



encounter Jesus

Called into Fellowship



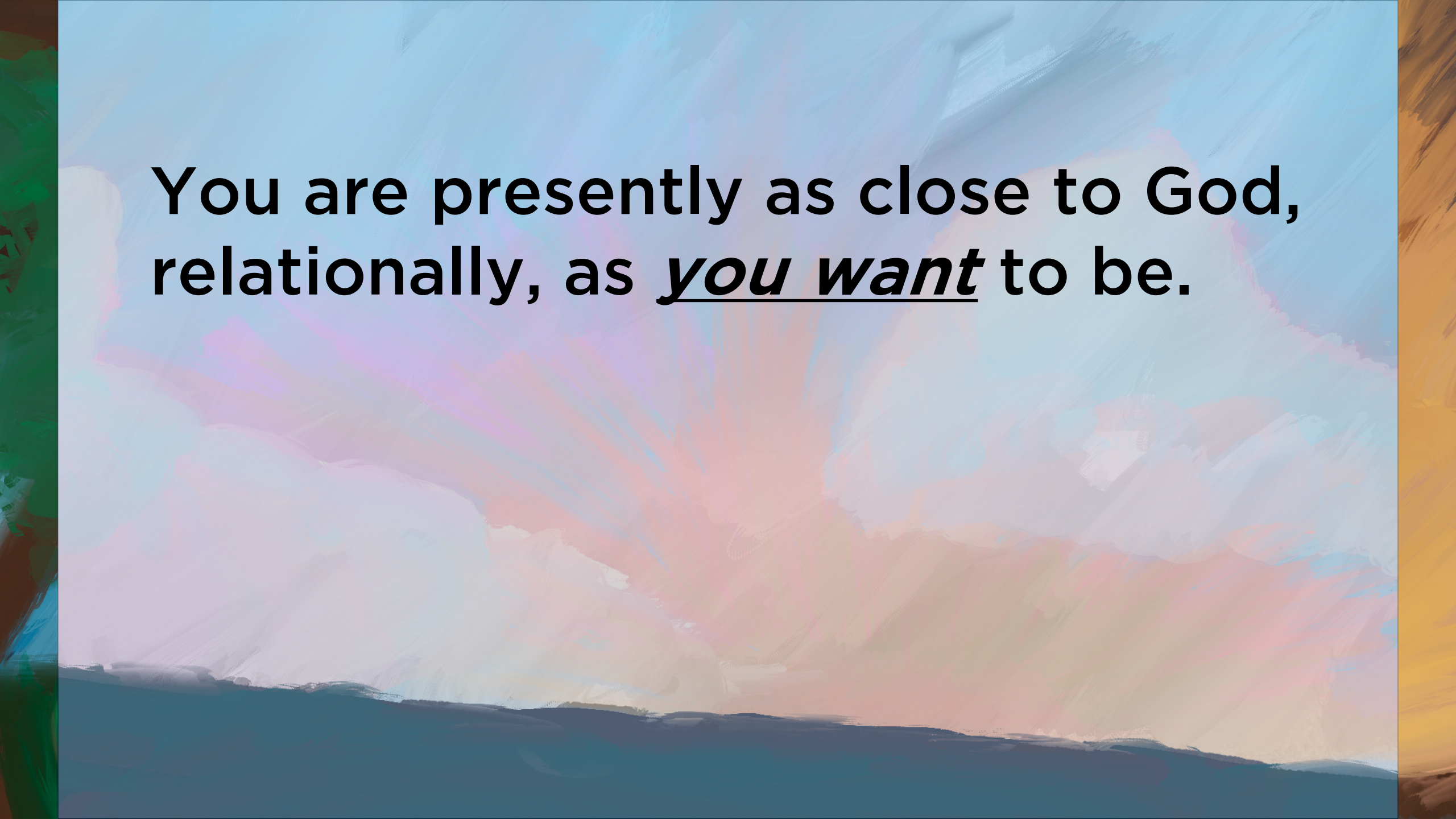
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Acts 2:25-26

For David says concerning [Jesus], “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.”



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“Fellowship” = (Greek) *koinonia*

1. Community, communion, sharing, intimacy, and to come alongside someone to help
2. Joint participation, partnership, and being united in a common purpose

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 1:3

...that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Our relationship with...

- God the Father is primarily through love and faith
 - God the Son is primarily through fellowship and grace
 - God the Holy Spirit is primarily through comfort and sanctification
- John Owen

Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he [Jesus] grew up before him [the Father] like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

John 1:14

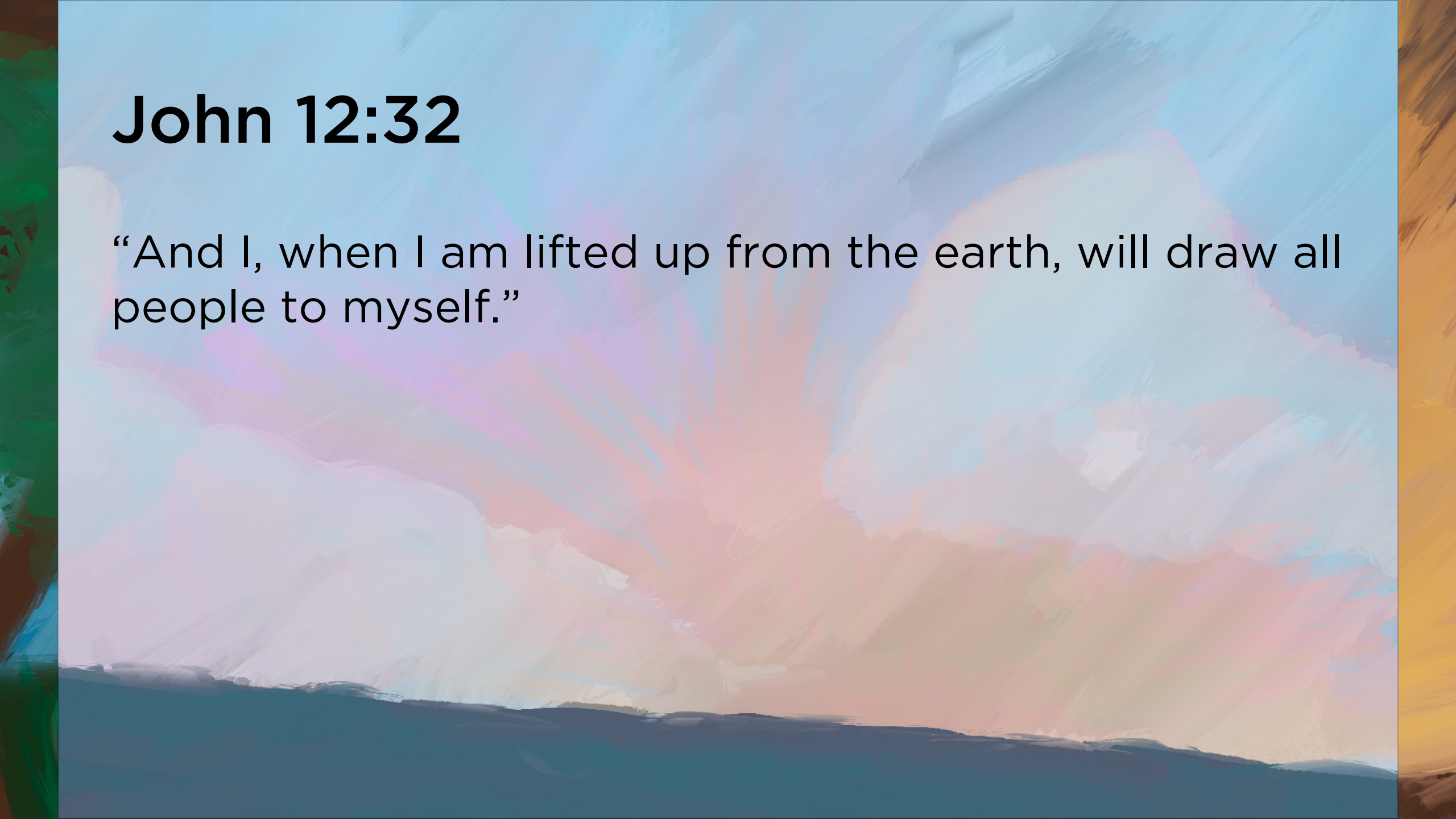
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John Owen (1616-1683)

“Beholding the glory of Christ is one of the greatest privileges a believer is capable of, both in this life and the next.”

John 12:32

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”



10 Ways We Can Encounter Jesus

1. The Gospel



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2. Creation

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

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2. Creation

1 Corinthians 8:6

...yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

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Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

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3. The Church



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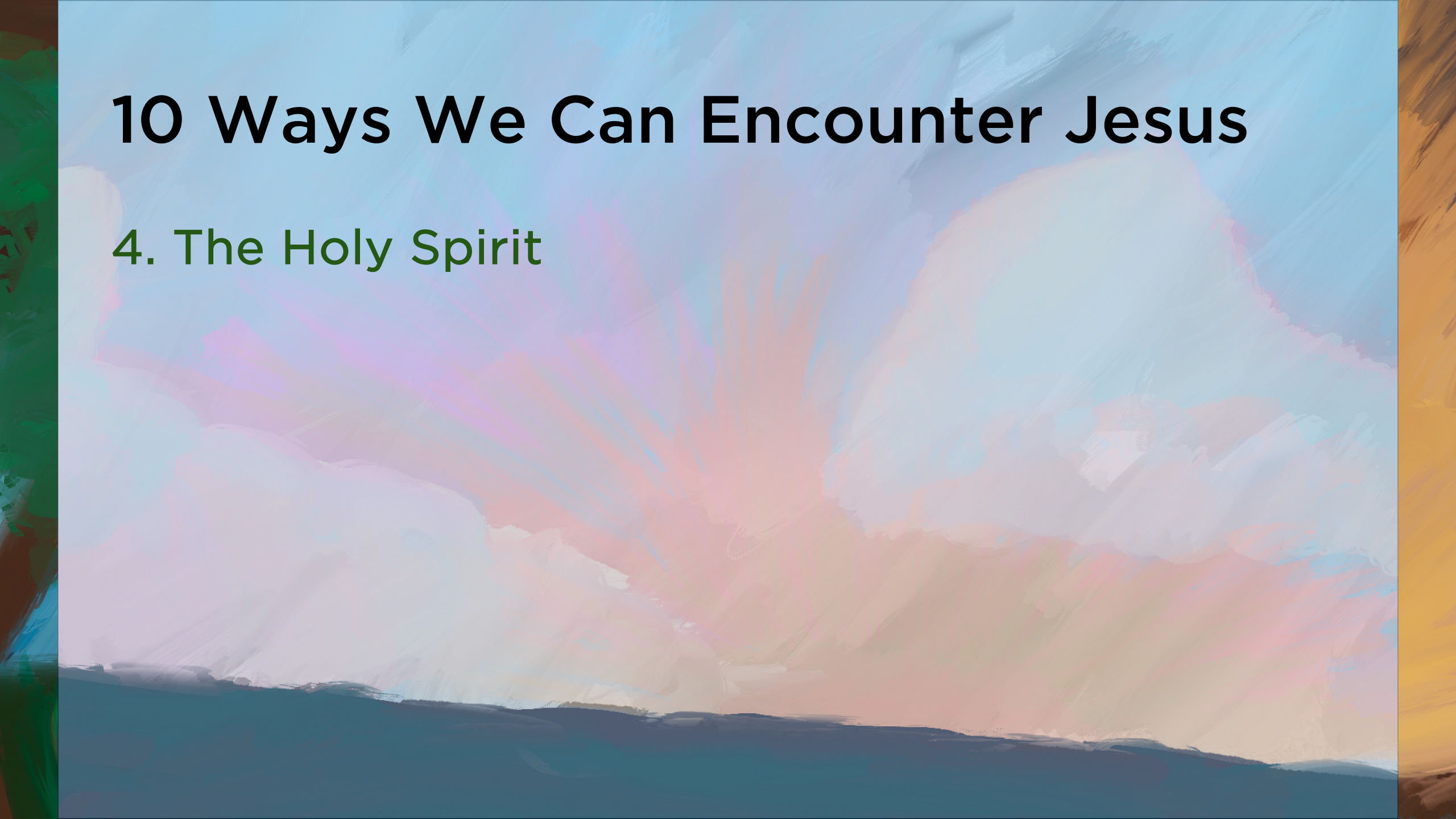
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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.

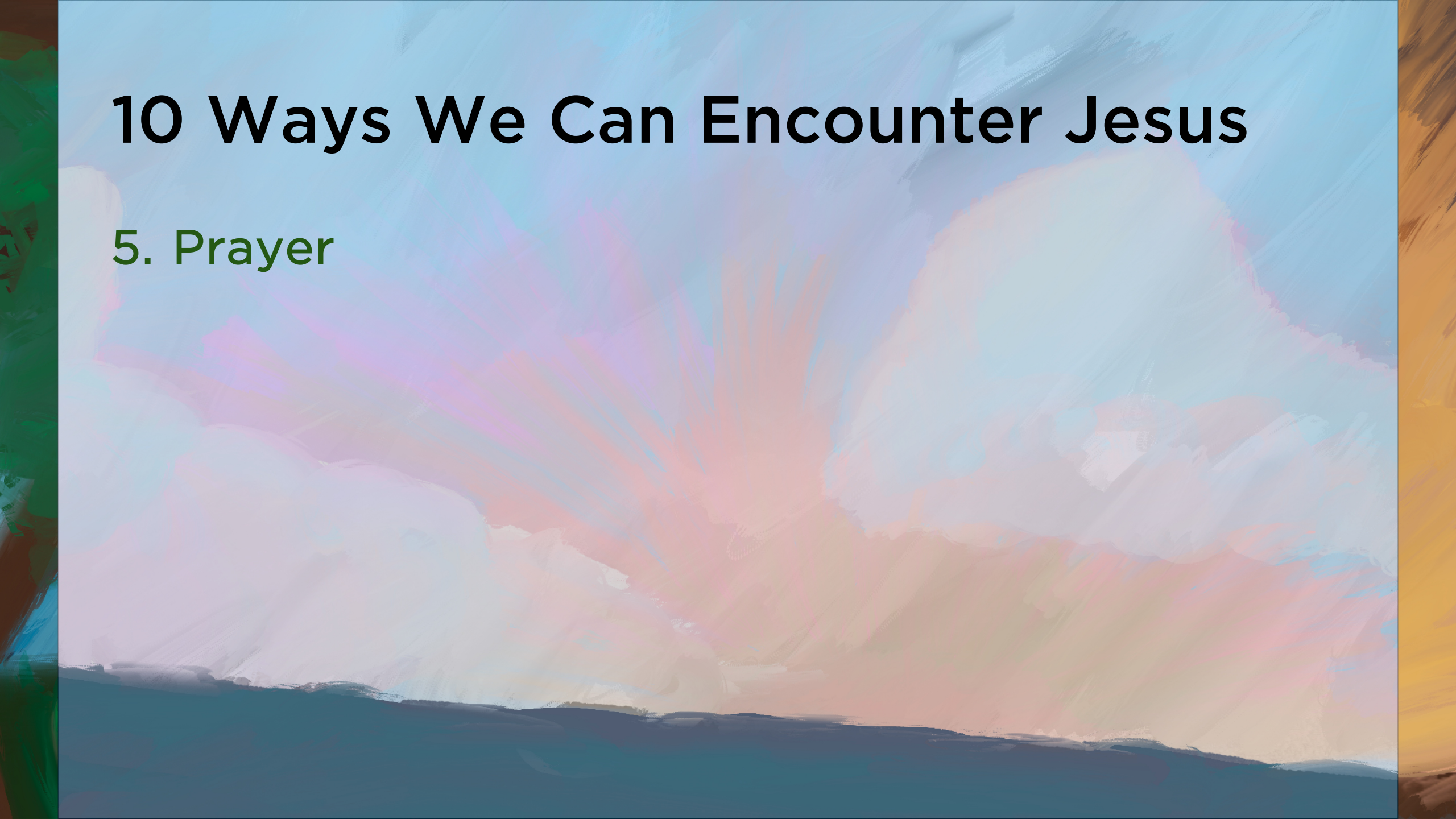
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4. The Holy Spirit



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5. Prayer



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6. In the Mirror

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

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Jeremiah 22:16

“He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me?” declares the Lord.

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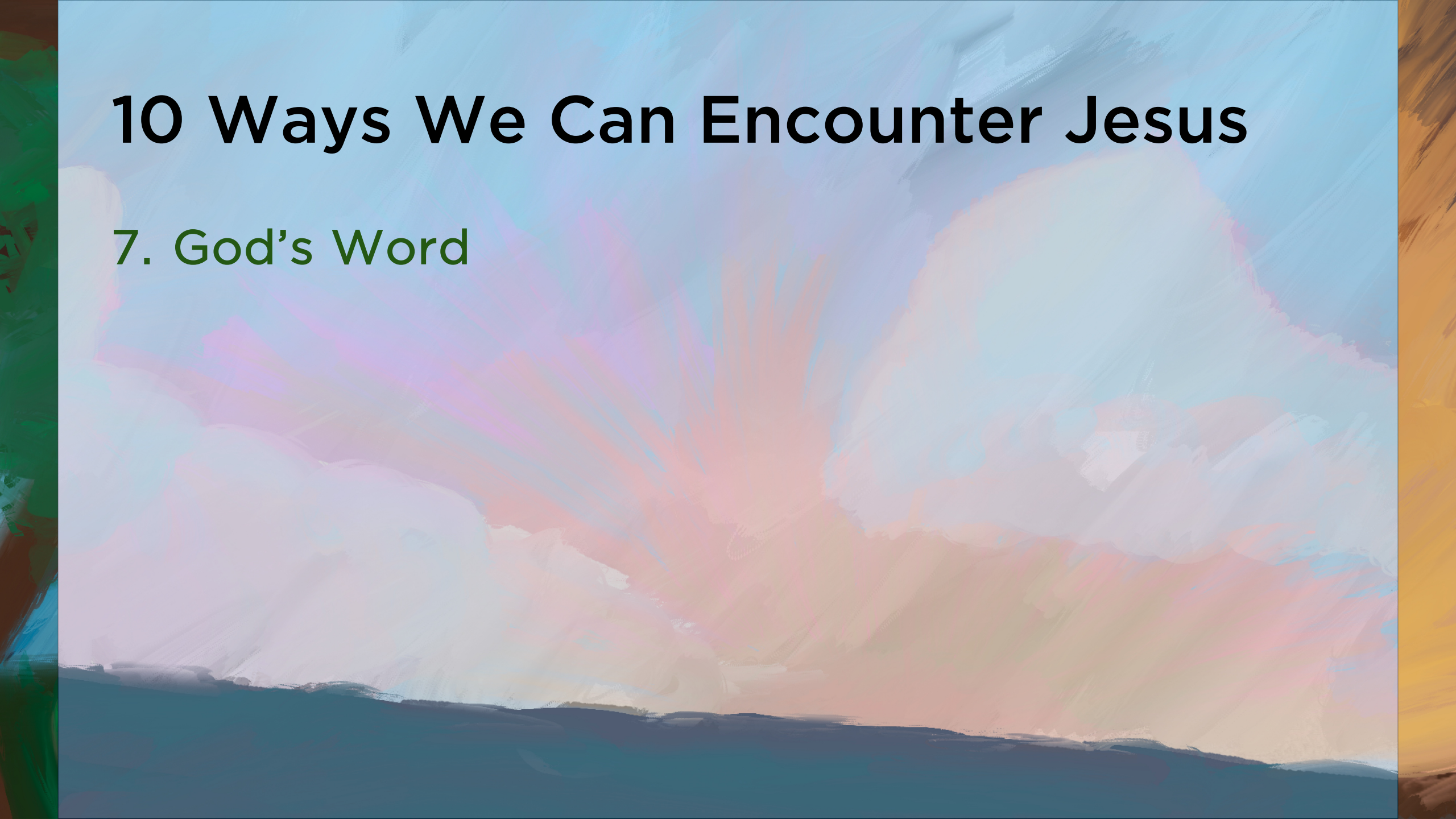
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Galatians 4:19

...my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

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7. God's Word



2 Peter 1:16-19

...we were eyewitnesses of [Jesus'] majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

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1 Peter 2:2

...long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

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8. Communion



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Psalm 63:1-2

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

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9. Suffering

Philippians 3:10 NASB

... that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

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Acts 5:41

Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

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10. By Faith

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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John 20:29

Jesus said to [Thomas], “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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Revelation 22:3-4

No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the
throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his
servants will worship him. And they will see his face...

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Hosea 6:3

Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to
us as the showers, as the spring rains that water
the earth.

