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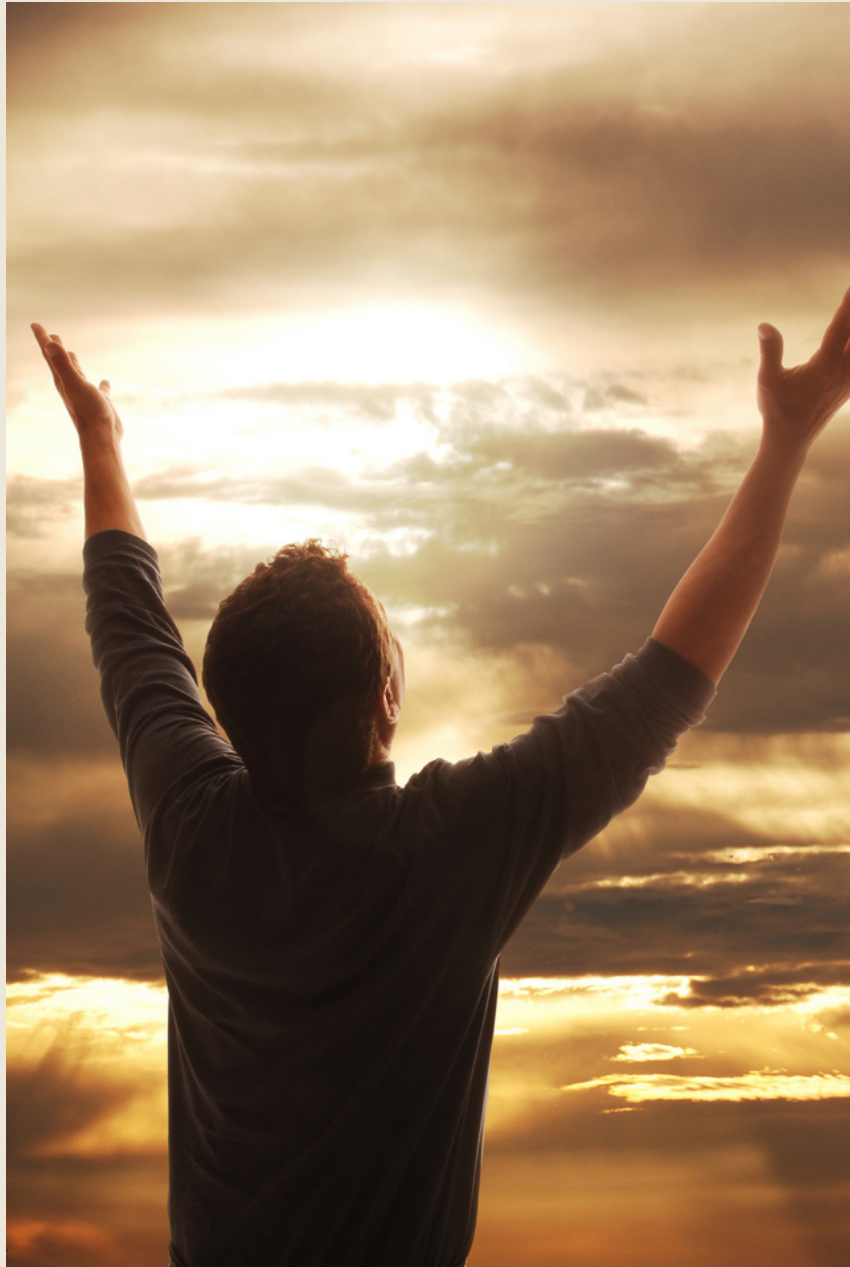
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Tell your neighbour
something that you
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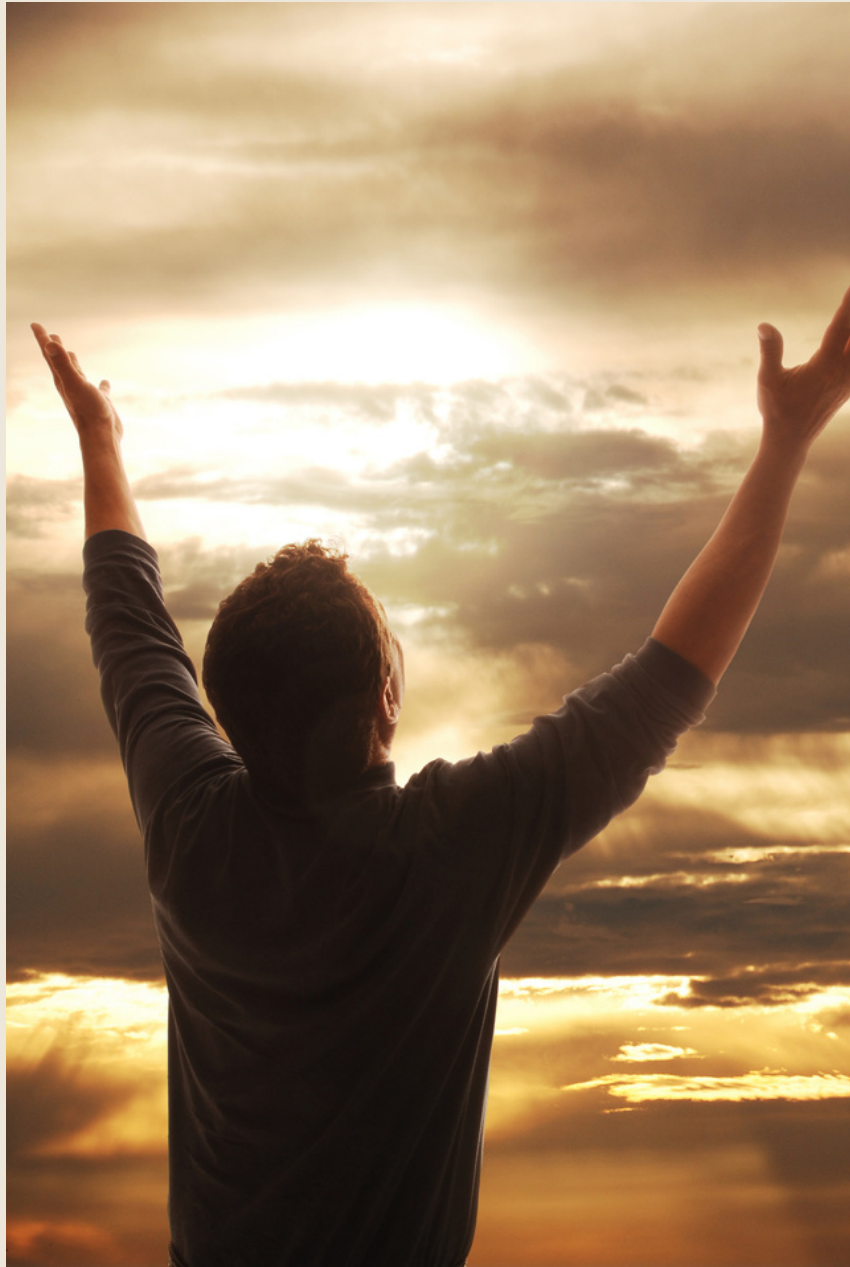


Praise the LORD.

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Who can proclaim the
mighty acts of the LORD
or fully declare his praise?

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We are told to give thanks!

1 Chron 16:34

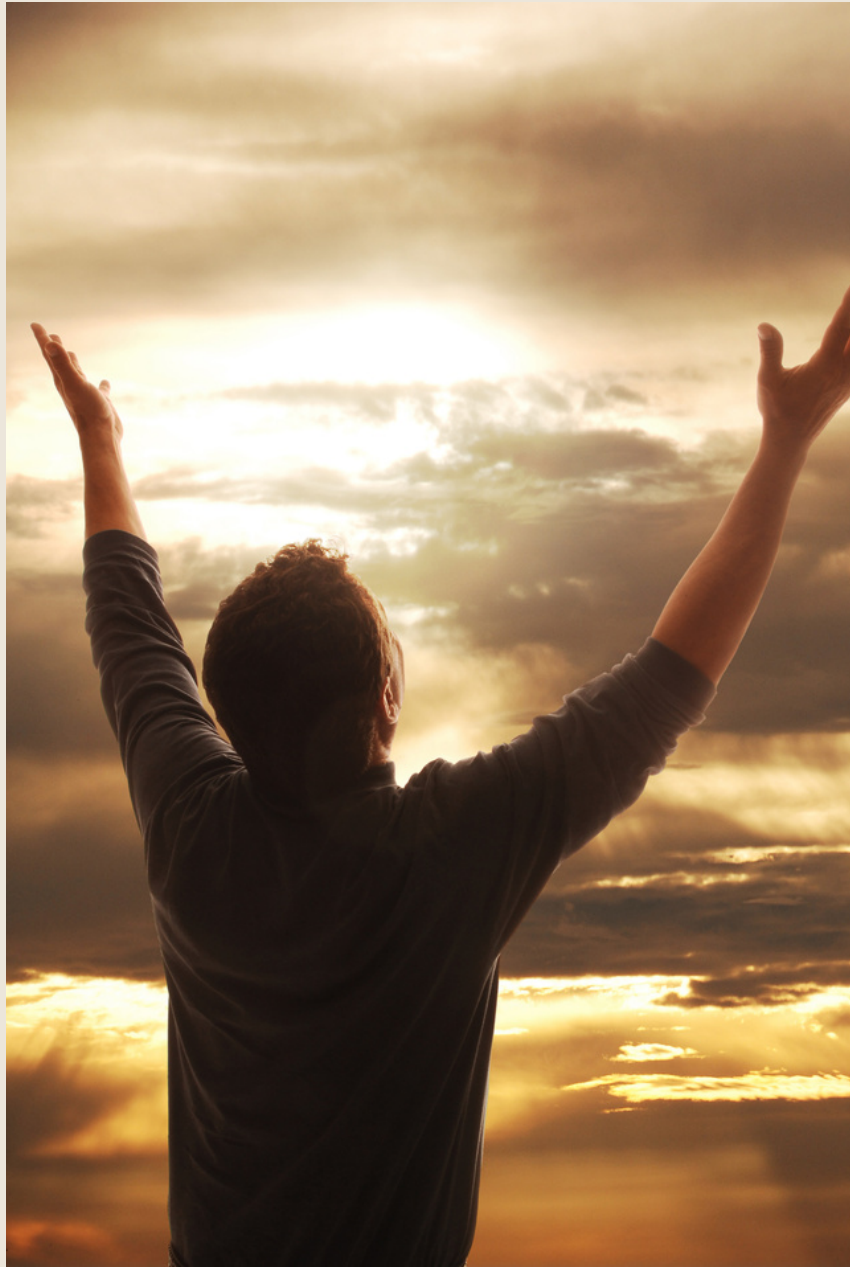
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Ps 118:1

Ps 136:1-3

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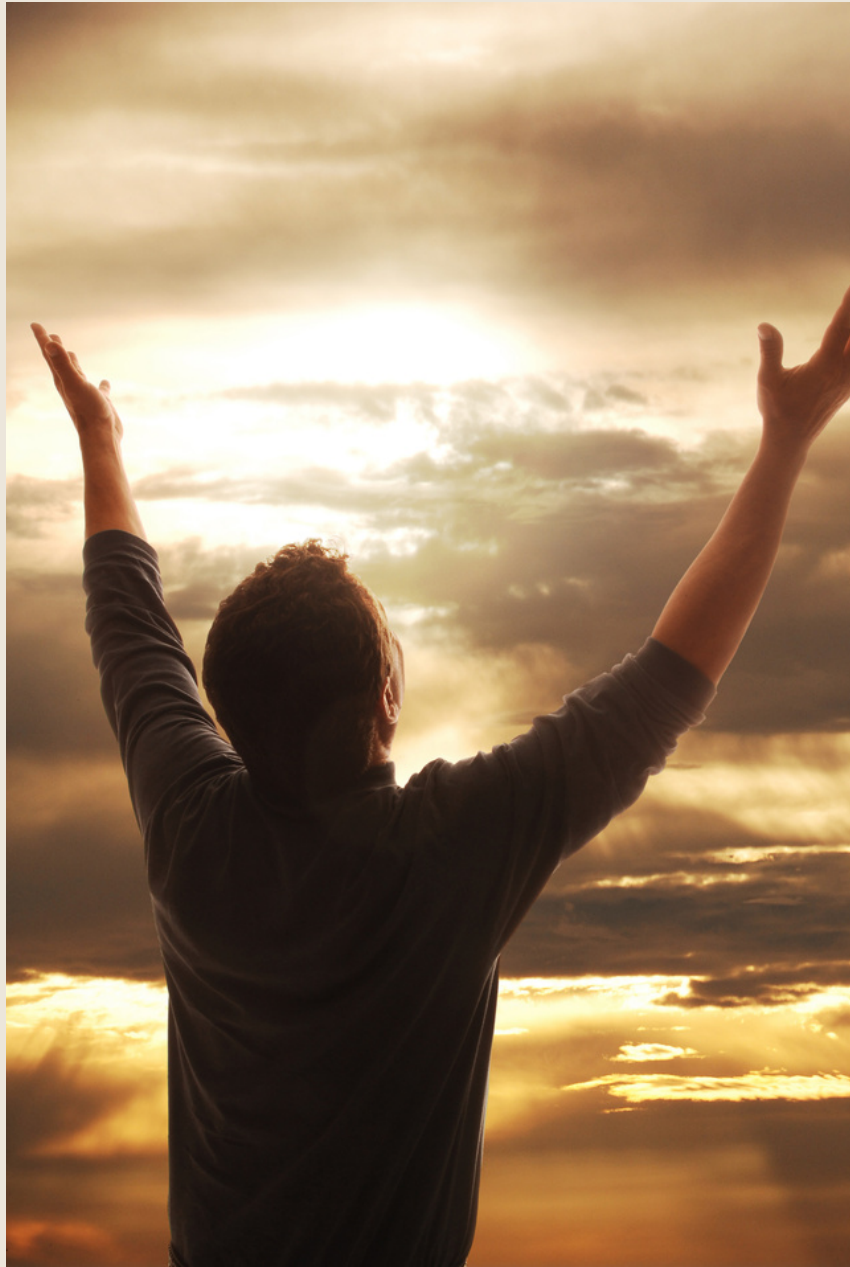
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Eph 5:20

“always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

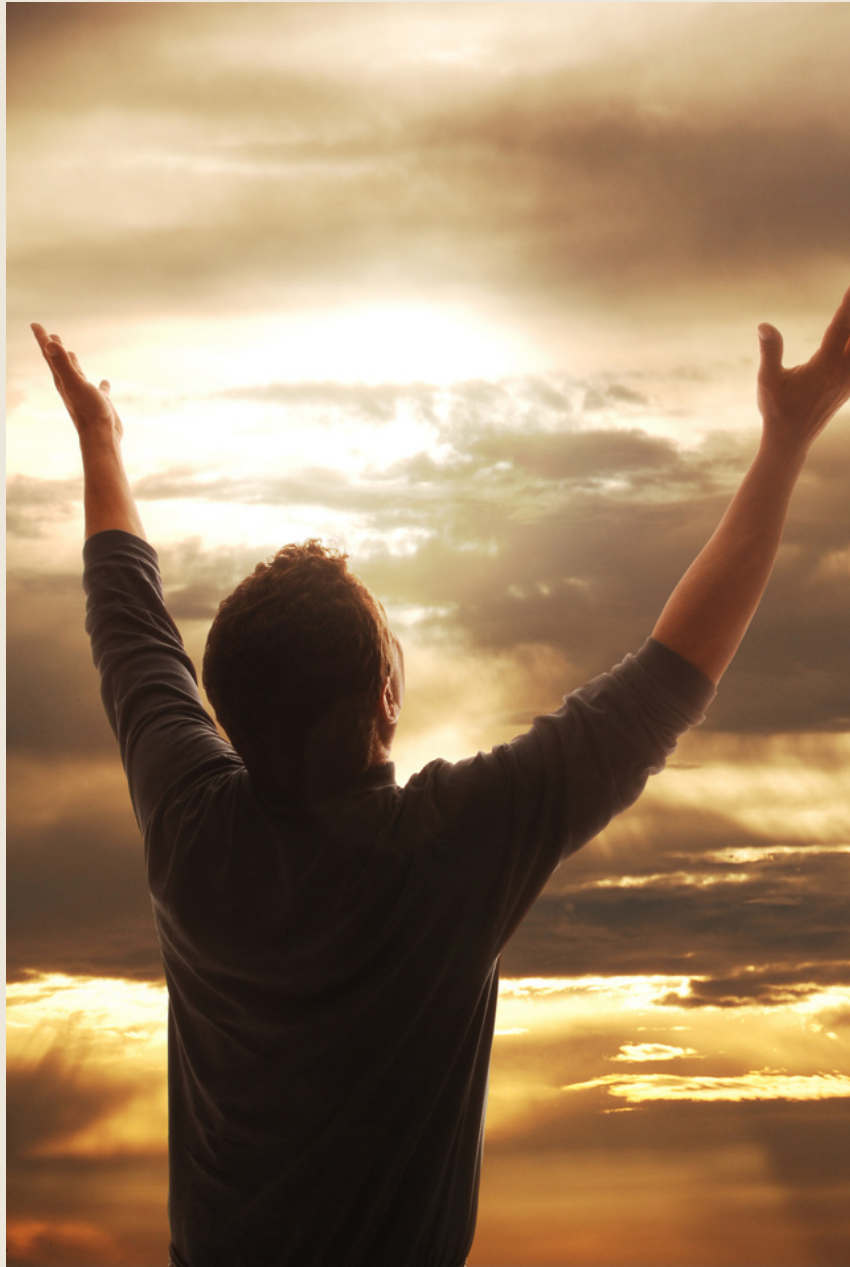
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“and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.”



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1 Thess 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

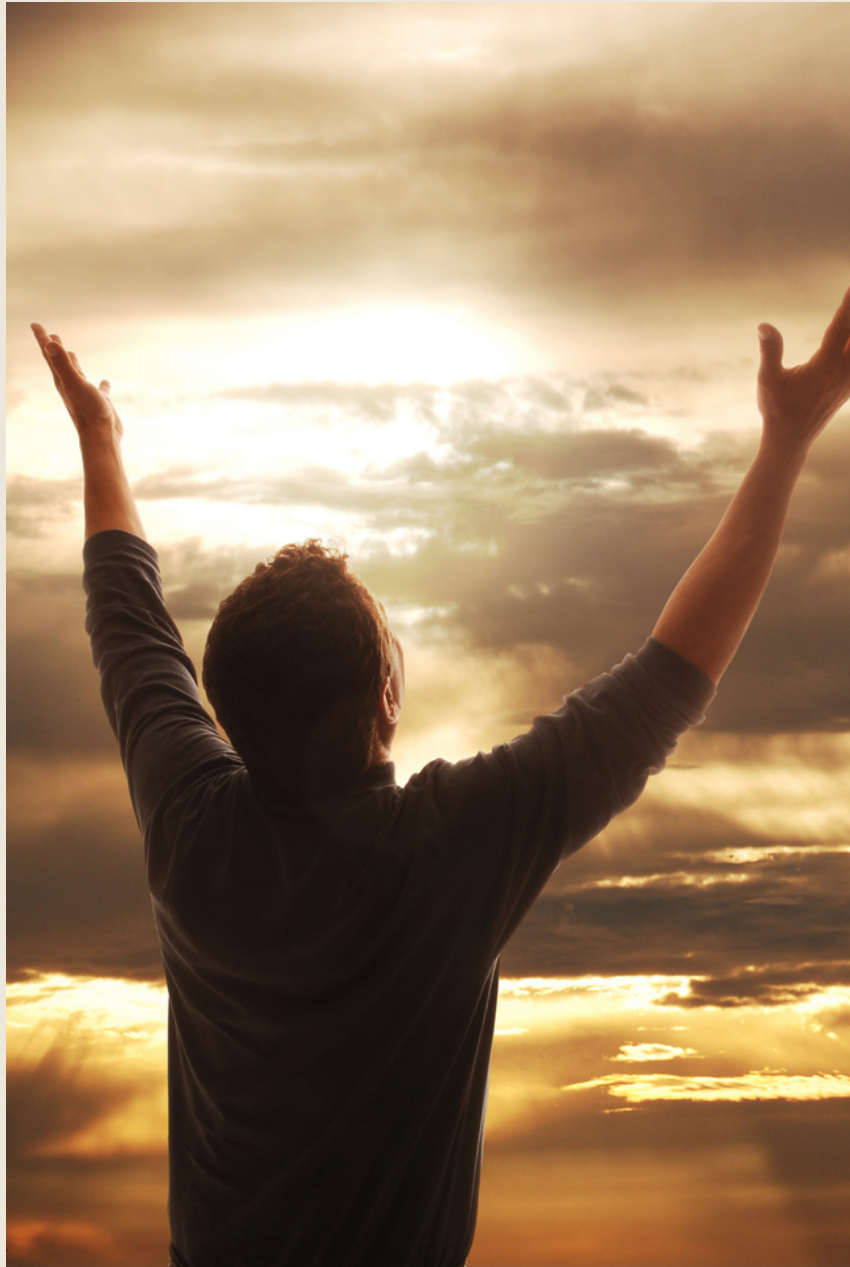
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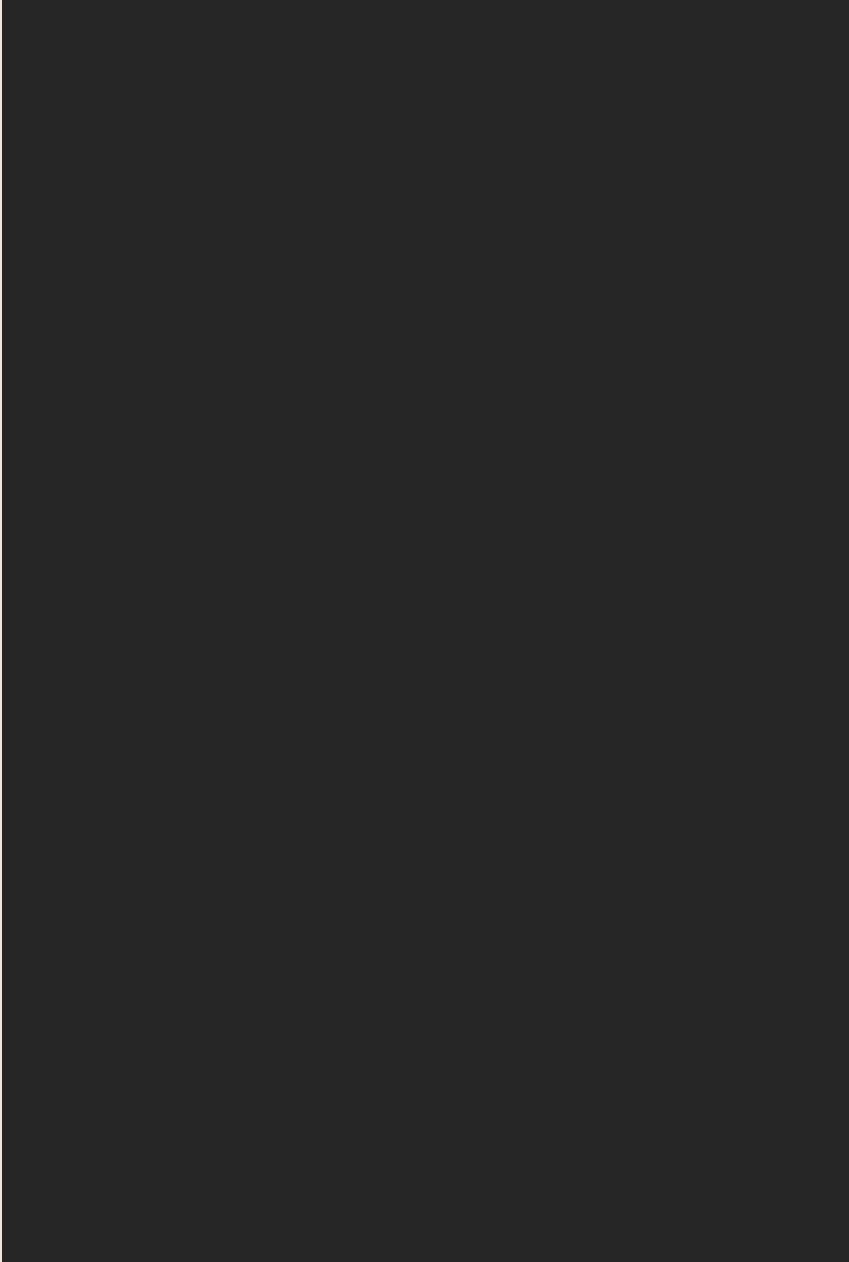


For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Rom 1:16–17

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Rom 1:18–20



For although they knew God,
they neither glorified him as God nor
gave thanks to him,
but their thinking became futile and their
foolish hearts were darkened.

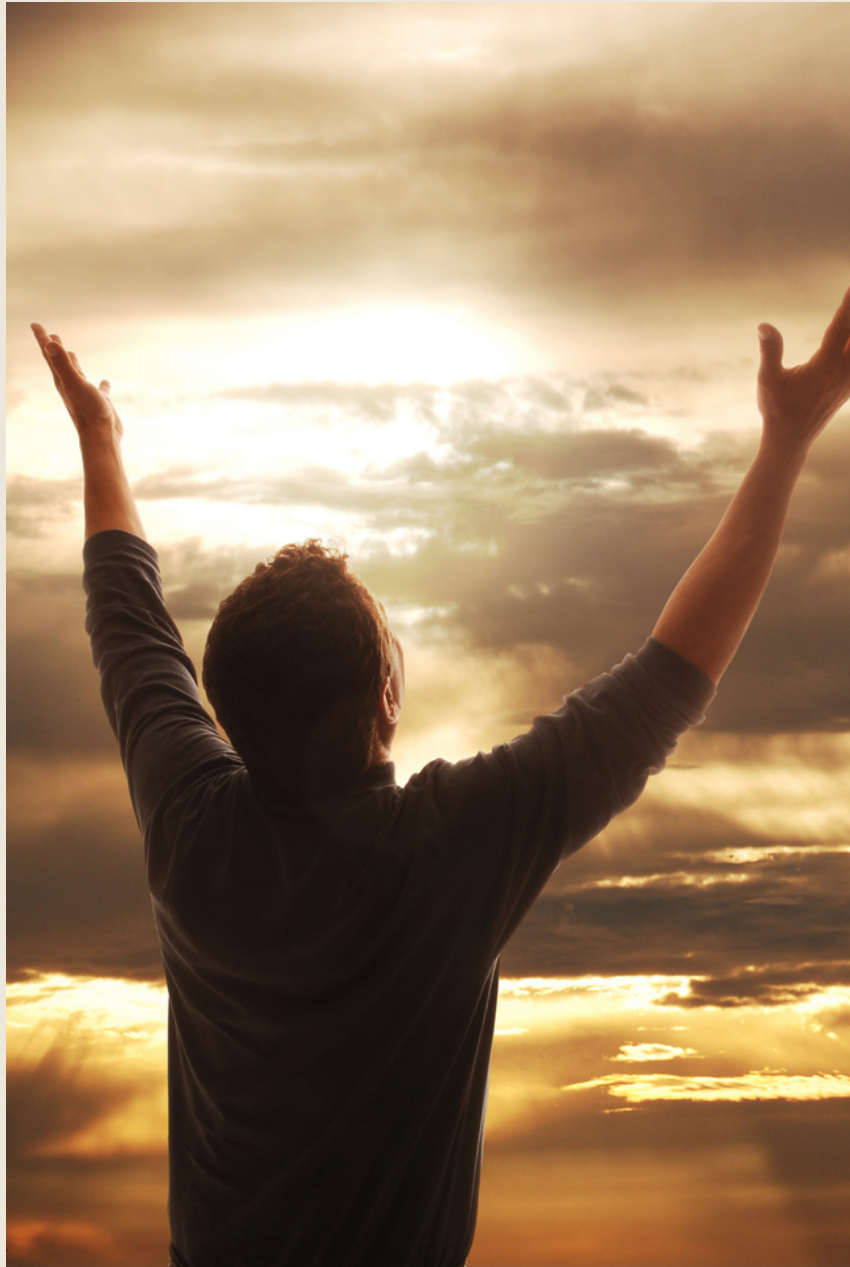
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thanks – *yada*. Found 120 times in the
bible, 70 times in Psalms.

“to praise is to speak of the excellence of
someone or something; to give thanks has
a focus on the gratitude of the speaker”

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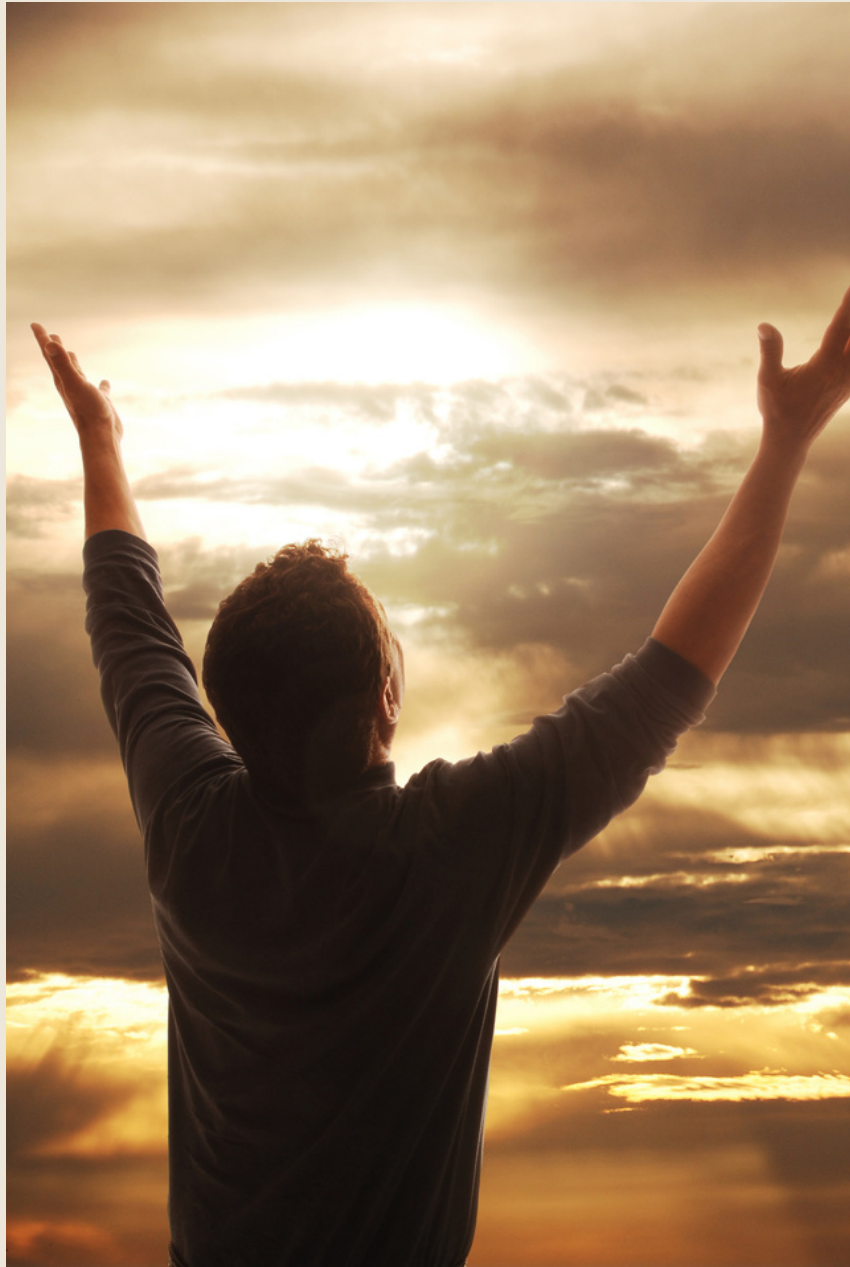
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How is our relationship with Him? Warm or cold? Do we have anything to thank Him for? How fresh is it?

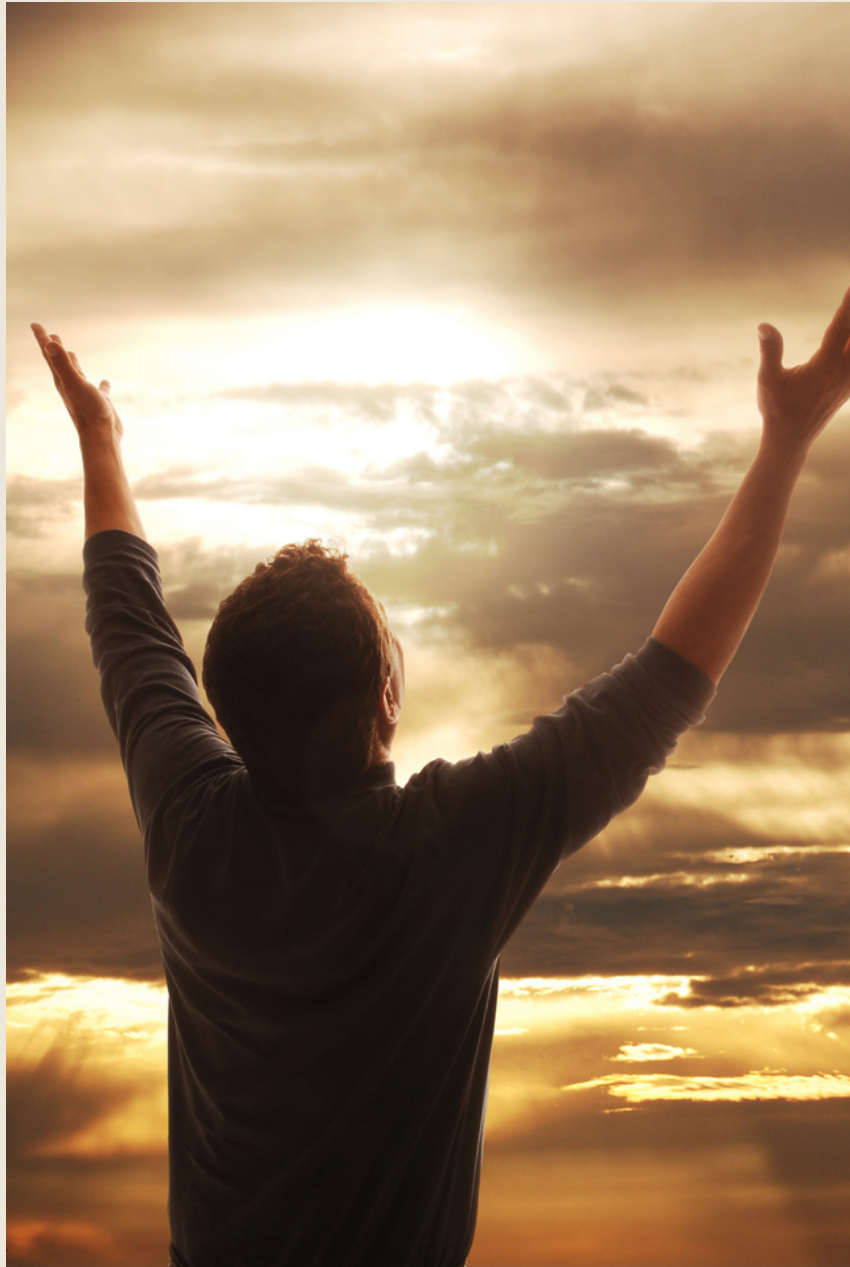
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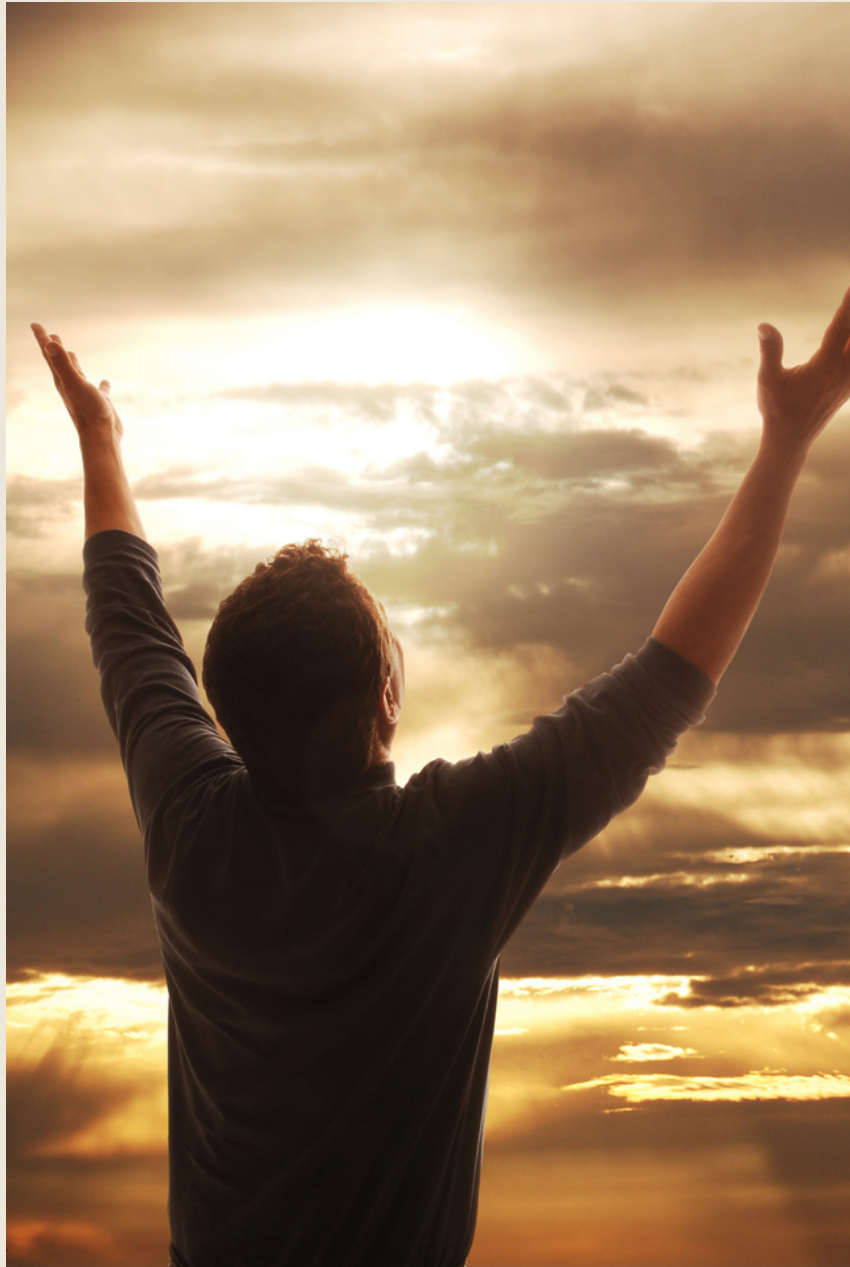
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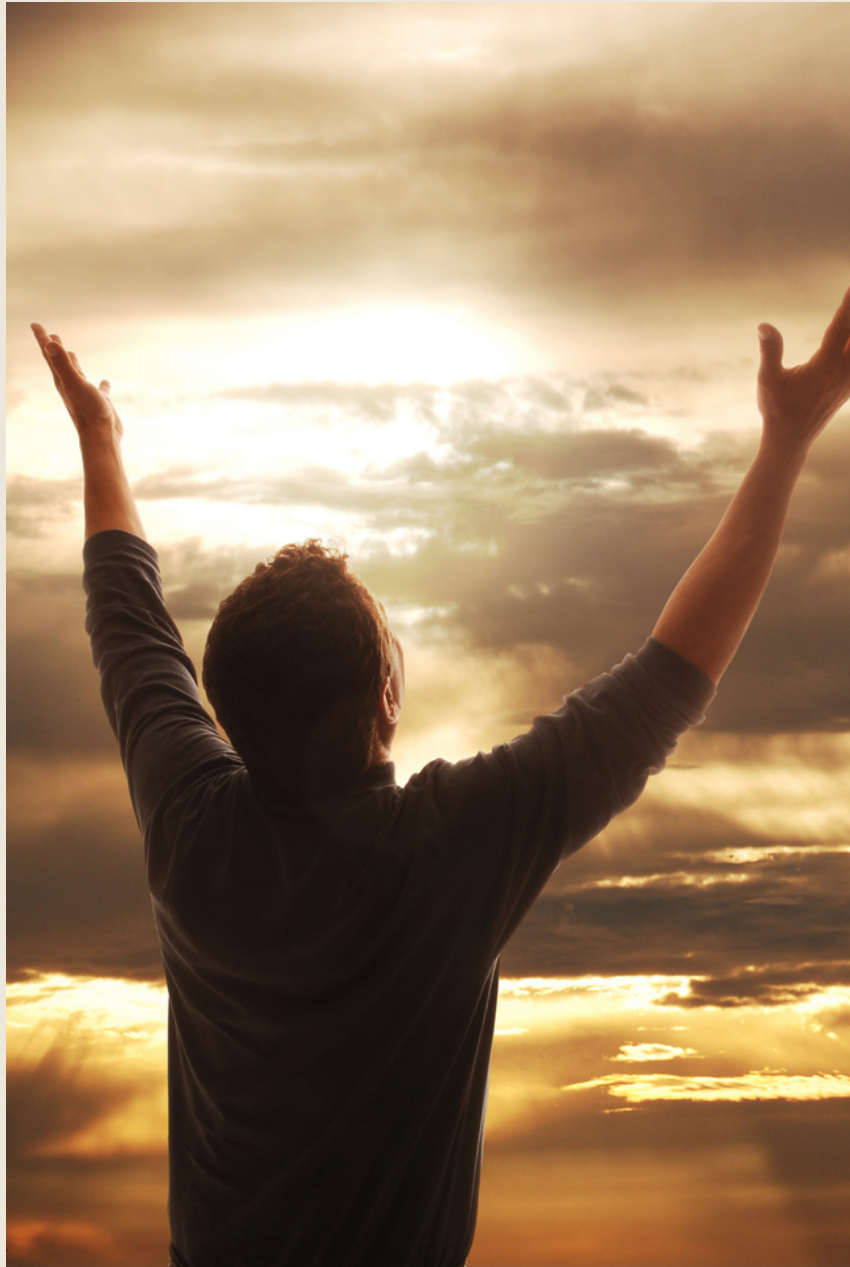
Gordon's story

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love – *checed*

translated – “steadfast love, loving-kindness, grace, mercy, faithfulness etc.”

3 meanings simultaneously –

Strength, Steadfastness, Love

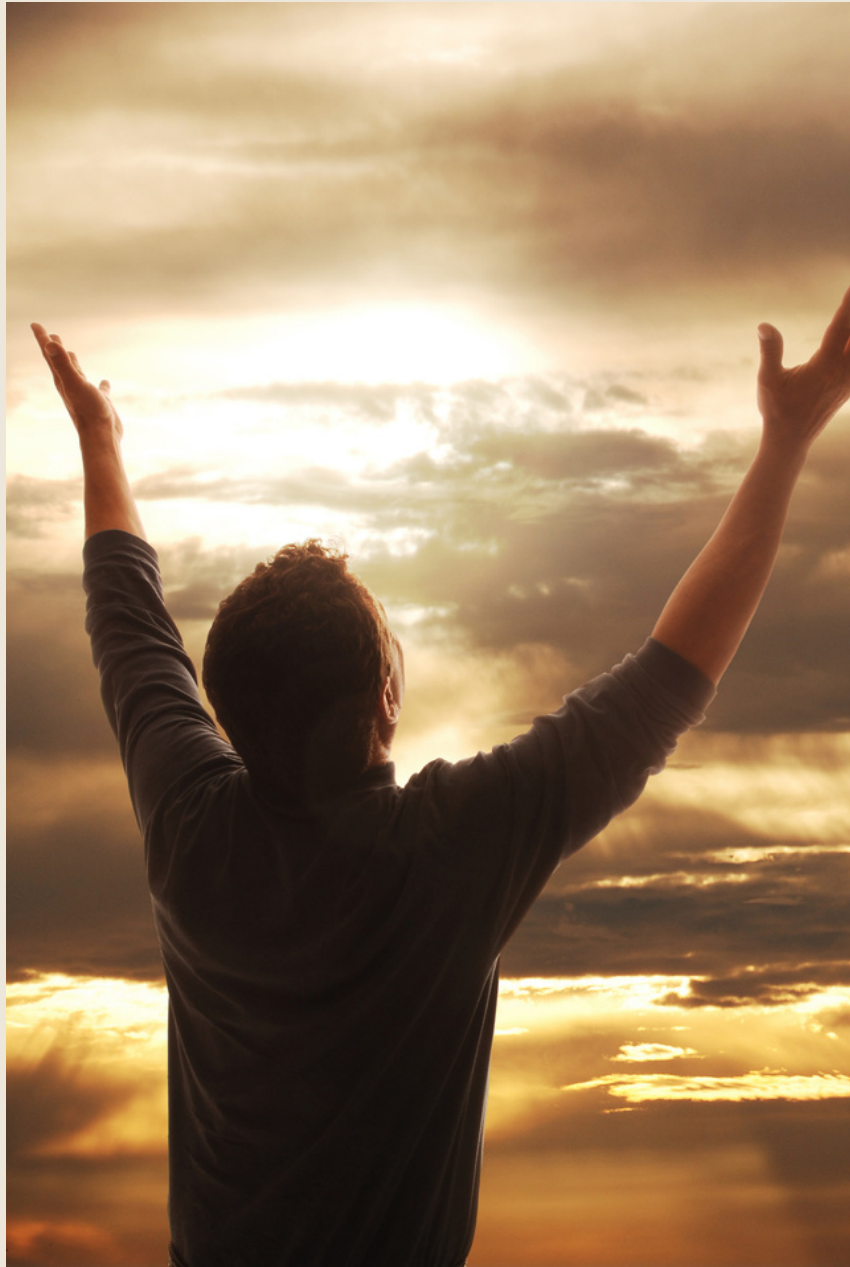
God is all three

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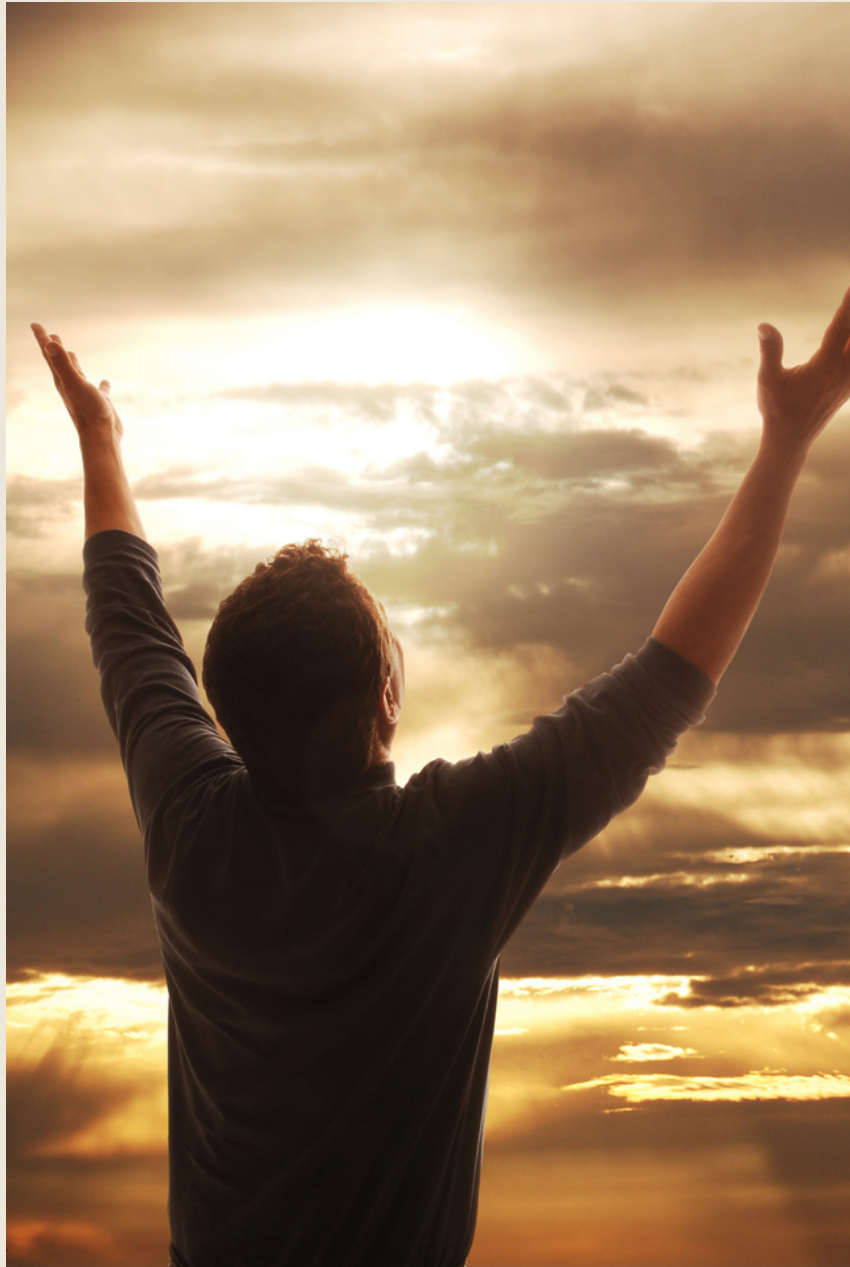
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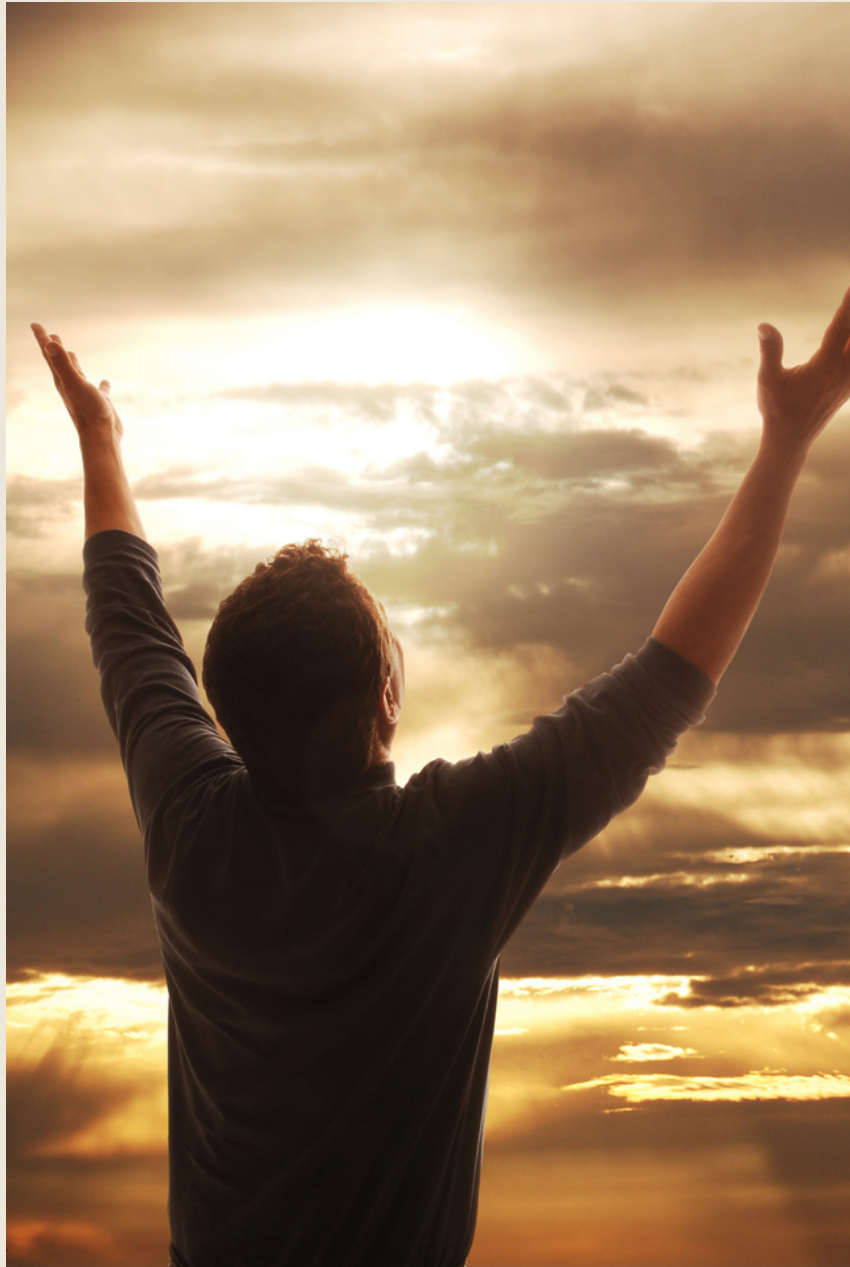
While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins..."

Matt 26:26-28



Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

Mk 6:41-44

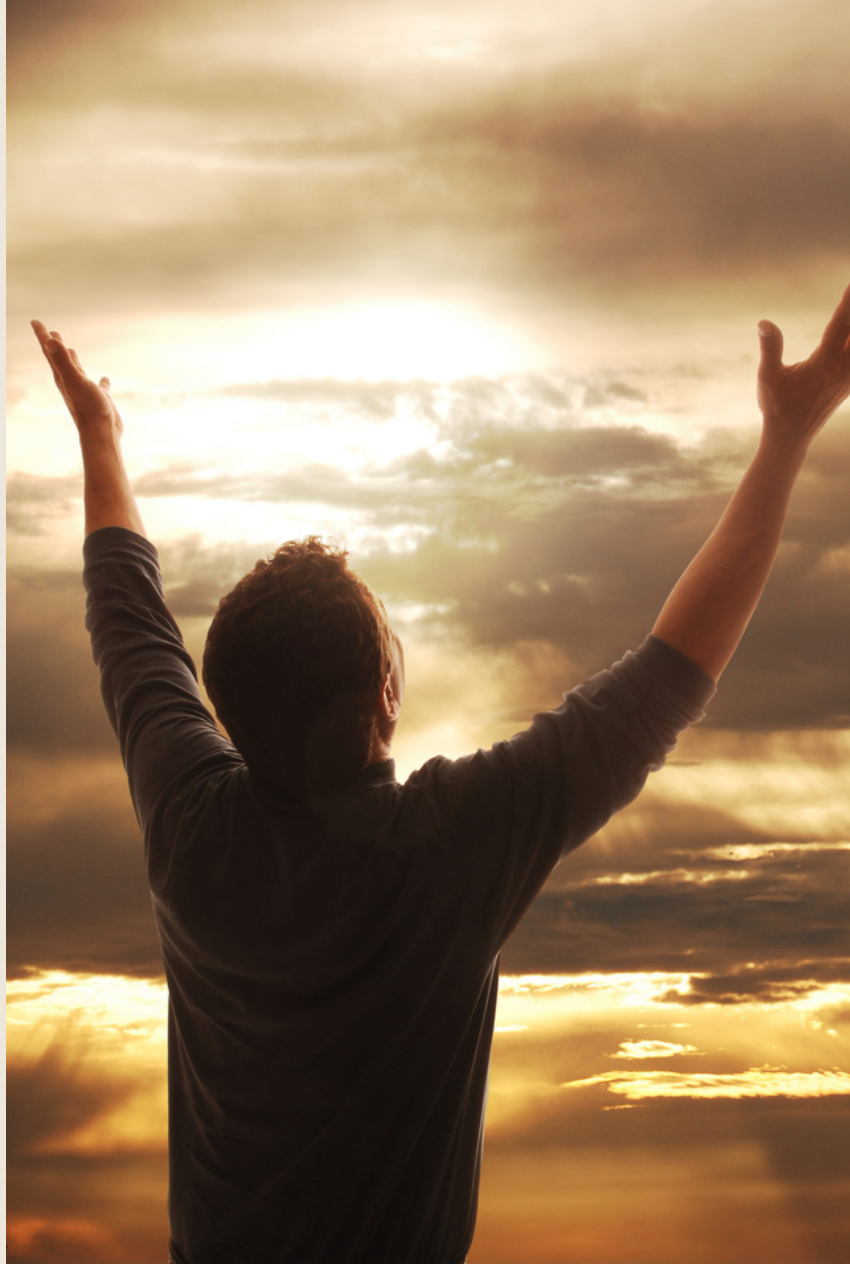


Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

Jn 11:38-40

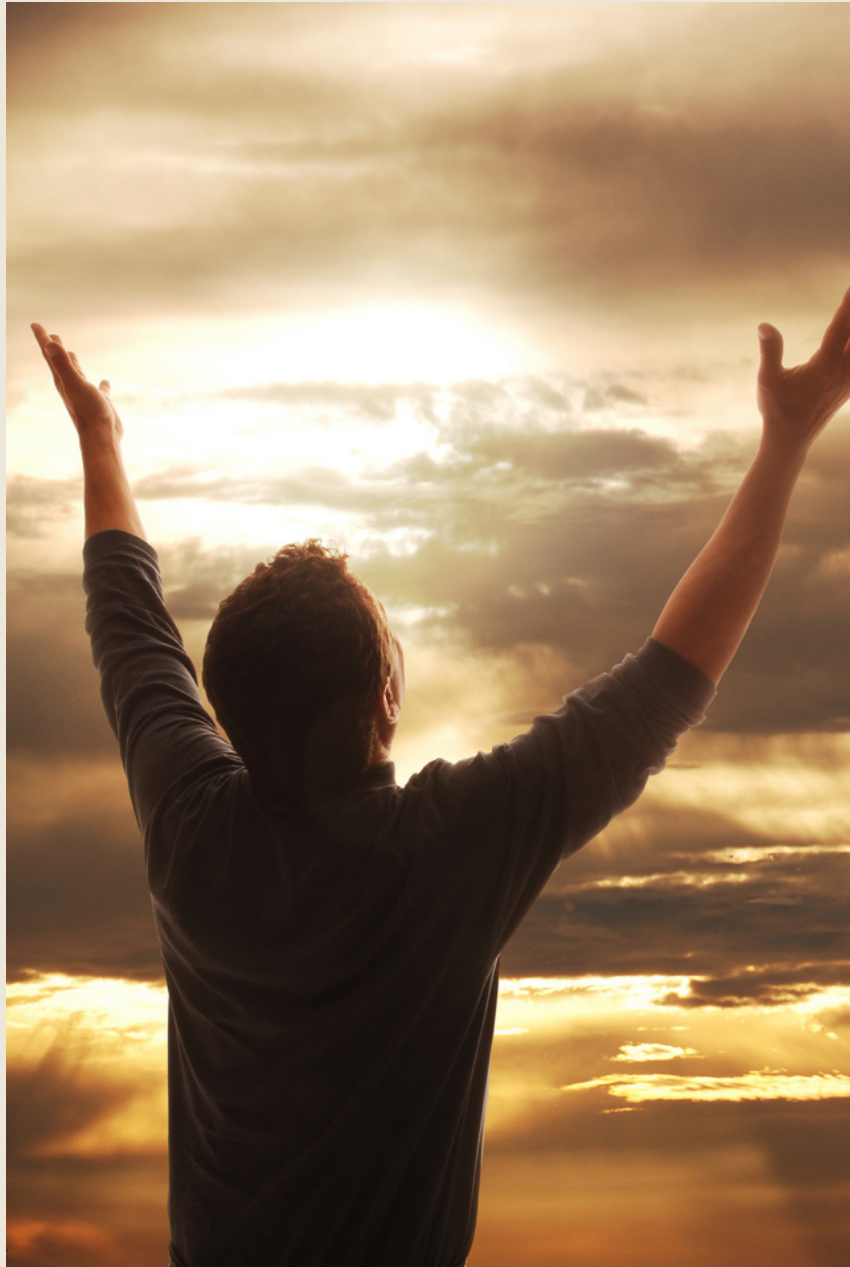


"So they removed the stone.

Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said,

"Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.""

Jn 11:41-42



When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Jn 11:43-44

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How should we give thanks?

- 1) Be careful if thanks is hard to come by - guard our hearts and lips
- 2) Be careful if thanks comes too easily - mean what we say
- 3) Giving thanks is being real with God and others - invitation to be vulnerable
- 4) Be careful not to bypass the feelings and experience of others
- 5) See God for who He is in everything

Response

- 1) For our lips to be always thankful
- 2) For our hearts to always grow to know God personally
- 3) For our faith to be set on who God is and not our circumstances
- 4) In thanksgiving to know God, and live a supernatural life like Jesus