

A group of hands of various skin tones are shown holding a large, glowing blue heart. The heart is the central focus, with a bright white light emanating from its center, creating a soft glow. The hands are positioned around the heart, with some fingers visible, suggesting a collective embrace or support. The background is dark, making the glowing heart stand out prominently.

A New Year Resolve

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



HOPPY NEW YEAR!



life life



reset set



1 THESSALONIANS 5: 16 - 18

REJOICE!

PRAY!

GIVE THANKS!

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for **this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

PERSECUTION & POVERTY

1 Thessalonians 2

14 For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: **you suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews** 15 who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone 16 in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

2 Corinthians 8

2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and **their extreme poverty** welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

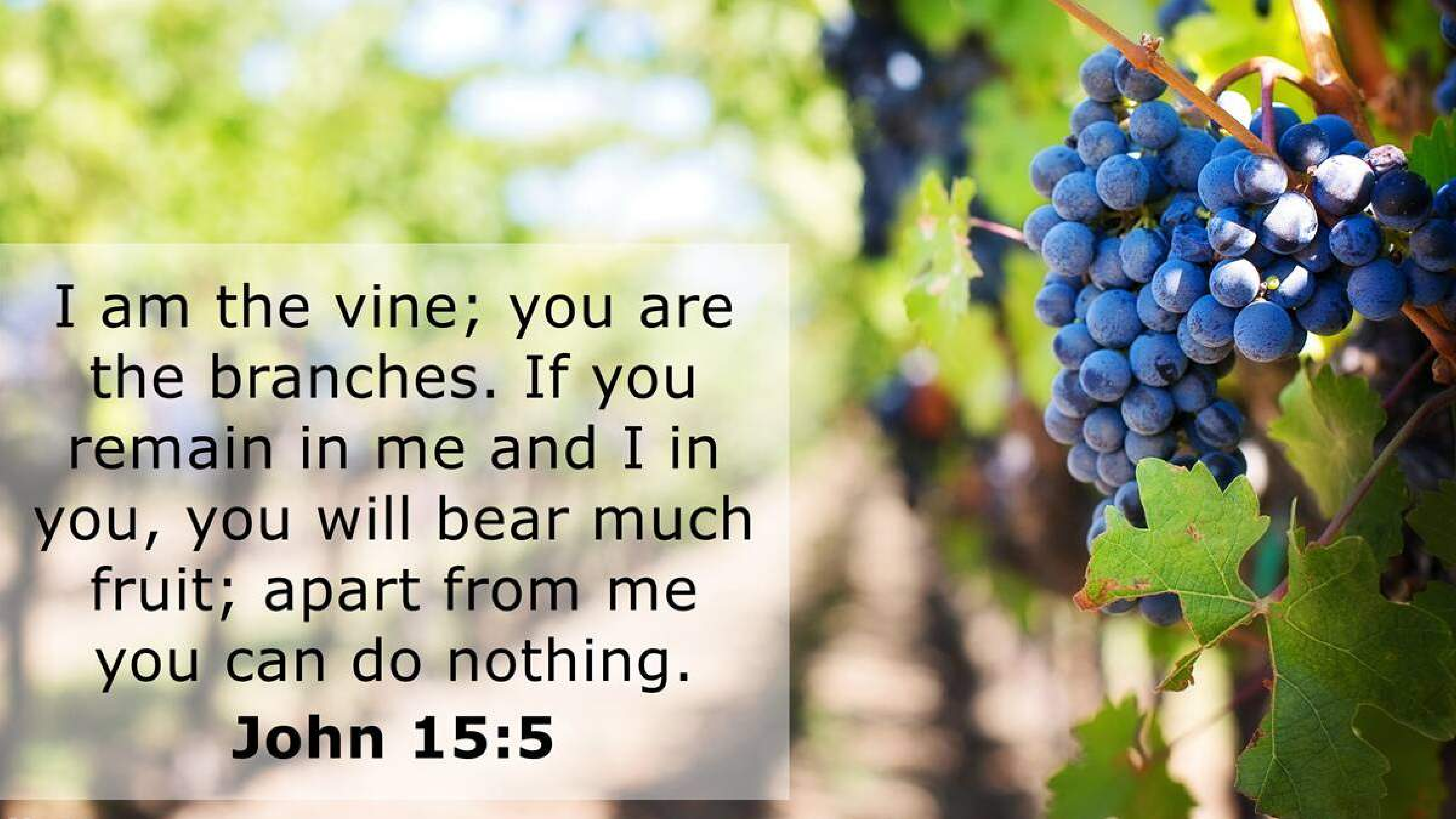


God's Will

IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU

1 Thessalonians 5:16-28





I am the vine; you are
the branches. If you
remain in me and I in
you, you will bear much
fruit; apart from me
you can do nothing.

John 15:5



Rejoice Always!



Joy In Sorrow!

24 Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.

(Colossians 1)

4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; 5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; 6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; 7 in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; 8 through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; 9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; 10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

(2 Corinthians 6)

Fight for Joy

We have to fight for it through the Word and prayer and fellowship and all the means of grace God has given us. And God graciously grants it to us. But it is that consistent fight.

(John Piper)



**LIVE BY
THE
SPIRIT**

Galatians 5:16

young-catholics.com

The graphic features a central yellow circle with a subtle geometric pattern. The text is centered within the circle. The background of the entire graphic is a dark, abstract image with white, smoke-like or light-like wisps.

The Fruit of the Spirit

Joy

The image shows a close-up of a bunch of ripe, purple grapes hanging from a vine with green leaves. The background is a soft, out-of-focus field of golden wheat. The text is overlaid in a white, typewriter-style font.



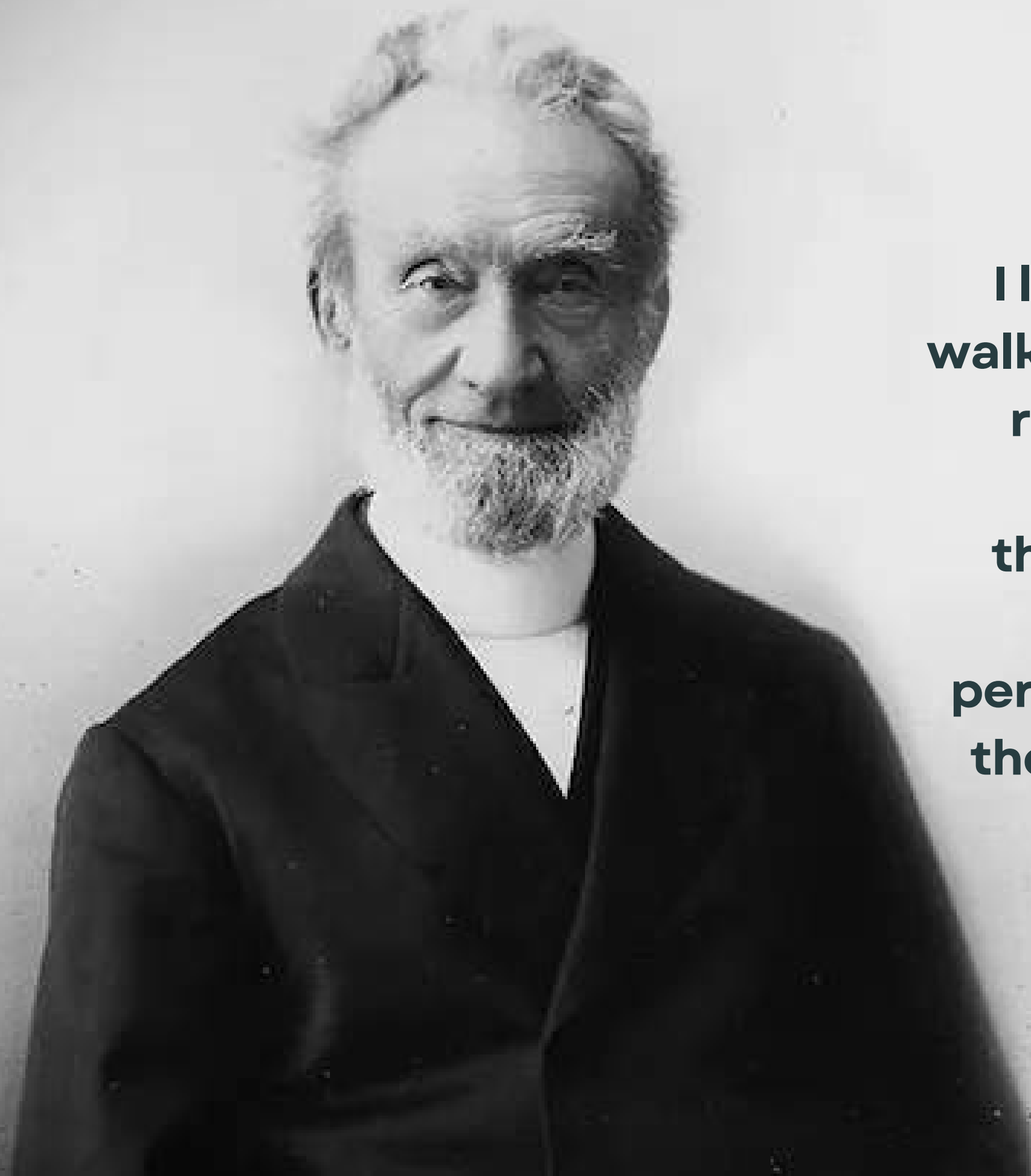
Pray
Continually

GodConnect



MacBook Pro





George Mueller

I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk about, when I lie down and when I rise up. And the answers are always coming. Thousands and tens of thousands of times have my prayers been answered. When once I am persuaded that a thing is right and for the glory of God, I go on praying for it until the answer comes.



GIVE

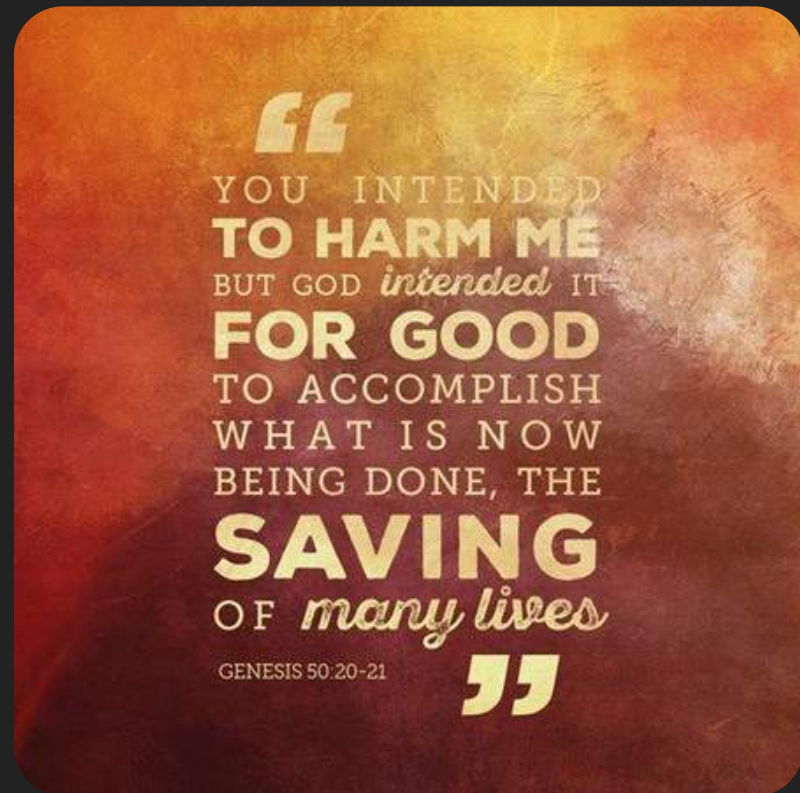
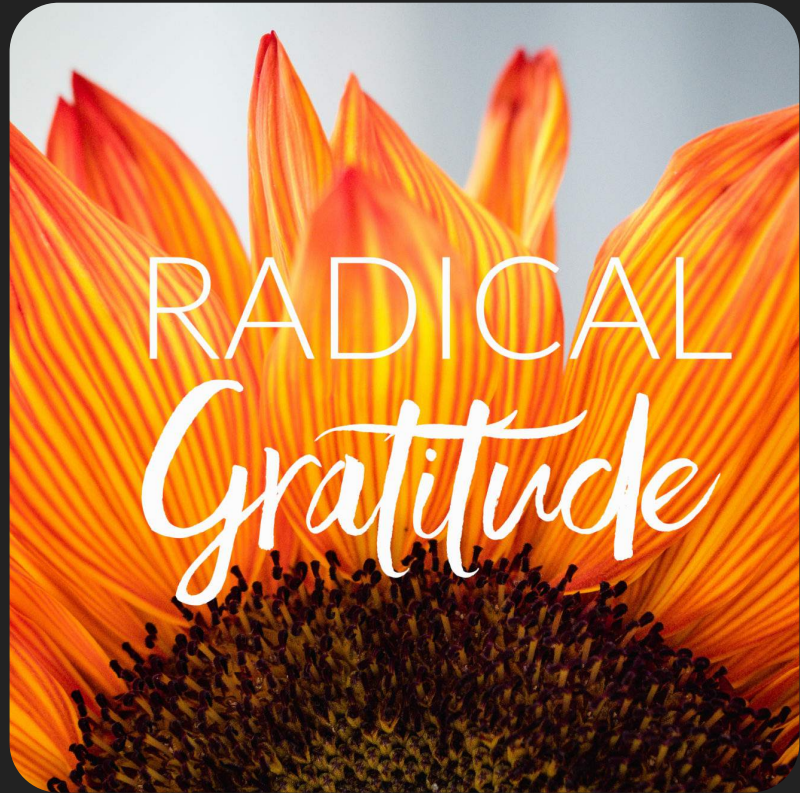
THANKS

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

—1 THESSALONIANS 5:18—



RADICAL
Gratitude



How can I doubt
God when I know
He is so good?

Monica



Future Joy

Jesus' eyes were fixed on His future joy. He got through the cross by not focusing on the cross but on the promised joy that would result from it!

That is where God wants your eyes: on the future joy He has promised you. How can you give thanks in all circumstances? There's only one way: Jesus' way. Look to the joy set before you. Look to the joy! If the future joy Jesus promises you is real and you believe Him, there is no circumstance that can steal your thanksgiving.

(John Bloom, "How Can We Give Thanks In All Circumstances?")



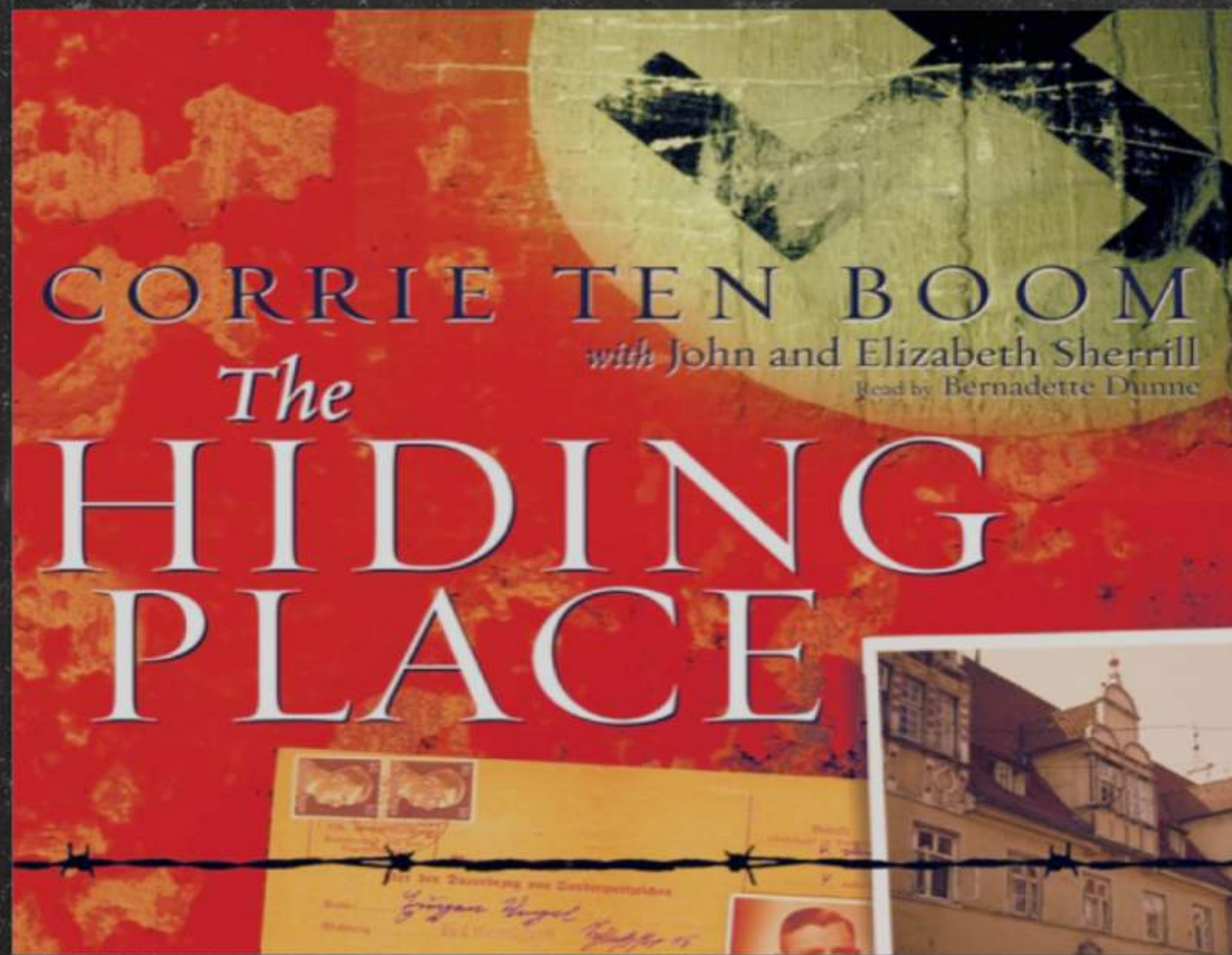
MARTIN RINKART

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And guard us through all ills in this world, till the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with Them in highest Heaven—
The one eternal God, Whom earth and Heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.





Thank God
for
The Fleas!

"Rejoice always,
PRAY CONTINUALLY,
give thanks
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;
FOR THIS IS God's will for you
IN CHRIST JESUS."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

