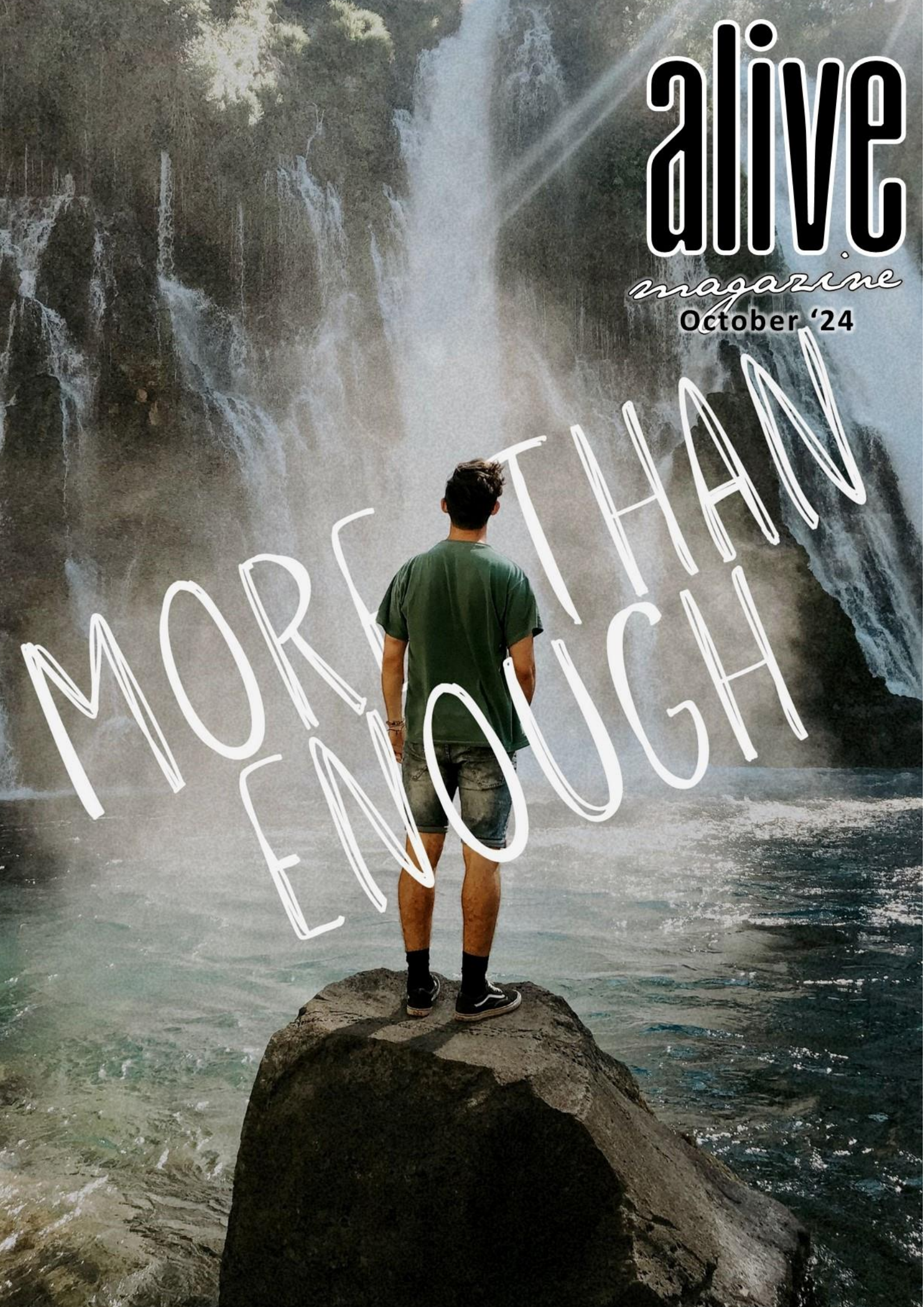


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What are the

RICHES OF HIS GLORY

(Philippians 4:19)?

THE GLORY OF HIS KINGDOM

Philippians 4:19 speaks of God's abundant provision for believers. Paul writes, "My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Here, the phrase riches of his glory is a testament to God's gracious ability to meet the needs of His children.

In the immediate context of Philippians 4:19, Paul expresses gratitude to the Philippians for their financial support during his imprisonment. The support was sent through Epaphroditus, a partner with Paul in the ministry of the gospel. Because of their generosity, Paul assures the Philippians that God will not overlook their good deed: "My God will meet all your need according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). This assurance is a wonderful reminder that God's provision for believers is not limited to human resources but flows from God's infinite storehouses of glory.

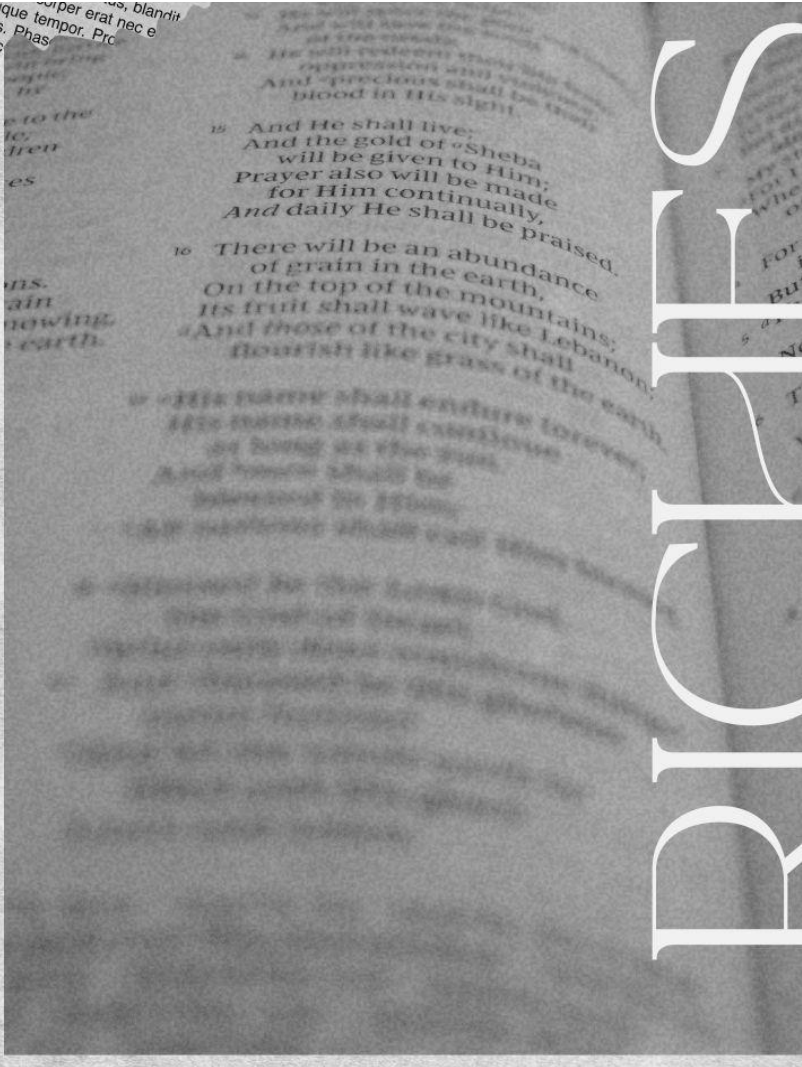
In Scripture, God's glory is associated with His majesty (Psalm 8:1), power (1 Chronicles 29:11), and presence (John 1:14). The glory of God is manifested in all His attributes together. It is the beauty of His nature, eternal and excelling in splendor.

In Ephesians 3:16, Paul prays that "according to the riches of [God's] glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (ESV). Likewise, in Romans 9:23, Paul mentions "the riches of his glory [made] known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory." In both passages, God's glory involves His nature and His active engagement with believers. The glory of God provides a spiritual treasury of blessings for those who trust in Him.

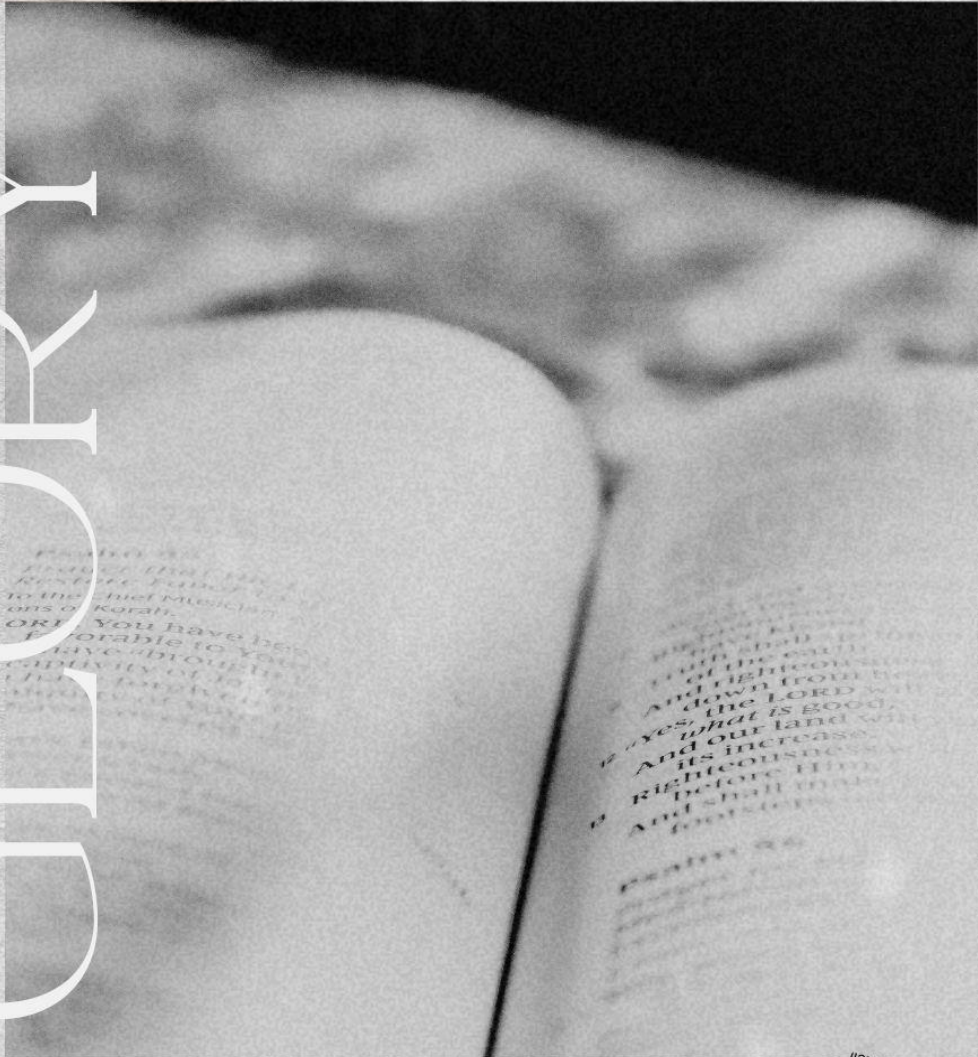
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The "riches of his glory," according to Paul, are found "in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). This suggests that the riches of God's glory are made possible through the finished work of Christ. In Christ, believers have access to every spiritual blessing from the Father. Paul writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:3, ESV). Through the finished work of Christ, believers have access to an overabundant supply of blessings that are more than sufficient to meet our needs.

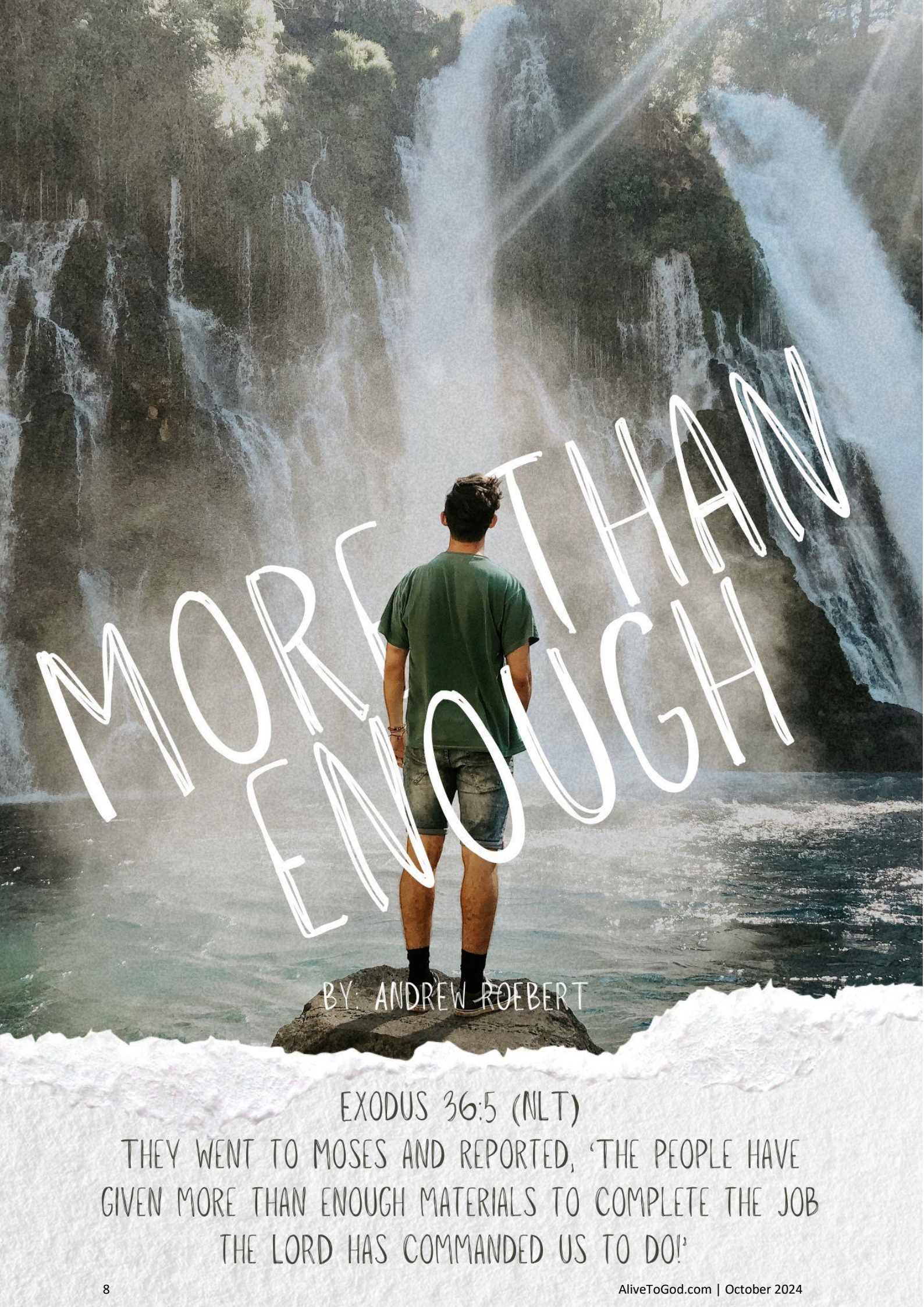


God's abundant grace is part of the riches of His glory. Paul writes, "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV). Here, the word rich refers not to material wealth but to the spiritual riches that come through the sacrificial death of Christ. He became an earth-bound pauper so we could know the abundant fulness of heaven.



GLORIOUS

In short, the “riches of his glory” in Philippians 4:19 refers to the abundant resources with which God meets the needs of believers. He possesses all things, and He has an inexhaustible ability to supply their needs. Because God is infinitely glorious and infinitely gracious, He is able and willing to provide for every need. This assurance is rooted in the person and work of Christ, who is “full of grace and truth” (John 1:14, ESV).



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BY: ANDREW ROEBERT

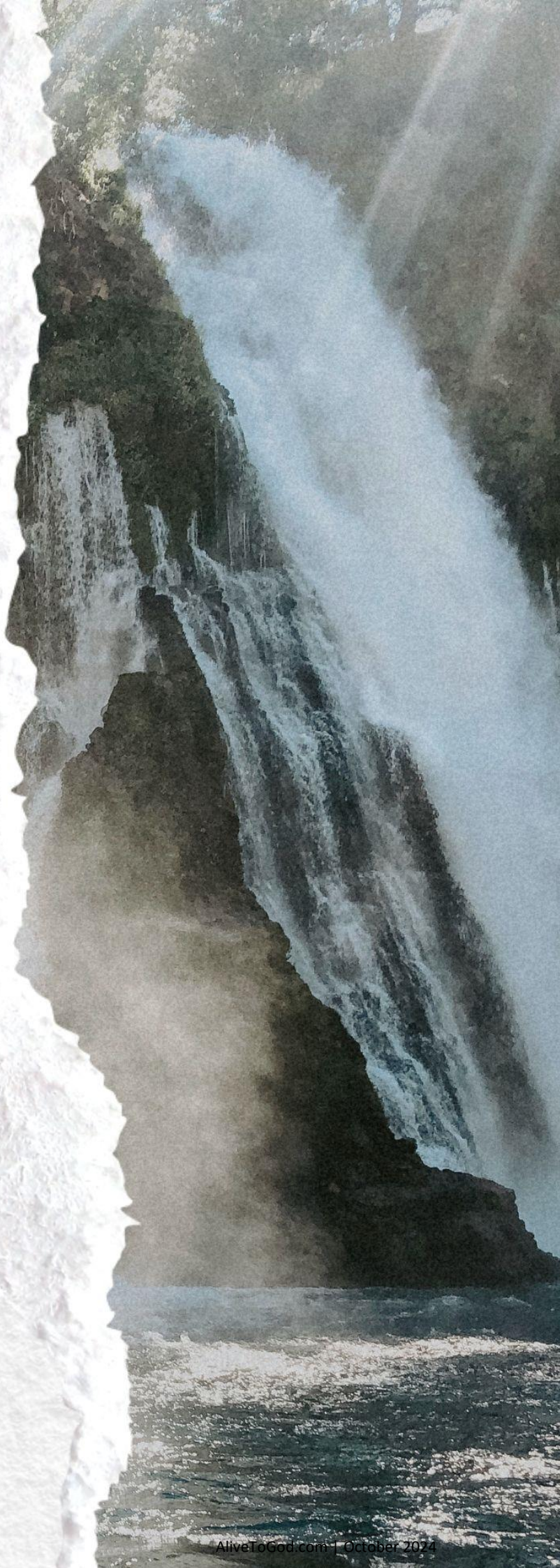
EXODUS 36:5 (NLT)

THEY WENT TO MOSES AND REPORTED, 'THE PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN MORE THAN ENOUGH MATERIALS TO COMPLETE THE JOB THE LORD HAS COMMANDED US TO DO!'

In the story recorded in Exodus the Lord had given the instructions to build a sanctuary/tabernacle for Him. The purpose was so that HE could come and dwell among His people. This gave the people a vision and a purpose to fulfil. They all brought what they had to contribute towards the vision and the result was that there was 'more than enough' to complete the task. What lessons can we learn from this story?

GOD'S WAY — MORE THAN ENOUGH

Providing more than enough is always God's way of working. When the Lord asks us to do something and we respond to His direction, He provides more than enough to achieve the task. When we are walking in His ways and His paths, He steps in and provides all that is needed and more. When we follow our own ideas or our own plans, we have to provide what is needed for our own ideas to succeed, but when we walk in His ways, He provides. The idea of 'more than enough' is something we don't hear much about in life today. In fact, we hear more about 'not enough' instead. I hear it all the time, something coming out of my own mouth; 'I don't have enough time', 'I don't have enough money', 'I don't have enough energy', 'I don't have enough skill or knowledge' or 'I don't have the desire to do this or that'. This is where we need God more than ever in our lives. He is the One Who enables us to do more than we could have imagined. He is the One Who can take a little and make much out of it. He is the One Who can fill us with passion and resolve to get things done. He is the One Who makes the impossible possible. He is the One Who can restore the years that the locusts have eaten. He is the One Who can place a fire within us so that we are filled with zeal and determination.



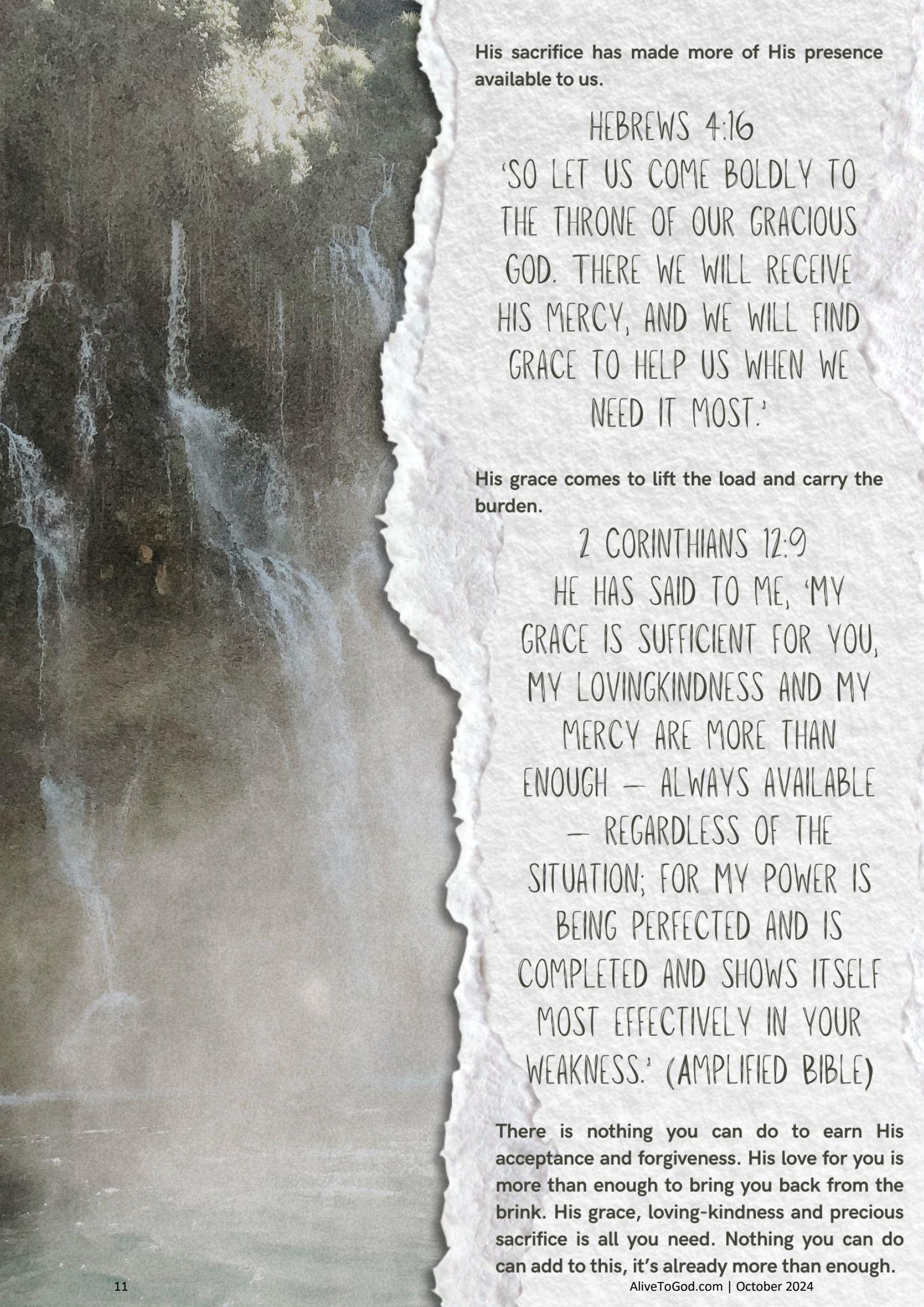
WHAT CHRIST DID FOR US — MORE THAN ENOUGH

Christ's death on the cross and the price that He paid to redeem you, is more than enough for each one of us. Sometimes as Christians we think we need to add something to all that Jesus has done for us when actually nothing we do adds to what He has done for us. His sacrifice was all that was needed and more than enough. His sacrifice is more than enough to cover a mountain of sin.

ROMANS 5:20

‘BUT WHERE SIN INCREASED, GOD’S REMARKABLE, GRACIOUS GIFT OF GRACE, HIS UNMERITED FAVOUR, HAS SURPASSED IT AND INCREASED ALL THE MORE.’ (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)





His sacrifice has made more of His presence available to us.

HEBREWS 4:16

‘SO LET US COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF OUR GRACIOUS GOD. THERE WE WILL RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND WE WILL FIND GRACE TO HELP US WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.’

His grace comes to lift the load and carry the burden.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

HE HAS SAID TO ME, ‘MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, MY LOVINGKINDNESS AND MY MERCY ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH — ALWAYS AVAILABLE — REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION; FOR MY POWER IS BEING PERFECTED AND IS COMPLETED AND SHOWS ITSELF MOST EFFECTIVELY IN YOUR WEAKNESS.’ (AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

There is nothing you can do to earn His acceptance and forgiveness. His love for you is more than enough to bring you back from the brink. His grace, loving-kindness and precious sacrifice is all you need. Nothing you can do can add to this, it’s already more than enough.

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THE STRENGTH YOU NEED — MORE THAN ENOUGH

Our strength has a way of fading away and failing us, but His strength is more than enough for the long haul

ISAIAH 40:30-31

‘EVEN YOUTHS GROW TIRED AND WEARY, AND YOUNG MEN STUMBLE AND FALL; BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.’

Let me remind you that the Lord is your strength. Don't try to do everything in your own strength, because human strength can only take you so far. His strength knows no boundaries, it is more than enough for all you will ever need. His strength helps us in our weakness and He knows that we are weak. He knows how we are wired and how we think, He remembers that we are just dust. Knowing this, He reaches out to us with His power and strength and wants His strength to flow in and through us so that we can stand tall in His grace and mercy. No matter what the challenge or battle is that you are facing, just know that He is with you and His strength is more than enough to see you through.

THE HELP YOU NEED — MORE THAN ENOUGH

The truth of the matter is that, sooner or later in life, we all need His help. It is this very fact that inspired the great hymn-writer to write these words: 'Oh God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!' God's help is more than enough to meet any need. You may feel like your situation is beyond restoration, a bridge too far to cross. I'm here to tell you that no situation is beyond His help and aid. You do not need to fear because He will help you. He is your ever-present help in times of need. In fact, you can say: 'The Lord is MY Helper!' (Psalm 54:4) He is the One Who helps to make your crooked paths straight. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, and He is your Source of help. Stay connected to the Source of your help and rely on Him more and more as each day passes. He won't fail or forsake you, His help is more than enough for what you are facing.

HIS ABILITY IN OUR LIVES — MORE THAN ENOUGH

Never doubt or limit His ability to do things and change things in your life. We should remind ourselves of His ability instead of being overcome by our lack thereof. Let me remind you about His ability in our lives:

1. God has the ability and the longing to answer your prayers.
2. He can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we may ask or think.
3. He is faithful and just to forgive all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
4. He is our Provider, and He promises to supply our daily bread and our needs.

5. He is the One Who can come and touch our hearts and remove the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh.
6. He is our Healer and the One Who brings strength to our bones.
7. The Lord is the One Who can guide you and show you which way to go.
8. He is the One Who is able to satisfy you in a difficult situation.

Believe in His ability and know that His ability is all you need – it is more than enough

HIS PRESENCE — MORE THAN ENOUGH

There is nothing so precious as knowing and enjoying His presence in our lives. He gives us all things richly to enjoy – especially His presence. I have discovered that I can cope with any situation if I know that He is with me, and when I can feel His presence in my life. His presence in my life removes all the doubt. His presence in my life removes all the fear and anxiety. His presence in my life is a constant reminder that everything is going to be alright. His presence in my life fills me with joy and confidence.



His presence in my life makes my life secure and I can stand firm in His hands. His presence in my life is what makes life worth living.

EXODUS 33:15

THEN MOSES SAID TO HIM, 'IF YOUR PRESENCE IS NOT GOING WITH US, DON'T MAKE US LEAVE THIS PLACE.'

HIS PLAN — MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH

EXODUS 36:5

THEY SAID TO MOSES, 'THE PEOPLE ARE BRINGING MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK WHICH THE LORD COMMANDED US TO DO.'

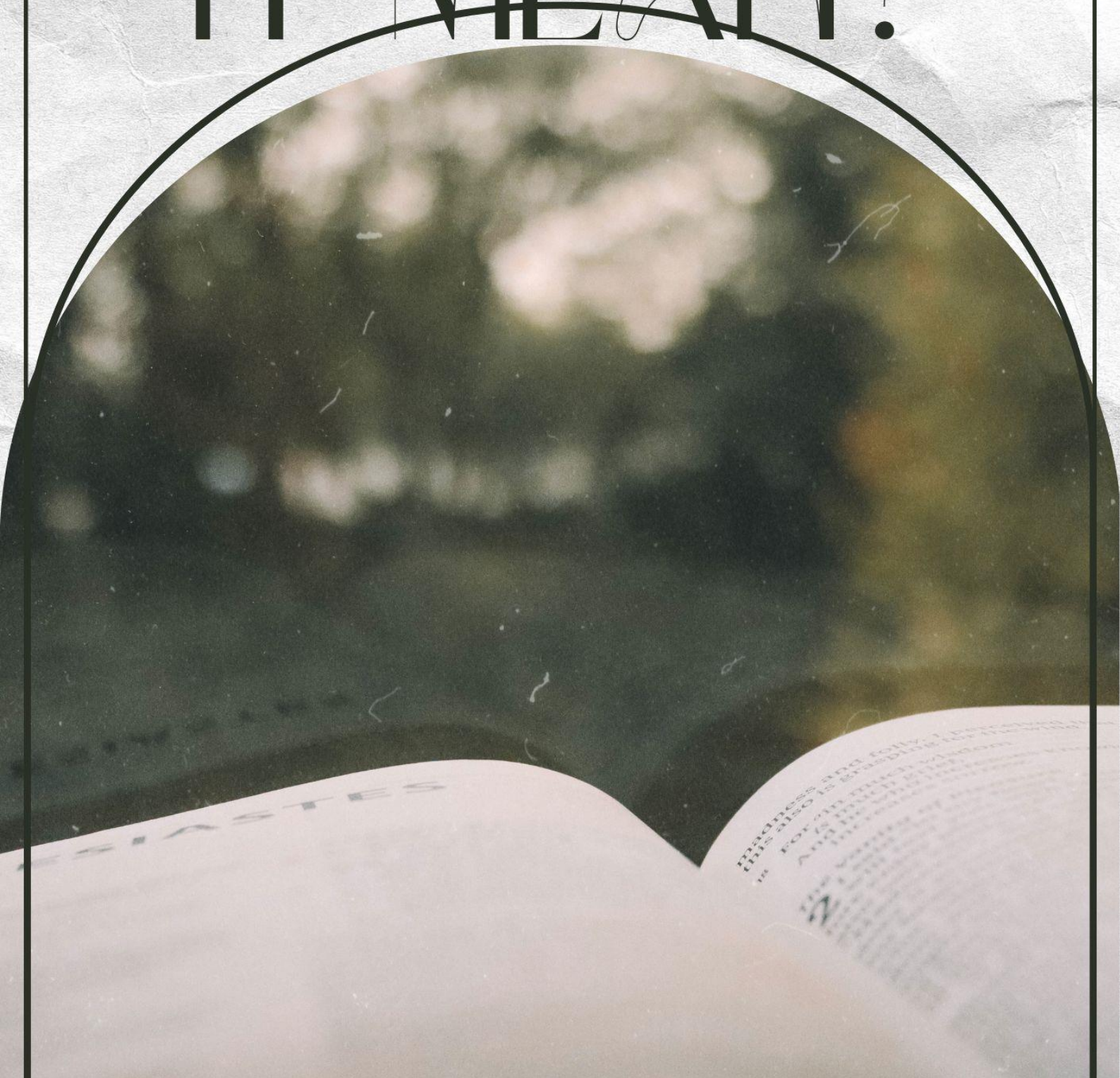
(AMPLIFIED BIBLE)

In the Amplified version of the Bible, it introduces the concept of 'MUCH MORE THAN ENOUGH'. More than enough speaks of a little more than we need, but much more than enough speak of abundance. I believe that God wants us to experience the 'much more' in our lives. He wants us to enjoy good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, placed into your lap. The Lord wants to open the windows of heaven for you. He wants to pour out a blessing so great that you won't have enough room to take it in! He opens His hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Whatever you need, The Lord has much more than enough to meet that need. So trust Him, obey Him and take advantage of your share of all that His hand has provided. Let me close with these words from a song we used to sing years ago:

He's all I need, He's all I need; Jesus is all I need.
He's all I need, He's all I need; Jesus is all I need.
He is all you need and He is much more than enough for you!

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

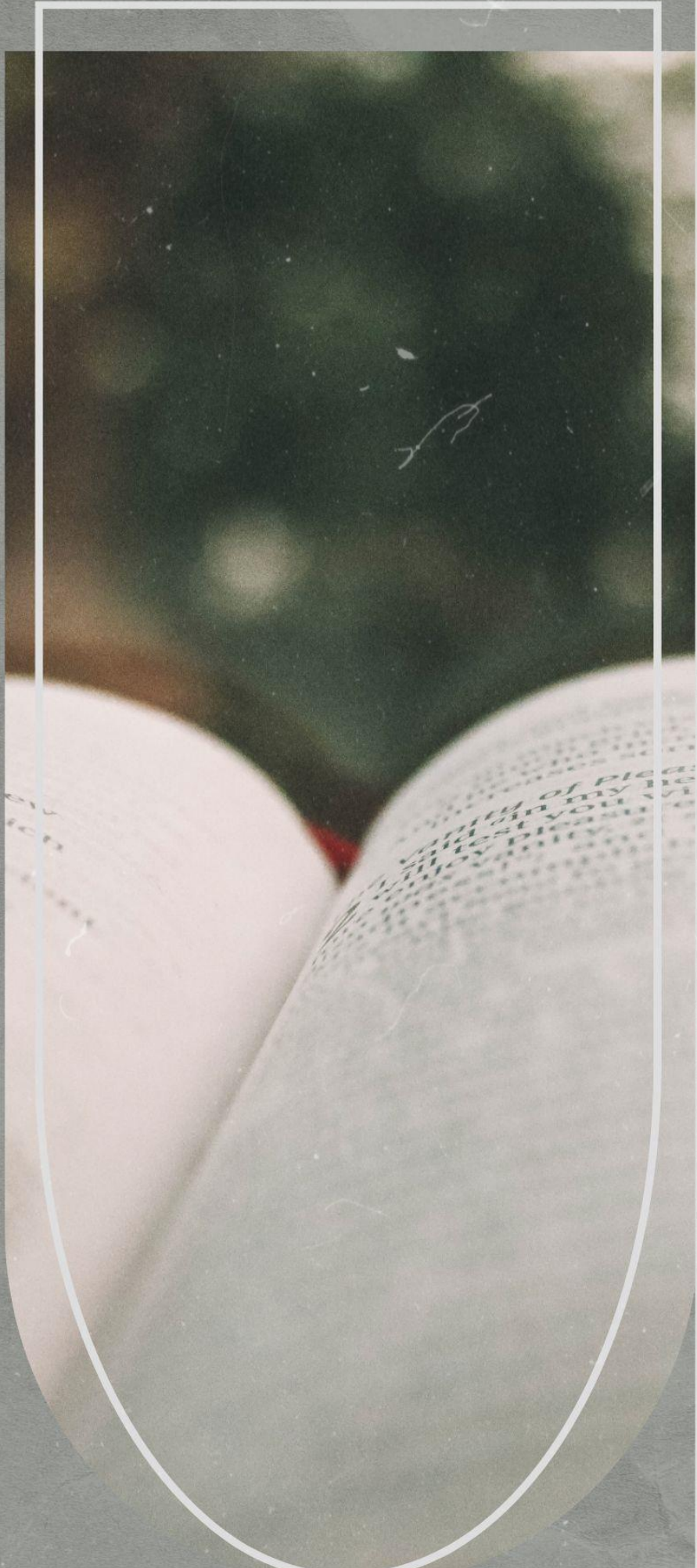


that God is not slow in keeping
His promise (2 Peter 3:9)?

Second Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." In this verse, Peter explains that the seeming delay of Christ's second coming is not because God is slow or unable to fulfill His promise. Rather, God is giving sinners an opportunity to turn to Him in faith.

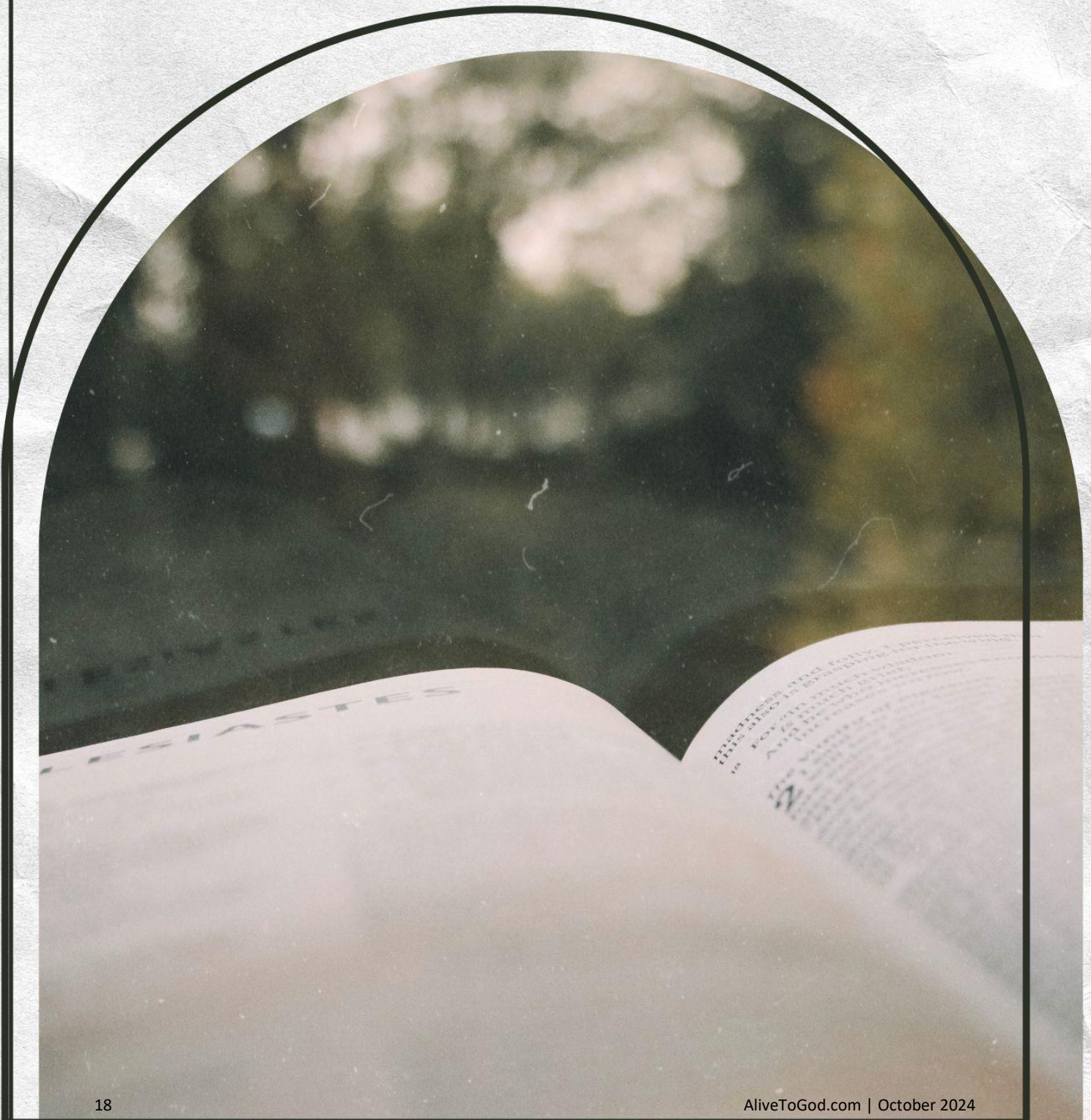
In the preceding verse, Peter writes, "Do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day" (2 Peter 3:8, ESV). This analogy illustrates that God operates outside the constraints of time. What may seem like a long delay to us is but a moment from God's perspective. God transcends our temporal expectations, viewing redemptive history from an eternal standpoint.

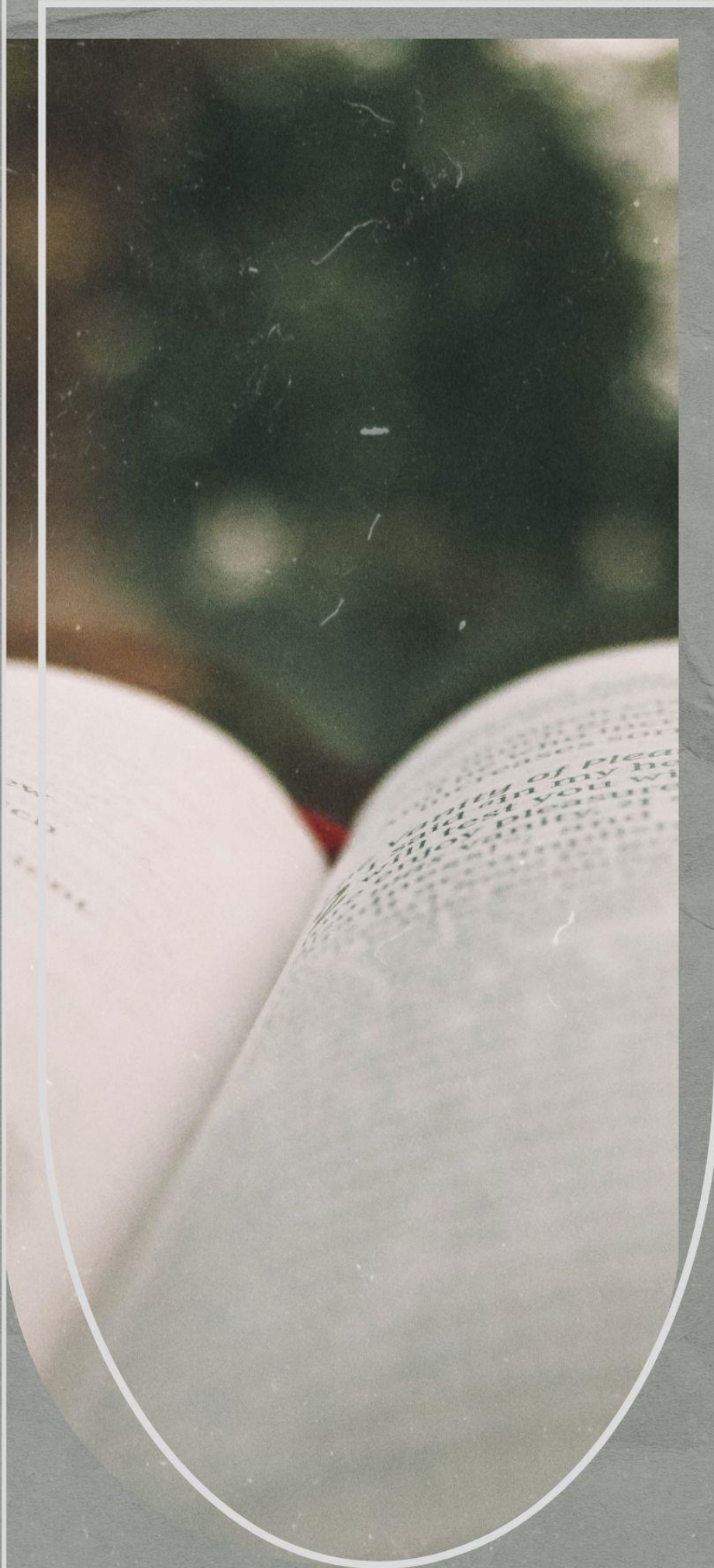
God's patience is a recurring theme in Scripture, emphasising His everlasting mercy toward sinners. In Romans 2:3-4, Paul rhetorically asks, "Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" (ESV). Here, as in 2 Peter 3:9, God's patience is linked to His desire for mankind's repentance and salvation. God is not indifferent to sin, nor is He "slow in keeping his promise."



God's patience was also evident in the Old Testament. In Ezekiel 18:23, God declares, "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?" (ESV). God desires for sinners to repent and live rather than die and face judgment. The prophet Jonah expressed the same conviction that God desires to save sinners: "I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster" (Jonah 4:2, ESV).

There is nothing "slow" about how God works. The "delay" in the second coming of Christ should not be seen as a failure of God to keep His promise but as an extension of His grace and mercy. He is giving sinners more opportunity to positively respond to the gospel, and believers should rejoice in God's grace as well as His faithfulness. As 2 Timothy 2:13 says, "If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself" (ESV).





Hebrews 10:23 encourages believers to "hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise" (NLT). Despite apparent delays in the fulfillment of God's promises, He is not being "slow." Believers are called to trust in God's perfect faithfulness and timing. The second coming of Christ will happen. Until then, God is patiently waiting for sinners to repent.

Second Peter 3:9 provides an understanding of God's patience and why Christ has not yet returned. God's "slowness," then, allows more time for repentance and salvation, and this reflects His desire that none should perish but that all should come to repentance. Rather than grow impatient and demand God act on our timetable, we should actively participate in sharing the gospel with a world in need.

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