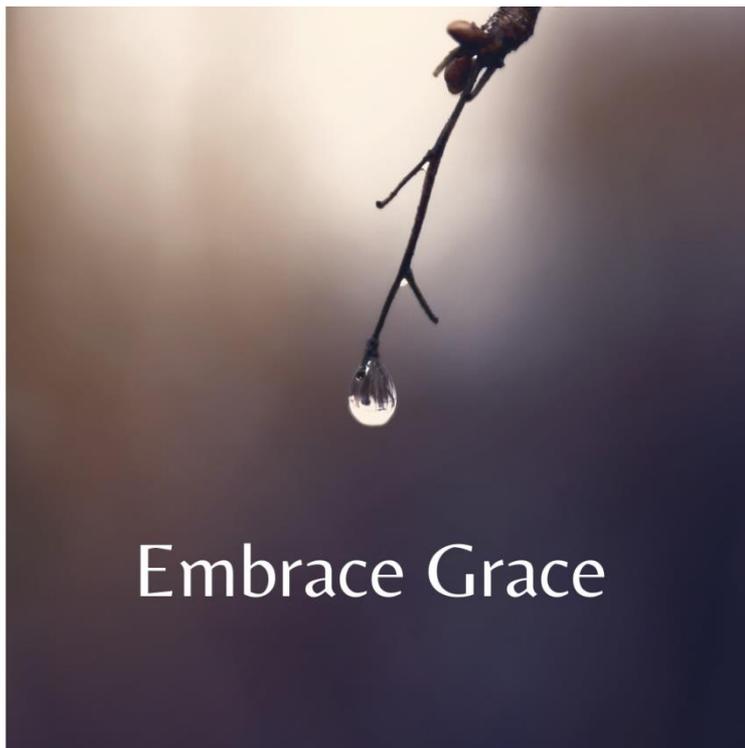




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G- Gratitude

R- Release Regrets

A- Acceptance

C- Cultivate Radical
Hospitality

E- Embrace Stillness

Jesus, Help us to be more hospitable.
Guide us in welcoming strangers into
our lives, to believe in blessings in
disguise; to see all of life as
opportunity and promise.
Help us to be Jesus to the lost, the
least, the last and yes, even the
difficult.
Guide us to still and quiet places
where we can be refreshed.
Strengthen us in stillness so that we
can see your face more clearly.
Surprise us! Let us entertain angels.
Better yet, may we entertain you Lord
Jesus Christ! Amen.



A top-down view of a rustic dining table set for a meal. The table is made of dark wood with a light-colored wooden runner. The runner is a vibrant red and features the text "Cultivate Radical Hospitality" in a white, serif font. The table is set with six place settings. Each setting includes a plate, a folded napkin (some white, some light blue), silverware, and a glass of red wine. A centerpiece of white daisies and greenery is placed in the middle of the table. To the left, there is a small blue bowl filled with nuts and dried fruit. To the right, there is a wooden cutting board with bread and a small bowl of lemon water. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

Cultivate Radical Hospitality

“I know my
sheep and
my sheep
know me”

John 10:27







The practice of *meitheal* is an antidote to the sterile individualism that commercialism and materialism pushes upon us.

At the heart of *meitheal* is the spirit of joyful hospitality—of receiving the “other” as Christ.

Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a multitude of
sins.

Offer hospitality to one another without
grumbling.

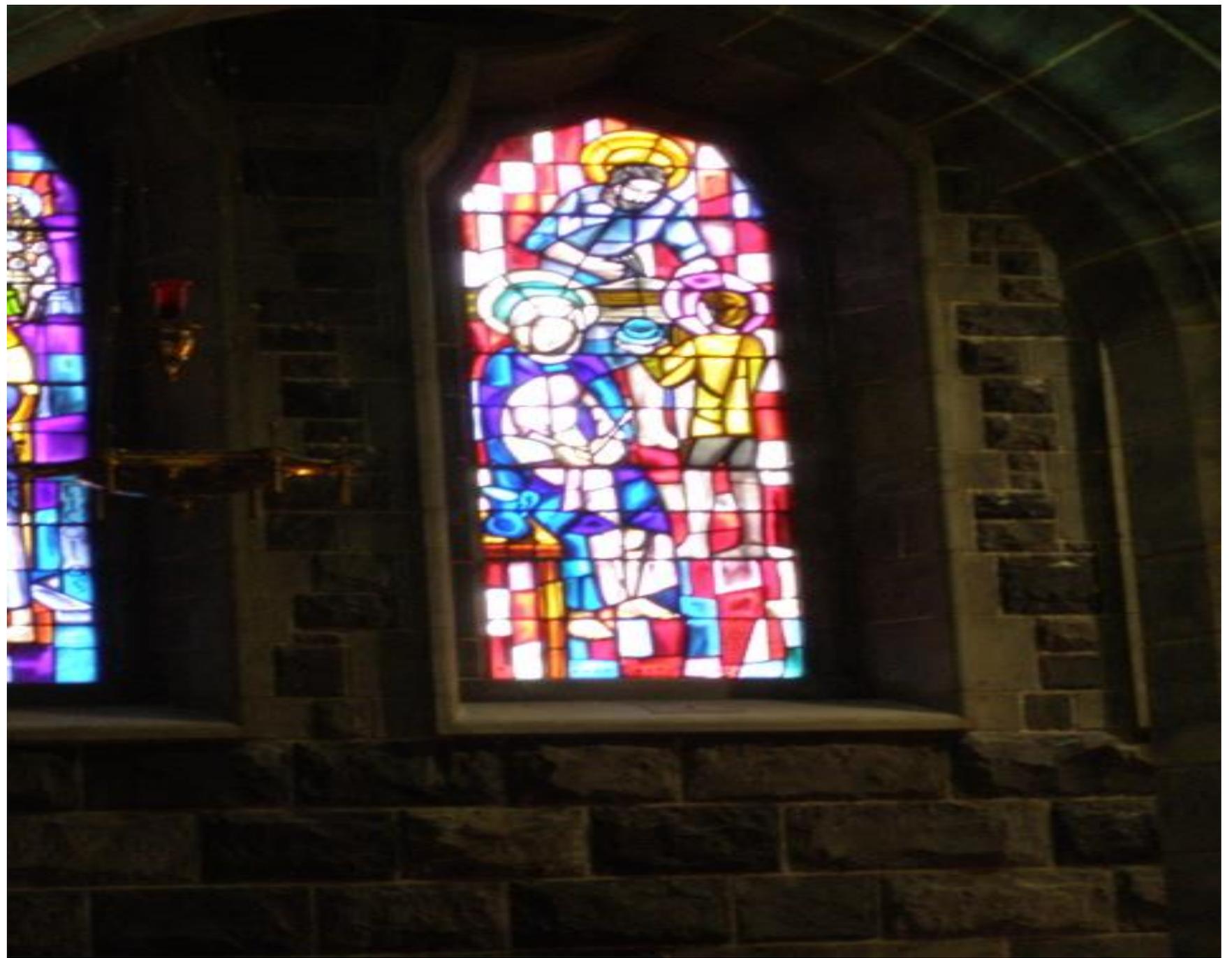
Each of you should use whatever gift you
have received to serve others, as faithful
stewards of God's grace in its various
forms.

If anyone speaks, they should do so as
one who speaks the very words of God.

If anyone serves, they should do so with
the strength God provides, so that in all
things God may be praised through
Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the
power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11







O King of stars!
Whether my house be dark or be bright
It will not be closed against anybody;
May Christ not close his house against me.



“Cead Mile Failte:

“There’s always room for one more”

A blurred background of a social gathering at night. Warm, glowing string lights are strung across the scene, creating a bokeh effect. In the foreground, several people are seated at a table, their forms softened by the shallow depth of field. The overall atmosphere is intimate and warm.

*Hospitality is not something we do,
but who we are*

Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.



Inspire us to act justly and
to reverence all God has
made.

Brigid you were a voice for
the wounded and the
weary.

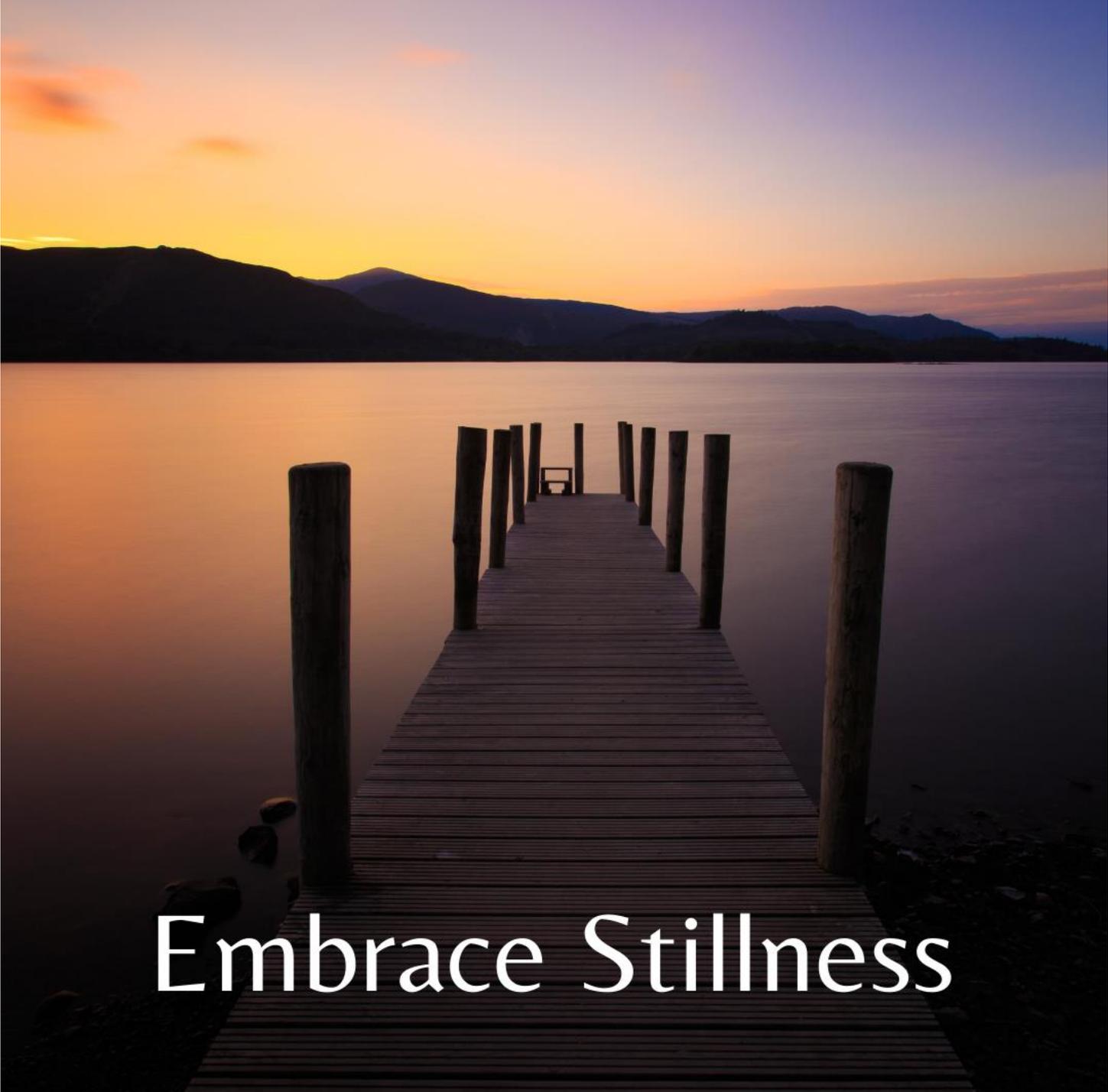
Strengthen what is weak
within us.

Calm us into a quietness
that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into
greater wholeness in mind,
body and spirit.

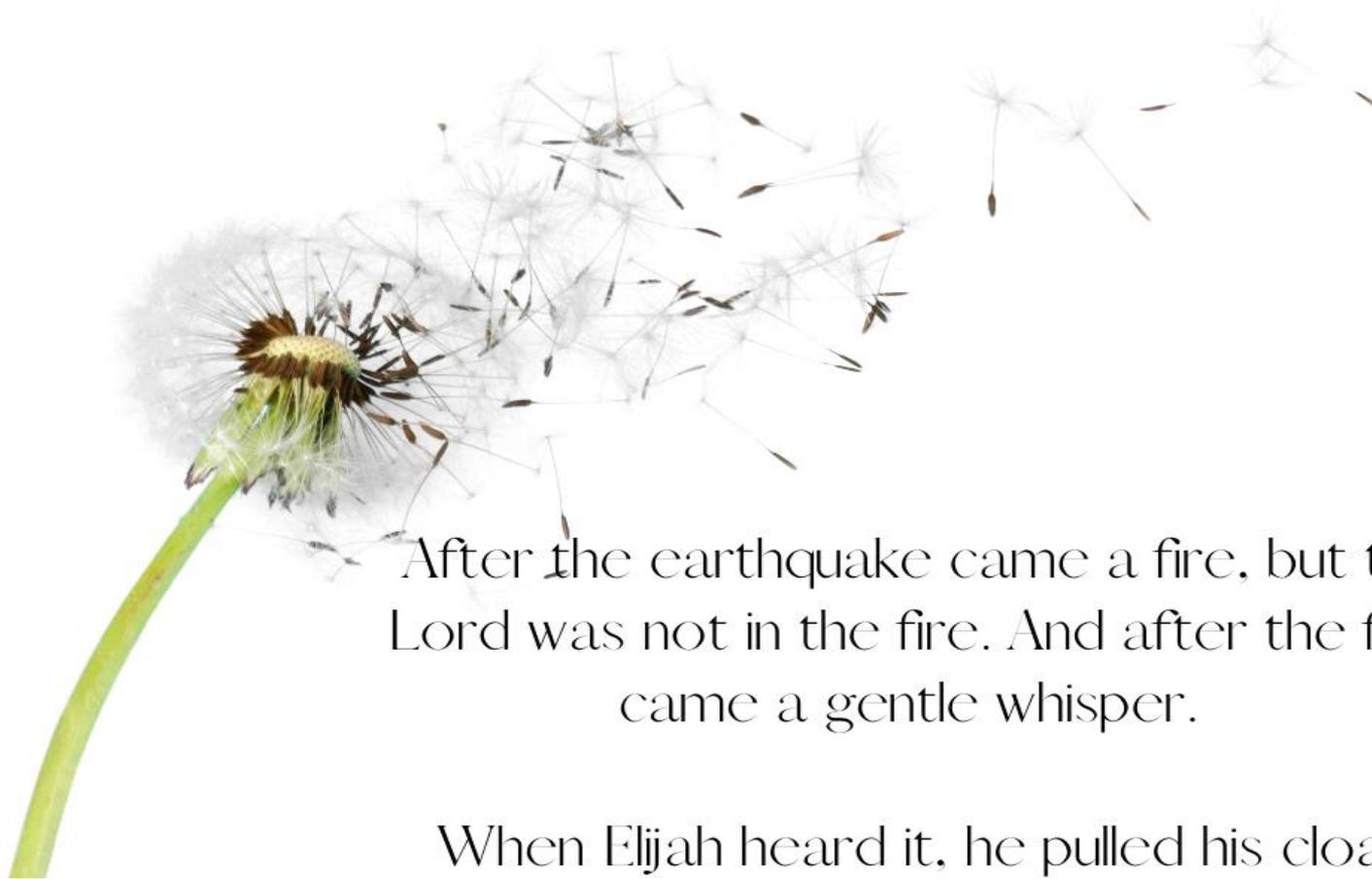
Amen.





Embrace Stillness





After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him,
"What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1 Kings 19:12-13

CENTER
THIS
DOOR

AS IF THE FLOOR
WITHIN WERE
GOLD.

AND EVERY WALL
OF JEWELS ALL
OF WEALTH
UNTOLD:

AS IF A CHOIR
IN ROBES OF
FIRE WERE
SINGING HERE.

NOR SHOUT,
NOR RUSH,
BUT HUSH!

FOR

GOD IS
HERE.

Isn't it interesting that science tells
us that we need four basic things to
survive?

Water

Air

Food

Light



Here's what Scripture tells us about
Jesus:

I am the source of living water

I am the breath of life

I am the bread of life

I AM LIGHT

Give Us This Day



Our Daily Bread

Y'all need to stop with this "bread is not good for you" foolishness.

Jesus did not say I am the broccoli of life. Nor did He say give us this day our daily kale. Stop. Jesus is life. Jesus is the bread of life. Bread is life.





Kneading

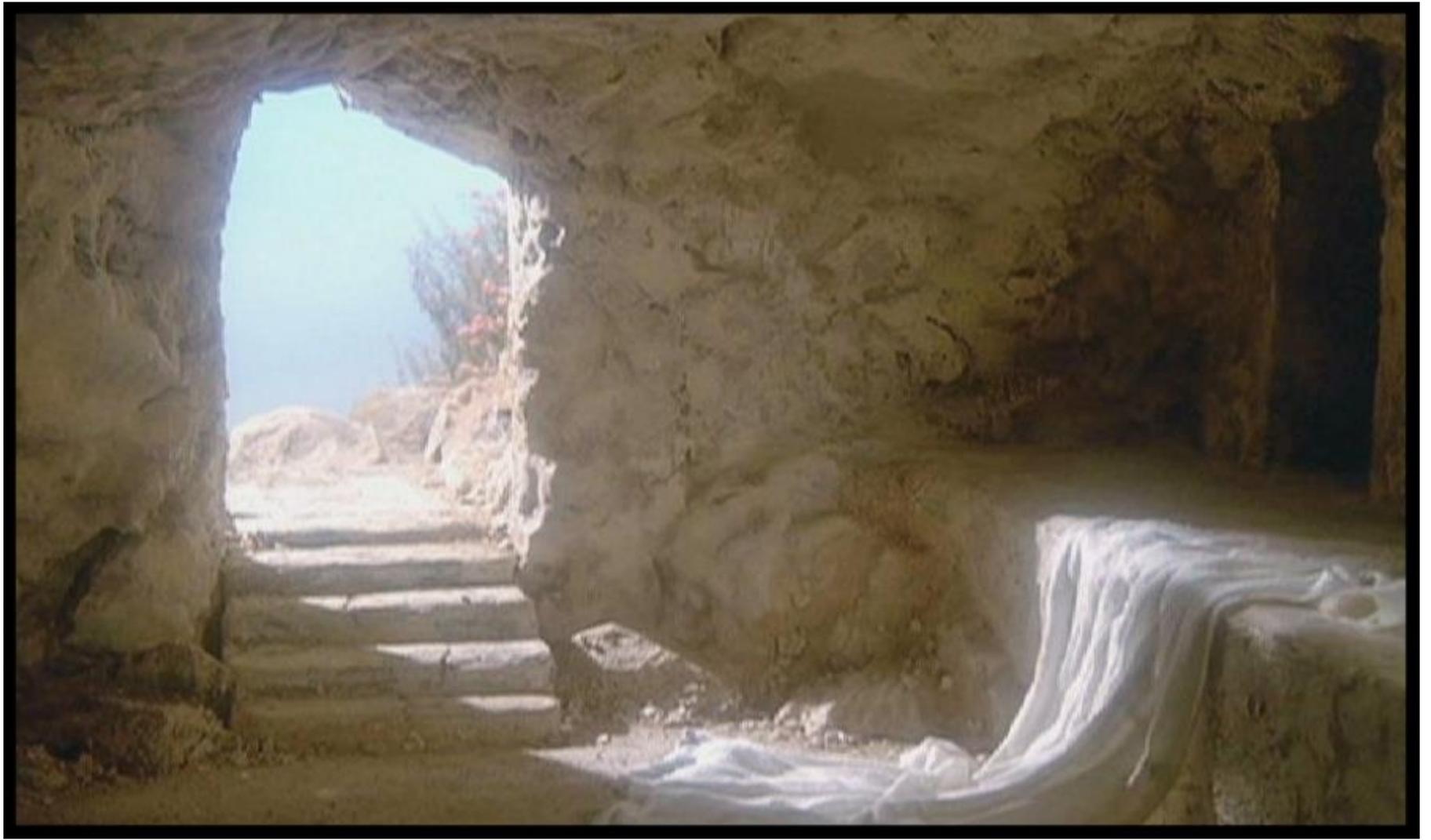
Resting

Rising

Dying

Entombment

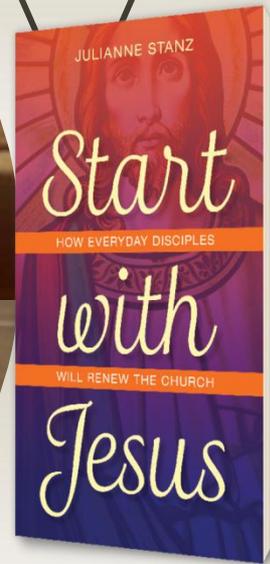
Rising







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**Let's Get Movin'
for Jesus!**



**YOU ARE
NOW
ENTERING
THE
MISSION
FIELD**



Closing Prayer:

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MAY YOU SEE GOD'S LIGHT ON THE PATH AHEAD
WHEN THE ROAD YOU WALK IS DARK.

MAY YOU ALWAYS HEAR
EVEN IN YOUR HOUR OF SORROW
THE GENTLE SINGING OF THE LARK.

WHEN TIMES ARE HARD
MAY HARDNESS NEVER TURN YOUR HEART TO STONE.

MAY YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER WHEN THE SHADOWS
FALL—

YOU DO NOT WALK ALONE.

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