



Edward Christian Church

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Recovery 12 Steps to Find Peace

Joshua 1:8

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***“Improving Our
Communication
Skills w- God”
(Step 11)***

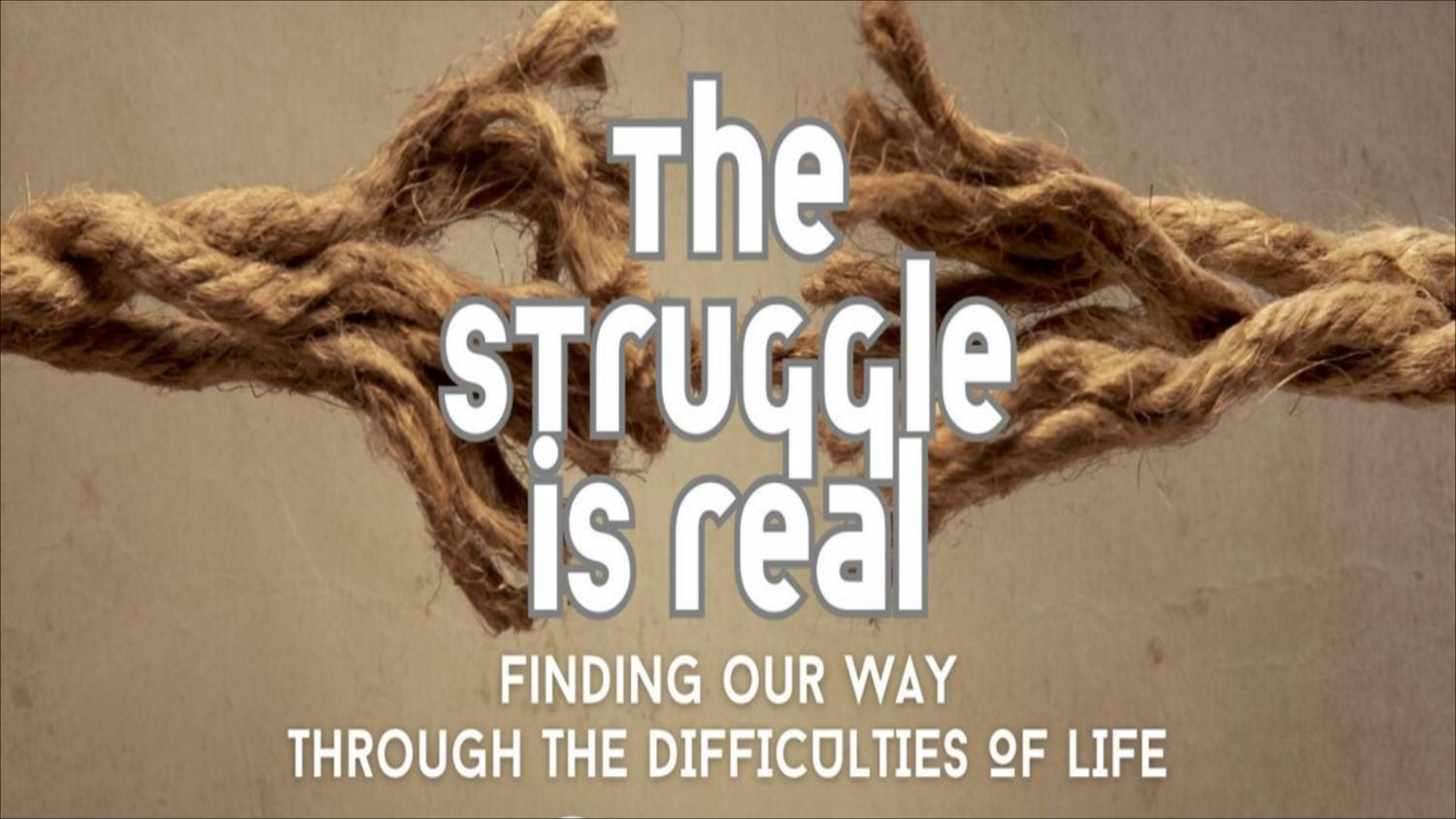
Talk to Me Goose

Joshua 1:8

Every Christian Is in Recovery

- **We All Battle Sin, Fear, Pride, Or Shame**
 - **But the Gospel Is a Recovery Story**
- **Steps 1–3 = The Heart Of Discipleship**
- **Steps 4-7 = Cleansing & Confession**
- **Steps 8-9 = The Courage to Make Things Right**

Come Together

A thick, brown, knotted rope is draped across the frame, set against a textured, light brown background. The rope is coiled and knotted, with frayed ends, suggesting strength and resilience. The text 'The struggle is real' is overlaid in a large, white, bold font with a grey outline, centered over the rope.

The struggle is real

FINDING OUR WAY
THROUGH THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE

Step 1: Admit Powerlessness

Romans 7:18 Amp

For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it. [I have the intention and urge to do what is right, but no power to carry it out.]

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Step 2: Believe in God's Power

"We came to believe..."

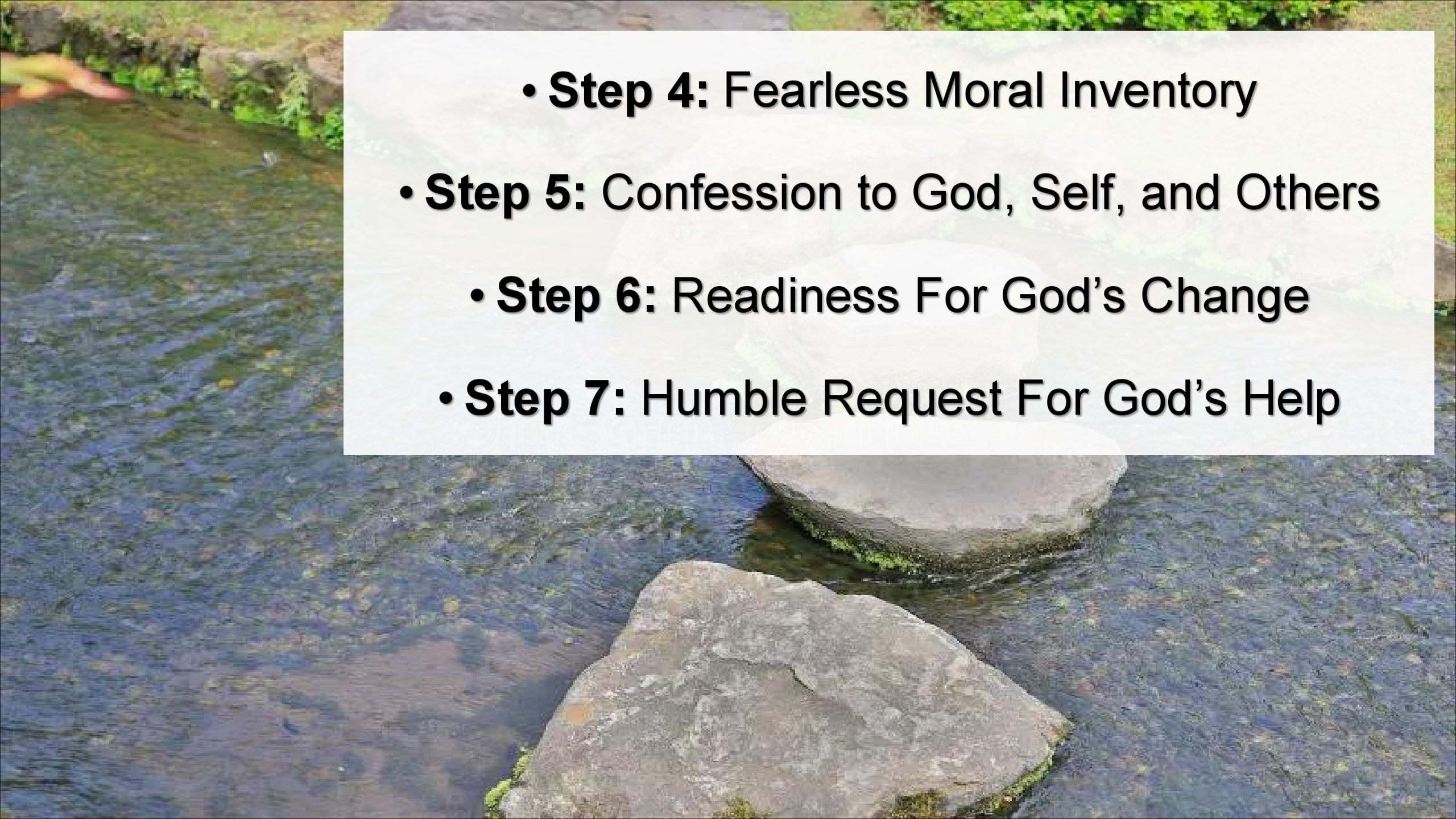
- Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 3:20

Step 3: Surrender to God's Care

"We made a decision to turn our will / lives over..."

Romans 12:1; Proverbs 3:5–6

His good pleasure *and* satisfaction *and* delight.

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- **Step 4: Fearless Moral Inventory**
 - **Step 5: Confession to God, Self, and Others**
 - **Step 6: Readiness For God's Change**
 - **Step 7: Humble Request For God's Help**

The Courage to Make Things Right

Steps 8 & 9

If it is possible,
as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.

Step 10:

Romans 12:18

***“We continued to take personal inventory and
when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.”***



- Joshua 1:8 NIV

KEEP THIS BOOK OF THE LAW
ALWAYS ON YOUR LIPS;

*Meditate on it
day and night,*

so that you may be careful to
do everything written in it. Then
you will be prosperous and
successful.

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- Joshua 1:8 NIV

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Step 11

***“We sought through prayer and meditation to improve
our conscious contact with God...”***

***“...praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the
power to carry that out.”***

Step 11:
Conscious Contact with God

***“God Not Only Commutes Your Sentence
He Wants to Communicate With You.”***

**That's Not Just a Recovery Principle
It's a Discipleship Principle**

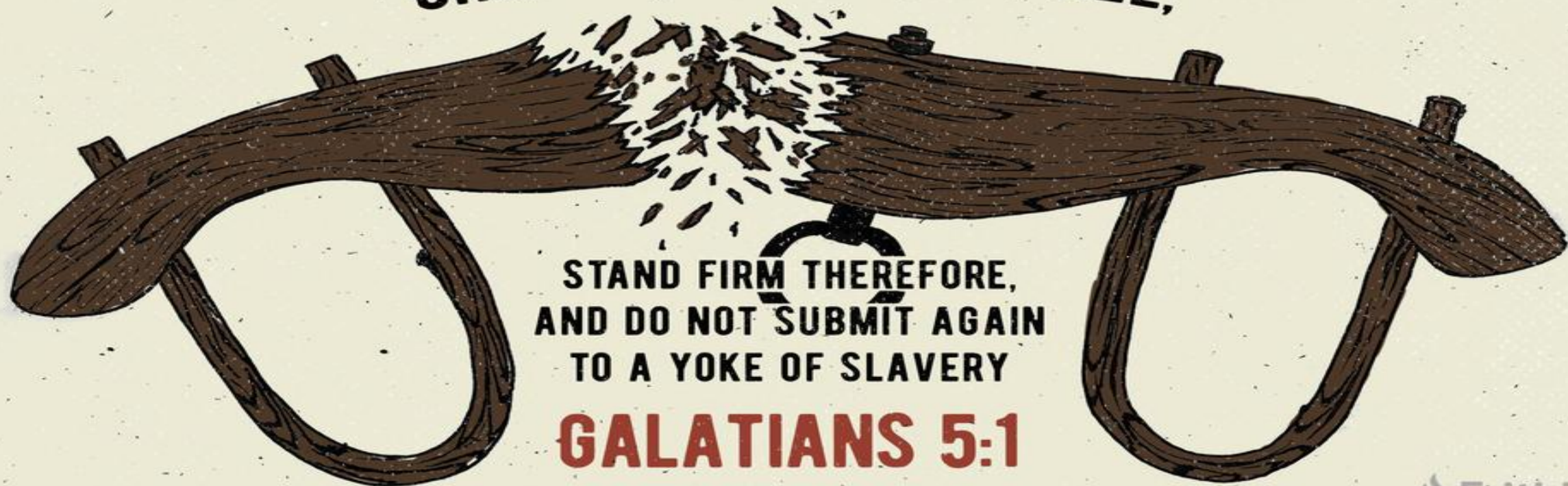
Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where
the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 KJV



FOR **FREEDOM**

CHRIST HAS SET US FREE;



**STAND FIRM THEREFORE,
AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN
TO A YOKE OF SLAVERY**

GALATIANS 5:1

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Recovery is Not Just Breaking Chains

- **It's Building a Relationship.**
- **God Wants More Than Parole...
....He Wants Presence.**

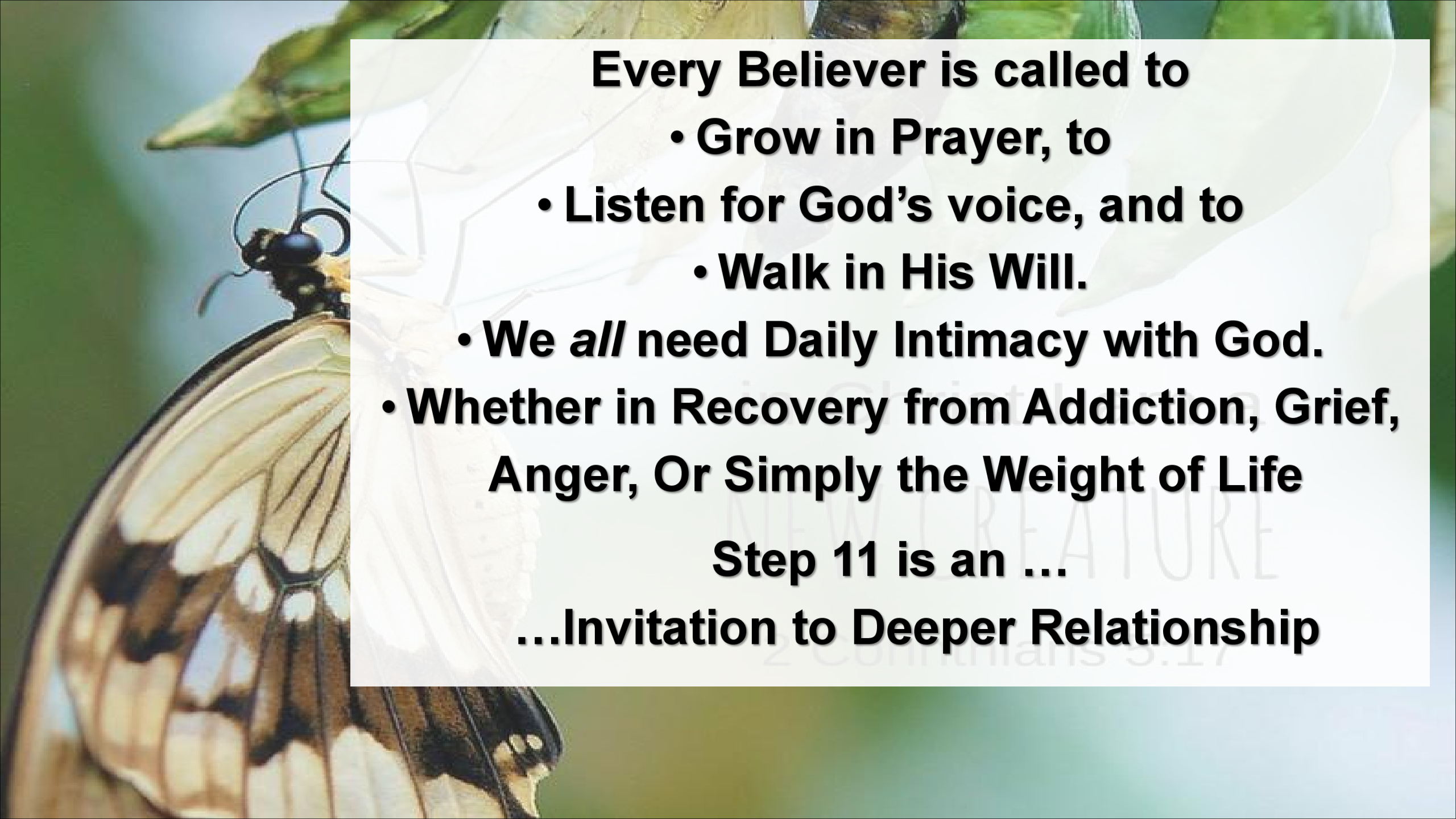
The Heart of Step 11 is Intimacy.

- **God Doesn't Just Want to Fix Us**
 - **He Wants to Walk with us.**
- **He Wants us to Hear His Voice,
Feel His Presence,
and Live in His Love.**



in Christ I am a
NEW CREATURE

2 Corinthians 5:17



Every Believer is called to

- **Grow in Prayer, to**
- **Listen for God's voice, and to**
- **Walk in His Will.**
- ***We all* need Daily Intimacy with God.**
- **Whether in Recovery from Addiction, Grief, Anger, Or Simply the Weight of Life**

Step 11 is an ...

...Invitation to Deeper Relationship

A silhouette of a shepherd wearing a cap and carrying a staff, walking alongside two sheep. The scene is set against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise background with warm orange and yellow tones.

My sheep hear My voice,
I know them, & they follow Me.

JOHN 10:27

Call to Prayer and Meditation

Step 11 says we *sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God.*

- **Prayer is Us Speaking to God.**
- **Meditation is Us Listening to God.**
- **Conscious Contact means...**
 - ...Living Aware of His Presence**
 - ...In the Everyday Moments of Life**
- **Meditation**

Psalm 46:10, *'Be still, and know that I am God.'*

- **Conscious Contact.**

1 Thes 5:17, *'Pray without ceasing.'*





God is NOT our Drill Sergeant

Why This Matters for the Whole Church

- This is not just a Recovery Principle
 - it's a Discipleship Principle
 - Without Prayer, We Drift
- Without Meditation, We Miss God's Whisper
 - Without Conscious Contact,
- We Live As If God Is Distant, When He Is Near

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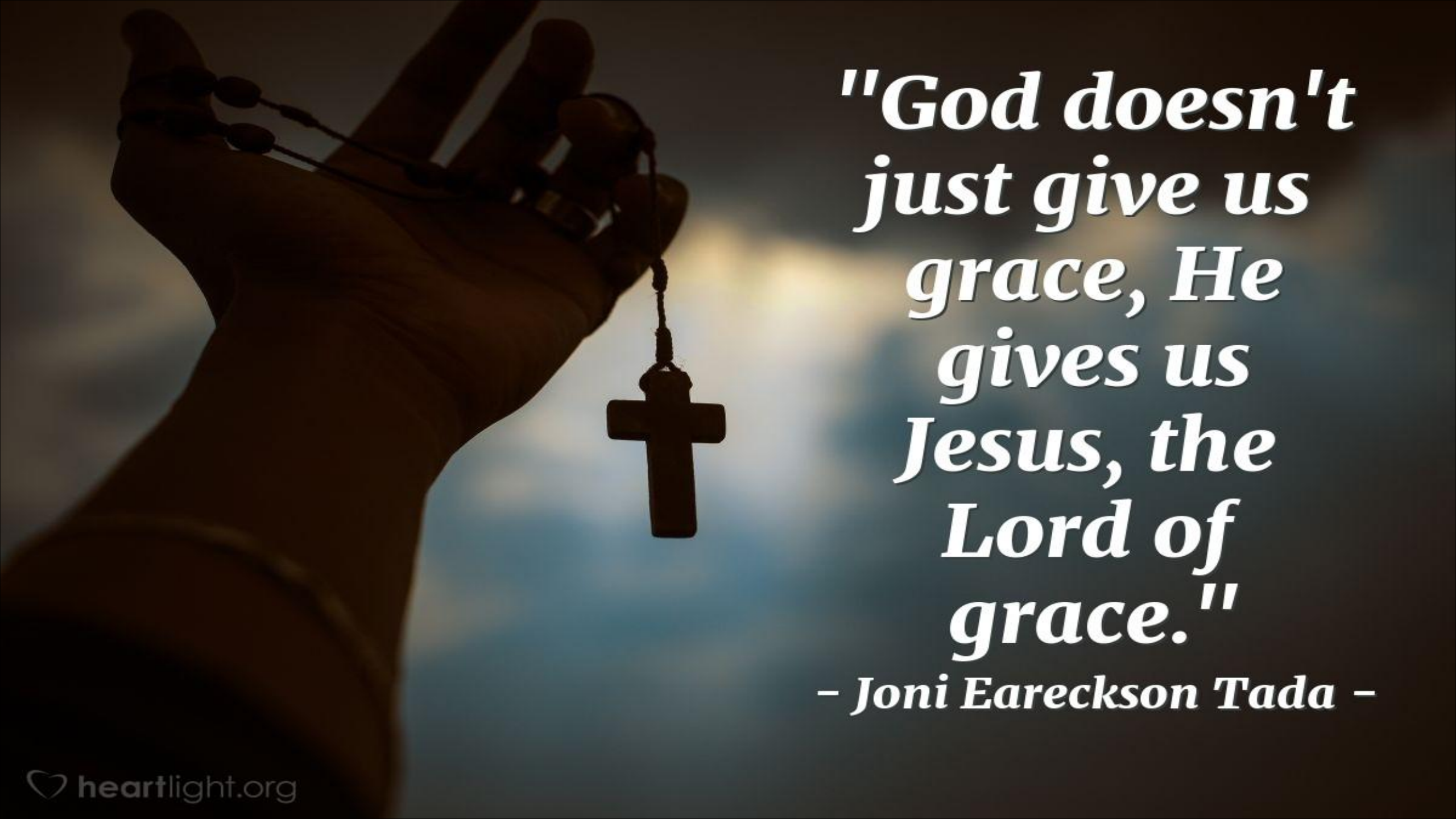
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Intimacy is Not Automatic

- It Must Be *Sought*
- It Must Be *Improved*
- It Must Be *Practiced*

A close-up, low-angle shot of a hand holding a dark-colored rosary. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers gently gripping the beads. A large, dark cross hangs from the bottom of the rosary. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky with warm, golden light from a setting or rising sun, creating a serene and contemplative atmosphere.

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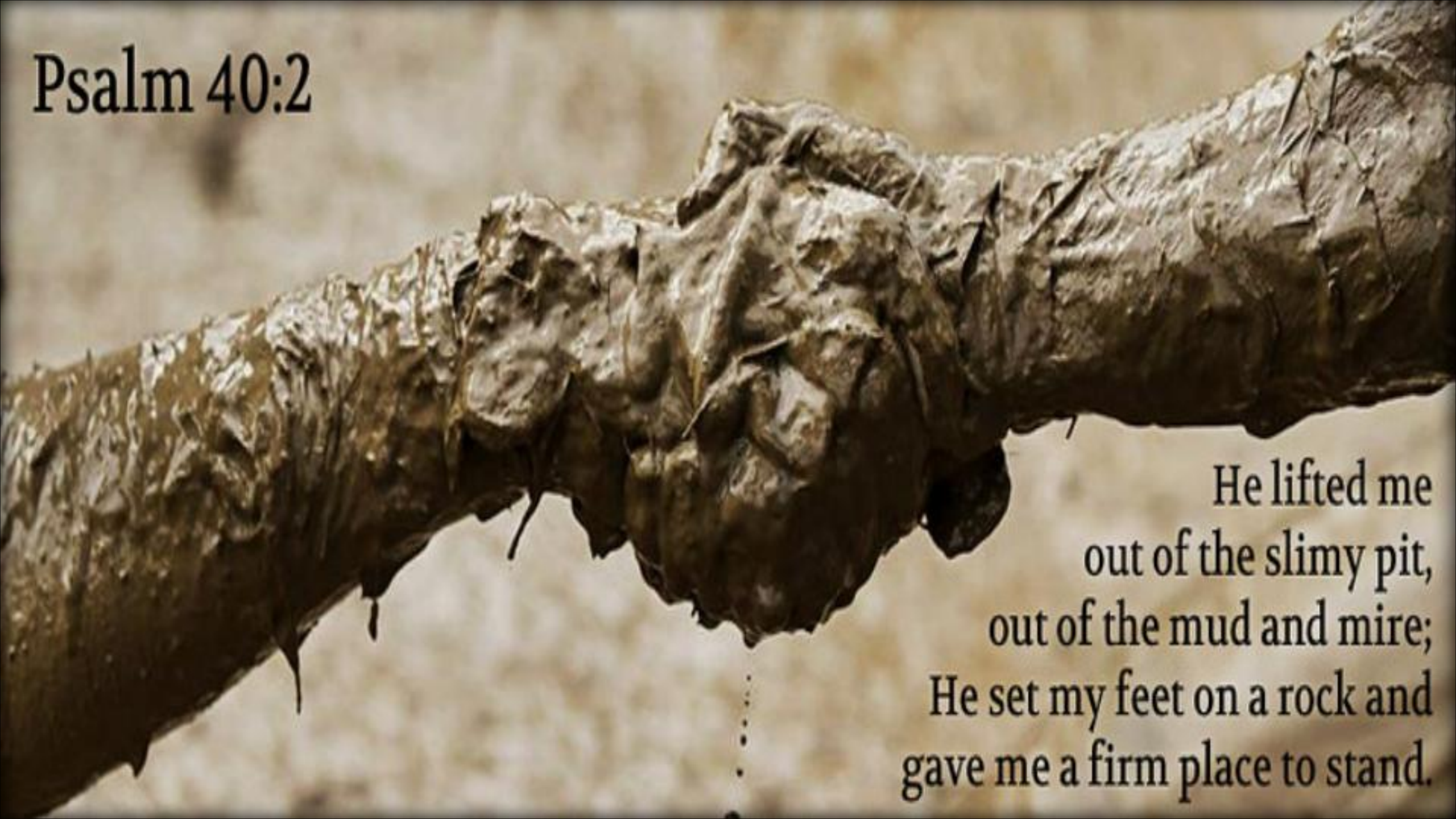
- Joni Eareckson Tada -

Application to Church Life

- **Personal: Daily prayer rhythm**
- **Family: Model prayer at home**
- **Ministry: Pray before planning**
- **Worship: Space for Silence and Listening**
- **We Open Space to Hear God's Spirit Speak**
- **When a Church Practices Step 11 together,
...it Becomes
Praying Church
Listening Church
Spirit- led Church**

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Psalm 40:2



He lifted me
out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and
gave me a firm place to stand.

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Closing Challenge

- **“Step 11 is not about Perfect Prayers....
...It’s about Daily Connection.**

- **This week, I Challenge You:**

- **Spend 10 minutes each day in Silence before God**


- **Pray Not for Your Will, but His**

- **Ask for the Power to Carry It Out**

- **Like the astronaut’s tether, beekeeper...**

God is inviting us to Live in

...Conscious Contact with Him, Every Day



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out of the mud and mire;
He set my feet on a rock and
gave me a firm place to stand.

**DO NOT ASK
GOD TO GUIDE
YOUR FOOTSTEPS
IF YOU'RE NOT
WILLING TO
MOVE YOUR FEET.**

That's Step 11 in Action

- Psalm 46:10, *'Be still, and know that I am God.'*
- Stillness Is Not Wasted Time — It's Sacred Time.
- It's Where We Hear His Voice Most Clearly."

Let's Pray Together:

**Lord, we seek You. Teach us to Pray. Teach us to Listen.
Teach us to Walk in Your Will. Fill our Cracks with Your
glory**

**Keep Us Tethered to Your presence
and Tune Our Hearts to Your voice**

In Jesus' name, Amen