

A photograph of a brick wall with several industrial-style light fixtures. Each fixture consists of a black pipe with a single glowing Edison-style bulb. The wall is made of reddish-brown bricks. In the foreground, there are dark, round tables and chairs, suggesting a cafe or restaurant setting. A white power plug icon is positioned above a vertical line that separates the text on either side.

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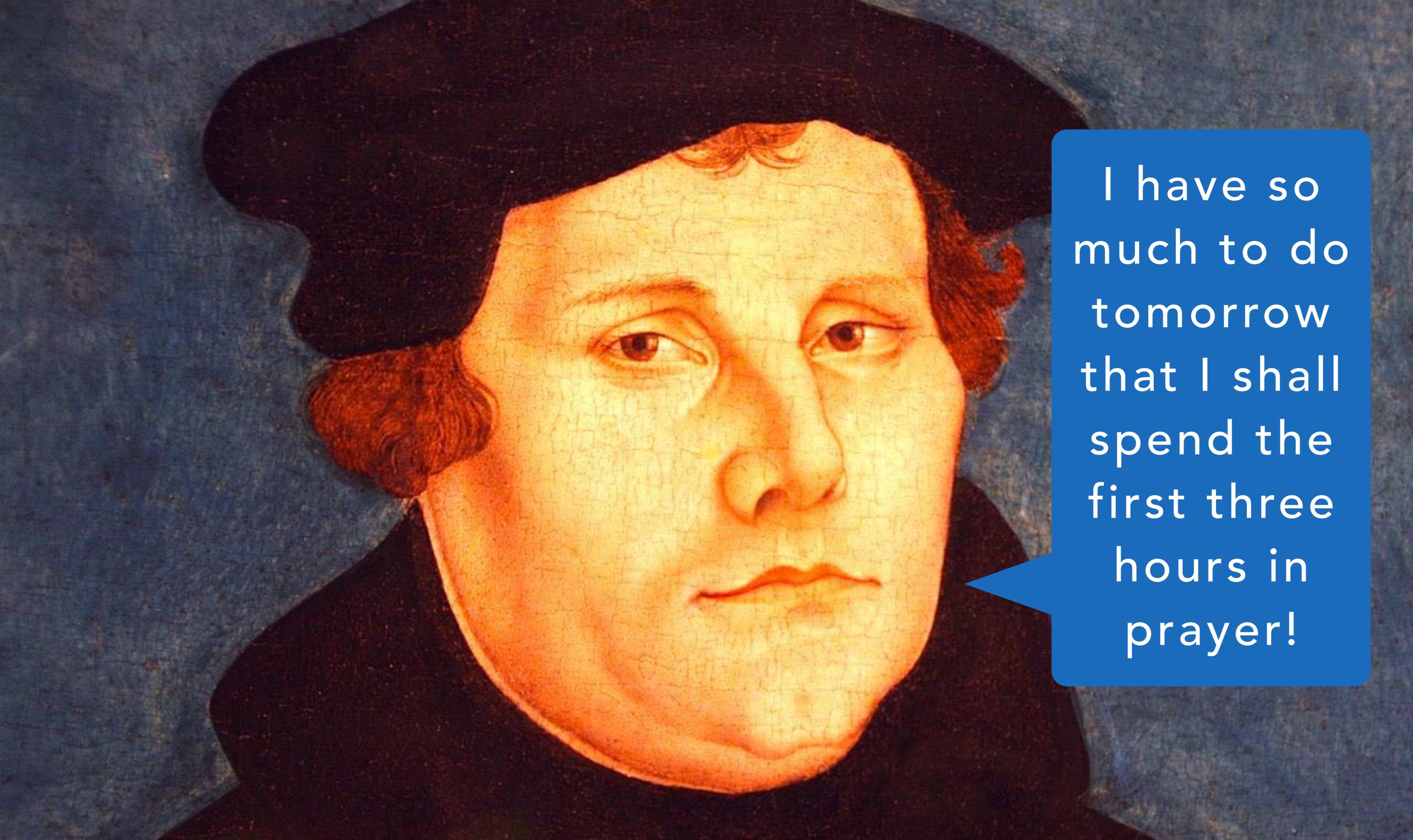
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A man wearing a brown fedora, a light blue denim jacket over a pink sweater, and brown pants is sitting on a concrete ledge. He has his hands clasped in front of him and is looking down with a contemplative expression. The background is a blurred city street at night with warm lights and traffic.

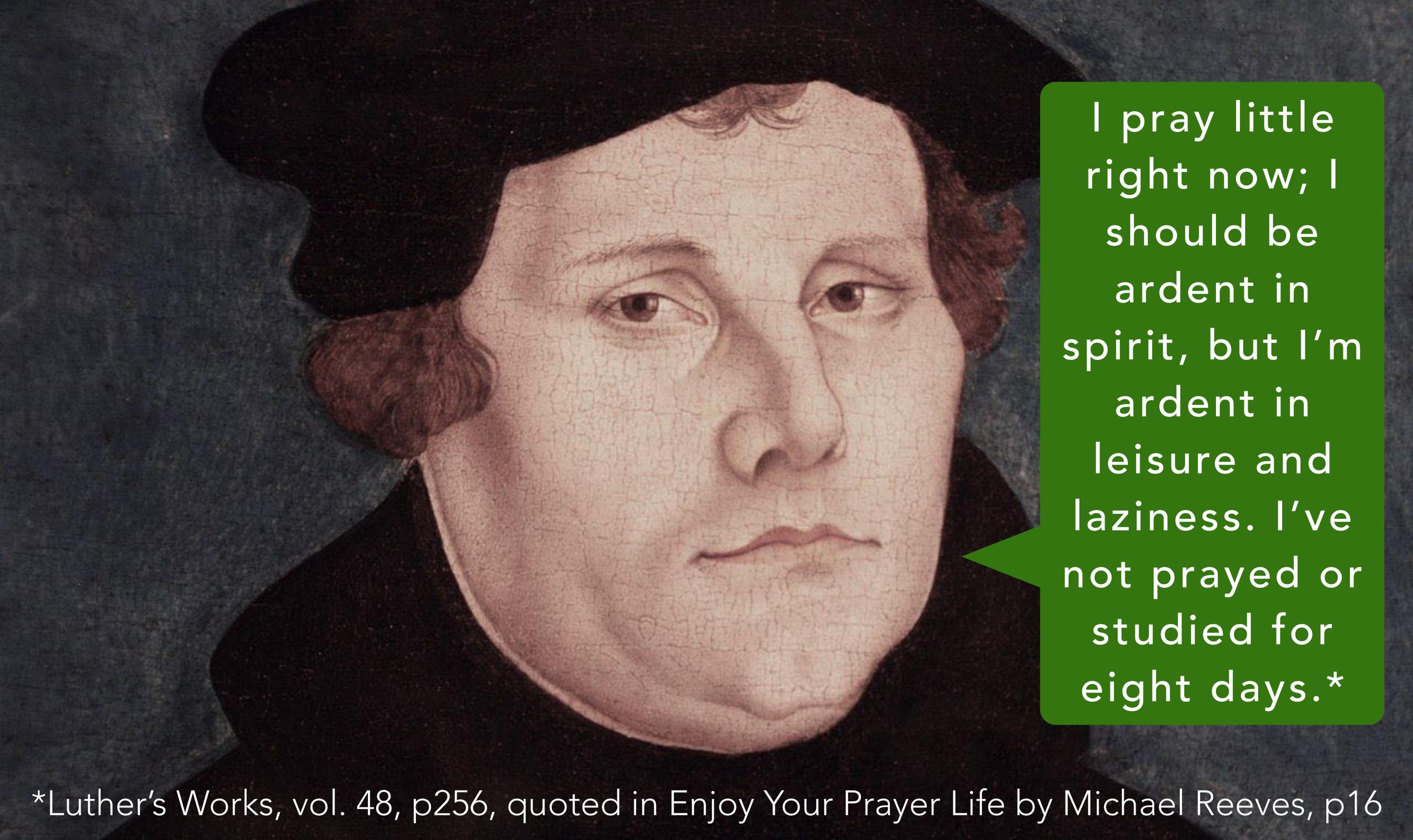
CONSTANTLY

IN PRAYER

Acts 1:12-26



I have so much to do tomorrow that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer!

A portrait of Martin Luther, a German theologian, philosopher, and reformer. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a black cap and a black garment. His face is pale with visible cracking in the paint, and he has a serious expression. A green speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a quote.

I pray little
right now; I
should be
ardent in
spirit, but I'm
ardent in
leisure and
laziness. I've
not prayed or
studied for
eight days.*

*Luther's Works, vol. 48, p256, quoted in Enjoy Your Prayer Life by Michael Reeves, p16

**What causes
prayer?**



Having God as our Father causes prayer (v4)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:4



A man with a beard, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark shorts, is walking on a sandy beach. He is smiling and looking down at a young girl he is holding by the hand. The girl is wearing a light-colored dress with large pink and red floral patterns and a white flower in her hair. They are walking towards the right side of the frame. In the background, the ocean waves are visible, and another person can be seen in the distance. The text "Knowing our Father delights in us makes us want to go to him." is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Knowing our Father delights in us makes us want to go to him.

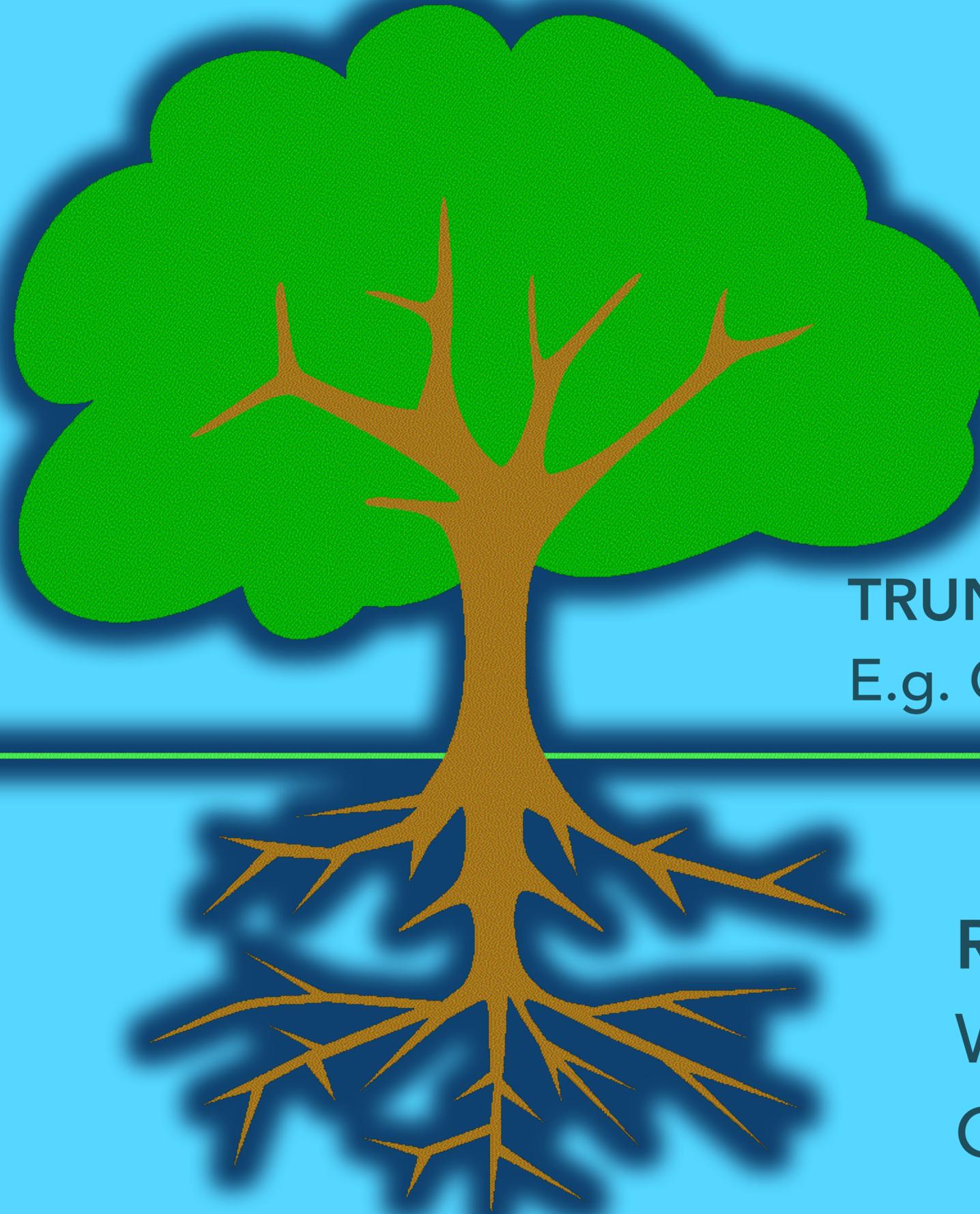
BRANCHES/FRUIT: ACTIONS & WORDS E.g. Giving to poor; prayer; outreach; hospitality; kind deeds; encouraging words; sacrificial actions.

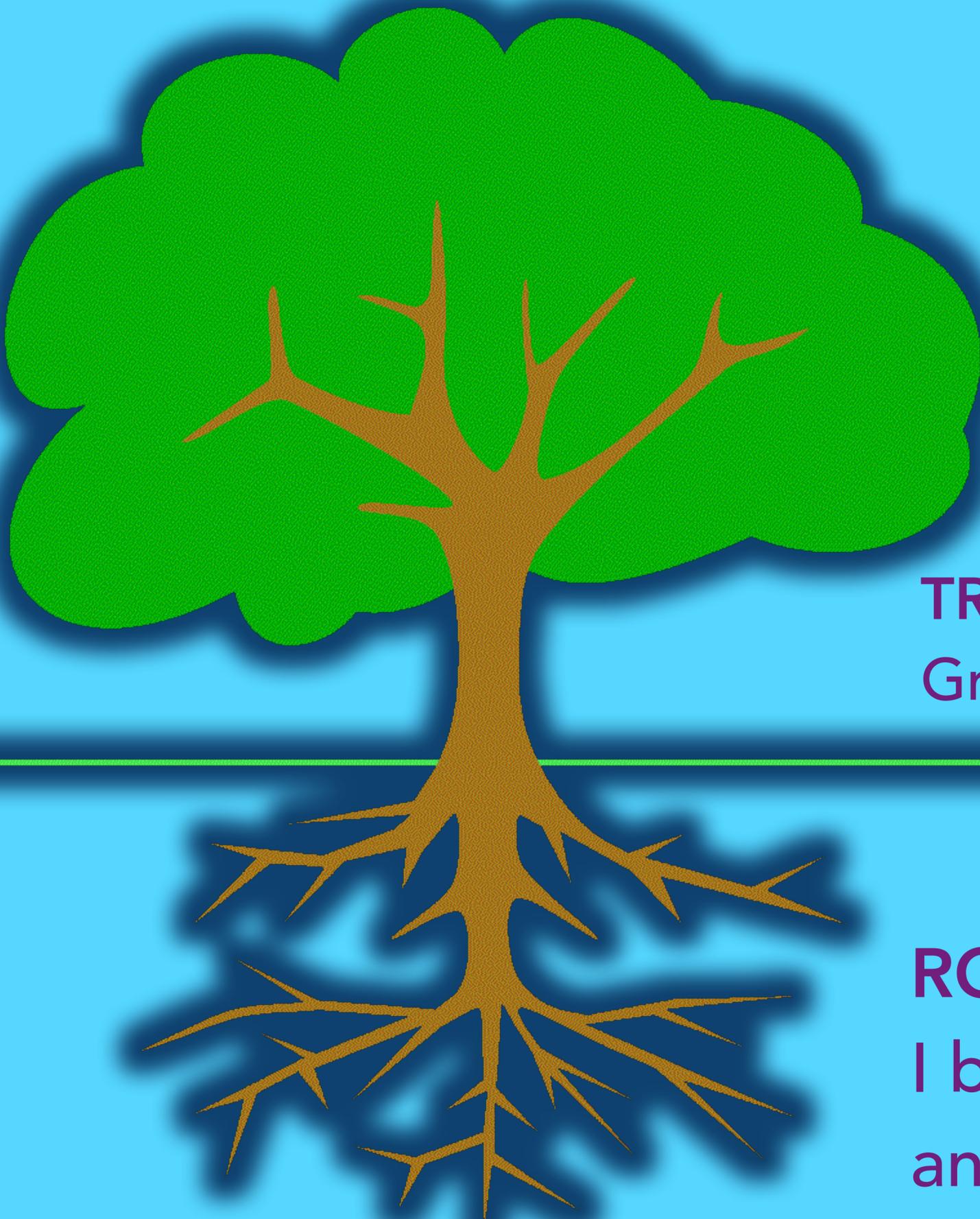


TRUNK: EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS
E.g. Compassion, joy, concern, confidence



ROOTS: BELIEFS
What we deeply believe about God and who we are





BRANCHES/FRUIT: ACTIONS & WORDS

Going to him and talking to him frequently about everything.



TRUNK: EMOTIONS AND FEELINGS
Gratitude, confidence, I feel accepted.



ROOTS: BELIEFS

I believe my Father welcomes me and delights to hear me.

Togetherness causes prayer (v14)

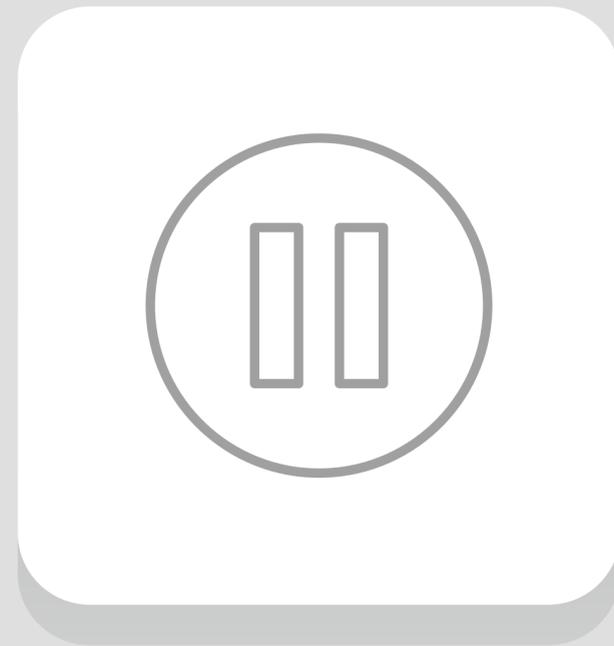
They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 1:14





**Is there any discord among us which is
hindering prayer?**



**Spend a few silent moments considering if
forgiveness/reconciliation/apology/confession
of sin/etc. is necessary.**

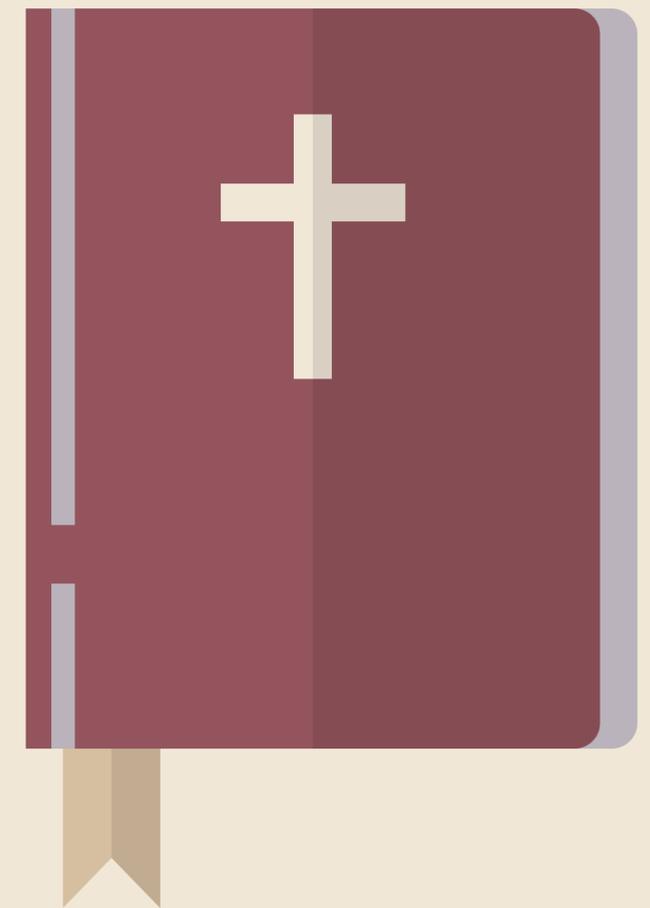
Perseverance causes prayer (v14)

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Acts 1:14



“Devote yourselves to prayer.” [Continue steadfastly in prayer - ESV] *Colossians 4:2*





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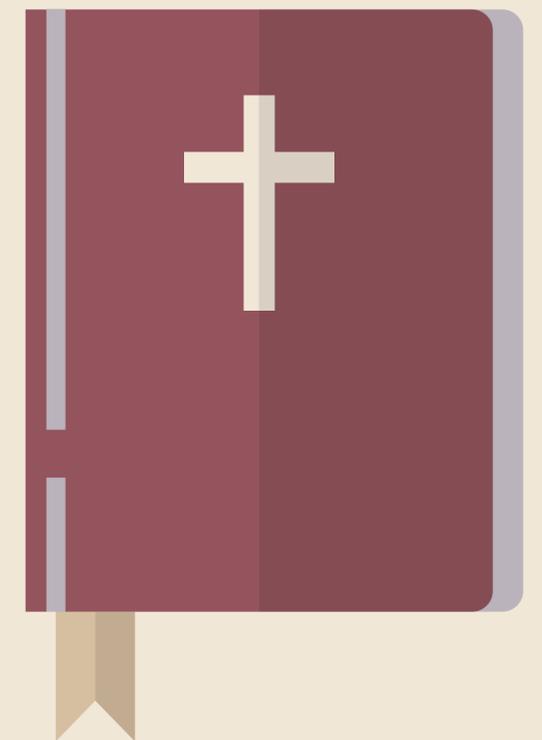
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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary." 'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"' *Luke 18:1-5*



God's Promises cause prayer (v8)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.

Acts 1:8

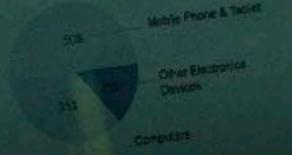






Company's Growth

GLOBAL BUSINESS REVIEW



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	100,000	110,000	120,000	130,000	140,000
Expenses	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000
Profit	20,000	25,000	30,000	35,000	40,000

[A SMALL SELECTION OF] GOD'S PROMISES

- Be strong, do not be afraid, for The Lord your God is with you wherever you go. *Josh. 1:9*
- The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in mercy. *Ps. 103:8*
- Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know. *Jer. 33:3*
- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. *Mt. 6:33*
- Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. *Lk. 6:38*
- And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 4:19*

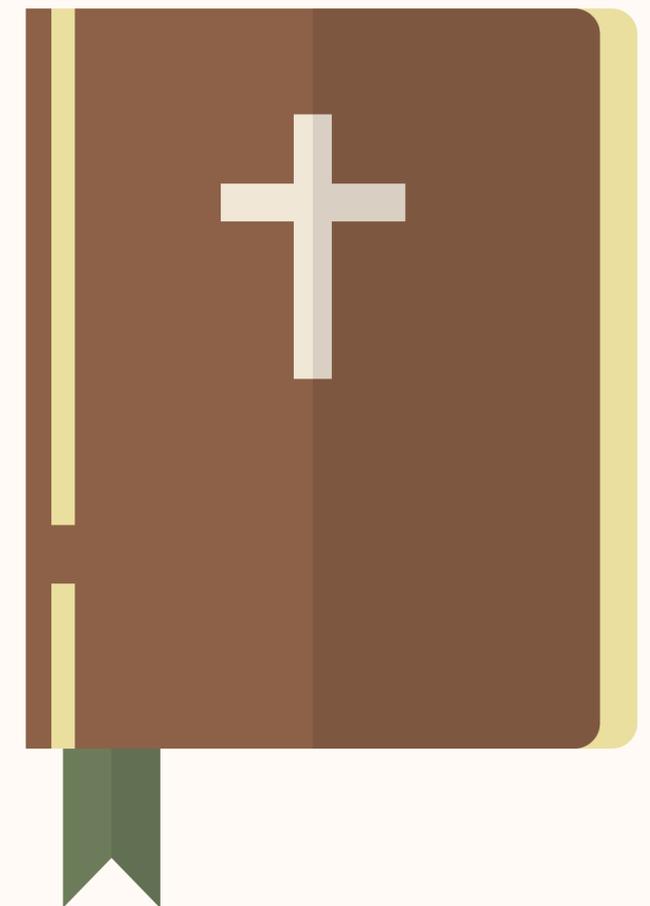
Predicaments cause prayer (v21)

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us [to replace Judas].

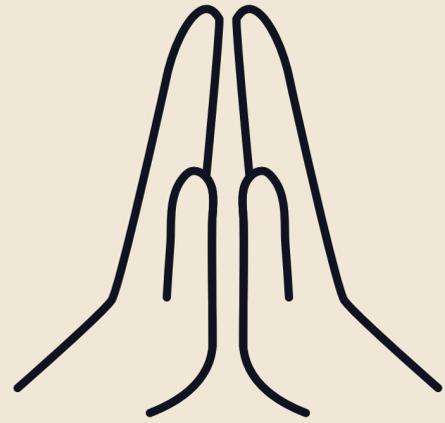
Acts 1:21



"23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen...' " *Acts 1:23-24*



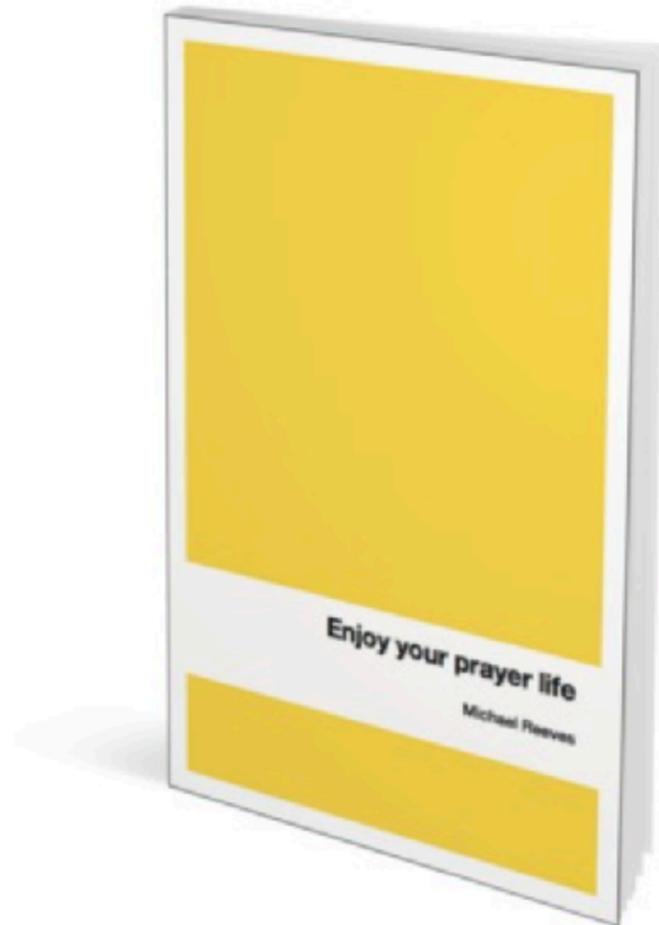




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