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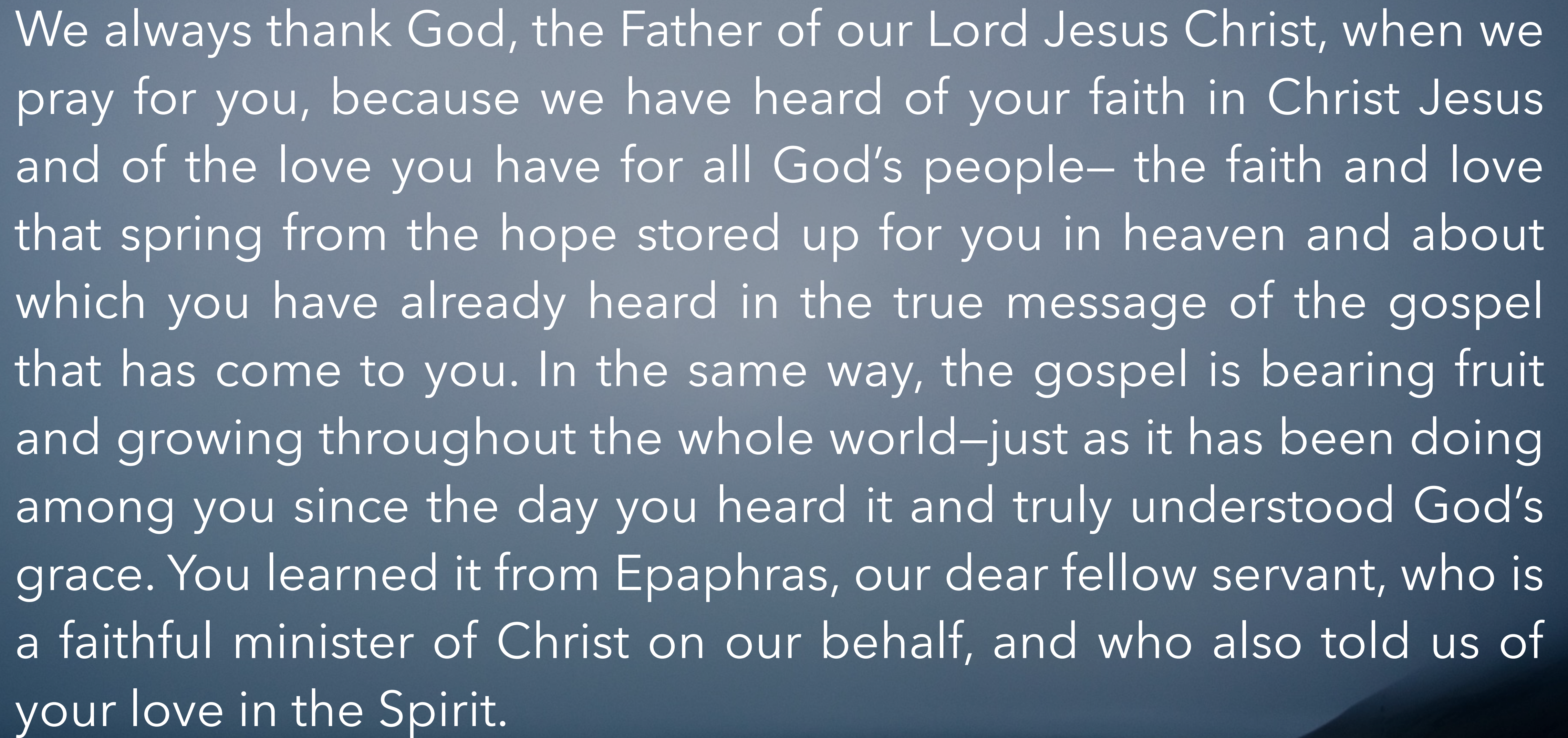
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SERMON TEXT:
Colossians 1:3-14

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The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom. . . . It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.

The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it.

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Resurrection Culture



Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven.

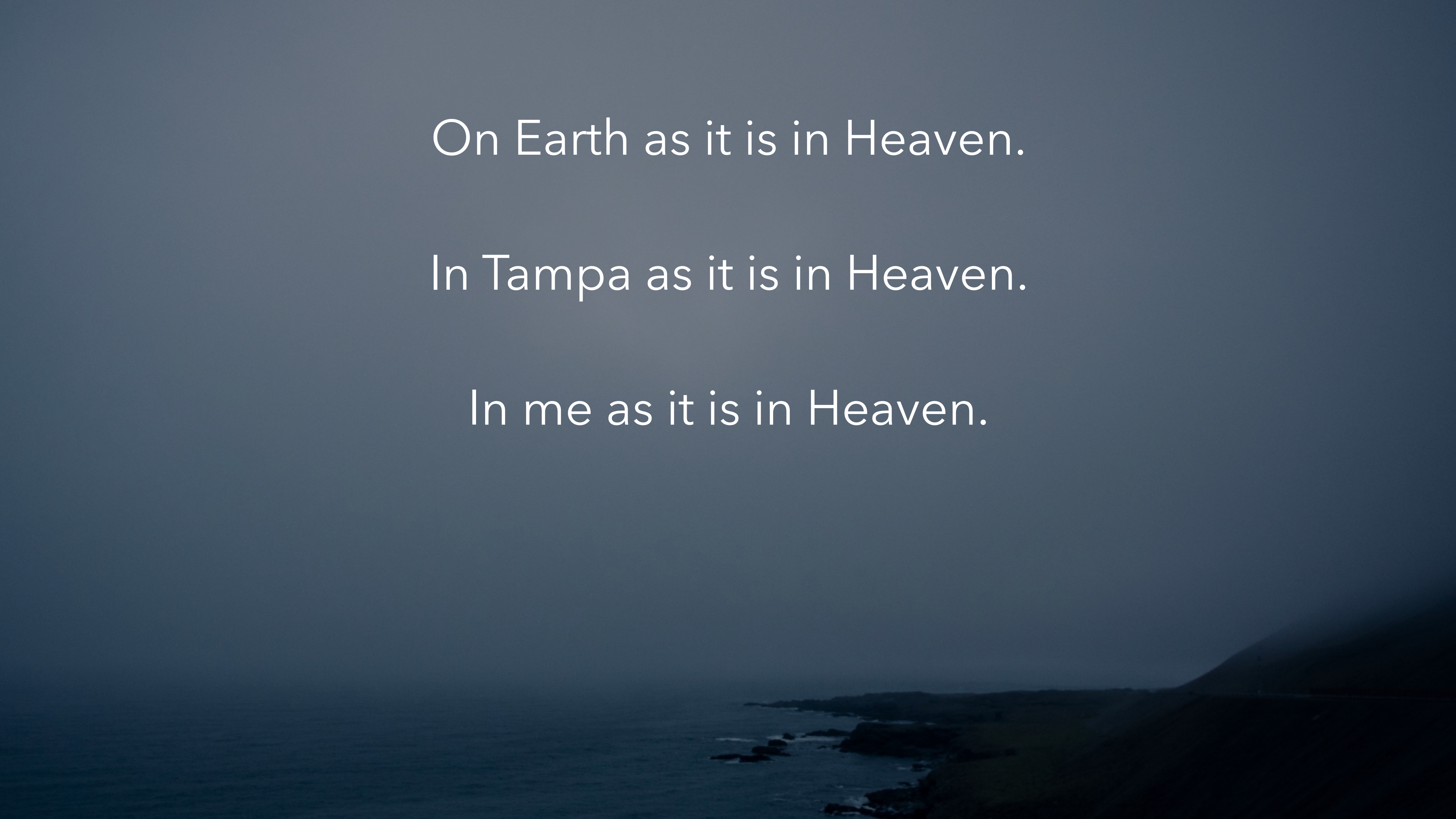
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On Earth as it is in Heaven.

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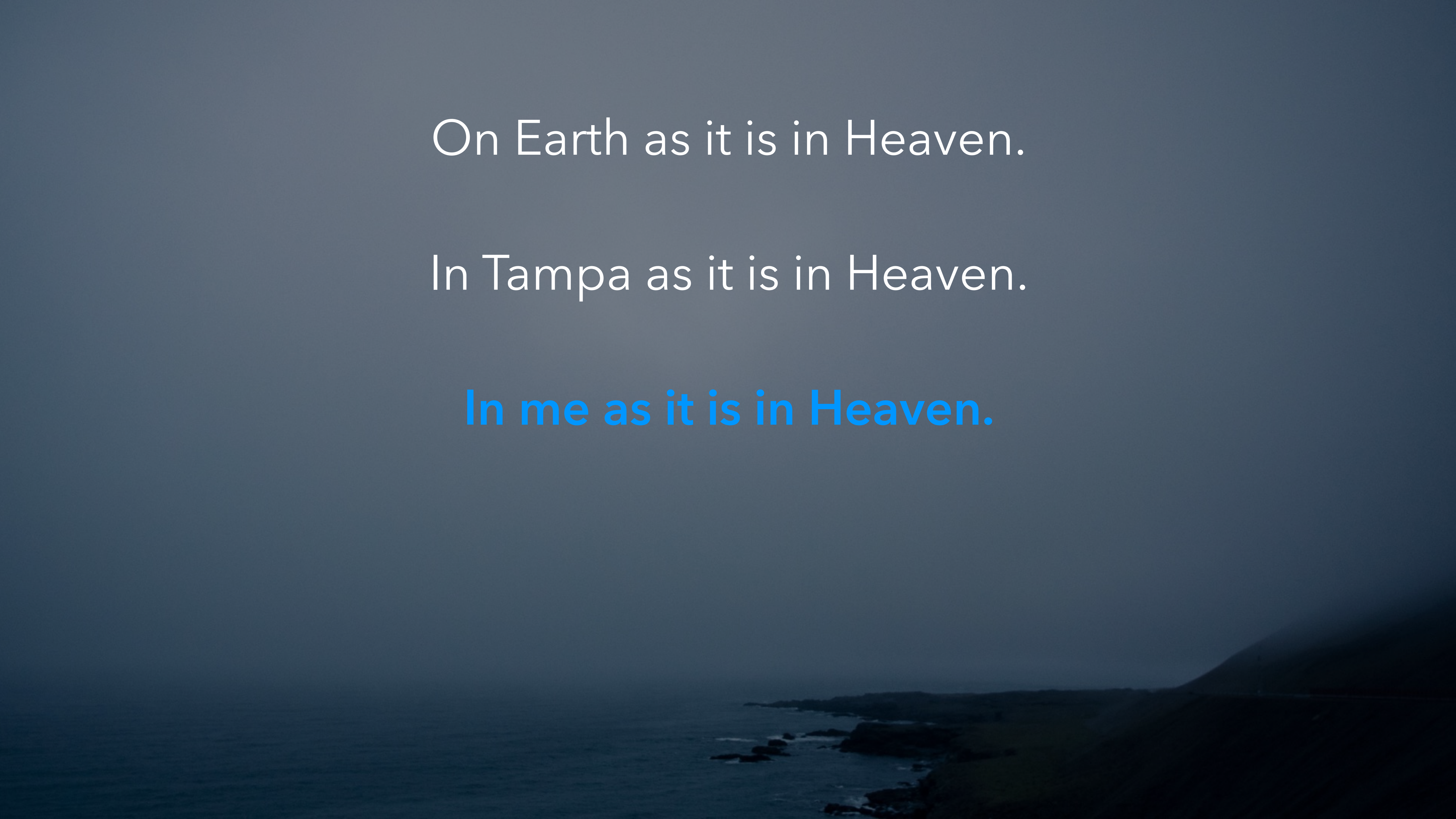
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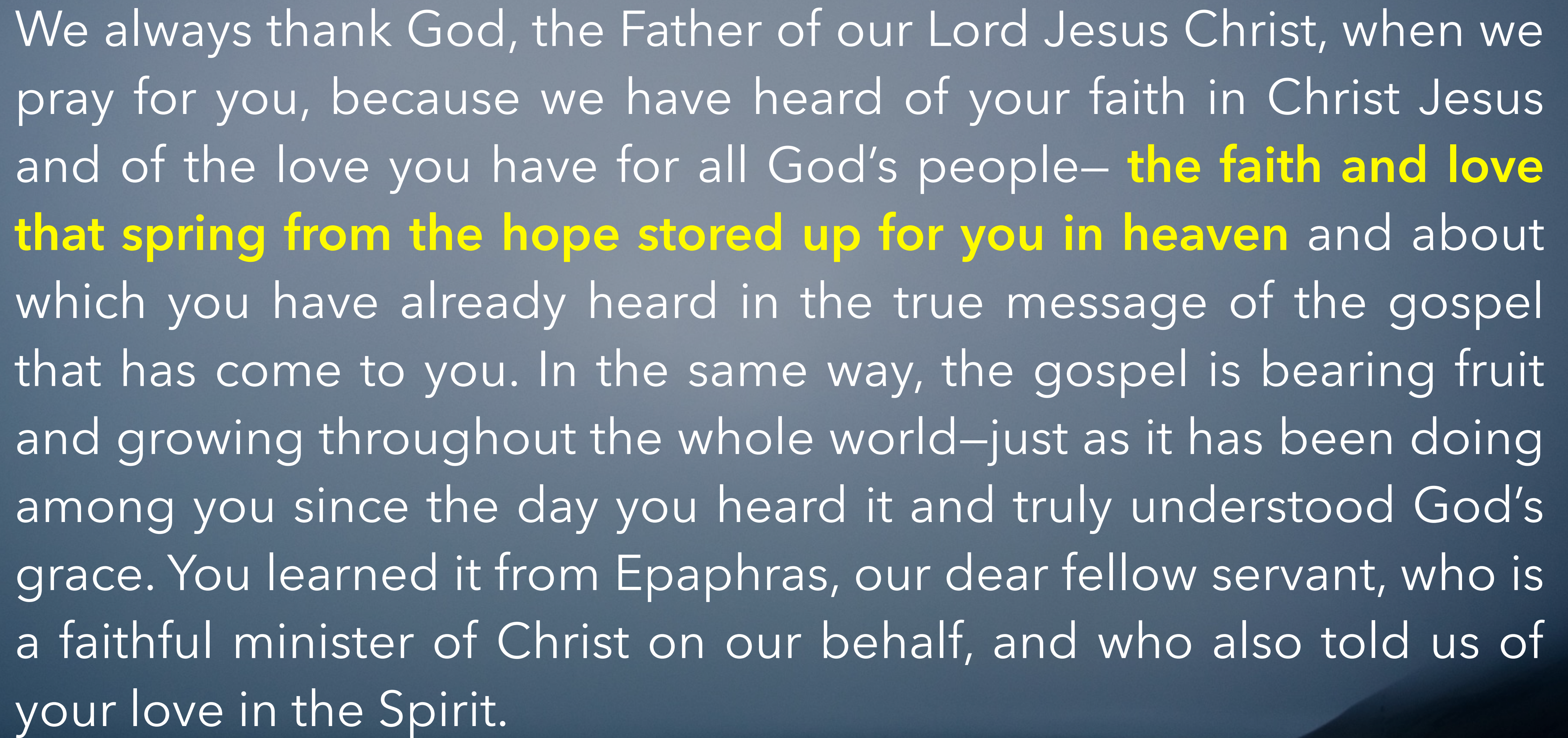
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Hope - Discernment - Fruit Bearing

Hope



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Hope

The hope that is found within a Resurrection culture springs forth **love** & **faith**.

Hope

Engaging with the truth of the Gospel increases our capacity to serve others by decreasing our focus on self.

Discernment



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Discernement

Increasing in the knowledge of the Lord's will by being filled with His wisdom & understanding in the Spirit.

Discernement

Seeking to know God's will, God's heart, in all situations in order to live well.



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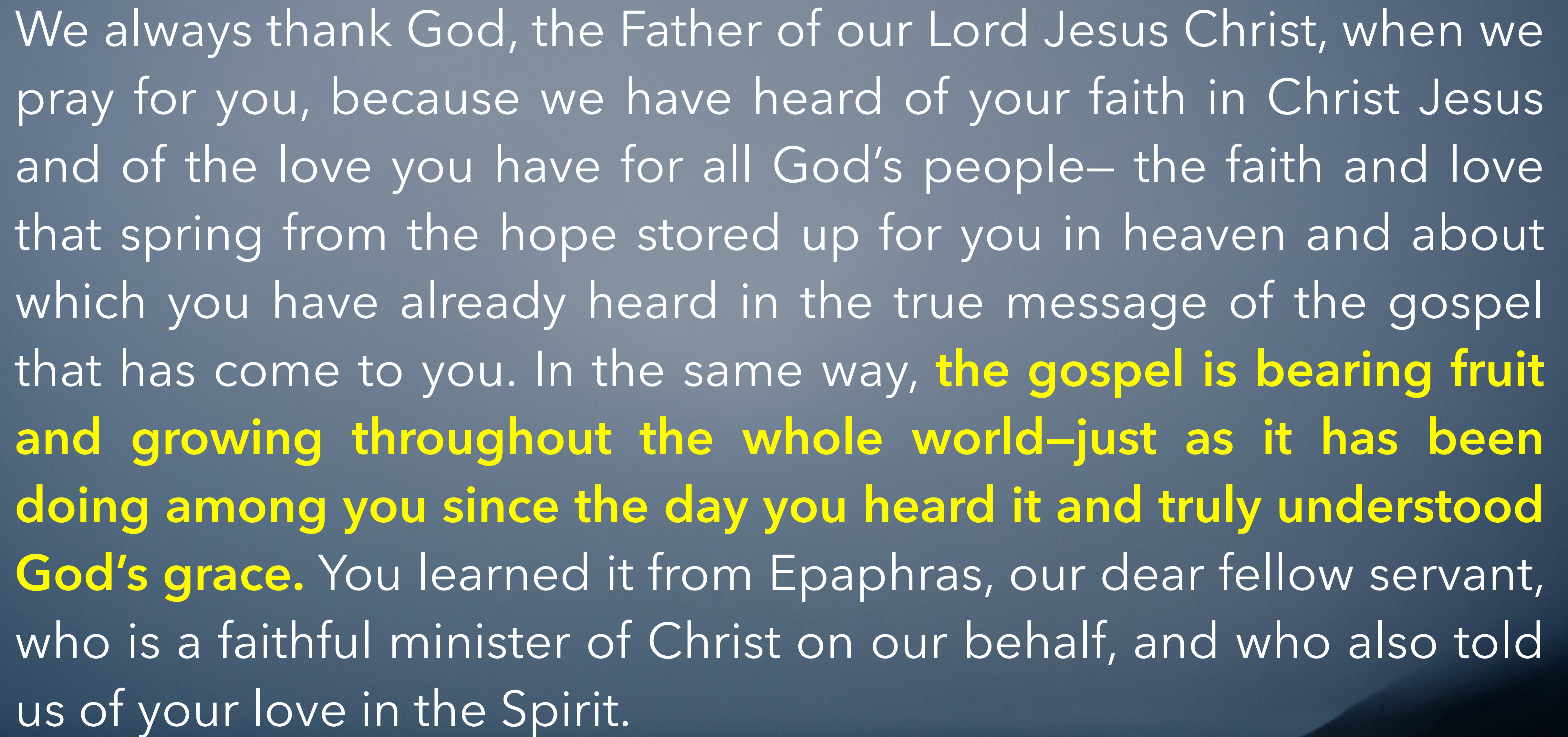


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The Gospel bears fruit wherever it goes.



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When we join into God's new order, His Kingdom,
we put our hands to the work of spreading the
Gospel, which is a worthy life.

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The point of the resurrection...is that the present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die...What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it...What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways of making the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether. They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom.

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There is nothing we have that we have not received; all we have and are belong to God bought with the blood of Jesus.

To spend everything on ourselves, and to give without sacrifice is the way of the world that the Father cannot abide.

But generosity is the way of those who call Christ their Lord; who love him with free hearts, and serve him with renewed minds; who withstand the delusion of riches that chokes the word; whose hearts are in heaven, and not on earth.

We are determined to increase in generosity until it can be said that there is no needy person among us.

We are determined to be faithful stewards of such a little thing as money that Christ may trust us with true riches.

Above all things, we are determined to be generous because our Father is generous.

It is the delight of His daughters and sons to share their Father's traits, and to show what He is like to all the world.

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