




15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020


*Greetings*

A large, mature tree with dense foliage in vibrant shades of red, orange, and yellow, characteristic of autumn. The tree's branches are thick and dark, spreading out to fill most of the frame. The background shows a bright sky and some greenery at the bottom, suggesting a park or garden setting. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "He Has Made Me Glad" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

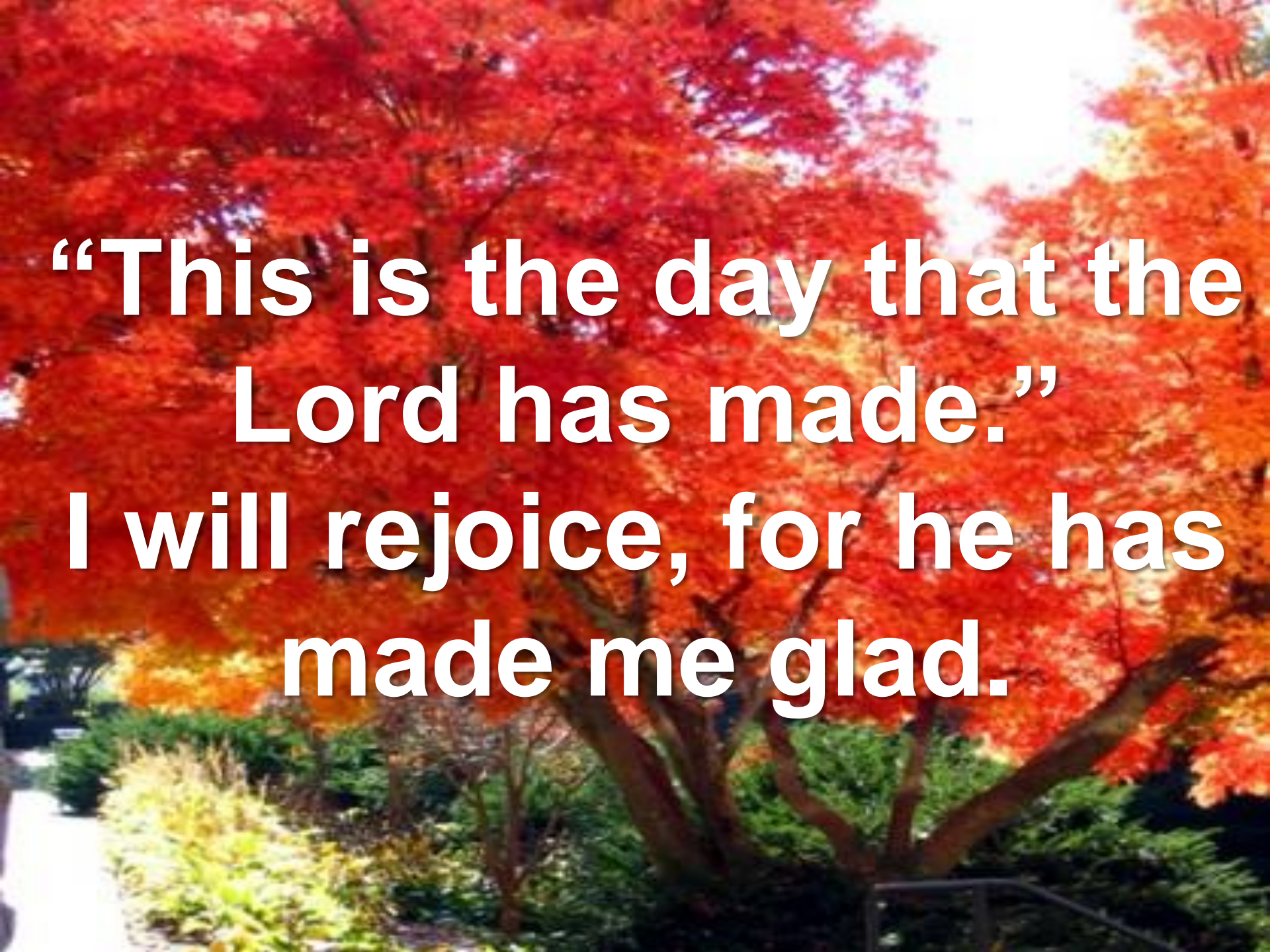
**He Has Made Me Glad**



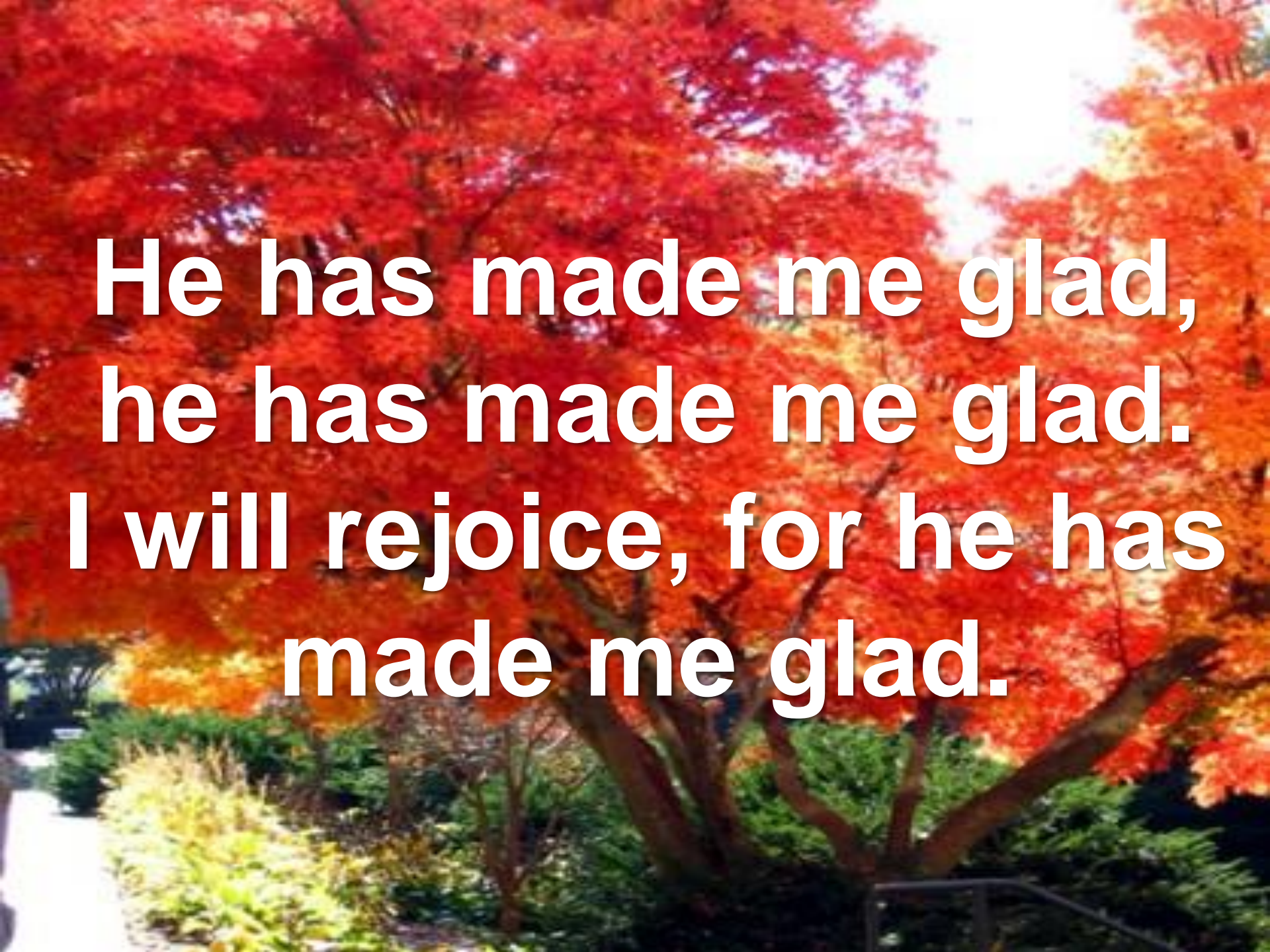
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in my heart,**



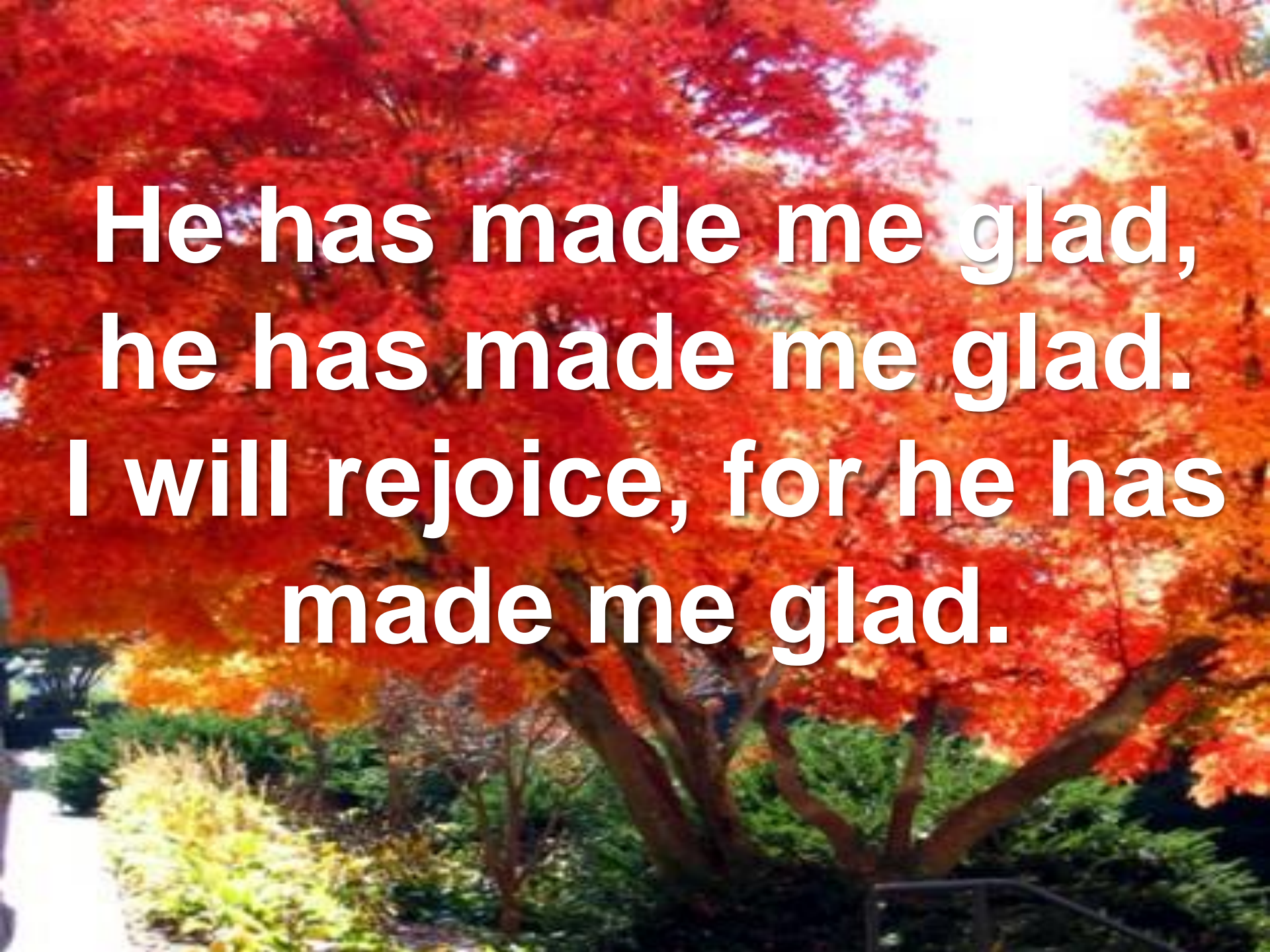
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I will say**



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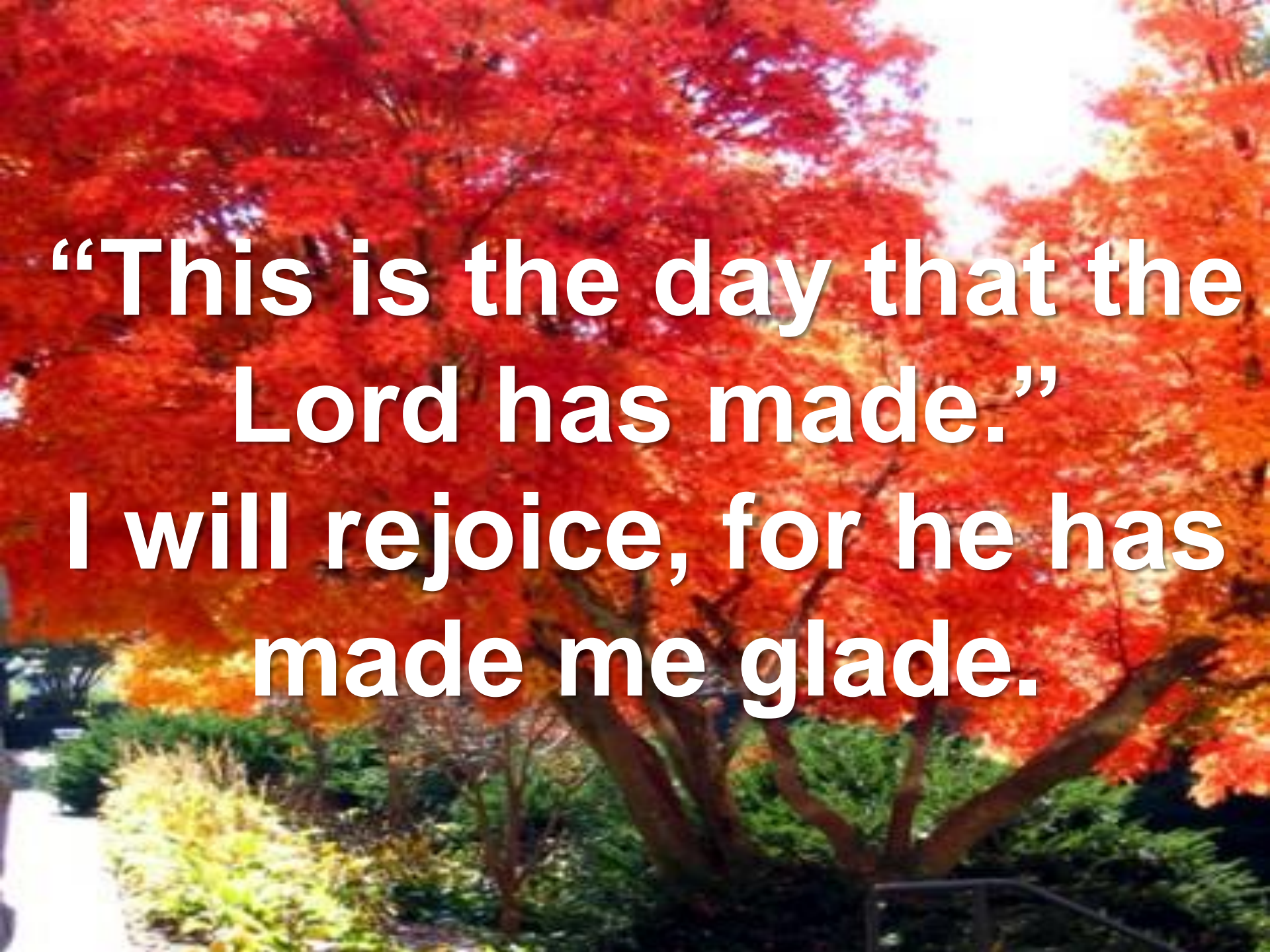




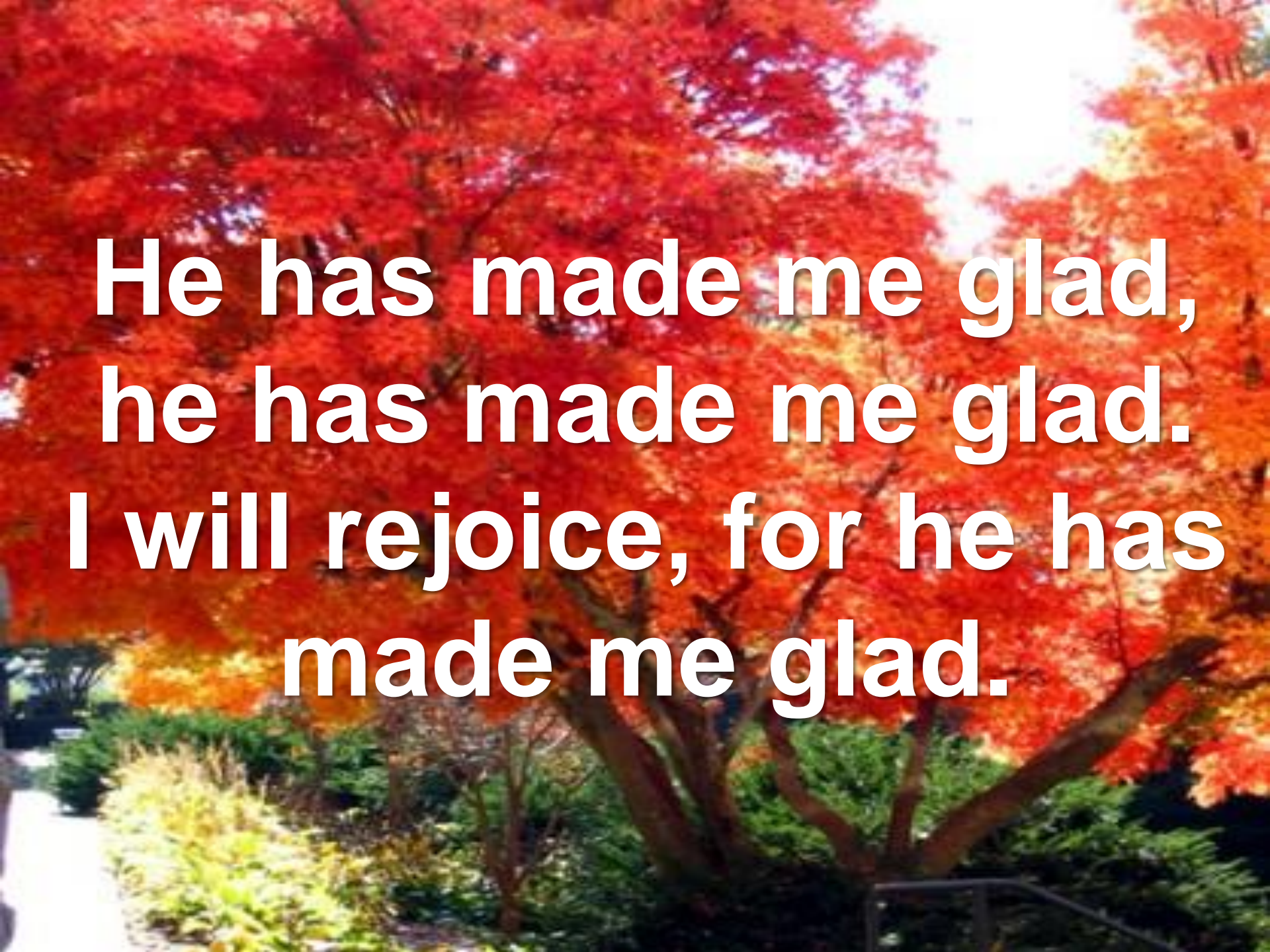
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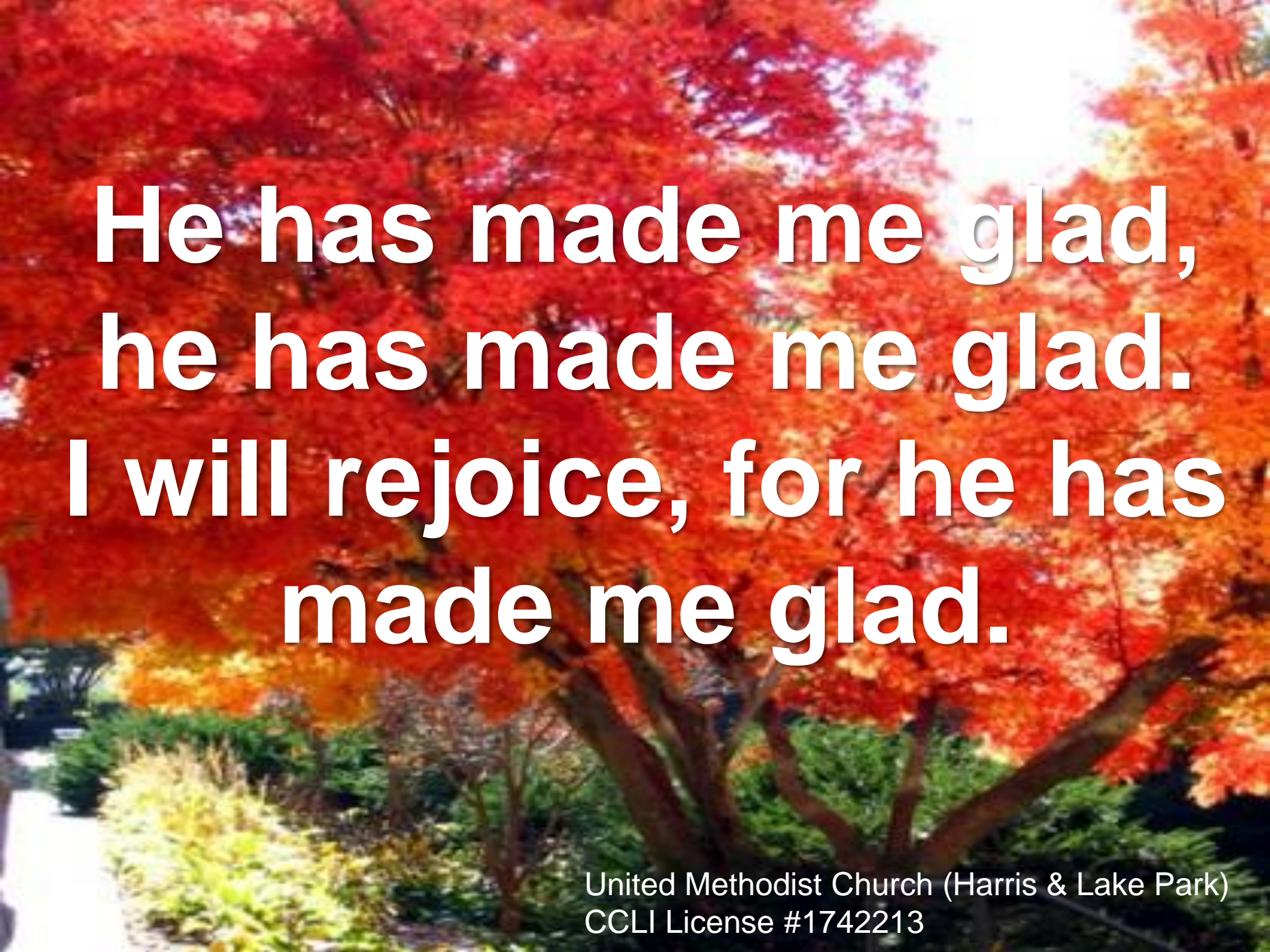
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A photograph of a group of people in a church or religious setting. The focus is on the hands of several individuals, many of which are raised in prayer. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more people in similar attire. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered over the image, containing the word "Prayer" in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Prayer

A vibrant watercolor splash in shades of red, orange, yellow, purple, blue, and green. The text 'CHILDREN'S church' is centered over the splash. 'CHILDREN'S' is in a white, outlined, sans-serif font, and 'church' is in a white, cursive script font.

CHILDREN'S  
church



Jeremiah 29:11



For I surely know the plans I  
have for you, says the LORD,  
plans for welfare and not for  
harm, to give you a future with  
hope.

# **Message**

**“The Beginner’s Mind”**

# Attitudes to help you overcome fear

A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt path that leads into a vast, open landscape. The sky is dark and overcast, and the ground is a mix of dirt and grass. The overall mood is contemplative and adventurous.

1. Non-Judgment

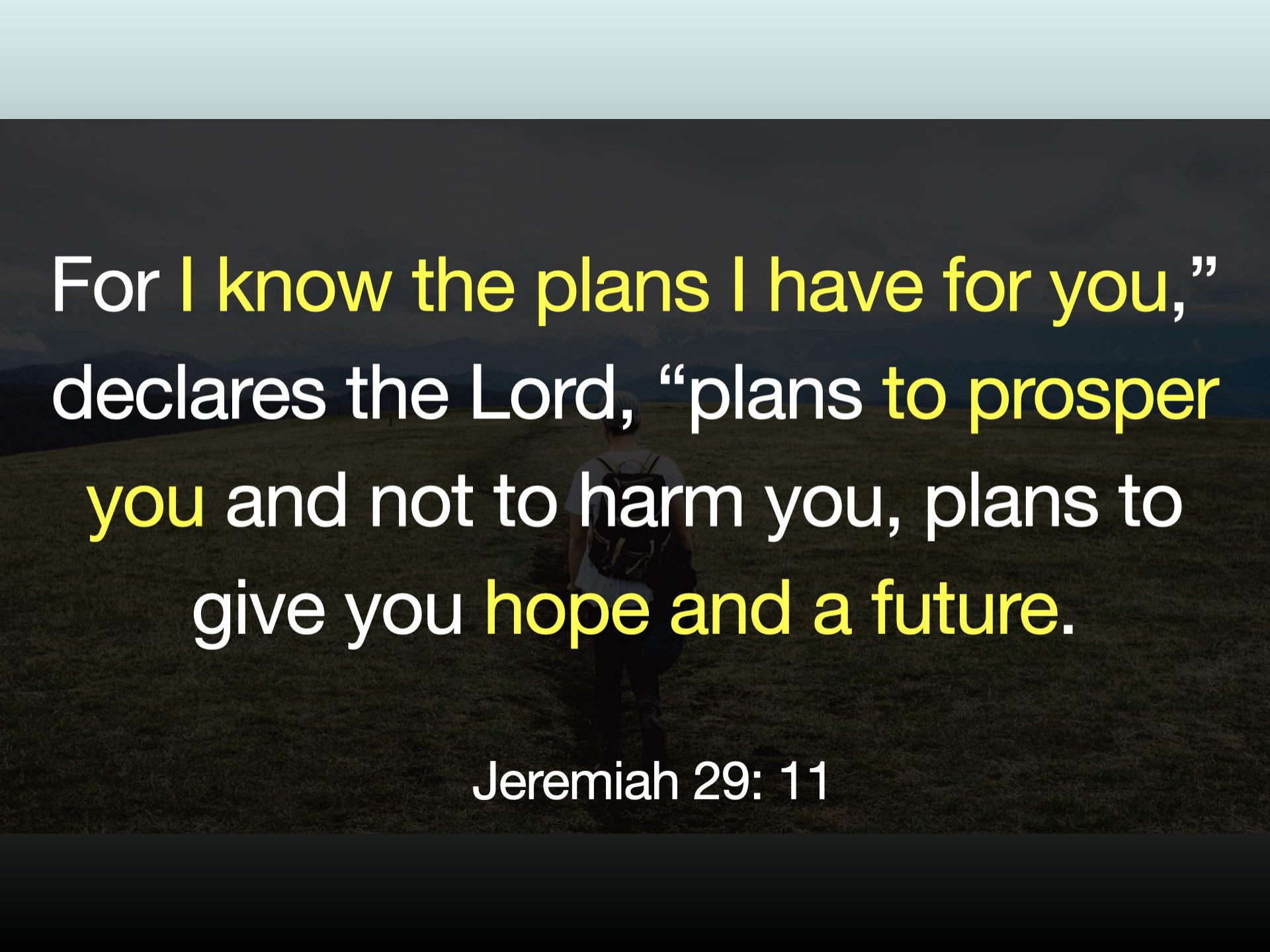
2. Patience

3. Trust

4. Acceptance

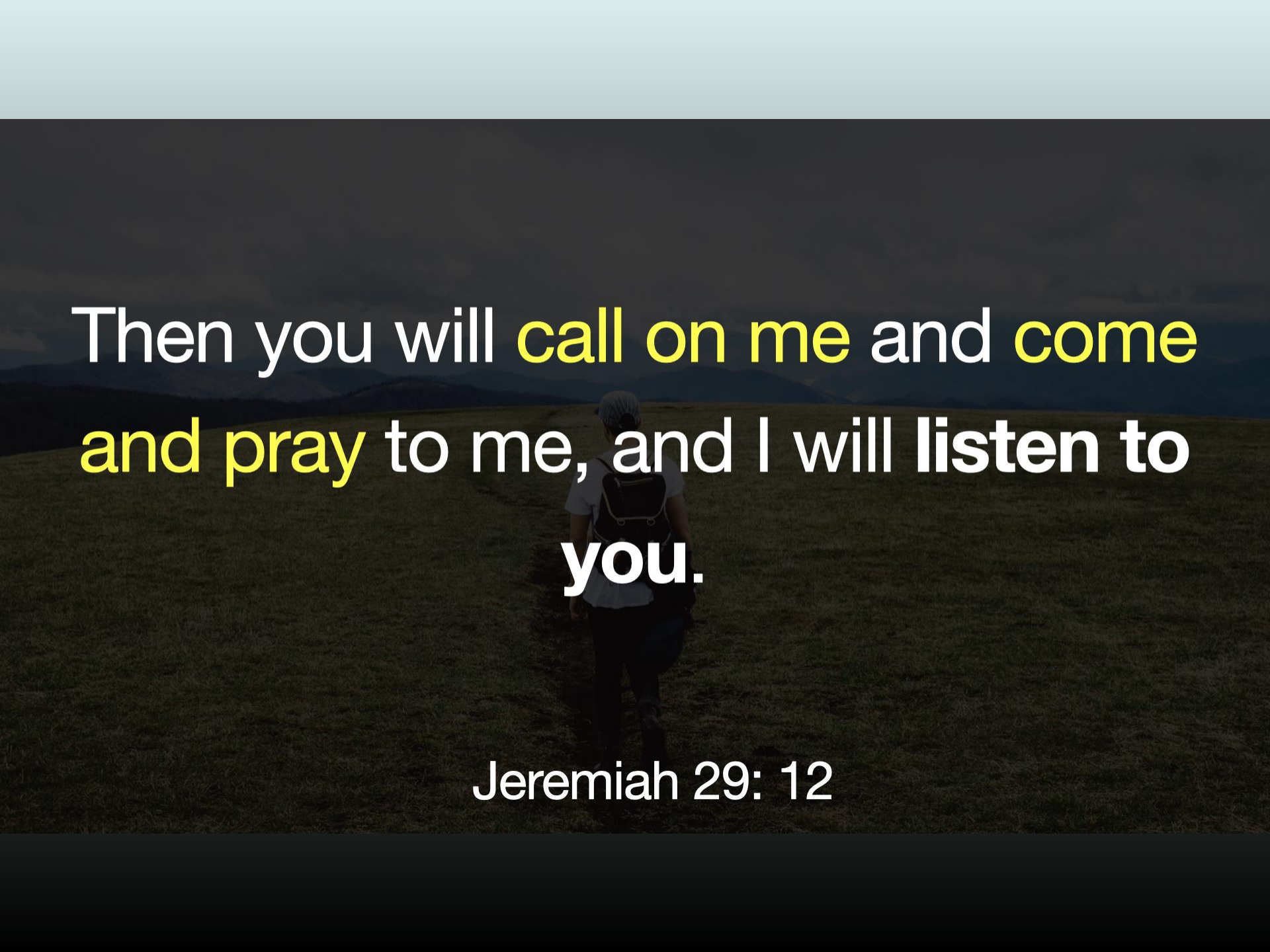
5. Gratitude

6. The Beginner's Mind

A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a grassy hill. The background shows a sunset or sunrise over a landscape with mountains. The text is overlaid on the image.

For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to  
give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29: 11

A person with a backpack is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path that leads into a vast, open landscape. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The landscape is a mix of green and brown grass, with rolling hills in the distance. The sky is dark and overcast, suggesting a late afternoon or early morning setting. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

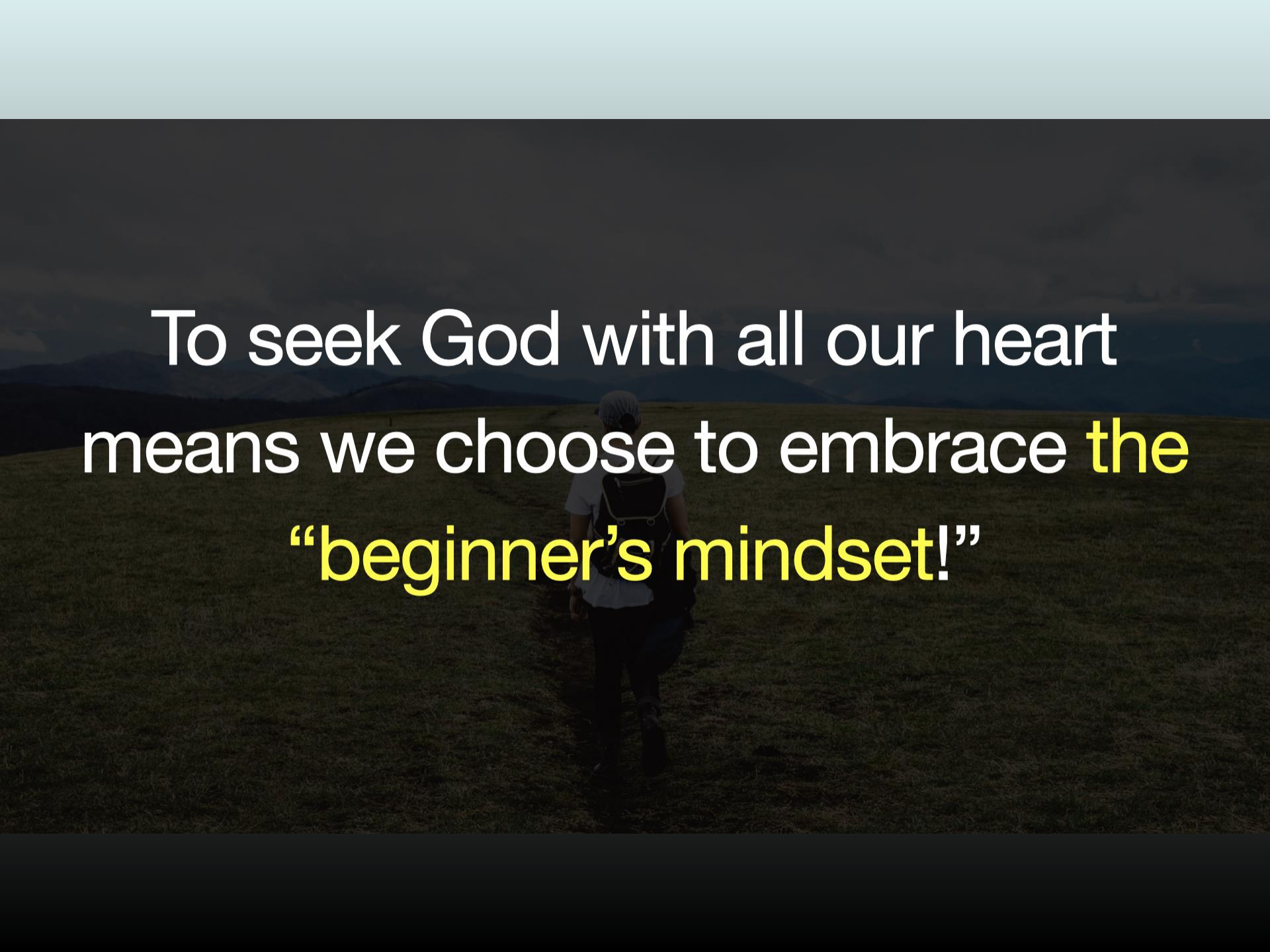
Then you will **call on me** and **come**  
**and pray** to me, and I will **listen to**  
**you.**

Jeremiah 29: 12


A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt path that leads into a vast, open landscape. The terrain is flat and grassy, extending to a distant horizon under a clear sky. The overall mood is one of solitude and journey.

You will **seek me** and find me when  
you seek me **with all your heart.**

Jeremiah 29: 13

A person wearing a backpack is walking away from the camera on a grassy hillside. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and suggests a journey or a quest.

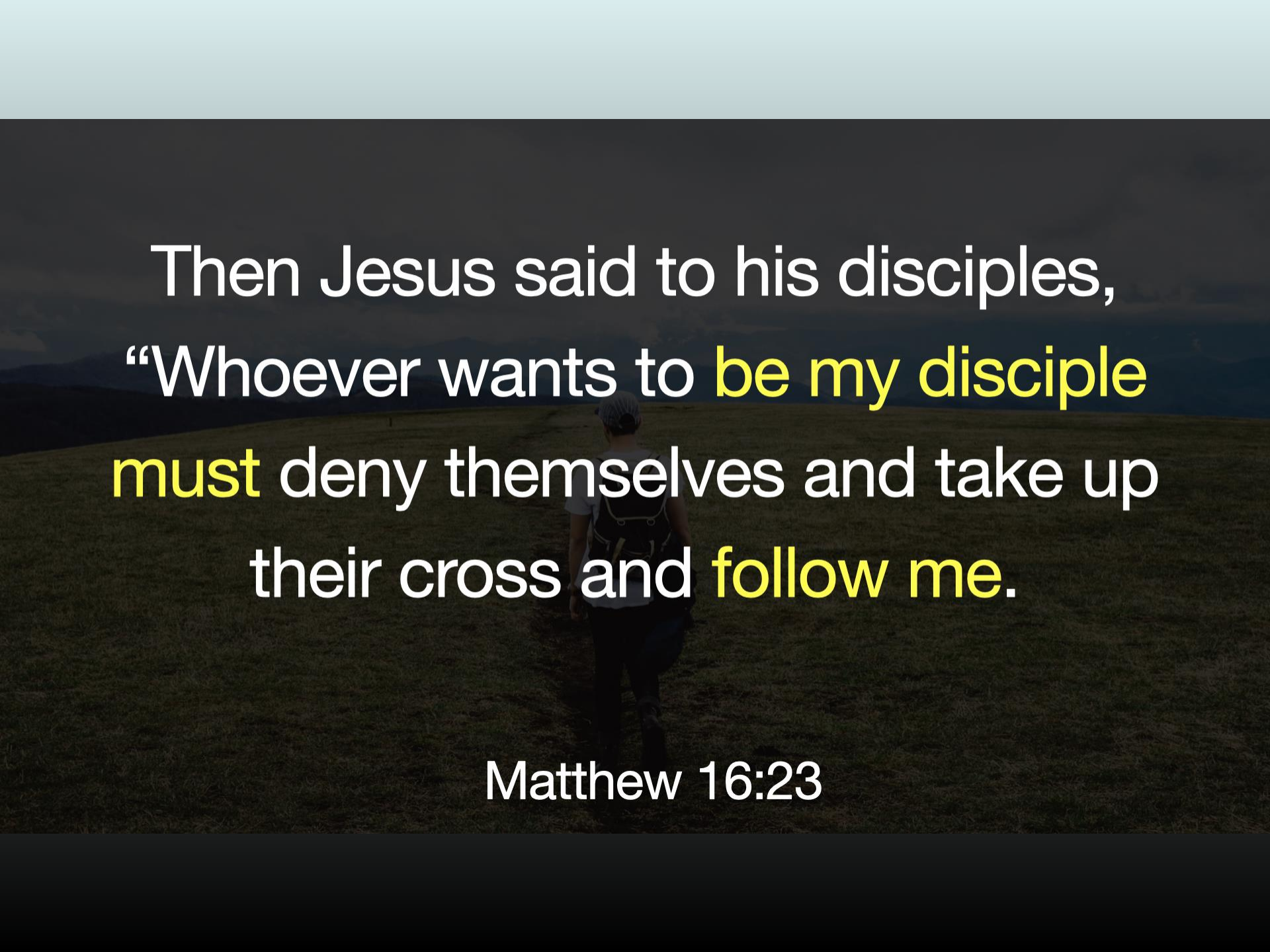
To seek God with all our heart  
means we choose to embrace **the**  
**“beginner’s mindset!”**

A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt path through a grassy field. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because **anyone who comes to him must believe** that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.


Hebrews 11:6



A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a grassy hill. The background shows a dark, hazy landscape under a dark sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
“Whoever wants to **be my disciple**  
**must** deny themselves and take up  
their cross and **follow me.**”

Matthew 16:23

A person with a backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt path through a grassy field. The background shows rolling hills under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8





# Introduction to the Service



# Presentation of Candidates



# **Renunciation of Sin & Profession of Faith**



Will you nurture one  
another ...?



With God's help we will  
proclaim the good news  
and live according to the  
example of Christ.





We will surround these person with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God,



And be found faithful in  
their service to others.  
We will pray for them that



They may be true  
disciples who walk in the  
way that leads to life.

Do you believe in God  
the Father?



I believe in God, the  
Father Almighty, creator  
of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in  
Jesus Christ?



I believe in Jesus Christ  
His only son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by



The Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,



And was buried; He  
descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose  
again; He ascended into  
heaven,



Is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.



Do you believe in the  
Holy Spirit?



I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,



The communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and the life  
everlasting.



# Confirmation

Lord, I give myself to You, as  
Your own, to love and serve  
You faithfully all the days of  
my life, in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.



# Confirmation Class Creed



# **Reception into the United Methodist Church & into the local Congregation**



# Commendation and Welcome



Members of the  
Household of God, ...





We give thanks for all that  
God has already given  
you and we welcome you  
in Christian love.



As members together with  
you in the body of Christ  
and in this congregation of  
the United Methodist  
Church,



We renew our covenant  
faithfully to participate in  
the ministries of the  
church by our prayers, our  
presence, our gifts,



Our service and our  
witness, that in everything  
God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.



Great  
is thy  
faithfulness

Great is thy  
faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of  
turning with thee;

Thou changest not,  
thy compassions,  
they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou  
forever wilt be.

Great is thy  
faithfulness!

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faithfulness!

Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;



All I have needed thy  
hand hath provided;  
Great is thy  
faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter  
and springtime  
and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars  
in their courses above

Join with all nature in  
manifold witness  
to thy great  
faithfulness, mercy,  
and love

Great is thy  
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Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy  
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Great is thy  
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Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a  
peace that endureth,  
thine own dear  
presence to cheer and  
to guide,

Strength for today  
and bright hope  
for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand  
beside!

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# Benediction

Living in THE GOOD OF GOD'S GRACE





GO  
IN  
PEACE