

ON MISSION TOGETHER



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1 Peter 2:4–5, 9

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1. The church is God's new temple (1 Pet 2:4–5)

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1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

2 Corinthians 6:16

For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,
“I will make my dwelling among them...”

Ephesians 2:21–22

²¹ ...in Christ the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

2. Believers are God's new priests (1 Pet 2:5)

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Revelation 1:5–6

He freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father...

Hebrews 10:19

We have confidence to enter the holy places
by the blood of Jesus...

Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 3:12

...in Christ we have boldness and access
with confidence through our faith in him.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood...
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who
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3. As priests, we offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet 2:5)

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Seven Spiritual Sacrifices



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¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as **a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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- **A broken spirit** (Psalm 51:17)

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The **sacrifices of God** are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.

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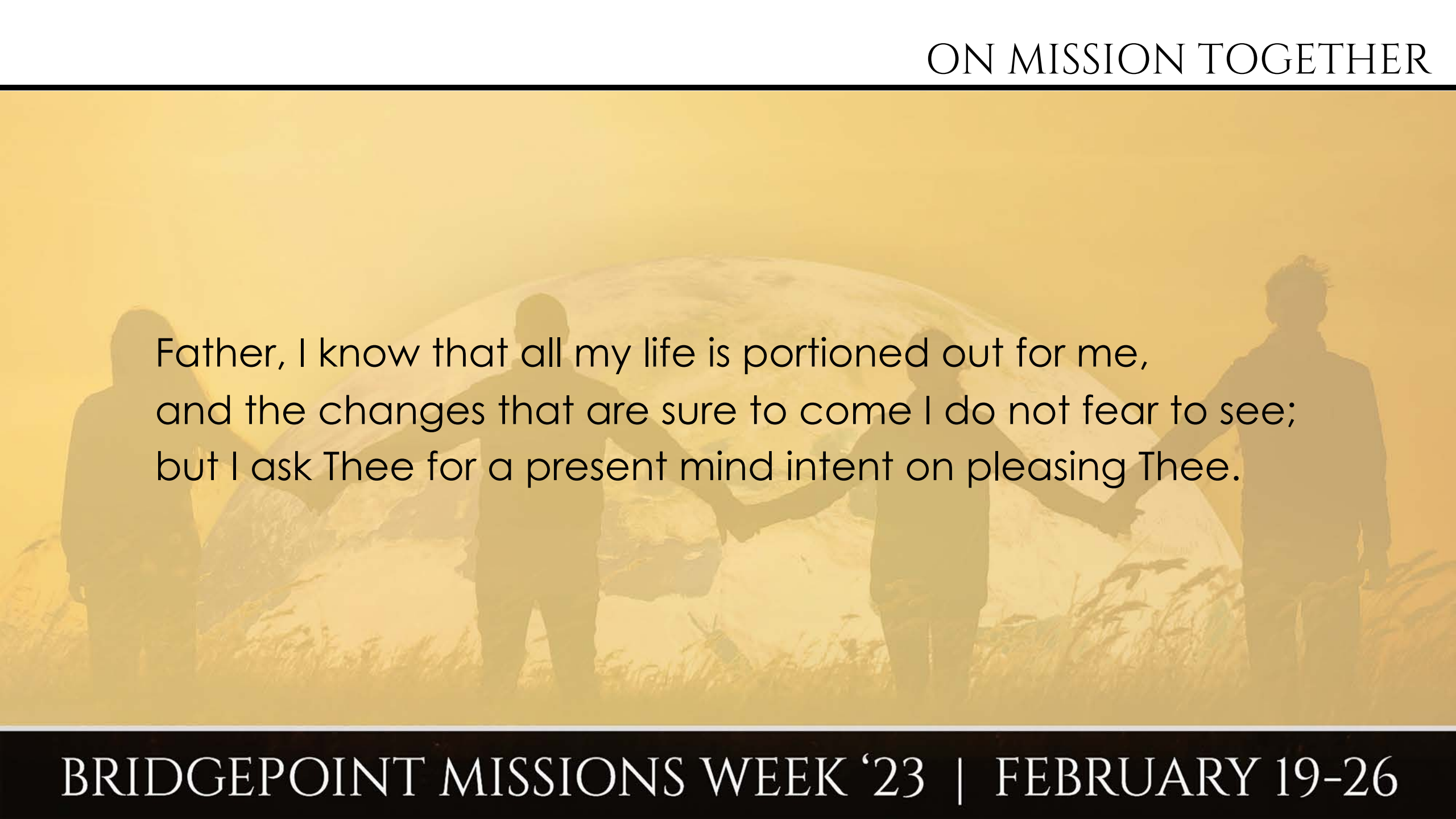
⁶ In **sacrifice and offering** you have not delighted, but you have given me **an open ear**... ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.

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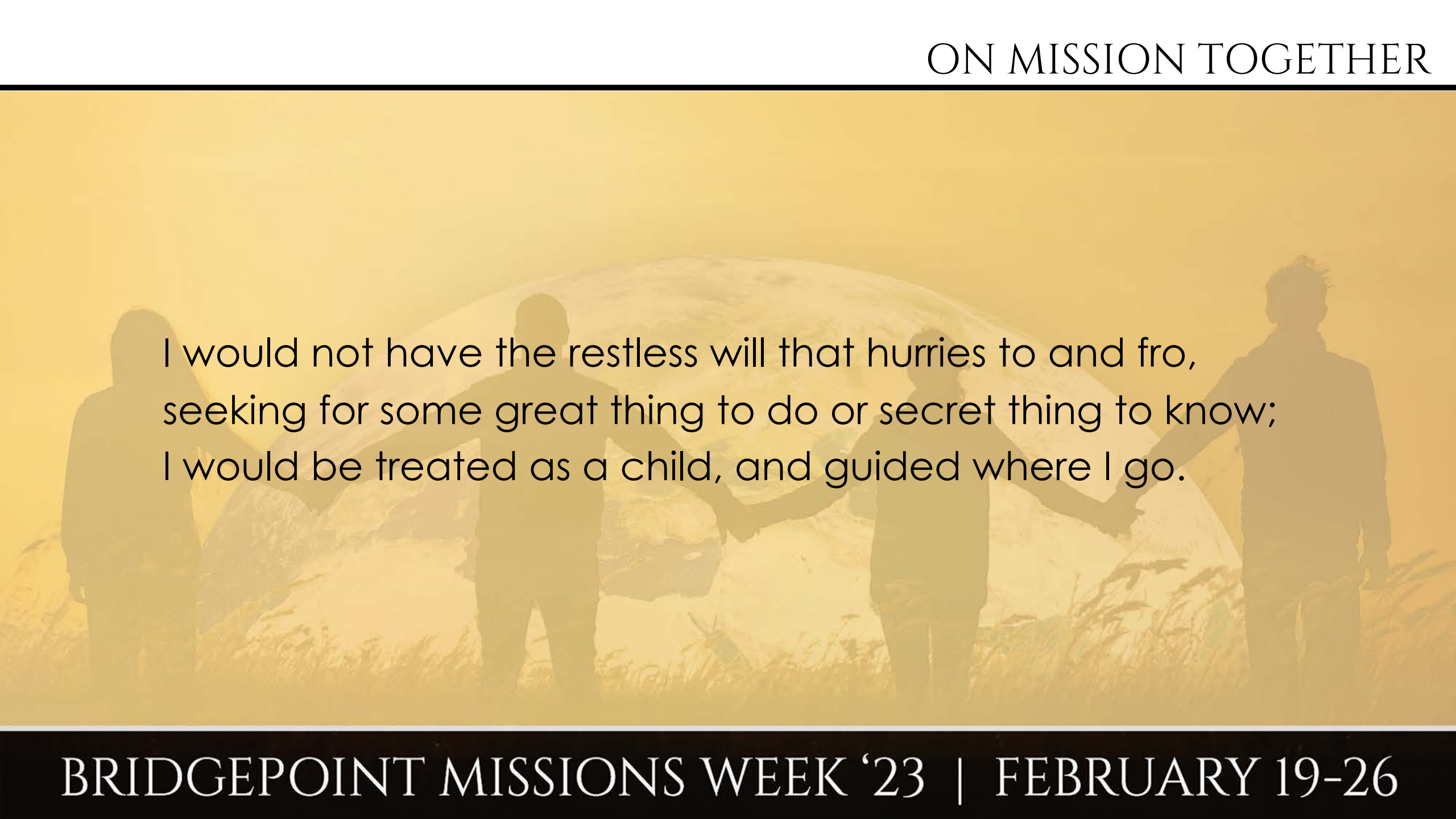
Philippians 2:17

Even if I am to be poured out as **a drink offering** upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

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Father, I know that all my life is portioned out for me,
and the changes that are sure to come I do not fear to see;
but I ask Thee for a present mind intent on pleasing Thee.

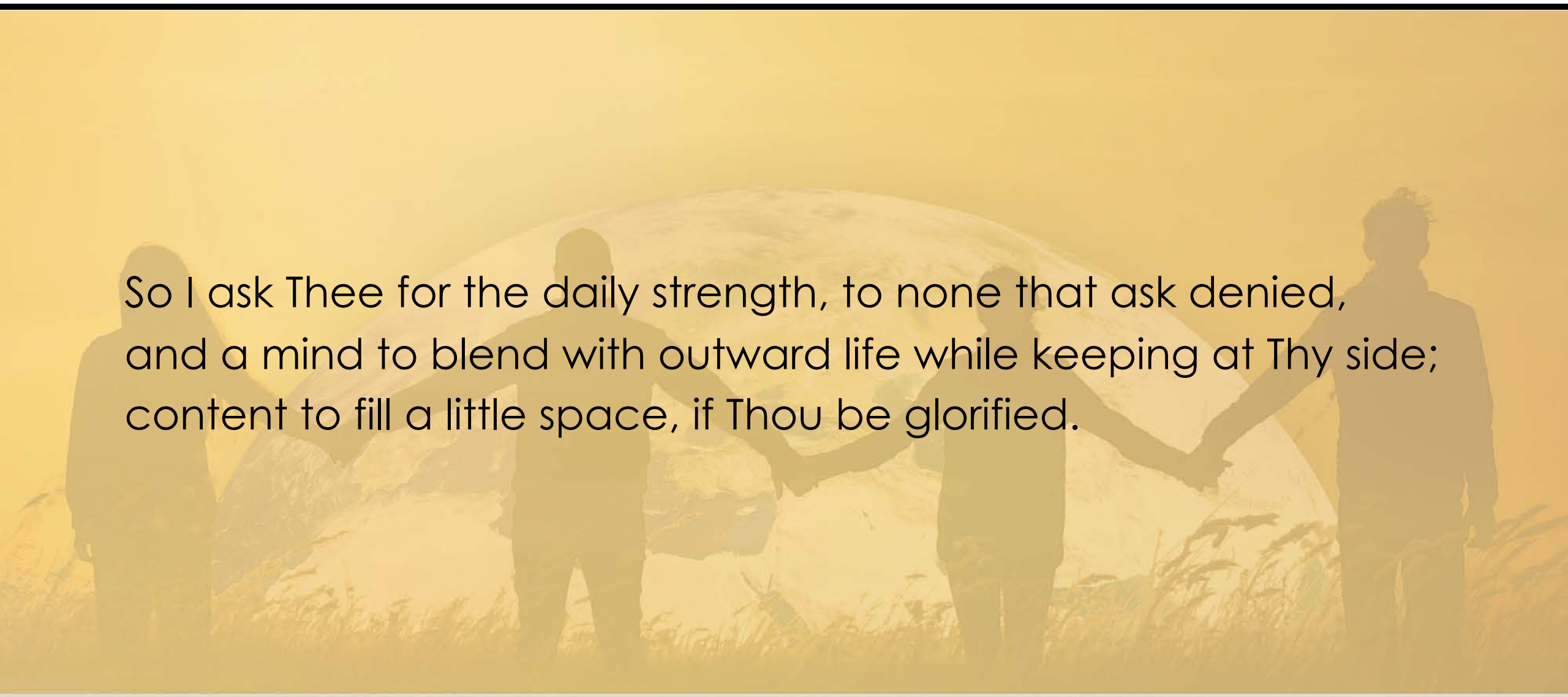
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I would not have the restless will that hurries to and fro,
seeking for some great thing to do or secret thing to know;
I would be treated as a child, and guided where I go.

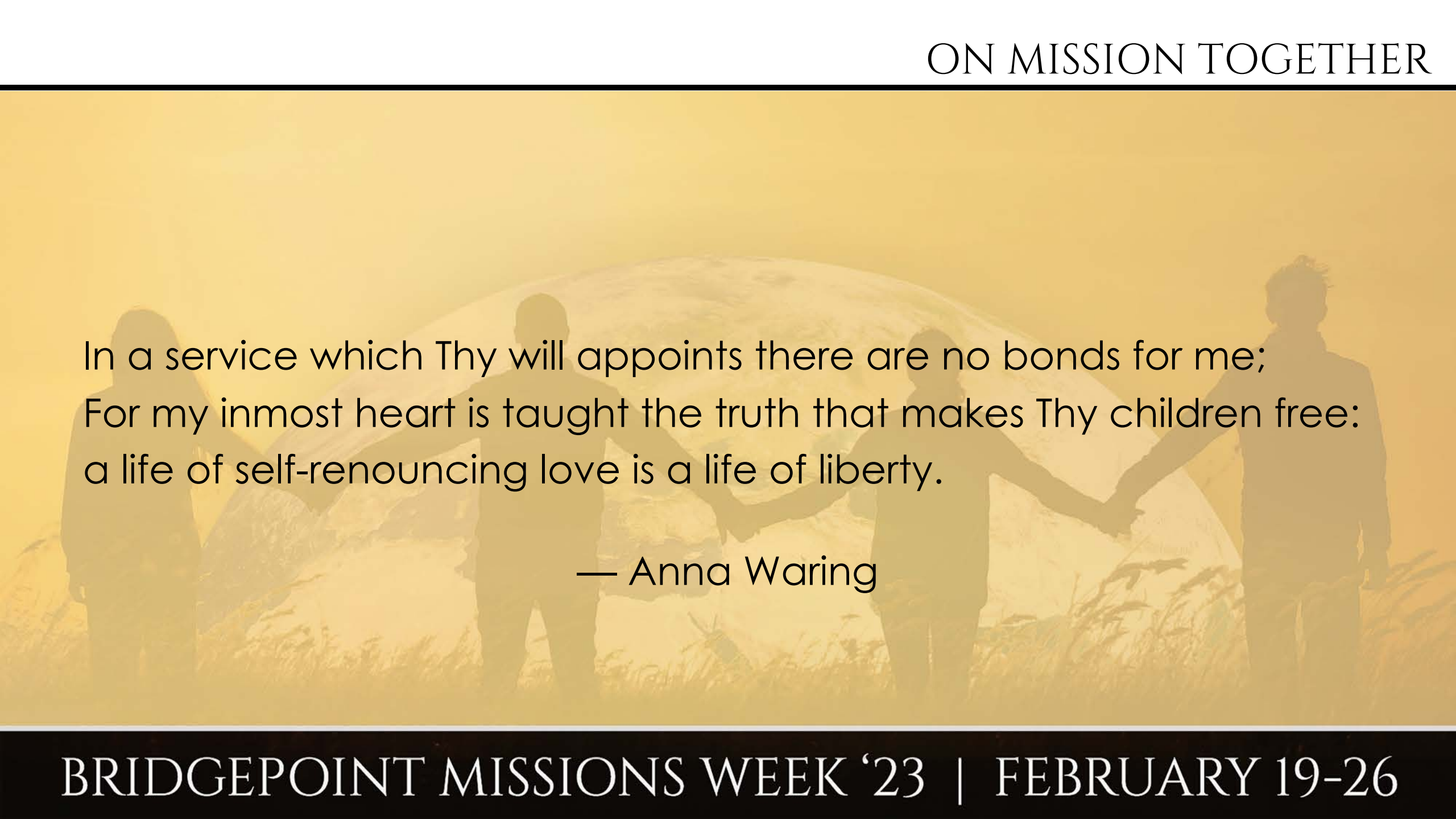
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So I ask Thee for the daily strength, to none that ask denied,
and a mind to blend with outward life while keeping at Thy side;
content to fill a little space, if Thou be glorified.

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In a service which Thy will appoints there are no bonds for me;
For my inmost heart is taught the truth that makes Thy children free:
a life of self-renouncing love is a life of liberty.

— Anna Waring

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I have received full payment... having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a **fragrant offering**, a **sacrifice** acceptable and pleasing to God.

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Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for **such sacrifices** are pleasing to God.

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- **Grateful praise** (Hebrews 13:15)

Hebrews 13:15

Through him then let us continually offer up **a sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

1 Peter 2:5

...to offer spiritual sacrifices **acceptable to God through Jesus Christ...**

Romans 15:15–21

¹⁵ ...the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit... ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written,

“Those who have never been told of him will see,
and those who have never heard will understand.”