



*We Are*  
ALICE SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

**A Priesthood**

1 Peter 2:9-10

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, **are being built** into a spiritual house **to be a holy priesthood**, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- 1 Peter 2:4-5

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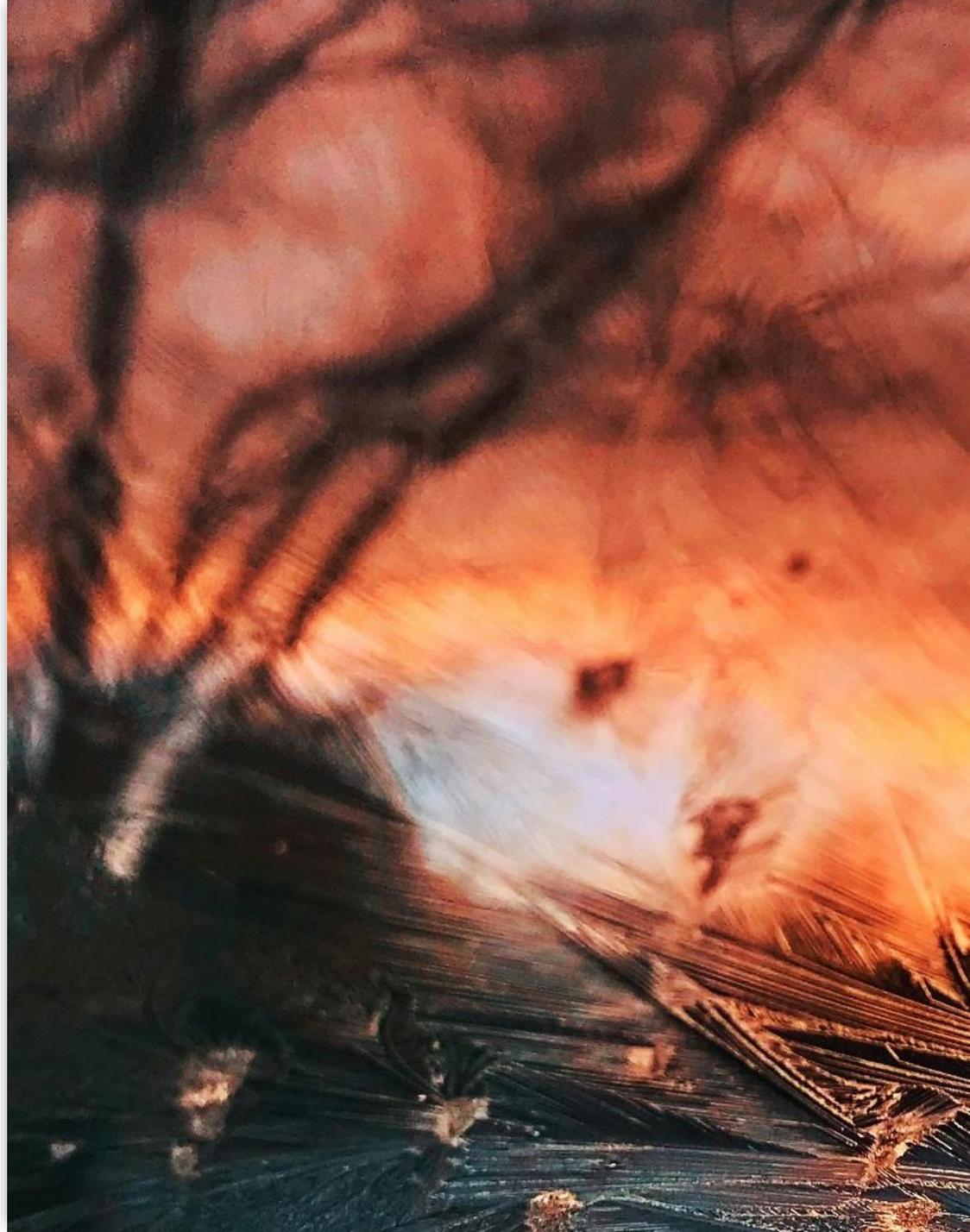
# We are Called To Be Priests of God

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<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> **you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

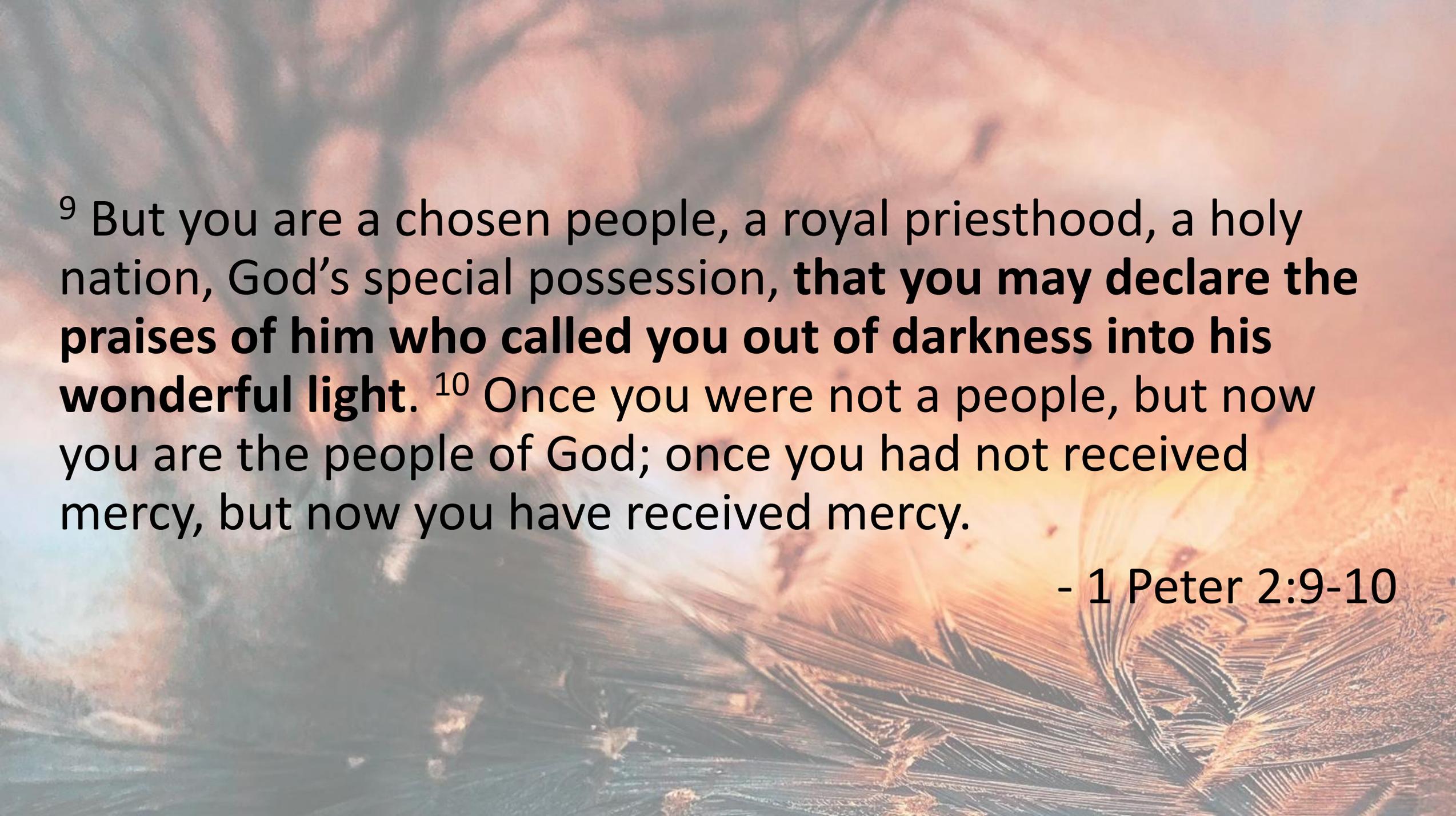
-Exodus 19:3-6



# The Priesthood of All Believers

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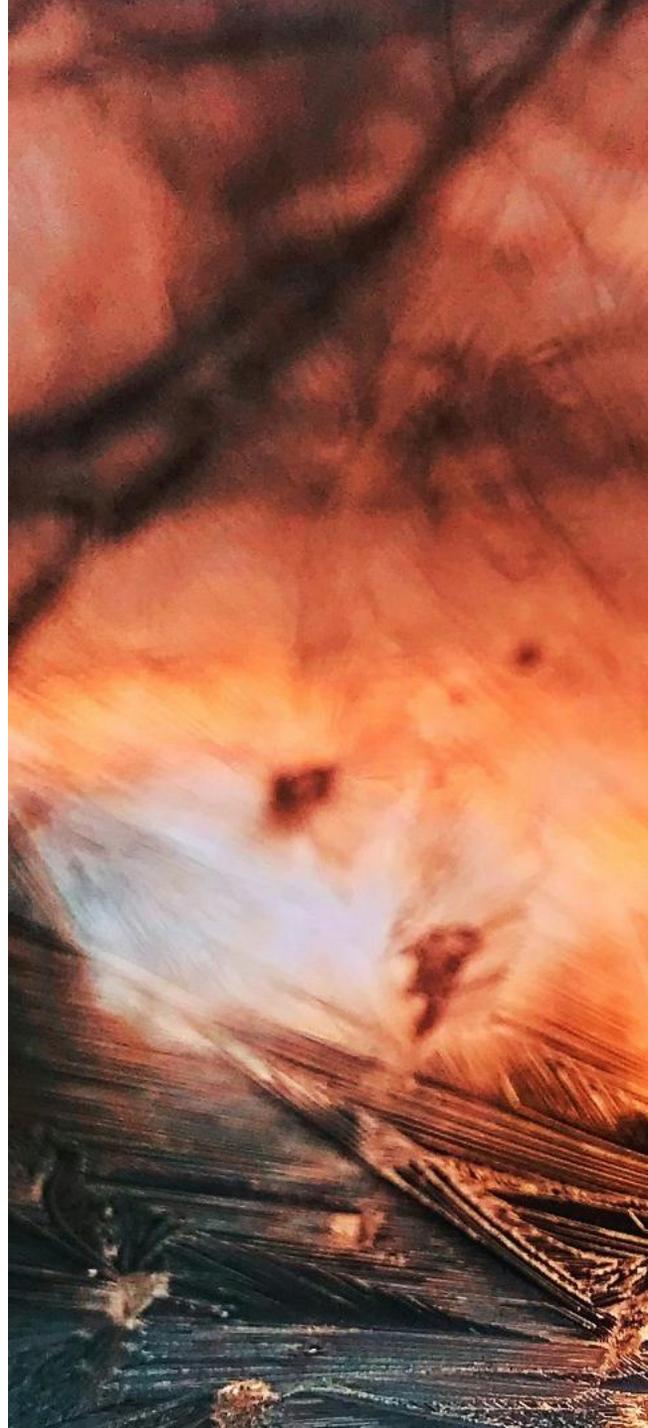
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## 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup> For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **made his light shine in our hearts** to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

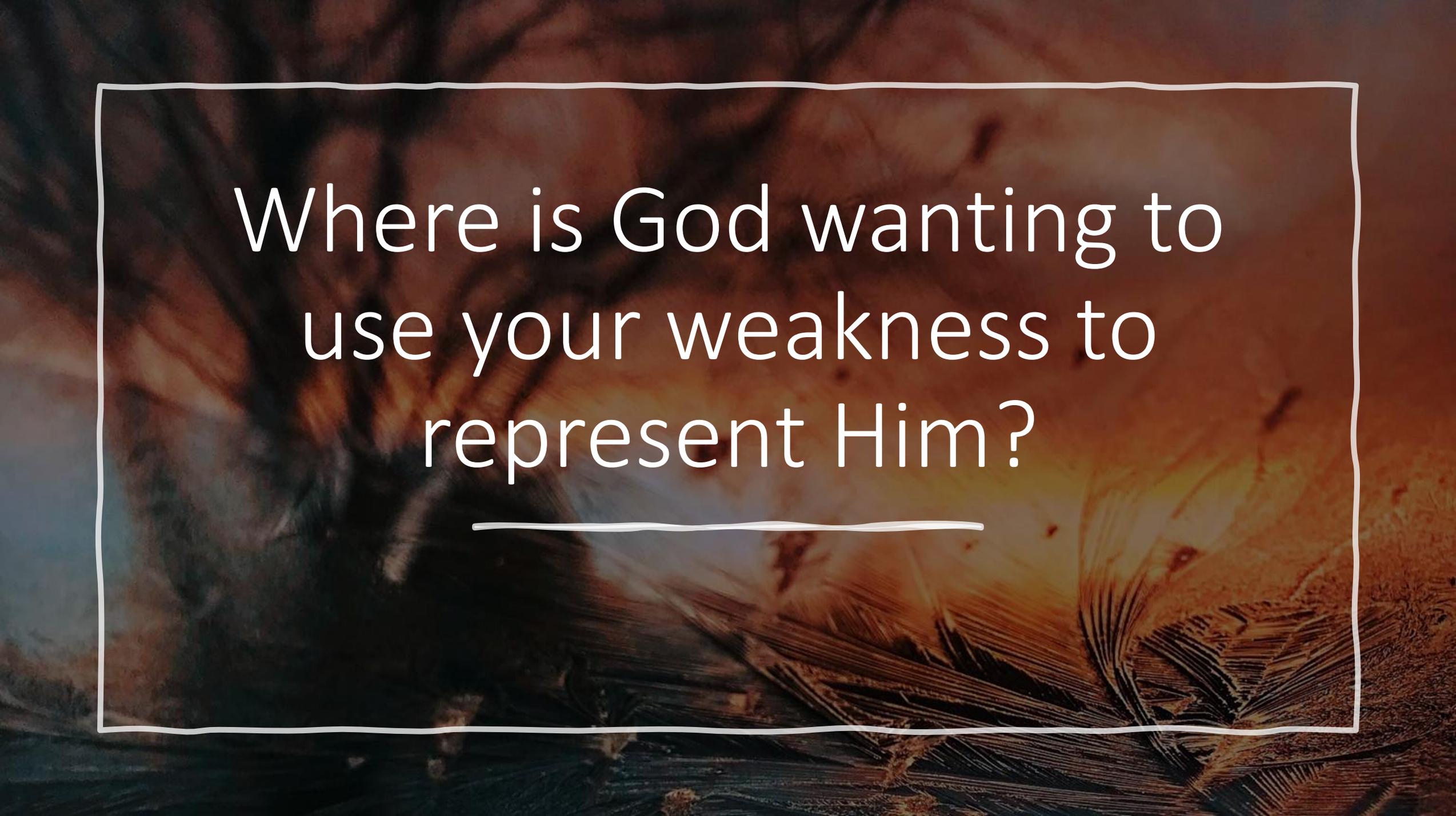
<sup>7</sup> But we have **this treasure in jars of clay to show** that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are **hard pressed on every side, but not crushed**; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> **We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.** <sup>11</sup> For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup> So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.



# Our Weaknesses Reveal God's Power and Goodness

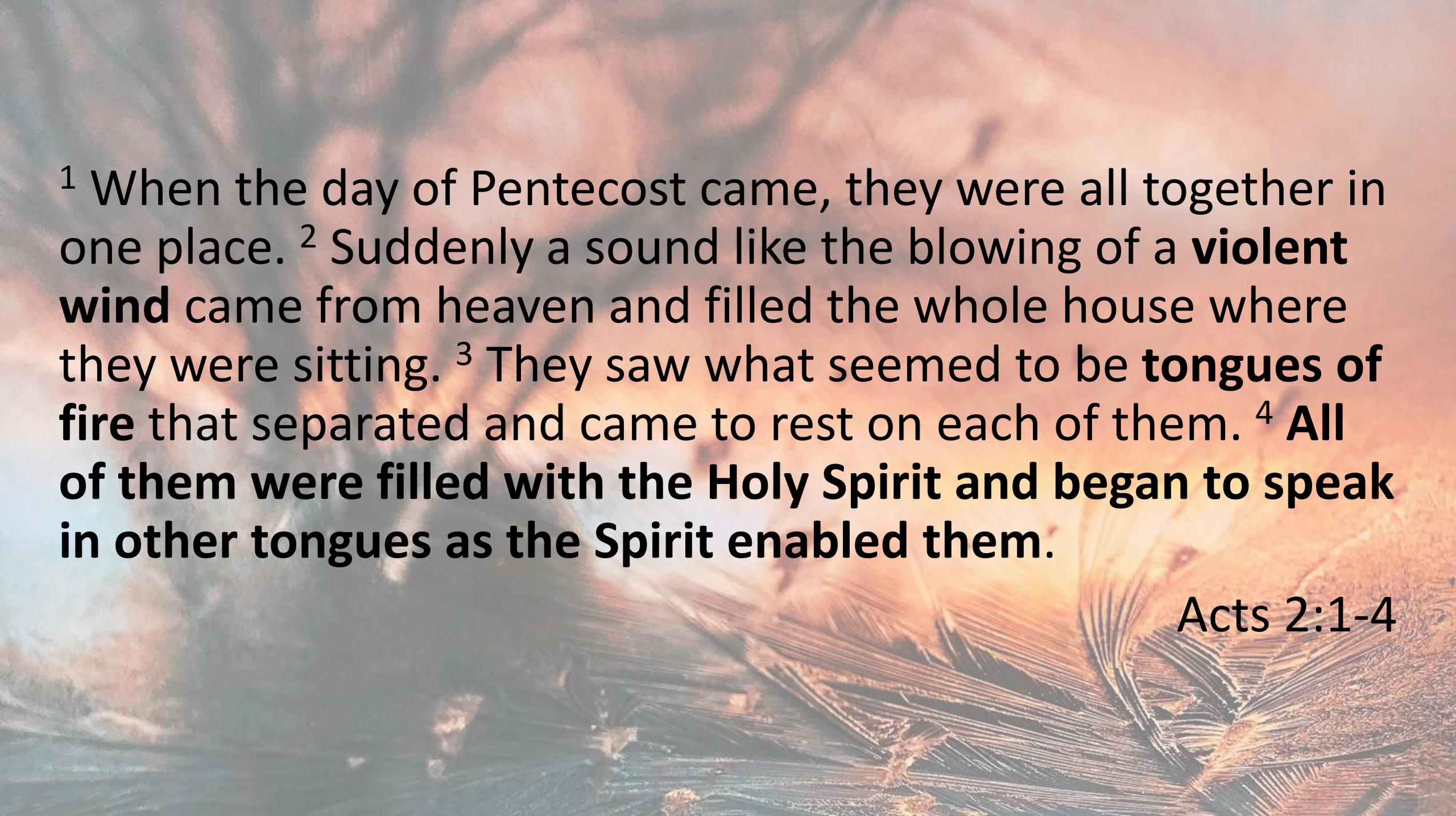
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Where is God wanting to  
use your weakness to  
represent Him?

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<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a **violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

Acts 2:1-4

## Acts 2:5-13

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: **“Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”** <sup>8</sup> **Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?** <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—**we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!** <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, **“What does this mean?”**

<sup>13</sup> **Some, however, made fun of them** and said, “They have had too much wine.”

# God Equips Us To Represent Him To Those Around Us

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How has God equipped  
you to share His message  
this week?

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