

# *Welcome to Women's Bible Study!*

*OCTOBER 28, 2025*

*"WE BECOME WHAT  
WE BEHOLD"*

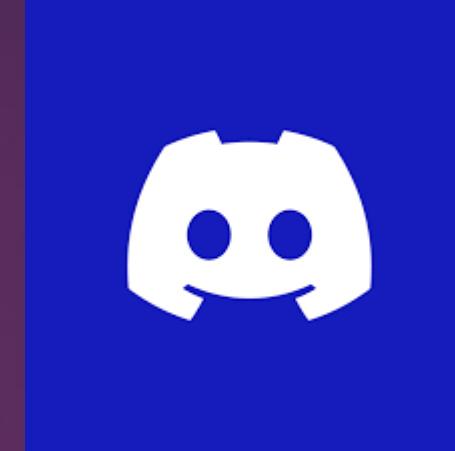
Welcome!



# 2 CORINTHIANS

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# How to connect/Resources:



*Meet monthly on the 4th Tuesday (most months)*

*Bible study time:*

6:00-6:30 Welcome and Fellowship/Snacks

6:45-7:15 Group Discussion/Small group study

7:15-7:45-Teaching-Part 1

7:45-8:00 Break

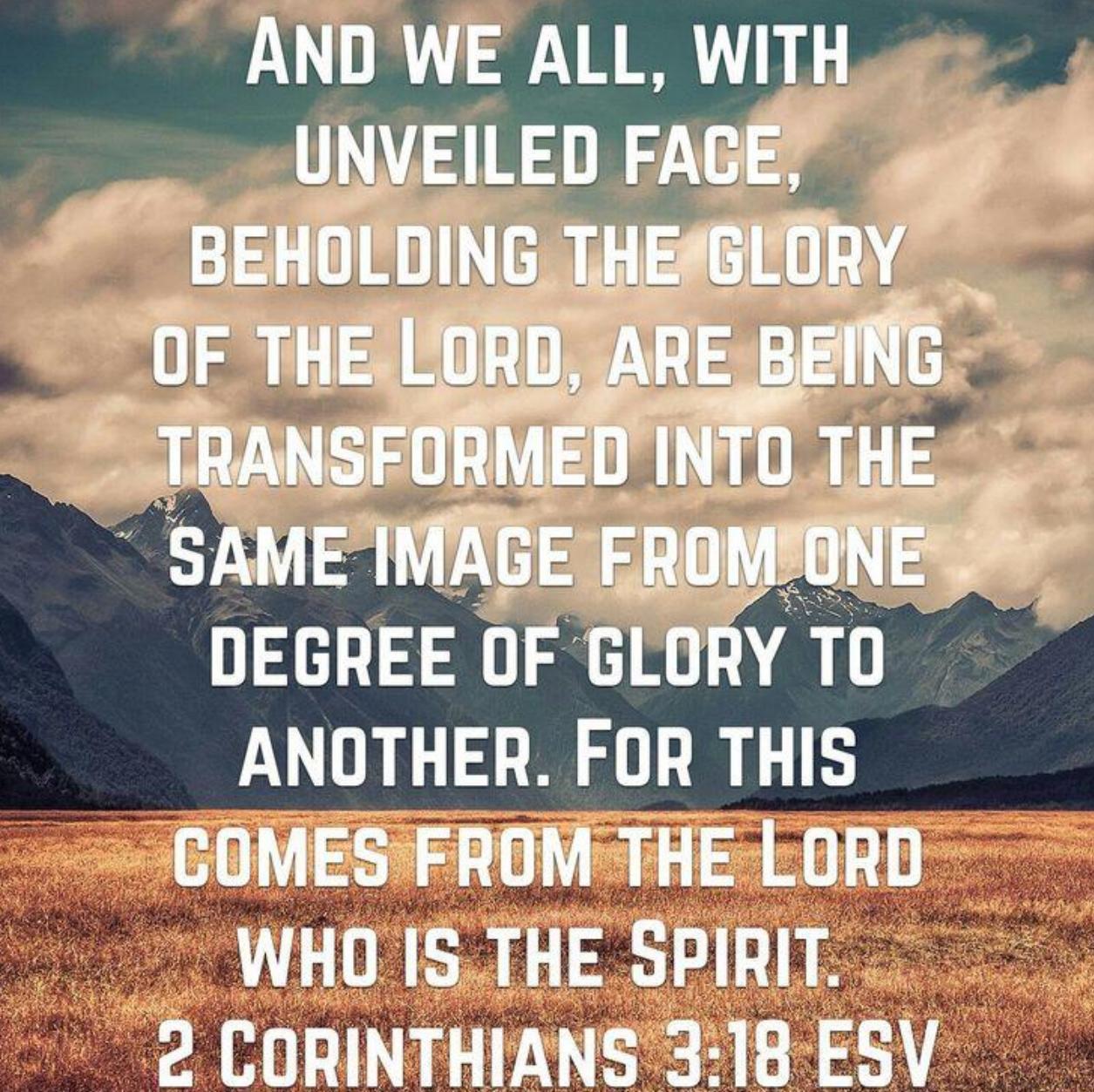
8:00-8:30 Teaching-Part 2/

8:30-9:00 Discussion/Take Away/Fellowship



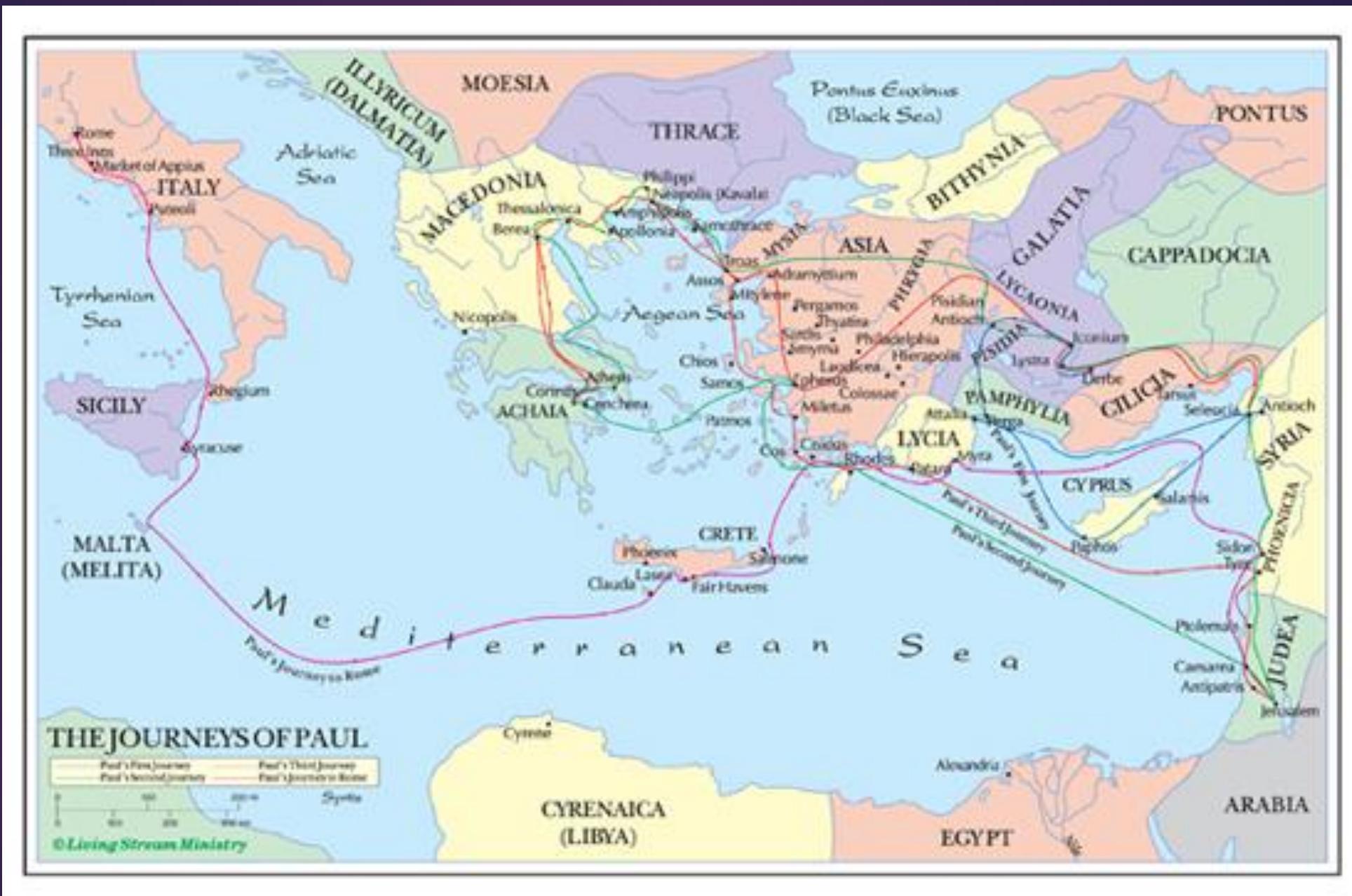
Goal: To grow in the knowledge of the Lord in order to treasure Him more fully and to reflect Him more accurately as we are conformed to His image.





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**2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 ESV**

*Review*







# *Ongoing Issues in Corinth*

- *Paul's changing travel plans*
- *The unfinished collection*
- *Ongoing immorality*
- *Paul's apostleship*
- *“Super Apostles”*
- *Preparation for his 3rd and final visit.*



## Outline:

1. *Overview and Introduction/Comfort in Affliction* (1:1-11)
2. *Paul's personal defense-His Commendation is from God* (1:12-3:18)
3. *Paul's defense of his ministry-Do not lose heart* (4-5)
4. *Paul's Appeal-God's grace is not in vain* (6-7)
5. *Call to complete the collection for the saints* (8-9)
6. *Paul's apostolic authority over the “super apostles”* (10:1-11:15)
7. *Boasting in weakness/His power made perfect* (11:16-12:13)
8. *Preparation for Paul's third visit/Closing* (12:14-13:14)

# Summary:

1:1-11-*Introduction (Sept.)*

1:12-7:16-*Paul's defense: Personal and Ministry (Oct., Nov., Dec.)*

8-9-*Giving generously (Jan.)*

10:1-12:13-*The rebellious minority (Feb. March)*

12:14-13:10-*Preparations for a third visit (April)*

13:11-14-*Final Greetings (April)*



*Summary of 2 Corinthians 1:1-11*

*Group Discussion*

# *Study Guide*

Teaching-2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18  
“We become what we behold”

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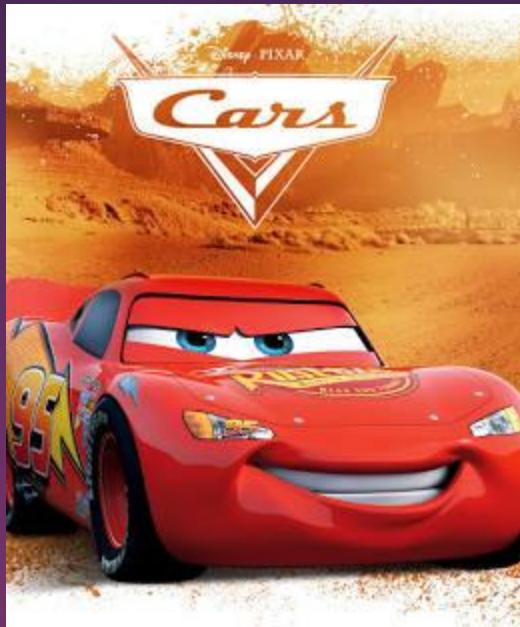




*BREAK*



*2 Corinthians 2:14-7:4*  
*Defense of the Ministry of the New  
Covenant*





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*Ezekiel 36:26-27:*

*26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.*



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## *Jeremiah 31:33-34:*

31 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

*1 Corinthians 11:25*

*25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*



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high renown, honor,  
worth, weight, value

*Exodus 34: 29-30:*

*29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.*

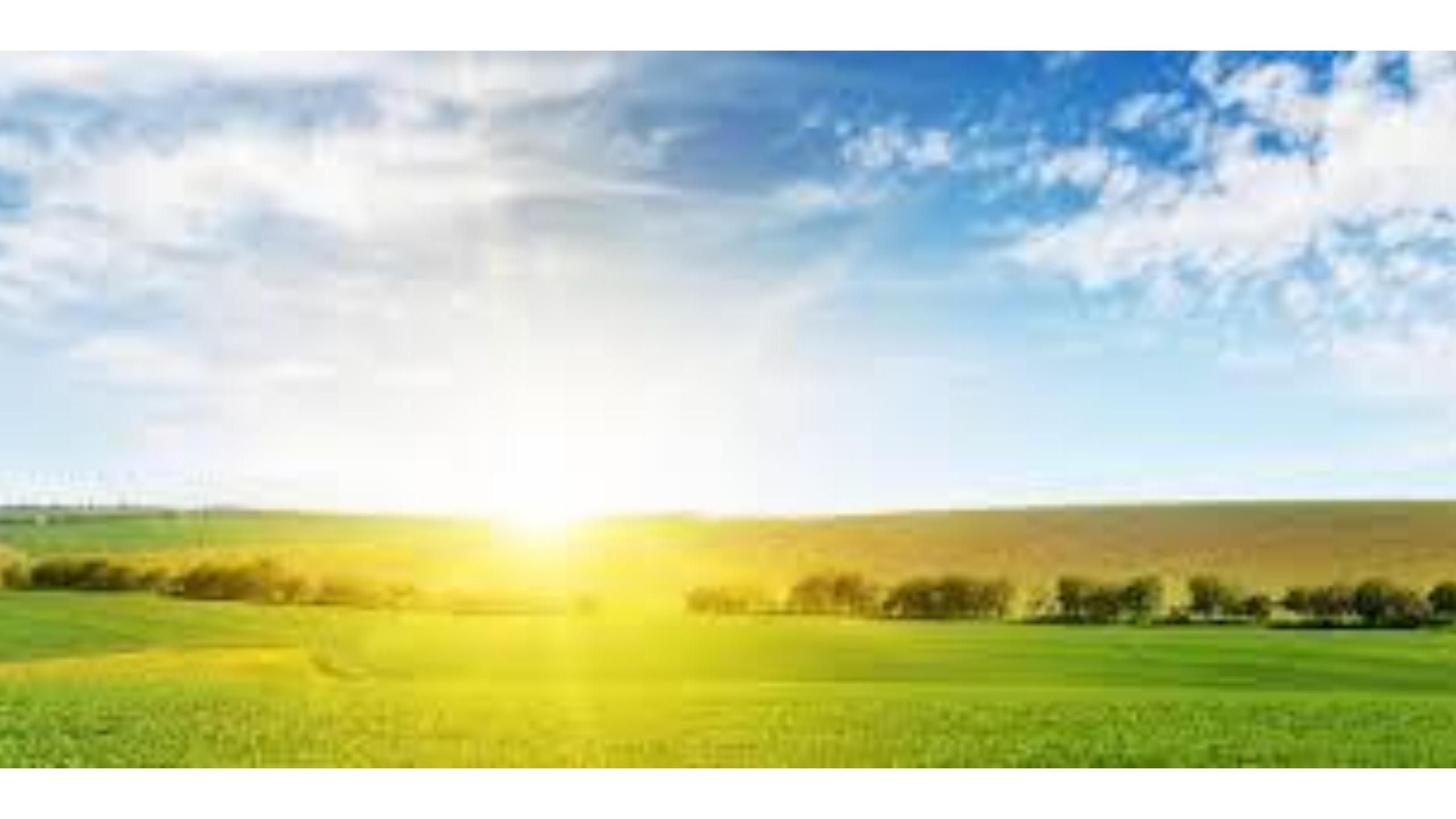


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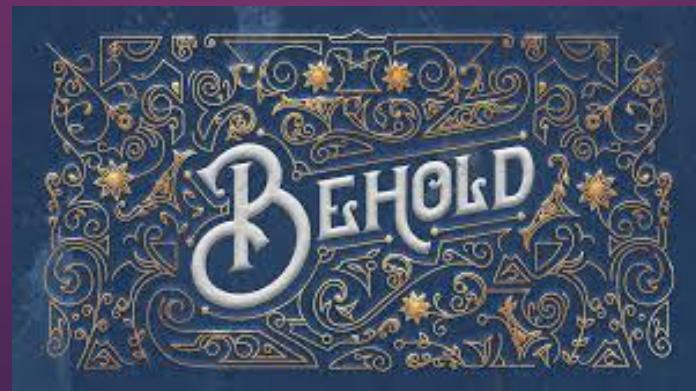
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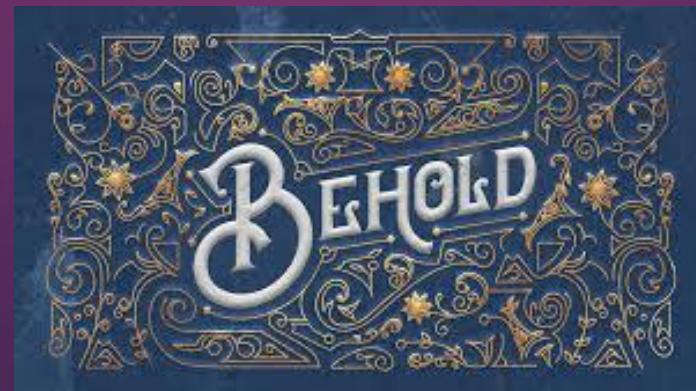
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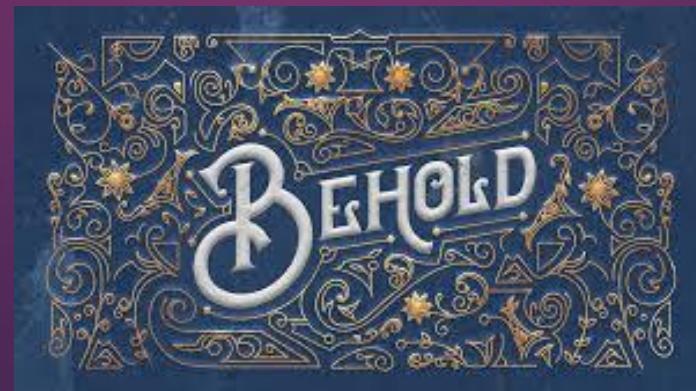
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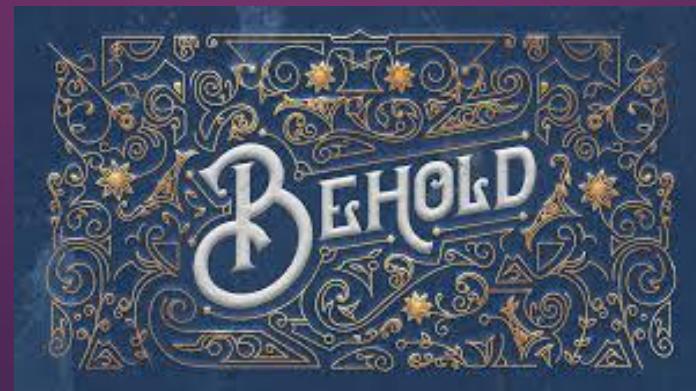
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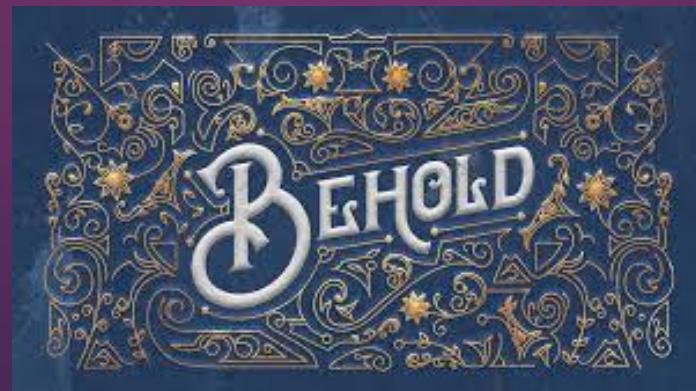
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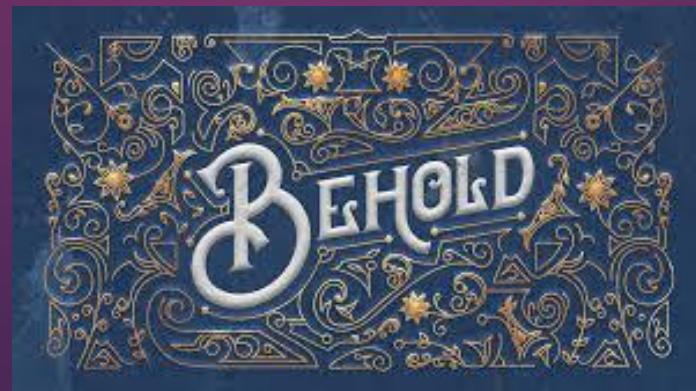
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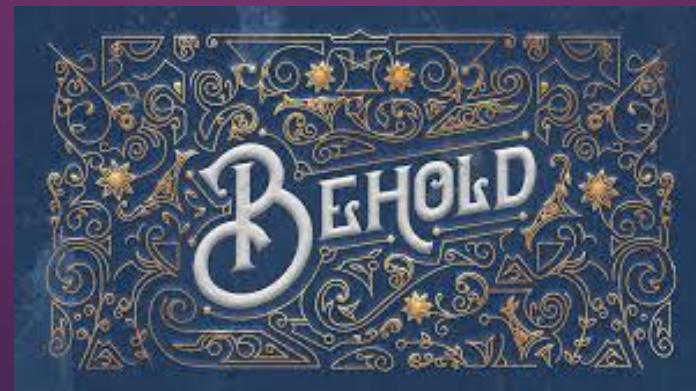
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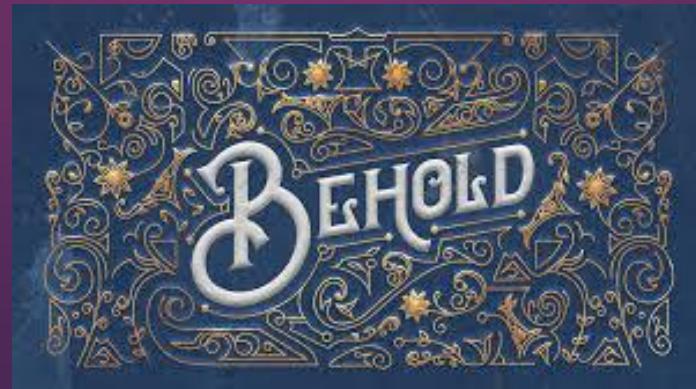
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Written on human hearts  
Of the Spirit  
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Exceeding glory  
Ministry of righteousness  
Surpassing glory  
Permanent  
Freedom-veil lifted  
Behold glory-transformed

## *Application:*

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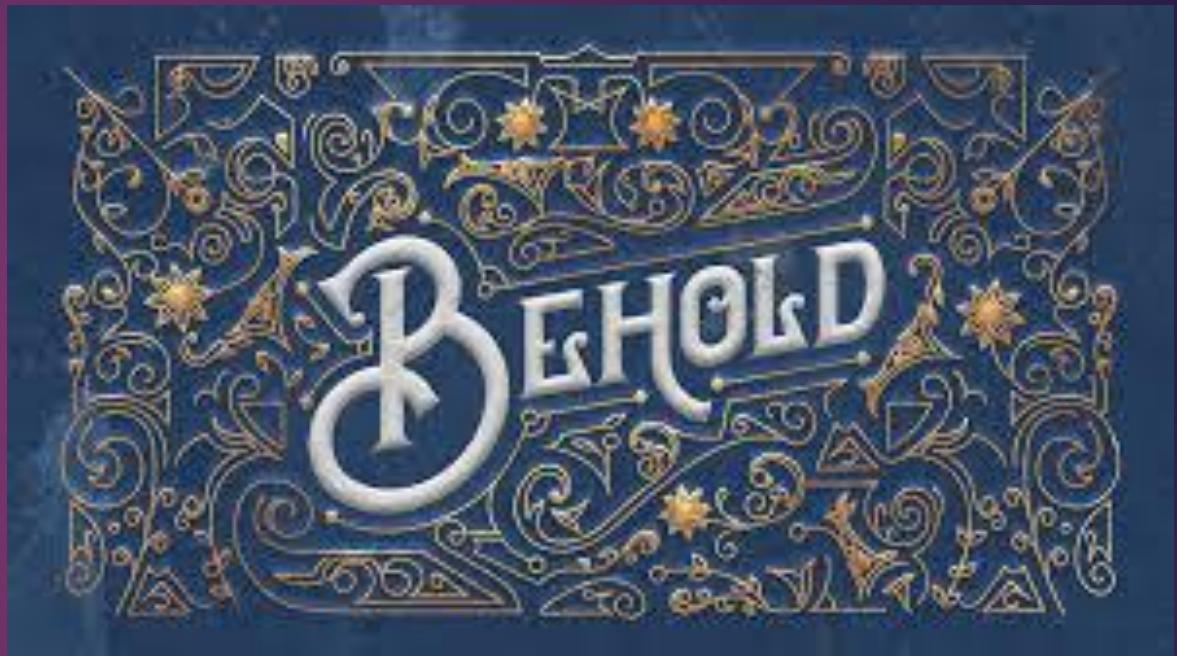
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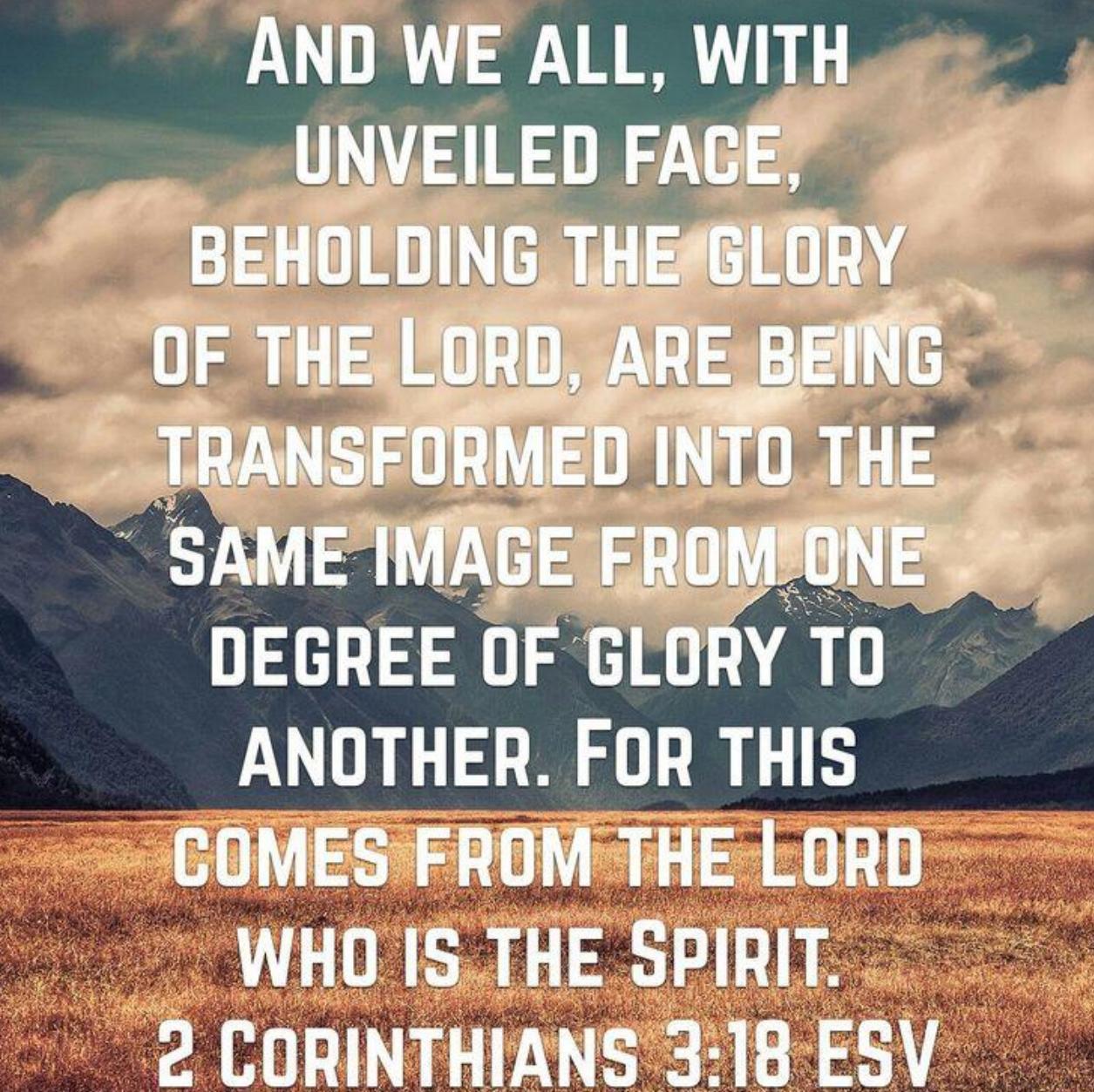
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2. *What can you expect if you are the fragrance of death to some?*
3. *What do you spend your time beholding besides Christ and how does that change you?*
4. *What will it look like for you to behold the glory of the Lord in Christ and allow His Spirit to transform you into His image? What do you need to behold about Christ this month?*

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- *Read 2 Corinthians 4-5 and work on the study guide. (To be sent soon) Finish 2 Corinthians 1:12-3:18 study guide*
- *Read “We become what we behold” by John Piper.*
- *Next Study: Tuesday, November 19 (3rd Tues)*

