



40 *days of* Prayer

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE
TALKING TO?**

Prayer is a conversation with
God

But what sort of person do
we think God is?

Our ideas about God may be
shaped by past experience

We may think that God is like:

- An angry parent or teacher
- A stern authority figure
- A 'Father Christmas' god
- An 'emergency responder' god

JESUS PRESENTS GOD AS:

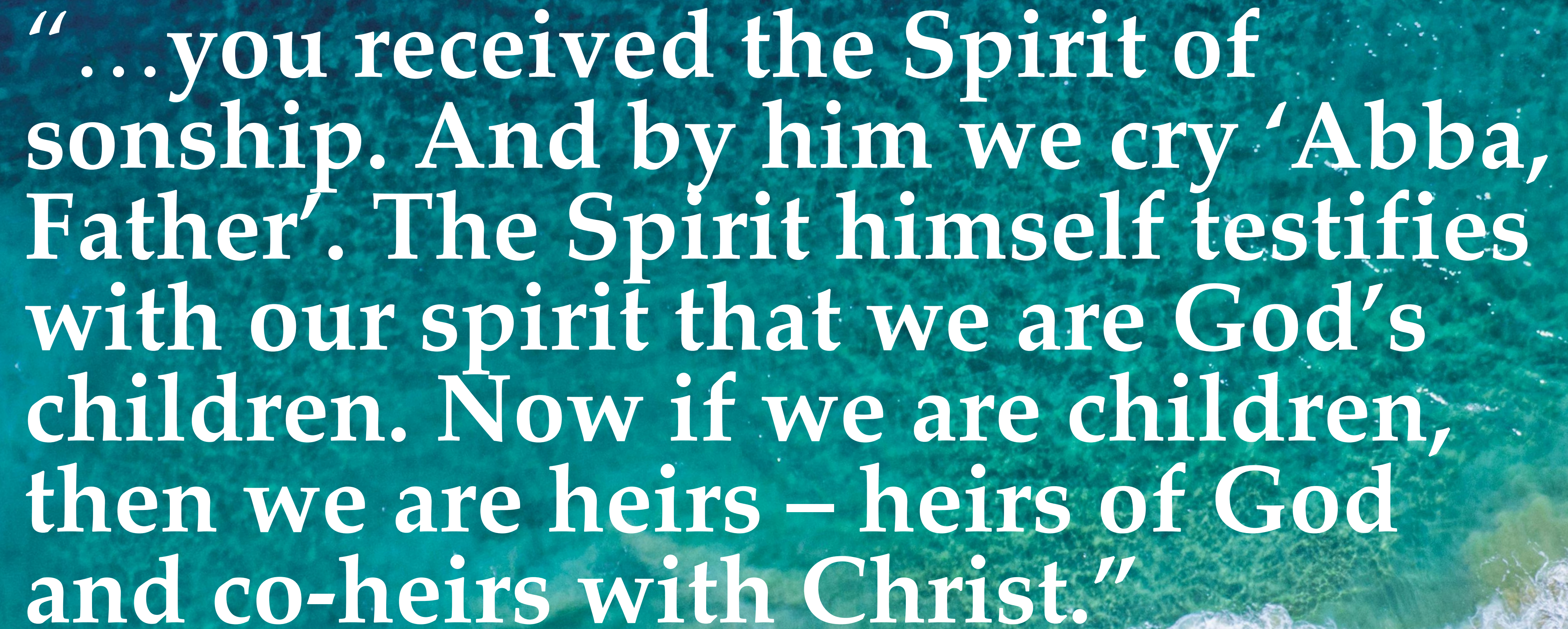
*Our Father who is in the
Heavens...*

“Abba, Father...”

‘Abba’ is an
Aramaic word.

It is still the first
word taught to
babies in the
Middle East – like
‘Dada’



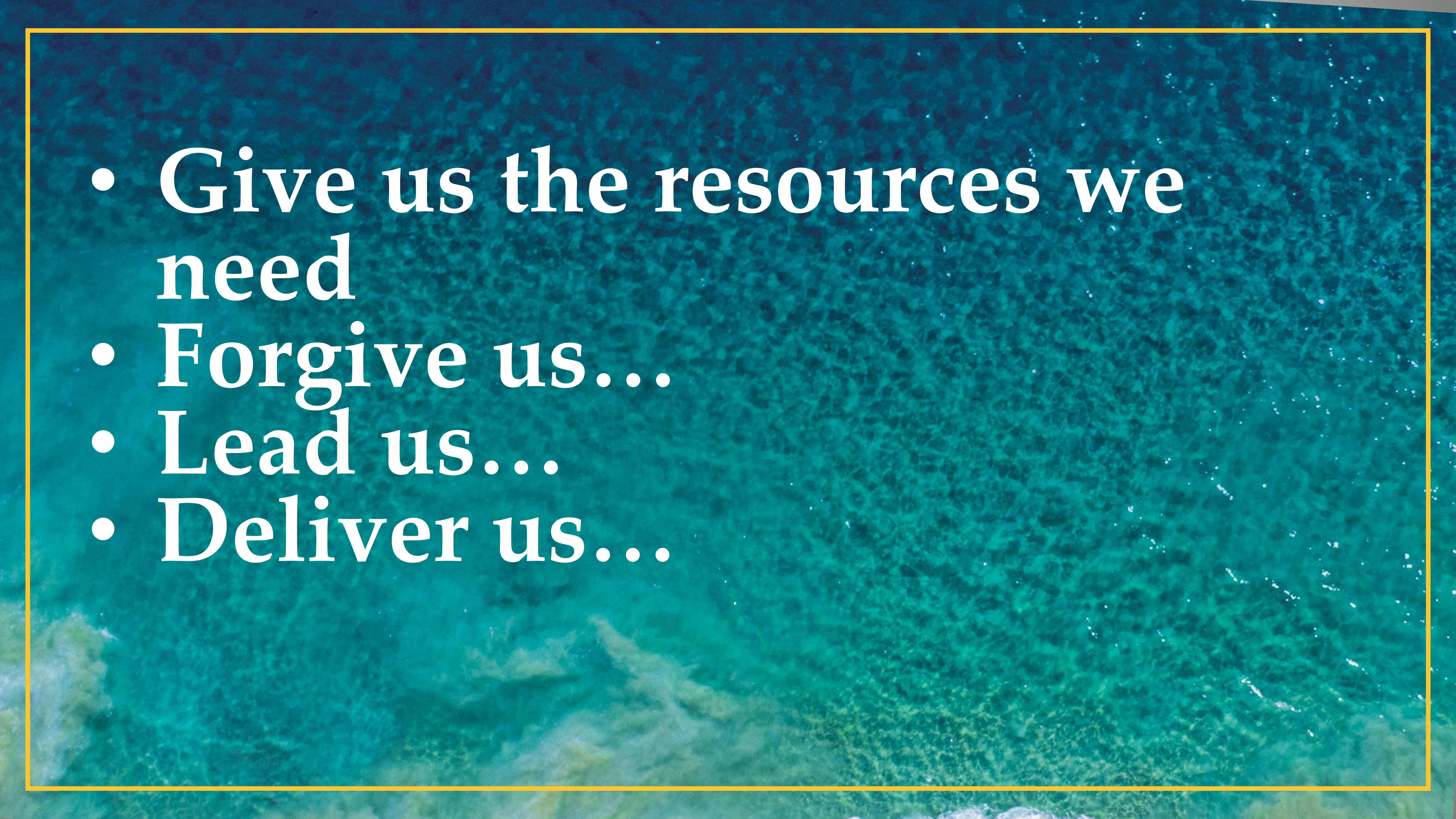


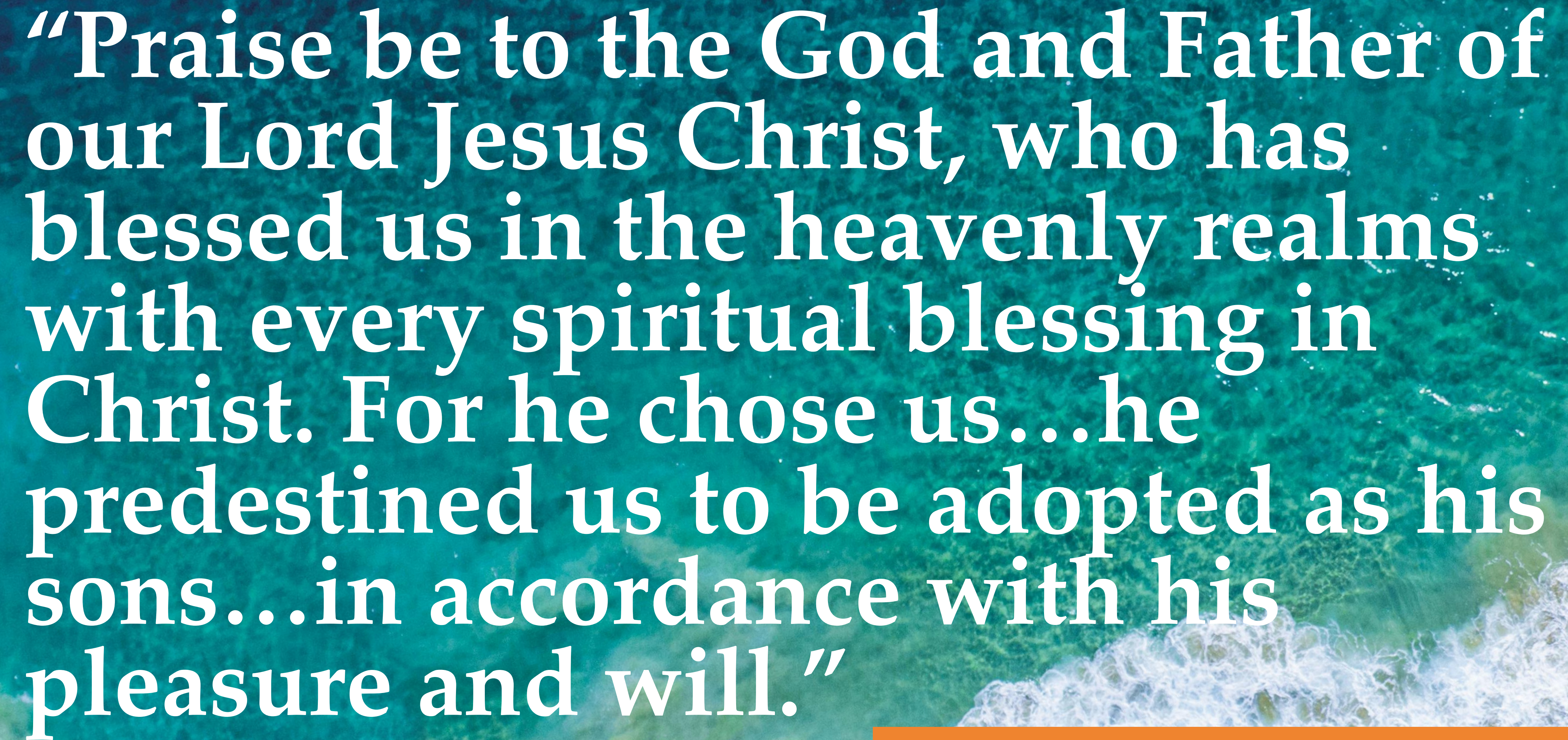
“...you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry ‘Abba, Father’. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.”

Romans 8:15-17

OUR ABBA:

- Who lives in the Heavens
- May your Name be honoured
- May your Kingdom come
- May your will be done...

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- Give us the resources we need
 - Forgive us...
 - Lead us...
 - Deliver us...



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us...he predestined us to be adopted as his sons...in accordancy with his pleasure and will.”

Ephesians 1:3-4

WE APPROACH A GOD:

- Who is good...our response must be gratitude
- Who has a plan for our lives...we respond with willingness
- Who is sovereign...we respond with obedience