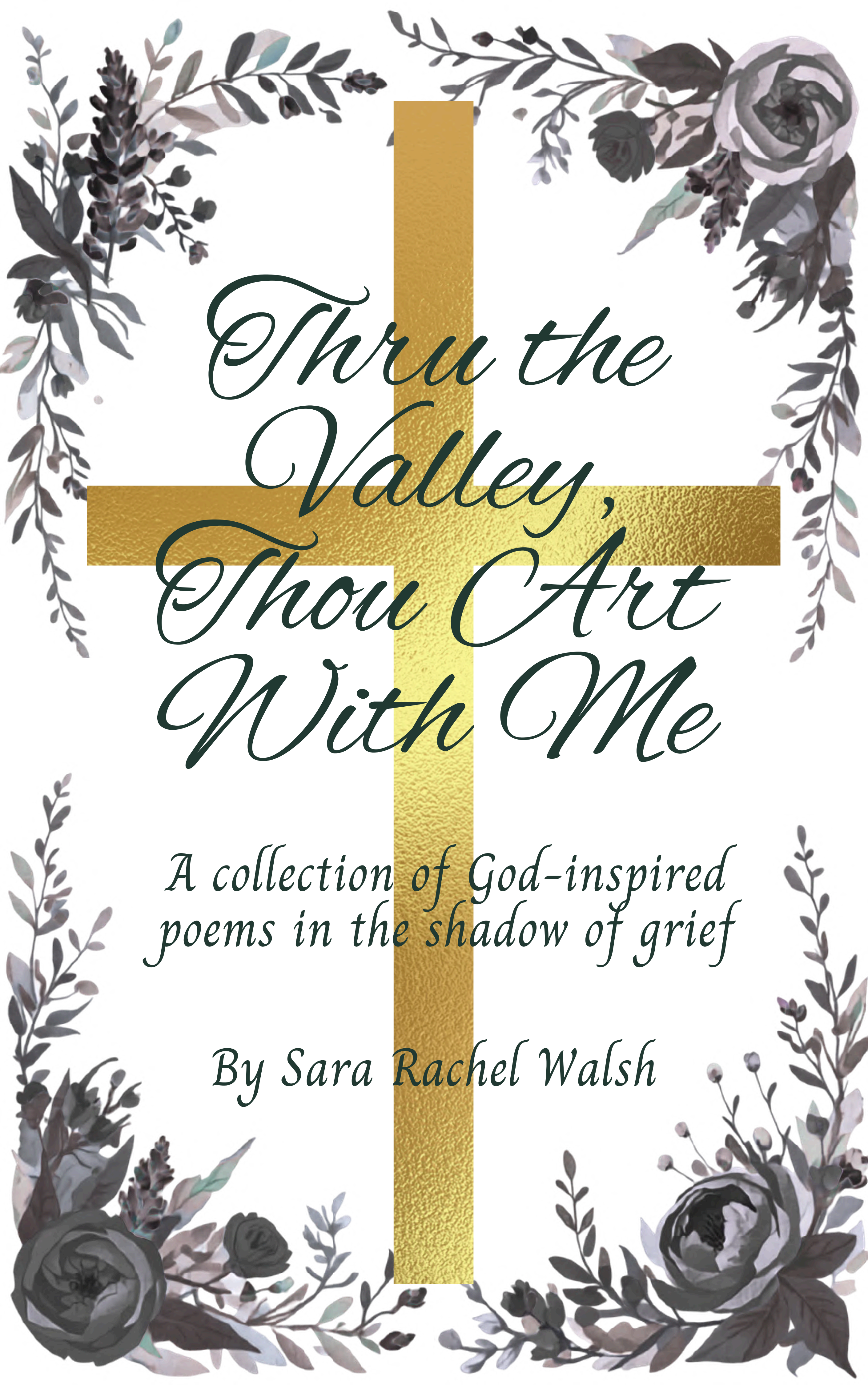
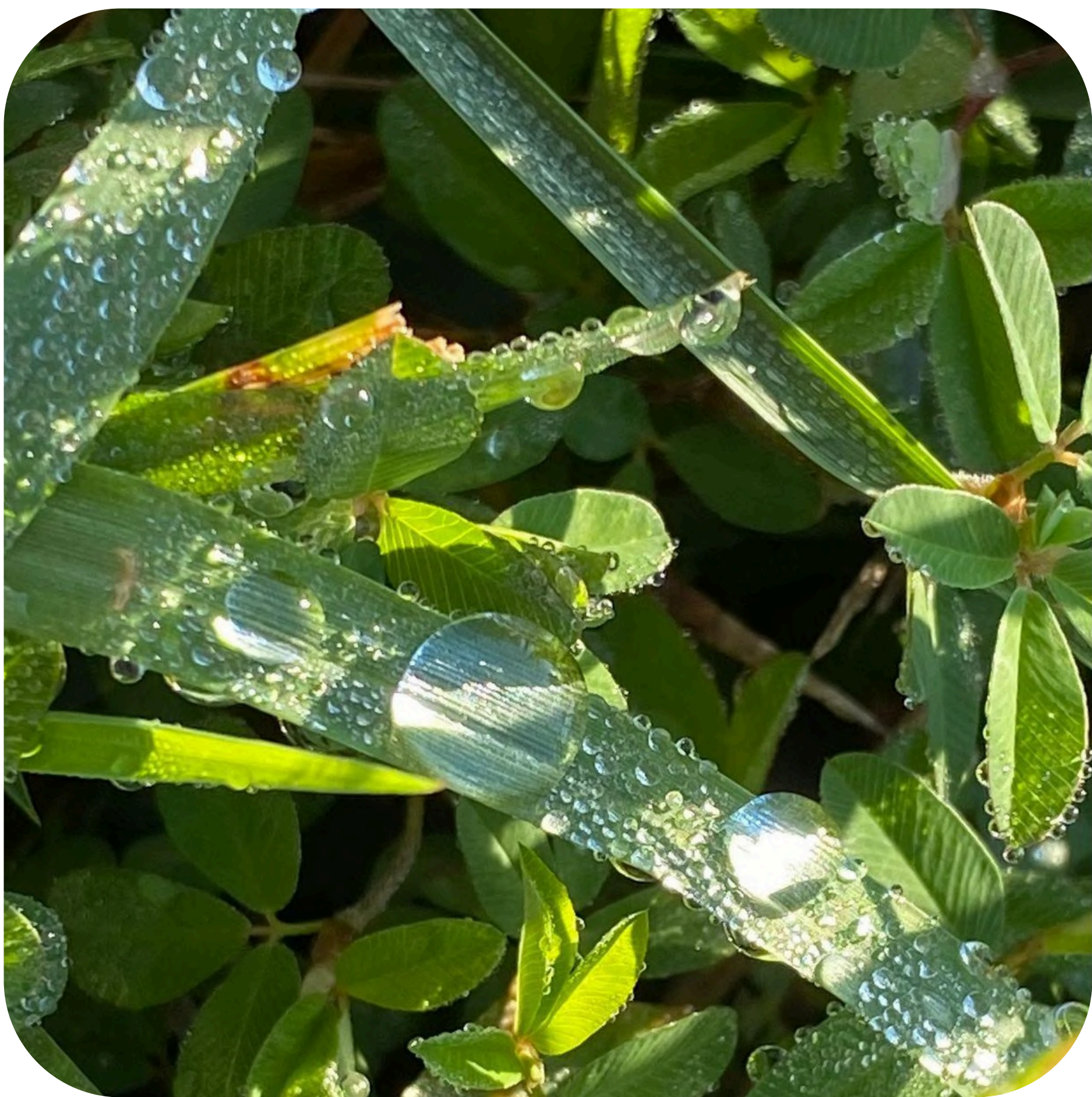




Thru the Valley, Thou Art With Me

*A collection of God-inspired
poems in the shadow of grief*

By Sara Rachel Walsh

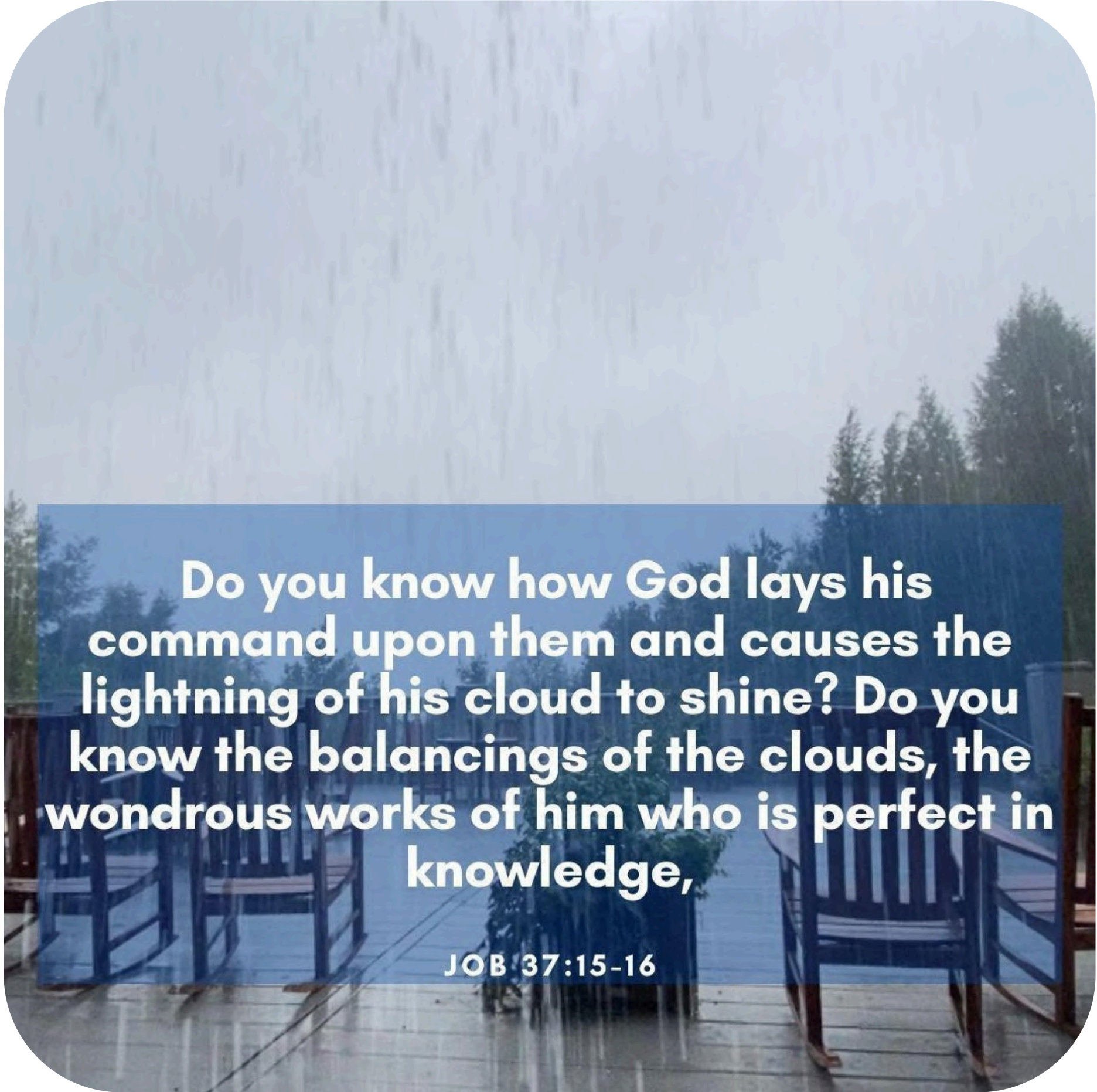


Rise and Shine



*Crystal pearls of dew,
On blades of grass,
Reflect the heavenly light of dawn.
Illuminated spheres of beauty,
A glimpse of silent praise,
To our Creator, God.
The highest heaven and lowest earth,
Proclaim in magnificent splendor,
The awesomeness of God.
Early in the morning,
I rejoice with Your creation,
And praise Your Name,
Lord God of Heaven and Earth.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

A photograph of a rainy day scene. In the foreground, there is a wooden deck with several blue wooden chairs. A small potted plant sits on the deck. In the background, there is a calm lake and a line of trees under a grey, overcast sky. Rain is visible as white streaks falling across the entire scene.

**Do you know how God lays his
command upon them and causes the
lightning of his cloud to shine? Do you
know the balancings of the clouds, the
wondrous works of him who is perfect in
knowledge,**

JOB 37:15-16

The Voice of the Lord



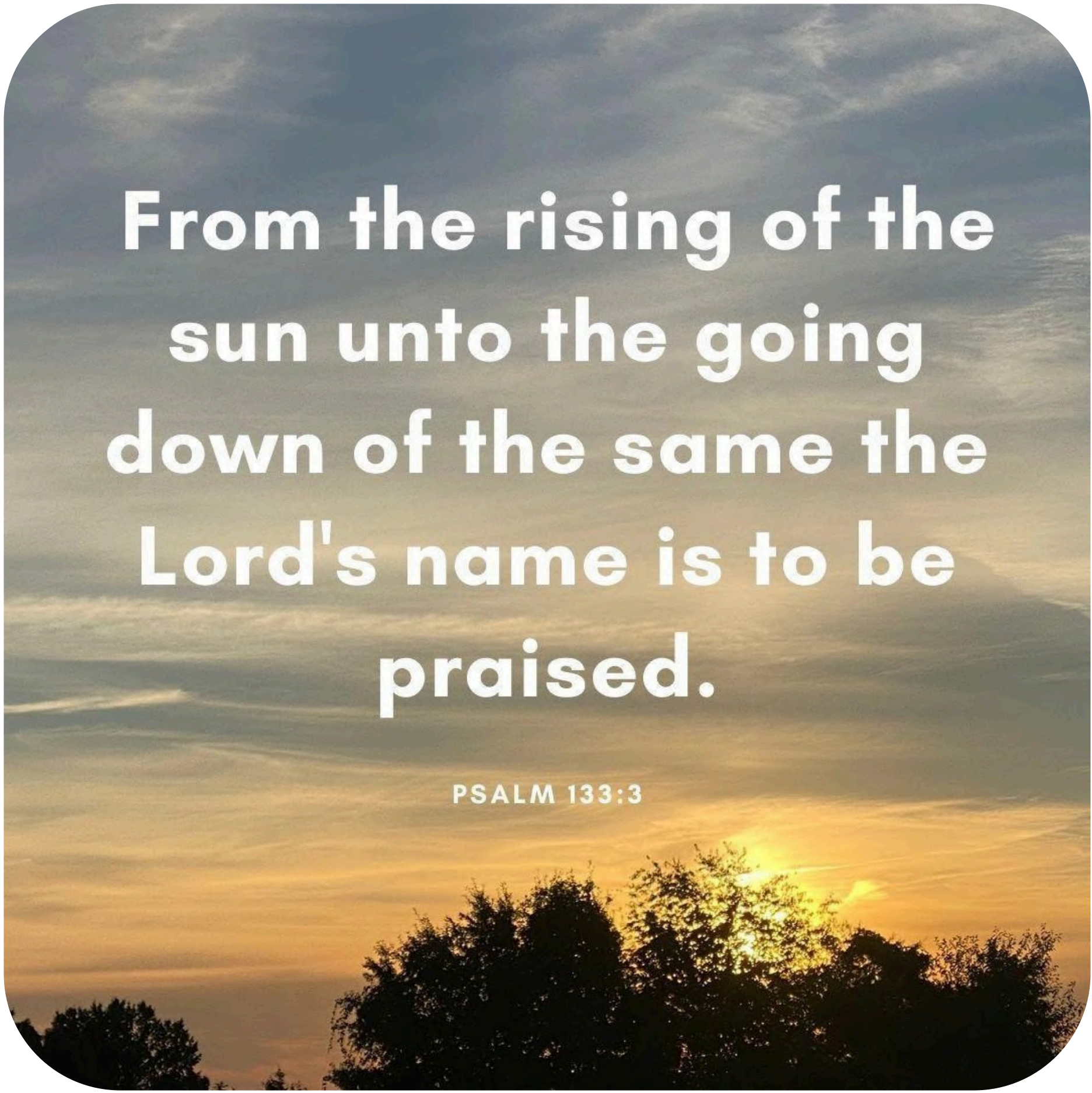
*I hear the Lord's voice in the thunder,
Oh the powerful, majestic, booming, sounds,
That shake the earth and leave us to wonder,
How great and magnificent is our God!*

*I hear the Lord's voice in the roar,
Of the towering, crashing, pulsing, waves,
That shatter, then whisper and kiss the shore,
How great and marvelous is our God!*

*I hear the Lord's voice in the rain,
Oh the rushing, raging, pouring flood,
That flows down the roof and window pane,
How great and awesome is our God!*

*I hear the Lord's voice in the bells,
Of the chapel nestled in the woods,
That mortal voices join in praise to tell,
How great and glorious is our God!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**From the rising of the
sun unto the going
down of the same the
Lord's name is to be
praised.**

PSALM 133:3

Jesus Is



*Jesus is my life and light and Lord.
Jesus is my protection in car accidents
and near misses.*

*Jesus is my provider in jobs and countless blessings.
Jesus is my healing from many sicknesses
and injuries and surgeries.*

*Jesus is my peace when I am troubled and afraid.
Jesus is my strength in the hospital room and
funeral and grave side.*

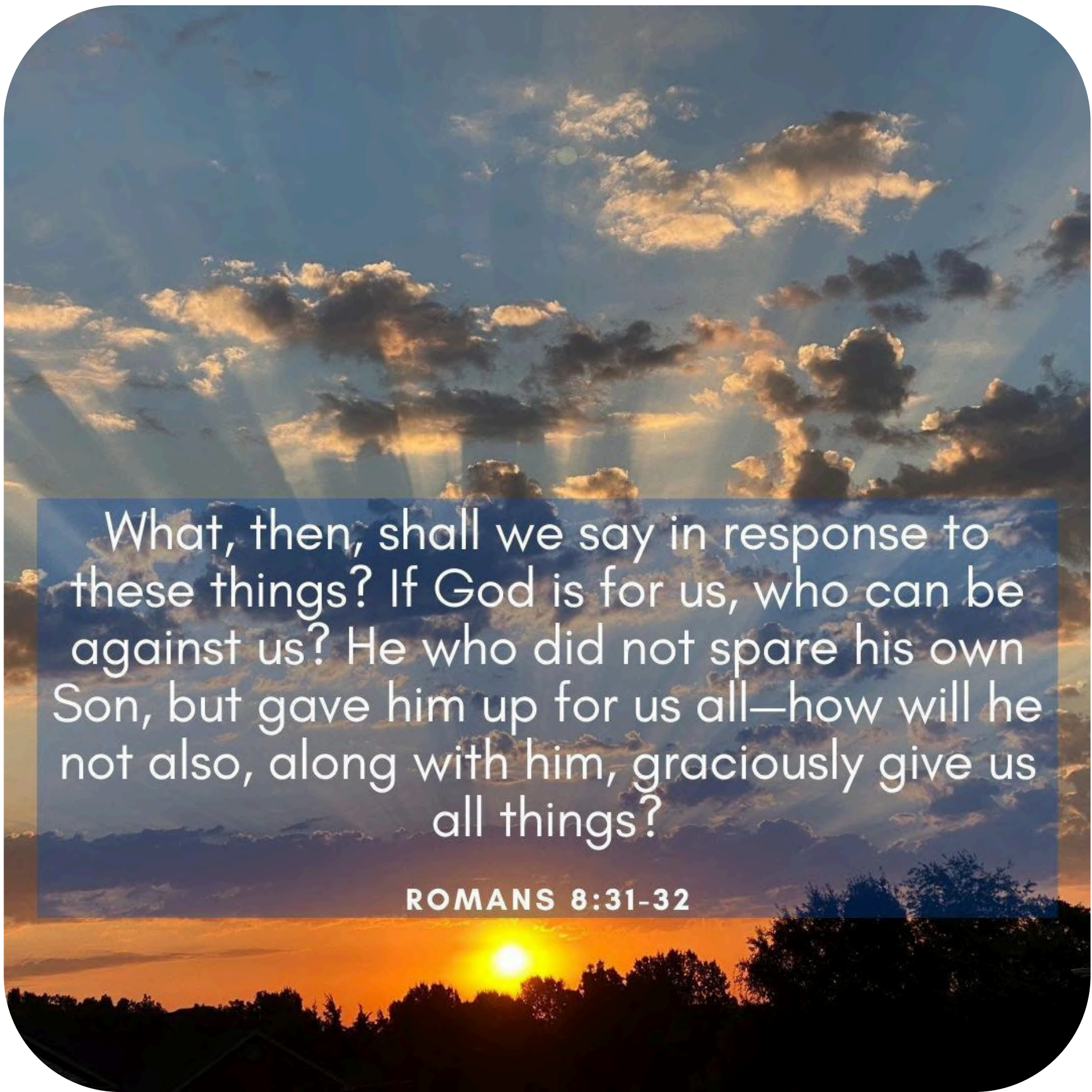
*Jesus is my comfort when my heart aches
and my tears flow.*

*Jesus is my best friend in my childhood
and adulthood and all my days.*

*Jesus is my sustainer and planner of my future.
Jesus is my Rock and my shelter
and my hiding place.*

*Thank you, Jesus! I love You and I praise
Your Holy Name now and forevermore!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

ROMANS 8:31-32

Pray Fervently, Wait Patiently, Hope Eternally



*Through every situation
If your faith is in the Son!
Know that He will answer you
And run to Him, child, run!
When you feel you are drowning
As you're always on the run
Be still and know that He is Lord!
And see what God has done!*

When that serpent the devil
Steals your joy and thinks he's won
Rebuke him fast in Jesus' Name!
And see what God has done!
When loneliness and sadness
Like storm clouds hide the sun
Hold fast to faith and trust and hope!
And see what God has done!
When trials and temptations
Pull emotions all undone
Go fast and pray in Jesus' Name!
And see what God has done!
When all life's heavy burdens
Pile on and weigh a ton
Place every one at Jesus' feet!
And see what God has done!
When the devil's whispers say:
You're worthless and no one
Get up, press on, child of the King!
And see what God has done!
When this life evaporates
And all is said and done
By grace through faith in Christ alone!
Your life has just begun!

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Look to the Lord and his
strength; seek his face
always.

PSALM 105:4

Get up, Look up



*In the coolness of the morning,
the Lord brings another day.
So, get up and face the sunrise,
although sorrows came your way.
As you walk into the sunbeams,
yes, the shadows will be there.
But know if you see the shadows,
you are facing your despair.
You must turn your face from darkness,
and look straight upon the Son.
The shadows are behind you,
and your journey's just begun.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

**Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we
are his; we are his people, the
sheep of his pasture. Enter his
gates with thanksgiving and
his courts with praise; give
thanks to him and praise his
name. For the LORD is good
and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.**

PSALM 100:3-5

Give Thanks to the Lord



*I thank You, Lord, for blessings
that You gave me long ago.*

*I thank You, Lord, for all Your works
that I don't even know.*

*I thank You, Lord, for goodness
You have poured over my life,
And Your conviction on my heart
through many times of strife.*

*I thank You for eternal life that I do not deserve.
I thank You, Lord, for giving me so many ways to serve,
For every single victory and wisdom to do right,
For Your peace and Holy presence
that has carried me at night,
For all Your tender mercies
when all my strength was gone,
For courage and the strength to rise
and to keep pressing on.*

*I thank You, Lord, for blessings that I cannot conceive,
I thank You, Lord, for blessings
that I haven't yet received.*

*My life is overflowing with Your blessings from above,
But most of all, I thank You, Lord, for Your eternal love.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

**Looking for that blessed hope,
and the glorious appearing of
the great God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ; who gave
Himself for us, that He might
redeem us from all iniquity,
and purify unto Himself a
peculiar people, zealous of
good works.**

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

Sing for Joy and Praise the Name of Jesus!



*Though sometimes it feels gloomy standing this side of death's door,
Our tender hearts ache deep inside when time we have no more,
But when we Praise His Name and fix our eyes upon the King,
We cannot help but shout for joy, and let our worship ring!*

Jesus, my soul, is ever praising You!

*As I keep growing older, oh, the miracles You do!
The healings and the mercies and the blessings that you pour,
Upon my life, and yet I know the best is yet in store!*

*As days turn into weeks and those weeks turn into years,
The hope inside me stronger grows as faith stills all my fears,
The funerals keep coming and the years bring more and more,
But, oh, to see their faces as they reach that golden shore!*

Jesus, my soul, is ever praising You!

*As I keep growing older, oh, the miracles You do!
The healings and the mercies and the blessings that you pour,
Upon my life, and yet I know the best is yet in store!
Deep in my heart I sometimes feel such turmoil and such loss.
I'm on my own, or so I think, when I am tempest tossed,
But then I think of Your great love and that You died for me.
Forgive me Lord, I'll Praise Your Name for all eternity!*

Jesus, my soul, is ever praising You!

*As I keep growing older, oh, the miracles You do!
The healings and the mercies and the blessings that you pour,
Upon my life, and yet I know the best is yet in store!
In happy times and sad times, Lord, You light my life with love,
Your goodness, Lord, I don't deserve, and yet you're thinking of,
The next good thing to bless me with, oh Lord, I am amazed,
I cannot, will not, hold it back, I give You all my praise!!!*

Jesus, my soul, is ever praising You!

*As I keep growing older, oh, the miracles You do!
The healings and the mercies and the blessings that you pour,
Upon my life, and yet I know the best is yet in store!
Some days are dark and weary and we stumble through the night,
So lost and hopeless we would be without Your Holy light,
Thoughts of Heaven become brighter as each loved one passes o'er,
We give You praise, for one glad day, we'll say goodbye no more!*

Jesus, my soul, is ever praising You!

*As I keep growing older, oh, the miracles You do!
The healings and the mercies and the blessings that you pour,
Upon my life, and yet I know the best is yet in store!*

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**O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name
together.**

PSALM 34:3

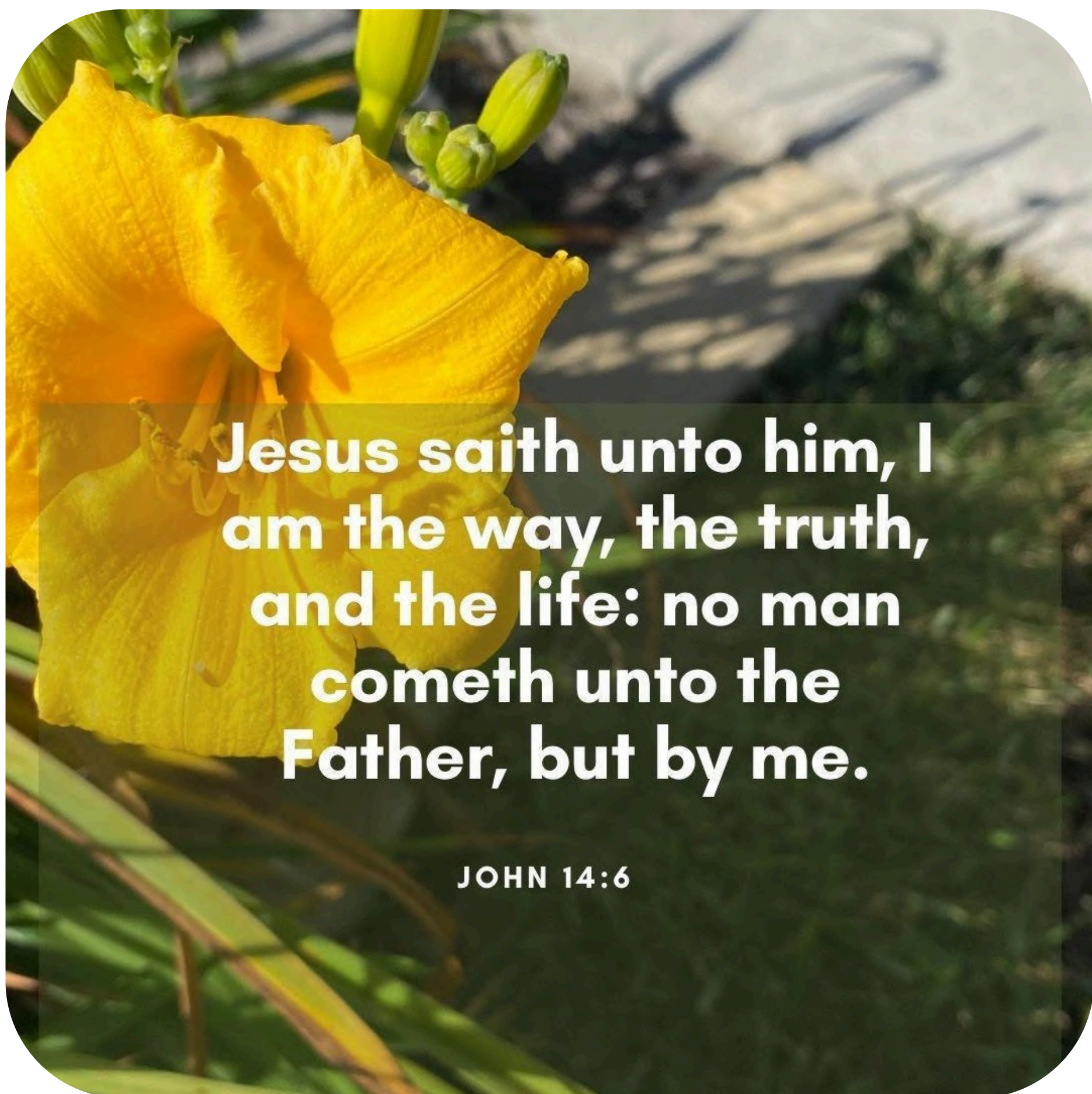
Jesus Christ is Lord of my all:



*So many years spent running hard,
to capture every day,
Seizing every opportunity,
to work hard, come what may,
Mementos of accomplishments,
adorn my shelves and walls,
But could it be, within this life,
I missed a greater call?*

*This life is but a vapor,
that we truly cannot grasp,
As Pastor said in church Sunday:
The only thing that lasts,
Is what is done for Jesus Christ,
my Savior and my Lord.
To waste this life missing that call
is what I can't afford!
And when I think, from great to small,
from first to final breath,
My life my all, right from the start,
until my time of death,
Was made by You, is in Your hands,
and blessed by You above,
I am compelled to dedicate my life, my soul, my love.
I must declare and testify, sing praises to the King,
Though all else fails,
you are my Lord of all my everything.
And should I succeed in any way,
let my successes be,
In giving honor, glory, praise,
only my Lord, to Thee.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**Jesus saith unto him, I
am the way, the truth,
and the life: no man
cometh unto the
Father, but by me.**

JOHN 14:6

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life



*The greatest gift in manger lay
About 2,000 years ago today
The Son of God, Jesus Christ the Lord
Whom angels sang, shepherds adored
Prophecy fulfilled, Savior on earth
He was man and God, a virgin birth
Blessed redeemer, Christ the King
Precious babe in swaddling*

*He came to live so He could die
Though sinless, He was crucified
Bore all our sins, to Him we kneel
It's by His stripes, that we are healed
He heals our heart, and saves our soul
He is the best friend we could know
We place all trust in Jesus Christ
He is the Way, the Truth, the Life.
And everyone we ever meet
Shall know us as His hands and feet
Children of God, we're royalty
Here and forever saved and free!
And oh what peace we'll have, my friend
That day when this life here will end
For then He'll take us home above
To live in peace and joy and love.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

A photograph of a narrow, paved path winding through a dense forest. The path is covered with fallen brown leaves. Tall, slender trees line both sides of the path, their green foliage forming a canopy overhead. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the forest floor. The image has rounded corners.

**You make known to me
the path of life; in your
presence there is fullness
of joy; at your right hand
are pleasures
forevermore.**

PSALM 16:11

Morning Walk With the Lord



*As the morning fog broods over the valley,
in the stillness, Your Spirit whispers peace.
In the forest, high in the mountains, I am sheltered
under Your towering canopy of evergreens.
Anxiety and strivings cease their chaos,
in the Holy Presence of our Lord.*

*Surrounded by the beauty of Your creation,
my soul rests and is comforted, for You are my God!*

*Brighter than the sun is Your reassurance and
reminder that You are my Creator and Lord of all!*

*Every morning I commit my heart, my soul,
my life, my all to You. May Your strength be the
strength I embrace and depend upon.*

*May Your Will be what my heart discerns and
yields to, this day and forevermore!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Now faith is the
substance of things
hoped for, the
evidence of things
not seen.

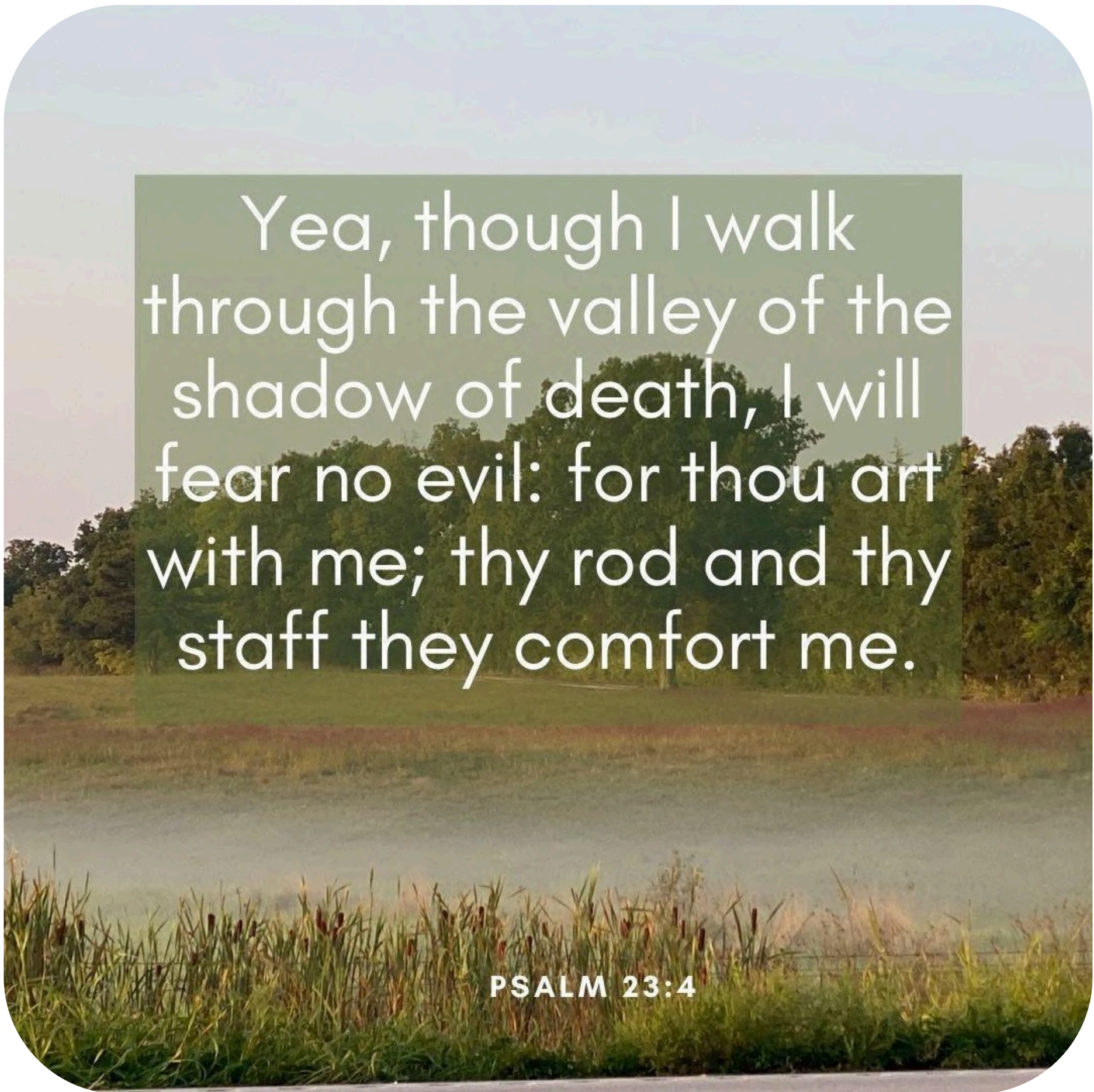
HEBREWS 11:1

Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed



*Mountains in my life must move,
Greater things have I to do,
This one thing that I doth need,
Only faith as a mustard seed!
I trusted You when I was three,
Knelt by my bed, my mom and me,
You saved my soul for I believed!
Childlike faith as a mustard seed.
Hearing by the Word of God,
Comes faith, and by faith's shield I'm shod,
I trust in You; You're all I need!
Though small faith as a mustard seed!
A mustard seed, a mustard seed,
This tiny thing is all I need,
Though faith is small, God's great indeed,
God moves mountains with faith's mustard seed!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.

PSALM 23:4

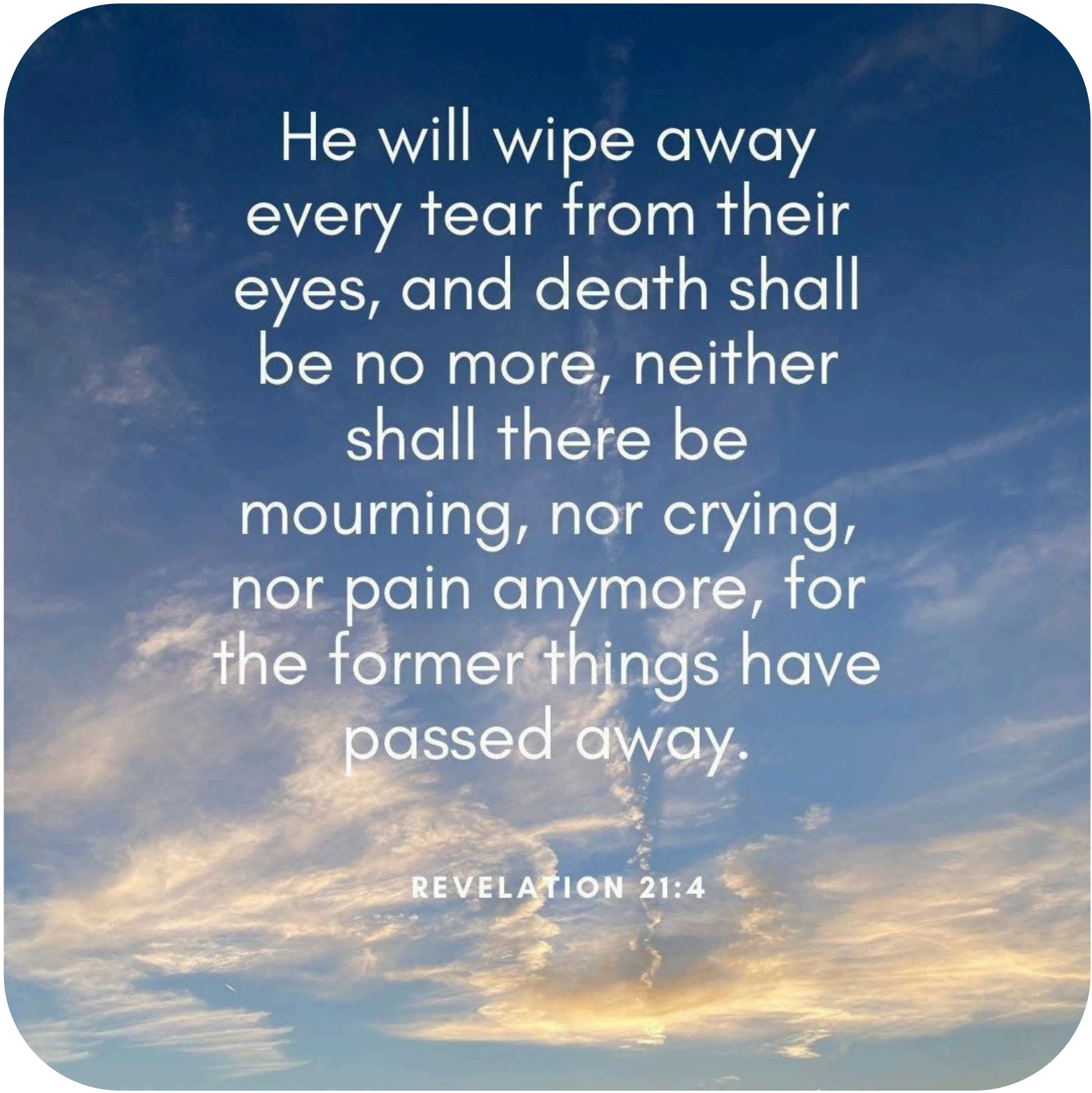
Valleys to Victory



*When we're in the valley,
It's dark and sad and lone.
Lost among the shadows,
We think we're on our own.
Looking for direction,
Wondering why we're there,
Will there be deliverance?
Answers to our prayers?*

*Knowing God is with us,
Yet wrapped all up in dark,
Tripping on our heartache,
The future seems so stark.
Time and time we get up,
Choosing to go on,
Trusting in God's goodness,
Faith that there'll be dawn.
Then our eyes are opened!
We see, His light is shone!
Not only is He with us!
There are others, lost, alone!
Sometimes we find our calling,
On mountaintops of praise,
But sometimes it's in valleys,
With the sad, the lost, the dazed.
So praise Him in the valleys!
And wherever you might be!
Holding fast to Christ our Savior,
As He leads to victory!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



He will wipe away
every tear from their
eyes, and death shall
be no more, neither
shall there be
mourning, nor crying,
nor pain anymore, for
the former things have
passed away.

REVELATION 21:4

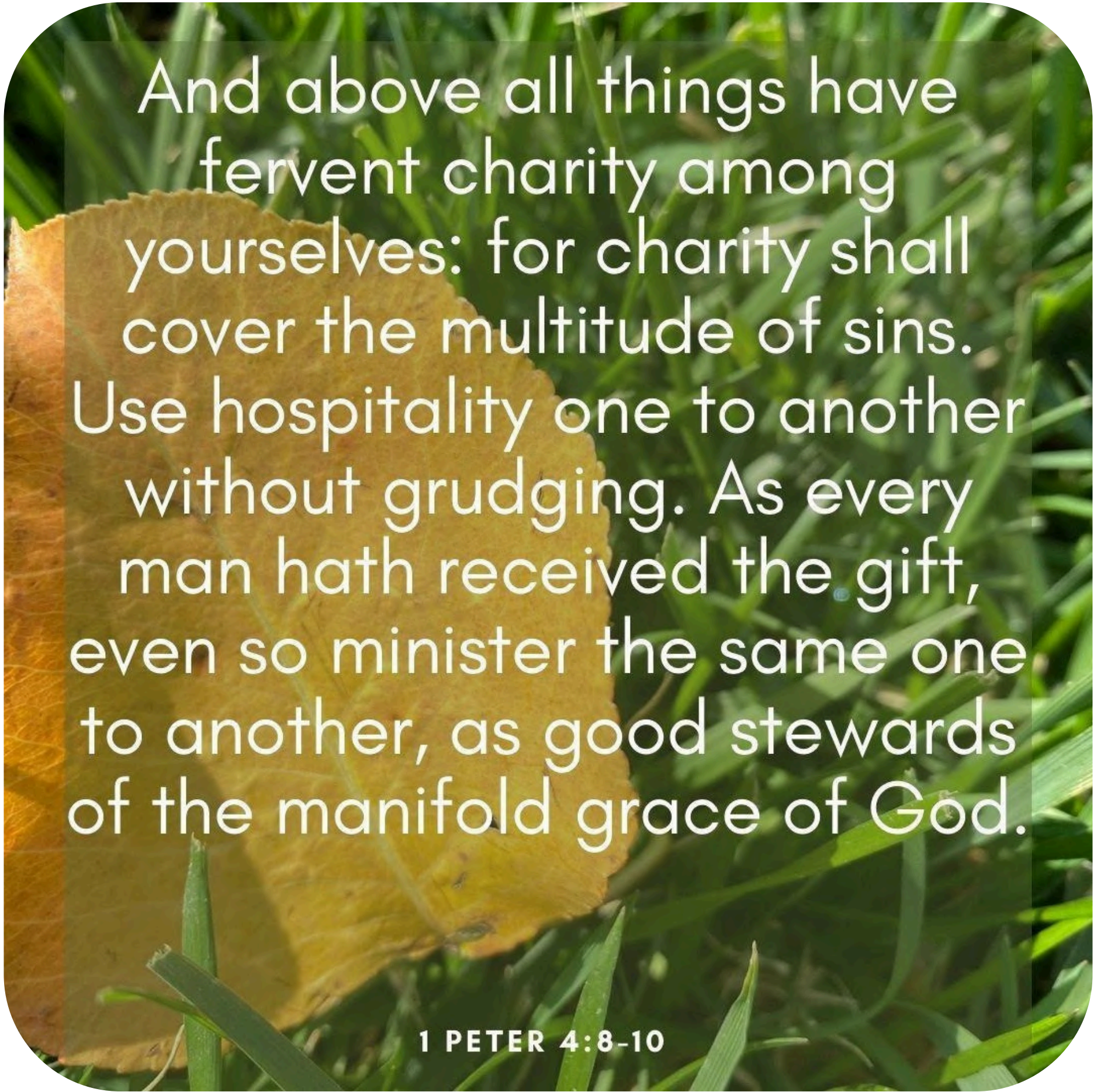
Hold On! Heaven Ahead!



*Today I'm thinking healing thoughts of Heaven,
How whole and well we all will be past here,
Our broken, shattered pieces will all melt away,
To be left with peace and everything so clear.
Oh death will then be swallowed up forever!
The pain and tears that flow will all be dried.
Face to face with Jesus, parted nevermore!
Reunited with our loved ones as Christ's bride.*

*The Lamb will lead us to the living water!
The mourning and the pain will all be gone!
Let us rejoice, be glad in His salvation!
What joy awaits us all one glorious dawn!
So set your minds on things above ye people!
There will be no more curse and no more night!
Our heartaches all will finally be broken!
Oh, the Lord our God will be eternal light!
Sing surely this is our God and He saved us!
This is the LORD, we put our trust in Him!
We will see the place He has prepared for us,
Oh praise Him for the joy that never dims!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



And above all things have
fervent charity among
yourselves: for charity shall
cover the multitude of sins.
Use hospitality one to another
without grudging. As every
man hath received the gift,
even so minister the same one
to another, as good stewards
of the manifold grace of God.

1 PETER 4:8-10

Jesus Comes in Different Ways



*She sat down in the theatre,
On vacation for a week,
Her home was many states away
But it's Jesus she did seek
As she settled in to watch
The "Miracle of Christmas day"
We started a conversation
Before the beginning of the play*

*She shared about the Christmas cards
She mails out every year
She said the best gifts she received
Were friendships that were dear
I thought about my favorite gift
It was my husband who I missed
He had proposed on Christmas Eve
And yet now has passed away
His second Christmas, coming soon,
He's up there in his special room,
In Heaven's glory; yet here I stay,
Sitting at this Christmas play.
And here this woman on her own
She also looked to be alone
I wondered what her story was
As she counted blessings just because
I gave her a bottled water
Just because I felt I ought to
She said thanks, began to share
About another blessing there
She told me how a man had paid
For her meal, she was amazed
Her eyes shone bright and then she said
"Jesus comes in different ways."*

*Oh when we give and when we love,
And when we show we care,
As sons and daughters of the King,
To those around us everywhere.
We are the salt we are the light,
To everyone we meet.
The smallest ways can give Him praise,
As Jesus' hands and feet.
And after we said our goodbyes
She looked directly in our eyes
Without a word she smiled to say:
The simple truth as we discussed,
Emmanuel is God with us.
The miracle of Jesus Christmas day.
And He's still doing miracles in so many different
ways.
Oh yes, He's still doing miracles in so many
different ways.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**And ye shall seek me, and find
me, when ye shall search for
me with all your heart.**

JEREMIAH 29:13



But as it is written, Eye
hath not seen, nor ear
heard, neither have
entered into the heart
of man, the things
which God hath
prepared for them that
love him.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

How Is Heaven, My Love?



*As I gaze into the deep blue sky, I wonder
What you're seeing in the great beyond
As the sunset slips away from the horizon
I know there's streets of gold you're walking on
Tonight the stars are shining in all brilliance
They twinkle like the look within your eyes
I know Heaven's filled with
happy sounds of laughter
Where never there are anymore goodbyes
And when the sunbeams sing a warm good morning
And when the rain clouds bring a trillion tears
That's when I think of you
and I look forward to the day
When every heartache of this life just disappears
I sing glory to the precious Name of Jesus
My eternal life, my Savior and my Lord
Because of Christ one day there'll be no parting
So I keep my eyes on Jesus and press forward*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



The next day John
seeth Jesus coming
unto him, and saith,
Behold the Lamb of
God, which taketh
away the sin of the
world.

JOHN 1:29

Jesus, Heart of Christmas



*Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Shining in the night
Chasing shadows all away
Of death and gloomy plight*

*Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Bringing peace and love
God and man in manger low
The angels sang above
Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Eternal life to bring
Perfect baby, Lamb of God,
O death, where is thy sting?
Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Hope for every heart
Perfect gift to cleanse within
Rebirth, renew, restart
Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Peace through every pain
Comfort we can't understand
Through darkest storms and rain
Jesus, Heart of Christmas
Answering prayers indeed
Sometimes different than we want
But always what we need*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



....But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what
lies ahead, I press on toward
the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ
Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

Press On!



You are here now

Another day

So many things just didn't go your way

Those days are past

What lies ahead

Are plans the Lord has for you if you just get out of bed

And though the sun set on your dreams

And things are not as they had seemed

A new beginning's waiting in the dawn

*So press on!
Press on!
Get up and step onto the path you're on
Press on!
Press on!
Joy is waiting in the morning's dawn
So press on!
Run to the storm
And face your fears
Either way you won't hold back the tears
Pull out the stops
Give it your all
Run life's race no matter if you fall
And know that every time I pray
Though doubts and questions cloud your way
In Jesus' Name I'm lifting you beyond
So press on!
Press on!
Get up and step onto the path you're on
Press on!
Press on!
Joy is waiting in the morning's dawn
So press on!*

*What glittered was
Not solid gold
You are looking for a hand to hold
This world is dark
This world is sad
I've too had my share of pain and I know it hurts
so bad
But Child of God, it's Christ our Lord
That we must keep our eyes toward
So let's get up forgetting all that's gone
And press on!
Press on!
Get up and step onto the path you're on
Press on!
Press on!
Joy is waiting in the morning's dawn
So press on!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**Therefore, my beloved
brothers, be steadfast,
immovable, always
abounding in the work of
the Lord, knowing that in the
Lord your labor is not in
vain.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



Set your minds on
things above, not
on earthly things.

COLOSSIANS 3:2

Thoughts of Heaven



*When you got to Heaven, love, what first did you see?
Was the first breath that you took a huge sigh of relief?
Did you laugh or did you praise or were you just in awe
amazed at all the beauty and the love and peace?*

Or did you simply rest at Jesus' feet?

*When Jesus took you to the place that He prepared for you
Oh what did you say to Him, and oh what did you do?*

*I wonder what your room looks like,
and is there room for me?
Did Jesus tell you that He heard
my prayer that we would be
Sharing our forever there together side by side?
Just like I whispered to you on the day you died?
And when you first were seated
at God's table way up there
Who is it that sits with you? Is my seat an empty chair?
By now have you met everyone and when we meet again
Will you take me around to see everybody then?
And what does Jesus have you do for all eternity?
Are you caring for His horses or on a welcome committee?
So many questions that I have, so much that I don't know
So I just have to wait until that day I get to go
I used to be afraid of death, I used to fear the thought
But with my love in Heaven now, I know what I have got
A beautiful reunion there in everlasting peace
Until then I will carry on and dream of what will be.
Yes, until then I must carry on
and dream of what will be.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**HE HEALS THE
BROKENHEARTED
AND BINDS UP THEIR
WOUNDS.**

PSALM 147:3

Lord Jesus Heal and Guide



*Lord Jesus heal the broken parts of me
Please make me all that You want me to be
In the darkness of this place
I've felt the mercy of Your grace
Open my blinded eyes so I can see
Lord Jesus heal the broken parts of me
Lord Jesus heal me so that I may go
And share Your love with others and Your hope
To every soul who feels alone
Lost and confused and on their own
Give me a peace that I can fully know
Lord Jesus heal me so that I may go
Lord Jesus heal all of the broken parts
Still my soul, quiet my restless heart
Affix my eyes on You above
Upon Your everlasting love
Show me the path and give me a new start
Lord Jesus heal all of the broken parts
Lord Jesus be my guide for all my days
Lead and keep me on Your narrow way
May my feet walk the tried and true
Ways of Yours, pleasing to You
For close to You is where I want to stay
Lord Jesus be my guide for all my days*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

**BE STRONG AND DO NOT GIVE
UP, FOR YOUR WORK WILL BE
REWARDED.**

2 CHRONICLES 15:7

The Spider Spins a Sermon



*The spider takes her time and weaves
A web among the woods and leaves.
When broken down, she builds again
Without a frown, without chagrin.*

*So patient as she recreates
Her elegant fine dinner plate.*

*A lesson we'd be wise to heed
The Lord provides all that we need.
We must trust Him, in faith press on
And get back up 'til life is gone.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR
FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL
BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE
BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR
PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER
THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.

REVELATION 21:4

Heaven's Up Ahead!



High above the burdens and the blessings of today
Is a future glorious that none can take away
No sunscreen will be needed,
for the Lord will be the light
No tears, no pain, no sorrow...
all things will be all right!
There's hope, there's joy, for Heaven's up ahead!
So sing right now with angels,
for there's nothing more to dread!
No fear, no cares, there's
peace and truth and love!
So take heart, dear Christian,
for soon we'll be above!
Today your heart is aching,
your soul is filled with grief,
But may our Lord's reminder
bring you such relief
Encourage one another with
His Word we take to heart!
Jesus is soon returning and
we never more will part!

-Sara Rachel Walsh



BLESSED BE THE GOD AND
FATHER OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER
OF MERCIES AND GOD OF
ALL COMFORT, WHO
COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR
AFFLICTION, SO THAT WE
MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT
THOSE WHO ARE IN ANY
AFFLICTION, WITH THE
COMFORT WITH WHICH WE
OURSELVES ARE
COMFORTED BY GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

The God of All Comfort



*To the God of all comfort, be all our praise!
The Father of compassion, for all our days!
You comfort us in trouble, when we grieve, so we can
comfort those in trouble, with Your comfort we received.
Your comfort surrounds. Your comfort abounds. Glory
Hallelujah! What peace I have found!
Your comfort surrounds. Your comfort abounds. Glory
Hallelujah! What peace I have found!
There's heart-healing comfort, through Jesus our Lord!
There's light in the valley, and life that's restored!
There's endurance and patience through all your pain,
trust only in Jesus, and strength you'll regain!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN
UNDERSTANDING; IN ALL YOUR WAYS
SUBMIT TO HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE
YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

He Will Direct My Paths



*Sometimes I stop and wonder
what is just around the bend,
To where this path is leading me
I cannot comprehend,
But anxiety and worry
have to run when I contend,
Yes, my future is unwritten,
but my Father holds the pen.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

AND HE THAT SAT UPON THE THRONE SAID,
BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW. AND HE
SAID UNTO ME, WRITE: FOR THESE WORDS
ARE TRUE AND FAITHFUL.
-REVELATION 21:5



All Things New



*I have been in humble places
I've been lifted up to fly
I have dreamed and had hopes answered
Others shattered, wondered why
I have prayed and grieved and fasted
Felt I cried out all my tears
Burdened down with heavy heartache
That at times did last for years
But through every situation
Every trial, every pain
I have always clung to Jesus
Found His promises remain*

*In the deepest darkest valley
In the crushing freezing rain
In the lostness of the shadows
The love of Christ sustained
Though I couldn't always feel Him
Though I thought Him far away
When I poured my soul out to Him
He would always guide my way
Sometimes just a tiny footstep
After falling on my face
Crying all my heartaches to Him
He would help and give me grace
Until the sun would shine upon me
Until my soul would see His light
He truly never did abandon
He was making things all right
He was working on things for me
He was showing Himself true
He was picking up the pieces
He was making all things new*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT
IS FROM ABOVE, AND COMETH DOWN FROM
THE FATHER OF LIGHTS, WITH WHOM IS NO
VARIABLENESS, NEITHER SHADOW OF
TURNING.

JAMES 1:17-18



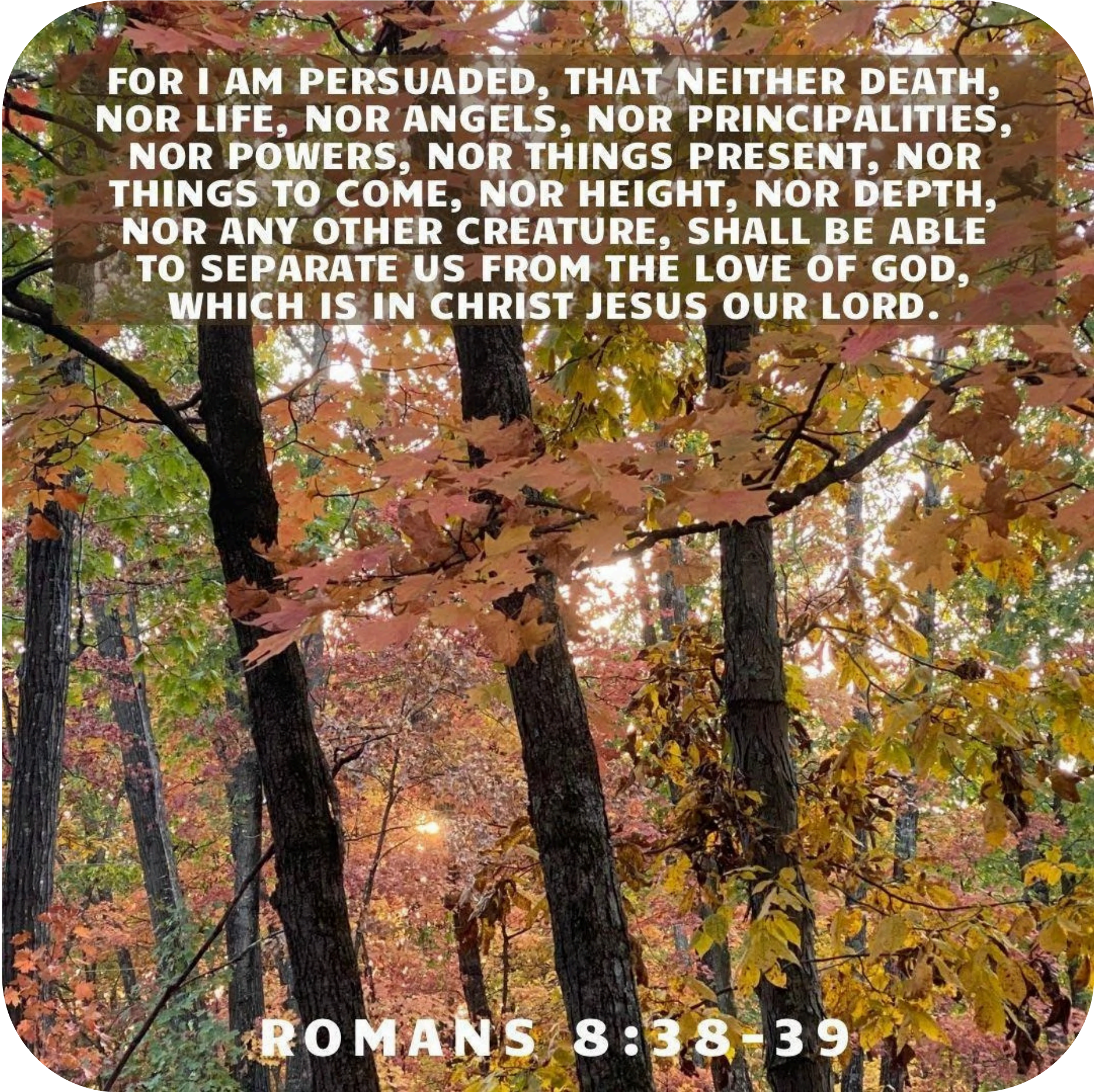
Purpose



*In the mighty crash of ocean waves
And thunder's booming roar
We wonder as we question,
What was I created for?
The world at times seems so big
And we feel so very small
We wonder as we question
Of our purpose and our call
We wrestle with our failures
Insecurity and fear
Doubting if we're walking
On His path for us down here*

So many times the chaos
Has us feeling lost, confused
The valley's deathly shadows
Leave us aching, cold and bruised
Yet, by faith we keep on clinging
To that precious, rugged cross
We know our Savior's with us
He will never leave us lost
In time, the days grow brighter
And His Will for us is clear
The suffering is ended
Joy and sunshine dries the tears
As we press into our talents
And the gifts that He has given
We love and share with others
Blessings that all come from Him
Sometimes our greatest purpose
Isn't what others might say
But instead a life of walking
Closer with Him day by day

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**FOR I AM PERSUADED, THAT NEITHER DEATH,
NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS, NOR PRINCIPALITIES,
NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT, NOR
THINGS TO COME, NOR HEIGHT, NOR DEPTH,
NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE, SHALL BE ABLE
TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD,
WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.**

ROMANS 8:38-39

Hugs From Heaven

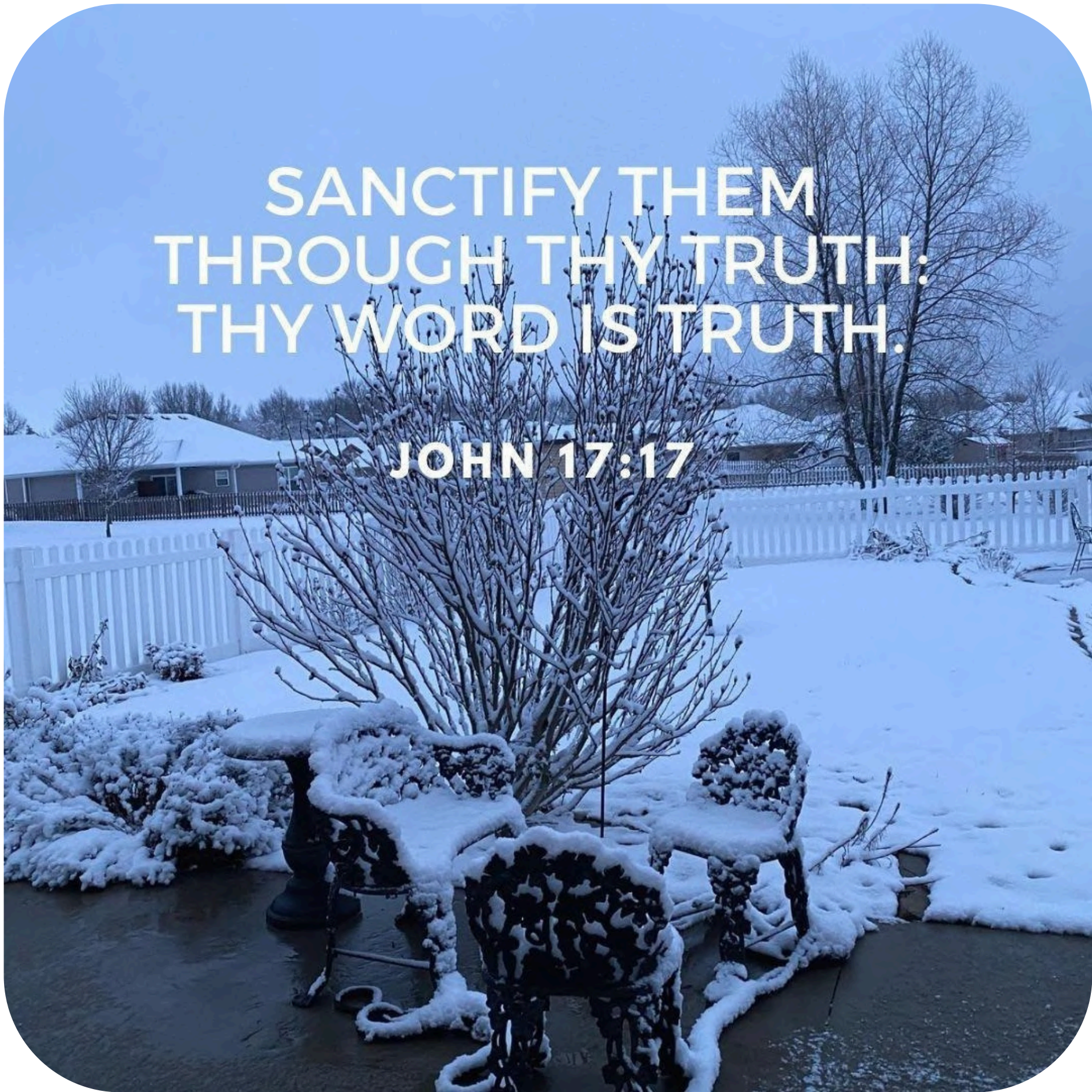


*As sunbeams filter softly
Through the autumn leaves above
You can almost hear His whisper
Gently feel a Heaven-hug
In the stillness of the morning
While the dew is on the ground
The morning fog encircles
Like a Heaven-hug around
In the quiet calm of midnight
When you walk and gaze up high
The starry sky umbrella
Wraps a Heaven-hug thereby
In the summer, in the winter
Through all heartache, grief and storm
Our loving Lord and Father
Holds us tight, close, safe and warm*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

SANCTIFY THEM
THROUGH THY TRUTH:
THY WORD IS TRUTH.

JOHN 17:17



Light in Every Season



*In the darkness of the winter
In the stillness of the night
In the painful bitter coldness
Our Lord still brings us light
His moonbeams carry sunlight
To the white blanket of snow
Bringing brightness, peace and comfort
Making darkness have to go
Ice crystals clear as diamonds
Also radiate His love
Bringing beauty to the numbness
Melting frozen hearts thereof
The Lord lights every season
If you look to Him in faith
And trust in Him completely
He will do all that He saith*

-Sara Rachel Walsh

SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN
RAISED WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR
HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE,
WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT
THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.

COLOSSIANS 3:1



Thoughts of Heaven

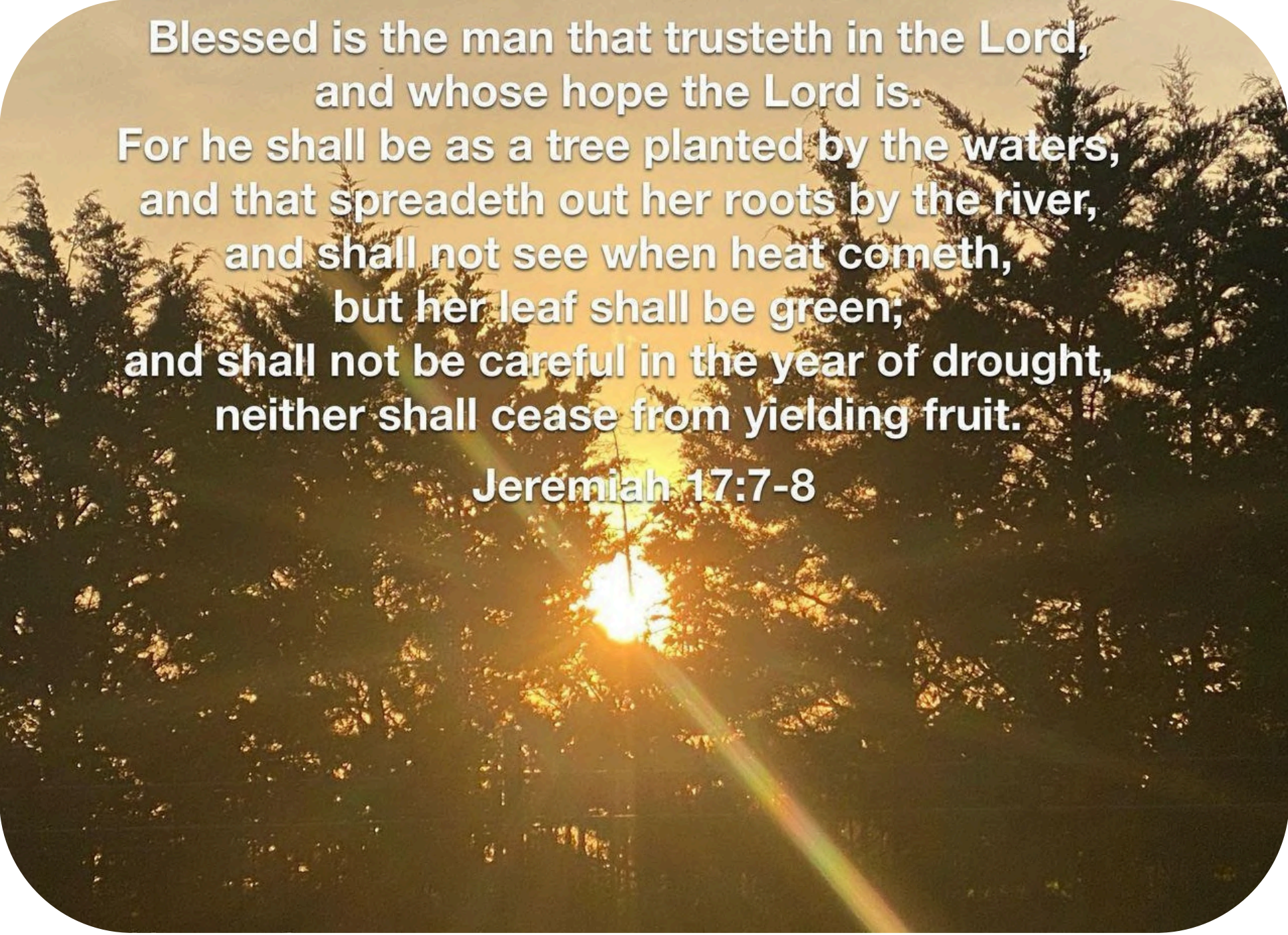


*In Your Word You promise us you're making us a place,
Preparing my place just for me,
by Your mercy and Your grace,
I know it will be perfect, whatever is in store,
But You know me and my requests
are always something more.*

*Will You make mine with windows, forever to be bright?
For I want my entire room to be filled with Your light.
And in that glorious place, where everything is new,
Will you make my place, oh,
to have the most beautiful view?*

*Where I can see the tree of life and all the streets of gold?
The gates of pearl, and living water, for me to behold?
And will you put one window in my place so I can see,
The brilliance of the throne of God in all Your majesty,
Of gemstones so Your perfect light illuminates my place,
In a rainbow of colors flooding every single space.
Please make my windows open wide
so I can hear the praise,
And from there join in worship for my eternal days!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,
and whose hope the Lord is.
For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,
and that spreadeth out her roots by the river,
and shall not see when heat cometh,
but her leaf shall be green;
and shall not be careful in the year of drought,
neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Evergreen



*I want to be evergreen,
Like the trees so tall
Weathering life's storms
Winter, spring, through fall
And when the harsh storms call,
May faith's leaves not fall,
I want to be evergreen.*

*I want to be evergreen
Savior faithful and true
Work a work in my heart
And make everything new
And when the harsh storms call,
May faith's leaves not fall,
I want to be evergreen.*

*Holy Spirit of God
Flow through my veins
Oh Breath of Life
Keep me alive through pains.
And when the harsh storms call,
May faith's leaves not fall,
I want to be evergreen.*

*Evergreen through life's trials
By His Sonshine above
In His strength standing strong
To wrap friends in His love
And when the harsh storms call,
May faith's leaves not fall,
I want to be evergreen.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Set your minds on
things above, not
on earthly things.

-Colossians 3:2

Be Gone!



*When the devil tries to take your mind
down valleys dark and low
To places you may never walk,
but in your head you go
You must stand strong and push on back
in Jesus' Name declare:
Dark spirits oh be gone with you,
'cause I'm not going there!
Goodbye! Be gone!
Never more to return!
How many times will I allow
This lesson to be learned?*

Get hence! Move on!
I'm standing with the Lord!
Evil thoughts aren't welcome here,
Your whispers are ignored!
The battle sometimes isn't won
the ways that people say,
You might be living a clean life,
but the devil has his way,
Inside your thoughts,
he's pulling you to places of despair,
But that's when you must stand up strong, say:
I'm not going there!
Goodbye! Be gone!
Never more to return!
How many times will I allow
This lesson to be learned?
Get hence! Move on!
I'm standing with the Lord!
Evil thoughts aren't welcome here,
Your whispers are ignored!
You pray and read your Bible, child,
but feel filled with dismay,
Because inside your head
you've let the serpent have his way,

*So get on up, and speak the
Name of Jesus loud and clear,
The devil's evil thoughts must go,
it's Jesus that they fear!
Goodbye! Be gone!
Never more to return!
How many times will I allow
This lesson to be learned?
Get hence! Move on!
I'm standing with the Lord!
Evil thoughts aren't welcome here,
Your whispers are ignored!
Yes, evil thoughts aren't welcome here,
Your whispers are ignored!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**I can do all things
through Christ which
strengtheneth me.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



And now these three
remain: faith, hope
and love. But the
greatest of these is
love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Keep On Holding On to Faith, Hope & Love



*The heaven's raining tears upon my windshield,
As the sun begins to bid today goodbye.
My melancholy heart is feeling weepy,
On unanswered prayers my thoughts are occupied.
Oh Lord I know you hear my soul's deep yearning,
And I believe You'll answer in Your time.
Like a child I keep asking if we're there yet,
Will tomorrow be the morning joy is mine?*

When the morning finds you mourning
once again, child,
When the sunset marks the end of one more day,
You've got to keep on holding on to
faith and hope and love,
Believing joy is coming soon your way!
It's hard to lift your head up from your pillow,
When today feels the same as day before,
And hope feels like it faded into yesterday,
And weariness grows heavy more and more.
When past memories are all that you look forward,
And it seems only bad luck's come your way,
Keep falling on your knees and crying to Him!
Take heart that He is with you come what may!
When the morning finds you mourning
once again, child,
When the sunset marks the end of one more day,
You've got to keep on holding on to
faith and hope and love,
Believing joy is coming soon your way!

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**So teach us to number
our days, That we may
apply our hearts unto
wisdom.**

Psalm 90:12

Lord, I Give You Every Breath



*My final destination is a grassy sunny spot,
Beside my dear beloved in a tiny little plot.*

*My name, it is engraved there,
and one day some dirt they'll toss,*

*As to dust, I'll be returning
'neath, the shadow of a cross,*

*But until that day arrives,
may my life be one well lived.*

*Lord, please fill my every moment
with the strength only You give,*

*And wrap me in Your grace
and mercy from above,
Overflow my soul with kindness
that I may share Your precious love.
Until the day I'm face-to-face with death,
Lord, I give You every breath.
May I capture every second,
may I live to shine Your light.
Make my heart forever humble
to make choices that are right,
Open my eyes to see the broken,
open my heart to feel their pain,
Help me to share Your peace and comfort
through the fire, storms and rain.
May I count my every blessing,
May I thank You for Your care,
May my eyes be ever upward
as I look to You in prayer,
May I hold the hands of others,
may I walk with them a while,
May I choose Your joy each day
that I may greet them with a smile.
Until the day I'm face-to-face with death,
Lord, I give You every breath.*

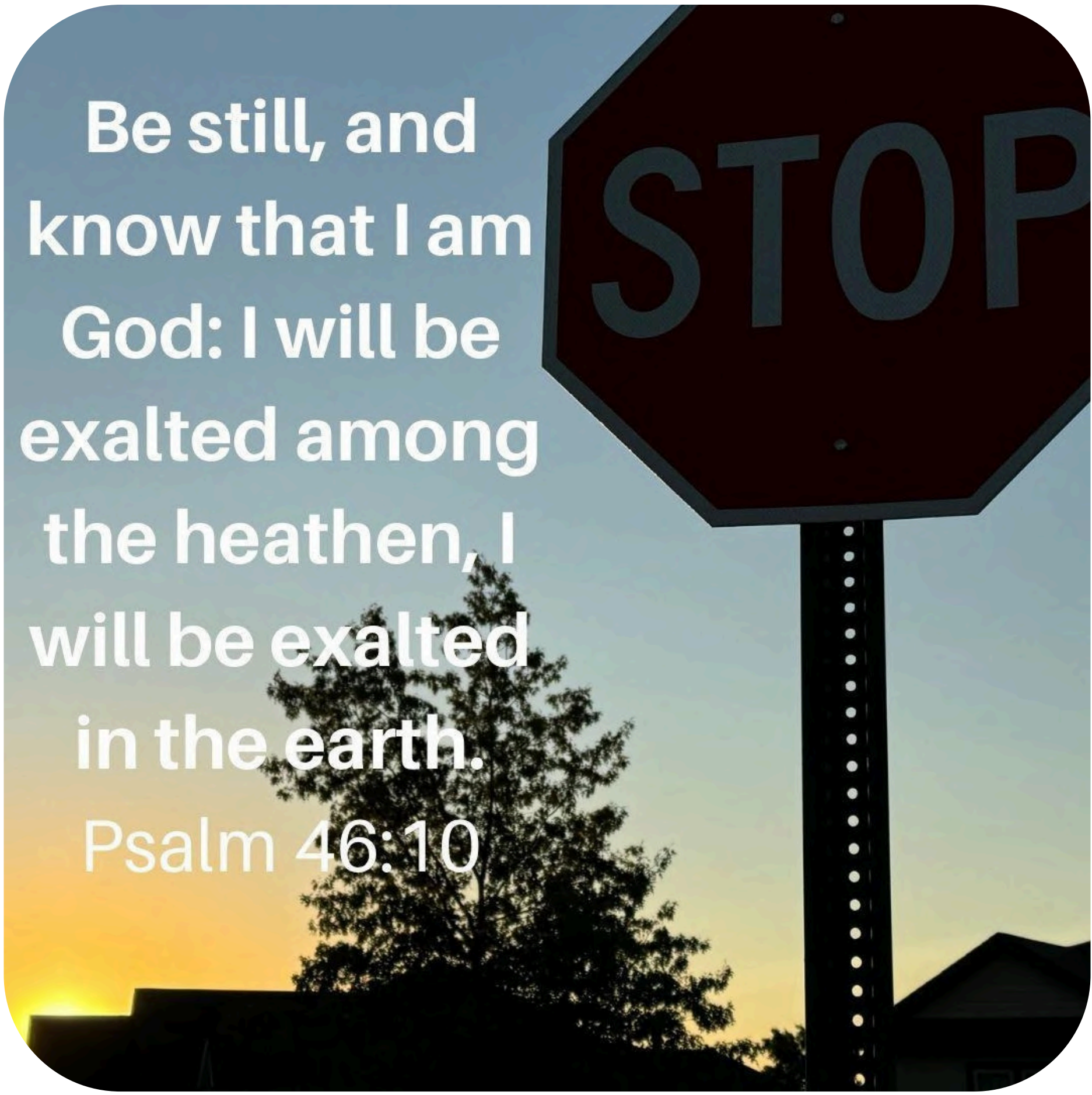
*Fill my mind with thoughts of Heaven,
all the peace I know awaits,
Please remind me in the hard times,
of the joy beyond those gates,
Yet help me Lord to trust and to obey,
Give me faith to live today.
Help me surrender all my wishes,
help me give You every dream,
May I keep my eyes on Jesus,
no matter how things look or seem,
When I'm faced with many choices,
let me know which one's from You,
So that I choose Your best for me
in all I say and all I do,
And while I am here asking,
please give me wisdom too,
Make my heart forever true,
Lord, all my hope's in You.
Until the day I'm face-to-face with death,
Lord, I give You every breath.*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



for you have
been my help,
and in the
shadow of your
wings I will sing
for joy. My soul
clings to you;
your right hand
upholds me.

PSALM 63:7-8



Be still, and
know that I am
God: I will be
exalted among
the heathen, I
will be exalted
in the earth.

Psalm 46:10

The Future



*Well here I am, I'm up to face the morning
Another day is here awaiting me
Still pondering which path will be my future
On this rocky road until eternity
Inside my mind I'm listing why to stay here
While my heart inside as strongly disagrees
I can keep clinging to the past and still remain here
Or sell it all and move to Tennessee*

*You see, everybody has advice and stories
As varied and unique as people are
Stay or go has been a timeless question
But only the Lord is our Guiding Star
The chaos of this life can be unceasing
And we can let our ears fill with its cries
But God's a God of calm and peace and order
And nothing happens to Him by surprise
When you've cried and prayed
and read all of your Bible
But one path has not come clearly into view
Perhaps the best decision is to step back
Be still to hear what He is telling you*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



**HE HEALS THE
BROKENHEARTED
AND BINDS UP THEIR
WOUNDS.**

PSALM 147:3

Everlasting Arms



*Be strong and courageous
You tell us, Lord, to be
But sometimes I am overwhelmed
By this stormy crashing sea
Oh when it's dark and dreary
And I'm so weak and weary
Lord carry me so I can carry on
Lord, wrap your arms around me
Tight as they can be
So all the heartache melts away
For all eternity
Oh when my soul is aching
And my heart just keeps on breaking
Lord carry me so I can carry on
Lord, let me hear Your heartbeat
As I'm held close in Your arms
Like a father holds his children
To comfort them through harm
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit
And Your voice, Lord, let me hear it
Lord, carry me so I can carry on*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he cares
for you.

1 PETER 5:7

Grief's Battle



*Broken, crushed and shattered
Dreams and hopes have gone to waste
It feels more than impossible to get out
of this dark place
Consumed with much self pity
A double portion of grief and pain
The darkness clouds within us,
bitter cold and icy rain*

*Well, maybe let's go down to the altar
Maybe let's lay down our pride
Maybe let's start praising God
with arms held open wide
Maybe let's let go of the bitter
Maybe let's burn anger up
Maybe let's pour out our heart and soul,
ask Christ to fill our cup
Maybe let's start counting our blessings
Maybe let's grab hold of grace
Maybe let's let all God's peace and love pull us out
of this cold, dark place
Let's say maybe... just may be today.
Let's say maybe... just may be today.
Let's choose Christ today.
His way is the best way.
His way is the only way.
Let's choose Christ today.*

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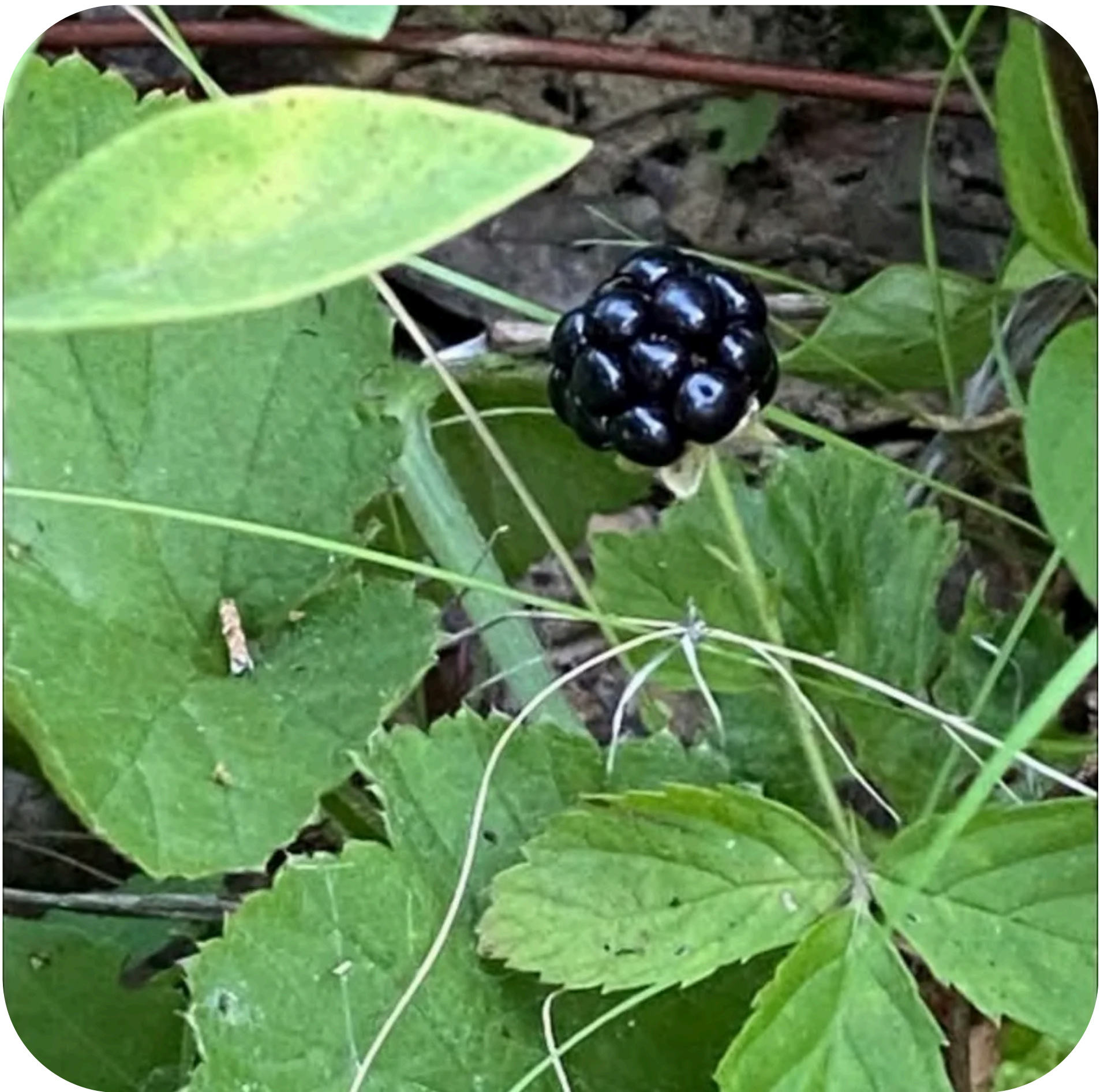


Only Thine



*Lead me, Lord, to what You have in store
Whatever, Lord, that I'm created for
Lord here's my heart please take it
And if you must, then break it
To shape my life to what you have in store
I give you Lord my heart, my hands, my all
I yield myself completely to Your call
Creator of the waves and shore
Your plan, O Lord, I'm asking for
Lead me, Lord, to what You have in store
Lord only You know my heart and my ways
You are my strength and giver of my days
Make my every heartbeat to
Sing a melody to You
To thank You, Lord, for all You gave before
I choose, today, to thank You, Lord, and serve
Wherever and whenever, Lord, You urge
Take my life, make it align
Not my will, but only Thine
Lead me, Lord, to what You have in store*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



Truths From The Blackberry Patch



*If you will push beyond your fears
Into the thorns of life, tho' tears,
You'll find that is the sweetest place,
A sanctuary of His grace.
Just like the sweetest berries grow
In craggy paths, beasts dare not go.
Tucked away, hidden thereby,
Are precious fruits, I testify!
So never cease from pressing in
Closer to Christ, you'll grow within!*

-Sara Rachel Walsh



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