



Who
am I?



TWO QUESTIONS for you to consider...

#1 How do you
determine
your **VALUE**
as a person?

Do you find it in your
accomplishments?

The **grades** you get?

Your boss's **approval**?

Your athletic
achievements?

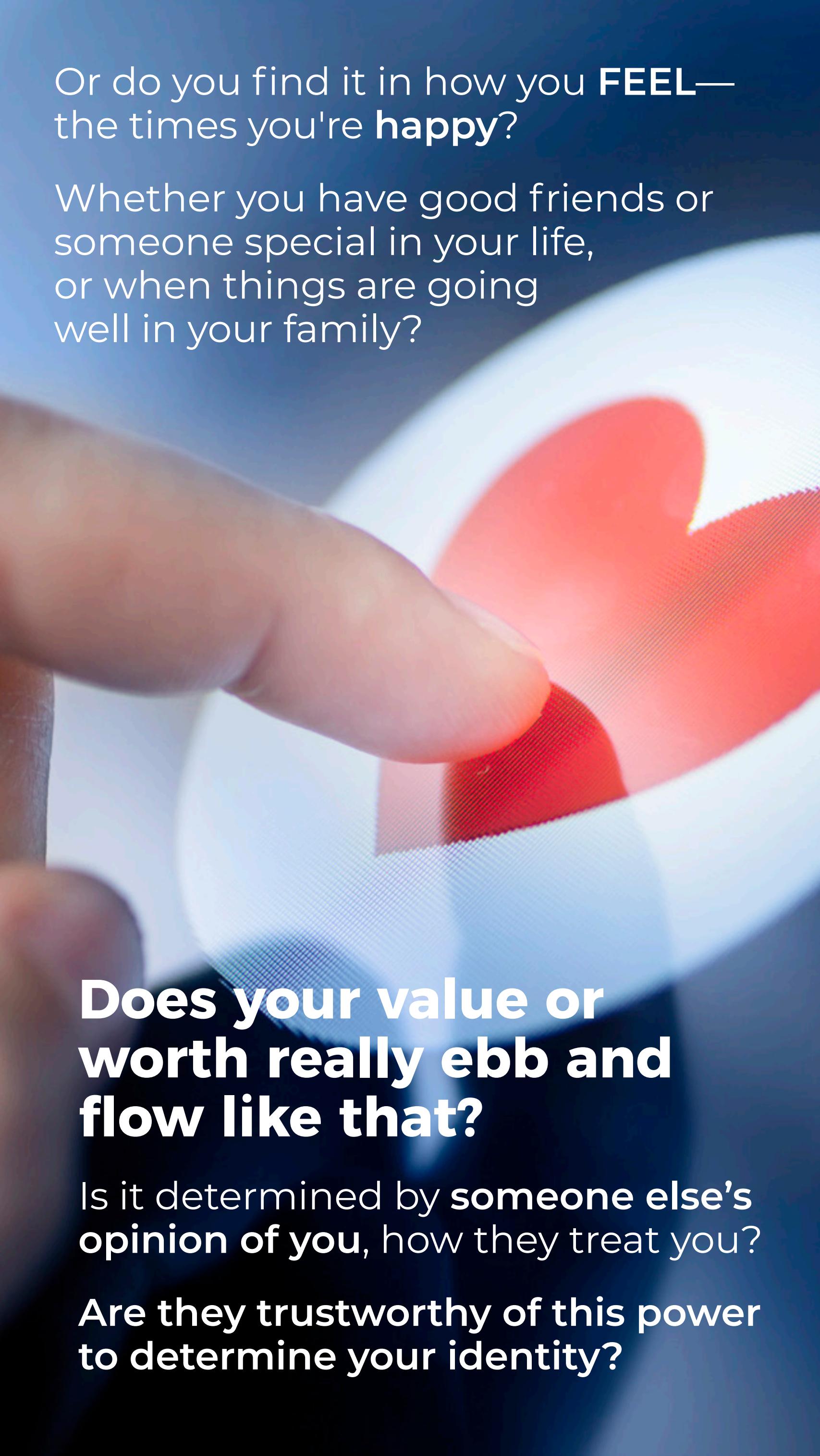
The **admiration** of
your friends?

Success in your career?

The things you **own**?

Is this working
for you?





Or do you find it in how you **FEEL**—
the times you're **happy**?

Whether you have good friends or
someone special in your life,
or when things are going
well in your family?

**Does your value or
worth really ebb and
flow like that?**

Is it determined by **someone else's
opinion of you**, how they treat you?

**Are they trustworthy of this power
to determine your identity?**

#2 Says WHO?

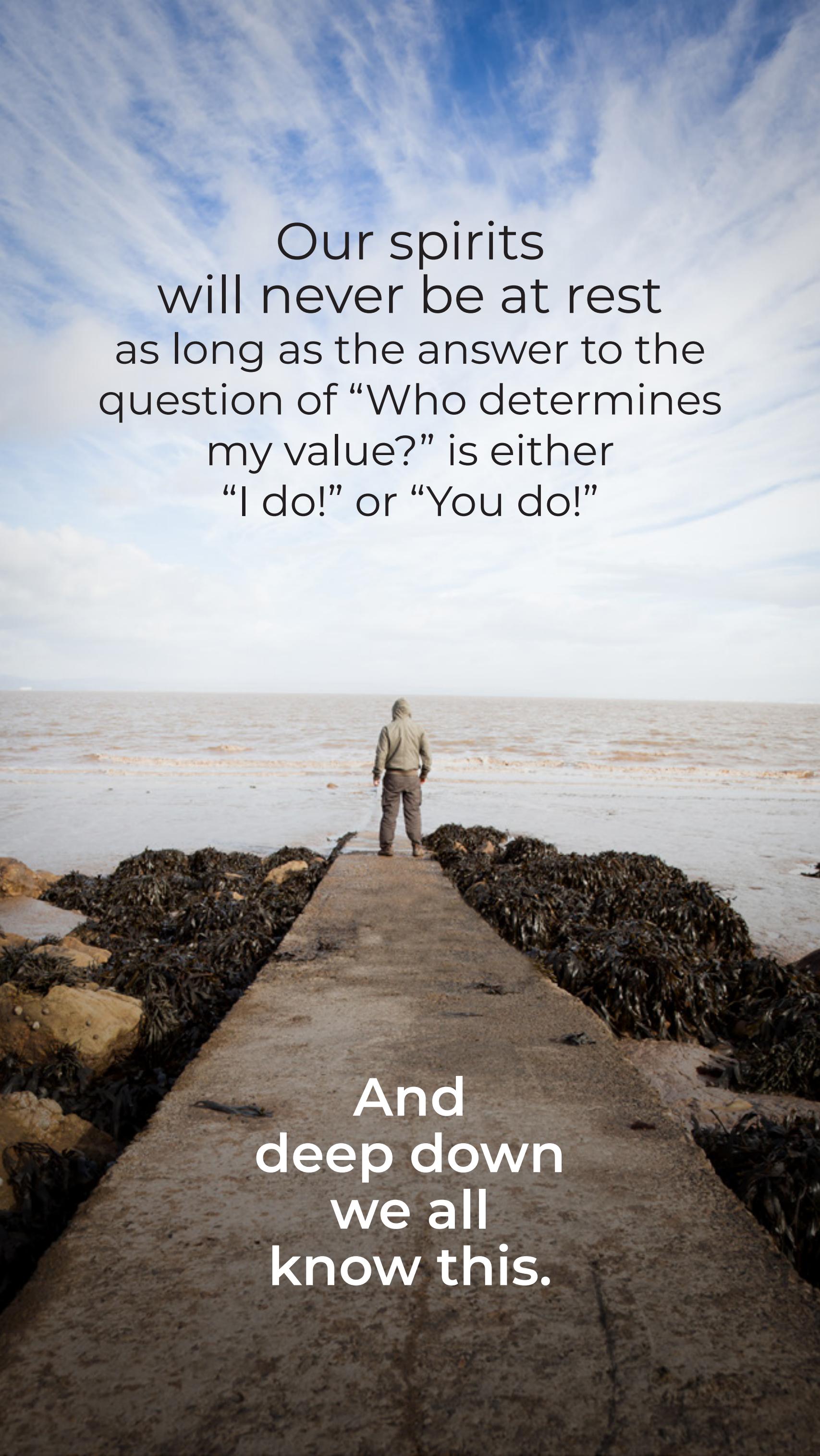
This question can be tricky. Surely when it comes to our self-value the answer to the question of “Says who?” must be “Me! I determine my value.”

The problem is, when it comes to our value and worth, what our spirit longs for is something stable, strong, and right.

But we know ourselves.

We know we are not stable or strong, and life has taught us we are rarely right. And nor is anyone else.

Our spirits
will never be at rest
as long as the answer to the
question of “Who determines
my value?” is either
“I do!” or “You do!”

A photograph of a person standing on a long, narrow concrete pier that extends into a body of water. The pier is covered in dark, wet seaweed. The person is seen from behind, wearing a light-colored hoodie and dark pants, looking out at the horizon. The water is calm with some ripples, and the sky is a mix of blue and white clouds.

And
deep down
we all
know this.

In the following pages...



You'll find six statements that define who you are in God's eyes, and several verses from the Bible about each one.

Through these verses, you'll discover what God **says** about who you are, what He **thinks** of you, **does** for you—and how he **cares** for you.

And you'll discover **just how good it is** when you have your identity rooted in Him.

NOTE: tap on the Bible references to read the verses in context using the NewLife app or online at www.newlife.bible

A close-up photograph of two hands forming a heart shape. The hands are positioned with the thumbs at the top and the fingers curving inward to meet at the bottom, creating a central opening. The hands appear to be of a darker skin tone. The background is blurred, showing a mix of green and yellow colors, possibly representing a sunset or sunrise over a landscape.

you are
loved

For this is how God loved the world:

He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

And this hope will not lead to disappointment.

For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love...But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

ROMANS 5:5,8





We know how much
God loves us, and we have
put our trust in his love.
God is love, and all who live
in love live in God, and
God lives in them.

1 JOHN 4:16

O LORD, God of Israel,
there is no God like you
in all of heaven and earth.
You keep your covenant
and show unfailing love to
all who walk before you in
wholehearted devotion.

2 CHRONICLES 6:14



you are
chosen

But you are not like that,
for you are a chosen people.
You are royal priests, a holy nation,
God's very own possession.

1 PETER 2:9

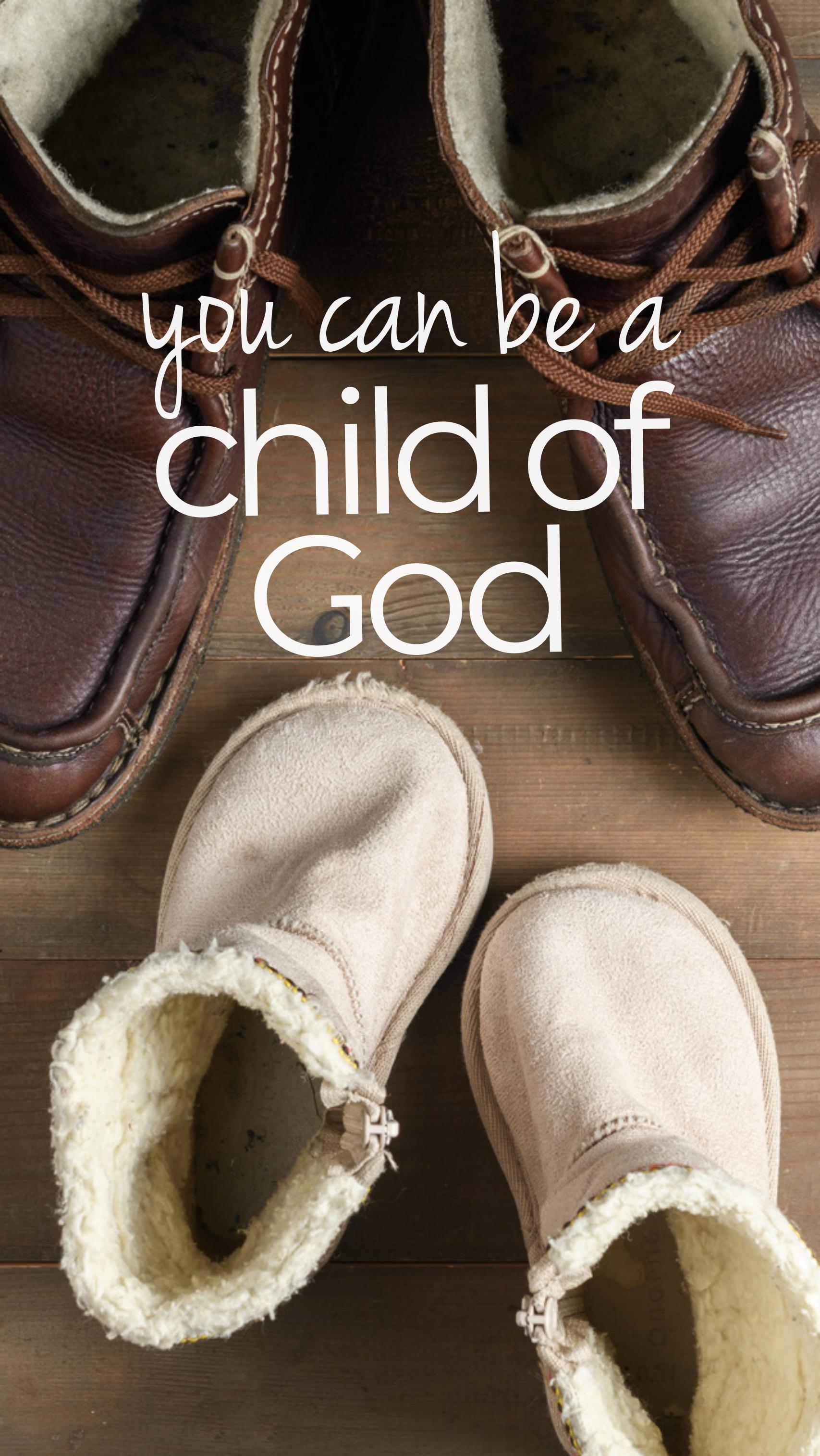
Even before he made the world,
God loved us and chose
us in Christ to be holy and
without fault in his eyes.

EPHESIANS 1:4

For we are God's
masterpiece.

He has created us anew in
Christ Jesus, so we can do the good
things he planned for us long ago.

EPHESIANS 2:10

A photograph of a pair of brown leather cowboy boots and a pair of white moccasins with yellow piping, arranged on a dark wooden floor. The cowboy boots are positioned at the top, and the moccasins are at the bottom.

you can be a
child of
God

¹⁴ Thank you
for making me
so wonderfully
complex!

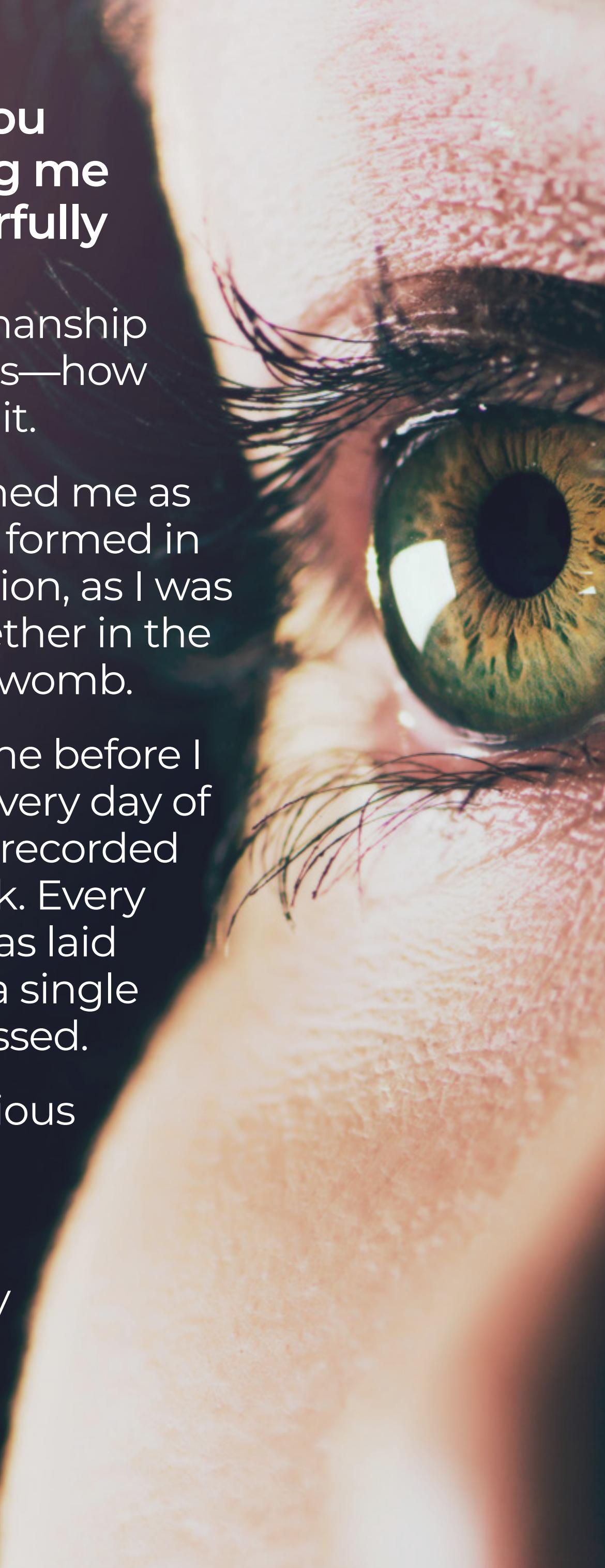
Your workmanship
is marvelous—how
well I know it.

¹⁵ You watched me as
I was being formed in
utter seclusion, as I was
woven together in the
dark of the womb.

¹⁶ You saw me before I
was born. Every day of
my life was recorded
in your book. Every
moment was laid
out before a single
day had passed.

¹⁷ How precious
are your
thoughts
about me,
O God. They
cannot be
numbered!

PSALM
139:14-17





See how very much our Father loves us, **for he calls us his children**, and that is what we are!

1 JOHN 3:1

But to all who believed him and accepted him, **he gave the right to become children of God.**

JOHN 1:12

God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

EPHESIANS 1:5

you can be
free



So, Christ has truly set us free...

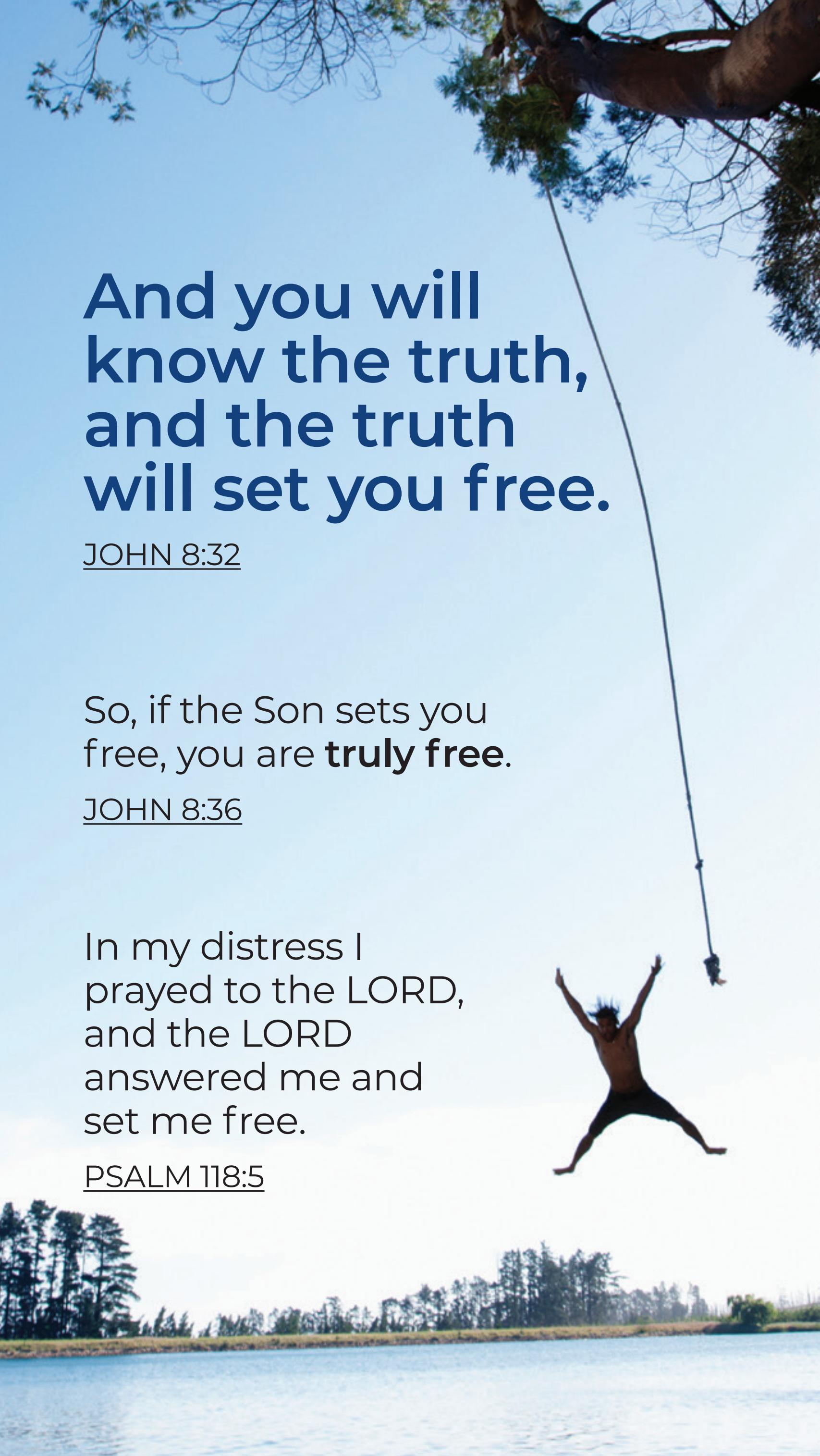
For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

GALATIANS 5:1,13



For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **freedom**.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



And you will
know the truth,
and the truth
will set you free.

JOHN 8:32

So, if the Son sets you
free, you are **truly free**.

JOHN 8:36

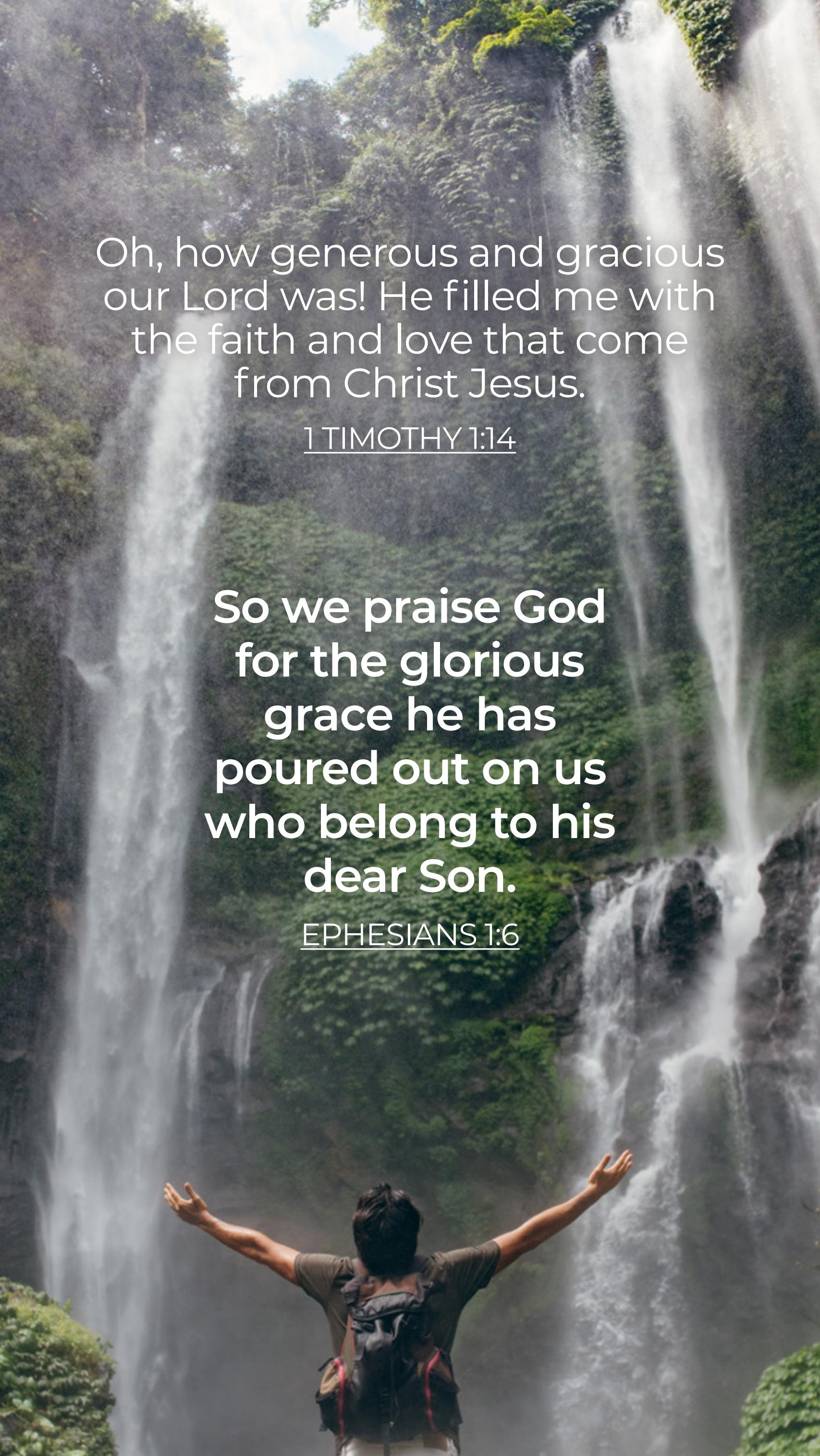
In my distress I
prayed to the LORD,
and the LORD
answered me and
set me free.

PSALM 118:5



you have
been offered
grace





Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 1:14

So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.

EPHESIANS 1:6

So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

HEBREWS 4:16

For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9

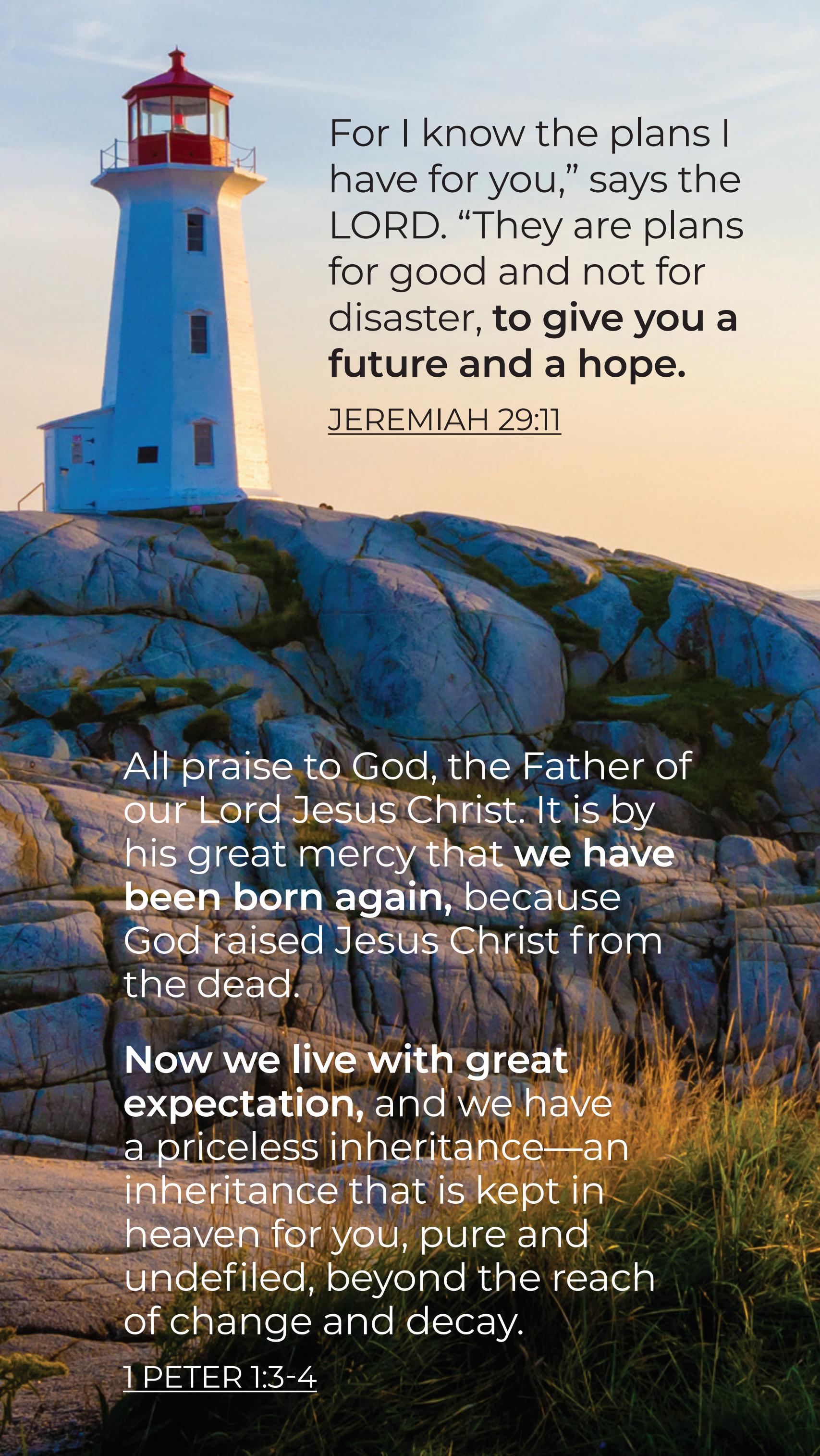
May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

2 PETER 1:2



you can have
hope



A blue and white lighthouse stands on a rocky hill at sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a bright glow on the surrounding rocks and grass. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, **to give you a future and a hope.**

JEREMIAH 29:11

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that **we have been born again**, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

1 PETER 1:3-4

**I pray that your
hearts will be
flooded with light**

so that you can understand
the confident hope he has
given to those he called—
his holy people who are his
rich and glorious inheritance.

EPHESIANS 1:18

**I pray that God, the
source of hope, will fill
you completely with joy
and peace because you
trust in him.**

Then you will overflow with
confident hope through the
power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13

My identity:

I am loved

I am chosen

I can be a
child of God

I can be free

I have been
offered grace

I can have hope

A New Identity

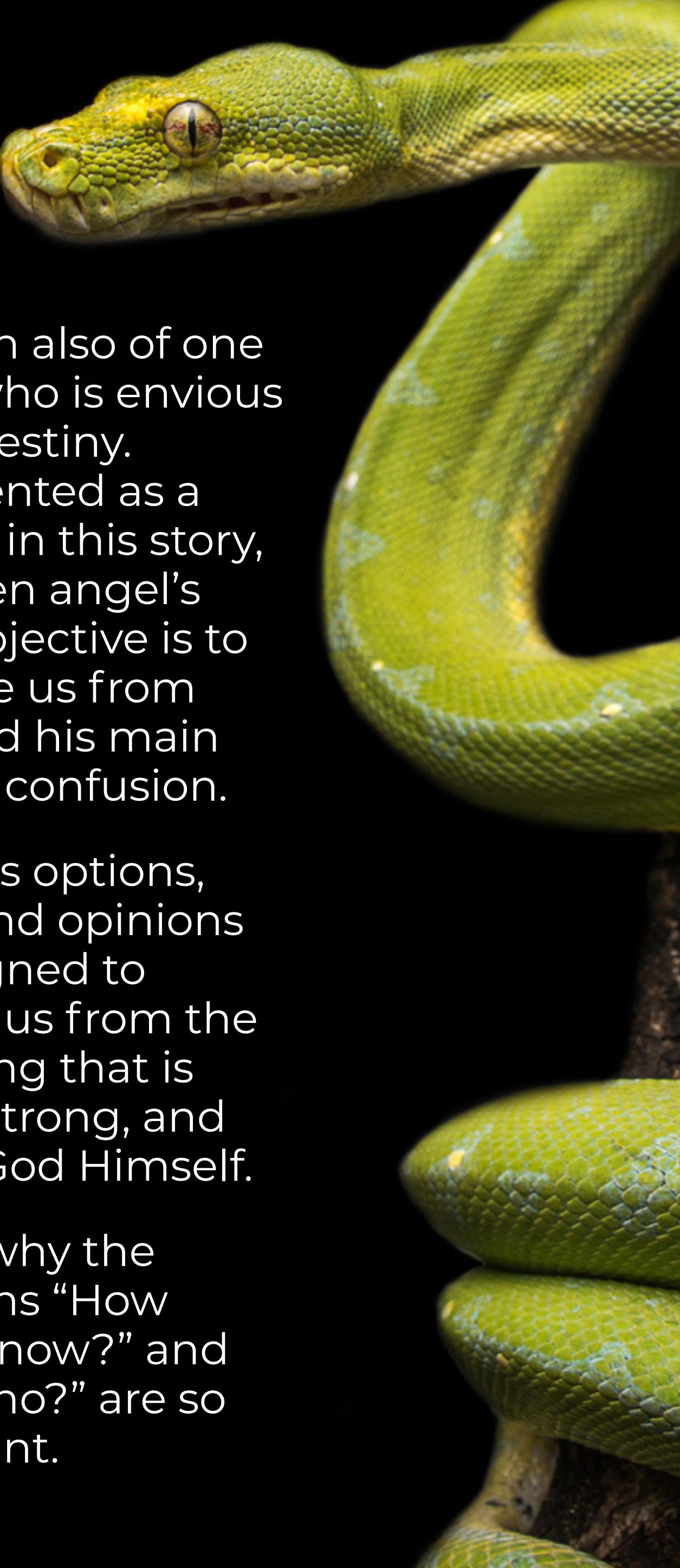
Through a story told very early in the Bible, we learn that God created everything in this world to be good. Human beings were created especially good.

Not only that, we learned that we are designed to inhabit the most exalted status among all things created...even higher than the angels. What a destiny from a loving God!



Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:26-27

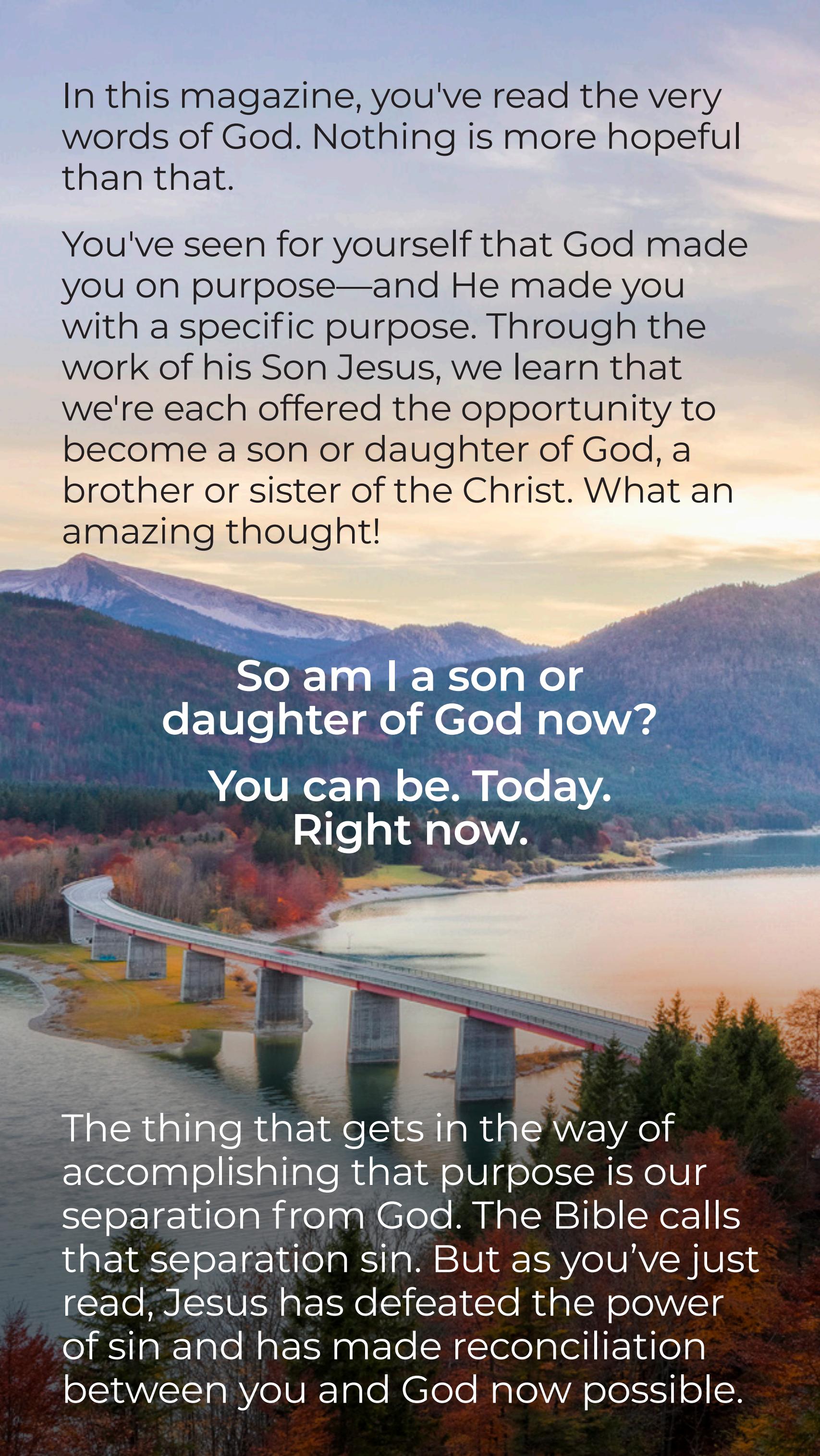


We learn also of one being who is envious of our destiny.

Represented as a serpent in this story, this fallen angel's main objective is to separate us from God, and his main tactic is confusion.

He offers options, ideas, and opinions all designed to distract us from the only thing that is stable, strong, and right—God Himself.

That is why the questions “How do we know?” and “Says who?” are so important.



In this magazine, you've read the very words of God. Nothing is more hopeful than that.

You've seen for yourself that God made you on purpose—and He made you with a specific purpose. Through the work of his Son Jesus, we learn that we're each offered the opportunity to become a son or daughter of God, a brother or sister of the Christ. What an amazing thought!

**So am I a son or
daughter of God now?
You can be. Today.
Right now.**

The thing that gets in the way of accomplishing that purpose is our separation from God. The Bible calls that separation sin. But as you've just read, Jesus has defeated the power of sin and has made reconciliation between you and God now possible.

Do you wish to become right with God and receive His forgiveness? Do you wish to become a child of God and live the rest of this life fulfilling your God-given purpose? Do you wish to dedicate your life to someone that is stable, strong, and right?

You can. Nothing would make God happier.

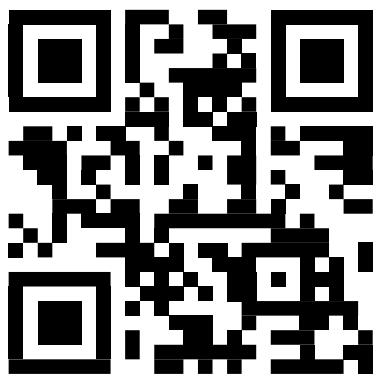
Pray to God to begin your new identity as a child of God, using words like these:

“God, I know that I am a sinner and I believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins on the cross and was raised from the dead for my sake. I now turn from my sins forever, and acknowledge that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour.”



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