



Shofar Christian Church

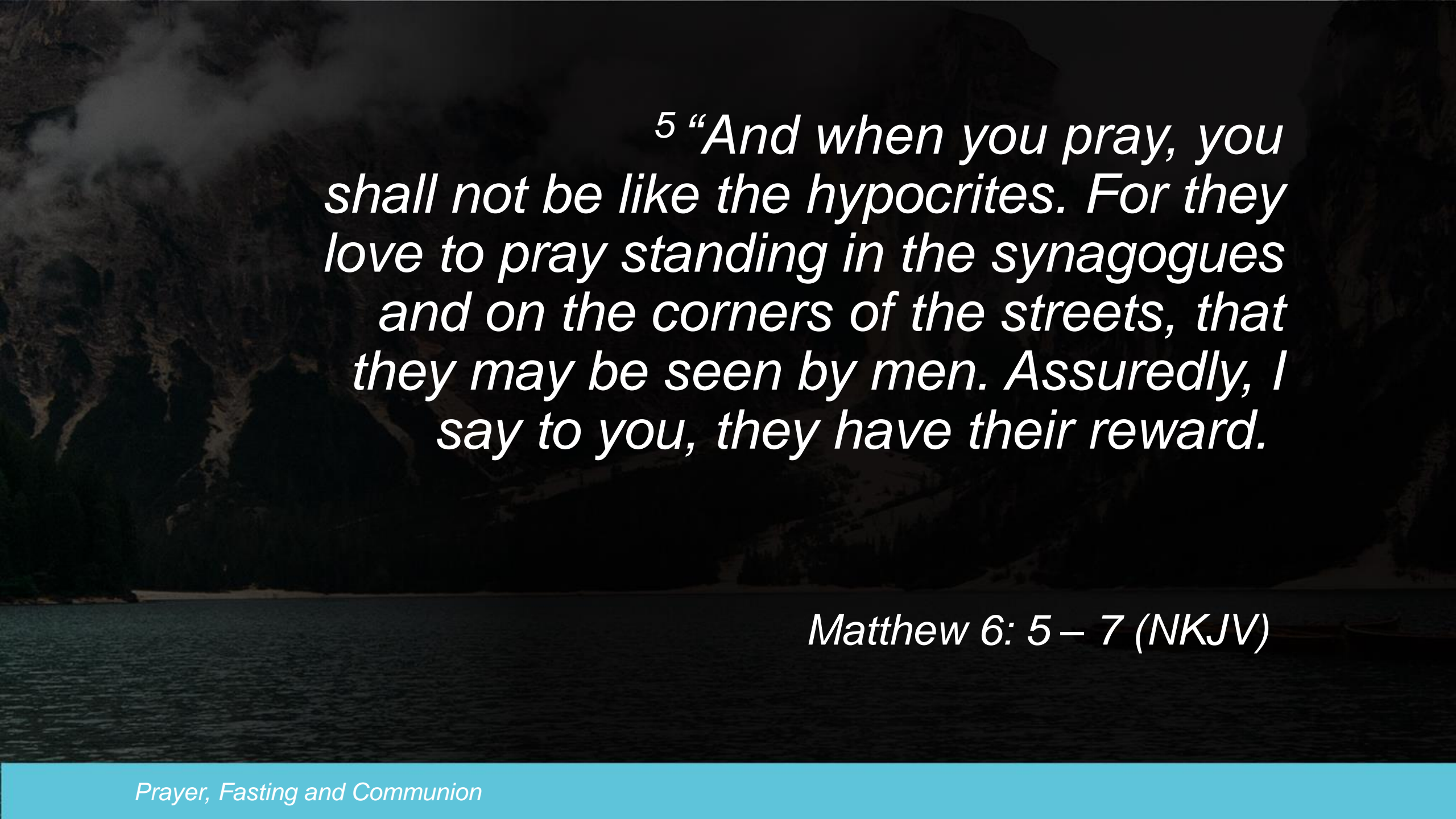
Prayer, Fasting and Communion

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What is prayer:

*Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,
for things agreeable to His will,
in the name of Christ,
with confession of our sins,
and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.*



⁵ “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Matthew 6: 5 – 7 (NKJV)

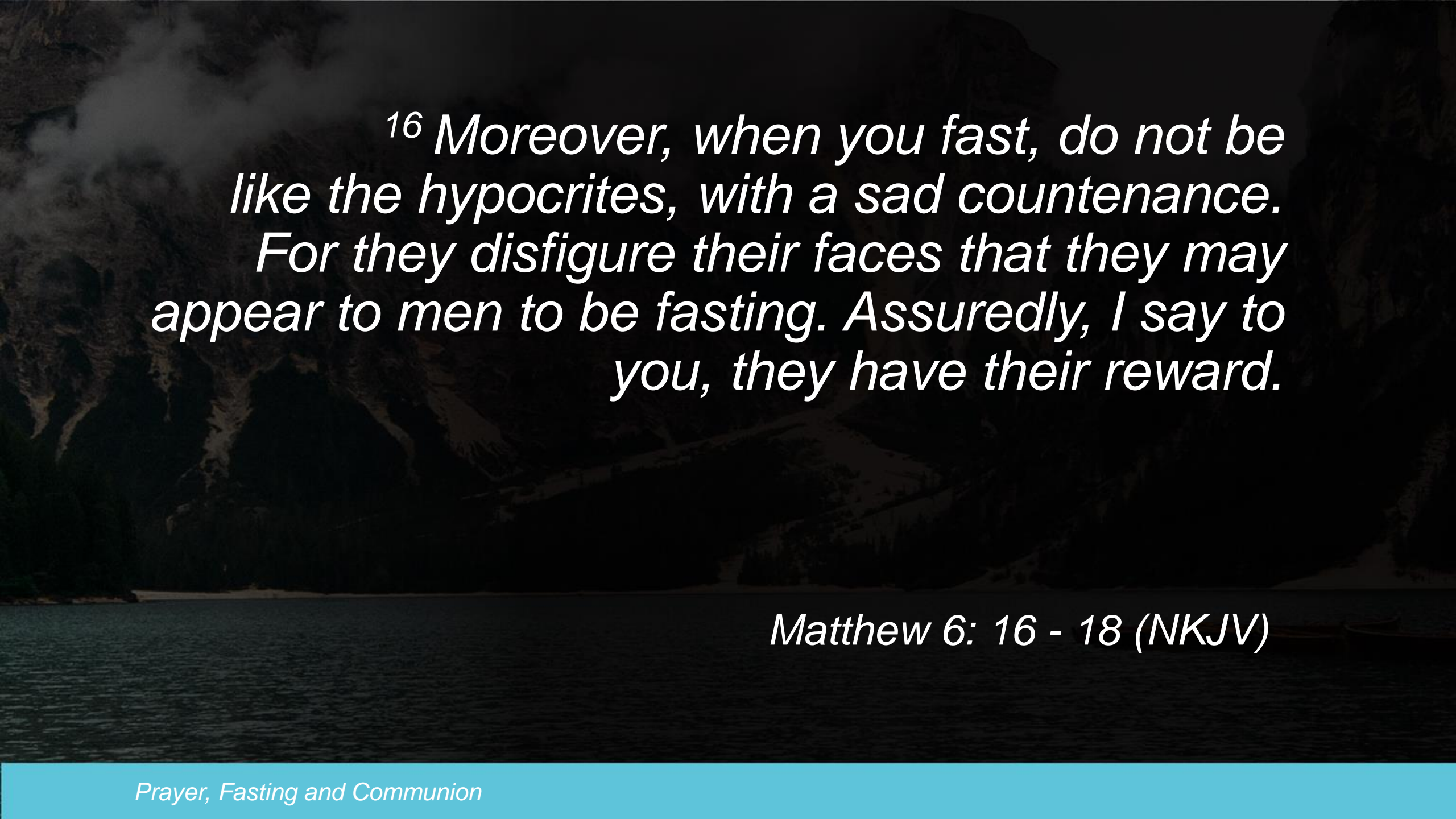
⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.;

Matthew 6: 5 – 7 (NKJV)



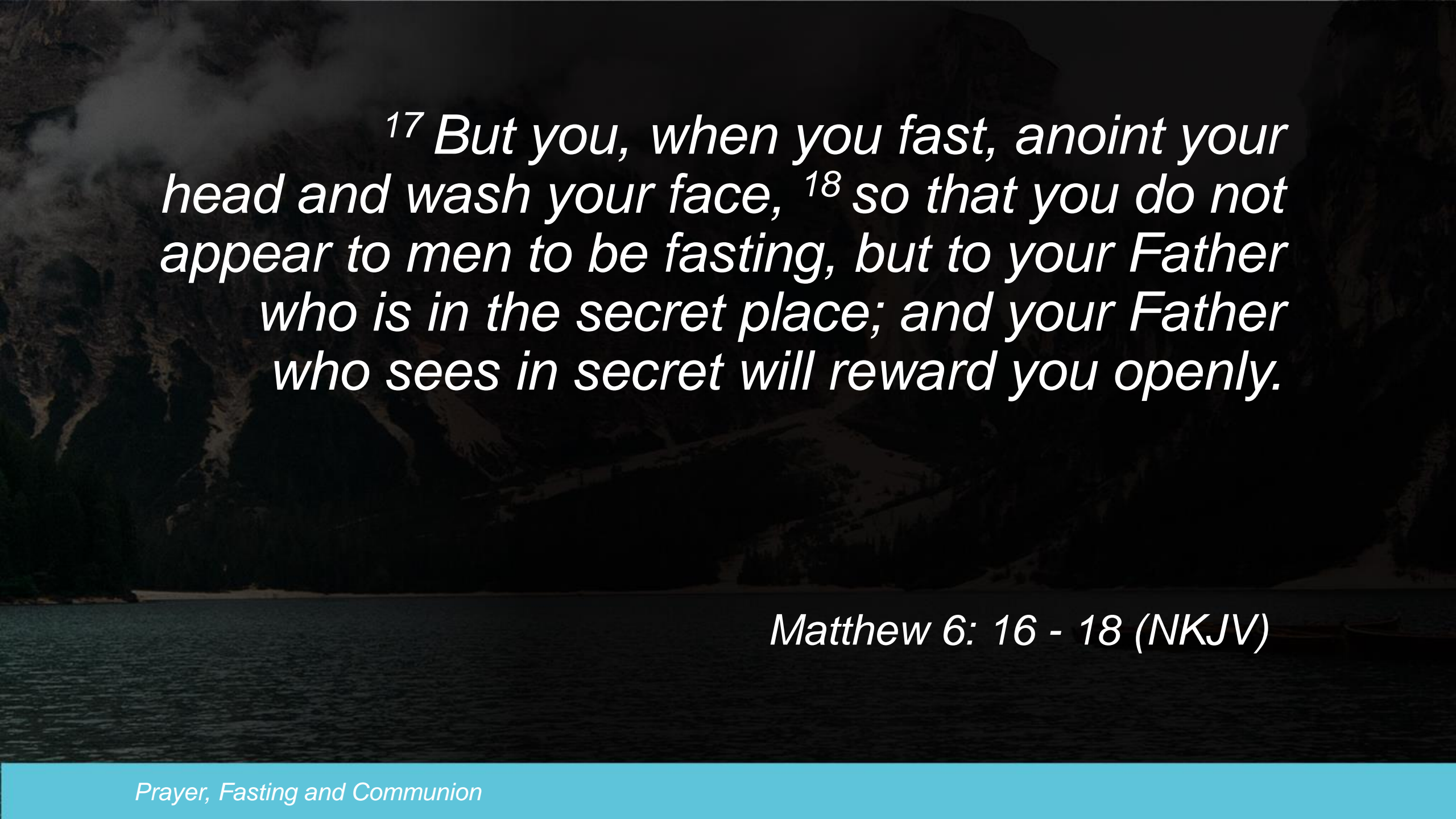
What is fasting:

*Fasting is voluntarily going without food
or any other regularly enjoyed, good gift from God
for the sake of some spiritual purpose.
It is counter-cultural in our consumerist society*



¹⁶ Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Matthew 6: 16 - 18 (NKJV)



¹⁷ But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Matthew 6: 16 - 18 (NKJV)

What is communion:

Communion is an ordinance of the Lord in which gathered believers eat bread, signifying Christ's body given for His people, and drink the cup of the Lord, signifying the New Covenant in Christ's blood. We do this in remembrance of the Lord, and thus proclaim His death until He comes.

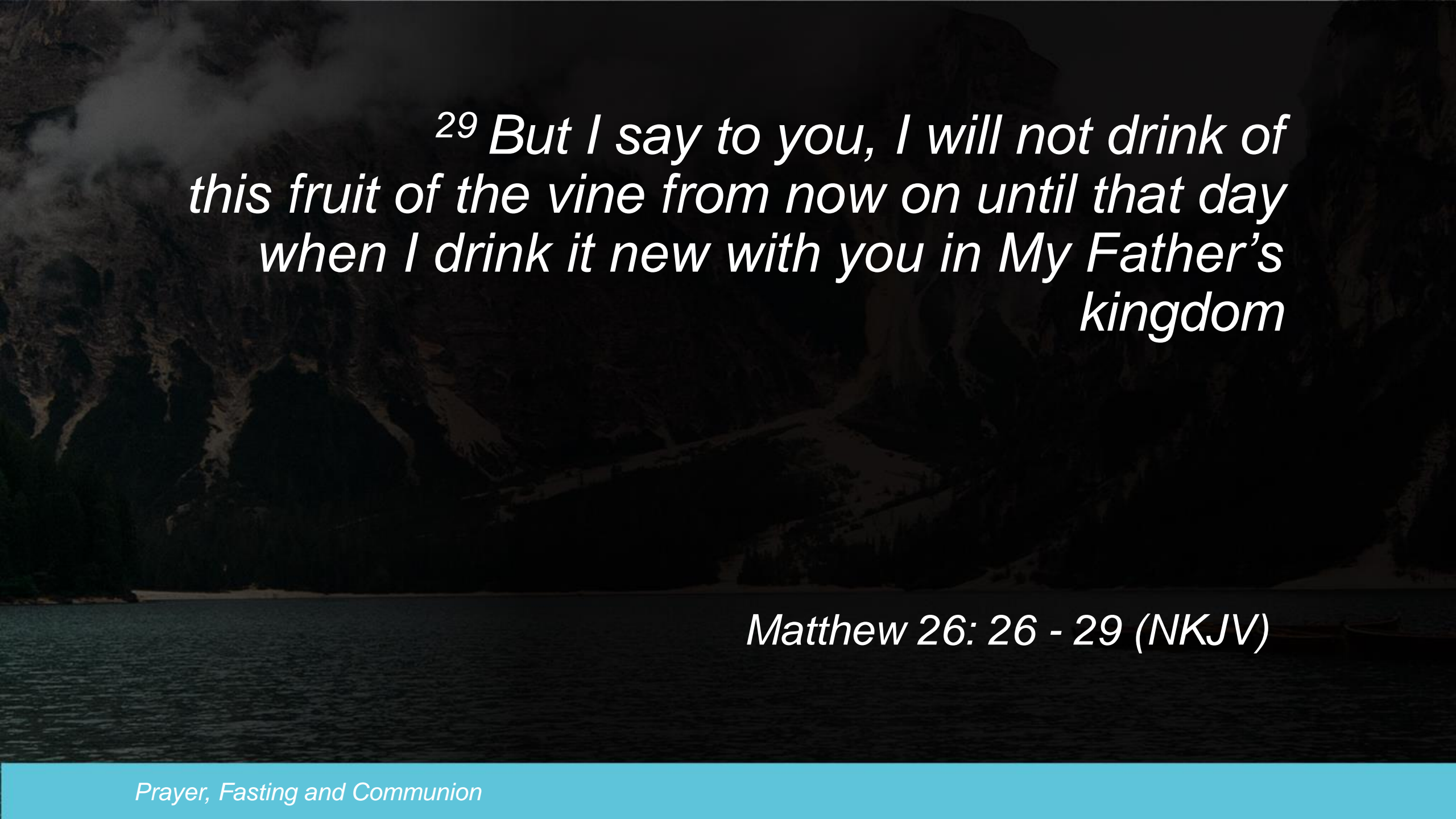


What is communion:

Those who eat and drink in a worthy manner partake of Christ's body and blood, not physically, but spiritually, in that, by faith, they are nourished with the benefits He obtained through His death, and thus grow in grace.

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” ²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26: 26 – 29 (NKJV)



*²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of
this fruit of the vine from now on until that day
when I drink it new with you in My Father's
kingdom*

Matthew 26: 26 - 29 (NKJV)

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shofar paarl
shofar pietermaritzburg
shofar piketberg
shofar polokwane
shofar port elizabeth
shofar potchefstroom
shofar rondobosch
shofar secunda

shofar somerset west
shofar springbok
shofar standerton
shofar stellenbosch
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shofar table view
shofar tygerberg
shofar tzaneen
shofar urban
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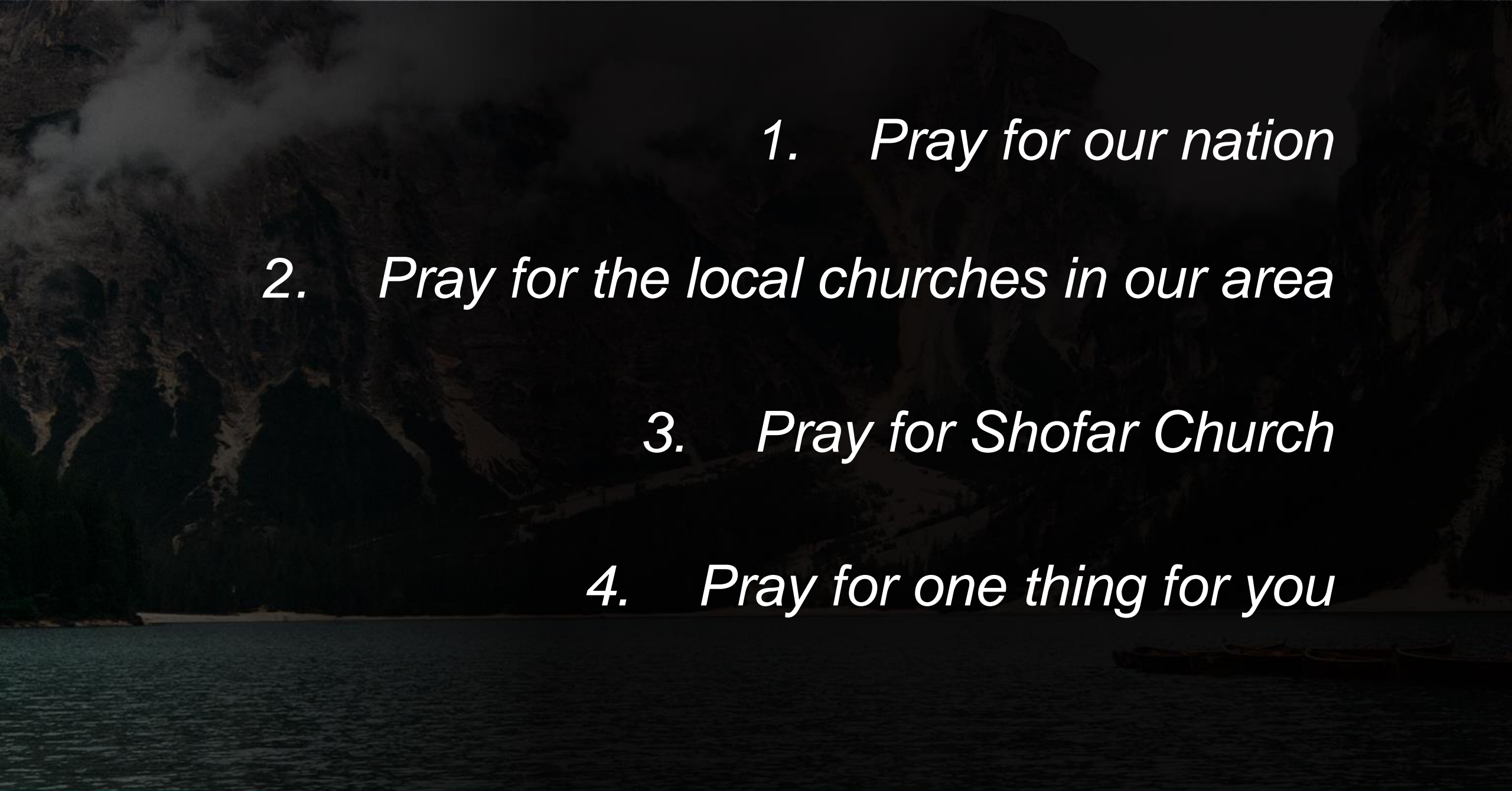
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1. *Pray for our nation*
 2. *Pray for the local churches in our area*
 3. *Pray for Shofar Church*
 4. *Pray for one thing for you*

Prayer Points

As a congregation, commit to praying for and practically supporting specific Shofar churches.

Pray for another church in your area that isn't a part of the Shofar family, that God would bless them and their ministry.

Pray that God will position us to blow the shofar and be a prophetic voice of God's love, forgiveness, reconciliation and justice.

Pray for yourself, your pastor and your congregation, that God would give us a new strength.

Pray for the tangible presence of God in our church services, homes and workplaces.

Pray that we would be a family that is rooted in love and known for love, and that every one of us will have a fresh revelation of God's love for us.