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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

New Image Ministries

Come & Be **CHANGED**

May we all be changed into His Image by His Spirit that lives within us.

2 Cor. 3:18

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Devotional by Elder Keith Freeman

THE COMMON DENOMINATOR

In Bible study we jumped into the boat with Jonah and were swallowed by.....God's word. (You were probably thinking I was going to say a whale lol.) Truth is, we are all like Jonah at times, in a place in life where God wakes us from that sleep in the bottom of the boat and makes a way for our "own" salvation.

Jonah 1:1-3 1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah son

of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." 3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

I see Jonah here as being selfish in a way with the things of God. Jonah was not fleeing from Nineveh, he was fleeing from the LORD because he did not think the people of Nineveh deserved salvation, they didn't deserve the goodness of God, and Jonah knew his God was a God of forgiveness, and mercy. Even after the whale spit Jonah back up on the shore and Jonah finished what God had told him to do, Jonah was mad at God because sure enough, the people of Nineveh repented, and God found mercy upon them. So, at that Jonah became angry and went out to the edge of the city to be alone.

Jonah 4:1-3 1 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. 3 Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah, like us, misses the common denominator at times. I find we put up walls and make divisions without even realizing it. We look for things we have in common with others like religion, race, likes and dislikes, political parties, how much money someone has in their bank account, you name it, we all have these categories. We then have these walls where we think we can't associate with certain other groups because we don't have anything in common. Or we feel certain people or groups are undeserving of my time, or compassion, because they don't fit into one of my boxes. I bet if Jonah had spent some time in Nineveh and got to know some of the

people, he may have had a different heart when it came to them. When we look into the world, we need to look for the common denominator which is Christ. Once we see the Christ in the world our hearts are transformed and then WE are transformed. Instead of thinking certain religions, groups of people, or individuals are unworthy of God's love and forgiveness and hence OUR love and forgiveness, we need to see the world as God does, through the eyes of Christ. We will find once we get to know our neighbors that we have more in common than we thought and not be so quick to send everyone to hell. Ultimately, this is our own salvation that God is working out in us, and once we receive it, it then brings salvation to our neighbors as well.

Romans 3:22-24 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Our job is easy, just love the inhabitants of the world, speak truth, and forgive. God will do the rest. I know it's easier said than done. Good news is, God will keep waking us from our slumber and provide a way back to our purpose in life, even if it's in the belly of a whale.



Hello Family and Happy October,
“**September 28, 2022**” Well what can I say,
“Good riddance to hurricane “IAN”
I don’t think any of us enjoyed having an almost
category 5 hurricane; what an experience!
Pastor Michael was out before and after making sure
that we all had help with whatever we needed. I will

say that, "No surprise" God was certainly with us. The thing I am going to take away from the hurricane is that we all banded together. I probably spoke to all of you and the *two things that everyone wanted to know* was **"Who needs something?" and "What can I do to help?"** This just reinforces what I always say and that is that **"we are so blessed because here at New Image Ministries we really are a family."**

Ten of us gathered in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, Pastor Michael and Pastor Phil wanted to be here just in case there was anyone who didn't get the message about us being closed, showed up. We gathered in a circle and we witnessed a miracle; we took turns praying and when it was Pastor Phil Sr.'s turn to pray, right in the middle of his prayer, the power came back on. I did hear some gasps because it was as if God was saying "I told you that I have this and everything is OK." ***Trust God and Help Others!***

It's going to be a busy month as we are getting ready for our annual conference.

Our conference this year is **"LIVE"** Our bible verse for this year is 1st Peter 2:16 and our color this year is TEAL. I love it!!! This is our 10th annual conference

We will have our opening night on Friday **October 28th starting at 7:00 p.m.** The conference will resume on **Saturday morning, October 29th at 10:00 a.m.** we will have a service, music and lunch. We will meet again on **Sunday morning, October 30th at 10:30 a.m.** for service, music and to close out our conference.

It will be a weekend of powerful messages, unbelievable music from the "United Praise Band"

(musicians come here from everywhere to play for our conference), food and fellowship. Please come and be a part of this wonderful event. We have a conference once a year and it is something you don't want to miss! Bring a friend because everyone is invited. See you there!

“LIVE” IS GOING TO BE A CONFERENCE TO REMEMBER!

**May God Bless You,
Deacon Helen J. Caliendo**



Did You Know?

Tennis Ball Parking Guide

If you have ever wondered why a tennis ball was hanging from your friend's garage ceiling, here's why. To park your car in perfect position every time, hang a tennis ball from the garage ceiling so it just touches the windshield. It will show you precisely where to stop. No guesswork!



Monetary Measurements

A dollar bill is 6.14 in. long. But you don't have to memorize that; just remember that a buck is about 6 in. long and you'll always have an approximate measuring tool in your wallet





WHO AM I?

My favorite color is blue
Dogs are my favorite pets but I don't have any pets
One time I went through a water glide ride in Disney
and I was scared to death
My favorite memory is when I married my spouse
I have 6 children
I have worked in a coal mine. I have also done other
jobs
I really enjoy cooking
If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life it
would be seafood
I enjoy Gospel music
My favorite author is Maya Angelou
My favorite singers are the Gaithers
I love to watch a mystery movie
My favorite actor is Denzel Washington
I love Game shows
When I was a child my favorite show was
"Kids Say the Dandiest Things"
I love to travel
I would rather eating out than cook

I enjoy going to gym
My favorite holiday is Christmas
I love to smell good food cooking
I love when I can just lay back and watch T.V. or
read a good book
My autobiography would be titled "Do You Believe
This?"
The best gift I ever received is accepting Christ as
my Savior
It is a blessing when I wake up and see the light in
the window
If I could have one super power I could choose to be
able to fly
One day I would love to travel all over the world
I was so proud when I got my college degree
The thing that makes me laugh is Helen doing this
interview
If I ruled my own country, the first law I would enforce
would be that all children have to sit down and have
good manners
My warning label would say "Don't make the old me
come out"
I love to dance!



**WHO AM I?
Meet Gail King**

I love to shop
I have a few pets
My favorite animal is the Siler Back Gorilla
I rode a motorcycle once and for me, that was
crazy
I went on a mission trip to Mexico and that was a
beautiful memory
I have worked as a Teachers Aid, and a Nurse
I love Shrimp Scampi
I like to listen to Christian music and Golden Oldies
I enjoy reading Joel Olsten & Joyce Myers
I love The Righteous Brothers
I like movies about murder mysteries & comedy
I love movies with Antonio Bandera
When it comes to T.V., I watch Game Shows and
Mysteries

As a child I loved "Zorro"
I love to travel
I would rather eat my meals out as opposed to
cooking
I am more of a later in the day person than a
morning person
My two favorite holidays are Christmas &
Thanksgiving
I love the smell of French Vanilla
I spend lots of time talking to the Lord
If I wrote an autobiography I would name it "There
but for the Grace of God Go I"
My salvation and my family are the best gifts I
have ever received
The best part of waking up is taking my first breath
If I could have one super power I would have
"Healing Hands"
If I had to choose one meal for the rest of my life I
would choose "bacon and eggs with a sided of
French toast"
I collect Disney Globes & Pets
If I ruled my own country the first law I would
enforce would be to
"Treat everyone as you would like to treated"
My warning label would say "Uniquely Precious"

1 Correct guess from Diana Hart

If you think you know who I am, contact Helen in the church office with your guess. All correct guesses will be published in next months issue of 'Getting to Know You'.



**GOD WANTS FULL
CUSTODY
NOT JUST
WEEKEND VISITS**

TRAGICALLY, THE FIRST YOUTH MINISTER IN HISTORY WAS FIRED FOR BREAKING ALL TEN COMMANDMENTS.



WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

JESUS, I WELCOMED YOU INTO MY LIFE TODAY,
THANK YOU FOR WASHING MY SINS AWAY.

I NOW CAST UPON YOU MY EVERY CARE,
KNOWING, IN MY HEART, YOU ARE ALWAYS NEAR.

I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU IN ALL MY WAYS,
TRUSTING AND BELIEVING; GIVING YOU PRAISE.

IN YOUR WORD AND LOVE, I CHOOSE TO ABIDE,
LEAD ME HOLY SPIRIT, BE MY GUIDE.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPLYING MY EVERY NEED,
AND GIVING ME LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY.

THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME AS I PRAY,
KNOWING WHEN I ASK, I HAVE WHAT I SAY.

I NOW DECREE, LET YOUR WILL BE DONE,
AS I BEGIN MY NEW LIFE IN GOD'S KINGDOM.

AMEN—IT IS SO!!!



Hawaiian Chicken Kabobs

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup soy sauce (or tamari)
- 1/4 cup canned pineapple juice
- 3 tablespoons honey (or brown sugar)
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup cold water whisked
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 3-4 bell peppers, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces (colors of your choice)
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups pineapple chunks
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil (or more sesame oil)
- oil or grill cooking spray for grill grates

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Create marinade* in a small sauce pan over medium heat by whisking together soy sauce, pineapple juice, honey, sesame oil, garlic powder, ground ginger, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer. Separately, whisk together cold water and corn starch until combined. Slowly stream cornstarch mixture into marinade. Whisk all together. Return to a simmer; allow to simmer, whisking occasionally, for 3-4 minutes until marinade thickens. Remove from heat. Set aside.
2. Place diced chicken in a large plastic zip-top bag or bowl. Add half of marinade; toss to coat chicken. Seal/cover chicken; refrigerate at least 1 hour up to 4 hours.
3. If using wooden skewers, soak in water for at least 30 minutes.
4. Preheat grill to medium heat.**
5. Alternately thread chicken, peppers, onion and pineapple onto skewers. Brush olive oil on vegetables.
6. Oil grill grate. Place kabobs on grill over medium

heat. Grill, turning every 4-5 minutes and basting with remaining marinade until chicken is done; about 15-20 minutes.



COCONUT RICE
2 Cups Jasmin or long grain white rice

14 oz. coconut milk (full fat or light)

½ cup water

1 tablespoon white sugar

½ teaspoon salt

Instructions

- 1. Rinse rice in water until the water runs pretty clean**
- 2. Drain rice then soak in water for 15 minutes. Then drain**
- 3. Add rice, coconut milk, water, sugar and salt into a small pot or large saucepan over medium high heat.**
- 4. Bring to a simmer so the entire surface of the liquid is rippling (not just the edges) give it ONE stir, place lid on and immediately turn heat down to LOW.**
- 5. Leave for 14 minutes.**
- 6. Remove from heat and rest undisturbed for 10 minutes.**
- 7. Fluff with rubber spatula.**

Recipe Notes:

1. Rinsing rice - essential for this recipe as the rich coconut milk will otherwise make the rice gluey. This rice is best made with jasmine or long grain rice. Medium and short grain rice are too sticky which is made even stickier by cooking it in coconut. Basmati is also a good substitute. This recipe is not suitable for risotto or paella rice. It will also work with brown rice.
2. Coconut flavor is mostly in the fat so you get better coconut flavor using full fat rather than low fat.
3. Sugar - some restaurants make the coconut rice a touch sweet with the addition of sugar. Also, higher quality coconut milk is sweeter and richer than cheaper ones. So this is optional. It doesn't make the rice super sweet it just adds a subtle touch of sweetness. I almost always include it.
2. Coconut milk powder is available in the Asian section

or next to canned coconut milk in the supermarket.



AMBROSIA SALAD

Ingredients:

½ cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon sugar

4 oz. sour cream

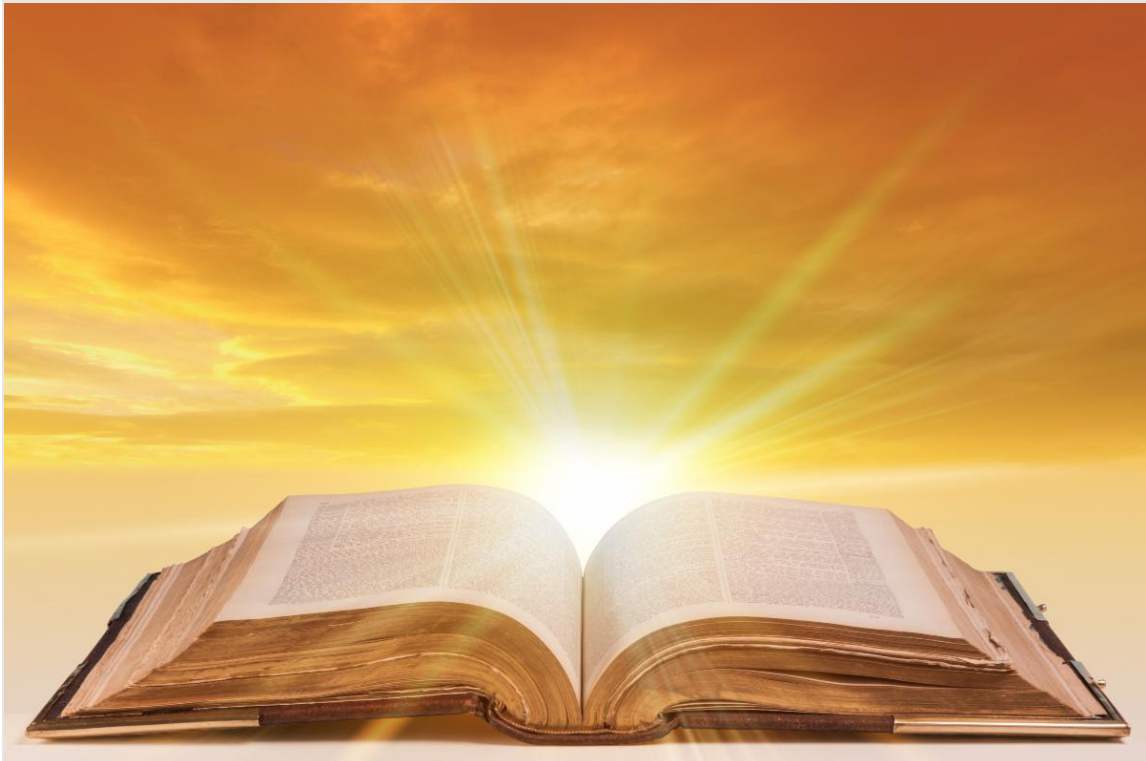
6 oz. mini marshmallows, approximately 3 cups

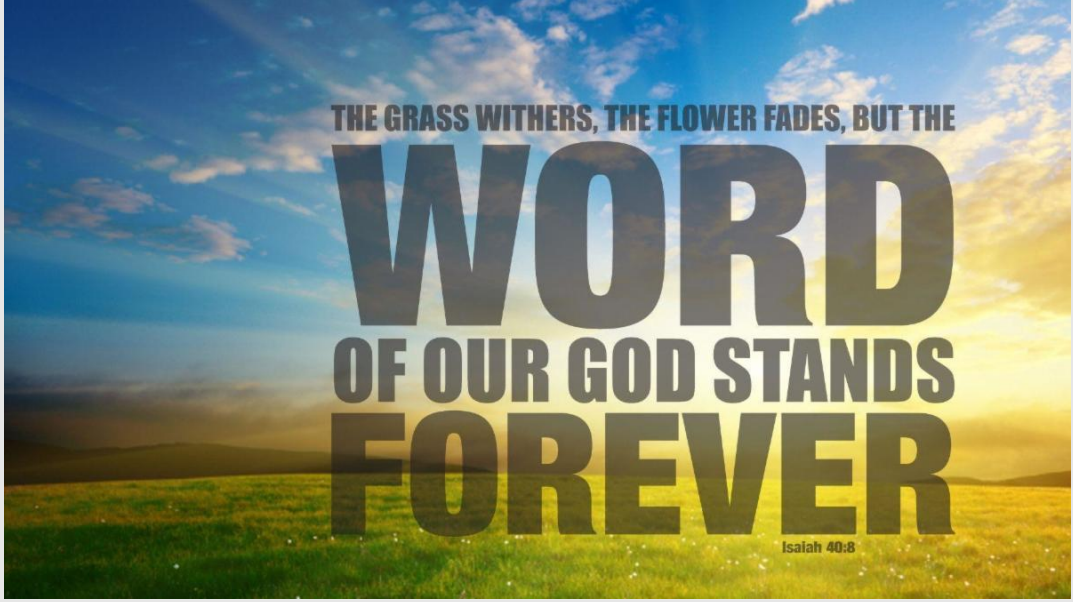
1 cup Clementine orange segments, approximately

6 Clementine's

1 cup chopped fresh pineapple
1 cup shredded coconut
1 cup toasted, chopped pecans
½ cup drained maraschino cherries

Place the cream and sugar into the bowl of a stand mixer with the whisk attachment and whip until stiff peaks are formed. Add the sour cream and whisk to combine. Add the marshmallows, orange, pineapple, coconut, pecans and cherries and stir to combine. Transfer to a glass serving bowl, cover and place in the refrigerator for 2 hours before serving.

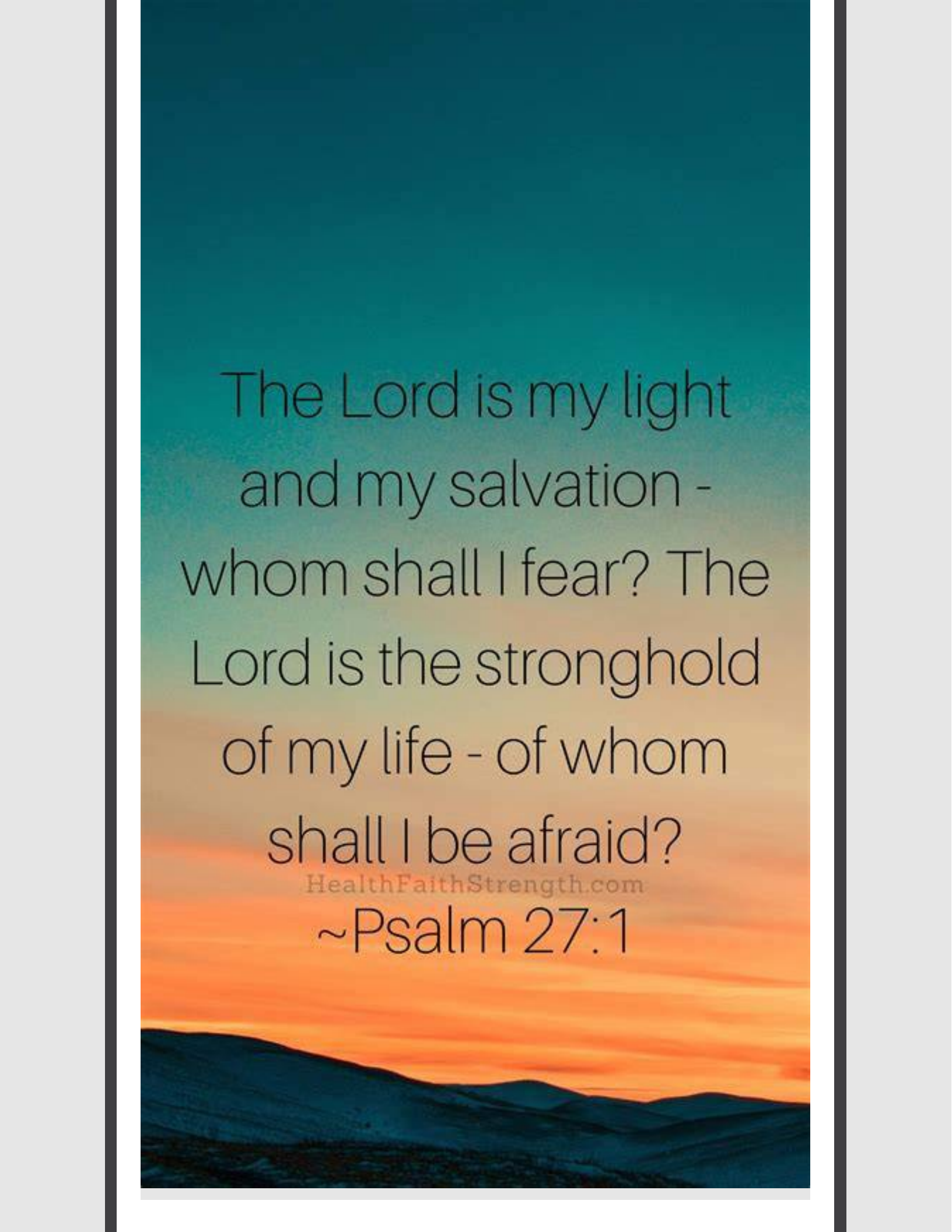




THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE

WORD
OF OUR GOD STANDS
FOREVER

Isaiah 40:8



The Lord is my light
and my salvation -
whom shall I fear? The
Lord is the stronghold
of my life - of whom
shall I be afraid?

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~Psalm 27:1



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