



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal
Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

THE VALLEY - BY JODI M. KUCERA

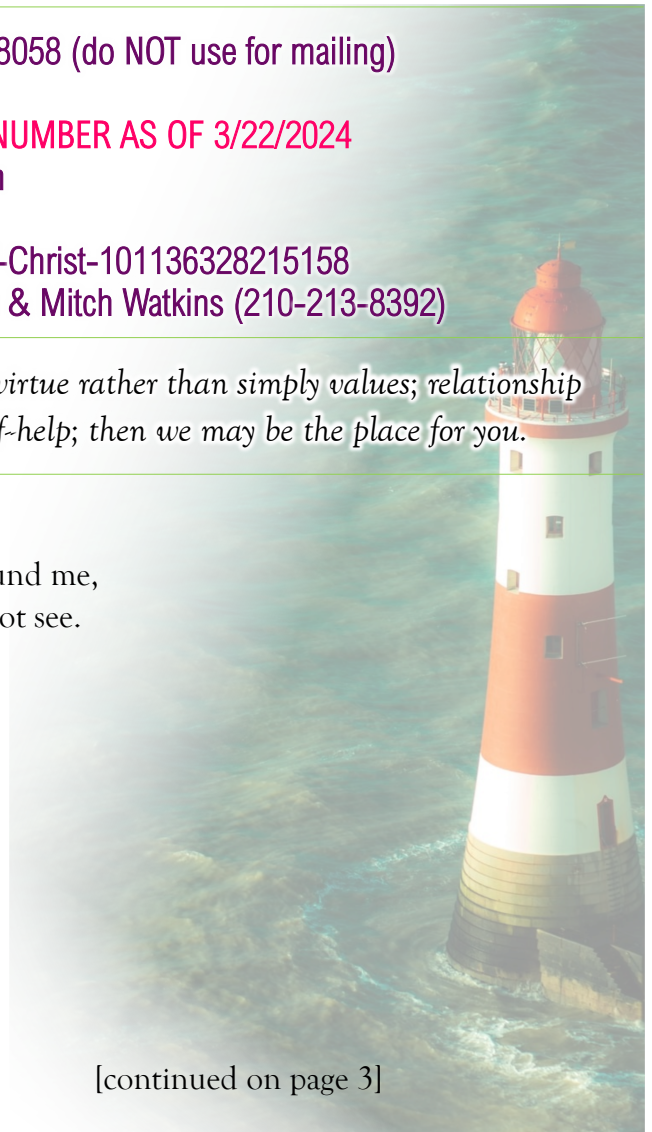
I'm frightened by the enormity of the mountains that surround me,
Blinded by the darkness of troubles of which the end I cannot see.

I'm drowning in worry and my soul is weary,
These burdens I can no longer carry.

This is known as "The Valley," a place of deep despair,
With no hope in sight, I fall to my knees in prayer.

"Lord, this journey is too hard, and I feel so alone,
And I'm so afraid of all the unknowns."

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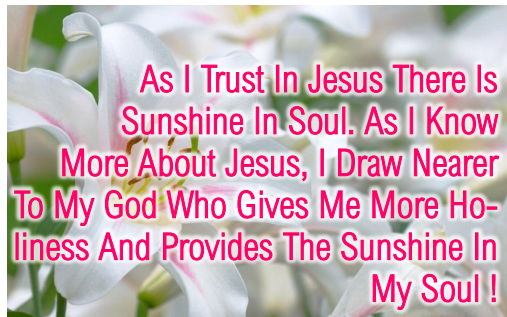
WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We *PROMISE* Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 299—*There Is Sunshine In My Soul Today*

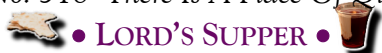
Song No. 348—*Nearer My God To Thee*

- MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 350—*More Holiness Give Me*

Song No. 369—*More About Jesus*

Song No. 318—*There Is A Place Of Quiet Rest*



- LORD'S SUPPER •
- SERMON — *SEE RIGHT COLUMN* •

Invitation Song No. 464—*More Love To Thee*

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 210—*'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus*

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE

SERMON

FAITH OVER THE WORLD — 1 JOHN 5:4-5



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Galatians 6:11-18; 1 Timothy 2:9-10; Galatians 2:20; Jeremiah 9:23-24; 1 Corinthians 1:19-21; 3:19-20; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 4:16; Galatians 6:8

• SERMON OUTLINE •

INTRODUCTION — (1) John Writes Much On Overcoming The World | (2) The "World": Things That Separate From God | (3) Other Worldly Hinderances | (4) We Can Withstand Them

- I. Faith In Jesus Defined
 - A. Faith In General...
 - B. Faith In Jesus As The Son Of God...
 1. It Is A Strong Conviction Or Trust In Jesus:
 2. Peter Professed This Faith In Jesus - John 6:68-69
 3. When A Person Has Such Faith In Jesus...
 4. For Those With An Active Faith In Jesus, Their Lives Are Built On A Solid Foundation...
- II. Faith In Jesus Developed
 - A. Faith Comes From Evidence...
 - B. Faith Comes From The Word Of God...
 1. Romans 10:17
 2. The Word Produces
 3. Faith Leads To Victory Over The World

Conclusion - (1) Faith In Jesus Gives Victory | (2) Faith Comes From The Word Of God

— INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall (Use Rear Doors)

Please Join Us When Possible!

— 1 Corinthians 13:10-14:6 —



— NEXT WEEK —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

SUNNY GLEN

Truck Route

Items Requested:

Cake Mix & Frostings (Any)



Aluminum Foil (Any Kind, Any Sizes)



Capri Sun & Other Juice Pouches
(Any Kind & Flavor)



Fabuloso Floor Cleaner



Pickup: June 11-12, 2024

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The Lord took me by the hand,
And in that moment, he helped me to understand.

He said, "My child, though the valley can be painful,
it is a place of beauty,
For it's in these moments you experience me fully.

It's here where I hear your cries,
And where faithlessness dies.

It's a place of low-lying rivers where your thirst
can be quenched,
And green pastures that offer you a place to reflect.

It's a place where I'll carry you when you can't
take another step,
And I'll tell you about the tears I collected as you wept.

It's a place where you'll learn perseverance,
And one where you'll discover your purpose.

It's a journey where testimonies are made,
And one where when you look back, you will sing
my praise.

So, no matter how painful, look for the beauty;
just open your eyes,
For it is then that you'll see me walking by your side."





CURRENT CONCERNS

- May The Will Of GOD, The FATHER Of LOVE, HOPE, COMPASSION, GRACE & MERCY, And RIGHTEOUS Be Done
- *People Affected By Natural Disasters In The U.S.A. And Around The World*
- Our Local, State & Federal Government Officials, Military, First Responders & Teachers
- Nourishing & Life-giving Rain
- Coronavirus, Flu & Other Deadly Sickesses
- Civil Unrest, Racial Strife & Mass Shootings
- War, Unrest & Lack Of Peace In Other Countries

APRIL 14

PEOPLE FOR WHOM & SITUATIONS FOR WHICH TO PRAY, ADDITIONS:

ALL FOLLOWING ENTRIES ARE BY DATE ORDER AND ARE ALPHABETICAL BY LAST NAME. A **SUPERSCRIPED NUMBER IN BRACKETS, I.E., ^[1]**, AT THE END OF AN ENTRY DENOTES HOW MANY WEEK(S) THE ENTRY HAS BEEN PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

- ◇ Alderman, Roy [Ronda Spicer’s brother] – Praise GOD! He continues to improve and is currently undergoing OT & Speech therapy. ^[NEW]
- ◇ French, Missae – She was hospitalized Wednesday, April 10 for testing. She had an infection of some sort and was given meds to treat her condition. She’s staying with her daughter in San Antonio while she’s convalescing. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Spicer, Ronda – Her doctor told her her knees are bone-on-bone. As her doctor no longer performs surgeries, she’s to receive steroid shots for now to see if they’ll work. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Strunk, Lea – She’s been experiencing foot issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Vierling, Gene – He’s been taken off his heart meds for a bit. He’ll see his doctor in about 3 weeks. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Watkins, Betsy – While Mitch was driving home Sunday afternoon (April 14), he received a call to tell him Betsy had had a seizure. Fortunately her sister and a good friend were with her. She went to Seaton Austin Main where blood work and an MRI. Nothing was found in either that could possibly cause seizure. She was placed on and antiseizure medicine and will have an EEG soon. ^[NEW]

APRIL 14

- ◇ Bonin, Danny [Husband of friend of Watkins’] – He’s been in severe pain due to a cyst pressing against his back. He’s supposed to have surgery May 9, but only if his cardiologist approves (pending). ^[NEW]
- ◇ Bonin, Donna [Friend of Watkins’] – She had a suspicious area in her last mammogram and is scheduled for an ultrasound May 6. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Flatequal, Fletcher [Pam Flatequal’s son] – He

will definitely have reconstructive surgery to repair his cholesteatoma in his ear but there's no date set yet. ^[NEW]

- ◇ LaFleur, Miranda [Friend of Preston Davis (Tom Woodard's friend)] – She'll be having a procedure(s) to rebuild her brain floor along with cosmetic surgery(s) on her face and mouth due to her vehicle accident. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Montalvo, Louie [Laura Gardner's son's best friend] – He's back in the hospital with suspected heart issues. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Parra, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor and friend] – He saw a heart specialist Friday, April 12. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane's Cheryl Vela's granddaughter Olivia – She's been in the hospital with RSV. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Slaughter, Ron [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] He has a painful hernia but cannot have corrective surgery until he's one year out from his heart stint procedure. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She continues to feel poorly. ^[NEW]
- ◇ Smoot, Jeremy [Smoots' nephew] – He had stints implanted Thursday, April 11 due to having 100% blockage. ^[NEW]

APRIL 7

- ◇ Bridgewater, Rebecca [Mitch Watkins' sister] – Experiencing health issues. She's seeing several doctors about her condition(s). ^[1]
- ◇ Flatequal, Pam – **Praise GOD!** She's excited to be a soon-to-be great grandmother! Pray all goes well with the pregnancy! ^[1]
- ◇ Taiwan – Taiwanese People as they recover from the 7.2 Magnitude Earthquake. Pray for the Victims – 9 Killed, 50 Missing, Over 900 injured. ^[1]
- ◇ U.S. Northeast – Any peoples affected by the 4.8 earthquake followed by 4.0 aftershock and any others that may still occur. ^[1]
- ◇ Watkins, Mitch – His back and hips have been bothering him more and more. ^[1]

MARCH 31

- ◇ Haby, Casey [Mark Cashion's (Friend of the congregation) sister-in-law?] – Her cancer has returned after having a double mastectomy sometime in the past. ^[2]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She may possibly have a stint(s) implanted in her heart. ^[2]
- ◇ Slaughter, Mary [Melanie McMeans' sister] – She was in a head-on collision but Praise GOD! she wasn't hurt badly – mostly bruises and soreness. ^[2]
- ◇ Smoot, Bailey & Dan'iel [Smoots' granddaughters] – Bailey will be doing mission work in South Africa and Dan'iel will be doing mission work on the remaining Hawaiian Islands. ^[2]
- ◇ Vela, John & Cheryl [Ruane Renninger's son-in-law and daughter] – On extended vacation in Japan ^[2]

ONGOING

NOTE: If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.

Barron, Pat Family ^[3]; Bippert, Cheryl ^[19]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[19]; Boldt, Sandy ^[19]; Brown, Hunter ^[9]; Brown, Scott ^[26]; Brown, Stephanie ^[12]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[27]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[14]; Burris, Gloria ^[7]; Burris, Joyce ^[4]; Corren, Jan ^[14]; Davis, Randy Family ^[21]; Davis, Preston ^[9]; Davis, Preston Family ^[27]; Delaney, Sophie ^[15]; Dye, Joyce ^[22]; Evans, Steve ^[15]; Fintel, Pam ^[22]; Green, Marvin ^[16]; Green, Sonia ^[12]; Lopez, Emily ^[6]; Mays, Alice Family ^[14]; McLay, Carla ^[9]; McLay, Gary ^[9]; McMeans, Velma ^[11]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[21]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[21]; Neal, Larry ^[9]; Noble, David Family ^[25]; Norris, David Family ^[14]; Parra, Rudy ^[27]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[9]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[13]; Shaw, Nancy ^[14]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[11]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[13]; Smoot, Cody & Emily ^[7]; Smoot, Randy ^[6]; Sparks, Janice ^[3]; Torres, Donna ^[19]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[17]; Turnbow, Gary ^[17]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[11]; Villarreal, Douglas ^[6]; Welsby, Chris ^[11]; Wentrcek, James Family ^[17]

TEAR COLLECTOR

— BY JODI M. KUCERA

There's a shelf where many bottles sit,
Each with names in perfectly written print.

My fingers danced among the bottles as I walked
the length of the shelf,
When I stumbled upon my name and a man who
introduced himself.

A caretaker, carefully tending to each bottle with
profound emotion in his eyes,
Told me he was the collector of all the tears that
have ever been cried.

He took my bottle from the shelf and clutched it
to his chest.
He said, "I collected these in moments that were
your worst and your best."

He opened the lid and began to pull them out
one by one
And held them gently in the cradle of his palm.

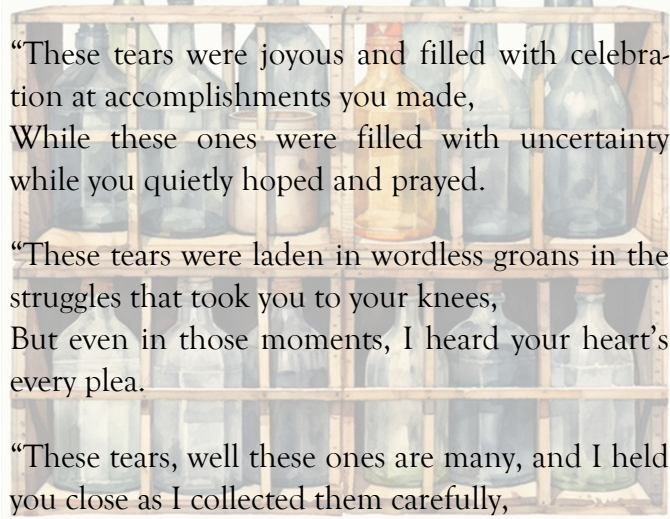
He began to explain what each tear represents
And the memories they held as he took a mo-
ment to reflect.

He said, "These tears started my collection at the
beginning of your life,"
And with tenderness in his voice he said,
"Though I knew many more would be cried.

"These tears were joyous and filled with celebra-
tion at accomplishments you made,
While these ones were filled with uncertainty
while you quietly hoped and prayed.

"These tears were laden in wordless groans in the
struggles that took you to your knees,
But even in those moments, I heard your heart's
every plea.

"These tears, well these ones are many, and I held
you close as I collected them carefully,

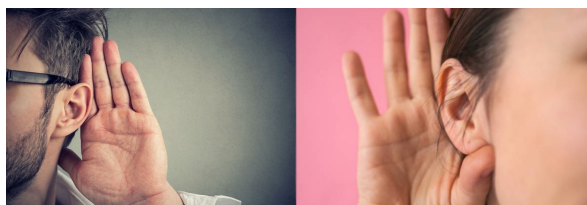


SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 78:1-4

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears
to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth
in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, ³ which
we have heard and known, and our fathers have told
us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
telling to the generation to come the praises of the
Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that
He has done.

F F M G Q N O S L E E T K X A Y H J
M A P C O M E G Y N Y T F V X Y X F
B T W R E V V N U O U M J B F E Z I
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V E W I A C H I L D R E N P T S Y P
E A R S E D G Y Z E E Q K D H Q C R



These tears are heavy with grief when loved ones
closed their eyes and awoke in eternity.

"You see, though many have been cried, I have
collected them all,
For each of them matter to me, no matter how
big or how small.

"So I keep them safely on my shelf as I know
there are more to collect,
Until the day there is no sorrow and no more
tears to be wept."

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS









Cris Street	April 27	Birthday
Missae French	May 4	Birthday
Carol Vierling	May 22	Birthday

*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And May 22, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>"Table" Fellowship Potluck Lunch – <i>After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM</i> Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun–Apr 28	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>I Have Hope For Heaven</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 5	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Back To The Bible</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 12	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>One Body</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun–May 19	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY – <i>Til Death Do Us Part</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun–Apr 21	<p>National ¹Kindergarten & ²Chickpea & ³KChocolate Covered Cashews Days </p>
Mon–Apr 22	<p>In God We Trust Day April Showers Day National Jelly Bean Day</p>
Tue–Apr 23	<p>National ¹Cherry Cheesecake & ²English Muffin & ³Picnic Days </p>
Wed–Apr 24	<p>World Meningitis Awareness Day National ¹Pigs-In-A-Blanket & ²Denim Days</p>
Fri–Apr 26	<p>National ¹Arbor & ²Audubon & ³Help-A-Horse & ⁴Pretzel Days </p>
Sat–Apr 27	<p>National ¹Prime Rib & ²Gummi Bear & ³Go Birding Days International Marconi (Inventor Of The Radio) Day Morse Code Day World Veterinary Day</p>
Sun–Apr 28	<p>National ¹Blueberry Pie & ²Pet Parents & ³Superhero Days Clean Comedy Day</p>

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

**ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!**

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Apr 21 - 2 Sam 1-4
MON	Apr 22 - Ps 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
TUE	Apr 23 - 1 Chr 1-2
WED	Apr 24 - Ps 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
THU	Apr 25 - 1 Chr 3-5
FRI	Apr 26 - Ps 73, 77-78
SAT	Apr 27 - 1 Chr 6

Sam = Samuel | Ps = Psalms | Chr = Chronicles

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALMS

Psalm 43:3-4 — ³Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle. ⁴Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.

Psalm 85:8-9 — ⁸I will hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people and to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Psalm 85:10-13 — ¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed. ¹¹Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹²Yes, the Lord will give what is good; and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before Him, and shall make His footsteps our pathway.

