

HE'S STILL A CARPENTER

02 - THE PEOPLE OF GOD



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“Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.” – Mark 6:3

Jesus is still a carpenter and he builds to last. He's building his people like a house that stands through every storm. He's making us like a mountain that's strong, stable and immovable (Matt. 16:15-18).

“And I tell you that you are Peter (*Petros*), and on this rock (*Petra*) I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matt. 16:18, NIV, *emphasis and additions mine*).

My Mom,
Gilda Gerhauser, and
her father,
Constantine Petrocelli's
work.



God's work lasts
from generation to
generation,
l'dor v'dor.
His work is like his name,
Yahweh, enduring from
generation to generation.
(Exo 3:15,
Hebrew: *l'dor dor*)



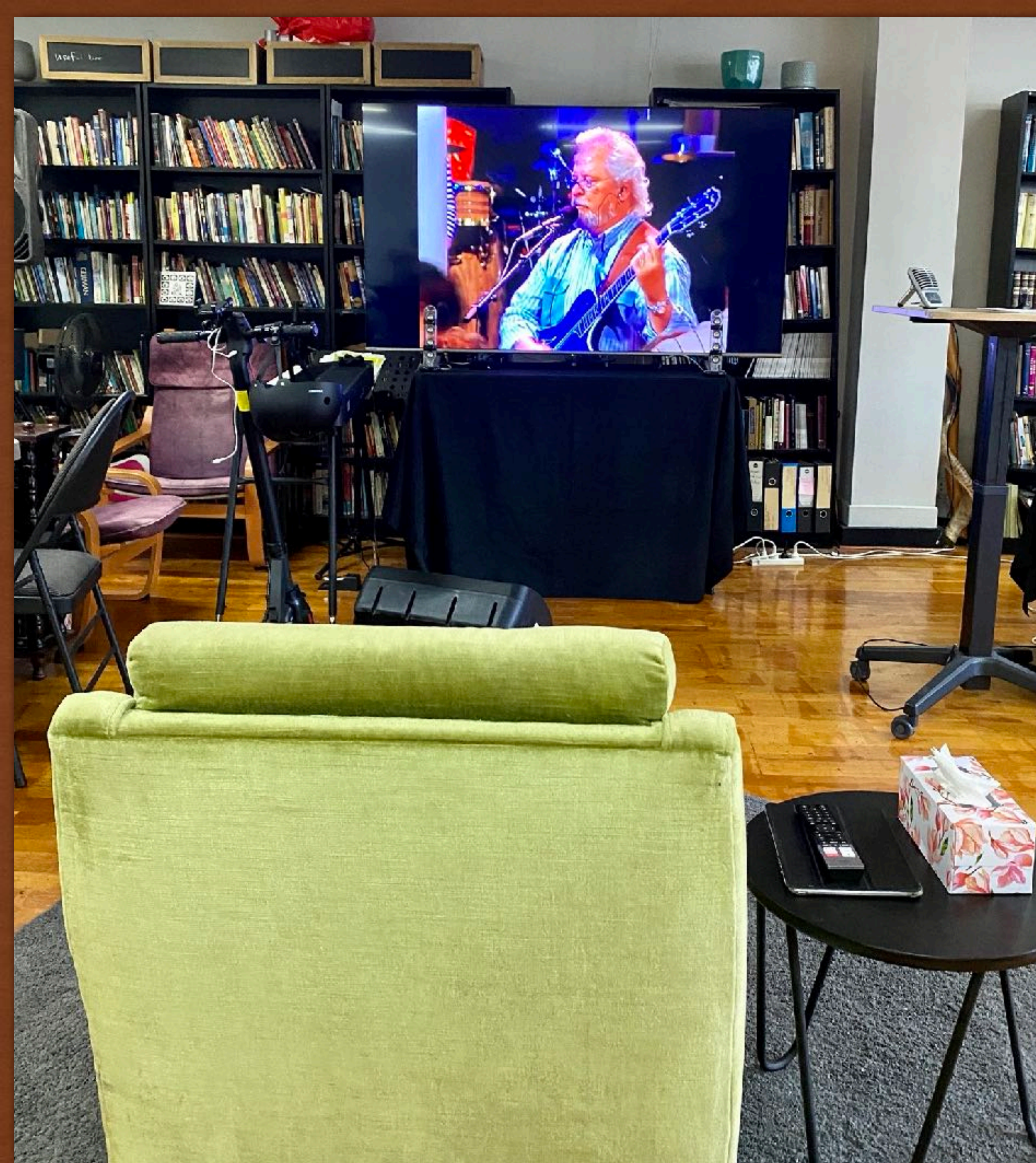


Imagine a bridge wasn't solid. Nobody would want to cross it. God's people are a bridge to connect people to God's Kingdom. If we're not trustworthy, and our story has cracks in it, people will not want to come to us and cross into the Kingdom.

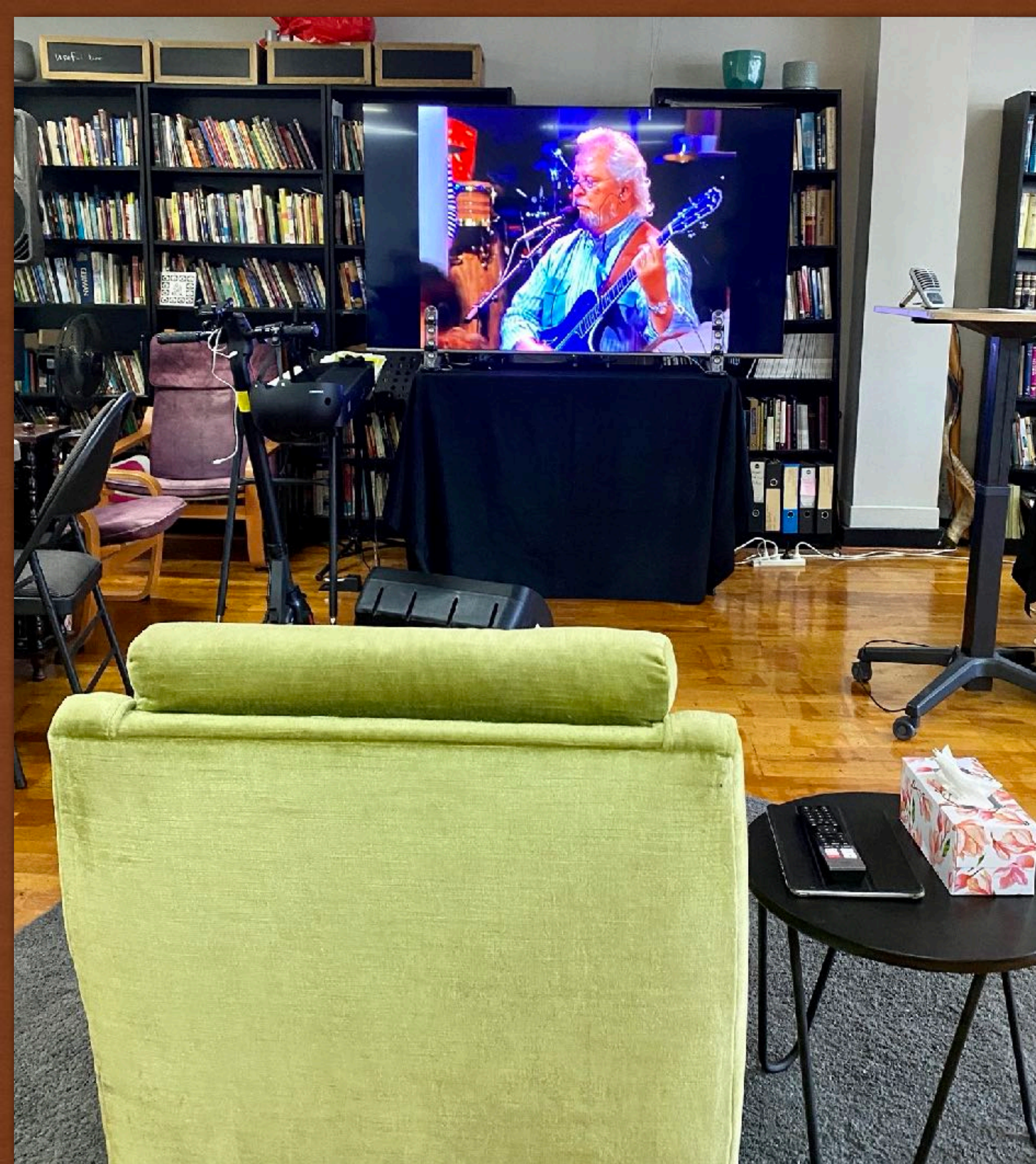


Under the Story Bridge

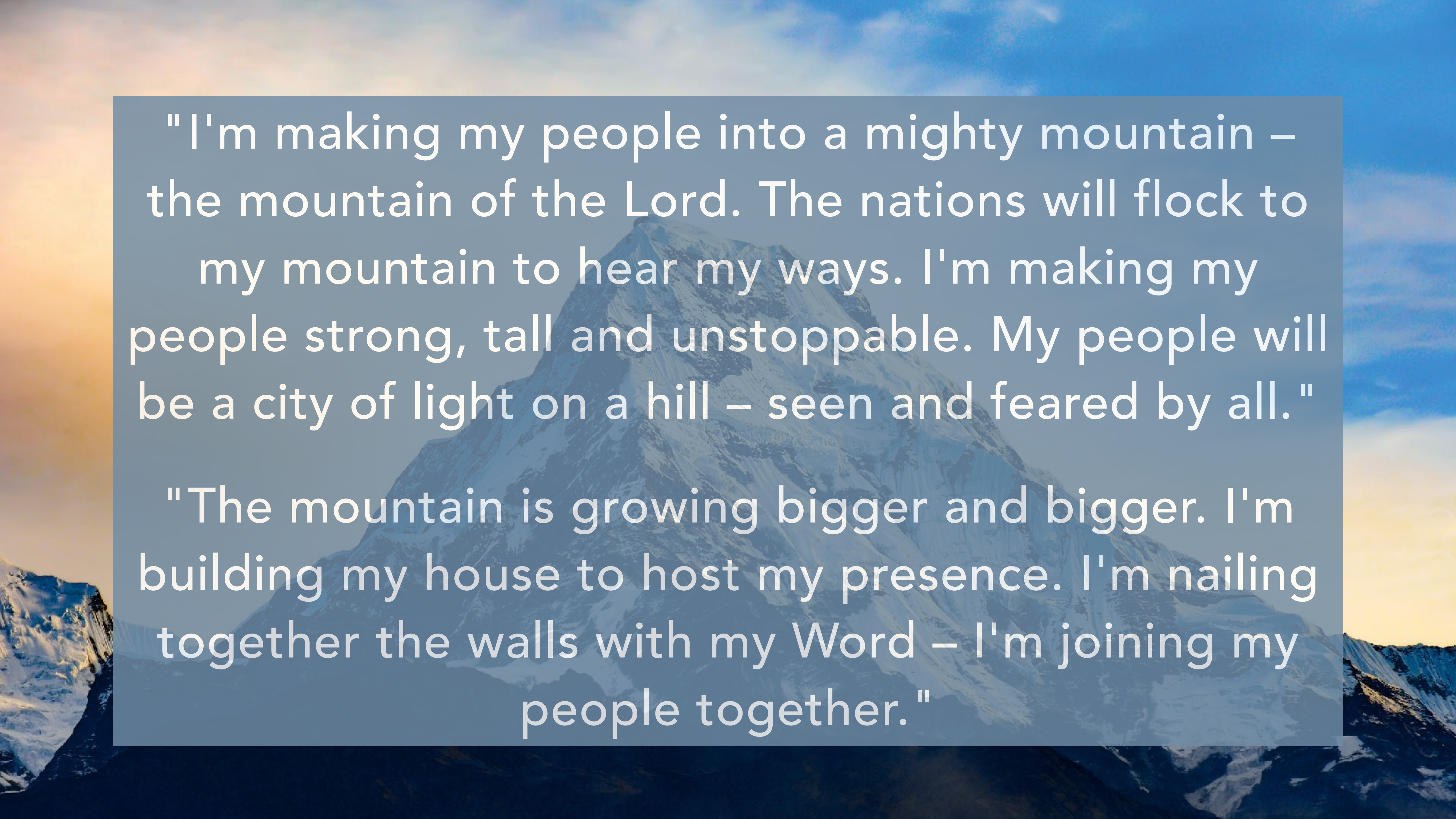
Therefore, we need to let God build us by his Spirit. What God constructs by his Spirit endures. It's stamped with the seal: 'Made by God' and 'Guaranteed Forever.' In contrast, the works of the flesh pass away; they don't last.



Worship, song and prophecy are interwoven together. You'll see God's holy instruments of worship, song and prophecy intersecting in the Psalms and 2 Kings 3:15-16.

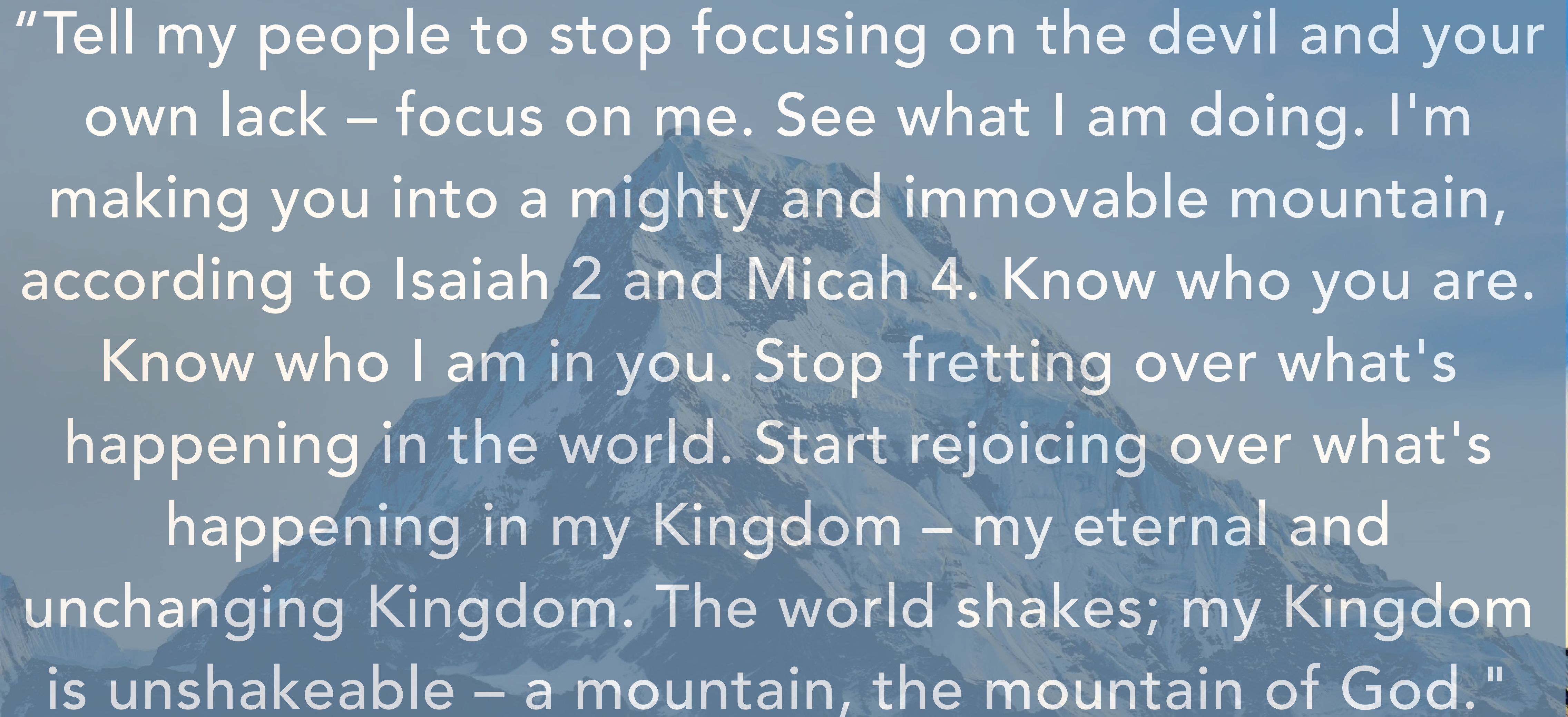


“‘But now bring me a harpist.’ While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha and he said, “This is what the Lord says: I will fill this valley with pools of water” (2 Kings 3:15–16).

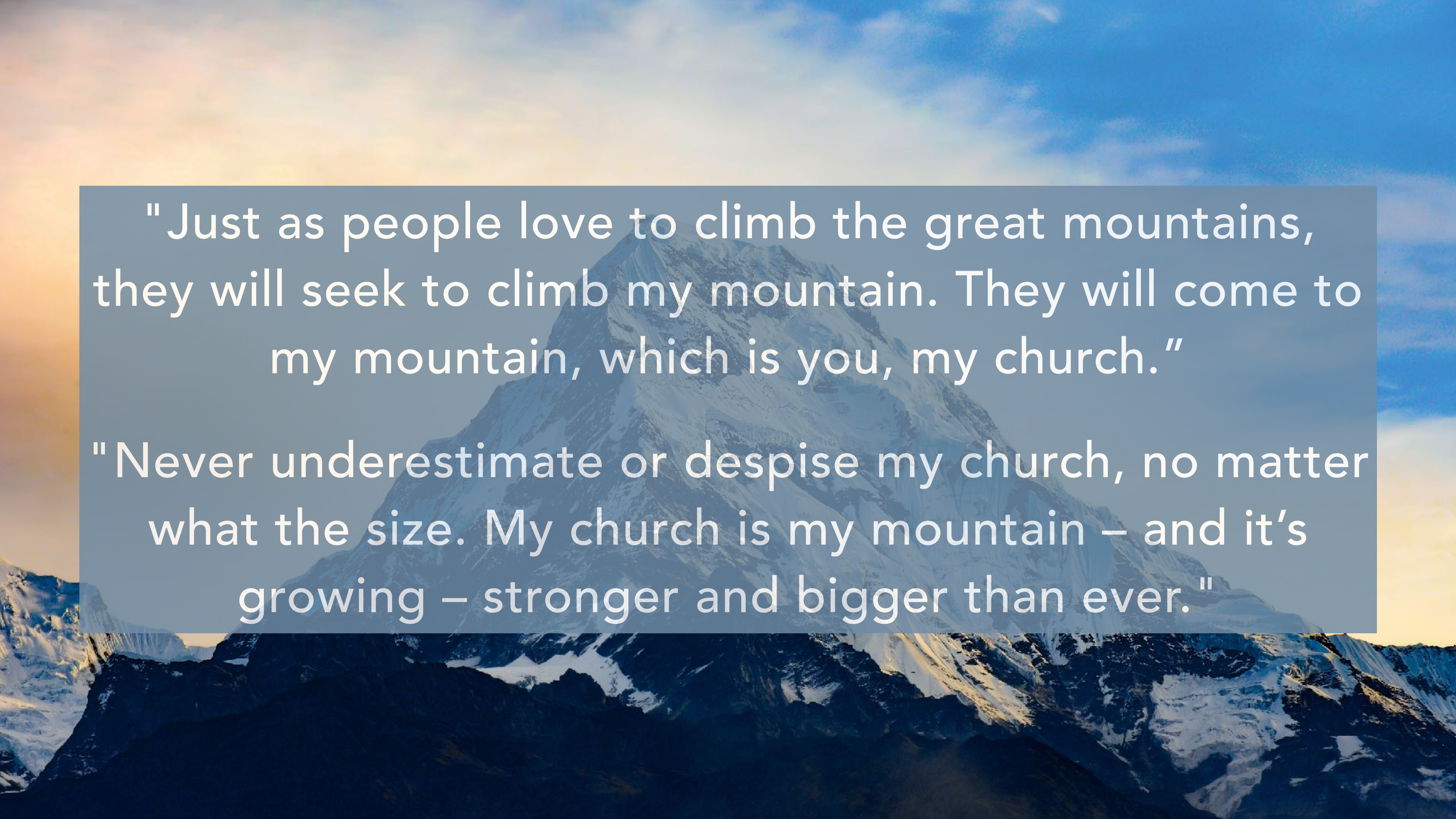


"I'm making my people into a mighty mountain – the mountain of the Lord. The nations will flock to my mountain to hear my ways. I'm making my people strong, tall and unstoppable. My people will be a city of light on a hill – seen and feared by all."

"The mountain is growing bigger and bigger. I'm building my house to host my presence. I'm nailing together the walls with my Word – I'm joining my people together."

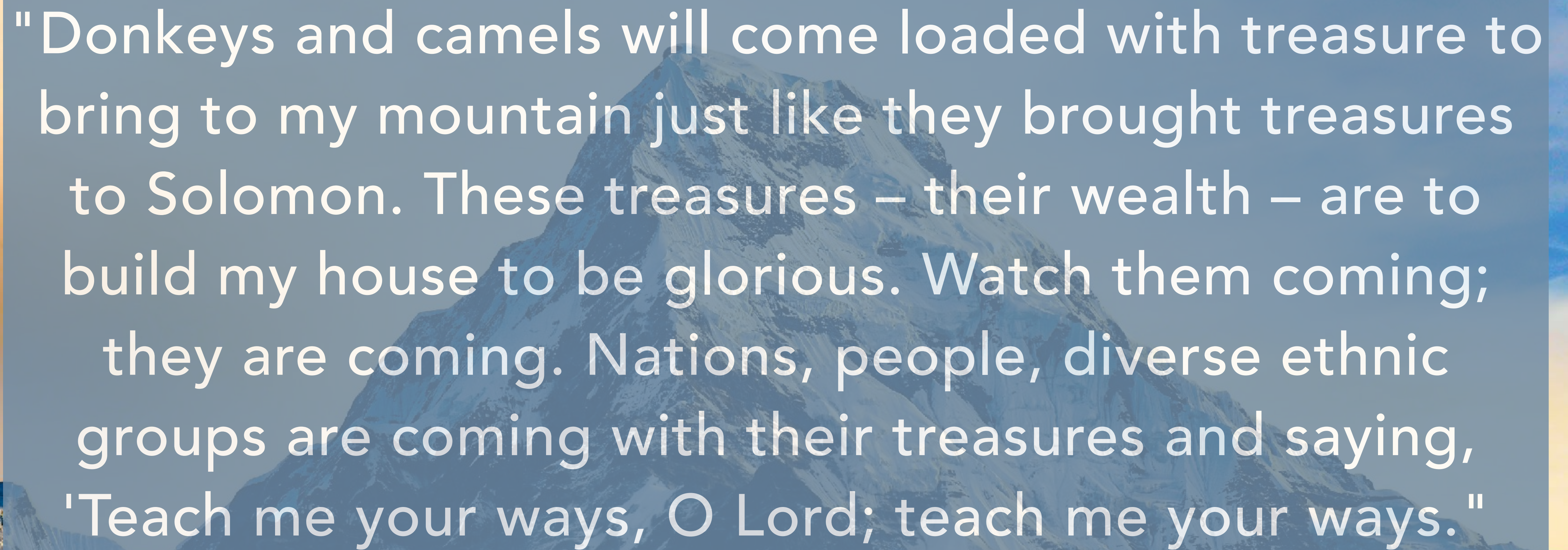


"Tell my people to stop focusing on the devil and your own lack – focus on me. See what I am doing. I'm making you into a mighty and immovable mountain, according to Isaiah 2 and Micah 4. Know who you are. Know who I am in you. Stop fretting over what's happening in the world. Start rejoicing over what's happening in my Kingdom – my eternal and unchanging Kingdom. The world shakes; my Kingdom is unshakeable – a mountain, the mountain of God."

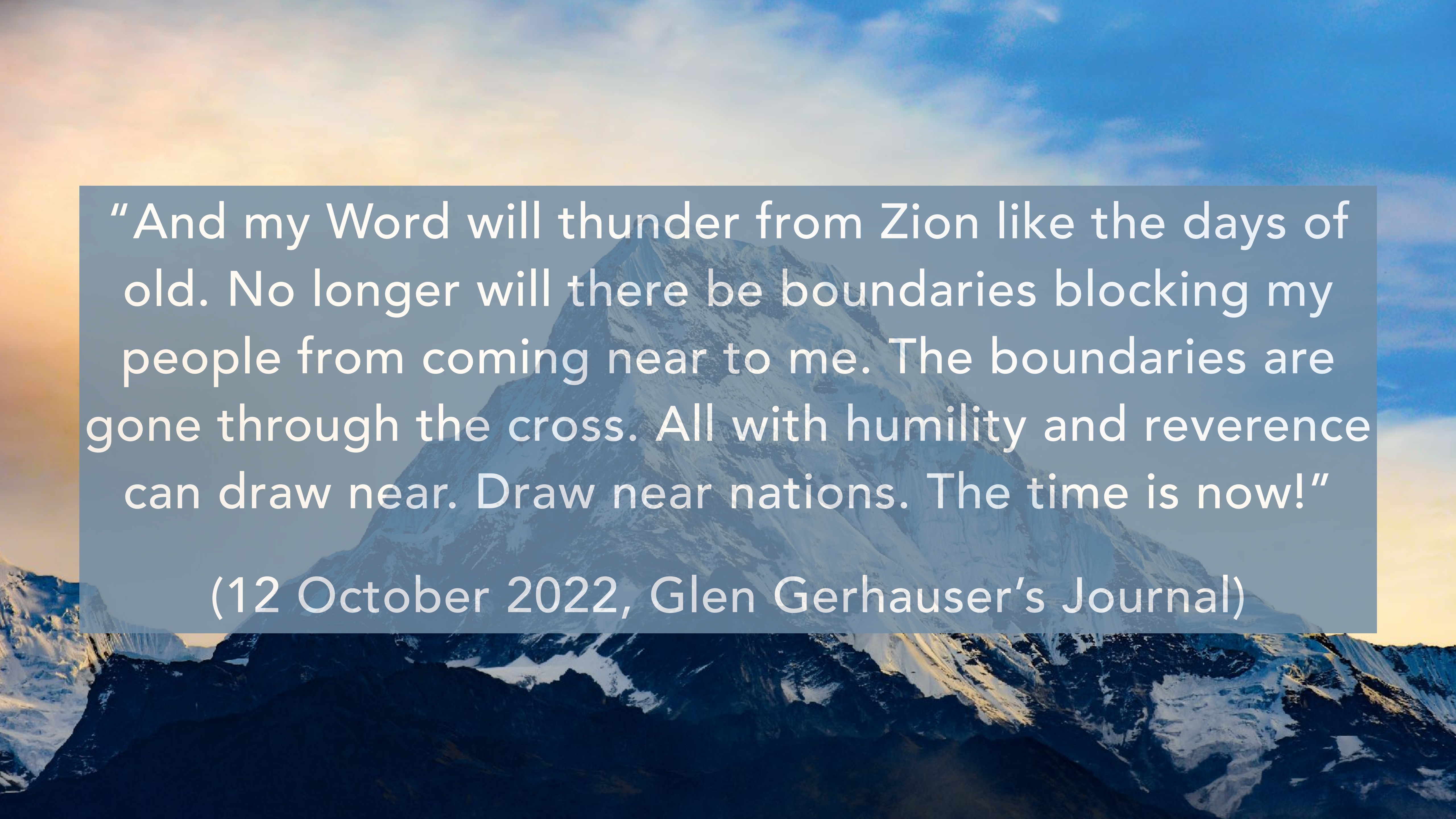


"Just as people love to climb the great mountains, they will seek to climb my mountain. They will come to my mountain, which is you, my church."

"Never underestimate or despise my church, no matter what the size. My church is my mountain – and it's growing – stronger and bigger than ever."

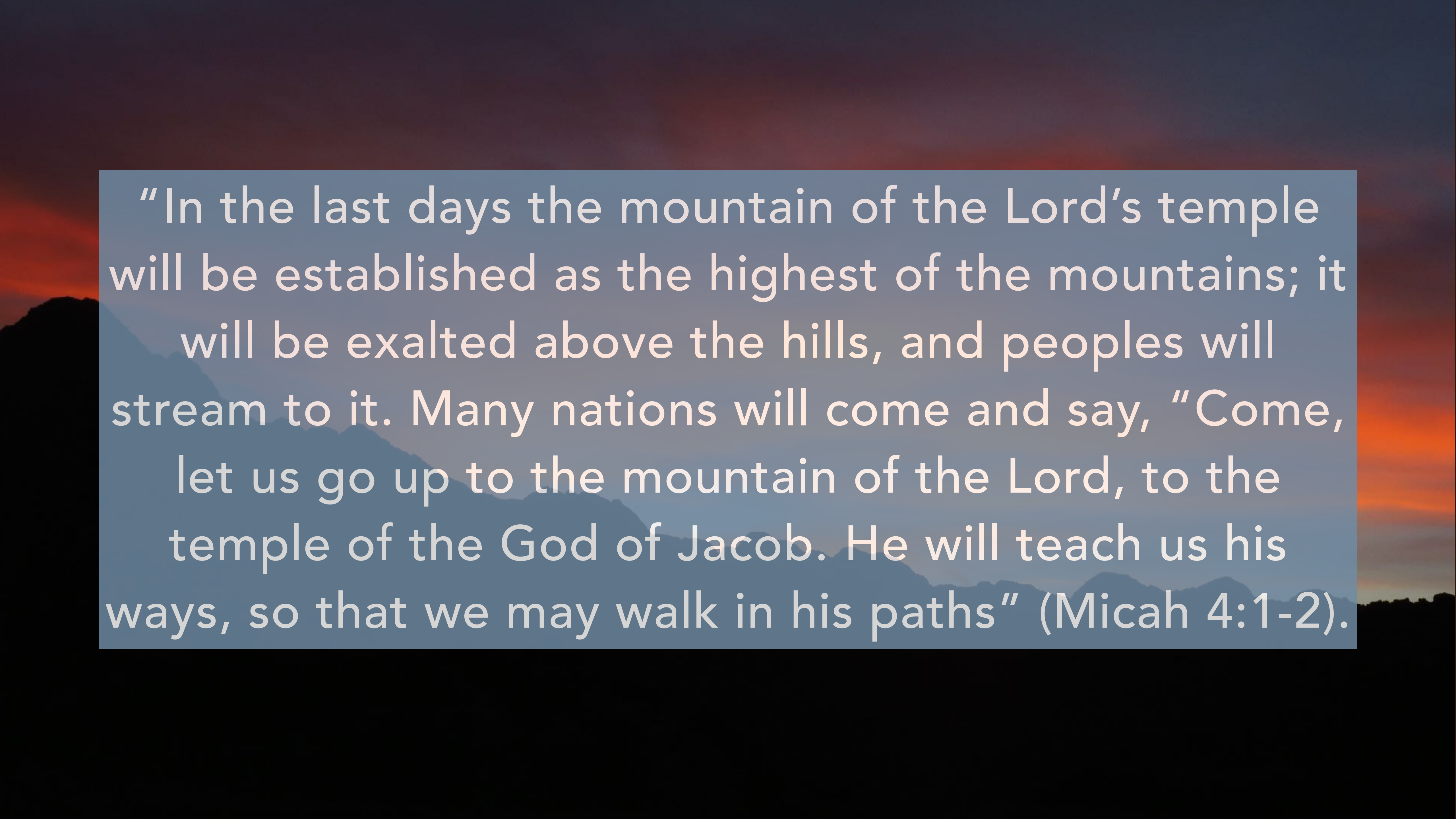


"Donkeys and camels will come loaded with treasure to bring to my mountain just like they brought treasures to Solomon. These treasures – their wealth – are to build my house to be glorious. Watch them coming; they are coming. Nations, people, diverse ethnic groups are coming with their treasures and saying, 'Teach me your ways, O Lord; teach me your ways.'"



“And my Word will thunder from Zion like the days of old. No longer will there be boundaries blocking my people from coming near to me. The boundaries are gone through the cross. All with humility and reverence can draw near. Draw near nations. The time is now!”

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“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths” (Micah 4:1-2).

Who are the people of God? They are God's people – they belong to him and he is their God. They are unlike any other people on earth because God has chosen them to represent his name. They bear his name and his presence is with them (Exo. 33:13-16). They have a great responsibility but also have unlimited grace. Like Jesus, God gives them his Spirit without measure so that they can indeed be the people of God, not just in name but in action (John 3:34).

A CITY ON A HILL

MATTHEW 5:14-16



“ YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN; NOR DOES ANYONE LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON THE LAMPSTAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL WHO ARE IN THE HOUSE. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. ”

– JESUS, Matthew 5:14-16