

grace

space

A photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia in orbit above Earth. The shuttle is oriented vertically, with its nose pointing towards the bottom of the frame. The orbiter is attached to a white external tank and a white solid rocket booster. The orbiter's nose cone is visible at the bottom, and the main cabin is in the middle. The external tank has a red and white striped section. The solid rocket booster has a white section with a red stripe. The orbiter's wings are extended, and the solar panel arrays are visible. The Earth's surface is visible in the background, showing a blue ocean and white clouds. The word "space" is written in large, white, bold letters across the center of the image.

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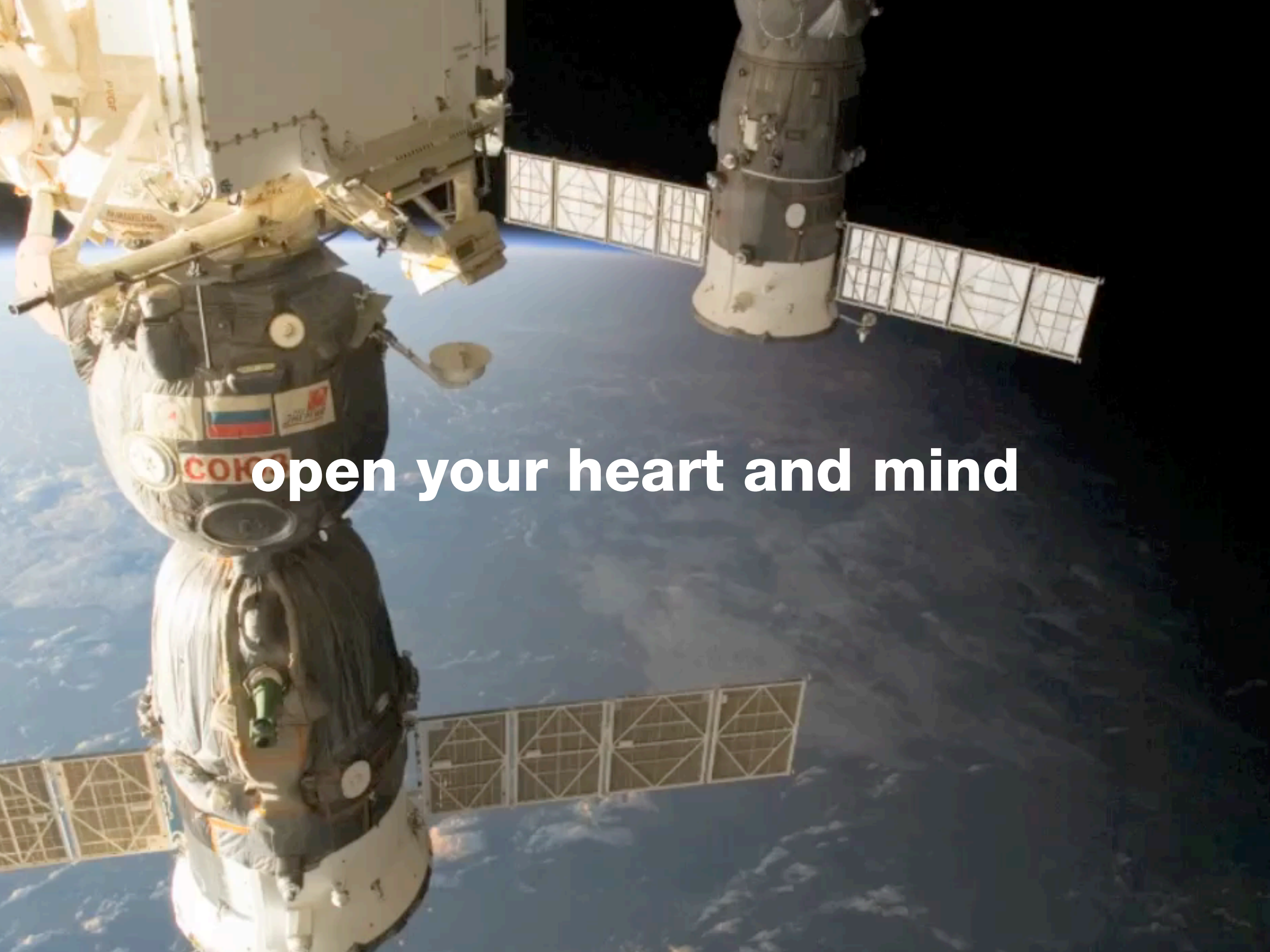
welcome



relax and make yourself comfortable



enjoy the images and music



open your heart and mind



you are loved



be aware of the presence of god

holy spirit

**come holy spirit
fill the hearts of your people
kindle in us the fire of your love**



silence

we sit quietly before the one
who gives life and love to all creation

we sit in awe of the one
who formed us in our mothers' wombs

we sit at peace surrounded by the one
who fills every fibre of our being



A photograph of a dense forest. Tall, slender trees with green foliage form the canopy. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating dappled light on the forest floor. The ground is covered with a thick layer of green ferns and other low-lying vegetation. The overall atmosphere is lush and serene.

a clearing

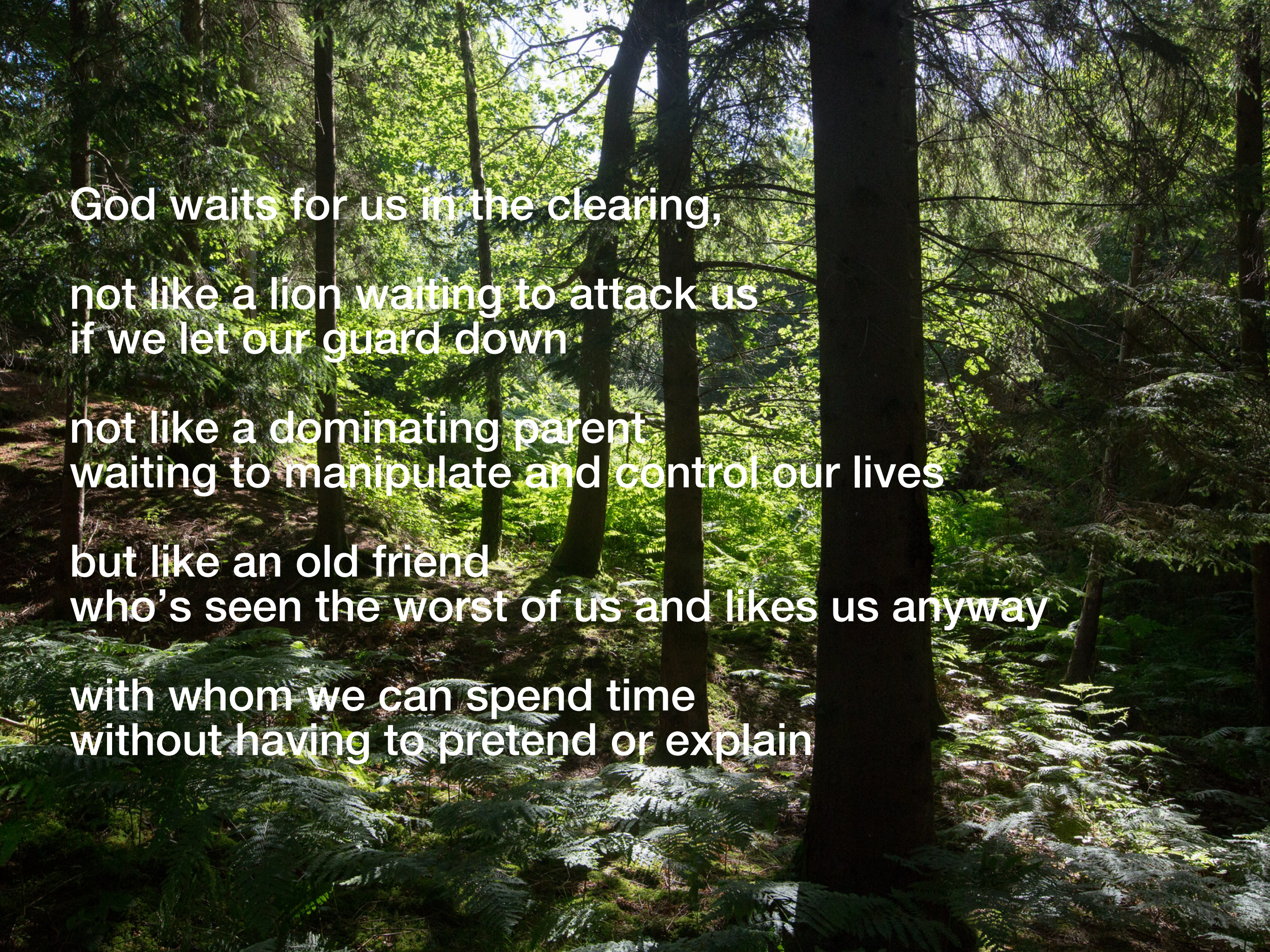


Lent could be about making a clearing in our lives
so that the sun and the rain
can touch the soil of our being
and tempt the dormant seeds out of hiding.

A photograph of a dense forest. Tall, slender trees with green foliage stand in the background. The foreground is filled with a thick carpet of green ferns. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating dappled light on the forest floor.

What do you need to cut back
to make a clearing in your life?

What do you need to grow
in the clearing that you have made?

A photograph of a lush forest. Tall, slender trees with green foliage stand in a clearing. Sunlight filters through the dense canopy, creating dappled light on the forest floor. The ground is covered with green ferns and moss. The text is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

God waits for us in the clearing,
not like a lion waiting to attack us
if we let our guard down
not like a dominating parent
waiting to manipulate and control our lives
but like an old friend
who's seen the worst of us and likes us anyway
with whom we can spend time
without having to pretend or explain

A lush green forest scene with tall, slender trees and a dense canopy of leaves. Sunlight filters through the branches, creating a dappled light effect on the forest floor. The ground is covered with ferns and other undergrowth.

Love is patient, love is kind.

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

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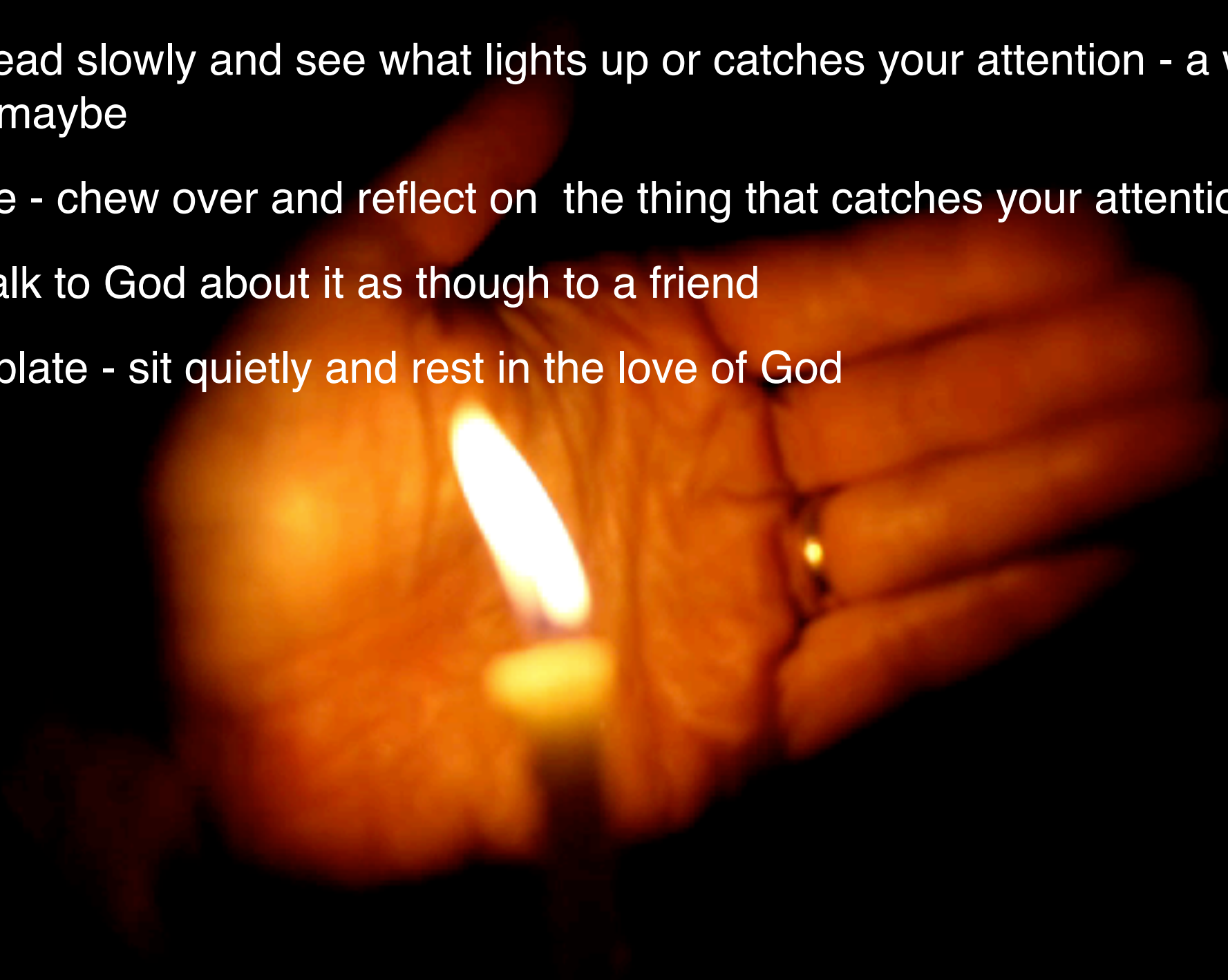
wisdom



lectio divina

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silence

prayer



prayer



We remember before God

her people called to be peacemakers
among those who lust for war

her people called to be educated
among those who fear knowledge



We remember before God

his people called to demonstrate restraint
in cultures of excess

his people called to full humanity
among those who impose rigid stereotypes



We remember before God

her people called to compassion
among those who demand cruelty

her people called to openness
in places of concealment



We remember before God

his people called to honesty
among the corrupt

his people called to seek justice
among vested interests



We remember before God

her people called to speak
where no mention of Christ is permitted

her people called to loyalty
where Christianity is seen as betrayal

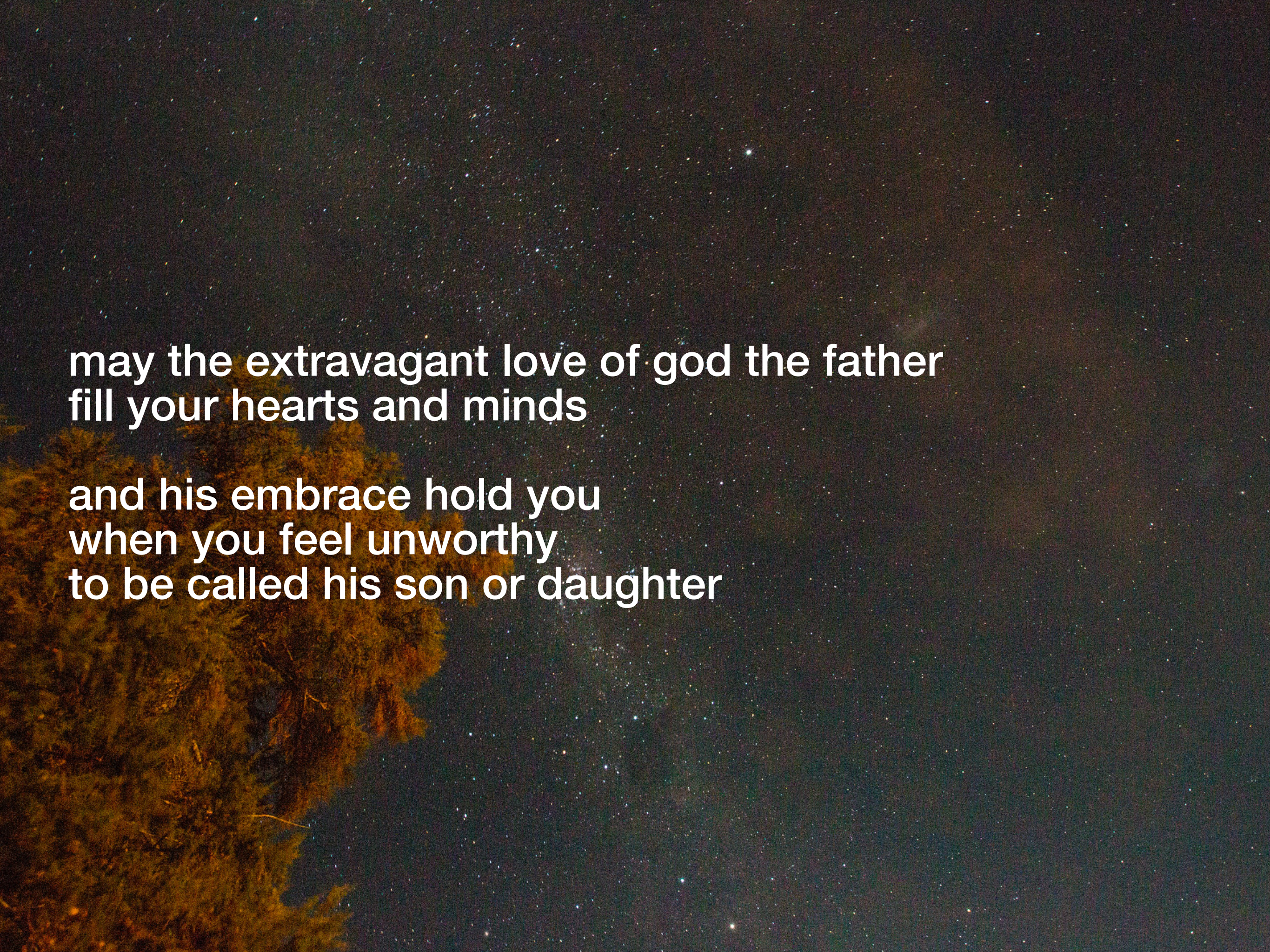


Lead your people to freedom, O God

And banish all darkness
from our hearts and minds

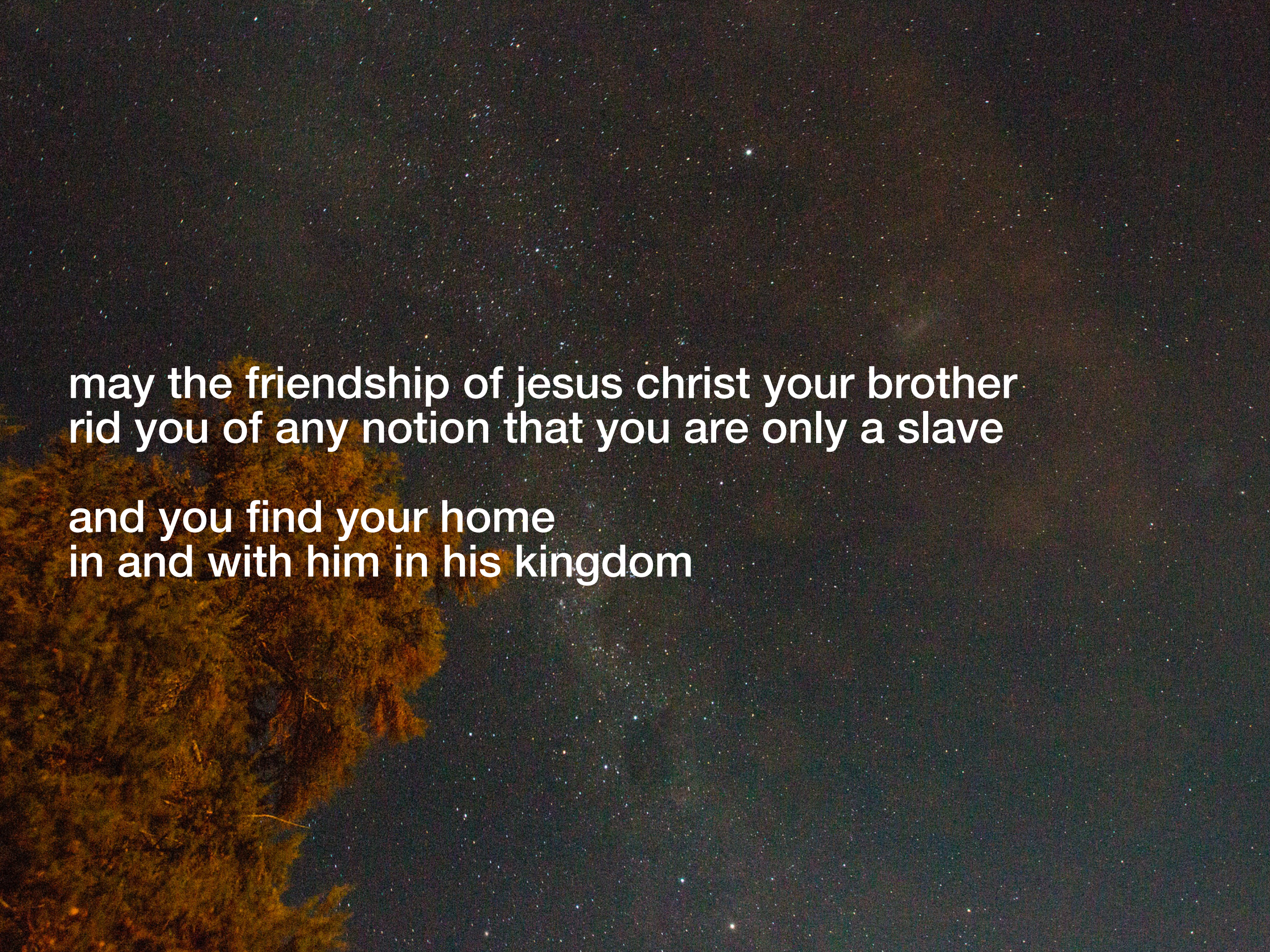


sending out



may the extravagant love of god the father
fill your hearts and minds

and his embrace hold you
when you feel unworthy
to be called his son or daughter



may the friendship of jesus christ your brother
rid you of any notion that you are only a slave

and you find your home
in and with him in his kingdom



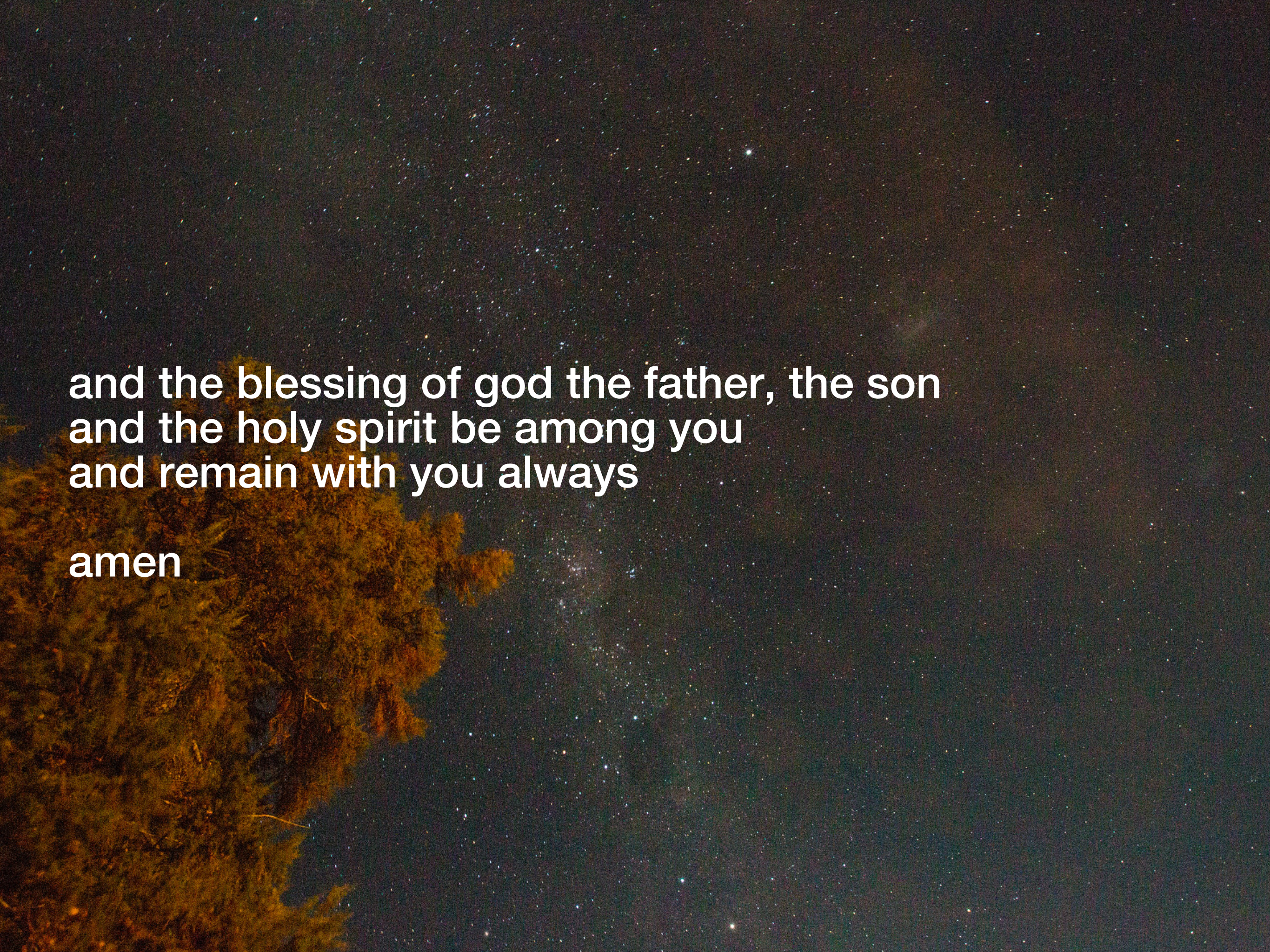
may the spirit of god release you
from a world of duty

so that a new joy and freedom
wells up in your life

The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky. In the lower-left corner, there is a silhouette of a tree with dense foliage, illuminated from below, creating a warm, golden-brown glow. The text is overlaid on the sky portion of the image.

go and reconfigure the world as an order of embrace

in your friendships
in your work place
in your families
in your street
and in your churches



and the blessing of god the father, the son
and the holy spirit be among you
and remain with you always

amen

A night sky filled with stars, with a dense cluster of stars visible in the upper left. A dark silhouette of a tree is visible on the left side of the frame. The word "space" is written in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

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