



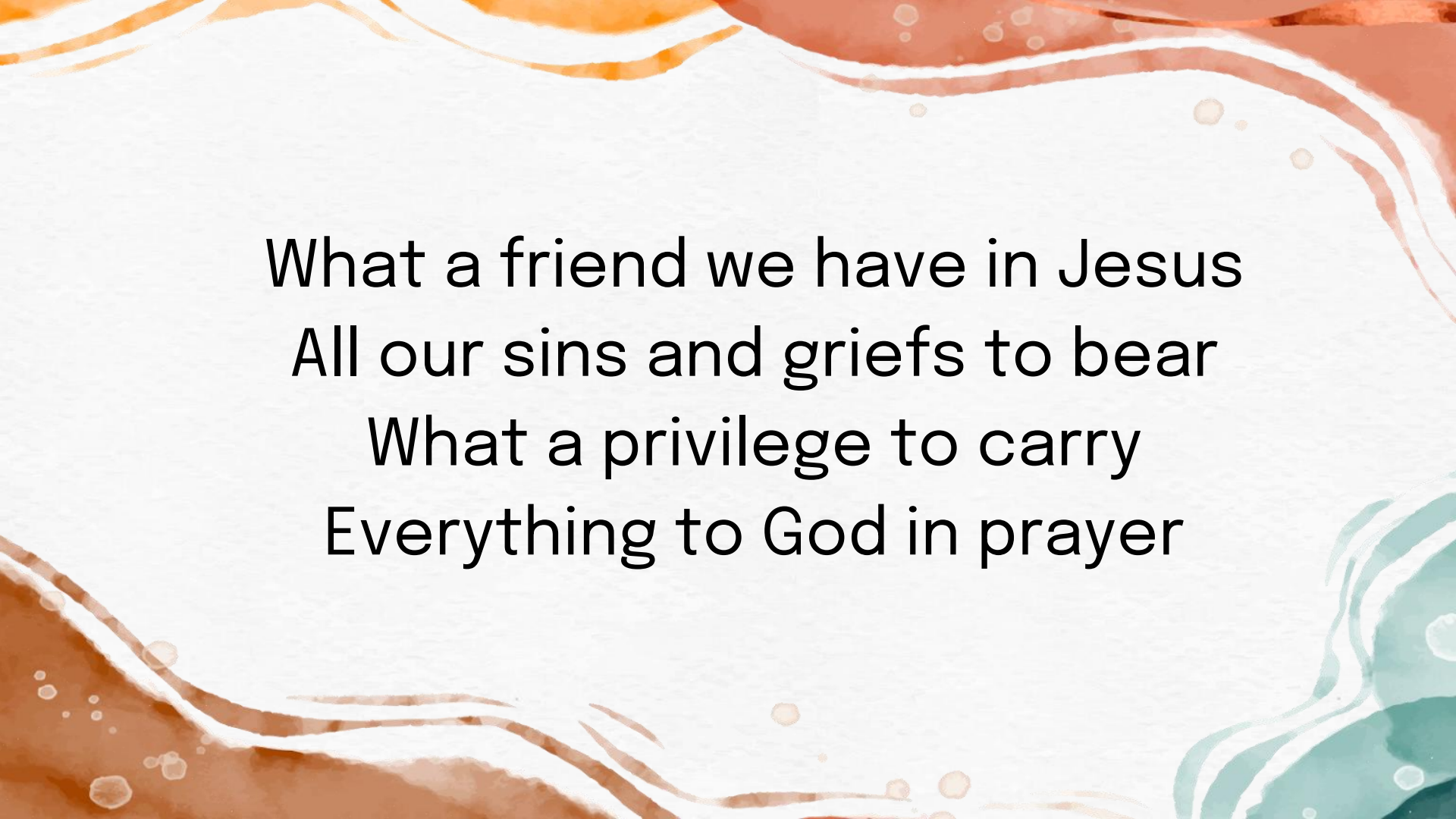
>Welcome!

*English Service*

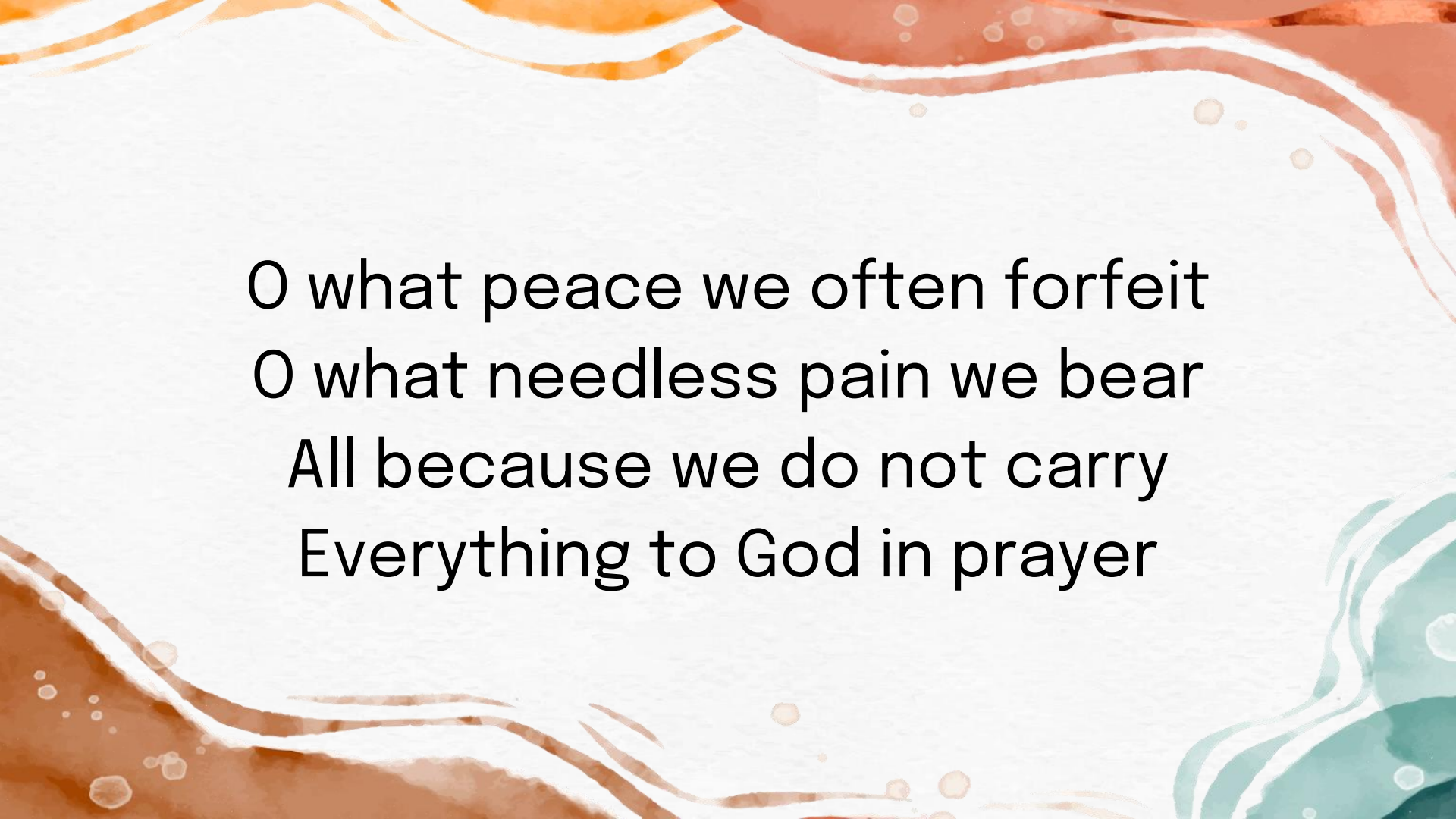
*May 24, 2026*



# What A Friend We Have In Jesus



What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer



O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

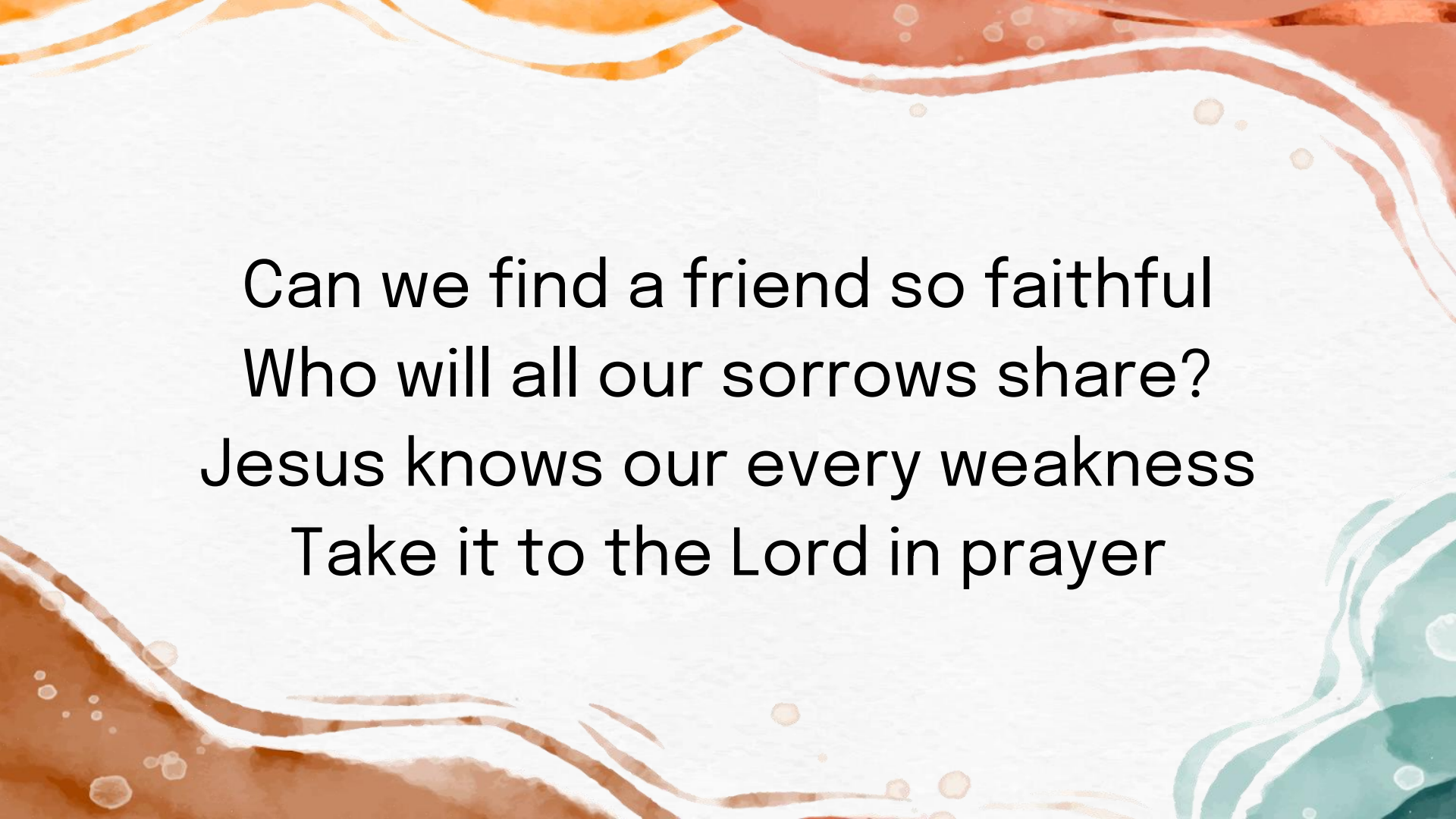


Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged

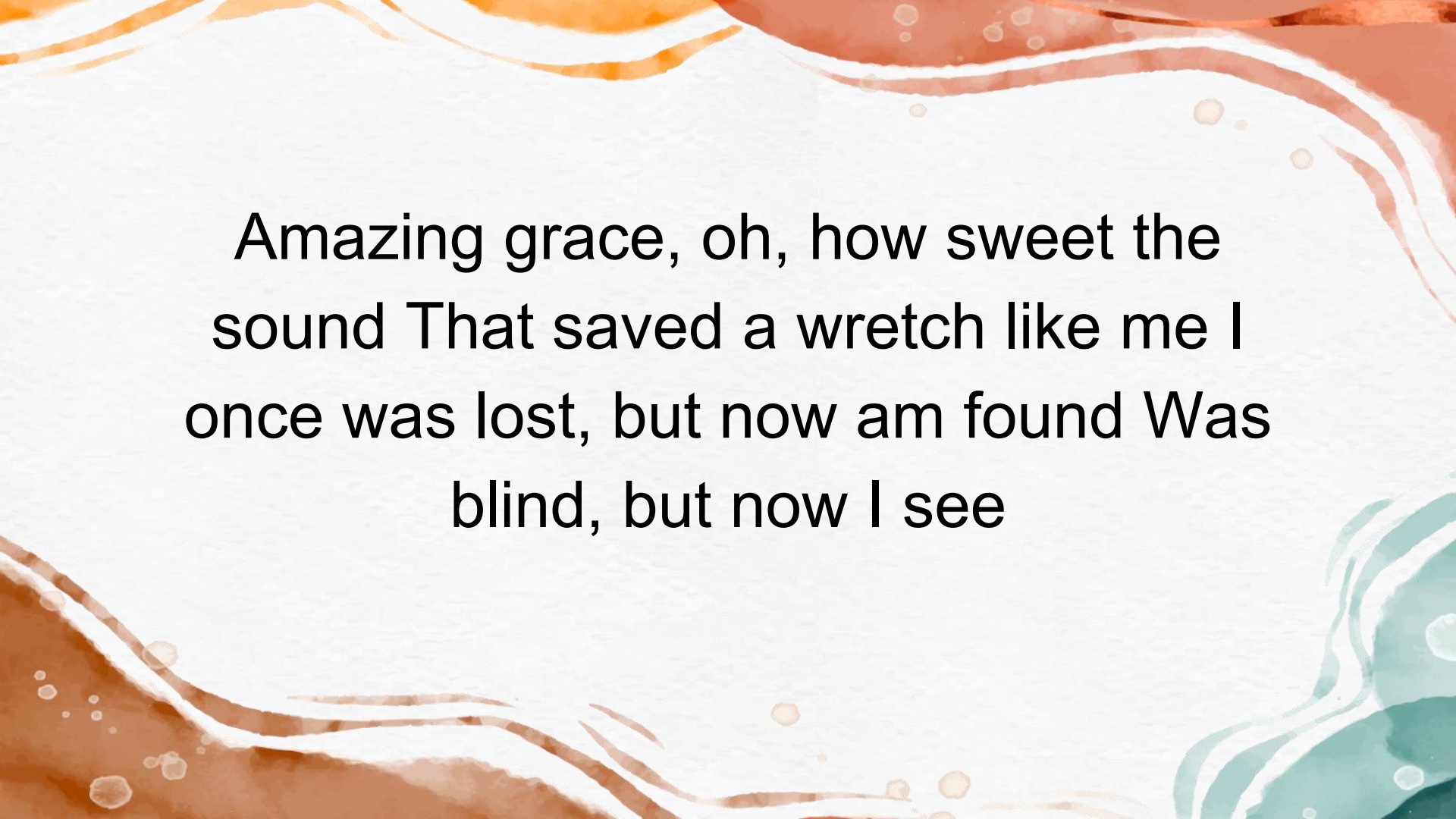
Take it to the Lord in prayer



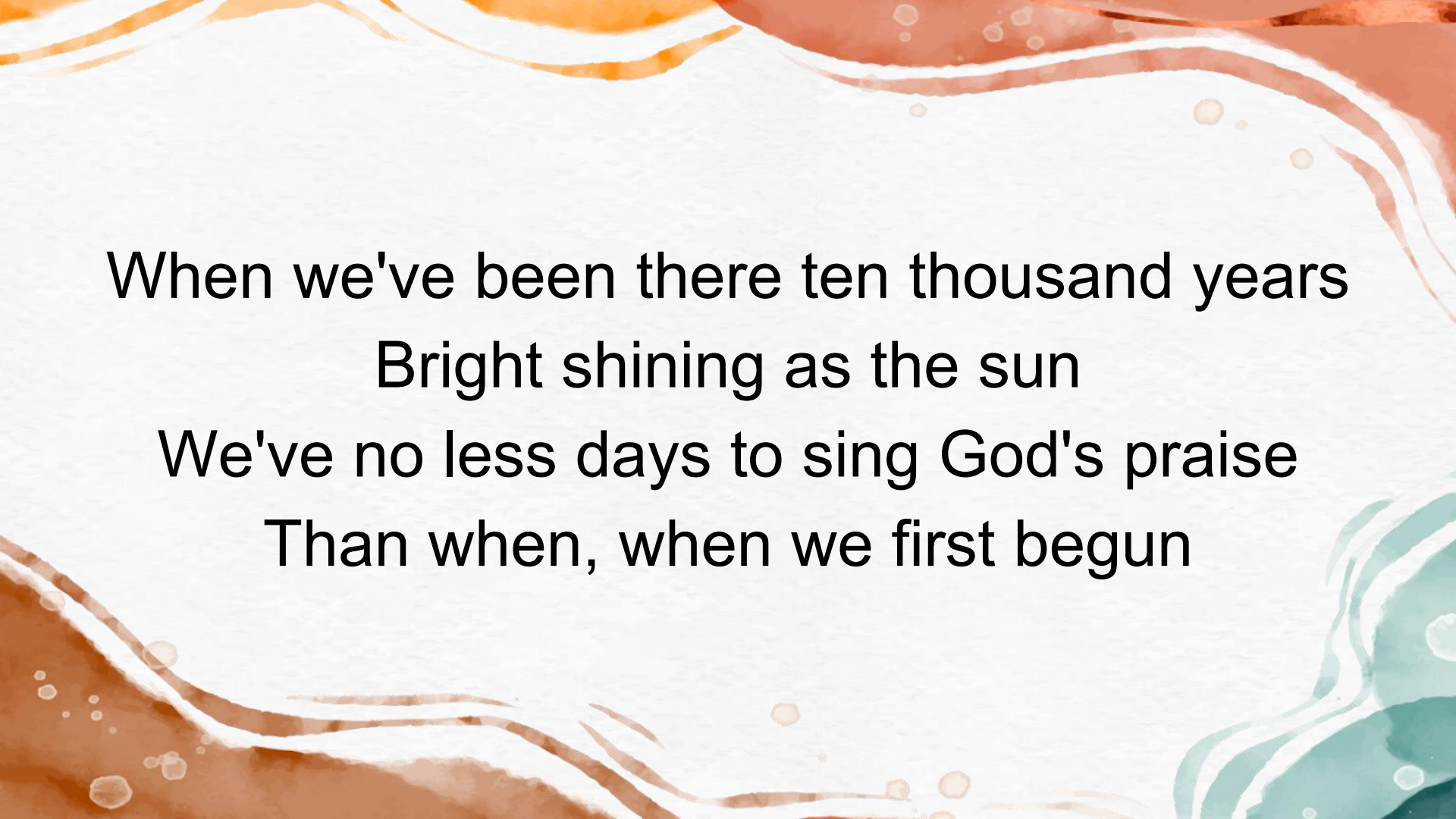
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

The background features a watercolor-style design with wavy, organic shapes in shades of orange, brown, and teal. A prominent horizontal brushstroke in a vibrant orange color is centered behind the text.

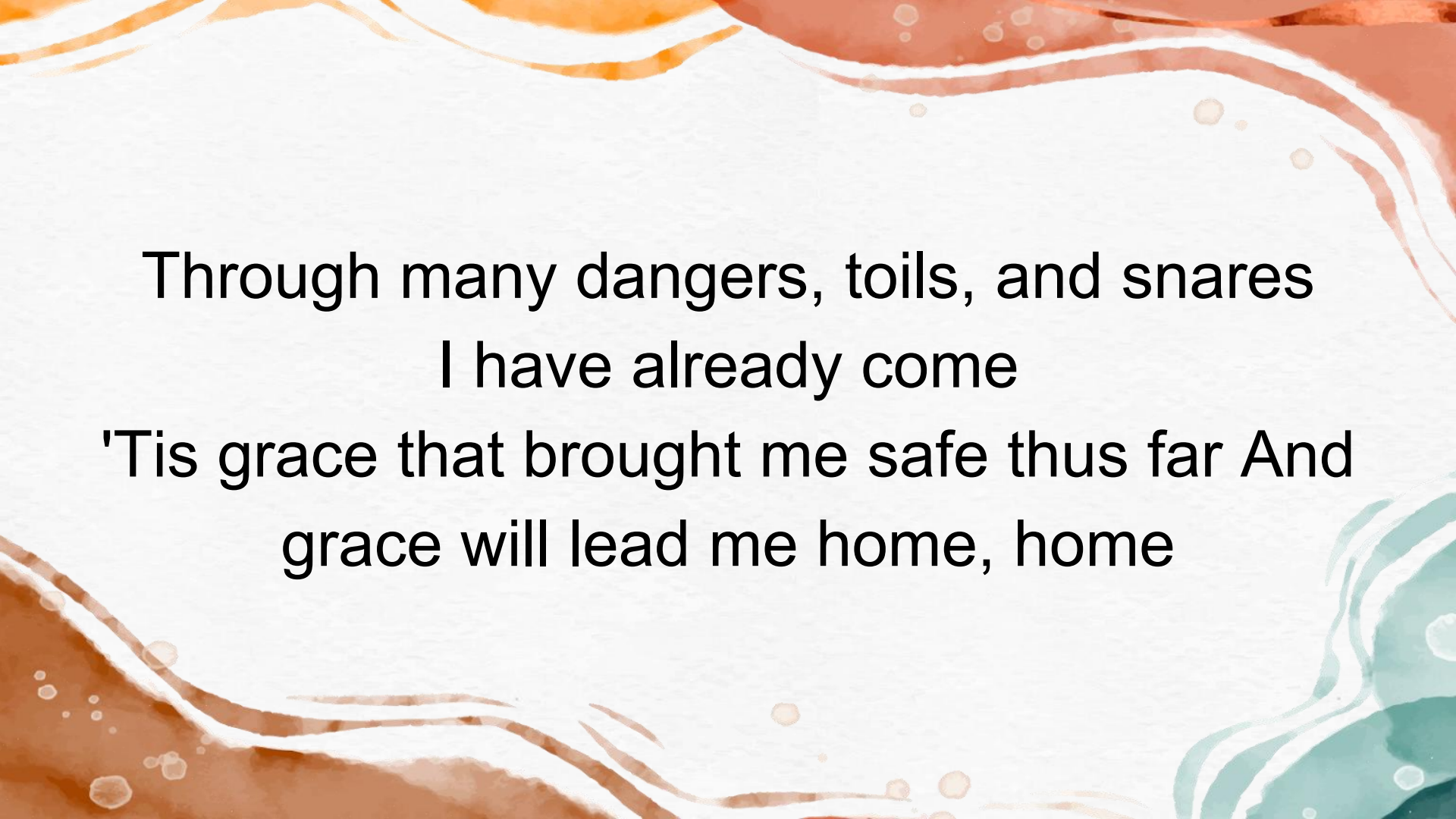
# Amazing Grace



Amazing grace, oh, how sweet the  
sound That saved a wretch like me I  
once was lost, but now am found Was  
blind, but now I see



When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when, when we first begun



Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far And  
grace will lead me home, home



Amazing grace, oh, how sweet the sound That  
saved a wretch like me

Oh, I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see

Was blind, but now I see

The background is a watercolor-style composition. It features large, soft-edged washes of orange, teal, and white. A prominent feature is a thick, hand-painted orange ring located in the lower right quadrant. The overall aesthetic is artistic and textured.

# Sermon

An abstract geometric design on a dark blue background. A white dot is positioned in the upper left, with a white line extending from it diagonally across the frame. The background is composed of various geometric shapes and colors: a dark purple triangle in the top left, a light grey semi-circle on the left, a blue square with concentric circles on the left, a magenta square in the bottom left, a grey triangle in the bottom center, and a dark purple triangle in the bottom right.

# SHOWING GRACE LIKE JESUS DID

Romans 14

# HILLS WORTH DYING ON



**HILLS WORTH  
DYING ON**





**HOW MANY HILLS HAVE WE BEEN  
WILLING TO KILL A BROTHER ON?**



## ROMANS 14

1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.



## ROMANS 14

5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.



## ROMANS 14

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;



# ROMANS 14

11 for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself  
to God.



## ROMANS 14

13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died.



## ROMANS 14

16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

A photograph of modern skyscrapers at dusk, with a white triangle in the bottom-left corner and a pink rectangle in the bottom-right corner.

## ROMANS 14

20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



## WHAT THIS PASSAGE IS NOT TALKING ABOUT:

-Judging & Admonishing Christian Brothers &  
Sisters



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5

1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. 3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.



# 1 CORINTHIANS 5

11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church[b] whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”



# WHAT THIS PASSAGE IS TALKING ABOUT:

- Opinions
- A-Moral Differences

# BOTTOM LINE: HELPING OTHERS NOT STUMBLE



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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.) What “Hills” do you have in your life that might be affecting your Christian fellowship? (Have you had any in the past?)
- 2.) In what ways has your Christian family shown grace to you?

# Announcements!

1

*Bilingual Bible Study  
with Japanese translation  
Wednesday 2:30-4:00 pm*

2

*Young Adults Bible Study  
without translation  
Thursday 7:00-9:00 pm*

3

*The offering box is  
on the usher table  
at the back*



4

*Next Week Schedule*

Speaker	: Matthew
MC	: James
Music	: AiLing
PPT	:
Andrew	
Usher	: Michiko
Snacks	: Justine
Sound	: Carly
Streaming	: Takaaki

# Offering



Offerings are a way for us to express gratitude for the salvation in Christ and for the daily blessings we receive from God. If you have not prepared an offering or do not fully understand its significance, please feel free to let the moment pass without participation. Offerings may be placed in the box at the reception desk.

献金は、イエスさまにあって救われたことと日々神様からいただいている恵みに感謝して、おささげするものです。ご用意のない方、意味の分からない方は、そのままお過ごしください。献金される方は受付の机に置いてあった献金箱にお入れください。

# IBC English



For kids  
aged 4 &  
above

When?

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Time?

3.30-  
4.30pm

Place  
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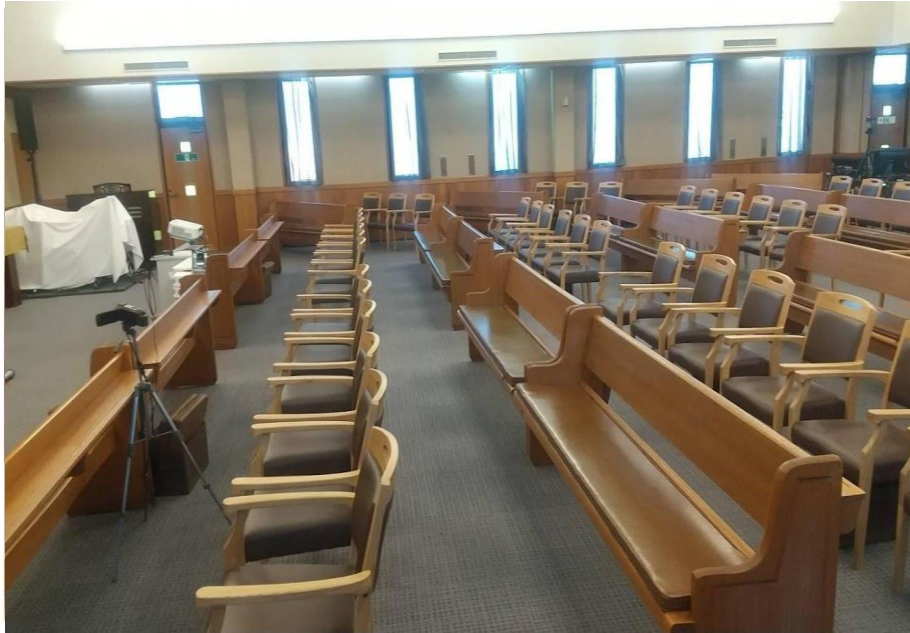
Level 2  
classroom

What  
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Songs, Bible Stories, Memory  
verses, Activities, Games! 😊



# Let's Tidy Up The Sanctuary



Let's have tea  
and chat!

