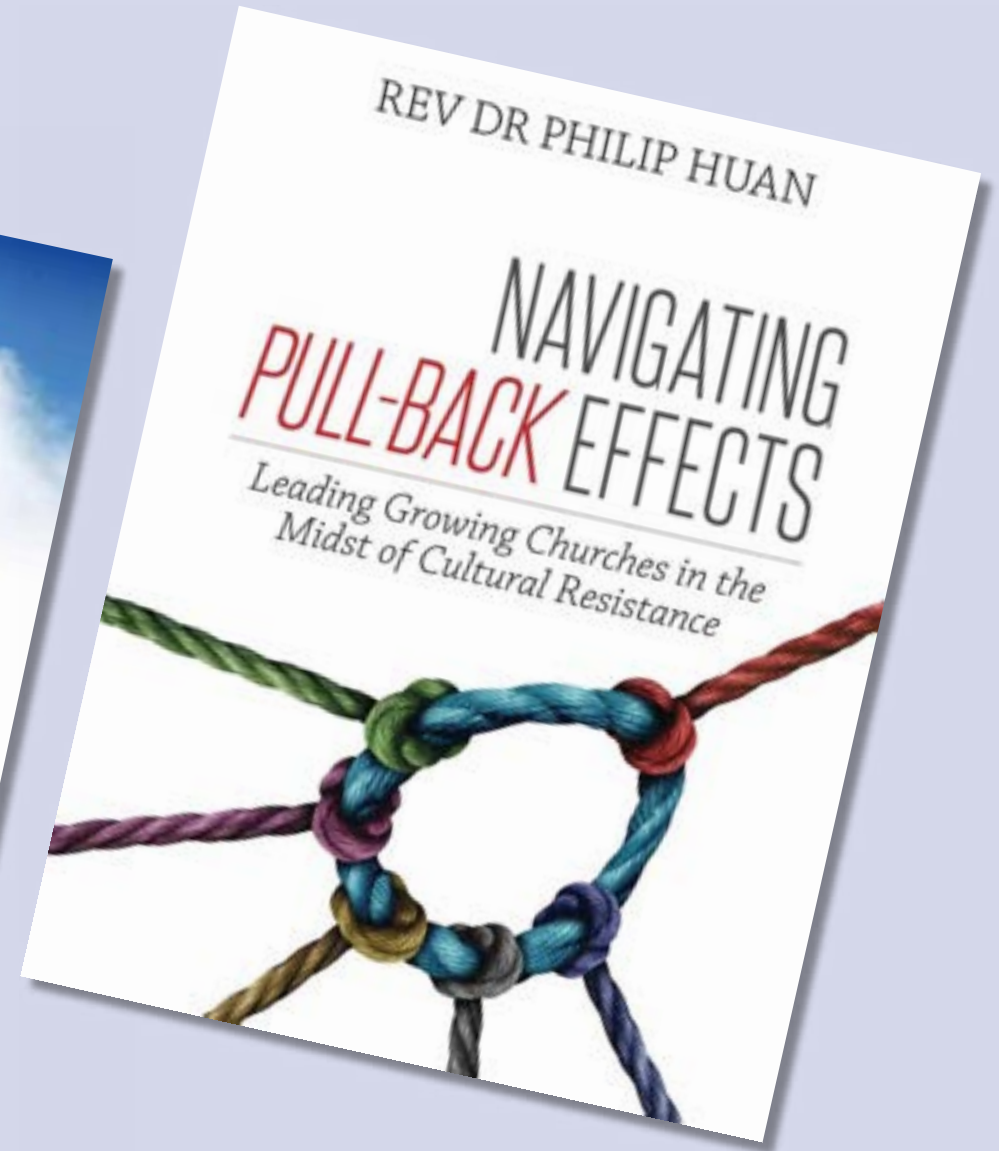
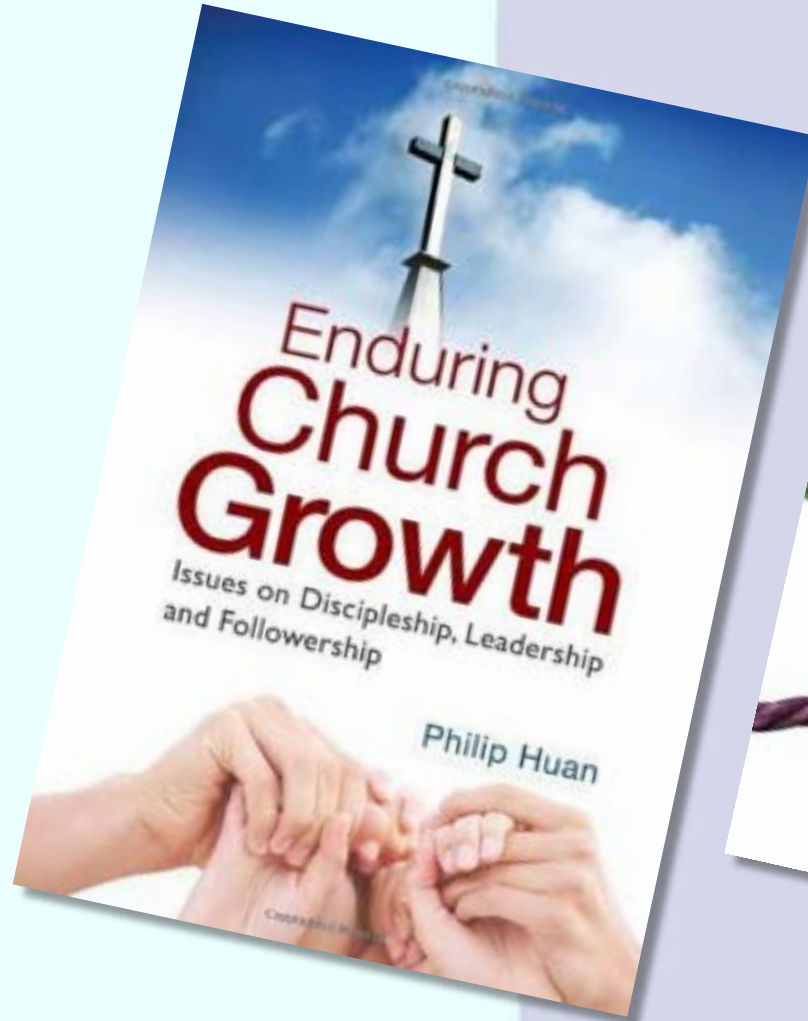


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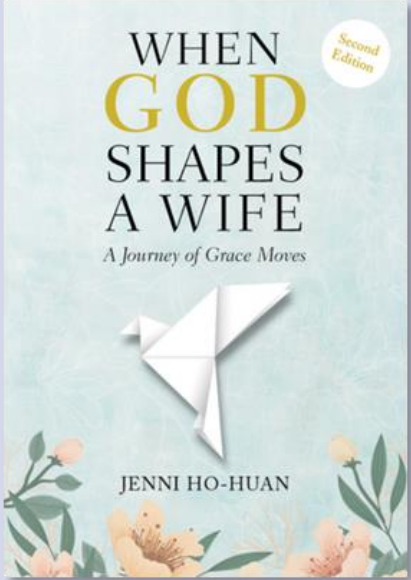
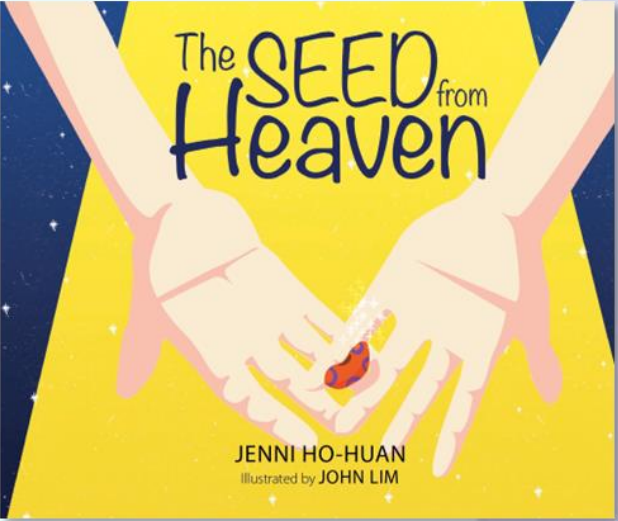
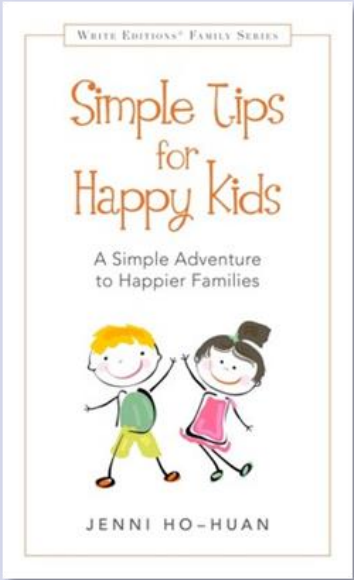
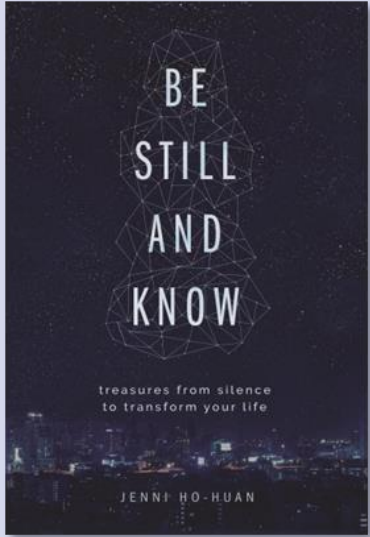
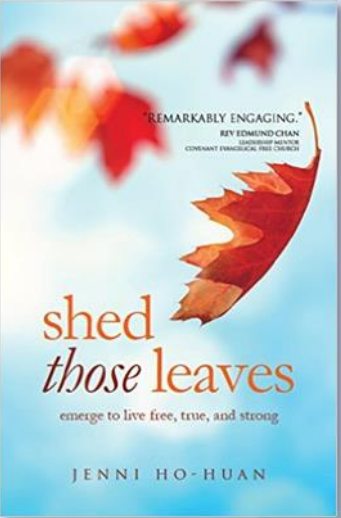
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Psalm 18:19-35

19 He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

20 The Lord has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord;
I am not guilty of turning from my God.

22 All his laws are before me;
I have not turned away from his decrees.

23 I have been blameless before him
and have kept myself from sin.



Psalm 18:19-35

24 The Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

25 To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless,

26 to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.

27 You save the humble but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.



Psalm 18:19-35

28 You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

29 With your help I can advance against a
troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect:

The Lord's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.

31 For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is the Rock except our God?



Psalm 18:19-35

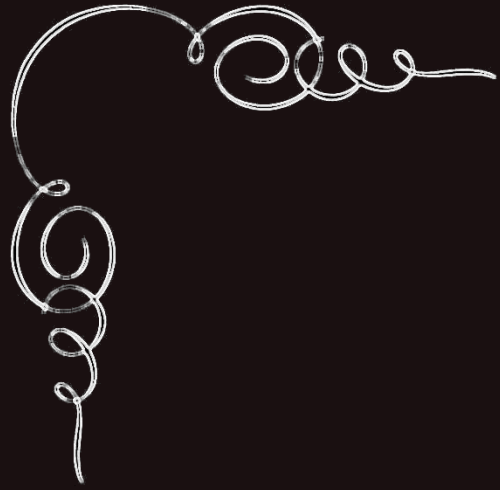
32 It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure.

33 He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
he causes me to stand on the heights.

34 He trains my hands for battle;
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35 You make your saving help my shield,
and your right hand sustains me;
your help has made me great.





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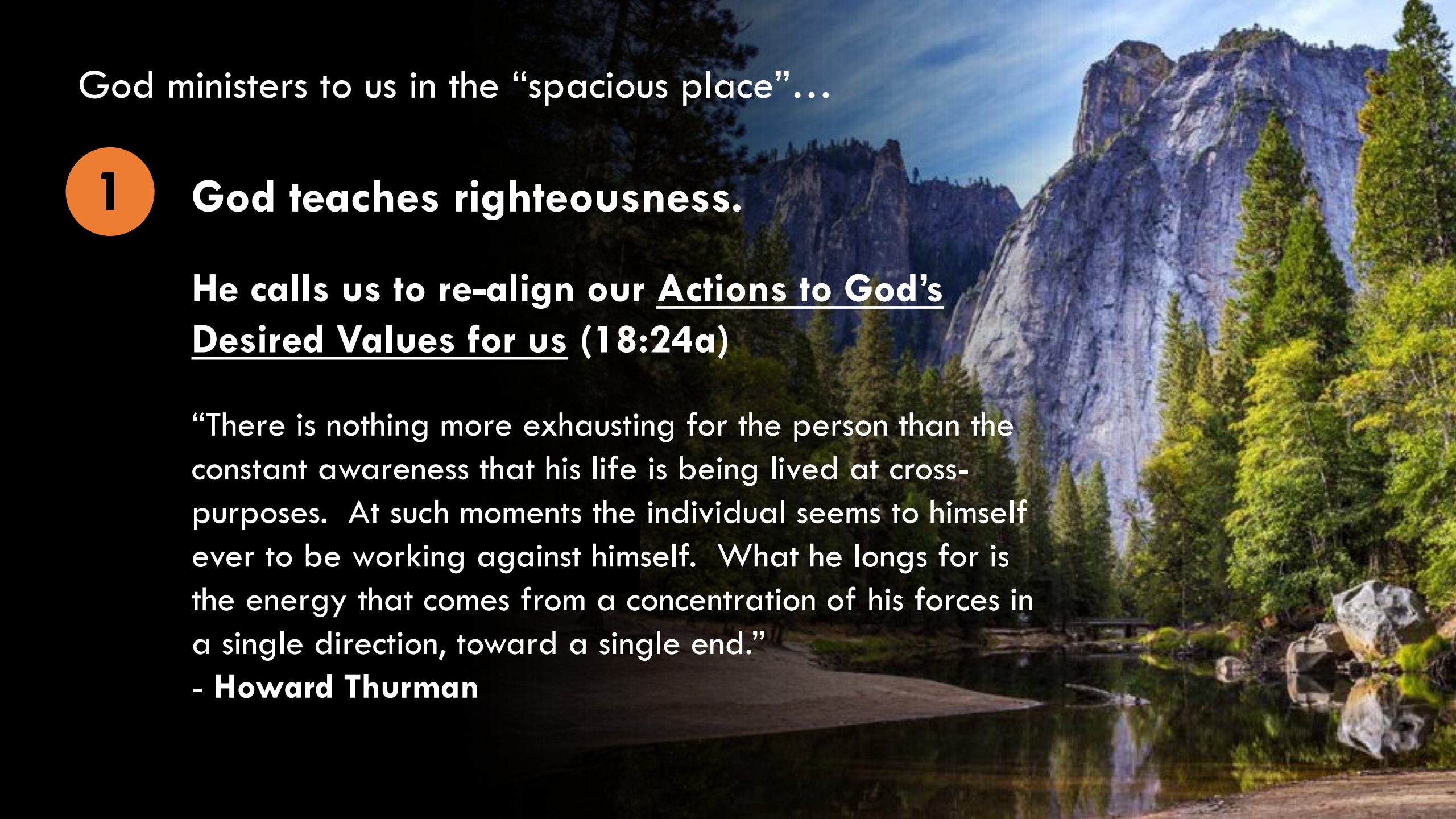
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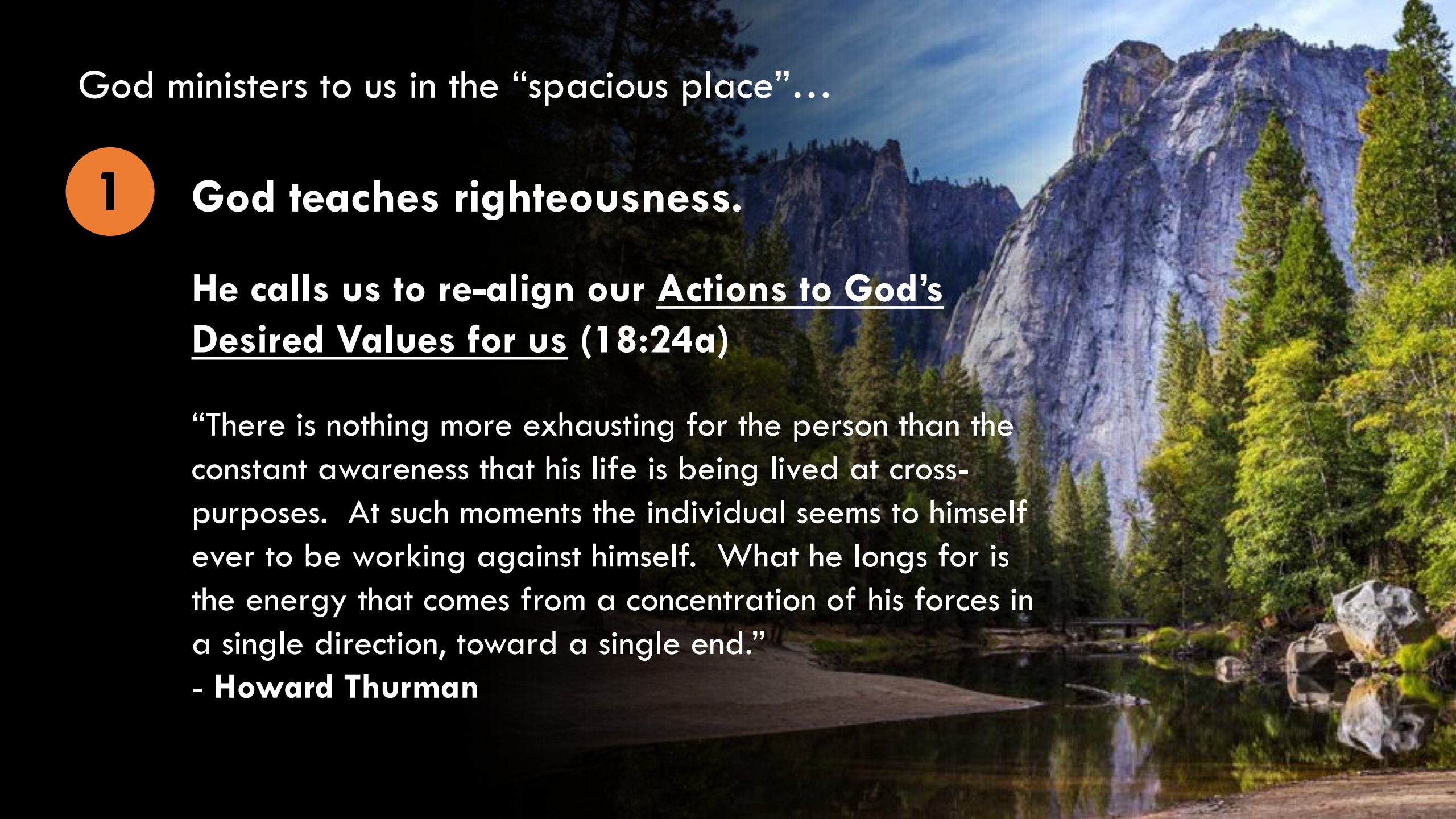
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- Howard Thurman



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Is God seeking to align all our actions towards
His desired values?

God ministers to us in the “spacious place”...

2 God cleanses our hands.

He helps us Sift through our
Motives (18:24b)

Reflection:

Mixed motives degrade our purity of focus & wears us out....

Is God seeking to test & surface impurities in order to give us a single focus for God?



God ministers to us in the “spacious place”...

3 God calls out character in us.

He renews Sincere and Heart-felt Reciprocation to God’s goodness and character as we seek His will (18:25-26)

The ability to follow-through and persevere in God’s will is called **“character”**.



Reflection:

When we seek to find compromises & “minimum-levels” of following God, it leads to doubts & lack of clarity regarding God’s will.

Do you trust that God’s directions are born out of purity, blamelessness & faithfulness? Is God seeking to refresh in you a heart-felt response & reciprocation toward God’s character & goodness toward you?

God ministers to us in the “spacious place”...

4 God teaches humility.

He reminds us to be humble servants to His purposes rather than be prideful. (18:27)

Reflection:

We often rely on our own strength if we are fighting for our own purposes.

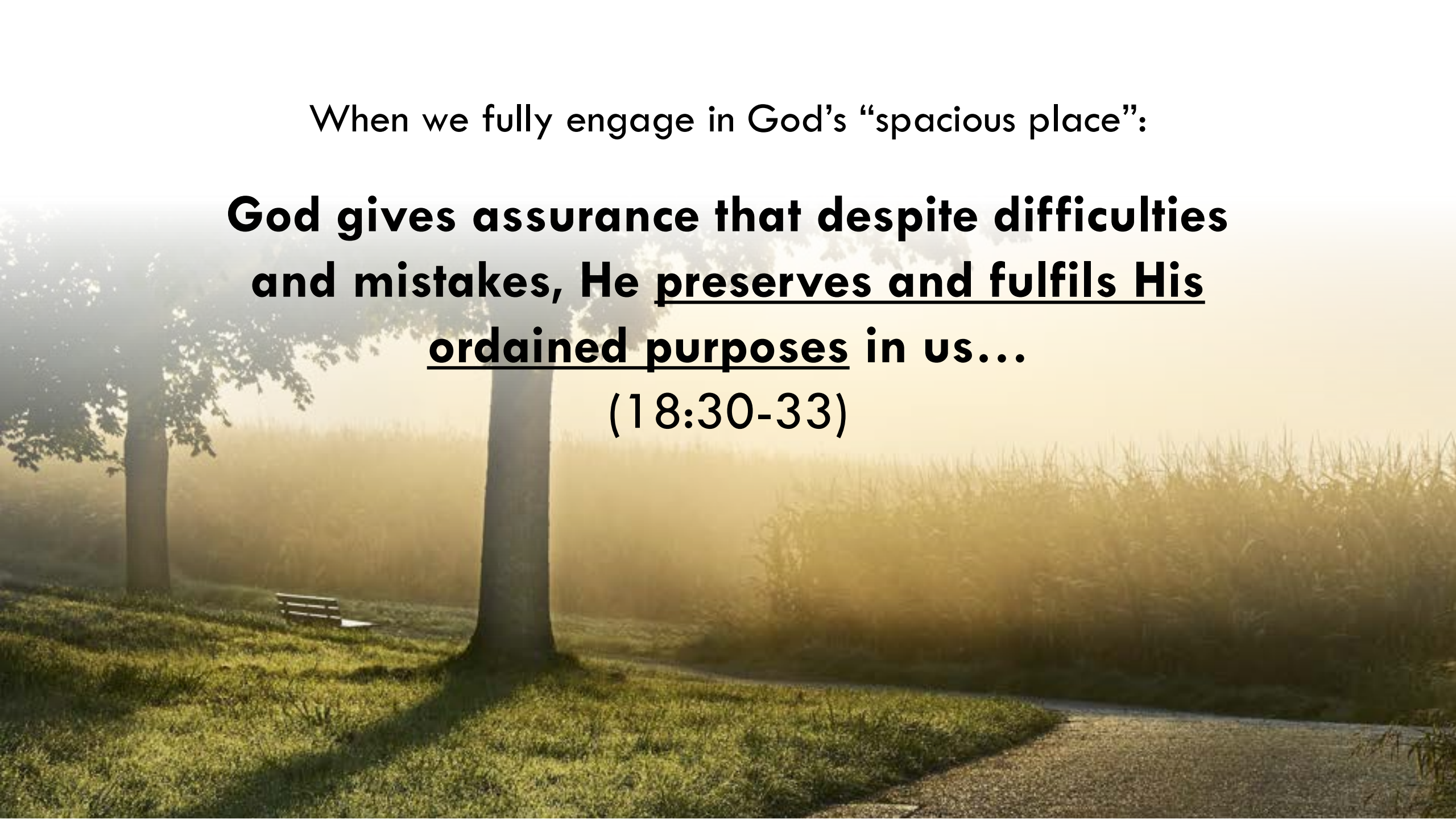
Do you need to remember to be humble to serve God’s purposes? When you do that, you don’t fight, God fights for you!



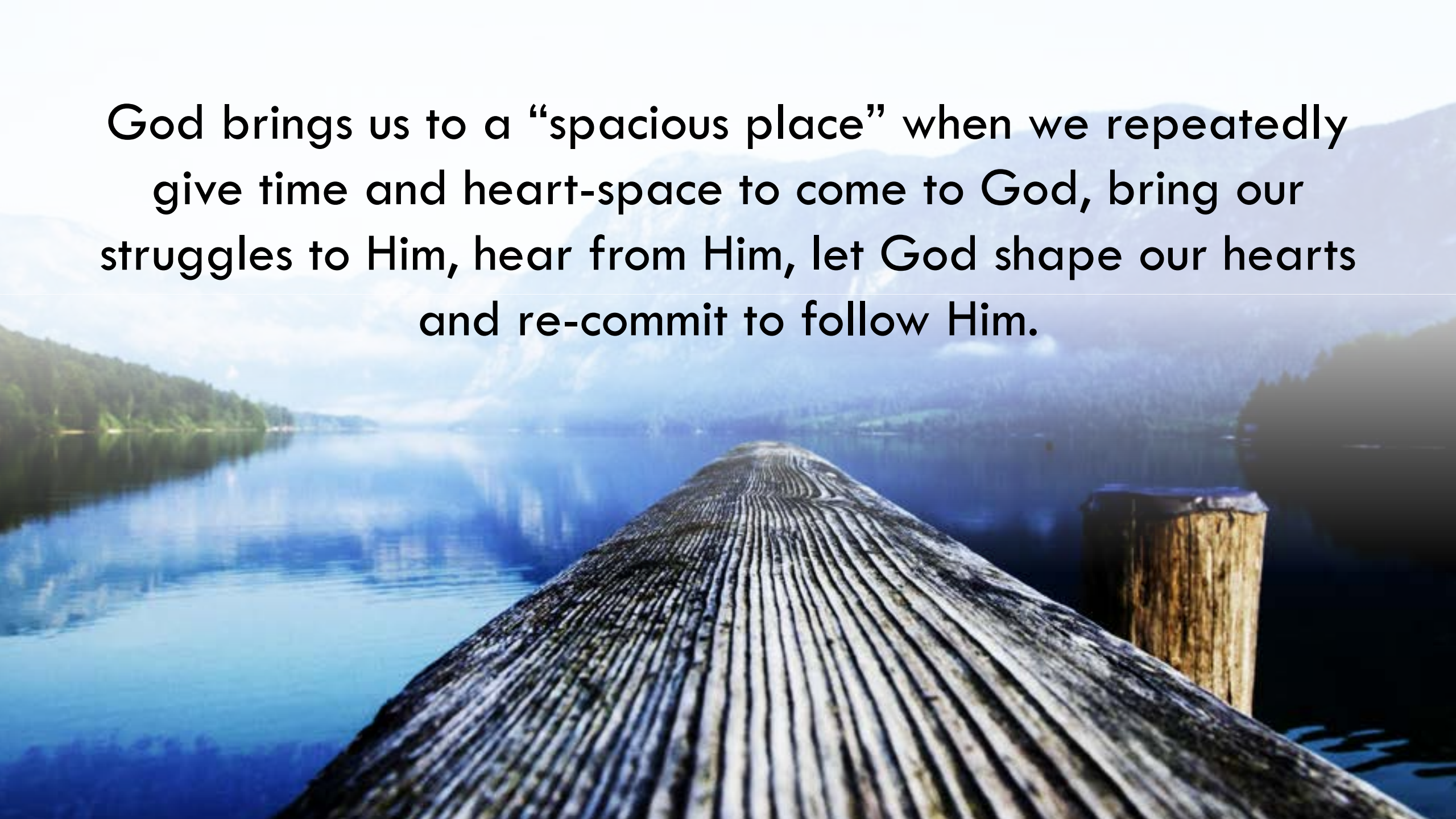
When we fully engage in God's "spacious place":

**God gives assurance that despite difficulties
and mistakes, He preserves and fulfils His
ordained purposes in us...**

(18:30-33)



God brings us to a “spacious place” when we repeatedly give time and heart-space to come to God, bring our struggles to Him, hear from Him, let God shape our hearts and re-commit to follow Him.





[34] He trains my hands for battle; my
arms can bend a bow of bronze.
[35] You give me your shield of victory,
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(Psalm 18:34-5)



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