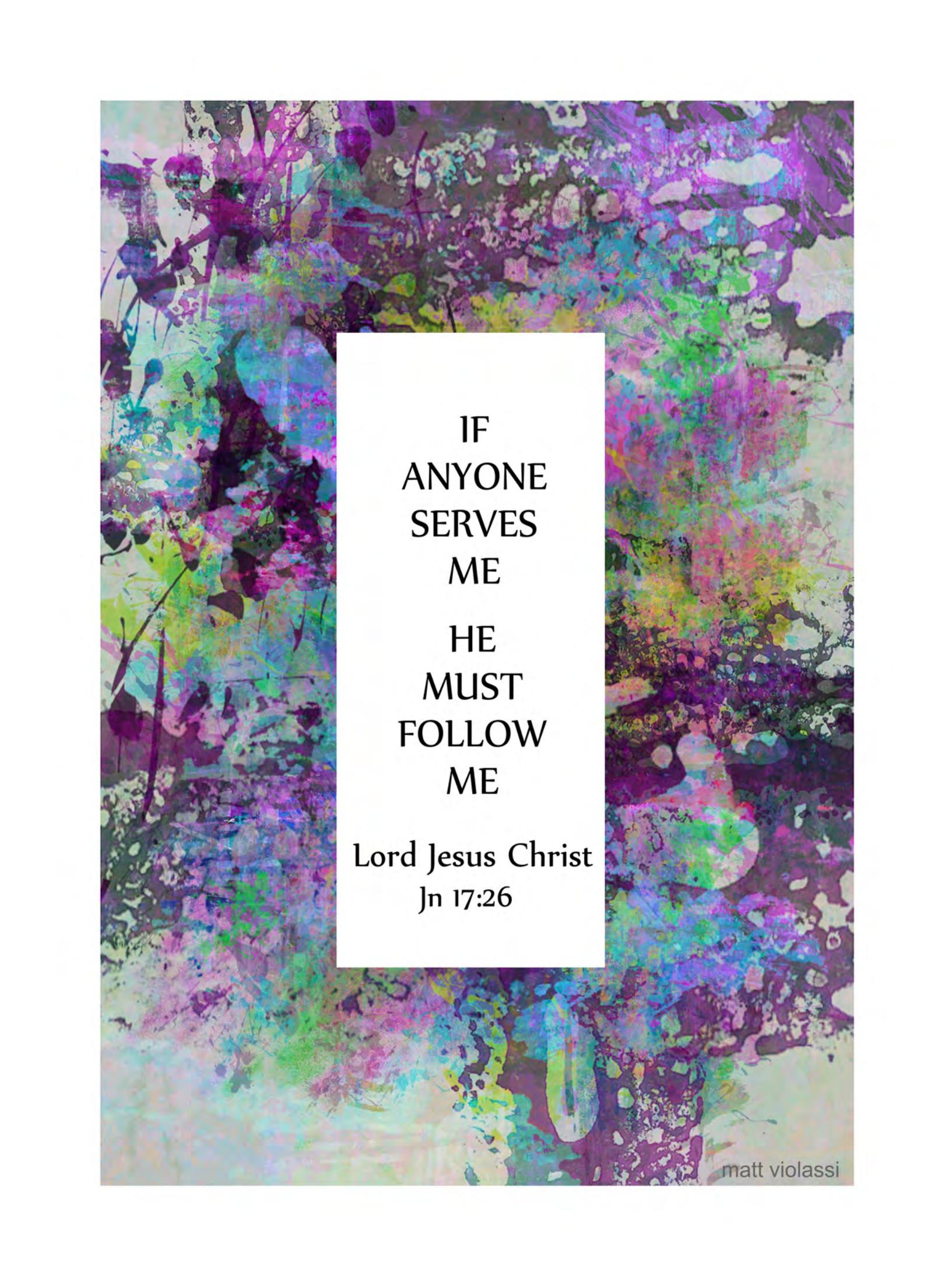
**WHEN YOU GIVE  
TO THE POOR  
GIVE IN SECRET  
AND YOUR  
HEAVENLY FATHER  
WHO SEES IN SECRET  
WILL REWARD YOU**

**Lord Jesus Christ**  
Matt 6

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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

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***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.*

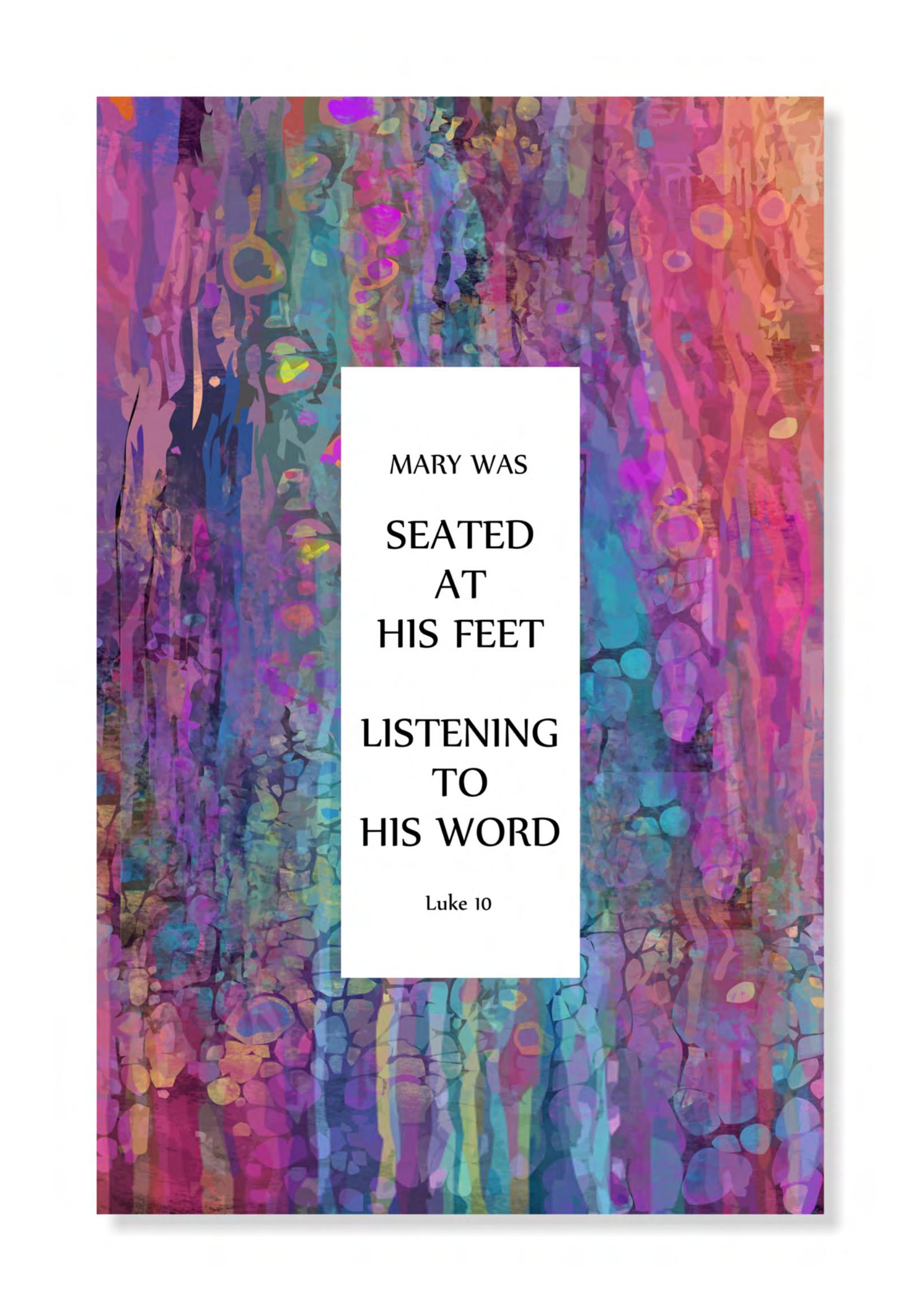


ONLY  
ONE  
THING  
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NECESSARY  
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LORD JESUS CHRIST

Luke 10:42

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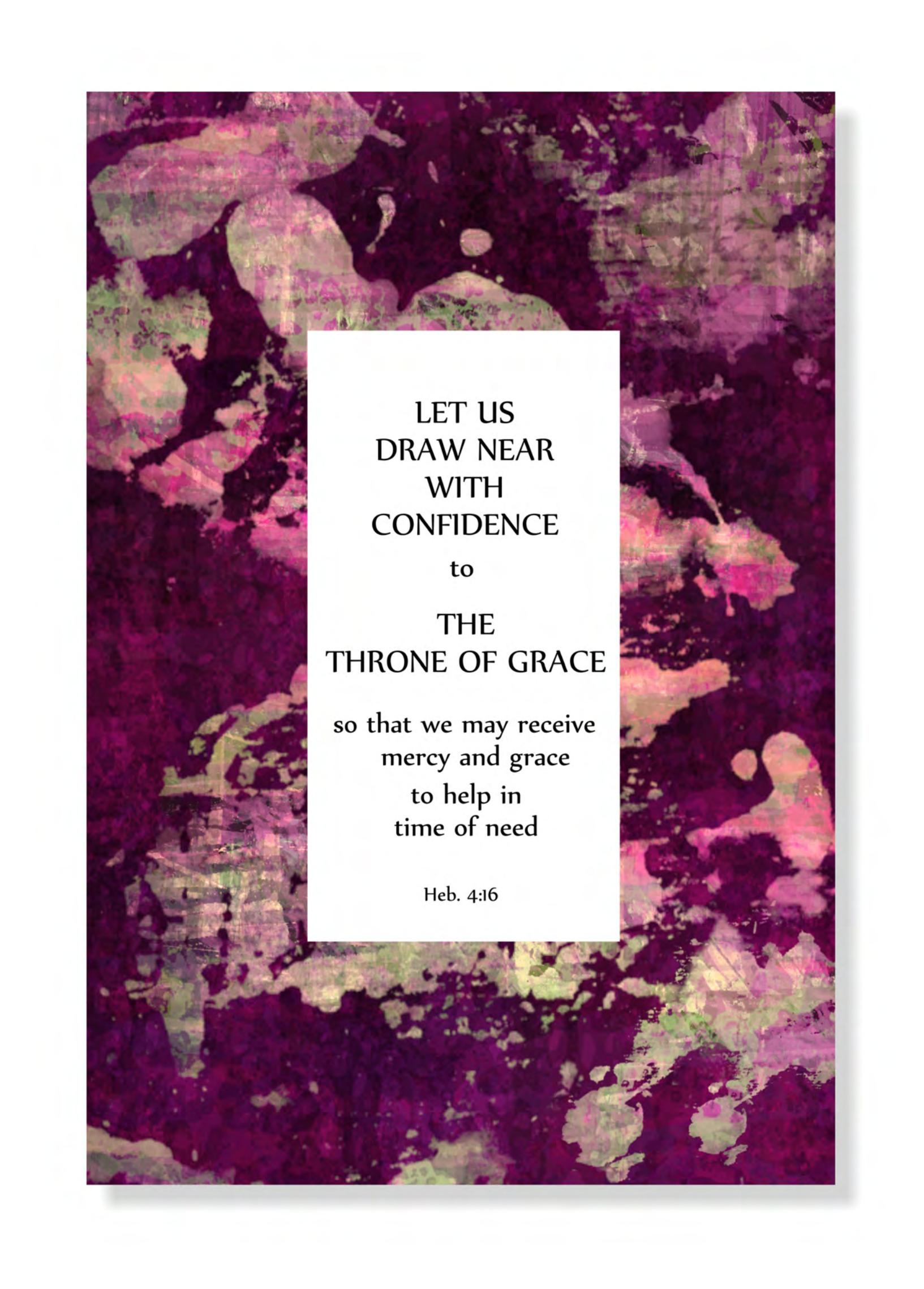
Luke 10

**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.***

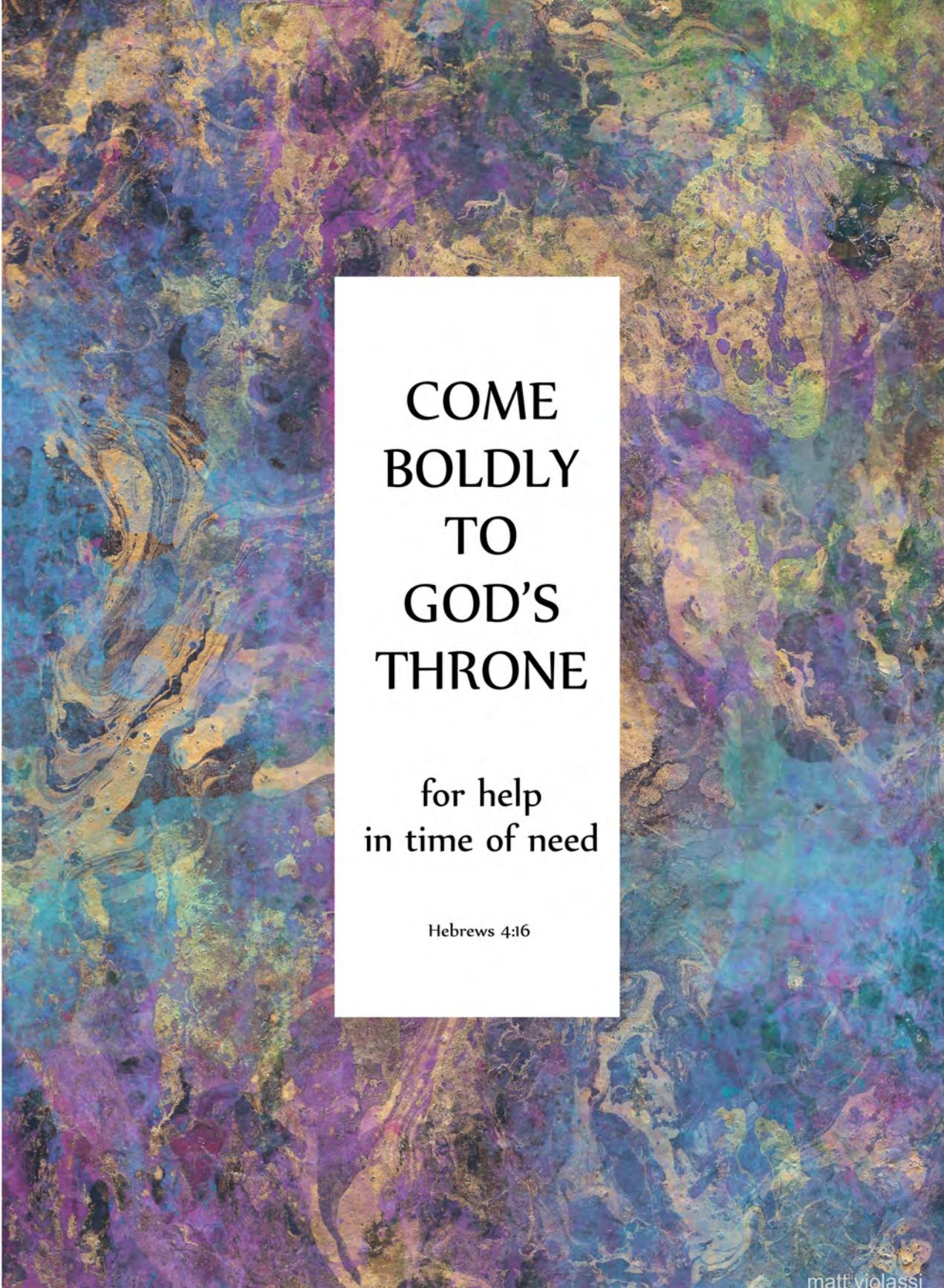
(Hebrews 4:16)

**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



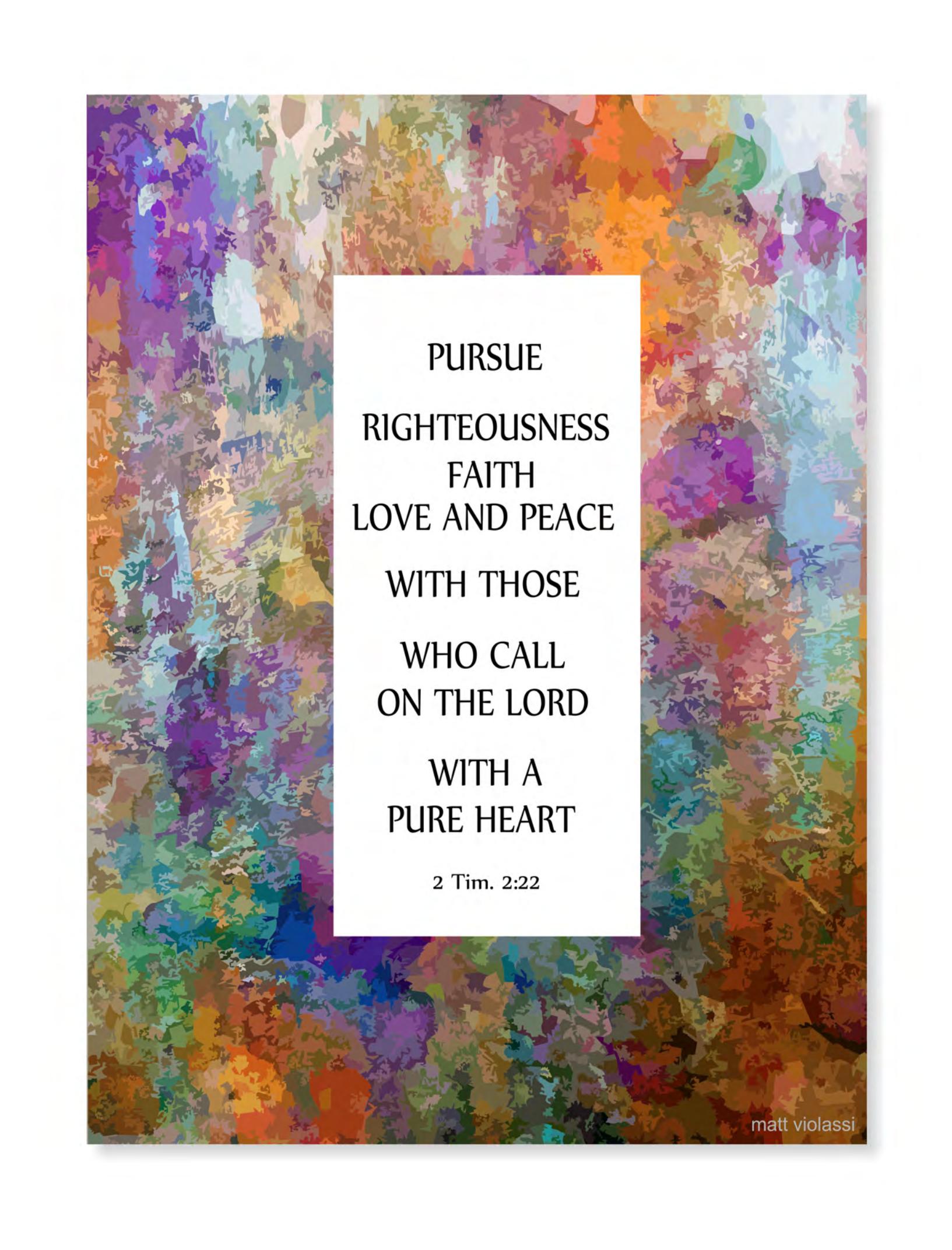
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for help  
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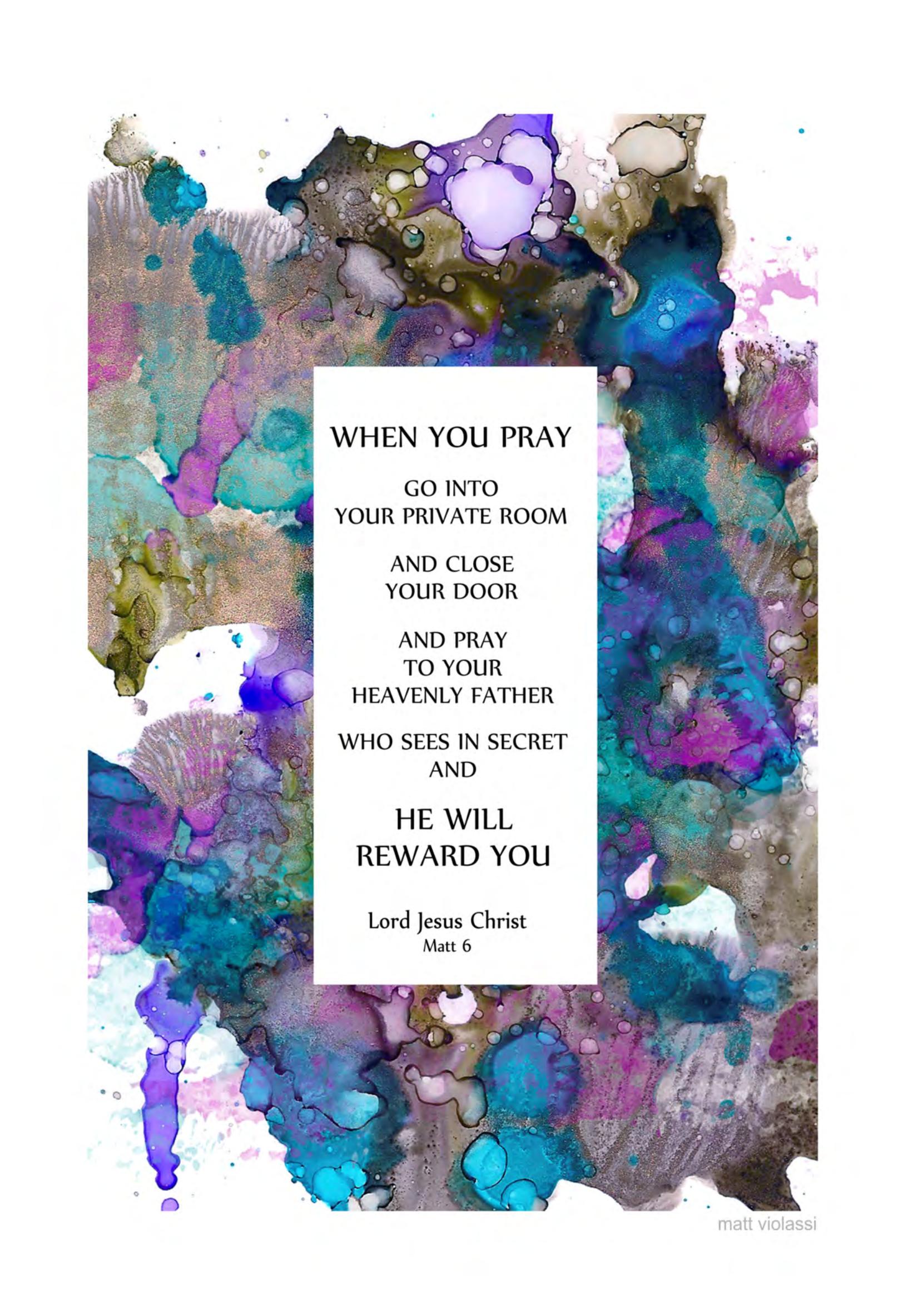
**There are a lot of  
Pure-Hearted Christians there.**



PURSUE  
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WITH THOSE  
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ON THE LORD  
WITH A  
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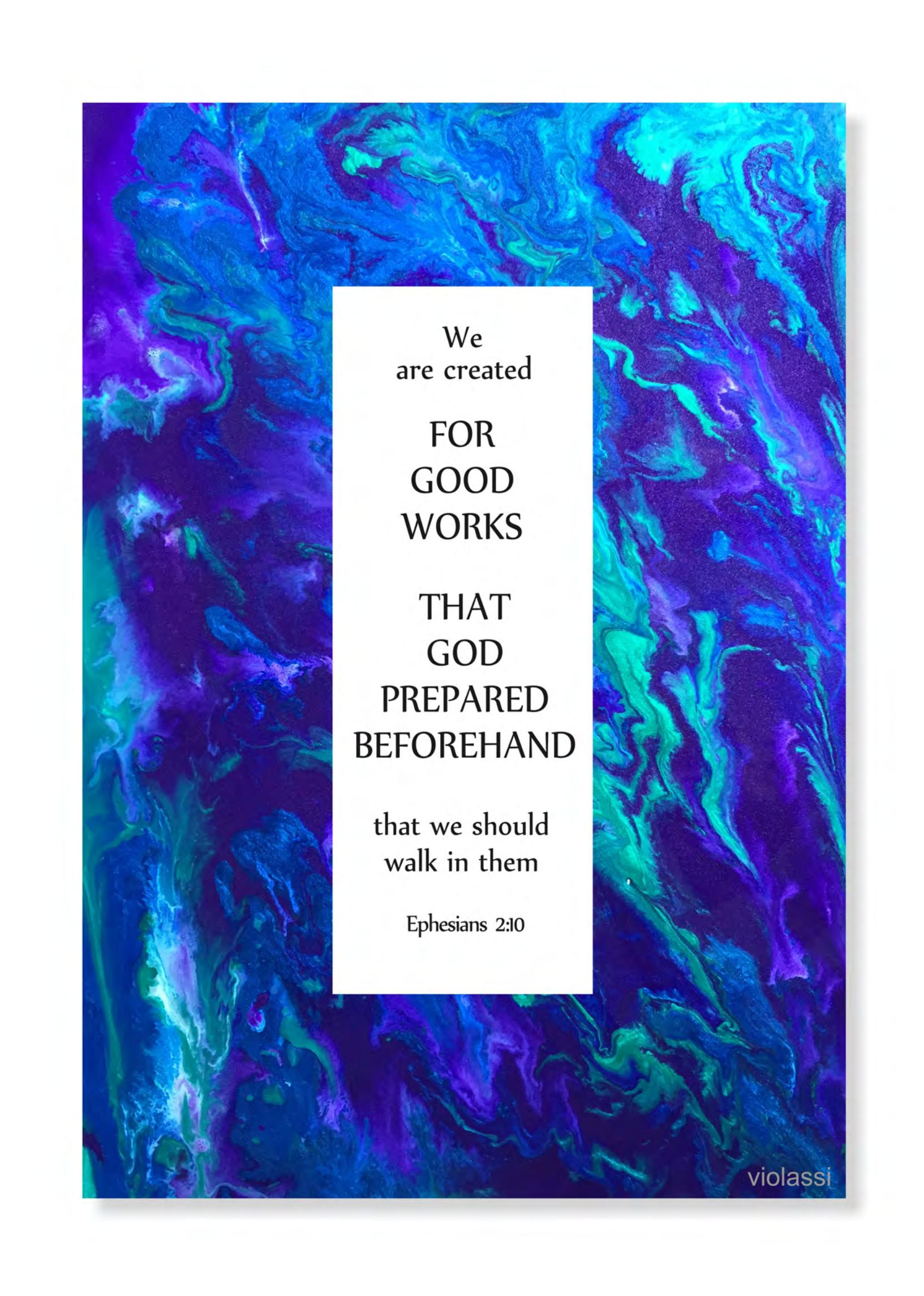
2 Tim. 2:22

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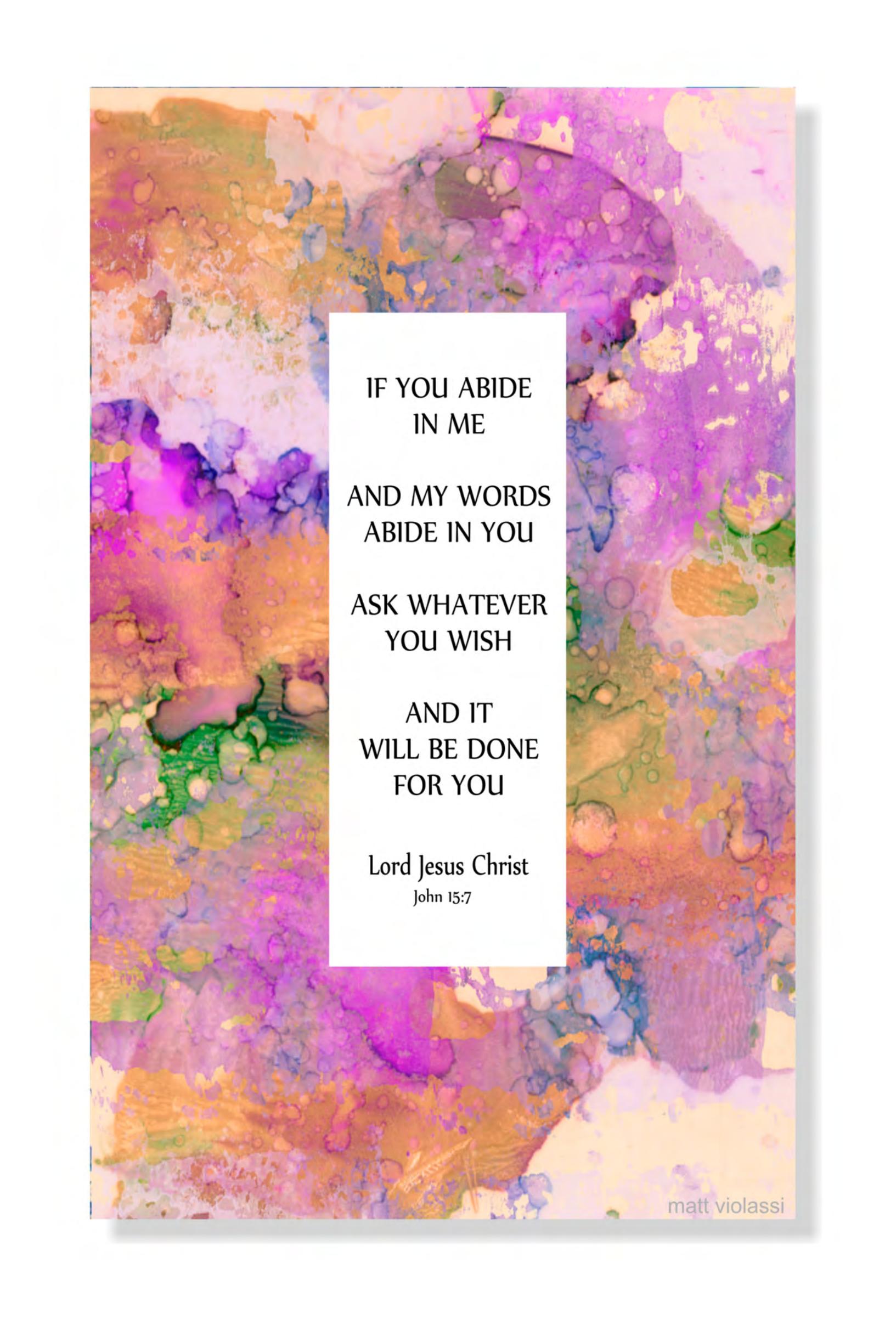
Lord Jesus Christ  
Matt 6



We  
are created  
**FOR  
GOOD  
WORKS**  
**THAT  
GOD  
PREPARED  
BEFOREHAND**  
that we should  
walk in them

Ephesians 2:10

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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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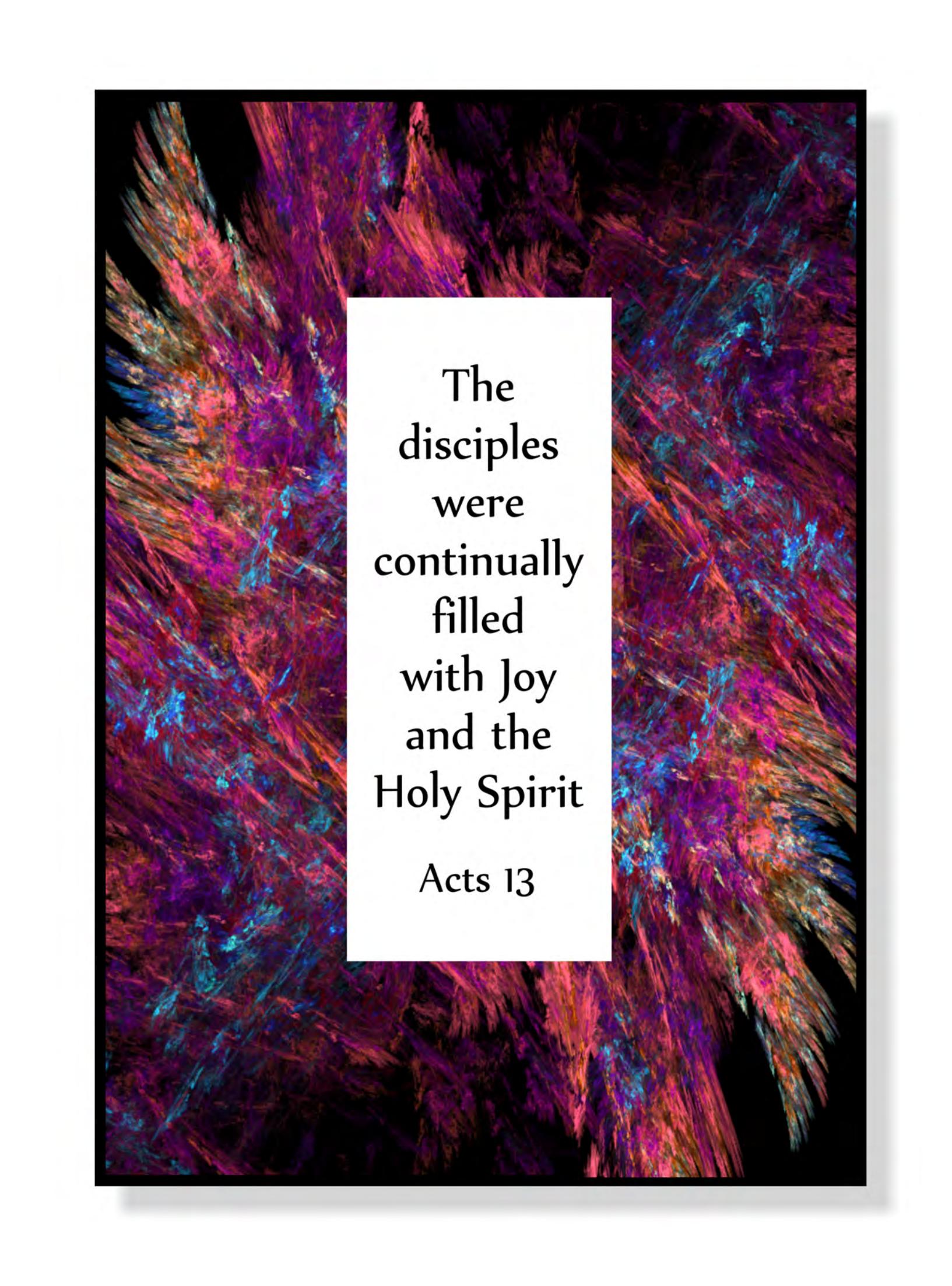


ASK  
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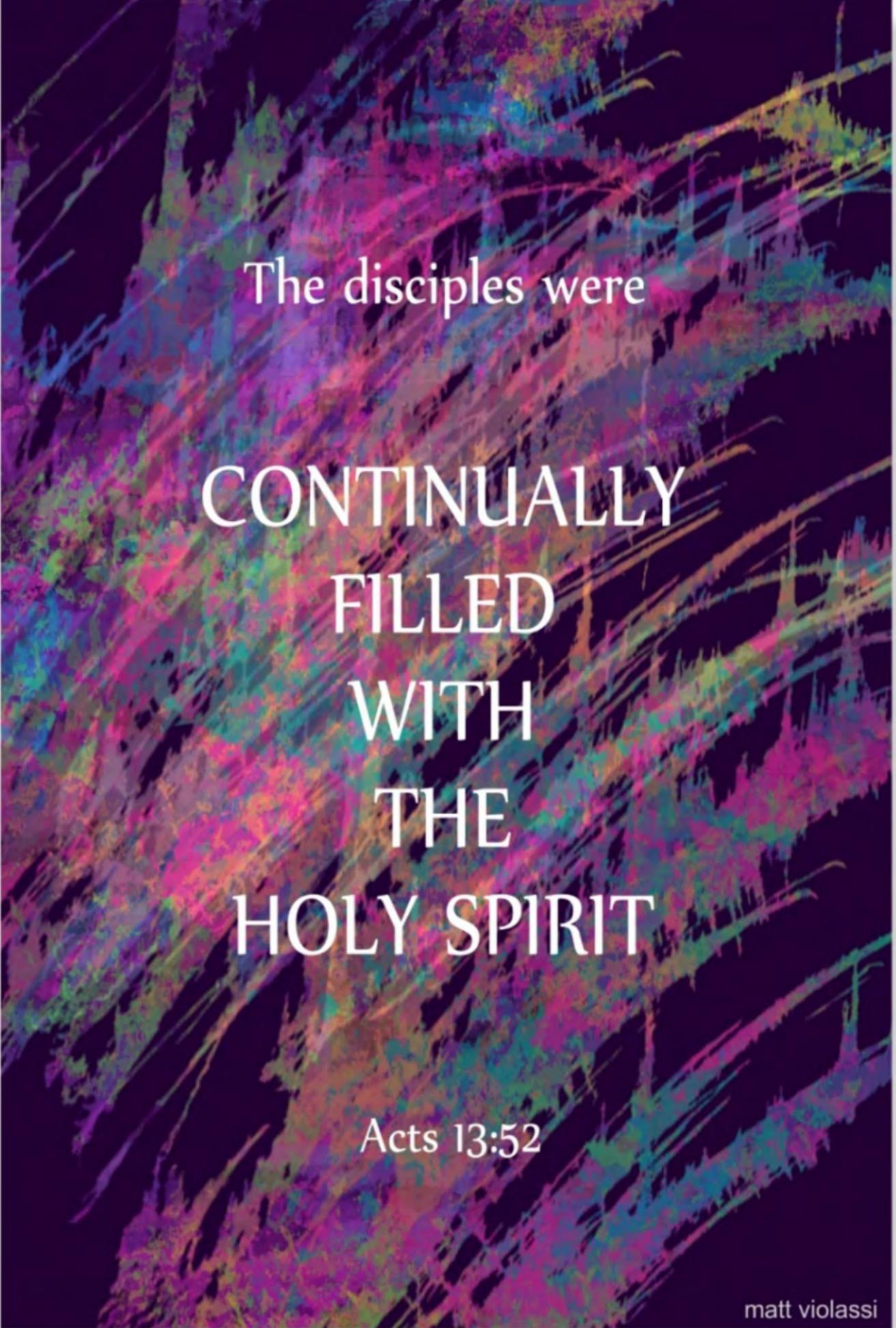
Lord Jesus  
John 16:24

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The  
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continually  
filled  
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Holy Spirit

Acts 13



The disciples were  
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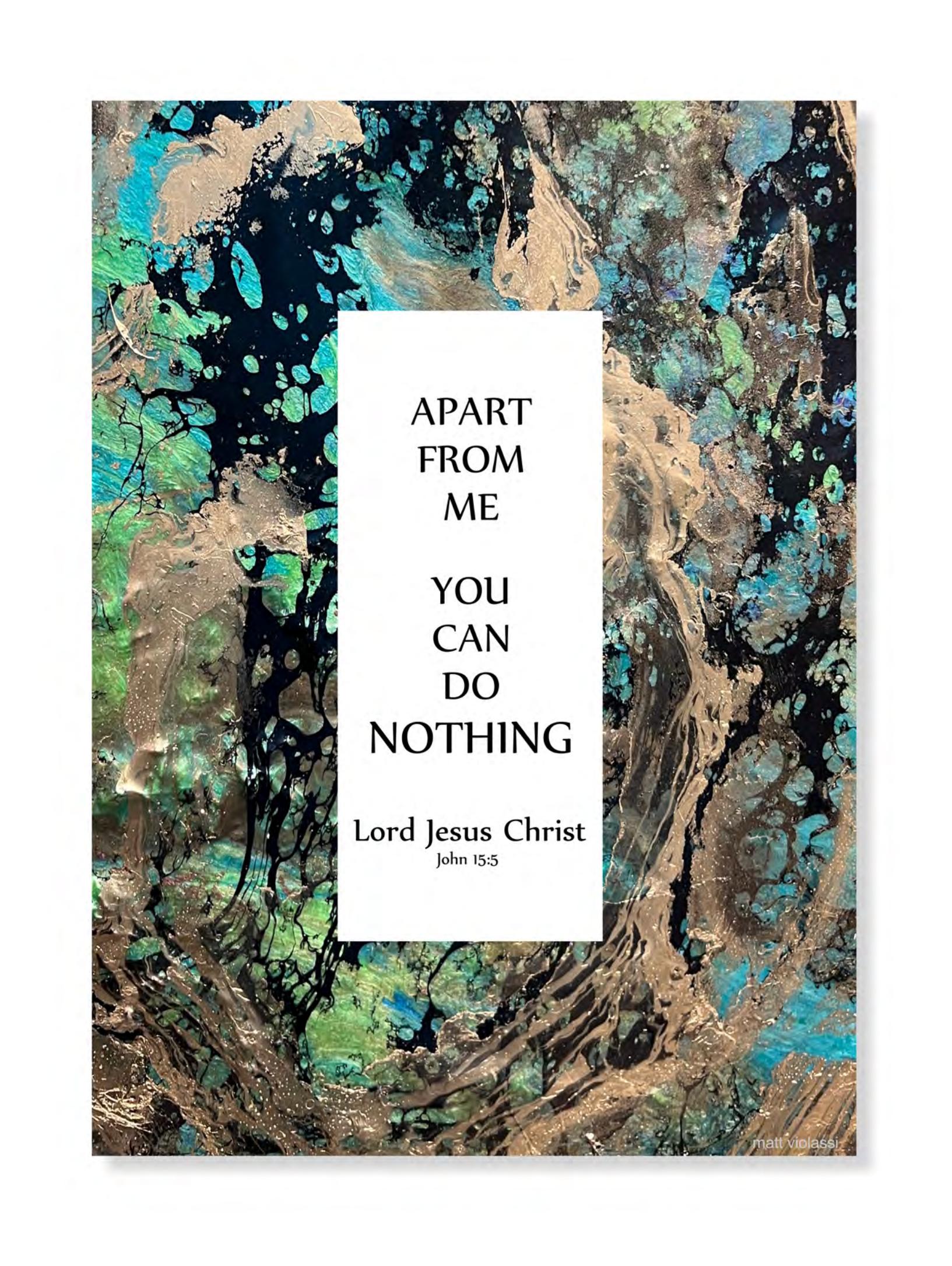
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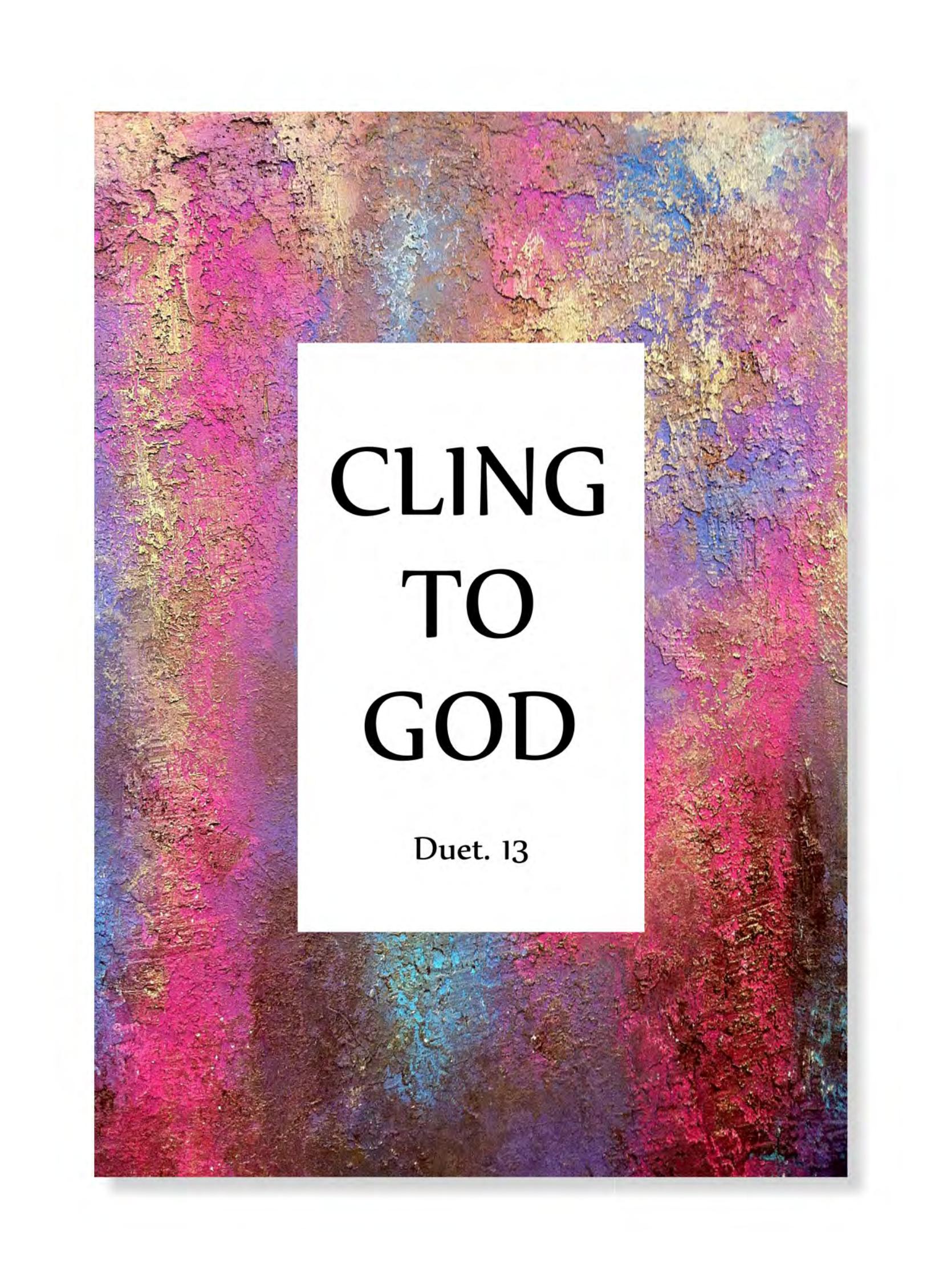
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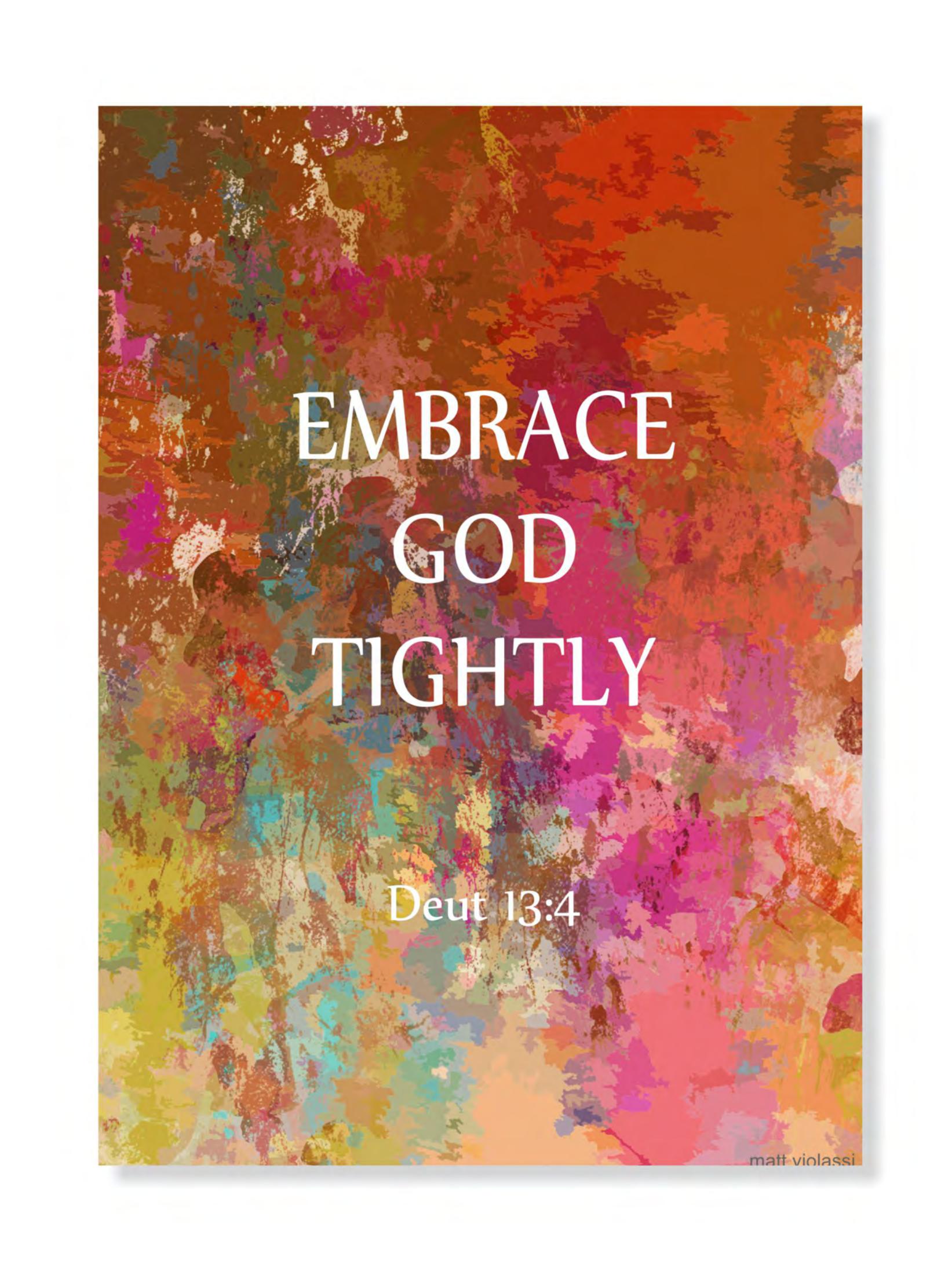
Lord Jesus Christ  
John 15:5

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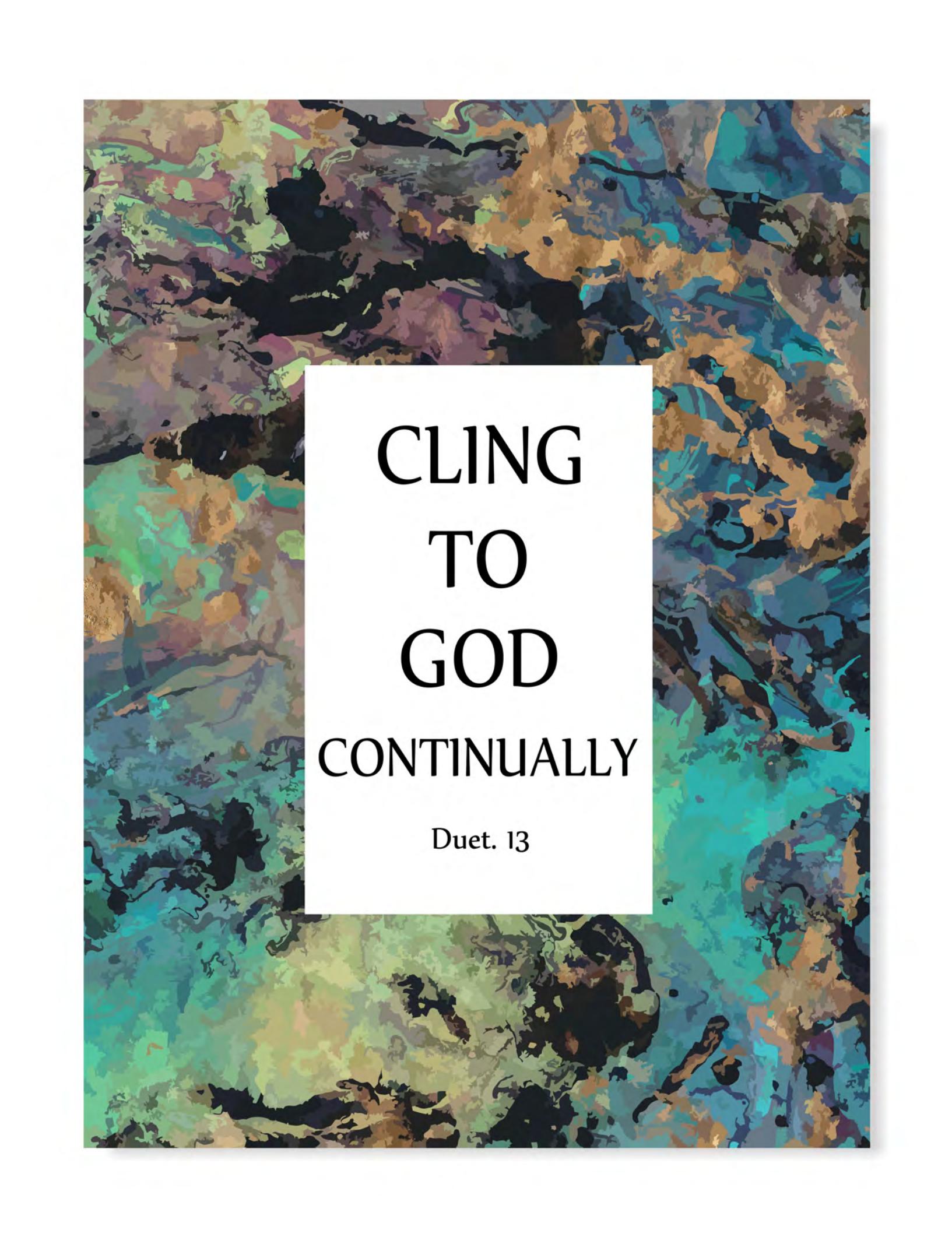
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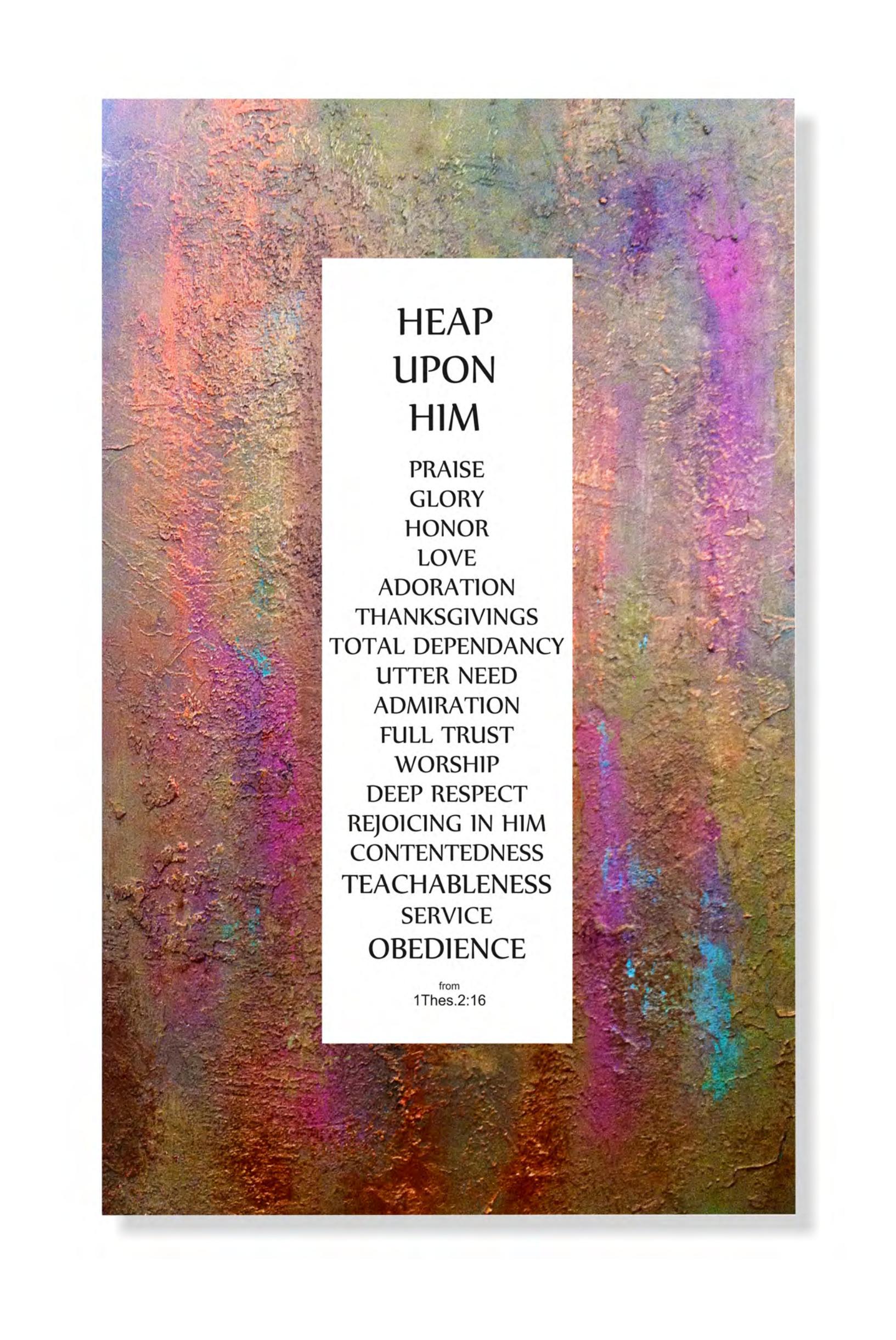
EMBRACE  
GOD  
TIGHTLY

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  
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from  
1Thes.2:16



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Hebrews 4:16

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The background of the image is a dark, textured surface with vertical streaks of light in various colors, including yellow, orange, red, green, blue, and purple, creating a sense of depth and movement.

# THRONE

Hebrews 4:16

# CLING

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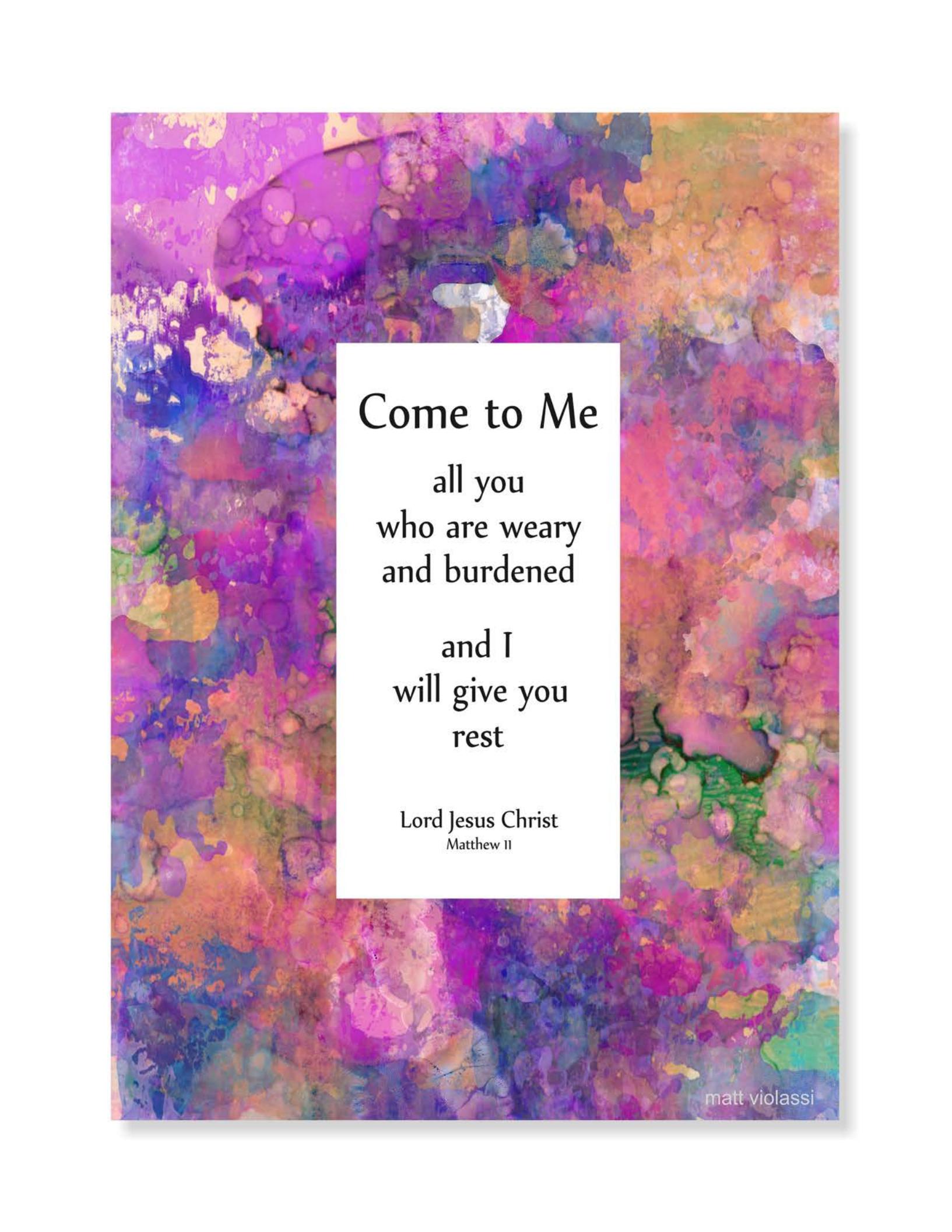
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**A BIG14:**



Come to Me

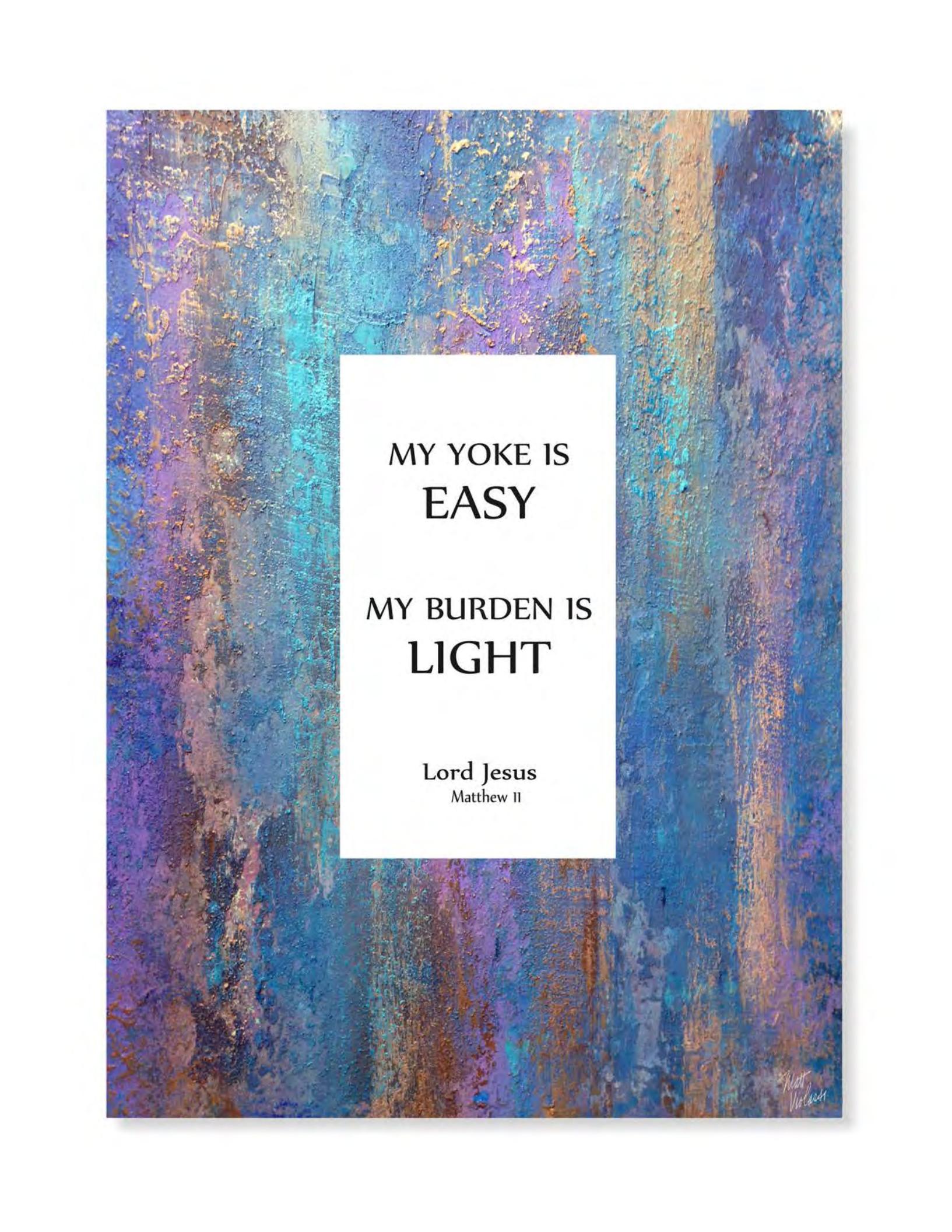
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who are weary  
and burdened

and I  
will give you  
rest

Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 11

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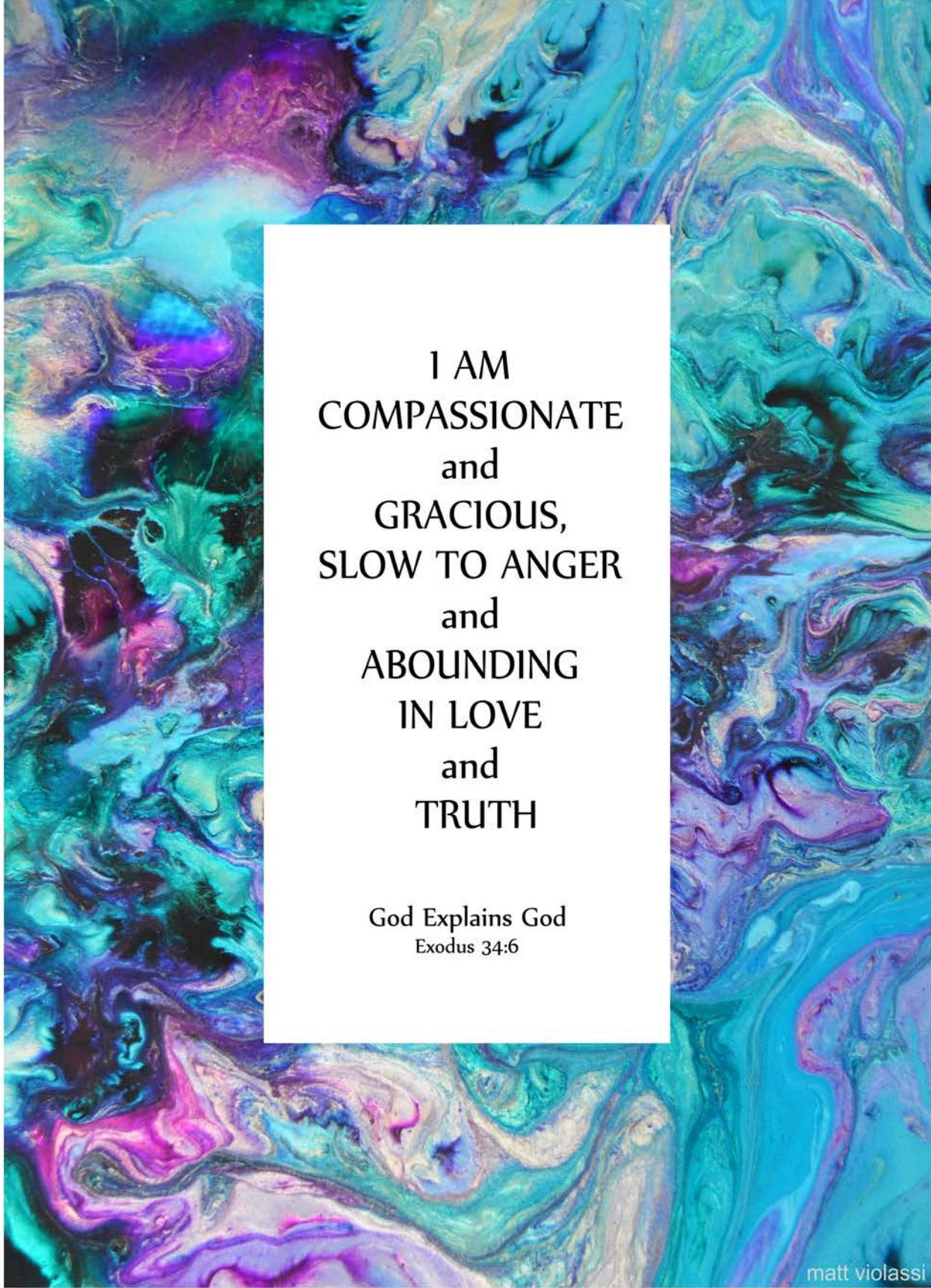


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MY BURDEN IS  
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Lord Jesus  
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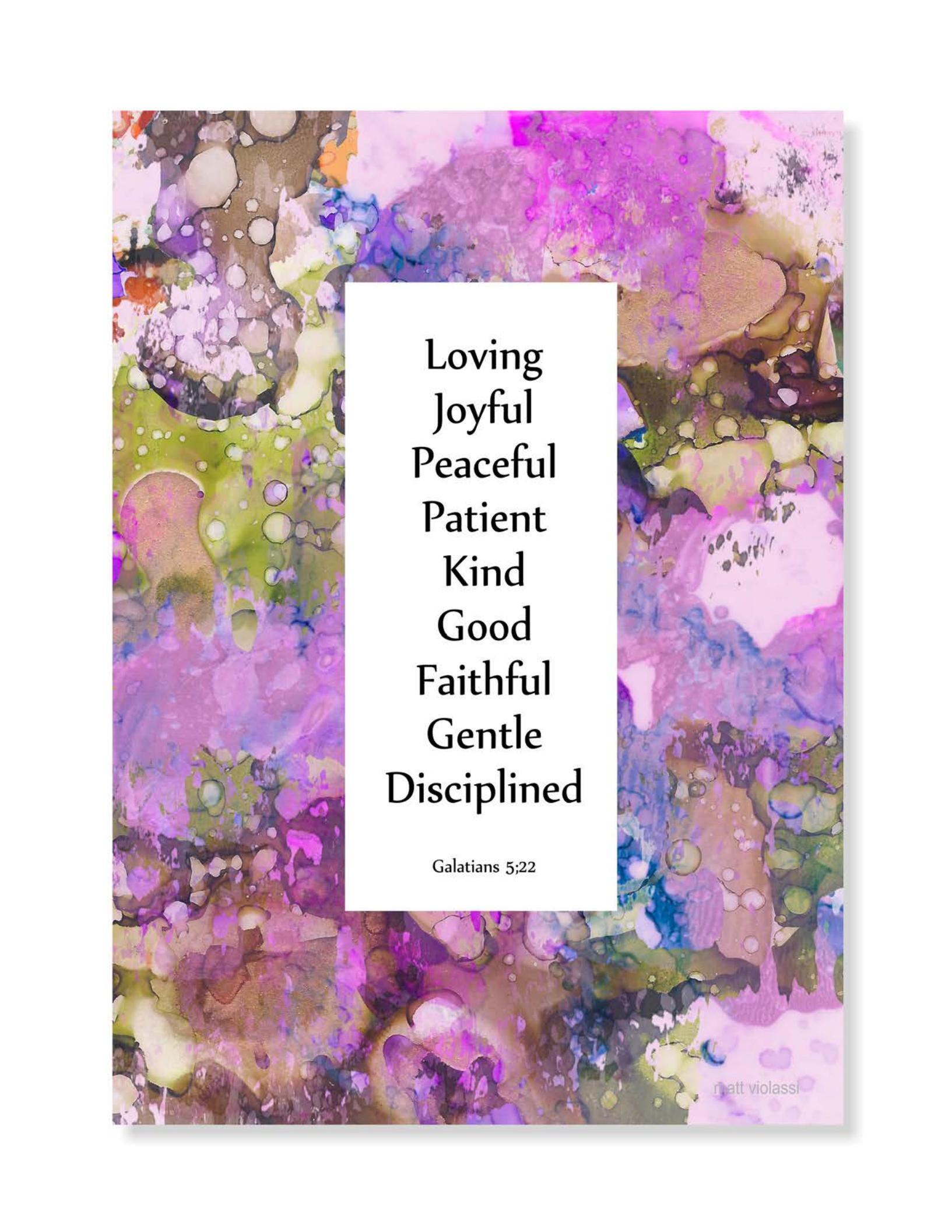
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I AM  
COMPASSIONATE  
and  
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SLOW TO ANGER  
and  
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IN LOVE  
and  
TRUTH

God Explains God  
Exodus 34:6

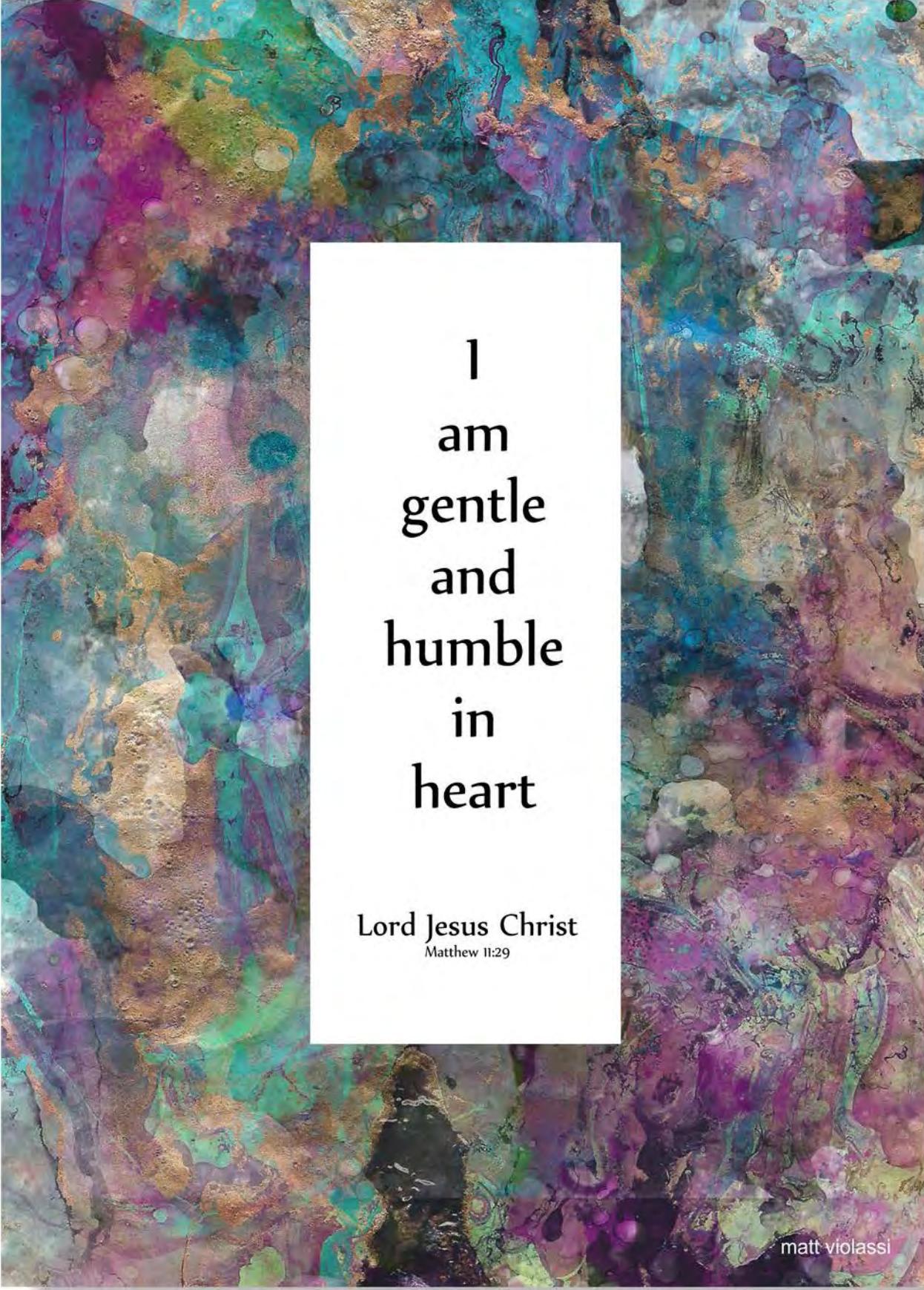
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Loving  
Joyful  
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Gentle  
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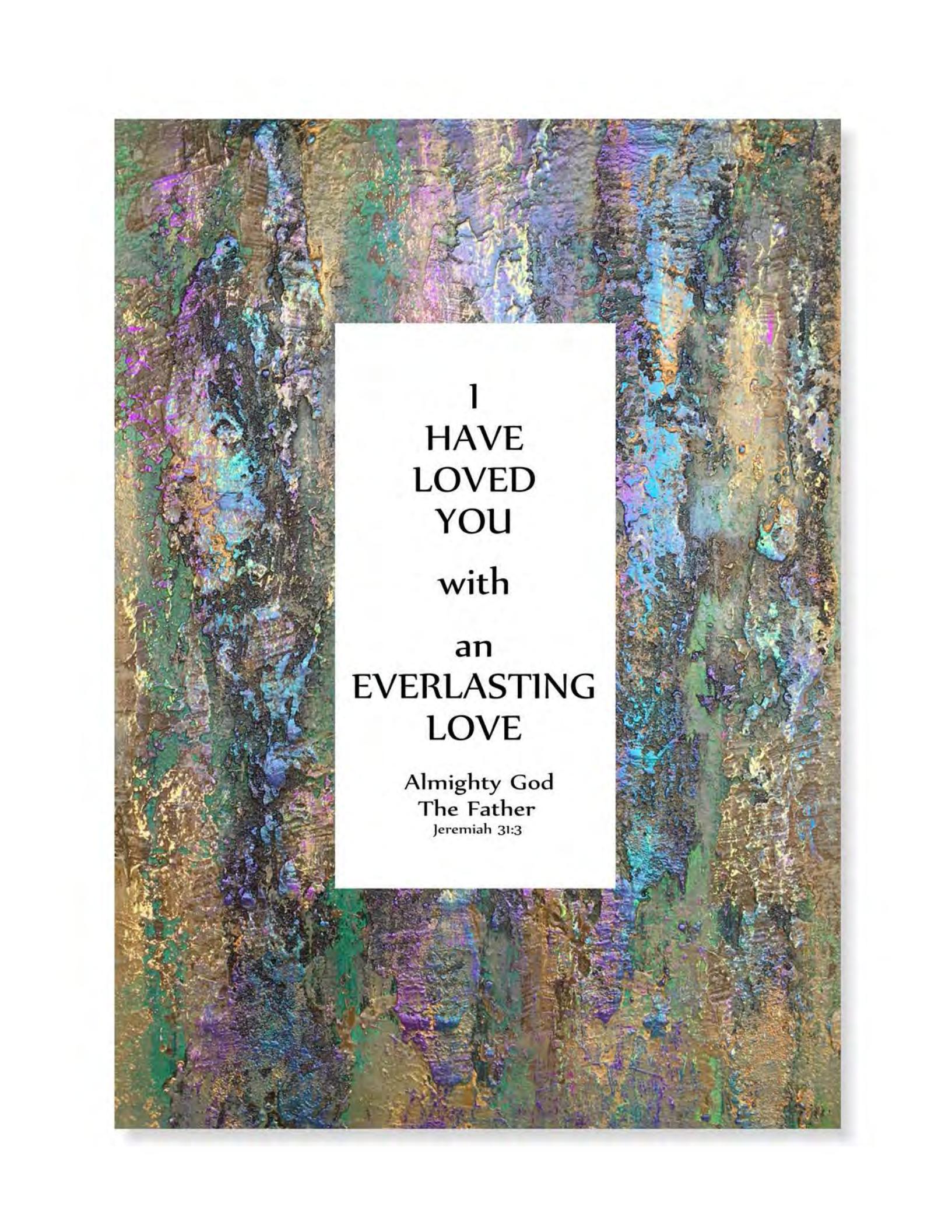
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I  
am  
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and  
humble  
in  
heart

Lord Jesus Christ  
Matthew 11:29

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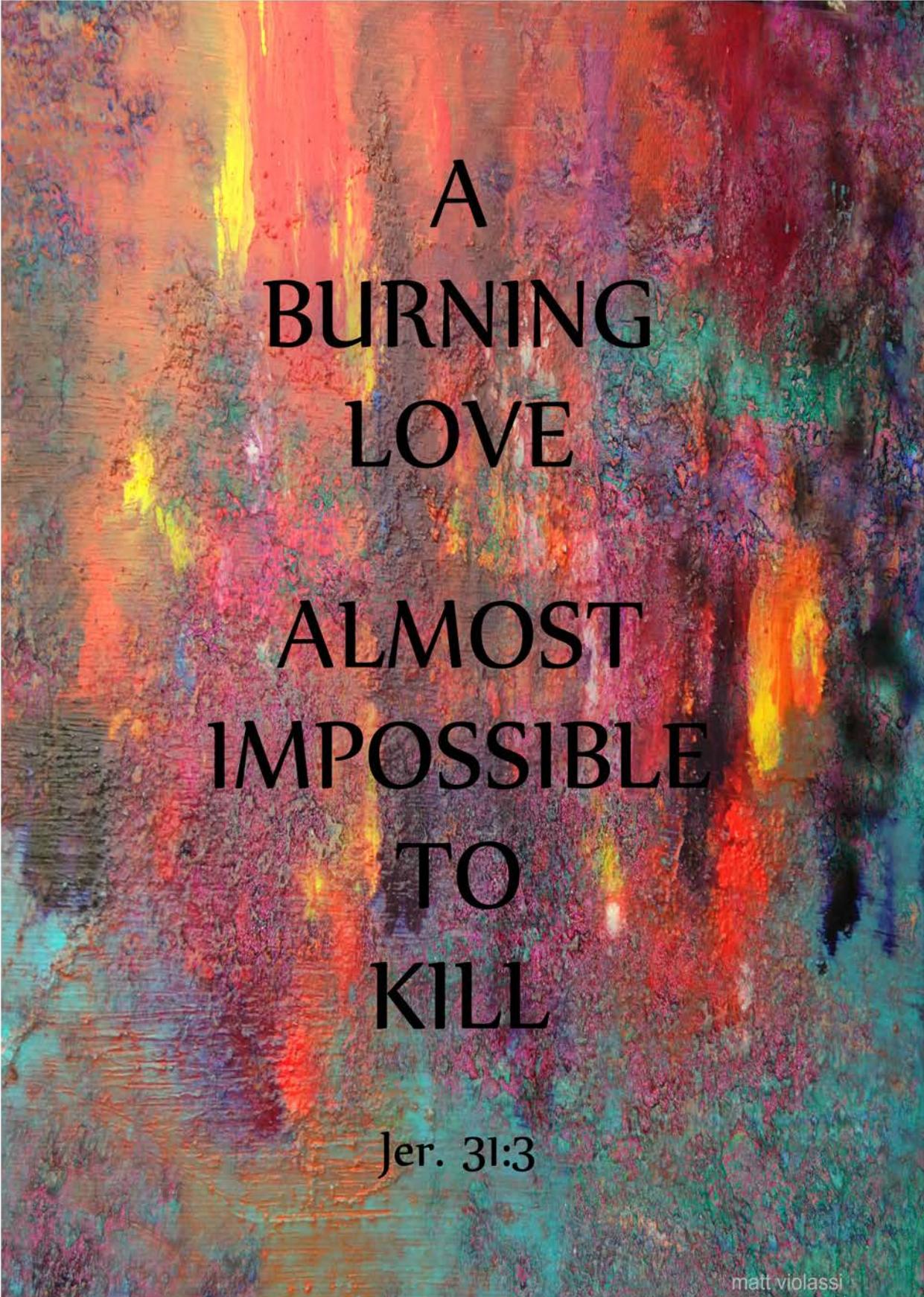
I  
HAVE  
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YOU  
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an  
EVERLASTING  
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Almighty God  
The Father  
Jeremiah 31:3



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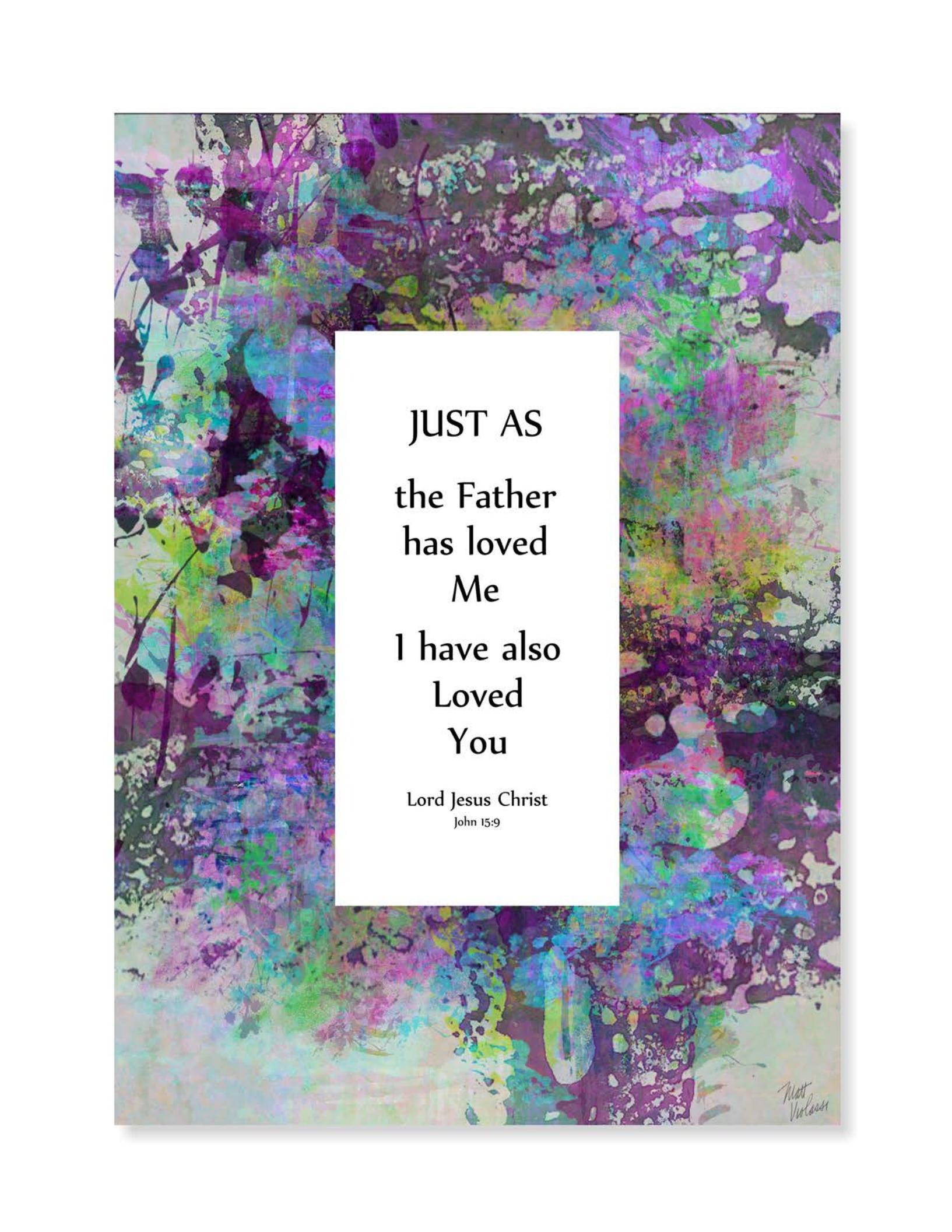
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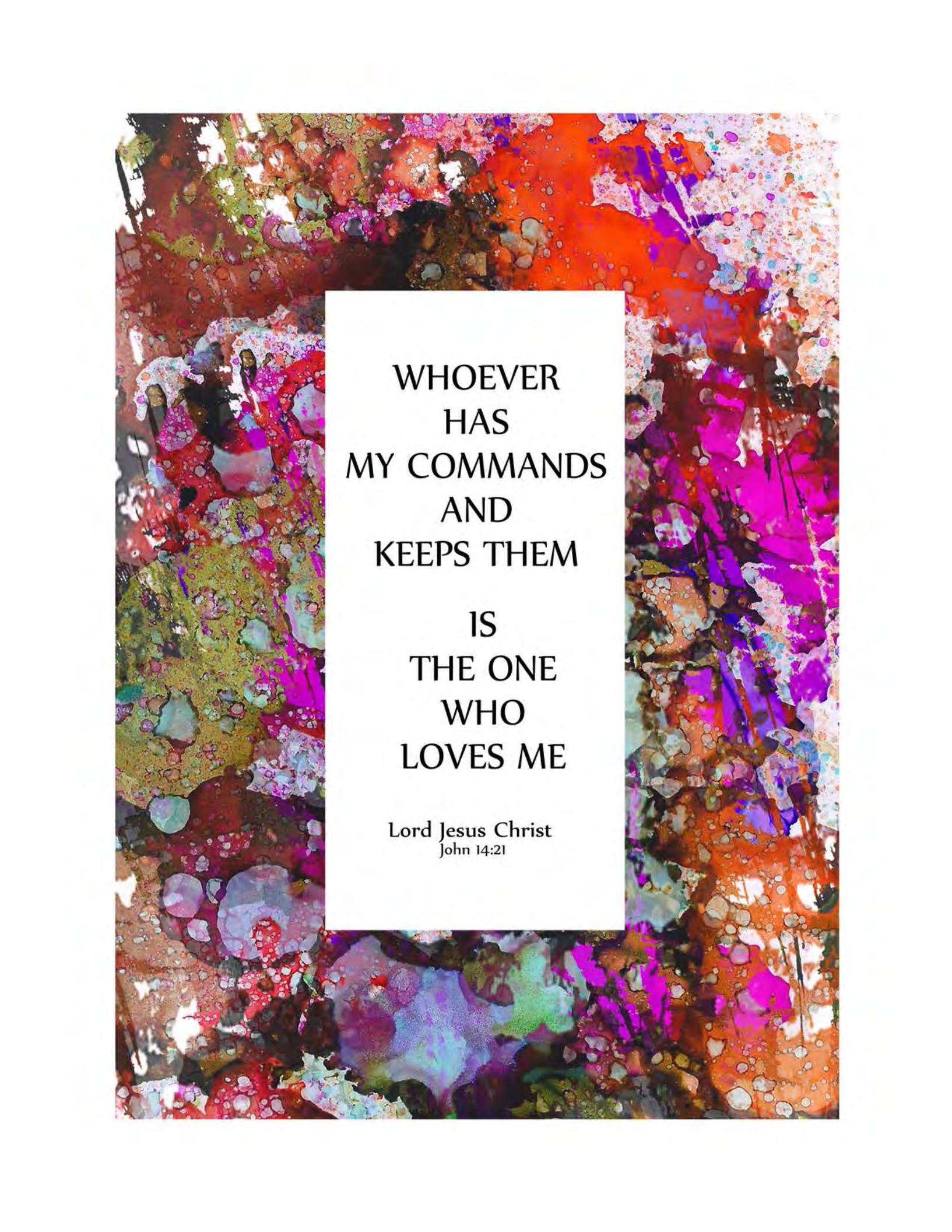
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JUST AS  
the Father  
has loved  
Me  
I have also  
Loved  
You

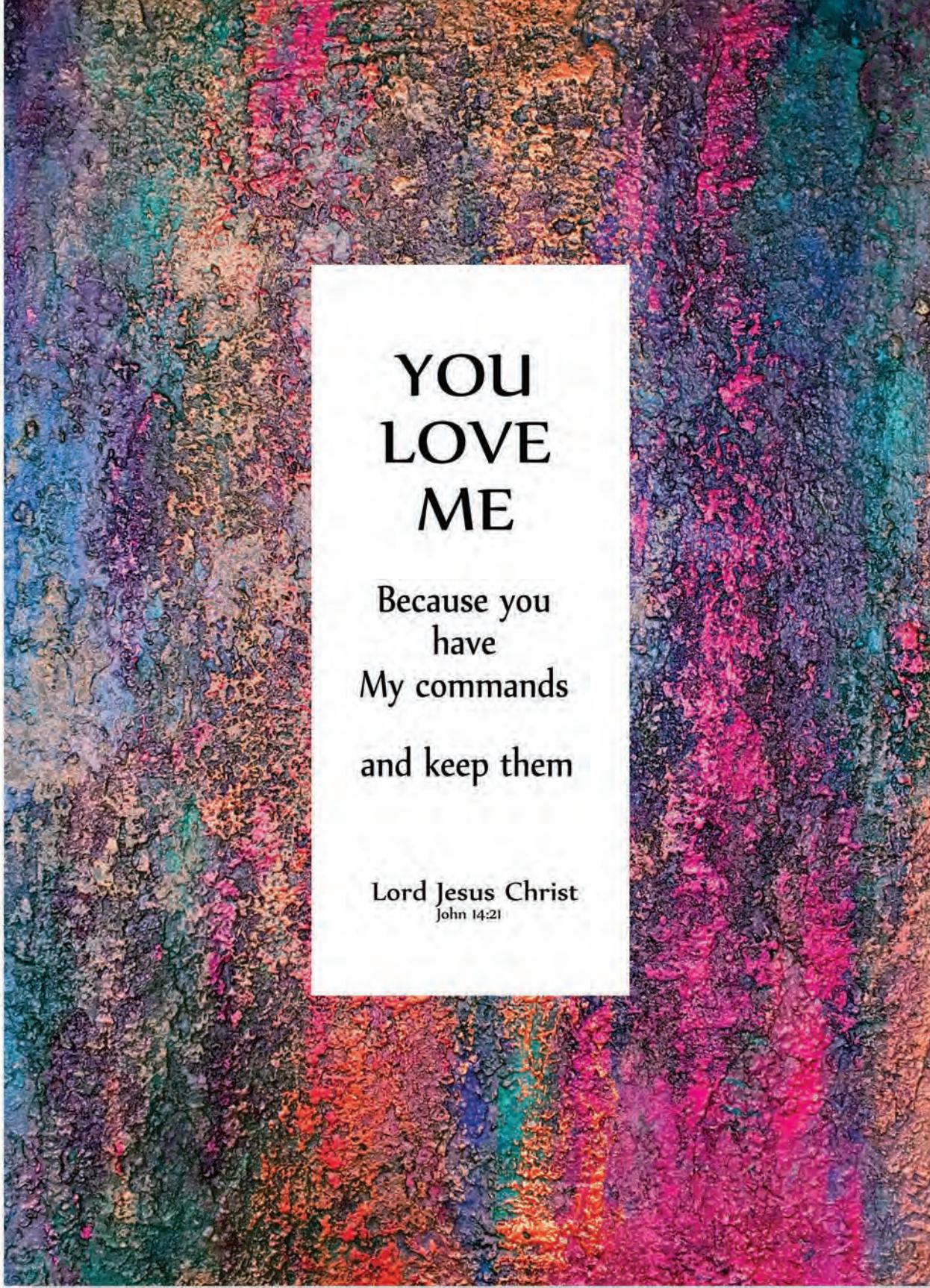
Lord Jesus Christ  
John 15:9

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WHOEVER  
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AND  
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IS  
THE ONE  
WHO  
LOVES ME

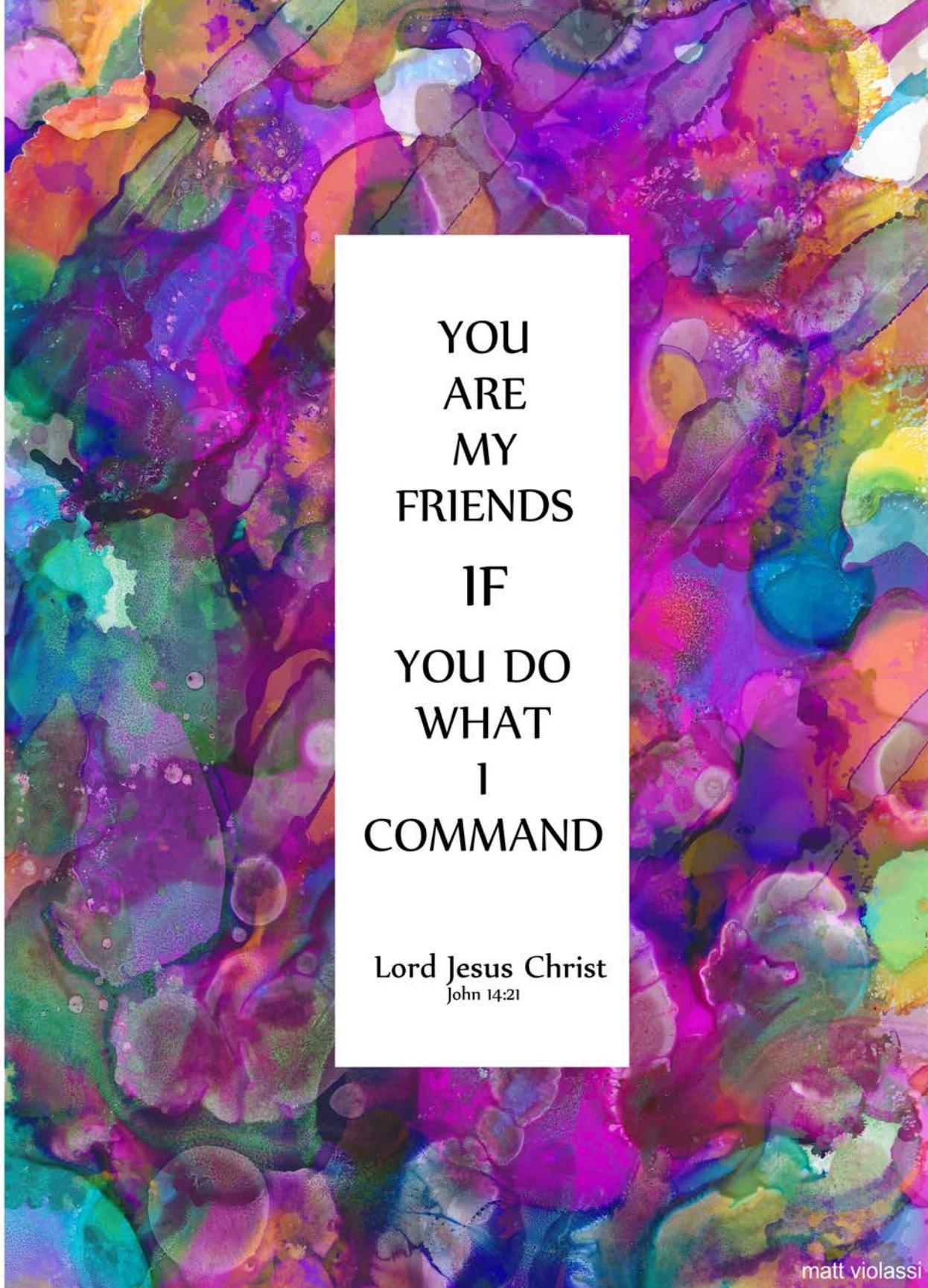
Lord Jesus Christ  
John 14:21



YOU  
LOVE  
ME

Because you  
have  
My commands  
and keep them

Lord Jesus Christ  
John 14:21



YOU  
ARE  
MY  
FRIENDS  
IF  
YOU DO  
WHAT  
I  
COMMAND

Lord Jesus Christ  
John 14:21

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YOU  
ARE  
MY  
FRIEND

BECAUSE  
YOU  
DO  
WHAT  
I  
COMMAND

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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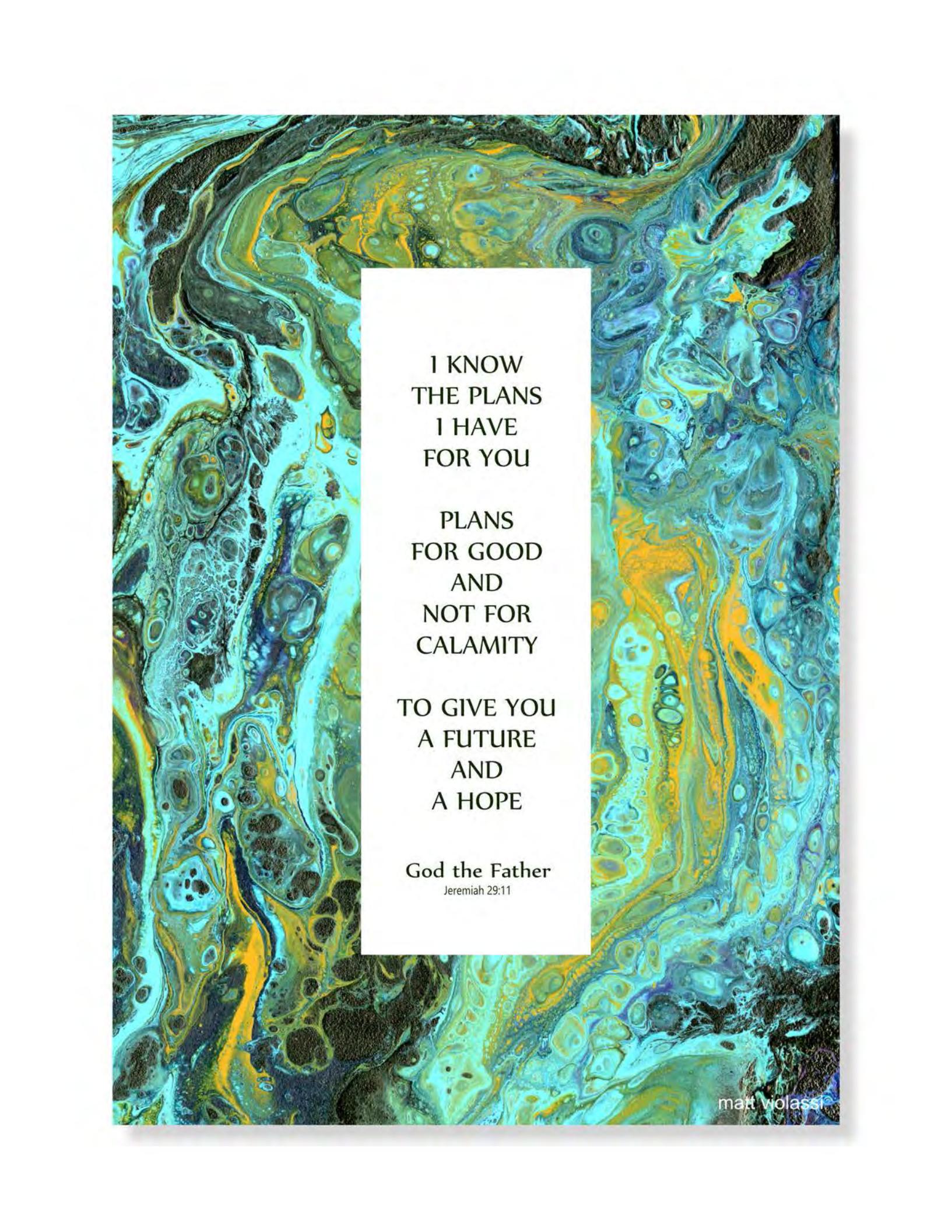
ASK  
AND YOU  
WILL  
RECEIVE

SO  
THAT  
YOUR JOY  
MAY BE  
FULL

Lord Jesus  
John 16:24

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I KNOW  
THE PLANS  
I HAVE  
FOR YOU

PLANS  
FOR GOOD  
AND  
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

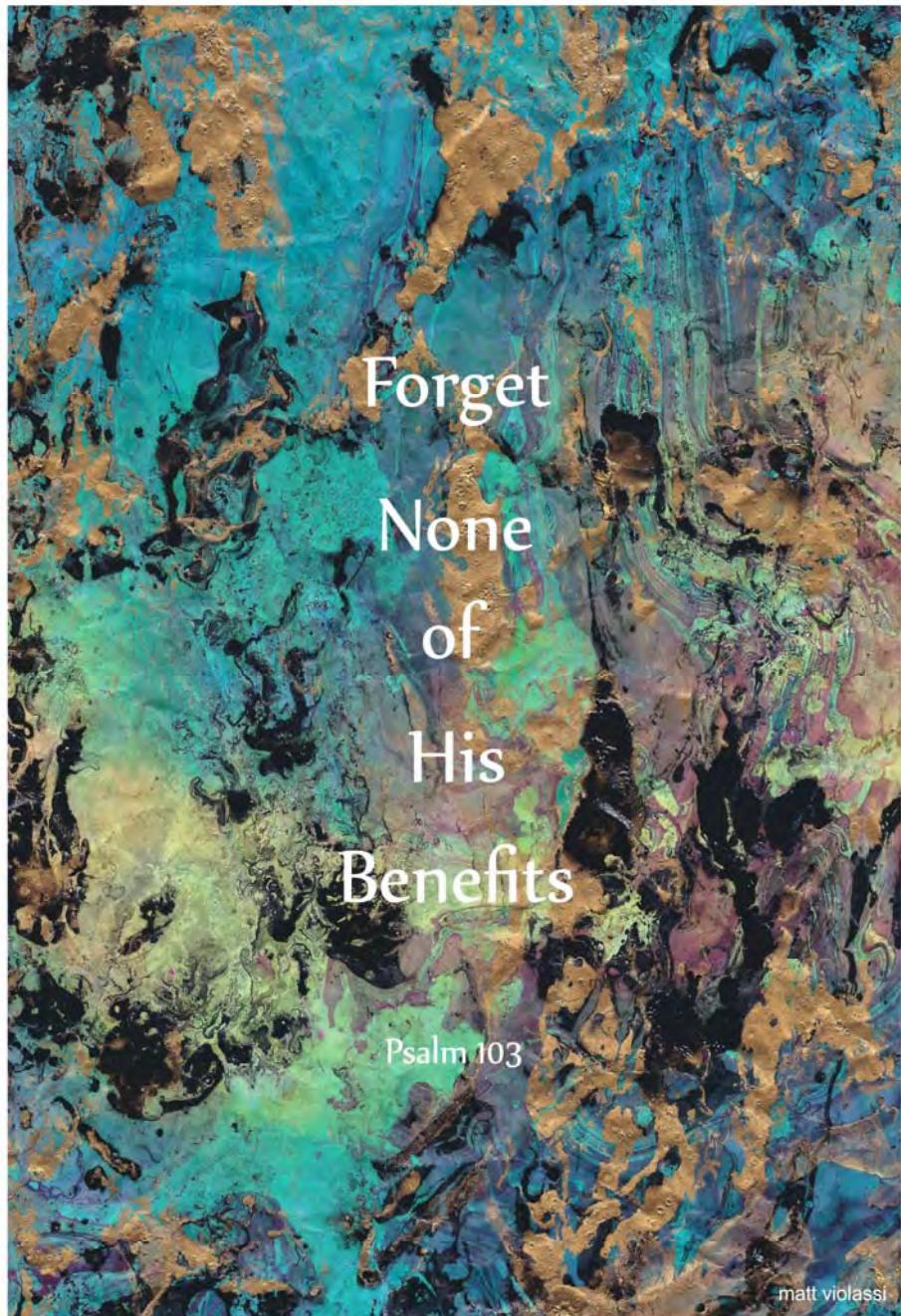


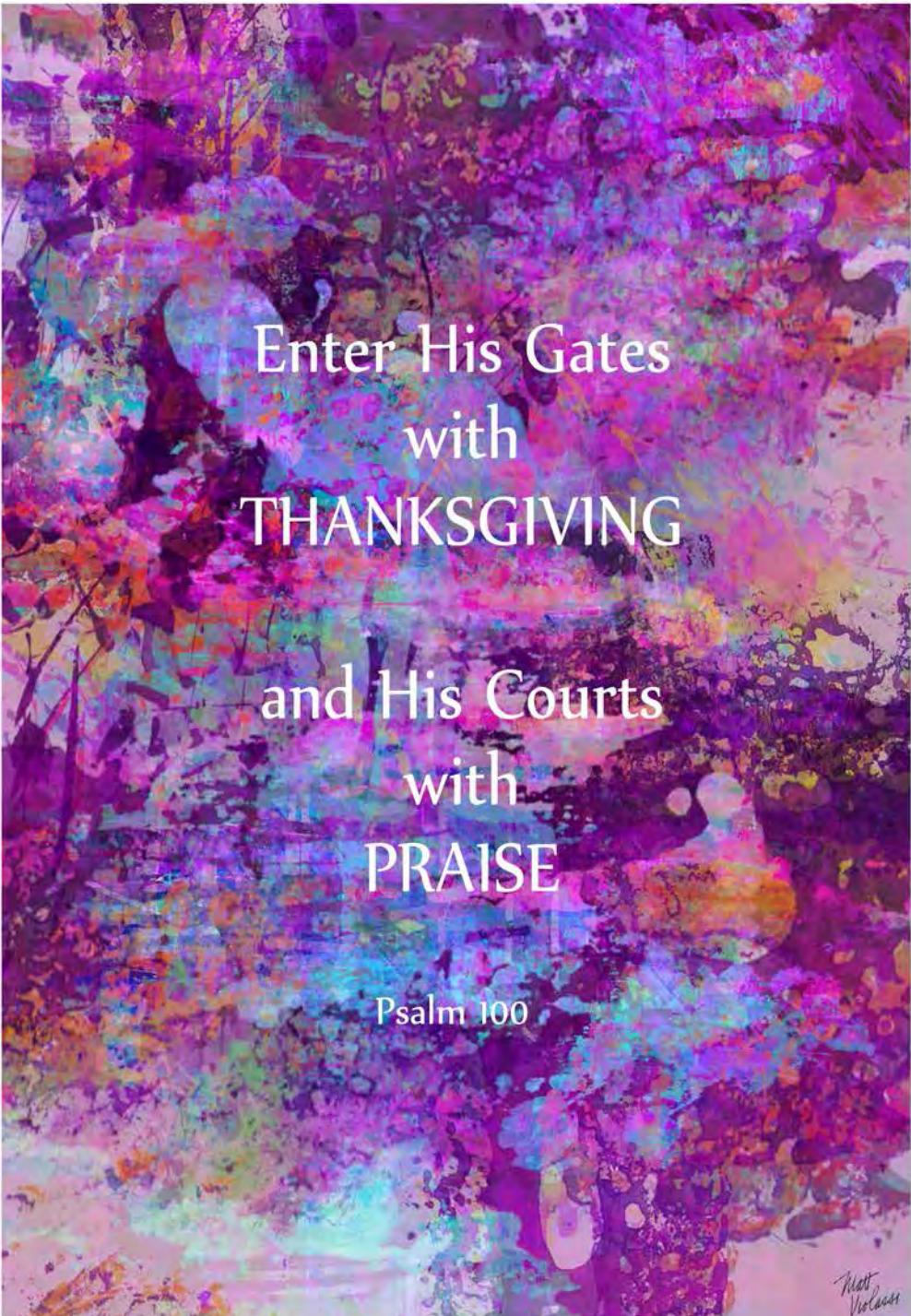
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Always  
give  
thanks  
for  
all  
things

Ephes. 5:20

Matt  
Holman





Enter His Gates  
with  
**THANKSGIVING**

and His Courts  
with  
**PRAISE**

Psalm 100

*Mark  
Wallace*

## 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.

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### 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 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)
- **Commodes 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 Gags 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.**