

# About Me



- Married to Evan for 44 years
- 4 married daughters and 11 grandchildren
- Ministered for 20 years in the Ivory Coast /19 in Senegal
- Currently debriefing missionary families





# *His Price is Right*

Rocky Mountain District  
Women's Retreat 2024



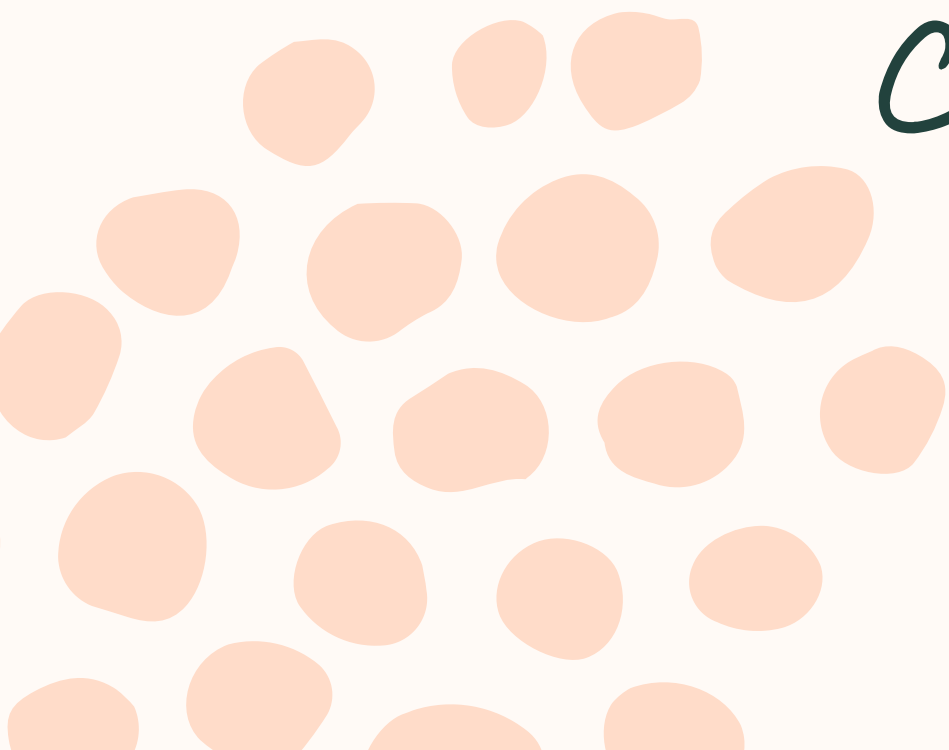
1. every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly realms
2. full pardon of our sins
3. fellowship with believers
4. His own righteousness to  
cover us on judgment  
day
5. eternal life

John  
Piper



I Chron 21:24

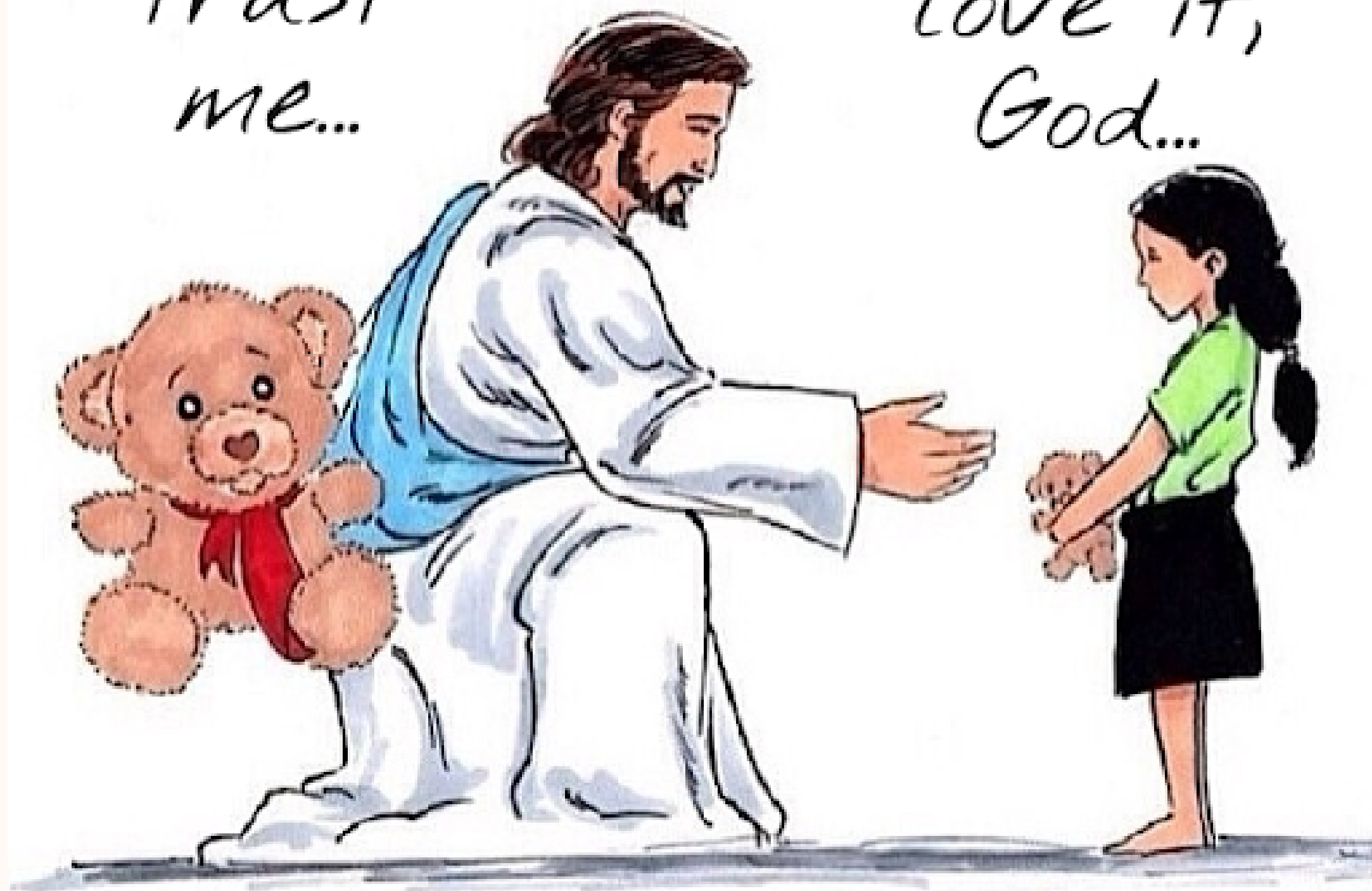
I will not offer to  
the Lord that which  
costs me nothing.





Just  
trust  
me...

But I  
love it,  
God...





Phil 3:7-9

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him.



# About Me

- Married to Aaron
- 3 boys: Beckett, Reese, and Declan
- Missionary Kid
- Worked with third culture kids in boarding schools for 12 years in Korea and Senegal
- Currently a mental health counselor in Royston, GA
- My co-speaker and I go way back





# Our Weekend at a Glance



**He Calls**



**He Equips**



**He is Present**



**He is Enough**





*He Calls*



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# What is a calling?

"Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service."

-Dallas Baptist University

"A calling is simply a tug on our hearts by God toward a particular thing."

-Abigail Folds, Relevant Magazine

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# Different Kinds of Callings

## **PRIMARY CALLING:** TO CHRIST HIMSELF

*(TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE  
HIM KNOWN)*

Romans 8:28-30

1 Peter 1:15-16

## **PERSONAL CALLING:** INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS

Romans 12:4-8

1 Corinthians 12:4-6, 17-20





# Personal Calling

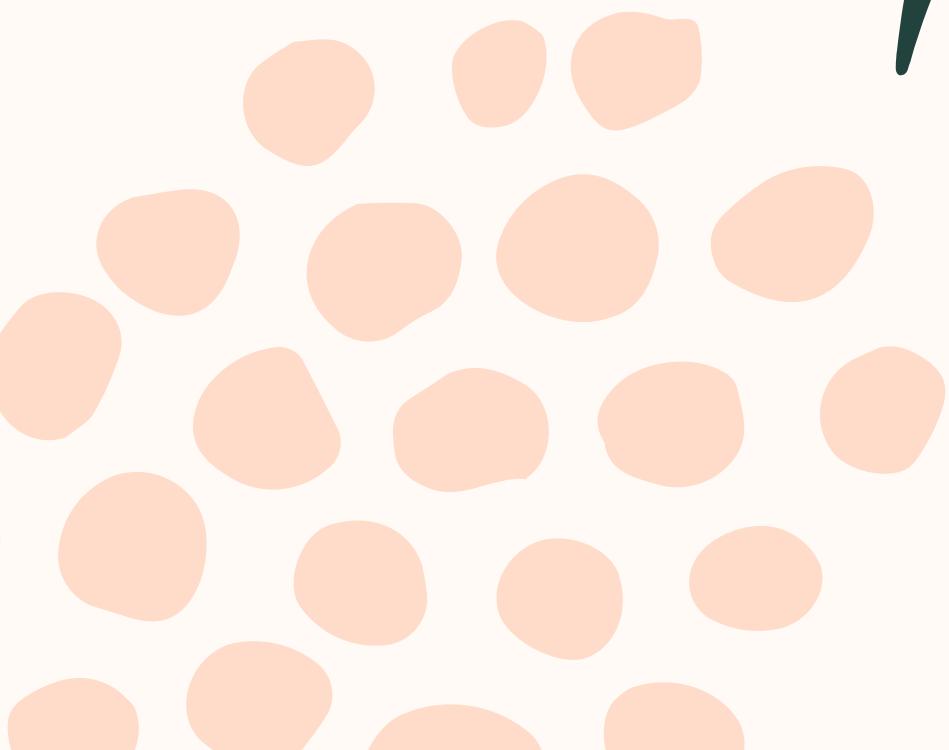
"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet"

-Frederick Buechner





What are you  
passionate about?

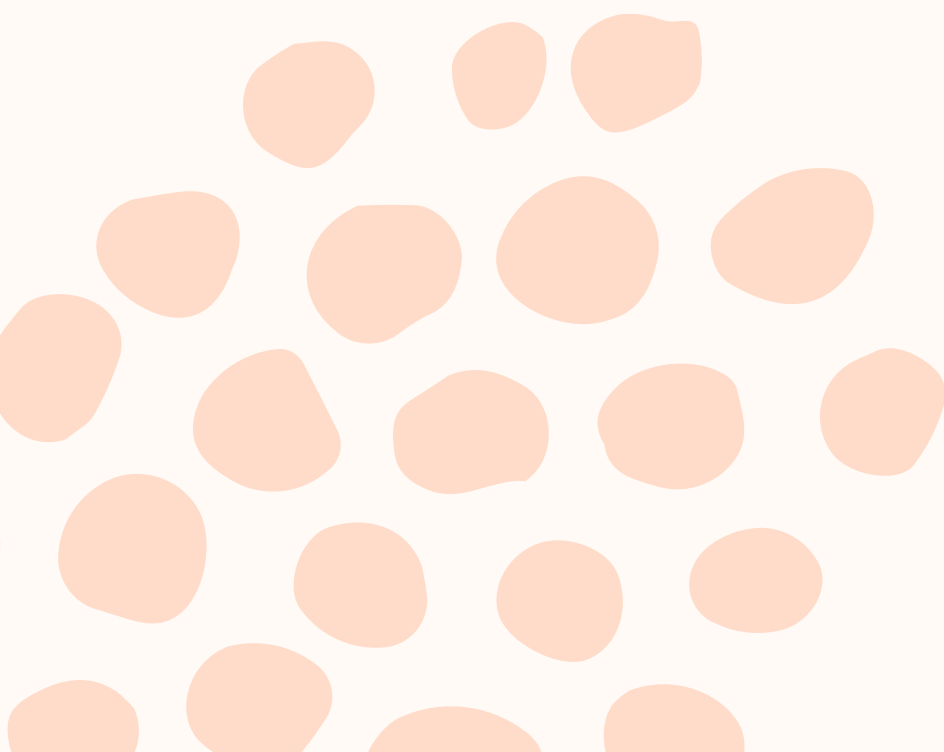









What burdens your  
heart?



Who is in your  
sphere of influence?







Is This  
God's  
Desire or  
Mine?

## QUESTIONS TO ASK :

1. Does scripture confirm it?
2. Is it in line with God's character (fruits of the spirit)?
3. Am I getting confirmation through other means?
4. Is it beyond me? (something I could not or would not do on my own)
5. Would it please God?

("Is God Speaking to Me?" by Lysa Terkeurst)





# Questions for Reflection

What are you passionate about?

What burdens your heart?

What is within your sphere of influence?


What God is asking of you? Today? In this season?







*He Equipos*




God gives us  
what we need:

**HEBREWS 13:20-21**

“Now may the God of peace,  
who through the blood of the  
eternal covenant brought back  
from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great Shepherd of the  
sheep, equip you with  
everything good for doing his  
will, and may he work in us  
what is pleasing to him,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom  
be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:8**

“And God is able to bless you  
abundantly, so that in all  
things at all times, having all  
that you need, you will abound  
in every good work.”







What's in  
your Hand?

1 Peter 4:10

"Each of you should use whatever  
gift you have received to serve  
others, as faithful stewards of  
God's grace in its various forms."

*Spiritual  
Gifts*

## Spiritual Gifts Survey

therealyou.org







Time

Position

Finances

Location

Connections

Possessions



*Strengths  
and  
Abilities*

**VIA Institute on  
Character**


[viacharacter.org](http://viacharacter.org)





Sometimes we need to  
trust that God will  
give us what we need  
when we need it... and  
not before!

(Mark 13:11)




"We should not worry about what our obedience to God will cost us. We **SHOULD** worry about what our disobedience will cause us to miss."

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”I’ve given you  
compassion.”






When we  
are weak,  
he is  
strong

## **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."





# Questions for Reflection

What “tools” has God given you to fulfill a call he has placed on your life? Consider your spiritual gifts, strengths, and resources.

What is lacking when you think about fulfilling a calling? Ask God for greater measures of faith and trust that he will equip you with all you need.





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*He is Present*



# Names of God



**Jehovah Shammah**  
"GOD IS THERE"



**Emmanuel**  
"GOD IS WITH US"




**El Roi**  
"THE GOD WHO SEES"



## Luke 7:36-39

Then one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, 'This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.'

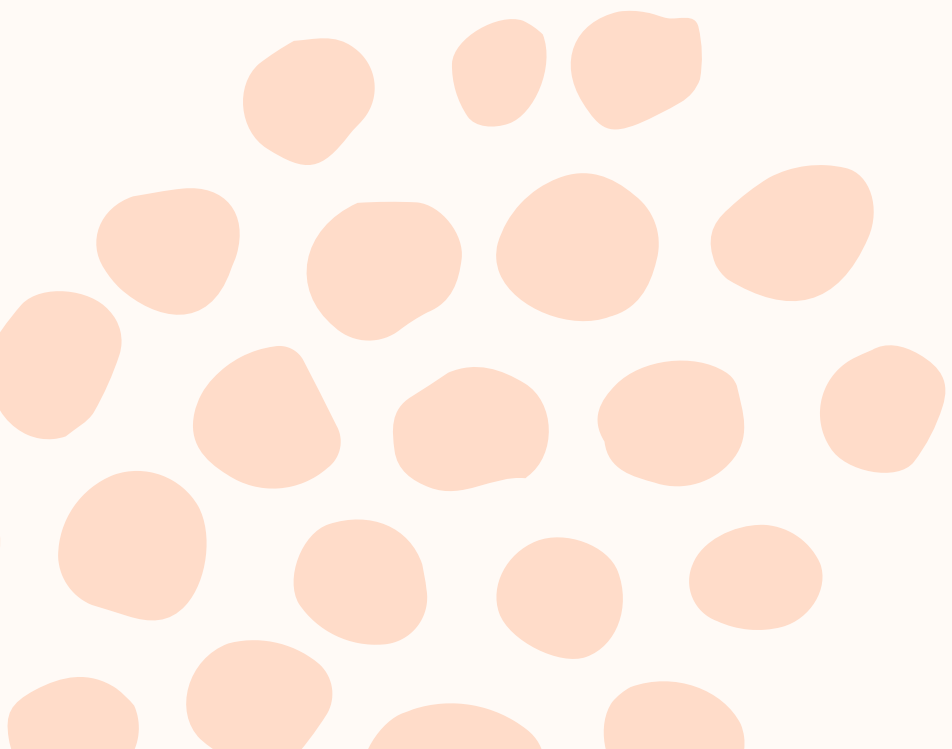




Does my worship interrupt the broken world of other  
people around me?


Do people around me even sense His presence in me?

Would people say there's something different about me?



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# Questions for Reflection

- How can I be more proactive about seeing myself as a “carrier of His presence” in my sphere of influence?
  - How does God’s presence make a difference in my life?
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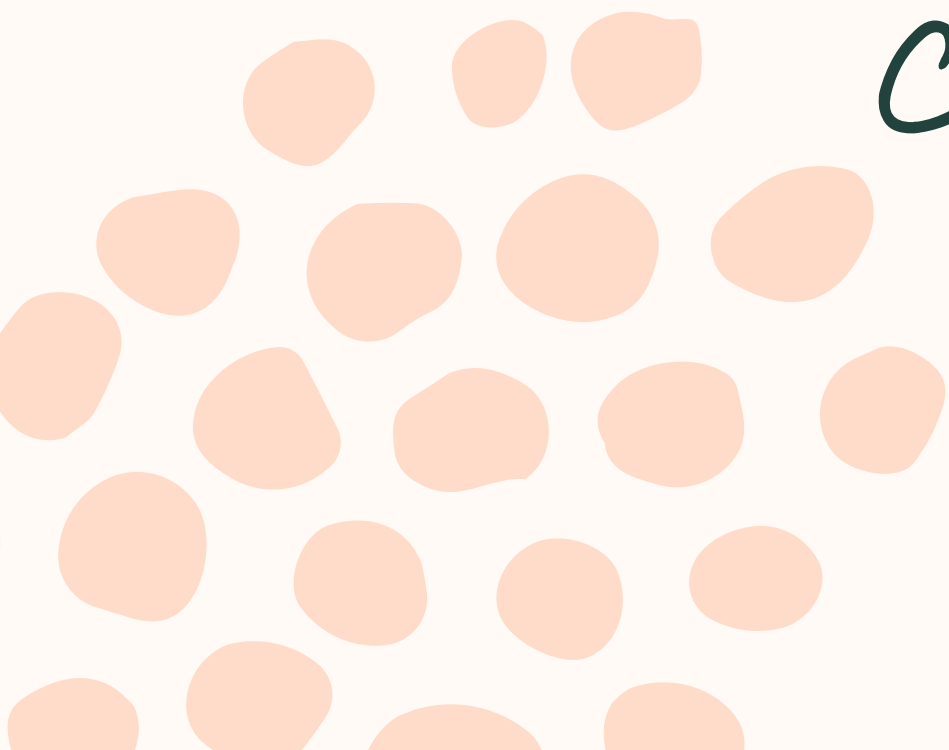
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*He is Enough*



I Chron 21:24


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the Lord that which  
costs me nothing.












“When we come to  
the place where  
we have nothing  
left but God, then  
we become aware  
that God is all we  
need.”

“Safety is not  
the absence of  
danger – but  
the presence of  
God.”








*I Cor 1:8,9*

“For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God.”



”Our faith develops most strongly and God is most fully glorified when we feel only His absence, when every trace of His presence vanishes and our resolve to trust continues.”



1. I want to experience God's presence in the midst of the trial I am currently going through. I don't want my pain to be wasted.
2. I want to be willing to count the cost and follow God no matter what it costs me.
3. I need to express some negative emotions, but afterwards, I am willing to place my trust in a GOD WHO IS ABLE. I give up having to know the "why's" and I trust His sovereignty.
4. Even though I ONLY feel God's absence, I choose to believe the truth from His Word that He will NEVER leave me stranded or abandon me. (Deut. 31:6)