

Welcome to Riverbend Bible Church

- **Historic Faith · Honest Fellowship ·**
- **Humble Service ·**

January 9, 2022



Call to Worship

Psalm 119:33-40, p. 513



“How Firm a Foundation”

Trinity Hymnal #94



How firm a foundation,
You saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith
In his excellent Word!



What more can he say
Than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge
To Jesus have fled?



I'll strengthen you, help you,
And cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous,
Omnipotent hand.



When through the deep waters
I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow
Shall not overflow;



For I will be with you,
Your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you
Your deepest distress.

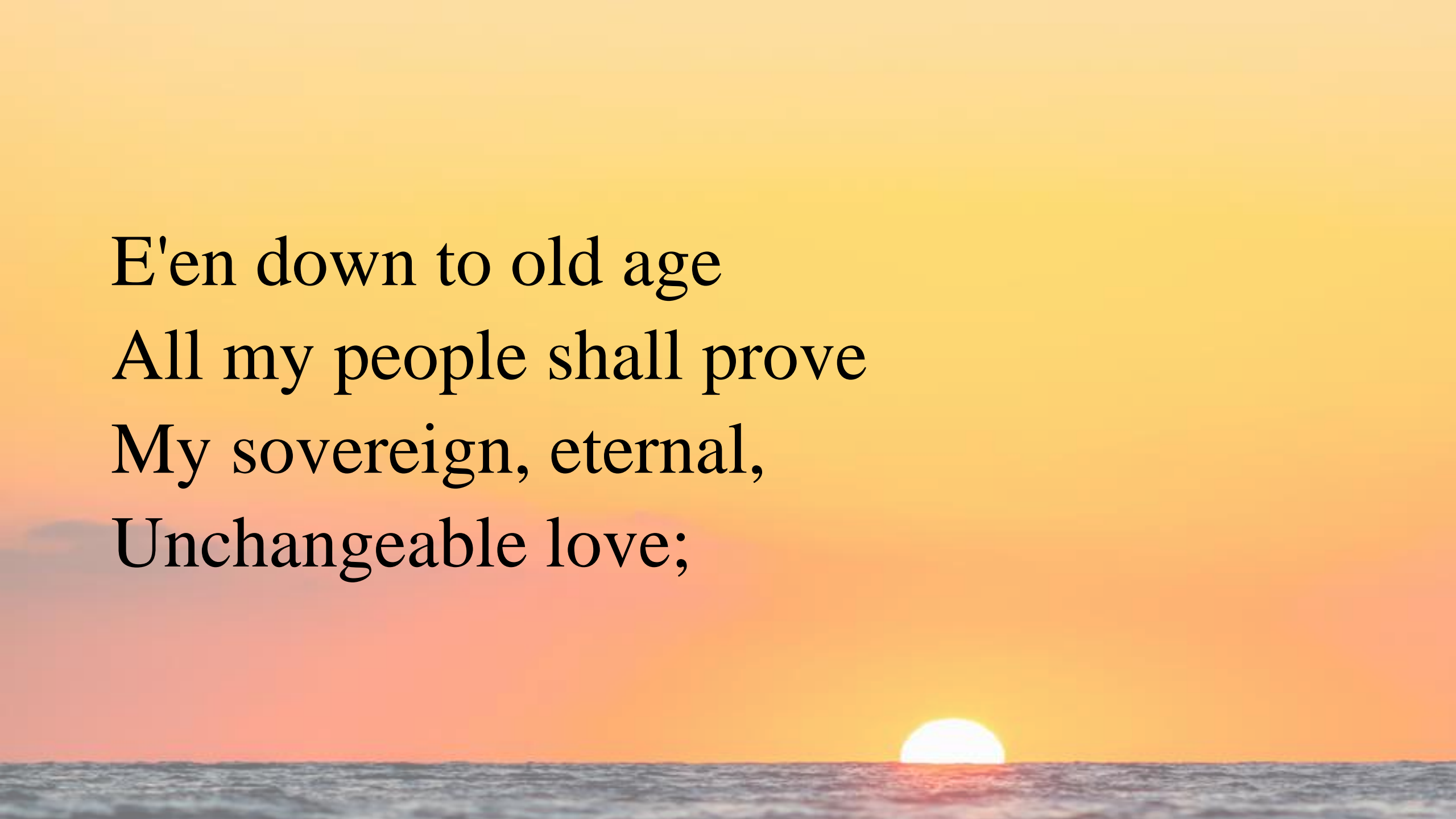


When through fiery trials
Your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient,
Shall be your supply;



The flame shall not hurt you;
I only design
Your dross to consume
And your gold to refine.



A sunset over the ocean with a bright sun low on the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark blue with white-capped waves.

E'en down to old age
All my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal,
Unchangeable love;

And when hoary hairs
Shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still
In my bosom be borne.



The soul that on Jesus
Has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not
Desert to his foes;



That soul, though all hell
Should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
No never forsake.

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“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Trinity Hymnal #598



Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;



Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.



Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;

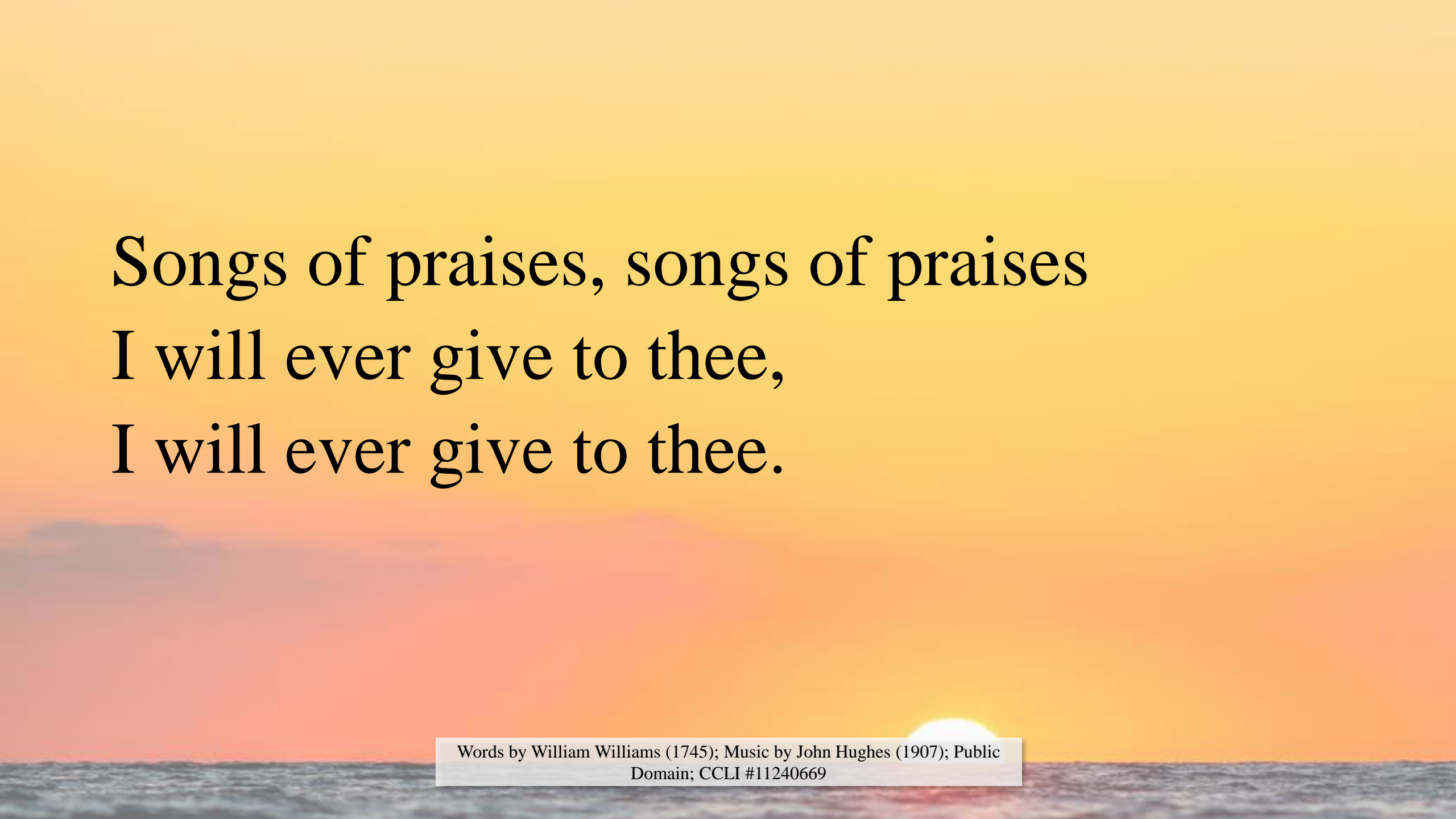


Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.



When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;



The background of the image is a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with a bright sun partially obscured by the horizon. The ocean is visible at the bottom, with gentle waves. A white rectangular box is positioned at the bottom center of the image, containing text.

Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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Prayer Adoring God



Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-12 (pp. 403-04)

1 Timothy 4:6-16 (pp. 953)



Prayer of Confession



Confession of Faith: RBC Catechism, Q #1-2



Q#1 How does the Bible reveal what is true?

We believe the Bible in its original writings to be verbally (every word) and plenarily (in its totality) inspired by God.

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It is our only infallible rule for faith and practice, profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness.



Q#2 What has God given us in the Bible?

We believe that the 66 books of the
Canon are the total revelation of God's
saving will... >>>



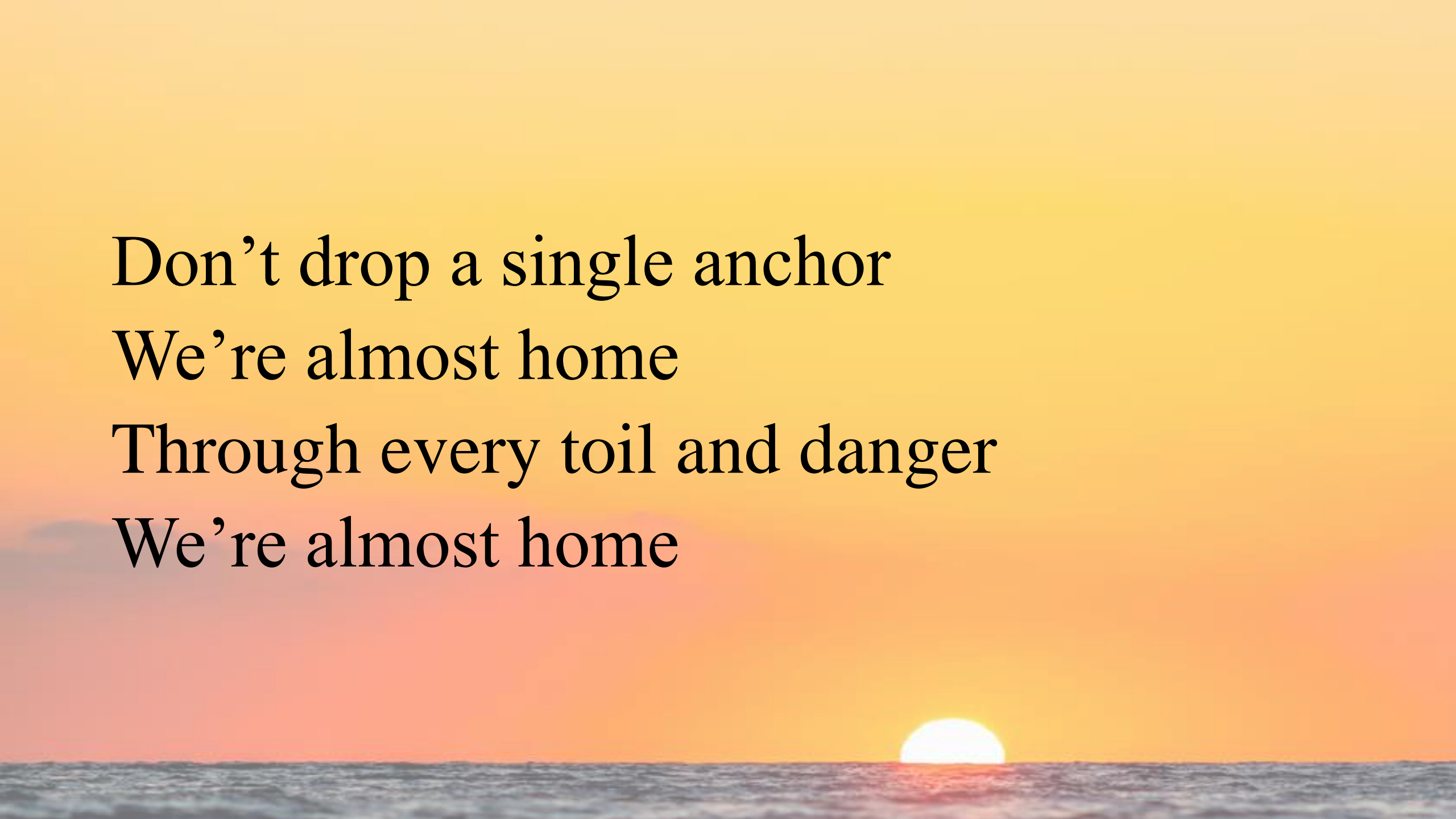
Q#2 What has God given us in the Bible?

... teaching us what we are to believe concerning God and what our responsibility is to do His will. We deny that God continues to give further special, scriptural revelation.



“Almost Home”



A sunset over the ocean with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a glow across the sky and water. The sky transitions from a pale yellow at the top to a soft orange near the horizon. The ocean is dark blue with white-capped waves.

Don't drop a single anchor
We're almost home
Through every toil and danger
We're almost home

How many pilgrim saints
Have before us gone?
No stopping now
We're almost home



That promised land is callin'
We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then
We're almost home



Make ready now your souls
For that kingdom come
No turning back
We're almost home



Almost home

We're almost home

So press on toward that blessed shore

O praise the Lord!

We're almost home



This journey ours together

We're almost home

Unto that great forever

We're almost home



What song anew we'll sing
'Round that happy throne
Come faint of heart
We're almost home



Almost home

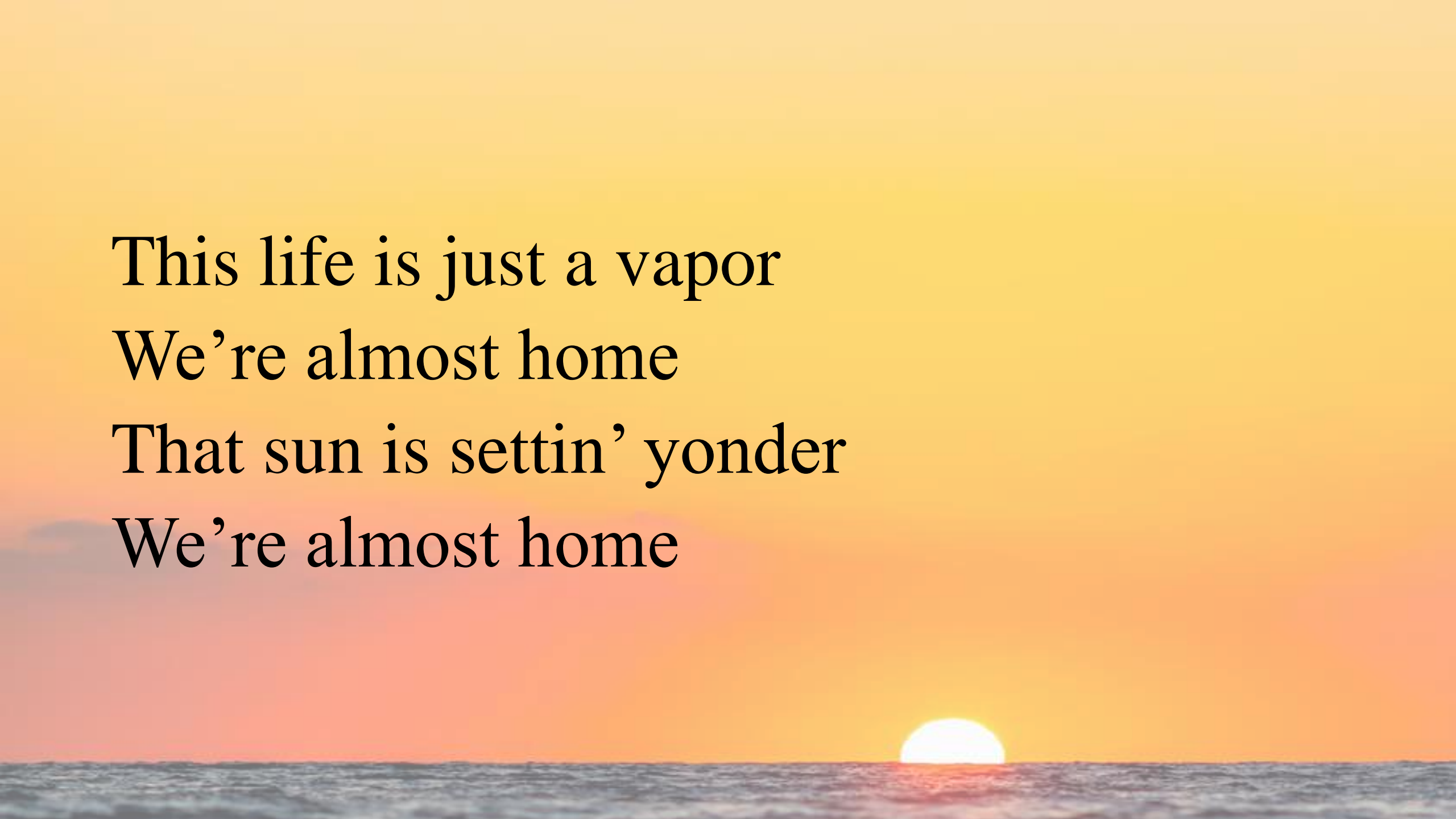
We're almost home

So press on toward that blessed shore

O praise the Lord!

We're almost home





This life is just a vapor
We're almost home
That sun is settin' yonder
We're almost home

Take courage, for this darkness
Shall break to dawn
O lift your eyes
We're almost home



Almost home

We're almost home

So press on toward that blessed shore

O praise the Lord!

We're almost home



Almost home
We're almost home
So press on toward that blessed shore
O praise the Lord!
We're almost home

“Speak, O Lord”



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,



That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.



Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.



Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail—
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.



Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.



And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.














“The Hidden Treasure of a Faithful Pastor”

1 Timothy 4:11-16 (p. 992)



Relating to a Faithful Pastor



A sunset scene over the ocean. The sun is a bright white circle on the horizon, partially obscured by the water. The sky is a gradient of colors from light yellow at the top to orange and red near the horizon. The water is dark blue with white foam from waves.

Relating to a Faithful Pastor
Raising Up a Faithful Pastor

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The Responsibility of a Faithful Pastor





Sharing at Our Lord's Table



So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:41–42

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Sharing at Our Lord's Table



“Behold the Lamb”



Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us ... and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.



So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.



The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you ... eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.



So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.



The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you ... drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.



So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.



And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond ... and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

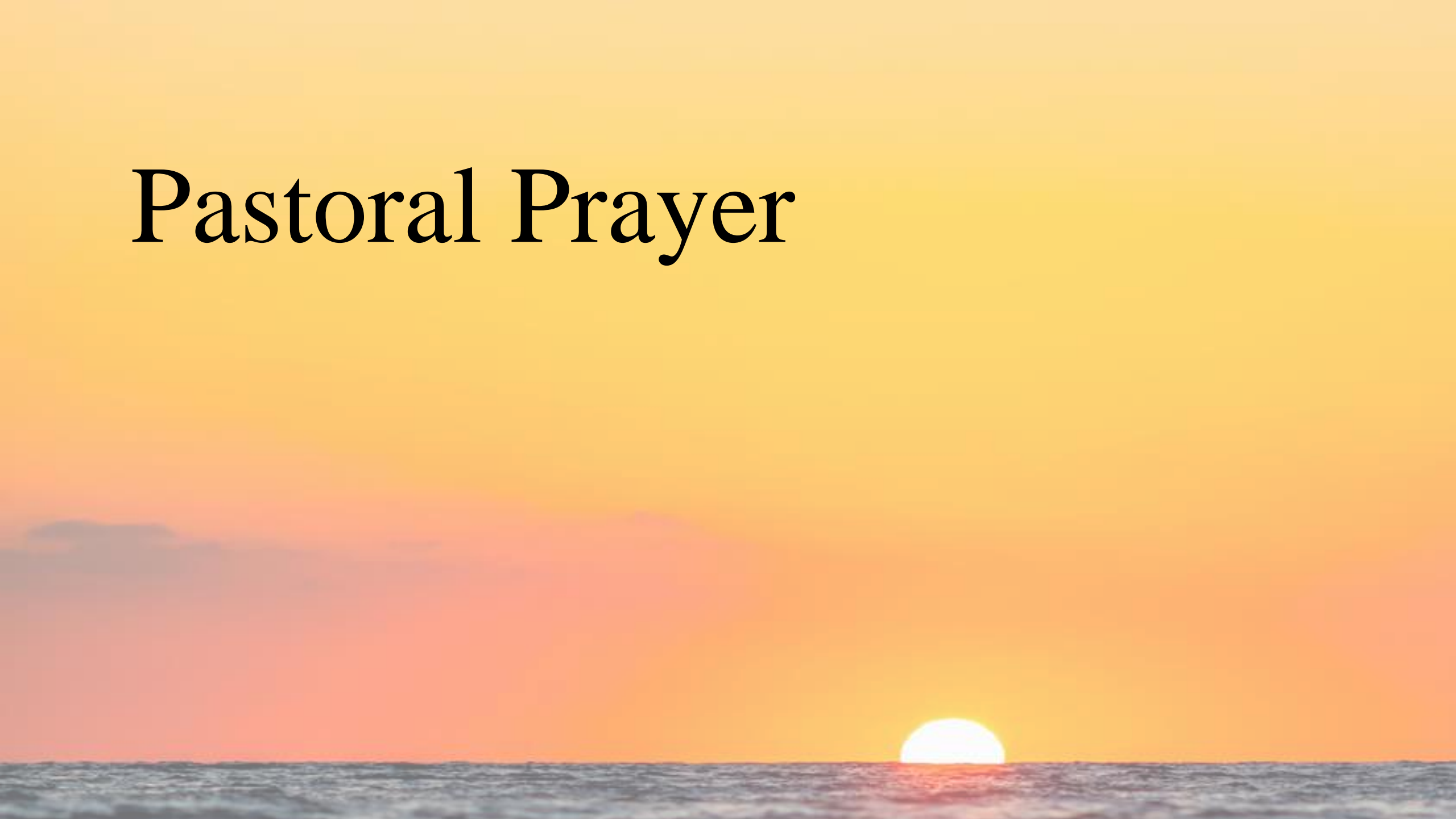


As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Sharing at Our Lord's Table



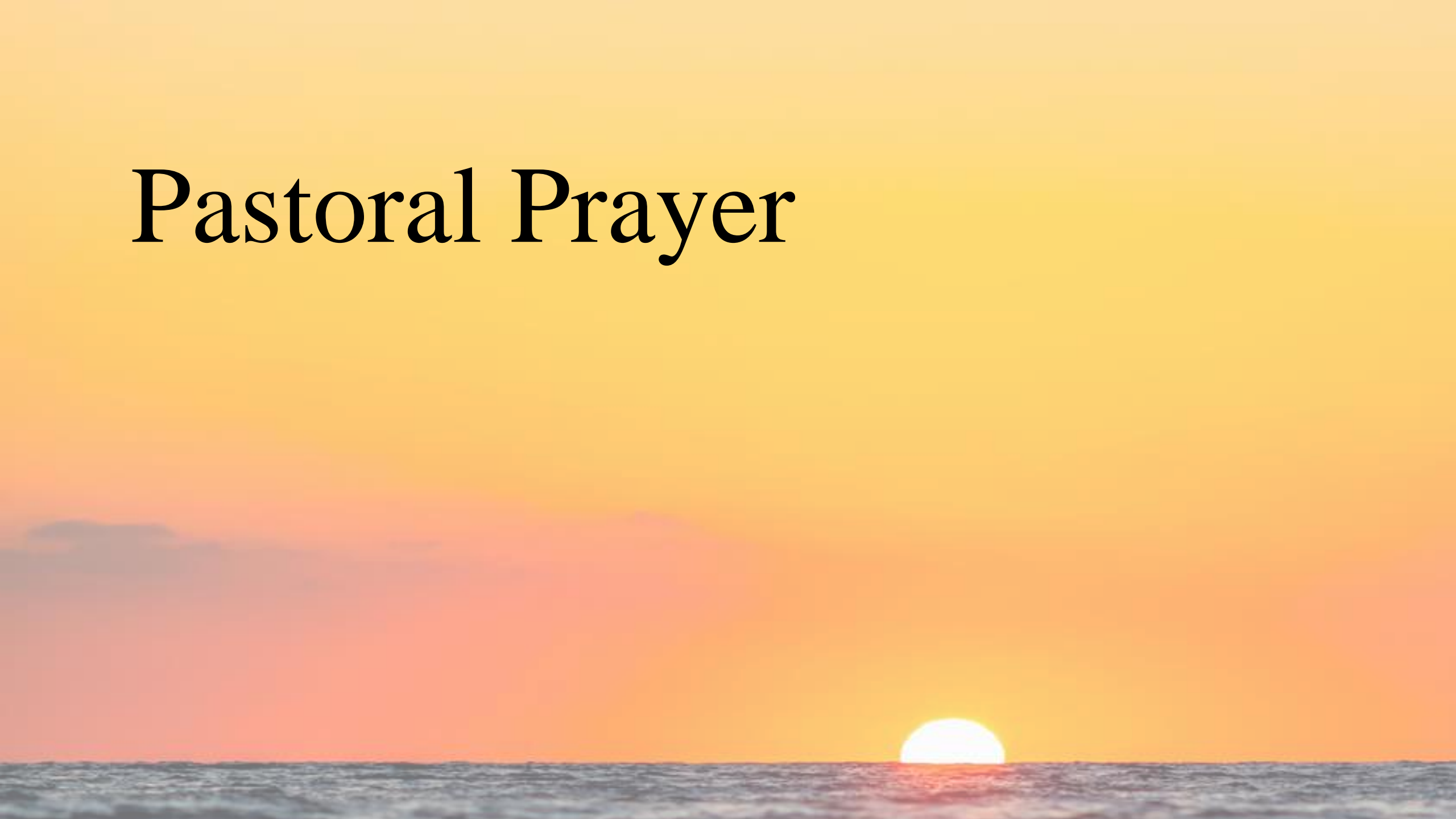
Pastoral Prayer



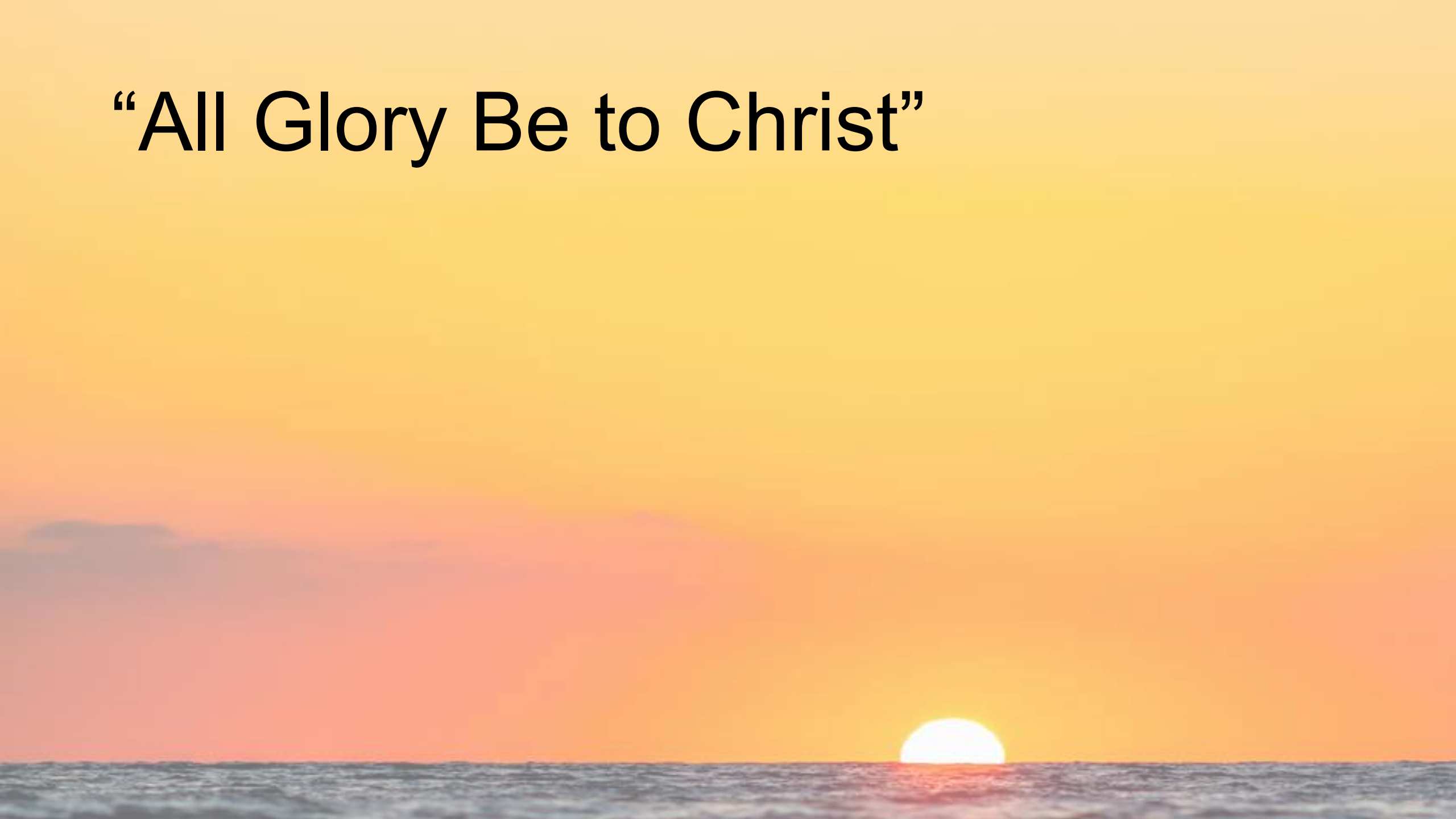


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Love the
Gospel and
Practice
Evangelism**

Pastoral Prayer



“All Glory Be to Christ”



Should nothing of our efforts stand?
No legacy survive?
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive



To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

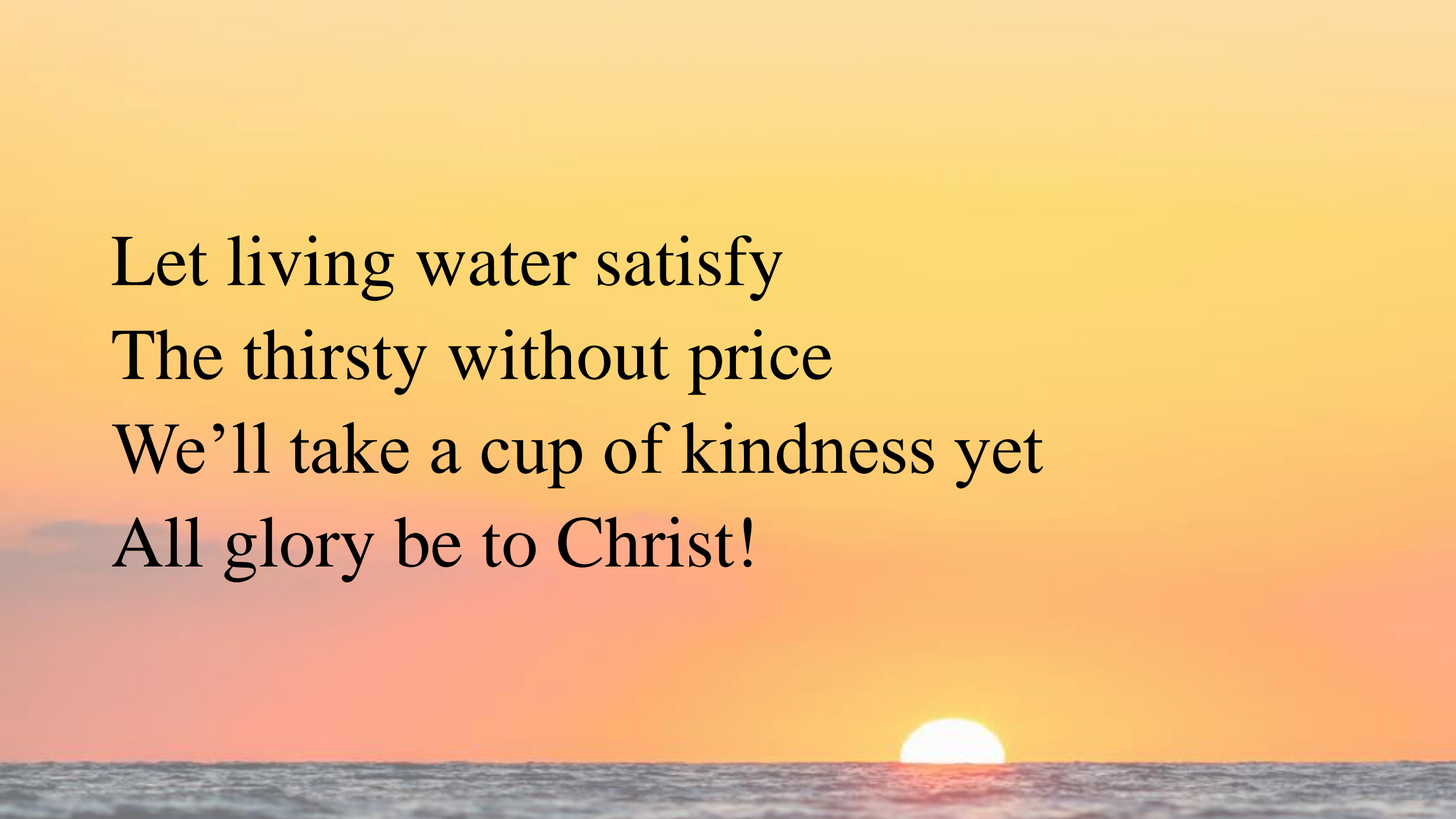


All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!



His will be done; His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love



A sunset over the ocean with a bright sun low on the horizon. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark blue with white-capped waves.

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!



When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.



Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!



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IN THE SAME WAY,

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY
TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:16