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# CIRCLING TOWARD FOOD JUSTICE



## Gathering Music



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**Welcome and Announcements**



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**Prelude**



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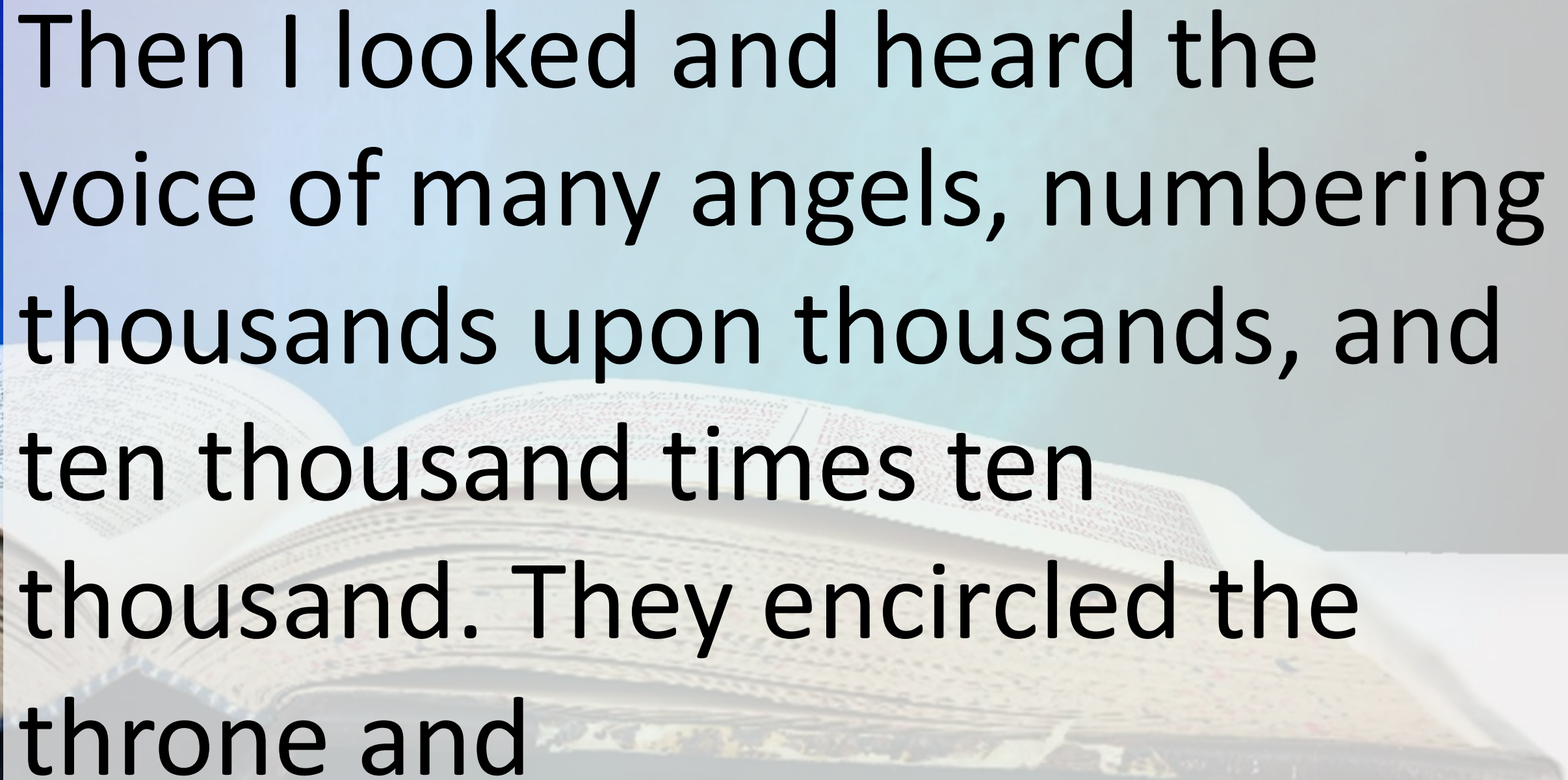


**Opening Prayer**

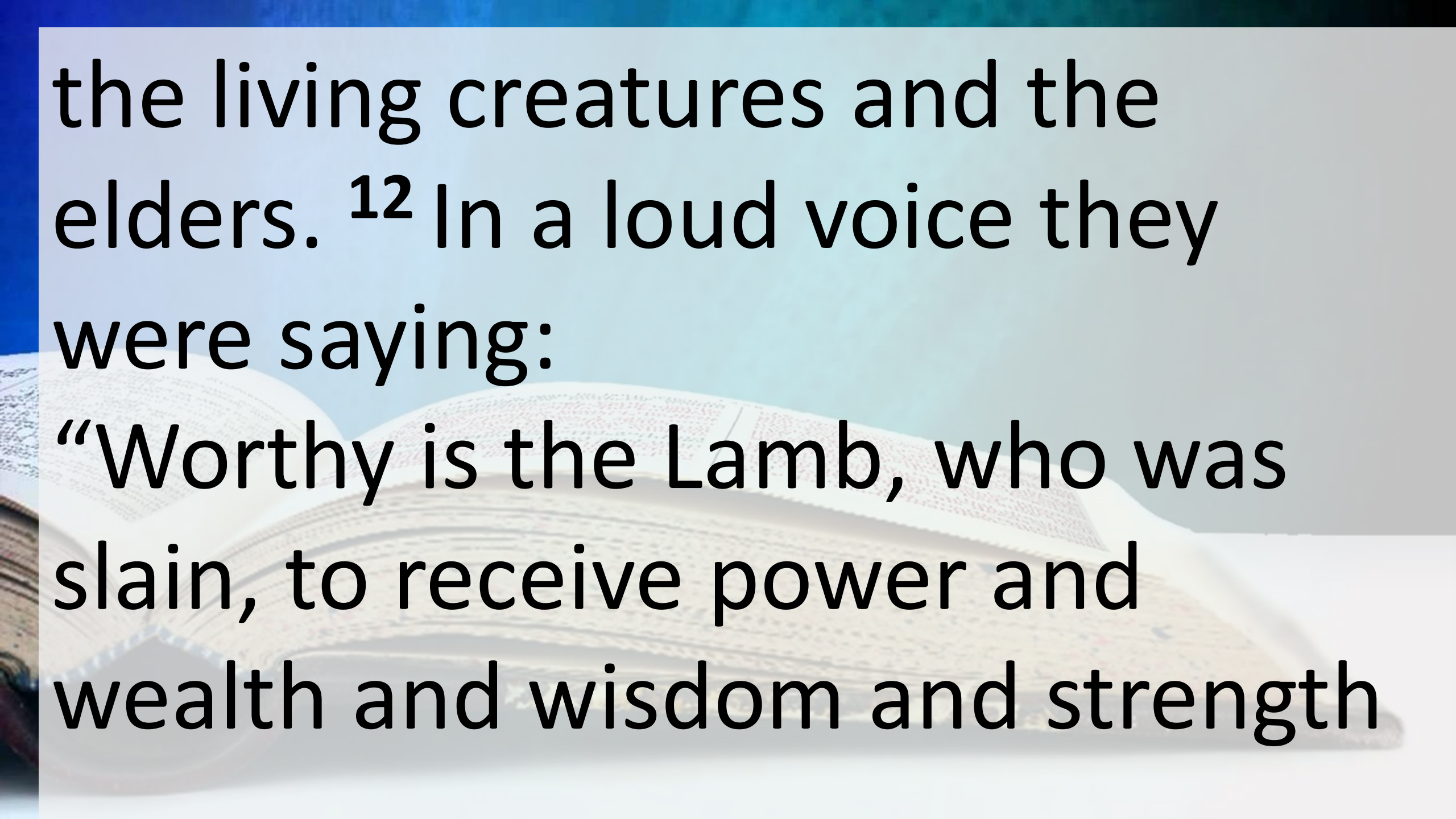
# Revelation 5:11-14

PG 1913



An open book with text overlaid. The book is open, showing two pages with text. The text is in a large, black, sans-serif font. The background is a light blue gradient. The book is positioned in the lower half of the image, with the pages slightly curved. The text is centered over the book and the background.

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and



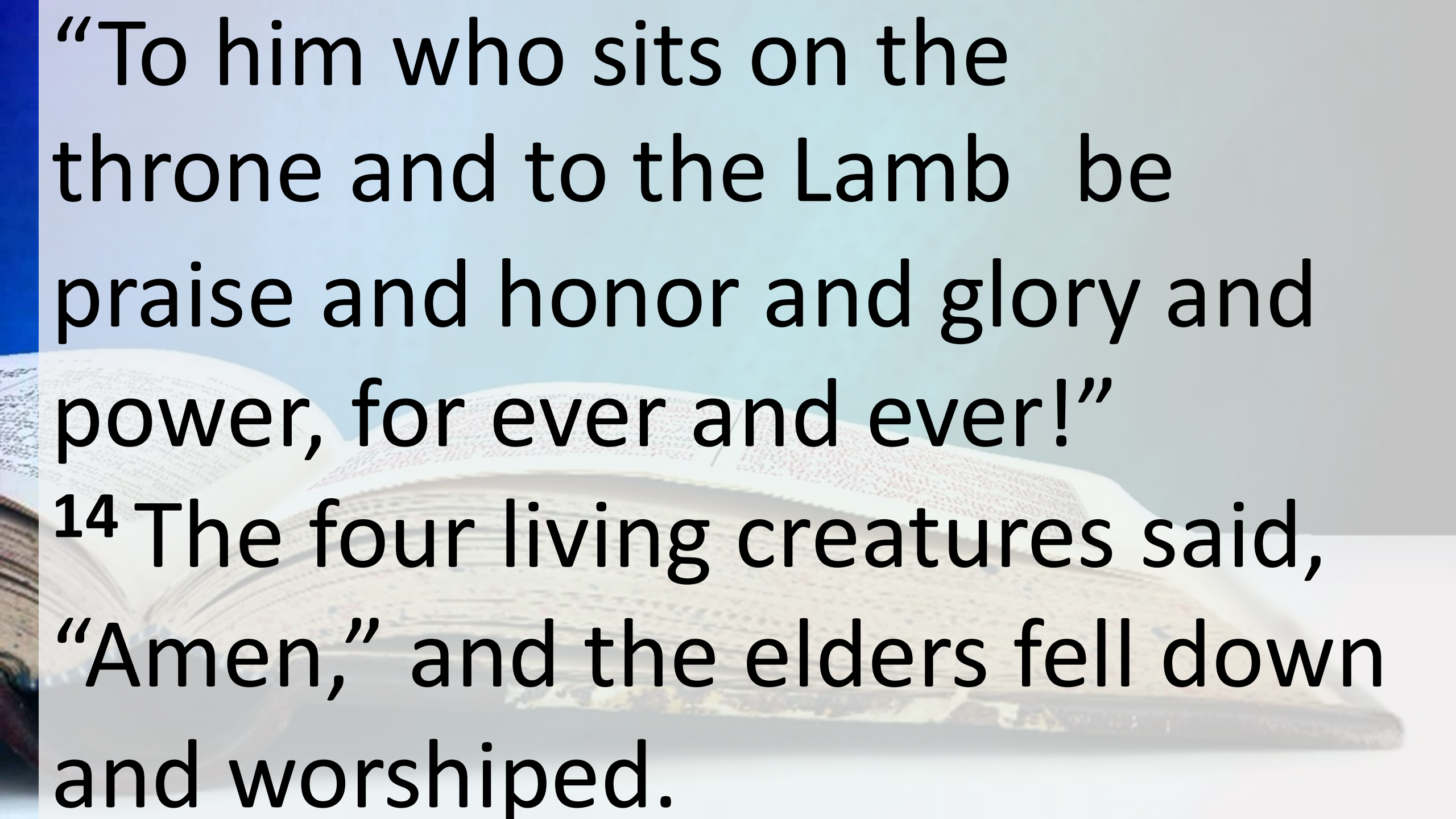
the living creatures and the  
elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they  
were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was  
slain, to receive power and  
wealth and wisdom and strength

And honor and glory and  
praise!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in  
heaven and on earth and under  
the earth and on the sea, and all  
that is in them, saying:




An open book with text overlaid on it. The text is in a large, black, sans-serif font. The background is a light blue gradient with a faint image of an open book. The text is centered and reads: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.



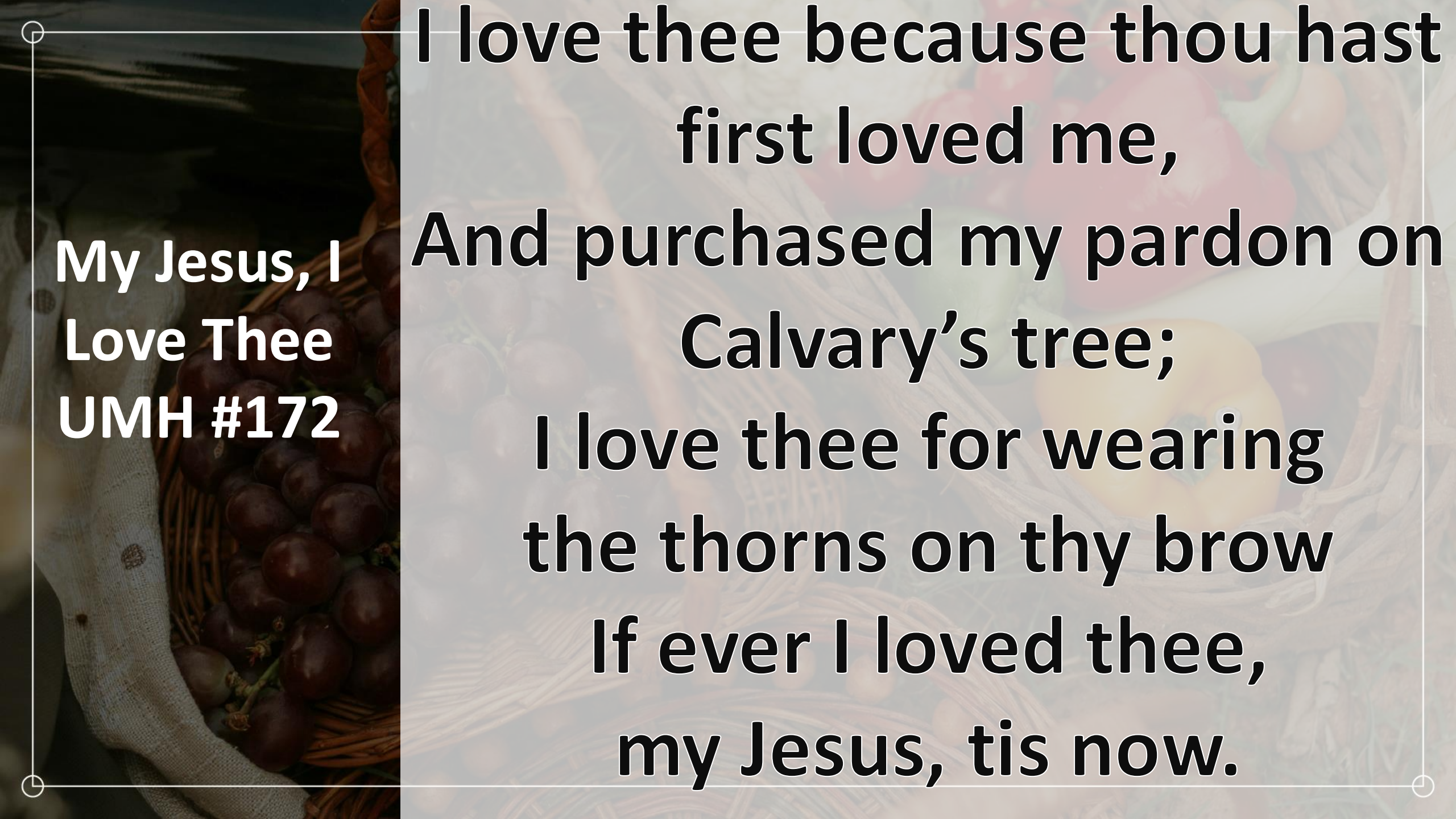
**My Jesus, I Love Thee**  
**UMH #172**

A still life painting featuring a woven basket filled with dark purple grapes. A white, textured cloth is draped over the left side of the basket. The background is dark and indistinct.

**My Jesus, I  
Love Thee  
UMH #172**


**My Jesus, I love thee,  
I know thou art mine;  
For thee all my follies  
of sin I resign.**

**My gracious Redeemer,  
my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee,  
my Jesus, tis now.**



**My Jesus, I  
Love Thee  
UMH #172**

**I love thee because thou hast  
first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on  
Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing  
the thorns on thy brow  
If ever I loved thee,  
my Jesus, tis now.**



**My Jesus, I  
Love Thee  
UMH #172**

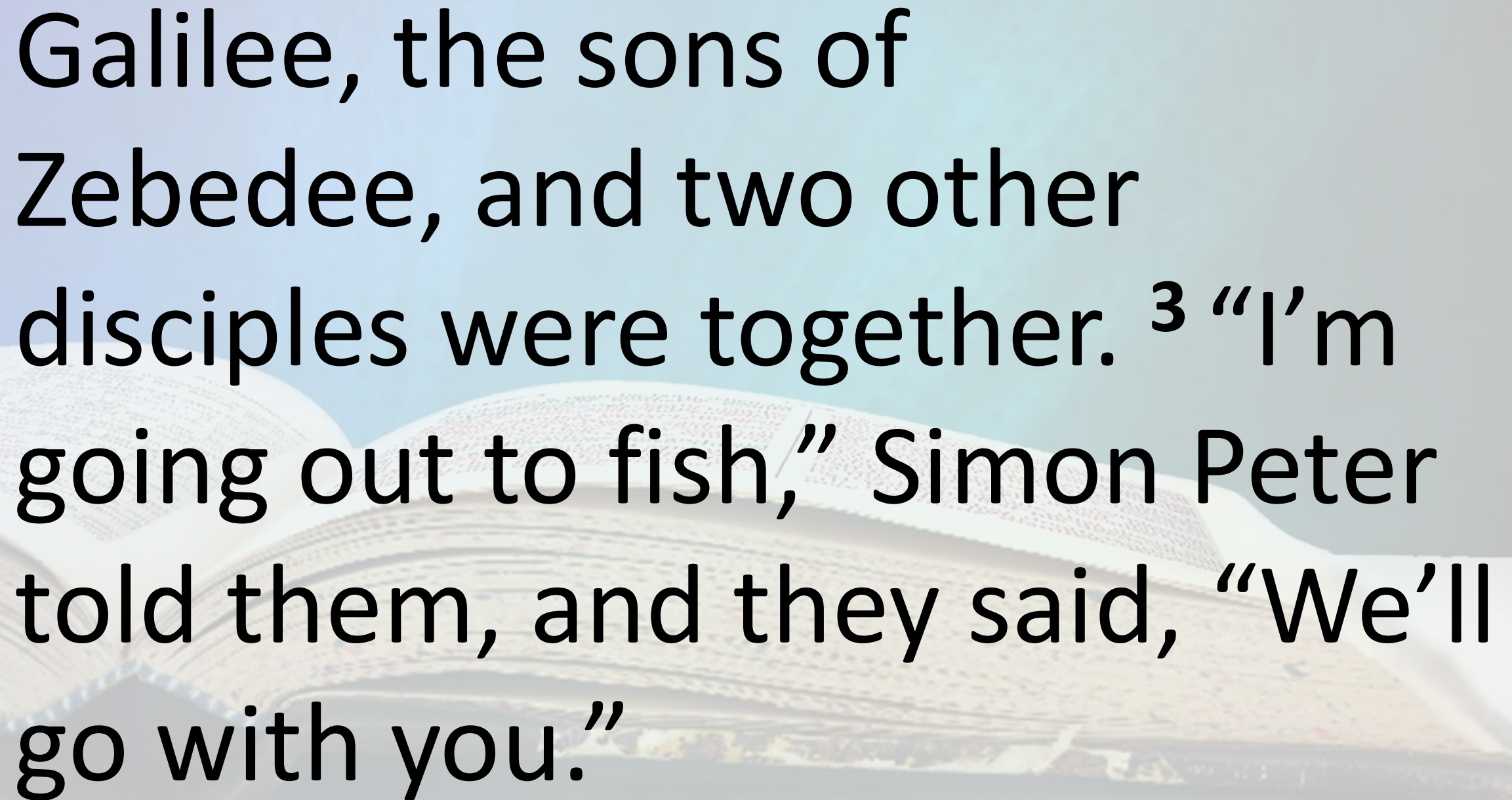
**In mansions of glory and  
endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee  
in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering  
crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved thee,  
my Jesus, tis now.**

# John 21:1-19

PG 1684



Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.<sup>[a]</sup> It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[b]</sup>), Nathanael from Cana in

An open book is shown in the background, with its pages slightly blurred. The text is overlaid on the book in a large, black, sans-serif font. The text is a biblical passage. 

Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.”



So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that

it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

<sup>6</sup> He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

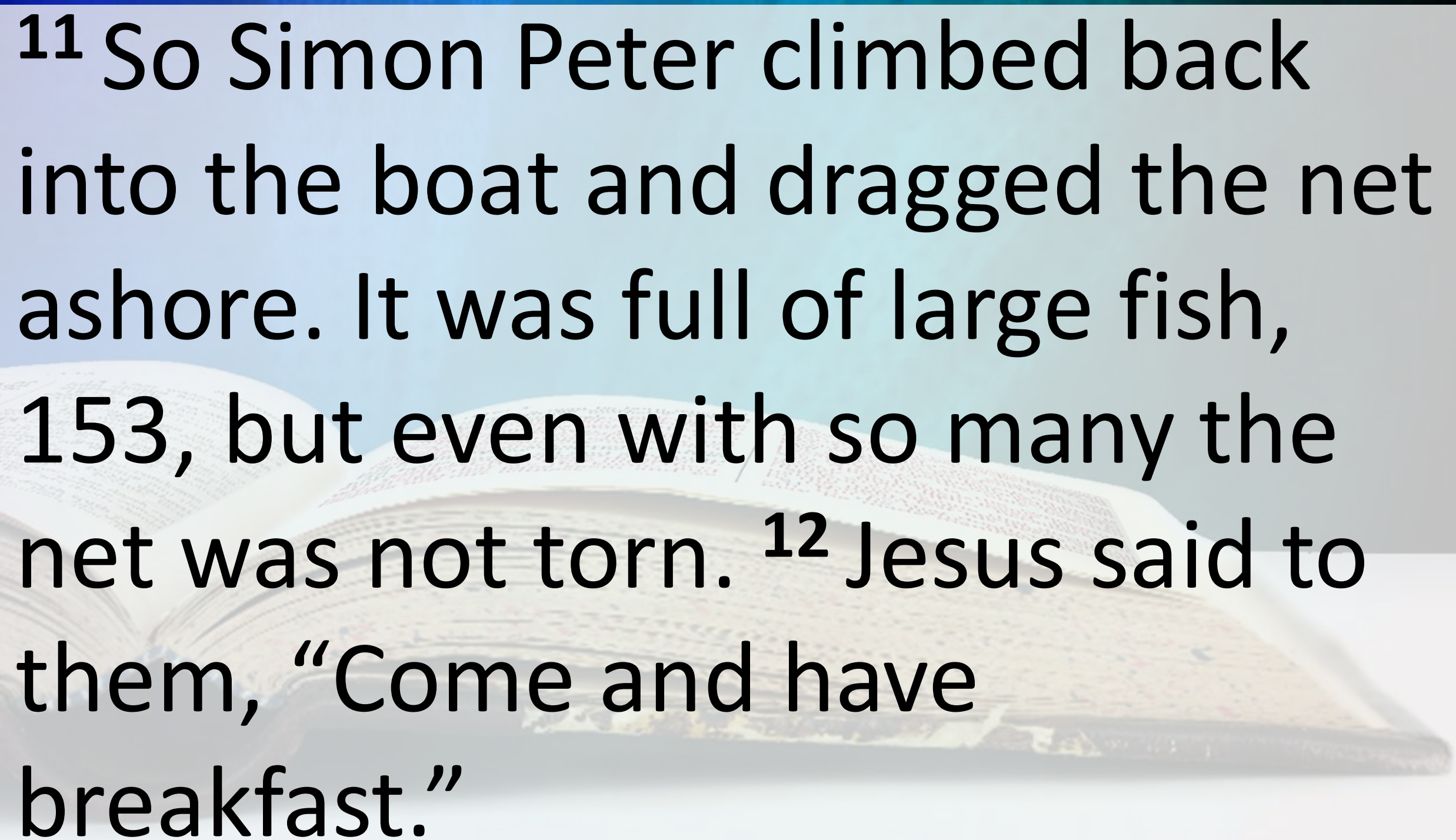
<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say,

“It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore,

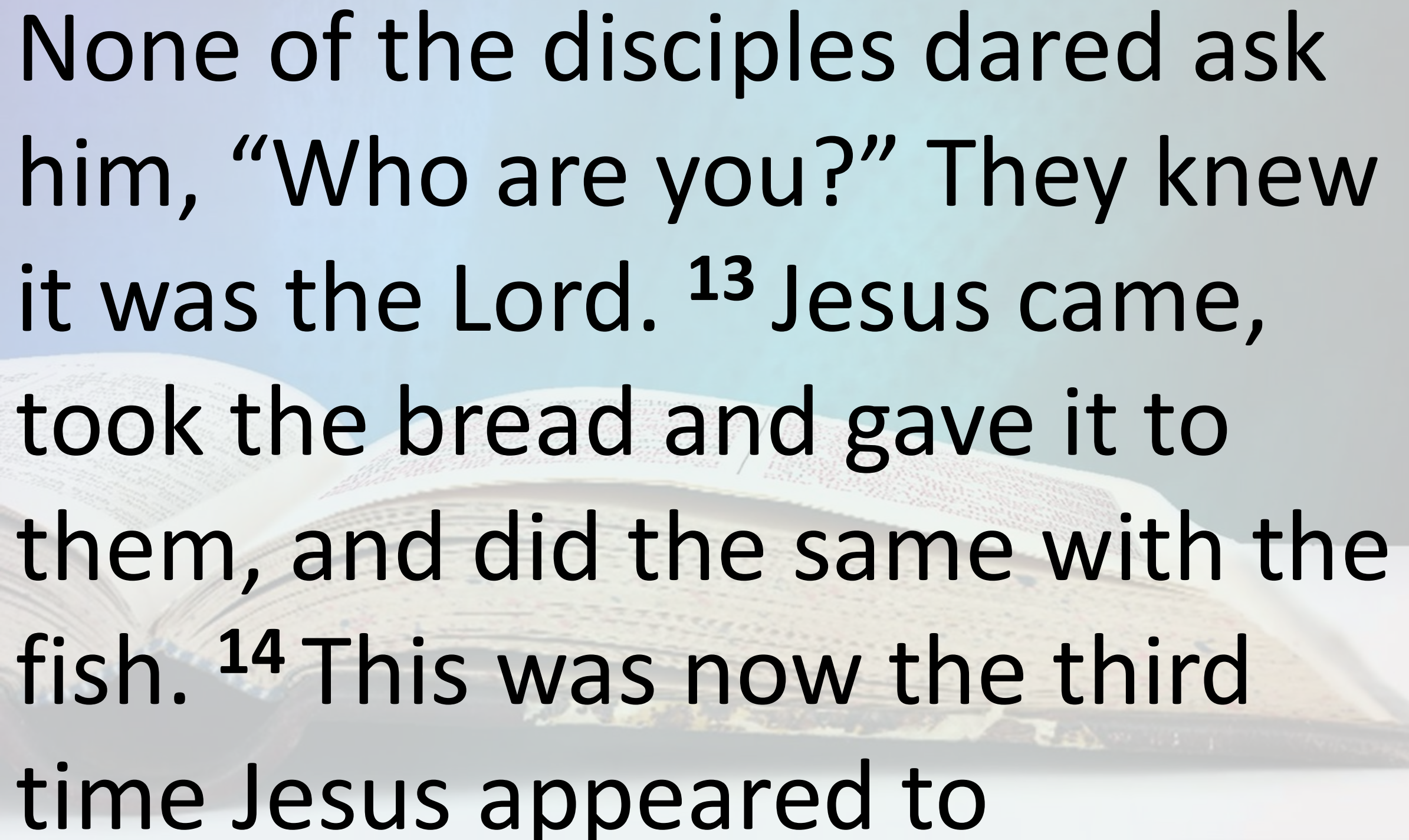
about a hundred yards.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

**11** So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, **153**, but even with so many the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”



None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to



his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said,



“you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said,

“Take care of my sheep.”

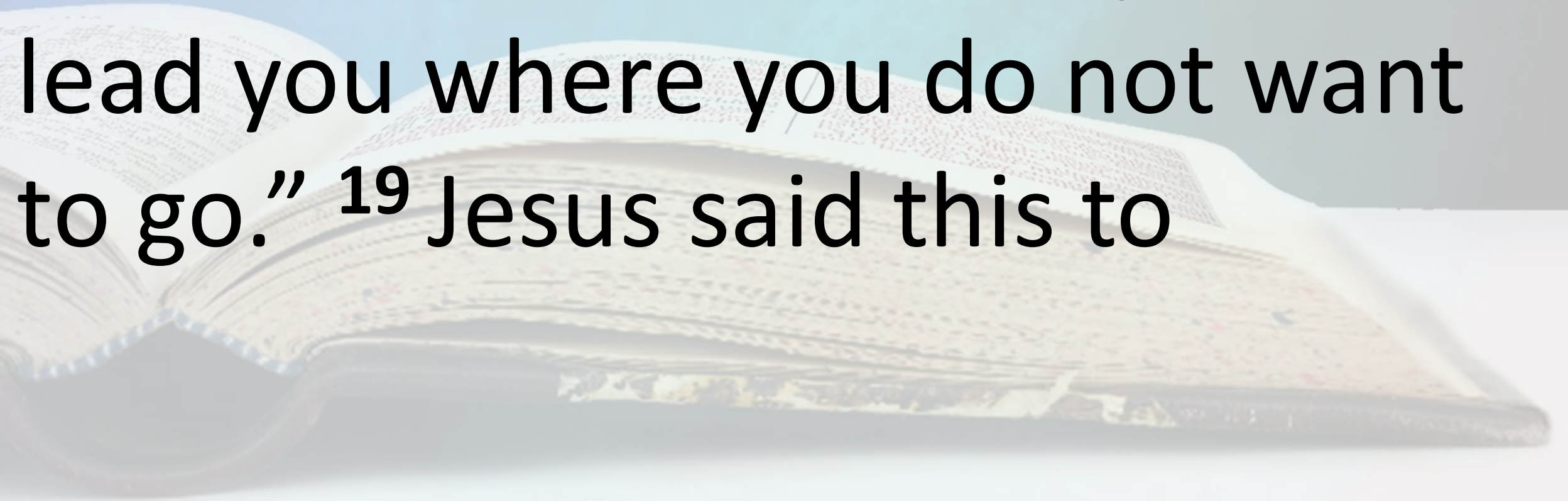
<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said,

“Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted;

but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to



indicate the kind of death by  
which Peter would glorify  
God. Then he said to him, “Follow  
me!”



**This is the Word of God for the people of God.**

**Thanks Be to God.**





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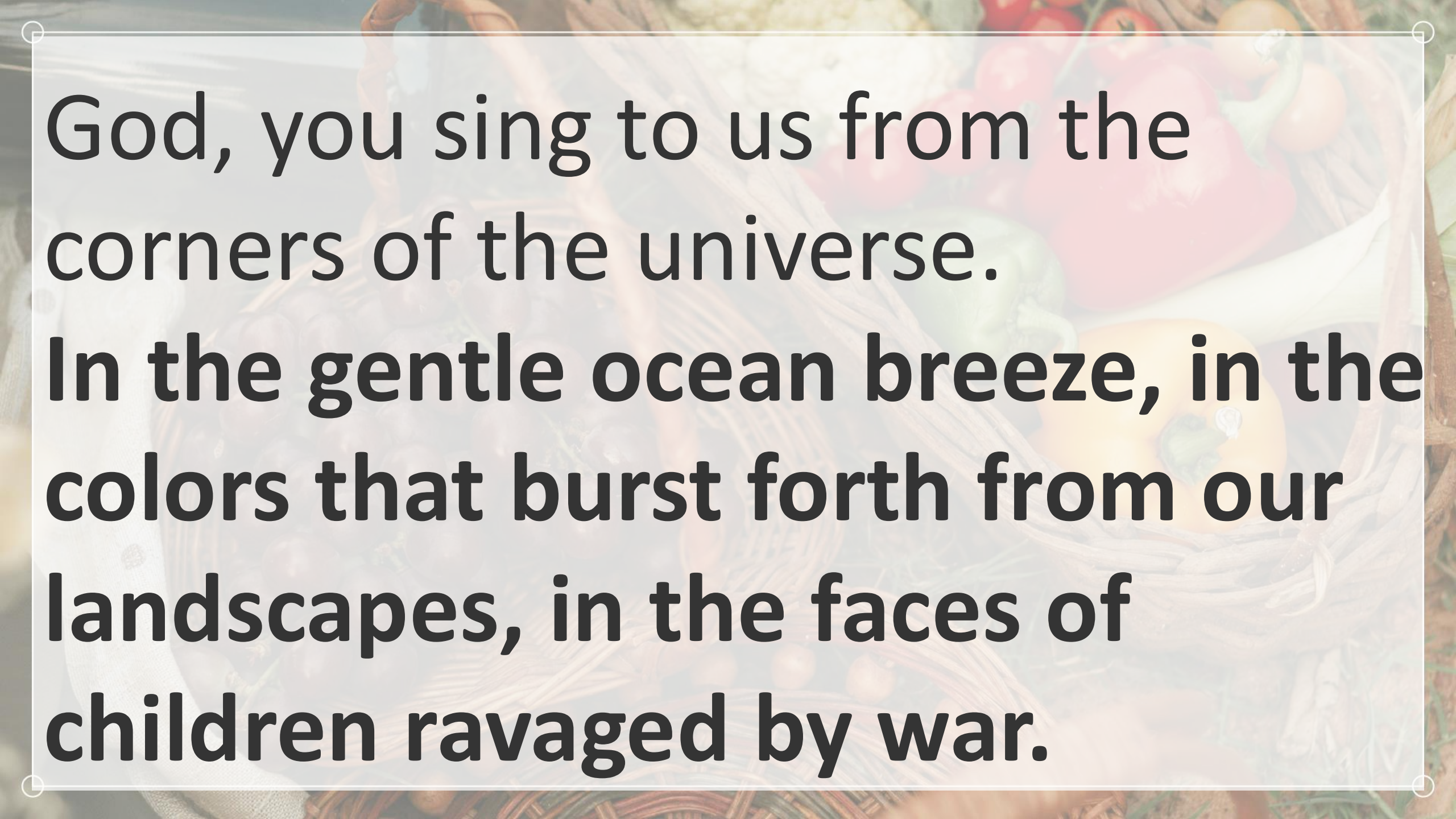
**CALL TO WORSHIP**

A wicker basket filled with fresh vegetables, including red and yellow bell peppers, green and red tomatoes, and a bunch of dark grapes. The basket is set against a background of more produce, creating a vibrant and natural scene.

God, you call us from the corners  
of the Earth.

**From the cities and the prairies,  
from the ghettos and the tables  
of the wealthy.**



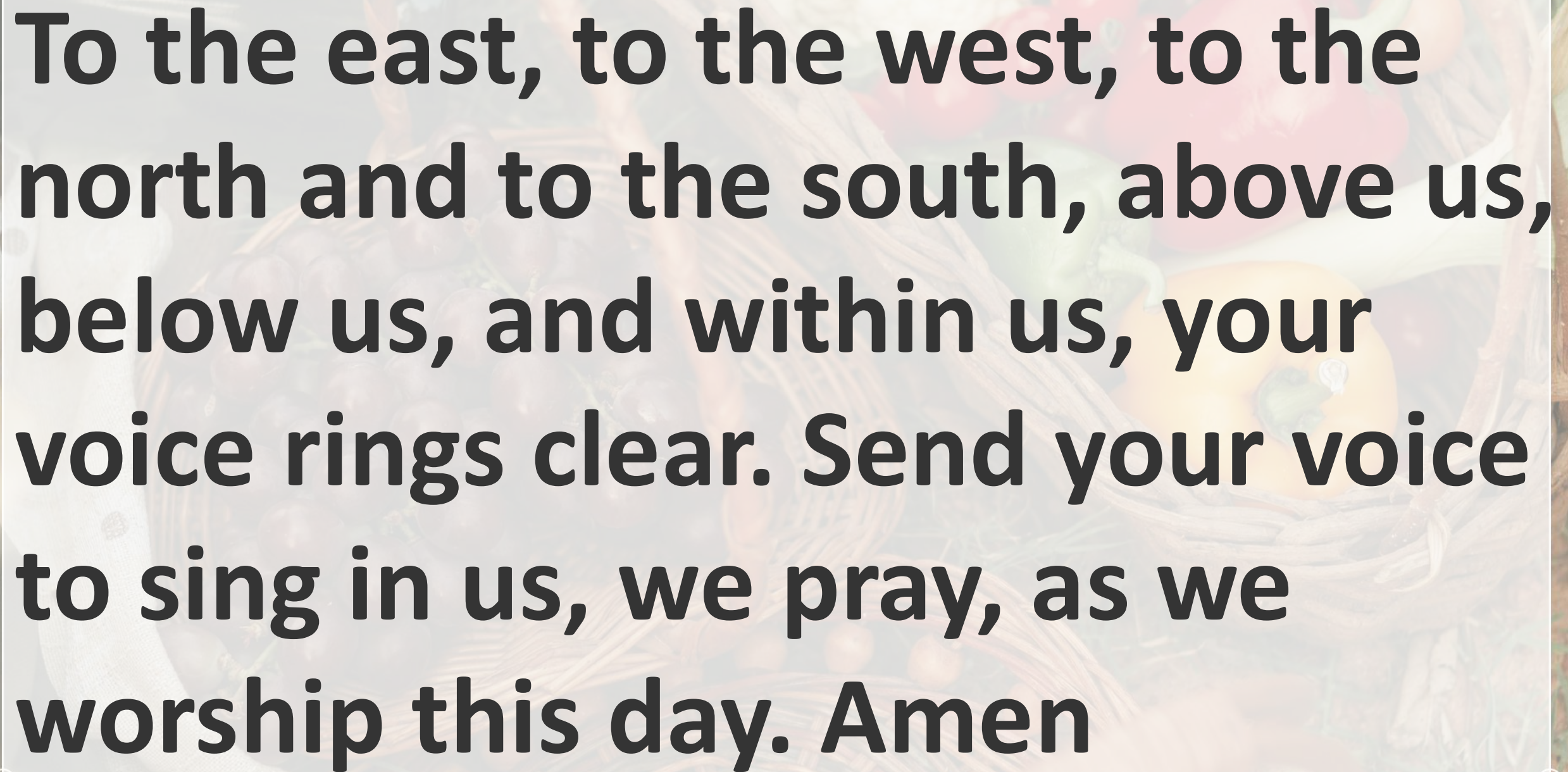
A close-up photograph of a woven basket filled with fresh vegetables. Visible items include several red tomatoes, a large red bell pepper, and a yellow bell pepper. The basket is made of light-colored, natural fibers. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the basket's contents and some greenery.

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

**In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.**

A still life photograph of various fruits and vegetables arranged in woven baskets. In the foreground, a basket is filled with dark purple grapes. To the right, another basket contains a large red bell pepper, a yellow bell pepper, and several red tomatoes. In the background, there are more baskets containing green and white vegetables, possibly zucchini and onions. The entire scene is set against a light, semi-transparent background that allows the text to be clearly visible.

God, you speak to us from  
the corners of the Earth.

A background image of a woven basket filled with fresh vegetables, including several red tomatoes, green and red bell peppers, and yellow onions. The basket is made of light-colored wicker or straw. The text is overlaid on this image in a semi-transparent white box with rounded corners.

**To the east, to the west, to the north and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear. Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day. Amen**



**THE SUMMONS**  
**TFWS #2130**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you come  
and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go  
where you don't know  
and never be the same?**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you let  
my love be shown,  
will you let  
my name be known,  
will you let  
my life be grown in you  
and you in me?**



**The  
Summons  
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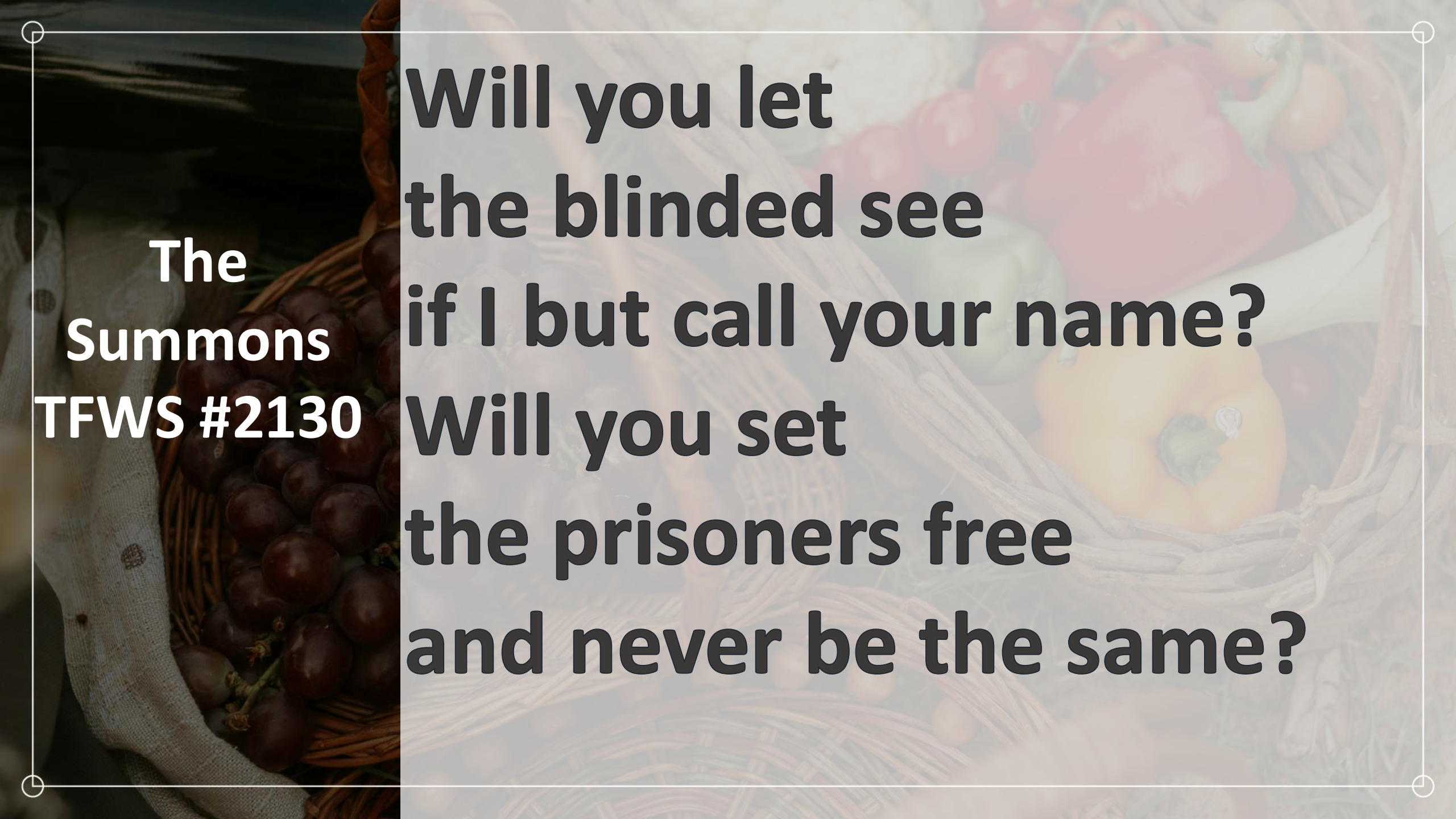
**Will you leave  
yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care  
for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?**



**The  
Summons  
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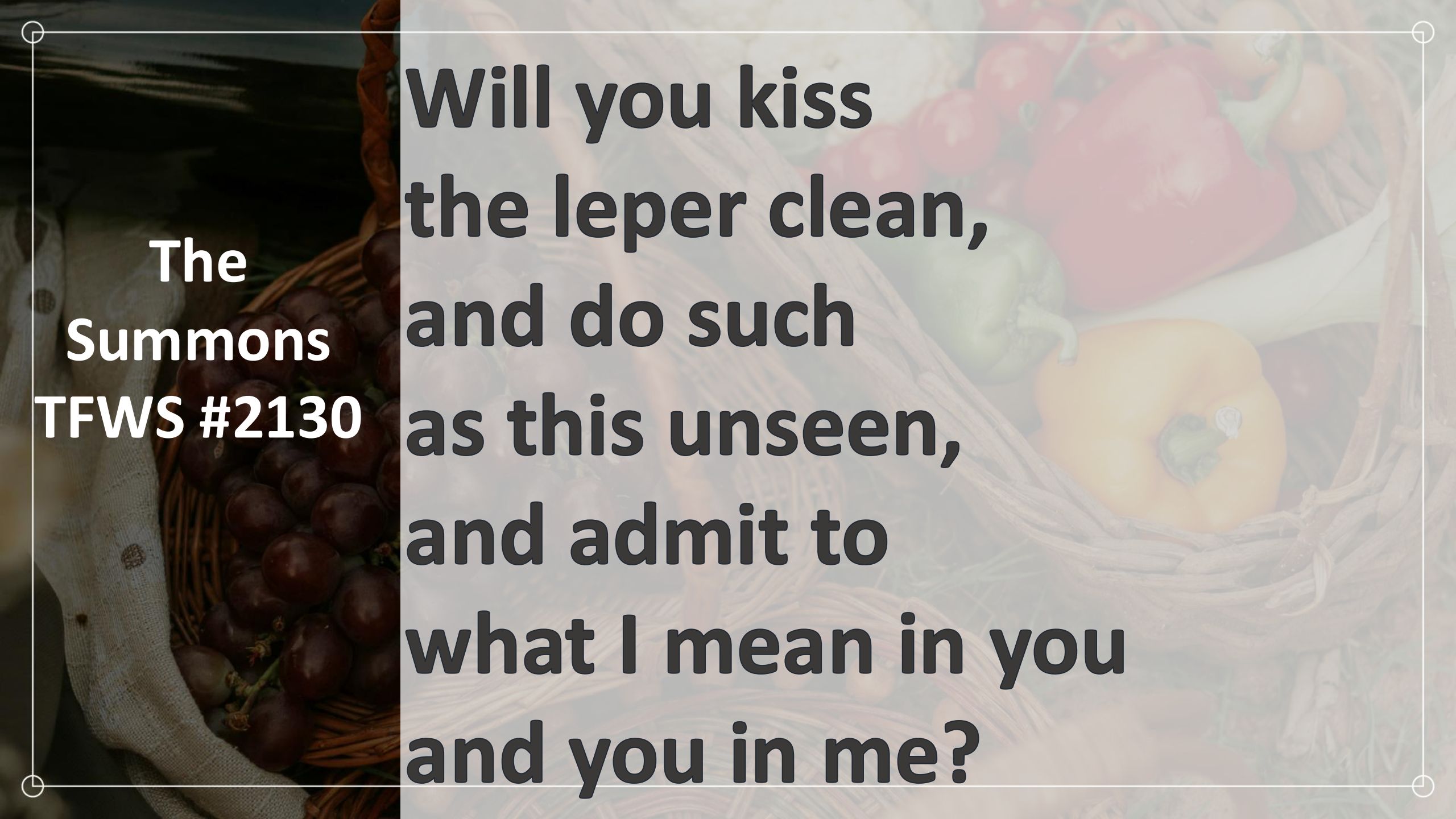
**Will you risk  
the hostile stare  
should your life  
attract or scare?  
Will you let  
me answer prayer in you  
and you in me?**





**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you let  
the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set  
the prisoners free  
and never be the same?**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you kiss  
the leper clean,  
and do such  
as this unseen,  
and admit to  
what I mean in you  
and you in me?**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you love  
the “you” you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell  
the fear inside  
and never be the same?**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Will you use the  
faith you've found  
to reshape the  
world around,  
through my sight and  
touch and sound in you  
and you in me?**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**Lord, your summons  
echoes true  
when you but  
call my name.  
Let me turn  
and follow you  
and never be the same.**



**The  
Summons  
TFWS #2130**

**In your company I'll go  
where your love  
and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move  
and live and grow in you  
and you in me.**




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**Joys and Prayer Requests**

# The Lord's Prayer

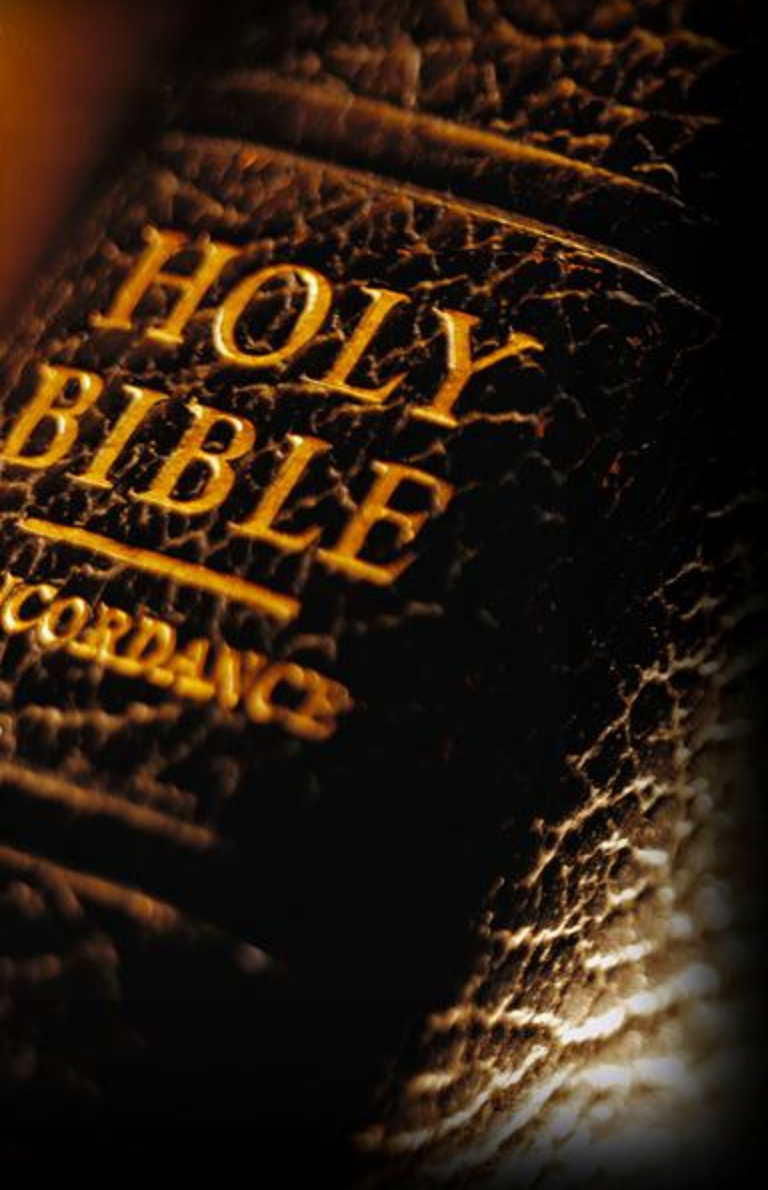
**Our father,  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done**



HOLY  
BIBLE  
CORDANCE



# The Lord's Prayer



**On earth  
As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day  
Our daily bread  
And forgive us  
Our trespasses**

# The Lord's Prayer

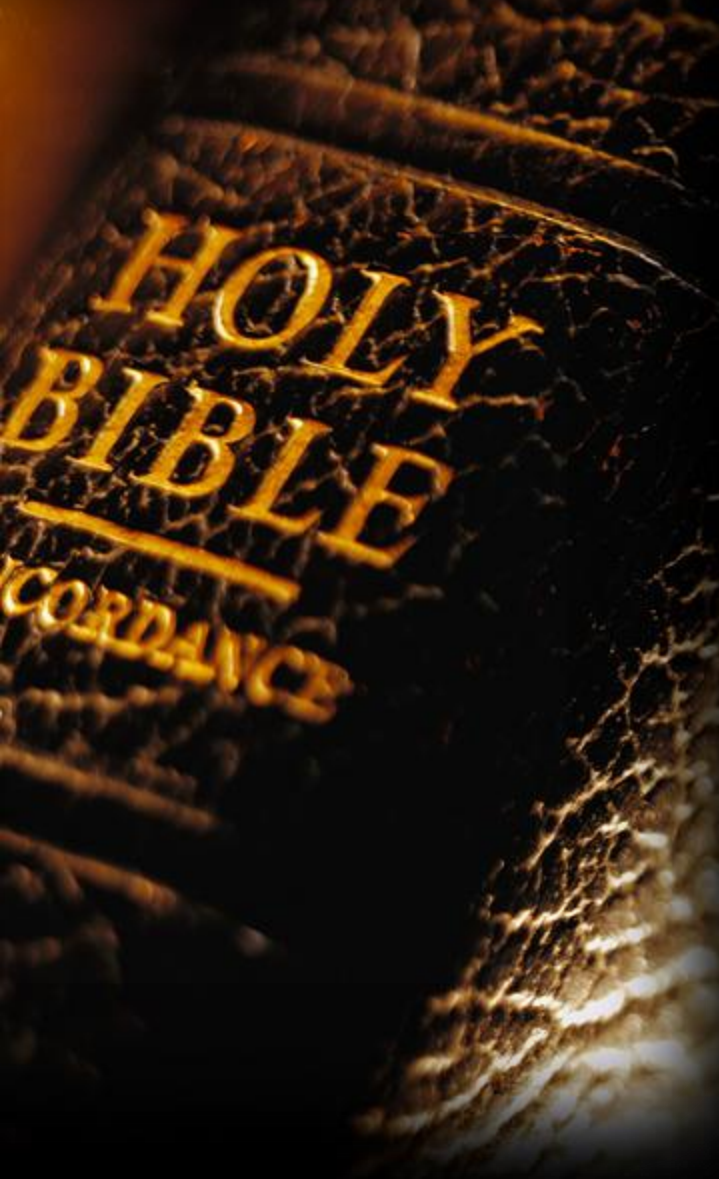
**As we forgive those  
Who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into  
Temptation  
But deliver us from evil**



HOLY  
BIBLE  
CONCORDANCE

# The Lord's Prayer

**For thine is the kingdom  
And the power,  
And the glory forever.  
Amen**



# *Offering*



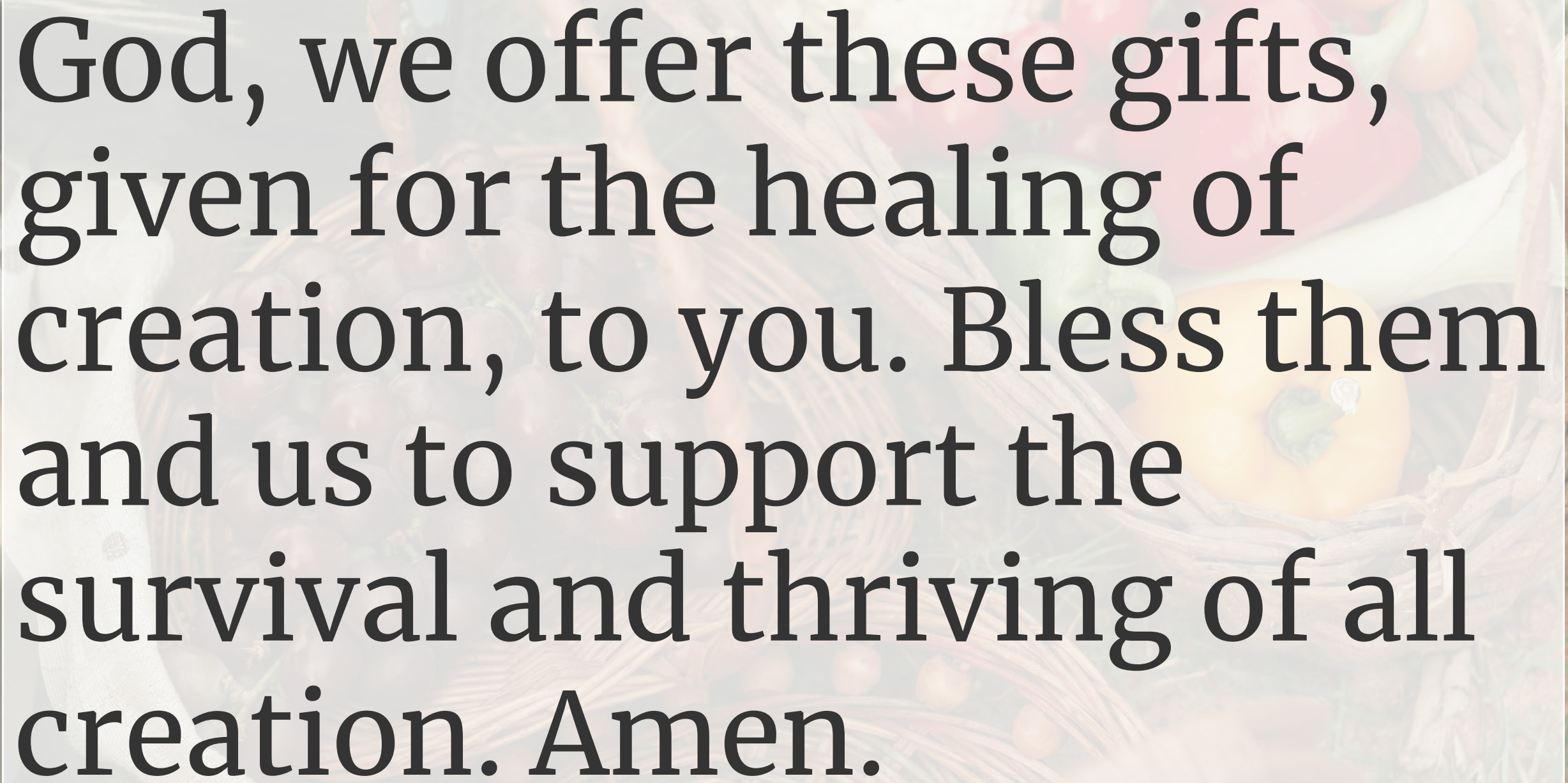
# Doxology

**Praise the Lord who  
reigns above and  
Keeps his court below;  
Praise the holy God of  
love and  
All his greatness show;**

# Doxology

praise him for his noble  
deeds,  
Praise him for his  
matchless power;  
Him from whom all good  
proceeds let  
Earth and heaven adore.



A close-up photograph of a woven basket filled with fresh vegetables. Visible items include several red and yellow tomatoes, a green bell pepper, and some onions. The basket is made of light-colored, natural fibers. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the produce.

God, we offer these gifts,  
given for the healing of  
creation, to you. Bless them  
and us to support the  
survival and thriving of all  
creation. Amen.



# Choir Anthem

*Home Of Grace*





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**Dr Ray Francis**

# Opening Prayer

- Dear Lord, we thank You for the gift of food, for Your provision, and for the call to care for the marginalized. Help us to live out Your justice through the way we interact with the world's food systems. May our hearts be open to Your guidance and our actions reflect Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Biblical Stewardship and Care for Creation (1)

- **Stewardship of the Earth and its Resources:** God gave humanity the responsibility to care for creation (Genesis 1:28-31). This stewardship involves managing resources wisely, ensuring that food systems are sustainable and equitable for all.

# Biblical Stewardship and Care for Creation (2)

- Sustainable Farming and Agriculture: Genesis 2:15 calls us to cultivate and keep the land. Sustainable farming practices protect the land, ensuring that food production does not harm God's creation.

# Biblical Stewardship and Care for Creation (3)

- A Call to Action in Creation Care: Romans 8:19-22 speaks of creation longing for redemption. We are called to participate in this restoration by promoting food systems that heal and protect God's creation.

# Social Justice and Equity (1)

- Addressing Hunger and Poverty: In Matthew 25:35-40, Jesus calls us to feed the hungry and care for the poor. Food justice is a key aspect of addressing systemic hunger and ensuring equitable access to food.

## Social Justice and Equity (2)

- God's Concern for the Marginalized: Isaiah 58:6-10 teaches that true worship includes addressing social injustices like hunger and poverty. Food justice is a way to live out God's heart for the oppressed.

# Social Justice and Equity (3)

- A Kingdom of Justice and Equity: Luke 4:18-19 reveals Jesus' mission to bring justice to the oppressed. Food justice is a tangible expression of this kingdom work in the world today.



# Community and Hospitality (1)

- **The Importance of Sharing Meals:** In Luke 14:12-14, Jesus encourages us to invite the poor and marginalized to our tables. Food justice fosters communities where no one goes hungry.

## Community and Hospitality (2)

- - Breaking Down Social Divides: Acts 2:42-47 shows the early church sharing meals and resources. Food justice promotes unity and community by ensuring that everyone has access to nourishing food.

## Community and Hospitality (3)

- **Biblical Hospitality as a Witness to the World:** Hebrews 13:2 reminds us to show hospitality, which is a powerful witness of God's love. Food justice embodies this kind of radical inclusion.

# Ethical Consumption and Fair Trade (1)

- **Fair Practices in Economic Transactions:** Leviticus 19:13 and James 5:4 call for fairness in economic dealings. Food justice includes ensuring workers in the food industry are treated justly and paid fairly.

# Ethical Consumption and Fair Trade (2)

- Supporting Ethical Food Production: Deuteronomy 24:19-22 advocates for leaving food for the poor. Ethical food production respects God's creation and ensures fair treatment for farmers and workers.

## Ethical Consumption and Fair Trade (3)

- **Advocating for Fair Trade Practices: 1 Timothy 6:10** warns against the love of money leading to injustice. Supporting fair trade ensures that profits do not come at the expense of workers' dignity and the environment.

# Conclusion (1)

- **Living Out Christ's Justice:** Believing into Christ means embodying His teachings. Food justice is a way to live out Christ's love and justice in tangible ways.

## Conclusion (2)

- Reflecting God's Love: Our actions, especially in relation to food, reflect our relationship with God. Through food justice, we show His love for the marginalized and His care for creation.



## Conclusion (3)

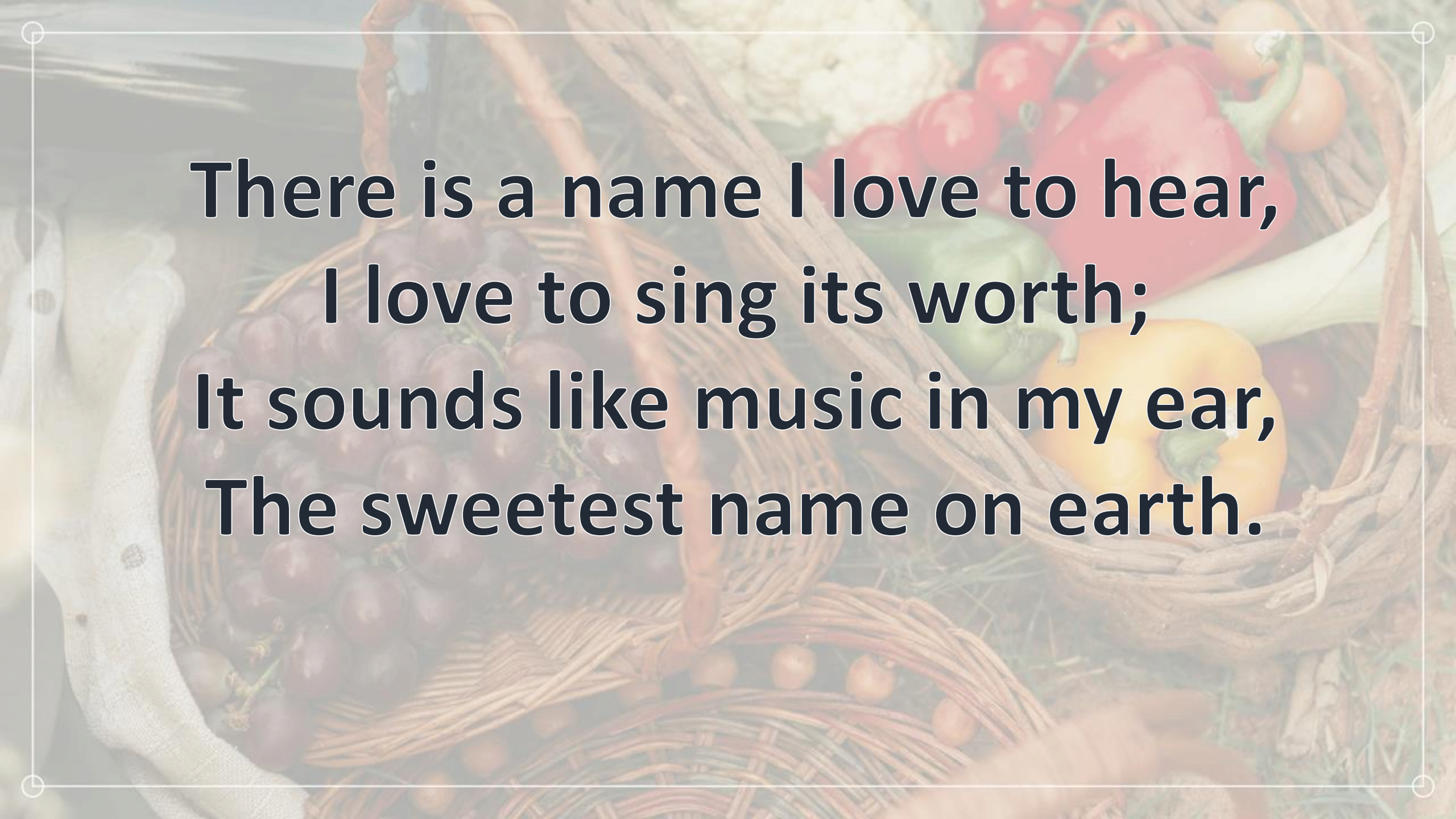
- A Call to Action: Let us commit to living out food justice, advocating for fair food systems, and creating communities where everyone has access to the nourishment they need.
- Jesus said “FEED MY SHEEP”!

# Closing Prayer

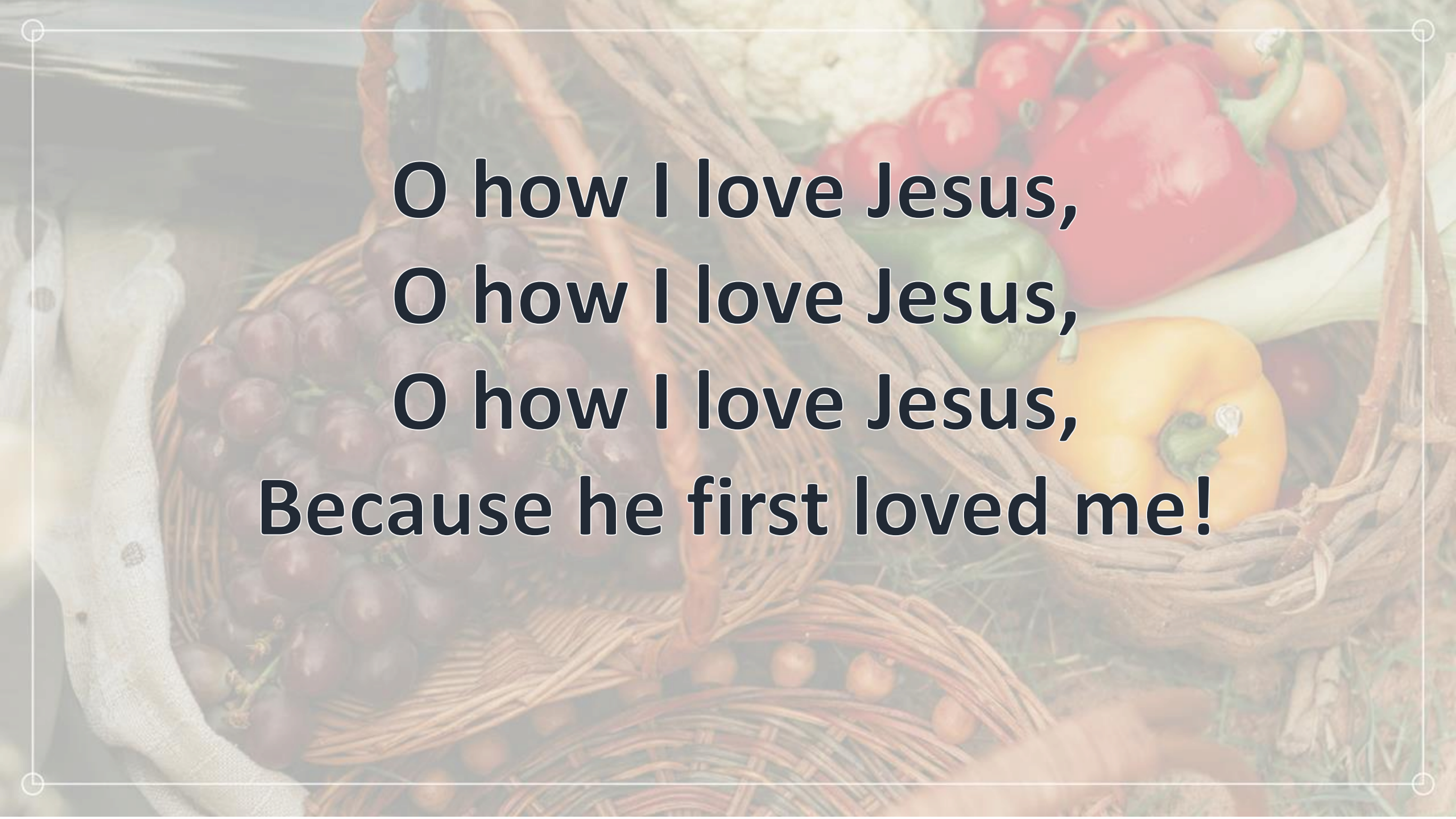
- Heavenly Father, thank You for calling us to a life of justice, stewardship, and care for creation. As we strive to live out the principles of food justice, help us to reflect Your love and generosity. Empower us to act with compassion and fairness, and may our actions be a witness to the world of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.



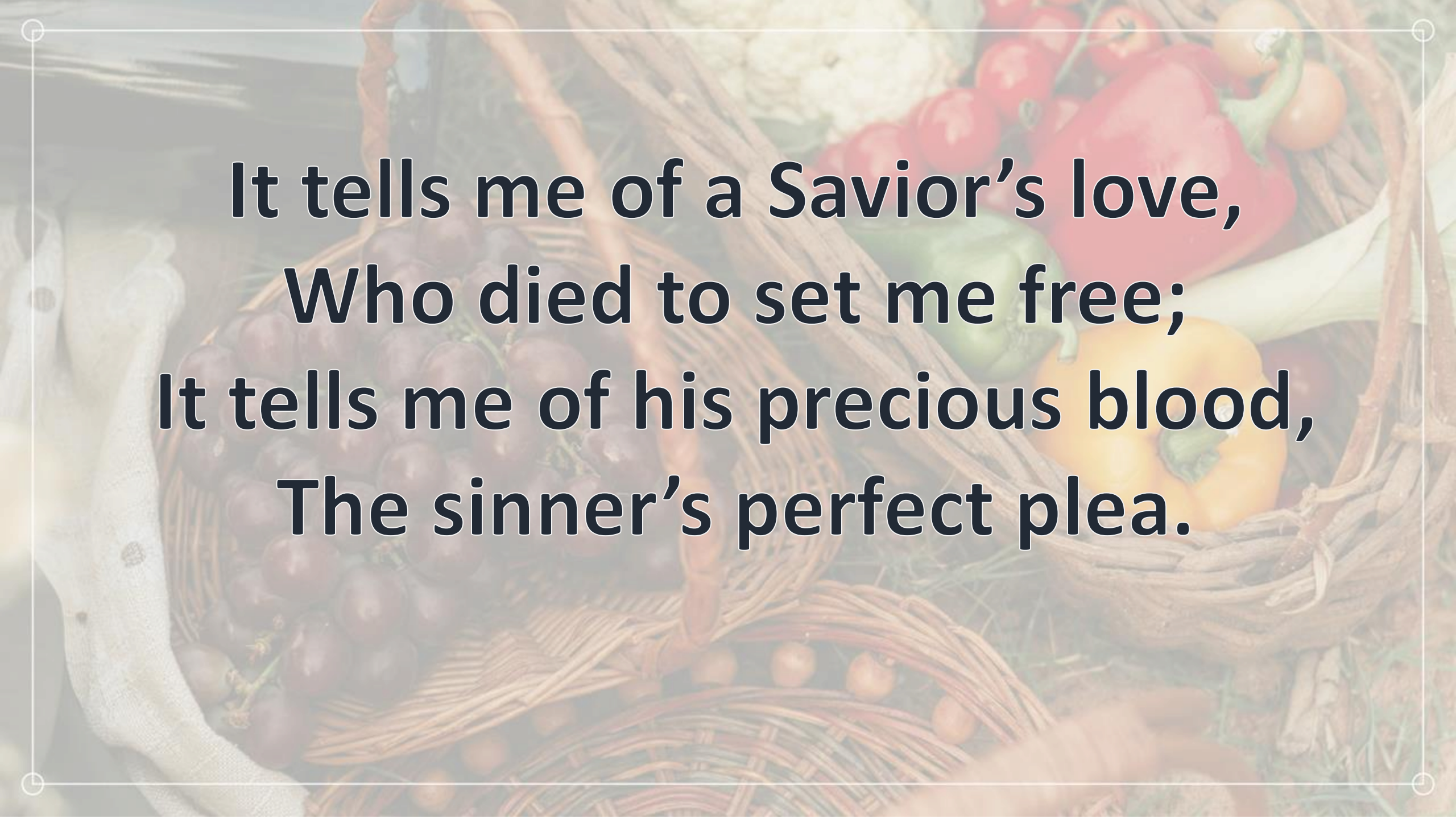
**O HOW I LOVE JESUS**  
**UMH #170**

A wicker basket filled with fresh vegetables, including red and yellow bell peppers, tomatoes, and a bunch of dark grapes. A white cloth is draped over the left side of the basket. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a garden or farm setting.

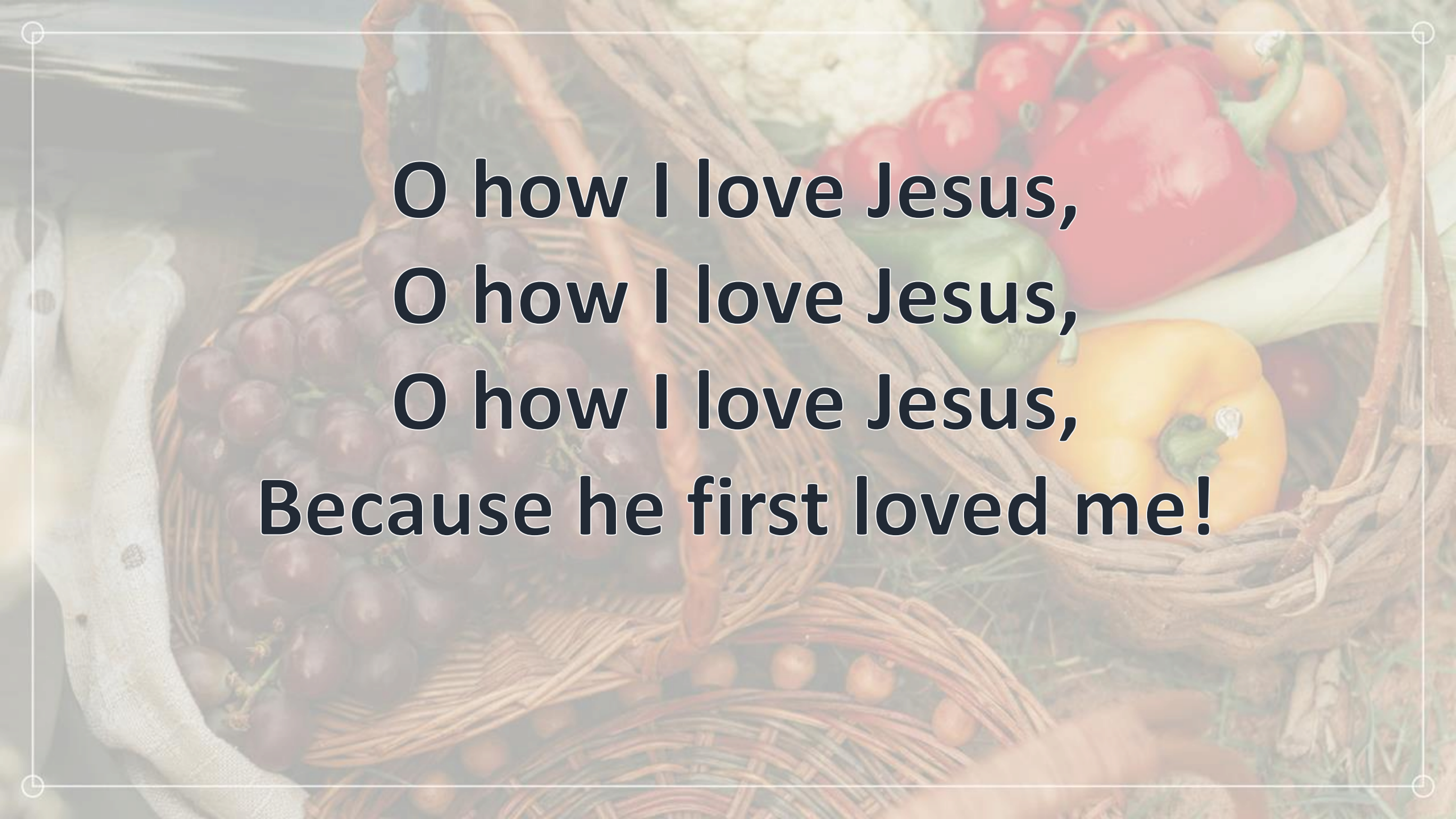
**There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.**



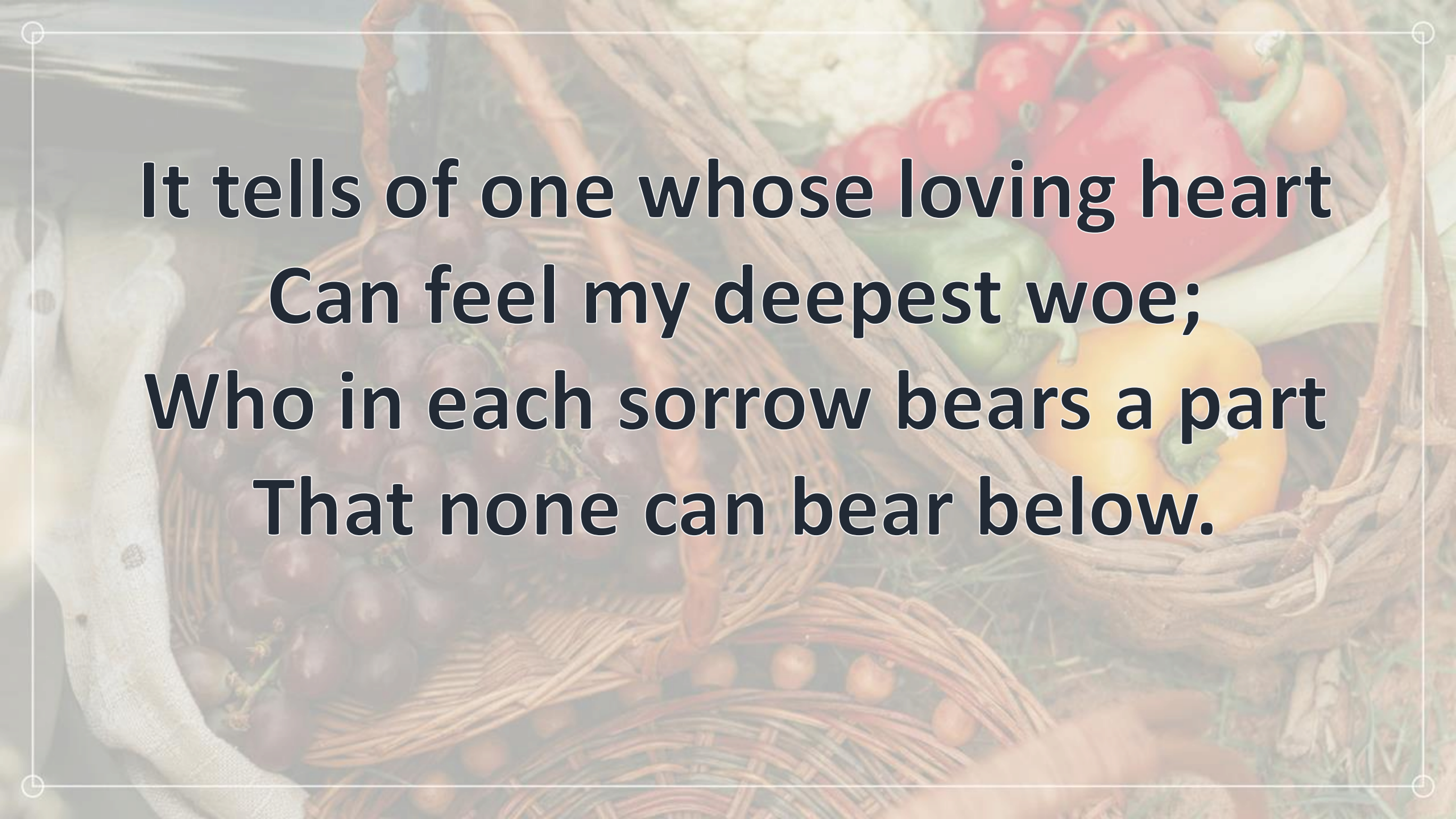
**O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
Because he first loved me!**



**It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of his precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.**

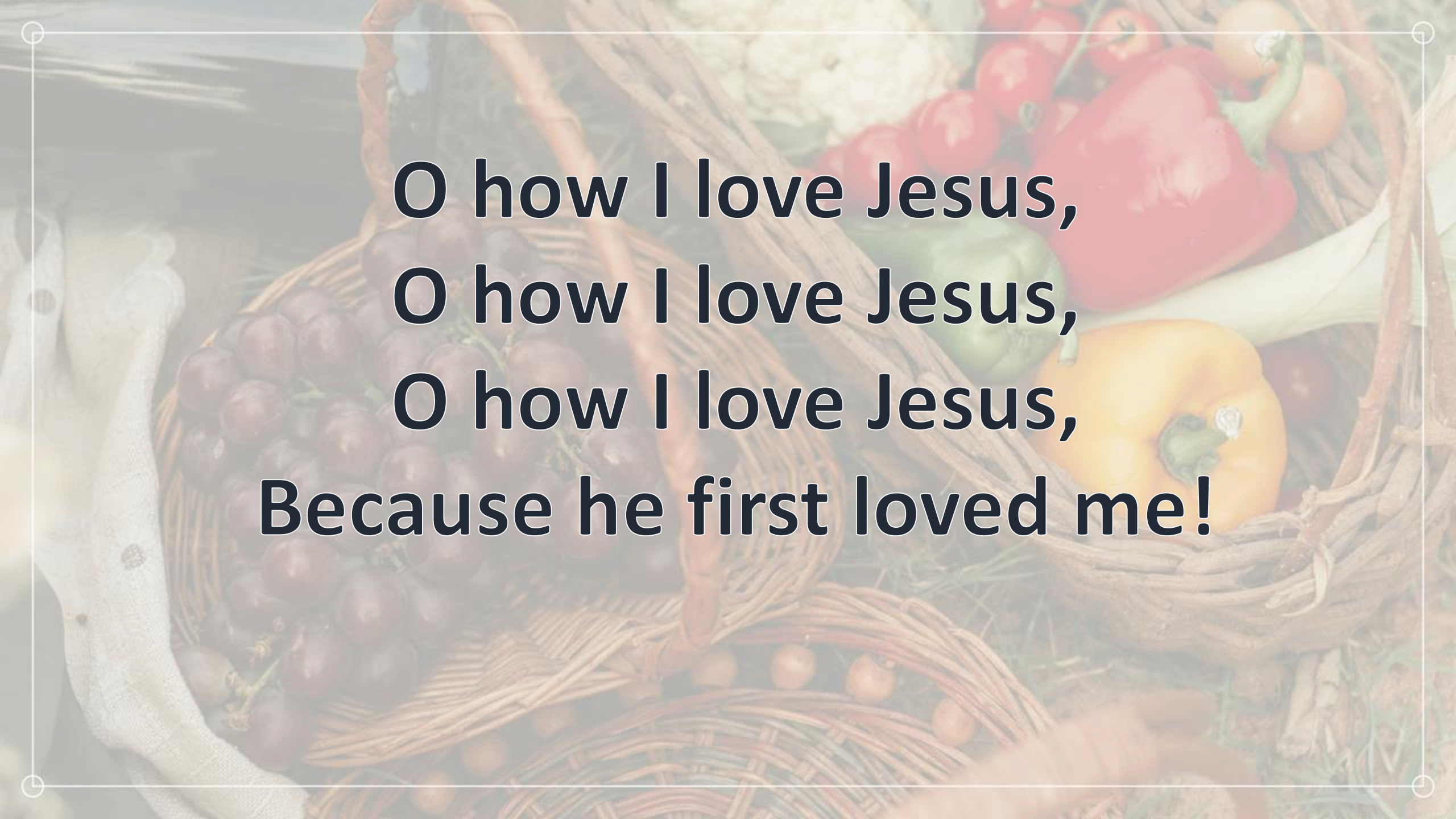


**O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
Because he first loved me!**



**It tells of one whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe;  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below.**





**O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
Because he first loved me!**



Let us go from this place, casting  
the net of God's love wide.

May we live our lives with the  
compassion and care of the one  
who includes all, the one who  
breathed the creation into being  
and



looked around and declared it  
good.

Very, very good. Go in peace to do  
likewise.

Amen.



BELIEVING INTO CHRIST