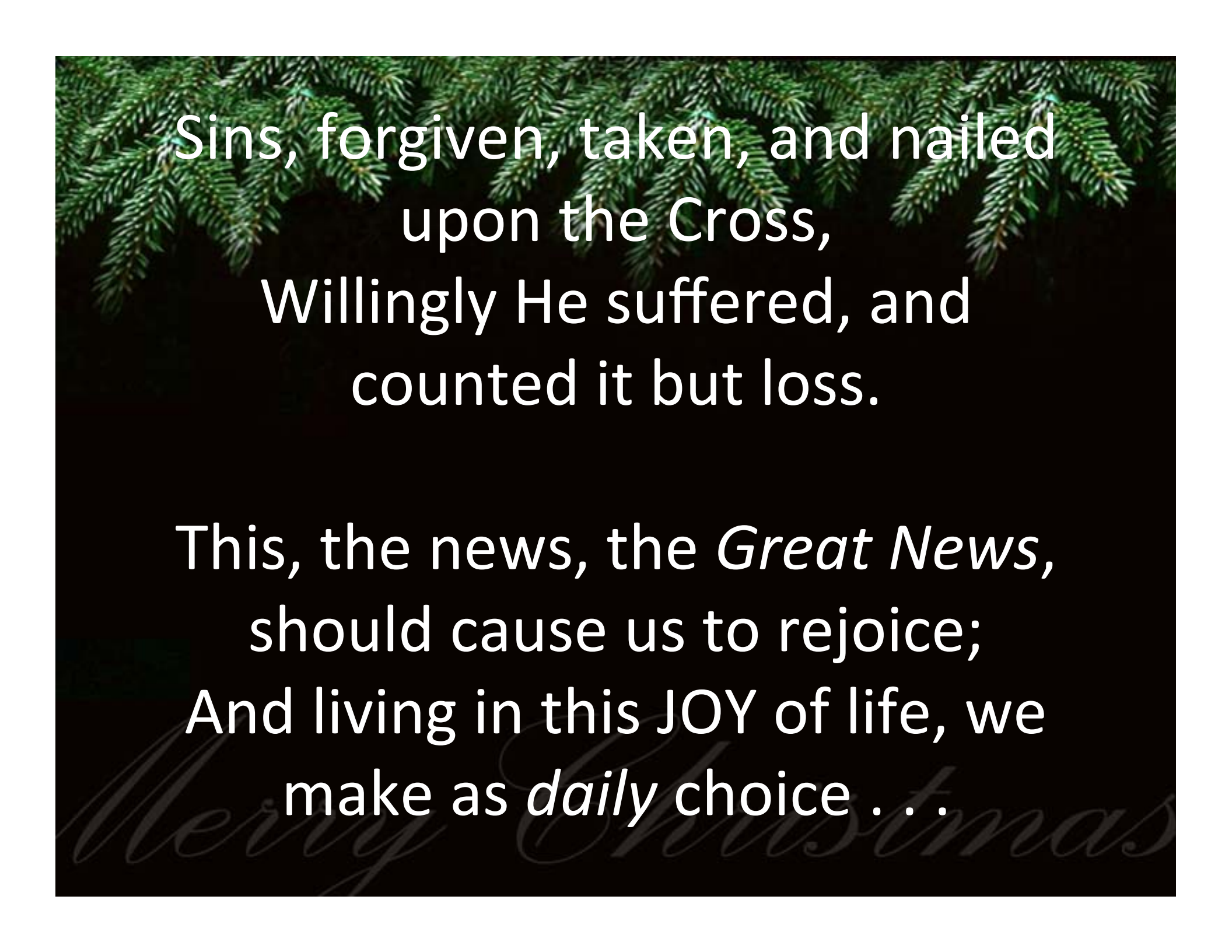


Simeon saw salvation revealed
before the grave;
The Promise of the Good News -
Messiah here to save.

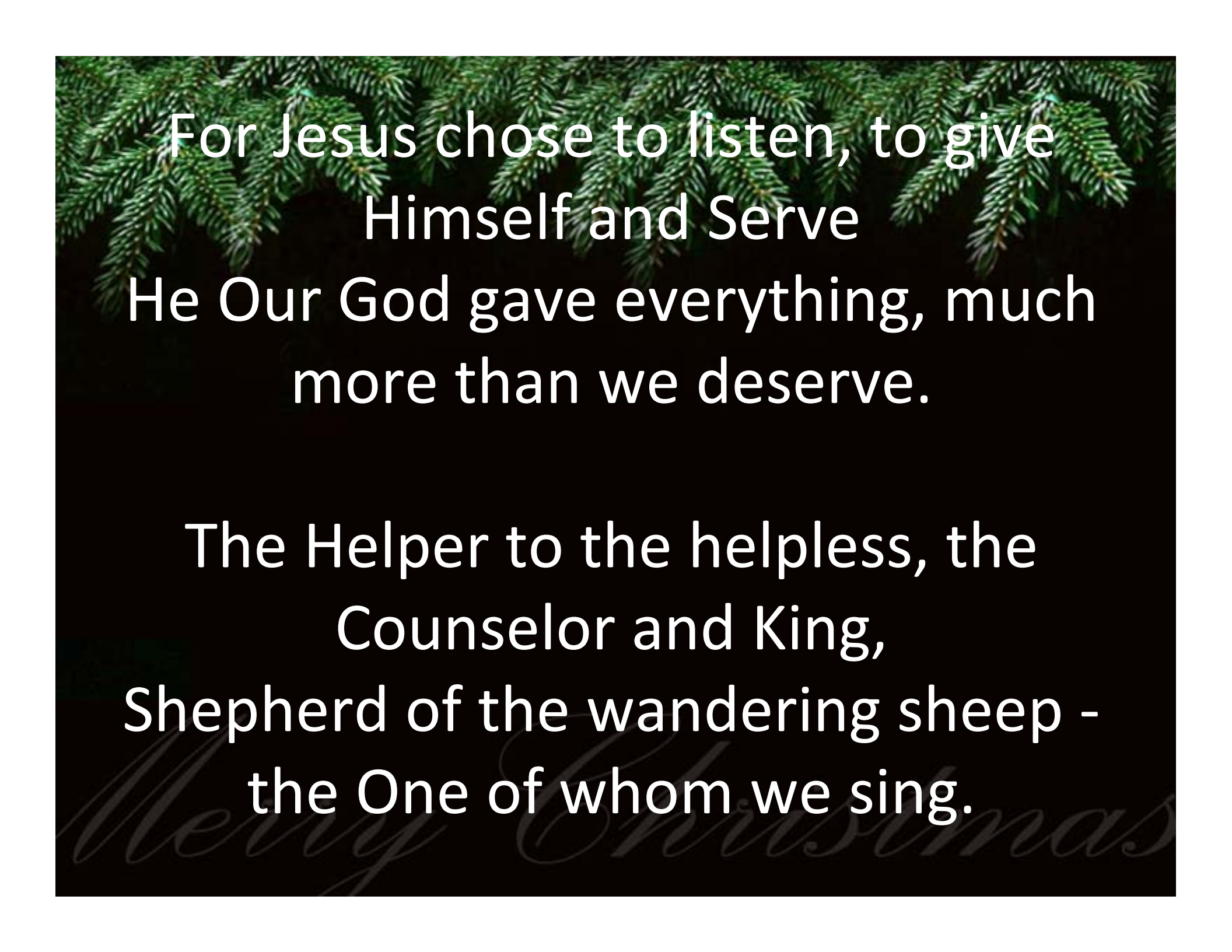
To a world of pain and sorrow - came
Jesus, King who reigns
Forever and Forever,
remover of our stains.

Merry Christmas



Sins, forgiven, taken, and nailed
upon the Cross,
Willingly He suffered, and
counted it but loss.

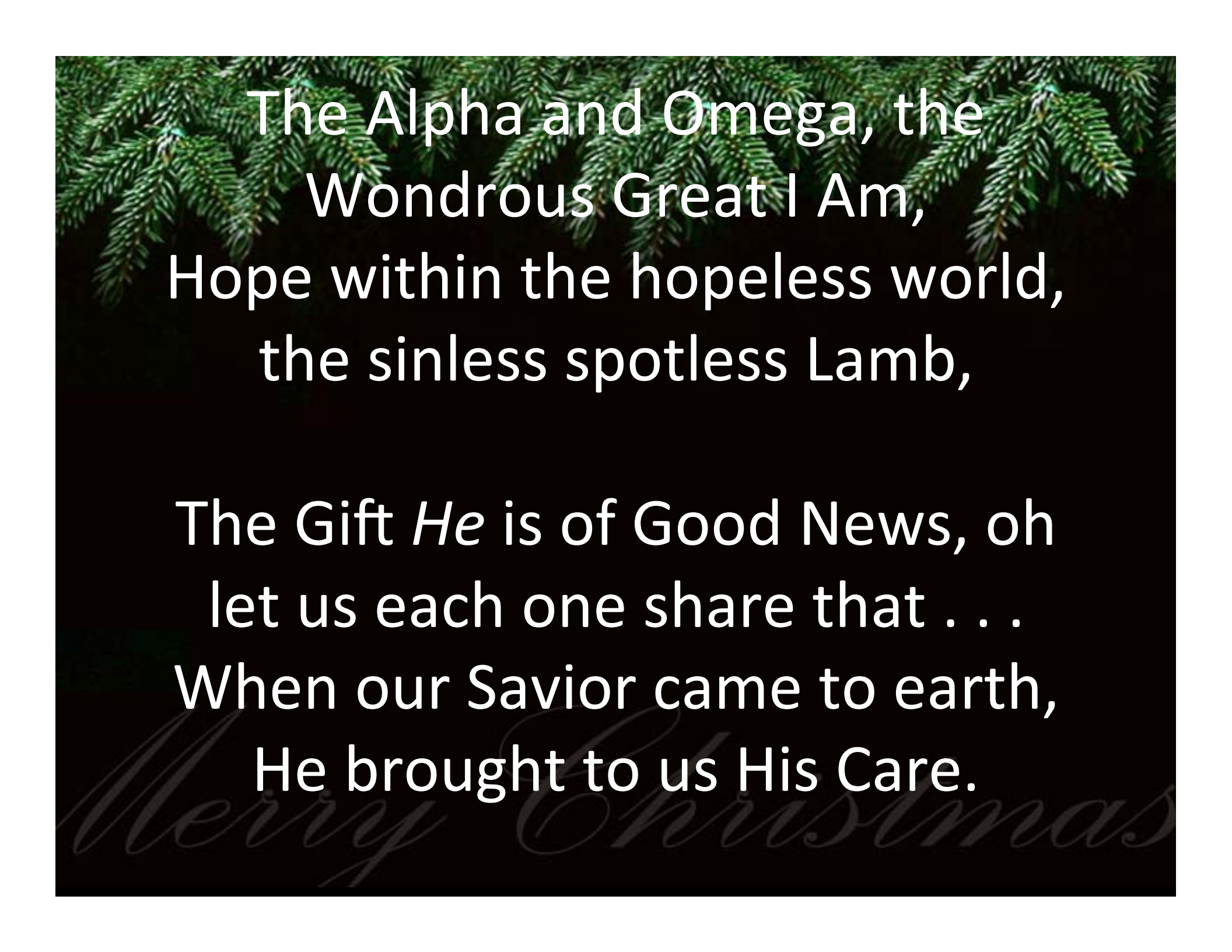
This, the news, the *Great News*,
should cause us to rejoice;
And living in this JOY of life, we
make as *daily* choice . . .



For Jesus chose to listen, to give
Himself and Serve
He Our God gave everything, much
more than we deserve.

The Helper to the helpless, the
Counselor and King,
Shepherd of the wandering sheep -
the One of whom we sing.


Merry Christmas



The Alpha and Omega, the
Wondrous Great I Am,
Hope within the hopeless world,
the sinless spotless Lamb,

The Gift *He* is of Good News, oh
let us each one share that . . .
When our Savior came to earth,
He brought to us His Care.

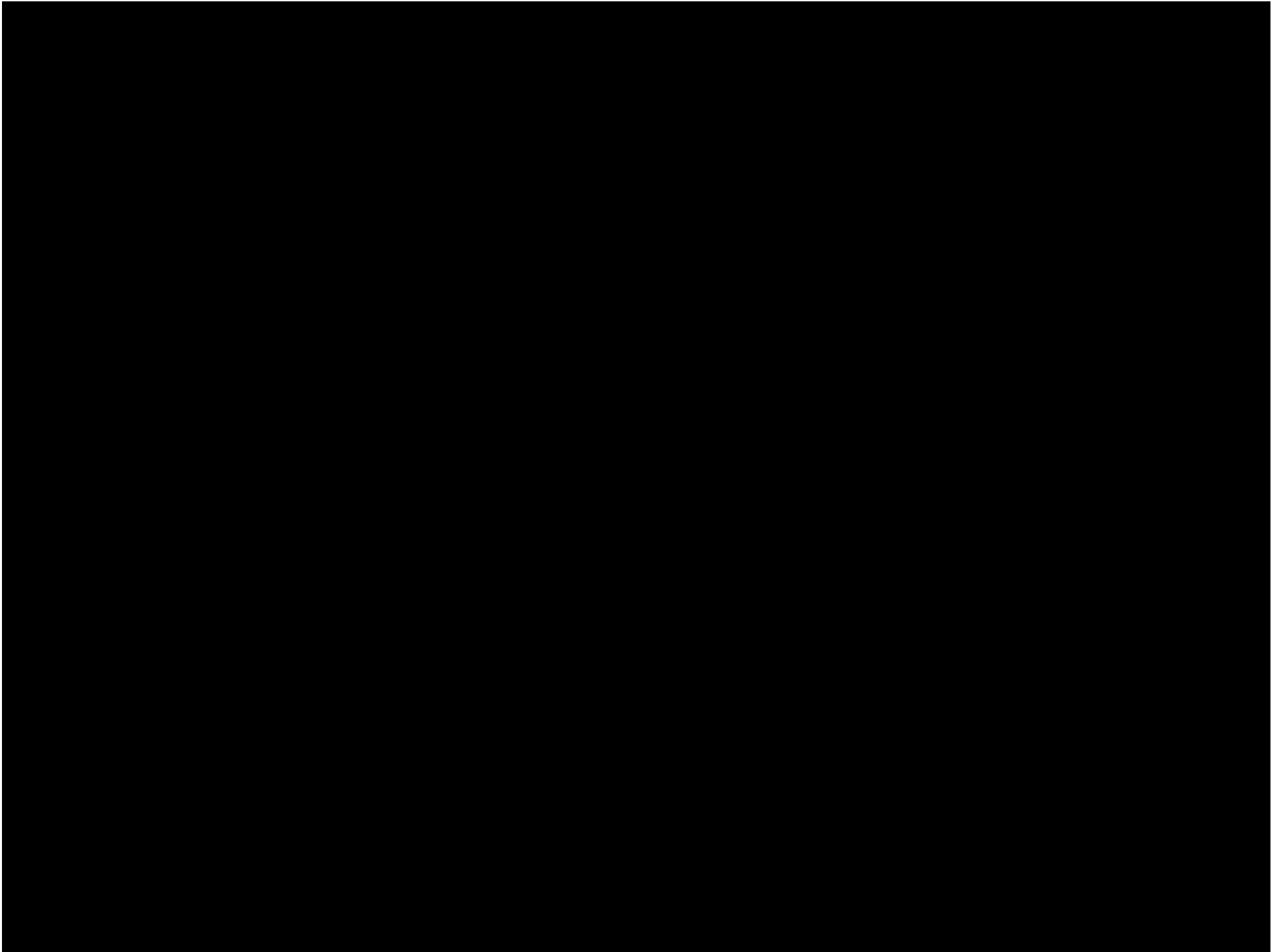
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This the News the Best news, for
Jesus is OUR Reason,

To celebrate, and show His Love,
this Merry Christmas Season

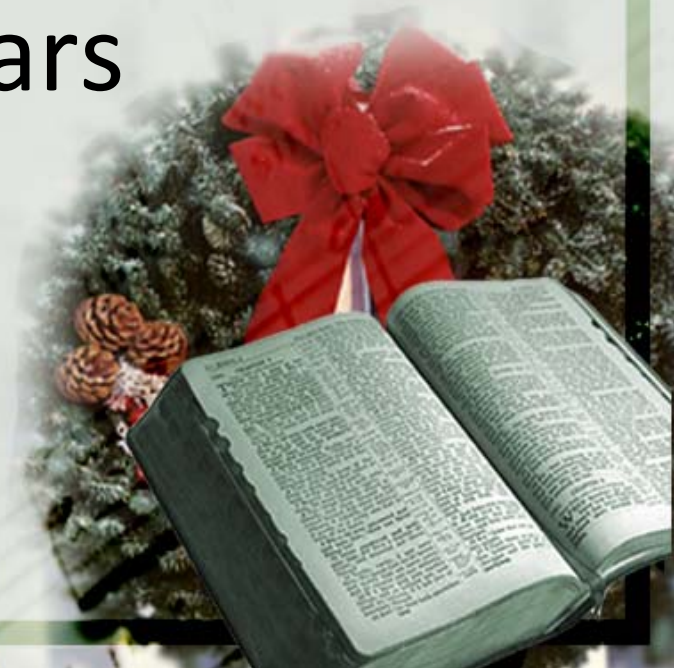
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“Blessed are those whose strength is in You, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the valley of tears they dig a well and they go from strength to strength until each appears before God in Zion.”

Psalm 84:5-7

Merry Christmas



*Blessed... set their hearts on
pilgrimage-*

choosing to follow hard after God



*As they pass through the valley
of tears-*

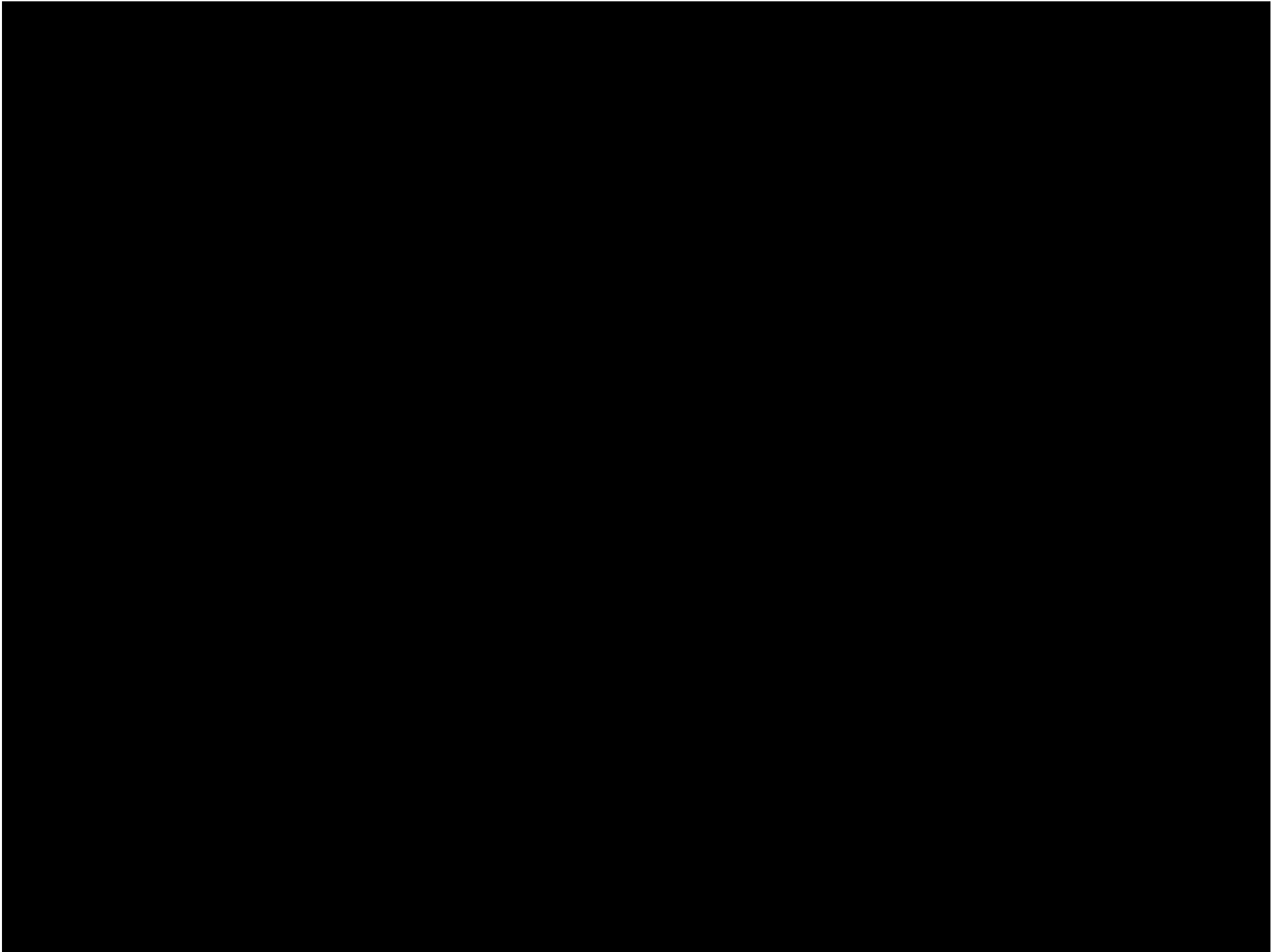
He doesn't say *if*; he says, *As*
it is inevitable that there will be
a valley of tears.

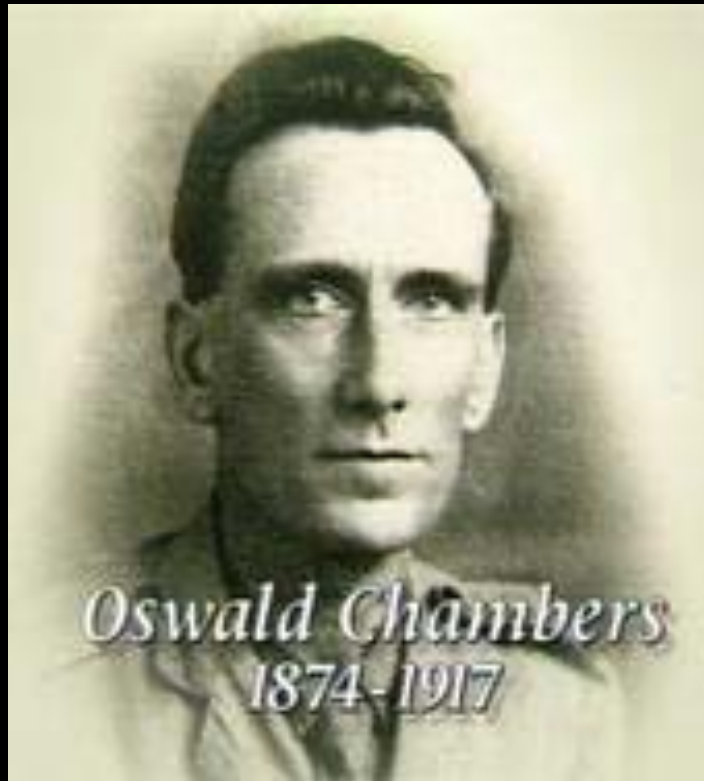


they dig a well-

in the Old Testament some
times people dug wells as
memorials to their encounters
with God.







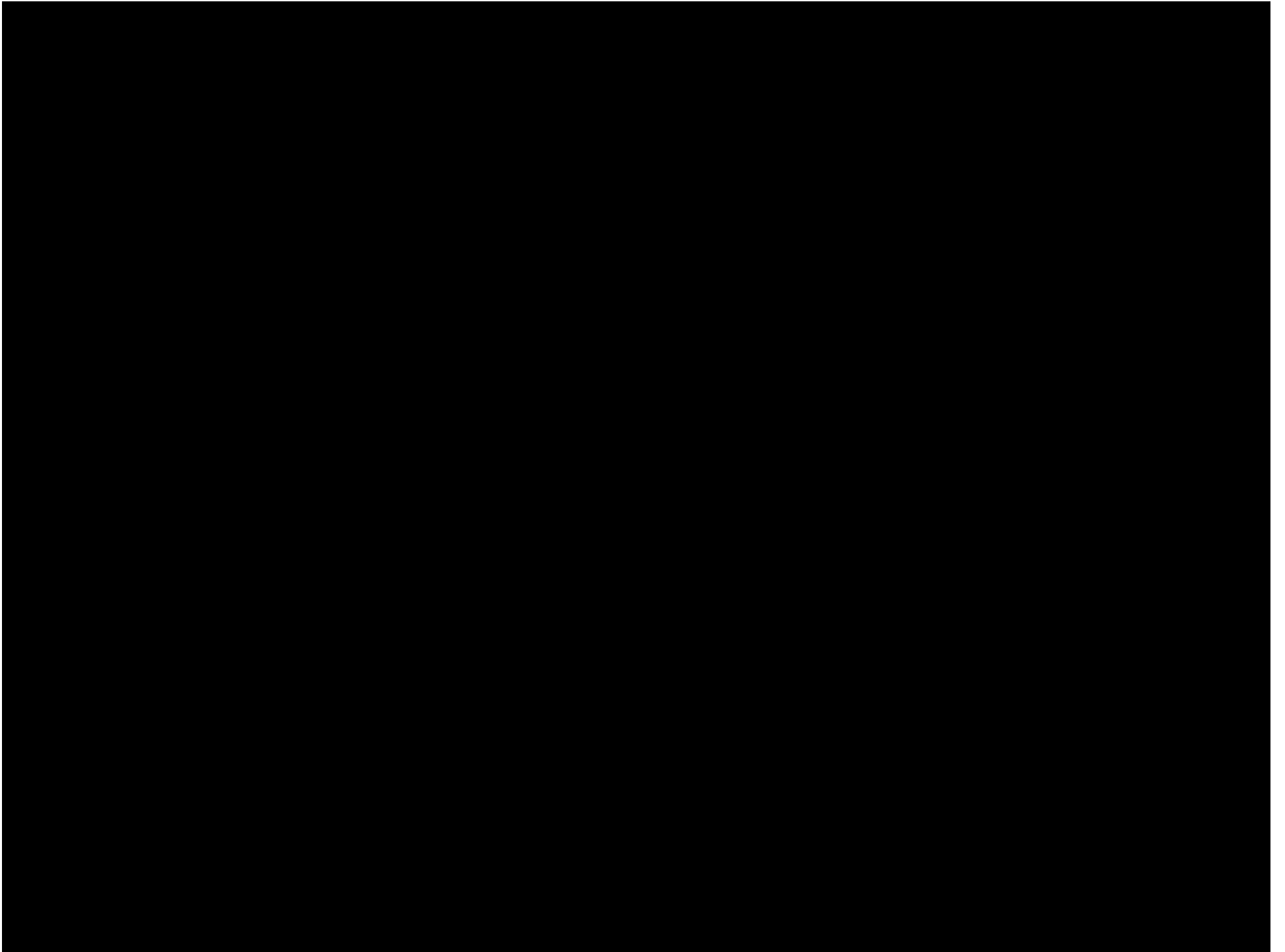
“If you yourself do not cut the rope that keeps you tied to the dock God just might send a storm that sets you out to sea. So be careful never to go back to what you once were when God wants you to become something that you have never been.”

“The Lord has His way in the
whirlwind and in the storm and
the clouds are the dust at His feet.”

Nahum 1:3

Merry Christmas





“Be still and know that I am God.”
Psalm 46:10

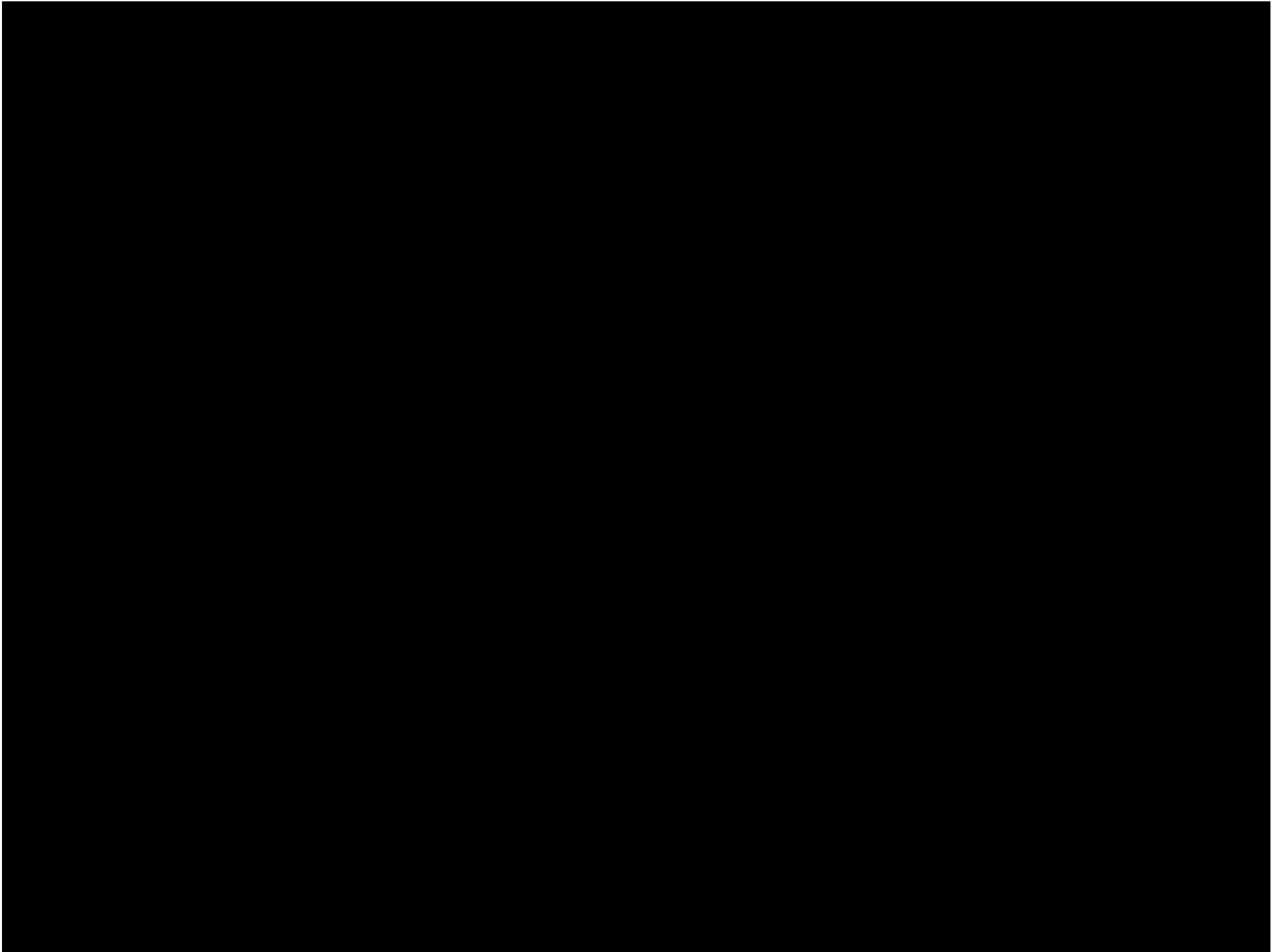
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“Therefore I tell you don’t worry about your life, what you will eat or drink or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more important than food? And the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store away in barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they are? *Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?* Why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all of his splendor was dressed like one of these.

If that is how God clothed the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So don't worry saying what shall we eat or what shall we drink or what shall we wear. For the pagans run after all of these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew Chapter 6



“You, Lord, will keep in perfect peace Him whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You. You give perfect peace to the one who trusts in You.” Isaiah 26:3

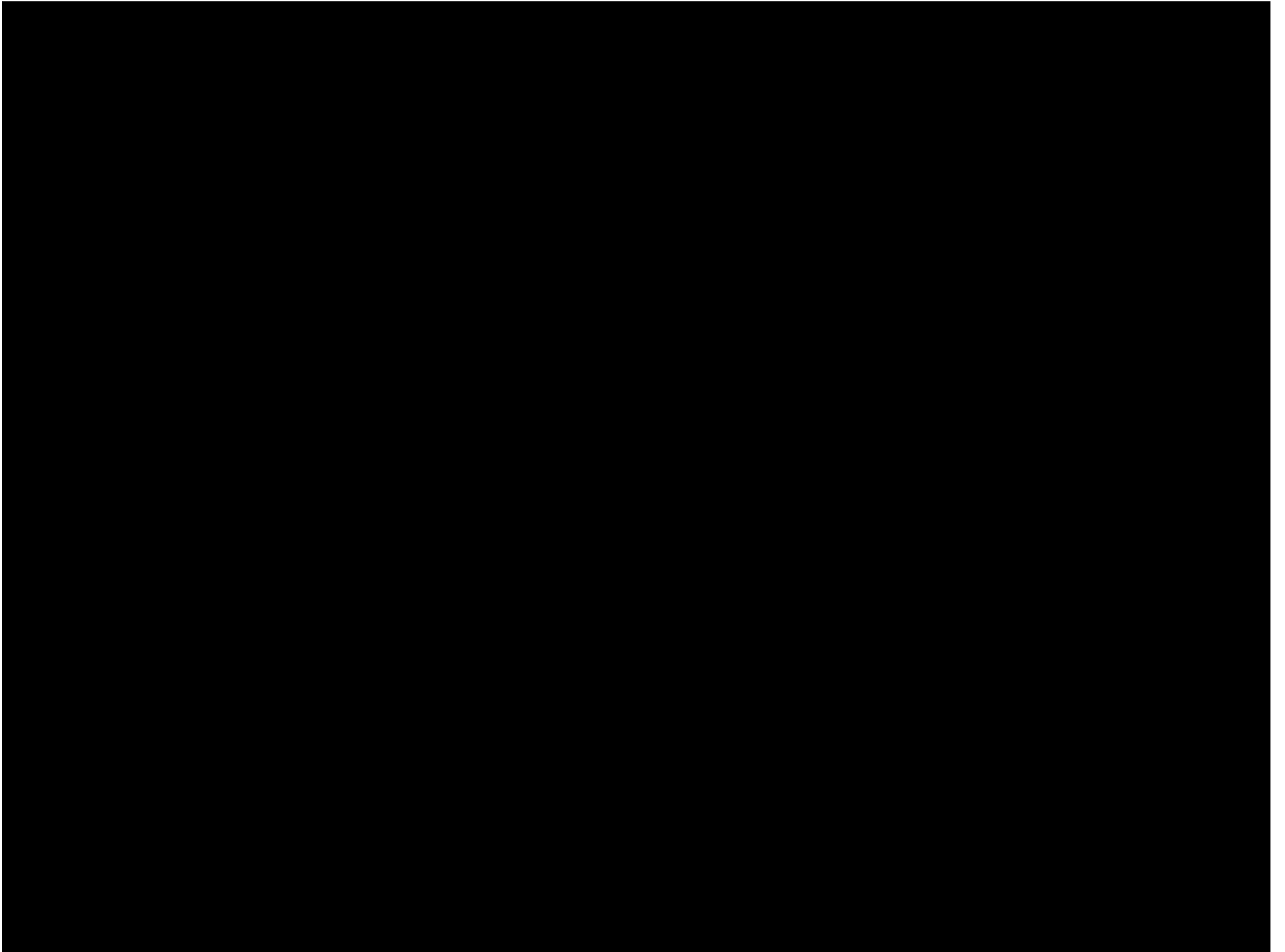
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**In other words if you want the
perfect peace of God,**

**you've got to TRUST THE GOD
of perfect peace.**





Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

Merry Christmas

A decorative Christmas-themed graphic. It features a green border around the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a photograph of an open Bible with a large red bow tied around it, and some pinecones. The background of the entire image has faint, light-colored musical notes and a soft, hazy light effect.

STEP 1- Don't worry
about anything



Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation,
by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

Merry Christmas



**STEP 2- Give up your
concerns to God**



Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and
petition, **with thanksgiving,**
present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6



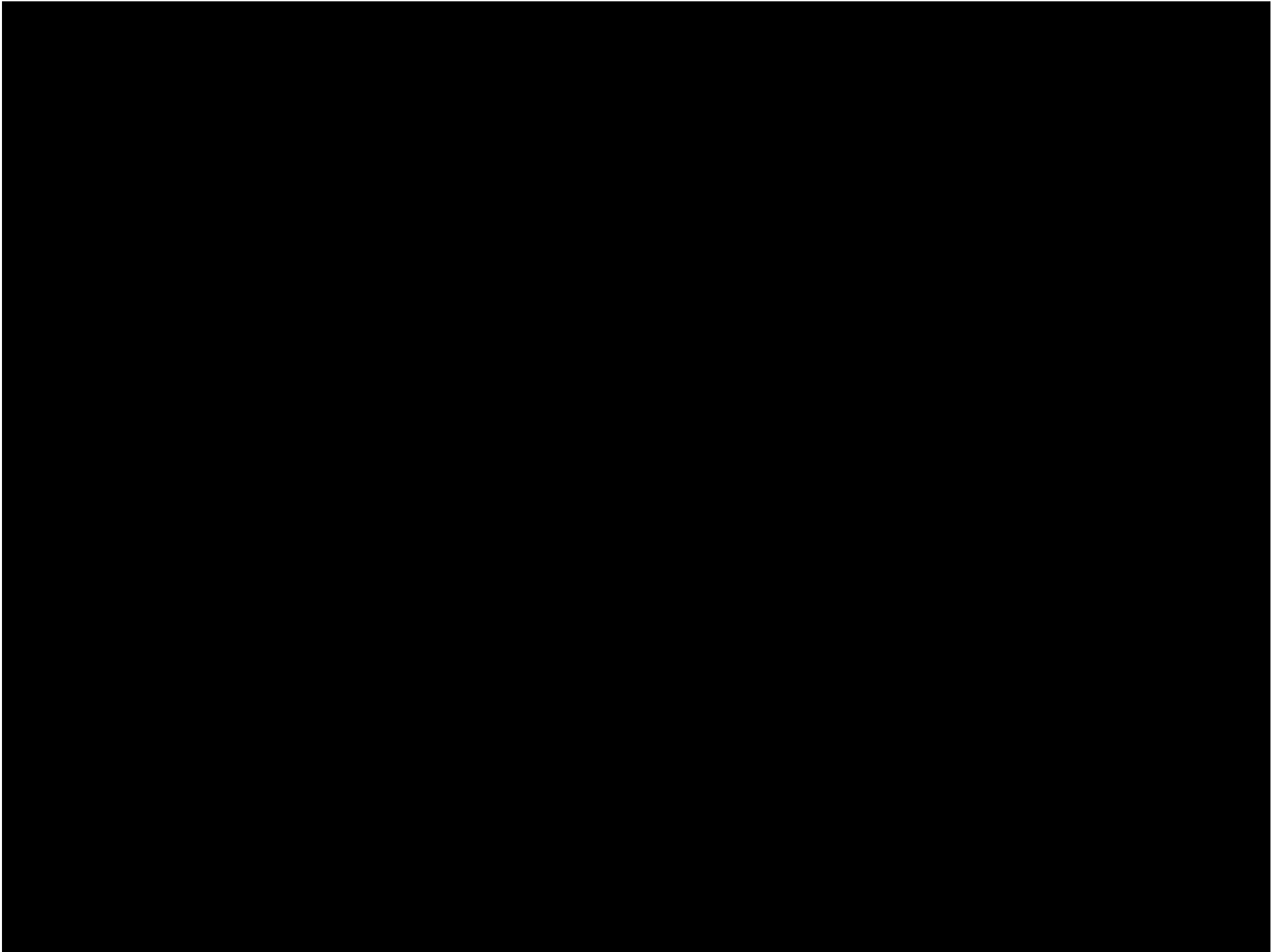
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STEP 3- don't forget to
say thank you





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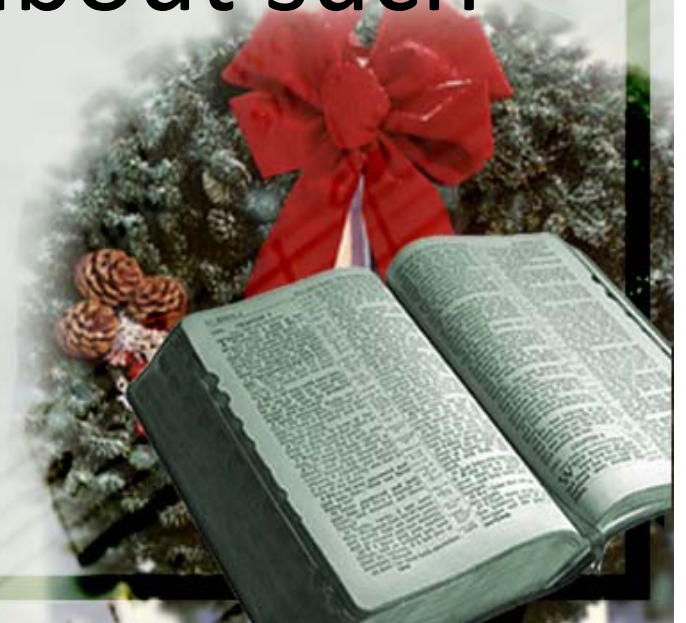
***...the peace of God* which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”** Philippians 4:7

Merry Christmas



Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is excellent
or praiseworthy—think about such
things. Philippians 4:8

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**STEP 4-change the way
you think.**



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Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—*put it into practice*. And **the God of peace** will be with you.

Philippians 4:9

Merry Christmas

An open Bible with a red bow on top, set against a background of a Christmas tree and musical notes. The Bible is open to a page with text, and the red bow is tied around the top edge. The background is a soft-focus image of a Christmas tree with lights and pinecones, overlaid with faint musical notes and a green border.

**And you'll not only have the
peace of God you'll have the
God of peace
with you.**



What it does mean is you will find the strength and peace and hope to face your problems with peace of mind and a sound mind and a sound heart if you will pray about it, offer it up to God and then focus your attention on who God is.



I don't know how anyone can get through this without God. Knowing God and WHO He is. I keep thinking "Oh, Jonah can't take anymore!" So one day I prayed "How much can a person take?" And an image of a person like from the concentration camps came to mind. Oh. I was sobered. Our bodies can take A LOT. Our bodies can recover from crazy things. Yes, this is traumatic mentally, this is traumatic emotionally, and all that. But we were made to be resilient, and since we have God to restore the mind and the soul, we'll be fine. His body can take a lot. I keep thinking my heart can't take much more either, but it does and it will. The heart can be broken over and over again. If we let God put it back together, we'll be fine. People keep saying "How do you do it?" and the answer truly is "By the grace of God".

