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Preface

This resource was developed in response to learning from families living with dementia, thanks to the support of the Van Den Bosch Gospel Foundation.

Special thanks to Dan Hettinger for sharing the insight that within the number 52 there is a rhythm of God's work that encourages and focuses our walk with him, so we see Him do accelerated and miraculous achievements in and through us, as he did with Nehemiah in 52 days.

The devotions follow the pattern of creation-fall-redemption-restoration, with some other prayers mixed in as well. Each verse is paired with a response—a “Vertical Habit”. Thanks to the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for the use of this concept and the icons. Words and pictures are paired to support wonder, enjoyment, praise, lament, confession, listening, asking for help, and loving the Lord in brief, simple reflection.

How to use this devotional

- Leave it open, with the picture and words available throughout the day (or longer).
- As meaning can sometimes be lost in too many words, enjoy the truth, hope, and guidance that God puts into the few words on each page.
- The pictures are meant to help in noticing meaning and engaging in the Scripture. Notice what the image itself reveals to you and causes you to pray about.
- One “Vertical Habit” is used with each verse, providing you with a way to respond to the words in conversation with God. They are written with extreme brevity, but not meant to be harsh commands.
- Icons are used with the “Vertical Habits” to demonstrate the kind of heart-posture in the response. Take that as a cue for your prayer to God.

The Vertical Habits



“I love you, God” (Praise)



“I’m sorry, God” (Confession)



“Why, God?” (Lament)



“I’m Listening, God” (Prayer of illumination)



“God, Help!” (Petition)



“Thank you, God” (Thanksgiving)



“What can I do, God?” (Service)



“Bless you, God” (Blessing)

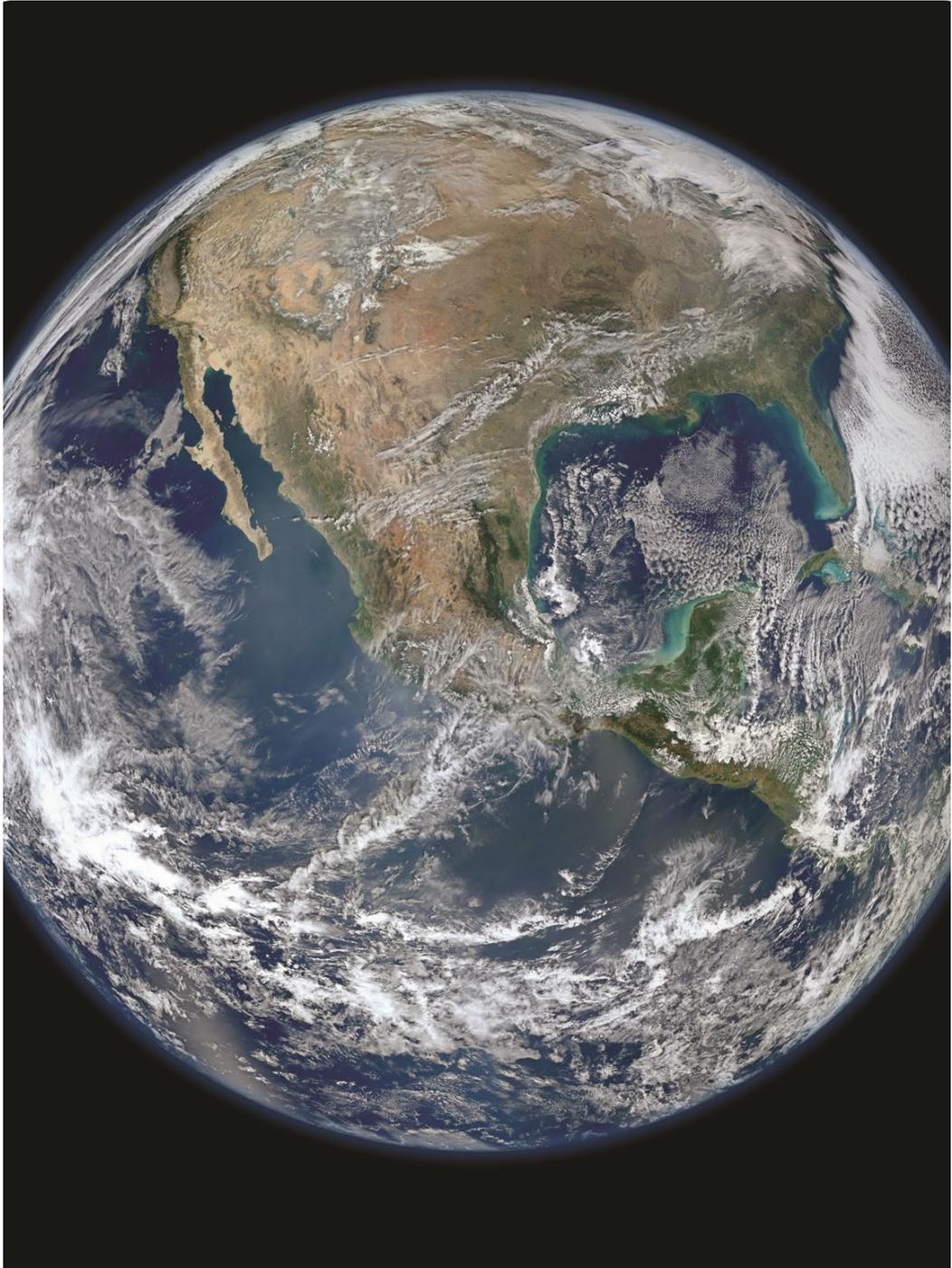
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May the glory of the LORD
continue forever; may the
LORD be happy with what
he has made.

-Psalm 104:31



Bless God!



2

LORD my God, help me.
Save me because of your
faithful love.

-Psalm 109:26



Ask God for
help.



I am always with you;
you hold me by my right
hand.

-Psalm 73:23



Thank your
support.



4

He will wipe every tear
from their eyes. There will
be no more death or
mourning or crying or pain.

-Revelation 21:4



Thank God!



The oceans are full of water.
In the same way, the earth
will be filled with the
knowledge of the Lord.

-Isaiah 11:8



Listen for God.



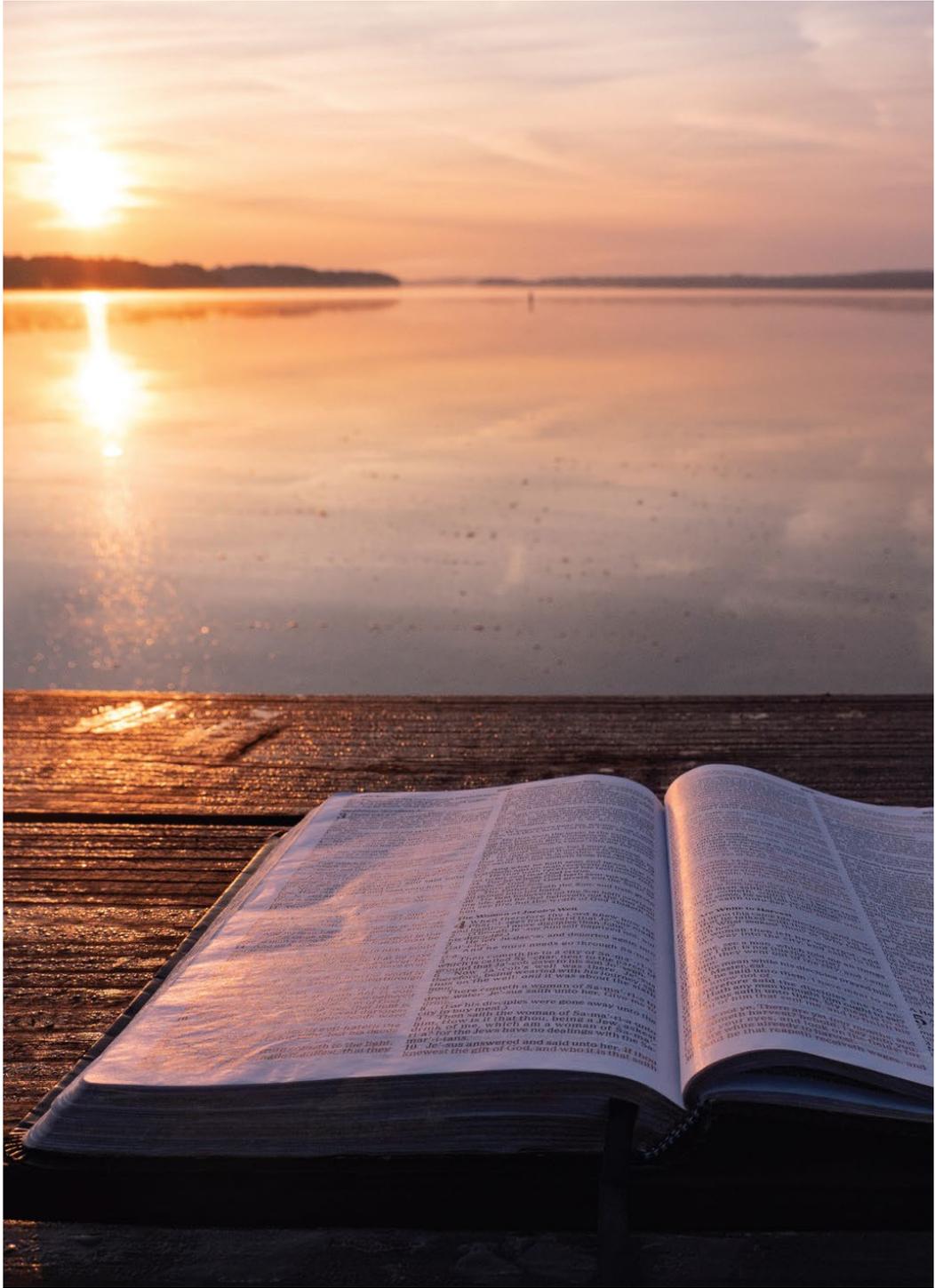
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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

-John 1:1



Bless God!



7

All that God created has
been groaning...in pain.

-Romans 8:22



Ask God
“Why?”



Jesus took the five loaves
and the two fish...looked up
to heaven and gave thanks.

-Luke 9:16



Share what you
have.



The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

-John 1:5



Listen to God.



We know that in all things,
God works for the good of
those who love him.

-Romans 8:28



Thank God!



God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself.

-Genesis 1:27



Create good things.



I groan out loud because of
my suffering.

-Psalm 102:5



Groan to God.



This happened so that the works of God might be displayed.

-John 9:3



Ask God to do a work.



True worshipers will
worship the Father in the
Spirit and in truth.

-John 4:23



Praise God!



The heavens were made
when the Lord commanded
it to happen. All the stars
were created by the breath
of his mouth.

-Psalm 33:6



Marvel at God.



I am weak and feel as if I've been broken.

-Psalm 38:8



Cry to God.



Pay attention to the laws of the Lord your God...He will keep his covenant of love with you.

-Deuteronomy 7:12



Listen to
God.



Strive for full restoration,
encourage one another, be
of one mind, live in peace.

-2 Corinthians 13:11



Encourage
someone.



I know my redeemer lives.
In the end he will stand on
the earth.

-Job 18:25



Praise your
redeemer!



The Lord himself will go ahead of you.

-Deuteronomy 31:8



Thank God!



Be strong and very brave.
Make sure you obey the
whole law my servant
Moses gave you.

-Joshua 1:7



Listen to God.



We have been set free
because of what Christ has
done.

-Ephesians 1:7



Thank Jesus!



It is God's word. It is really at work in you who believe.

-1 Thessalonians 2:13



Bless God's word.



The Lord God made every kind of tree grow out of the ground. The trees were pleasing to look at.

-Genesis 2:9



Thank the
Creator.



He will comfort us when we are working...We have to work hard because the Lord put a curse on the ground.

-Genesis 5:28



Work for God.



I have come to get sinners
to turn away from their
sins.

-Luke 5:32



Say “Sorry”
to God.



All the believers were together. They shared everything they had.

-Acts 2:44



Serve by
sharing.



I think about what your
fingers have created...the
moon and stars that you
have set in place.

-Psalm 8:3



Praise the
Creator.

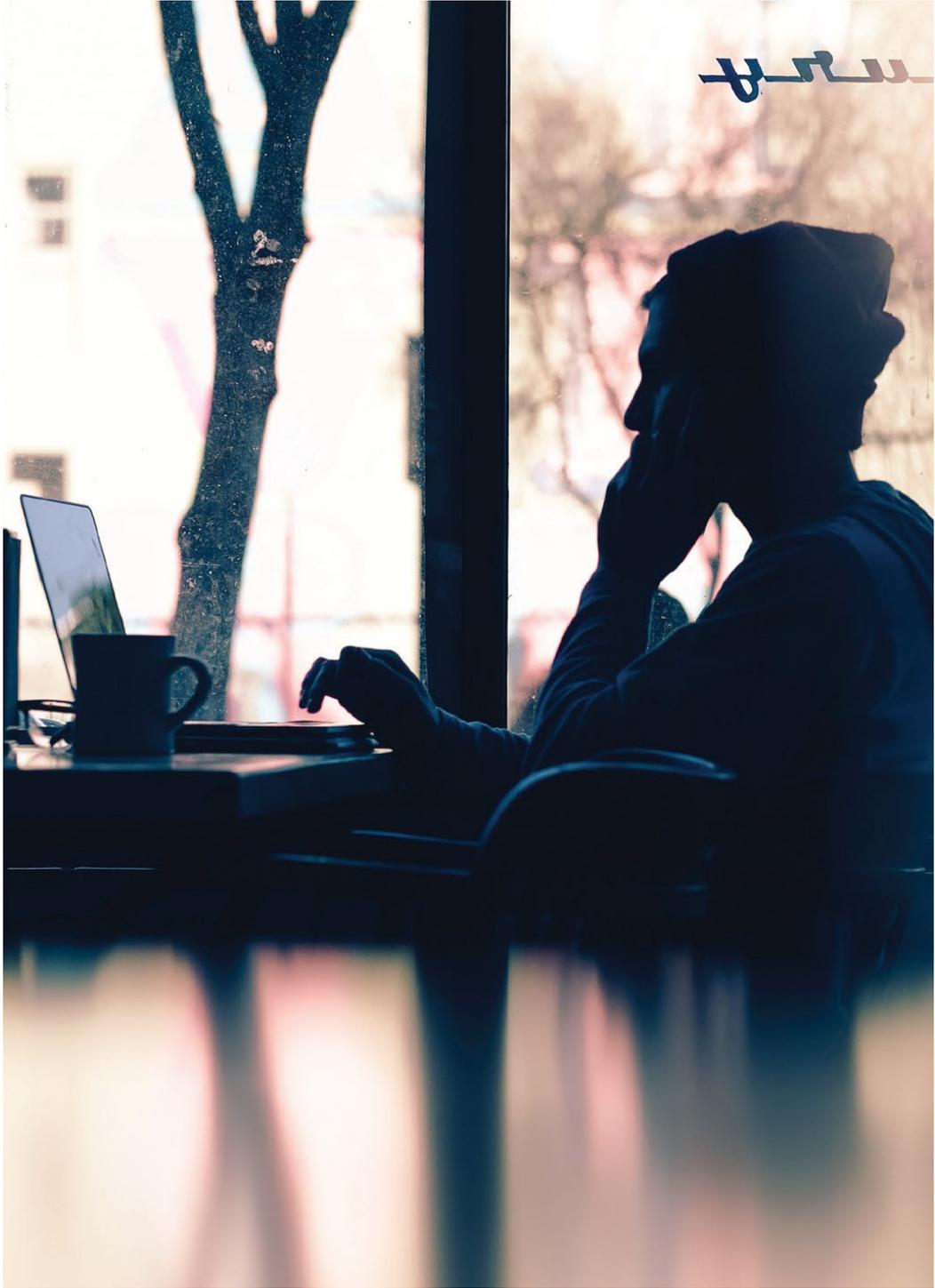


The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them.

-Luke 19:10



Bless the
Savior.



God gave us his Spirit. And the Spirit doesn't make us weak and fearful. Instead, the Spirit gives us power and love.

-2 Timothy 1:7



Thank the
Holy Spirit.



Your Father knows what you need even before you ask him.

-Matthew 6:8



Ask God for what you need.



Our Father in heaven,
may your name be
honored.

-Matthew 6:9



Bless God's
Name.



May your kingdom come.
May what you want to
happen be done on earth
as it is done in heaven.

-Matthew 6:10



Bless God's
Kingdom.



Give us today our daily bread.

-Matthew 6:11



Ask God for daily needs.



LORD, be true to your
name. Forgive my sin,
even though it is great.

-Psalm 25:11



Say sorry.



Keep us from sinning when we are tempted. Save us from the evil one.

-Matthew 6:13



Ask for God's
salvation.



He is the living God.

He will live forever.

His kingdom will ...never
end.

-Daniel 6:26



Praise the King!



He sets people free and saves them. He does miraculous signs and wonders...in the heavens and on the earth.

-Daniel 6:27



Listen to what God does.

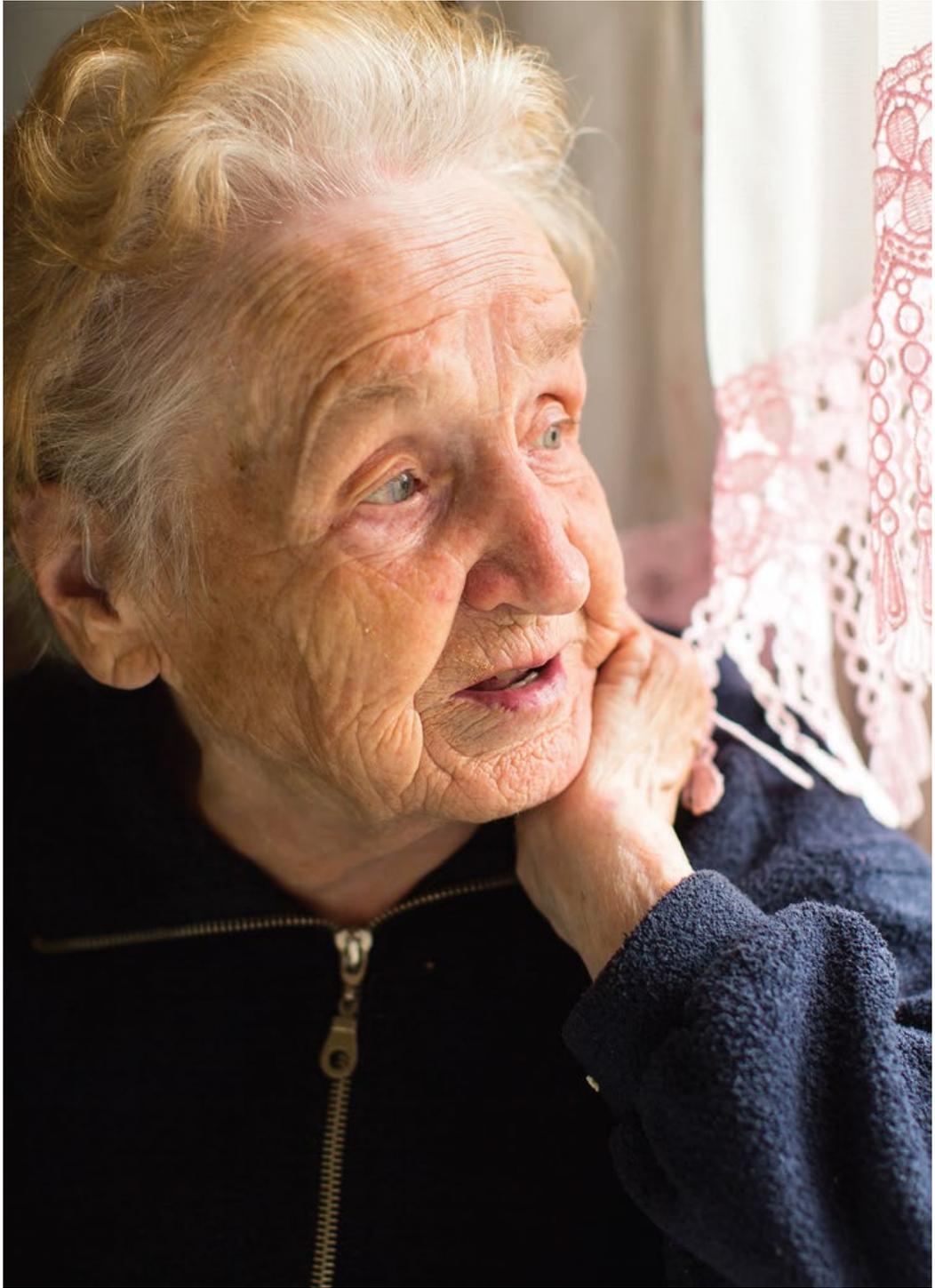


Lord, you rule over all.
Please see how I'm
suffering! Show concern for
me! Don't forget about me!

-1 Samuel 1:11



Ask God about
what hurts.



As the Lord approached
...there was only a gentle
whisper.

-I Kings 19:11-12



Listen to His
whisper.



You are worried and upset about many things. But few things are needed. Really, only one thing is needed.

-Luke 10:41-42



Tell God your worries.



Forgive us our sins, just as
we also have forgiven those
who sin against us.

-Matthew 6:12



Say “sorry” and
forgive.



All those who lift themselves up will be made humble. And those who make themselves humble will be lifted up.

-Luke 18:14



Bless Jesus.

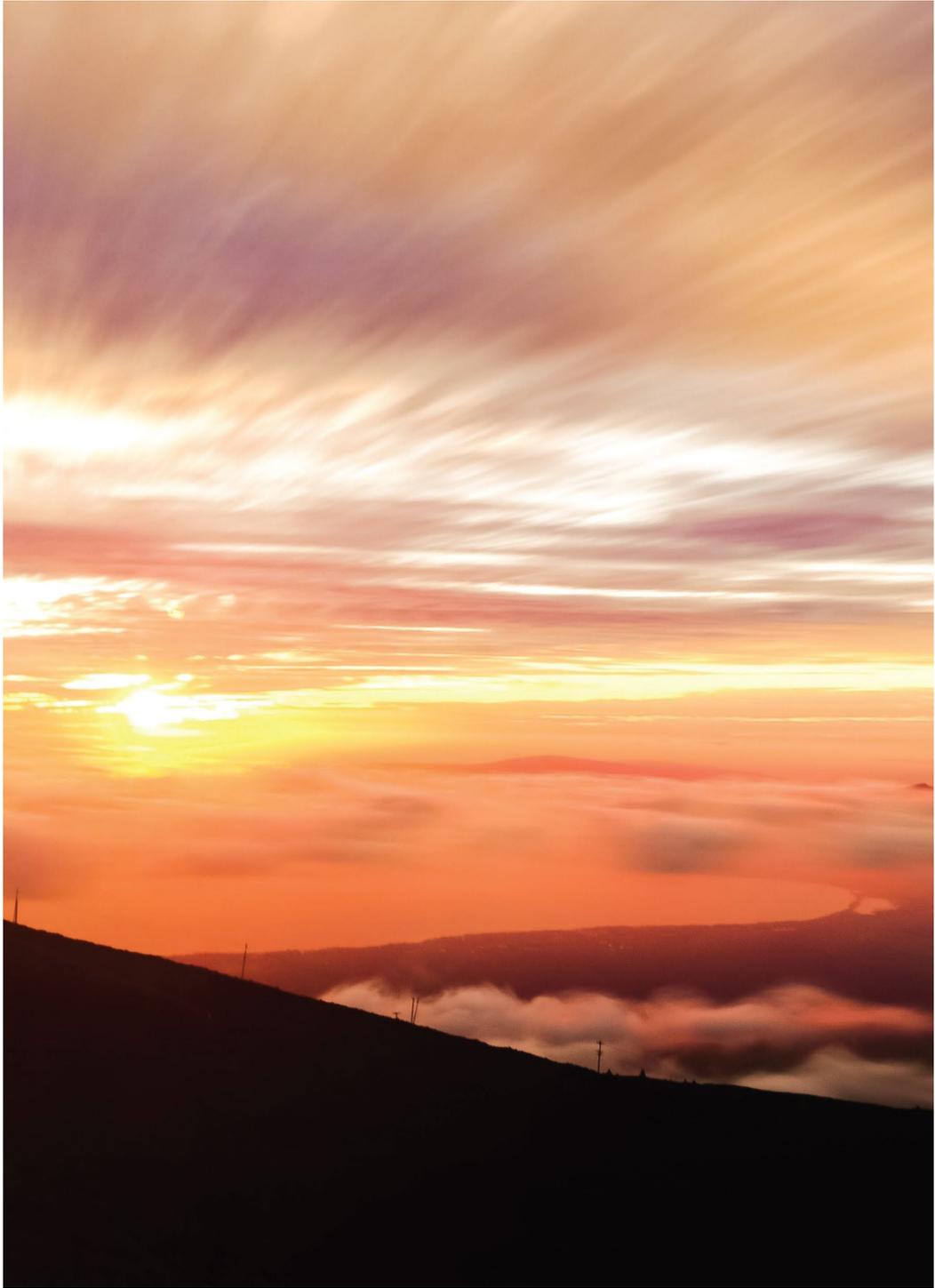


God said, “Let there be light.” And there was light.

-Genesis 1:3



Praise the Light
of life.



The mind ruled by the power of sin is at war with God. It does not obey God's law. It can't.

-Romans 8:7



Ask God into
your mind.

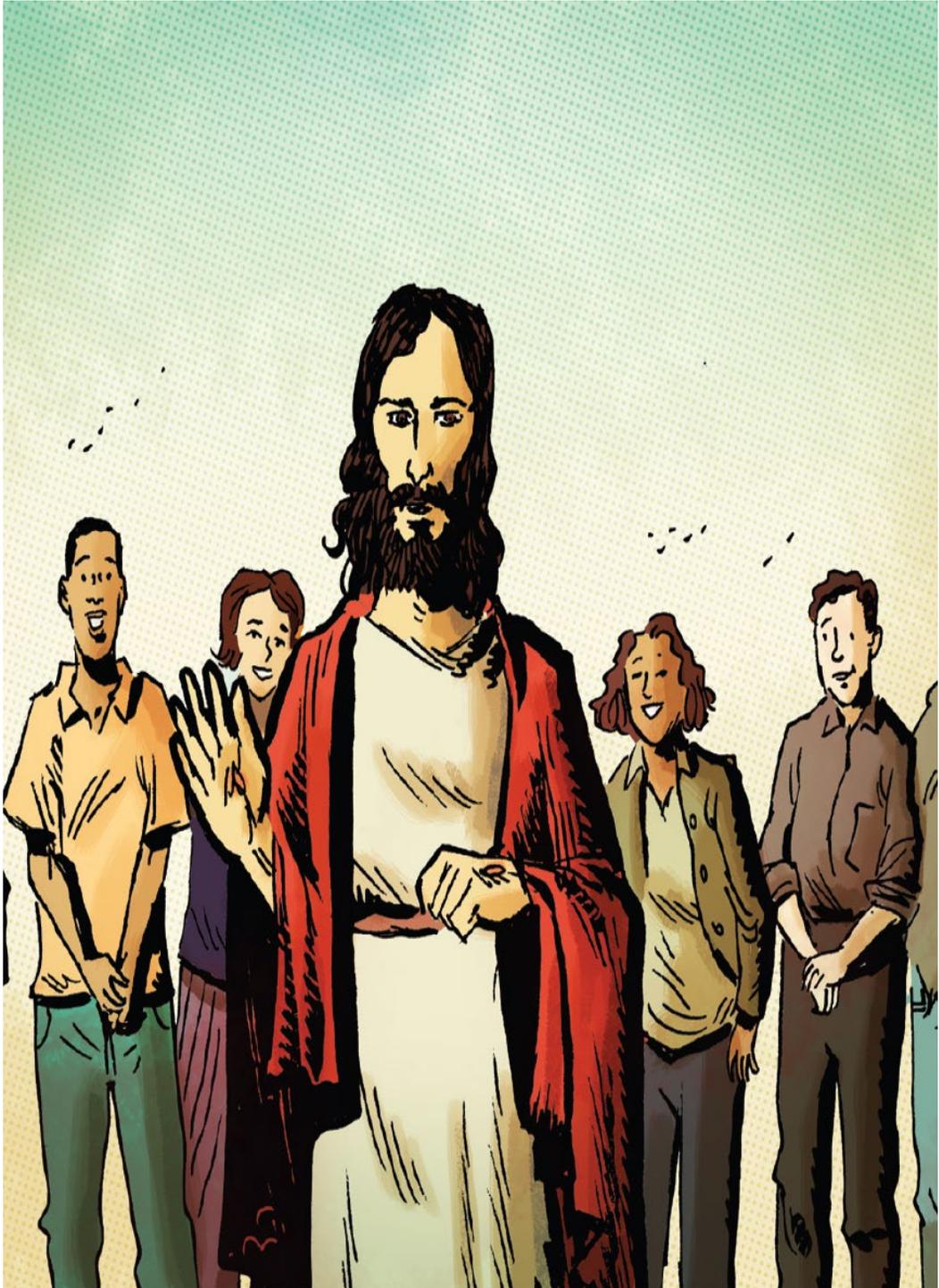


Jesus ...felt deep concern
for them... so he began
teaching them many things.

-Mark 6:34



Listen to Jesus'
teaching.



I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet. So
you also should wash one
another's feet.

-John 13:14



Help others.

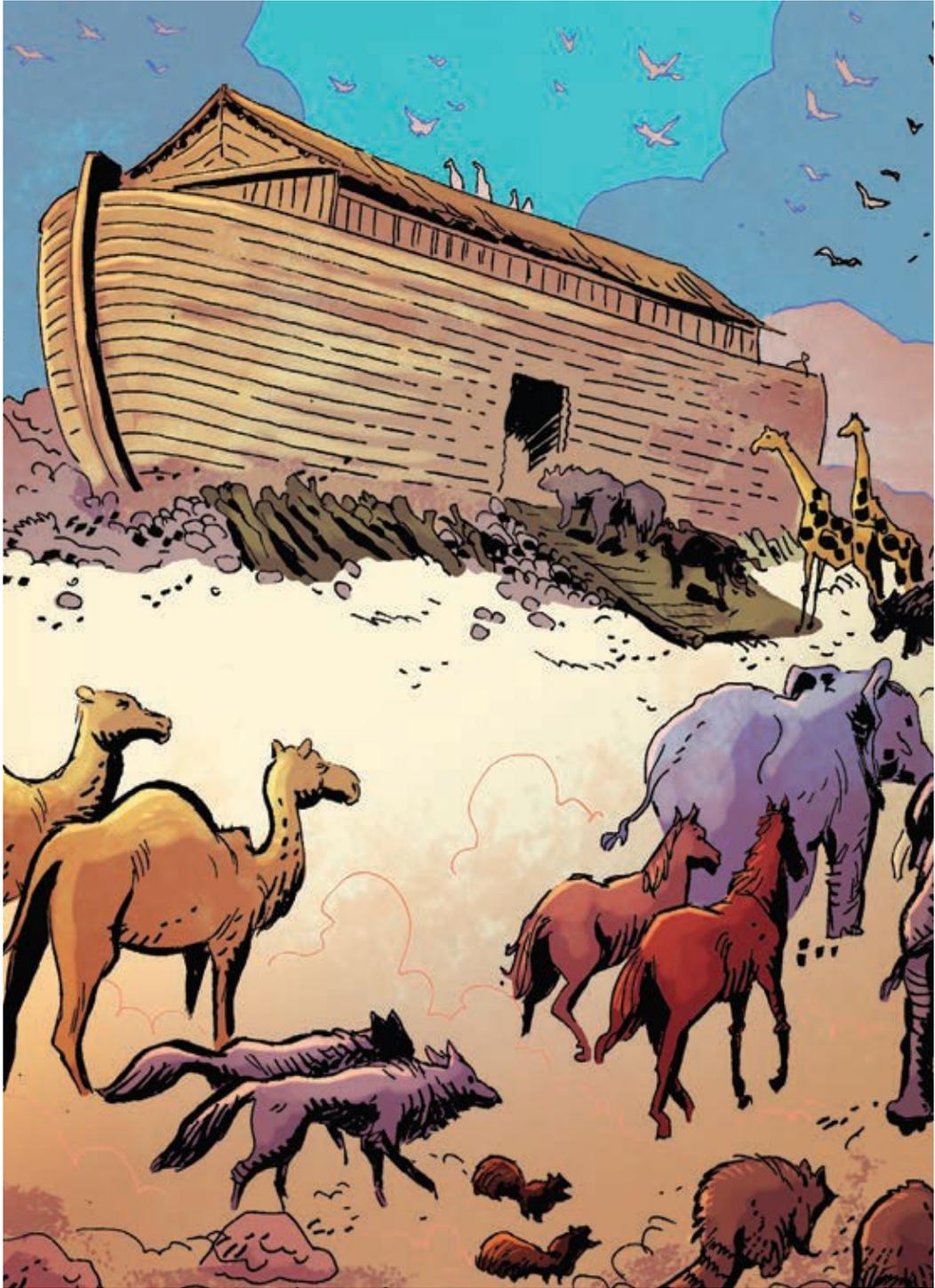


All things were made
through him.

-John 1:3



Praise the
Creator.

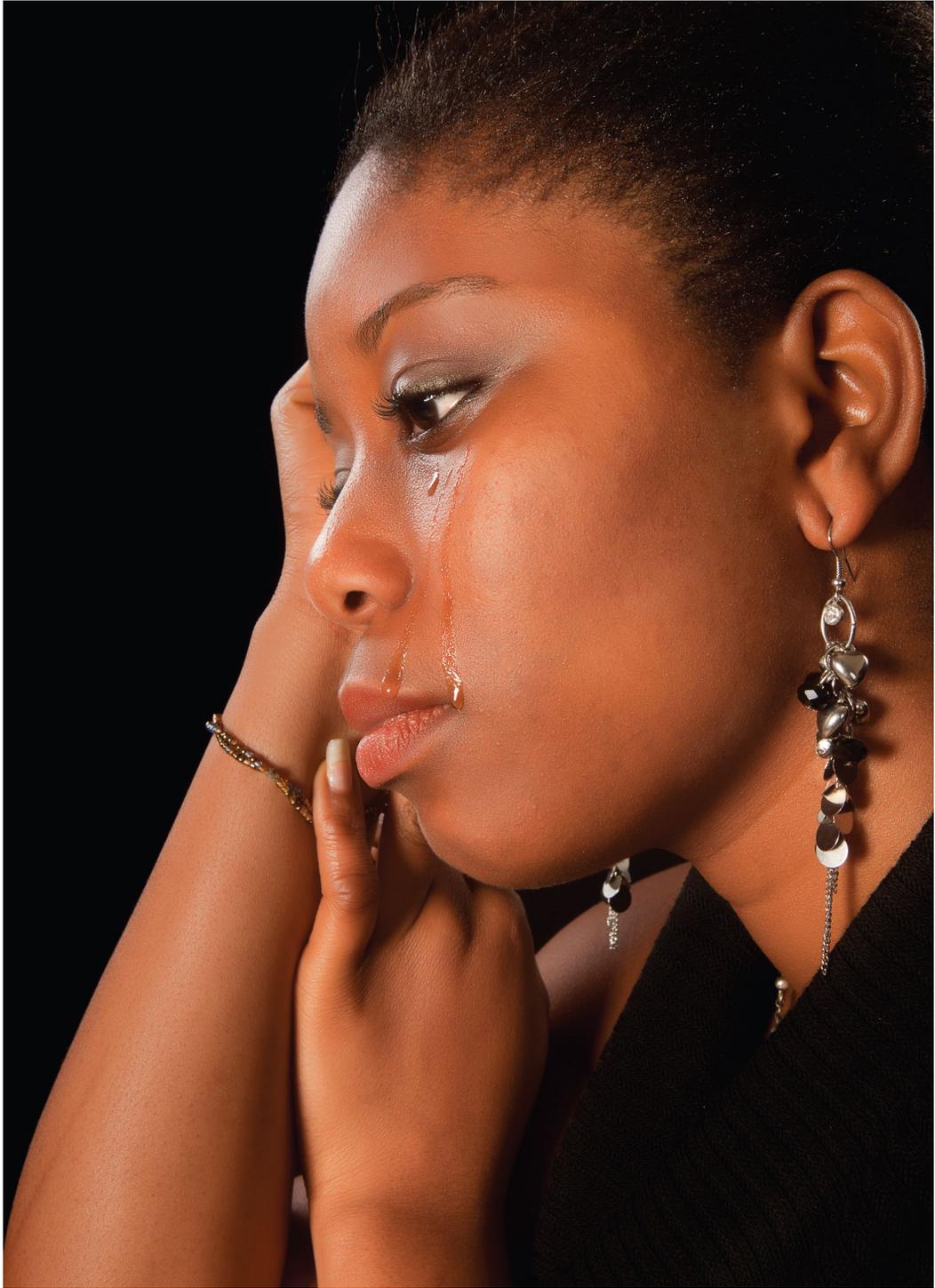


The LORD said, “I have seen how my people are suffering”

-Exodus 3:7



Ask God to see you.



Life was in him, and that life
was the light for all people.

-John 1:4



Receive Jesus'
light.



May glory be given to God
in the highest heaven!

And may peace be given to
those he is pleased with on
earth!

-Luke 2:14



Glorify God!

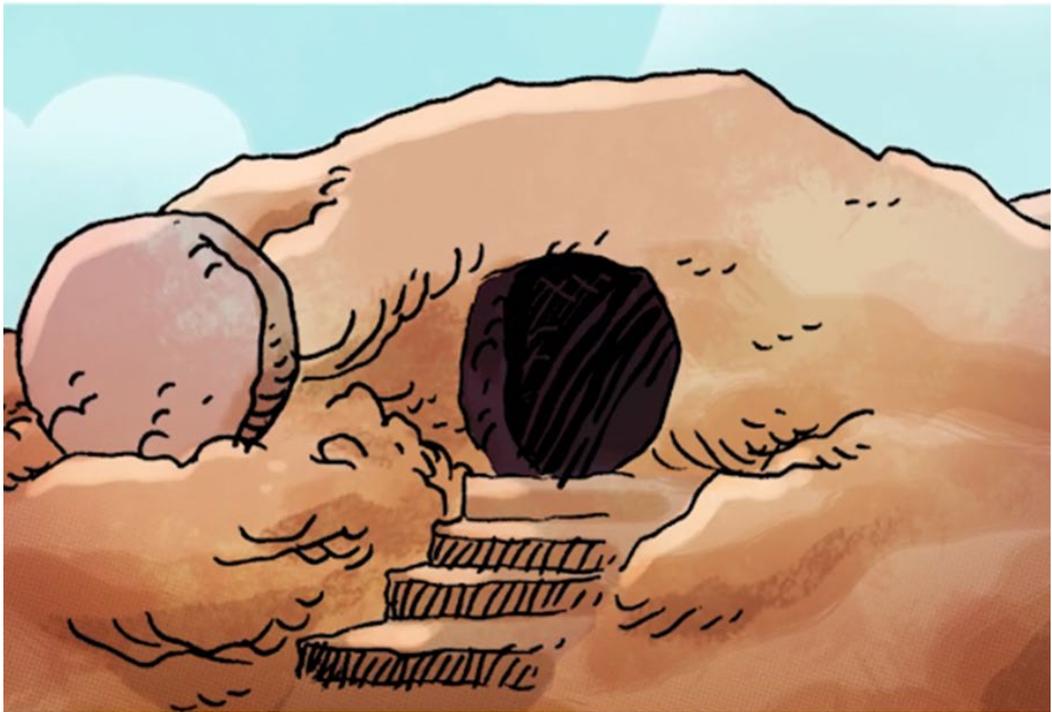


Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.

-Romans 8:39



Thank God for
His love!



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