A black and white photograph showing a close-up of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned over an open book, which appears to be a Bible or a prayer book, with visible text and possibly a calendar or index page. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the pages of the book. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

# *Assurance of Answered Prayer*

**John 15:7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.





# INTRODUCTION

**Question:**

Does God promise to answer  
everyone's prayers?

**NO!**

1. You must have a close relationship with God





A person with a backpack is walking away from the viewer down a dirt path that stretches into the distance. The path is flanked by golden-brown fields. In the far distance, a large, bright white cross is visible against a blue sky with wispy clouds. Sunlight rays emanate from behind the cross, creating a lens flare effect across the entire scene.

**3 QUESTIONS** on how to evaluate  
if you are walking closely with God

# A. Do I have any unconfessed sin?

**1 John 1:8** If we claim to be without sin,  
we deceive ourselves and the truth  
is not in us.





An open book with a red ribbon bookmark is shown in the background. The book is open to two pages, and the red ribbon is placed between them, hanging down. The pages are slightly aged and the binding is visible in the center.

**B. Am I currently ignoring any of God's principle?**

**1 John 3:21-22**

**21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.





## C. Do I really want God's will for my life?

**1 John 5:14** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.



A pair of hands, one palm up and one palm down, gently cradles a lit white candle. The candle is the central focus, with a bright, warm flame that casts a soft glow on the hands and the surrounding dark blue background. The hands are positioned symmetrically around the candle, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a deep, textured blue, possibly representing water or a night sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

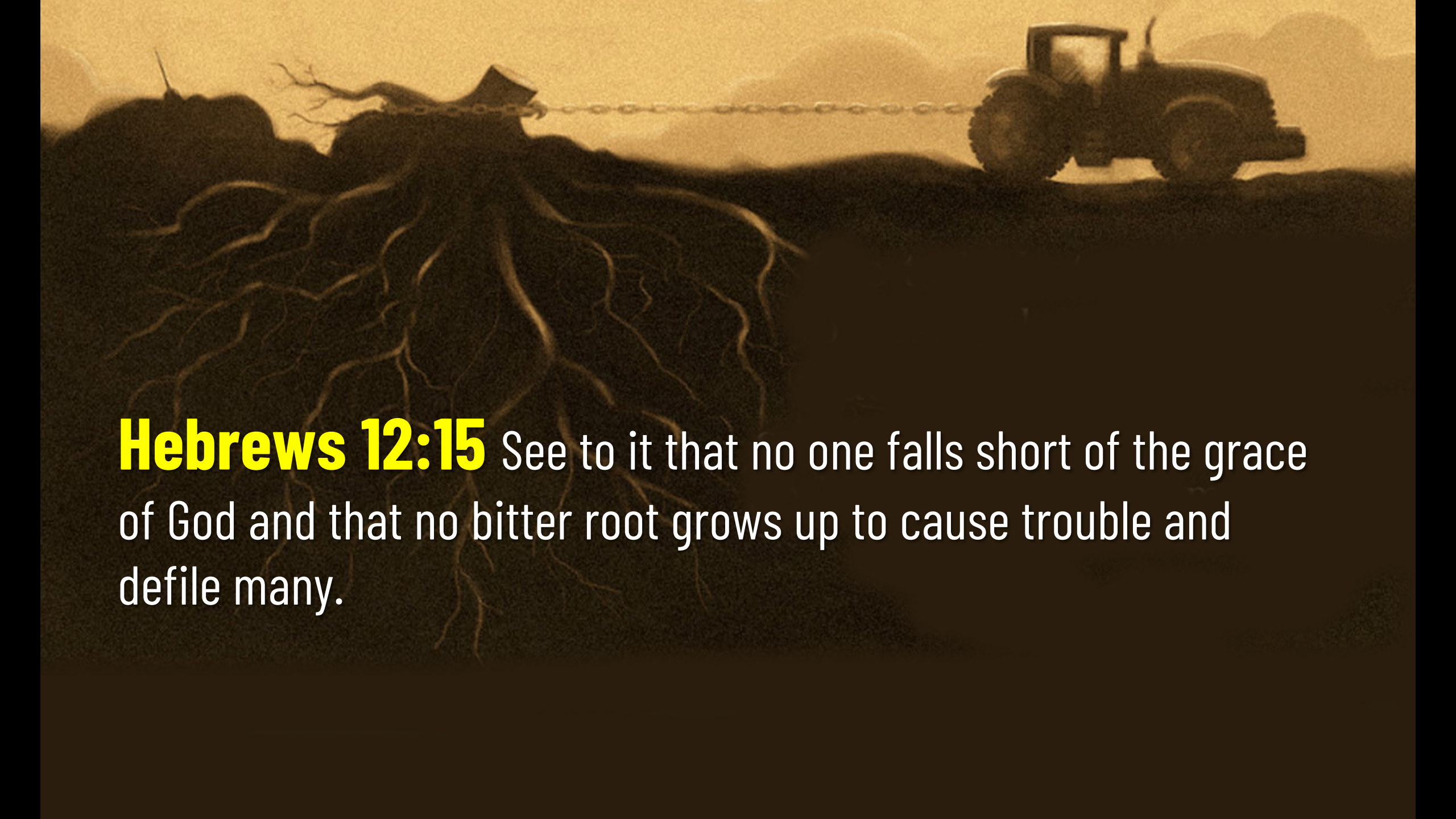
**2.** You must have a forgiving attitude  
towards others



## Mark 11:24-25

**24** Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. **25** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."





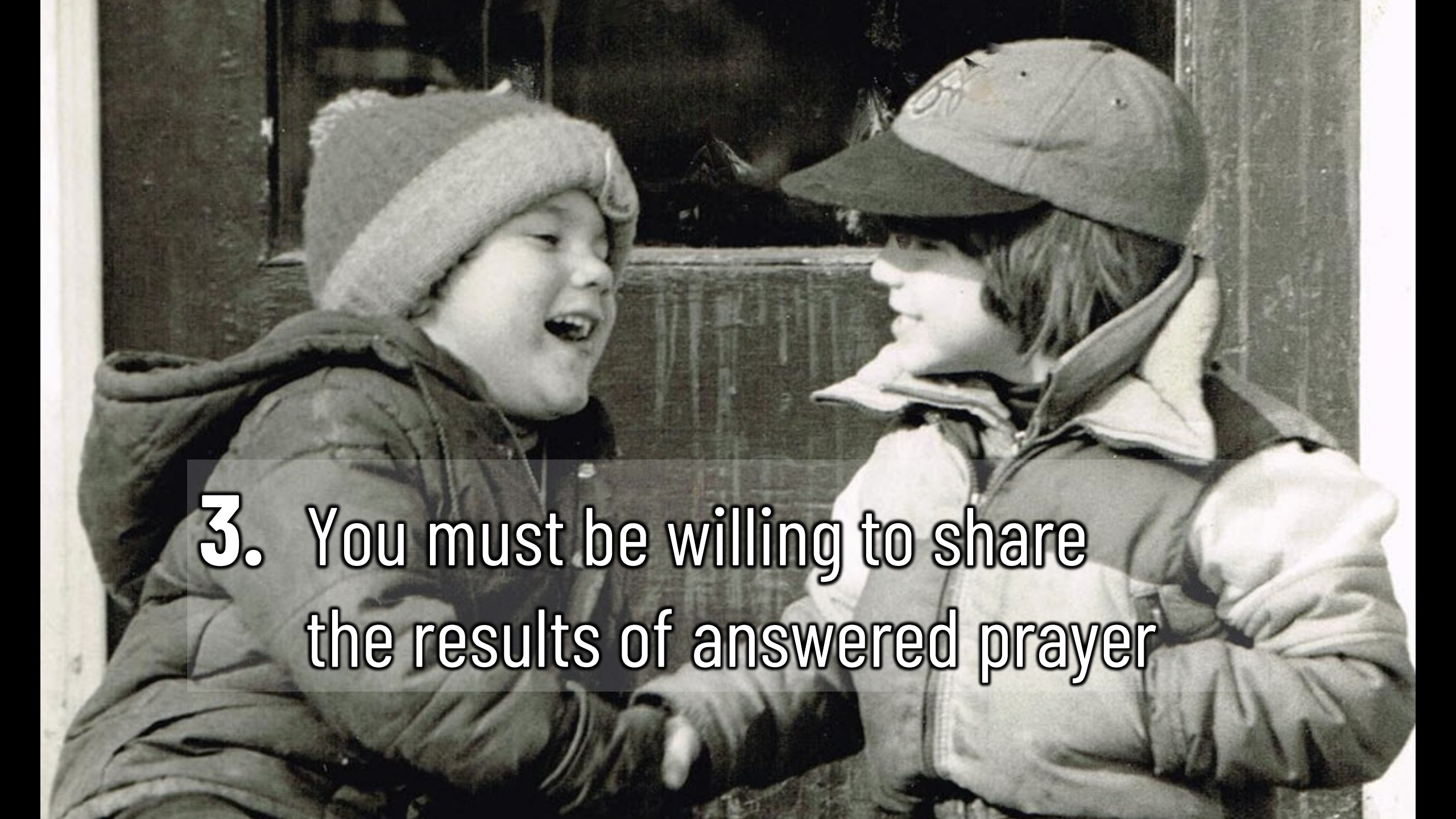
**Hebrews 12:15** See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.



# 1 Peter 3:7

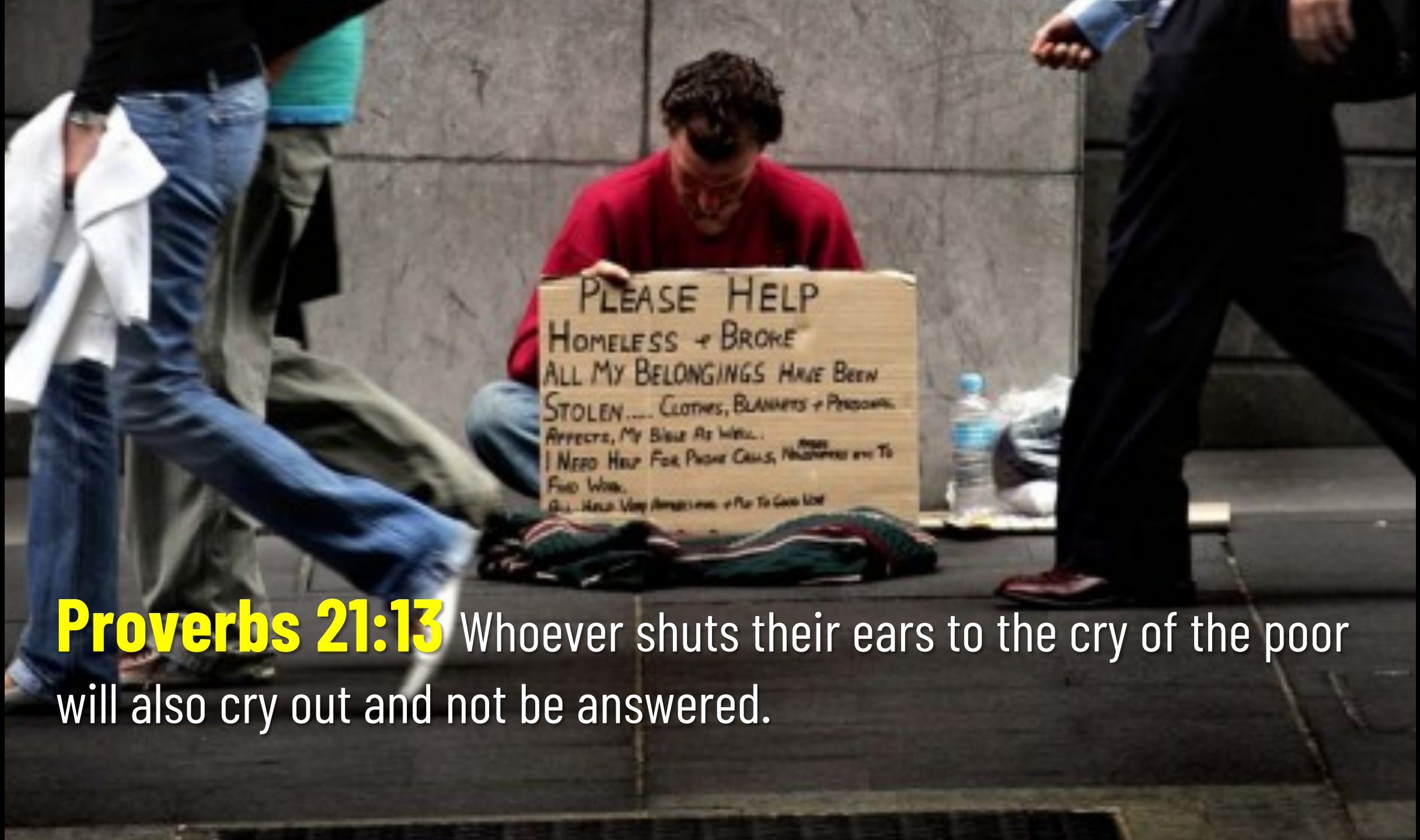
Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.





**3.** You must be willing to share  
the results of answered prayer





**Proverbs 21:13** Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.



A photograph of a person sitting on a sidewalk, viewed from the side. They are wearing a brown jacket, a purple scarf, and an orange knit hat. They are holding a metal bowl in their hands. The background shows a concrete sidewalk and a red brick wall.

## 1 John 3:17-22

**17** If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

# 1 John 3:17-22

**18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

**19** This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: **20** If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.





## James 4:1-3

**1** What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? **2** You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. **3** When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.



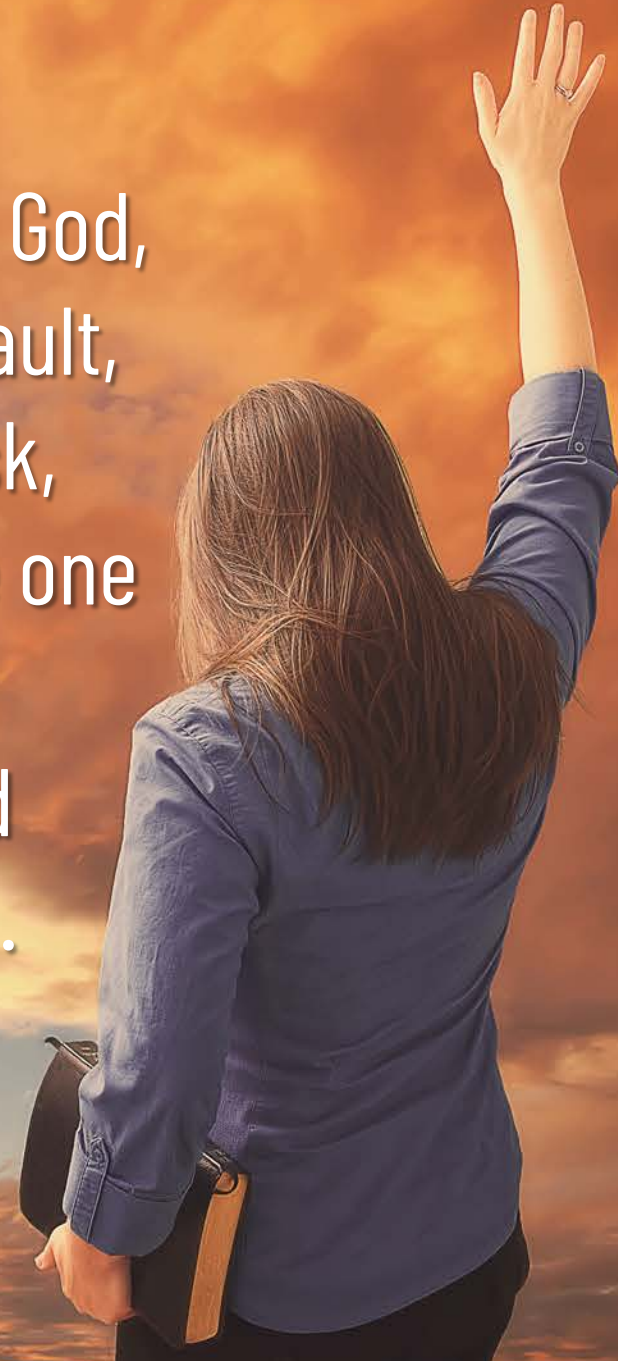
A large, dark cross stands on a rocky mountain peak. The sun is rising directly behind the cross, creating a bright lens flare that radiates across the sky. The background shows a vast, hazy mountain range under a clear sky. The foreground consists of dark, jagged rocks.

**4.** You must believe that God will answer



## James 1:5-7

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.



**Hebrews 11:6** 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.





5. You must pray

in JESUS' NAME



**John 14:13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name,  
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.





# CONCLUSION







## Matthew 7:7-11

**7** Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**8** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. **9** Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **11** If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!



A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are light-skinned and appear to be of a woman. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some blurred colors like green and yellow. The text 'CLOSING PRAYER' is overlaid in large, bold, yellow capital letters across the center of the image.

# CLOSING PRAYER